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The Teachings Bring Hope

October 2019

As I reflect upon today's challenging natural, social and political circumstances, I can't help but think about how grateful I am for the teachings of the Buddha which enable me to approach current uncertainties and troubling events with renewed energy and hope.

For me, the teachings of the Buddha are not meant to be kept in a box and brought out just for Sunday Service or to address particular times or situations. The teachings are tools that we can use every day to find peace, tranquility, and serenity. Although the countless number of global economic, political, social and environmental issues can cause despair at a higher, world-view level, they also are really part of our individual day to day existence which contains other types of more personal hardships and unhappiness. With gratitude, by turning to the basic Teachings of the Buddha, there are endless possibilities and opportunities to turn despair and unhappiness about both global and individual problems into hope.

Personally, I look to the Teachings and ask myself, how can I be so blessed to receive the guidance of the Buddha, and what should my purpose be? Of course, as we utilize the tools we each discover our own path. On my own journey, I frequently turn to *Juseige*, the "Hymn Reaffirming the Vows" and the "Larger Sutra," which guide me to an understanding that Amida Buddha promises always to be there for me. This understanding gives me the strength and courage to face head-on the harsh realities of my troubled world. The universal vow of Amida Buddha is constantly embracing me and telling me I'm here, I haven't abandoned you, I will never forsake you, I love you.

As my foolish mind interprets it, the first part of *Juseige* sets out Amida Buddha's vow of the unconditional salvation of all beings, and the promise to bring all to the highest level of existence, that is, to enlightenment. The second part acknowledges the existence of universal suffering and negative experience and thinking. The third part elucidates the essence of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu, which instills positivity through clarity and an awakening to our own potential, reminding us that all negative things can be positive and hopeful depending on how we perceive them. The duality between negative



Reverend Earl Ikeda

and positive occurrences is perceived through the self-centered mind, not because such duality really exists. The only thing that holds me back is my own ignorance and the fear of my own abilities to make changes.

Change begins with me! Change begins with each and every one of us. I can't keep pointing fingers at anybody but myself for the many uncertainties and challenges I face. While Buddha's teachings don't necessarily give us all the answers, they do give us the tools we need to make our own decisions, and ask us to accept our own roles and

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responsibilities for taking a stand today on what we can do tomorrow to create a better world for ourselves, and for all beings.

Please reflect upon this verse, my favorite in *Juseige*:

“I will open the Dharma-storehouse
And bestow upon all the treasure of my virtues,
Constantly going among the masses,
I will preach the Dharma with a lion’s roar.”

This verse reminds me not to be afraid of the unknown, not to despair and not to place limitations around the Buddha’s teachings. Demolish anguish with confidence, allow brightness and light to enter all aspects of your life and awaken to the radiant and true reality of universal truths. That’s what the Dharma, the teachings, are all about--Amida Buddha strongly calling *within us* to help us proceed on our paths that transcend our narrow self-centered concerns with clarity and light. Like thousands of bushels of grain spilling out of a silo bin, opening the doors of the Dharma-storehouse pours out wondrous treasures of wisdom and compassion, the tools which enable us to transform our hardship and despair into hope and help others do the same.

Namo Amida Butsu

16th World Buddhist Women's Association Convention *By Paula Horii*

Besides cable cars, steep rolling hills, and such landmarks as the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman’s Wharf, San Francisco is where the 16th World Buddhist Women’s Convention was held over the Labor Day weekend (August 30-September 1), at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. Some 1,700 people from Japan, Canada, Brazil, Hawaii, and throughout the U.S. mainland, attended



Nancy Okada, Gertrude Kihara, Rev. Ikeda, Paula Horii, Ruth Funai and Hoshina Seki at the International BWA Conference

the convention. Through meetings, workshops, inspiring speeches, fellowship, and hundreds of voices memorably chanting as one, both lay members and clergy experienced the theme of the convention: “Live the Nembutsu”. Among the attendees was His Eminence Kojun Ohtani, Monshu, the 25th generation of Shinran Shonin, our founder and Abbot of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto, Japan.

