



LEARNING BUDDHISM IN THE SUMMER IN JAPAN



This summer, seven of our Senshin Jr. YBA kids, adults and I visited Japan. It was very hot. During the first week in August, the temperature was near 100 degrees every day. Not only was it hot, it was humid, so it was superhot as if we were in a tropical rainforest. Just being outside, I sweat. When I walked, talked, ate, sat and waited, I sweat. It was the hottest and most humid summer that I have ever experienced in my life.



The TV weatherman encouraged people to stay in a cool place as much as possible so they would not get a heat stroke. He reported 45 people passed away due to the heat.

I was planning to have the Jr. YBA kids tour Kyoto by bike to visit several temples but since there was some risk because of the heat, I asked them to make a choice: "Which would you like to do? Go to the temples or go to *karaoke*?" They, of course, chose karaoke and enjoyed the cool A/C air and singing Billie Eilish's song, "Bad Guy."

Because of the unusual weather, we needed to change our schedules, so we visited fewer temples compared to the last tour in 2017, but it seems like the Jrs. learned Buddhism and Japanese culture as well as trying to do new things. When they attended morning service at Hongwanji, they sat on the *tatami* mat by *seiza* style. They could sit only 5 minutes, but it was a nice try. When they walked around the town, they saw people bowing to each other and the store staff always attentive to the customers. These are influences from Japanese Buddhist thought, mutual respect and consideration of others.

Also, the Jrs. saw a cicada for the first time. In Japan, we can hear the cicada's buzzing sound everywhere. It is not a beautiful sound, but it is one of the sounds of



summer in Japan.

Regarding cicada, there is a famous phrase, teaching the Jodo Shins-hu thought, Master Tan Luan wrote in his writings that since cicadas do not know spring and fall, they do not even know what summer is. According to Master Tan Luan, if they do not know anything



about spring and fall, they cannot know how hot the summer is either.

Master Tan Luan compared the cicadas to us. We think we know about our lives but we do not know what we were before we were born and what will happen after our death. So we do not know very much about ourselves. Hence, we should listen to the Buddha's teaching that gives us the guidance to how we should live our lives by telling the different viewpoints from ours.

Now the Jr. YBA kids know what cicadas look like so they can understand this analogy much better than before. I believe what they learned in Japan will deepen their understanding of Buddhism. I thank the temple members for supporting this Jr YBA trip.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



暑い日本で仏法を学ぶ 古本龍太

日本の夏がさらに暑くなったようです。8月の1週目にJrYBA7名と大人10名とで日本を訪れたのですが、その週は猛暑日が続き、毎日華氏100度近くになっていました。日差しが強い上に湿度が高く、どこにいても汗をかきます。日本が熱帯雨林気候になったのではないかと思いました。テレビの天気予報では常に熱中症に気をつけて水分補給を怠らないようにと呼びかけていまし

たが、それでもその週は45名が熱中症で亡くなられたそうです。

今回の旅はJRYBAの教育目的で、浄土真宗が始められた日本の文化を学べるようにスケジュールを組みました。けれども、予想を上回る暑さだったのでスケジュールを少し変更することになりました。その一つは京都バイクツアーで、自転車で京都市内を回って親鸞聖人ゆかりの地や著名な寺院などを訪れようとしていたのですが、京都の人誰もが「暑いからそれはあかん」と言われてましたし、高校生たちが体調を悪くするといけなないので、「バイクツアーに行きたい? それともカ

ぎて歩きたいので、電車の中から大阪城の方を指差して「あそこが昔の本願寺」というだけの説明にとどまるなど、猛暑によって予定の変更をせざるを得ませんでした。そのため、3年前のツアーに比べると、訪れた寺院の数は少なくなりました。

けれども、高校生たちは日本の文化に触れ、多くを学んでいたようです。京都の本願寺での朝のお勤めでは正座して読経しようとしてました。ただ5分くらいしか正座できなかったのですが、ナイストライだと思いました。またどのお店に行っても店員さんが礼儀正しいことに驚いていましたし、人びとがお辞儀をしようのが珍しいようで自分たちも真似をしてお辞儀してました。そういう行為は日本仏教から影響を受けている習慣なので、寺院を巡らなくても、仏教を学ぶことはできていると思いました。

