

Prajna

Earth Day

As I was looking at an April calendar, I noticed that April 22nd will be “Earth Day.” Earth Day is a day to encourage people to think about environmental issues and to lead an ecological life-style. This event started in 1969 by an America activist and later was sanctioned by the United Nations. Nowadays, Earth Day is celebrated in about 200 countries by holding ecology-conscious events. I learned about this event about 10 years ago and wanted to hold some kind of ecology event at the temple. But for 10 years, I always missed the chance. I always remembered Earth

Day on April 22, by reading about the event in the newspaper or when my children brought homework related to the environment. But this year, before I started to write this message, fortunately a month ahead, I found April 22 will be Earth Day. One thing I have wanted to do was a candlelight service. In the back

of the *Hondo*, there are a lot of leftover candles that have been used in the *Onaijin*. We replace the candles before they are totally melted down, so the old, shortened candles are stored in the back of the *Onaijin*, waiting for a chance to be reused. I was thinking about how we can reuse the candles and one of the ideas was to use them up by having a candlelight service.

The candlelight service will be an opportunity for us to appreciate the convenience of our modern life with electricity and at the same time we can see how we waste energy. The service will be held at night and we will only use the light of the candles from the *Onaijin*, and the candleholders set up in the *Gejin* while we chant the sutra. Not using electricity, including AC, microphone and music from the organ, we will be totally “unplugged.” We will have difficulty not using electric lights, but simultaneously, we will know life without electricity is not all bad. In the olden days, people used candles or oil lamps at night. They used lanterns to go to the temple, chanted *Shoshinge* and listened to the Dharma message in the light of candles. They did not have electric coolers or heaters, but they enjoyed listening to the teaching.

Today, we are no longer able to stop using electricity, but we should think about environmental issues. If we use less electricity, we can contribute to producing less energy wastes such as CO2 that is said to be a cause of global warming.

While I was planning to hold an Earth Day candlelight service, I suddenly thought, “But it’s better not to

have a candlelight service at the temple.” The reason is, if we truly think of the environment, we should not use electricity and gas on Earth Day. To come to the temple, we need our cars which use gasoline. If we come to the temple, we’ll use the social hall after the service. We will turn the lights on and use gas on the stove to make tea. We will use paper cups for the tea and talk about how we conserved energy and how we are ecological. To avoid becoming such temporal self-satisfied ecologists, it’s better to stay home, not using the car, and try to use less electricity. So, this year, our Earth Day event is to conserve energy by not coming to temple. If you come by bicycle or by foot, please let me know. In that case, I’ll come by bicycle and we shall have the candlelight service. If you want to try using less electricity on Earth Day at your home, I can give you leftover candles, so please feel free to ask me.

Sometimes an ecological event becomes an event to show others how good I am, but *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhists try to be “less ego” as possible. Shinran Shonin stated in his writings:

“We should not outwardly express signs of wisdom, goodness, or diligence, for inwardly we are possessed of falsity. We are filled with all manner of greed, anger, perversity, deceit, wickedness, and cunning, and it is difficult to put an end to our evil nature. In this we are like poisonous snakes or scorpions. Though we perform practices in the three modes of action, they must be called poisoned good acts or false practices.” (“Gutoku’s Note” CWS p.601)”

This severe introspection of Shinran Shonin was possible thanks to the light of Amida Buddha. The light connotes the Dharma that awakens us. Because of the light, we can know the shadow of our heart and mind. And because of the shadow, we can know we are illumined by the light. Awakening our self-centeredness, greed, anger, etc, is accepted by Amida Buddha. This Amida’s light has been symbolically displayed as the candlelight from the Obutsudan. Not only on Earth Day but also everyday, shall we reflect on our electrical energy-wasting life and our self-centered life.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

アースデイ

4月のカレンダーを見ていたら、4月22日がアースデイだと記してあるのを見つけました。アースデイとは地球の日で、地球環境について考え、私たちが無駄にエネルギーを消費するのをいさめることを目的とした記念日です

アースデーは1969年にアメリカで始められ、現在では国際連合に認められた記念日となっており、約200カ国で地球環境に関連したイベントがおこなわれています。私は10年位前にアースデーのことを知り、それ以来なにかお寺でエコロジ的な生活を奨励するようなイベントをしてみたかったのですが、いつも4月22日になって新聞やニュースで「ああ、今日はアースデーだ」と気づくので、いつも何もできずに終わっていました。けれども今年は、このメッセージを書くまえにアースデーのことを思い出したので、今年こそはなにかイベントをしてみようと思い立ったのです。