The convention, hosted by the Bay District of the FBWA (Federation of Buddhist Women's Association) was attended by Ruth Funai, Gertrude Kihara, Paula Horii, Nancy Okada, Hoshina Seki, and Rev. Earl Ikeda. Rev. Ikeda attended the Ministers' Fuken, an annual meeting of the BCA ministers, several days earlier. One of the many workshops at the convention featured a presentation by Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Fujiwara Wondra, Resident Minister, Orange County Buddhist Church, who spoke about Lady Takeko Kujo, who is recognized as the founder of the BWA. She included references to the book “Leaves of My Heart” published earlier this year by the American Buddhist Study Center under the supervision of Hoshina Seki, President. *Cont. on page 6*

「教えが希望をもたらす」

近頃の自然、社会、政治の現状を考えると仏様の教えが有難いと思わずにはいられません。その教えとは現在 起きている不安と問題を エネルギーと希望という視点から 見直す事ができます。

私にとって 仏様の教えとは 大切に箱にしまってとっておくものではなく、日曜日のサービスや特別の日や場のためにあるものでもありません。この教えは 平和、安定、静寂を求めるために 私達が毎日使える方便です。経済、政治、社会、環境など 世界の数々の問題は 抽象的なマクロレベルで 絶望感が生まれますが、実は これは 困難や不幸な事が起きている私達の日常生活の一部でもあります。感謝の気持ちで、仏様の基本的な教えに向き合うと、世界的、個人的レベルで起きている問題の絶望感を 希望に変える限りない可能性と機会があるのがわかります。

私自身 仏様の教えを信じ、どのように仏様のガイダンスを有り難く受け入る事ができ、何が目標であるべきなのかと よく 問いかけます。でも もちろん 方便を使い、自分自身の行くべき道を見つけます。私自身の心の旅の過程で、よく 重誓偈の誓願を心に留めます。また 大無量寿経を読むと 阿弥陀様が いつも私のためにいる約束を 理解させてくれます。この理解は私自身が抱えている現実の問題に立ち向かう力と勇気を与えてくれます。阿弥陀様の 普遍の誓願は 絶えず 私を抱き、「私はここにいますよ。諦めていませんよ。愛していますよ。」と言っています。

私の重誓偈の解釈ですが、最初の部分は阿弥陀様がすべての人を分け隔てなく救うという誓願と、最も高いレベルである悟りに導くという約束です。二番目の部分は 人の普遍的な苦しみと 否定的な経験と考の存在の受け入れです。三番目は 南無阿弥陀仏という名の精神の説明です。それは 私達が本来持っている力に気づく事により、ポジティブな見方を植え付けてくれます。そして 私達が それをどのように受け止めるかにより、すべての否定的な事は 希望があるポジティブな状態になり得る事を知らせてくれます。この否定的な事とポジティブな事の両面性は 実際 存在するものではなく、自己中心的な心を通して見られものです。たった一つ 私を引き止めているのは 私自身の無知と 自分を変えようとする力の恐れです。

変化は私と共に始まります。変化は 私達一人一人と共に始まります。私が直面しているたくさんの不安とチャレンジを 私以外 誰にも責める事はできません。仏様の教えは必ずしも 答えをすべてくれる訳ではありませんが、何かを決めるのに必要な方便を与えてくれるのは確かです。その教えは 私達だけでなく、全人類のために よりよい世界を作るには 明日 何ができるのかと 今日 自分の意見を言う役割と責任を受け入れる事を問いかけるのです。

重誓偈の私の好きな経文は「為衆開法蔵 広施功德宝 常於大衆中 說法獅子吼」です。

この経文が私に伝えている事は 「知らない事におそれるな、お釈迦様の教えに壁を作って 遮（さえぎる）な。絶望するな。自信を持って怒りを抑え、明かりと光を受け入れ、輝く、普遍的な真実の事実を目覚めよ。」という事です。ダルマとは 教えという事で、つまり、阿弥陀様が 私達の狭い、自己中心の心を 超えて 明りと光で 自分の道に進むのを手伝ってくれ 私達自身に呼びかけているのです。たくさんの穀物が倉庫から出て来るように ダルマの宝庫から 智慧と慈悲のすばらしい宝石を流し出します。その方便が 困難や絶望感を希望に変え、他の人にも同じ事をしてあげるのです。

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	2016... 3rd Year	2013 ... 7th Year	2007... 13th Year
2003... 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.

