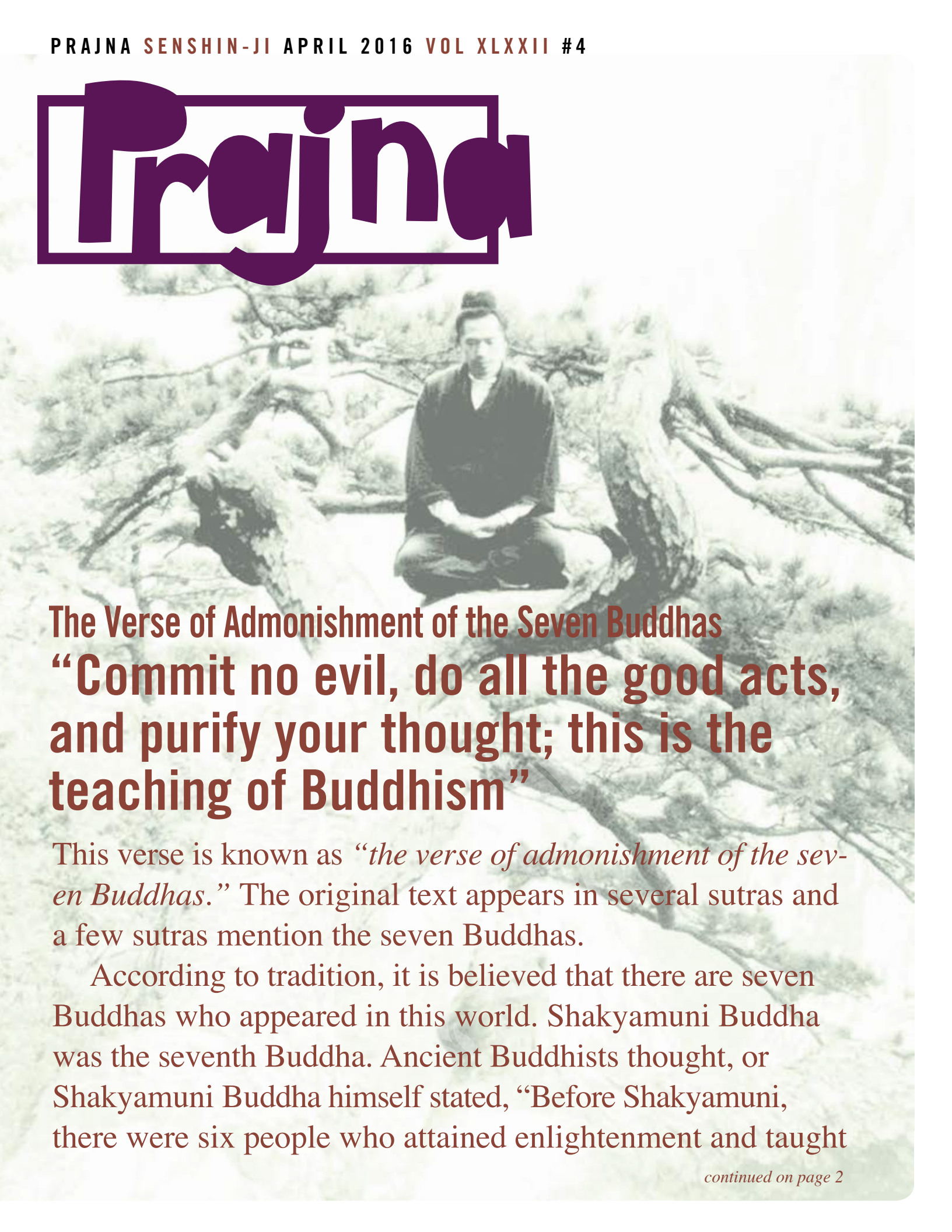


Prajna

A person is sitting in a meditative posture on a large, gnarled tree trunk in a forest. The person is wearing a dark, long-sleeved robe and has their hands resting on their knees. The background is a soft-focus view of a forest with many trees and branches.

The Verse of Admonishment of the Seven Buddhas “Commit no evil, do all the good acts, and purify your thought; this is the teaching of Buddhism”

This verse is known as “*the verse of admonishment of the seven Buddhas.*” The original text appears in several sutras and a few sutras mention the seven Buddhas.

