



During our New Year's Day Service, Shusho-e, I reflected upon 2019 which according to the Chinese astrological calendar is designated as the year of the boar or pig. Individuals born under this sign are said to be very focused, diligent, straight forward, determined, and will not leave any important task unfinished. I also remember hearing that pigs are very intelligent, and a pig weighing 60 kilograms resembles a human body in many ways. For that reason, they have been used in medical research. However, individuals born in the Year of the Pig are also said to be hardheaded, easily upset when cornered or confronted, and stubborn. Upon asking the Sangha what they thought the boar or pig represented, they immediately said "pigheaded"! It was interesting that a pig's negative quality was expressed first, before its positive traits.

# Kokoro

NEW YORK BUDDHIST CHURCH



## "Pig-headed"

February 2019

Although the aspects of the 12 zodiac symbols of Chinese astrology are considered superstitious by Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, the Chinese have been collecting data for several thousands of years. Chinese astrology is still consulted by people looking for advice on work, future endeavors, opportunities, and even a life partner. I find information about the Zodiac signs' personalities very interesting and amusing. When researching the characteristics of the signs, I must admit that I thought the descriptions of the personality types of some of the people I know who are born under certain signs were accurately described! Coincidence perhaps?

As human beings we are all seeking a meaningful and rewarding life with minimal hardships and mistakes. Sometimes we feel that we are thwarted from the quality of life that we feel we deserve by circumstances and events beyond our control. However, I have learned that the quality of my life and whether it is rewarding are not primarily determined by external events or factors. Actually, my own perception creates the outcome of events and circumstances that I experience. Shakyamuni Buddha made clear that humans are the cause of their own suffering and how they feel about or what happens in their lives, but he also identified the reasons underlying this state of existence and how to change it. Our lives are determined by our own thoughts, speech and actions. It is sometimes difficult to grasp the concept that we can affect our own perceptions and decisions beyond the physical conditions that we understand as real. We each have responsibility for our own lives and are able to live fuller lives by understanding the Four Noble Truths, following the Eight-fold path and by taking responsibility for our actions, speech, and thoughts!

The wisdom and compassion of the Buddha allows each of us to realize our full potential despite our



Reverend Earl Ikeda

shortcomings. The symbols of the Chinese Astrological calendar reminds me of how each of us has many strengths, despite some weaknesses. Realistically there is no person who is perfect. Personally, I would like to be my real self with the understanding and acceptance of this basic truth. Understanding that no one is perfect does not prevent me from moving on to achieving greater goals in life and by being responsible for my daily thoughts, speech and actions. Thank goodness (and I am grateful) for Buddha's vow to help me on my path. Oink Oink.

Namu Amida Butsu

## Onaijin Restoration

The ornaments that make up our Inner Sanctuary, Onaijin, will be restored from the middle of March until about the beginning of April. The work should take three weeks. Thanks to the hard work and diligence of the committee to restore the Onaijin, this much needed restoration will be performed for the first time in 80 years.

Our butsudan, the Buddhist altar, represents the dedication of our parents, grandparents, family members, and friends who found comfort in coming to our temple to hear and participate in our religious services over the past eight decades. The altar also is a gift from those who believed in the vows of the Buddha and took refuge in them. It was a gift to help give us strength to face the many challenges of the future.

This will impact activities happening in the Hondo and the Annex building second floor. The back of the Hondo (street entrance side) will be blocked off so entrance to the Hondo will be through the side door from the 331 building. The second floor parlor and possibly the Meditation Room will be utilized, so activities such as Wednesday night meditation and possible Tachibana Dance classes as well as other classes will be impacted and may have to be canceled during this period. We will have more information on the impact to activities in the March issue of Kokoro.

