

SAKURA TREES ARE NOT DEAD!



Our *Sakura* trees are not dead. They are alive. At the end of March, three *Sakura* trees in the courtyard beautifully bloomed. Although there were no flowers in the upper portion of the trees, the bottom half of the trees were in full bloom with pink and white blossoms. The bees came back to enjoy tasting the nectar from the blossoms as they did last year. We, once again, were able to enjoy the *Sakura* flowers that shows us the beauty of impermanence.

So, I would like to apologize to the readers of *Prajna*

and the *Sakura* trees since I wrote that our *Sakura* trees in the temple grounds were dead. But the three trees have revived and survived. Some people say “God is Dead,” “Socialism is Dead,” “Rock’n Roll is Dead,” and so forth, but our *Sakura* is not dead.

In early March, these trees looked dead. No buds shot from

the branches and several branches were brittle and easy to break since a certain type of beetle ate inside of the branch. While the one *Sakura* tree along the Raymond Street bloomed in the middle of March, the three *Sakura* in the courtyard still looked quiet and weak. But inside the trees, their lifeforce energy was flowing and waiting to bloom the flowers. At the end of March, after the trees received water from the rain and warmth from the spring sun, the blossoms finally opened to full bloom.

This is similar with *Shinjin* which is the essence of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. *Shinjin* is entrusting mind or awakening. *Shinjin* is alive and working in our hearts and minds, but we may not always notice it. It sometimes appears as religious joy.

In traditional understanding, *Shinjin* is to entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha who enables us to show our self-centeredness and liberate us from our small ego world to the Pure Land. Pure Land is the world of non-self, no-suffering, or nirvana. In modern understanding, *Shinjin* is translated as awakening. By the universal working of wisdom and compassion, we can awaken to our self-centeredness and can overcome the troubles from our small egos. In any understandings, *Shinjin* is the core of Jodo Shinshu and when we receive *Shinjin*, or have an experience of awakening, it is accompanied with joy.

Shinran Shonin wrote, “Joy (*kangî*) means to be gladdened in body (*kan*) and gladdened in heart (*gi*). It means rejoice beforehand at being assured of

attaining what one shall attain. (CWS p.474, “Notes on Once-Calling and Many-Calling”).”

When we are listening to the teaching, reciting the *nembutsu*, thinking of Amida Buddha, we can sometimes feel joy. But most of the time, we probably do not feel such religious joy. Is this okay as Jodo Shinshu Buddhist?

It is okay. According to Nishi Hongwanji traditional understanding, we are not always able to feel joy. It is thought that *Shinjin* is like subconsciousness so we are not always aware of it, but it is always working in our hearts and minds.

It is like the lifeforce of our *Sakura* trees. The surface of the trees looked dead, but the lifeforce was flowing inside the trees of which we were unaware. When the water from the rain and the warmth of the sun were given to the trees, they bud and they blossomed.

When we listen to the teaching, reflect on our self-centeredness, recite the *nembutsu*, the joy can arise from *Shinjin* that is working in the depth of our hearts and minds.

Our *Shinjin* is not dead, as well as our *Sakura* trees in the courtyard.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

桜は死んでなかった 古本竜太

先月のメッセージにお寺の桜が完全に枯れてしまったと書きましたが、それは早とちりでした。4本の桜は生きてました。先月までお寺には11本の桜の木がありました。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。それは3月末までの話で、もうダメだと思われていたお寺の境内の3本が3月末頃から徐々に咲き始め、4月の最初のウィークには満開になりました。

勝手に桜が死んだと書いてしまって、みなさんと桜に謝ります。けれども、4月の最初のウィークに木を切る業者が来て、枯れてしまった桜を取り除いてもらいました。枯れた桜には白アリが入っていて、桜を食べた後本堂やオフィスに移動する危険性があったので、取り除くことにしたのです。

