



VACATIONING

Webster's defines vacation as a period of suspension of work, study, or other activity, usually used for rest, recreation, or travel... As we approach the vacation season, we might consider the definition of suspending our normal activity for recreation. Recreation is also an interesting word meaning to recreate. We usually describe a great vacation as doing nothing well – the absolute enjoyment of doing absolutely nothing. We are of course doing something, but it is not looked upon as doing something important or meaningful. Not doing something important nor meaningful seems to be more enjoyable than doing something important or meaningful. Perhaps it is time for a real recreation – of re-creating our viewpoint and attitudes of life.

I would like to put it to you that the Nembutsu teaching is the fine and subtle art of vacationing, with

the difference that Nembutsu vacationing includes work, study, and all other activities. It is learning to enjoy working, studying, all manner of activities, and doing nothing in particular. It is taking a vacation from the idea that every waking moment must be one of deep meaning and understanding, of ordered relevance, of self-assertiveness, of trying to grab all the gusto you can, etc., etc. We do not adhere to the Golden Rule as much as we do to the Silver Rule, i.e. *Do not do to others as you would not have them do to you.* In other words, it is far more effective to pay attention to what we should not do than to what we should do. We should not base all our actions on profit and possession of things; practicality and convenience should not be the deciding factor in our actions; the junk mail approach to solicitations should not supercede the idea of Dana, etc., etc.

In Jodoshinshu, when the ego-self takes a vacation, the land is clean, pure, and free and we can finally enjoy each moment in all its pristine beauty and meaning. This beauty is to be enjoyed at that moment, for the ego-self will surely reassert itself, dividing work from play, seriousness from silliness, right from wrong, good from bad, superior from inferior, etc., etc., ad nauseum. But the land of purity remains and beckons, remains and beckons. And, like all plants that naturally lean towards the light, this kind of dawning breaks in upon us to our surprise and delight. In our garden in front of the Nokotsudo, there is a stone water basin with four characters which read: *I only know the self-sufficiency (of each moment).* Namoamidabutsu.

Gassho, Rev. Mas

TEMPLE UPDATE SEPTEMBER

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Fall Higan Seminar & Service

– September 15th & 16th with guest speakers Rev. Tatsuya Aoki of Vancouver Buddhist Temple and Rev. Ryuta Furumoto of San Mateo Buddhist Temple.

Obon – Another successful Bon Odori. This year there was great participation by the Sangha. Thank you, Greg Yee, for your hard work coordinating everything.

Howakai – Contact JoAnn Komai or Ted Akahori for details on this study group.

Religious Committee – Contact Eugene Murakami or Rev. Mas if you are interested.

ORGANIZATIONS

BWA/Fujinkai – SAVE THE

DATE: Ian Ryoko to SLO - Leaving Senshin on Friday morning, September 28

- Returning Sunday Afternoon, September 30 - we are still planning our first in a while Ian Ryoko to San Luis Obispo for Fujinkai Members and spouses. 2 nights, 3 days, approx. cost \$300.

The current plan is to take a bus to Cambria (for shopping & eating), visit Harmony a small but interesting Glass and Pottery making town, visit Pismo/Morro bay area, attend Kinnara performance @ SLO Buddhist Temple on Saturday night, visit an orchid farm in Carpinteria. We are also planning to try Santa Maria BBQ at the famous Jockos restaurant in Nipomo. We will be staying in

the San Luis Obispo/Avila Beach/Pismo Beach area.

Details to follow shortly, please call Kathy Ikari or Jean Minami, if you are interested in joining us for this fun weekend or have any questions.

Happy Summer Vacation

Dharma School Schedule

– September 9th & 23rd, October 7th & 21st, November 4th & 25th, December 2nd & 16th.

Sangha Teen News: Saturday, September 8th, 12:00pm, Koichi & Linda Uyemura will host a pool party for Sangha Teens. Saturday, September 15th, 7:30pm, Sangha Teens will attend a performance by Cold Tofu improv comedy troupe in Little Tokyo. For more information, please contact Sangha Teen Advisor Miki Fujimoto at nfujimoto@yahoo.com.

