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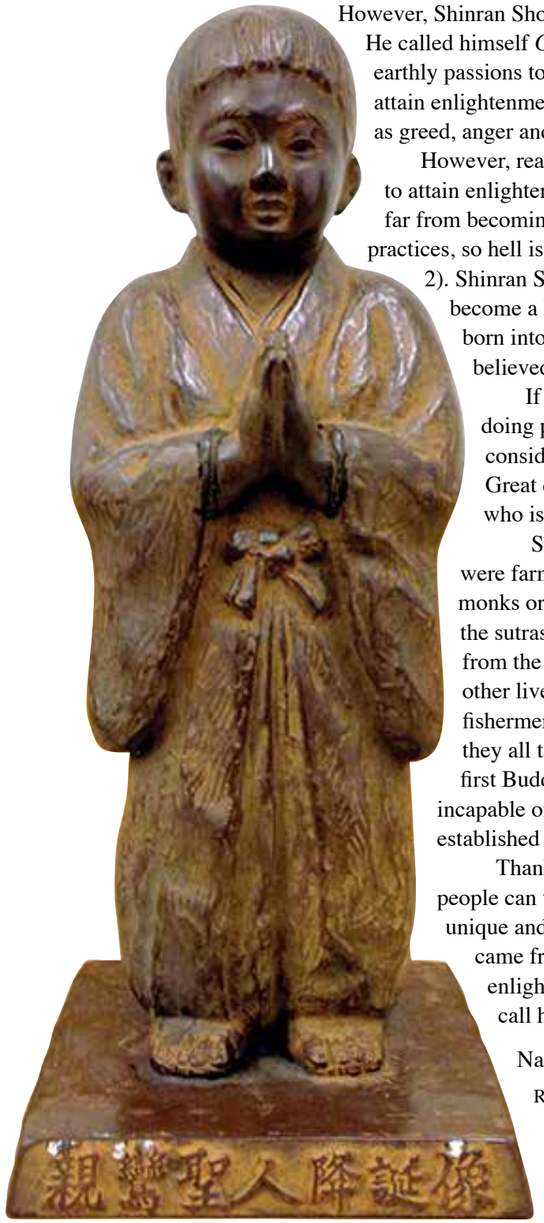
Prajna

Gotan-ye

This year, we will observe *Gotan-ye* on, Sunday, May 18th. *Gotan-ye* is the celebration of Shinran Shonin's birth. Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173. *Gotan* means birth and *Ye* means gathering.

Gotan is a special word. It is not a common word. People do not use this word referring to their birth. In most cases,"birth" is called *tanjyo* and birthday is called *tanjyobi*. The word *"Gotan"* is used for the birth of a special person such as Shinran Shonin and Shakyamuni Buddha. Go means descent and Tan means birth. Hence, Gotan implies

that Shinran Shonin is a special person who came down to this world from a higher level world, the world of the Buddha or Pure Land. Some of his devoted followers even regarded Shinran Shonin as an incarnation of Amida Buddha.



However, Shinran Shonin would probably deny he came from the Pure Land. He called himself *Gutoku*, the foolish bald head who could not remove his earthly passions to become a Buddha. In general Buddhism, in order to attain enlightenment, a practitioner should eliminate earthly passions such as greed, anger and ignorance.

However, reality is far from the ideal. After 20 years of practice to attain enlightenment, Shinran Shonin truly understood that he was far from becoming a Buddha. He stated, "I am incapable of any other practices, so hell is decidedly my abode whatever I do" (Tannisho Chapter 2). Shinran Shonin also recognized that because he would fail to become a Buddha, Amida Tathagata would surely enable him to be born into the Pure Land and to become a Buddha. Shinran Shonin believed that this must be the working of great compassion.

If Amida Buddha helps only people who are capable of doing practices, Amida's compassion would be conditional and considered as small compassion that gods or humans have. Great compassion has to be directed especially to the person who is incapable of completing any practices

Shinran Shonin's teaching attracted ordinary people. They were farmers, merchants, samurais, aristocrats, etc. They were not monks or priests who could devotedly practice meditation, study the sutras and keep precepts. Rather, their lives were the opposite from the Buddhist ideal lives. In order to live, they needed to take other lives. Farmers needed to kill bugs that harmed rice plants, fishermen needed to catch fish, sushi chefs, housewives, samurais, they all take others' lives despite "Not killing" being listed as the first Buddhist Precepts out of basic precepts. Because they were incapable of doing any practices, Amida Buddha compassionately established the vow that enabled people to attain enlightenment