結果、お寺には4本の桜が残りました。境内の3本と37ストリートの門前の一本です。業者によるとそれらの桜は生き返ったのでまた来年も咲くだろう、ということです。「神は死んだ」「ロックは死んだ」と言われることがありますが、洗心の桜は死んでなかったのです。表面では死んだように見えていても、木の内部では生命力が力強く流れていて、雨の水や暖かな春の日差しがその内部の生命力を表面に現成させて美しい桜を咲かせました。

その姿を見て、信心が私たちの意識に現れてくることに似ていると思いました。伝統的に信心は意識には常に現れてこないとしています。けれども、信心は心の奥深いところ、意識できないところに脈々と力強く流れていて、それが時折私たちの意識に上がってくるのです。

それは、「信心歓喜」ということと関係があります。お経や親鸞聖人のご解釈によりますと、信心

を得た人は歓喜、喜びが出て来ると言われます。仏様の「浄土に往生させて仏にさせる」という願いをいただき、疑いなく素直におまかせすると、喜びを感じるのだ、ということです。信心はずっと続くもので、今日は信心はなくて、明日はある、とかお寺に来た時は信心があって、会社に行ったら信心はない、というようなものではありません。けれども、実際はお寺にいてご法話を聞くとありがたく、喜びの気持ちがあるが、会社に行くと、損得勘定とか他人の評価など気を取られて、念仏も出ないし喜びも出ない、ということがあ

るでしょう。そういう人には信心はないのかというと、そうではなく、喜べる時もある喜べない時もあるものなのです。親鸞聖人は、「凡夫といふは無明煩惱われらが身にみちみちて、欲もおほく、いかり、はらだち、そねみ、ねたむ心おおくひまなくして、臨終の一念に至るまでとどまらずきえず、たえずと、水火二河のたとえにあらはれたり。(一念多念文意)」と言われ、我々はたいがい、いらぬことを考えているものだと言われ、達観されております。

普通、腹を立てて文句を言いながら同時に喜んで念仏している人はいないと思います。ですからやはり意識の上で常に信心を思っているも喜んでいて、ということはないのでしょうか。けれども、腹をたてる自分を反省し、そういう自分への囚われから離れることができなものをこそ救うという阿弥陀様の願いを思い出し、感謝し喜ぶ、ということがあります。それは、腹を立てたことで、心の奥深

くにある意識することのできない信心が、反省、感謝、喜びとなって意識された、ということになります。

日常生活で、24時間常に信心が思われ、喜びが感ぜられることはありませんが、それは信心がないのではなく、信心は常に意識できないようになっているからです。けれども、信心の喜びは、日常生活で折に触れて現れて来ます。洗心の桜が死んでいなかったように、信心はないように見えて、実は常にアクティブだということです。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial Service MAY

Sunday, May 6, 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
Akahori, Ted	Sister	Akahori, Betty Chiyoko
Akahori, Ted	Sister	Akahori, Helen
Arita Family	Mother	Arita, Yoshi
Ebata, Donna	Husband	Ebata, Duane
Harada, Yuki	Brother	Okubo, Hirotaka
Hashimoto, Miwa	Daughter	Hashimoto, Janice Miyo
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Father	Nakashima, Hashigoro
Hiramoto, John	Father	Hiramoto, George
Hori, Robert	Father	Hori, Takashi
Ikegami, Sumiko	Mother-in-law	Nozawa, Shinako
Iriye, Kenny	Mother	Iriye, Midori
Komai, JoAnn	Mother	Yamada, Alice
Kuwata, Tom	Father	Kuwata, Kijiro
Miyagishima, Lily	Husband	Miyagishima, Yoshimi
Murakami, Eugene	Father-in-law	Tamura, Jimmy
Murakami, Eugene	Grandmother	Inouye, Hisako
Matsumura, Henry	Grandmother	Yamaguchi, Fujiko
Nakagawa, Fred	Father	Nakagawa, Motoharu
Nishida, Lori	Grandfather	Nishisaka, Yoshio
Nishikawa, Yoko	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Nishikawa, Yoko	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Father-in-law	Nishisaka, Yoshio
Ohata, Ron	Brother	Ohata, Kevin
Okazaki, James	Mother	Kuroi, Osae
Rogers, Beverly	Grandmother	Tokaji, Masano
Rogers, Beverly	Step-Grandfather	Tokaji, Kaname
Saiki, Yumi	Mother	Yoshida, Toshiko
Sato, Terry	Father	Kishiba, Uichi
Sonday, Reiko	Grandmother	Nimi, Kameyo
Sugano, Michiko	Husband	Sugano, Leo
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandmother	Takashima, Tsume
Takashima, Wilbur	Father	Takashima, Katsumi
Terrell, Jackie	Mother-in-law	Fukumoto, Tomiko
Toji, Suzanne	Father-in-law	Toji, Mamoru
Torio, Taye	Mother	Sugimoto, Shizue
Toyama, John	Father	Toyama, Seikichi
Tsuji, Hisako	Husband	Tsuji, Shoichi
Ushirogata, Yukie	Mother	Matsushita, Tsune
Usui, Aiko	Mother	Nishiyama, Chiyeiko
Uyemura, Koichi	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Uyemura, Koichi	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
Yamashita, Betty	Father	Takahashi, Tokuso
Yoshida, Miyeko	Father	Suzuki, Urao

