

MESSAGE FOR CANCELLATION OF SUNDAY SERVICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## WE WILL BE APART BUT CAN BE TOGETHER

Due to the current coronavirus issue, the temple board decided to cancel or postpone the temple services and activities. Hearing the news of the cancellation, some members felt sad. We like to chant together and listen to the Dharma message (cont'd)

## Amida's Wish and Hina Ningyo

If you should walk into the temple office, you will see a display of Japanese dolls and accessories in the glass case. They are in observance of Girls Day on March 3rd and Boys Day on May 5th.

The traditional Girls Day dolls are called *Hina Ningyo*, *Hina* means small and lovely, and *Ningyo* means doll. There are two types of *Hina Ningyo* sets. One is a couple, the Prince and Princess [or Emperor and Empress.] The other is

more elaborate. The couple with their servants and musicians are placed on a three or five tiered platform. They are dressed in traditional Heian period aristocrat-style *kimonos*. Nowadays, you may even see Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse *Hina Ningyo* or Hello Kitty *Hina Ningyo*; but they all wear *kimonos*.

*Hina Ningyo* are displayed on Girls Day with a wish for good health for their daughters. Girls Day is not a national holiday but has been celebrated in Japan for over a thousand years.

It is said that the origin of *Hina Ningyo* was an ancient rite to adulthood for girls. The girls bathed in the river or ocean on a spring day. The bathing was a ritual to cast off their childhood self. Girls were considered an adult woman at the age of 13, and according to some research, 13-year-old girls bathed in the ocean all night to be recognized as an adult woman.

Later, this ritual changed. Instead of bathing in the river or ocean, parents and girls made paper dolls and threw them in the water with a wish to become a healthy adult woman. Later, the dolls were made of wood. They became more elaborate and artistic. Instead of throwing them in the river, parents and girls placed the dolls near the river and played with them. They

had a party, eating tasty food, listening to music and dressing their dolls in beautiful *kimonos*. Later, the parties were held at homes and they celebrated Girls Day by viewing the dolls.

The wish of the parent is the children's happiness. That wish reaches the daughter and helps her to grow. When the daughter grows up healthy, the parents are happy. If their daughter becomes beautiful, wise and strong, they are happier.

The Larger Sutra states that Amida Buddha has 48 wishes (vows) and the essence of Amida's wish is true peacefulness for all beings. The most important vow among the 48 vows is called *Hongwan* (the Primal Vow) and it states that those who recite *Namoamidabutsu* with entrusting to Amida Buddha can be born in the Pure Land and attain perfect peace.

Jodo Shinshu followers think that Amida's 18th vow enables us to recite the *Nembutsu*. The wish of Amida

reaches us and the wish causes us to recite the *Namoamidabutsu* and our attainment to *Nirvana* can be assured. This is called *Tariki*, or the Other Power.

Shinran Shonin wrote in his major work *Kyogyoshinsho* "Other Power is none other than the power of the Tathagata's Primal Vow. (CWS p.57)" And because of the *Other Power*, we foolish beings bound by our blind passions can enter the gate to *Nirvana* (CWS p.367), stated in his *Wasan*.

Sometimes Amida Buddha is called *Oyasama*, which means parental being. As parents wish for their children's happiness and it helps them grow healthily, Amida wishes our attainment of *Nirvana* and it causes us to live our lives peacefully.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



**WE WILL BE APART...** *Cont'd from cover*) together. But in this emergency situation, let's stay home and wait until the situation has improved.

We hear "impermanence of all things and situations" many times at the temple. Things change and it is natural and right. So, we should accept the change. It is okay to complain about the change. But as Buddhists, we do not keep complaining. We try to accept the situation and move forward.

Even though we are not able to gather at the temple, many of you have an *Obutsudan*. The *Obutsudan* is a miniature

*Onaijn* in your home. So, on Sunday morning, you can hold the service by yourself!