According to tradition, it is believed that there are seven Buddhas who appeared in this world. Shakyamuni Buddha was the seventh Buddha. Ancient Buddhists thought, or Shakyamuni Buddha himself stated, “Before Shakyamuni, there were six people who attained enlightenment and taught

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the teaching of the Buddha.”

Shakyamuni Buddha is recognized as a person/Buddha who lived in India about 2,500 years ago. There are no historical verifications of the other six Buddhas, although they may have

appeared some thousands of years ago before Shakyamuni.

As Buddhists, one thought can be, “Because Buddha (sutra) stated it, so it is true. Before Shakyamuni, there were six other Buddhas.” Or another thought can be, “An idea of six Buddhas is a symbolic expression that Buddha’s teaching transcends time and history. It resonates to the people living in any age.”

In any case, “The verse of admonishment of seven Buddhas” has been taught and accepted for many years in many Buddhist countries.

This verse became very popular in China with a thoughtful story. Although the message of the verse is very simple, “Do not do bad, Do good,” the story makes us think and find the verse has a deep philosophy.

About 1,200 years ago, in China, there was a poet named Hakurakuten in Japanese, Bay Juyi in Chinese. He was known as one of the four noble poets of China.

He was a genius. He passed all of the state exams for a bureaucrat. Among a number of bright bureaucrats, a high ranked position was given to him. He became a minister in the national government. But because he had a critical attitude toward the government, he was relegated to be governor of a rural prefecture.

Because of the demotion, he encountered the Buddha’s teaching. When he was assigned to his new position, he heard that an eminent Zen master was living in his province. The monk’s name was Doan. Doan was

nicknamed “Master Birdie” because he always had meditation practice on a branch of a tree. Hakurakuten wanted to meet him to ask him about Buddhism, so he went to the tree where the master was sitting. When he got there, Master Birdie was sitting on the tree and was in meditation. “Hello, how are you? I’m the new governor of this province. Nice to meet you,” he said. But Master Birdie didn’t answer. He was still in meditation. “I have some questions to ask you. I would like to learn Buddha’s teaching. Could you teach me?” Master Birdie remained silent, but he wrote something and threw it to Hakurakuten. Hakurakuten picked up the note and read it.

“Commit no evil, do all the good acts and purify your thought, this is the teaching of Buddhism.”

Hakurakuten thought Buddhism’s teaching is too easy to understand, so he lost interest and said to Master Birdie, “Is this Buddhism? It’s too easy. Not only Buddha but even three-year-old children know this.”

Master Birdie then opened his mouth and said, “Yes, you’re right. Even three-year-old children know it, but it’s very difficult for even an 80-year-old person to practice it. That’s why I am learning and practicing Buddha’s teaching.” Then, he went back to meditation. The story goes that from this incident, Hakurakuten began to practice Buddhism.

With this story, the verse became widely accepted by many people. When I first heard this story, I also thought, “It’s too easy, not only in

Buddhism but other religions also talk about it.” But Master Birdie’s word struck me, “Even three-year-olds know it, but 80-year-olds can’t do it.”

At the time I heard the story, I was 19 years old and a sophomore of Ryukoku University. About 20 years have passed since and I often find to “do good and do not do bad” is very difficult, especially the working of my mind. I do not punch, kick, or kill other people by bodily action, but sometimes in my mind, I may do it or want to do it. Maybe when I am driving a car and someone cuts in my line, I need to remember that verse.

Jodo Shinshu teaches that such people who cannot purify their minds are the very object of Amida’s saving. This teaching becomes more gratifying and meaningful now.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

*Before
Shakyamuni,
there were
six people
who attained
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and taught the
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the Buddha.*

七仏通戒偈

「諸悪莫作(しょあくまくさ) 衆
善奉行(しゅぜんぶぎょう) 自
浄其意(じじょうごい) 是所仏
教(ぜしよぶっきょう)」

意訳「どのような悪いこともせず、たくさんの善い行いをし、心をきよめる、これが仏の教えである。」

これは七仏通戒偈(しちぶつ づうかいげ)というご文で、仏教の教えを表したものと知られています。

七仏とは、お釈迦さまをふくめた七人の仏という意味で、お釈迦さまの前に6名の仏さまがこの世におでましになった、とされています。お釈迦さまの前に別の仏さまがおられたとする考え方は、お釈迦さまご自身がおっしゃったのか、後の仏教徒が言い始めたのかはわかりませんが、古くからあった考え方らしいです。

