



# India, Where Shakyamuni Buddha Lived

This summer, from July 30th to August 7th, I went to India by myself. Some of our temple members were so worried about my safety thinking that I may not be able to return to the U.S. But, please don't worry, I came back without any life threatening incidents and I am now writing this message from Los Angeles.

The purpose of my trip was to visit Shakyamuni Buddha's historic sites. I visited Lumbini, where the Buddha was born, Bodhgaya, where the Gautama Siddhartha became the Buddha, Sarnath, where Shakyamuni Buddha gave his first Dharma message, and Kushinagar, where



*Indian tourists taking photos of Palinirvna temple in Kushinagar.*

PHOTOS: REV. RYUTA FURMOTO, JULY 2014





Local people waiting for the cable car to visit a Shiva God Temple which is located near the Shakyamuni Buddha's site in Rajgir.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



Shakyamuni Buddha entered into perfect Nirvana. I also spent time in Rajgir, famous for Vulture Peak where Shakyamuni Buddha gave notable Dharma messages, Varanasi, a town along the Ganges River, Delhi and Kathmandu, Nepal.

I had been wishing to see the places where Shakyamuni

Buddha actually lived. By visiting places where he talked, walked and meditated, I thought I would feel closer to Shakyamuni Buddha. "If I sit close to the Bodhi tree where Gautama Siddhartha awakened the universal truth and became the Buddha, maybe I could feel something about the Buddha, such as the serenity of his enlightenment, or some kind of vibe of the Buddha," but

what I found was, "I felt the Buddha is much closer at Senshin Temple, where I share the Buddha's teaching with our temple members." At

one time Shakyamuni Buddha taught to his disciples, "Seeing (listening) the Dharma is meeting the Buddha," and I understood it by visiting the "historic" sites of Shakyamuni Buddha. In the historic sites, Buddhism is past history and heritage for the tourists but the teaching is not active anymore. The Dharma is actively turning where the Buddha's teaching is heard, practiced and shared, such as the temples in the

U.S., Japan and Asian countries.

Buddhism in India was vanished around the 13th or 14th century. Later, Hinduism became the dominant religion. In the 20th century, there was a Neo Buddhist movement led by an India politician, Dr. Anbedkar. The number of Buddhists in India is now around 100 million out of a population of 1.3 billion.

In Shakyamuni Buddha's historic sites, I did not see local Buddhists coming to bow to the stupa or gathering to hold services. Neo Buddhists are mostly living in the middle part of India, but the historic sites are located in the northern part of India, which might be the reason I did not meet the local Buddhists. I saw a number of Buddhist monks and followers from Thai, Burma, Vietnam, Tibet, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan that chanted sutras, sat for meditation, walked around the stupa, but they were visiting from other countries. The local people sell souvenirs and food and they did not seem to be Buddhists. They probably follow Hinduism or Muslim. At Shakyamuni's historic sites, I could not feel Buddha's

*"I felt the Buddha is much closer at Senshin Temple, where I share the Buddha's teaching with our temple members."*

## インド、お釈迦さまがおられたところ 古本竜太

七月の終わりに八月のはじめにかけて、インドに行ってきました。お釈迦さまゆかりの仏教の聖地と呼ばれる場所を8日でまわってきました。私が訪れた場所はお釈迦さま生誕の地「ルンビニ」、お悟りを開かれた「ブッダガヤ」、最初に仏教を説いた「サールナート」、涅槃に入られた（亡くなられた）「クシナガラ」の、四大聖地とされているところです。それに加えて、大無量寿経が説かれたといわれるラージギル、ガンジス川が流れる街ベナレス、首都デリーなども訪れました。七月と八月のインドは雨季なので、インドに行くのにあまり適してないと思ったのですが、お釈迦さまも雨季にインドに住んでおられたのだから、お釈迦さまが雨の中で何を思われたのか、ちょっとくらいわかるかな、という期待を持っていました。ところが、私が訪れた時は異常気象で、雨がまったく降らないとインドの人が言っていました。そのため、ベナレスのガンジス川も、雨季でないときと同じ水量でした。でも、「普段の雨季では街が洪水になりひざの下くらいまでは水につかる」とも言っていたの

Vulture's Peak near Rajgir REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



teaching was freshly alive, whereas I saw many local people actively worshiping Ganesha, Shiva, and other Hindu gods. In the same town where the historic sites of the Buddha are located, I saw young and old people crowded in the Hindu temples, offering flowers, chanting a sutra, and listening the sermon.