浄土真宗に関することでは、セミです。JRYBAたちはセミを見たことがないと言っていました。セミは日本の夏を代表する音の一つです。またセミを知っていると曇鸞大師が書かれたことを知る助けになります。曇鸞大師は『往生論註』にセミのたとえをだして、人間の無智さを知らせ、念仏の教えに皈依することを勧められています。大師は「セミは夏だけ生きるの、春と秋を知らない。それはつまり



は夏さえも知っていないことになる」とされます。春と秋を知らないと、夏がどれだけ暑いかわからないじゃないか、夏に生きてるといってもあまり夏のことをわかってない、となるのです。そしてそれは我々人間にもあてはまります。我々は生まれる前の状態、死んだ後のことに関して無智です。それなのに自分のことや人生や世界を知っている気になっているから愚かなのです。そういう愚か者がこの世を生きていくには自分の視点より大きな視点を持たれている方の教えをきくべきで、それが仏法を聞かせていただく、ということだと曇鸞大師が言われていることなのです。

JRYBAたちは日本でのツアーをエンジョイしてました。彼らが見たり聞いたり体験したことが、聞法をして仏法を理解するのに役立つことになるでしょう。暑かったけどいい旅でした。

南無阿弥陀仏



ラオケ行きたい?」と尋ねたら、みんな声をそろえて「キャラオキー」と答えたので、カラオケに行くことにし、大喜びで涼しい室内で歌ってました。私は寺院巡りをしたかったのですが、高校生にとってはお寺に行くより歌ってたほうが楽しいだろうな、と少し残念に思いました。けれども日本の文化を学ぶという点ではカラオケをするのもいいですし、JRYBAたちの絆も深まるのでいいかな、と納得しました。

ほかにも大阪城に行って蓮如上人が本願寺を建てられたことなどを伝えようとプランしていたのですが、暑す

洗心仏教会

7月感謝録:

寄付:R竹本,J岡崎,匿名	追悼故B&H柿田:B種崎
お祝:J.Rogers得度:B.Rogers	追悼故A富田:M富田
納骨堂: K松林	追悼故N小島 & H畝田:C小島,P本川,J南
お礼:わさび会	Y畝田
追悼故B.Hearns:M.Rooks,M藤本	追悼故H畝田:S宮田
追悼故J長野:L長野	故T赤堀&B赤堀 3 回忌: T&J赤堀
追悼故E山下	

6月日程:

1日 (日)	お休み	
	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, キッズクラブ
	11時半	お盆反省会
5日 (木)	午後7時半	理事会
6日 (金)	午前10時	御門主洗心寺訪問
7日 (土)	御門主西本願寺参列: 緊那羅演奏	
	USC-Stanford試合: 駐車場ファンドレイズ	
8日 (日)	お休み: 古本,小谷開教使は西本願寺50周年法要に参加	
15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, キッズクラブ
21日 (土)	9時—4時: 秋のお彼岸セミナー DR.デイビッド松本開教使	
	USC-Utah試合	駐車場ファンドレイズ
22日 (日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	10時	秋のお彼岸法要
	11時	英語勉強会
		日曜学校
	11時半	おとき: ABA
28日 (土)	南加婦人会総会	
29日 (日)	午前9時半	日本語法要
	午前10時	家族礼拝
	午前11時	英語勉強会, キッズクラブ

