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## HOLIDAY MAGIC

**J.K. Hirano**

*Aa, Guzei no goen tasho, nimo moai gataku,*

*Shintatsu no Joshin okko nimo egatashi!*

*Tamatama Gyoshin o e ga,*

*Toku shukuen o yorokobe.*

**A**h, hard to encounter, even in many lifetimes is the cause of birth, Amida's universal vow! Hard to realize, even in myriads of kalpas, is pure shinjin that is true and real! If you should come to realize this practice and shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about.

*Collected works of Shinran: pg. 4*

In science and religious circles, there is a term called "magical thinking" or "magical ideation" and it is connected to a belief in God. Magical thinking is to believe something that has no basis in empirical truth. I hate to reveal my own political bias, but does that mean if you believe that the election was stolen from former president Trump, you believe in magic? I do not believe the election was stolen and I don't believe in God. At least God in a traditional Judea/Christian form. However, I do believe in magic. I have found Magic in Christmas, Disneyland, family and many extraordinary coincidences without explanation and Love!

This passage I began with is from Shinran Shonin's masterwork *Kyogyoshinsho*. It is one of the places where he expresses the joy he feels for having encountered the Nembutsu. I guess, since he is referencing our spatial world, the "real world," when he refers to time and place. Yet when I think of how long one "kalpa" is or how many "myriad" refers to, I believe Shinran believed in magic. Why else would he follow a dream where the Bodhisattva Kannon tells him how to find his teacher and even his wife!? I believe in the magical sound of these words I began with. I am not a native Japanese speaker so hearing and saying these words from the *Kyogyoshinsho* in Japanese makes little sense. Just saying this phrase in Japanese makes me feel like I am reciting magic words, like "wingardium leviosa" or as Hermione Grainger explains to Ron Weasley, it is "wingardium leviosaa!" Either way, it all sounds magical to me! Try it, "Ahh Gusei no goen tassho, nimo moai gataku...." Presto change...Namo Amida Butsu.

*Rev. Hirano's article continued on next page*

I have always felt that from Thanksgiving in November to our Nishi Hongwanji's Hoonko in January, this is our Jodo Shinshu Holiday season. During this time of year, I can feel the magic of the season in the air. I know there are always Grinches and Bah Humbugs when it comes to Christmas, especially in our Buddhist Sanghas. However, if you were to ask my college educated daughters about Christmas magic, I think they would say, "We believe!" Carmela, a very educated physician, and ordained Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji priest along with myself would say, "We also believe!"

I know Kacie and Taylor believe, because I was there when they experienced their first brush with Holiday Magic. Kacie was seven and Taylor was four on the first Christmas after their mother and I separated, they asked Santa Claus for a new bedroom set at my house. Every year, they are with me for much of Christmas Eve. As I wrote about in the story, "Santa's Golden Chain" my family has a lot of holiday traditions. Their mom and I had agreed that even though we would divorce, our girls were our number one priority, so no matter how difficult, we would try to make their transition and life as smooth as possible. After eating dinner at Koyo Japanese restaurant and the family Christmas Eve party at my sister Joni's home, I got the girls to their mom's house around 11:00 or so. I'm sure their mom got them into their Christmas pajamas to be tucked into bed for visions of sugarplums to dance in their little heads. When their mom brought them back to my house at around 11:00 a.m. Christmas morning, they were amazed to see a completely transformed bedroom, with white French style poster beds and matching quilts. White bedside tables with pink reading lamps and the walls and ceiling color changed to sky blue with wispy white clouds floating towards the ceiling. As proof of Santa's Christmas magic, they even found the little footprints the elves had accidentally left on the windowsills of their room. A very tired, but grateful Dad received his Christmas gift, just from hearing their squeals of joy and "Thank you, Santa!"

