

## *Obutsudan* from the Camps

*Obutsudan* in English means Buddhist alter. *O* is an honorific prefix, *butsu* means Buddha and *dan* is an alter or stage.

For Japanese Buddhists, the *Obutsudan* has been an important household item. In the 7th century, Emperor Tenmu encouraged all people to have an *Obutsudan* in their homes; however, not many followed his suggestion. In the 17th century, from the Edo period, Tokugawa Bakufunate ordered everyone to place an *Obutsudan* in their homes. This was not just a suggestion nor

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a recommendation. Since that time, all people became Buddhists and this tradition lasted for centuries.

Our ancestors and predecessors of the *Nembutsu* teaching brought Jodo Shinshu and the *Obutsudan* to the United States in the late 19th century. Over 100 years have passed and many

devoted Jodo Shinshu followers continue to care for and respect the *Obutsudan* as a center of their *Nembutsu* life in their homes.

During World War II, the *Issei* and *Nisei* could not take their *Obutsudan* with them to the concentration camps. Because they wanted to have a family spiritual place in their barracks, they

made *Obutsudan* themselves.

We recently received a photo of an *Obutsudan* from a temple member whose family was interned at Heart Mountain in Wyoming. The creator of the *Obutsudan* is unknown; however, inside the *Obutsudan* is written, in Japanese, “*Made in Heart Mountain, March 25, 1945*”.

In addition to this *Obutsudan*, there is one from Poston, Arizona, and one from a camp unknown. Although limited in material and tools, they were made really well. They look simple but give a strong message. “*Hey, my descendants and successors of the Nembutsu teaching, we kept reciting the Nembutsu and listening*

*to the teaching even in camp. Please continue listening and pass it on to the younger generation.*”

Buddha, Dharma and Sangha are called the Three Treasures. We received the gems from our ancestors and predecessors. If we receive money or jewels from our parents, we would

not throw them away. Rather, we save them, wear them, give them to our children. Likewise, the Three Treasures, Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, are the treasures we need to keep, activate and share.

In the Three Treasures, we read, “*Difficult is it to live a human life, now we are living it. Difficult is it to hear the Dharma, now we hear it.*” Shinran Shonin stated, “*Ah, hard to encounter, even in many lifetimes, is the decisive cause of birth, Amida’s Universal Vow! Hard to realize, even in myriads of kalpas, is pure shinjin that is true and real! If you should come to realize this practice and shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about.*” (*Kyogyoshinsho*, preface)

Thanks to our ancestors and predecessors, we are now able to receive the truly valuable treasures: Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. Even in the camps, the Jodo Shinshu followers tried to keep them alive by making *Obutsudan*. Do not throw them away. Let us take good care of them, polish them and share them.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

## キャンプのお仏壇

先月、あるお仏壇がお寺に来ました。そのお仏壇は第二次世界大戦中に日系人キャンプの中でつくられたものです。お仏壇の中に、日本語で昭和20年、3月25日、ハートマウンテンと記されていますので、終戦より5ヶ月前に作られたものとわかります。このお仏壇以外に、お寺にはキャンプで作られたお仏壇が二つあります。一つはポストンのキャンプ1で作ら

れたもの、もうひとつはどこかのキャンプで作られたか不明のものです。今年で戦後70年たちましたから、お仏壇は70年から70年以上前のものになります。

道具や材料が十分でなかったでしょうが、工夫して上手につくってあります。それに加えて、お仏壇を製作し

た方の「キャンプの中であっても、お念仏の教えを絶やしてはならない」との思いがお仏壇に染み込んでいるようで、たいへんありがたく感じられます。

仏法僧（仏、仏の教え、仏の教えを喜ぶ人たち）は三宝と呼ばれます。仏法僧はわたしたちにとってたいへん価値があり、たいせつなものです。宝と呼ぶのです。この宝を私たちの先祖や先輩が100年以上前、日本から持って来てくださり、わたしたちにくださったのです。

もし、親がお金やジュエリーを私たちにくれたら、それをどうするでしょうか？大切に保管したり、増やしたり、使ったり、身につけたりするはずですが、こんなものはない、と言って捨てる人はほとんどいないでしょう。

