

Sensing Buddhist Temple: Feel the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha



Starting from April, we finally reopened the temple and members of Senshin began to gather at the temple.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, our lifestyle changed. Our way of communication had especially become different from the prior two years. Prior to Covid, we rarely used the phrase “in-person.” We said “in line” more than “online.”

“Hybrid” was a term for a car or a dog. Online gatherings are convenient and there are several advantages; however, once we gather at the temple, we notice that seeing others in person is very

different from online/virtual gatherings and we enjoy the actual meeting. We use all of our senses to communicate with our friends at the temple. We can see, listen and talk by using the internet, but it is difficult to catch the atmosphere of the actual site. At the temple, we touch others to greet (we used to shake hands, but now we do elbow touch or fist pumps), We can see the big *Obutsudan* (Buddhist altar); we can chant together while listening to other voices, we can smell the incense, we can listen to the Dharma message together, and we can recite the *nembutsu* together. We can taste the coffee and donuts after the service and we can talk with our friends while seeing their faces and gestures. In short, we can get a vibe or energy at the temple and this is very important and different from online gatherings.

My teacher told me, “Listen to the Buddha Dharma with your whole body, don’t just listen with your head”.

This saying means listening to the *nembutsu* teaching with our whole body, including the heart and mind. Use all six senses to engage in deep hearing. As we began to gather at the temple, we noticed this is true. Listening, reciting, and chanting with others is different. We can feel the vibe. It is the vibe of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. This vibe helps us to understand the teaching deeply. Another traditional saying, “Buddha’s teaching enters through not only our ears but also through our pores,” also tells us the same thing.

Shinran Shonin wrote in his major works, *Kyogyoshinsho*:

Hear the Name is to hear the Name that embodies the Primal Vow. “Hear” means to hear the Primal Vow and be

free of doubt. Further it indicates *shinjin*. (CWS P.474)

While we see the members who enjoy hearing the *nembutsu* at the temple, we are influenced by them and we can eventually be free of doubt and enjoy hearing. To hear the *nembutsu* deeply, sensing the vibe of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha is very helpful.

We are “Senshin” so we focus on “Sensing” by having an in-person gathering. For people who live far from the temple, who no longer drive a car, or who have difficulties coming to the temple, we will continue having online services, so please join the service from your home. But, when you can, please come to the temple to attend the service.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

Hydrangea (*Ajisai*) Project

In order to attract people to come back to the temple from their living room, we have started several projects. One of those projects is the hydrangea or *Ajisai* Project.

We have planted sixty hydrangeas on the temple grounds on the north and east side of the *Hondo* and along the west wall of the *Nokotsudo*. We have also planted six sakura trees on the north side of the temple along 36th Place.

In Japan, there are several temples called “*Ajisai* Temple.” *Ajisai* is hydrangea. The temples planted a lot of *Ajisai* on their temple grounds and people visit these temples when they are in full bloom. Famous *Ajisai* temples are in Kyoto, Nara, Kamakura, and several other places.

If you are interested, you can see these temples on Youtube or you can search “*Ajisai* temple” or “hydrangea temple” to watch the video. Hydrangeas enhance the beauty and calmness of the temple. It is said that, a long time ago, many people died in June due to the changing of the season. In Japan, June is *Ajisai* season and *Ajisai* are easy to take care of, so they were used as an offering flower for the funeral. Therefore, some temples have *Ajisai* on their grounds and it has become a popular flower to show respect and gratitude to Buddhas and the deceased

person. *Ajisai* is originally from Japan. Several hundred years ago, It was introduced to European countries through China and called hydrangeas.

I don’t think there are any hydrangea temples in the U.S. yet so we may be the first hydrangea temple. The hydrangea is called *Nikko* Blue. They are still small, about 12 inches tall.



お寺に来て、仏・法・僧を感じる 古本竜太

ようやく4月からお寺を再開することができ、メンバーの方々もお寺に集まるようになりました。

コロナウイルス のパンデミックで、私たちのライフスタイルは変わりました。特に、コミュニケーションの取り方が2年前と違ってきました。以前は、「オンライン」より、「インライン」という言葉を使うことが多かったですし、「ハイブリッド」は車や犬の種類を表す言葉でした。インターネットでの集まりは便利で、メリットもあるのですが、いざお寺に集まっ

てみると、多くの方は、オンラインやバーチャルの集まりよりも、実際に人々に会う方が良いと感じています。

お寺では、六感(眼、耳、鼻、舌、身、意の感覚)をフルに使って仲間とコミュニケーションをとることができます。インターネットでは、見ること、聞くこと、話すことはできますが、実際のお寺や本堂の雰囲気はなかなかつかめません。お寺では、相手に触れて挨拶したり（昔は握手でしたが、今は肘をついたり、拳を突き合わせたりしますね）、お内陣の大きなお仏壇を見たり、他の人の声を聞きながら一緒にお経を唱えたり、お香の香りをかいだり、一緒にご法話を聞いたり念仏をとえたりします。また法要が終わると、コーヒーやドーナツを味わい、相手の顔や仕草を見て話したりすることができます。つまり、お寺では仏さまや人々のエネルギーや気を感じる