Jr. YBA Southern District

Conference -- Hosted by Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple on September 1st & 2nd.

ABA – Keiro Bingo set for September 23rd.

Book Club – Meeting on August 26th at 12 noon after Temple Clean Up. We will discuss any book by the Dalai Lama of the reader's choice. Share what inspired you. New members and suggested readings are welcomed anytime. For more info, contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita at (818) 956-1070 or email n7willow@gmail.com.

Kinnara Gagaku/Bugaku – Will have a retreat and performance on September 28-30th at San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple in honor of their 85th Anniversary.

Hongwanji Place Bookstore – Now housed at Senshin! Hours: Wednesday thru Saturday, 10am to 3pm; Sunday, 11:30am to 2pm. www.hongwanjiplace@yahoo.com. Sponsored by BCA Southern District Dharma School Teachers' League.

FUNDRAISING

Football Parking – Football season is here! Parking Lot duty this month is September 1st (Hawaii) and 22nd (Cal).

Rummage Sale – Thank you ABA members for another successful fundraising event, with proceeds going to Weemes Elementary School. Several visitors took the tour of Senshin led by Rev. Mas. The tour was well received.

Fundraising Committee – If you have ideas, please contact Chris Aihara or James Okazaki.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Facilities/Maintenance – Sprinklers on south side of Hondo have been repaired; thank you to Doug Matsuda and Harry Sawada. And a thank you to Dennis Yamashiro for a trim of the garden next to the Hondo. Trimming of the big fir tree near the Hondo and removal of the palm trees near the parking lot entrance finally will be done soon.

TEMPLE UPDATE CONT.

Movie Nite & Potluck – Call the Office for details.

Otoki Cookbook – Only a few remain! Proceeds go to the Senshinji Building Fund. Come to the office or see Wendy to get the cookbook or contact Hongwanji Place Bookstore c/o Wilbur (310) 398-9558 for orders to be mailed.

CLASSES

GAGAKU
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – 7:30PM

BUGAKU
2nd & 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – 7:30PM

KINNARA TAIKO
THURSDAYS - 8:00PM

MORNING EXERCISE CLASS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY – 9:30AM

TOBAN LISTS SEPT

Onaijin Flower Arrangement
Tōban:
1st - JoAnn Komai/Kate Meigneux
8th - Jean Minami/Jean Nakashima
14th - Toshiko Yoshida/ Michiko Sugano
22nd - Karen Ishizuka/Bob Nakamura

Hondō Tōban: Dennis Miyamoto & Wilbur Takashima

2012 OBON RAFFLE THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who bought tickets for our 2012 OBON RAFFLE. Although most of us did not win any prizes, our fundraising efforts could not have been successful without your support.

We have special thanks for the following businesses and individuals who donated the many wonderful raffle prizes. Many of them have supported Senshin for many years. Please patronize these businesses and thank the individuals for their generosity:

Pacific Commerce Bank (Mr. Ken Kasamatsu)

Pacific Commerce Bank paid for the cost of raffle ticket printing.

Prize Donors:
DirecTV, satellite dish and programming (DirecTV and Chikako Kojima)

California Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

Los Angeles Dodgers

Aquarium of the Pacific

Feast From The East Restaurant (Suzanne Toji)

Rafu Shimpo (Qris Yamashita)

Sony Computer Entertainment (Yumi Yang)

Tak's Hardware & Garden Supply

Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: James Okazaki, John & Debbie Hiramoto, Wilbur Takashima, Chikako Kojima, Ted Akahori, Ellen Shimohara, and Rev. Kodani. Special thanks to Chris Aihara for helping with the ticket sales, and Ted Akahori for helping with ticket sales and handling the finances every year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome "Friends of Senshin"
More new and familiar faces:
June Kondo and Nancy Tamehiro.....