仏法僧の三宝もそうです。祖父母や両親、念仏の先輩たちがせっか

く宝をくれているのですから、大切に心にとどめ、理解を深め、生活にいかしていくべきものなのです。

でも、仏法僧の三宝の大切さがわからずに、捨ててしまう人もいます。それはほんとうにもったいないことで

す。お金やジュエリーをゴミ箱に入れているようなものなのです。

三帰依文には人間に生まれるのはたいへん稀なことであり、さらに仏さまの教えを聞けることはもっと稀だと述べられてありますし、親鸞聖人はお念仏の教えをいただくことは、ほんとうに有り難いことだから、もし今、教えを聞いているのであれば、「遠く宿縁を喜べ（教行信証、総序）」とそのご縁を喜びなさい、とお示しくださっています。

私たちがいただいた宝を大切に、次の世代に渡してゆきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

古本竜太





Monthly Memorial Service SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 6, 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
Akahori, Ted and Tomi	Brother-in-law	Miyazaki, Dr. Fred
Harada, James	Father	Harada, Tom
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Husband	Hayamizu, Robert T.
Ito Family	Mother	Ito, Toshiye
Kitayama, Glen	Mother	Kitayama, Kimiko Esther
Kitayama, Glen	Grandmother	Kitayama, Kimiko
Kitayama, Glen	Grandmother	Nakagawa, Ritzu
Kishi, Mabel	Father	Ota, Shigetaro
Kok, Richard	Father	Kok, Yoke Chuan
Kodani, Masao	Wife	Kodani, Shirley
Kodani, Richard	Father	Kodani, Fred
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandmother	Wada, Tamae
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandmother	Yamada, Tsugi
Matsuda, Misao	Husband	Matsuda, Miyoshi
Matsumoto, Hisako	Husband	Matsumoto, Tsutomu
Miyata, Satoshi	Mother	Miyata, Taka
Murakami, Yomiko	Son	Murakami, Raymond
Nakamura, Bob	Father	Nakamura, Harukichi
Nakawatase, Helen	Sister	Hosaka, Lew, Anna
Ogawa, Jerry	Father	Ogawa, Kikuo
Rooks, Curtis	Mother	Rooks, Kikuyo
Rooks, Mariko	Grandmother	Rooks, Kikuyo
Sawada, Nell	Mother	Oshita, Umeko
Shimabukuro, Shigeichi	Mother	Shimabukuro, Yoshiko
Shimohara, Ellen	Father-in-law	Shimohara, Henry
Shirasago, Gary and Dale	Brother	Shirasago, Glenn
Shirasago, Gary and Dale	Father	Shirasago, George
Sugano, Leo	Grandmother	Kanazawa, Fude
Takashima, Wilbur	Great Grandmother	Takashima, Haru
Tanaka, Nobuko	Father	Sugimoto, Seitaro
Tanaka, Nobuko	Son	Tanaka, Harumitsu
Tanezaki, Barbara	Father	Kakita, Bene
Terrell, Jackie	Father-in-law	Fukumoto, Katsumi
Tsunoda, Satsuko	Father-in-law	Tsunoda, Yaichi
Unno Family		Unno, Rev. Enryo
Uyemura, Koichi	Father	Uyemura, Tamio
Wakinaka, Asa and Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, Lester
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Husband	Yoneda, Kazuo

Fall Ohigan Seminar 秋のお彼岸セミナー

We are going to hold Fall Ohigan Seminar & Service on 秋のお彼岸セミナーと法要が営まれます。日程 September 12 & 13, 2015. This year, we invite two guest は下記をご覧ください。今回のご講師は、二人と speakers, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara and Rev. Masanori Watanabe. も広島県呉市に住んでおられました。呉は浄土 They lived in Kure City, Hiroshima, Japan. Kure is well known as 真宗の信仰の盛んなところで知られています。 the devoted Jodo Shinshu region. In our seminar, the theme has 講題は「浄土真宗の教え」で、呉のお寺でお育 been always the same, **The Essential of Jodo Shinshu.** てを受けた先生方がお念仏の教えの最も大切な Two sensei raised in this Jodo Shinshu hard core region will ことをお話ししていただきます。みなさま、お誘 present their *ajiwai* (taste) of the Nembutsu teaching. い合わせのうえお参りください。