他の仏さまがおられたかどうかは、インド史などの歴史には現れておられないので、本当におられたのかわかりません。そこで、仏教徒がとる態度は、「仏語に虚妄(こもう)なし」といわれますように、「仏さまが説かれたお経に書かれてあるのだから、過去に6人の仏さまがおられたにちがいない」といただく、もしくは、過去にも仏さまがおられたというのは、象徴的な表現で、「仏さまの教えは時間や歴史を超えて、どの時代の人々の心にいたり届く」ということを言い表している、といただくことができます。

けれども、七仏通戒偈を読んで、ほんとにこれが仏様のおし

えなのか?と疑問に思われる方がおられるかもしれません。なぜなら、七仏通戒偈でいわれていることは、世間一般の常識とかなんかわりがないし、いいことをして、悪いことをしない、というのはどの宗教でも言っていることです。

ところが、「それを本当にできるのか?」と問われたらどうでしょうか?我々の生活で、いつもいいことをして、悪いことをせず、心をきよらかに保っているのでしょうか?

七仏通戒偈と一緒に紹介される有名なお話があります。訳1200年前の中国に白樂天というたいへん優秀な人物で中国の四大詩人の一人に数えられる方がいました。この白樂天がある地方の知事として赴任したのですが、その地方に道林という禅僧がおられました。その禅僧はいつも鳥のように、木の枝の上で座禅をされていることから、鳥窠禅師(ちょうかぜんじ)という名前で知られていました。

仏教の教えがどのようなものか興味をもった白樂天は、禅師のもとをたずね、そこで教わったのが、七仏通戒偈でした。白樂天は「こんなのかんたんすぎるじゃないか?」と思い、禅師に「これが仏教の教えですか?いいことをしてわるいことをしない、そんなこと3歳の子供でも知ってますよ。」と言うと、禅師は「その通り。けど80歳の老人でもそれを実行するのは

むずかしいのだ。故に私は仏の教えを聞き、学び続けるのである。」と答えられました。白樂天はその言葉に思うところがあり、自らも仏教徒となり、仏の教えを聞かれるようになったといわれています。

私が七仏通戒偈とこのお話をはじめて聞いたのは、19歳のときで、龍谷大学での仏教のクラスでした。その時、私も白樂天のように、「3歳の子供でもできるが、80歳の老人でもできない」という言葉に、はっとさせられました。それから約20年がたちましたが、「よいことをして、悪いことはしない」というのは大変難しいことだと、以前よりもよくわかるようになってきました。

そして、そういう心をきよらかにたもつことのできない者をこそ救うという阿弥陀様の願いがあることも大学生のとき初めて聞きましたが、その阿弥陀様の救いも以前よりもありがたくいただけるようになってきました。

