

Prajna



Monks, *Lung ta* and a Soldier

This cover photo was taken in 2012 by one of our Sangha members when she visited Lumbini where Shakyamuni Buddha was born. Behind the fluttering colorful small flags, several monks in red robes were doing Gassho and chanting a sutra. Bundles of the colorful flags are called *Lung ta* in Tibetan, “prayer flags” in English. Passages of a sutra are printed on the flags and it is believed that each time a flag flutters, Buddha’s message is carried by the wind, going around the world. Wishing the Buddha’s teachings prevail the world and the world would be a peaceful place, Tibetan Buddhists hang *Lung ta*.

The founder of Jodo Shinshū, Shinran Shōnin, stated in his letter, “May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha’s teaching spread!” (*CWS, A Collection of Letters*, p.561) He urged the followers of Jodo Shinshū to recite the *nembutsu* with the wish to create a peaceful society based on

the Buddha’s teaching.

Presumably, he was thinking about the passage of the Larger Sutra when he was writing the above phrase in his letter. In the Larger Sūtra, Shakyamuni Buddha states that the place where the Buddha’s teaching is listened to and practiced would be “prosperous and the people live in peace, so there is no need to use soldiers and weapons.” (*The Three Pure Land Sutras Vol.2*, p.93)

One of the basic thoughts of Buddhism is all are connected/interdependent; therefore, we try to see others as a part of us and we are part of others. If others are part of us, we don’t want to hurt others because attacking others means attacking ourselves. Normally, we don’t do self-mutilation such as breaking our own leg because it can really hurt. For the same reason, if others are a part of us, we would

not hit, cut, kick, punch, stab, shoot, or pinch others because it hurts. But the truth is we do hurt others. We speak ill of others and scar their hearts and minds.

Hence, the human beings are called foolish beings that are ignorant of the connection of all beings. From Buddha’s view, we are abnormal since we prefer to self-mutilate. But for such foolish beings, Shakyamuni Buddha left many messages and the messages were recorded as the sūtras that encourage people to live peacefully.

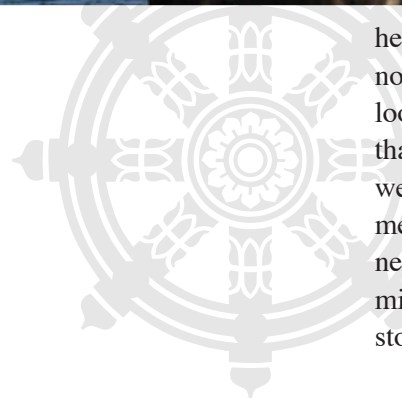
On the far left of the photo of Lumbini, there’s a man wearing camouflage clothing. He may be a policeman or a soldier protecting the Buddhist pilgrimage place. He is standing behind the *Lung ta* and the monks. He could

hear the chanting and feel the wind that carries Buddha’s message, but he does not see the monks. At first glance, we may think, “if he was not in the photo, it looks much better. We don’t need a soldier in Buddha’s place.” But we can think that because of the soldier’s appearance, the photo becomes more meaningful. If we see the soldier as ourselves who often hurt others, we get a more meaningful message from the photo. “The monks and flags are teaching me about the connection of all beings. Still, I am not facing the monks and I still hurt others by mistake. However, thanks to the teachings, I became a little more peaceful and stopped carrying arms.”

We can read this kind of a message from the photo.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



Senshinji Hanamatsuri Sunday, April 6, 2014, 10am

On Sunday, April 6, 2014, from 10am, Senshin Temple will be observing the birthday of Siddhartha Gautama, an Indian prince who became the Buddha, the Awakened One, Shakyamuni (the Sage of the Shakyas). This auspicious and special Buddhist holiday is observed in the Japanese Buddhist tradition on the 8th day of April. The birthday of Prince Siddhartha is called *Hanamatsuri*, or the “Festival of Flowers,” recalling the flowers that bloomed everywhere and were said to have fallen from the sky when Siddhartha was born.

Speaker for the Hanamatsuri Service in English and Japanese will be Rev. Ryuta Furumoto. Each person is asked to bring a single flower as an offering. *Otoki* will be served by the Senshin BWA. Members and friends are cordially invited to join us in our celebration of offering flowers and bathing the baby Buddha-to-be statue.