## お内陣修復工事

本堂に 仏具があるお内陣が、三月の中旬から四月の初旬まで 修復工事にかかります。工事は約三週間あります。お内陣修復委員会の努力により 80年ぶりに工事が行われます。

本堂にある仏壇は 仏教会で教えを聞き、仏教会での行事に参加した私達の両親、祖父母、家族、友人などの献身的なお気持ちを表しています。本堂は仏陀の本願と本願の帰依を信じた人からいただいた物です。仏壇は 私達を助け、今後 生きていく上で必要な力を与えてくださる貴重な物です。

**PLEASE DONATE OLD  
BLANKETS THAT YOU ARE NO  
LONGER USING FOR OUR ONAIJIN  
RESTORATION. WE ALSO NEED  
CLEAN T-SHIRTS. WE WILL HAVE  
PLASTIC BINS IN THE LOBBY TO  
COLLECT THESE ITEMS AND  
GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP MAKE  
THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS.**

Please renew your membership or become a new member of the New York Buddhist Church. The NYBC provides a warm and welcoming place for everyone to experience and learn about the Buddha Dharma. It also sponsors many events and activities that are open to all. Your membership is essential in helping us to continue to exist in New York City. If you would like to talk to someone about the benefits of membership or about our practice, please call Rev, Earl Ikeka at NYBC or contact Yoriko Armstrong or Keiko Ohtaka. A membership form appears on p. 8 of this issue.



## 頑固

修正絵の新年のサービスで、今年は 亥（豚）年だという事を述べました。2019年は 中国の旧暦の十二支によると、亥か豚になります。この亥（豚）年に生まれた人の特徴は 集中力があり、真面目で、何事にもまっすぐに進み（猪突猛進）、固い決心を貫き、どんな時でも事を成し遂げる人だという事です。亥や豚は とても頭がよく、60キロの豚の体は 人間の体にいろいろな点で似ているという事を聞きました。そのような事から 豚は医学の研究に使われています。それとは 違って 亥（豚）年に生まれた人は 融通性に欠け、すぐ動揺し、頑固だとも言われています。お正月のサービスに来たサンガの人に亥（豚）は何を意味するか聞いてみると すぐに「頑固」という答えがありました。面白いと思ったのは 亥や豚のいい特徴より先に 悪い面をまず思い浮かべた事です。

中国の旧暦の十二支で言われている事は 浄土真宗では 迷信だと考えます。中国人は 過去数千年に渡るデータを集めていて、現在でも 中国の十二支からの言われは、仕事を探している人へアドバイスや、将来の見通し及び 可能性を模索している時 又 将来の伴侶を見つける時などに使われています。私は十二支に それぞれ人の性格の特徴があるというのは とても面白く、考えると 楽しくなります。実際、十二支に言われている事を、ある年に生まれた数人の知人に 照らし合わせてみると 特徴が当たっている事がありました。ただの偶然かもしれませんが。

おそらく 人間として 私達皆が 望んでいる事は 苦勞や失敗をなるべく少なくし、生き甲斐のある人生を送りたいという事です。時々 私達は いい人生が送れないのは 自分の生活状況や自分がコントロールできない事のためだと思ってしまいます。でも 私が自分の人生を考えてみると、それが 報われているにしろ 報われていないにしろ 主に 自分以外に起きた事は 原因になっていない事を学びました。事実 私自身の見方が 自分で経験する事と周りの状況を 作りだしているのです。お釈迦様は 自分の苦しみや自分に起きている事、自分の人生についてどのように思うかなど考える事の基になるのは 人間そのものだと言っています。でも このような状態の根底にあるもの、それをどのように変えるかという理由も考えました。自分の人生は 自分自身の考え、言葉、行為により決まります。身体の状態は 自分でもよく 分かりますが、それを超えて、私達が自分自身の物の見方や決め方に影響を与えよう考えをしっかりと持つのは難しい時があります。私達一人一人が自分の生活に責任を持ち、より充実した生活をする事ができるのは 四聖諦、八正道の教えを理解する事、自分自身の行為、言葉、考えに責任をとる事によります。

仏陀の智慧と慈悲は たとえ失敗したとしても 自分が将来できるであろうという事を実現させてくれます。中国の旧暦に言われている事は 人間の欠点もありますが、たくさんの可能性がある事を 教えてくれます。実際 完璧な人間は一人もいません。自分では この基本となる真実を理解し、受け止め、ありのままの自分になりたいと思っています。誰も完璧な人はいないという事がわかり、より高い目標を目指して人生に向かい、毎日の自分の考え、言葉、行為に責任をもって、歩んでいく決心です。仏陀の本願が 私の歩んでいく道を助けてくださる事に 感謝いたします。

南無阿弥陀仏

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Translated by Nobuko Kodama

## Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Services Schedule for 2019

Shotsuki hoyo is a traditional monthly service to remember your loved ones who died during that month, particularly in the intervals listed below. The Memorial Service provides a way to express your gratitude and recognize their continuing influence in your life. To arrange a shotsuki hoyo memorial service, please talk to Rev. Earl Ikeda or one of our minister's assistants.