私がイベントとしてやってみたいなと思っていたことは、キャンドルライトサービスです。電灯をつけずに、ろうそくの火だけを用いて、正信偈をとえ、お聴聞をします。そうすることで、普段あたりまえのように使っている電気のありがたさを知ることになります。また、昔のご門徒さんたちが、クーラーやスピーカーも使わず、ろうそくや行灯の光の中でお聴聞されていたことを思い起こし、現代の私たちもできるだけ電気の無駄使いをしないようにとの啓蒙にもなることでしょう。お内陣の裏に使用済みの短いろうそくがたくさん保管してあるので、そのろうそくを使い切ることもできて、かなりエコロジ的なイベントができるだろうと考えたのですが、やはりキャンドルライトサービスはやらないことにしました。

その理由は、もしお寺に集まるとなると、私たちは車を使用するからです。車を使用すれば、ガソリンを使うことになります。車から排出される二酸化炭素が地球温暖化の原因になっているといわれているので、やはりアースデーは、車をできるだけ使用せずに家で過ごすことが地球環境にはいいだろうと思ったのです。ですから、今年の洗心寺のアースデーイベントは「お寺に来ずに家にいる」という方法で地球環境の

保全に貢献することにしましょう。世間にはいろんなエコロジー活動がありますが、たまに、ほんとうに環境を第一に考えているというよりも、いいことをしている自分をアピールすることが主目的となっているような活動もあるように思えます。それはエコでなく、エゴです。

浄土真宗の教えを聞くものは、できるだけそういったエゴを少なくしようと努めるので、あまり他人に「自分が、自分が」と言わなくなってきました。親鸞聖人は愚禿鈔に善導大師のお言葉を引かれ、自分のエゴをいましめておられます。

「外に賢善精進の相を現ずることをえざれ、内に虚仮をいなければなり。」

と自分の中身が自分の得ばかりを考えているあさましいものなのに、自分は賢い、いいことをしていると、外を飾るのをやめなさい、と言われるのです。この親鸞聖人の内省は、阿弥陀仏の光によって照らされて見えてきた影によるものでした。聖人は光として表現される仏の教えや智慧を受け、自分の心を見たいとき、自己中心性という暗い影を見逃すことができなかったのです。けれども、その影を見るということは、自分が阿弥陀さまの光に照らされているということでもあります。それは、自分の自己中心性、そこからでてくる比較、怒り、欲、ねたみ、などに気づくことが、阿弥陀如来のお救いをいただくということでもあります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀仏の光はお内陣のろうそくの灯りで象徴的に表現してきました。アースデーのご縁に、自分の心を見つめて、できるだけエゴが少なく、エコロジカルな生活を送られるよう、心がけていきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏
古本竜太

Monthly Memorial Service APRIL

Sunday, April 12, 2015 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. 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 the office as names may not automatically be entered after a funeral.

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Gleeson, David & Lynn	Daughter	Gleeson, Kiyoko Paige
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, Henry	Uncle	Tsubaki, Hideo
Minami, Jean	Father-in-law	Minami, Kichitaro
Miyamoto, Dennis	Grandfather	Kawai, Sosuke
Motokane, Eddie	Father	Motokane, Keiso
Munekata, Yooko	Mother	Matsubayashi, Ayako
Nakashima, Jean	Father	Shigeyasu, George
Nakashita, Arthur	Mother	Nakashita, Yoshiko
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Brother-in-law	Nakawatase, Hideo
Nishida, Kikuko	Father-in-law	Nishida, Joe
Nishida, Kikuko	Mother	Yamaguchi, Misa
Nishikawa, Edith	Husband	Nishikawa, George
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
Unno Family		Unno, Hanako
Ushirogata, Yukie	Sister	Matsushita, Fumie
Wakinaka, Asa & Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, David
Yamaguchi, Toshiko	Mother-in-law	Yamaguchi, Mi sa
Yoshimura, Brett & Susan	Grandmother	Yoshimura, Shizuko
Yoshimura, Evelyn	Mother	Yoshimura, Shizuko