As I visited the places where Shakyamuni Buddha lived, I began to understand that pilgrimage is not important to meet the Buddha. In our temple in Los Angeles, we can listen to the teachings of the Buddha, and we can meet the Buddha. We have an active sangha, a gathering of Buddhist

で、雨が降らなくてよかったと思いました。というのは、ベナレスの街を歩くと、いたるところに牛の糞やごみが散乱しています。もし洪水になると、そういうものが水にまじった中をバシャバシャと歩かないといけないので大変です。病気になってしまっていたかもしれません。この旅行は一人での旅で、しかもインドに知り合いが一人もいないので、旅行に行く前はお寺の方々がいろいろと心配してくださいましたが、晴天にめぐまれたこともあり、おかげで無事に帰って来れました。心配していただきましてありがとうございました。

ベナレスの街ではガンジス川や川沿いのマーケット、ベナレス大学などいろいろ見てまわったのですが、印象に残ったのは、川岸や街を歩いているとインドの神様の石像がところどころにまつられていたことです。日本でいえば街角にお地蔵さまがまつってあるような感じで、大きさも同じようなサイズです。そこにお花やお香がさげられていて、人々が日常的にヒンドゥー教の神様を敬っておられるのがわかります。また、朝早くからヒンドゥー教のお寺に集まってお経を唱えている声も聞こえてきました。そんな中であって、お釈迦さまの聖地に行くと、あまり仏教が生きている、根付いているという印象はありませんでした。インド人の観光客はいるのですが、それはただ観光に来ているだけで、仏塔や仏さまの像に合掌してはいませんでした。聖地でお経を唱えたり、瞑想したり、仏塔を右回りに歩いたりしているのは、他の国の仏教の僧侶や信者たちだけで、インド人の仏教徒には会えませんでした。インドでは仏教は13世紀ごろに滅び、イスラム教が大きく影響をおよぼした後、現在ではヒンドゥー教が主要な宗教となっています。インドの中部に20世紀以降に仏教に改宗した人々がかなりの数いるそうですが、お釈迦さまの聖地はインド北部にあるので、インド人の仏教徒に会うことがなかったのかもしれません。聖地巡礼の旅に出る前は、お釈迦さまが実際に話しをされ、座り、お悟りを開かれた場所にいけば、何か仏教の教えの理解がもっとふかまるの

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## Memorial Service for Eshin-ni, Kakushin-ni, Lady Takeko Kujo, and BWA

### Sunday, October 19, 2014

Each October, the Senshin BWA hosts a special memorial service to remember and honor three women who are significant to the history of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: Eshin-ni, wife of Shinran Shonin, Kakushin-ni, daughter of Shinran, and Lady Takeko Kujo, whose respective lives and actions exemplify the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. This service is for all *sangha*, not just women.

When Shinran chose to break the laws of celibacy, he married Eshni-ni and was exiled to the northern province of Echigo. Later, he was granted a pardon to return to Kyoto, living there while writing the *Kyo Go Shin Sho*. Circumstances necessitated Eshin-ni to return to Echigo, where she lived an exemplary life of *Nembutsu* during this difficult period.

Kakushin-ni, born in 1224, stayed with her father to care for him and was immersed in the *Nembutsu* faith which greatly influenced her life. She continued to care for Shinran until his death in 1262, at age 90. With remarkable insight, she left properties to the Sangha and disciples to maintain as a center for the transmission of Shinran's teachings. She became the first *Rusushiki* at age 60.

Many years later, Lady Takeko Kujo (1887-1928), carried on the tradition of a devout follower of Shinran's teachings, manifesting her understanding and compassion through her many acts of kindness to those in need, and reflecting her joy from *Nembutsu* teachings in her poetry as well. "Mu-yuge, Flower Without Sorrow" is known to many BWA'ers.

We also pay tribute to the many BWA members (once known as *Fujinkai*) in the past, with gratitude for their many acts of compassion and contributions to our temples and communities, serving as beacons for all of us to follow. A deserving Buddhist youth organization is chosen to receive the generous Dana offered by the Sangha at the day's service as well.

Detailed historical backgrounds will be available on the foyer table in the *Hondo*, as well as a listing of all BWA deceased members up to October, 2014.

*In Nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu.*

*Gassho,*  
Senshin BWA

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR Eshin-ni, Kakushin-ni, Lady Takeko Kujo, and BWA

Sunday, October 19, 2014

9:30 – 10:30am

Guest speaker **Rev. Masao Kodani**  
*BCA Minister Emeritus*

To pre-order lunch, \$10 per person, please contact  
Kathy Ikari at (310) 391-7829 by October 12th.