The off the TV or put away your smartphone and ipad and face your *Obutsudan* at 10 am. Then, *gassho* and bow, ring the bell and start chanting *sutras* by yourself or with your family members. Begin with *Sambujo*, *Shishinrai*, or *Vandana Tisarana*, then chant *Shoshinge*, 48vows, or other sutras followed by *Tan Nembutsu* and *Ekoku*. If you wish, you can sing "*Seiya*." Then, you can read Dharma messages in the *Prajna* or other Books. You can talk about Jodo Shinshu teachings with your family members.

Even though we cannot gather together at the temple, when we face the Buddha in your *Obutsudan*, *Gassho*, bow, and recite *Namoamidabutsu*, our hearts and minds will be together.

I believe It will not be too long before we resume Sunday services and temple activities, so please do not worry too much. If this situation will last long, we will find safe ways to have a service, such as having a drive-in service. I look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, take care.

*Namoamidabutsu*

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

## 親の願いとひな人形

2月半ばからお寺のオフィス内のディスプレイ棚はひな人形と五月人形などを展示しています。もう4月になりましたが、ひな人形について書いてみたいと思います。ひな人形は2月半ばにだして3月3日のひなまつりが終わったら、すぐ片付ける方がいいとか、3月15日くらいま

では出しているもよい、と言われていす。けれどもある地域では旧暦の3月は今の4月ころなので、4月にひな人形を 形を虫干しする意味もあって9月にもう一回飾るところなどもあるそうなので、4月にひな人形のことを書くのも季節外れではないようです。

ひな人形はもともとは紙の人形だったと言われています。3月の桃の節句の時期は春の訪れの時期で、平安時代にはこのころに女の子たちが川遊びなどをおこなっていたそうです。この川遊びは、穢れをおとし、健康を願い、立派な大人の女性になるようにとの意味があったようなのですが、後に、川には入らずに紙で作った人形を川に流すようになりました。それでその紙人形が後に木などで作った立派な人形になると、川に流すのがもったいなく思ったのか、それを家に飾るようになった、というのがひな人形の由来です。

と、時代によってひな人形の形や飾り方などが変わってきましたが、今でもひな人形は女の子のすこやかな成長を願って両親や祖父母、または両親の役割りを担っている人が贈るので、そういう親の願いは1000年以上たった今でも変わることはないようです。親の願いが子供に届いて、健やかに成長していけると考えることもできます。子供は放っておいても勝手に育つとの考えもありますが、それでも親はやはり子の幸せを願っているもので、子の幸せを願うのが、親だといえます。そうすると、生物学的な親であっても親でない人もおられるかもしれませんが、生物学的な親でなくても、子の幸せを願うという点で親である人もおられことでしょう。

浄土真宗では阿弥陀如来のことを親様とよんできました。親鸞聖人も「釈迦弥陀は慈悲の父母」と、お釈迦様もふくまれて、仏様を父、母のような存在であるとお敬いされています。

阿弥陀如来の願いは、私たちがお浄土に生まれ仏となることです。自分という殻にとじこもり、小さな世界で生きている我々を、不自由でかわいそうに思われ、そういう者に自分という殻を打ち破ったところに知られる、お浄土という大きな大きな、ほんとうの自由の世界があることに目覚めさせてやりたい、との願いを起こされました。簡単に言えば幸せになってほしい、という親の願いなのです。

その願いがわれわれにとどいてくださったおかげで、われわれが、お浄土のことを思い、念仏をとええるように育てられた、と阿弥陀様に感謝す

るのが浄土真宗の念仏者が持つ思いです。ほんとうはお浄土のことよりも、この世界でいかに得をして生きていくかということばかりを思い、口にはいらないことがよく出てくるものなのですが、阿弥陀様の願いのおかげで、ちょっとはお浄土のことを思い、自分の世界のせまさを反省し、口からいらないことがあまりでないように念仏ができてくださるようになっているのです。