FLOWER DONATIONS

Additional flower donations for the months of July/August:
Jane Kitano

POTLUCK MOVIE NITE

Potluck Movie Nite : Saturday, September 22, 2012

Potluck: 6~7pm
Movie: 7pm -A Zatoichi movie

MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE - SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 9:30AM

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
FUKUYAMA, TOMIYO	HUSBAND	FUKUYAMA, KIYOJI, KAY
HARADA, JAMES	FATHER	HARADA, TOM,
HAYAMIZU, SUMIKO	HUSBAND	HAYAMIZU, ROBERT T.
IRIYE, MIDORI	FATHER	NAITO, TORAKICHI
ITO FAMILY	MOTHER	ITO, TOSHIYE
KIKUCHI, MARGIE	MOTHER	SASAKI, SHIZUE, GRACE
KITAYAMA, GLEN	MOTHER	KITAYAMA, KIMIKO, ESTHER
KITAYAMA, GLEN	GRANDMOTHER	KITAYAMA, KIMIKO
KITAYAMA, GLEN	GRANDMOTHER	NAKAGAWA, RITZU
KISHI, MABEL	FATHER	OTA, SHIGETARO
KOK, RICHARD	FATHER	KOK, YOKE CHUAN
KOYAMA, WILLIAM	GRANDMOTHER	KOYAMA, KISA
KODANI, MASAO	WIFE	KODANI, SHIRLEY
KODANI, RICHARD	FATHER	KODANI, FRED
KUNITAKE, KIMIYO	GRANDMOTHER	WADA, TAMAE
KUNITAKE, KIMIYO	GRANDMOTHER	YAMADA, TSUGI
MATSUDA, MISAO	HUSBAND	MATSUDA, MIYOSHI
MATSUMOTO, HISAKO	HUSBAND	MATSUMOTO, TSUTOMU
MIYATA, SATOSHI	MOTHER	MIYATA, TAKA
MURAKAMI, YOMIKO	SON	MURAKAMI, RAYMOND
NAKAMURA, BOB	FATHER	NAKAMURA, HARUKICHI
NAKAWATASE, HELEN	SISTER	HOSAKA, LEW, ANNA
OGAWA, JERRY	FATHER	OGAWA, KIKUO
ROOKS, CURTIS	MOTHER	ROOKS, KIKUYO
ROOKS, MARIKO	GRANDMOTHER	ROOKS, KIKUYO
SAWADA, NELL	MOTHER	OSHITA, UMEKO
SHIMABUKURO, SHIGEICHI	MOTHER	SHIMABUKURO, YOSHIKO
SHIMOHARA, ELLEN	FATHER-IN-LAW	SHIMOHARA, HENRY
SUGANO, LEO	GRANDMOTHER	KANAZAWA, FUDE
TAKEMOTO, CHIYOKO	BROTHER	FUJIURA, HENRY
TANAKA, NOBUKO	FATHER	SUGIMOTO, SEITARO
TANAKA, NOBUKO	SON	TANAKA, HARUMITSU
TANEZAKI, BARBARA	FATHER	KAKITA, BENE
TERRELL, JACKIE	FATHER-IN-LAW	FUKUMOTO, KATSUMI
TSUNODA, SATSUKO	FATHER-IN-LAW	TSUNODA, YAICHI
UNNO FAMILY		UNNO, ENRYO, REV.
UYEMURA, KOICHI	FATHER	UYEMURA, TAMIO
WADA, MASAKO	MOTHER-IN-LAW	WADA, TAMAE
WAKINAKA, ASA & BERNICE	SON	WAKINAKA, LESTER
YONEDA, KIYOKO	HUSBAND	YONEDA, KAZUO

DANA JULY

Listed below are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer.

special = donation received with no specific reason given.

orei = donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.

Nokotsudo = donation by families who have family cremains in the Nokotsudo (columbarium)

The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor. Membership dues are \$184.00 per individual (\$354.00 per couple). The dues include BCA membership fees. Members 80 years of age and over need not pay temple dues but may pay \$94.00 for BCA dues which includes the Wheel of Dharma newsletter.