南無阿弥陀仏

古本竜太

Monthly Memorial Service APRIL

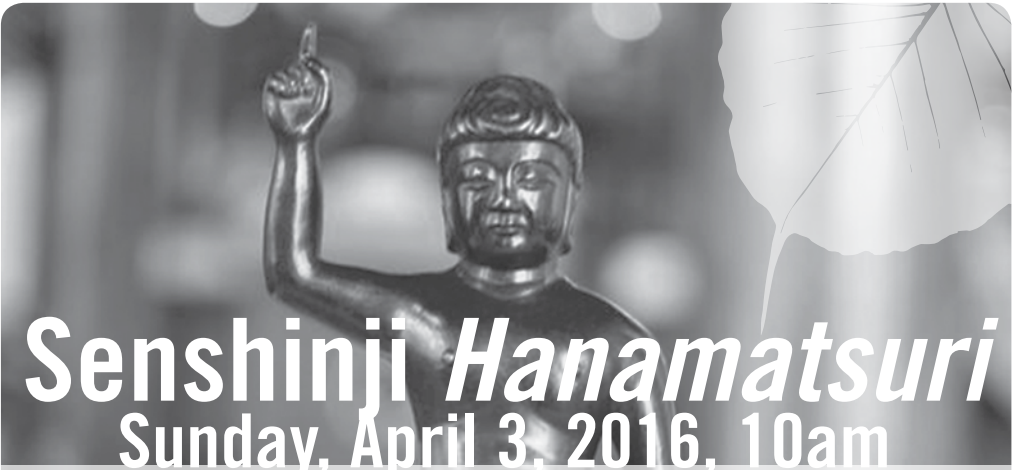
Sunday, April 10, 2016 10:00am

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
Castellon, Joseyl	Great Grandmother-in-law	Nakamura, Komatsu
Castellon, Joseyl	Grandfather-in-law	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
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
Nagano, Lance	Mother	Nagano, Mary
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
Nishida, Lori	Father	Nishisaka, Harry
Nishida, Russell	Grandfather	Nishida, Joe
Nishida, Russell	Grandmother	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
Phuntshog, Gedon	Grandmother-in-law	Nakamura, Komatsu
Phuntshog, Gedon	Father-in-law	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Rogers, Beverly	Grandfather	Aramaki, Chido
Sakakura, Michiko	Mother	Sakakura, Chizu
Saneto, Motoko	Husband	Saneto, Tsukasa
Shimohara, Ellen	Mother	Shinoda, Kimi
Takahashi, Elaine	Grandmother	Nakamura, Komatsu
Takahashi, Elaine	Father	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Takahashi, Sumiji	Great Grandmother	Nakamura, Komatsu
Takahashi, Sumiji	Grandfather	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Takahashi, Zen	Great Great Grandmother	Nakamura, Komatsu

Monthly Memorial Service APRIL cont'd

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Takahashi, Zen	Great Grandfather	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
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, Misa
Yoshimura, Brett	Grandmother	Yoshimura, Shizuko
Yoshimura, Evelyn	Mother	Yoshimura, Shizuko



On Sunday, April 3, 2016, from 10am, Senshin Temple will be observing the birthday of Siddhartha Gautama, an Indian prince who became the Buddha, the Awakened One, Shakyamuni (the Sage of the Shakyas). This auspicious and special Buddhist holiday is observed in the Japanese Buddhist tradition on the 8th day of April. The birthday of Prince Siddhartha is called Hanamatsuri, or the "Festival of Flowers", recalling the flowers that bloomed everywhere and were said to have fallen from the sky when Siddhartha was born.

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

花祭りのおしらせ

4月3日（日）にお釈迦様の誕生をお祝いする花祭りの法要をおつとめします。法要のさいに、誕生仏のまわりにお花をお供えしますので、一輪のお花を持ってくるとうれがたいです。お昼におときの用意がございます。みなさまおさそいあわせのうえ、お参り下さい。



Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Chicken Teriyaki Needs a Helping Hand

Senshin's annual **Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser is scheduled for May 1.** It will be upon us in no time.

Our Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser is about much more than raising a few dollars for our operating budget. It is a real community / Sangha building event. Working side-by-side with each other allows us to get to know one another in a way that we never would otherwise.

It also facilitates the passing down of cultural traditions and know-how that you can't learn on YouTube. In the last few years we have lost many of our stalwart members to old age and infirmity. Our numbers are dwindling and we need more hands on deck.

Whether you belong to one of the service clubs or not, please make plans to come out and support Chicken Teriyaki and Senshin. You'll go home tired but a little more connected to Senshin.

For more information or to sign up, contact Neil Komai at nkomai49@gmail.com or (626) 252-1714.

Membership

2016 Senshin Membership Dues Letters will be going out soon.

Dues for this year will be as follows:

Family/couple \$395
Individual \$205
Over 80 with BCA \$115

BWA

BWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

Marilyn Shimabukuro - New Year Donation in memory of Fumi Shimabukuro
Shigeichi Shimabukuro - New Year Donation in memory of Fumi Shimabukuro
Rev. and Mrs. Tada - New Year Donation
Gene & Connie Matayoshi -

In memory of Yoneko Matayoshi
Kenneth & Joji Iriye - Special
Harry Sawada - In memory of Nell Sawada

Next BWA meeting: Sunday, April 10, 8:30 am!

ABA

SABA enjoyed a busy March. There was our popular Morongo Turn-around, fully sold out and profitable for most. Our members helped with March's service preparations and prepared the *otoki* for the *Higan* Service on March 20. We joined the *Sangha* in participating in the *Higan* Seminar the day before, helping with the desserts.

COMING UP: This month, ABA



will have our Cha Shu Bao sale. Place your order by March 27, four Chashu Bao for \$5. Order pick-up is on April



3 from 10:30am to 12noon after *Hanamatsuri* Service. Your support is appreciated. Mmm, tasty. We are also preparing for the Chicken Teriyaki Sale, pick-up on May 1. ABA mem-



bers will again prepare the traditional *tsukemono*. If you want to learn how to make *tsukemono*, join us on Saturday, April 30, for the cabbage preparation and brining. Then come the morning of May 1, to see and taste the finished product. And your pre-ordered chicken of course! Join us. For further info, contact Ron Ohata at (703) 887-9570, or lb2v@aol.com.

Jr YBA

On February 20, Russell Uyemura, Mariko Rooks, Justin Kawaguchi, Taylor Wiemer, Blake and Kai Yokoyama attended the SD JrYBL's Seminar 2 at West LA Buddhist Temple. The



theme was, "In the I's of the Beholder." They all enjoyed the seminar and had fun helping prepare their dinner for the evening which was Chicken Curry. Coming up on April 3 will be our annual *Hanamatsuri* Bake Sale. Please support the Jr's in raising funds for the SD JrYBL Endowment Fund.

The picture attached shows our Jr's at our recent meeting working together planning Seminar 3 which Senshin Jr's will be hosting here at Senshin in June.

Lastly, some of our *Sangha* who are



members of Boy Scouts gathered on February 7 to observe National Scout Sunday. In attendance were Gavin Fukawa, Ross Leong and Carter

Kawaguchi.

If you're a high school student and want to join, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720.

Book Group

The next book is by our Senshin member, Alan Kondo, *Retiring Upsteam: Finding Happiness and Security in the Transition of a Lifetime*. Alan said he could provide

us with the books, and hopefully, he'll be available to join us on May 22, 2016. Please put this date on your calendar. Please also review new and interesting titles for consideration for future readings.

New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly

& Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.

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April 2 will be the culmination of the second *WasabiKai* class of 2016. We will display the work done by students from both classes on April 3, after the *Hanamatsuri* service. *WasabiKai* will also have a pottery sale at this time to support the program.

A *Raku* workshop is being planned and a sign-up sheet will be posted. Participation in the workshop requires attendance in one of the previous classes. Details to follow.



We invite those who have taken the *WasabiKai* classes to work on independent projects during open studio on Thursdays 10:30am-1pm and Sundays 12noon-2pm until June 5, at which time we will close the studio space in preparation for *Saishin Dojo*'s summer program. We will reopen the studio for a fall intermediate class. Above is a picture of the previous class and their work.

Kinnara Gagaku and Bugaku

Classes are held at Senshin on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Beginners or experienced are welcomed. **GAGAKU** (the music) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. **BUGAKU** (the dance) meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Call (323) 731-4617 for more information

Otoki Cookbooks

Copies are still available from the Hongwanji Place Bookstore, located next to the Library at Senshin. For price and details, email Hongwanjiplace@yahoo.com or call (323) 731-4617

Chigo Parade

We need children for a *Chigo* Parade for our 50th *Hondo* anniversary ceremony, which will be held on **Saturday June 5th**. Children between 3 to 10 years of age, dressed in *Heian* style

costumes will parade around the temple with Kinnara Gagaku performing the music. The *Chigo* parade is conducted whenever a special temple event takes place. If you wish to have your children or grandchildren participate in the parade, please call the temple or Rev. Furumoto or ask a Dharma School teacher.

稚児行列のお知らせ

6月5日(日)に本堂建築50周年記念法要が営まれます。その折に、稚児行列をする予定ですので、お子様、お孫様で参加されたい方がおられましたら、お寺か古本開教使にご連絡ください。稚児の衣装を着てお寺のまわりを緊那羅雅楽会と一緒に歩きます。



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.

529 COLLEGE SAVING FUND DONATIONS
The following Sangha members have donated to this fund since it started: Fund explanation will be in the May *Prajna*.
Karen Ishizuka & Robert Nakamura
Raymond & Caroline Yamasaki
Yoko Miyagawa
Emi Kamikawa
Motoko Saneto
Don Akamine
Janis Ishitani
Matsuko Uyeno
Eugene Murakami