Hanamatsuri

April 8th is the day to celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha in Mahayana Buddhism tradition. In Japanese, this celebration is called “*Hanamatsuri*” which means “Flower (*Hana*) Festival (*Matsuri*)” and it has been celebrated from the 9th century. About 2,500 years ago in present time Nepal, the baby Buddha was born in a field filled with blooming flowers. Now the site is known as Lumbini Garden. Thanks to the appearance of the Buddha in this world, the path to become the Buddha is opened to all beings. Shall we celebrate the special day by attending the *Hanamatsuri* service at the temple on Sunday, April 5th.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

4月8日はおしゃか様の誕生日として日本やアメリカ各国のお寺でお祝いされています。花御堂に安置された誕生仏に甘茶をかけるのは、おしゃか様がお生まれになったことを祝福して天が甘い雨を降らせたという伝話にもとづいたものです。おしゃか様の誕生をお祝いする行事を灌仏会（かんぶつえ）、または花祭りといいます。岩波仏教辞典によると、承和七年四月八日（9世紀）に清涼殿（天皇の日常生活の場）で、おしゃか様の誕生を祝う儀式を行ったのが、日本の灌仏会のはじまりだそうです。その後、日本で仏教が盛んになるにつれ宗派を問わず灌仏会が行われるようになりました。第二次大戦後にGHQが日本にやってくるまで個人の誕生日を祝う風習のなかった日本で、おしゃか様の誕生日をお祝いするという行事があったのは、よほど仏教が重んじられていたということがうかがわれます。今年は4月5日に花祭りをお勤めしますので、みなさまぜひお参り下さい。を営みます。みなさま、お誘い合わせの上ぜひお参り下さい。

Senshin-ji Building Fund April 2015 Update

By the time that you receive this issue of the Prajna, the construction plans for the Social Hall will have been submitted to the Department of Building and Safety (DBS), and the plan reviews will be underway. Unless the plan checkers find issue with any design concept or believe that the County Health Department needs to review the kitchen plans, we are hopeful that the plans will be returned to the Satoh Brothers firm without too much of a delay. If any revisions requested by the DBS are not too onerous, the plans should be approved after a second review by their staff, at which time the permitting process can begin.

Concurrent with the permitting process, we expect to receive a definitive construction schedule and an accurate estimate of the construction costs. We anticipate that demolition work will be ready to start as soon as the Saishin Dojo program concludes in mid-July. We still hope that the construction work can be completed by the middle of December, which would allow us to proceed with our annual *Mochitsuki* activities.

As with any construction project, once the demolition takes place, and the contractors are able to see conditions behind the walls and below the floors, we dearly hope that nothing extraordinary is found with regard to the general condition of the building. The Social Hall was constructed around 1937, and it was the original *Hondo* in which weekly temple services were held. We believe that the basic structure is sound and that the building will easily “adjust” to the remodeling work that will be performed.

One of the temple’s activities that will have to be cancelled this year is the annual ABA Rummage Sale. Since it normally takes place on the first Saturday of August, and the activity relies heavily on the availability of the Social Hall, the ABA organization graciously gave way to the construction work that will begin in July. We thank the ABA for their understanding and cooperation.

As a reminder, you are welcome to take cuttings from the plumeria plants alongside the Social Hall. You can also dig out (hard work!) the small palm

plants as well.

As always, we will provide updates each month as we proceed with the review/approval/permitting process.