南無阿弥陀仏

古本竜太

## コロナウイルスによる日曜日のお寺の法要中断のご報告 “離れていても一緒”

スのためお寺の法要／行事をしばらく中断、延期することに決めました。メンバーには、一同で読経し法話を聴くことができなくなるのを悲しまれている方もおられます。しかし今回のような世界的危機の折には、みなさん、各自の家に止まり、状況が改善するまで待ちましょう。

“万事は無常である”と私達はお寺でいつも聴いています。物事が移り変わるのは自然でありそれで良いのです。ですから変化を受け入れましょう。苦情を述べるのはかまいませんが、私たち仏教徒は文句を言い続けることはしません。変化を受容し前に進みましょう。

しばらくお寺で皆さんと共に集まれませんが、でも皆さんの家にはご仏壇があります。それは小さなお内陣です。

ですから日曜日には、おうちで法要をしてください。

10時にはテレビを消し、携帯もアイパッドも置き、ご仏壇に手を合わせ礼拝をし、ベルを鳴らしお経を読経（一人で、または家族の方と一緒に）しまし

よう。三奉請、至心禮、あるいはヴァンダナ ティサラナで始め、正信偈、四十八願あるいは他のお経を読み、単念仏と廻向句で締めくくりましょう。“聖夜”を歌うのもいいでしょう。プラジュナに載っているダールマメッセージまたは他の仏典を読んでください。家族の方と浄土真宗の教えを語ってください。

お寺で一同集まれなくても、それぞれが仏壇に向かい、合掌し頭を下げ、南無阿弥陀仏を唱えれば、私たちの心は一緒におられるのです。心配をする必要はありません。近いうち日曜日の法要、行事を行えると信じています。もしこの状況が長続きするようでしたら、何らかの安全な方法を考えましょう。(例えばドライブイン法要とか?)いずれにしても皆さんとおあおいできる日を心待ちにしています。それまで、どうぞお元気で。

南無阿弥陀仏

古本龍太開教使

In accordance with the guidance as issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom, the April Memorial Service (*Shotsuki*) will not take place.

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.

Monthly Memorial APRIL

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Gleeson, David & Lynn	Daughter	Gleeson, Paige Kiyoko Kathleen
Hashimoto, Miwako	Mother-in-law	Hashimoto, Tatsuyo
Imamura Family	Father	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
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, Yos hiko
Nakawatase, Richard	Uncle	Nakawatase, Hideo
Nishida, Kikuko & Russell	Father-in-law/Grandfather	Nishida, Joe
Nishida, Kikuko & Russell, Yamaguchi Toshiko	Mother/Grandmother/Mother-in-law	Yamaguchi, Misa
Nishida, Lori	Father	Nishisaka, Harry
Nishikawa, Edith	Husband	Nishikawa, George
Nishikawa, Edith	Father-in-law	Nishikawa, Wasaku
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandfather	Ogawa, Konai
Okazaki, James	Mother	Okazaki, Akiko
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 Family (Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, Joseyl Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog)	Grandmother/ Great-Grandmother	Nakamura, Komatsu
Takahashi Family (Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, Joseyl Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog)	Grandfather/ Great-Grandmother	Takahashi, Yoshiharu
Takashima, Wilbur	Mother	Takashima, Yoshiko
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Setsugo
Unno Family		Unno, Hanako
Ushirogata, Yukie	Sister	Matsushita, Fumie
Wakinaka, Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, David
Yoshimura, Evelyn & Brett	Mother/Grandmother	Yoshimura, Shizuko

Senshinji Hanamatsuri



Sunday, April 12, 2020, 10a

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Hanamatsuri Service has been cancelled.

However, we are enclosing a donation envelope for Hanamatsuri with the Prajna. This donation is to express our respect and gratitude to Shakyamuni Buddha.

The donation will be used to sustain our temple where we can listen and learn the teaching of Buddha. We appreciate your continuing support.

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 invited to join us in our celebration of offering flowers and bathing the baby Buddha-to-be statue.

