



September 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.*



## Chidori ga Fuchi Memorial Service

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Nishi Hongwanji observes the *Chidori ga Fuchi Zensenbotsusha Tsuitō Hōyō*<sup>1</sup> at the Chidorigafuchi National Memorial Park located in Tokyo, along with memorial services held at Otani Mausoleum and Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan.

The Chidori ga Fuchi memorial service is translated as the “Aspiration for the Memorial Service for All Who Perished in War.” It is a memorial for all those who have passed away in *all* wars, regardless of what side any person was a part of. The ashes of approximately 350,000 people who died during the Asia-Pacific war, both military personnel and civilians, are interred here at this Memorial Park. These remains could not be returned to their families.

After the dark period of World War II in Japan's history, the Hongwanji has taken active measures to promote peace and harmony in the world. As a collective body, it has tried to actively spread the message of Shinran Shonin's wish for the Buddha Dharma to spread throughout the world. The Hongwanji has also distanced itself from the state-sponsored pilgrimages to the Yasukuni Shrine, voiced its stance on the promotion of nuclear non-proliferation, and expressed the wish to move away from nuclear energy that creates waste that will take centuries for the Earth to recover from. In addition, Hongwanji has continually promoted a way of living that preserves this Earth for future generations. This organization is, and has always, treaded carefully when dealing with secular authorities, and is a proponent of the principle of the separation of Church and State, leaving the individual to have the freedom to choose one's religious beliefs.

For those of us who are the same Nembutsu practitioners as our brothers and sisters on the other side of the Pacific, let us do our part to take the time to remember and reflect on the sacrifices that were made for us. The



<sup>1</sup> 千鳥ヶ淵 全戦没者追悼法要

victims of war aspire that future generations will not get caught in the shackles of unchecked egocentricity, leading to mass destruction and devastation to all people. We should keep peace and harmony as our core values, as this is what it means to reflect the principle of Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion, and the Buddha's wish for all beings to be able to encounter the true path to tranquility. As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we are the first to understand just how easily it is to get swept in the winds of the times that we live. This is because we have Amida Buddha's working to make us realize the situation we are in. When we have this spiritual foundation, we can endure through life's challenges and find meaning in all events in history. Let us work to spread this message of the Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. Gassho.

### 「自分の本当の姿」

最近、息子がよく口答えをするようになってきているのです。我が家は一人っ子ですから、両親の目が一人に集中してしまうのです。もう少し自由を与えてあげたい時も時々感じます。しかし、やっぱり何かまずいことをやりだすと、どうしても私からの小言が飛び出す訳です。これしたらだめ、ああしたらだめなどしょっちゅう言いますが、ついに息子から言い返されるようになりました。「パパ、わかってるよ、I know that!」とか「もうやめて、Stop telling me!」などよく言われます。親からみれば危なっかしいことを、子供は分かっていないから助言してあげているつもりなんですね。しかし、息子にとってみれば、自分はそれはもう分かっているのだと思い込んでいるのです。考えてみれば、自分も子供の時はそうだったんだと気づきますね。

しかし、その気持ちはいつまで経ってもやっぱり同じなのだと、最近自分でも思うようになりました。私の親から、「お前は“アラフォー”でまだまだだよ」と言われても、自分にとってもう世の中は大体分かっていて、親から何も言われることはないんだと思い込んでいるのです。親からの注意があっても、ただ「はい、はい」といってその助言を聞き流すのです。自分が一番知っていると思っているんですが、そういう自分が、却って一番損するのです。なぜかという、知らないことは、この身で実際に経験して習っていかなければならないからです。親、先生、あるいは先輩が経験してきたことから習うよりも、自分でその習い事を一つ一つ経験していかなければならないこととなります。それは決して悪いこととは言いませんが、自分の負担が沢山あることに繋がります。

自分の子供が「パパ、わかってるよ、Papa, I know!」を言うのを見てまだ分かってないねと思い、そしてまた逆に、自分の親は私が「はい、ちゃんと心得てます、Yeah, I know!」といっているのを見て、まだ分かっていないんだと思っていることは一緒の話ですね。しかし、いつまで経ってもその「Yeah, I know that!」という気持ちは消えないのです。これが人間ということなのですね。これが「凡夫」といわれるところです。自分が分かっていると思い込んでいるけれども、親の目から見れば、実は分かっていないのです。自分は世の中のことが分かっているんだと信じているけれども、やっぱりまだその苦しみの中にいて、抜け出せないでいるのです。

