

This year will probably be the last year we will see the *sakura* blossoming in our temple grounds.

Thanks to the Sakura Trees.... Cherry Blossom Tree

There are eleven *sakura* trees. Three trees are in the temple courtyard, two trees are on the 37th street side, in front of the parking lot, and six trees are planted along Raymond Avenue on the east side of the temple. For many years around this season, pink and white *sakura* blossoms would bloom and we could sense the arrival of spring. Not only did we enjoy seeing the flowers but the bees were enjoying tasting the nectar from the blossoms. I wonder how it tastes? It may taste like *sakura-mochi*?

However, a few years ago, a certain type of insect came from somewhere harming the *sakura* trees all over Los Angeles. Many trees died and some gardens began to replace the trees. For a few years our trees survived and the flowers continued to bloom. But this year there are no flowers from seven trees. Just

one tree produced flowers as well as it did last year and this year is probably the last. This one tree is on the Raymond Avenue side by the parking lot. As you are reading this, the flowers are already gone, so please enjoy it by seeing the photo that I took in the beginning of March.

About 800 years ago, Shinran Shonin composed a poem about the *sakura*. He compared himself to the *sakura*.

It is said that when he was nine years old, he composed this poem:

"You assume that you can see the blooming cherry blossoms tomorrow, but they could scatter and fall over the night with a blast of storm."

When Shinran Shonin was nine years old, he became a monk. He was sent to a temple due to his family situation. He lost his mother when he was very young. His father was unsuccessful in his career in the aristocracy. Whatever the reason, at the age of nine, Shinran Shonin accepted his family situation and decided to become a monk.

In 1182, on a spring evening, his uncle took little Shinran Shonin to a temple called Shoren-in, Blue Lotus Temple, in Kyoto. At Shoren-in Temple, Shinran Shonin was to become a monk in an ordination ceremony. Since it was already evening, the monk of the Shoren-in Temple told Shinran Shonin that, "Today, it is already dark, so let us hold the ceremony tomorrow morning."

But Shinran Shonin told the monk that he wanted to have the ceremony right now; otherwise, he may change his mind the next morning, and he may not want to become a monk. He then composed a poem and read:

"You assume that you can see the blooming cherry blossoms tomorrow, but they could scatter and fall over the night with a blast of storm."

The monk was struck by Shinran Shonin's determination, and he conducted the ceremony for Shinran Shonin that night, and Shinran Shonin became a monk.

We can never know what is going to happen tomorrow. We can guess, presume or plan what we are going to do tomorrow, but nothing is guaranteed. "In the morning we may have radiant

health, in the evening we may be white ashes." We may change our mind or the situation may change. Many people thought our *sakura* would bloom this year, but no more.

One lesson from Shinran Shonin's childhood story is, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today." Always keep in mind, "Today might be the last day of my life." This is not only from Steve Jobs. It is originally from Shinran Shonin.

For many years, our *sakura* trees have been teaching us the nature of impermanence.

Namu Amida Butsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



最後の桜 古本竜太

お寺の桜がもう完全に枯れてしまったようです。最後に一本だけ咲いていますが、今年が最後になるかもしれません。

現在お寺には11本の桜の木があります。境内に3本と、レイモンドアベニュー沿いに6本とお寺の門の前の37番ストリート側に2本です。昨年までは

どの桜も咲いていたのですが、今年はレイモンド側の一本だけしか咲きませんでした。

数年前よりロサンゼルス一帯に桜の木にダメージを与える虫がやってきて、お寺の桜もその虫によって弱ってしまいました。このあたりの日本庭園などではもう桜の木を植え替えた所もあるそうですが、お寺の桜は弱ってはきたものの、昨年も花を咲かせていたので、「洗心の桜は大丈夫だ。」と思ったのですが、今年、とうとう10本の桜は咲きませんでした。残念ですが、桜も無常の風にさらされ、それに身を任せたのでしょう。桜はすべてが移り変わるという無常のこたわりを教えてくれるので、日本では昔からリスペクトされてきました。特に美しい時がすぐに終わってしまう、そのはかなさが日本人の仏教的な美的感覚を育んできました。