<p>October 2019 Shotsuki Hoyo Service Sunday, October 6</p> <p>Amioka, Masako 1973 Araki, Genichi 1972 Davidson, Charles ---- Davidson, Ignatius ---- Davidson, Inez ---- Davidson, Stan ---- Hino, Hironobu 1978 Horita, Hisako 1909 Ishida, George G. 2014 Ito, Eddie M. 2008 Ito, Haruo 2017 Kamano, Yuki 1995 Kishi, Haru 2002 Kusama, Junko 1995</p>	<p>Laatch, Olivia 1991 Matsuda, Yone 1978 Matsumoto, Kinichi 2003 Mishima, Michiko 1997 Mitsuuchi, Kuma 1995 Mooney, Eiko 2011 Motooka, Mark 1981 Nakamura, Mayumi 2002 Nishimura, G. Guntaro 2014 Okajima, Robert Eiichi 2016 Okubo, Tome 1985 Sakioka, Jack 1991 Schroeter, Lydia 1993 Shirakigawa, Tonami 1926 Takayama, Makoto 2012 Tamura, 1945 Tashiro, Shigezo 1954 Tono, Harry Yoshiaki 1991 Tsuji, Dorothy 2016</p>	<p>Wise, Blanche 1993 Wise, Lotus 1988 Yashiro, Masato 2014 Yasuda, Kentaro 2005 Yoshikami, Mitsuye 1987</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November 2019 Shotshuki Hoyo service Sunday, Nov. 3</p> <p>Bando, Gikyo 1978 Dymak, Antonio 1942 Dymak, Frank 1958 Eidson, John L. 2000 Hama, Yuriko L. 1974 Hara, George Y 1994 Hara, Komayo Kay 2009 Harada, Hiroko 1990</p>	<p>Hayashi, Roy 1992 Iguchi, Yasuhiro 1990 Kan, Rev. Sunshin 1987 Kaneko, Dorothy 2006 Kodama, Teiji 2001 Kubo, John J. 1986 Kunihiro, "Sam" Isami 2017 MacDowell, Stephen 2004 Mitani, Usaburo 1932 Mochizuki, Tomie 1990 Nagawa, Mibu 1947 Ohtaka, Shojiro 1966 Okada, Edna Aki 1987 Okuma, Emiko 2009 Sochi, Mizue 2008</p>
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Sept. Board Highlights By Cheryl Ikemiya

Minister's Report: Rev. Earl Ikeda thanked the Board its for support during the summer. He reported that no members passed away. The Ministers' Fuken took place prior to World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) during the Labor Day weekend. The main issue was the election of the next BCA Bishop. The Fuken did not endorse any individual candidate. To approve the next bishop, the candidate needs 12 votes of the 16 voting representatives). If 75% of the votes are not for approval of the candidate, the voting body will restart the process up to three rounds of voting. Isabelle Bernard and Nancy Okada discussed the process in more detail. Referring to our strategic planning meeting and the solidification of the mission, vision and values statements, Rev. Earl supports that NYBC as a safe place where all are welcome; however, we must be careful in our actions. He wants to emphasize that we treat all as equals, and he encourages the senior sangha members to become teachers or mentors for the next generation.

Financial Report: Regarding the building repairs this summer, KBI contributed \$8,600 for extra work beyond the contract Tony DiTomasso remarked that among the new members many are contributing from the heart not just the wallet.

New Business:
2020 EBL Conference: NYBC will need to begin planning for the conference over the Labor Day weekend. The Board decided to have a conference (1½ or 2 days) instead of a one-day retreat. The conference will start on the Friday night with greetings and a minister's talk open to the public. Daytime sessions will take place during the day with possible off-site afternoon activity. Suggested themes: Nembutsu: The Name that Calls; Kokoro, Mind, Body and Spirit in Nembutsu. The organizing committee will include the NYBC Board, ABA and RED. Gail Inaba asked to us to think about the themes and send in suggestions. We can build a program around the holistic interdependence of all things and how Buddhist concepts and teachings can permeate everyday life with positive meaning.