The Essential of Jodo Shinshu [浄土真宗の教え]

Guest Speakers ご講師:

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara (Jodo Shinshu Center) 桑原浄信開教使 (浄土真宗センター)  
Rev. Masanori Watanabe (Oxnard Buddhist Temple) 渡辺正憲開教使 (オックスナード仏教会)

Saturday, September 12 • 9月12日(土)

9:30am Omairi / お参り; Hondo / 本堂  
9:45am Lecture 1: English, Hondo / Japanese, Classroom  
10:30am Break / 休憩  
10:45am Lecture 2: English, Hondo / Japanese, Classroom  
11:50am Closing Service

Due to the Social Hall renovation, we may not have the lunch and the afternoon program.

今年はソーシャルホールの改装のため、昼食と午後からのプログラムは見合わせるかもしれません。

Fall Ohigan Service

Sunday, September 13 • 9月13日(日)

Speaker: Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara / ご講師: 桑原浄信開教使  
9:30am Japanese Class / 日本語  
10am Ohigan Service / お彼岸法要、英語法話  
11am Study Class / スタッディクラス  
12pm Otoki

# Senshin-ji Building Fund September 2015 Update

As of the first week of August, we were still waiting for a response from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) with regard to an appeal that was forwarded to that agency by the Satoh Brothers firm (SBI). Until the LADWP rules on the merits of our appeal, a submission of the revised construction plans to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) cannot be completed. As noted last month, our appeal is asking for a variance from the LADWP's power consolidation policy that requires that all buildings within the temple complex be serviced

by a single feed from the main power lines. If our appeal is denied, SBI will be forced to re-design the plans before submitting them to LADBS for a second review.  
We hope that by the next issue of the Prajna, we will be able to inform you of the LADWP's decision. That agency, unfortunately, is not known for timely responses.  
Once this particular appeal is resolved (for or against Senshin), we dearly hope that no further requirements are placed upon our remodeling project.  
At this point, it would be fruitless

to give you an estimated date for the start of the project. The uncertainty of the appeal decision will not allow us to make a decent guess.  
Thanks to all for your continuing patience and support.  
*Gassho,*  
Wilbur Takashima  
  
DONATIONS RECEIVED IN JULY:  
Nakawatase, Roy & Terry  
Yamaguchi, Toshiko



## Senshin Vehicle Donation Program

This is a reminder that Senshin will take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a donation to the temple. The funds realized from these donations are earmarked for the Senshin-ji Building Fund. Donors can report the full amount of funds received from the vehicle donation as a deduction on their tax returns. We work with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS) to have the vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not operational, it can still have salvageable value,

sometimes for more than we could expect.  
Once the proceeds from the vehicle donation are received by Senshin, a letter is sent to the donor to acknowledge the vehicle donation. The letter includes details of the donated vehicle and the amount for which the vehicle was sold or salvaged. All donors will be acknowledged in the *Prajna*.  
If you have any questions about the program, or wish to donate a vehicle, please contact either Jean Minami (323) 938-0048, or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558.

## Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the two scholarships that were presented at the July 12th Obon service. These annual scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, are awarded to individuals who met the qualifications set up by the Ogawa Scholarship committee, and were deemed to be deserving of recognition.  
Interestingly, the two recipients happen to be brother and sister, Derek Lugo and Alyssa A. Lugo. We congratulate them and wish them well in their further educational pursuits.