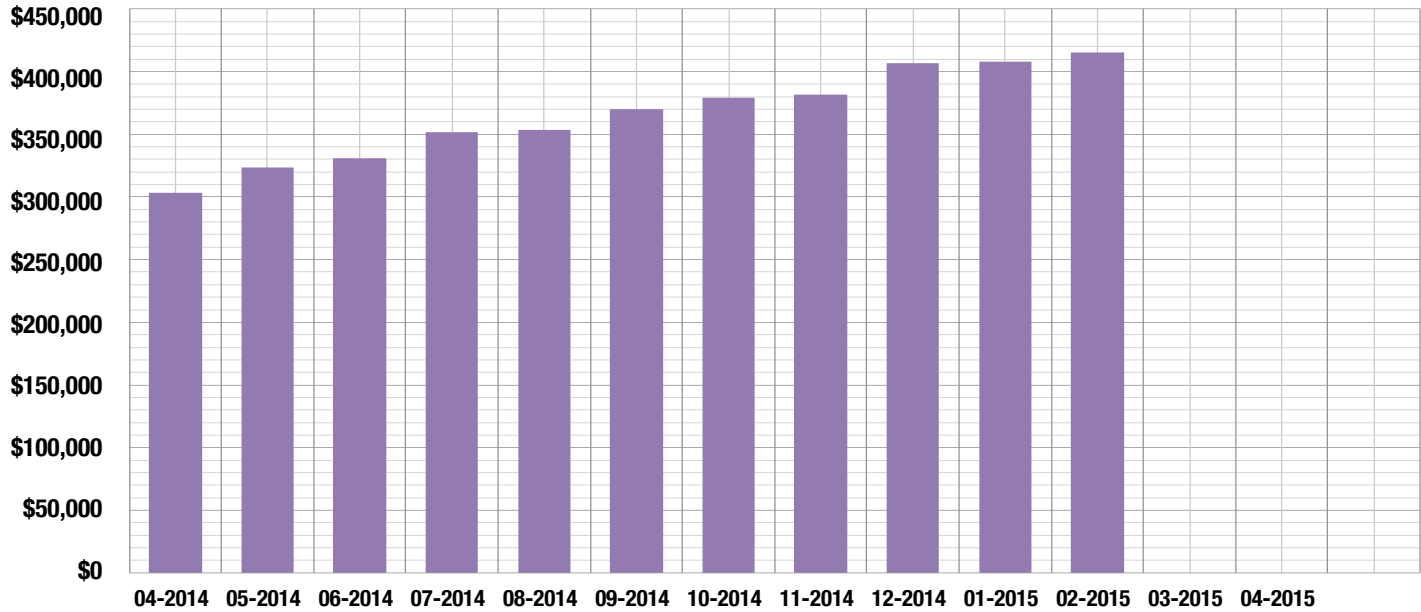
Gassho,
Wilbur Takashima

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY:

- Hirayama, Kiyome
- Hisamune, Masaru*
- Inatomi, Lily & Family**
- Kondo, Francis***
- Murakami, Eugene & Elaine****
- Nishikawa, Kelvin & Yoko
- Ohata, Ron & Fujie
- Okayama, Yoneko Alice
- OTOKI cookbook sales
- Takamiyashiro, Gennie
- Zottarelli, Lawrence***

* Proceeds from vehicle donation
** In memory of Kiyo Inatomi
*** In memory of Roy Otamura
**** In memory of Arthur Murakami

Senshin-ji Building Fund: Social Hall
Goal: \$500,000 by April 30, 2015



2/1/2015	Lily Inatomi	13th cycle memorial, Kiyohiko Inatomi
	Lily Inatomi	Nokotsudo
	Lily Inatomi	Orei / use of facility
	Lanny & Karen Kusaka	In memory of Sakae Motoyoshi
	Gene Matayoshi & Connie	Matayoshi-Nishiyama Nokotsudo, in memory of Kama Matayoshi
	Kiyoko Isomoto	Nokotsudo
2/5/2015	Douglas Kato	Nokotsudo, in memory of Kay Kato
	Yoshiko Takeuchi	Nokotsudo
2/8/2015	Gary & Paula Shirasago	In memory of Sally Shirasago
	Kangaku Naito	Special Dana
2/22/2015	Marvin Taniguchi	7th cycle memorial, Yuriko Taniguchi
	Wilbur & Iris Takashima	7th cycle memorial, Yuriko Taniguchi
	Matsuko Uyeno	Nokotsudo, in memory of Masato Uyeno
	Kenneth Hatai	Special
	Ron Ohata	Special
2/26/2015	Brent & Mary Roath	In memory of Fred Wada

Listed 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.

March 2015 Flower Donations

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| Anonymous | Edith Nishikawa | Barbara Tanezaki |
| Anonymous | Gene & Connie Matayoshi | Matsuko Uyeno |
| Ted & Tomi Akahori | Fujie & Ron Ohata | Yukie Ushirogata |
| Miwa Hashimoto | Reiko Sondag | Kiyo Yoneda |
| Chikako Kojima | Yo Takeuchi | |

Senshin-ji Building Fund
1311 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: **Senshin-ji Building Fund**)

NOTE: In order to maintain compliance with IRS policy, whenever we receive a check in the amount of \$250.00 or more, we will send an acknowledgement letter to the donor for his/her records. For amounts less than \$250.00, your cancelled check will serve as a receipt for the donation. *However*, if you wish to have a letter of receipt sent to you, regardless of the donation amount, please let us know and we will be most happy to comply.