In Gassho,
Senshinji
Neil Komai *President*

花祭り慶讃法要

お釈迦様のご誕生をお祝いしましょう。

四月六日：午前十時

講師：英／日—古本竜太開教使
各自花一輪ずつご持参下さって、
花御堂を飾りましょう。



阿弥陀仏のはたらき

♪春が来た 春が来た どこに来た。山に来た。里に来た。野にも来た。

という歌があります。4月になりました。日本は桜がとても美しいころでしょう。春の歌もいろいろありますが、「春が来た」は多くの方が口ずさむことのできる歌です。ある資料によると、1910年の尋常小学校の音楽の教科書から100年以上、ずっと掲載されている歌だそうです。ですからこれを読んでいる方は一度はこの歌を歌ったことがあると思います。

私たちは「春が来た」と歌い、実際に春という季節はやってきますが、いったい春というのは何なのでしょう？春が来ると、暖くなり、桜が咲き、蝶やハチが花から花へ飛ぶのを見るようになるのですが春そのものを見たことのある人はいません。

春というのはあるのだけれども、色や形がないのです。春とは桜を咲かせ、虫たちの活動を活発にさせるはたらきのことをいいます。春を見た人はいませんが、実際にそのはたらきを気候や桜や蝶にみて感じる事ができます。

阿弥陀仏も私を救い目覚めさせるはたらきで、春と同様、色もなく形もありません。「法身（ほっしん）は色もなく形もありません。ですから思いはかる事もできず、言葉で言い表す事もできません。（唯信鈔文意）」と親鸞聖人は言われます。

法身というのは、阿弥陀仏の姿の一つで、お仏壇の中にご安置する阿弥陀さまの絵や木像の姿とは違う姿ではありますが、本質は同じです。水が氷やお湯になるようなものだと思います。

でも、色や形がなかったら目に見えないのにどうして親鸞聖人は阿弥陀仏がおられるとわかったのですか？と問いたくなります。

それは、春と同様、親鸞聖人も阿弥陀仏のはたらきを受け、お慈悲の暖かさを感じられたからです。そのはたらきは私たちの心の闇を照らして、私たちが愚かでたいしたことのない人物だと知らせてくださいます。そしてそのおかげでちょっとはましな人物にならせていただこうと思うようにもなってきます。

親鸞聖人は「一念多念文意（いちねんたねんもんい）」の中で「凡夫（ぼんぶ）というのは、無明煩惱が身に詰まっていて、欲が多く、怒り、腹立ち、そねみ、たみなど悪い心がひまなくはたらいています。それが臨終の死ぬ瞬間までなくなるのです。」と、仏の光に照らされて見ることのできた自分の汚い心について書かれています。

けれども、ただ心が汚いのをみて終わるのでなく、「阿弥陀さまが そういう愚かな者をあわれに思われて必ずお浄土に生れさせてくださるとの願いがありがたい、申し訳ない」と感謝や反省がうながされ、「じゃあ、ちょっとはましな人間になるようにしてみよう」と、できるだけ欲張らないように、怒らないように気をつけようとなってくるのです。

そういう気づきや感謝や反省がでてくるところに阿弥陀仏のはたらきを感じ取ることができます。

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial Service APRIL
Sunday, April 13, 2014 10:00am

The monthly memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month in memory of those who have passed away in that month. The April Shot-suki Hoyo will be on April 13. At the service, the list of names of the deceased, the person observing the memorial and the person's relation to the deceased is read. The Monthly Memorial List is also published in the Prajna newsletter. To have a name entered into the Monthly Memorial List, please call into the office, as names are not automatically entered after a funeral.