<b>2018... 1st Year</b>	<b>2017 ... 3rd Year</b>	<b>2013 ... 7th Year</b>	<b>2007 ... 13th Year</b>
<b>2001... 17th Year</b>	<b>1995 ... 25th Year</b>	<b>1987... 33rd Year</b>	<b>1970 ... 50th Year</b>

The names of the persons we will be remembering this month and next are listed below.

<b>February 2019</b> <b>Sunday, February 3</b>		<b>March 2019</b> <b>Sunday, March 3</b>	
Aunt, Stogh NA	Mitani, Yoshio 1943	Fukuchi, Kaname 1994	Kume, Hidekichi 2008
Bushnell, Joe NA	Miyamura, Shichi 1997	Hahn, Maude 1992	Miyamura, Yoshio 1985
Bushnell, Maime NA	Nakamura, James 2015	Hayden, Joseph 1994	Chieko Kikyuchi Nakagawa 2018
Davis, Albert F. 2007	Namba, Michino 1989	Hino, Larry Tateaki 2004	Nakamura, Suya 1978
Davis, Shizue Shimbo 2013	Omori, Yoko 1994	Horita, George Hiroshi 2003	Nogami, Mitsue Arita 2015
DiTomasso, Katherine Mary 1993	Sakow, Toshihiko 2000	Horita, Haruo 1997	Ochiai, Fuku 2008
Gyaltsen, Dorki 2004	Schroeter, Susan 1962	Inoue, Kazuko 2011	Okada, Barbra Teri 2011
Hara, Davis Eiji 1979	Shindo, Shige 1947	Ishida, Kazumi 1965	Okada, Isaburo 1949
Harada, Matsuo 1984	Taoka Nobuji 1965	Ito, Mary 2005	Okada, Richard Alan 1987
Horita, Koichi 1952	Tep, Borey 2015	Kamada, Mitsuye 2016	Pascarella, Josephine Tringali 2004
Inaba, Flu Hitoshi 1992	Tono, Shiteyo 1988	Kan, Steven 2016	Poon, Peter 2000
Iriye, Tom Tateki 1995	Wise, Gregory 1983	Kasuga, Mieko Grace 1968	Tamura, Yoshiko NA
Kato, Roy 2011	Yanagida, Tadashi 1965	Kasuga, Teruo Terry 1986	Usui, Betty Tono 1999
Kurokawa, Teru 2016	Yasuda, Kunihiro 1959	Katajima, Robert 2004	Walker, Charles F. 1991
		Kubo, Yukichi 1957	Yabuki, Tadayuki NA
			Yamakawa, Richard Alan 1992
			Yampolsky, Anne Rei 1964

## World Conference of Buddhist Women, August 30-Sept 1 in San Francisco

On August 30-September 1, 2019, the Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (BCA FBWA) will host the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention at the San Francisco Marriott Grand Marquis in San Francisco, California. This marks the 120th Anniversary of the arrival of Jodo Shinshu to the United States when Hongwanji-ha's first two kaikyoshi (minister) arrived in San Francisco in 1899. The convention welcomes members and non-members, men and women to come together on an international level to explore and experience the Convention theme: "Live the Nembutsu." Approximately 2,000 women and men of many generations are anticipated to gather from Japan, Canada, South America, Hawaii, and throughout the US mainland.

The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Association held the first World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto, Japan in 1961, and since then, various member countries have had the honor of hosting the conventions approximately every four years. There is also a fundraiser, "Arigato Obaachan" to help defray expenses and to try to keep the registration fee at a modest amount of \$350.00.