親鸞聖人は自分の心を桜に重ね合わせて詩を詠まれました。

「あすありと思う心の仇桜、夜半に嵐のふかぬものかは」

およそ800年前の京都で親鸞聖人が9才の時によまれたと言われていています。

仇桜（あださくら）とは散りやすい桜という意味で、はかないものの例えとされています。1181年の春、親鸞聖人が9歳の時、家庭の事情で京都の青蓮院（しょうれんいん）というお寺に連れてこられました。得度をして僧侶になるためです。

幼い親鸞聖人がお寺に着いたのが夕方頃だったといひます。それで得度の式を執り行う青蓮院の僧侶が、

「今日は遅いから、明日の朝明るくなってから得度式をしよう」とのことを言われたそうです。

それを聞かれた親鸞聖人は「あすありと思う心の仇桜、夜半に嵐のふかぬものかは」との詩を詠まれました。「桜が明日も咲いていると思うけど、夜に強い風が吹いたら、はかない桜は散ってしまいます。」と。つまりは「私の心も同じように、得度をしようと決心した心が、今日一晩待つ間に気が変わって、明日の朝にはもう得度したなくなっているかもしれません、だから、今得度をしてください。」と、桜の散りやすさと自分の心に対比されたのです。

それを聞いた僧侶は「この子は感心な子だ。素晴らしい僧侶になるに違いない」と、日がしずみ、暗いながらもその場で得度式を執り行いました。

このお話から私たちが学べることは、「今日できることを明日にのばすな」という一般的な教訓もありますでしょうし、iphoneを作ったことで有名なスティーブジョブズ氏の「今日が人生最後の日と思って生きなさい」を思い起こす方もおられるでしょうが、浄土真宗の人はそういう教訓のオリジナルは親鸞聖人の詩だといわれています。

洗心の桜は何年も私たちの目を楽しませてくださって、また無常という事を教えてくださいました。ありがとうございました。

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial Service APRIL

Sunday, April 15, 2018 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, Paige Kiyoko Kathleen
Hashimoto, Miwako	Mother-in-law	Hashimoto, Tatsuyo
Imamura, Kikuye	Husband	Imamura, Dick
Kammerer, Michelle	Mother	Kammerer, Julia Lundquist
Komai, JoAnn	Father	Yamada, Yoshito
Kuwata, Tom	Grandfather	Yamada, Takeo
Masada, Michiko	Mother	Takahashi, Toshi
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, Yoahiko
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
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
Shimabukuro, Marilyn	Grandfather	Shimabukuro, Shikko
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
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

Senshin Hanamatsuri
Sunday, April 8, 2018, 10a

On Sunday, April 8, 2018, 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. Mas Kodani. 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8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。お屋におとぎ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。



Gotan-ye and Infant Presentation Ceremony
Sunday, May 20, 2018, 10a

This year, we will observe *Gotan-ye* on Sunday, May 20th. *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. We also hold infant presentation ceremony in conjunction with *Gotan-ye*. The attendees will receive a small nenju as a gift and have a hand print done to commemorate the special occasion. If you would like your children or grandchildren to attend the ceremony, please call the temple by **May 13th**. The speaker will be Rev. Tetsuo Unno.

9:30a: Japanese gathering
10a: *Gotan-ye* and Infant presentation ceremony
11a: Study Class and Dharma School

降誕会および初参りのおしらせ

2018年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海野徹雄先生です。

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)



Listed are donations handled by the Regular Treasurer:
Special: donation received with no specific reason given
Orei: donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.
Nokotsudo: donation by families who have family cremains in the *Nokotsudo* (columbarium)
The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.