FEBRUARY 2016 DONATIONS

2/4/2016	Edmond & Susan Young	1st year Memorial, Sally Shirasago
	Jean Minami	7th cycle Memorial, Tatsuo Minami
		50th cycle Memorial, Kichitaro Minami
	Craig Minami	7th cycle Memorial, Tatsuo Minami
	Sue Yokomi	7th cycle Memorial, Tatsuo Minami
2/7/2016	Kenneth Hatai	Special
	Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey	Special
	James Harada	In memory of Isamu Matsumura
	Dorothy Yoshihata	In memory of Isamu Matsumura
	Toshiye Ota	In memory of Isamu Matsumura
2/14/2016	Henry Matsumura	In memory of Isamu Matsumura
	Frank & Susie Usui	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Douglas Kato	<i>Nokotsudo</i> , Kay Kato
	Yoshiko Takeuchi	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Susan Hori	7th cycle Memorial, Lily Hori
2/21/2016	Alan Terakawa	In memory of Hiroji Terakawa
	Misao Tomita	In memory of Natsu Tomita
	Taiko Community Alliance	Thank You
	Elaine Takehara	Use of Social Hall
	Denise, Aichi & Takehara family	Use of Social Hall
2/28/2016	Gene & Connie Matayoshi	<i>Nokotsudo</i> , Yoshiko Kama Matayoshi
	Kiyoko Isomoto	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Matsuko Uyeno	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Richard & Barbara Honda	In memory of Nell Sawada
	Yukiko Saneto	Thank You
2/28/2016	Mikiye Honda	In memory of Helen Motokane
	Dean Toji	<i>Orei</i> , Service for Fumi Toji

MARCH FLOWER DONATIONS

Tomi & Ted Akahori	Yo Takeuchi
Anonymous	Barbara Tanezaki
Richard Kodani	Misao Tomita
Chikako Kojima	Yukie Ushirogata
Gene & Connie Matayoshi	Matsuko Uyeno
Edith Nishikawa	Kiyo Yoneda
Ron & Fujie Ohata	

FEBRUARY BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Kunitake, Kimiyo	
Minami, Jean	In honor of Satoshi Miyata's 80th birthday

Senshin-ji Building Fund April 2016 Update

Following the Industrial Wastewater Management Division's (IWMD) ultimate decision to exempt the Social Hall project from requirements to install a Grease Interceptor or a Grease Trap, and to exempt the project from the requirement to take out an Industrial Wastewater Permit, the Satoh Brothers architects (SBI) were at last able to schedule an appointment with the plan checker at the Building and Safety Department (DBS) to secure approval of the construction plans. Since the IWMD was the final obstacle to the approval of the plans, the SBI staff was anxious to obtain the overall clearance from the DBS.

As unbelievable as it may seem, this plan checker at the DBS, who last reviewed the Social Hall construction plans in August 2015 when he sent SBI to the IWMD, had no recollection of having performed the original plan check, so he sat with our SBI architect for over three hours to conduct a "new" review of the plans. During that time, he slapped the project with other requirements that he claimed were overlooked at the time of the initial review (which he did not remember performing). These additional requirements would have forced us to install new storm water treatment equipment and structures at increased costs to the project. In addition to these new requirements, the revised plans would have to be recycled through the ADA and "Green Code" departments for another review and sign offs.

After a discussion with SBI, we have decided to revise the plans to omit specific items from the original work, and that will enable us to proceed without being saddled with the new requirements. We will still be required to return to the ADA and "Green Code" departments, but those re-approvals will hopefully be a formality. When the construction is ultimately completed and signed off

by the inspectors for a Certificate of Occupancy, we will sit down with the SBI staff to address the items that will have been omitted from the original plans, and determine how best to get them installed, possibly as a secondary project.

The SBI staff will have to prepare a revised cost estimate that takes into account the new plan changes. They will also have to prepare a revised construction schedule. Fortunately, since we had decided last month that the construction would have to begin

in late July, following the Saishin Dojo session, we should not be delayed beyond that start date. We hope that this latest revision to our plans will be the final ones. Since we do not subscribe to the idea of prayer, we will just sit here and see how our karmic forces work things out.

Your patience has probably long expired, but we really appreciate your continuing support.

In Gassho,
WILBUR TAKASHIMA

Senshin Vehicle Donation

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.



Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony)

Senshin Temple’s *Gotan-ye* Service, the birthday of Shinran Shonin, will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016 in conjunction with *Hatsumairi*. *Hatsumairi*, which means “First Going”, is a special service at which time an infant is presented for the first time to the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha at the temple. 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.