If you would like more information about this convention or are interested in attending, please contact Ruth Funai or Gertrude Kihara. Information is also available at [www.wbwconvention.org](http://www.wbwconvention.org).

## Sangha News By Ruth Funai

**Yasuko, Mariko and Junko Kato** took a 7-day cruise to Nassau, Bahamas, celebrating Yasuko's birthday in December. They boarded the ship at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal, attended the mandatory evacuation drill and watched as they passed the Statue of Liberty. The first stop was at Port Canaveral, Florida where Yasuko and Junko went to Coco Beach for a stroll. They celebrated Yasuko's birthday with a delicious dinner at Cagney's Steakhouse.

On the third day, they arrived at the Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas where they took a tender (shuttle boat) to the cay. They had a relaxing time, sitting on the beach in lounge chairs, dipping their feet in the beautiful blue waters and had a BBQ picnic buffet. On the fourth day, they arrived bright and early in Nassau where they spent the day wandering around the city and strolled on the Junkanoo Beach. They visited the John Watling Distillery where for \$20.00, they could taste 5 different rums- not tipsy after that? They spent time at the National Gallery of Art Bahamas which had very interesting exhibits of local artists. They had lunch featuring fried conch and fish with fries- yummy!

The trip back to New York took 2-days with no stops, with the first day being balmy with a light breeze. Then, they came into stormy weather, so no doubt, terra firma in New York City was a welcoming feeling! It's good to see Mariko and Yasuko back at NYBC!

**New Years Greetings:** addition and corrections:

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and good New Year from rainy Oregon. **Sahomi and Frank**

Happy Year of the Pig-2019! **Yasuko and Mariko Kato**



*Mariko, Yasuko and Junko Kato enjoying their Bahamas Cruise.*

## White Elephant Sale Coming Up

The Annual White Elephant Sale will be held in April instead of March this year in order to accommodate the restoration of the Onaijin which will be taking place from the middle of March through early April. The Adult Buddhist Association's annual White Elephant Sale will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 10am to 4pm in the NYBC Hondo, and includes a Silent Auction from 10am to 2pm. Delicious homemade Japanese food will be sold along with "treasures", including jewelry, household goods. This annual event is a lot of fun, a chance to sample great food, meet up with friends and family, and find that special treasure. Bring your friends and family for a great time!

We will begin to accept donations once the work on the Onaijin is completed, so start thinking about cleaning out those closets for items you would like to donate, except for electronics, clothing and books which do not sell, based on past experience. Traditional Japanese craft and textile items are especially welcome. Prices for table rentals to sell your good will be announced in next month's Kokoro.

We would really appreciate volunteers to help set up on Friday evening, April 12 from 4 to 8pm, and to clean up on Saturday, April 13 after the event at 4pm.

Contact event chairs, Tony Armstrong, Tony DiTomasso or Renee Semenick for additional information.

## January Board Highlights By Cheryl Ikemiya

**Financial Report:** Roof repair needed in 2019. There is no cost estimate at present, but we project it might cost \$20,000-25,000. The Hondo shoji lights need repair or replacement and the estimate is \$1,500-2,000. Finally the completion of the contract and other expenditures for the Onaijin restoration is approximately \$62,000 to be fully paid by the end of March 2019 to Aloha Business Consulting. We have already covered \$57,750 as the first payment. The remaining \$57,758 will be paid upon completion of the project. We have raised sufficient funds to cover the costs for the restoration. We will need to raise an additional \$33,000 to cover the roof and lighting.

**Building Committee:** Building Chair: Nancy Okada and Building Committee volunteers: Tony Armstrong, Isabelle Bernard, Richard Gross, and Mac Evans. First meeting is scheduled for 12/20. The Committee will become more involved in dealing with the repairs and vetting the vendors.

Boiler repair is expected this week, the Building Chair decided to go with replacement of the inner core. The outer shell and the pipes will remain. Discussion focused on NYCO Plumbing and Heating Co. and whether the company is providing good service. (Boiler has subsequently been repaired and heat restored to the buildings.)