ことができるのです。これはネット上の集まりとは違う、とても大切なことなのです。

私の先生はよく「仏法は身体で聞けよ。頭だけで聞くなよ。」と言っていました。

この言葉は、頭や心も含めて全身でお念仏の教えを聞きなさい、という意味です。六つの感覚を通して、深く聴聞をするのです。お寺に集まりはじめて、みなと法要をつとめると、この言葉の意味がわかりました。他の人と一緒に教えを聞き、念仏をとえると何かを感じます。それは、ブツダ、ダルマ、サンガのエネルギーとでもいうものでしょう。このエネルギーが、教えを深く理解する手助けをしてくれるのです。「仏陀の教えは耳だけでなく、毛穴からも入ってくる」という先哲の言葉も同様のことを伝えています。

親鸞聖人は、主著『教行信証』の中でこう書かれています。

きくといふは、本願をききて疑ふこ

となきを「聞」といふなり。またきくといふは信心をあらはす御のりなり。

と、阿弥陀さまの本願の救いを疑うことなく聞こえるようになったのが信心だと言われます。お寺に来ると、お念仏の教えを喜んで聞いている人の姿を見ることができます。そういった念仏者から影響を受けると、自分もやがて疑いがなくなっていき、楽しく仏法を聞けるようになります。お念仏のみ教えを深く聞くには、お寺で仏・法・僧のエネルギーを感じ取ることが大切なのです。

けれども、お寺から遠方に住んでおられる方、車の運転をやめた方などのために、オンラインでの法要も続けますので、これからもご自宅から法要に参加してください。でも、お寺に来られるときにはお寺にお参りして、一緒に聴聞しましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏

They are just beginning to bloom. Day by day, they will become bigger, and probably by May, they will all be in bloom. We can all enjoy the beautiful blue color which is the favorite color of many Dodger fans. However, so far, the color of the flower is red, which is Shohai Otani fans' favorite color. It is due to the quality of the soil. To make the blue *Ajisai*, the soil needs to be more acidic. If the soil has more alkaline, *Ajisai* will turn red. We will try to keep the soil acidic for our Dodgers fans.

According to the gardening instructions, *Nikko* Blue will be 6 to 10 feet tall when fully grown. When it becomes 6 feet tall in the future, we can have a hydrangea tunnel on the east side of the *hondo*.

We also planted six *Sakura* trees called *Kanzan* along 36th Place. They are already 6 feet tall and will probably bloom next spring. These are replacements for the *Sakura* trees which we had to remove several years ago due to damages by tree beetles. The new *Sakura* are close to the *hondo*, so we can enjoy seeing them from the courtyard.

I believe many of you will want to come to the temple to see the hydrangeas and *Sakuras*. We have also fertilized and mulched the *Momiji* trees (Maple) and all the other plants in the temple. This year, the *Momiji* trees look better than in previous years, they have more leaves and are greener and taller than in previous years. They will turn red beautifully in the fall.

Senshin members can enjoy viewing the different flowers and trees at the temple all year round, so please come to the temple. This *Ajisai* Project will enhance not only the temple grounds but also the area neighboring the temple. It will be our support to the community.

If you would like to contribute to this *Ajisai* (Hydrangea) Project that will enhance the beautification of the temple and community, please send a donation to the temple. You can write “hydrangea,” or “*Ajisai*.”

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

Monthly Memorial MAY
Shotsuki Service Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 10am

Seshu (Observant)
Deceased Relation To Observant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted Sister Akahori, Betty Chiyoko	Komai, JoAnn Mother Yamada, Alice	Terrell, Jackie Mother-in-law Fukumoto, Tomiko
Akahori, Ted Sister Akahori, Helen	Koyanagi, Katherine Mother Koyanagi, Miyoko	Toji, Suzanne Father-in-law Toji, Mamoru
Arita Family Mother Arita, Yoshi	Kuwata, Tom Father Kuwata, Kijiro	Torio, Taye Mother Sugimoto, Shizue
Burtis, Chris Wife Nishida, Gwen	Kuwata, Tom Uncle Kuwata, Kiemon	Toyama, John Father Toyama, Seikichi
Domoto Family Mother Domoto, Lily	Kuwata, Tom Aunt Ogura, Toyoko	Tsuji, Hisako Husband Tsuji, Shoichi
Ebata, Donna Husband Ebata, Duane	Miyagishima, Lily Husband Miyagishima, Yoshimi	Umemoto, Marty & Kathie Grandson Ito, Jayden
Kanda, Lynn Mother Kanda, Susan	Murakami, Eugene Father-in-law Tamura, Jimmy	Ushirogata, Yukie Mother Matsushita, Tsune
Gleeson, David Mother-in-law Kanda, Susan	Murakami, Eugene Grandmother Inouye, Hisako	Usui, Aiko Mother Nishiyama, Chiyeko
Gleeson, Paiton, Emery, Montgomery Grandmother Kanda, Susan	Matsumura, Henry Grandmother Yamaguchi, Fujiko	Uyemura, Koichi Grandmother Uyemura, Minoe
Harada, Yuki Brother Okubo, Hirotaka	Nakagawa, Fred Father Nakagawa, Motoharu	Uyemura, Koichi Mother Uyemura, Chizuko
Hashimoto, Miwa Daughter Hashimoto, Janice Miyo	Nishida, Lori Grandfather Nishisaka, Yoshio	Yamashita, Betty Father Takahashi, Tokuso
Hayamizu, Sumiko Father Nakashima, Hashigoro	Nishida, Russell Sister Nishida, Gwen	Yoshida, Miyeko Father Suzuki, Urao
Hiramoto, John Father Hiramoto, George	Nishisaka, Merrie, Nishisaka Scott Grandfather Kishaba, Uichi	
Hori, Robert Father Hori, Takashi	Sugano, Michiko Husband Sugano, Leo	
Ikegami, Sumiko Mother-in-law Nozawa, Shinako	Takashima, Wilbur Grandmother Takashima, Tsume	
Iriye, Kenny Mother Iriye, Midori	Takashima, Wilbur Father Takashima, Katsumi	
	Takemoto, Ron Mother Takemoto, Kazumi	