9月法要当番: ABA

9月本堂当番: J森,D相原,D江畑,Q山下

9月お花当番: 7日C森田,M渡辺,14日M藤本,Y古本,21日B山下,K猪狩,28日C家村,J磯本,10/5日S.Lovall,H松村

10月の予定: 20日 (日) 恵信尼、覚信尼,九条夫人,婦人会法要 27日餓鬼の日

2019年9月

Monthly Memorial Service SEPTEMBER

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 10:00am

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Wife	Akahori, Tomi
Akahori, Ted	Brother-in-law	Miyazaki, Dr. Fred
Harada, James	Father	Harada, Tom
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Husband	Hayamizu, Robert T.
Ito Family	Mother	Ito, Toshiye
Kitayama, Glen	Mother	Kitayama, Kimiko Esther
Kitayama, Glen	Grandmother	Kitayama, Kimiko
Kitayama, Glen	Grandmother	Nakagawa, Ritzu
Kok, Richard	Father	Kok, Yoke Chuan
Kodani, Masao	Wife	Kodani, Shirley
Kodani, Richard	Father	Kodani, Fred
Kojima, Chikako	Father-in-law	Kojima, Tom
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandmother	Wada, Tamae
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandmother	Yamada, Tsugi
Matsuda Family	Grandfather	Matsuda, Miyoshi
Miyata, Satoshi	Mother	Miyata, Taka
Mori, Johnny	Mother	Mori, Tsutaye
Murakami, Eugene	Brother	Murakami, Raymond
Nakamura, Bob	Father	Nakamura, Harukichi
Nakawatase, Helen	Sister	Hosaka Lew, Anna
Nishikawa, Edith	Father	Yoshida, Frank Eiichi
Ogawa, Jerry	Father	Ogawa, Kikuo
Rooks, Curtis & Mariko	Mother, Grandmother	Rooks, Kikuyo
Sawada, Keith	Grandmother	Oshita, Umeko
Shimabukuro, Marilyn	Grandmother	Shimabukuro, Yoshiko
Shimohara, Ellen	Father-in-law	Shimohara, Henry
Shirasago, Gary & Dale	Brother	Shirasago, Glenn
Shirasago, Gary & Dale	Father	Shirasago, George
Sugano, Michiko	Grandmother-in-law	Kanazawa, Fude
Takashima, Iris	Father	Jinde, Seichi
Takashima, Wilbur	Great-grandmother	Takashima, Haru
Tanezaki, Barbara	Father	Kakita, Bene
Terrell, Jackie	Father-in-law	Fukumoto, Katsumi
Tsunoda, Satsuko	Father-in-law	Tsunoda, Yaichi
Unno Family		Unno, Rev. Enryo
Usui, Aiko	Husband	Usui, Roy
Uyemura, Koichi	Father	Uyemura, Tamio
Wakinaka, Asa & Bernice	Son	Wakinaka, Lester
Yoneda, Kiyoko	Husband	Yoneda, Kazuo

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.

Gomonshu Visitation on Friday September 6, 2019

The 25th *Gomonshu*, Kojun Ohtani, will visit Senshin on Friday, September 6. The *Gomonshu* is a descendant of Shinran Shonin and the head priest of our denomination, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. He will travel from Kyoto to San Francisco at the end of August to attend the World BWA Conference. After the conference, he will come to Southern California to visit the temples of Southern District. On September 6, he will come to Senshin in the morning, around 10:15 to 10:30am. He will stay at Senshin for about an hour to see our temple and he is looking forward to talking with us. Please mark your calendar and welcome the *Gomonshu* to our temple.

Senshin Fall Ohigan Seminar

Our Fall *Ohigan* (equinox) Seminar will take place on Saturday, September 21, from 9:30a. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto, president of IBS. Rev. Matsumoto will lecture on “The Art of *Nembutsu*.”

The *Ohigan* service will take place on Sunday, September 22. Please come with your family members and friends.

セミナー並びにお彼岸法要のご案内
9月21日(土)にお彼岸セミナーを行います。セミナーのご講師はIBS学長の松本デイビッド開教使です。講題は「アートオブ浄土真宗」です。翌21日(日)はお彼岸法要を営みます。みなさま、お誘い合わせの上ぜひお参り下さい。

Fall Ohigan Seminar, Saturday 9/21

Speaker **Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto (Japanese/English)**