Thanks to Shinran Shonin's extraordinary teaching, ordinary people can walk the path to attain enlightenment. The teaching is so unique and special that some people thought that Shinran Shonin came from the Pure Land to guide ordinary people to attain enlightenment. Out of such respect for Shinran Shonin, people call his birth *"Gotan"* and observe his birth celebration.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

Shinran Shonin Gotan-ye Hoyo on Sunday May 18, 2014

The birthday observance of Shinran Shonin, who was born on May 21, 1173, will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Members and friends are invited to participate in this celebration as a family. The Hatsumairi, Infant Presentation, to the Senshin Sangha will be conducted during this service. This is a presentation of infants born in the past year to Senshin Sangha with parents vowing to see to the religious upbringing of the child. Congratulatory mochi will be served after the service. Guest speaker, Rev. William Masuda, BCA Minister Emeritus, will join us in both Japanese and English study classes.

9:30am	Japanese Study Class
10:00am	Gotan-ye Service & Hatsumairi Infant Presentation
11:00am	English Study Class
11:00am	Dharma School
12 noon	Otoki

In Gassho,
Senshinji
Neil Komai *President*

降誕会および初参りのおしらせ

２０１４年度の降誕会法要および初参りを５月２０日（日）１０時から行います。 降誕会は親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする法要です。ゲストスピーカーは名誉開教使の増田ウイリアム先生です。

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。お子さまの年齢が２才か３才くらいまででしたら初参りに参加できますので、お申し込みやご質問はお寺に電話してください。法要後、スタディクラスがあり、そ の後はおときの接待があります。

９時半、日本語の集い

１０時、降誕会法要、初産式

１１時、英語スタディクラス（大人）ダルマスクール（子供）

スタディクラス終了後、おと。

＊日本語の集い、英語スタディクラスも増田先生がお話されます。

＊おときとは、法要後の食事のことです。漢字ではお斎と書きます。斎（とき）とは心身を清める事、僧侶の食事、お酒や肉のない精進料理の意味がありますが、現在ではおときは精進料理でないことが多いです。

「ウソの世界に生まれる」

煩悩具足の凡夫、火宅無常の世界は、よろづのこと、みなもつてそらごとたはごと、まことあることなきに、ただ念仏のみぞまことにておはします（歎異抄、後序）

今年は五月十八日に降誕会のおつとめをします。降誕会は親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いすることをご縁として親鸞聖人の教えを聞かせていただく法要です。降誕会の「降誕」という語は少し聞きなれない言葉ですが、降りて誕生されたという意味で、位が上の人が下界の我々に教えを伝えにきて下さるという意味があります。

そして降誕会の「誕」には面白い意味があります。誕生というのは目出度いことだから、いい意味かと思ったら、意外にもそんなにいい意味ではありません。その意味は、いつわり、おおぼら、おおげさなうそ、です。昔の人はこの世への誕生を、うそ、いつわりの世界に生まれてくることだととらえたのでしょう。

親鸞聖人もこの世はウソいつわいりの世界だと言われています。「煩悩具足の凡夫、火宅無常の世界は、よろづのこと、みなもつてそらごとたはごと、まことあることなきに、ただ念仏のみぞまことにておはします（歎異抄）」と、この世がまことではない、うその世界だといわれるのですが、なぜかといえば、この世には常にかわらないものというものがないからです。この世のものごとはなんでも変わっていきます。住んでいる世の中、自分、家族、友人をはじめ、考え方、価値観、道徳の基準、など常に同じというものはありません。私が２００１年にアメリカに来た時は、ガソリンが１ガロン９９セントでした。だけど今は４倍以上の値段です。私の友人には結婚した者もいれば、奥さんが変わった人もいます。奥さんが変わったのは自分自身の愛情や考え方が変わったためでもあるでしょう。

本当ということはどこにいてもどの時代でも変わらないものでなければなりませんが、自分の心やまわりの環境など、この世には変化しないものはありません。だからこの世にはまことがないと親鸞聖人はいわれるのです。自分の信じていた家族や友人などがあることを機会に敵になったり、憎しみあうようになったりするような世の中です。お金や株が一夜にして価値を失うこともあります。考えてみると私たちはかなりあやふやな世の中に住んでいます。

けれども親鸞聖人はこのまことなき世の中ではあるが、「ただ念仏のみぞまことにておはします。」といわれます。浄土真宗の教えを信奉する私たちは、すべてが変化してしまうような、うその世界に生まれたけど、念仏というよりどころがある、として物事や世界を見ていきます。