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Hashimoto, Miwako	Mother-in-law	Hashimoto, Tatsuyo
Imamura, Kikuye	Husband	Imamura, Dick
Kammerer, Michelle	Mother	Kammerer, Julia Lundquist
Komai, JoAnn	Father	Yamada, Yoshito
Kuwata, Yuriko	Father	Yamada, Takeo
Kuwata, Yuriko	Brother-in-law	Matsumoto, Tsutomu
Masada, Michiko	Father-in-law	Masada, Kentaro
Masada, Michiko	Husband	Masada, Yamato
Matsuda, Misao	Stepfather-in-law	Nishimoto, Kamezo
Matsumura, Isamu	Brother	Tsubaki, Hideo
Minami, Jean	Father-in-law	Minami, Kichitaro
Miyamoto, Dennis	Grandfather	Kawai, Sosuke
Motokane, Eddie	Father	Motokane, Keiso
Nishida, Kikuko	Mother	Nishida, Joe
Nishida, Kikuko	Mother	Yamaguchi, Misa
Nishikawa, Edith	Husband	Nishikawa, Georg
Nishikawa, Edith	Father-in-law	Nishikawa, Wasaku
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandfather	Ogawa, Konai
Okazaki, James	Mother	Okazaki, Akiko
Ota, Masaru	Father	Ota, Hayami
Rogers, Beverly	Grandfather	Aramaki, Chido
Sakakura, Michiko	Mother	Sakakura, Chizu
Saneto, Motoko	Husband	Saneto, Tsukasa
Shimohara, Ellen	Mother	Shinoda, Kimi
Takashima, Wilbur	Mother	Takashima, Yoshiko
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Setsugo
Terakawa, Alan	Aunt	Matsumune, Hisaye
Unno Family		Unno, Hanako
Ushirogata, Yukie	Sister	Matsushita, Fumie
Wakinaka, Asa & Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, David
Yamaguchi, Toshiko	Mother-in-law	Yamaguchi, Misa
Yoshimura, Brett & Susan	Grandmother	Yoshimura, Shizuko
Yoshimura, Evelyn	Mother	Yoshimura, Shizuko



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 of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.

2/2/2014	Elsa Kanagawa, Celia Huey	Donation
	WOW (WorkOut Wednesdays)	Donation
	Kiyoko Isomoto	Nokotsudo
	Douglas Kato, Hiroko Kato	Nokotsudo, Kay Kato
	Lillian Kuwata	Nokotsudo
2/6/2014	Misao Tomita	49th Day Service for John Tomita
	Shigeichi Shimabukuro	In memory of Fumie Shimabukuro
	Gene Matayoshi & Connie M. Nishiyama	Nokotsudo
	Kinnara	<i>Kohakumaku and tsuna, Fukinagashi</i>
	Carole Yokota	49th Day Service for John Tomita
2/16/2014	Masao Kodani	Use of Copy Machine
	Chiyoko Takemoto	In Memory of Father, Itashiro Fujiura
	Kathleen and Martin Umemoto	Nokotsudo
2/23/2014	Hideo and Kimiko Matsukawa and Doug Matsuda	Installation of Exhibit Hall curtains
	Russell Nishida	Donation & installation of Exhibit Hall cabinetry
	Ted Akahori and Masao Kodani	Donation for painting & remodel of Exhibit Hall
	Masao Kodani	Nokotsudo
	Anonymous	Donation
	Jack Kimoto family	Donation
	Pho Da Buddhist Temple	Donation

Flower Donations received in February

Anonymous
Ted, Tomi & Julie Akahori
Richard Kodani
Chikako Kojima
Michiko Masada
Gene Matayoshi & Connie Matayoshi
Nishiyama
Edith Nishikawa
Nell Sawada
Reiko Soday
Yukie Ushirogata
Matsuko Uyeno
Asa & Bernice Wakinaka

Senshin Car Donation

If you would like to donate a car, truck or any vehicle to Senshin, please contact:
Wilbur Takashima at (310) 398-9558 or Jean Minami at (323) 938-0048.

Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa, two separate scholarships will be awarded for the 2014 year. Consideration will first be given to applications from members of Senshin Buddhist Temple. If no qualified applications are received from any Senshin members, the scholarship awards will be opened to members of any Buddhist temple in the Los Angeles area.

The first scholarship will be granted to a student who will have graduated from high school by June of this year, or who has passed the General Educational Development (GED) test. A second scholarship will be made to a person who may wish to pursue further education with the intent to effect a change of direction in life, with regard to vocation, or who may just wish to pursue further education to improve his/her life.

Both scholarships are intended for anyone with a desire to further his or her education, and who is enrolled in a university, college, trade school or technical school, or has the intention of doing so at the time that the scholarships are awarded.

Each of the two scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000.00, which can be used toward payment of tuition, fees and/or other educational expenses.

Applications are now available. Requirements that must be met to be considered for these scholarships include:

- 1. Must be a member of a Buddhist Temple and/or Sangha;
- 2. Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate; this requirement can be waived under certain circumstances;
- 3. Acceptance by, or enrollment in, a university, college, trade school, technical school, or an institution that is approved by the scholarship committee.

Applications are available via email from Wilbur Takashima (wktakashi@aol.com) or from Patty Yamano (patty.yamano@gmail.com). Applications are due by May 15, 2014 and will be awarded at the Senshin Buddhist Temple Obon service that is scheduled on July 13, 2014.