Gotan-ye and Infant Presentation Ceremony

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 10a

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 footprint 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知らせ

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、その後はおときの接待があります。

9時半、日本語の集い

10時、降誕会法要、初参式

**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
Or email to: senshintemple@gmail.com

**For further information, please call (323)731-4617 or
email: senshintemple@gmail.com.**



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 2018 DONATIONS		
3/4/2018	WasabiKai Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey Tu Vien Linh Son Phap Bao	<i>Orei</i> Donation Donation
3/11/2018	Wallace Nakagawa Great Leap	<i>Dana</i> <i>Dana</i>
3/18/2018	Satoh Brothers International Ted Akahori	<i>Dana</i> <i>Dana</i>
3/24/2018	Hideko Sansui Ayako Sakaguchi	Jimi Yorinobu Tanabe Takamine Memorial
3/25/2018	Ted & Julie Akahori Craig & Gayle Wong Randall Onishi	In memory of Dr George Nakano Donation Memorial service, Mas Onishi
3/26/2018	Senshin Jr. YBA Chikako Kojima Keith Sawada Karen Moscoso Cindy & Kenji Oda Robyn Ogawa Joe Okanishi Misao Tomita Steve & Connie Tomita Ken Uyeno Rose Uyeno Kiyo Yoneda Tak & Betty Yamashita	<i>Oseibo</i> <i>Nokotsudo</i> , Harry Uneda <i>Nokotsudo</i> , Nell Sawada 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno 7 year Memorial, Masato Uyeno Welcome Great Grandsons Kai Clayton Moore (01.25.18) Noah Oliver Leith (02.19.18)
	Roy & Terry Nakawatase Yoneko Okayama James & Nancy Usui	<i>Ho-onko</i> <i>Ho-onko</i> <i>Ho-onko</i>
3/31/2018	Jerry Ogawa Dr. & Mrs. Tom Maeda Ken & Lorene Hirota Yoshiko Takeuchi Elso Kanagawa & Celia Huey Evelyn Yoshimura	In memory of Elso Kanagawa In memory of Elso Kanagawa In memory of Elso Kanagawa In memory of Sharon Takeuchi Donation In memory of Shizuko Yoshimura

SHOTSUKI HOYO: RECEIVED MARCH 20, 2018		
	<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
	Ted & Julie Akahori Miwako Hashimoto Richard & Denise Kodani Chikako Kojima	Harry Kawaye Mother Mother Motome Kodani George Kojima, Fred Kojima, Teruji Takaki
	Connie Matayoshi-Nishiyama, Gene Matayoshi Yoneko Matayoshi	
	Connie Matayoshi-Nishitama, Gene Matayoshi Kama Matayoshi, Yoshiko Matayoshi	