Old Business:
World Buddhist Women's Convention: Ruth Funai reported on the convention that took place over Labor Day weekend.
Strategic Planning: Cheryl Ikemiya reported that the Board members and members of the Religious Education Department met on August 17 to discuss and draft NYBC's Mission, Vision and Values Statements. We will edit and revise the drafts for a Sangha-wide Town Hall meeting in November. We will then incorporate these statements in the description of NYBC, our media materials and other documents. These should strengthen and solidify our goals and activities as we move forward as a Sangha.

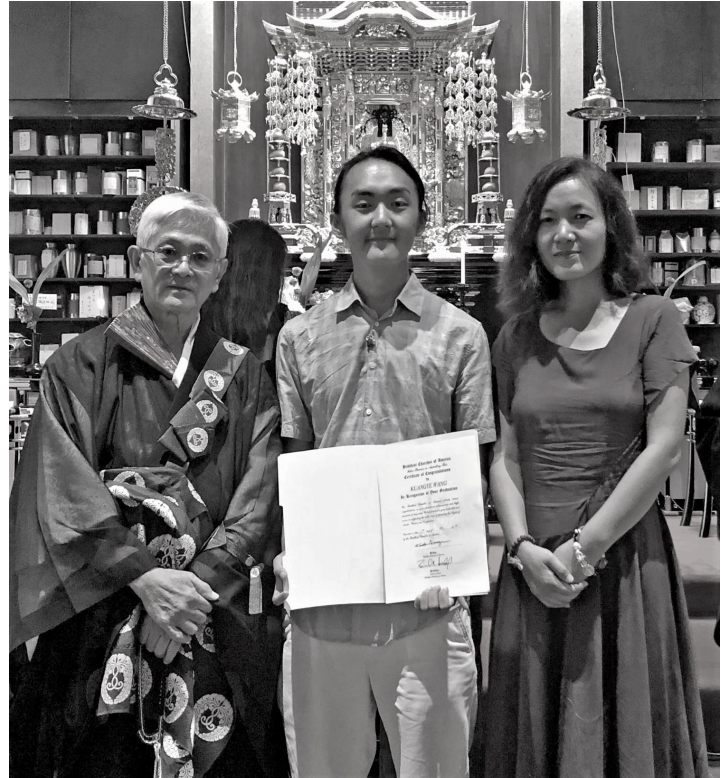
Sangha News *By Ruth Funai*

In July, **Kuang Wang** graduated from the High School of American Studies at Lehman College in NYC. He received his school's Excellence Award in History and Public Speaking! He was the captain of the Speech and Debate Society and won the National Championship in Debate in his sophomore year. In other national championships, he was a finalist 5 times and would love to continue to debate in college.

He was the co-Founder and editor of the newsletter, *El Perspicaz*, of the Spanish Honor Society and was also, its treasurer. In that society, he was co-founder and captain of the Lion Dancing Team. He was also, co-founder and captain of the school's Economics Team. and captain of the Cross Country Team.

For three years, he worked with a team for the New-York Historical Society, researching, writing, and designing a satellite exhibit that debuted on Governor's Island on Civics and Citizenship. He will attend Columbia College of Columbia University, but has not declared his major which may be history, economics, or another social science. There is the possibility of continuing to law school or a graduate school for international relations. Congratulations, Kuang, and best wishes in your new venture!

A memorial service was held at NYBC on September 8 for **Michiko Otsuki** who passed away in Japan at the age of 90. She was a longtime member of the church and the Buddhist Women's Association. Many fond memories were shared about her willingness to volunteer, her kindness, generosity and love of travel. Frequently mentioned were her dedication to NYBC and her hard work during fundraisers and other events. She worked in the church office every Sunday, always with a pleasant smile. There are so many wonderful memories of Michi. She will be missed very much.



