A long time ago, on a brutally cold winter night in rural Japan, a wealthy family was startled by a knock on the door. The husband wondered who would visit them on such a cold night, and asked the maid to answer the door. The maid opened the door and found a beautiful woman standing at the door. The woman introduced herself saying, “I am a goddess of good fortune. May I come in?” She wore a gorgeous outfit, with a golden scarf floating around her, radiating light. The maid asked the woman to wait, and rushed back to the living room, where she reported what she just saw.

The master of the house was delighted and personally went to the door to greet her. He bowed deeply and said, “Please come in. We are delighted to have you in our house.” As the goddess of good fortune was entering, he saw a dark, figure behind her, hidden in the shadows. Although it was a dark, stormy night, he could see an ugly young woman with dark, tattered clothing standing behind the noble goddess. The master stopped her and asked her who she was. The ugly woman answered, “I am a goddess of misfortune. Wherever I go, disaster follows.” “Oh, no!” The man exclaimed. “We can’t invite you in. Sorry, but you cannot come in, young lady. You must go elsewhere,” the man firmly told her. The ugly young woman smiled gently and said, “I understand. I will leave now, but my twin sister must leave, too. We are always together. Wherever one goes, the other must follow.” And they both left.

They visited every house in the village, but no one welcomed them both. The goddesses stood at the last house, a ramshackle little shack, that looked like very poor people lived inside. The twin goddesses decided to change the order in which they spoke. This time, the ugly goddess knocked at the door, and the goddess of good fortune stood in the shadows behind her. An old woman answered the door and said, “Who’s there, on such a terrible night? Oh, dear! You look terrible! Please come in out of the cold. We do not have much food, but we have a warm fire pit. Please come in and sit down.” The ugly goddess hesitantly said, “Thank you, but I am a goddess of misfortune, and my sister is here, too. May we both come in?” The old woman smiled at the ugly goddess and said, “It’s okay. You look so cold and tired that you might freeze to death if you stay outside.

We don’t have much to lose. Of course you can both come in.” Entering the old woman’s house, they saw an old man seated by the fire pit, making a straw hat.

The old couple offered the goddesses their own futon (mattress), since they did not have any extra ones for guests, and they slept in the barn. The next morning, by the time they woke up, the twin goddesses were already gone. They found a plate full of mochi for the new year, a pile of straw hats for snowy days, and golden statues of the goddesses where they sat by the fire pit.

In modern society, it is believed that wealth or fortune can improve our lives and make us happy. Technology has enriched our lives, but we still look for happiness from outside. Shinran Shonin said that we cannot be happy alone. A simple fire pit was enough to make an old couple and a pair of goddesses warm and happy on a cold night. Where does your happiness come from?

Namo Amida Butsu

Cont. on p. 7
Holiday Party Festivities 2018

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

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Onaijin Restoration to Begin

The campaign for the restoration of the Onaijin (altar) is nearing completion, and a team of five artisans will arrive from Japan in mid-March to be in residence for three weeks to see the project through. The NYBC Board is working with Mr. Tatsuji Maeda of Aloha Business Consulting to oversee the restoration with the work executed on site. During this period, the main parts of the altar will be disassembled and moved to the Annex building second floor front parlor as well as a section near the back entrance of the Hondo. The lacquer, gold leaf and painted carvings will be restored during this process. We would like to thank all the individuals who contributed toward the first restoration of the original altar and look forward to celebrating with our members a newly restored Onaijin in April.
昔々ある寒い日に、日本の田舎の小さい町に住む裕福な家族が、戸をたたく音を聞いて驚きました。その家の主人は、こんな寒い日に一体誰が訪ねて来るのだろうと不思議に思い、お手伝いの人に出てみるように言いました。戸を開けてみると、そこには、きれいな女性が立っていました。その女性は、美しい着物を着て、金の衣を巻き、光でお輝いていました。お手伝いの人は、女性に待つように言い、居間に急いでもどり、今見た事を主人に伝えました。

それを聞いて、主人は喜び勇んで戸で女神を迎え、深くお辞儀をして「どうぞお入りください。家に来ていただいて光栄です。」と言いました。そこで、幸運の女神が家に入ろうとするとき、主人は女神の後ろの陰に隠れているもう一人の暗い姿を見ました。その日は暗い、吹雪の夜でしたが、高貴な女神の後ろにぼろぼろの着物を着た、みすぼらしい若い女性が見えました。主人は、その女性を引き止め、「私は不幸の女神です。私が行く所はどこでも不幸な事が起きるのです。」と言おうと聞いて主人は、「申し訳ありませんが、お迎えする事は出来ません。どこか他へ行ってくださいませんか。」と言って、言ったのです。すると、女性は優しく微笑み、「わかりました。それなら今出て行きましょう。でも私たちは双子ですから、二人とも出て行かなくてはいけません。いつも一緒にいますから、一人が行く所には必ず離れないでついて行くのです。」と言って、出て行きました。