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.

SHOTSUKI HOYO March 2022

Observant In Memory Of
Ted & Julie Akahori Harry Kawaye
Stacey Camara Hana Ving
Fujimoto Family Hisako Tomoike Fujimoto
L.T. Kanda & D.J.Gleeson Mary Kathleen Gleeson
Robert Hori & Richard Kok Lily Hori
Chikako Kojima George Kojima, Fred Kojima, Teruji Takaki

HANAMATSURI April 2022

Anonymous
Madalyn Adams
Sandra & Roberto Aguilar
Chris & Doug Aihara
Julie Akahori
Ted Akahori
Roy & Jane Asahi
Don Akamine
Donna Ebata
Kenneth Hatai
Sumiko Hayamizu
Deb & John Hiramoto
Paul Hiramoto
Jane Hirayama
Joy & Duane Hirayama
Kiyome Hirayama
Catherine Hisamune
Patty Honkawa
Denise Ishitani
Janis Ishitani
Cathy Iyemura
Emi Kamikawa
Chikako Kojima

Maeda, Okabe & Hiroto Families Toshihiro Domoto
Gene & Connie Matayoshi Yoneko Matayoshi
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa Sekiyo Nishikawa
Ronald & Fujie Ohata Uncle Ichiro Uyeno
Janice Shigaki Doris Shigaki
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong
Shigeichi Shimabukuro
Ellen Shimohara & Family Father Michio Shinoda
Mark & Reiko Sondag Kamezo Niimi

Neil & JoAnn Komai
Michiko Masada
Natsuko Matsushige
Jean Minami
Richard & Yoko Miyagawa
Yoshio Miyagishima
Marilyn & Dennis Miyamoto
John & Wendy Mori
Paige Morikawa
Lance Nagano
Judy Nakatani
Russell & Lori Nishida
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Merrie Nishisaka
Sachie Oda
Craig & Cindy Ogawa
Daryl & Megan Ogawa
Jerry Ogawa
Ron & Fujie Ohata
Michael & Carol Okuda
Randy & Susan Onishi
Beverly Rogers
Michiko Sakakura
Yumi & Eric Saiki
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong

Wilbur & Iris Takashima Shige Yasuda, Itsu Jinde
Michiko Sugano Takuya Sugano & Tsugi Sugano
Wilbur & Iris Takashima Gary Shirasago
Suzanne Toji Father Jack Totsubo
Barbara Tanezaki Takashi Tanezaki
Kathy & Marty Umemoto Ronnie Matsuda
Matsuko Uyeno Masato Uyeno
Matsuko Uyeno Itono Nakamura & Hatsuye Iwasaki

Mark & Reiko Sondag
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Julia Takeda
Yo Takeyama
Bessie Tanaka
Barbara Tanezaki
Suzanne Toji
Misao Tomita
Kathy & Marty Umemoto
Yoko Uneda
Susie Usui
Matsuko Uyeno
Bernice Wakinaka & Gary Asano
Vickie Wakinaka
Mike & Lily Yanagita
Betty & Tak Yamashita
Joyce & Richard Yamashita
Arlene Yokoyama
Kiyoko Yoneda
Amy Yukawa

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.