MARCH FLOWER DONATIONS

Anonymous
Ted & Julie Akahori
Richard Kodani
Chikako Kojima
Connie & Gene Matayoshi
Edith Nishikawa
Yo Takeuchi
Misao Tomita
Yukie Ushirogata
WasabiKai

FEBRUARY 2018 DONATIONS

2/4/2018	Marilyn Shimabukuro Deborah & John Hiramoto Doris Shigaki Jean Minami Satoshi Miyata Janis Ishitani Denise Ishitani Keith Sawada Sawada Family Wilbur & Iris Takashima Masao Kodani Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey Kenneth Hatai Dorothy Yoshihata Caroline Yamasaki Denise Takehara Yonsei Basketball Assoc Ted Akahori Tammy & Dale Matsubara Chikako Kojima Uneda & Kojima Douglas Kato Matsuko Uyeno Kiyoko Isomoto	3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada Donation Donation In memory of Grace Harada In memory of Lillian Kuwata In memory of Steven Shojinaga Jr Y25 Orientation Thank you Special 49th day memorial, Harry Uneda 49th day memorial, Harry Uneda <i>Nokotsudo</i> , Kay Sadao Kato <i>Nokotsudo</i> <i>Nokotsudo</i>
2/11/2018	Yoneko Okayama Gary Matsuno James Harada WasabiKai Matsuko Uyeno Barbara Tanezaki Yoko Yamashita	Memorial service, Masao Okayama Service, Akiko Matsuno 17th cycle memorial service, Grace Harada <i>Orei</i> 7th year memorial, Masato Uyeno 3rd year cycle, Nell Sawada In memory of sister Akiko Matsuno
2/18/2018	John & Wendy Mori John & Wendy Mori Duane Hirayama Bruce Hirayama Jane Hirayama Satomi Saneto Yukiko Saneto	<i>Nokotsudo</i> 1 year memorial, Fred Sahara 3rd year memorial, Satoshi Saneto 3rd year memorial, Satoshi Saneto 3rd year memorial, Satoshi Saneto 3rd year memorial, Satoshi Saneto 3rd year memorial, Satoshi Saneto
2/25/2018	Darryl Yagi LT Kanda & DJ Gleeson Ed Motokane Kate Meigneux	Donation In memory of Mary Kathleen Gleeson New projector screen for Social Hall Window shades for Social Hall stage

SHOTSUKI HOYO: RECEIVED FEBRUARY 2018

<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Ted & Julie Akahori	Jean Akahoshi, Kazuko Uyetake
Robert Hori	Mother, Lily Hori
Glen & Joyce Isomoto	Sam Isomoto
Kiyoko Isomoto	Sam Isomoto
Douglas Kato	Kay Sadao Kato
Chikako Kojima	Miyo Takaki
Tammy & Dale Matsubara	Sasaichi Kiyohara
John & Wendy Mori	Brother, Fred Sahara
Arthur Nakashita	Teruo Ben Nakashita
Terry & Roy Nakawatase	Otojiro Usui
Terry & Roy Nakawatase	Kiyono Usui
Doris & Al Shigaki	Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Keith Shimabukuro	Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong	Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Connie Matayoshi & Gene Matayoshi	Takeo Matayoshi
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Matsuko Uyeno	December Memorial
Vickie Wakinaka	Fred Wakinaka
Carole Yokota	Hiroshi Yokota
Carole Yokota	Sanaye Yokota
Karen & Larry Yoshioka, Roger Taniguchi, Marvin Taniguchi	Mitsugi Taniguchi, Yuriko Taniguchi



MEMBERSHIP SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE



Senshin membership dues for 2018, 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 2018 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): **\$420**
- ☐ Individual: **\$220**
- ☐ Senior (80 years+ without BCA membership): Complimentary**
- ☐ Senior (80 years+ with BCA membership): **\$145****
- ☐ Friend of Senshin only:

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 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.

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.

The Bodhi Tree Project Update

Thanks to Jr. YBA members, we have completed the first stage of the Bodhi Tree Project, which was removing the roof tiles that were stored under the stairs. This opened up the area around the tree and provides us with a better perspective of the area being renovated.

Phase II will be the removal of the asphalt under the stairs and adjacent area surrounding the tree, shaving of the rootball and pouring concrete pads.

Phase III will involve installation of lighting under the breezeway, painting the stairs and installing the bamboo fencing along the cinderblock wall.