Date	Donor	Occasion for Donation
7/2/2012	K. Nishimura	Funeral service for Hideo Nishimura
7/9/2012	Vicki Nakawatase-Shimaji	3rd cycle memorial for Joe Nakawatase
	Dale Matsubara	3rd cycle memorial for Joe Nakawatase
	Thomas & Delcene Kuwata	Nokotsudo
	Lillian Kuwata	Nokotsudo
	Randall Onishi	Nokotsudo
	Yoshiko Takeuchi	Nokotsudo
7/11/2012	Michael Ekinaka	Funeral & burial service for Kazuo Ekinaka
	Chiyoko Takemoto	Nokotsudo
	Celia Huey	Special Donation
	Hongwanji Place Bookstore	Orei (August)
	Jacob Espinoza & Catherine Ticong	Friends of Senshin
7/13/2012	Kiyome Hirayama	Special donation for "Proud to Serve"
7/20/2012	Kiyoko Isomoto	Nokotsudo
	Teramura Family	Use of Social Hall
	Saishin Dojo	Orei, Lunch time assistance
7/29/2012	Sumiko Hayamizu	3rd cycle, Bob Hayamizu
	Cathy Iyemura	3rd cycle, Bob Hayamizu
	Greg-Susan Myers	3rd cycle, Bob Hayamizu
	The Nagatani Living Trust	Funeral for Diane Nagatani
	Jim Yoshimura family	In memory of Diane Nagatani
	Isamu Matsumura	Recovery to Health
	Ethel Mayekawa	13th cycle service, Sue Shizuko Mayekawa
	Saishin Dojo	Orei, Utilities
	Deborah Hiramoto	Saishin Dojo
	Yasu Nakawatase	Donation
	Chikako Kojima	get well thank you
	Madalyne Adams	Nokotsudo, Kuwata family
	Madalyne Adams	Thank You

SENSHIN-JI BUILDING/OGAWA TRUST FUNDS

The double doors at the front entrance to the *Hondo*, the outside door to the “crying room” and the outside door adjacent to the garden have all been replaced. In addition, minor waterproofing repairs were made above the “crying room” door, and all wood fascia boards were refinished at the front of the *Hondo*. Additional repairs, replacements and refinishing of wood members (including the hand rails) were also completed. The *Mon* (gate) entryway from the main parking lot was refinished, and the small wall adjacent to the garden was treated for termite damage, repaired and refinished (during the fumigation tenting last year, this small wall was overlooked and was the only structure that was not tented).

The replacement of the second-story windows of the Education Building has been pushed back due to a delay in the manufacturing of the new windows. The replacement work is now scheduled to be performed during the second week of September. The work will be done during the week so as not to interfere with the temple’s weekend functions.

Upon completion of the above projects, we will turn our attention to the Social Hall. As mentioned previously, opinions were received from the representatives of the BWA (*Fujinkai*), the ABA, and the Jr. YBA advisors. We shall be consulting with the temple’s maintenance committee

members to obtain input from them. There have been a number of suggestions forwarded to us with regard to the changes that should be made to the Social Hall. We will take all comments into consideration as we plan the refurbishing of the Social Hall’s kitchen, restrooms, plumbing and electrical system. Refinishing of the hardwood floor and rearrangement of the PA system will also be on the remodeling agenda. Depending upon the costs involved, we will probably set up a priority list which will place the most urgent work at the head of the list.

It is likely that we will have to secure permits and inspections from the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety for the major work that we envision in terms of the electrical and plumbing systems, especially if we decide to relocate the restrooms from their current location. We still hope that all work can be done without affecting bearing walls, but if that becomes a necessity, we can expect significant additional costs to the construction work. We will also be required to upgrade to ADA standards for access to the building, so the scope of this project may expand well beyond what we originally expected.