Notes from the BCA National Conference

The Buddhist Churches of America National Conference was held in San Diego this past February 24th to March 1st. The conference brings together all the BCA church representatives from across the country which I estimate to be 250 to 300. Reports from all the committees and conferences are made, and resolutions are brought to the temple delegates and voted upon.

I'm aware of only two resolutions that were brought to the floor for a vote. They both passed. One was the budget. It included a \$5 raise per member so as a result, you will see a corresponding increase in our membership dues when the membership requests go out. The other was the approval of an eco-friendly, *mottai-nai* resolution about our need to be more aware of the environment we live in. The full resolution will be posted on our website. Suggestions were offered as steps for a cleaner

and healthier environment: Temples and their sangha can separate trash, use recycled products as much as possible, use bamboo versus wooden *hashi*, and use paper products versus styrofoam.

This was my second time attending the National Conference, the first being two years ago when it was held in San Mateo. I believe there was an attempt to change some of the format at this year's conference to make it more interesting with emphasis on integrating the teachings of Buddhism and how it may integrate into our lives. I thought their efforts were achieved.

The first difference I noticed was the "dharma-thon." At the end of each afternoon "session," there were three or four ministers given 10 to 12

minutes to talk about their thoughts on Buddhism. I found the talks to be interesting and educational. I think they should keep those talks. There were also sets of "workshops" on Friday and Saturday nights after dinner that were optional, so you had your pick of which ones to attend. I thought there was something there for everyone. Overall, I thought the conference to be very well organized and thought out. It ended on a rainy Sunday morning with a Jr. YBA breakfast fundraiser at the San Diego Temple featuring Portuguese sausage, eggs and rice. It was delicious!

In Gassho

DOUG AIHARA



Tokonoma

This month, Rev. Mas selected a painting that illustrates the awareness of the changing of the season, from winter to spring. The title of the painting is *Heian Hyakkei* which means "one hundred scenic places of Kyoto," and the painter is Gyokusen Mochizuki (1834-1931). The painting and article about this painting appeared in the *Prajna* last Spring. By seeing the same scroll again, we sense the changing of the seasons as well as the swiftness of the flow of time.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



床の間のアート：ポストンキャンプでつくられたピンとブローチ

今月の床の間に、マス先生はこれまでとは異なるアートを選ばれました。ピンとブローチです。床の間には絵とか文字の掛け軸をかけるのが通常ですので、異例といえます。しかし、通念を捨てて観れば、この美術品は私達の固定観念を打破してくれます。床の間にピンとブローチが飾られているのを見るのはとても新鮮な体験です。

この手工芸品は、私達日系人には特に意味があります。第二次世界大戦中、収容所に閉じこめられた方々は、果物の種だとか野菜を運ぶ箱を再利用し多くのクラフトを作りました。ここにある作品の作者は、お寺の近くに住んでおられた“松”ではじまる名前の方でしたが、マス先生も古い会員も、フルネームをおぼえていません。この女性はポストンキャンプでブローチの作り方を教え、ごらんのように、小鳥、コヨテ、植物など、何でもキャンプの中で目にしたものを彫ったのでしょうか。じつに美しいですね。

こうした手工芸品を、日本では民芸品と呼びます。日常生活の実用品として作られ、作者は無名です。柳宗悦(1889-1961)は優れた日本文化の考察者ですが、こうした民芸品の美は仏教の教えの根本に繋がると説いておられます。

1942年の2月末から、12万人の一世、二世の方々が収容所に送り込まれました。

Sunday, August 16th
 SAVE THE DATE
 2015
 Senshin Picnic
 Kenneth Hahn Park
 DETAILS TO COME.....

Updates

Religious Committee

On February 14-15, 2015, Senshin held its annual Nembutsu Retreat at Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks. The retreat was again led by Rev. Tet-suo Unno and was attended by about 35 Nembutsu followers from Senshin and other temples. This year, Rev. Unno provided materials in advance of the retreat that contained 30 quotes and excerpts from various Buddhist and non-Buddhist sources. The intention was for the attendees to select one of the quotes that each found most meaningful and to use it as a starting point for discussion. The process was very successful with many participants sharing their thoughts, experiences and reactions. In years past, when more participation takes place, the general feeling is more positive about the retreat. This year was no exception. Thank you to all who attended.