SHOTSUKI HOYO: RECEIVED MARCH 20, 2018, cont'd	
<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Kikuko Nishida Russell Nishida Edith Nishikawa Ronald & Fujie Ohata Ellen Shimohara Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Yasue Nishida Yasue Nishida Sekiyo Nishikawa Uncle Ichiro Uyeno Father Michio Shinoda Grandmothers Shige Yasuda, Otsu Jinde
Suzanne Toji Yukie Ushirogata Kiyoko Yoneda, Robyn Ogawa, Terry Yoneda	Father Jack Totsubo Itomo Nakamura, Hatsue Iwasaki, Father-in-Law Sanji Yoneda
Joe & Amy Yukawa	Ronnie Matsuda
ONAIJIN & 75TH ANNIVERSARY FUND, MARCH 2018	
Ted & Julie Akahori Madelyn Adams Kenneth Hatai Sumiko Hayamizu Catherine Hisamine Albert Kuwata Thomas Kuwata Jean Nakashima Jean Nakashima Wilbur & Iris Takashima Richard Takeda Jon & Lynnette Takemoto Kiyoko Yoneda Amy Yukawa	In honor of Lillian Kuwata In honor of Yomiko Murakami In honor of Sharon Takeuchi

OHIGAN, MARCH 2018		
Anonymous Anonymous Anonymous Anonymous Julie Akahori Ted Akahori Geremie & Stacy Camara Erica Calzadias Debra & Stan Fukawa Kenneth Hatai Bert & Dorothy Higa Sumiko Hayamizu Paul Hiramoto Deb & John Hiramoto Kiyome Hirayama Catherine Hisamune Patty Honkawa	Lily Inatomi Denise Ishitani Janis Ishitani Cathy Iyemura Emi Kamikawa Kristine & Glenn Kawaguchi Chikako Kojima Richard Kok Neil & JoAnn Komai Martha Kuwaki & Dorothy Higa Tammy & Dale Matsubara Kazuo Matsubayashi Douglas Matsuda Hidehiro & Kimiko Matsukawa	Jean Minami Eugene Murakami Deb Nakatomi & Bob Miyamoto Yuriko Nishisaka Sachi Oda Jerry Ogawa Ron & Fujie Ohata Yoneko Okayama Susan Oda Omori Michiko & Richard Sakakura Motoko Saneto Mark & Reiko Sondag Wilbur & Iris Takashima Genevieve Takamiyashiro Lynn Taketomo

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.

- Yoshiko Takeuchi
- Barbara Tanezaki
- Midori Tayama
- Suzanne Toji
- Kathy & Marty Umemoto
- Yoko Uneda
- Matsuko Uyeno
- Vickie Wakinaka
- Betty Yamashita
- Qris Yamashita
- Michael Yanagita
- Arlene Yokoyama
- Kiyoko Yoneda
- Hannah Yoshitomi
- Amy Yukawa

The Bodhi Tree Project Update

We have completed Phase II, which was the removal of the asphalt under the stairs and adjacent area surround-

gone the area (thanks again, Jrs.) is really beginning to take shape.

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 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

ing the tree, shaving of the root ball and pouring concrete pads. Thanks to Ron Ohata, who has headed up this part of our project. With the roof tiles

UPDATE OF PRAJNA MAILING LIST

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

We are in the process of updating the Prajna mailing list. If you do not receive your May *Prajna* in the mail, 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.



ever since. This Bodhi Tree is the fifth generation descendant of the original in Bodhgaya, India."

We are moving ahead and are on schedule...we are a little behind regarding donations, but are hopeful we will be able to fund this Temple project through your support.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation make check payable to WasabiKai, memo Bodhi Tree.

The Bodhi Tree Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported this Project.