All babies born since the last *Gotan-ye* 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, Sunday, May 1st. The *Hatsumairi* will be held as part of the *Gotan-ye* Service at 10:00am when your child will be presented a *Nenju*, a certificate and gift.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus

9:30 am Japanese gathering
10:00 am *Gotan-ye* and *Hatsumairi* Service
11:00 am Study Class and Dharma School

降誕会および初参りのおしらせ 参りのおしらせ

2016年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月15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小谷政雄先生です。

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あわせて式を行います。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、その後はおとぎの接待があります。

9時半、日本語の集い
10時、降誕会法要、初参式
11時、英語スタディクラス（大人）ダルマスクール（子供）

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

2016年4月

3月感謝録:

寄付:	畑井ケネス,金川エルソ/ヒュイツエリア	追悼故富田なつ:富田みさお
お礼:	太鼓コミュニティ連合,実藤ゆきこ, 竹原エレイン、竹原デニス/あいち一家: ソーシャルホール使用	追悼故沢田ネル:本田リチャード/バーバラ 追悼故松村勇:原田ジェムス,吉畑ドロシ 大田としえ,松村ヘンリ
お礼:	故東司ふみ法要:東司デイン	追悼故元金ヘレン:本田みきえ
納骨堂:	臼井フランク/スージ,加藤ダグラス, 又吉ジーン/コニー,竹内よう,磯本きよこ, 上野まつこ	追悼故寺川ひろし:寺川アラン 故堀リリ7回忌:堀スザン 故南たつお7回忌:南ジーン,南クレグ,横見スー

故白砂サリ1回忌:ヤングエドモンド/スザン 故南吉太郎50回忌:南ジーン

4月日程:

3日（日）	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時 午前11時半	日本語法要 花祭り法要一釈尊生誕の日 日曜学校 おとぎ:婦人会 アバ:チャシュバオセール、Jr.YBA:ベークセール
7日（木）	午後7時半	理事会
10日（日）	午前8時半 午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	婦人会例会 日本語法要 祥月法要 小谷正雄名誉開教使 英語勉強会、キッズクラブ
17日（日）	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、日曜学校
24日（日）	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、キッズクラブ

4月法要当番: JR.YBA

本堂当番: J.森,D.相原,Q.山下,D.ほこだー江畑

内陣お花当番:2日:R.堀/R.コク,9日:S.東司/J.入江,16日:K.石塚,B.中村,23日:P.森川/D.竹原,
30日:M.宮本/C.小島

供花寄付: 赤堀テッド&トミ,小島ちかこ,大畑ロン/ふじえ, 竹内よう,後潟ゆきえ,又吉ジーン/コニー,
富田みさを,上野まつこ,米田きよ,小谷リチャード,西川エデイス,種崎バーバラ,匿名

2016年度の洗心寺会費は次のようになります。どうぞ宜しくお願いします。
家族/夫婦: \$395、個人: \$205、80歳以上の方（BCA会費こみ）\$115

ソーシャルホール改装工事: この度市当局から建設許可が‘一応’ありました。幾つか変更を要求されましたので、佐藤兄弟工務店が工事費見積もりを訂正し提出することになっています。ずいぶん遅れましたが、夏の西心道場教室が終わり次第、着工する予定です。今後とも建築基金のご支援をお願いします。

洗心寺車寄付プログラム: 必要のない車がありましたら、お寺の建築基金に寄付をお願いします。

Harold Car Donation Serviceが全ての面倒を見られますので、ジーン南（323 938 0048）またはウィルバー高島（310 398 9558）までにご連絡ください。

開教使子女大学教育支援基金: これまで寄付された方々: キャレン石塚&ボブ中村、レイモンド&キャロライン山崎、ようこ宮川、エミ上川、元子実藤、ドン赤嶺、ジャニス石谷、まつこ上野、ユージン村上

アリゾナお盆 6月11日(土)にアリゾナ仏教会のお盆へ行く計画をしております。洗心寺からバスで行き、フェニックス周辺のホテルで一泊する予定です。ヒラリバーの収容所跡地へも訪れる予定にしています。ツアーに参加されたい方は、お寺に電話するか古本開教使へご連絡ください。

Arizona Obon Trip

Senshin Buddhist Temple Members & Friends

Temple Members will be given priority

June 11-12, 2016

We are planning to attend and dance at Arizona Buddhist Temple’s *Obon*, Saturday, **June 11th** and visit the site of Gila River Camp before returning on Sunday, **June 12th**. We will make arrangements for a bus and hotel accommodations for Saturday night. The last time Senshin visited Arizona Buddhist Temple, we enjoyed dancing in 90+ degree temperature! We also welcome people who wish to come separately, providing their own transportation. If you are interested in joining us, please fill out this form and return it to the temple.