For telephone inquiries, please leave a message for Wilbur Takashima at the Senshin temple office at (323)731-4617.



洗心寺美術館ギャラリー： 4月の掛け軸 “正信偈と南無阿弥陀仏”

今月の掛け軸は、南無阿弥陀仏の書ですが、普通の書とは異なり、南無阿弥陀仏は筆で書かれておらず、正信偈のお経の各行の空白から浮かび上がっているのです。正信偈は、私達浄土真宗の創立者親鸞聖人（1173 - 1263）がお書きになった“真実なる目覚め、信心”についての偈文で、浄土真宗の根本の教えを説いています。各行7つの漢字、120行計840文字で構成され、教えが盛り込まれているのですが、この掛け軸をよく見ますと、文字の空白が南無阿弥陀仏の6文字を作っています。東洋では昔から、仏典を写経することが大切な修行の一つ

とされています。日本の他の宗派では般若心経を写経する習慣があります。写経することで、良いカルマを得ることができ、自分の願いが叶えられると信ずる人も多々います。

浄土真宗では、しかし、そのようには考えません。浄土真宗の人間の願いの見方はユニークで、正直だからです。人々の願いは屢々不純なエゴに基づきます。例えば、もっとお金がほしいとか、いい娘婿が見つければとか、長生きできたら等と、自分の利欲に捕われています。そのような汚れたエゴで写経しても、よいカルマを得ることはできません。むしろ邪悪なカルマを積む事になり、地獄的な人生を送る結果になります。大いなる慈悲を象徴する阿弥陀様は、私達の邪心に

満ちるエゴを克服し、仏の世界である浄土に生まれることを願われたのです。

親鸞聖人は、自己中心の束縛から解放され、目覚めさせる阿弥陀仏の偉大なる力の教えを数多く書かれています。正信偈では南無阿弥陀仏の意味、その働きを

説明する為に、多くの教典や、インド、支那、日本の浄土仏教の高祖の教えを引用されて、この120行のお経に盛り込まれました。その各行、そしてその行間に南無阿弥陀仏の意味が説かれ、浮かび上がっているのです。

この掛け軸の正信偈は、サリナス仏教会の不二川往来開教使が写経されたものです。マス先生が1960年代京都で勉強されていた頃、不二川先生に英語を教えられたそうです。それで帰国されるおり、お礼の気持として不二川先生が贈呈されたのです。

古本竜太（訳、松林和夫）

お花はいつものように実藤もとこさんが活けてくれました。



Shōshinge and Namoamidabutsu

This month, Rev. Mas selected a painting that illustrates *Shōshinge* and Namoamidabutsu.

This month’s scroll is a calligraphy of Namoamidabutsu. This calligraphy is different. Namoamidabutsu is not written by brush but it emerges from the blank spaces between the lines of the *Shōshinge*. *Shōshinge* means “gātha of true awakening/faith/entrusting.” This gātha is a summarization of the teachings of Jodo Shinshū Buddhism, written by its founder, Shinran Shōnin (1173-1263).

He summarized the Jodo Shinshū teachings into the 120 lines in gātha form. Each line has seven kanji characters, so there are 840 kanji characters written in the scroll. The blank spaces between the lines form the six kanji characters of Na-mo-a-mi-da-butsu.

Copying a sūtra or a Buddhist gātha is a very popular practice in Asian countries. In Japan, copying *Hannya Shingyō* (known as “Heart sūtra”) is widely demonstrated by other denominations. Some people believe that by copying the sūtra, they are able to accumulate good karma and their wishes will come true. In Jodo Shinshū, we do not follow such thought or practice because our way of viewing a human’s wish is unique and honest. We consider that our wish is often motivated by our impure ego view, most of our wish is to obtain “my own” profit, such as earning more money, having a nice daughter-in-law, gaining

longevity, etc. We are not able to accumulate good karma by copying pure sutra with our dirty ego mind; rather, we will obtain evil karma that causes us to live a hellish life. Hence, Amida Buddha, the embodiment of great compassion, established the pure vow that enables us to be born in the Pure Land, realm of the Buddha that overcomes the defilement of the ego thought. Shinran Shōnin wrote many writings to explain the inconceivable power of Amida Buddha that can liberate unenlightened beings from the bond of the self-centeredness. In other words, he was trying to explain to us what Namoamidabutsu means and how it works. In his writings, he inserted a lot of passages from various sutras, and the works of Pure Land Buddhism masters from India, China and Japan. He, then, put his thoughts into *Shōshinge*, 120 lines of gātha. Not only from these lines but also from between the lines, the meaning of Namoamidabutsu is explained and emerged.

