



Ran or Peacock? It's Ran.

In July 2018, many of our *Onaijin* (altar area) items were shipped to Kyoto for refurbishment. As you are reading this message, they are now on a ship crossing the Pacific Ocean and returning to Senshin. They originally came from Japan in the 1950's and 1960's. After 50 years, they returned to Japan staying for ten months for refurbishment and are returning to our temple again.

It sounds like some of our temple founders. They came from



Japan about a hundred years ago, stayed in the U.S for decades, then they visited their hometown in Japan to see their family members, to go to the *Onsen* spa, relaxing, and recuperating. They crossed the Pacific Ocean to return to Japan, like our *Onaijin* items.

I hope the items enjoyed returning to Japan for the first time in a half century, and after returning to Senshin, they will beautifully adorn our *Onaijin*, the center of our temple, for another half-century, and hopefully, one century.

If you look closely, you will see three panels above the screen door of the *Onaijin*. There are two birds carved in each panel. I thought they were peacocks, but recently, I found that they may be a different bird related to Shinran Shonin.

A peacock appears in the Amida Sutra. Peacocks have a unique ability to detox the snake's poison. Buddhists in India wished to detox the poison of the greed, anger, and ignorance, respected the peacock as a guardian of Buddhism.

Hence, I thought the carved bird was a peacock. But when I was searching for the meaning of *Ran*, which is the part of Shinran Shonin's name, I found a picture that looked like our "peacock."

I knew that a *Ran* is a Chinese mythological bird, but I had never seen a picture of the bird. But thanks to the internet technology, I saw a picture of a *Ran* for the first time. When I saw it, I immediately thought, it looks like a peacock, and I also thought, the bird I thought was peacock was not a peacock. It was a *Ran*. And for you and me as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, it is better

to have an ornament in the *Onaijin* that is related to our founder Shinran Shonin's name. From that moment, in my mind, that carved bird became a *Ran*.

It is said that Shinran Shonin started using the name Shinran when he was about 35 years old. Shinran's *Shin* came from the name of the second of the seven Pure Land masters, Seshin, whom Shinran Shonin revered deeply. And also *ran* came from the third Pure Land master, Donran, who started to emphasize the teaching of

Other Power.

Ran is a Chinese mythological bird and it is a symbol of compassion.

Ran is a magnificent bird, the fur is shining, emitting the five color rays from the body and the singing is beautiful. But her baby birds have a dirt color, not shining nor emitting light.

But of course, the mother loves her babies, and she tries to take care of them. She wants to feed them, but her babies cannot recognize her as their mother. They think, "Who is this? She does not look like us." They are afraid of their mother and do not eat the food that their mother gives them.

She wanted her babies to grow, so what she does is to become the same dirt color. She went to a muddy pond and put the mud on her beautiful shining body and become the dirt color. Then, her babies can recognize her as their mother and they received the food.

Based on this story, the bird *Ran* is

appreciated as a symbol of compassion. And in Jodo Shinshu, the method of the contacting to the baby *Ran* is compared to Amida Buddha's compassionate means to contacting foolish, unenlightened beings. Amida Buddha takes the voice form, "*Namo Amida*," and also teaching form to reach to human beings. Amida Buddha can stay as Dharma itself, which has neither color nor form, but if there is no form, ignorant beings cannot per-

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ceive it, therefore as a compassionate means, Amida Buddha takes form, as the mother *Ran* put dirt on her body, to give help to human beings.