I have been thinking about all the magic I have experienced in my life. From somehow having survived a number of possible life ending medical issues, finding a woman that supports me in all my hopes and dreams. I have discussed with Carmela how magical our meeting was. Two very different people who run in completely different social circles, born in separate countries, so very far apart; being raised in culturally extremely different circumstances and yet finding each other and happiness late in life. I doubt that I have any magical abilities, but I believe Carmela is a magical creature and I think it was part of her magic that rubbed off on me. Before Carmela and I met, I was a no mumbo jumbo, no superstitious nonsense type of person. However, after we were married, I once asked her, "How can you believe in that New Age mumbo jumbo junk?" She simply smiled and said, "How do you think I found you?"

This holiday season many of us will get together with friends and family. Eating, playing, laughing, and sometimes fighting and arguing. In my opinion, when I see my family, it seems magical how we managed to get through the years and stay together as family. In my family, we often reminisce and laugh about many of our experiences growing up together. Our family didn't have much money, but magically we never felt neglected or wanting. We often laugh about the Thanksgiving at my parents' home. How the table we kids ate on was an old blue door, that my dad had attached four short legs on, and it barely fit in the small living room. Christmas was at Uncle Mas and Auntie Maxine's and New Year's at Bachan (grandma) and Jichan's (grandpa). How did the twelve of us, have such a wonderful relationship that has lasted until our present lives? We cousins are still having holidays together as we stroll into old age. I had just heard that my nephew will be holding Christmas Eve at his house rather than my sister Joni's. I hope that some of these traditions will continue. Is there a difference between magic and love? We can only hope and dream with a little Holiday magic thrown in. *"Aa, Guzei no goen tasho, nimo moai gataku, Shintatsu no Joshin okko nimo egatashi! Tamatama Gyoshin o e ga, Toku shukuen o yorokobe."* *Namo Amida Butsu!* I will share a secret about holiday magic, it gets stronger when it is shared with family and friends, but it gets even stronger when shared with strangers. It is magical how strangers can become friends.

Some may think, “Hirano Sensei must be getting senile. He is just an old man, fading into his memories. Magic is not Nembutsu and Nembutsu is not Magic!” I believe that Jodo Shinshu is a religion of gratitude and appreciation. No matter how much I study, it does not really make me grateful. However, within my memories from the distant past, I rejoice. I may not always feel gratitude in this immediate empirical world. However, when I pause and reflect on my life, I cannot, despite myself, not feel the warmth of gratitude and Namu Amida Butsu burst forth.

I want to thank all our Sangha members for their support of myself and family and our temples. This year, I want to thank those that are coming out in person to join us for our services at the temple. I know there are some that cannot meet in person, and I am grateful for your support. Carmela, Kacie, Taylor, Miso, Koge, Musubi and I all thank you, wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hoonko, with a deep bow and Namu Amida Butsu. I hope to see you healthy and well in 2023!



## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!! I hope your holidays were safe and enjoyable and you were all able to spend time with family and friends. Wow, I can’t believe my term as President has ended, and I wanted to thank Reverend Hirano, the board, and our Sangha for all the support you have given me these past two years. During that time, we dealt with the question of whether it was safe to reopen our doors due to COVID-19. Thankfully, due to the diligence of our board, we were able to return to a normal service schedule and celebrate a traditional Obon with live dancing. We were also able to hold a Bizarre Bazaar and a number of other events.

I truly wish to thank everyone again for the continued support of the temple and I’m looking forward to next year with Tom Fujikawa as President of our Board. Please continue to support Tom, the Board, and the Temple as you have these last couple of years.

Wishing you and your family all the best in 2023! Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you at the Temple.

In Gassho,  
James A.



# WELCOME

We welcome **Susan H. and James K.** to our Sangha. They have been attending our services for several months after settling in North Ogden from New York.

We appreciate their generous donation of the book, *Tariki* by Hiroyuki Itsuki to add to our library. Thank you, Susan and James.

*thank  
you*

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## BWA NEWS

By Brenda K.



*Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you want respect, give respect. What you give out will return to you. - Kristen Butler*

Happy New Year to all! January is a time to reflect on the past and set your resolutions for the new year. In reflecting on the past two months, the Buddhist Women's Association was active with our manju making on November 12 and 18 to be sold at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Boutique fund raiser on November 19-20. A huge thank you to all the ladies that gathered at our temple to make the manju and packaged it for the sale. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

November 13<sup>th</sup> was the BWA annual general meeting. At that time the officers for 2023 were elected. Congratulations to the following officers for the new year:

President - Tami H.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Annette K.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Ruth S.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Lorraine S.

Recording Secretary - Kris Y.

Corresponding Secretary - Christy F.

Treasurer - Ellen K.

Auditors - Julia F. and Linda E.-R.

November 20 was the Eshinniko/Kakushinni and BWA Memorial Service in conjunction with the temple's Eitaikyo Service. Thank you to Tami H.'s toban group and others who prepared the luncheon that was served following the service. Our appreciation to all who helped.

Donations were collected of needed items for the families affected by domestic violence housed at the YCC. The BWA accepted various household items and monetary donations which were then delivered to the families. This endeavor was spearheaded by Julia F. who gathered everything and ensured the delivery to the facility. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

December 4 was the temple's Bodhi Day Service with a delicious luncheon prepared by Shauna R.'s toban group. Members contributed salads and desserts. Thank you to all who helped out to make the tasty meal.

The BWA put together year end gift bags for shut-in members of the temple. If you or you know of someone who should have received one and did not, please notify one of the BWA members. We hope we have not overlooked anyone, but apologize if we did and will get one to them.

Upcoming on January 8, 2023 will be the temple's Hoonko Service. A special lunch will be prepared by Ruth S.'s toban group. They will begin preparing on January 7 at 10:00 am. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ruth or be at the temple on January 7.

The next **BWA meeting** will be held **January 29, 2023** at approximately 10:45 a.m., directly following the regular service.

## BWA MEMBERSHIP PARTY

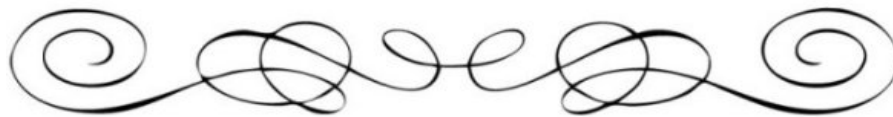


Upcoming will be the BWA membership party on **March 5, 2023**.

If you are interested in joining the BWA, please watch for further details in the next edition of the Geppo. We encourage all members and interested individuals to attend. Plan on joining us for an afternoon of food and fun!

In a recent article from The Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), it was announced that Dr. Paula Arai will be the first Eshinni and Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies. She will join the IBS faculty in this capacity with the establishment of this position in November 2020 to specialize in the academic study of women and Buddhism, particularly Jodo Shinshu.

Eshinni and Kakushinni are important figures in our sect. As the wife of Shinran Shonin, Eshinni was instrumental in supporting her husband's Nembutsu teaching and sharing it with all. As the youngest daughter of Shinran, Kakushinni was pivotal in keeping the memory of her father alive and perpetuating the faith of the Nembutsu teachings in his followers. She guarded and cared for Shinran's shrine with great dedication. Resulting from her efforts, Shinran's descendants evolved to form the lineage of the Otani family who established the Hongwanji.



### **BWA DONATIONS**

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### **BWA MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

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### **YCC MONETARY DONATIONS**

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Big thank you to all those who donated household items for the YCC donation drive.



## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year to All!

The Dharma School would like to extend their appreciation to all the temple members and friends who supported and contributed to the students' annual Dana project. Our students were able to shop for deserving children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program in December. This activity gives our own Dharma School students the opportunity to express gratitude for their own circumstances when shopping for children in need.



We are grateful to our temple members for supporting the YBA annual mochi fundraiser. A big thank you to the temple members who let us use their mochi makers and to those who helped wash the mochigome and those who helped make and package the mochi on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the efforts of **Stan and Tami H.** for organizing this event for the YBA.