花祭りのお知らせ

4月12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きたとありがとうございます。みなさまおさそいあわせのうえ、お参り下さい。

花祭りのダーナ

コロナウイルスのために

お花祭り法要が中止されます。

それで今回プラジュナに寄付の

封筒を添付いたします。

この寄付はお釈迦様に対する私たちの敬意と感謝の意を表するもので、仏様の教えを耳にし、習得する場であるお寺の運営のために使われます。

皆様のご支援をお願いします。

Gotan-ye and Infant Presentation Ceremony

Sunday, May 17, 2020, 10a

Will observe Gotan-ye on Sunday, May 17th. 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 (Matsunairi) in conjunction with Gotan-ye. The offerings will be received small nenju as a gift and took a hand print to commemorate the special occasion. If you wish your children or grandchildren to attend the ceremony, please call to the temple by May 3rd.

Japanese gathering presentation ceremony

11a: Study Class and Kids' Taiko

降誕会および初参りのお知らせ

20年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月17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う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します。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お願いください。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。

お寺で、日本語の集まり

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お寺で、日本語の集まり(大人)ダルマスクール(子供)



FEBRUARY 2020 DONATIONS

2/6/2020	LT Kanda Kenneth Hatai Keith Shimabukuro Mr. & Mrs Harry Higa GR Koyanagi Susan Shigaki Young Dennis & Brenna Taguchi Minako Nishihira Huey Family Mr-Mrs David Kanagawa Pat Ishihara-Sato John & Debbie Hiramoto Kiyoko Isomoto J Shigaki Paul Hiramoto Yoshiko Takeuchi Yoshiko Takeuchi Keith Shimabukuro Marilyn Shimabukuro, Gilbert Leong	In memory of Mary Kathleen Gleason Dana 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro <i>Nokotsudo</i> , Frank Usui 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro Dana 3rd year memorial Service, Elso Kanagawa 3rd year memorial Service, Elso Kanagawa 3rd year memorial Service, Elso Kanagawa Memorial for Sam Isomoto 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro 3rd year memorial Service, Elso Kanagawa <i>Nokotsudo</i> Happy New Year 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro 7th cycle memorial, Fumie Shimabukuro In memory of Kanaye Saneto In memory of Glenn Hirayama In memory of Arthur Hirayama In memory of Frank Usui 49th day Service, Frank Usui
	Jane Hirayama Jane Hirayama Jane Hirayama Derek Oye GR Koyanagi Brentwood School	
2/9/2020	Ted Fujimoto, Miki Fujimoto  Miki Fujimoto	In memory of Hisa Fujimoto <i>Kisaragi</i>
2/16/2020	Gary Matsuno Yoko Yamashita Wasabi-kai	3rd yr memorial service, Akiko Matsuno 3rd yr memorial service, Akiko Matsuno Dana
2/23/2020	Masao Kodani Masao Kodani Tarabu Betserai Kirkland	<i>Nokotsudo</i> Dana Memorial service, Mamie Kirkland
2/29/2020	Ethel Mayekawa  Shimabukuro Family Yoriyo Furumoto	Memorial, Takashi Tanaka, Sue Shizuko Tanaka Service for Kiyoko Shimabukuro Memorial, father Yochiro Sumita

MARCH FLOWER DONATIONS

Ted & Julie Akahori	Doug Matsuda	Misao Tomita
Anonymous	Edith Nishikawa	Kathleen Umemoto
Anonymous	Fujie Ohata	Yukie Ushirogata
Richard Kodani	Mark & Reiko Sunday	Matsuko Uyeno
Chikako Kojima	Michiko Sugano	Alice Yokota
Gene & Connie Matayoshi	Yo Takeuchi	Carole Yokota
Tammy Matsubara	Suzanne Toji	Kiyoko Yoneda

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.