Rev. Ikeda, Kuang and his mother, Selena

Michiko Otsuki, 1929-2019



Reflections on September 11th, 2001

By Tony DiTomasso

On September 11, I was working as a Critical Care Paramedic at the Weill Cornell Campus of New York Presbyterian Hospital mostly transporting critically ill infants and children from small community hospitals to the intensive care units of New York Presbyterian Hospital. That morning was beautiful with the bluest sky I could remember.

Shortly after the shift began, we were alerted that a plane had collided with the World Trade Center and that New York City EMS was requesting mutual aid from all ambulances within the city and the surrounding communities. My ambulance travelled in a caravan with seven other ambulances along an empty FDR Drive to the site of the WTC. We saw the second plane hit the South Tower, and at that time we knew it wasn't an accidental plane crash. I felt uneasy, thinking that we would spend our time dealing with the remains of victims, at no time did I think that the towers would collapse.

We parked along West Street and my partner and I were pulling a stretcher laden with equipment. Our assignment was to provide forward triage on one of the floors below where the plane had struck the building.

We were a few hundred yards away from WTC when someone yelled run. I thought that I would die as everyone ran past the fat guy (me). I later found out that one of my coworkers remarked that he knew he was in trouble when I ran past them all. I wound up buried by some of the debris but was pulled out by

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This impressive international gathering is held only once in every four years. During the closing ceremony, the World Federation flag was passed to Kyoto, Japan which will be hosting the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention in 2023. The year 2023 marks the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth, and the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Unbelievably, San Francisco had 3-days of sunny, blue skies with nary a fog in sight!

my belt by a very young volunteer with Hatzolah Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

As I looked around and surveyed the enormity of the destruction I could hear an eerie incessant chirping of the inactivity alarm that firefighters wore. I knew that sound from past training and realized that hundreds of firefighters were buried by the debris. I began to feel very angry and my feelings soon devolved into a hate fueled rage.

My immediate thoughts were that we should just start unleashing nuclear weapons on Arab Countries starting in Mauritania (who have they ever hurt) and keep going eastward until we ran out. Other thoughts crept into my mind--I pictured my cousin Diane and remembered eating tabbouleh at her wedding. Her mother is of Lebanese heritage. Diane married a guy named Nabil. Did I want to kill my cousin, her siblings or her mother? I realized that my hatred was irrational and that it was consuming me at a time when there was still plenty of work to do at the site of the collapsed towers.

I was assigned to work North Cove where I spent the morning helping to evacuate people from the scene. I think that the time that I spent at North Cove helped me tremendously. Instead of wallowing in my own situation and allowing my anger and hatred to collide with each other like festering boils, I was busy helping innocent victims of this tragedy. I look back on that day and am thankful for a lesson learned. Letting a hate fueled rage drive your actions in a situation is never acceptable. It is okay to get angry in a situation but one needs to understand the basis for such anger and how best to act in response to those feelings. Staying angry just brings more pain. Buddhism offers a lot of guidance. Damapada 1 though 5 comes to mind:

All that we are is the result of what we have thought: It is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with an evil thought, pain follows him, as the wheel follows the foot of the ox that draws the carriage.

All that we are is the result of what we have thought: It is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with a pure thought, happiness follows him, like a shadow that never leaves him.

"He abused me, he beat me, he defeated me, he robbed me,"---in those who harbor such thoughts hatred will never cease.

"He abused me, he beat me, he defeated me, he robbed me,"---in those who do not harbor such thoughts hatred will cease

For hatred does not cease by hatred at any time: hatred ceases by love, this is an old rule.

This one line in the Damapada is probably my favorite. You cannot get rid of hatred by hating.

Were the world to accept this lesson.

Soh Daiko News

By Julianna Hessel

As summer comes to a close, the members of Soh Daiko are enjoying a much deserved break from practices. Still, even our off-season can have lots of taiko! This past month several members traveled to Portland, Oregon for the North American Taiko Conference. The three-day conference saw taiko players from all over the country taking workshops with an all-star list of professionals in the taiko community. There the members of Soh Daiko were able to learn, play, and catch up with old friends (including former Soh Daiko members)!