おとしのお弁当の予約注文を  
BWAまでに通達ください。



## 恵信尼さま、覚信尼さ ま、九条武子夫人、婦人 会先亡者追悼法要

### 10月19日、2014年

毎年10月、洗心寺婦人会は浄土真宗の発展に貢献された模範的な三名の女性、親鸞聖人の妻恵信尼さま、息女覚信尼さまそして九条武子夫人の追悼法要を行います。

親鸞聖人は僧侶の結婚が禁じられていた当時の戒律を破り、恵信尼さまと結ばれ、北国の越後に追放されました。その後許しが出て京都に帰られ教行信証をお書きになります。恵信尼さまはしかし事情があり越後に戻られ、苦難の中で信心深いお念仏の人生を送られます。

覚信尼さまは（1224年お生まれ）父親の側に残り親鸞聖人が90才でなくなられるまでお世話をされ、同時に念仏の生活に没頭されます。その後信徒の為に大谷廟堂を建立し、親鸞聖人の教えの布教に務められ、六〇才の時最初の留守職になられます。

九条武子夫人（1887 - 1928）は親鸞聖人の教えの熱心な追従者として、助けを必要とする人々を援助し、またその念仏の喜びを和歌に託し歌人としても知られています。その一つ“眉毛、悲しみ無き花”は私達婦人会のメンバーにも親しまれています。

また洗心寺ではこの機会に、お寺やコミュニティにいろいろの役割を通して貢献され、私達の見本となるRWA（婦人会）先亡者を偲び敬愛の念を表します。そして選ばれた若者グループにダーナを授与します。

本堂入り口のテーブルに、より詳しい歴史的な背景と亡くなられた婦人会メンバー（2014年10月現在）の名簿録が置いてありますので参考にしてください。

南無阿弥陀仏

合掌  
洗心寺婦人会

## Monthly Memorial Service OCTOBER

Sunday, October 5, 2014 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Mother	Akahori, Umeji
Hashimoto, Miwako	Husband	Hashimoto, Henry
Ikari, Kathy	Father	Tsuboi, Don
Ikegami, Sumiko	Husband	Ikegami, Shigeto
Ishizuka, Karen	Father	Ishizuka, Tadashi, George
Kiyohara, Isao	Mother	Kiyohara, Chiyeiko
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Aunt	Wada, Masako
Matsumura, Isamu	Wife	Matsumura, Laura
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Mother-in-law	Nakawatase, Kise
Nakashima, Jean	Husband	Nakashima, Howard
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Brother	Sanada, Masami
Ogawa, Jerry	Aunt	Matsumoto, Miwako
Sakakura, Michiko	Father	Sakakura, Motoji
Sakakura, Michiko	Husband	Sakakura, Joe
Sonday, Reiko	Mother	Nimi, Kiyoko
Takashima, Iris	Mother	Jinde, Peggy
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandfather	Takashima, Katsue
Takemoto, Chiyoko	Sister	Etow, Kikue
Takeuchi, Yoshiko	Husband	Takeuchi, Sam
Tanaka, Nobuko	Sister	Hasegawa, Tsuyako
Yamashita, Betty	Grandfather	Ito, Yetsusaburo
Yoshida, Miyeko	Mother	Aizawa, Ume

*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.*



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.

8/2/2014	Ben & Mae Minamide	Donation
	Senshin Jr YBA	Donation, for help with Seminar 3
	Elso Kanagawa, Celia Huey	Donation
8/10/2014	Miwa Hashimoto	Nokotsudo
8/20/2014	Kiyoko Isomoto	Nokotsudo
	Donna Hokoda Ebata	In memory of Margaret Hokoda
	Satsuki Shimada	Orei, Funeral for Saburo Shimada
8/27/2014	Katherine Hayashi	In memory of sister Lily Enfield
	Shimada family	Donation
8/30/2014	Kiyoko Kanda	In memory of Mamoru Emery Kanda
	Ron & Diane Kato	13th cycle memorial, Sam Watanabe
	Miki Fujimoto	Parents' 61st anniversary
	Elso Kanagawa, Celia Huey	Donation
	Eric Mikkelson	In memory of Mayumi Mikkelson

## September 2014 Flower Donations

Kiyoko Isomoto	Yoko Nishikawa
Yo Takeuchi	Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Anonymous	Yo Takeuchi
Anonymous	Yo Takeuchi
James and Karen Harada	Nobuko Tanaka
Sumiko Hayamizu	Misao Tomita
Kiyoko Isomoto	Asa and Bernice Wakinaka
Misao Matsuda	Kiyoko Yoneda
Richard & Yoko Miyagawa	

## Senshin Vehicle 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.

## 初盆寄附（遅れましたが今月に記載します）

寄附された方	亡くなられた方
キャロリン&デビドCalica	ちとせ西
ケン西夫妻	ちとせ西
ジェムス高橋,ジョセルCastellon	トム玉木
エレイン高橋,ゲヅンフンショグ	トム玉木
ジャック&キャレンマルゴリス	ケイ駒井
クリス駒井、クリス山下	ケイ駒井
ダニエルマルゴリス	ケイ駒井
ニール&ジョアン駒井	ケイ駒井
バーバラ種崎一家	たかし種崎
ダイアン&ラリユング	まさこ和田
メリーローズ	まさこ和田
まさお&よねこ岡山	まさこ和田
きみよ国武	まさこ和田
ヘレン&レイ加藤	まさこ和田
まさお&マーサ桑木	まさこ和田
バート&ドロシ比嘉	まさこ和田
クリステイわだCrabtree	まさこ和田
サンドラ和田	まさこ和田
デニス&しょうこ辻本	まさこ和田
ドロシーよしはた	サム松村さんの姉（妹）
メリー長野一家	
勇&ヘンリ松村	上杉ゆりえ
トニ山田、ふみえ山田一家	山田すえのり
佐伯ゆみ	吉田としこ
DJグリーンソン、神田L.T.	メリー、ペイジグリーンソン
まもる神田夫妻	メリーグリーンソン
みさお富田	ジョン富田
きよこ米田、まつこ上野	ジョン富田
キャリ&マイカル松田	さち&デビド藤川
ドナ藤川	デビド藤川
しげいち島袋	ふみえ島袋
キース島袋	ふみえ島袋
マリリン&ギルバートレオン	ふみえ島袋
アル&ドリス紫垣	ふみえ島袋
スーザン&エドモンドヤング	ふみえ島袋
イレイン比嘉	ふみえ島袋
ハリ沢田	ふみえ島袋
六男&ゆきえ後潟	ゆうぞうふちあき
みなこ西原	
ジェイムス原田	

## インド、お釈迦さまがおられたところ 古本竜太

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ではないかと期待していたのですが、実際に行ってみると、そういう聖

地にはもうお釈迦さまはおられないのだな、という気持ちになりました。むしろ、私たちの洗心寺で、毎週日曜日に集まってお花やお香でお仏壇を荘厳し、お経を唱え、仏様の教えを聞くことの方が、仏教が生きている、という実感が持てるように感じました。お釈迦さまも、お弟子さんに「法を見るものは仏を見る」といわれているように、仏様の教えが聞かれ、実践されているところにこそ、仏がおられるのだ、と教えられたことがよくわかったように思えます。

ですから、この聖地巡礼の旅で得たことは、「聖地に行かなくても仏様に遇える」ということでした。「それなら最初から行かなければいいじゃないか」となりますが、ハワイ旅行にリラックスしに行って帰ってきて、「あーやっぱり家が一番、落ち着く。」と自分の家のよさがわかりますように、自分のお寺が仏さまに出会い、仏教の仲間と語りあうことのできる一番の場所だということが、この旅行でわかりましたので、とても意義深い旅となりました。といいましても、やはりお釈迦さまがどのようなところで生活されていたのか、人々はどのような考え方をするのか、などのことが聖地を訪れることでわかってくることもありますので、やはり、聖地を訪れるのは有意義です。2016年か17年ごろにお寺のインドツアーを計画していますので、ご興味があれば一緒にインドに行きましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

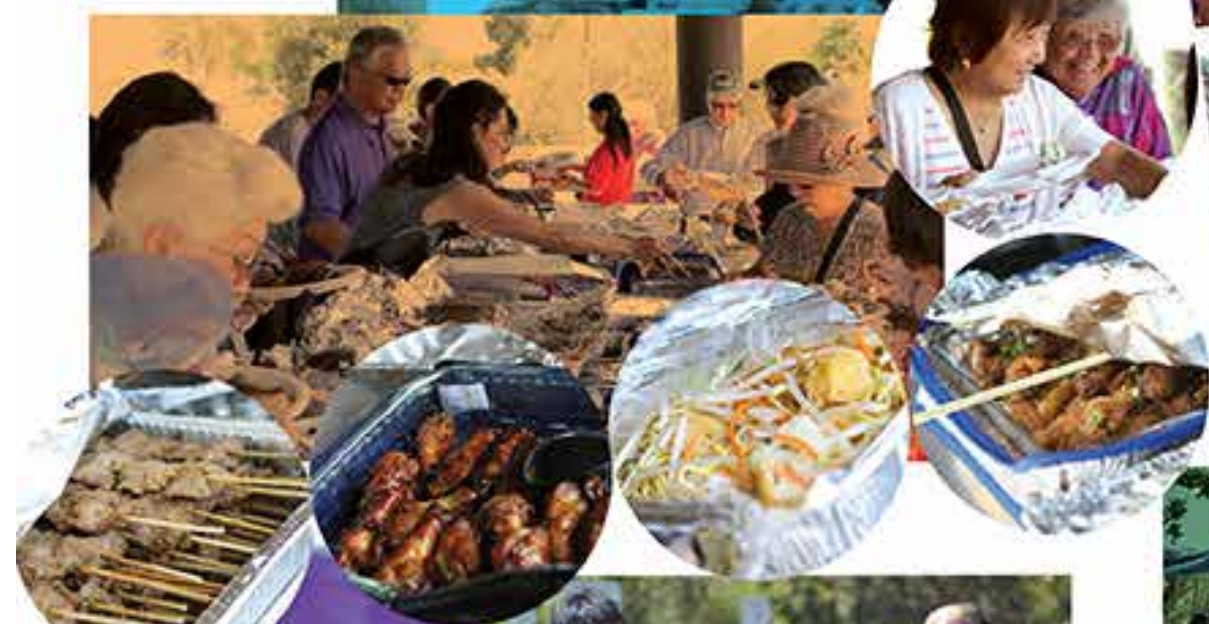




## Senshin Picnic

A big shout out to the Senshin 2014 Picnic Committee, Kelvin Nishikawa, Joji Iriye, Chris Aihara and Wilbur Takashima! Those who participated had a great day. We were very fortunate to have perfect weather for the event and as is typical for a Senshin event, an abundance of delicious food. The games were fun for the kids and adults alike. I was able to sit with Mr. Matsukawa for a few minutes and he let me know how great it was for us to be able to get together to eat and have some fun. We estimate that about 100 people attended. Thank you, Kelvin, for reviving the picnic and making it happen.

NEIL KOMAI  
Board President



PHOTOS: KEITH SAWADA AND KEITH UYEMURA



# Senshin-ji Building Fund

Based upon requests from interested temple members, we took in additional comments and suggestions from them with regard to the Social Hall kitchen and how it can best be configured to provide for the needs of those who cook and work in the kitchen. Those suggestions and comments were evaluated and discussed with the Satoh Brothers design staff, and some changes to the kitchen plan were made in response to the input received.

Because we are not expanding the footprint of the existing kitchen, we are limited in what improvements that we can make within that space. Expanding the kitchen out towards the parking lot would have involved major structural issues, together with very significant cost increases. In addition, such an expansion would have triggered additional parking requirements that might be difficult for the temple to meet. Therefore, we will try to create an effective and efficient kitchen using the existing allocated space. Furthermore, we are attempting to retain our “residential kitchen” status and not be reclassified as a “commercial kitchen”. Such a reclassification would present us with more complex obstacles and significantly higher costs.

After a final meeting with the Satoh Brothers design staff on September 10th, we believe that the essential details of the Social Hall renovation are pretty much set and we do not anticipate any other major changes to the design plans, but we shall keep you informed if an issue crops up.

Following a meeting in late August, it was projected that the work on the Social Hall would likely begin at the end of November. However, concerns were raised that the holiday periods (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year) would result in a disrupted work schedule for the construction crews. In consulting with the Satoh Brothers staff at the September 10th meeting, they felt that the holiday impact could be minimized, but they had no issues with starting the work after the holidays had passed.

Therefore, the demolition work will now begin on January 5, 2015, and all temple organizations have been informed that the clean out of the Social Hall rooms and kitchen will begin on December 3rd. As mentioned last month, we have already begun preparations for the remodeling by removing (via rummage sale or trash bin) a number of items from the kitchen and storage rooms. We will be accelerating such removals after December 3rd because the storage rooms and kitchen have to be completely emptied prior to the beginning of demolition.

With the latest projection of the construction start date, we can plan to hold our normal activities in the Social Hall through January 1, 2015. The remodeling work is going to create a major disruption to our normal temple activities that involve the kitchen and hall. Once construction begins, otoki activities for major services and funerals cannot be held in the Social Hall for a period of approximately four months. We hope to have the construction completed by the end of April 2015.

Since the month of May 2014, when the fundraising was reactivated, we have received approximately \$29,000 in donations that have been added to

the Building Fund. The current amount in the Fund is just short of \$353,000, and our goal is to reach a total of \$500,000 by the time that the construction work concludes in April 2015. We hope that Senshin members and friends will be able to continue their support as we strive to reach this goal. Any and all donations will be highly appreciated.

We have been asked to include a graph to chart our fundraising progress, as we had done when we first began soliciting donations in 2005. So from this issue forward, we shall include that visual monthly.

Gassho,  
Wilbur Takashima

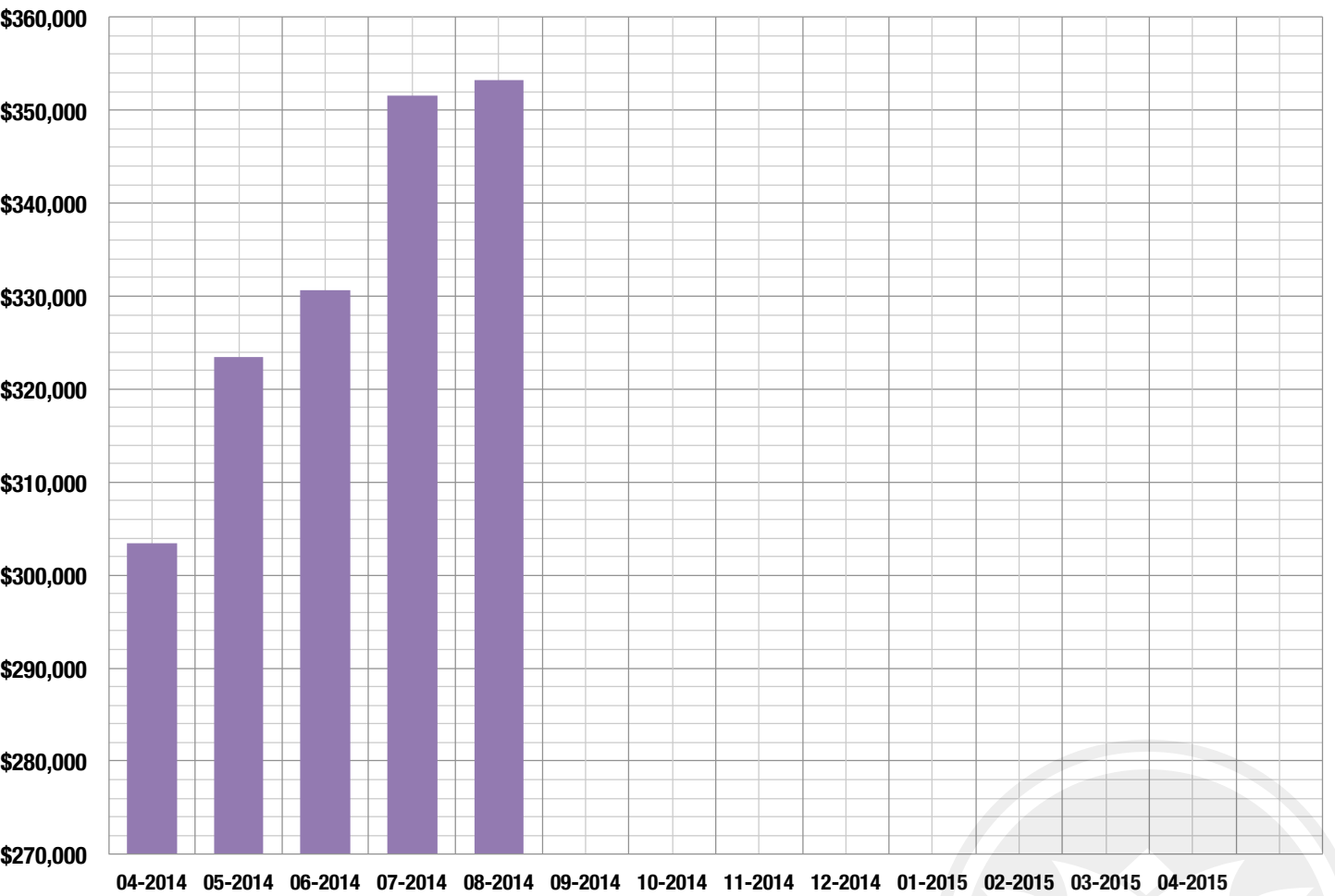
## DONATIONS RECEIVED IN AUGUST:

Kanda Family\*  
Kunitake, Kimiyo  
Takashima, Iris & Wilbur\*\*  
Takeuchi, Yoshiko  
Tonooka, Ben  
Usui, Frank & Susie

\* In memory of Mamoru Kanda

\*\* In memory of Noreen Kojima,

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



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

Name(s)

Address

CityStateZip

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.



# Updates



## B W A

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following *Dana*:

Shimada family, in memory of the late Saburo Shimada  
Hiro Suzuki, donation of rice  
Yo Takeuchi, donation of rice  
Senshin Jr. YBA, *orei*  
Robert & Suzanne Toji, *orei*  
Iris & Wilbur Takashima, in memory of Peggy Jinde

## A B A

We were busy serving *otoki* for the Higan service on September 14th. The ABA's would like to acknowledge and thank the Jr. YBA for their dana.

## Jr. Y B A

Anyone interested in joining Jr YBA, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720 or Lana Wiemer at (323) 936-8701.

## Religious Committee

A tri-temple seminar will be held on Saturday, November 15th from 10am to 12noon. The topic is "The Funeral", with guest speaker, Rev. Mas Kodani (retired). More details to follow.

**Save the date...**  
**Senshin Spring Retreat** is set for February 14-15, 2015 at Palm Garden Hotel, with Rev. Tets Unno leading the discussions. Registration info to be available in November.

## Book Group

On September 28th, the Book Group discussed *The How of Happiness: A New Approach to Getting the Life You Want* by Sonja Lyubomirsky. New titles, authors and members are welcome. Contact Lily & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com..

## Social Media:

### LIKE

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

### FOLLOW

Senshin on Twitter and Instagram @senshinjObon Raffle

## Make Keiro Kai a Successful Family Event

Our **Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day** is coming up soon on Sunday, October 5th at Senshin. On that day, we honor all our temple members 80 years and older, and we also raise some funds for the temple.

**We need your help to make the event successful:**

1. Senshin Members 80 years and older, be sure to sign up as soon as possible by completing the enclosed form.
2. Senshin members and friends, sign-up too.
3. Join our planning committee and help us put the event together.
4. Contribute a gift basket for our Silent Auction. Individuals can donate items for a gift basket to be sold at the event as part of our fund-raising. Baskets will be provided.
5. Contribute an item for our Live Auction. For the Live Auction we look for one-of-a-kind things like, "Lunch prepared by Rev. Mas & Friends," jewelry, time-share stay, golf foursome, 4 tickets to a museum with lunch.

Questions? For more information, contact Chris Aihara, [aihara.chris@gmail.com](mailto:aihara.chris@gmail.com) or call (213) 247-6931

## Senshin Temple 2014 Photo Directory

During September we had over 80 appointments for family portraits and will have more sittings in October. To make the directory a success, we ask for everyone's participation! If you would like to come for our Sunday, October 19th sitting, between 9am and 4pm, please call Debbie Hiramoto for an appointment (626) 232-4736. The cost of the sitting and one picture directory is \$20. If you are also interested

in taking your 8x10 memorial picture, there would be an additional cost of \$55.

### Reminder to affiliate organizations:

Come for your group portrait on Sunday, October 19, between 11am-1pm. Temple Board, BWA, ABA, Dharma School teachers and students, Jr. YBA members and advisors, Kinnara Taiko. Informal pictures of Book Club, Butsu Bustu Kai, Naijin Hana Toban, Hondo Toban, Prajna staff, will also be taken. ABA, BWA, Dharma School, Jr YBA, Kinnara, Book Club, and Maintenance Committee.

### Directory Committee members are

Jean Minami (323) 938-0048  
Satoshi Miyata (310) 324-7971  
Suzanne Toji (310) 478-1731  
Kiyome Hirayama (213) 625-1938  
John Hiramoto (714) 746-7788  
Debbie Hiramoto (626) 232-4736

## India, Where Shakyamuni Buddha Lived

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friends that makes Buddhism alive. This is what I harvested from my India trip. I found that I am not the person who shed tears while chanting Juseige at the Shakyamuni Buddha's sites. If I am such a person, my impression of the pilgrimage might be different.

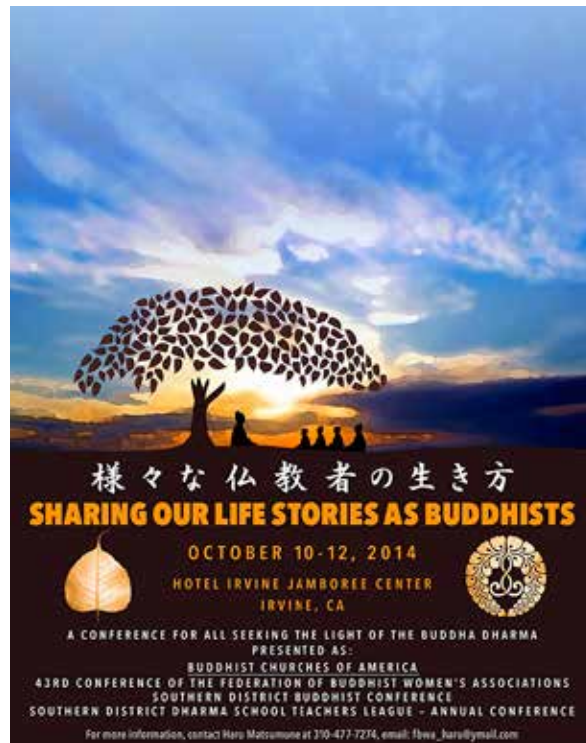


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However, as we consider our founder, Shinran Shonin of the 13th century in Japan, who did not go to India, but saw the Buddha in the Nembutsu and the Dharma messages, we should be more devoted to listen and practice Buddhism

Visiting the historic sites of Shakyamuni Buddha is not necessary to deepen the understanding of Buddhism, but visiting the sites is very helpful to know the history of Buddhism. It is very exciting and meaningful. I am planning a temple India tour in 2016 or 2017. If you are interested, let us go together.

*Namoamidabutsu*  
REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



### 43rd Conference of the Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Southern District Buddhist Conference

If you are interested in attending, please contact James Okazaki for more information.

Email: [jokazaki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jokazaki@sbcglobal.net)

Kiyome Hirayama, in memory of Koima Saneto

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**October 10 to 12th**, SDBCA/FBWA/SDDSTL Conference in Irvine, CA.  
**October 12**, BWA Reikai is after Sen-sei's Study Class (rescheduled, due to KeiroKai on October 5th).

