



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.



War, What Is It Good For?

On August 6th and 9th, 1945, the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In conjunction with the peace memorials conducted in real-time in Japan, we observed the memorial services in tribute to those who have perished in these tragic attacks. Those who have perished in these two bombings remind us to reflect on the preciousness of life by listening to the Great Working of Amida Buddha's Calling Voice. This Great Working is the world of oneness, where all beings are



embraced just as they are. This, of course, means you too.

During the service, each member rang the Peace Bell that we have here at the temple. It's soft and tranquil ring reminds us of the gentle call for a moment of reflection in our busy lives. It was nice to see everyone give their offering in this time of reflection.

In September, we will observe the Victims of War Memorial Service, or what is known as the "Chidori ga fuchi" service. These numerous memorial services serve as a reminder that all victims of war are a tragedy for humanity, a shameful act regardless of who is to blame and who is at fault. Instead, we must try to work for a peaceful society where the Buddha Dharma can flourish throughout the world. This memorial also includes all those who lost their lives on the tragic day of September 11th, when the twin towers in New York was senselessly attacked. Let us place our hands in gassho, and recall the infinite wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha that abandons no one. Namo Amida Butsu

戦争をやめましょう

8月6日と9日に広島と長崎に原爆が落とされました。両市の平和祈念式典に伴って自坊でも原爆被爆者追悼法要を厳修致しました。広島に原爆が落とされたのはアメリカ時間の8月5日午後4:15にあたり、長崎は8月8日の午後7:02でした。この法要を通して、私たち南アラメダ郡仏教会の会員は、原爆で命を落とされた方々の思いを受け、命の尊さと阿弥陀如来様の御願いを深く聴聞させられました。

本堂でのお勤めの時、お参りに来られた参拝者全員が「平和の鐘」を打ちました。穏やかな鐘の音が響くと、みんなが心の落ち着きに感動しました。その時の皆様の凛とした静かな姿勢からも、大変平穏な雰囲気になったことを感じさせていただきました。



9月に日本では千鳥ヶ淵^{ちどりがふち}で戦没者追悼法要が厳修されます。これは全ての戦争で命を落とされた方々の追悼法要になります。仏法が広まるように願ひ、人類の恥となるような醜い、愚かな戦争そのものをやめ、平和な社会を築くことに努力する思いが込められる法要です。

また、私たち仏教徒はアメリカにおける9.11の時にニューヨーク市で起きたテロ事件で亡くなられた方々の追悼法要も兼ねて厳修します。

これらの歴史に起きた大事件をご縁とし、阿弥陀如来様の真実の智慧と慈悲を深く聴聞させていただかねばならないと思います。合掌



Services for September 2022

September 4, 2022 – No Service: Labor Day Weekend

**September 11, 2022 – Shotsuki Hoyo & “Victims of War Memorial Service”:
Chidori ga fuchi (千鳥ヶ淵戦没追悼法要)**

10 A.M.

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

The Chidori ga fuchi service is a memorial for all those who have passed away in all wars. This is a service done in conjunction with the Nishi Hongwanji in Japan, where the service is conducted at the National Cemetery in Tokyo.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this hybrid service.

September birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma School Registration.

Note: Registration information can be obtained by email or in person.

September 18, 2022 – Family Service on YouTube

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will pre-record this service and post it on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SouthernAlamedaCountyBuddhistChurch>

Please note, service will NOT be held in person.

**September 25, 2022 – Fall Ohigan with Socho-ki
(BCA Bishops' and Passed SACBC minister's Memorial Service)**

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this hybrid service.

"Traditionally, at Higan, the emphasis is placed on the observance of the Six Paramitas which brings us to the “other shore” of Enlightenment.

In Jodo Shinshu, the Six Paramitas are not considered to be the practices necessary for attaining Enlightenment, but are acts of gratitude for living this moment in interconnectedness with all living beings."

This Memorial Service is dedicated to all bishops of the Buddhist Churches of America and Resident Ministers of SACBC who have been born in the Pure Land.

First Day of Dharma School!