その後、二人の女神は村の全ての家を訪ねました。でも二人を迎え入れてくれる人は一人もいませんでした。女神は、最後に貧しい人が住んでいると思えるみすぼらしい小屋に立ち止まりました。今度は、双子の女神は話す順序を変え、まず不幸の女神が戸をたたき、幸運の女神はその女神の後ろに隠りました。すると、年老いた女性が戸を開け、「こんな日にどうなたでしょうか。まあ、かわいそうに。すぐに入ってください。食べ物はたいしてありませんが、暖かいいろりがあります。さあ、入ってお座りください。」と言いました。不幸の女神は遠慮しながら、「ありがとうございます。でも私は不幸の女神で、ここにもう一人の双子の女神がいます。二人で入っても構いませんか。」年老いた女性は不幸の女神に笑顔で、こう答えました。「どうぞ、どうぞ。お二人とも寒さで、お疲れなので、このまま外にいたら凍え死んでしまいそうに。気にしないで、お二人ともお入りなさい。」と言いました。その女性の家に入ると、いろりのそばには年とした人が座っていて、わらで笠を作っていました。

年寄りの夫婦は、女神に自分たちが寝ていた布団を使ってもらい、お客さん用の布団がなかったので自分達は納屋で寝ました。次の朝、夫婦が起きた時には双子の女神はもういませんでした。そして、お正月のためのたくさんのお餅と雪の日にかぶる笠が積んであるのを見つけました。その上に、いろりのそばにあったのは、年とした夫婦が座っていて、わらで笠を作っていました。

現代社会では、富や財産が人を幸せにすると考えられています。テクノロジーの発達で人の生活は豊かになりましたが現代人はまだ、見かけの幸せを求めているようですね。親鸞上人は、人は一人では幸せになれないと言いました。たった一つのいろりが寒い日に年老いた夫婦と双子の女神の心を暖め、またとない喜びを与えました。皆さんの幸せはどこから来るのだろうか。

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.

**January 2019**
**Sunday, January 6**

Asakura, Michiko 2002
Awaya, Sei 1954
Awaya, Shinji 1979
Endo, Tsuguo 2016
Horiguchi, Mitsuo 1990
Katori, Chiyo 1995
Kehler, Alan 1995
Kitajima, Molly 2014
Kodama, Tokuko Edna 2014
Kubo, Aki 2012
Kuboki, Jimmy Masami 1988
Kuwaki, Katumori 2015
Levitch, Yoko Matsuo 1985
Matsumoto, Ryoji 2014

Mitani, Ryou 1998
Mitani, Yuki 1934
Miyazaki, Katsu 1991
Miyazaki, Seiichi 1954
Motoyoshi, Sayuri 1994
Nagisa, Miho 1982
Nke-Aka, Dr. Nori 2004
Nojima, Junzó 1983
Okada, Stanley T. 1980
Okada, Sekio 1992
Okubo, Gontaro 1959
Sato, Masatoshi 1981
Schroeter, Charles 1952
Schroeter, Edward 1972
Shiomi, Kenjiro 1991
Sumi, Shizuko 1992
Takeda, Koito 1958
Tenzing, Dupjue 2004

Tsuji, James Toshiaki 1995
Yakata, Helen Osamu 2014
Yakata, John Osamu 1991
Yoshida, Kenichi 1999

**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
Shef, Shige 1947
Taoka Nobuji 1965
Tep, Borey 2015
Tono, Shiteyo 1988
Wise, Gregory 1983
Yanagida, Tadashi 1965
Yasuda, Kunihiko 1959

**In Memoriam**

George Yamamoto, a NYBC member who had served on the Board of Trustees for many years, passed away at the age of 89 on November 15, 2018. He and his family lived in New Jersey until his transfer to Cortland, New York, living there for the past 40 years. He worked as a mechanical engineer at Intertek, being promoted to vice president of the air conditioning division. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii where he met his wife, Yoneko “Ann” Yamamoto.