While we get back into practices this fall, be sure to check out our website for updates on our recruitment workshop. Every fall we look for a new class of trainees who are excited to play taiko -- and that could be you! No experience is required. Visit www.sohdaiko.org for details, and join our mailing list so you don't miss the announcement!



At the North America Taiko Conference

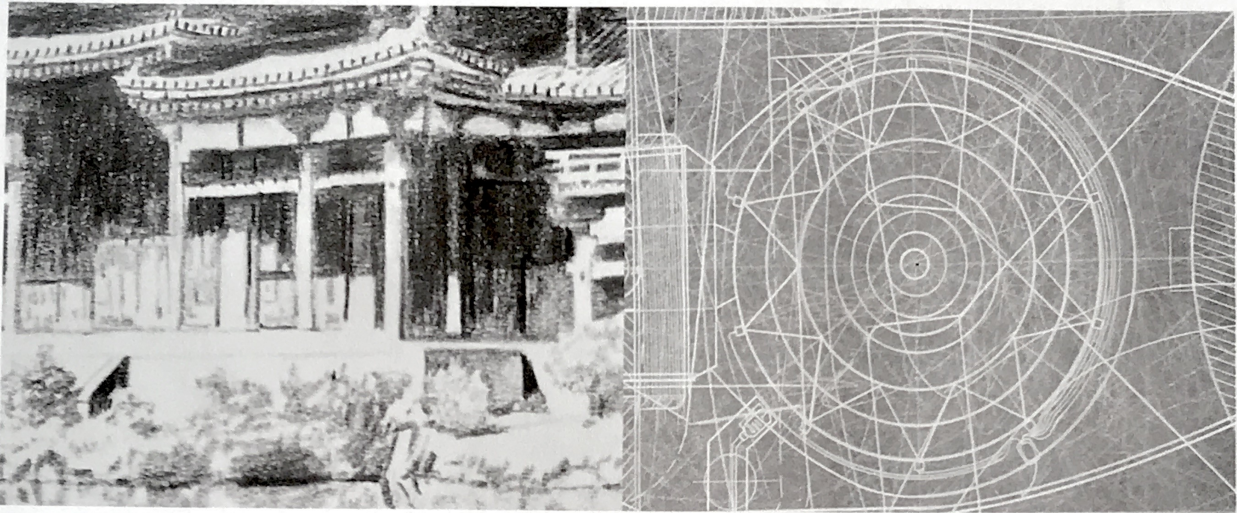
AUTUMN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 26

This year's Autumn Festival will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 10 am to 4pm. A different, delicious food item and sit down dining on the second floor of the Annex Building will be new features of this year's

festival. Rev. Ikeda will be preparing his home-town favorite Loco Moco which is a hot dish of rice, hamburger patty with special sauce, topped with a fried egg and garnished with scallions. It's guaranteed to be a filling breakfast or lunch. And as in previous years, there will be tables filled with second hand and new items, a silent auction Japanese foods and class demonstrations by the KBI Judo school, the Tachibana dance group and others. Tables are available for rent if you would like to sell items and volunteers are needed to set up, help with the tables and food prep and service and importantly to clean up. Please contact the co-chairs of this event Yoriko Armstrong and David Brady to volunteer and for more information.



Loco Moco, a favorite Hawaiian Dish—Breakfast, Lunch or Supper



PURE AWAKENING

Howard Horii and Ken Horii, Paintings and Drawings

American Buddhist Study Center Library 3rd floor

October 19 - November 10

An exhibit of paintings and drawings spanning two generations that provides an extraordinary glimpse into how the creative process in art, when experienced through adversity, can lead to an awakening of understanding and acceptance by the father that at a subsequent point in time is passed on in a clear and pure manner to the son.