FLOWER DONATION

Connie Matayoshi
Chikako Kojima
Marty & Kathie Umemoto
Mat Uyeno
Michiko Masada
Ellen Shimohara
Ted & Julie Akahori
Toshiko Yamaguchi
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa

MARCH DONATION

Michael Matsuda
Nokotsudo
Doug Kato
Nokotsudo
Doug Kato
Memorial Service for Jessie Kato
Susan Kirkpatrick
In memory of Lily Inatomi
Dennis & Celia Huey
Donation
Anonymous
Donation
Ed Ito
Donation
Madalyn Adams
Osaisen
Kazue Maesaki
Special Donation
Yonsei Basketball
Use of facility
Alyssa Lugo
13th Cycle Memorial for Peter Lugo
Debbie & John Hiramoto
13th Cycle Memorial for Peter Lugo
Erica Yee Calzadias
13th Cycle Memorial for Peter Lugo
Paula Shirasago
49th Day Service for Gary Shirasago/Nokotsudo
Stephen & Donna Hiromoto
In memory of Kinuko Suehiro
Anonymous
Donation
Neil & JoAnn Komai
Birth of Grandson, Koa Jaymes Perez
David & Lynn Kay
Donation
Family of Kuniko Suehiro
Donation
Toshiko Yamaguchi
7th Day memorial for Kikuko Nishida
Robert & Leah Nishida
7th Day memorial for Kikuko Nishida

Chris Burtis
7th Day memorial for Kikuko Nishida
Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley
7th Day memorial for Kikuko Nishida
Russell & Lori Nishida
7th Day memorial for Kikuko Nishida
Chris & Emily Whiting
Funeral Service for Kikuko Nishida
Robert & Leah Nishida
Funeral Service for Kikuko Nishida
Russell & Lori Nishida
Funeral Service for Kikuko Nishida
Chris Burtis
Funeral Service for Kikuko Nishida
Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley
Funeral Service for Kikuko Nishid
Johnny & Wendy Mori
In memory of Kikuko Nishida
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Granddaughter Nora's 1st birthday (April)
Catherine Hisamune
In memory of brother Paul Fujita
Marilyn Shimabukuro
In memory of Kikuko Nishida
Nishida Family
Nokotsudo
Nishikawa Family
25th year memorial service for Sekiyo Nishikawa
Susan and Ed Young
Nokotsudo
Johnny & Wendy Mori
Orei for back sink
Michael Nishida
Funeral Service for Kikuko Nishida
William Higbie
Orei for filming in Senshin parking lot

Dale Shirasago
Dana
Mayumi Kodani
Donation
Edna Horiuchi
In memory of Kik Nishida
Diane Trihey
Dana
Kazuo Matsubayashi
Donation
Jean Minami
Bukkyo Gakuin
Michael & Carol Okuda
Bukkyo Gakuin
Qris Yamashita
Bukkyo Gakuin
Vickie Wakinaka
Nembutsu Retreat
Miki Fujimoto
Ohigan Study Class
Deb & John Hiramoto
Ohigan Study Class
Richard Nakawatase
Ohigan Study Class
Doug Matsuda
Oseibo
Saishin Dojo
70th Ann. Sakura Project
Ted Akahori
70th Ann. Hydrangea Project
Janis Ishitani
70th Ann. Hydrangea Project
Rev. Masao Kodani
70th Ann. Hydrangea Project
Fujie & Ron Ohata
70th Ann. Hydrangea Project
Vickie Wakinaka & Gary Asano
70th Ann. Hydrangea Project
Michael Yanagita
70th Ann. Hydrangea Project

OHIGAN March 2022

Anonymous
Anonymous
Julie Akahori
Ted Akahori
Don Akamine
Roy & Jane Asahi
Stacy Camara
James & Karen Harada
Kenneth Hatai
Bert & Dorothy Higa
Sumiko Hayamizu
Paul Hiramoto
Deb & John Hiramoto
Patty Honkawa
Robert Hori & Richard Kok
Kenny & Joji Iriye
Denise Ishitani
Janis Ishitani
Cathy Iyemura
Emi Kamikawa
Kristine & Glenn Kawaguchi

Chikako Kojima
Neil & JoAnn Komai
June Kondo
Kazuo Matsubayashi
Douglas Matsuda
Natsuko Masushige
Jean Minami
Marilyn & Dennis Miyamoto
John & Wendy Mori
Eugene & Elaine Murakami
Deb Nakatomi & Bob Miyamoto
Richard & Helen Nakawatase
Russell & Lori Nishida
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Merrie Nishisaka
Sachie Oda
Craig & Cindy Ogawa
Jerry Ogawa
Ronald & Fujie Ohata
Susan Omori
Yasuhiro Osako
Beverly Rogers

Michiko & Richard Sakakura
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong
Ellen Shimohara
Mark & Reiko Sondag
Michiko Sugano
Kiyoe Suzuki
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Bessie Tanaka
Barbara Tanezaki
Alan Terakawa
Suzanne Toji
Misao Tomita
Kathy & Marty Umemoto
Yoko Uneda
Yukie Ushirogata
Matsuko Uyeno
Betty Yamashita
Joyce & Richard Yamashita
Arlene Yokoyama
Kiyoko Yoneda
Amy Yukawa

The Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa 2022 Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of these scholarships is to honor the late Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa, and to recognize the efforts of a graduating high school senior and/or a person pursuing a change in 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 qualified recipients are not found, the scholarships will be opened to members of any Buddhist Temple in the Los Angeles area.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