### New Business

**Rev. Earl Ikeda's 2019 Salary Recommendation:** The Board agreed to increase to Rev. Ikeda's salary in keeping with BCA guidelines, this includes housing annuity of 300/mo. The NYBC is also responsible for his insurance, which BCA no longer handles. As of 1/1/19, Rev. Ikeda will be going on Medicare and NYBC will cover the cost for AARP United Healthcare supplemental insurance (less than \$500/month), which represents a considerable savings from past insurance coverage.

**Recruiting new members** Suggest all board members should take responsibility for recruitment. New activities are bringing in new people. Adding a category of "friends" for cultural activities within the institution was suggested, discussion be tabled for some concrete ideas at a future or separate meeting.

**BCA National Board meeting:** Isabelle Bernard gave report. *Reports from meeting on file in office.*

### Old Business

**Annual Sokai Meeting** – The date for the Sokai is set for January 27, 2019.

Up for re-election for the 2019-2021 term: Anthony DiTomasso, Cheryl Ikemiya, Gail Inaba, Nobuko Kodama, Nancy Okada. Nominating Committee (Yoriko Armstrong and Keiko Ohtaka): There is

one open position for the 2019-2021 term. The Nominating Committee will speak with eligible candidates from the group of eligible members. The qualifications for Board members are two-year history of membership and willingness to do work.

Invitations must be sent to pledged members during the first week of January 2019. The indemnification and insurance amendment will be voted on and should be included with the invitation. Reports and the minutes from the 2018 Sokai meeting will be included in the mailing.

**Mochitsuki – Ruth** reported that usu was repaired and the burner was adjusted to provide optimal heat. Mochigome was delivered.

**Onaijin Fund and Restoration:** The committee working on the renovation of the Onaijin is Rev. Earl Ikeda, Isabelle Bernard, Nobuko Kodama, Nancy Okada, Yoriko Armstrong, and Cheryl Ikemiya. Cheryl is the primary contact. We will need a committee to prepare the requirements for the workplan of the team. (*See printout of requirements for repair.*)

### **Affiliated Organizations and Committee Reports**

**ABA:** Keiko reported that the Holiday party made some money.

**BWA:** 16<sup>th</sup> World BWA Convention will be held in San Francisco from 8/30/19 to 9/1/19.

**Finance Committee:** Preliminary financial report of expenses and income for 2017. The team will begin inputting all income and expenses in Quickbooks Online from 2019.





## So Daiko News

By Julianna Hessel

Happy New Year from Soh Daiko! We were so happy to participate in the NYBC's annual Mochitsuki. Our members deepened their knowledge of the various step in making mochi from pounding to cutting the mochi and we were invigorated by the church community coming together to ring in the new year in such a special way.

This month we also welcomed 2019 with Soh Daiko's annual Mochitsuki. Past and present members, as well as friends, joined us for an afternoon of eating delicious homemade food, singing, pounding mochi, and sharing what we love about Soh Daiko. It was wonderful catching up with old friends and getting to know new ones, sharing fond memories and making even more. We are so grateful for everyone who could share this day with us, and we would like to say a special thank you to Reverend Earl for leading us in a blessing for our 2019 season.

Soh Daiko is proud and excited to kick off this year's performance season by announcing our 40th Anniversary Concert, a celebration of Soh Daiko's rich 40 years of history and the years to come, on Saturday, June 22. This show will showcase the best of our repertoire, with multimedia components to highlight Soh Daiko's history and values. The theme of our concert is kizuna, representing the bond and oneness we feel with our membership and community. The NYBC has been our home for these past 40 years and we hope will be our home for the next 40 to come. Get your tickets now at a special earlybird price by visiting [40th.sohdaiko.org](http://40th.sohdaiko.org) and using the coupon code "HAYAOKI", or by talking to a Soh Daiko member. Get



*Getting ready to celebrate the 40th Anniversary*

ready for an afternoon of powerful drumming, intricate rhythms, demonstrations of endurance, strength, and joy, and to be a part of this exciting and vibrant production.

In addition to our 40th Anniversary Concert, we have many exciting performances lined up for the coming year. This includes participating in the Pan Asian Lunar New Year festival at Rutgers University on February 2, joining the broader East Coast taiko community at this year's ECTC concert at Cornell University on February 23, and our annual show with the Carnegie Neighborhood Series at the LaGuardia Performing Arts Center on March 16. For more details on our upcoming shows, please visit [www.sohdaiko.org](http://www.sohdaiko.org).