They were both very active volunteers at NYBC, raising their children during their formative years in the Sunday School, now known as the Dharma School. He was predeceased by his son, Dean. We extend our condolences and deepest sympathies to Ann, daughter, Ann Mohammed, the family, relatives and many friends.
By Ruth Funai

Brian and Kyoko McGurgan, long time NYBC members, report they experienced a strong magnitude 7.0 earthquake, the morning of November 30, with the epicenter just seven miles north of Anchorage. Only minor injuries were reported and damage to buildings and infrastructure, while significant, was far less than might have occurred from such a strong earthquake. Many people here credit the improved building codes introduced following the devastating M9.2 Great Alaska Earthquake of 1964 for the region’s resilience. Since the quake, things have now mostly returned to normal. Frequent aftershocks had everyone on edge but seem to be subsiding. It was a very frightening experience, but they were grateful that Anchorage has pulled through so well.

They have been really enjoying life in Alaska which they had visited ten years ago with Kyoko’s parents and aunt. They had wanted go ever since, as they were amazed by the dramatic beauty and vast scale of the landscape and loved seeing all the wildlife. A year and a half ago, they decided to try living there so they could visit more of the state and to see what it was like throughout the year. Brian is working as an Information Technology analyst and Kyoko is a social worker at an art studio working with the developmentally disabled population. They enjoy time outdoors all year long, including the long winter when daylight is short.

They help friends with dog sled training and races, photograph the spectacular scenery and the Northern Lights, and during whale watches and on glacier tours. This year, they spent much time in August and September along the coast of the Cook Inlet around Anchorage watching and photographing the pods of beluga whales that live there. They frequently hike up onto the bluffs south of town to watch white Dall sheep and occasional black bears and have gotten to know moose very well. You could learn more about life there, by visiting Kyoko’s blog at: https://kyokoandbriansalaskanadventure.wordpress.com/.

They would love to have their friends let them know if they are a planning a trip to Alaska!

In Memoriam

Dimitri B. Bakhroushin, a Minister's Assistant under the tutelage of Rev. Hozen Seki, passed away on October 18, 2018 at the age of 72. He conducted Sunday Dharma School classes, assisted the services at the Isabella Home, and participated in many interfaith events. He authored a book titled "A Buddhist-Christian Synthesis: One Can Be Both Buddhist and Christian" (Vantage Press, 1995). A memorial service was conducted at NYBC on December 2.

Soh Daiko, cont. from p. 7

Another highlight of the past month was the New York Buddhist Church’s night of caroling. Our members were delighted to spend time with the church community, enjoy delicious home-cooked food, exchange gifts, and kazoo their favorite holiday songs. We would like to thank the church, the New Uke City Strummers, and the Reverend for including us in these heart-warming festivities. As the year comes to a close, Soh Daiko reflects on the terrific year we’ve had and all that the new year will bring.

Come January, we will be full-steam-ahead celebrating our 40th anniversary, and we can’t wait to share with you all that we’ve been working on!
Happy New Year! **KIMIKO & GAIL INABA**  
Aki-mashite Omedeto! Namu Amida Butsu—**CLEMENT & ARILENE HIRAE**  
*Happy New Year 2018—Year of the Pig.* In Gassho, **YASUKO & MARIKO KATO**  
*Sincere Hopes for a Safe and Rewarding 2019!* **AIKO & NANCY OKADA**  
Peace and Good Health in 2019! **TACHIBANA DANCE GROUP**

Best Wishes for Peace, Health & Joy to Everyone! **JEFF, LILLIAN, CHRISTOPHER & SARAH LUM**  
*May the New Year bring good health and happiness to everyone and their loved ones.* **RENEE SEMENICK**  
*Akemashita Omedeto Gozaimasu.*

Happy New Year Year of the Boar! from **TONY and YORIKO ARMSTRONG**  
*A Bright & Happy New Year to Everyone in the World!* **DAI MIYAZAKI**  
*Wishing you health, peace and joy in the Year of the Boar—2019!* **THE OHTAKAS**  
*May peace, compassion and good health prevail throughout the year!* **RUTH, BRIAN, CRAIG, LAURA & JULIA**  
*May you experience joy and fulfillment living your Passion and Purpose, as satoru “sat” Tsufura did!* **ALICE, DONNA, LAMARR TSUFURA**  
*Peace on Earth!* **PAULA HORII**  
*Wishing all our Sangha friends, a Wonderful and Happy New Year from The American Buddhist Study Center*

And from:

**ISABELLE BERNARD**  
**DAVID OKADA**  
**SUSAN BLOOM**  
**KARL DAVIS**  
**TONY PITOMASSO**  
**AUGUST ELDER**  
**RICHARD GROSS**  
**HIROKI HASEGAWA**  
**CHERYL IKEMIYA**  
**CHIEKO IWAKI**  
**GERTRUDE KIHARA**  
**ESTELLE KIMIZUKA**  
**NOBUKO KODAMA**  
**MICHAEL & DIANA MORITA**  
**LILLIAN MOY**  
**HARUKE SAKURAZAWA**  
**T.Y.**  
**MASAMI SUMITANI**  
**YUKIKO Sato**  
**KYOKO NISHIYAMA**  
**JOAN MIYAZAKI**  
**TOMOKO and MAYA IWAKI**  
**TATSUO ITO**  
**DAKIM DUNCAN**

