



# Buddhist Flag and New Maku

May 5th is known as Children's Day in Japan. In Mexico and some parts of the USA, people wave Mexican flags celebrating *Cinco de Mayo*. But in Japan, people put up *Koi* streamers called *Koinobori*. This custom relates to an old Chinese story. According to a myth, a *Koi* became a dragon when it swam up the waterfall. In Asia, a dragon is considered as a divine being. In Buddhism, dragons are regarded as guardians of Buddha and Buddhists. So, a *Koi* is a symbol of promotion and success. Parents wish their children to become successful like a *Koi* and overcome difficulties and become like a dragon.

Flags and streamers are flown





at special occasions. At our *Hanamatsuri* service in April, we draped our new *maku* (curtain) to decorate the temple courtyard. The *maku* with Red, White, Purple, Yellow, and Green stripes was a generous donation by a temple member.

In the past, we have been using the red and white *maku*, but it was getting old. It was used for happy events such as weddings, parties, entertainment and other special events and services. The new *maku* with five color stripes is known as a Buddhist *maku* and can be used for any services and occasion taking place at the temple, hence this time we decided to purchase the *maku* with five colors.

It is said that in this Japanese Buddhist *maku* colors stand for the harmony of the universe, and each color connotes different seasons and materials of the earth, such as water, fire, soil, gold, and wood.

These colors are little different from the colors of the Buddhist Flag. The Buddhist Flag has Blue, Yellow, Red, White, and Orange. This flag was designed in 1885 at the World Buddhist

Fellowship Conference held at Colombo, Sri Lanka. Although the colors are little different, the meaning is similar.

Blue (green) represents the color of the Buddha's hair and it means Buddha's strong calm mind. Yellow represents the color of the Buddha's body and it means strong, stable nature. Red represents the color of Buddha's blood, and it means Buddha's endeavoring. White represents the color of Buddha's teeth, and it means purity. Then, orange (Purple) represents the color of the Buddha's robe and it implies perseverance.

I think while you are reading this, you may have already forgotten what each color means, but that's okay. Please know the *maku* with these colors represents the Buddha's great virtues.

Buddha's virtue has the power enabling us to attain enlightenment. It

helps us to overcome the life-problems that come from our self-centeredness. As a *koi* can become a dragon, we, foolish beings, can become a Buddha.

In Jodo Shinshu understanding, we are not able to climb up the waterfall by our own power. When we awaken to our powerlessness, the Buddha's power lifts us and enables us to be the Buddha.

Whenever you see the new *Maku* with the five colors, please remember the virtues of the Buddha.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

## 五色幕

日本では5月5日は子供の日です。昔は男の子の日でしたが、現在では女の子も含めています。武士の兜や鎧、金太郎の人形などを飾り、鯉のぼりをたて、子供達が力強く勇気を持って成長していくことを願います。

鯉のぼりは中国の、鯉が滝をのぼったと龍になったというお話にもとづいています。鯉が龍になるのは逆流や逆境にもめげず精進していけば大成し出世する、ということを表しています。そういうメッセージが鯉のぼりにこめられています。

鯉のぼりだけでなく、旗や飾り物などには、理想や理念や考えなどをシンボルとして表現しています。

4月の花まつりの時に、お寺に新しい幕をかけました。新しい幕は五色幕といって、日本のお寺でよく使用されています。幕は赤、白、紫、黄色、緑色のもので、ありがたいことにお寺のメンバーの方がその幕をドネーションしてくださいました。

お寺では、長い間赤と白の紅白幕を使っていたのですが、少し古くなってきていましたし、紅白幕は通常は結婚式、パーティー、余興、などハッピーオケーションに使用します。花まつりはお釈迦様が誕生されたことをお祝いしますので、紅白でもいいのですが、やはり仏教の五色幕の方がフィットしているように思えます。

五色幕は仏教の思想や理念を表現する仏旗のような役割を持っています。それぞれの色は季節や宇宙の構成要素などを表し、宇宙の調和を表現しているほか、お釈迦さまのご威光を五色で表していると言われています。

五色幕の色は仏旗の色と少し違っていて、仏旗には青、黄、赤、白、橙が使われています。この旗は1885年に第一回世界仏教徒会議がスリランカのコンボで行われた時に制定されました。五色幕は日本の仏旗の配色で、19世紀以前から使われており、旧仏旗、旧配色の仏旗とも呼ばれています。日本では新旧二つの旗を使用しています。その色の表すところはあまり違いはありません。世界の調和と仏様のご威力を表しているのです。