Anyway, from today, let's think our *Onaijin* carved bird as *Ran*, and remember the Amida's compassion to reach to us.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

鸞(らん)になりました

昨年7月下旬にお内陣の仏具を修復のために日本に送りました。それがもうすぐ、6月下旬、に日本から戻ってきます。修復にだした仏具はソーシャルホールを本堂として使っていた時と本堂を建立した時、1950年から60年代に日本から購入したもので、半世紀を経て日本に戻りました。

私は約100年前に移民で来られた1世のようだと思います。日本を出て何十年か働かれた後、里帰りをされて、家族にあったり、温泉に行ってゆっくり休まれ、それからまた米国に戻って来られました。1世も仏具も今ではめずらしい船で太平洋を横断されているという共通点があります。

50年ぶりに帰国した仏具がゆっくり休んで、綺麗になり、リラックスして来られたらいいですね。6月にお寺に帰ってきたら、次はまた50年、もしかしたら100年はお寺のお内陣を荘厳していつてくれることでしょう。

ところで、お内陣の正面の上部に欄間が3つあります。その欄間には鳥が二羽ずつ彫刻されていて、私は長い間その鳥を孔雀だと思っていました。けれども最近、もしかしたらそれは孔雀でないかもしれないと思い始めました。

インターネットで親鸞聖人のお名前の鸞の意味を調べていたら、鸞の絵を見ることができました。鸞とは中国の想像上の鳥のことで、その絵は和漢三才図会という江戸時代の百科事典に掲載されていたもので、長い尾を持ち、見た感じが孔雀に似ています。

鸞は、浄土真宗では慈悲の象徴だと説明されることがあります。

鸞は綺麗な羽を持ち、五色に輝き、声もたいへん美しいそうです。けれども、その子供たちは羽毛の色がくすんでおり、まったく輝きがなく、醜いのです。母鳥は子供たちを大切に思い、成長を願って世話をしますが、子供たちは、母の姿があまりにも自分の姿と違っているので、自分の母親だとわからず、警戒してしまって、エサを与えても食べないのです。母鳥はこれではいけないと思い、美しく輝いている自分の体に泥を塗って子供達と同じ色になります。そうするとようやく子供たちが、自分の母親だとわかり、エサを食べるようになった、

という話が伝わっており、その母親の子への愛情が阿弥陀さまのお慈悲のようだとたとえられています。

親鸞聖人の書かれた「唯信鈔文意」に、阿弥陀さまの法性法身という状態では「色もなく、形もない」と言われています。けれども、それでは無知な衆生が仏様を認識することができないので、色もなく形もない状態から、形をとって現われて来てくださった、と言われます。それを方便法身といって、鸞の母親が子供のために思って体に泥を塗ったように、阿弥陀さまが我々のために思って形をとられた、慈悲の姿だ、と言われるのです。

仏さまにとっては、色もなく形もない方が、完全に自由な状態でいることができるでしょう。けれども、それでは私たち衆生が仏様のことをわからず、完全な自由があることさえも知ることができないので、形をとって現われてくださったのです。一般的には南無阿弥陀仏の声という形をとられた、と言われていまし、聖人は、「形の無い状態から、法蔵菩薩と名乗り出られて、仏となられた、」と書かれていますので、大無量寿経のお話やその教え、という形をとられた、と言えます。

形があると時間と空間の限定を受けてしまうので、仏様にとってはあまり良くない状態なのかもしれませんが、我々衆生のために思って、形をとってくださり、教えや名号(念仏)として私たちの心に至り届き、私たちに仏になる道を開いてくださっています。

ということで、欄間に彫られた鳥は、今月から鸞になりました。あの鸞を見るたびに親鸞聖人のお名前を思い出し、また阿弥陀さまのお慈悲をいただき念仏をとえられていることを喜べたらいいです。