This scroll was copied by Rev. Ōhrai Fujikawa, Salinas Buddhist Temple. When Rev. Mas was in Japan in the 1960s, he taught English to Rev. Fujikawa. Upon returning to the U.S., as a token of gratitude, Rev. Fujikawa presented this scroll to Rev. Mas.

The scroll was selected by Rev. Mas and the Ikebana was arranged by Mrs. Motoko Saneto.

– REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

Senshin-ji Building Fund

Another site visit was made by the Satoh Brothers staff to secure additional measurements and to check for more details of existing conditions within the Social Hall building. This resulted in a proposed plan that reflected more closely the needs of our members with regard to the kitchen, the restrooms and the layout of the storage rooms. Based upon the proposed plan, we are providing supplemental feedback to the Satoh Brothers staff as a result of a meeting with the Butsu Butsu (maintenance) Committee. We will also be asking for kitchen layout and equipment advice from one of our members who happens to be a professional in the restaurant business, and from one of our members whose job involves inspection and oversight of restaurant kitchens.

We are still hoping to receive (by the end of this month) a rough estimate of the overall costs for this project. Once that is secured, we will be in a better position to determine which aspects of the project will receive priority, based upon funding capabilities.

We already know that the upgrade of the kitchen facilities and the relocation of the restrooms will be the top priorities, which by necessity involves the upgrading of the electrical and plumbing systems. There will be some modification to the remaining storage rooms, hopefully to create spaces that will provide more efficient storage



and greater flexibility of use during our two major activities — Chicken Teriyaki and Mochitsuki. The hardwood floors of the Social Hall and the stage will definitely be sanded, sealed and recoated. There is a deep desire for a full air conditioning and heating system for the building, and we will attempt to have it installed. We also hope to improve the sound and media presentation systems.

We are also planning to make changes to the “Scout Room” at the south end of the Social Hall building,

as well as to the garage and shed that are associated with the rental housing (former minister’s house) in order to provide additional work and storage space.

We shall keep you apprised of the status of our plans, and hold out hope that we will be able to provide the temple Sangha with the best improvements possible while staying within reasonable financial bounds.

Gassho,
Wilbur Takashima



BCA

2014 BCA National Council Meeting was held February 28 and March 1 in Bellevue, Washington, at the Westin Bellevue. It was a very pleasant experience.

The air of the meeting was much lighter than at my only other NCM experience in 2012 in Sacramento, where much of the focus was on the BCA debt. The discussions created an air of acrimony. This year, with the bank debt having been paid off through a loan from the BCA Endowment Foundation, the debt was hardly mentioned. Through efforts of the outgoing BCA president, Ron Murakami, the meeting was very much streamlined, without the tedious line-by-line discussion of the budget.

Because the meeting was run so efficiently on Friday, time was available to break the delegates into four groups to brainstorm the question, “*What can BCA do for the temples?*” On Saturday, at the end of official business, each of the groups presented their highlights. The main points were:

- BCA should become more of a resource for information benefitting all temples.
- Videos of programs held at the Center for Buddhist Education and at individual temples should be made available on the website.
- Success stories from the temples on fundraising and membership could be presented.
- And the idea was presented that the meeting becomes less of a business meeting and more of a National

Conference where Sangha members would be encouraged to attend and participate in seminars and programs.

A lot more was presented and it will be enlightening to see the follow through from BCA.

The absolute highlight of the weekend was Rev. Mas’ Dharma message at the *Eitai-kyo* service on Saturday



afternoon. His talk focused on the drift away from Buddhist values and sensibilities, especially at funerals, and the need to resist. While we at Senshin have heard this message in

a number of variations, it was new to most of the audience in attendance, noting the response of two rows of ministers nodding their heads in agreement as Rev. Mas made his points. It was classic Reverend Kodani, making his point, telling a story, adding an anecdote, circling around to the point and then, doing it again. I’m certain that if it were appropriate, he would have gotten a standing ovation at his conclusion. Instead, the tribute was offered by Bishop Umezu. After Rev. Mas’ message the next order of business was the installation of officers for the BCA Ministers Association and the BCA Board of Directors. Bishop Umezu stood on the dais, holding his book with the installation script and the two groups before him. Instead of reciting his script, he smiled and looked out at the group and said, “After Reverend Kodani’s talk, I feel foolish reading

these words. So go back to your temples, argue with the Fujinkai, flip chickens, and donate generously so others may follow you,” paraphrasing part of Rev. Mas’ message, and that was the installation.