浄土真宗の見方からいうと、五色幕は阿弥陀如来の他力の教えを表現していると言えます。仏さまの力によって、自力での成仏が不可能な悪凡夫が、仏にさせていただけるという教えです。それは、鯉が龍になるようにミラクルなことであ

ります。悪凡夫には自力では到底、仏になることはできないので、阿弥陀さまの力によってお浄土に往生し仏にならせていただく、というのが浄土真宗の考え方です。

親鸞聖人は唯信鈔文意で「我々は皆、石、かわら、つぶてのようだ」と言われ、仏になるような素質がない、と反省されます。けれども、そういう者が阿弥陀さまの救いにおさめ取られたならば、仏となる身にさだまるのです。それを、あたかも「こがねとなさしめんがごとし」と言われ、石が黄金に転じられるようなミラクルなのだ、と示してくださっています。

新しい五色の幕を見たら、そういった仏様からいただいている他力を思い、感謝の念とともにお念仏が出てきたらいいです。

南無阿弥陀仏  
古本龍太





# Monthly Memorial Service MAY

Sunday, MAY 5, 2019 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
Nishisaka, Yuriko & Nishida, Lori	Father-in-law/Grandfather	Nishisaka, Yoshio
Nishikawa, Yoko & Uyemura, Koichi	Grandmother	Uyemura, Minoe
Nishikawa, Yoko & Uyemura, Koichi	Mother	Uyemura, Chizuko
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
Yamashita, Betty	Father	Takahashi, Tokuso
Yoshida, Miyeko	Father	Suzuki, Urao

# Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony)

This year, we will observe **Gotan-ye on Sunday, May 26th**. The speaker will be **Rev. Mas Kodani**. **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 **Hatsumairi**, the infant presentation ceremony, in conjunction with **Gotan-ye**. The attendees will receive a small *nenju* as a gift and will take a footprint to commemorate the special occasion. If you wish your children or grandchildren to participate in the ceremony, please submit **Hatsu-mairi Registration Form** and call the temple by **May 19th**.

- 9:30am: Japanese gathering
- 10am: **Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi**, infant presentation ceremony
- 11am: Study Class and Dharma School

## 降誕会および初参りのお知らせ

2019年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月26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古谷政雄先生です。  
初参りは子や孫が仏さまの教えを聞いて立派な大人になるようにと願ってお勤めされる式で、親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする降誕会の法要の時にあわせて式を行います。参加者にはお念珠やギフトが贈られ、記念に手形と足形をとります。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんとぜひ一緒にお参りください。お子さまの年齢が2才か3才くらいまででしたら初参りに参加できますので、お申し込みやご質問はお寺に電話してください。申し込み用紙は英語欄にあります。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.... you can phone call to **(323)731-4617** or email to **senshintemple@gmail.com** for the registration.  
**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.

APRIL  
FLOWER DONATIONS

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Miwako Hashimoto  
Jean Minami  
Richard & Yoko Miyagawa  
Lori Nishida  
Beverly Rogers  
Marilyn Shimabukuro  
Yo Takeuchi  
Misao Tomita

MAY 2019 DONATIONS

3/3/2019	Ethel Mayekawa	Memorial Service, Takeshi Tanaka, Sue Shizuko Tanaka
	Misao Tomita	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Ellen Shimohara	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Reiko Kondo	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Chikako Kojima	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Bessie Tanaka	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Patricia Honkawa	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	June Kondo	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Mr & Mrs Richard Miyagawa	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Eugene Murakami	<i>Buppo</i>
3/10/2019	Matsuko Uyeno	In memory of Itono Nakamura, Hatsuye Iwasaki
	Kiyoko Yoneda	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Masao Kodani	Dana
	Matsuko Uyeno	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Kiyoko Yoneda	In memory or Itono Nakamura, Hatsuye Iwasaki
	Masao Kodani	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
3/14/2019	Ayako Masada	Special donation
	Ayako Sakaguchi	Service, Funeral, Noboru Sakaguchi
	Diane Kawaguchi	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	BWA	<i>Ikebana</i> , Social hall
3/17/2019	Martin & Kathie Umemoto	<i>Nokotsudo</i>
	Anonymous	Donation
	Fred & Julie Kodani	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Richard Kodani	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Johnny & Wendy Mori	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Doug & Chris Aihara	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Katsuko Nakagawa	Donation
3/21/2019	Ron & Fujie Ohata	Donation
3/24/2019	James Pollard & Janis Hirohama	Donation
	Kiyoko Isomoto	Thank you
	Ronald Kato	Donation, Diane Kato
3/31/2019	Sachie Oda	<i>Nokotsudo</i> , Frank & Akiko Oda
	Reiko Sunday	1st Year Memorial, Akiko Matsuno
	Douglas Matsuda	In memory of Misao Matsuda
	Jane Kuwata Patten	Building Fund in memory of mother Lillian Kuwata
	Ron & Fujie Ohata	Building Fund
Correction to April Dana list:		
	Yoneda, Kiyoko	In memory of Yoneda, Sanji (instead of Yoneda, Gary)