姉に子供が3人いるのですが、一番下の子がバスケットをしています。そして、バスケットのドリブルのペースが遅いと姉が言います。「もっと、スピードを上げないと」といって色々な方法を教えてあげようとするんだそうですけど、その子は「I know, I know!分かってるよ!」と怒って言い返します。ドリブルに関して、もう自分はプロとほとんど変わらないぐらいのレベルなんだと思いこんでしまっているんだそうです。しかし、親から見たらまだまだなんだなと感じるしかないのです。

話を戻しますと、自分が知っていて、もうこれ以上知ることはないと思ひ込むのが人間なのですね。これが仏教でいう「有情」、「人間」つまり「凡夫」のことです。この人間である私を見てくれているのは仏様なのです。仏様は神様ではないのです。仏様は真実の世界そのものです。その真実の世界から私たちに、「自分」つまり「人間」が今いる現状を示されているのですが、それを無視するのが私たちなのです。「世の中のことは分かっているのだ、仏法を聴く必要はないんだ」または「I know that! もう分かっている！人間がどうこう教えんでもいいんだ」と怒鳴って法を誇るのが人間の傲慢な姿なのです。

しかし、阿弥陀様をご本願に誓われたのは、こういう人たちにも救いの道を開けてあげていますよと言われたのです。阿弥陀様の第十八願には、法を誇るものへも、この念仏で苦しみの世界から抜け出す方法を与えてあげていますよと述べられています。そして親鸞聖人は、このところを見て自分もそうであった、仏様のはたらきを疑って、今まで一生懸命自分の力で悟りを開こうとしていたと気づいたのです。しかし、苦しみの世界から抜け出せなかったのは、やはり自分の力を頼りにしていたからだったんだと分かっていったのです。自分が今まで知ったかぶりをして、自分がその救いの道を見出せると思っていたのが間違いだったんだと気づかれたのです。そして、そこで初めて法然聖人のご指導で他力本願に帰依されるのです。

私たちは自分の力でなんとかかなると思うのは、まだその自我に頼っていることなのです。これは子供の頃から学ぶことで、この世の中でやっていくためには確かに欠かせない重要な原則であります。しかし、その考え方が通じない時もあるのです。それは、苦悩の世界から抜け出す時です。なぜかという、自分そのものが問題なのだからです。自分が起こす煩悩が苦しみの源であるならば、なぜ自分の力がその問題の解決となると言えるのでしょうか。とても、無理な話です。まるで**ぼくじゅう** 墨汁を使って鏡をきれいにしようと同じことと同じことです。いくら頑張ってもその黒い液体で鏡をきれいにしようとしても無理なのです。

それと同じく、自分の心を乗り越えるためには、自分以外の力、又ははたらきがないとやはり無理なのです。その力は真実の智慧と慈悲のはたらきです。ですから、仏様に帰依することが大切なのです。「自分が一番分かっている、他の助けなんかいらん！」と思うのは、まだ自分が問題だと分かっていない訳なのです。自分がいつも自分勝手である、自分の都合ですべて物事を判断している。自分が一番可愛い、他人を厳しい目で見て批判している。こういうふうに見ているのがこの我が心であると思っていないため、苦しみが発生するのです。

しかし、自分が問題なんだと気づく時に、そこに新たな世界が開けてくるのです。自分を責めていくだけで、解決がないまま終わってしまうのではなく、仏法を聴聞していく中で、自分の本当の姿とその自分がそのまま仏様の温かい明らかである光に包まれていることに気づかせていただくのです。そうしますと、そこにこの人生、他人のこと、および世の中の見方が少し変わってくるのです。今までの頑固な自分が、いつの間にか、他人に対して柔軟になり、また自分に対してでも、許すようになってくるのではないのでしょうか。他人の悪いところを見て、「あっ、自分にもそういうところがあるな」「自分も同じようなことをするだろうな」とか、「あの人はそういう辛い経験をしてきたのか」または「人はどういうことを経験してきたのかが分からないからね」とこのように心がやわらかくなっていくのではないのでしょうか。