SHOTSUKI HOYO MARCH 2020

Donor	In Memory of
Kiyoko Isomoto	Sam Isomoto
Richard & Denise Kodani	Mother, Motome Kodani
Debra Nishida	Yasuye Nishida
Kikuko Nishida	Yasuye Nishida
Ronald & Fujie Ohata	Ichiro Uyeno
Barbara Tanezaki	Takashi Tanezaki
Misao Tomita	Itono Nakamura
Misao Tomita	Natsu Tomita
Carole Yokota	Sanaye Yokota

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 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.



2019 Senshin Vehicle Donor

We express our gratitude to the following Senshin members and friends who donated vehicles to the temple's vehicle donation program during the 2019 calendar year:

- Bruce Arikawa
- Howard & Shirley Chan
- Moonva Kitashima (2 vehicles)
- Doug Matsuda
- Donna Mori
- Wilbur Takashima
- John Yamada
- David & Yumi Yang

The proceeds from these vehicle donations are earmarked for the Senshin-ji Building Fund. This fund received donations from 2005 to 2017 that were used in the construction, remodeling and refurbishment of all the structures on the temple's campus during that 12-year period.

Oversight of the Building Fund was delegated to Ron Ohata in late 2017, and he has been managing the funds for future Senshin improvement projects.

CHICKEN TERIYAKI FUNDRAISER POSTPONED!



Chicken Teriyaki (CT) on May 3rd has been postponed til further notice.

In light of the growing concern over the Coronavirus outbreak, it was decided it would be prudent to postpone our fundraiser til this outbreak has been eliminated.

CT has not only been one of our major fundraisers but has also been a time for all Sangha members to come together to work, eat, and enjoy each other's company and companionship. The decision to postpone was difficult but easy at the same time. Difficult since it is a major fundraiser and a fun time for all to come together, but easy when considering the health risks involved for our Sangha and all who support the Temple.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in these uncertain times.

Gassho,  
Doug Aihara *Chicken Teriyaki Chairman*

# Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## Board News

In the last couple of days, there has been a lot of information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Senshin Board of Directors had an emergency meeting to review the recommendations and statewide "guidance" as issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. In thinking how we can best keep our sangha safe and healthy, the Board has made the following decisions.

**There will be no further services or activities until the end of April. The situation will be evaluated next month and we'll decide how we should proceed going forward. This means:**

**No Sunday Services.** This includes Dharma School and Study Classes.

**March 29, Osoji** cancelled.

**April 12, Hanamatsuri** Service cancelled.

Chashu Bao sale (ABA) and Bake sale (Jr. YBA) cancelled. No *otoki* by BWA.

**May 3, Chicken Teriyaki**, indefinitely postponed. If you've placed an order, you will be refunded.

**May 17, Gotanye** and *Hatsumairi*, postponed.

**The following activities have been cancelled:**

- Yoga, karate and exercise classes
- Taiko, Kids' Taiko, gagaku and bugaku
- Wasabi-kai
- Organization meetings

The Board will attempt to have meetings online. **Funerals and memorial services** can be scheduled, but otokis may not be held in the social hall. Families will be asked if the services can be kept private.

## B W A

The BWA ladies are so happy to welcome our newest member, Ann Ogawa Gee. Thank you, Ann!

Please consider joining our group to help sustain the activities for our Sangha.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous donors for their Dana:

Tamiko Tada *New Year's*  
Yukie Ushirogata *New Year's*  
Julia Ueda *New Year's*  
Nishisaka Family *In appreciation for assistance with Yuriko Nishisaka's funeral and otoki*  
Deb Hiramoto *In memory of Nell Sawada*

BWA New Year's Party Prize Donations:

Iris Takashima	JoAnn Komai
Reiko Sunday	Jean Minami
Beverly Rogers	Deb Nakatomi
Betty Yamashita	Sandra Aguilar
Fujie Ohata	Deb Hiramoto
<i>Gassho, Linda Uyemura</i>	

## A B A

Since the temple is shutdown during the month of April, ABA will not take any pre-orders for the Cha Shu Bao until further notice. If anyone had pre-ordered Baos, please contact Chikako Kojima for your refund. Again, we are trying to be very cautious from the corona virus that is going on and we want the Sangha to be safe and healthy during this time

## Jr Y B A

Jrs. attended So. District Jr. YBL Seminar 2 hosted by San Diego and Vista Buddhist Temples. We had a lot of fun learning about the theme "Impermanent vs. I'm Permanent". We learned the value of living life to the fullest through obstacle courses, self-reflection letters, and parody song writing. We also enjoyed interacting with Jr. YBA members from other temples.