9:30a Gathering 集合

9:40a Opening Service 開会のお勤め

10a Lecture 1 講義1

10:50a Break 休憩

11a Lecture 2 講義2

12noon* Lunch 昼食

1p Panel Discussion and Q and A
パネルディスカッション、質疑応答

2:30p Closing Service 閉会のお勤め

Fall Ohigan Service, Sunday 9/22

Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto

9:30a Japanese Study Class

10a *Ohigan* Service

11a Study Class / Dharma School

12noon *Otoki*

(* Prepaid bento lunch (\$6.50) will be ordered. Please call the temple or Patti Honkawa, 310-625-3349, to order. The deadline is Sunday, September 14.)
昼食のお弁当の申し込みをお寺に電話するようお願いします。)

SEPTEMBER 2019 DONATIONS

7/7/2019	Barbara Tanezaki James Okazaki WasabiKai Kazuo Matsubayashi	In memory of Bene & Hisako Kakita Memorial Dana <i>Nokotsudo</i>
7/14/2019	Misao Tomita Ted & Julie Akahori Patricia Honkawa Jean Minami Mariko Rooks, Miki Fujimoto Lance Nagano	In memory of Akira Tomita 3rd Memorial, Tomi Akahori & Betty Akahori In memory of Noreen Kojima & Harry Uneda In memory of Noreen Kojima & Harry Uneda In memory of Bobby Hearn's In memory of Julia Nagano
7/21/2019	Anonymous Beverly Rogers Satoshi Miyata Chikako Kojima Yoko Uneda	Dana Completed <i>Tokudo</i> , Jennifer Rogers <i>Hoji</i> for Mr. Uneda <i>Hoji</i> , Noreen Kojima 7th & Harry Uneda 3rd <i>Hoji</i> , Noreen Kojima 7th & Harry Uneda 3rd
7/28/2019	Rick Taketomo Misao Tomita	Dana In memory of Etsuko Yamashita

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.

Donation College Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has a College Savings 529 Plan to help with the costs of higher education for our minister's family. Contributing to this fund will provide tax-free income for the minister's children when they are college age. In eight years at 7%, monies put in today could almost double by the time they are ready to go to college.

If you would like to contribute, you have two options:

1. Write a check out to Senshin Buddhist Temple along with a memo or note indicating you would like to contribute to the 529 account.
2. You can write a check out to MESP (Michigan Education Savings Program) and mail it directly to PO Box 55925, Boston, MA 02205-5925. Be sure to send a note indicating the contribution is to go to the Senshin Buddhist Temple, Account #9393725.

If you write a check to Senshin, there is no minimum. If you write a

check to MESP, the check must be \$25 or more.

Owned by the temple, the intention of the fund is to provide additional support to its minister and family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eugene Murakami at (909) 861-0697 or genemura@roadrunner.com.

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 acknowl-

edge 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.



Senshin's Campus: Securing the Future

Over the last six decades, Senshin has monitored the two residential properties next to the Senshin campus, with an eye towards purchasing them to complete Senshin’s property footprint. On August 5, 2019, as Rev. Masao Kodani and I shook hands with Willie and Eddie Love, Senshin completed the purchase of the property adjacent to the main parking lot, 1327 W. 37th Street.

We are soliciting ideas as to what to do with the property in the future. To provide context, I want to explain the history and Senshin vision in pursuing the residential properties next to the Senshin campus.

The History

There are three houses next to Senshin’s main campus. When Rev. Mas first came to Senshin in 1968, the temple already owned the property for Senshin’s campus as we now know it. In the 1960’s, the house next to the kitchen parking lot was already owned by Senshin and was being used as the parsonage (Senshin still owns this house and it is currently occupied by tenants). Around 1965, the center house (1333 W. 37th Street) was owned and occupied by a retired minister from Centenary Methodist Church. When the minister passed away, Centenary sold the center house to Helen Bell. During that time, the Senshin Board discussed purchasing the two properties, but at that time there was no consensus about the necessity of owning the parcels. As a consequence, in 1982, Willie Love bought the property adjacent to the corner parking lot for his mother, Rose Love, to occupy. Over the years, Rev. Mas and Senshin built a good relationship with these neighbors, inviting them to special events like Obon, sharing food with them like chicken teriyaki, and other occasions. After many years of neighborly friendship, a relationship of trust was forged between Senshin and Rose Love and Helen Bell.