Questions... contact Bob Miyamoto (323) 791-2719

DANA

Used for annual operating expenses

Regular Donations

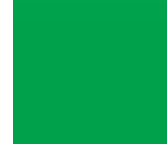


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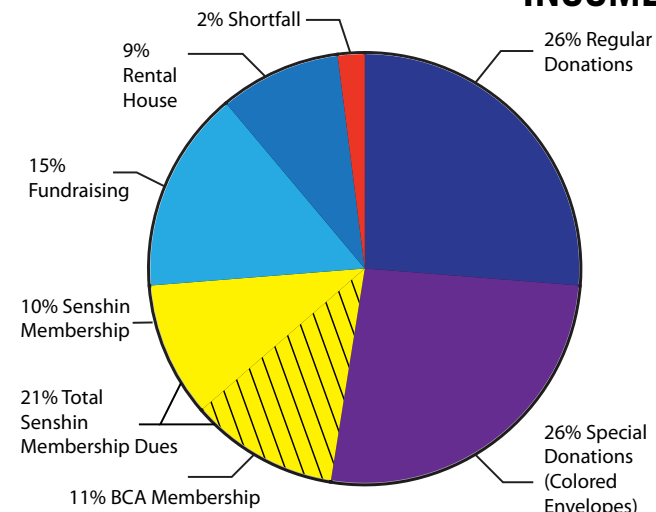


Special Project Donations (Senshin-ji, Onaijin re-finishing, Bodhi tree, etc.)

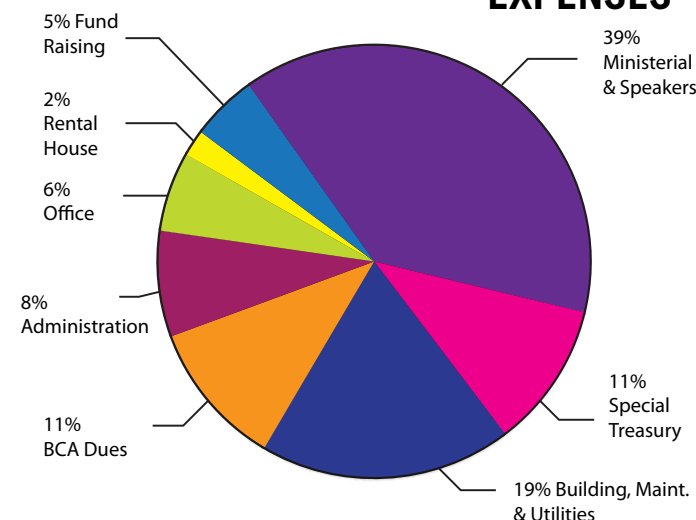
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INCOME



EXPENSES



Keeping Senshin Running

SENSHIN relies upon the generosity of its members and friends to provide activities and programs for the spiritual growth and education of our Sangha. The facility requires continual maintenance and renewal to provide a comfortable and safe environment for our Buddhist pursuits.

Dana When large expenditures have been necessary, Senshin has been fortunate to have a Sangha that has been willing and able to step forward with significant donations so that we have been able to complete the remodeling of our Education Building and the Social Hall without depleting our treasury. Our current project, the renewal of our *Onaijin* will be funded by your generous donations. As you can see in the bar graph to the left, the annual giving for special projects, typically, far exceeds the Regular and Special Donations.

Dues For 2018, Senshin membership dues are \$220/individual or \$420/couple. The membership assessment from BCA for 2018 is \$138.78 (don't ask me how they come up with these numbers). As you can see, the majority of your dues are passed on to BCA; leaving \$81.22 per individual or \$71.22 each, when paid as a couple. We also have Friends of Senshin and some seniors that are not asked to pay BCA dues. It's not hard to see that Senshin must rely on more than your dues to keep the temple functioning.

Income & Expenses Since Senshin is a non-profit organization, it's not mandatory that we show an excess income at the end of each year. A surplus at the end of the year helps to hedge against unexpected expenses and long-term maintenance items. We need to consider repaving the secondary parking lot and we may need to refresh the garage where we store many of the items used in our annual events. These items are above and beyond the annual budgeted expenses.

We have created the two pie charts (left) representing the typical distribution of Senshin's income and expenses. As you can see in the sample, there was a 2% shortfall of the income versus the expenses. As long as the shortfall is not a continuing or increasing trend, it doesn't really represent a problem. One thing that we want to illustrate is that your donations, through the envelopes that are included with the *Prajna* together with your special donations, account for more than half of the income for the temple. Your donations and support of the fundraisers are very important.

Please continue to help Senshin in whatever manner you are able. Your donations and efforts are appreciated.