Looking forward to 2023 activities, on **Sunday, February 5th**, the Dharma School students will be helping with our annual Omigaki (altar cleaning) directly following service. Since we will be cleaning, casual dress is appropriate.

In Gassho,  
LaVerne K.



Photo courtesy of  
Candace F.



## **DHARMA SCHOOL DONATIONS**

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## **ANGEL TREE DONORS**

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## **OGDEN TAIKO GROUP DONATION**

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## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

At the recent General Board Meeting in November 2022, the members voted to raise the annual membership dues from \$175.00 to \$200.00 per adult member. This increase will go into **effect in 2024**. This decision was made due to the continual increase of BCA's assessments to our temple. BCA uses a 5-year average of members and is currently assessing our temple \$166.90 per person regardless of paid membership. This is a 10.4% increase from last year. That is why a member rate increase was necessary and it is important that our members pay their dues to cover those assessment costs. Using church funds to cover the assessment would not be practical. We truly appreciate all your support and value you as a Sangha member.

You can begin to pay your membership anytime. You can pay our treasurer, Betty Y., with cash, a check, or you can use VENMO! The church's VENMO account is under BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OGDEN or @BuddhistChurchofOgden. Please be absolutely specific on what your payment is for.

THANK YOU for your attention to this matter and for your continual support and generosity.





## PERCH AT THE CHURCH

### 2023 Ogden Dharma School Winter Party Ice Fishing at MANTUA RESERVOIR

January 22, 2023



#### WHEN

1. On the ice at 7:30am. If you want to carpool, meet at the Church by 7:00 am.
2. We'll fish until about 1:00 pm and plan on lunch at 2:00 pm.
3. If you can't make it fishing, please feel free to come to the Church for lunch!!!!

#### HOW TO GET THERE

1. Travel up I-15 North to exit 362 (the first Brigham City exit).
2. Exit freeway at exit 362. There are several freeway signs designating this exit ("US 89/91 North," "Logan/Utah State," "1100 South").
3. Travel through the two signal lights and continue on US 89/91.
4. Go past the 1<sup>st</sup> Mantua exit.
5. Exit to the right at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mantua exit.
6. Turn right at Stop sign on MAIN STREET and travel south about ¼ mile.
7. Parking lots will be on your left. There are two lots – a small one near the restrooms (building with red roof) and a larger lot slightly before.
8. Walk up the dike to access the reservoir. Look for the red, fishing tent with the red University of Utah banner.

#### WHAT TO BRING

1. Fishing License\* – If you are 12 years old or older you need a license to fish. Buy your license at any license agent (e.g.: Sportsman's Warehouse, Big 5 Sports, etc.) or on-line at <http://wildlife.utah.gov>.
2. Warm Clothes (dress in layers) – gloves, hat, snow pants and especially insulated (preferably waterproof) boots.
3. Optional –
  - a. Something to sit on – small, collapsible camp chairs work well.
  - b. Drinks and snacks.
  - c. Change of clothes (just in case).

#### What to be Careful of

1. Be very careful when walking on the ice - it can be very slippery. Also be aware of drilled ice holes – they can be as large as 10 inches in diameter and you don't want to step in them.
2. Don't worry if you hear the ice crack...that means the ice is safe (really!!!)
3. **Carefully observe all traffic laws in and around Mantua – the local police can be overzealous and you don't want to get a ticket!!!**