During the cocktail hour before the banquet, Bishop Umezu came up to me and said, “Reading those words



after listening to Reverend Kodani just seemed silly. I couldn’t do it. There was no Kodani before him and there will be no Kodani after him.”

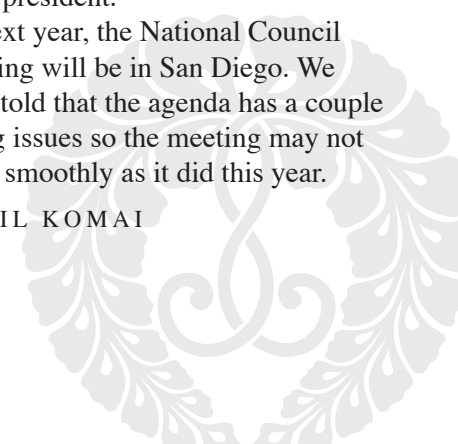
At the banquet, Rev. Mas and Reverend Hiroshi Abiko were recognized



for their service to BCA on their retirement. Along with Reverends David Matsumoto (not in attendance) and Dean Koyama for 25 years of service, Reverend Zuikai Taniguchi for 50 years, and Ron Murakami as outgoing BCA president.

Next year, the National Council Meeting will be in San Diego. We were told that the agenda has a couple of big issues so the meeting may not go as smoothly as it did this year.

— NEIL KOMAI





BWA

Thank you to everyone that attended our New Year's Party. Great food, great entertainment, great bingo prizes, but most importantly, great company.....thank you also to those who donated the generous prizes.

Please start looking in your homes for gently used or new items you cannot use or handmade craft items for the White Elephant Sale on May 4th. Please contact Iris Takashima at (310) 398-9558, if you have any items you would like to donate.

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following *Dana*:

Alice Okayama, special
Motoko Saneto, special
Mr. & Mrs. David Shudo, special
Rev. & Mrs. Tada, special
Bob & Suzanne Toji, special
Mat Uyeno, 3rd cycle for Mas Uyeno

We welcome new members Yoriyo Furumoto and Alice Okayama to the BWA.

We are happy to welcome new members to this service organization. 2014 membership dues are \$10. Please complete a membership information form with your dues, so we can update our records and better understand your interests, talents, and availability.

No meeting in April. Next BWA meeting, May 11th, after Study Class.

ABA

Please support the ABA Cha Shu Bao fundraiser which will be on Hanamatsu-ri, April 6th. Orders are being accepted through March 30th. The Morongo Casino Turnaround will be on Saturday, April 26th. Please contact any ABA member for more details. Also, our first E-waste collection fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 31st from 9am to 2pm. We are asking you to donate your old electronics, such as televisions and computers to be sold as scrap. This is a temple fundraiser. See separate ad for details.

Jr YBA

On Sunday April 6th, after the Hana-

matsuri Service, the Jr's will be having their Bake Sale. Lots of delicious treats to select from, so don't miss out. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 13th.

Dharma School

Please refer to the temple calendar for the Dharma School schedule.

Fundraising



Chicken Teriyaki— Something New!

NEW! This year we will be using an order form for Chicken Teriyaki dinners. No tickets will be printed or mailed. We hope this will be a more efficient and streamlined approach. Please use the enclosed order form which is also available on our website. Chicken Teriyaki is a major fundraiser for Senshin. Many people would purchase all five tickets they were sent. We hope you can still order five dinners, or more, this time as well. Thank you for your continued generous support!

And in an effort to be more earth conscious, instead of styrofoam containers, compostable take-out containers are being considered for the packaging. Going green may cost a little more now, but will save a lot more in the future.

Remember: Sunday, May 4, 2014
Pre-orders only: Deadline April 21st

Obon Raffle!

Obon season is right around the corner! Our Raffle drawing will be at Senshin's *Bon Odori* on Saturday, July 5th. We hold our annual raffle to raise funds for Temple activities. The Raffle Committee is again asking for your donations for prizes. We appreciate any donation you can give, and to make donating easier, this year we are asking for \$10 gift cards from any vendor to be used as prizes. Gift cards will be bundled together to make larger prizes, will be raffled off at intermission and distributed that evening. Names of all donors will be included on a thank you banner that evening. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736. Thank you for your support.