SHOTSUKI HOYO (received in) 03/2019

<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Ted & Julie Akahori	Harry Kawaye
Deb & John Hiramoto	Ronnie Matsuda, 1st Year Memorial
Kathy Ikari	Ronnie Matsuda
Richard & Denise Kodani	Mother Motome Kodani
Chikako Kojima	George Kojima, Fred Kojima, Teruji Takaki
June Kondo	Ronnie Matsuda
Doug Matsuda	Manabu Ronnie Matsuda
Connie Matayoshi-Nishiyama	and Gene Matayoshi
	Yoneko Matayoshi
Julia Murakami	Arthur Murakami
Russell Nishida	Yasuye Nishida
Edith Nishikawa	Sekiyo Nishikawa
Ronald & Fujie Ohata	Uncle Ichiro Uyeno
Ellen Shimohara	Father Michio Shinoda
Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Grandmothers Shige Yasuda, Otsu Jinde
Suzanne Toji & Kazue Totsubo	Father/Husband Jack Totsubo
Yoshiko Takeuchi	Daughter Sharon Takeuchi
Barbara Tanezaki	Takashi Tanezaki, 5th Year Memorial
Misao Tomita	Itono Nakamura
Kathie & Marty Umemoto	Ronnie Matsuda
Amy Yukawa	Teiichi Sugeta, 50th Memorial

OHIGAN MARCH 2019

Anonymous	Cathy Iyemura	Garren & Stephanie Mizutani	Ellen Shimohara	Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai
Anonymous	Emi Kamikawa		Mark & Reiko Sunday	Michael Yanagita
Anonymous	Kristine & Glenn Kawaguchi	John & Wendy Mori	Kiyoe Suzuki	Toshiko Yamaguchi
Anonymous	Chikako Kojima	Julia Murakami	Wilbur & Iris Takashima	Kiyoko Yoneda
Julie Akahori	Richard Kok	Jean Nakashima	Robert Takamoto	Hannah Yoshitomi
Ted Akahori	Neil & JoAnn Komai	Deb Nakatomi & Bob Miyamoto		Amy Yukawa
Don Akamine	June Kondo	Kikuko Nishida	Yoshiko Takeuchi	
Roy & Jane Asahi	Martha Kuwaki & Dorothy Higa	Russell & Lori Nishida	Florence Takeyama	
Stacy Camara	Michiko Masada	Yuriko Nishisaka	Bessie Tanaka	
Kenneth Hatai	Tammy & Dale Matsubara	Craig & Cindy Ogawa	Barbara Tanezaki	
Bert & Dorothy Higa	Ikuko Matsubayashi	Jerry Ogawa	Suzanne Toji	
Sumiko Hayamizu	Kazuo Matsubayashi	Sachi Oda	Misao Tomita	
Paul Hiramoto	Douglas Matsuda	Michiko & Richard Sakakura	Kathie & Marty Umemoto	
Deb & John Hiramoto	Hidehiro & Kimiko Matsukawa	Motoko Saneto	Yoko Uneda	
Kathy Ikari	Natsuko Masushige	Doris Shigaki	Matsuko Uyeno	
Kenny & Joji Iriye	Jean Minami	Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong	Vickie Wakinaka	
Denise Ishitani			Betty Yamashita	
Janis Ishitani				
Karen Ishizuka & Bob Nakamura				

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.





# The Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa 2018 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.
4. 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.**



"We are good!"

## Hanamatsuri 2019

"Keeping good friendships over a half-century."



# Updates

## & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Board

Senshin is in the process of buying Rose Love's house which is on the west side of the main parking lot. The Love family is giving Senshin first bid on the property since they appreciate all the help and kindness that Senshin provided to their mother, Rose Love. More details to follow in the near future.

### 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](mailto:nkomai49@gmail.com). *Gassho*.

#### No Buppo & Lunch in May.

*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

### BWA

Welcome to our newest member, Susan Fujimoto! So glad to have you join us.

We hope everyone enjoyed the *botamochi* that the BWA ladies made for the Spring *Ohigan* Service in March. Special thanks to Yoriyo Furumoto for sharing her family recipes.

April events kept the ladies busy with preparing and serving *chirashi otoki* after our *Hanamatsuri* Service. We ended the month with fundraising with our Desserts



& Arts/Crafts Sale and the White Elephant Sale during the temple Chicken Teriyaki Sunday Fundraiser April 28. Thank you to all for supporting our events with your priceless gift of time and dana.

Preparations are underway for a special VIP Huntington Library & Gardens trip on May 17 for our most venerable members.

Robert Hori will be leading a private tour of the Japanese and Chinese Gardens and will include a presentation on the Tea Ceremony in the Japanese Tea House.

We thank the following for their generous donations:

Yo Takeuchi

*In memory of Sharon Takeuchi*

Donna Ebata *Special*

Sandra Aguilar *Special*

Kiyoko Isomoto *Special*

Madeline Adams *Special*

Yoriyo Furumoto

*Botamochi supplies*

Qris Yamashita

*20 lbs of rice for chirashi*

Please consider joining BWA.

Membership dues of \$10 can be paid to Iris Takashima.

Our next meeting will be on May 5 at 8:30 am. We'd love to have you join us!

### 2019 Southern District Conference

# i AM JiRiKi

## Saturday, June 8.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend the conference!

The deadline to register is May 1, 2019. Regrettably, we will not be able to accommodate late registrations or refunds after May 1. If you cannot attend, you may send someone in your place. Thank you for your understanding.

**We hope to see you there!**

### ABA

ABA will be resting in the month of May. In June, ABA will be helping at the Southern District Conference, and preparing for *Obon*.

This year's Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday August 3rd. Further information will be forthcoming in the *Prajna*.

Join ABA. We will love new members. Contact Marilyn Miyamoto at [mmiyamoto1953@gmail.com](mailto:mmiyamoto1953@gmail.com) for questions or details.

### Jr. YBA

Recently, there have been two Jr. YBA seminars. Seminar 2 (see photo) was discussed in last month's *Prajna*, so here is a summary of Seminar 1. It was hosted by Arizona Buddhist Temple where Rev. Furumoto first started as a minister in the United States. The bus ride to Arizona was about 7 hours.



I thought it was okay, because it was good for the parts that I was awake, but for most of the time I was asleep. When we got there, we were greeted by the Juniors from Arizona. The theme of the seminar was "*Gassho* Thy Neighbor," and we had a service that described the theme. The overall

message was to get along with people you may not necessarily know and team-building. The three workshops were Volleyball with Water Balloons, a Lego House Building Competition, and a Mystery Solving Competition.

The volleyball game with water balloons was my favorite event. We got a bed sheet and, as a team of 5, grabbed different sides, trying to throw a water balloon over a net. After a short break, we went to the Lego house building game. One person had to use a cup to scoop pieces out of a bin for their team to use, and everyone else had to build a house out of those pieces. After about 20 minutes, all the different teams had very different creations. Everyone took time to present their own house and talk about the process that they used to build it. The last event was the mystery solving competition. For our puzzle, we had a mirror with a lot of orange ribbons tied around it, and we were trying to open a locked box. Our clue was something around "the key is in the knots." Our team untied all the ribbons and found no key. We got help to place the mirror against the wall underneath a small Wheel of Dharma picture on a sticky note, which revealed the key was taped to the ceiling. We got it down, and inside the box were three numbers. I forgot what they were, but when we put them all together from all the teams, we opened a combination lock, and inside the dresser was a piece of paper that said "YOU DID IT." The Arizona Juniors tied all the events together to the common message of working together and why it is important.

After we were done at the temple, we went to the hotel where we had a game night in a giant meeting room. We played *Smash Bros.* until 11 o'clock, and they said thank you for being there. Afterwards, my friends and I stayed up all night playing even more *Smash Bros.*, and slept on the bus all the way home.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our *Hanamatsuri* Bake Sale! All proceeds went toward the So. District Jr. YBL Endowment Fund which will be given to a worthy organization. Also, thank you for continuing to support our Japan trip by buying scrip! Scrip order forms can be downloaded from the Senshin website.

### Lunch Fundraiser, May 5

The Jr. YBA will be hosting a Lunch Fundraiser on May 5th. We are taking pre-orders until April 28th. Order forms will be made available at the *Hondo* lobby. You may pick up your lunch at noon after service on May 5th, or stay and enjoy the viewing of the movie *Your Name*. Lunch will include Chinese chicken salad, spam *musubi*, jello dessert, and a beverage (soft drink or water) for \$7.00. As always, we are very grateful for your support.

**Upcoming Parent's Day Breakfast, June 9.** All are welcome, we'll start serving at 8:30am.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding Jr. YBA, please contact Debby Fukawa at [debbyfukawa@gmail.com](mailto:debbyfukawa@gmail.com)

### Facilities

The Temple Sprinkler System was turned back on. Broken sprinkler heads have been replaced. Thanks, Dougie!

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



We experienced a wet winter and spring which brought much needed rain. It also took a toll on the WasabiKai sign that Mike Yanagita designed, made and hung over the door to our studio. He refurbished the damaged sign and rehung it last month.



Please take note of his fine craftsmanship next time you pass by or enter the studio.

This May we will begin our first class offering, **Pottery and Home Ikebana**. Rev. Mas will discuss the history and aesthetics of *ikebana*, and how arrangements for the *tokonoma* and

home use should be approached. We will also learn to make some simple vases to be used in the arrangements. Some samples can be seen each week done by temple members who attend the open studio sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (This class is currently filled.)

The *Goinkyo-yakimono* class will start Sundays in June. Rev. Mas will speak about the special time in life when we are free from work and are able to explore the creative side each of us possesses. We have a coffee table book in the library...pictures are worth a 1,000 words.

I will be posting sign-up sheets for the *Raku/Tea* classes which will be held this Summer and Fall starting July 20. See Mark Sondag or myself for details. Bob Miyamoto (323) 791-2719, 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com.



# KINNARA TAIKO "NO FRILLS" FUNDRAISER

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

## ADMISSION BY DONATION



## 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 perform at the North American Taiko Conference Taiko Jam, 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.

## SENSHIN BON ODORI AND RAFFLE WILL BE JUNE 29!

As part of the day's activities, we will hold our Annual Raffle to raise funds for Temple activities. 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.

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!!!!



## 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.

## 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

## 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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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 10:30am. 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

In the 1963 hit song *Surfin' USA*, the Beach Boys sang, "...We're waxing down our surfboards, We can't wait for June..." Now it is 2019 and it is May, and we have wetsuits. We can restart the Surf Club activities. If you are interested in joining the Buddhist Surf Club or want to try surfing, please contact Rev. Furumoto.

**2019 SENSIN JR. YBA JAPAN TRIP!!!**  
**PLEASE BUY SCRIPS TO SUPPORT!**

Forms Now Available At:  
**SENSHINTEMPLE.ORG**  
And in Foyer or Temple Office

For Mailing Information,  
Please Call or Text  
**HARUMI KAWAGUCHI**  
**AT (626) 230-1433**  
**THANK YOU!!!**



# Sunday, May 5, 2019

## First Movie Matinee at the Renovated Social Hall

# “Your Name (Kimi no Na Wa)”

It has been almost three years since we had the last Movie Night in the Social Hall. We watched *Goyokin* on July 23, 2016, before we started the renovation of the Social Hall. After the completion of the renovation, we installed a new movie screen, donated by a generous temple member in 2018. And finally, in April of this year, we installed the new speakers. Now we are ready to have a movie night again! BUT since some movie fans do not like to drive at night, we will have a Movie Matinee following the Sunday service on May 5th. This first Movie Matinee will be a part of our Jr. YBA educational program so that our Jrs. can learn about the culture and life in Japan before they go on the trip this summer.

The movie, *Your Name*, directed by Makoto Shinkai, was the biggest hit movie in Japan in 2016. It is an animated movie that adults can also enjoy watching.

The story is about two high school students who swapped their bodies. A boy living in the big city of Tokyo and a girl in the rural Gifu prefecture countryside somehow swapped bodies

intermittently. They eventually recognized it and they started to enjoy switching their lives. But one day their body-swapping stopped. The girl went to Tokyo to find the boy and boy went



to Gifu to see the girl.

Since the story strikes a chord with many people regardless of their cultural background, this movie will be made into a live-action film in the near future. The Hollywood version of this movie will be about the boy living in Chicago and a Native American girl in a rural area.