**Interested in leaning how to play taiko?  
Join Teddy Yoshikami's Taiko classes for  
children and adults. A special class for 5  
year olds is also being offered. Classes usu-  
ally meet twice a month. Check the Kokoro  
calendar for dates and times. It's a lot of  
fun and nothing beats hitting a drum for  
relieving stress!**

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Payments made お支払方法 (Please check.) (該当する項目にチェックマークをお願いします。)

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Additional donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (その他寄付金)

Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (お支払金額合計)



## New York Buddhist Church Feb.-Mar. 2019

### February

**Feb. 2, Sat.** 10-11:30am: Dharma Gathering and Study Class

**Feb. 3, Sun.** 11:30am: Shotsuki Hoyo; Speaker: Rev. Ikeda, Chairperson: Ruth Funai, Greeter: Hiroki Hasegawa, Music: Nobuko Kodama

1pm: Religious Education Dept. meeting

**Feb. 6, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Feb. 7, Thu.** 7-8:30pm: Howakai (Japanese Study Group)

**Feb. 9, Sat.** 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle

2:30-4pm: American Buddhist Study Center Program ; Film "American Pastime" A film based on events at the Topaz Incarceration Center

**Feb. 10, Sun.** 11:30am: Nirvana Day (Nehan-e) and Pets Memorial Service Speaker: MA; Chairperson: Hoshina Seki, Greeter: Lily Sakai Johnson Music: Nobuko Kodama

1:30pm: Adult Buddhist Association meeting

Taiko classes : 5 year olds (12:30-1:15), Children (1-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm)

**Feb. 13, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Feb. 17, Sun.** 10:30am: Japanese Service; 11:30am: English Service Speaker: Rev. Earl Ikeda; Chairperson: Gail Inaba, Greeter: Susan Bloom, Music: Ukulele Group

1:00pm: Board of Trustees meeting

**Feb. 20, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Feb. 23, Sat.** 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle

**Feb. 24, Sun.** 10:30am: Japanese Service, 11:30am: English Service Speaker: MA Gary Jaskula; Chairperson: Richard Gross, Greeter: Diana Omori, Music: Ukulele Group

Taiko classes : 5 year olds (12:30-1:15), Children (1-2:15pm); adults (2-3:15pm)

**Feb. 27, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

### March

**Mar. 2, Sat.** 10-11:30am: Dharma Gathering

2:30-4pm: American Buddhist Study Center Program

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**Mar. 14, Thurs** ONAJIN RESTORATION BEGINS

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1:30pm: Board of Trustees meeting

**Mar. 20, Wed.** 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

**Mar. 23, Sat.** 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle

**Mar. 24, Sun.** 11:30am: Rennyo Shonin Memorial Service

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## Ongoing Activities

Children's and Adult's Taiko Drumming: Sundays, usually every other week, 12:30-1:15, 1:15-2:15pm, 2:15-3:15 pm NYBC Dojo. Email Teddy Yoshikami at [tyoshikami@verizon.net](mailto:tyoshikami@verizon.net) for more information.

Kokushi Budo Institute Martial Arts Class: Weekday evenings and Saturday mornings, NYBC Dojo. More information: [www.kokushibudo.com](http://www.kokushibudo.com).

Soh Daiko Drumming: Thursdays, 7-9:30 pm and Saturdays, 2-5pm, NYBC Dojo. More information: [www.sohdaiko.org](http://www.sohdaiko.org).

Tachibana Dance Group: Saturdays, 11:30 am NYBC Annex, 2nd floor. More information: talk to Nancy Okada, and visit [www.chrbu.net/page-albu-recital](http://www.chrbu.net/page-albu-recital).

Howakai: Japanese Study Group, usually first Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 pm

Chanting and Meditation: Usually Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 pm

Ukulele Class and Strumming circle: Usually every other Saturday afternoon 12:30-2 pm

Dharma Study Group: usually first Saturday of the month, morning 10-11:30 am

Jinpukai (Okinawan Dance) usually every Monday 7-9 pm



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