南無阿弥陀仏
古本龍太

Monthly Memorial Service JUNE

Sunday, JUNE 2, 2019 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Sister	Kawaye, Kathryn
Enami, Mariko	Mother	Kuramoto, Tsutayo
Enami, Mariko	Husband	Enami, Frank
Hisamune, Catherine	Mother	Fujita, Shizuye
Ikegami, Sumiko	Mother	Shigaki, Suzu
Isomoto, Kiyoko	Friend	Furutani, Yasuko Jean
Kitayama, Glen	Grandfather	Kitayama, Eizaburo
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandfather	Yamada, Shigenosuke
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Father	Yamada, Masao
Matsumura, Henry	Uncle	Yamaguchi, Tetsuro
Minami, Jean	Mother-in-law	Minami, Suma
Murakami, Eugene	Grandfather	Murakami, Shinkichi
Murakami, Hisako	Father	Takahashi, Hirokichi
Nakashita, Achi	Brother	Nakashita, Hiroshi Clark
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Mother	Nakawatase, Toku
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Brother	Nakawatase, Toshinobu
Nakawatase, Yasuko	Mother	Kuramura, Kikue
Nishida, Kikuko & Russell & Yamaguchi, Toshiko	Father/Grandfather/ Father-in-Law	Yamaguchi, Kinai
Nishikawa, Edith	Mother	Yoshida, Isayo
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Father	Sanada, Yukimasa
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Grandfather	Yamamoto, Eijiro
Nishisaka, Yuriko	Sibling	Baby Sanada
Rogers, Beverly	Mother	Nishi, Chitose
Rogers, Beverly	Father	Nishi, Soichiro
Sato, Terry	Mother	Kishaba, Fusa
Sugita, Hideo	Father	Sugita, Yoshiaki
Takahashi Family (Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, Josyel Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog)	Mother/Grandmother/ Great-Grandmother/- Grandmother in-Law/ Mother-in-Law	Takahashi, Misuko
Takashima, Wilbur	Great Grandmother	Sato, Mika
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandmother	Taniguchi, Hisayo
Takashima, Wilbur	Uncle	Taniguchi, Kiyoshi
Takemoto, Jon & Kazumi	Grandmother/Mother-in-Law	Takemoto, Kanayo
Takeuchi, Yo	Son	Takeuchi, Alan
Terakawa, Alan	Aunt	Matsumune, Hisayo
Terakawa, Alan	Mother	Terakawa, Yoshiko
Uyeno, Matsuko	Sister	Nakamura, Agnes
Watanabe, Marsha	Father	Imai, Akio
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Mother-in-law	Yoneda, Tsugi

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.

Obon In Jodo Shinshu, *Obon* is called *Kangi-e*, or The Gathering of Joy.

It is the major festival of our Buddhist calendar year. It is a memorial service and a celebration in memory of our ancestors who have passed away. It is an occasion to remember our indebtedness to all who have gone before us, to appreciate and thank those lives and to reaffirm the sanctity of all living beings. In order to express this appreciation, we are called to the *Obon* gathering to dance, how-

Obon Odori Practice Schedule

- June 9 (Sun) 12noon-1pm
- June 12 (Wed) 7:30-9pm
- June 18 (Tue) 7:30-9pm
- June 21 (Fri) 7:30-9pm
- June 24 (Mon) 7:30-9pm
- June 27 (Thu) 7:30-9pm

odoranya son son: A dancing fool and a watching fool, since they are both fools, what a waste not to dance. To truly dance *Bon Odori* is to be truly connected. It must be done without a calculating mind, without a mind needing to always be in control. It is "just dancing" in its purest form, without guile, without pretense, without embarrassment, without ego asserting itself in any direction. We invite you to connect with each other and all things living and dead in this Gathering of Joy.

After the dancing, you are invited to *Oshoko* in the *Hondo* and light one or several of the 1,000 oil lamps in the courtyard made by Senshin member, the late Mr. Leo Sugano. You are invited to light an oil lamp in memory of a loved one, one you are indebted to, friend and enemy alike.

Following the lighting of the memorial lamps will be an *otoki* of cold noodles and a *Horaku* presentation by the Kinnara Taiko and others.

Hatsubon service will be held from 4:30pm. *Hatsubon* means the first *obon* service in memory of the deceased family member. The invitation letter will be sent to families that lost their family members between July 2018 to May 2019.

ever embarrassed or however boastfully, so that in the meditation of dancing, we can momentarily forget the self. It is at this moment, that we suddenly remember our indebtedness to others and truly dance joyfully—happiness is the ego getting its way, joy is being free of ego. Senshin has always begun the *Obon* dances with the *Awa Odori*, the Dance of Fools. Within the song is the famous line, *Odoru aho ni miru aho. Onaji aho nara*

Senshin Hatsubon & Bon Odori Saturday, June 29, 2019

- 4:30pm *Hatsubon Service*
Rev. Ryuta Furumoto & Rev. Kakuryu Kodani
初盆法要—
古本竜太開教使、小谷覚龍名誉開教使
- 5:30pm *Otoki for Hatsubon Families* お斎
- 7-9pm *Bon Odori* 盆踊り
- 8:30pm Raffle Drawing
- 9:00pm *Hondo Omairi, Sento Shogon*
(1,000 memorial lamps), *Otoki*
本堂お参り、千燈荘厳、お斎
- 10pm *Horaku* – Kinnara Taiko and others
法楽、緊那羅太鼓

JUNE 2019 DONATIONS

4/4/2019	LT Kanda	In memory of Paige Kiyoko Kathleen Gleeson
	Keith Sawada	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Douglas Kato	Service, Jessie Tomiko Kato
	Lester Aoki	Dana
4/7/2019	John & Debbie Hiramoto	49th day memorial, Misao Matsuda
	Jean Minami	49th day memorial, Misao Matsuda
	Chikako Kojima	49th day memorial, Misao Matsuda
	Madalyne Adams	49th day memorial, Misao Matsuda
	Thomas Kuwata	49th day memorial, Misao Matsuda
	Douglas Matsuda	49th day memorial, Misao Matsuda
	John & Paul Hiramoto	<i>Nokotsudo</i> , George & Sumiko Hiramoto

4/14/2019	Brazilian Manzanar tour group	<i>Orei</i>
	Phyllis Nakagawa	1 yr memorial, Marce Kagimoto
	Randall Onishi	3rd cycle Memorial Service, Mitsume Onishi
	Ronald Kato	For Diane Kato
	Kimiyo Kunitake	Donation
	Mizutani Family	In memory of Hana Unno
	Madalyne Adams	<i>Nokotsudo</i> . Kuwata Family, Tosao Yamada
	Yoko Miyagawa	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Miki Fujimoto	<i>Buppo</i>

4/18/2019	Brazil Temple	<i>Orei</i> , Car use
	Janis Ishitani	In memory of Kayako Wada

4/21/2019	James Okazaki	Akiko's memorial
	Anon	Donation
	JoAnn & Neil Komai, David &	Leslie Yamada
		7th year <i>Hoji</i> , Yoshito Yamada
	Miwako Hashimoto	Memory of mother, Tsumiyo Nishimura
	Patty Honkawa	<i>Ohigan</i>
	Kinnara	Repainting Social Hall Stage
	Kate Meigneux	Repainting Social Hall Stage

SHOTSUKI HOYO 04/2019

<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Family of Yoneko Usui Aoki	Yoriko Aoki
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Miwako Hashimoto	Mother Tatsuyo Hashimoto
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Duane Hirayama	Tsukasa Saneto
Kiyome Hirayama	Tsukasa Saneto
Jeanne Imamura	Dick Imamura
JoAnn & Neil Komai	Yoshito Yamada
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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.

MAY FLOWER DONATIONS

Ted & Julie Akahori
Anonymous
Miwa Hashimoto
John & Debbie Hiramoto
Yoko Nishikawa
Yuri Nishisaka
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Michiko Sugano
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Betty Yamashita

SHOTSUKI HOYO 04/2019 cont'd

<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Achi Nakashita	Yoshiko Nakashita
Lori Nishida	Harry Nishisaka
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Edith Nishikawa	Wasaku Nishikawa
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HANAMATSURI MARCH 2019

Anonymous	Jill & Fred Katsuda	Roy & Terry
Anonymous	Ikuko Kiriya	Nakawatase
Madalyne Adams	Ruby Kiyohara	Kikuko Nishida
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Catherine Hisamune	Paige Morikawa	Robert Takamoto
Patty Honkawa	Frank Nakano	Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Kenny & Joji Iriye	Jean Nakashima	Julia Takeda
Denise Ishitani	Judy Nakatani	Lynn Taketomo
Ed & Ann Ito	Deb Nakatomi & Bob Miyamoto	Yoshiko Takeuchi
Karen Ishizuka & Bob Nakamura		
Cathy Iyemura		

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.

Florence Takeyama
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Joyce & Richard Yamashita
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The Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa 2019 Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of these scholarships is not only to honor the late Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa, but also to recognize the efforts of a graduating high school senior and/or a person wanting to change her or his direction in life via continuing 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 GED (General Educational Development) 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, if over 30 years of age. For high school graduates, their parent(s) must be a member(s) of a Buddhist Temple/Sangha.

Application:

An application may be obtained via email by contacting Wilbur Takashima at wktakashi@aol.com. You may also call 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 application (including both recommendations) MUST be received by June 8, 2019. The scholarships will be presented at the Senshin Shotsuki Hoyo service on July 7, 2019.

MEMBERSHIP SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Senshin membership dues for 2019, 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 2019 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): **\$425**
- ☐ Individual: **\$225**
- ☐ Senior (80 years+ without BCA membership): Complimentary**
- ☐ Senior (80 years+ with BCA membership): **\$150****
- ☐ 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

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* are 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

COMPLETE, CUT, RETURN

NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

..... 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.

KINNARA TAIKO "NO FRILLS" FUNDRAISER*

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 12NOON FOLLOWING SHOTSUKI HOYO REFRESHMENTS

ADMISSION BY DONATION



SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE 1311 W. 37TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007

***We are fundraising** to repair equipment, support the North American Taiko Conference Taiko Jam, and help sustain Kinnara for the next 50 years! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Chicken Teriyaki Thank you

I wanted to thank everyone who took the time to come out and help with the Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser on April 28th.

From all reports, we had another good year of very tasty chicken! I think overall, we sold a little over 900 dinners!

It was great to see so many younger adults out helping their parents this year! We need that type of support from the younger generation so it was very gratifying to see parents getting their kids to help out on a Sunday morning and afternoon!

This fundraiser is a big production. To those that cook the secret teriyaki sauce, to the guys that get up early in the morning to set up the steamers, to those that soak the chicken in teriyaki sauce, to those that sweat over the barbeque pit all day, to those who cook the beans and make the tsukemono, to those that plate the chickens, and finally, to Marilyn who keeps track of all your orders, it is a big team effort!

So again, I'd like to thank all the members of the Sangha that came out and made the day go very smoothly!

Hope to see you out there next year!

Gassho,
DOUG AIHARA

Board

Just wanted to update on the Rose Love's house. Senshin is now in a 60-day escrow. We will let the Sangha know when Senshin officially owns the property.

Have you seen the new landscape around the temple? Jeff Mayer, a landscape designer, has put in a new drip irrigation system, fixed the old damaged water pipes to copper ones, and added new mulch as a ground covering so the plants will have nutrients to grow and flourish. This new irrigation system will cut down the watering time for the plants to 5 minutes a day for 3 days a week. You may think that this is not enough water for the plants but in the long run, the water will soak into the ground deeper into

the roots by this method instead of the water just being on the surface of the ground.

Did you know that we have several people and organizations that have been donating their time, money and gifts to the temple behind the scene? I would like to acknowledge them for their generous donations and making Senshin a great temple. Thank you everyone for your generous donations to the temple.

Kate Meigneux *Monetary donation for painting of the Onaijin*

Kinnara *Monetary donation for painting the Onaijin*

John Mori *Supervising on the Sound System*

Project

Henry Matsumura *Assisting with the Sound System Project*
Saishin Dojo 4 *Portable Air Conditioners for the classrooms*

Anonymous 1 *Portable Air Conditioner for the Saishin Dojo classroom*

Gassho,
CHIKAKO KOJIMA

Religious Committee

The Religious Committee welcomes anyone with an interest in providing religious themes or guidance for temple activities. If you would like to participate, please contact Neil Komai, nkomai49@gmail.com. *Gassho*.

The next Buppo & Lunch is set for Wednesday, June 12, at 10:30am.

Buppo means Buddha Dharma, or Buddha's teaching. This is a study class for people enjoying or not enjoying retirement life. The class takes place at 10:30am on the second Wednesday of each month. We will have a free talk on *Buppo* followed by discussion. 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

B W A

With the whirlwinds of April activities behind us, the BWA ladies calmed their hearts and rejuvenated their spirit among the tranquil surroundings of the beautiful Huntington Library Gar-



dens with a special tour led by Robert Hori on May 17.

We ended the month with the sweetness of one of Shinran Shonin's favorite foods, *Zenzai*, after the *Got-anye* service May 26. Hope everyone enjoyed it.

Final preparations are in progress to host the 13 temple chapters during the 2019 Southern District Conference on June 8 at Senshin. The theme is "i AM JiRiKi" and our own Reverend Kodani will be the keynote speaker delivering the address, "Why I think Jodo Shins-hu is Going to Disappear."

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

Madalyne Adams *Hanamatsuri*
Suzanne Toji *Chinese Chicken Salad for Chicken Teri lunch*

Ellen Shimohara *Special*
Kim Kunitake *Special*

Madalyne Adams *In memory of father, Kijiro Kuwata*

Contact Iris Takeshima if you would like to join BWA. Save the date for the next meeting on June 2 at 8:30 am.

A B A

In June, the ABA will help at the Southern District Conference on June 8th.

We are also preparing for *Obon* on June 29th. Get ready for hot dogs, chili and rice and chashu bao.

Join ABA. Our next meeting is July

7th at 9AM in the kitchen.

Contact Marilyn Miyamoto at mmiyamoto1953@gmail.com for questions or details.

Jr. Y B A

Jr. YBA will be hosting Parents' Day Breakfast for everyone before service



starting at 8:30am on June 9th. Mr. Johnny Mori shared his famous fried rice recipe with us (thank you, Mr. Johnny!), so make sure to come and enjoy a delicious meal made with love! We will also be having a Strawberry Fundraiser this month, which is our last fundraiser for the Japan Trip (see flyer). Four of us will be attending Seminar 3 hosted by OCBC on June 1st, with the delicious theme of

"*Itadakimasu!* Buddhism in the Kitchen."

In April, the Jrs. repainted the ceramics shed and received a generous donation from WasabiKai for our Japan trip (thank you, Mr. Miyamoto and WasabiKai!). You can walk over and take a look at the new, fresh coat of paint! Thank you to everyone who supported our Lunch Fundraiser in May. We hope you enjoyed the movie too! We also did gardening work in Rev. Mas' backyard last month, and he gave us a generous donation for our upcoming trip as well (thank you, Rev. Mas!).

Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our Japan Trip by buying Scrip! Scrip order forms can be downloaded from the Senshin website. The Japan Trip is nearing closer and we really appreciate all the tremendous support we have received. We will be forever grateful for



OBON RAFFLE JUNE 29!

On Saturday June 29, 2019, Senshin will hold its annual Raffle during Bon Odori intermission. The Obon Raffle is one of our temple's major fundraisers. We will be sending out raffle tickets in early June and ask that if you are able to support the fundraiser by donating or distributing tickets, please send back the ticket stubs and donation check so they are received by noon on June 29. Suggested donation for each ticket is \$3. A free ticket can be obtained at the temple office.

We will also offer tickets during the first half of dancing that evening. In addition to the cash prizes, many amazing non-cash prizes will be raffled! We are grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions please contact Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com.

the generosity you have shown us throughout our fundraising for this trip.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding Jr. YBA, please contact Debbi Fukawa at debfukawa@gmail.com.

Sangha Teens

...is back at Senshin!!!



Facilities

Repairs have been made to the sprinkler system, including replacement of sprinkler heads, corroded pipes, and the installation of a shut-off valve, after a pipe burst flooding the corridor between the Hondo and Education Building. Refurbishing projects have been underway in the Naijin, Hondo and Social Hall. Take a closer look next time you are there.

Please report any possible leaking or any other damage that you may notice on the temple grounds. Thank you.



This April, Jr. YBA members painted the kiln shed adjacent to the Wasabi Kai Studio. This is part of the west entry beautification project. They did a great job! A donation was made to the



Jrs. Japan Trip fundraising efforts.

I would like to compliment our Open Studio potters for their consistent efforts to provide an arrangement each week for the *tokonoma*, special thanks to Gayle Wong for organizing this effort.

A display of the Open Studio potters' work is currently in the library. They have been consistent in their efforts and it shows. Please be sure to view their work. Open Studio is available to any former temple member students.

As you read this, the Pottery/Home Ikebana and the *Goinkyo Yakimono* classes are in progress. The *Raku* Tea class sign-ups will be posted with times and dates. These classes will be held on Saturdays.

For information regarding classes or Open Studio contact: Bob Miyamoto (323) 791-2719 or 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com.

Kinnara Taiko's "No Frills" Fundraiser

Come celebrate Kinnara Taiko's 50th Anniversary with a performance on Sunday, June 2nd at 12noon, following *Shotsuki Hoyo* refreshments.

Admission by donation at entrance.

We are fundraising to repair equipment, travel to Portland to support the North American Taiko Conference, and help sustain Kinnara for the next 50 years!

Thank you for your support.



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 7:30pm.

Bugaku (the dance) meets on Saturdays at 1:30pm. Call (323) 731-4617 for more information.

Kinnara Gagaku is looking for several *Okoto*. If you have *Okoto* that you

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

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." Seniors, Adults and Children all practice together and teach each other.

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

Surf Club

Summer has come. If you are interested in joining the Buddhist Surf Club or want to try surfing, please contact Rev. Furumoto.

Aruku-Kai "Let's Walk" Club

The goals of Aruku-Kai Club are:

1. To develop and strengthen our Sangha and community, and build cross-generational relationships at Senshin
2. To practice mindfulness: Exercise mind and body, breathe and enjoy nature

Senshin members and friends of members of all ages are welcome.

Please contact Lauren Ohata (lauren.ohata@gmail.com) or Russell Nishida (nishida257@cox.net) if you're interested or have questions. Let's *aruku* (walk)!

In *gassho*,
Lauren (703) 887-9060

Temple Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 3, 2019 • 8am–12noon

Donated items can be brought to Temple starting Sunday, July 28th. Please make sure that items are in working and saleable condition.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

- any broken items
- undergarments
- mattresses
- soiled or damaged furniture

It would be a great help if the clothing is already sorted and labeled as women's, men's, children, etc. We welcome any help that day in setting up, clean up, and with sales. Set-up will be from 7am. ABA will be providing lunch for all the helpers. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Weemes Elementary School.

**For any questions, contact any ABA member
or John Hiramoto at (714) 746-7788.**

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**.

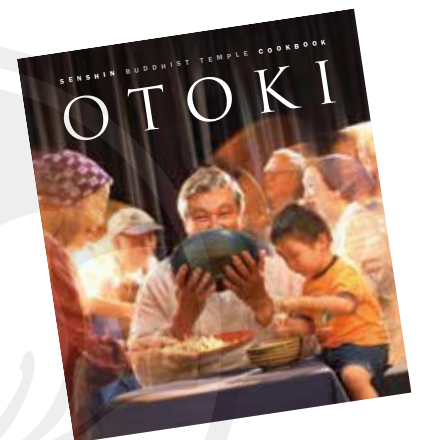
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Cookbooks

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



BON ODORI TOBAN

OBON is almost here!!! Volunteers needed!
Bon Odori, June 29, 2019, Saturday

We ask for your help and participation in this special Senshin event, *Bon Odori*. 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 indicate one or more areas you are able to help during the approximate time schedule listed below. Please include your name, phone number and email. Please call or email Russell Nishida (nishida257@cox.net), or leave a message at the temple office.

