



Golden Chain

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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.

Formula in Buddhism

Here is the formula when we learn the Teaching of Buddha. It goes as follows:

1. To learn Buddhism is to learn myself;
2. To learn myself is to learn Buddha's Compassion;
3. To learn the Compassion is to forget myself;
4. And to forget myself is to throw myself into Buddha's World.

To learn Buddhism is to learn myself. In other words, to learn Buddhism is to find myself in the Dharma. Or, I learn myself what I am and what I have been doing. You see the following two vows related to what I have been doing every second. Without the teaching of Buddha, it is hard for me to know what I have been doing exactly.

Vow #3

"If, when I attain Buddhahood, humans and devas in my land should not all be the color of pure gold, may I not attain perfect Enlightenment."

This vow tells me that I have attached, judged, and twisted people around me because of different skin colors. As long as I live, the teaching of Buddha tells me that I have to live with the attachment until the very moment I die. Then, is there any way to be freed from this attachment?

Yes, there is. Know one thing as it is!

First, why do we see different skin colors in the world? According to a biological explanation, we see different skin colors because of Vitamin D. Our bodies need Vitamin D definitely, but the bodies cannot produce it without any sunlight. When the sunlight is strong, our skin adjusts its necessary amount for our bodies and our skins become darker just like sunglasses. When the sunlight is very strong, we need darker sunglasses. That's why people in hot countries have darker skin colors. We are, indeed, made of past conditions and lives in the past. If my ancestors lived in a hot country, my skin is dark.

Indeed, without accurate knowledge, we attach and judge people as we want. That's why the vow says that we are freed from the difference in skin color in Dharma. Dharma truly opens eyes of Wisdom in mind.

In Gassho,
Rev. Doei Fujii



Services for November 2019

November 3, 2019 – Shotsuki Hoyo
10 A.M.

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

November birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma School students will attend service.
They will help with the luncheon in lieu of class.

Dharma message in Japanese will follow the English service.
No Café Dharma.

(Keiro Kai Luncheon after service. Invitation only)

November 10, 2019 – Etaikyo & Family Service
10 A.M.

Etaikyo was originally intended to ensure that memorial services would continue even if there were no surviving relatives.

Eitaikyo reminds us that we should honor all who came before us.

Dharma message in Japanese will follow the English service.
Café Dharma will follow service.

November 17, 2019 – Family Service
10 A.M.

Dharma School will follow service.

Dharma message in Japanese will follow the English service.
Café Dharma will follow service.

November 24, 2019 – No Service



NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on Sunday November 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

DECEASED

1958	Julie Ann Handa
1960	Shigezo Arai
1963	Yoshio Kamiji
1967	Umekichi Nomura
1967	Riyo Kushida
1973	Mitsuko Abe
1975	Jackson Kajikawa
1976	Imayo Enta
1977	Kikuzo Kawaguchi
1984	Yasu Kawamoto
1988	Tamotsu Miyakawa
1989	Kenji Kawase
2001	James Tsugio Sakata
2003	Toshio Hamamoto
2003	Kazuo Suyeyasu
2003	Marla Emi Hashimoto
2004	Masukuni Kitani
2004	Thudugalage Madurawathie
2005	Jimmy Kuwamoto
2006	Toshio Nagata
2007	Walter Okino
2007	Janet Mineishi
2007	Seiichi Kami
2008	Leo Ikeda
2011	Katsuro Yasuhiro
2012	Ben Arai
2013	Betty Tanaka
2014	Susan Iguchi
2017	Patsy Fujimoto
2018	Yukie Kawase
2018	Toyoko Fujita
	Baby Handa
	Matsue Handa
	Susan Kato
	Wakanosuke Nishimoto

FAMILY

Mr. & Mrs. Ace Handa
Mr. John Arai & Mr. Alan Arai
Mrs. Sachi Fudenna & Mrs. Michi Handa
Nomura Family
Mrs. Mary Misaki
Mr. David Abe
Mrs. Ida Kajikawa
Enta Family
Kawaguchi Family
Mrs. Shiz Awamura
Mr. Yasuho Miyakawa
Ms. Patricia Kawase Taj
Sakata Family
Mrs. Haruko Hamamoto
Suyeyasu Family
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Hashimoto
Mr. Jeff Kitani
Dr. Indira Jayaweera
Mrs. Hinako Kuwamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Nagata
Okino Family
Mrs. Jamie Nagata
Kami Family
Mrs. Karen Ballack
Mrs. Yaeko Yasuhiro & Mr. Philip Yasuhiro
Mr. John Arai & Mr. Alan Arai
Ms. Cynthia Kawamura
Mr. Bob Iguchi
Mr. Yutaka Fujimoto
Ms. Patricia Kawase-Taj
Fujita Family
Handa Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ace Handa
Kato Family
Mrs. Yaeko Yasuhiro

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Memorial Service 2019

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2018 – 1 year	2007 – 13 year	1987 – 33 year
2017 – 3 year	2003 – 17 year	1970 – 50 year
2013 – 7 year	1995 – 25 year	1920 – 100 year

If this is a special service year for a departed relative, please contact the church office at (510) 471-2581 to schedule a memorial service.



from Café Dharma

Thank you for preparing refreshments and drinks for Café Dharma in September and October 6.