Palm Garden has agreed to have us host the 2016 retreat at the same location. Plan to join us next year for a nice weekend of thoughtful discussion.

B W A

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

Doris and Al Shigaki: New Year donation

Gennie Takamiyashiro:

New Year donation

Tomi and Ted Akahori:

New Year donation

Barbara Tanezaki:

One year memorial for husband, Tak Tanezaki

We welcome all women to join the BWA in 2015. If you are interested, contact any BWA member. 2015 dues are \$10.

A B A

The ABA served lasagna for *Higan otoki* along with a salad and the famous Sara Lee chocolate and carrot cakes. I would like to thank all the ABA's who came out to help.

We will sell our Cha Shu Bao during *Hanamatsuri* which everyone enjoyed eating and taking home.

Our famous Morongo Casino trip is Saturday, April 25, 2015 (flyer). The price of \$25.00 per person includes: bus ride, refreshment, snacks, bingo, prizes, movie and our one and only famous "BINGO MAN". If you have any



questions please contact any of the ABA members.

Coming up events: Chicken Teriyaki and OBON.

Next meeting, May 17th at 9am.

Jr Y B A

On April 5th, Jr's will be having their Bake Sale after the Hanamatsuri service. Lots of delicious sweets to select from! Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 12th at 9:15am.

Photo caption On February 8, 2015, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts from Senshin's Sangha attended service to observe Scout Sunday. Our Scouts representing different troops included Ross Leong, Gavin Fukawa, Carter Kawaguchi, Sam Yamashita, Justin Kawaguchi and Halle Fukawa.



Help Wanted!

Our semi-annual temple cleanup, *Osoji*, is scheduled for Sunday, April 26. On the same day, the National Dharma School Conference will take place in Los Angeles, and our Kinnara Gagaku group has been invited to perform Gagaku music during the morning service. Hence, about ten members of our Kinnara group, including Rev. Mas and Rev. Furumoto will not be able to help at the cleanup. Furthermore, on April 25, the day before the temple clean up, our ABA group will go on their annual Morongo Casino trip. We hope this trip will not exhaust the ABA members and discourage them from coming to the cleanup. Anyway, we need people to help at the *Osoji*, so please schedule Sunday, April 26, on your calendar. *Yoroshiku Onegai Shimasu.*

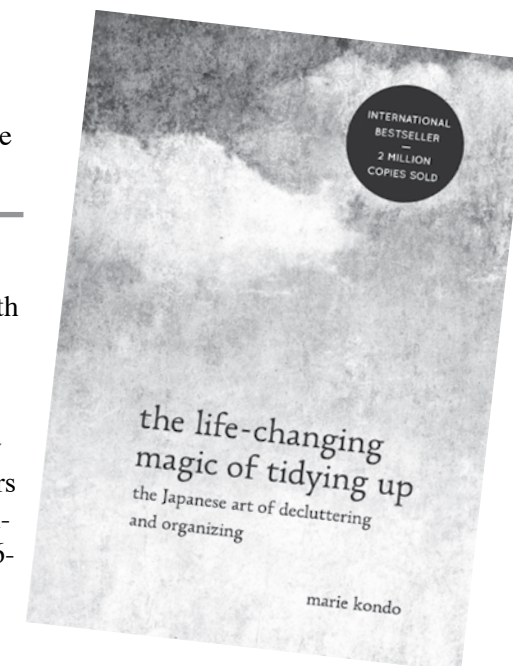


Dharma School

Decorating of the Hanamido for Hanamatsuri will be on Saturday, April 4th at 4pm. All young hands are welcomed to help.

Book Group

The last meeting was March 15th with two books, *The Awareness of Self* by Gyodo Haguri and *the life-changing magic of tidying up – the Japanese art of decluttering and organizing* by Marie Kondo. New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.



Facilities

Yanase Landscaping replaced the leaking sprinkler water valve in the cherry tree planter in the courtyard. Hidehiro Matsukawa and Doug Matsuda removed the light sensor in the light fixture at the top of the Education Building outside staircase and replaced it with a light timer. The sensor wasn't getting enough sunlight to work properly so light would stay on during the day.





SABA is hosting a turnaround trip to MORONGO CASINO!
Please join us for a day of guaranteed Fun & Merriment!