Gassho,
NEIL KOMAI

洗心寺の運営は会員皆様の会費および諸々の寛大なダーナによって維持されています。その経常状態を理解していただくために、いくつかのグラフを載せます。

2018年度の会費額が\$220/個人、\$420/夫婦にあげられたましたが、その大半はBCAに支払われ、お寺に残るのは\$81.22/個人、\$71.22/夫婦各人なのです。

ここに示す資料からおわかりいただけると思いますが、洗心寺の運営は会費以外のダーナに大きく支えられています。これまでも教育棟、ソーシャルホールの改装は、皆様の寄付によって設立されたBuilding Fundでおこなわれました。これから始まるお内陣の改修、また今後の長期的なお寺の維持費も、皆様のダーナに頼ることになります。

最近の収入/支出パイグラフに示されていますが、現在2%の赤字になっています。この数値は今のところ低いので特に懸念することではありませんが、増加は避けなくてはなりません。

お寺が皆様にとって安全で快適、そして仏法を追求する意義ある場所として存続するために、今後ともご支援をお願いします。ご質問があれば、ニール駒井までご連絡ください。

Updates

& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Religious Committee

The Religious Committee will consist of the Religious Chairman, Neil Komai, and the Religious Chairs of each of the service organizations, BWA, ABA and Junior YBA. Anyone with an interest in providing religious themes or guidance for temple activities is welcome. If you would like to participate, please contact Neil Komai, nkomai49@gmail.com. Gassho.

New Class: Buppo & Lunch Wednesday May 9, from 10am

Buppo means Buddha Dharma, or Buddha's teaching. This is a study class for people enjoying or not enjoying retirement life. The class will take place at 10am on the second Wednesday of each month. We will have a lecture and free talk on *Buppo* by Dr. Lori Meeks from USC followed by discussion. Dr. Lori Meeks is an associated professor of Religion and East Asian Language and Cultures. After the class, we will eat lunch together. Even though you are not retired, you can come to the class.

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

BWA

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

ABA

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

Jr YBA

The Jr. YBA helped out with the Bodhi Tree Project by demolishing and cleaning up the shed. With the



help of everyone, we were ahead of schedule. We've been busy fundraising for our Japan trip and the Strawberry Fundraiser was a great success. These delicious, huge, juicy strawberries were provided by the Yasukochi Farm. We also had a great Hanamatsuri Bake Sale where we sold homemade treats.

To keep us in shape, Southern District is hosting a mini basketball tournament at OCBC. It's a fun event to go to! We also attended an overnight Seminar this year at Camp Morning

Star! We are looking to meet new friends and making lasting memories!

If you are a high school student, and are interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Debbie Fukawa at deb-fukawa@gmail.com or Diane Yokoyama at hkyfan9@yahoo.com

Facilities

In March, Bob Miyamoto, Henry Matsumura and Doug Matsuda, along with the Jr. YBA, removed the roof tiles and dismantled the two sheds in the Breezeway. This is the first stage in the Bodhi Tree and Breezeway projects. The library sink has a leak and will soon be repaired. 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 anyone would like to help with leadership of the group. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email mikeyanagita1@gmail.com.



WasabiKai

WasabiKai had its first graduates of the *Goinkyo Yakimono* class. We hope to offer this class in each year, and we hope those of you who say that you have no talent may take the class and find out if that is indeed true or NOT! It is a chance to explore and play...and



eat a meal with friends on the ware you create.

Ohigan meal was served on ware made by members of WasabiKai. Again, Jean Minami and crew mindfully plated a meal for our guests, Rev. Duncan Williams, Rev. Kodani and Rev. Furumoto.

Rev. Mas and I will be working to develop a new class, Pottery and Home *Ikebana*. Stay tuned.

I would again like to encourage the use of ceramic teacups instead of paper... they can be easily cleaned in a dishwasher...*mottainai*!

The first *Raku* session of the year is full. The next session will be Saturdays September 29, October 6, 13, 20, November 3, 10am-1pm.

