



MAY 2023

I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

Oterakai

On April 9, the first Oterakai (Otera=Temple, Kai=Gathering) was held at the temple's sangha hall. We had nine families and 15 children between the ages of 3-12 attended the first Oterakai and we exchanged books, kid's toys, clothes, etc...

Thanks to the generosity of BWA and Dharma School, we enjoyed delicious udon noodles and an Egg Hunt! The highlight of the day was hearing the children's happy voices echoing all around the temple.

With the help of my friends, we will be holding regular events with the goal of building a trusted community at SACBC. Thank you to the SACBC board for allowing us to use the temple facilities.

Gassho,
Kaori Miyaji



お寺会

去る4月9日、お寺のサンガホールをお借りして、第一回Oterakaiを開催いたしました。

9家族、3~12歳の子供たち15人の参加と、第一回目から大賑わい。BWAとダーマスクールのご好意により美味しいおうどんをいただき、お互いに親交を深めることができました。また、エッグハントの際には、お寺の前の庭で子供たちの楽しそうな声が響き渡りました。

Oterakai (お寺会) では、私の友人達の協力を得て、自分や家族に信頼できる仲間の輪を広げることを目的に定期的にイベントを行います。記念すべき第一回目は「持ち寄り交換会」でした。お寺の施設使用を認めてくださった委員会の皆様、ありがとうございました。

宮地 香織



What's Up Dharma School?

May 2023

What a busy and fun Hanamatsuri weekend! Some of our Dharma school students came to decorate the hanamido the day before Hanamatsuri service.

After Rev. Miyaji's Hanamatsuri dharma message, the elementary students decorated bags in preparation for a Hanamatsuri egg hunt, where the Jr/High School students stuffed plastic eggs with small surprises and messages and hid them for the elementary students to find. We also opened it up to other kids from Kaori's "exchange" event to join us in our egg hunt. So much fun to watch the kids try to find the eggs!

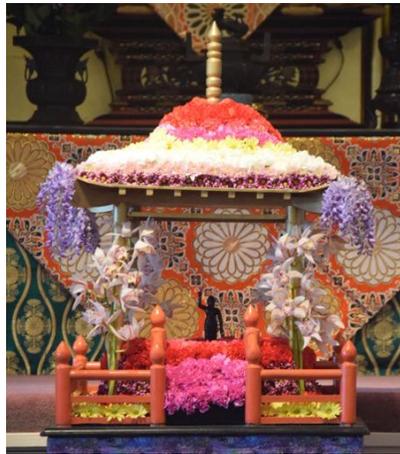
After the class/service, we co-hosted an Udon otoki with BWA. We are very grateful for all the fruit and dessert donations from the Dharma School parents and BWA! It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance and catching up with the Sangha.

A big thank you to BWA and our Dharma School families for the donation and help! We also like to thank our alumni DS parent, Glen Sekigahama for coming out to help and to John Arai for helping us clean up and close up.

DATE CHANGES for the remaining days of Dharma classes for the 2022-2023:

- May 7
- May 21
- June 4 (Graduate recognition/attendance)

Stay safe and healthy,
In Gassho,
Cathleen and Betty





Services for May 2023

From the California Department of Public Health: Starting April 3: Based on the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels, our area is Low. People can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by their own personal level of risk.

May 7, 2023 – Shotsuki Hoyo

10 A.M.

At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones who passed away in the month of May.

Blake Honda is a Minister-in-training and will officiate this **IN-PERSON ONLY** service.

May birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma message in Japanese is CANCELLED and will resume next month.

Dharma School will follow service.

May 14, 2023 – Family Service

10 A.M.

Blake Honda is a Minister-in-training and will officiate this **IN-PERSON ONLY** service.



May 21, 2023 – Gotan-e Service

10 A.M.

Gotan-e is the observance of the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

Dharma School will follow service.

May 28, 2023 – Memorial Day & Family Service

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

Shinran Shonin's actual birthday is on May 21, 1173. He was born in Kyoto, Japan. Because of Shinran's efforts to spread the Nembutsu teaching, this tradition has been passed down to us for over 800 years! The message of Amida Buddha's Great Compassion is spreading throughout the world, in other parts of Asia, Europe, South America, and here in North America as well. Let us proudly remember our founder and celebrate his birthday together!



SACBC's 57th Annual

Japanese Bazaar



Saturday July 15, 11:00am – 7:00pm...

Sunday, July 16, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Free Admission!

FUN
for the whole family!

Silent Auction: Bidding ends Sun. 7/16 at 1pm
Need not be present to win.

Raffle Ticket Drawing: Sunday, 3pm

Games: Demon Smash, Duck Pond,
Nickel Pitch & Other Games for Children



Food-Japanese Cuisine

Chicken Teriyaki, Gyoza, Udon, Sushi ...

Plus... Teri Burgers, Corn-On-The-Cob,
Shave Ice

Taiko Demonstrations, Sat. 4pm & Sun. 1:30pm

O'Nami Taiko, Kendo, Ikebana Exhibit

Bonsai Exhibit, Sat & Sun 2pm

Intro to Buddhism, Rev. Dr. Miyaji, Sat & Sun 2pm

Boutique & Crafts, Bookstore & more!

**For more information, call 510-471-258
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SILENT AUCTION

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH



12th Annual Silent Auction - July 15-16, 2023

Spring is here and the 58th Annual SACBC Bazaar is getting closer. We are calling upon the Sangha to help us reach out to local businesses they regularly frequent and ask for donations. We appreciate any donation from businesses and “friends” of SACBC.