The Present

In recent years, the shadow of USC’s influence has been spreading throughout the nearby neighborhoods. Along the numbered streets around Senshin, developers have purchased adjoining lots and built multi-story student housing apartments. Senshin’s Board is concerned that a developer would tempt our neighbors with enough money so they would sell and Senshin would have a student housing apartment within its perimeter. Both property owners, Rose Love and Hel-

en Bell, had given Senshin assurances that they would sell to the temple when the occasion arose. The Senshin Board thought that if Senshin could secure at least one of the two properties, the single remaining lot would not be attractive to a developer.

On December 29, 2018, Rose Love passed away. Rose left clear instructions to her sons, Willie and Eddie, to sell the property to Senshin. As it turned out, Willie and Eddie Love were the owners of record on the property. They visited Senshin in late February 2019 and let Senshin know they wanted to sell immediately. The Board was polled and the strong sense of the majority was that we must seize the moment and buy the property. Willie and Eddie expressed their sincere appreciation for the way Rev. Mas and Senshin treated their mother and that they were happy to carry out her wishes and sell the property to Senshin at a very fair price. Ron Ohata negotiated the purchase with the brothers. When Ron was unable to finish the process because of his recent medical challenges, he asked me to step in. He also contacted Thomas Inatomi, a licensed realtor and son of our organist and longtime Senshin member, Lily Inatomi. Tom volunteered his time and expertise to help the sale immeasurably, counseling the Loves on the nuances of the sale, explaining to both sides the purpose of each document, and walking the paperwork through the escrow process. If not for his help, we might be still fumbling along.

Something that needs to be mentioned is the way that this transaction was handled by both sides. The buying and selling of a piece of property can become a contentious process with the parties on each side pushing for opposite outcomes. It was not the case here. The Love’s asking price was more than fair and Senshin agreed to terms to ensure their satisfaction. At

one point in the process, Eddie Love remarked that at the end of the process, both sides should walk away smiling and waving to each other. This is exactly how it happened. The purchase was funded largely by the bequest of Andrew Chandler, who left his estate to Senshin. The remainder of the purchase was funded by a couple of large donations provided at the launch of our 70th anniversary capital campaign.

Active conversations were also being held with Helen Bell for Senshin to secure her property when the offer by the Loves was made. Discussions had progressed to the point that Helen had said that she was comfortable with the agreement. Matters were placed on hold while we focused on the Love property purchase and will likely resume when we are in a position to proceed.

The Future

The prospect of Senshin owning all three properties discussed above, is exciting and important. We cannot predict the future. But when the occasion does present itself, Senshin needs to be prepared to react quickly. Knowing that Senshin can have those three contiguous properties presents a tremendous opportunity, even without full vision into what Senshin will do with the properties yet. Ownership of all three properties ensures the integrity of Senshin’s presence in the neighborhood in the face of the ever-expanding influence of USC.

To be prepared to purchase the remaining house and to fully utilize the parcels will require significant capital fundraising to make Senshin’s vision a reality. Please contact me or Lauren Ohata (interim while Ron Ohata’s

health improves) if you are interested in learning more or contributing to our 70th anniversary capital campaign.

Moving forward, the Senshin Board has formed a Visioning Committee to address the long-term plans for the three parcels. The development and future use of the property will benefit the future generations of Senshin sangha members. Please join in and express your ideas about Senshin’s future. If you are interested in participating in the Visioning Committee, please contact Chris Aihara or Chikako Kojima, and you will be notified about the next committee meeting. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions related to this article.

Gassho,
NEIL KOMAI

MEMBERSHIP SENSIN 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

Updates

& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Board

As of August 5, 2019, Senshin Buddhist Temple has officially acquired the Love Property. I would like to thank Ron Ohata, Thomas Inatomi and Neil Komai for providing their time and effort in purchasing the property. Without their help we could not have completed the purchase. A BIG Thank You to everyone.

The Board can now work to find out what Senshin can do with the property. We will start a visionary plan and have the whole Sangha involved with this plan. More details will be forthcoming. *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 will be in October.

B W A

Although August was a quiet month for the BWA ladies, the stillness quickly gave way to planning for the many events in September.