Bob Miyamoto: 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com, (323) 791-2719

Exercise Class / TBMM Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30-10:30a

Thinking Body, Moving Mind (TBMM) (TBMM) is a movement technique/exercise class, held on every Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30am to 10:30am. Purpose: (1) To build and maintain a strong core; (2) To make the body more flexible and limber, to increase the range of motion; (3) To impart knowledge to move in ways 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, former Assistant Professor of Dance, 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.

Karate Club Wednesdays, 4:30pm

Senshin Karate Club is now gathering on 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.

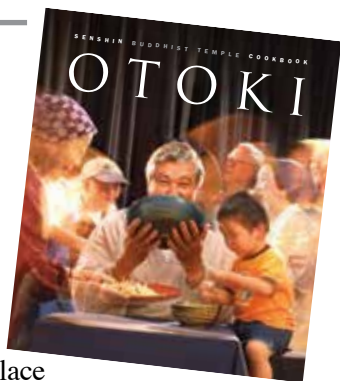
Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Rev. Furumoto at the temple.

Social Media

 [SenshinBuddhistTemple](https://www.facebook.com/SenshinBuddhistTemple)
 [@senshinji](https://twitter.com/senshinji)
 [@senshinji](https://www.instagram.com/senshinji)

Otoki Cook- books

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



Senshin Bon Odori and Raffle

Senshin *Bon Odori* and Raffle will be June 30! As part of the day's activities, we will hold our Annual Raffle to raise funds for Temple activities. This year the Raffle Committee is requesting your help with prize donations. We appreciate any prize donation you can give and hope this extra request will not be a hardship. Gift cards from any vendor in any amount are very popular and allow us to easily mail out to

winners if they are not present. Your prize donations will be raffled off at intermission along with the three major cash prizes and distributed immediately after the *Odori* ends. Donor names will be acknowledged in the *Prajna* and on a banner to be displayed that evening. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736. Thank you so much for your support!!!!



BON ODORI TOBAN

OBON is almost here!!! Volunteers needed! Bon Odori, June 30, 2018, Saturday

We ask for your help and participation in this Temple event. The temple organizations and entire Sangha coordinate the different aspects of *Obon*, but need your help to make this night successful. No experience is required, only a willingness to help and enjoy yourself. All are welcome. Please call or email Chikako Kojima, ABA, (310) 749-4964, chikak@att.net; or Ron Ohata, ABA, (703) 887-9570; Lb2va@aol.com THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

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Let's all come out on Saturday, June 30, 2018, dancing, having fun, and being part of our Sangha. Please circle one or more areas you are able to help during the approximate time schedule listed below and leave in Obon mailbox, or call or email and leave your message. Please include your name, phone number and email.

Prep: 8am to 3pm
During Dancing, 5pm-9pm: Help in booths, with dancing
After Dancing, 9pm-10pm: 1,000 Lights, Somen, Taiko

- Morning: 8am-10am**
1. Set-up *Yagura*
 2. String up Lanterns and Light bulbs
 3. Set up Chairs and food Booths
 4. Cook *Somen*
 5. Cut-up Green Onions and *Kamaboko*

- Starting: 3pm**
1. Cook and wrap Hot Dogs
 2. Package Cha Shu Bao into bags
 3. Cook Rice
- During Dancing Help in Booths: 5pm-9pm**
1. Selling Food and Drinks
 2. Selling Raffle Tickets
 3. Pass out Treats and Drinks to Guest Dancers
 4. Check Trash Cans and Restrooms

- After Dancing: 9pm-10pm**
1. BEFORE the last dance is over, go to the back parking lot and help prepare to serve *Somen*
 2. After Taiko ends, help put away the chairs in the Social Hall and Clean-Up
- Take Apart *Yagura* & CleanUp Parking Area: 9pm-10pm**
1. Help take apart and put away *Yagura*, Chairs, Lanterns, Lights, and Booths.
 2. Close Up the Temple