For the 12th Annual Silent Auction, we are asking SACBC organizations and affiliated organizations, as well as Sangha members for donations. We gladly accept donations of new items as well as gently used and precious older items. Items that attract interest and competitive bids are suggested below:

TICKETS/GIFT CERTIFICATES

TICKETS to

- Sporting Events
- Amusement Parks
- Interesting places in the Bay Area
- Plays, musicals, movies

CERTIFICATES to

- Spas
- Restaurants
- Specialty Shops

ELECTRONICS

- Tablets
- eReaders (eg. Kindle)
- Headphones
- Amazon Echo

- Bluetooth Speakers
- Video games
- Video game gift cards (eg. Roblox, Call of Duty)
- Gaming accessories (eg. controllers, mouse, headsets, carrying case, etc.)

THEME BASKETS (examples)

SPORTS: Basketball, baseball, football, soccer, golf, tennis, fishing, etc. Include equipment, memorabilia, etc.

FOOD: Wine, Liquor, Samplers (Crackers, Pasta, Chocolates)

GIFT CARDS

ARTS & CRAFTS

CELEBRATIONS: Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Halloween, Birthday, Anniversary, etc.

PETS: Dog, Cat, Fish, Birds, etc.

“HIS”, “HERS”, “KIDS”

BOOKS

KIDS TOYS that are popular right now

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Art: Paintings, Sculptures
- Japanese art pieces
- Dolls
- Collectibles (vases, ceramics, etc.)
- Air Fryer

- Tools
- Travel aids
- Small appliances
- Handcrafted items (knitted, crocheted, embroidered, woven, sewn, etc.)

To participate in this year’s Silent Auction, donations must be received by **July 1, 2023**. Donations can be left in the office starting in May. Contact information for potential donors is also appreciated. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar.

Questions? Please contact Karen Fujii. Email: k.fujii02@comcast.net Church Telephone: (510) 471-2581

Volunteers Come for SACBC Clean-Up Day!

By Karen Fujii

On April 3, 2023, 29 students from Logan High School came to SACBC to help clean up both the hondo and Sangha Hall. The students earned up to 4 hours of Community Service Credit. 20 hours are required for graduation from high school.

The morning's activities were a Win - Win! The students earned Service Credits, and the facilities got cleaned! The bonus for SACBC is that they all are interested in coming to help at our bazaar in July!

	Clean Up - April 3, 2023	Where	How Many? Who?	Leader
1	Wipe tables, try to clean outside (do before sweeping + mopping floors)	Empty/Full Food Pantry	Lobby (CAIT)	Karen
2	Sweep + Mop Floor	Office		Karen
3	Sweep + Mop Floor + Steps	Stage		Karen
4	Sweep + Mop Floor (last thing)	Lobby		John
5	Sweep + Mop Floor	Gym		Karen
6	Inventory	Upstairs + Storage Rm	2	Auric +
7	Sort good + bad towels	Storage Rm Cabinet	2	Kaiten
8	Sweep Floor	Food Line		Karen
9	Clean Outside of Washer + dryer Tape on sign	Back		Mrs. Fujii Zaki
10	Breakdown Boxes + put in Blue Bin	Back	2	Mrs. Fujii
11	Clean Restrooms	Sangha Hall	2	John
12	Cut + remove Weeds Put in Garbage cans	In Sangha	4	John
13	Remove + Wash cushion Covers	Sangha Hall - Back	3	Karen Mrs. Fujii
14	Rev. Miyaji's tasks			Rev. Miyaji

Here is the "To Do" List Chart –

(#13 did not get done. It's a huge project for another day.)



Table Clean Up –

Students scrubbed all the tables in Sangha Hall.

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SACBC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR (subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	2 6:30 pm Scouts	3 7pm Taiko	4 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	5	6 8:30am-4pm JLS teachers' meeting
7 10 am Shotsuki Hoyo (in-person only) Dharma School	8 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	9 6:30 pm Scouts	10 7pm Taiko	11 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	12	13 8:30am-12pm JLS classes
14 10 am Family service (in-person only) Mother's Day	15 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	16 6:30 pm Scouts	17 7pm Taiko	18 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	19	20 8:30am-12pm JLS classes
21 10 am Gotan-e Service (hybrid) Dharma School	22 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	23 6:30pm Scouts	24 7pm Taiko	25 9-2pm Boutique 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	26	27 7am-10pm Jr. YBA Volleyball 8:30am-12pm JLS classes
28 10 am Memorial Day & Family Service(hybrid)	29 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo Memorial Day (office closed)	30 6:30pm Scouts	31 7pm Taiko			

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MAY EVENTS

May 6 TH – 19 TH	BAY DISTRICT WBWC JAPAN TRIP WITH REV. MIYAJI
May 7 th – SUN	SHOTSUKI HOYO – SERVICE IS IN-PERSON ONLY
May 14 th – SUN	FAMILY SERVICE IS IN-PERSON ONLY  <i>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</i>
May 21 st – SUN	GOTAN-E FAMILY SERVICE (HYBRID SERVICE)
May 28 th – SUN	MEMORIAL DAY & FAMILY SERVICE (HYBRID SERVICE)
May 29 th – MON	MEMORIAL DAY / OFFICE CLOSED
<p>SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300</p> <p>PASSCODE: 549504</p>	