**\*Check the 2023 fishing proclamation for current license costs and fish limits**



**January Shotsuki Hoyo**

January 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

- Jan 15 2009 Lily S. Endow
- Jan 7 1965 Yeijiro Hirai
- Jan 7 1977 Yoshio Horiuchi
- Jan 21 1980 Peter J. Hunt
- Jan 4 1972 Chong Sun Johnson
- Jan 10 1992 Wataru Kamigaki
- Jan 17 1954 Toshio Kato
- Jan 29 1973 Ura U. Kawaguchi
- Jan 16 1977 Eikichi Kawaguchi
- Jan 28 2003 Jake Hideo Koga
- Jan 27 2015 Steven Koga
- Jan 9 1983 Fujiko Kojima
- Jan 5 1998 Soichi Kojima
- Jan 23 1980 Toshita Mayeda
- Jan 4 1978 Yasuzo Minaga
- Jan 17 1999 Sam Sadao Miya
- Jan 28 1984 Masaji Miyagishima
- Jan 31 1998 Tono Miyagishima
- Jan 5 2001 Masano Morimoto
- Jan 14 1964 Yeitaro Nishihara
- Jan 12 1988 Ichimatsu Nisogi
- Jan 30 1968 Takao Okubo
- Jan 7 2007 Amy Sameshima
- Jan 13 2014 Hisaye Shiki
- Jan 24 1964 Kenzo Seino
- Jan 31 2020 Raymond Spry
- Jan 22 1992 Yoneko Mary Takabayashi
- Jan 31 1978 George Y. Tanaka
- Jan 3 1974 Aki Toimoto
- Jan 10 1977 Yuriko C. Yamada
- Jan 17 2010 William Yamane
- Jan 16 1997 Namiye Yamamoto
- Jan 3 2021 Hiroshi "Hiro" Yamashita
- Jan 2 1960 Matsujiro Yamashita
- Jan 23 1956 Morikiyo Yei
- Jan 4 2019 Yoshie Yoshimura

**February Shotsuki Hoyo**

February 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

- Feb 21 1995 Harue Enomoto
- Feb 17 1968 Otojiro Fukuda
- Feb 13 2020 Marlane Natsuye Hirai
- Feb 10 1965 Hitoshi Hoshiko
- Feb 24 1964 Takematsu Inouye
- Feb 28 1986 Matsue Kano
- Feb 15 2018 Sachie Shiki Kano
- Feb 17 1969 Shozo Kariya
- Feb 19 1998 Yukie Kawa (Ozawa)
- Feb 23 2019 Yukiko Kawaguchi
- Feb 2 2000 Izumi Kishimoto
- Feb 19 1966 Wakamatsu Kiyotsugu
- Feb 9 1967 Sahei Kosai
- Feb 8 2018 Jane Shizuye Kunugi
- Feb 23 1975 Gensaku J. Miyagishima
- Feb 2 1973 Kazue Nishikawa
- Feb 10 2017 Tokiye Miya
- Feb 28 1989 Shigeso Frank Nishimoto
- Feb 21 1978 Jerrod Nisogi
- Feb 25 1993 Mitsuye Oda
- Feb 18 1994 Yukiye Omori
- Feb 1 2008 Kiyoshi "Kay" Shimada
- Feb 18 1965 Hiroshi Shioji
- Feb 16 1986 Teruo Ted Suekawa
- Feb 8 2015 Roy Gosaku Taketa
- Feb 12 1994 Kazuye (Kathy)Taniguchi (Yagi)
- Feb 29 2005 Jane Tomiko Tsushima
- Feb 19 1992 Niroku Uyematsu
- Feb 29 1968 Michiye Watanabe
- Feb 12 1996 Frank Toichi Yoshida
- Feb 26 2019 Taeko Matsuda Yoshida
- Feb 20 1961 Thomas T. Yoshitaka

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attend that monthly service in memory of their loved ones.

These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services. Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 363-4742, Emergency: 819-2648. Corrections/additions to the Shotsuki Hoyo list - please contact Ruth S., 801-292-6042

<b>2023 Memorial Service Schedule for those who passed away in:</b>		
2022 - 1 year	2011 - 13 year	1989 - 33 year
2021 - 3 year	2007 - 17 year	1974 - 50 year
2017 - 7 year	1999 - 25 year	1924 - 100 year



**Ho-onko Service  
January Shotsuki Hoyo  
Installation of Officers  
Sunday, January 8, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Otoki Lunch to follow service**

***Goshoki Ho-onko*** (Observance of Anniversary of Death and Repay Debt of Gratitude)  
***Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service*** - Within the Nishi Hongwanji tradition this is the most important observance of the year. It is held to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to Shinran Shonin for opening the Nembutsu teachings for us.  
***Shotsuki Hoyo*** - Monthly Memorial Service