親鸞聖人のお言葉が記されている『歎異抄』に分かるように、宗祖は他人に対して丁寧 に話されるのです。相手の人が年下でも、身分の低い人でも関係なく、丁寧語で話されるのです。これはその人を御同朋・御同行として見られたからです。この態度で分かるように、親鸞聖人はあれほどの学者であっても、あれほどの優れた人でも、決して傲慢な態度を見せず、または他人を見下すような行動は絶対にとられなかったのです。これは本当に聖人の素晴らしい特徴であったと思います。これは、真実の世界とであって、その真実のものは自分から見出したものではなく、むしろ自分を見出してくれたのが仏様のはたらきだと気づかれたから、腰が低くなれたのです。私たちもこのように、お念仏の教えを大事にして自分の本当の姿を見ていきたいところでございます。合掌。

### **1. My Personal Podcast Covering Jodo Shinshu Buddhism**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/no-doubt-a-shin-buddhist-approach/id1511351502>

### **2. Our Weekly Sunday Services Can Be Found Here:**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/shin-buddhist-sangha-services/id1517181914>

# September SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service on **Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

## DECEASED

## FAMILY

1943	Ken Enta	Enta Family
1963	Senzaburo Kotake	Mrs. Jean Kotake
1968	Suekichi Shimamura	Ms. Merry Shimamura
1969	Shizue Tanaka	Kitani Family
1986	Dorothy Kishiyama	Kishiyama Family
1987	Chuck Shikano	Shikano Family
1989	Yonetaro Tsurui	Mrs. Alice Nagata
1990	Hideko Kajikawa	Kajikawa Family
1990	Yutaka Handa	Mr. Bill Handa
1990	Mary Shimamura	Mr. Dave Shimamura
1991	Elsie Hamano	Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hall
2000	Fumiyo Hisaoka	Hisaoka Family
2001	Frank Fujitani	Fujitani Family
2004	Fusako Shinagawa	Mr. Roy Shinagawa & Mr. & Mrs. Brad Myers
2005	Takashi Fred Tsurui	Mrs. Joy Tsurui
2008	Ayako Hashimoto	Dr. Walter Hashimoto
2009	Ted Inouye	Mrs. Jenny Clark
2009	Muriel Sydney Brozowski	Ms. Laura Brozowski
2009	Kari Mariye Morita	Okubo Family
2011	Masao Kato	Mrs. Kyung Ja Kato
2013	Edwin Tanaka	Mr. Mike Tanaka
2016	Ippei Usui	Usui Family
2016	Ippei Usui	Ms. Etsuko Miyazono
	Kyuta Kishiyama	Kishiyama Family
	Cory Keiji Naruo	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Naruo
	Chujiro Kamimoto	Mr. & Mrs. Art Sakai
2017	Michiwo Nakashima	Mrs. Dianna Nakashima

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### Memorial Service 2023

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2022 – 1st year	2011 – 13th year	1991 – 33rd year
2021 – 3rd year	2007 – 17th year	1974 – 50th year
2017 – 7th year	1999 – 25th year	1924 – 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.



## Services for September 2023

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**September 3, 2023 – No Service: Labor Day Weekend**

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**September 10, 2023 – 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.

Japanese Service will follow.

Dharma School Registration, Parent meeting, & First day of classes.

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

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**September 17, 2023 – 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.

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**September 24, 2023 – 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.

Dharma School will follow service

**Appreciation Lunch: 12 noon, Reception Room**

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**SACBC Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 PM on ZOOM.**



# ***What's up Dharma School?***

## ***Sept. 2023***

We will be starting Dharma School 2023-2024 with **Sept.10, 2023**(Sunday). Dharma school will be in person. For this day we will have

- The first day of Dharma class
- Registration
- Parent meeting

Registration can be done ahead of time with the QR code below. .

We will be combining the elementary classes with the Jr/High School classes this year.

Looking ahead, these are tentative Dharma school dates and events for 2023 (subject to change). As of now, we are planning to meet in person.

- Sept.10, 2023- Dharma School Registration, Dharma class, parent meeting/Birthday celebrations
- Sept.24, 2023-Dharma class (before appreciation luncheon)
- Oct.8, 2023-Dharma class/Birthday Celebration
- Oct.22, 2023-Dharma class
- Oct.29, 2023-Dharma Activity
- Nov. 4, 2023 (Sat)-Keirokai Prep
- Nov. 5, 2023-Keirokai (it will be after service)/Birthday Celebration
- Nov.19, 2023 -Dharma Class
- Dec.3, 2023-Dharma class (Bodhi Day and Mochitsuki)/Birthday Celebration
- Dec.17, 2023-Dharma Class

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

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Again, stay safe and healthy!