The final phase, **Phase IV**, will be the installation of the seating platform surrounding the tree, a concrete bench under the plaque, which will be placed

under the stairwell with the following text provided by Rev. Mas:

"The tree under which Siddhartha Gautama attained Bodhi (Awakening to the reality and truth of life). It has been called the Bodhi Tree ever since. This Bodhi Tree (at Senshin) is the fifth generation descendant of the original in Bodhgaya, India."

We haven't secured firm costs for the plaque, platform, cement, arborist, light fixtures, and installation. We believe our costs to be around \$10,000. We have \$2,000 donated so far.... if you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, make your check payable to WasabiKai, memo Bodhi Tree.

Questions? Contact Rev. Mas or Bob Miyamoto.

UPDATE OF PRAJNA MAILING LIST

Please Note: In the event you do not receive the May issue of the Prajna next month...

We are in the process of updating the Prajna mailing list. If you do not receive your May Prajna in the mail next month, please let us know. The phone number and e-mail address of Senshin are on the Calendar page. Thank you for your understanding.

The Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa 2018 Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of these scholarships is not only to honor the late Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa but to recognize the efforts of a graduating high school senior and a person wanting to change his/her direction in life through education. This could be through a college, university, trade or technical school. Those with the desire to further their education will be considered for these scholarships. Consideration will first go to members of Senshin Buddhist Temple. If a qualified recipient is not found, the scholarship will be opened to members of any Buddhist Temple in the Los Angeles area.

Scholarship Award:

A one-time scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to each of two individuals.

Requirements:

1. Must have graduated high school or passed the GRE test by June of the application year or earlier.
2. Applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in a college, university, trade school, or technical school, or must show intention of attending one of those institutions.
3. Must obtain and complete the application as stated below.
4. Scholarship funds must be applied towards tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses as deemed appropriate by the scholarship benefactors.
5. Must be the member of a Buddhist Temple/Sangha.

Application:

An application may be obtained by contacting Wilbur Takashima by email at wktakashi@aol.com or by calling him at (310) 398-9558. The application will require a two-page essay and two separate recommendations.

Details are provided in the application package. The deadline for submitting the application will be June 1, 2018. The scholarships will be presented at the Shotsuki Hoyo service on July 8, 2018.

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Religious Committee

New Class: Buppo & Lunch with Rev. Tetso Unno

Our first *Buppo* & Lunch gathering took place on the second Wednesday of March. About twenty people enjoyed listening to Tetsuo-sensei's talk and sharing their thoughts. For our first meeting, we enjoyed donuts, cakes and pastries that were brought by the attendees so we did not have lunch. From next month, we may

change the name of the gathering to *Buppo* & Donuts.

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday, April 11th from 10am to 12 noon.**

Tetsuo-sensei will lead the discussion. *Buppo* means Buddha Dharma (Buddha's teaching) or the method to become the Buddha.

Registration is free but feel free to make donation to the temple.

B W A

Thank you to all who helped make our 2018 New Year's Party a success. Many generous Bingo and raffle prizes were given out thanks to the

generosity of our members!

We gratefully acknowledge the following Dana:

Deborah Hiramoto - Special
Sumiko Hayamizu - General
Keith Sawada - In memory of
Nell Sawada 3rd Cycle
Marilyn Shimabukuro - In memory
of Fumie Shimabukuro
Iris Takashima - In memory of
Elso Kanagawa
Russell Nishida - New Year Party
Tamiko Tada - New Year Party

Call for items for the BWA White Elephant Sale & Dessert Sale!

We will again be holding our White Elephant Sale on April 29 (Chicken Teriyaki Day). If you have gently used or unused items you would like to donate for our sale, please contact Wendy Mori.

Membership dues for 2018 of \$10 would be gratefully accepted!

BWA meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 am. We welcome all ladies to join us.

A B A

Our annual Morongo Casino and Outlet Mall Turnaround was on February 24. We had a very nice time even though most of us came back with less cash than we started. Thank you Joji and Kenny for coordinating the charter service and the food and activities while we were on the road. There were a few tears shed at the end of the movie *Wonder*. Thank you to everyone who brought snacks to share.