Nancy Dodd, Nancy Takahashi, Nancy Minamide, Mitsuko Maruyama, Glen Sekigahama, and Michiko Fujii.

A BIG “thumbs up” to Nancy Dodd who made sure everything was ready for four consecutive Sundays!



BWA NEWS

by Nancy Minamide

We had a successful rummage sale. Our thanks for your donations and help. We had fewer people to set up and organize the variety of donations. I am thankful to Karen Fujii for getting the Logan High School kids to volunteer. Hopefully we can count on more people at our **next rummage sale on March 7 and 8, 2020.**

BWA members and guests will receive an invitation to our year end celebration and service. On **December 1**, we will remember departed BWA members. We have always held this event on the first Sunday of December. Unfortunately, this year the first Sunday is right after Thanksgiving.

Please RSVP by November 20 so we can order the correct number of bento boxes. Members are asked to pay \$6.50 and for additional guests the cost is \$13.

At this time, I invite everyone to join BWA. This organization is not just for “old ladies”. **BWA has been the backbone of our church.** We are available for celebrations, funerals and religious occasions. Remember, everyone is welcomed. Membership dues are \$15 for the year. Call the office for an application. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tel # 510-471-2581



NEW HONDO LOBBY FLOOR

As many of you have noticed by now, we have a new floor in the Hondo lobby. The old carpet was badly faded and stained. *With a generous \$2,000 donation from Mrs. Takiko Hatsushi*, we were able to replace it with a more welcoming wood laminate floor.

Our new lobby floor is a big improvement and a more fitting entrance to our Hondo. Thanks again to Mrs. Hatsushi for her generous donation which made it possible.

SACB



For the convenience of our Sangha, we have ojuzu's, incense, candles and an assortment of books including the Collected Works of Shinran, Ocean and many more available for purchase in the SACBC Office. Please see Larry Gissible or Victoria Consul regarding these items.



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Bookstore




CHANGE IN OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

As of October 1st, the SACBC office email address has been changed. You can now contact us at sacbcoffice@gmail.com. Kindly update your records accordingly. I have been sending out notices regarding this change and if for some reason you have not received any yet, please send us an email and we will update your records. Thank you for your cooperation.

November 2019

SACBC Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:00p Bingo (JLS)	2 9a-1p JLS 9a-1p Keiro Kai prep 4p-7p Keiro Kai setup
3 SHOTSUKI HOYO 11a Keiro Kai Luncheon	4 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	5 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	6 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	7 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	8 5:00p Bingo (SACBC)	9 9a-1p JLS
10 10a Eitaikyo Service	11 Veteran's Day 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	12 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	13 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	14 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	15 5:00p Bingo (ONami Taiko)	16 9a-1p JLS 1p-4p Scout Lei Class 5p-9p Scout Dinner Fundraiser
17 Dharma Family Service Café Dharma	18 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	19 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	20 12p Golden Chain Deadline 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	21 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	22 5:00p Bingo (Community Multimedia Academy)	23 9a-1p JLS
24 NO SERVICE	25 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	26 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	27 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	28 *****OFFICE CLOSED***** Happy Thanksgiving!	29 NO BINGO	30 9a-1p JLS

December 2019

TENTATIVE-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Shotsuki Hoyo 9a-3p BWA year-end LUNCHEON	2 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	3 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	4 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	5 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	6 5:00p Bingo (?)	7 9a-1p JLS
8 10:00a BODHI DAY SERVICE	9 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	10 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	11 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko 7:30p Board Mtg	12 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	13 5:00p Bingo (SACBC)	14 9a-1p JLS
15 10:00a AMIDA DAY SERVICE	16 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	17 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	18 12p Golden Chain Deadline 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	19 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	20 5:00p Bingo (O'Nami Taiko)	21 9a-1p JLS
22 NO SERVICE	23 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	24 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	25 CHRISTMAS 	26 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	27 NO BINGO	28 9a-1p JLS
29 NO SERVICE	30 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	31 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts				

THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US ONCE AGAIN!



Due to our current contract with Genentech, the **Stanley Family Christmas Tree Lot** will not be available on our parking lot this year. However, we encourage you to visit and support their two other locations in **Hayward** (101 Harder Road) and **Fremont** (corner of Blacow & Stevenson next to Grocery Outlet and Suju's Coffee) Both locations will be open the day after Thanksgiving, Nov 29 – 7 days a week from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. For more info, please call (510) 502-6619



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



NOVEMBER EVENTS

3 - Sunday	Shotsuki Hoyo Keiro Kai Luncheon (Invitation Only)
10 - Sunday	Etaikyo and Family Service
11 - Monday	Veteran's Day - Office Open
24 - Sunday	No Service
28 - Thursday	Thanksgiving - Office Closed
29 - Friday	Office Closed - No Bingo