The movie will start around 12 noon at the Social Hall on May 5th.\*\*

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### 映画マチネ:

ソーシャルホールの改装が終わり、お寺の皆様の寄付で、新しい映画用のスクリーンとスピーカーが設置されました。前は映画の夕べが行われていましたが、夜間の運転ができない方

が多いので、今年から、日曜の法要の後に上映することになりました。最初のマチネは、5月5日、12時2016年日本で最大のヒットだった新海誠監督のアニメ映画“君の名は”(Your Name)です。Jr.YBAは日本に行く旅費のファンドレイジングのためにマチネのランチを用意します。一食\$7です。

# 洗心仏教会

## 2019年5月

### 4月感謝録:

寄付:M小谷,A正田,K中川,R&F大畑,匿名 J.Pollard&J広浜,R加藤 故M松田追悼:M富田,E下原,R近藤,C小島,B田中,P本川 J近藤,Mr&Mrs宮川,K米田,M上田,F&J小谷 R小谷,J&W森,D&C相原,D松田 故N坂口葬儀:A坂口 故T田中&S田中追悼:E前川 ソシャルホール生け花:BWA 故I中村&H岩崎追悼:M上野,K米田 仏法お礼:E村上 故A松野一回忌:R.Sunday 建築基金:J桑田Patten,R&F大畑 納骨堂:M古谷,D川口,S小田,M&K梅本 訂正:故S米田追悼:K米田 お礼:K磯本

### 5月日程:

2日(木)	午後7時半	理事会
5日(日)	午前8時半 午前9時半 10時 11時 12時	婦人会例会 日本語法要 祥月法要 英語勉強会,日曜学校 Jr.YBAはファンドレイジングのためにマチネのランチ(1食\$7)を用意します。
10日(金)	午後6時	南加婦人会カウンスルミオーテイング於:ガーデナ仏教会
12日(日)	午前9時半 10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会,キッズクラブ、キッズ太鼓
19日(日)	午前9時半 10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝:小谷正雄名誉開教使 英語勉強会,キッズクラブ/太鼓
26日(日)	午前9時半 10時 11時	日本語法要 ご誕生(親鸞聖人誕生日) 初参り:海野徹雄開教使 英語勉強会,日曜学校
27日(月)		メモリアルデイ法要(墓地にて)

### 5月法要当番:日曜学校

本堂当番:K沢田,G.Yee,J原田,K原田

お花当番:4日:S小田,F大畑,11日:S東司,J入江,18日:R堀,R.Kok,25日:B宮本,G.Wong

4月供花:M橋本,J南,R&Y宮川,L西田,B.Rogers,M島袋,Y竹内,M富田、匿名

6月の予定:6/8南カリフォルニア地区会、主催:洗心寺、6/24西心道場サマスクール、6/29洗心寺盆踊り、初盆

Jr.YBAがファンドレイジングの為にいろいろの店(百貨店、マーケット、ガソリンステーション、レストラン、オンラインストアなど)のScripを売っています。Harumi Kawaguchi(626/230-1433)又はSenshinScripSale@gamil.comまでに連絡して、Jr.YBAのご支援をお願いします。



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7:30p Temple Board Meeting 8p Kinnara Taiko		1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11a Study Class / Dharma School 12noon Jr. YBA Lunch/Fundraiser; Movie, <i>Your Name</i>		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko	6p SD BCA Council Meeting at Gardena	1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
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## MAY TOBAN:

**May Sunday Service** Dharma School

**May Hondo Toban** Keith Sawada, Greg Yee,  
James Harada, Karen Harada

**June Hondo Toban** Kelvin Nishikawa,  
Neil Komai, JoAnn Komai, Stan Fukawa

## MAY Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

**May 4** Sachi Oda / Fujie Ohata

**May 11** Suzanne Toji / Joji Iriye

**May 18** Robert Hori / Richard Kok

**May 25** Bob Miyamoto / Gayle Wong

## JUNE Onaijin Flower Arrangement:

**June 1** Wendy Mori / Sue Omori

**June 8** Iris Takashima / Jean Minami

## Upcoming in JUNE:

**June 8** Southern District  
Conference hosted by Senshin

**June 24** Saishin Dojo  
Summer Dharma School

**June 29** Senshin *Bon Odori*  
& *Hatsubon* Service

*All classes subject to  
change without notice.*

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