**Nehan-E Service  
February Shotsuki Hoyo  
Pet Memorial Service\*  
Sunday, February 12, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.**

***Nihan-E*** - When Shakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment, he achieved the state of Nirvana. However, in retaining his physical body, he did not achieve complete Nirvana. This observance is to commemorate Shakyamuni Buddha's death and entrance into complete Nirvana.  
***Shotsuki Hoyo*** - Monthly Memorial Service

**\*NOTE: Please bring pictures of your pets who have passed away.  
They will be placed on the altar for the Pet Memorial Service**

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## Thank You !! Thank You !!

On behalf of the Board, I would like to Thank everyone for their generous donations. It is only through your donations, that our Temple can meet its financial obligations. If you have any questions or concerns about any donations made, please feel free to contact me at 725-6096 or my email address is [yamiek@netscape.net](mailto:yamiek@netscape.net).

Thank You, Betty Yamashita



## Church Membership Reminder

Please pay your 2023 annual membership dues at your earliest convenience.

**Annual dues are \$175 per adult member**

\$10 for members 20 and under.

Members 80 years old and above are exempt

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<h1>January 2023</h1>						
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7 10:00 am - BWA Food Prep
8 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Ho-onko Service/ January Shotsuki Hoyo* 11:00 Dharma School 11:00 Adult Discussion 11:30 Otoki Lunch	9	10 7:00 pm Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service* 11:00 am - Dharma School 11:00 am Adult Discussion	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 7:30 am - Perch at the Church 9:00 am Meditation 2:00 pm - Lunch	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 am - Meditation 10:00 am - Dharma Service 11:00 am Adult Discussion 11:00 am BWA Meeting	30	31				

**TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:**  
 Blaine & Suzan Yoshimura (Toban Cleaning Leader)  
 Kunie Oda  
 Greg Oda  
 Karen DeVries



\* Service with Rev. Hlrano

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<h1>February 2023</h1> 						
			1	2	3	4
5 <b>9:00 am - Meditation</b> <b>10:00 am - Dharma Service</b> <b>10:30 am - Omigaki (Altar Cleaning)</b> <b>10:30 am - Adult Discussion</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <b>9:00 am - Meditation</b> <b>10:00 am - Nehan-E /Pet Memorial / February Shotsuki Hoyo*</b> <b>11:00 am - Dharma School</b> <b>11:00 am - Adult Discussion</b> <b>2:00 pm - Superbowl Party</b>	13	14 <b>7:00 pm - Board Meeting</b>	15	16	17 <b>Geppo Articles Due</b>	18
19 <b>9:00 am - Meditation</b> <b>10:00 am - Dharma Service</b> <b>11:00 am - Adult Discussion</b>	20	21	22	23	24 <b>BCA Council Meeting</b>	25 <b>BCA Council Meeting</b>
26 <b>9:00 am - Meditation</b> <b>10:00 am - Dharma Service*</b> <b>11:00 am - Dharma School</b> <b>11:00 am - Adult Discussion</b>	27	28				

**TOBAN CLEANING GROUP:**  
 Craig & Geniel Summers (Toban Cleaning Leader)  
 LaVerne Kyed  
 Ernie Kyed  
 Andrew Kyed



\* Service with Rev. Hirano



**JOYA-E (Last Night Gathering)**  
**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

**Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Service at 8:00 p.m.**

*This year end service is held to express gratitude for all the causes and conditions which have allowed us to live this past year. It is a time to reflect upon the interdependence of all Sangha members and the lives we live. At the end of the service all those attending the service participate in the ringing of the Joya no Kane (Last Night Bell). The Temple Bell is rung 108 times signifying the 108 Bonno or Passions that make up our human existence. This bell is rung to recognize these traits in our own personalities and express appreciation for Amida Buddha's compassion, which embraces us, even though we are bound by these passions.*