We will be serving refreshments during the visit by the 25th *Gomonshu*, at Senshin Temple on September 6th.

Fall *Higan* Seminar will be held on September 21st with refreshments provided by BWA. Please stay after Fall

Higan Service on September 22nd for *ohagi*, a Japanese sweet, traditionally served during this season.

We will be hosting the 3rd Quarter Meeting of Southern District BWA on Sept 28th at 10am in the Social Hall.

Everyone needs some help in tidying up. Mark your calendars if you are interested in simplifying your home by attending a "Tidying Up" Seminar on September 29th. See announcement for details.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

Mat Uyeno *Obon*

Saishin Dojo *Lunch time supervision*

Kiyome Hirayama *Special*

Debbie Hiramoto *SD Conference*

JoAnn Komai *SD Conference*

Susan Young/Family *Funeral for*

Doris Shigaki

Janice Shiozaki/Family

Next meeting is September 15th at 8:30am. Contact Iris Takashima if you would like to join BWA.



A B A

ABA would like to thank everyone who donated to and helped with our Rummage Sale in August. The proceeds go to Weemes Elementary School. We appreciate everyone's support.

In September, we are anxiously waiting for the visit by the *Gomonshu*. We are also providing *otoki* after the *Ohigan* Service.

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

Jr. Y B A

Over the span of two weeks, the Jrs. visited various temples and sites in Japan. While visiting Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima, they discovered the history of Shinran Shonin and Japanese culture. Each Jr. had a memorable experience they would like to share:

ERIN This was a special trip to Japan for me because this was the first time I focused on the Buddhist aspect of Japan. I was able to learn more about the history and culture through new eyes while also growing closer to the rest of the Jr. YBA members.

HALLE I had an amazing time on this trip! It was a great opportunity to become closer with my fellow Jr. YBA members, and it was incredible to see the differences in culture between Japan and the US.

KYLA This trip to Japan was a life



changing experience given that I have never been before. I'm so grateful to have been given this opportunity to experience a new culture with an incredible group of people. I stepped out of my comfort zone only to be pleasantly surprised by the infinite kindness of the people, rich food, and jaw dropping sights, along with the best company of Jr. YBA.

LIAM This trip was my second time to Japan but my first major bonding experience with the rest of my Juniors.

CARTER Though this trip to Japan was not my first, it was most certainly the most memorable. This time around, I was presented with an opportunity to be more hands on in experiencing this entirely different culture. Through this I have gained knowledge and experience that I am sure not to forget soon.

KAI Throughout this whole trip, not only did I experience more of being a Buddhist, but just to experience the culture in Japan. People told me beforehand what the atmosphere would be like and to experience that kindness was breathtaking.

ZEN My experience in Japan was amazing. This trip made me realize how different Japanese culture is. It was awesome exploring the cities and various temples.

The Jrs. wish to thank Rev. Furumoto and everyone at Senshin for their support and making this trip possible! Our first meeting of the new year will be Sunday, September 15th at 9am. If

you are a high schooler interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Debby Fukawa at debbyfukawa@gmail.com.

Wasabi Kai

I attended a pilgrimage in July to Heart Mountain. My wife had her documentary film, Norman Mineta, His Legacy: An American Story, featured in their opening ceremony. Norm was interned

as a young boy there along with 10,000 other internees. It was very impressive to see how they managed to survive harsh conditions behind the barbed wire and gun towers.

The Heart Mountain Interpretive Center documented life there. There



were many interesting forms of cultural and creative arts practiced there. They included woodworking, painting, music, dance, and even a ceramics program! There wasn't a lot of information regarding their short-lived ceramics program, but it made me wonder if there were any other camps



which had one.

The fall Raku/Tea class will be held Saturdays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19, and 26, from 10a to 12:30p. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. This will be the final class of the year. Mark Sunday and Kaz Ota are the instructors. Rev. Mas provides interesting insights regarding the history of tea in Japan and as we know it here.

Questions or information regarding classes and our Open Studio sessions can hopefully be answered by contacting



Yo Takeuchi-san turned 100 years old in July. Congratulations! Rev. Furumoto, Rev. Kodani and John Hiramoto visited Yo-san's home to present a gift.

Bob Miyamoto, 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com or (323) 791-2719.
Please visit WasabiKai on Facebook.

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 Saturdays at 1:30p. 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.

Karate Club
Wednesdays, 4:30p

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

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.



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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Marie Kondo has taken the world by storm! She started with her best-selling book, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, and now her Netflix hit, *Tidying Up*. • BWA will be hosting a **Tidying Up Seminar** on **Sunday, September 29**, with Megan Oga-wa, daughter of Senshin member, Arlene Yokoyama.
Megan is a trained consultant in the **Kon-Mari** method of decluttering our homes. • A light lunch will be served at noon with the presentation starting at 1:00p. The cost of the seminar, including lunch, is \$20. • Everyone is invited to come, with attendance being limited to 50 people. • You can sign up at the temple or by contacting **JoAnn Komai** at **jykomai55@gmail.com** or **(626) 484-8806**.
Rev. Furumoto has said that when we clean our surroundings, we are also cleansing our hearts and minds! So let's get going and tidy up!

Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day
Sunday, November 3, 2019
Senshin Buddhist Temple

We are honoring our senior temple members, 80 years and older, and we’ve planned an afternoon of food and fun activities for the family.

Honorees: FREE
Adults: \$20
Children: \$10
(11 years and under)

Schedule of Activities
10:00a Omairi/Service
Keiro Kai Honorees will be recognized at the service
11:30a Group Photo
12noon Lunch
12:30p Program



This event is a mini-fundraiser for Senshin Buddhist Temple.

Keiro Kai Honorees Registration Form:

Honoree Name:	Honoree Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:
Birthdate:	Birthdate:

I (we) want to attend **Keiro Kai & Family Fun Day**

Name(s)	Phone/email	Adult or Child	\$20 or \$10
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Total Amount Enclosed

Please return form by **Octber 25** along with your check made payable to **Senshin Buddhist Temple**
Write **Attention: Keiro Kai** on the envelope
Mail to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple**, 1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007
Or deposit in **Keiro Kai** mail slot in the Temple Office

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SUNDAY Labor Day Weekend	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 No Services	2	3 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	4 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	5 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko	6 10a Gomonsu visits Senshin	7 Fundraiser: USC Parking (Stanford) 1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
8 No Services at Senshin Rev. Furumoto, Rev. Kodani and Kinnara Gagaku will participate in 50th Anniversary Service at Nishi Betsuin	9	10 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	11	12 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko	13	14 1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
15 8:30a BWA Reikai 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / Shotsuki Hōyō 11a Study Class / Kids' Club	16 7:30p Zadankai	17 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	18 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	19 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko	20 Fundraiser: USC Parking (Utah)	21 Fall Higan Seminar 9:30a-3p Fall Higan Seminar Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto
22 Fall Higan Service 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Fall Ohigan Service, Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto 11a Dharma School 11:30a Otoki by Senshin ABA	23	24 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	25	26 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 8p Kinnara Taiko	27	28 10a SD BWA Meeting 1:30p Kinnara Bugaku
29 9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Family Servicer 11a Study Class / Kids' Club	30	Oct 1 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	Oct 2 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	Oct 3 9:30a Exercise Class 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko	Oct 4	Oct 5 1:30p Kinnara Bugaku

SEPTEMBER TOBAN

Sunday Service A B A

Hondo Toban John Mori, Doug Aihara, Donna Ebata, Qris Yamashita

September Onajin Flower Toban

Sept 7 Carrie Morita, Marsha Watanabe

Sept 14 Miki Fujimoto, Yoriyo Furumoto

Sept 21 (Fall Ohigan Seminar) Betty Yamashita, Kathy Ikari

Sept 28 (SD BWA Meeting) Cathy Iyemura, Joyce Isomoto

Oct 5 Sheri Lovall, Henry Matsumura

Upcoming in October 2019

Oct 20 Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Kujo, BWA Memorial Service

All classes subject to change without notice.

Please call a group member to confirm meeting/rehearsal.