In Gassho,

Cathleen and Betty







# DOMO ARIGATO

*To our many elves and fairies  
Who tip-toed in silence at all hours  
To do things not on any list  
But needed to be done*

*Can't name them all  
For I do not always see them  
But we know they have been here  
Because we notice something is different*

*Things cleared and moved around  
Areas are tidied up  
Magically we are ready to host our bazaar  
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO***

**To name a few:** Paul Nomura, John Arai, Larry Gissible, Karen Fujii, Glen Sekigahama, Nate Tanabe, Betty Yamasaki, Paul Gan, Jerry Tahira, Bob Kitajima, Stan Miyasato, Noreen Osaki, Kyle Yamasaki, Bob Stanley, Cindy Sakihara, Peter Yeh, Kailen Mark, Jamie Nagata, Nancy Minamide, Michi Handa, Don Uriu, Joyce Davis, JoAnn Rogers, Judy Tokubo, Oscar Sakamoto, Sharon Nakamura, Reina Fujii, Emily Carpio, Mitsuko Maruyama, Grace Joo, Gail Minamoto, Joyce Noma-Quan, and there are so many more.....

**What they did:** Worked till all hours, changed batteries, cleaned behind the food line, advertised everywhere, whacked the weeds, raked the leaves, power washed whatever they could, shopping/shopping/more shopping, double checked that we have what we need, more shopping, organized everything, made our secret sauce, cleaned everything, (seems like) every day, picked up items needed, computer work, printing, assembling, displaying things, volunteered to do anything, cooked, and so much more.....

So many elves and fairies, doing things when no one was looking, apologies if we forgot who else was there.



# **THANKS TO YOU WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL 2023 BAZAAR**

On behalf of the SACBC Bazaar Committee, thank you for supporting our most important fundraiser of the year. We sold out of all the food on both days, and were excited that so many people came to our bazaar. This year Shave Ice was such a big hit during the hot weekend.

Thank you to everyone who came out every day to work on something to get us ready. Because of your commitment, it helped make our bazaar a huge success. It really takes a village to make our fundraiser a successful one, and you are all a member of our village. Because of you, a few hours to help us made all the difference in the world so we were ready for the crowds.

We thank all of our volunteers who came out to help us during the prep week, and during the bazaar weekend. We truly needed their help.

And a huge THANK YOU ..... to everyone who attended the meetings (your input was valuable), everyone who came early and stayed late every day of the week through Sunday when we closed. Thank you to our little elves who get things done when we're not looking, those who worked on projects during the year to get us through the weekend!

We could not have done it without you!

**Domo Arigato Gozaimasu!**

*With Gassho, John Arai and Karen Suyama Bazaar Co-Chairs*







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August 10, 2023

Dear Dharma Friends,

We have been watching in disbelief the tremendous destruction caused by the recent wildfires on Maui. The loss of life, livelihood, and property has been devastating. Lahaina Hongwanji and its Sangha were directly affected by the fires. The temple, columbarium, classroom building, and minister's residence were completely destroyed in the horrific fires that devastated historic Lahaina town. Many temple members were forced to evacuate, and many homes were burnt to the ground. Our hearts go out to all who have been impacted by this disaster. As residents and our fellow Sangha members begin the process of rebuilding and healing, Hawaii Kyodan is committed to supporting relief efforts on Maui.

In the spirit of compassionate action, we have established the **MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND**. You can donate in the following ways:

1. **Online at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com) by clicking on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab.**
2. **Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>**
3. **Check and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" to ensure proper credit.**

**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
1727 Pali Highway  
Honolulu, HI 96813**

All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds. The Committee will select reputable relief agencies and organizations to support in order to ensure our donations will directly aid those impacted by this disaster. Updates will be shared on our website at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com).

Mahalo for your generosity and support during this time of tragedy.

In Gassho,

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani  
Bishop

Dr. Warren Tamamoto  
President

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair  
Committee on Social Concerns





## Boutique 2023

Thank you for the donations we received this year for our Boutique. We are grateful for your continued support of our temple. Thank you to the following people for your 2023 donations:

Gail Tomita	Jo Ann Rogers	Sachi Abe
Noreen Osaki	Lani Uemura	Michi Handa
Nina Sawasaki	Takiko Hatsushi	Michi Yee
Jessie Sakai	Jean Yamamoto	Bev Patterson
Christine Tanizawa	Helen Moriyama	Jane Rice Family
George Nakamura	Stan Miyasato	Nancy Dodd
Gail Minamoto	Joyce Melin	Kailen Mark
Arlyne Shibata	Bob Kitajima	Gayle Horikoshi

Our sincere apologies if we have inadvertently missed someone. We had many anonymous donations. Please accept our sincerest appreciation for your donation.