A one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to be used for tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses, will be awarded to each of two individuals. One award will go to a high school graduating senior; the other will go to an individual who is engaged in continuing education, whether on the college level, trade/technical school or change of career studies. If a qualified candidate is not found in each category, the awards will go to the two outstanding candidates, regardless of category

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have graduated high school or passed the GED (General Educational Development) test by June of the application year or earlier.
- 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.
- Must obtain and complete the application as stated below.
- Scholarship funds must be applied towards tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses as deemed appropriate by the scholarship benefactors.
- 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. 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 19, 2022. Tentatively, the scholarships will be presented at the Obon service on July 10, 2022 at Senshin, predicated upon the status of the Coronavirus guidelines that are in effect at that time.

Senshin 2022

Gotan-ye and Infant Presentation Ceremony

We will observe **Gotan-ye** on **Sunday, May 22 at 10am**. 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 will also hold an infant presentation ceremony in conjunction with **Gotan-ye**. The attendees will receive a Senshin teddy bear and a small *nenju* as a gift and will take a footprint to commemorate the special occasion. If you wish your children or grandchildren to attend the ceremony, please call the temple by May 15.

降誕会および初参りのお知らせ

2022年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月22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小谷政雄先生です。

初参りは子や孫が仏さまの教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。

Hatsumairi Registration Form

Name of Child:

Name in Japanese Characters, if applicable:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Sex: M F

Name of Parents:

Address:

Phone:

email address:

Please mail to: **Senshin Buddhist Temple *Hatsumairi* Registration**
1311 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

or please phone: (323)731-4617

or email: senshintemple@gmail.com to register

Senshin *Bukkyo Gakuin* May 2022

The Basic Teaching of *Jodo Shinshu* 1-4, Chapter 8, *Shinjin* (Entrustment)
(Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, Wednesdays, May 25, June 1 and 8, 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm)

We will have Basic Teaching of *Jodo Shinshu* 1-4 classes in May and June. The classes are on-line. We will learn about *Shinjin*, which is the essence of *Jodo Shinshu* teaching. Those who did not attend the previous sessions are welcome to join this session. If you have not signed up for this program before, please contact the temple. Those who took the previous sessions will receive the link to join the classes.

Memorial Day *Nokotsudo* Visitation and Rosedale Cemetery Service

The *Nokotsudo* will be open on Memorial Day, May 30, from 8 am to 12 noon.

The Memorial Day service at Rosedale Cemetery will take place at 11:30 am.

Obon Raffle July 2, 2022



Hi Everyone! After more than two long years, we are so pleased to be adding more back-to-normal events at Senshin! This summer we will again have our traditional Bon Odori and our Obon Raffle. The Obon Raffle is one

of the Temple's major fundraisers and with your help will allow our programs to grow. Plans are still being smoothed out as to the format of our Bon Odori; however, we are planning to hold the Obon Raffle draw on July 2.

The raffle ticket mailing is headed your way in late May. The suggested donation is \$30 per book or \$60 for two books. (Again this year a free ticket is included in each book.) If you are able to support the fundraiser please send back the ticket stubs and a donation check in the envelope provided, and mail in your envelope early enough so it is received at Senshin by Monday, June 27, 2022. If you are not making a donation for the tickets, no worries; however, please do send in two (2) stubs at no cost – we would love to have everyone participate in this year's special drawing. Winners will be drawn on Saturday, July 2, during intermission of Bon Odori.

The Raffle Committee is also 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 the winners. We also welcome and appreciate traditional raffle prize donations which we hand deliver or ask winners to pick up from Senshin.

Hongwanji Place

Hongwanji Place is open on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Purchases can also be made online: <https://hongwanjiplace.com> or by contacting Wilbur Takashima at (310) 994-1627. The Otoki Cookbook is available at the store as well as online.



JOIN US FOR DHARMA SCHOOL

DHARMA SCHOOL SCHEDULE APRIL TO JULY 2022

APRIL 17	Hanamatsuri
APRIL 24	Earth Day
MAY 1	Making an Obutsudan
MAY 15	I am a link in the Golden Chain
JUNE 12	Making an Ojuzu
JUNE 26	About Obon
JULY 17	Bon Odori
JULY 31	Getting to know our Temple

Dear Friends and Families,
We are starting up Dharma School after a long break. If you have or know of kids encourage them to come to Dharma School which will begin in April and will meet twice a month.

We will begin with a 15-minute service just for kids at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, Ms. Jana Yokoyama and Ms. Chris Aihara will lead an open classroom for children 3-9 years old. Older children will have a hands-on class with Mr. Wilbur Takashima on chanting, and the other aspects of conducting service.

We know families are busy, so we welcome you to attend when you can.