Bus ride includes: refreshments, snacks, Bingo, prizes, movie and the "world" famous **BINGO MAN!**

DATE: Saturday, April 25, 2015

PLACE: Senshin Temple (park in the kitchen lot)

TIME: Check-in 8:45am (main parking lot)

DEPARTURE TIME: 9AM

Casino play time is 5 hours from time of arrival.

COST: \$25.00 per person (includes \$2 bus driver tip).

Note: The Casino no longer gives \$35 free play.

Must be 21 years and older.

There is a bus to the outlet in the Hotel Lobby which leaves every hour. You can sign up with Cathy Iyemura, Chikako Kojima or Joji Iriye.

Name(s) _____ # of people _____

Phone # _____ Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to **Senshin ABA**.
 Place registration form along with payment in the ABA box, or send to Senshin Temple.
 (please put **SABA Morongo Trip**)

DEADLINE IS APRIL 18th.

This is a first-come, first-serve basis as seats are limited.



FAMOUS CHICKEN TERIYAKI DINNER
Includes: 1/2 chicken, rice, sesame green beans, cabbage tsukemono

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2014 • \$12 PER DINNER

Pick up between 11a – 3p; pre-order only, by April 20

ALSO BWA WHITE ELEPHANT, CRAFT & BAKE SALE

First Name _____

Last Name _____



Number of dinners at \$12 each = _____

☐ Payment included (check/cash) \$ _____

Chicken Teriyaki Goes Green!

Once again, 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.

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.



Social Media



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@senshinji



@senshinji

Membership

Thank you for your patience! 2015 Membership renewal letters will be going out shortly. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Ikari at (310) 345-1174.

BakaSan Paintings

Whatever happened to the paintings by D. Peterman (also known as BakaSan), you may ask?

Last year, the BakaSan Paintings Committee, with a little help from

their friends, loaded the van that took the paintings to the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. The church had two successful fundraising events, of which the paintings were a part. We received a generous donation from the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. The remaining paintings were donated to a Zen temple organization.

Many thanks to San Francisco Buddhist Church for their donation to Senshin and for their help in finding homes for the BakaSan paintings.

Senshin Happi Still Available for Purchase!

If you did not purchase the new Senshin happi in 2014, there are still a **limited number** available at the same low price of \$51.00 each!

If you are interested, contact **Janice at (323) 731-4617**, or at **senshintemple@gmail.com**, or leave a message in the Temple Office.



Senshin-ji *Hatsumairi* Infant Presentation

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.

Senshin Temple’s *Gotanye Service*, the birthday of Shinran Shonin, will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015. All babies born since the last *Gotanye Service*, or thereabouts, are invited to participate in this year’s *Hatsumairi*.

Please fill out the registration form below and mail it to Senshin Temple no later than May 10th. 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.

初参りのお知らせ

2015年度の初参りを5月17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5月10日までにお寺に電話してください。

Hatsumairi Registration Form

Name of Child	
Name in Japanese Characters, if applicable	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Sex (circle one)	M F
Name of Parents	
Address	
Phone	Email

Please mail Registration Form to:
Senshin Buddhist Temple
Hatsumairi Registration
1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007



洗心仏教会

2015年4月

2月感謝録:

特別寄附:	勸学内藤師、畑井ケネス、大畑ロン	追悼:故本吉さかえ	日下ラニ/キャレン
お礼:	稲富リリー	追悼:故白砂サリー	白砂ゲリー/ポーラ
納骨堂:	稲富リリー,又吉ジーン,又吉一西山コニー	追悼:故和田フレド	ローズブレント/メーリ
	磯元きよこ,	加藤ダグラス, 竹内よしこ	故谷口ゆりこ 7 回忌
	上野まつこ	高島ウイルバ/アイリス	故稲富きよひこ 13 回忌
			稲富リリー

4 月日程:

2 日 (木)	午後 7 時半	理事会
5 日 (日)	午前 9 時半	日本語法要
	午前 10 時	花祭り法要、釈尊誕生
	午前 11 時	日曜学校
	11 時半	おとき:婦人会, ABAチャシュウバオセル
		ジュニアYBAベークセール
12 日 (日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	祥月法要
	午前 11 時	英語勉強会、キッズクラブ/太鼓
19 日 (日)	午前 9 時半	日本語法要
	午前 10 時	家族礼拝
	11 時	英語勉強会
		日曜学校
26 日 (日)	午前 8 時—正午	大掃除
		キッズクラブ

供花: 赤堀テッド/とみ,小谷デニース,後潟ゆきえ,竹内よう,みやとしジーン/コニー,米田きよ,小島ちかこ,橋本みわ,西川エデイス,大畑ふいじえ/ロン,ソンデイレいこ,種崎バーバラ,上野まつこ,匿名 (2 名)

内陣お花当番: 4日:P.本川/J.永田,11日:Y.西川/Y.後潟,18日:S.古賀/D.小谷,25日T.山口/I&K.松林

本堂当番: J.平本、K.入江、H.松村、K.奥田

25 日 (土) ABAモロンゴターンアラウンド: 午前 8 時 45 分、洗心寺集合、会費 \$ 25
キャシ家村、ちかこ小島、ジョウジ入江まで連絡ねがいます。(21才以上)

床の間ギャラリー: マス先生は今月の床の間に、冬から春への移り変わりを感じさせる“平安百景”(京都の風景明媚な場百カ所)を選ばれました。画家は望月玉泉(1834-1931) 昨年三月号のPrajnaに説明文が乗っていますので参照してください。同じこの掛け軸を再び鑑賞することで、四季の変化および年月の移りを感じます。

ソーシャルホール改装: 建築許可が申請されています。現時点での予定では、夏の西心道場が終わり次第工事が開始され、餅つきができるように12中頃の完成を目指しています。脇のプラントは抜かれてしまいますので、要る方は持ってってください。ファンドレイジングは4月末を目標としています。

寺の桜に虫がつき、伐採しなくてはなくなりました。(ロス一帯の桜が同様な事態だそうです) せっかく植えたのに残念です。自然というものは、なかなか人間の思うようにいきません。



PRE-ORDER FORM

Senshin BWA Chow Mein Take Out or Eat In

Sunday, **March 29, 2015** • **\$8** per person

Pick up or eat in, 11:30am – 1pm, **Senshin Social Hall**

Pre-orders only, due March 22, 2015

Name: _____



_____ # of servings: _____

☐ Payment (check / cash) included

☐ Will pay at pick-up

Please return to any Senshin BWA Member or drop in Senshin office BWA mail slot.

Questions or phone-in pre-orders, please contact:

Betty Yamashita, 1.562.598.2928, tbyamy@aol.com

Patti Honkawa, 1.310.625.3349, pahonkawa@gmail.com

Jean Minami, 1.323.394.9353, jeanminami@aol.com



SABA CHA SHU BAO SALE

PRE-ORDER FORM

4 Bao for \$5.00

Please Order by: Sunday, March 29, 2015

Pickup Date: Sunday, April 5, 2015, 10:30am to 12noon

Question?: Chikako Kojima (310) 516-0562

Quantity: _____ orders of (4 Bao for \$5) = \$ _____

Name: _____



Please make checks payable to **SENSHIN ABA**

SENSHIN-JI 2015 APRIL 2558

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		4p Hanamido decorating for <i>Hanamatsuri</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Hanamatsuri</i> Service – Shakamuni Buddha's Birthday 11:30a <i>Otoki</i> served by BWA ABA Chashu Bao Sale Jr. YBA Bake Sale		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11a Study Class / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
19	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24	25
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		ABA Morongo Turn-Around Trip
26 <i>Osoji, Temple Cleanup</i>	27	28	29	30		
8a – 12noon <i>Osoji, Temple Cleanup</i> 9a – 11a Kids' Club No Services		9:30a Exercise Class		9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		

APRIL TOBAN

Sunday Service Jr. Y B A

Hondo Toban John Hiramoto, Kenny Iriye,
Henry Matsumura, Kenny Okuda

April *Onaijin* Flower Toban

April 4 Pat Honkawa / Janice Nagata

April 11 Yoko Nishikawa / Yukie Ushirogata

April 18 Sharon Koga / Denise Kodani

April 25 Toshiko Yamaguchi / I & K Matsubayashi

UPCOMING IN MAY

May 3 Chicken Teriyaki Sale,
White Elephant & Bake Sale

May 17 *Gotanyē* & *Hatsumairi* Service

May 25 Memorial Day Services at
cemeteries

*All classes subject to change
without notice.*

*Please call a group member to
confirm meeting/rehearsal.*