Questions? Call Kathy Ikari, 310 345-1174

Don’t forget your **SENSHIN HAPPI COAT!**

Depart: Saturday morning from Senshin 8:00 am

Return: Sunday evening approximately 6:30 pm

DEPOSIT REQUIRED with Application Form: \$ 200.

- Hotel room double occupancy, breakfast included
- Round trip bus transportation from Senshin to Arizona and back to Senshin
- *Bento* & drink provided on way to Arizona
- Side trip to Gila Internment Center on Sunday
- Make check payable to **Senshin Buddhist Temple** and note in Memo Section **Arizona Obon**

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RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM

Complete form and return to Senshin with payment. Thank you!

Name

Street Address

City / State / Zip Code

Phone: Cell Landline:

E-Mail Address

I will be sharing a room with *

Please submit a **separate reservation application form for each adult sharing the room.*

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency:

Name

Street Address

City ST ZIP Code

Phone: Cell: Landline:

E-Mail Address

Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Signed: Date:

Check#

MEMBERSHIP SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Senshin membership dues for 2016, together with fundraising activities and donations throughout the year, generate the funds that enable us to enjoy Senshin temple program activities and services (including a full-time minister), as well as maintain the temple grounds. The 2016 Senshin dues include the BCA assessment paid for each Senshin temple member.

Please return the form with your payment, so we can keep our information updated. 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 or senshintemple@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continuing support and participation in making Senshin a very special place. We look forward to seeing you at Temple.

Name Birthdate*

Name Birthdate*

* Required if claiming Senior Membership Category

Address City State Zip

☎ Phone Email

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): **\$395**

☐ Individual: **\$205**

☐ Senior (80 years+ without BCA membership): Complimentary**

☐ Senior (80 years+, with BCA membership): **\$115****

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

**For couples, if there is only one qualifying senior, the non-qualifying spouse is asked to pay for an Individual membership.

Please make checks payable to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**

Send/bring to: 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, California 90007

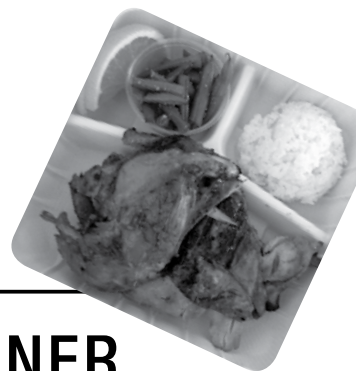


SENSHIN

CHICKEN TERIYAKI

SINCE 1958

Order Deadline April 18



FAMOUS CHICKEN TERIYAKI DINNER

Includes: 1/2 chicken, rice, sesame green beans, cabbage tsukemono

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016 • \$12 PER DINNER

Pick up between 11a – 3p; pre-order only, by April 18

ALSO BWA WHITE ELEPHANT, CRAFT & BAKE SALE



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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 used 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 that 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 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.

First Name



Last Name

Number of dinners at \$12 each =

☐ Payment included (check/cash) \$

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						4p <i>Hanamido</i> Decorating
3 <i>Hanamatsuri</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Hanamatsuri</i> Service (Shakamuni Buddha's Birthday) 11a Dharma School 11:30a <i>Otoki</i> by BWA ABA Cha Shu Bao Sale, Jr. YBA Bake Sale		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus 11a Study Class / Kids' Club / Kids' Taiko		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 8p Kinnara Taiko		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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APRIL TOBAN

Sunday Service Jr. Y B A

Hondo Toban Johnny Mori, Doug Aihara,
Qris Yamashita, Donna Hokoda-Ebata

APRIL *Onaijin* Flower Toban

April 2 Robert Hori / Richard Kok

April 9 Suzanne Toji / Joji Iriye

April 16 Karen Ishizuka / Bob Nakamura

April 23 Paige Morikawa / Denise Takehara

April 30 Marilyn Miyamoto / Chikako Kojima

UPCOMING IN MAY

May 1 Chicken Teriyaki Sale, White Elephant & Bake Sale

May 15 Gotanye & Hatsumairi Service

May 30 Memorial Day Services at Cemeteries

*All classes subject to change
without notice.*

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