Email if you have any questions
Chris Aihara aihara.chris@gmail.com
Jana Yokoyama scoutthesprout@gmail.com
Wilbur Takashima wktakashi@aol.com

洗心仏教会

2022年5月

4月感謝録:

寄付:M小谷,E伊藤,K松林,K前崎,D.Trihey
D/C.Huey,D白砂,D/L.Kay,K末広一家,匿名
お賽銭:M.Adams
葬儀:故K西田:C/E.Whiting,R/L西田,R/L西田
C.Burtis,D西田/N.Hurley,M西田
お祝い:孫誕生-N/J駒井,K/Y西川
納骨堂:D加藤,西田一家,S/E.Young,M松田, P白砂
お礼:施設利用:4世野球,J/W森,W.Higbie

故J加藤追悼:D加藤
故K西田追悼:E堀内,M島袋,j/W森
故L稲富追悼:S.Kirkpatrick
故K末広追悼:S/D広元
故P藤田追悼:C久宗
故K西田初七日:T山口,R/L西田,C.Burtis
D西田/N.Hurley,R/L西田
故G白砂49日:P白砂
故P.Lugo13回忌:A.Lugo,E.Y.Calzadis,D/J平本
故S西川25回忌:西川一家

5月法要スケジュール:

1日(日) 午前8:30
10時
11時

3日(火)午後6:30
5日(木)午後7時
8日(日)10時
15日(日)10時
11時

12時
22日(日)午前10:00

25日(水) 午後6:30
29日(日) 午前10時
30日(月) 8-12時
11時半
6月1日(水)午後6:30
6月2日(木)午後7時

恒例婦人会
祥月法要
日曜学校
キッズ太鼓
仏教学院 “凡夫の為の読経”
理事会
家族礼拝
家族礼拝
日曜学校
キッズ太鼓
BWA新年宴会
降誕会（親鸞聖人誕生日） 小谷正雄名誉開教使
花祭初参り
仏教学院
家族礼拝
納骨堂お参り
メモリアル法要、ローズデイル墓地
仏教学院
理事会

5月法要当番: 日曜学校

5月本堂当番: J森,D相原,D江畑,Q山下

5月お花当番: 7日J南,14日S.Aguilar,21日I/K松林,28日J磯本,6/4L/K上村

し予定日に当番ができない時には、Iris(310-951-0160)またはitakashima@aol.com
までご連絡ください。

4月供花: T&J赤堀,C小島,K&Y西川,C又吉,M上野,M/K梅本,M正田,E下原,T山口

Senshin Jr. YBA
Scrip Order Form

Send to: Harumi Kawaguchi 626/230-1433
3170 Bear Creek Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320
SenshinScripSale@gmail.com

Name	Order Date
Address	Phone Number.
	Email Address

How do you want your order delivered? (pls circle) Leave at Senshin USPS

Clothing & Accessories	QTY	Total
Bloomingdale's \$25 \$100		\$
Kohl's \$25 \$100		\$
Macy's \$25 \$100		\$
Nordstrom \$25 \$100		\$
Old Navy \$25		\$
TJMaxx/HomeGds/Marshalls \$25		\$
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Dining - Casual	QTY	Total
Applebee's \$25 \$50		\$
Baja Fresh \$25		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$25		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10 \$25		\$
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf \$25		\$
El Pollo Loco \$10		\$
Islands \$25		\$
Olive Garden \$25		\$
Panera Bread \$10 \$25		\$
Rubio's Restaurants \$25		\$
Starbucks \$5 \$10 \$25		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10		\$
Taco Bell \$5 \$10		\$
Discount Store & Outlets	QTY	Total
Sam's Club \$25 \$50 \$100		\$
Target \$10 \$25 \$100		\$
Walmart \$25 \$100		\$
Electronics & Office	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$25 \$100		\$
GameStop \$25		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25		\$
Staples \$25 \$100		\$
Entertainment	QTY	Total
AMC Theatres \$25		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10		\$
Fandango \$25		\$
Regal \$25		\$
Gas & Auto	QTY	Total
76 Gas \$25 \$100		\$
ARCO \$50 \$100		\$
Chevron CA Only \$50		\$
Exxon \$50		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30		\$
Mobil \$50		\$
Shell \$25 \$100		\$

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are conducting hybrid Sunday services with in-person and Zoom attendance for the foreseeable future. We look forward to seeing you at Senshin as conditions allow and when you feel comfortable doing so.

We received a report that local temples are planning in-person Obons this year. Most plan to limit participation to their Sanghas. Mindful that the situation may change, the Board is also planning for an in-person Hatsubon and Obon on July 2. If conditions allow we will invite other temples to join us. We'll make announcements as July nears.

When you return to Senshin, you'll be greeted with dozens of hydrangeas planted in the shady spots along 36th Place and Raymond Avenue. Rev. Furumoto and Rev. Mas were inspired by the hydrangea gardens around temples in Kyoto. A water-conserving drip irrigation system and mulch were installed to keep them healthy and beautiful. The courtyard planter boxes received an irrigation tune-up and new mulch as well.