Thank you to **Terry Sato, Karen Suyama** and **Michi Handa** for embroidering the beautiful dishtowels this year. We sold out of those! We appreciated your help very much!

Thank you **Kailen Mark** for making the tiny origami cranes on a stick and the den den drums. **Kailen** and **Lani Uemura** also made some lovely earrings, which were a big hit. Thank you!

Thank you **Nina Sawasaki** for the 80 beautifully crafted, handmade greeting cards. People went crazy over them! Thank you so much! We know that was a lot of work.

**A special thank you and recognition to Sachi Abe** for the all the hand quilted quilts she made for our boutique. Those of us who sew and “try” to quilt know how much skill it takes. They were all beautiful!

Thank you to Grace Joo, Dianna Nakashima, Nina Sawasaki, Joyce Okimoto, Jessie Sakai, Sachi Abe, Noreen Osaki, Pat Takemoto and Gail Tomita for coming on Thursdays to help with our projects.

In Gassho,  
Jamie Nagata  
On Behalf of the Boutique Committee

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Congratulations to **Tina Takayama**, the winner of this year’s Boutique Quilt Raffle. The beautiful 60” x 60” quilt was sewn and donated by **Gail Tomita** and hand quilted by **Sachi Abe**. Thank you, Gail and Sachi for your beautiful work!



## Bazaar Manju

*There were hugs and smiles aplenty.* It had been four years since we had gathered to make manju. We were all rather rusty in remembering how to make them as well as remembering each other's names. Thank you for donating your time to help out.

We formed manju until noon and baked the rest of the afternoon. We did make 40 batches, but that was a far cry from the 100+ batches we made in 2019. It seems like making manju may become a lost art if we do not get your help in 2024.

A big thank you to the following people for coming out the day before to help set-up - Sachi Abe, Michi Handa, Kailen Mark, Garrett Mark, Stan Miyasato, Jamie Nagata, Noreen Osaki, JoAnn Rogers, Glen Sekigahama, Terry Sato, and Lani Uemura. Everything rans so smoothly because of you. Thanks!



Photos provided by Karen Fujii

## Tak & Mary Misaki Buddhist Youth Award 2023

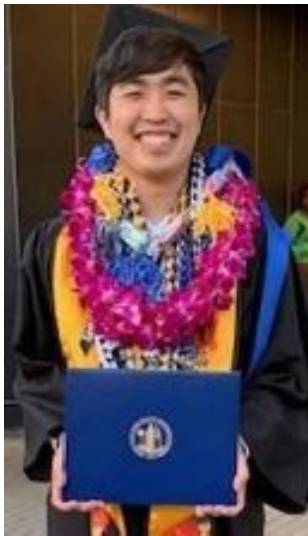
The ***Tak & Mary Misaki Buddhist Youth Award*** was presented to **Trent Osaki** on August 6, 2023. The award recognizes Trent's pursuit of learning the Buddha Dharma as seen through his participation in Dharma School, JrYBA, Buddhist conferences, and various activities that support the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church and community. Trent was given a certificate and a monetary award.

His Dharma Message was the presentation of the animated video, "Bon Odori." He directed and produced this animation as his Senior Project, which completed the requirements to earn the Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation from San Jose State University in May. The video tells the special meaning Obon has for him as both of his grandfathers passed to the Pure Land two months apart. While taking a storyboarding class the previous year, he formed the concept for this video. After the passing of his grandfathers, he was motivated to begin working on the project. It includes the incredible, detailed, integrated use of the arts and technology in its creation.

Congratulations, Trent!

May you continue to learn the Buddha Dharma and put your Faith in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

Karen Fujii & David Misaki





# **SACBC OBON NIGHT**

## **2023 Dancing for our ancestors**

What an exciting and wonderful Obon night we had on Saturday. So many people came out to join us. The Chidori Band playing the music for our Obon night, the people dressed in colorful yukatas and happi coats came out to dance, new faces and known faces, friends and relatives who danced with us on this Obon night.

It was a very warm night, with everyone stepping and grooving to the music. It was such a special night for many who were dancing to honor their loved ones who had gone before us. A slight smile came to our faces when thinking about them while dancing. I know they would have loved to see us dancing that night.

