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 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、今後生活し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葉は、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に、将来的の伴侶を見つける時に使われています。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労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。時々私達は良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いきます。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のに、報われていないのに、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考えると考える事に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拠にあるもの、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るか否かをしっかり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、考えに責任をとると事ができます。

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、たくさん可能性がある事を教えてくれます。実際、完璧な人間はいません。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います。誰も完璧な人では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

翻訳 小玉 修子

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.

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

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

**February 2019**
Sunday, February 3

Aunt, Stogh NA
Bushnell, Joe NA
Bushnell, Maime NA
Davis, Albert F. 2007
Davis, Shizue Shimbo 2013
DiTomasso, Katherine Mary 1993
Gyaltsen, Dorki 2004
Hara, Davis Eiji 1979
Harada, Matsuo 1984
Horita, Koichi 1952
Inaba, Flu Hitoshi 1992
Iriye, Tom Tateki 1995
Kato, Roy 2011
Kurokawa, Teru 2016

Mitani, Yoshio 1943
Miyamura, Shichi 1997
Nakamura, James 2015
Namba, Michino 1989
Omori, Yoko 1994
Sakow, Toshihiko 2000
Schroeter, Susan 1962
Shindo, Shige 1947
Taoka Nobuji 1965
Tep, Borey 2015
Tono, Shiteyo 1988
Wise, Gregory 1983
Yanagida, Tadashi 1965
Yasuda, Kunihiko 1959

**March 2019**
Sunday, March 3

Fukuchi, Kaname 1994
Hahn, Maude 1992
Hayden, Joseph 1994
Hino, Larry 2004
Horita, George Hiroshi 2003
Horita, Haruo 1997
Inoue, Kazuko 2012
Ishida, Kazumi 1965
Ito, Mary 2015
Kamada, Mitsuye 2016
Kan, Steven 2016
Kasuga, Mieko Grace 1968
Kasuga, Teruo Terry 1986
Katajima, Robert 2004
Kubo, Yukichi 1957
Kume, Hideki 2008
Miyamura, Yoshio 1985
Chieko Kikychi Nakagawa 2018
Nakamura, Suya 1978
Nogami, Mitsue Arita 2015
Ochiai, Fuku 2008
Okada, Barbra Teri 2011
Okada, Isaburo 1949
Okada, Richard Alan 1987
Pascarella, Josephine Tringali 2004
Poon, Peter 2000
Tamura, Yoshiko NA
Usui, Betty Tono 1999
Walker, Charles F. 1991
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 Buddhhist 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.
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

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**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 stuff 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.
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 schedule 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: 16th 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.
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 steps 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 and using the coupon code “HAYAOKI”, or by talking to a Soh Daiko member. Get 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.

Interested in learning 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 usually 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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Check appropriate membership: (該当する項目にチェックマークをお願いします。)

_______Individual membership pledge is $250.00 (個人会員 $250)

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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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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 for more information.


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