Coming up this month, the Jrs. will be having a bake sale fundraiser following the Hanamatsuri service on April 12. So, we hope you are looking forward to all the yummy home-baked goods! Bake sale proceeds will go to the Southern District Jr. YBL Endowment Fund. Just a reminder, Jr. YBA is continuing to sell Scrips (gift cards) again as a general fundraiser. These gift cards are great for birthdays, thank you's, everyday expenses, and any occasion. Orders are submitted on the 2nd and last Sundays of the month. Forms are available at SENSHINTEMPLE.ORG and in the Temple office. For more info, please call/text Harumi Kawaguchi at (626) 230-1433. If you are a high school student interested in learning more about Jr. YBA, feel free to contact Debby Fukawa at debfukawa@gmail.com

## Dharma School

Dharma School would like to thank Doug Matsuda for making repairs to the piano in our Preschool classroom. Doug repaired the fallboard, the part that covers the keyboard. It is an oddly named part for Dharma School's piano since our fallboard tucks into the piano



when you uncover the keyboard and does not move up or down or fall as it does in a grand piano. Last month, the fallboard would not tuck in. If it "fell" while the piano was in use, it could possibly hurt someone's hand(s). Usage of the fallboard and how to tuck it in or out has been reviewed with the students. Being conscientious about his work, Doug inspected the entire piano and noticed that the back side needed to be tightened up as a few

screws were missing. Dharma School sincerely thanks and appreciates Doug for his skills in expediting the restoration of the piano for the children. The piano was donated to Dharma School by Terry & Roy Nakawatase over 30 years ago and with Doug's repairs, it will continue to be enjoyed by the students for many, many years going forward.



The Pottery and Home *Ikebana* class is underway and will be completed on the 25th. I will post pictures of the work of the class in the next *Prajna*. As this is the only time this class will be offered this year, please take advantage of these class offerings as they appear.

The *Raku* Tea class will be offered twice this year. The dates are Saturdays June 6, 13, 20, July 11 & 18, 10-12:30p. The fall class dates are: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10-12:30p. The classes will explore the history of tea in Japan, as we know it

here in America and use the *raku* firing techniques, which produce dramatic and immediate results. Hand building techniques will be used to create unique tea ware. Mark Sunday and Kaz Ota are the instructors.

A *Raku* workshop will also be offered to experienced potters, July 25, August 1, 8, 15 or 22 (Nisei Week) and Aug. 29. See Mark Sunday for details.

Class fee for all classes are \$70 for temple members, \$140 for friends of Senshin.

Speaking of tea, I'm excited to see we are using our handmade teacups! I'm told an unexpected benefit is learning how to use the dishwasher. As you enjoy your tea, know you are reducing our contribution to landfills and our carbon footprint. Thanks to

the BWA for their efforts.

Please take note of the subtle changes to the west entrance as we try to improve the look of this area. Bob Miyamoto, 323 791.2719  
1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com

## Kinnara Gagaku/ Bugaku Classes

Classes are held at Senshin. Beginners or experienced are welcomed.

*Gagaku* (the music) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30p. *Bugaku* (the dance) meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30p. Call (323) 731-4617 for more information.

Kinnara *Gagaku* is looking for several *Okoto*. If you have *Okoto* that you do not use, please contact Rev. Kodani.

## 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 10:30a. The class is designed for senior adults, but all are welcomed.

## Beginning Yoga Class for Senshin Sangha Mondays 10a

A beginner's yoga class is now offered at Senshin for temple members.