Contact Russell Nishida at nishida257@cox.net to join ABA.

Jr Y B A

The Jrs. attended the So. District Volleyball event in February. The games were a good time to meet new people and play in teams with Jrs. from different Buddhist churches. Many were able to get out of their comfort zone, and work as a team in order to win a round. This was a great oppor-

Tri-Temple Seminar

On Saturday April 7, the seminar will be held at Nishi Betsuin.

The topic will be "**Jodo Shinshu in Nepal**" and the speakers are **Rev. Ghising, Uma Lama from Kathmandu Hongwanji and Mayumi Kodani of Senshin Buddhist Temple.**

The sponsoring temples are Senshin, Nishi, Pasadena, and San Fernando. Now it is formed by four temples, so we can call it **Quad-Temple Seminar**. The schedule is below:

1-1:30p Opening service
1:30-2:20p Rev. Ghising, Uma Lama
2:20-2:30p Break
2:30-3:20p Ms. Kodani
3:20-4p Panel and Q & A

tunity to try the sport and get moving with friends. Also, the Jrs. helped with the Bodhi Tree WorkDay on March 17. There were many people willing to help out and work as a community. It required a lot of heavy lifting and teamwork! Additionally, the Jrs. are planning a trip to Japan in 2019! In order to pay for the trip, a Strawberry Sale was held as a fundraiser. The tremendous support shown by the members is greatly appreciated. Furthermore, Seminar 2 will happen in April as an overnight event. The theme will be “Mindful vs. Mind Full.” The Jrs. will have some great fundraisers coming up including the annual Bake Sale in April. If you are a high school student and are interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Debbi Fukawa at debfukawa@gmail.com or Diane Yokoyama at hkyfan9@yahoo.com.

Facilities

The Education Building roof was cleared of the leaves accumulating in the rain gutters thanks to Doug Matsuda. Thank you to all those invisible (and visible) bodies who continue to fix and keep things working at Senshin!

The Book Group

Mike and Lilly will be taking a hiatus from being the Book Group chairpersons. The group is looking for someone would like to help with leadership of the group. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email mikeyanagita1@gmail.com.



We have completed two classes as of February 25, of our Japanese dinnerware/plating class and the first Goin-kyo Yakimono class.

The dinnerware class is always interesting and surprising. Rev. Mas’



talks always provide new insights to our culture regarding food and its presentation. This class was no exception and the work was outstanding. *Goin-kyo Yakimono* – 御隠居 焼き物 In Japanese *Goin-kyo* means “retirement” which traditionally took place in the second cycle of life after age 60. The characters read “honorific” - “Yin” – “being in” or being in the Yin aspect of Yin-Yang. Yin/Yang is the Taoist view of everything having the aspects of Yin or the passive, underlying, hidden, understated, feminine, etc.; and the Yang or active, exposed, revealed, overtly expressed, masculine, etc. It is the Taoist belief that whether physically male or female, human beings suffer an imbalance towards the Yang and need to cultivate the Yin. Thus, the term Inkyo refers to retirement from the Yang dominated life of a householder to explore the more Yin aspects of life, especially religion and the arts, i.e., cultivating the more balancing Yin aspects of religion and the arts. -Rev. Mas

Motoko Saneto, Ruby Kiyohara, Mat Uyeno, and Kiyo Yoneda attended our first *Goin-kyo Yakimono* class. The class made a simple set of Japanese dinnerware, which was used to eat a delicious *Nabe* meal provided by Rev. Mas. This meal was a surprise to the class in its final session. A good time was enjoyed by all and a special thanks to Dana and Ann Saneto, Harumi Kawaguchi, and Tammy Matsubara who provide snacks and assistance. It

was great to have multi-generational participation. I hope this group will be an inspiration to others who may be curious about ceramics. Personally, this class was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had to date. I hope to have another class next year. Dates for the *Raku/Tea* class are Saturdays May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, from 10am to 1pm. Mark Sondag and Kaz Ota are the instructors. These classes fill up quickly... Bob Miyamoto at 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com or (323) 791-2719

Exercise Class / TBMM

Thinking Body, Moving Mind (TBMM) (TBMM) is a movement technique/exercise class, held on every Tuesday and Thursday morning 9:30am to 10:30am. The purpose of the class is to highlight the importance of the body-mind connection in achieving and maintaining essential vitality in our daily life:

1. To build and maintain a strong core.
2. To make the body more flexible and limber, thus to increase the range of motion.
3. To impart knowledge to move smartly and swiftly to prevent injuries from bad habits and falls.