We shall attempt to get an idea of the expected costs involved in order to determine how much additional fundraising may be required. We hope that the majority of the expenses can be covered by the existing

Ogawa Trust Fund and any other donations received by the Senshin-ji Building Fund during the interim.

This planning process will take time since we will have to sort through the needs and desires of the various organizations, and take into account the many challenges that we will likely encounter. We hope to get a plan together and obtain appropriate estimates during the second half of this year, so that we can begin work on the Social Hall by the end of 2012, or by early 2013.

All contributions to the Building Fund will be earmarked towards these future improvements.

In Gassho,

Wilbur Takashima

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY SENSHIN-JI BUILDING FUND

AUGUST:
Otoki Cookbook Sales

2012 SENSHIN TEMPLE FALL HIGAN SEMINAR

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012

Guest Speakers:

English /Japanese

- Rev. Ryuta Furumoto – San Mateo Buddhist Temple

- Rev. Tatsuya Aoki – Vancouver Buddhist Temple

講師:

日/英語

古本 龍太開教使、サンマテオ佛教會

青木龍也開教使、バンクーバー佛教會

Saturday, September 15th:

9:00am	- Omairi	Hondo	
9:30-11:00am	- Session I	English	Hondo – Rev. Furumoto
		Japanese	Classroom 1 – Rev. Aoki
11:00 – 11:15am	- Break	Social Hall/Courtyard	
11:15 – 12:30pm	- Session II	English	Hondo – Rev. Furumoto
		Japanese	Classroom 1 – Rev. Aoki
12:20 – 1:30pm	- Lunch	Social Hall/Courtyard	
1:30 – 2:30pm	- Session III	English	Classroom #1 – Rev. Aoki
		Japanese	Hondo – Rev. Furumoto
2:30 – 2:45pm	- Break	Social Hall/Courtyard	
2:45 – 4:00pm	- Session IV	English	Classroom #1 – Rev. Aoki
		Japanese	Hondo – Rev. Furumoto
4:00pm	- Omairi	Hondo	
4:30pm	- Dinner		

Sunday, September 16th:

9:30am	- Fall Higan Hoyo	Guest Speakers: Eng. Rev. Tatsuya Aoki, Vancouver Buddhist Temple
		Jpn. Rev. Masao Kodani

2012 FALL HIGAN HŌYŌ

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012, 9:30 am

Senshin Temple will observe its Fall Higan Hōyō on Sunday, September 16th. This bi-annual observance of Higan is a time for the study of the Buddhadharma.

9:30am - Fall Higan Hōyō

10:30am - Guest Speakers:

English - Rev. Tatsuya Aoki, Vancouver Buddhist Temple

Japanese - Rev. Masao Kodani

11:30am - Otoki served by Senshin Temple ABA.

Gassho,
Senshin Temple
James Okazaki, President

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秋のおひがながまいりました。

九月十六日「日」午前九時半より秋の彼岸法要を謹修致します。

講師には:

英語 — 青木龍也開教使、バンクーバー佛教會

日本語 — 小谷政雄開教史

をお願いしています。

皆様おさそい会せられてお詣り下さい。御案内申し上げます。

法要後アバの方々が「おとぎ」をお接待くださいます。

合掌

洗心寺

岡崎 ジエイムス — 理事長

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## 感謝録

特別寄附: 平山きよめ, ヒュイセリア,  
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故益中かずお 益中ミケル  
故永谷ダイアン 永谷トラスト

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中渡瀬—しまじヴィッキ  
故速水ポップ三回忌 速水すみこ, 家村キャシ  
マイヤーズグレグースザン

故前川しずこ十三回忌 前川エセル  
お礼: ソーシャルホール使用: 寺村一家  
西心道場(ランチ、光熱費), 本願寺書店  
納骨堂: 桑田トマス/デルシーン, 桑田リリアン,  
大西ランダル, 竹内よう, 竹本ちよこ, 磯元きよこ  
アダムズマダリン