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**Pets’ Memorial Service Nirvana Day, February 2019**

Pet’s Name(s): ________________________________

Check one: ___Cat  ___Dog  ___Other (describe) ____________________________________________

Your Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Please give this form to any Minister’s Assistant or Rev. Ikeda by February 2018. Please consider giving an extra donation in memory of your pet(s).
Nirvana Day and Pets Memorial

By Gary Jaskula, MA

We will hold our annual Pets Memorial Observance on Sunday, February in conjunction with the Nirvana Day Service. Pets Memorial is a lovely and popular custom celebrated in BCA temples.

We honor the memory of the deceased animal companions who have enriched our lives. We are reminded that all sentient beings have Buddha nature and the potential for enlightenment. With their love and devotion our pets share their lives and connect with us in very deep ways beyond human words.

If you have seen traditional Mahayana pictures of the passing of the Buddha into Nirvana, Shakyamuni Buddha is lying down in the grove surrounded by disciples from all walks of life. And frequently down front the animals are also there. The Buddha enters Nirvana surrounded by all creation. What a wonderful way to celebrate Nirvana Day for young and old alike.

At the NYBC, we enjoy listening to the names of our beloved departed pets read out at the beginning of the service. You are also invited to bring pictures of these pets which are set up on the onaijin for the Nirvana Day Service.

To place your pets name on the list, kindly fill out a pets memorial form that appeared in last month’s issue of Kokoro and return it to any of the ministers assistants or Rev. Ikeda by February or call the temple. Forms will also be placed at the entrance of the Hondo. If you are bringing photos for the onaijin, please have them at the Temple an hour before the service on February. After the service, please stay a few minutes before going up to enjoy refreshments to pick up your photos to take home.

So Daiko News By Julianna Hessel

At the start of December we welcomed two Girl Scout troops to the dojo for an introduction to taiko workshop. The 17 girls, ranging in age from 9 to 15, and their 5 leaders learned basic hitting technique and kiai, developed their playing and listening skills through drills, and got the chance to perform a solo with the musical support of their troops and Soh Daiko members. The girls left with their City Adventure badges and a newfound appreciation for taiko. It was very special to watch this group learn, gain confidence, and most importantly have fun playing taiko. We are so glad to have been the ones to introduce them to it!

Later, we had the great fortune to give a workshop to the Bergenfield High School taiko group. This workshop focused on playing as a group and then supporting each other with kiai, accessory instruments, and movement. We are thankful for the relationship we’ve formed with Bergenfield High School Taiko, and we hope to see their faces at one of our recruitment workshops down the road! Cont. on p. 5

Hoonko Service and Shojin Ryoori Bento

The memorial service observing the passing of our founder Shinran Shonin is called Hoonko in Japanese. Of the Six Major Services, Roku Daihoyo, this observance is considered the most important. This year our Hoonko service is on Sunday, January 20.

In Japan, this observance is held three times; at the home, the family temple, and at the Mother Temple, Honzan. Hoon means to express gratitude, and kou means the gathering of the group or sangha. We reflect upon the Wondrous Vow, guzeigan, of Amida Buddha which assures us birth in the Pure Land.

It is traditional to serve a vegetarian/vegan meal at this service, shojin ryoori. NYBC volunteers will be making traditional bentos for this service. The cost of the bento is $25 each. Please sign up or call the temple at (212) 678-0305 to reserve yours.

Annual Sokai Meeting Sunday January 27

All members are invited to attend the NYBC’s annual meeting. New Board members will be elected and reports by various officers and groups will be presented. It is a good opportunity to ask the Board of Trustees any questions you have about the operations or any other matter related to the NYBC.
Mochitsuki 2018
### New York Buddhist Church Jan.-Feb. 2019

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<td>Mariko Kato, Greeter: Lillian Moy, Music: Nobuko Kodama</td>
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**Save the Dates:**

**Ho-onko Service Sun. Jan. 20**

**Reserve your Shojin Ryori Bento**

**Annual Sokai Meeting Sun. Jan. 27**

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Ongoing Activities

Children’s and Adult’s Taiko Drumming: Sundays, usually every other week, 1-2pm, 2-3 pm NYBC Dojo. Email Teddy Yoshikami at tyoshikami@verizon.net for more information. (May be delayed response in Jan. And Feb.)


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

Chanting and Meditation: Usually Sunday mornings 10:30-11:00 am and 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