Practicing yoga will increase your strength and flexibility, improve circulation and help release stress. The class is taught by Riki Aihara on Mondays at 10:00am in the Social Hall. No experience necessary. Classes accompanied with Tibetan sound bowls. Bring a yoga mat, towel or blanket for knee protection and water. For more information, contact Riki Aihara, call 310-780-6105 or email riki.aihara@gmail.com

## 洗心仏教会

## 2020年4月

### 2月感謝録:

寄付: K畑井, M小谷, Wasabikai  
 新年お祝い: Y竹内, Brentwood School  
 故K島袋葬儀: 島袋一家  
 納骨堂: GR小柳, Y竹内, M小谷  
 故M.Kirkland追悼式: T.Kirkland  
 故F白井49日: GR小柳, D大江  
 故Y隅田追悼: Y古本

故M.Gleason追悼: LT神田  
 故S磯本追悼: K磯本  
 故K実藤, G平山, A平山追悼: J平山  
 故H藤本追悼: T&M藤本  
 故T田中&S田中追悼: E前川  
 故E金川3回忌: D金川夫妻, P平本, J&D平本, P.I佐藤  
 故A松野3回忌: G松野, Y山下  
 故F島袋7回忌: K島袋, H比嘉夫妻, S.Young, D&B田口  
 M西原, J志垣, K島袋, M島袋, G.Leon

**3月供花:** T&J赤堀, Y後潟, R小谷, M&R.Sunday, A横田, C&G又吉, D松田, M上野, C小島, T松原, E西川, M菅野, 東司, M富田, K梅本, K米田, Y竹内, F大畑, C横田, 匿名

**4月のお寺の行事は全てキャンセルになりました。**

当番は継続されますので、よろしくお願いします。(もちろんコロナヴァオラス症状のある方は、おやすみください)

4月法要当番: Jr.YBA

本堂当番: S宮田, M.Sunday, A中下, R大畑

内陣お花当番: 4日: M藤本, Y.古本, 11日: Y&R宮川, 18日: Y西川, Y後潟 25日: P本川, J長田, 5月2日R堀, R.Kok

5月の予定: 12日: ご誕会/花祭り法要

世界的にコロナヴァイラスが流行しています。お体に気をつけてください。

## Karate Club

**Wednesdays, 4:30p**

Senshin Karate Club is now gathering on Wednesdays from 4:30p.

One of the mottoes of the class is "no injury." Seniors, Adults and Children all practice together and teach each other.

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

## Aruku-Kai "Let's Walk" Club

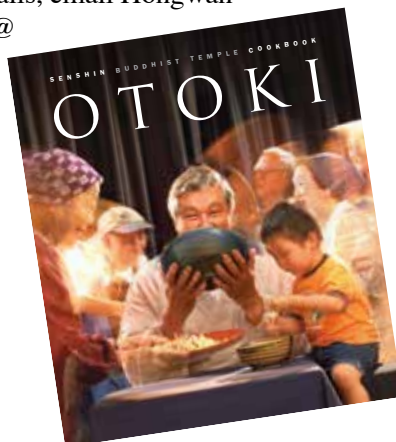
Upcoming hikes will be on: March 28, April 18, May 16, and June 13. Join us! Senshin members and friends of all ages are welcome. The goals of Aruku-Kai Club are:

- 1) to strengthen our Sangha and
- 2) to practice mindfulness by exercising our minds and bodies in nature.

Please contact Lauren Ohata at [lauren.ohata@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.ohata@gmail.com) or Russell Nishida at [nishida@cox.net](mailto:nishida@cox.net) if you are interested or have questions. Let's *aruku* (walk)!

## Cookbooks

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



## Social Media

**Instagram:** Users are now able to not only follow accounts, but hashtags. You can follow **#SenshinEverything** and also tag your posts of Senshin with the hashtag if you'd like others to see solely your Senshin pics. That's **#SENSHINEVERYTHING**.