The class is designed for senior adults, but all are welcomed. The class is led by Young Ae Park, a former Assistant Professor of Dance at Arizona State University.

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.



New Movie Screen and Window Shades

We installed a new movie screen in the Social Hall. It automatically rolls up and down, unlike the old screen which had to be rolled up and down manually. The installer was surprised to see our old screen which was like a living fossil. It probably was installed and used from before the war. Our new screen is not torn, nor does it have a horizontal line like the old one had. We also installed window shades so that we can darken the Social Hall and screen movies during the day. We are planning to have a movie matinee in May.

Karate Club
Wednesdays from 4:30pm

One of the mottos of the class is “no injury.” Karate teaches Buddhist philosophy as well as promotes good health, both mental and physical. Any temple member and friends are welcome to join the practice. Seniors, Adults and Children all practice together and teach each other. We thank Ronnie-san, practicing together for three years since the founding of the Club. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Rev. Furumoto at the temple.

Prajna Paperless Program

We are taking a survey of our *Prajna* readers to see if we can reduce the cost of mailing hard copies of the monthly newsletter and encourage you to read the *Prajna* by e-mail. Each month, about 430 copies of the *Prajna* is mailed out to members and friends. The printing of the *Prajna* is not only time-consuming but uses an average of 1,500 sheets of 11x17 computer paper in addition to toner and the wear and tear on the printer. After the 430 copies are printed, they require collating, folding and inserting into pre-labeled envelopes before taken to the post office for mailing. All of this is done by the mailing crew of volunteers. Considering the labor of the *Prajna* mailing crew, we would like to encourage our readers to receive their *Prajna* via e-mail. If enough of our members would agree to go this route and remove their names from the *Prajna* mailing list, this would help immensely. Our goal is to reduce our mailing list down to 100. These are some of the benefits to making the change from receiving a hard copy of the *Prajna* by mail to reading the *Prajna* by e-mail:

1. The photos in the *Prajna* online are in color, whereas the mailed *Prajna* are in black and white.
 2. You can share the *Prajna* easily between family and friends.
 3. You can read the *Prajna* wherever you are, at home or out of town.
 4. You are helping the environment by using less paper.
 5. You can use your own printer to print a hard copy.
 6. Most of all, you are helping our temple production and mail out crew of volunteers.
- Your participation in the survey will be very helpful to the *Prajna* crew. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Rev. Furumoto or e-mail senshintemple@gmail.com.

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NEED VOLUNTEERS Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Set for April 29th!

Well it's that time of year again where the sweet aroma of chicken soaked and barbequed in Senshin's secret teriyaki sauce is upon us!

This is a great time to come out and help the temple out on this once a year fundraiser. It's time to get together and enjoy each other's company while serving up some of the best chicken teriyaki found anywhere in the city!

So please save this date since it will be upon us in no time! This fundraiser is open to all members willing to put in some time. First shift starts at 7am and goes to about 2:30pm that day. We generally work in two hours shifts so if you care to volunteer, we could sure use the support.

Whether you belong to one of the service clubs or not, please make plans to come out and support Chick-en Teriyaki and Senshin!

For more information and how to sign up, please contact me: **Doug Aihara** at doug.aihara@gmail.com or my cell is (310) 292-9428.