Sam Yamashita scheduled his fence painting Eagle Scout project on May 21. The scope of his project is to paint the rusting metal fence on the north edge of our property. The hydrangea and painting projects make our north and east perimeters more beautiful for us and our neighbors.

Please put Teriyaki Chicken on your calendar for October 9.

Planning for Saishin Dojo, our kids' Buddhist summer program, is in progress. It is scheduled to run from June 20 to July 15. It's been two years since our last Saishin Dojo and we may not have reached you with a registration form. If you would like to receive a registration form for your K-6th grade child or grandchild, please contact us at senshintemple@gmail.com.

Please check www.senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar and links to interesting content. We'll continue to conduct Sunday Services via Zoom starting at 10:00 am.

In Gassho,
RUSSELL NISHIDA

B W A

The BWA ladies are now back in full action, fully energized by our long pause. The gradual opening up of the temple for in person activities has been carefully planned for the safety of all. Our last *Reikai* meeting was well attended and very uplifting to see familiar faces in person. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Our much anticipated April 10 Gardening Seminar was a great success in encouraging us that we can all have green thumbs. Thank you to Reverend Mas and Florence Nishida for their informative presentations of vegetarianism throughout Buddhist history and growing Asian vegetables in So.Calif. Both talks emphasized balance in what we grow and eat for healthy bodies and minds. Special thanks to Jana Yokoyama, Donna Ebata and Suzanne Toji for making it all happen.

Please save the date for our 2022 BWA New Year's Party celebration on May 15 at noon. It's the year of the Tiger and we will be roaring with fun and laughter with great food and games. We welcome any donations for Bingo and Raffle prizes. RSVP by May 8 to JoAnn Komai at jykomai55@gmail.com.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous Dana from the following:

Gene Matayoshi and
Connie Matayoshi –
 In memory of
 Mother, Yoneko Matayoshi
Jane Asahi –
 In memory of Roy Asahi
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 Ohigan
JoAnn and Neil Komai –
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 Koa Jaymes Perez
Kik Nishida Family –
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Jean Minami and Suzanne Toji –
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Special –
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 Ikuko Matsubayashi, James & Yuriko
 Segawa, John Fujita, Yosh &
 Lillie Miyagima,

Please see www.ShopWithScrip.com for more any more businesses with available gift cards. Family Enrollment #C2861D4362L25

ABA

ABA enjoyed each other's company by gathering for lunch in March. Our members thanked their outgoing President Marilyn Miyamoto, presenting her with flowers and chocolates at the New Year's Luncheon. With Marilyn are the ABA Co-Presidents, Henry Matsumura and Ron Ohata. In other matters, ABA is continuing to monitor the Covid situation. As Covid allows, we intend to pursue our chashu bao sales, Bingo at both Senshin-ji and Kei-Ai, and perhaps our annual rummage sale, as well as support of temple activities.

Jr Y B A



Jr YBA helping with spring cleanup

The Jrs. had a busy April attending Southern District's Virtual Basketball activity, Seminar 2 hosted virtually by Higashi and Nishi, and chairing Sunday service in-person for the month of April. We will have our first in-person Southern District Seminar in May, hosted by Gardena and San Fernando Valley, and look forward to meeting more Jr. YBA members from the Southern District Temples. If any high school students would like to join Senshin Jr. YBA, please contact our parent advisor, Mrs. Joyce Yamashita at kyokosam@aol.com.

Facilities

The following maintenance items have been completed:

1. New mailbox installed for the Temple.
2. One of the cabinet doors was repaired in Room 7 of the Education Building.
3. One of the A/C pipe supports was repaired on the Social Hall roof.

Reminder: If boxes are put in the Blue Recycle Trash Bin, please break them down to make room for more items. The Trash company will not pick up the trash if the lid is not fully closed. Thank you!

Amazon Smile

Amount raised from January-March as a result of qualifying purchases through AMAZON, made by those who selected Senshin as their charity: \$83.64. Total raised to date: \$619.13. Thank You!

Hanamido 2022

We decorated *Hanamido*, flower pavilion, for *Hanamatsuri*. This year, only

Lee Aguilar came to help to decorate *Hanamido* with Dharma School teachers. Thank you Lee, and hopefully, we will have more kids to come to help next year.

Koinobori Putting Up

This year, we will put up the *Koinobori*, Carp streamer, on Sunday, May 1.

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 (Carp) streamers called *Koinobori*. This custom relates to an old Chinese story that a Koi became a dragon when it swam up the waterfall. In Asia, a dragon is considered a divine being. In Buddhism,

dragons are regarded as guardians of Buddha and Buddhists. So, a Koi is a symbol of promotion and success. By putting up the *Koinobori*, parents wish their children to become successful like a Koi and overcome difficulties, and be promoted. Please come to the temple to see and take photos with *Koinobori*.

Volunteering Opportunities Abound at Senshin Ji

There are many opportunities to donate your time to our temple, Senshin Ji. With a campus as large as Senshin Temple, it takes many hands to maintain the temple, other facilities and the grounds.

Senshin operates as many Japanese American temples on the "*toban*" system. The dictionary definition of "*toban*" is being on duty. At Senshin, it means taking turns being on duty performing necessary recurring tasks at the temple. We have *toban* teams for Hondo clean up, *Nokotsudo* clean-up, assembling the monthly *Prajna*, arranging flowers for the *naijin* and *Nokotsudo*, etc.

With the onset of the pandemic in March, 2020, Sangha members were cautioned to stay home and avoid person to person contact. While the pandemic is not yet over, as *Jodo Shin Shu* followers, we must learn to adapt to the ongoing pandemic, assessing and mitigating risk by wearing multi-layer masks, washing your hands, and staying socially distanced with fellow Sangha members when you are at temple. We also ask that you be vaccinated and sign in whenever requested.

If you feel comfortable coming to Temple, we invite you to consider volunteering on one of the *toban* teams. For your information, we will be dedicating space on the temple bulletin board listing the variety of volunteer opportunities and the points of contact. Please consider giving your time.



ABA Ron Ohata, Marilyn Miyamoto and Henry Matsumura



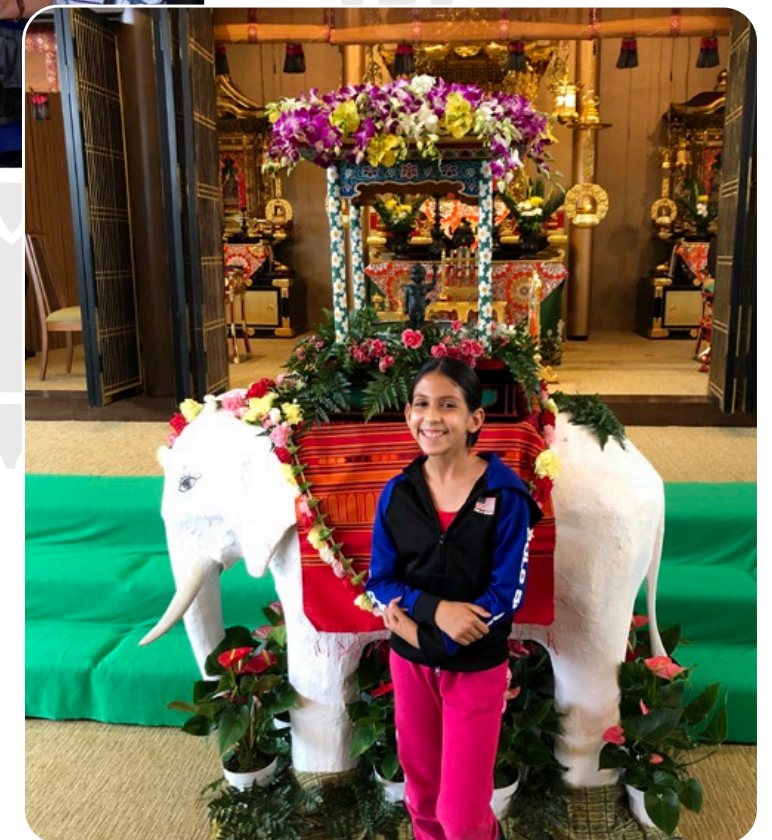
BWA Suzanne Toji, Florence Nishida, Jana Yokoyama and Donna Ebata



BWA Gardening Seminar



Koinobori, Carp streamer



Decorating *Hanamido* flower pavilion for *Hanamatsuri*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> (in person) 10a Monthly Memorial Service – <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> 11a Dharma School Kid's Taiko	2	3 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio 7:30p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin "Chanting for <i>Bonbu</i> people"	4	5 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio 7p Temple Board Meeting	6	7
8 10a Family Service	9	10 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio	11	12 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio	13	14
15 10a Family Service 11a Dharma School Kids' Taiko 12noon BWA New Years Party	16 7p <i>Zadankai</i>	17 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio	18	19 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio	20	21
22 10:00a <i>Gotanye</i> (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) & <i>Hatsumairi</i> Infant Presentation Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus	23	24 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio	25 6:30p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin <i>Jodo Shinshu</i> 1-5	26 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio	27	28
29 10a Family Service	30 8a-12noon <i>Nokotsudo</i> Visitation 11:30a Memorial Day Service Rosedale Cemetery	31 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio	Jun 1 6:30p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin <i>Jodo Shinshu</i> 1-5	Jun 1 10:30a-2p Wasabi-Kai Open Studio 7p Temple Board Meeting	Jun 3	Jun 5

MAY TOBAN

May Service Toban – Dharma School
May Hondo Toban – John Mori,
Doug Aihara, Donna Ebata,
Qris Yamashita

June Hondo Toban – John Hiramoto,
Deb Hiramoto, Kenny Iriye,
Henry Matsumura

MAY ONAIJIN Flower Toban:

May 7 Jean Minami
May 14 Sandra Aguilar
May 21 Ikuko/Kazuo Matsubayashi
May 28 Joyce Isomoto
June 6 Linda/Koichi Uyemura

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