Howard Nobuo Horii and Ken Takashi Horii

opening Oct 19 2:30-5:30 and gallery talk 2:30

closing Nov 10 2:00-4:00 and gallery talk 2:00

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October

Oct. 2, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation
Oct. 3, Thu. 7-8:30pm: Howakai (Japanese Study Group)
Oct. 5, Sat. 2:30-4pm: American Buddhist Study Center Program : Lecture, Prof. Aaron Proffitt will give a talk on Shinran Shonin in the American Buddhist Study Center Library
Oct. 6, Sun. 11:30am: Shotsuki Hoyo
 1pm: Religious Education Dept. meeting
 1:30pm: Adult Buddhist Association meeting
Oct. 9, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation
Oct. 11-13, Fri.-Sun. Eastern Buddhist League Conference, Sponsored by Twin Cities Buddhist Association (Minneapolis)
Oct. 12, Sat. 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle
Oct. 13, Sun. 10:30am: Japanese Service; 11:30am: English Service
Oct. 16, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation
Oct. 19, Sat. 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle
 2:30 - 5:30: Art Exhibition opening: Howard Horii/Ken Horii, Pure Awakening in the American Buddhist Study Center Library
Oct. 20, Sun. 11:30-1:30am: Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service
 1:30pm: Board of Trustees meeting
 Taiko classes : 7-10 year olds (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at tyoshikami@verizon.net
Oct. 23, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation
Oct. 26, Sat. Autumn fundraiser
Oct. 27, Sun. 10:30am: Japanese Service
 11:30am: English Service
Oct. 30, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

November

Nov. 2, Sat. 10-11:30am: Dharma Gathering and Study Class
 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle
 2:30-4pm: American Buddhist Study Center Program
Nov. 3, Sun. 11:30am: Rev. Kan Memorial Service and Shotsuki Hoyo, Speaker:
 1pm: Religious Education Dept. meeting
 Taiko classes : 7-10 year olds (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at tyoshikami@verizon.net
Nov. 6, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation
Nov. 7, Thu. 7-8:30pm: Howakai (Japanese Study Group)
Nov. 10, Sun. 10:30am: Japanese Service
 11:30am: English Service
 1:30pm: Adult Buddhist Association meeting
Nov. 13, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation
Nov. 16, Sat. 12:30-2pm: Ukulele Class and Strumming Circle
Nov. 17, Sun. 11:30am: Eshinni and Kakushinni Service, Speaker:
 1:30pm: Board of Trustees meeting
 Taiko classes : 7-10 year olds (12:30-1:15), older children (1:15-2:15pm); adults (2:15-3:15pm). For information contact Teddy at tyoshikami@verizon.net
Nov. 20, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation
Nov. 24, Sun. 10:30am: Japanese Service
 11:30am: English Service
Nov. 27, Wed. 7-8:30pm: Chanting and Meditation

October Service Helpers

Oct. 6 Chairperson: Keiko Ohtaka, Greeter: Hiroki Hasegawa, Music: Ukulele Ensemble
 Oct. 13 Chairperson: Paula Horii, Greeter: Lily Sakai Johnson, Music: Nobuko Kodama
 Oct. 20 Chairperson: Richard Gross, Greeter: Susan Bloom, Music: Ukulele Ensemble
 Oct. 27 Chairperson: Gertrude Kihara, Greeter: Brian Dauth, Music: Nobuko Kodama

Save the Date: Autumn Festival October 26

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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.

Kokushi Budo Institute Martial Arts Class: Weekday evenings and Saturday mornings, NYBC Dojo. More information: www.kokushibudo.com.

Soh Daiko Drumming: Thursdays, 7-9 pm and Saturdays, 2-6pm, NYBC Dojo. Practices are not open to the general public without prior permission. More information: www.sohdaiko.org.

Tachibana Dance Group: Saturdays, 11:30 am NYBC Annex, 2nd floor. More information: talk to Nancy Okada, and visit www.chrbru.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 morning of the month, 10-11:30 am

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

Flower arrangement class, Ikebana Ryusei ha school: Saturday 11:00 a.m.-12:30; and 1:00-2:30 p.m. Email at [Masako Gibeaul at: ryuseiha.ny@gmail.com](mailto:ryuseiha.ny@gmail.com) for more information.



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