PLEASE CUT OR TEAR OFF THE FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

SABA CHA SHU BAO SALE

The **SABA** is taking pre-orders for our famous **CHA SHU BAO SALE**. You can pick up the Cha Shu Bao package on *Hanamatsuri*, April 8, 2018 from 10:30a to 12noon. We will be accepting orders from now until Sunday, March 25, 2018, and if you have any questions, please contact any of the SABA members or Chikako Kojima (310) 516-0562. As always, SABA greatly thanks the Sangha for their support.

PRE-ORDER FORM

4 Bao for \$7.00

Please Order by: **Sunday, March 25, 2018**

Pickup Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018, 10:30a to 12noon

Question? Chikako Kojima: (310) 516-0562 or
(310) 749-4964 cell

Quantity: orders of (4 Bao for \$7) = \$

Name:



Please make checks payable to **SENSHIN ABA**

ORDER FORM

Here is the order form for Chicken Teriyaki dinners. No tickets will be printed or mailed. This order form is also available on our website. Chicken Teriyaki is a major fundraiser for Senshin. Many people would purchase all five tickets when we sent them.

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
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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.

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2018年4月

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4月日程:

1日(日)	午前8—12時	大掃除, おみがき
7日(土)	午後1—4時	Tri-Templeセミナー 於西別院:"ネパールでの浄土真宗"
8日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時	日本語法要 花祭り法要, お釈迦様誕生の日 小谷正雄名誉開教使
	11時 11時半	英語勉強会,日曜学校 婦人会おとき,ABAチャシューバオセール,Jr.YBAベークセール
15日(日)	午前8時半 午前9時半 午前10時 11時 12時半	婦人会例会 日本語法要 祥月法要 英語勉強会,キッツクラブ 理事会
22日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会,日曜学校
29日(日)	午前7時 午前10時	チキン照り焼き お寺の重要なファンドレイジングです。 BWAホワイトエレファント,ベーク&アート/クラフトセール 家族礼拝

4月法要当番: Jr.YBA

本堂当番: K.沢田,G.Yee,J.原田

内陣お花当番: 7日:B.山下,K.猪狩,14日:C.森田,M.渡辺,21日:C.家村J.磯元,28日:S.Lovall,H.松村,31日:D.&R.小谷

3月供花: T&J赤堀,C小島,C&G又吉,M富田,R小谷,E西川,Y後潟,わさび会

5月の予定: 20日:宗祖降誕会/初参り,28日:メモリアデー法要(於墓地)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Osoji</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8a-12noon Temple Clean-up, no service		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>Wasabikai</i> Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>Wasabikai</i> Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		1-4p Tri-Temple Seminar at Nishi Betsuin: Jodo Shinshu in Nepal 4p <i>Hanamido</i> Setup
8 <i>Hanamatsuri</i> Service	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Hanamatsuri</i> Service – Shakamuni Buddha's Birthday: Rev. Masao Kodani – BCA Minister Emeritus 11a Study Class / Dharma School 11:30a <i>Otoki</i> Served by BWA; ABA Chashu Bao Sale; Jr. YBA Bake Sale		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>Wasabikai</i> Open Studio	10a-12noon Buppo & Lunch with Rev. Tetsuo Unno 7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>Wasabikai</i> Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30a BWA Reikai 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> / Family Service 11a Study Class / Kids' Club / Kids' Taiko 12:30p Temple Board Meeting		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>Wasabikai</i> Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>Wasabikai</i> Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
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29 Chicken <i>Teriyaki</i>	30	31				
7a Chicken Teriyaki Prep BWA White Elephant, Dessert & Art/Crafts Sale 10a Family Service 11a-2p Chicken Teriyaki Pick-up		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p <i>Wasabikai</i> Open Studio				

APRIL TOBAN

Sunday Service Jr. YBA
Hondo Toban Keith Sawada,
Greg Yee, James Harada

April Onajjin Flower Toban

April 7 Betty Yamashita, Kathy Ikari
April 14 Carrie Morita, Marsha Watanabe
April 21 Cathy Iyemura, Joyce Isomoto
April 28 Sheri Lovall, Henry Matsumura

Upcoming in May 2018

May 20 *Gotanye & Hatsumairi* Service
May 28 Memorial Day Services at cemeteries

*All classes subject to change
without notice.*

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