2014 BWA Shinnenkai Memories

Top: Senior members with President Kathy
Middle: Great lunch from Feast from the East
Bottom: Everyone enjoyed playing Bingo as Wilbur calls out the numbers.

Facilities

Butsu Butsu Kai marches on! The lights, including the ballast, were replaced in the social hall. The monitored security gate to the corner parking lot was repaired again. A new security system is being researched. A new curtain rod and pull-down shade were installed in the new Exhibit Hall. Thank you again to Butsu Butsu Kai

Social Media

LIKE

Senshin on Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/Senshin-BuddhistTemple>

FOLLOW

Senshin on Twitter and
Instagram @senshinji



SAVE THE DATE!
**SENSHIN
PICNIC
2014
AUGUST 24TH**



DETAILS TO COME



**SABA
E-waste Temple
Fundraiser
Saturday, May 31st
9:00 - 2:00**

Senshin Buddhist Temple Parking Lot

Acceptable items:

**Computers • Monitors • Servers • Hard Drives
Laptops • Flat Screens • TVs • Cell phones**

Not eligible for e-waste:

**Alkaline Batteries, Washers, Dryers,
Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Microwaves.**

ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE MAY 24TH

**Questions or arrange a pick-up
for heavy items call or email:**

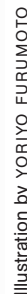
**John Hiramoto
714-746-7788 • johnhir@msn.com**

**Ken Iriye
626-607-6598 • jiriye@earthlink.net**

The *Hatsumairi* is a special service at which an infant is presented for the first time to the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha at the temple, hence the term *Hatsumairi* which means “First Going”. Parents bring their infant child or children to the temple for the first time to present them before the image of the Buddha Amida and to the members of the Sangha, expressing their desire to expose them to the Buddhadharma, the teachings of the Buddha.

Please fill out the registration form below and mail it to Sen-shin Temple no later than May 11th. The *Hatsumairi* will be held as part of the *Gotanye* Service at 10:00am when your child will be presented a *Nenju*, a certificate and gift.

2014年度の初参りを5月18日（日）10時から行います。初参りは子や孫が仏さまの教えを聞いて立派な大人になるようにと願ってお勤めされる式で、親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする降誕会の法要の時に式を行います。参加者にはお念珠やギフトが贈られ、記念に手形と足形をとります。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんとぜひ一緒にお参りください。お申し込みやご質問はお寺に電話してください。



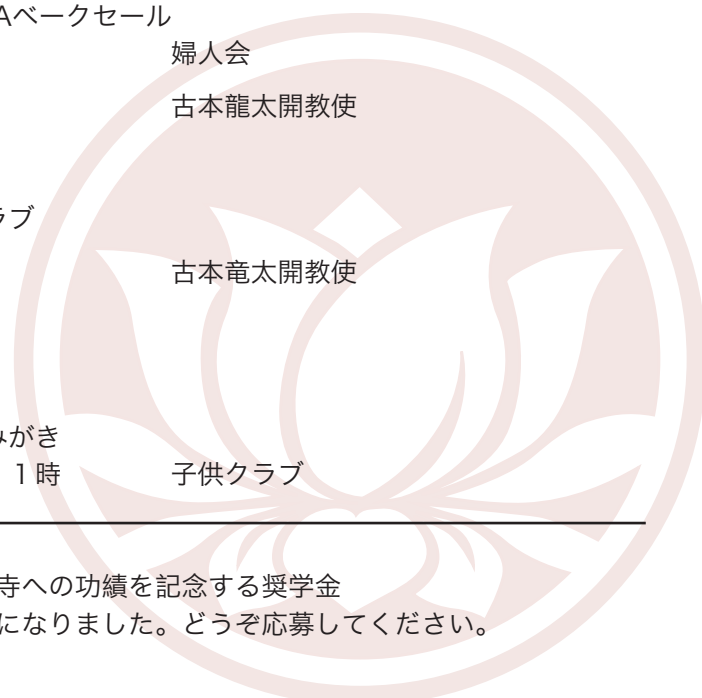
Name of Child
Name in Japanese Characters, if applicable
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Sex M F
Name of Parents
Address
Phone

Please mail Registration Form to:

寄附	神奈川エルサ,ツエリアヒュイ WOW(水曜日体操),木元ジャック Pho Da仏教会,匿名	故島袋ふみえ追悼 故藤浦いたしる追悼 故富田ジョン４９日	島袋しげいいち 竹本ちよこ 富田みさお,西田ラッセル(展示館棚) 横田キャロル
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4月日程:

今年は桜の花見は何時頃になるのでしょうか？　ロスの花は何時咲くのやら見当が付きません。一度我が家の裏の桜は9月に、僅かですが狂い咲きをしました。皆さんも何時でも花を咲かせてください。暖かい冬が続いています。でも深刻な水不足になるそうです。好い事、悪い事の両面ですね。



MEMBERSHIP



SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Senshin membership dues enable us to enjoy all the temple services, programs and activities (including a full time minister) at Senshin and to maintain our temple facilities. The 2014 Senshin dues include BCA dues of \$107.25. We look forward to your continuing support of Senshin.

Please return the form below fully completed along with your check, so that we can make sure our information is current and complete. If you have already paid your 2014 dues, please accept our gratitude.

If you have any questions or wish to make special payment arrangements, please feel free to leave a message for Kathy Ikari at Senshin (323) 731-4617, who will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support and participation in making Senshin a very special place.

Name _____		Birthdate* _____	
Name _____		Birthdate* _____	
* please provide, if claiming Senior Membership Category			
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
☎ Phone _____		Email _____	

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): **\$375**

☐ Individual: **\$195**

☐ Senior (80 years+ with out BCA membership): Complimentary

☐ Senior (80 years+, with BCA membership): **\$107.25**

Total amount enclosed:

Please make checks payable to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**
Send/bring to: 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007



Chicken Teriyaki Goes Green!

NEW! This year we will be using this order form for Chicken Teriyaki dinners. No tickets will be printed or mailed. And instead of styrofoam containers, compostable take-out containers are being considered for food distribution. This order form is also available on our website. Chicken Teriyaki is a major fundraiser for Senshin. Many people would purchase all five tickets they were sent. We hope you can still order five dinners, or more, this time as well. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Gassho,
Neil Komai

SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

FAMOUS CHICKEN TERIYAKI DINNER

INCLUDES: 1/2 CHICKEN, RICE, SESAME GREEN BEANS, CABBAGE TSUKEMONO

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014 • \$10 PER DINNER

PICK UP BETWEEN 11a – 3p; PRE ORDER ONLY, BY APRIL 21

Also BWA White Elephant, Craft & Bake Sale

First Name _____	Last Name _____
☎ _____	
Number of dinners at \$10 each = _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment included (check/cash) \$ _____	

QUESTIONS? Call Marilyn Shimabukuro Leong, 818-248-4720 or email, mshima@charter.net

Please make checks payable to **SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

Mail **this order form** to: Senshin Chicken Teriyaki, 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007,
OR drop off your order in the teriyaki mail slot in the temple office.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko	<i>Bhutan Pilgrimage:</i> Rev. Mas April 4 thru 20	
6 Hanamatsuri Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Hanamatsuri</i> Service – Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday 11a Study Class Rev. Furumoto 11a Dharma School 11:30a <i>Otoki</i> served by BWA ABA Chashu Bao Sale (Pre-ordered) Jr. YBA Bake Sale		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service (<i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i>) 11a Study Class / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 ABA Morongo Trip
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
27 Osoji-Temple Clean-up; No Services	28	29	30			
8a–12noon <i>Osoji</i> , <i>Omigaki</i> (altar polishing) Train- ing, <i>Omigaki</i> 9a–11a Kids' Club						

*All classes subject to change without notice.
Please call a group member to confirm meeting/
rehearsal.*

APRIL TOBAN:

Sunday Service Jr. YBA
Hondo Jim Usui, Bob Nakamura, Nick Nagatani,
Wendy Nagatani

April Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

April 5 Betty Yamashita / Kathy Ikari
April 12 Kimiko Matsukawa / Nell Sawada
April 19 Marilyn Miyamoto / Chikako Kojima
April 26 Donna Ebata / Qris Yamashita

Upcoming in May:

May 4 Chicken Teriyaki Sale; BWA White Elephant, Craft and Bake Sale
May 18 *Gotanye* (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) and *Hatsumairi* (Infant Presentation) Services
May 26 Memorial Day
May 31 E-waste Collection, Temple Fundraiser