**October 19**, Eshinni/Kakushinni/BWA Memorial and Luncheon. To preorder lunch, please call Kathy Ikari (310) 391-7829 by October 12



# Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Senshin Buddhist Temple

REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
FRIDAY, SEPT 26

We are honoring our senior temple members,  
80 years and older, and we've planned  
an afternoon of food and fun activities for the family.

Honorees: FREE

Adults: \$20

Children: \$10  
(11 years and under)

## Schedule of Activities

10:00a Omairi/Service  
Keiro Kai Honorees will be recognized  
at the service

11:30a Reception

12noon Lunch

12:30p Program



*This event is a mini-fundraiser for Senshin Buddhist Temple.*

## Keiro Kai Honorees Registration Form:

Honoree Name:	Honoree Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:
Birthdate:	Birthdate:

## I (we) want to attend Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day

Name(s)	Phone/email	Adult or Child	\$20 or \$10
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

## Total Amount Enclosed

Please return form along with your check made payable to **Senshin Buddhist Temple**

Write **Attention: Keiro Kai** on the envelope

Mail to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**, 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Or deposit in **Keiro Kai** mail slot in the Temple Office

# 洗心仏教会

2014年10月

## 9月感謝録:

寄附:	南出ベン&マエ,金川エルソ,ヒュイツエリア	故ほこだマガレット追悼	江畑ドナ
	島田一家, 洗心ジュニアYBA	故エンフィールド追悼	林キャサリン
お祝い:	両親結婚61年	故神田まもる追悼	藤本ミッキ
お礼:	島田三郎葬儀	故ミケルソンまゆみ追悼	島田さつき
納骨堂:	橋本みわ、磯元きよこ	故渡辺サム13回忌	ミケルソンエリク
			加藤ロン/ダイアン

## 10月日程

2日(木)	午後7時半	理事会	
4日(土)	USC-Arizona Stateフットボール駐車ファンドレイジング		
5日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	祥月法要, 敬老会お参り	古本竜太開教使
	午前11時半	レセプション	
	12時	おとし	
	12時半	プログラム	
10-12日(日)	婦人会総会	南加地区カウンスル、南加婦人会、南加地区日曜学校教師リーグ主催	於: ホテルアヴァインジャンボリセンター
12日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	家族礼拝	
	午前11時	英語勉強会、日曜学校	
	午前11時半	婦人会例会	
18(土)	USC-Coloradoフットボール駐車ファンドレイジング		
19日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	家族礼拝, 恵信尼-覚信尼ノ婦人会先亡者追悼法要	小谷政雄名誉開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会	
		日曜学校	
		洗心寺名簿録写真	ミヤタケスタジオ
	12時	おとし	婦人会
26日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要	
	午前10時	家族礼拝	古本竜太開教使
	午前11時	英語勉強会	
		日曜学校、餓鬼の日	

## 供花:

竹内よしこ,磯元きよこ,原田ジェイムス/キャレン,速水すみこ,松田みさお,西川ようこ  
島袋しげいち,竹内よう,田中のぶこ,富田みさお,脇中あさ/パニース,米田きよこ

内陣花当番: 4日:P.森川/D.竹原,11日:M.上野/D.紫垣,18日:Y.古本/M.藤本ルックス,25日:S.古賀/D.小谷  
本堂当番: J.中島、C.横田、E.村上、R.かつだ



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		Fundrdaiser: USC Football Parking (Arizona State)
<b>5 Keiro Kai</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Keiro Kai <i>Omairi</i> Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11:30a Reception 12noon Keiro Kai Lunch 12:30p Keiro Kai Program		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko	FBWA Conference hosted by SD Council, SD BWA, SD Dharma School Teacher's League: Hotel Irvine Jamboree Center	
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Fundraiser</b>
(FBWA Conference continues in Irvine) 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School 11:30a BWA Reikai (following Study Class)		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		Fundrdaiser: USC Football Parking (Colorado)
<b>19 BWA Memorial Service</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service Eshinni / Kakushinni / BWA Memorial Service 10:30a Guest Speaker: Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus / Kids' Club Otoki by BWA (preordered lunch) Organization Photos for Temple Directory to be taken by Miyatake Studio		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
<b>26 Day of the Gaki</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School: Day of the Gaki		9:30a Exercise Class		9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		

## OCTOBER TOBAN

**Sunday Service** Jr. Y B A

**Hondo Toban** Jean Nakashima, Carol Yokota,  
Eugene Murakami, Richard Katsuda

## October Onaijin Flower Toban

**Oct 4** Paige Morikawa, Denise Takehara

**Oct 11** Mat Uyeno, Doris/AI Shigaki

**Oct 18** Yoriyo Furumoto, Miki Fujimoto-Rooks

**Oct 25** Sharon Koga, Denise Kodani

## Upcoming in November

**Nov 9** Temple General Meeting

**Nov 15** Tri-temple Seminar at Senshin  
10a-12noon

**Nov 16** Osoji and Omigaki

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