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

2018 Southern District Bon Odori Schedule

	DATE	DAY	TEMPLE	ODORI	BAZAAR
June	9	Sat	Arizona Buddhist Temple	6:45	5-9p
	16	Sat	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	7p	5-10p
	17	Sun	Sun Valley Buddhist Temple	6:30p	5-9p
	23	Sat	West Covina Buddhist Temple	7p	1-9p
			San Fernando Valley Temple	7p	4:30-10p
	24	Sun	San Fernando Valley Temple	6:30p	4:30-9p
	30	Sat	Senshin Temple	7p	5-10p
July	7	Sat	Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	7p	2-10p
	8	Sun	Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin	6:30p	2-8:30p
	14	Sat	Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2-9p
			Oxnard Buddhist	6p	1-8:30p
	15	Sun	Orange County Buddhist Church	7p	2-8:30p
	21	Sat	Santa Barbara Buddhist Temple	4p	12-5p
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	3-9p
			Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4-9p
	22	Sun	Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4-8:30
			Venice Hongwanji Temple	6:30p	3-9p
	28	Sat	Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon-8p
			WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4-10p
August			Higashi Honganji Temple	6:30p	1-9p
	29	Sun	Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30p	12noon-8p
			WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	3-9p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	6:30p	1-9p
	29	Sat	WLA Buddhist Temple	6:30p	4-10p
			Higashi Honganji Temple	5:30p	1-9
	4	Sat	San Diego Buddhist Temple	6:30p	10a-9p
			Las Vegas	12:45p	11a-3:30p
	11	Sat	Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	3-10p
	12	Sun	Gardena Buddhist Temple	6p	3-9p

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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COMPLETE, CUT, RETURN

NAME

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EMAIL ADDRESS

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MAILING ADDRESS

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..... I would like to participate in the program by receiving the *Prajna* by e-mail.

..... I would like to continue to receive the *Prajna* by mail.

Please drop off your response to the temple: 1311 W 37th St, LA 90007. Thank you.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family (includes children up to 18 years of age): \$420
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$220
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (80 years+ without BCA membership): Complimentary**
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (80 years+ with BCA membership): \$145**
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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2018年5月

4月感謝録:

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5月日程:			
6日(日)	午前8時半 9時半 10時 11時	婦人会例会 日本語法要 祥月法要 英語勉強会 日曜学校 理事会	
9日(水)	午前10時—正午	仏法／ランチ	Dr. Lori Meeks(USC)
13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,キッズクラブ	小谷正雄名誉開教使
20日(日)	午前9時半 午前10時 11時	日本語法要 宗祖降誕会／初参り 英語勉強会 日曜学校	海野徹雄開教使
27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 キッズクラブ	
28日(月)	メモリアルデイ法要—墓地にて 納骨堂は午前8時から午後1時まで開いています。 Rosedale 墓地での法要は午前11時半に行われます。		

5月法要当番: 日曜学校A

本堂当番: K.西川,N&J.駒井,S.深川

内陣お花当番: 5日:J.駒井,K.Meigneux,12日:D&J.平本,19日:P.森川,D.竹原,26日:J.南,J.中島

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

6月の予定: 10日:親の日:朝食,18日:西心道場,30日初盆法要、盆踊り)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p Wasabikai Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30a BWA Reikai 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11a Study Class / Dharma School 12noon Board Meeting		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a <i>Buppo</i> and Lunch: Dr. Lori Meeks (USC) 7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
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20 <i>Gotanye & Hatsumairi</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Gotanye</i> (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) <i>Hatsumairi</i> (Infant Presentation), Rev. Tetsuo Unno 11a Study Class / Dharma School	7:30p <i>Zadankai</i>	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Bugaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko		
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MAY TOBAN:

Sunday Service Dharma School
Hondo Toban Kelvin Nishikawa,
Neil Komai, JoAnn Komai,
Stan Fukawa

MAY Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

May 5 JoAnn Komai, Kate Meigneux
May 12 Deb & John Hiramoto
May 19 Paige Morikawa, Denise Takehara
May 26 Jean Minami, Jean Nakashima

Upcoming in JUNE:

June 10 Parents' Day Breakfast
June 18 Saishin Dojo Summer Dharma School
June 30 Senshin *Hatsubon* Service & *Bon Odori*

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