7/2/2015	Keith Inatomi	Lily Inatomi's 90th Birthday
	Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey	Special
	John & Jill Datwyler	Obon Donation
7/5/2015	Chikako Kojima	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
7/7/2015	Kiyoko Isomoto	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Kazuo Matsubayashi	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Saishin Dojo	Lunchtime assistance
7/19/2015	Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi	<i>Nokotsudo</i> , Atsuko Matsubayashi
	Victor & Janice Huey	Special
	Judy Nakatani	In memory of Frank Nakatani
7/21/2015	Sumi Okita	Special
7/26/2015	Satsuki Shimada	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Paula Shirasago	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Todd Shirasago	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Mae Shimada and Tim	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Stanley Shimada	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Bradley Shimada	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Tony & Linda Coleman	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Yosh & Lillie Miyagishima	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Debbie Oune	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Cheryl Rerchelderfer	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	John & Wendy Mori	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Karen & Michael Hanamoto	1st cycle memorial service, Saburo Shimada
	Chikako Kojima	3rd cycle memorial service, Noreen Kojima
	Harry & Yoko Uneda	3rd cycle memorial service, Noreen Kojima
	L.T. Kanda	1st cycle memorial service, Mamoru Emery Kanda
	Kiyoko Kanda	1st cycle memorial service, Mamoru Emery Kanda
	Lori Kanda Kelly	1st cycle memorial service, Mamoru Emery Kanda
7/31/15	Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey	Special
	Kenneth Hatai	Special
	Patrick & Midori Williams	<i>Nokotsudo</i> , Ben & Chiyo Takemoto
	Bobby Matsuyama	Donation, Gatha books
	Wilbur & Iris Takashima	<i>Chochin</i>

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.





Religious Committee

Fall Ohigan Seminar & Service on September 12 & 13. See enclosed article.

B W A

We gratefully acknowledge the donation from Sumi Okita. The next meeting is Sunday, September 6th after Study Class.

A B A

The ABA's had another successful Rummage Sale due to help from all the temple members. Thank you to John Hiramoto for coordinating this fundraiser and to everyone who came out to help. We also had a wonderful luncheon with a surprise birthday celebration to our one and only Henry Matsumura, who officially became a senior citizen. With the success of the Rummage Sale we will be giving Weemes Elementary School a nice monetary donation to buy school supplies for the children. Thank you everyone for all your support!

We had a wonderful time at the temple Picnic and also at an outing at the Grand Central Market. As you know, the ABA's love to eat!!!!

The next ABA meeting will be September 6th at 9am. Also, ABA has toban for the month of September and will serve otoki for *Ohigan*.

We welcome new members!

Jr Y B A

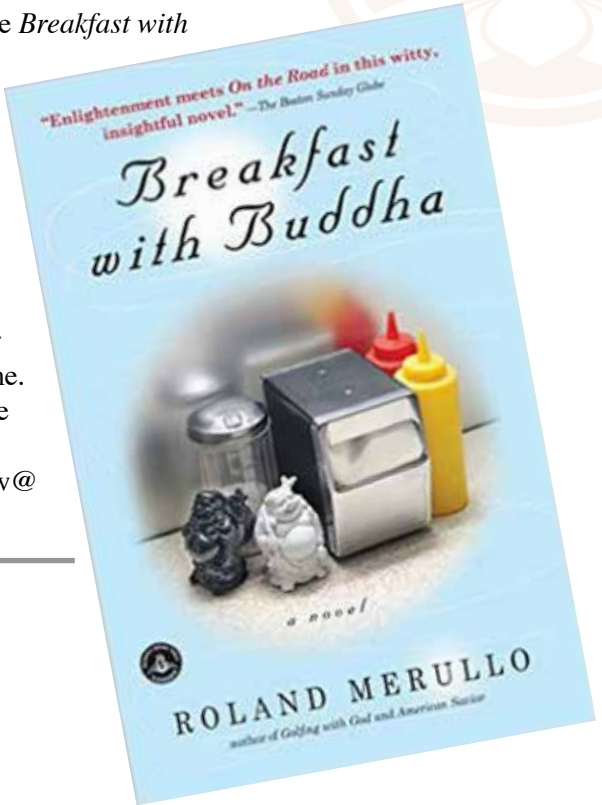
The SDJrYBL will be having their Annual Conference on September 5-6, hosted by Gardena Buddhist Church. We have four juniors attending this year representing Senshin.

The Uyemura Family will be hosting the Annual Pool Party this year. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th. This officially kicks off the year for Senshin Jr. YBA.

If you are interested in joining Senshin's Jr. YBA, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720.

Book Group

Our next book will be *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo. The next meeting is on Sunday, September 20th after Study Class. You can find the book on Amazon. New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.



Facilities

A machine was rented to grind down the uneven concrete around the Nokotsudo to prevent the tripping hazard. Thank you, Wilbur! The lock and latch mechanism in the door to the hot water heater closet in Classroom #2 in the Education Building has been removed. Thank you, Dougie! The temple gardener cleaned and trimmed plants and bushes around the rental house. They did a great job!

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洗心仏教会

2015年9月

7月感謝録:

特別寄附:	金川エルソ/セリアヒュイ,畑井ケネス 故中谷フランク追悼: 中谷ジュディ
	ヒュイビクター&ジャニス,沖田すみ 故島田三郎 1 回忌: 島田さつき,島田スタンリ
お盆寄附:	ダットワイラジョン&ジル, 島田ブラドリ,白砂ポーラ,トッド
提灯寄附:	高島ウイルバ&アイリス 島田まえ&ティム,コルマントニ&リンダ
ガーサの本:	松山ボビー 宮城島ヨシュ&リリ,森ジョン&ウエンディ
稲富リリ90 オお祝い:	稲富キース レシエルデファシェリル,花本キャレン
ランチタイム手伝い:	西心道場 故神田守エメリ 1 回忌: 神田L.T.,神田きよこ
納骨堂:	小島ちかこ,磯元きよこ,松林和夫 ケリーロリカンダ ウイリアムズパトリック&みどり 故小島ノリーン 3 回忌: 小島ちかこ, うねだハリ&ようこ

9月日程:

3日 (木)	午後 7 時半	理事会
5日 (土)	午後 5 時	USC-Arkansas フットボール、 駐車ーファンドレイジング
6日 (日)	午前 9 時半 午前 1 0 時 午前 1 1 時	日本語法要 祥月法要一家族礼拝 英語勉強会 日曜学校 婦人会例会
12日 (土)	午前 9 時ー正午	秋の彼岸セミナー 桑原浄信先生ー浄土真宗 センター 渡辺まさのり先生ーオクスナード仏教会
13日 (日)	午後 5 時 午前 9 時半 午前 1 0 時 午前 1 1 時 午前 1 1 時半	USC-Idahoフットボール、駐車ーファンドレイジング 日本語法要 秋のお彼岸法要 桑原浄信先生 キッズクラブ おとき ABA
19日 (土)	午後 5 時	USC-Stanfordフットボール、駐車ファンドレイジング
20日 (日)	午前 9 時半 午前 1 0 時 午前 1 1 時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会 キッズクラブ
27日 (日)	午前 9 時半 午前 1 0 時 午前 1 1 時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会 日曜学校

本堂当番: 緊那羅太鼓

内陣お花当番: 5日:P.本川/J.永田,11日:T.山口/I&M.松林,19日:Y.西川/Y.後潟,26日S.古賀/D.小谷

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		8p Fundraiser: USC Football Parking (Arkansas)
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Fall Higan Seminar</i>
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service – Shotsuki Hōyō and Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School BWA Reikai (following study class)		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		9a–12noon <i>Fall Higan Serminar</i> Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Jodo Shinshu Center Rev. Masanori Watanabe, Oxnard Buddhist Temple 5p Fundraiser: USC Football Parking (Idaho)
<b>13</b> <i>Fall Ohigan</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Fall Ohigan Service</i> Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Jodo Shinshu Center 11a Kids' Club 11:30a <i>Otoki</i> by ABA		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		5p Fundraiser: USC Football Parking (Stanford)
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 12noon Book Group Meeting		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Service 11a Study Class / Dharma School		9:30a Exercise Class		9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		

## SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

**Sunday Service** A B A  
**Hondo Toban** Kinnara Taiko

## SEPTEMBER Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

**Sept 5** Pat Honkawa, Janice Nagata  
**Sept 11** Toshiko Yamaguchi, Ikuko/Kaz Matsubayashi  
**Sept 19** Yoko Nishikawa, Yukie Ushirogata  
**Sept 26** Sharon Koga, Denise Kodani

## Upcoming in OCTOBER:

**Oct 18** Eshinni, Kakushinni, BWA Memorial Service

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