念仏以外のことはあてにならず、頼れないんだという見方をもって生活しますと、どんなことがおこっても「まあ、いいか」と受けいれられるようになります。ものごとが変わるのが常であるこの世では、株の値段が下がるのも当然ですし、奥さんが逃げたということもあるでしょう。念仏を生活の中心にすえると、この世のことはそらごとたわごとだから、何が起こってもしょうがない、というように思える目が養われ、楽に生きていけるようになるのです。

南無阿弥陀仏
古本竜太

The content of the Japanese message is not always the same with the English message. When I write messages for Prajna, I write the English article first and later I translate it into Japanese. However, while I am translating, I get a new idea and I often change the content of the message. A few people found that the content of the Japanese message and English message were different and they asked me to tell them about the content of the Japanese message. Therefore, I would like to write a summary, a highlight, of the Japanese message here. If I translate Japanese into English, probably, I would not write the same message with English.

This month, I wrote about Gotanye in Japanese as well as for the English message. An interesting part of the message is the etymology of the Kanji “Tan” of Tanjyo, which means the birth. The original meaning of Tan is false, lie or big talk. Hence, the birth in Japanese can mean to be born in the world of lies, falseness, big talks. This reminds us of Shinran Shonin’s passage, “With a foolish being full of blind passions, in this fleeting world—this burning house—all matters without exception are empty and false, totally without truth and sincerity. “The nembutsu alone is true and real (CWSp.679).” I am going to explain the rest of the message at a Sunday service in the near future, so please come to the service and look forward to listening to it.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

Dana

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.

Flower Donations received in March

Kiyoko Isomoto
Jean Minami
Yoko Miyagawa
Yoshiko Takeuchi

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.

3/2/2014	Yo Takeuchi	1st cycle, Sharon Takeuchi
	W.O.W.	Hall Orei
	Movie Nite	Donation
	Elso Kanagawa	Donation
	Doris Hirosawa	1st cycle, Sharon Takeuchi
	Marsha Watanabe	Special Donation
3/6/2014	William & Mieko Oyama	Prajna
	Janice & Andrew Shiozaki	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Shigeichi Shimabukuro	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Gilbert & Marilyn Leong	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Keith Shimabukuro	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Dennis Taguchi	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Ed & Susan Young	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Doris & Al Shigaki	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Higa & Family	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Minako Nishihira	49th Day Service, Fumie Shimabukuro
	Shigeichi Shimabukuro	Nokotsudo
	Matsuko Uyeno	3rd cycle, Masato Uyeno
	Matsuko Uyeno	Nokotsudo
	Yoshiko Takeuchi	Nokotsudo
	Jon & Lynnette Takemoto	Special Donation
3/13/2014	Michael Matsuda	Service for Sachi Fujikawa
	Matsuko Uyeno	Service for Sachi Fujikawa
	Michael & Kiyo Matsuda	Service for Sachi Fujikawa
	Yuri Nishisaka	Service for Sachi Fujikawa
	Chiyoko Takemoto	Service for Sachi Fujikawa
	Neil & JoAnn Komai	Service for Sachi Fujikawa
	Chiyoko Takemoto	In memory of mother Osano Fujiura
	Bob & Patti Nakawatase	Special Donation and Use of Social Hall
	Bob & Patti Nakawatase	1st cycle for Dolly Ogami
	Kinnara	New rope & section of Maku
3/16/2014	Sumie Maruya	In memory of Mr. & Eiichi Domoto
	Satoshi Saneto	Donation
	Uchima Family	Uchima Display, in memory of Tadayo Uchima
	Paul Abe	Uchima Display
	Thomas & Jean Hirata	In memory of Rev. Tadayo Uchima
	Yoko Miyagawa	Nokotsudo
3/23/2014	Mamoru Kanda	Special Orei
	Michael Matsuda	Nokotsudo and Hoonko
3/30/2014	Tad & Peggy Sasamoto	In memory of Katsumi Hokoda
	Glenn Hirayama	Donation
	Paul & Kathy Cohen	In honor of Al Uchima
	Elso Kanagawa	Donation

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 into the office, as names are not automatically entered after a funeral.*

Monthly Memorial Service APRIL

Sunday, April 13, 2014 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Gleeson, David & Lynn	Daughter	Gleeson, Kiyoko Paige
Munekata, Yooko	Mother	Matsubayashi, Ayako
Nakashima, Jean	Father	Shigeyasu, George
Nakashita, Arthur	Mother	Nakashita, Yoshiko
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Brother-in-law	Nakawatase, Hideo