Thank you to our instructors Brie Hornig, Grace Joo, Sandy Maruyama, Josie

Matsubayashi, Kathy Murai, Natalie Murai, Joyce Noma-Quan and Kristen Romero. You were the inspiration for so many to get up and dance with all of us.



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### **SACBC Bazaar Appreciation Luncheon**

#### **Sunday, September 24 at 12:00 noon**

We invite everyone who came out and worked the bazaar, toiled all hours to construct our booths, clean, chop and cook the foods, work in the various booths, set up, clean up, tear down and everything in between to join us for a thank you lunch on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> after service. We thank you for everything you did to get us to that weekend, and because of all our hard work, we had a very successful bazaar. Thank you.

Please RSVP by Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>, so we can get a headcount for lunch. You can call Emily or leave a message at 510-471-2581, or you can email her at [sacbcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sacbcoffice@gmail.com) to let her know you will join us for lunch.





***BWA Rummage Sale is back  
October 7 and 8, 2023***

BWA would like to have our rummage sale in October. In the past, it was difficult to dispose of large things that did not sell. Please note that we will only accept the below items. Items should be clean and in good working order. (Would you buy something that is broken???)

If you have any question about what can be donated, please email me at [karensuyama@yahoo.com](mailto:karensuyama@yahoo.com)

We will accept the following items:

- Men/Women/Children/Baby clothing, CLEAN please
- Shoes, purses, tote bags
- Luggage pieces
- **Small** kitchen appliances, clean utensils
- Dishes/drinking glasses/tableware
- Books, CD, DVD, Record albums
- Children's toys (not broken or missing parts, for obvious reasons)
- Clean sheets, blankets, bedspreads
- Baby stroller
- Fabric scraps (minimum half yard)
- Tools: hand tools including electric ones
- Collectibles

We can NO LONGER ACCEPT:

- Furniture, file cabinets, large pieces of anything
- Baby car seats, car booster seats, cribs or mattresses
- Computers
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- Bicycles, res
- Refrigerators

**PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS DURING BUSINESS HOURS BY October 1, 2023.**

Monday thru Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm

If after hours, let Karen Suyama know you have donated items to Drop Off.

**Please be kind:** If you wouldn't like to buy something broken, missing pieces or filthy dirty, then DO NOT donate to us.

NOTES: Events are subject to change.

# SEPT 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 No Service – Labor Day	4 LABOR DAY – Office Closed  8:30am Qi-gong  7pm Kendo	5  6:30 pm Scouts	6  7pm Taiko	7  7pm Kendo	8	9
10 10am Shotsuki Hoyo & Victims of War Memorial Service  Dharma School Registration, Parent Meeting & 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Classes	11 8:30am Qi-gong  7pm Kendo	12  6:30 pm Scouts	13 7:30pm-9pm SACBC Board Meeting  7pm Taiko	14  7pm Kendo	15  Golden Chain article deadline	16
17  10am Family Service (on YouTube) No in-person service	18 8:30am Qi-gong	19  6:30 pm Scouts	20  7pm Taiko	21  7pm Kendo	22	23
24 10am Fall Ohigan & BCA Bishop's Memorial  12 noon Appreciation Lunch	25 8:30am Qi-gong  7pm Kendo	26  6:30 pm Scouts	27  7pm Taiko	28  7pm Kendo	29	30
						OCT 7 & 8 RUMMAGE SALE

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Note to Members:

The “Ohigan” donation envelope was omitted during the mailing of the print version of our September *Golden Chain*. Apologies extended by Emily Carpio, Office Manager.

You may continue to donate to our Church by writing on the notation line of your check “Ohigan,” or make an online donation at:  
[www.SACBC.org/donations1](http://www.SACBC.org/donations1)

Thank you!

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

3rd--SUN	NO SERVICE – LABOR DAY
4th—MON	OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
10th—SUN	SHOTSUKI HOYO & VICTIMS OF WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE <i>DHARMA SCHOOL REGISTRATION, PARENT MEETING &amp; FIRST DAY OF CLASSES</i>
17th—SUN	FAMILY SERVICE (On YouTube); NO IN-PERSON SERVICE
24th—SUN	FALL OHIGAN & BCA BISHOP’S MEMORIAL APPRECIATION LUNCH AT NOON (IN THE RECEPTION HALL)
OCT 7 & 8 SAT & SUN	RUMMAGE SALE
<p><b>SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM</b></p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300</p> <p>PASSCODE: 549504</p>	