## 九月の日程

|         |                              |                    |                      |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 一日 (土)  | USC—ハワイゲーム、<br>南部地域Jr. YBA会議 | 駐車場ファンドレイズ         |                      |
| 一/二日    |                              |                    |                      |
| 六日 (木)  | 午後七時半                        | 理事会                |                      |
| 九日 (日)  | 午前九時半<br>午前十時半               | 祥月法要<br>日本語<br>英語  | 岡田真治二名誉開教使<br>小谷政雄師  |
|         | 午前十一時半                       | 婦人会例会              |                      |
| 一五日 (土) | 午前九時—午後四時                    | 秋のお彼岸セミナー<br>英語:   | 古本竜太開教使、サンマテオ<br>仏教会 |
| 十六日 (日) | 午前九時半<br>午前十時半               | 家族礼拝<br>英語         | 青木龍也開教使、バンクーバ<br>仏教会 |
|         |                              | 日本語                | 小谷政雄師                |
|         | 午前11時半                       | おとぎ                | ABA                  |
| 二二日 (土) | USC-パークレゲーム                  | 駐車場ファンドレイズ         |                      |
|         | 午後6時からポットラックと映画の夕べ“座頭市”      |                    |                      |
| 二三日 (日) | 午前九時半<br>午前十時半<br>午前十一時半     | 家族礼拝<br>英語<br>日曜学校 | 小谷政雄師                |
| 二八—三〇日  | 婦人会慰安旅行                      | サンルイオビスコ           |                      |
| 三〇日 (日) | 九時半<br>十時半                   | 家族礼拝<br>英語         | 小谷政雄師                |

七一八月供花: 北野ジェーン

内陣活け花当番: 一日: J.駒井/K.Meigneux, 八日: J.南/J.中島, 十四日: T.吉田/M.菅野, 二二日: K.石塚/B.中村

楽しい夏休みを過ごされましたか? 九月の二二日から、またポットラック/映画の夕べが行われます。勝新の座頭市だそうです。昨年も、皆さん美味しい食物を持参されました。



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## SEPTEMBER 2012 CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Tōban: ABA

| Date    | Day | Time                                               | Service or Activity                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------|-----|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       |     |                                                    | Usc Parking Fundraiser (Hawaii)                                                                                                                                            |
| 1-2     |     |                                                    | Southern District Jr. YBA Conference                                                                                                                                       |
| 6       | Thu | 7:30pm                                             | Temple Board Meeting                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9       | Sun | 9:30am<br>10:30am<br>10:30am<br>10:30am<br>11:30am | Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki Hoyo)<br>Study Class<br>Japanese Sermon – Rev. Shinji Okada,<br>BCA Minister Emeritus<br>Dharma School<br>BWA Fujinkai Reikai           |
| 15      | Sat | 9am~4pm                                            | Fall Higan Seminar<br>Eng/Jpn – Rev. Ryuta Furumoto,<br>San Mateo Buddhist Temple<br>Eng/Jpn – Rev. Masao Kodani<br>Jpn/Eng – Rev. Tatsuya Aoki, Vancouver Buddhist Temple |
| 16      | Sun | 9:30am<br>10:30am<br>10:30am<br>11:30am            | Fall Higan Hoyo<br>English – Rev. Tatsuya Aoki, Vancouver Buddhist Temple<br>Japanese – Rev. Masao Kodani<br>Otoki served by Senshin ABA                                   |
| 22      | Sat | 6:00 pm                                            | USC Parking Fundraiser (Cal)<br>Potluck and Movie Nite – "Zatoichi"                                                                                                        |
| 23      | Sun | 9:30am<br>10:30am<br>10:30am                       | Family Service<br>Study Class<br>Dharma School                                                                                                                             |
| 28 ~ 30 |     |                                                    | Fujinkai Ian Ryoko – San Luis Obispo                                                                                                                                       |
| 30      | Sun | 9:30am<br>10:30am                                  | Family Service<br>Study Class                                                                                                                                              |