SACBC Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 PM on ZOOM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81089141838?pwd=b0pkOCtqSC9vcFlvNWUbjAvcMfadz09>



SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on **Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM**



DECEASED

1943 Ken Enta
1963 Senzaburo Kotake
1968 Suekichi Shimamura
1969 Shizue Tanaka
1986 Dorothy Kishiyama
1987 Chuck Shikano
1989 Yonetaro Tsurui
1990 Hideko Kajikawa
1990 Yutaka Handa
1990 Mary Shimamura
1991 Elsie Hamano
2000 Fumiyo Hisaoka
2001 Frank Fujitani
2004 Fusako Shinagawa

2005 Takashi Fred Tsurui
2008 Ayako Hashimoto
2009 Ted Inouye
2009 Muriel Sydney Brozowski
2009 Kari Mariye Morita
2011 Masao Kato
2013 Edwin Tanaka
2016 Ippei Usui
2016 Ippei Usui
Kyuta Kishiyama
Cory Keiji Naruo
Chujiro Kamimoto
2017 Michiwo Nakashima

FAMILY

Enta Family
Mrs. Jean Kotake
Ms. Merry Shimamura
Kitani Family
Kishiyama Family
Shikano Family
Mrs. Alice Nagata
Kajikawa Family
Mr. Bill Handa
Mr. Dave Shimamura
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hall
Hisaoka Family
Fujitani Family
Mr. Roy Shinagawa &
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Myers
Mrs. Joy Tsurui
Dr. Walter Hashimoto
Mrs. Jenny Clark
Ms. Laura Brozowski
Mrs. Keiko Okubo
Mrs. Kyung Ja Kato
Mr. Mike Tanaka
Usui Family
Ms. Etsuko Miyazono
Kishiyama Family
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Naruo
Mr. & Mrs. Art Sakai
Mrs. Dianna Nakashima

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Memorial Service 2022

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2021 – 1 year	2010 – 13th year	1990 – 33rd year
2020 – 3rd year	2006 – 17th year	1973 – 50th year
2016 – 7th year	1998 – 25th year	1923 – 100th 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.



WE WANT YOU!
As our next SACBC Treasurer for 2023!

Job Description:

- Bank deposits: organize & copy checks. (SACBC Office Manager can assist).
Review deposits and total checks by type of donation:
Membership, Memorial, Special service, etc. Input deposit information into SACBC Financial Reports.
- Payments: issue checks and make online payments. Update SACBC Financial Reports.
- Payroll: issue paychecks. Update SACBC Payroll Worksheets & SACBC Financial Reports.
- Quarterly: prepare & submit reports to EDD and IRS. Annual: send information to our Payroll Consultant to prepare W-2 and W-3.
- Property Tax: Annually file Property Tax Exemption.
- Insurance: Annual Workers Compensation Audit. Annually review coverage and consider whether limits should be increased.

Time required:

When deposits are processed, it takes 1 – 2 hours to do the various tasks depending upon how many checks are received. If there is no deposit, it takes 30 minutes or less to do the various tasks per week. Month-end tasks (payroll & preparing the next month's financial statements) takes about 1 ½ hours. Except for the copying of checks, it can all be done at home on your computer on your own timing.

Larry Gissible has been a tremendous asset to SACBC and given back for over a decade as our treasurer and wishes to transition his duties. Larry is willing to train!

Larry, John Arai, and myself, are forever grateful for a volunteer for the 2022 church fiscal year.

Please send your interest to SACBCOffice@gmail.com or reach out to John or myself directly.

Gassho,

John Arai, President

Kyle Yamasaki, Vice-President

What's Up Dharma School?



Hope everyone had a nice summer and is staying safe. We will be starting Dharma School 2021-2022 with registration beginning on **Sept.11, 2022** (Sunday). This can be done digitally (a link will be sent out a few days before then). Please be on the lookout for the link in your email. First day of Dharma class will be **Sept.25, 2022** (Sun) in person.

The elementary level classes will be taught by Cathleen Yoshida and Jr. High to High School level classes will be taught by Betty Yamasaki.

Looking ahead, these are tentative Dharma school dates and events for 2022 (subject to change). As of now, we are planning to meet in person. Again, we will send out more updates and information/links a week before registration.

- Sept.11, 2022- Dharma School Registration
- Sept.25, 2022- First Day of Dharma Class/Birthday Celebration
- Oct.9, 2022- Dharma class/Birthday Celebration
- Oct.23, 2022-Dharma class
- Oct.30, 2022-Dharma class
- Nov. 6, 2022-Keirokai (it will be after service)/Birthday Celebration
- Nov.20, 2022 -Dharma Class
- Dec.4, 2022-Dharma class (Bodhi Day and Mochitsuki)/Birthday Celebration
- Dec.18, 2022-Dharma Class

If you know any other family that might be interested, please email Betty Yamasaki (at b_yamasaki@yahoo.com) or Cathleen Yoshida-Matsubayashi (cathleenandken@yahoo.com) and we will email them a registration link.

Again, stay safe and healthy!

In Gassho,

Cathleen and Betty

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(Computer monitors, TVs, computers, faxes, keyboards, printers, medical devices and equipments, computers, speakers to name a few)

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Omigaki August 7, 2022



Sunday, after service, several people stayed for the annual “omigaki” — polishing the adornments in the onaijin. The work took patience, good eyes, strong fingers and hands, and stamina, with guidance from Rev. Takashi Miyaji. Everyone was rewarded by seeing the beautiful, shiny objects they had worked so hard to clean.

Many thanks to those who helped. Besides making the onaijin look so nice, these volunteers were treated to lunch. Thank you: Michi Handa, Sachi Fudenna, Judy Tokubo, Kathy Velasco, Paul Gan, Amy Hatsushi, Kyoko Hatsushi, Mitsuko Maruyama, Keisai Miyaji, Kaori Miyaji, Betty Yamasaki, Karen Fujii, and the Murais – Garret, Kathy, Natalie, & Tyler.







ARIGATOU FOR YOUR HELP AT OBON



OBON, OBON IT'S FESTIVAL DAY!!! We had such a great turnout on Obon night, and so many people danced with us. I was hoping for a decent crowd AND was overwhelmed when I looked around and found it jam-packed with spectators and dancers having a good time. It certainly was a special night.

It takes a village to work together to get something done. What a wonderful village we have! Obon 2022 came together because of so many people. THANK YOU to the following people and forgive me if I forgot someone:

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji for his enthusiasm and guidance for his first in-person Obon at SACBC held outside.

Joyce Davis for creating and placing advertisements for our Obon event, and creating our design for the SACBC Uchiwa that was sold.

Dharma School for providing popsicles and water during practice nights.

John Arai for setting up the Sangha Hall for practice and running the music for me.

Karen Fujii for her coordination and passion to sell Obon-related items that excited everyone who needed a tenugui or happi.

Noreen Osaki, Cathleen Yoshida, Yvette Hornig, Jo Ann Rogers, Paul Gan, Sachi Abe and Betty Yamasaki for helping with sales in the lobby. More thanks to Noreen Osaki, Lani Uemura, Karen Fujii and Nina Sawasaki for making and donating many hand-crafted items.

Royce Mori for the menu.

John Arai for coordinating the kitchen to make the bentos and udon for the food offerings. Kitchen crew – Garret Murai, Kathy Murai, Tyler Murai, Kyle Yamasaki, Betty Yamasaki, Paul Nakao, Sachi Abe, Victoria Consul, Kathy Velasco, Annie Wu, Gerald Lee, Nolan Mori, Rylan Mori, Masako Mori.

John also coordinated the set up and clean-up crew – Garret Murai, Kathy Murai, Tyler Murai, Nathan Tanabe, Aidan Tanabe, Paul Yoshimoto, Jake Yoshimoto, Jin Wu, Darry Wu, Paul Gan, Kyle Yamasaki, Cathleen Yoshida, Josie Matsubayashi and Ken Matsubayashi.

Dave Abe for papering the dressing room floor for the instructors.

The San Jose Chidori Band for providing the entertainment and music for Obon night.

Garret Murai for being our emcee on Obon night.

Last but not least, our amazing instructors for the entire two weeks at practice and Obon night bravely dancing/teaching in the middle circle, cheerful and smiling at all the dancers. Brie Hornig, Grace Joo, Sandy Maruyama, Josie Matsubayashi, Kathy Murai, Natalie Murai and Kristen Romero. I thank you for your dedication and commitment to our SACBC Obon.

See you all next year!





Opening comments by Garret Murai with Rev. Miyaji



2022 OBON FESTIVITIES



Dance instructors Kathy, Natalie, Sandy and Karen



DANCING SANGHA



Umenoki is now Accepting New Residents!



Umenoki is a place where families can confidently turn to when a loved one needs more care than the family can provide. At the start of the pandemic, Umenoki stopped accepting new residents to protect and minimize the chances of the spread of COVID to current residents and staff. Through the hard work and countless hours put in by our devoted staff, we are happy to announce that we have not had any cases of COVID inside our home throughout the pandemic.

Melissa Martinez, LVN is our new Manager and Head of Care at Umenoki. She works tirelessly alongside our dedicated staff, some who have been caregivers at Umenoki for the past 15 years, to ensure the happiness and well-being of our residents.

With the success of maintaining a COVID free environment for the past two and a half years, Melissa and the Umenoki staff are comfortable accepting both new residents and volunteer staff on a limited basis.

For further information regarding volunteer opportunities, resident care or a tour of the home, please email Melissa at Umenoki.LVN@gmail.com or call (510) 487-5001. Thank you,

Royce Mori
President, Wisteria Gardens

SACBC Bento Fundraiser by Chef Royce Mori

To order: Call and leave a message at church: 510-471-2581 or Email: SACBCOffice@gmail.com

Order deadline: Mondays at NOON

Pick Up: Wednesdays, 3PM – 4 PM SACBC, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587

Payment: There are five options for paying:

- PayPal or Venmo: sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com
- Credit card: VISA, Mastercard (will be processed onsite during pick up)
- **Check** made out to: SACBC or Cash (Exact amount pls) in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the outside.

SEPTEMBER BENTO MENU

	Meat	Vegetarian/Pescatarian	Notes
September 7th	Thai Basil Beef Chopped Green Salad w/ Creamy Thai Basil Dressing Wok Fired Green Beans Pad Thai Noodles Steamed White Rice \$18	Crispy Garlic Shrimp Chopped Green Salad w/ Creamy Thai Basil Dressing Wok Fired Green Beans Pad Thai Noodles Steamed White Rice \$18	
September 14th	Pork Rib Stew in Miso Broth Chopped Green Salad w/Sesame-Soy Dressing Broccoli Korokke (potato croquette) Steamed White Rice \$18	Seafood Stew in Miso Broth Chopped Green Salad w/ Sesame-Soy Dressing Broccoli Korokke (potato croquette) Steamed White Rice \$18	
September 21st	Chicken & Pork Belly Adobo Salad of Pickled Vegetables Sesame Green Beans Lumpia Garlic Rice \$18	White Fish & Eggplant Adobo Salad of Pickled Vegetables Sesame Green Beans Vegetable Lumpia Garlic Rice \$18	
September 28th	Korean Style Short Ribs Chopped Green Salad w/ Creamy Sesame Dressing Japchae Sesame Spinach Kimchee Steamed White Rice \$18	Crispy Garlic-Soy Cod Chopped Green Salad w/ Creamy Sesame Dressing Japchae Sesame Spinach Kimchee Steamed White Rice \$18	



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 4 – Sunday	No Service; Labor Day weekend
Sept. 5 – Monday	LABOR DAY (office closed)
Sept. 11 – Sunday	Shotsuki Hoyo & Victims of War Memorial Service
Sept. 14 – Wednesday	Board Meeting
Sept. 18 – Sunday	Family Service on YouTube (No in-person)
Sept. 25 – Sunday	Fall Ohigan with Socho-ki; First day of Dharma School

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300

Passcode: 549504