Let's all come out, dancing, having fun, and being part of our Sangha. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**
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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

2019 Southern District *Bon Odori* Schedule

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

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2019年6&7月

5月感謝録:

寄付:K国竹,Anon,L青木,J&N駒井

お彼岸:P本川

お礼:ブラジルテンプル:マンザナツア

仏法お礼:M藤本

納骨堂:K沢田,J&P平本,M.Adams,Y宮川

ソシャルホール舞台塗装:緊那羅,K.Meigneux

故M松田49日:C小島,D松田J南,J&D平本

J&P平本,M.Adams,T桑田

故M大西3回忌:R大西

故あきこ追悼:J岡崎

故T西村追悼:M橋本

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故D加藤追悼:R加藤

故P.K.Gleeson追悼:LT神田

故H海野追悼:水谷一家

故K和田追悼:J石谷

故M鍵本一回忌:P中川

故Y山田7回忌:D&L山田

6月日程:

2日(日)	午前8時半	婦人会例会
	午前9時半	日本語法要
	10時	祥月法要
	11時	英語勉強会,日曜学校
	12時	Kinnara Taiko 50th Anniversary Fundraising Concer
6日(木)	午後7時半	理事会
8日(土)	南加婦人会ミーティング於:洗心寺	
9日(日)	午前8時	Jr.YBA:両親の日朝食
	午前9時半	日本語法要
	10時	家族礼拝
	11時	英語勉強会,キッズクラブ、キッズ太鼓
12日(水)	午前10時半	仏法ランチ 海野徹雄開教使
16日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	10時	家族礼拝
	11時	英語勉強会,日曜学校
23日(日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	10時	家族礼拝
	11時	英語勉強会. キッズクラブ、キッズ太鼓
24日(月)-7月19日		西心道場夏季教室
29日(土)	午後4時半	洗心寺初盆法要
	午後7時	洗心寺盆踊り
	午後9時	お参り、千燈荘厳、おとき
	午後10時	法楽、緊那羅／キッズ太鼓
30日(日)	おやすみ	

6月法要当番:お寺

6月本堂当番:K西川,N駒井,J駒井,S深川

7月本堂当番:B吉村,S吉村,E吉村,N岩崎

6月お花当番:1日:W森,S大森,8日:I高島,J南,15日:L&K植村,22日:A横山,J横山,29日:Q山下,D江畑

7月お花当番:6日B.Rogers,V脇中,13日S.Camara,T松原

4月供花:M橋本,T&J赤堀,B.Rogers,J&D平本,Y西川Y西坂,M菅野,B山下,匿名

7月の予定:7/14:お盆歓喜会法要

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Senshinji BonOdori Saturday June 29, 2019

4:30p Hatsubon Service

7p Bon Odori

Intermission Raffle drawing

9p Omairi in Hondo

Sento Shogen 1,000 oil lamps

10p Otoki / Horaku

Kinnara Taiko and others

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8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki</i> <i>Hōyō</i> and Family Service 11a Sangha Social / Dharma School 12noon Kinnara Taiko Performance		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		Southern District Conference/SD BWA Meeting at Senshin
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	June 24 – July 19 Saishin Dojo Summer Dharma School					
30 No Service	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio				

JUNE / JULY TOBAN:

June Sunday Service Temple
June Hondo Toban Kelvin Nishikawa, Neil Komai, JoAnn Komai, Stan Fukawa

July Sunday Service Temple
July Hondo Toban Brett Yoshimura, Susan Yoshimura, Evelyn Yoshimura, Naomi Iwasaki

JUNE / JULY Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

June 1 Wendy Mori, Sue Omori
June 8 Iris Takashima, Jean Minami
June 15 Linda Uyemura, Koichi Uyemura
June 22 Arlene Yokoyama, Jana Yokoyama
June 29 Qris Yamashita, Donna Ebata

July 6 Beverly Rogers, Vicki Wakinaka
July 13 Stacey Camara, Tammy Matsubara

Upcoming in JULY:

July 14
Obon Kangi-e Service

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