Monthly Memorial Service MAY

Sunday, May 11, 2014 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Sister	Akahori, Helen
Arita family	Mother	Arita, Yoshi
Ebata, Donna	Husband	Ebata, Duane
Harada, Yuki	Brother	Okubo, Hirotaka
Hashimoto, Miwa	Daughter	Hashimoto, Janice Miyo
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Father	Nakashima, Hashigoro
Hiramoto, Sumiko	Husband	Hiramoto, George
Ikegami, Sumiko	Mother-in-law	Nozawa, Shinako
Iriye, Kenny	Mother	Iriye, Midori
Kuwata, Yuriko	Husband	Kuwata, Kijiro
Kuwata, Yuriko	Brother-in-law	Kuwata, Kiemon
Kuwata, Yuriko	Sister	Ogura, Toyoko
Miyagishima, Lily	Husband	Miyagishima, Yoshimi
Munekata, Ryo	Father	Munekata, Tadajiro
Murakami, Yomiko	Stepmother	Inouye, Hisako
Matsumura, Isamu	Mother-in-law	Yamaguchi, Fujiko
Motokane, Ed	Mother	Motokane, Kaneyo
Nakagawa, Fred	Father	Nakagawa, Motoharu
Nishikawa, Yoko	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Nishikawa, Yoko	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Father-in-law	Nishisaka, Yoshio
Ohata, Ron	Brother	Ohata, Kevin
Okazaki, James	Mother	Kuroi, Osae
Rogers, Beverly	Grandmother	Tokaji, Masano
Rogers, Beverly	Step-Grandfather	Tokaji, Kaname

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Sakamoto, Yoshie	Father-in-law	Sakamoto, Kikujiro
Sato, Terry	Father	Kishiba, Uichi
Sonday, Reiko	Grandmother	Nimi, Kameyo
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandmother	Takashima, Tsume
Takashima, Wilbur	Father	Takashima, Katsumi
Takemoto, Chiyoko	Sister-in-law	Abe, Yoshie
Tanaka, Nobuko	Husband	Tanaka, Masuo
Terrell, Jackie	Mother-in-law	Fukumoto, Tomiko
Toji, Bob	Father	Toji, Mamoru
Torio, Taye	Mother	Sugimoto, Shizue
Toyama, John	Father	Toyama, Seikichi
Tsuji, Hisako	Husband	Tsuji, Shoichi
Ushirogata, Yukie	Mother	Matsushita, Tsune
Usui, Aiko	Mother	Nishiyama, Chiyeko
Uyemura, Koichi	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Uyemura, Koichi	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Yamashita, Betty	Father	Takahashi, Tokuso
Yoshida, Miyeko	Father	Suzuki, Urao

５月の掛け軸
蓮如上人の筆による
“南無阿弥陀仏”

今月の掛け軸は、マス先生が選ばれた、浄土真宗第八代の門主蓮如上人（1415-1499)のお書きになった“ 南無阿弥陀仏”です。

浄土真宗の開祖は親鸞聖人(1173-1263)ですが、蓮如上人は中興の祖といわれます。というのは、上人の指導のもとで、浄土真宗本願寺派は日本で最も信徒数の多い宗派となったからです。親鸞聖人の死後、娘の覚信尼さまが本願寺の基礎をつくられ、その後は聖人の血筋の者が本願寺の門主を勤めるようになりました。けれども聖人の死後、信者が減り本願寺は貧困な境遇に落ち入りました。蓮如上人が若い頃は、本願寺から数キロ離れた仏光寺では参詣者が多く華やかだったのに較べ、本願寺はみすぼらしく、寂しい所だったといわれます。（仏光寺は親鸞聖人の弟子が創設された浄土真宗のお寺です）しかし、４２才で門主になられた蓮如上人は、まれに見る行動力で本願寺派を強力で影響力ある日本最大の宗派に発展させたのです。

蓮如上人は、親鸞聖人の教えを広める為にお文（ふみ、手紙）を書かれ、それを信徒が読むという当時としては革新的な手法で布教しました。お文には上人の法話が書かれています。村人、農民、商人などそれぞれのグループで念仏集団を組織することを奨励し、全国各地の念仏集団にお文を送達しました。毎月の集会で、集団の指導者が送られて来るお文に書かれた蓮如上人の法話を読み、人々はそれを聴聞し、教えについて話し合いました。そのお文の数々はやがて編集されて“御文章（ごぶんしょう）”と呼ばれ、現在も法要で読まれています。お葬式で読まれる“白骨の章”は御文章の中のひとつの手紙です。蓮如上人はお文だけでなく南無阿弥陀仏の書も信徒に送りました。信徒がそれぞれの家で正信偈を毎日読経するお仏壇を設けるように勧めたのだと思われます。

今月のお寺の床の間の掛け軸の“南無阿弥陀仏”は、約５００年前、蓮如上人がお書きになったもので、マス先生が１９６０年代に京都に居られた時に購入されました。先生のお話によれば、蓮如上人は畳一枚位の大きさの紙に“南無阿弥陀仏”を数多く書かれ、一説には毎日１０００回“南無阿弥陀仏”を書かれたといわれています。その“数多く書かれた南無阿弥陀仏”は“数の名号”と呼ばれています。

マス先生が京都にいた時、滋賀県の浄土真宗のお寺で、名号が多く書かれた紙が見つかりました。そしてお寺の方がお名号一つ一つを丁寧に切り取って、お寺のファンドレイズのために売り出したので、マス先生がその一つを１万円（当時としては相当の高額金）で買われたのです。しかし名号は、値段が重要なのではありません。最も大切なのは、この“南無阿弥陀仏”の文字から仏の心を受け取ることです。南無阿弥陀仏には２重の意味が含まれています。仏様側としては“阿弥陀仏陀に帰依せよ”、そして、この言葉を受ける私達側としては“自ら仏に帰依し奉る”という意味になります。

古本竜太（訳、松林和夫）

“Namoamidabutsu”, a calligraphy by Rennyo Shonin

This month, Rev. Mas selected “Namoamidabutsu”, a calligraphy by Rennyo Shonin (1415-1499). Rennyo Shonin was the 8th Monshu (equivalent to an abbot or a pope) of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. He was a descendant of the founder, Shinran Shonin (1173-1263), and is regarded as the second founder since he made Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha the most popular Buddhism in Japan. It is said that after Shinran Shonin passed away, the main temple of our denomination, *Hongwanji* temple, became unpopular and very poor. According to a source, when Rennyo Shonin was young, his temple *Hongwanji* in Kyoto looked very lonely and shabby, with no visitors, while *Bukkoji* temple, a few miles away from *Hongwanji*, had many visitors. *Bukkoji* is one of the sects of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism founded by an eminent disciple of Shinran Shonin. But after Rennyo Shonin became Monshu at 42 years of age, he showed his exceptional ability for propagation, making Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji sect the most powerful and influential sect. One of his innovative propagation methods was letter reading. He sent letters to every Nembutsu group all over Japan. He encouraged people to organize Nembutsu groups such as a villagers' group, a farmers' group, a merchants' group, etc. At the monthly Nembutsu meeting, the leader of the group would read a letter from Rennyo Shonin. The content of the letter was Rennyo Shonin's Dharma message. The people listened to the Dharma message followed by a discussion on the teachings. His letters were compiled later as *"Gobunsho"* and we read some of them at our services. One of Rennyo Shonin's letters, "On the White Ashes" is read at our funeral services. Not only did Rennyo Shonin send the letters, he also sent a calligraphy "Namoamidabutsu" to the followers. Presumably, he encouraged people to have a place to chant the *Shoshinge* for the daily practice in their homes.

The "Namoamidabutsu" calligraphy that we can see at our *tokonoma* this month was written by Rennyo Shonin about 500 years ago. Rev. Mas purchased it when he was in Japan in the 1960s. He said that there was a large piece of paper, the size of one tatami mat, on which Rennyo Shonin wrote numbers of "Namoamidabutsu." It is said that Rennyo Shonin wrote "Namoamidabutsu" 1,000 times a day. Hence, the piece of "Namoamidabutsu" scroll is called "Kazu no Myogo" which means the numbers of Amida Buddha's name (Namoamidabutsu). The paper filled with "Namoamidabutsu" written by Rennyo Shonin was found at a Jodo Shinshu temple in Shiga prefecture and each "Namoamidabutsu" was cut out and sold as a fundraiser for the temple. Rev. Mas purchased one for *Ichi-man-yen*, (about $100) which was very expensive in those days.

But the price is not important. The most important matter is to receive the mind of the Buddha from "Namoamidabutsu" which has a double meaning. From Buddha, it means "Take refuge in Amida Buddha!" and from the recipient, it means "I take refuge in Amida Buddha." To know it is very important, and we can sense it from Rennyo Shonin's calligraphy.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

Senshin-ji Building Fund

On March 27th, the Satoh Brothers architects made a final visit to the Social Hall with the subcontractors who will be performing the remodeling work. In order to secure even a ballpark estimate for the project, the subcontractors needed to see exactly what type of work each could expect to handle in their field of expertise. When all of the feedback is received by Satoh Brothers, we should finally be able to receive the rough estimation of the costs involved to renovate the Social Hall.

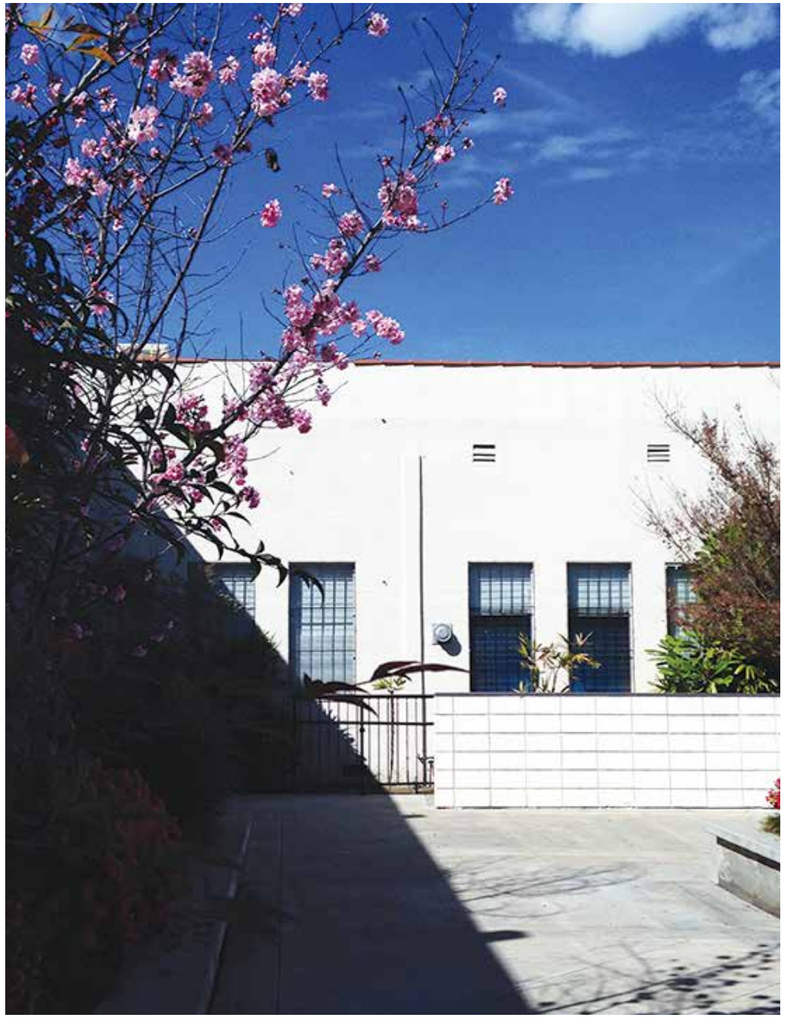
We have continued to receive input from our own temple members and organizations with regard to the importance and priority of various improvements that they wish to see incorporated into the project. We most likely will not be able to satisfy everyone's preferences, but we shall attempt to cover as many of the concerns as possible. Much of what we will be able to accomplish will be dependent upon the costs that are involved.

As mentioned a few months ago, we are hoping that most of the project costs can be handled by the assets in the existing Building Fund account, with a possible assist from the Investment (Zaidan) Fund. At this time, we are hoping to avoid another fundraising effort, but if the costs exceed the funds that we have available, we may have to turn to our members and friends for the balance required to complete the renovation work.

As always, we shall keep you apprised of the status of this project in this monthly column.

Gassho,
Wilbur Takashima

Donation received in March
Joy Middo
(proceeds of vehicle donation)



洗心寺ビルディング基金
洗心寺の皆様:

３月２７日、Satoh Brothers Architects と下請け業者が、ソーシアルホールの改築工事費の概算を用意する為に下見に来ました。

ビルデイングコミッテイは、お寺の会員、各オーガニゼイションから、この改築についての数多くの要求事項を聞き受けています。皆さんの要望をできるだけ取り入れるよう努力しますが、予算の制約もあり、すべてが可能ではないことはご了承ねがいます。

前にも報告しましたが、工事費の大半は、現存するビルデイング基金でまかなう予定です。今後のファンドレイジングをできるだけ避けるために、目下財団などからの援助も模索もしています。しかし、もし工事費が資金を上まることがあれば、改築工事完成のために、お寺のメンバー皆様のご支援が必要になるかもしれませんので、よろしくお願いします。

合掌　Wilbur Takashima

Updates

BWA

Thank you to all who bought or came out to help with the Chirashi In Lieu of Sushi Sale this year.

On May 4th come to the BWA White Elephant, Craft & Bake Sale with homemade desserts to go with your Chicken Teri Dinners. Please contact Iris Takashima (310) 398-9558 or Suzanne Toji (310) 478-1731, if you have any new or gently used items you would like to donate to the sale or have any questions.

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following Dana:

- Yo Takeuchi, in observance of daughter Sharon Takeuchi's 1 year memorial
- Gene Matayoshi & Connie Matayoshi Nishiyama, in memory of mother Yoneko Matayoshi
- Michael Matsuda, in memory of aunt Sachi Fujikawa

Looking for Volunteers for Saishin Dojo June 16-July 11. Call/email Kathy Ikari (310) 345-1174 or kikari526@aol.com if you are interested in helping supervise during the lunch period or in assisting instructors.

Join us! We are happy to welcome new members to our service organization. Please contact Kathy Ikari (310) 345-1174 or kikari526@aol.com, if you have any questions. 2014 membership dues are $10.

Next BWA meeting is May 11th, after Study Class.

ABA

ABA's would like to thank everyone who supported our Cha Shu Bao fundraiser. Also, we would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their donations:
Neil and JoAnn Komai, Shigeichi Shimabukuro, Yo Takeuchi, Kazuo and Ikuko Matsubayashi.

Book Group

The Book Group will have its next meeting on June 8th. We have a potluck, too. New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email: n7willow@gmail.com.

Fundraising:

Sunday, May 4th, Chicken Teriyaki dinner pre-orders only: Deadline extended to April 27th.
See flyer order form insert.

Social Media:

LIKE

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

FOLLOW

Senshin on Twitter and Instagram @senshinji

OBON RAFFLE

REMINDER

Senshin Bon Odori and Raffle will be July 5th.

As part of the day's activities we will hold our annual raffle to raise funds for Temple activities.

This year 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, bundled to make larger prizes, will be raffled off at intermission and distributed that evening.

All our donors' names will be included on a banner to be displayed that evening.

If you have any questions, please call **Debbie Hiramoto** at **626.232.4736**. Thank you for your support.

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 • Cables
Cell Phones

Not eligible for e-waste:
Alkaline Batteries, Washers, Dryers, Rerigerators, Air Conditioners, Microwaves.

Items will NOT be accepted before May 24th

Questions call or email:

John Hiramoto
714-746-7788 • johnhir@msn.com
Ken Iriye
626-607-6598 • jiriye@earthlink.net

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.

Senshin-ji *Hatsumairi* Infant Presentation

Illustration by YORIYO FURUMOTO

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 18, 2014. 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 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.

初参りのおしらせ

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。

Hatsumairi Registration Form

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

洗心仏教会　2014年5月

3月感謝録:

特別寄附: 内間一家(内間ただよ展示館)、故内間ただよ師追悼、平田トマス&ジーン、コーエンポール&キャシ（内間アル)、故堂本えいいち追悼、丸谷すみえ、阿部ポール(内間展示館)、 故藤浦おさの、竹本ちよこ

寄附: 神奈川エルサ、渡辺マーシャ、故島袋ふみえ追悼、島袋しげいち、WOW(水曜日体操)、ムービナイト、故ほこだかつみ追悼、笹本タッド&ペギー、竹本ジョン&リン、実藤さとし、故島袋すみえ４９日、島袋しげいち、キース平山グレン、塩崎ジャニス&ンドリュ、田口デニス

納骨堂: 島袋しげいち、上野まつこ、竹内よしこ、ヤングエド&スザン、紫垣ドリス&アル、宮川ようこ、松田マイカル、レオングギルバート&マリリン、西村みなこ

お礼: 神田まもる、大山ウイリアム&みえこ、比嘉夫妻&一家、中渡瀬ボブ&パッテイ(ソシャルホール) 、故竹内シャロン１回忌、 竹内よう、広沢ドリス

葬儀: 藤川さち、松田マイカル&きよ、故尾上ドリ１回忌、中渡瀬ボブ&パッテイ、上野まつこ、西坂ゆり、竹本ちよこ、故上野まさと３回忌、上野まつこ、駒井ニール&ジョア

5月日程:

１日（木）	午後７時半	理事会	
４日（日）	午前９時半	日本語法話	古本開教使
	午前１０時	家族礼拝	
	午前１１時	英語勉強会	
		日曜学校	
		チキンテリヤキセール，BWAホワイトエレファントセール	
９日（金）	午後６時	南加BCA会議	於：洗心寺
１１日（日）	午前９時半	日本語法話	古本開教使
	午前１０時	祥月法要	小谷政雄名誉開教使
	午前１１時	英語勉強会：ブタン巡礼報告	
		キッズ太鼓クラブ	
		婦人会例会	
１８日（日）	午前９時半	日本語法話	増田ウイリアム名誉開教使
	午前１０時	宗祖降誕会及び初参り	増田ウイリアム名誉開教使
	午前１１時	英語勉強会	増田ウイリアム名誉開教使
		日曜学校	
		おとき	
２７日（日）	午前９時半	日本語法話	古本開教使
	午前１０時	家族礼拝	
		英語勉強会	
		キッズ太鼓クラブ	
２６日（月）	午前１０時	メモリアルデイ法要:	ローズヒルズ
	午後２時		ローズデイル　古本開教使

供花: 磯元きよこ,南ジーン,宮川ようこ,竹内よしこ
内陣活花当番 ３日:S.東司/J.入江,１０日:K.石塚/B.中村,１７日:P.森川/D.竹原
２４日:M.上野/A&D.紫垣,２８日:P.本河,Y.後潟
本堂当番: D.赤嶺,D.松原,T.松原,K.植村
世界一美味しい洗心寺チキンテリヤキの手伝い、５月４日です！！！

SENSHIN-JI 2014 MAY 2557

1311 W. 37TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90007 ☎ 323 731 4617 ✻ SENSHINTEMPLE@GMAIL.COM ☸ SENSHINTEMPLE.ORG

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	**2**	**3**
				9:30a Exercise Class **7:30p** Temple Bd Mtg **8p** Kinnara Taiko		
4 *Chicken Teriyaki Sale (pre-ordered)*	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
9:30a Japanese Study Class **10a** Family Service **11a** Study Class / Dharma School *Chicken Teriyaki Sale (pre-ordered)* *BWA White Elephant, Craft and Bake Sale*		**9:30a** Exercise Class	**7:30p** Kinnara Gagaku	**9:30a** Exercise Class **8p** Kinnara Taiko	**6p** So. District BCA Council Meeting at Senshin	
11	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
9:30a Japanese Study Class **10a** Monthly Memorial Service *(Shotsuki Hoyo)* Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus **11a** Study Class: The Bhutan Trip / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club BWA *Reikai* (following study class)	**7:30p** Howakai	**9:30a** Exercise Class	**7:30p** Kinnara Bugaku	**9:30a** Exercise Class **8p** Kinnara Taiko		
18 *Gotanye*	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
9:30a Japanese Study Class Rev. William Masuda, BCA Minister Emeritus **10a** *Gotanye* (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) & *Hatsumairi* (Infant Presentation) **11a** Study Class: Rev. William Masuda, BCA Minister Emeritus / Dharma School / Otoki		**9:30a** Exercise Class	**7:30p** Kinnara Gagaku	**9:30a** Exercise Class **8p** Kinnara Taiko		
25	**26** *Memorial Day*	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**
9:30a Japanese Study Class **10a** Family Service **11a** Study Class / Kids' Taiko / Kids' Club	Memorial Day services. Rev. Furumoto schedule: **10a** Rose Hills **2p** Rosedale	**9:30a** Exercise Class	**7:30p** Kinnara Bugaku	**9:30a** Exercise Class **8p** Kinnara Taiko		

MAY TOBAN:

Sunday Service Dharma School
Hondo Don Akamine, Dale Matsubara, Tammy Matsubara, Koichi Uyemura

May Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

May 3 Suzanne Toji, Joji Iriye
May 10 Karen Ishizuka, Bob Nakamura
May 17 Paige Morikawa, Denise Takehara
May 24 Mat Uyeno, Doris/Al Shigaki
May 28 Pat Honkawa, Yukie Ushirogata

Upcoming in June:

June 1 Jr. YBA Parents' Day Breakfast
June 14 Jr. YBA Seminar at Senshin
June 15 Yukata Workshop
June 16 Saishin Dojo Summer Dharma School begins

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

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+ without 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

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

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR DINNER ORDERS: APRIL 27, SUNDAY

Also **BWA White Elephant, Craft** & **Bake Sale**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

☎ _____

Number of dinners at $10 each = _____

☐ 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.

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