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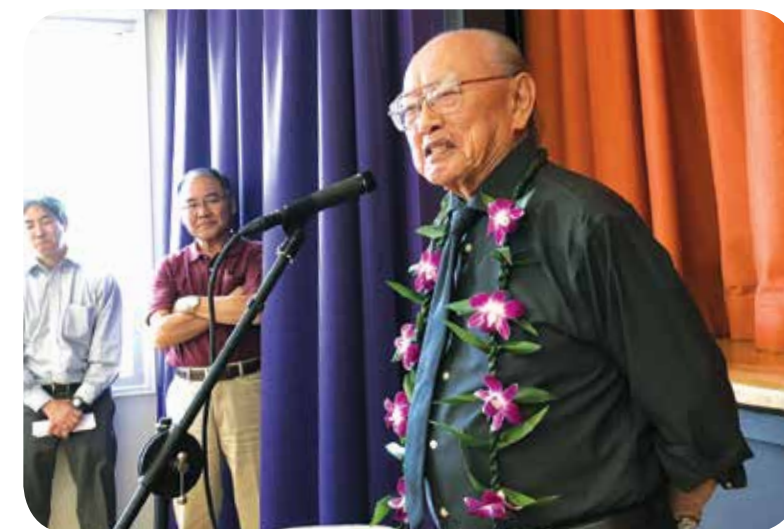
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## Rev. Tets Unno Retirement Party



*Dharma School*



*WasabiKai: Yas, Mark, Patti*



*B W A Shinnen Kai: JoAnn and new members Ann and Susan*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	
12 <i>Hanamatsuri</i> CANCELLED	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26		28	29	30	May 1	May 2

ALL TEMPLE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING OUR SANGHA SAFE AND HEALTHY.

## APRIL TOBAN:

Although temple services and activities have been suspended, flower and *hondo toban* remain in effect and the temple will be open for the toban members.

If toban member(s) are exhibiting symptoms of the virus or have been in contact with someone who is, they should remain at home.

Individuals unable to fulfill their toban duties, should contact the temple. Thank you.

**APRIL Hondo Toban** Satoshi Miyata, Mark Sonday, Ache Nakashita, Ron Ohata

## APRIL Onaijin Flower Toban:

**April 4** Miki Fujimoto, Yoriyo Furumoto

**April 11** Yoko & Richard Miyagawa

**April 18** Yoko Nishikawa, Yukie Ushirogata

**April 25** Patti Honkawa, Janice Nagata

**May 2** Robert Hori, Richard Kok

## Upcoming in MAY 2020:

**May 25** Memorial Day Services at cemeteries

Dear Friends,

In the last couple of days, there has been a lot of information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Senshin Board of Directors had an emergency meeting to review the recommendations and statewide "guidance" as issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. In thinking how we can best keep our sangha safe and healthy, the Board has made the following decisions.

**There will be no further services or activities until the end of April. The situation will be evaluated next month and we'll decide how we should proceed going forward. This means:**

**No Sunday Services.** This includes Dharma School and Study Classes.

**March 29, Osoji** cancelled.

**April 12, Hanamatsuri** Service cancelled. Chashu Bao sale (ABA) and Bake sale (Jr. YBA) cancelled. No *otoki* by BWA.

**May 3, Chicken Teriyaki**, indefinitely postponed. If you've placed an order, you will be refunded.

**May 17, Gotanye and Hatsumairi**, postponed.

**The following activities have been cancelled:**

Yoga, karate and exercise classes  
Taiko, Kids' Taiko, gagaku and bugaku  
Wasabi-kai  
Organization meetings

The Board will attempt to have meetings online.

**Funerals and memorial services** can be scheduled, but otokis may not be held in the social hall. Families will be asked if the services can be kept private.

It was very difficult for the Board to make these decisions. They are drastic and devastating, but this too will pass. Impermanence. Our goal is to protect our Sangha as effectively as possible. Your health is our utmost priority. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Furumoto or Temple President Chikako Kojima. We will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. Please take care.

*Gassho,*

SENSHIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS