

WHICH IS GOOD AND WHICH IS BAD?



Many people think that Buddhism is not judgmental, and that appeals to them. I do not know how judgmental other religions are, but generally, Buddhism's view is that we, foolish beings, can not clearly decide right or wrong, good or bad.

Depending on the situation, place or time, our idea of good and bad changes. That goes for killing as well. Usually, killing is a criminal or a bad act. But, there are times when we thank or admire someone who takes others' lives, such as doctors performing euthanasia and abortions and soldiers in battle.

SHINRAN SHONIN WROTE,

While persons ignorant of even the characters for "good" and "evil"

All possess a sincere mind

I make a display of knowing the words "good" and "evil";

This is an expression of complete falsity.

(CWS p.429)

Shinran Shonin wrote this *wasan* when he was 88 years old. He died when he was 90. One of his insights in his later years was that we cannot judge what is totally good and what is totally bad. If we do, it is completely false and fake. This is the Jodo Shinshu followers' view. Hence, Jodo Shinshu followers are flexible and

can accept any situation. It is because we try to see things from many angles. What is good from one perspective may be bad from another perspective and vice versa.

This story helps us to see this Jodo Shinshu view. The title of the story is *The Golden Eagle and The Turtle-dove* and was introduced in a Japanese novel, *A Guru is Born, Kyosotanjo* in Japanese by Takeshi Kitano. This story helps us to ask, depending on the situation, which is good and which is bad.

In a town in Japan, an old scholar found a golden eagle's nest. His hobby was bird watching. From that day on, he went deep in the mountains to the nest every day. He did not leave the spot until sundown. When the eagle's chick was born, the old scholar was delighted. But he noticed that something was wrong on the fifth day following the birth of the chick. The mother bird did not return to the nest for the entire day and she did not return the following day either. Although he knew how difficult it would be to raise a golden eagle, if he didn't do anything, the chick would surely die. As the sun was setting, the old scholar decided to take the chick to his home.

His wife was surprised when she saw the eagle chick in the cardboard box. It was adorable. They named the chick, Kamui, after the Ainu word for "divine spirit.." From that night on, they took great care of Kamui. Kamui became their main source of joy in their lives. A month passed by and as Kamui's wings grew, he began to flap his wings to fly. After two months he became bigger and was ready to go back to the mountains. The old man strongly believed that wild animals

should be returned to nature. But he feared that once Kamui returned to the wild, he would not appear before him again.

A mile away from the old scholar's house lived a boy, a third grader. He found a turtledove that was injured and was unable to move. The dove's right wing was badly wounded so he brought the turtle dove home and tended to it all night. After seeing its white bandages, the boy couldn't sleep. It was the first time in his life he stayed up all night. He awoke with reddened eyes.

He dashed home from school the next day to check on the dove. "Mom, it's still alive, right?" he asked. The dove looked better and when he gently stroked the neck, the dove cooed softly. The boy named the dove Azusa. His father built a small coop in the corner of their yard. And the boy was really happy that Azusa had a home. That night, the boy had a dream. He and Azusa flew together and Azusa said, "Thank you. Thanks to you, I can fly again." One day, the boy heard thumping in the coop. When he ran to check, he found Azusa thrashing his body against the cage's mesh wire. "He's ready to fly. We'll have to let him out of the coop soon. It's a turtledove and he belongs in the mountains. Maybe someday he'll come back to visit you," said his father. The boy was sad. He wanted to keep Azusa in his home.

A few weeks later, his father said, "The weather looks good tomorrow. Let's return Azusa to the mountains." The boy looked very sad. His father explained, "Life in this cage is suffocating for Azusa. The spacious sky is Azusa's playground." Recalling Azusa in his

dream, the boy nodded just slightly.

Early the next morning, the boy and his father drove to the mountains. The boy held the cardboard box containing Azusa on his lap. The sky was bright and clear. "This is a perfect morning for a brand new start." The boy scooped Azusa out of the box with his hands and patted Azusa. "Now, let him go." "Goodbye, Azusa." The boy tossed Azusa into the air. "Very good!" exclaimed his father. Azusa circled above their heads once, twice. "Good-bye, Azusa." The boy waved furiously. Azusa appeared to pause briefly in midair as if it heard the boy's voice, but then the bird quickly raised its head and flew straight toward the mountain peak.

Suddenly, a shadowy figure quickly came toward Azusa. Azusa tried to avoid contact. But the shadow continued to close in quickly, then clashed with Azusa. Azusa swayed in the air and then fell. "Aaah!" The boy screamed.

The old scholar clapped his hands for joy. Kamui, a hand-raised and domesticated eagle, became a wild golden eagle. He caught a live prey on his first flight. He attacked a dove. The old scholar couldn't help but feel delighted. The old man nostalgically recalled the day he brought Kamui to his home from his nest and the endless days spent raising Kamui. He was satisfied.

Of course the boy's scream didn't reach the old man's ears. Even if he'd heard it, he would have thought it was a cheer for Kamui.

This story may help us to see things from different aspects. But if we have such a view, we may not enjoy watching animal channel programs very

どっちが正しいのか？ イヌ鷲と山鳩 古本竜太

仏教はあまりはっきりと善悪を決めないところが良いという声をよく聞きます。他の宗教がどのように善悪の判断しているのかはわかりませんが、一般的に仏教では、私たち凡夫には善悪や良し悪しを明確に判断することはできないとしています。

状況や場所、時代などによって、道徳や倫理、法律での善悪の判断基準は変わることがあります。たとえば、普通、他人の命を奪うことは犯罪行為で、悪です。けれども、安楽死や中絶を行う医師、戦場で戦う兵士などに関しては、必ずしも悪だとはみなされません。感謝したり、賞賛したりすることもあります。

親鸞聖人は正像末和讃で、
よしあしの文字をもしらぬひとは
みな まことのこころなりけるを
善悪の字しりがほは おほそらご
とのかたちなり

「善」「悪」という字の意味さえも知らない人は、みなまことの心であるのに、その意味をさも知っているかのように振る舞っているこのわたしは、嘘いつわりにまみれた姿である。（現代語訳）

と「何が善で何が悪かを判断することはできない」とおっしゃっております。親鸞聖人がこの和讃を書かれたのは88歳の時なので、90歳で亡くなられた聖人が晩年に考えておられたことの一つだと言えます。善悪をはっきりと決めることはできない、ということは、多面的に物事を見て、どんな状況でも受け入れることができる柔軟性を持つことでもあります。ある視点から見れば良いことでも、別の視点か

much. We may empathize with both the predator and the prey and think about their background and family. War, crime, social issues - everything has many standpoints and it is difficult to decide what is totally good or bad. What we can do is try to understand others and do our best in each situation

Namoamidabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

ら見れば悪いことかもしれませんし、その逆もまた然りです。

この浄土真宗の考え方を知るのに役立つ物語があります。北野武さんの小説「教祖誕生」の中で紹介されている「イヌ鷲と山鳩」というお話で、状況や立場に応じて、善や悪が変わるということを教えてください。

ある老学者が山でイヌ鷲の巣を見つけました。老学者はその日から毎日、山に行き、イヌ鷲とその巣を見て過ごしました。ある日イヌ鷲のヒナが生まれたとき、老学者はたいへん喜びました。けれども、ヒナが生まれてから5日目、母鳥が一日中巣に戻らなかったのです。翌日、巣をみても母鳥は戻ってきません。老学者はこのままではヒナが死んでしまう、とそのヒナを自分の家に連れて帰りました。老人はヒナをカムイと名づけ、大切に飼い始めました。カムイは老人と老人の妻の生活の大きな喜びとなっていきました。1ヶ月後、カムイの羽が大きくなってきて、空を飛ぶために羽ばたくようになり、2ヶ月が経つと、カムイは山に帰れるくらいに成長しました。老人は、野生動物は自然に帰すべきだと強く思っていました。カムイが山に帰ると、二度と自分の前に姿を現さないのではないかと心配しました。

老夫婦の家から1キロほど離れたところに、小学校3年生の男の子が住んでいました。ある日、怪我をして動けなくなっている山鳩を見つけ、家に連れて帰って看病をしました。少年の手当のおかげで鳩は元気になり、少年が首をやさしくなると、気持ち良さそうに鳴くようになりました。少年はその鳩に「あずさ」と名付け、毎日世話をし、一緒に遊びました。ある日、少年はあずさの小屋でドンドンと音がするのを聞きました。見てみると、あずさが小屋の網に体をぶつけていました。父親は、「もう飛べるようになっ

たな。そろそろ小屋から出して山に返してあげよう。いつかまた、お前に会いに来るよ。」と言いましたが、少年は悲しくなりました。数週間後、少年は父親と一緒に車で山へ向かいました。「新しいスタートを切るには、最高の朝だ。」少年は、あずさを両手で箱からすくい上げると、あずさをなでてから、あずさを空中に放ちました。「さよなら、あずさ。」あずさは二人の頭の上を一回、二回と回り、山の頂上に向かってまっすぐ飛んでいきました。

突然、影のようなものが素早くあずさの方へ向かってきました。あずさは接触を避けようとしたのですが、その影はどんどん近づいてきて、あずさにぶつかりました。あずさは空中で揺れ、そして落ちて行きました。"アァーッ!"と少年は悲鳴を上げました。

老学者は手を叩いて喜びました。手塩にかけて育てたカムイが、野生のイヌ鷲になったのです。初めての飛行で山鳩を仕留めたのです。老学者はカムイを巣から連れてきた日のこと、カムイを育てるのに費やした日々を懐かしく思い起こし、大いに満足したのです。もちろん、少年の悲鳴は老人の耳には届いていません。たとえ聞こえていたとしても、カムイをたたえる歓声だと思ったことでしょう。

というお話です。この話は、立場が違えば、善悪や良し悪しが変わる、ということを教えてください。戦争や犯罪、社会問題など、何事にもいろいろな立場があり、完全に善と悪を判断するのは大変難しいことなのです。私たちにできることは、できるだけ相手の立場を理解しようとし、それぞれの状況でベストだと思う判断をすることです。

南無阿弥陀仏

Monthly Memorial JUNE

Shotsuki Service June 5 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)
Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted Sister Kawaye, Katherine	Nakawatase, Richard Uncle Nakawatase, Toshinobu	Terakawa, Alan Mother Terakawa, Yoshiko
Enami, Mariko Mother Kuramoto, Tsutayo	Nakawatase Family Grandmother Kuramura, Kikue	Uyeno, Matsuko Sister Nakamura, Agnes
Enami, Mariko Husband Enami, Frank	Nishida, Russell Grandfather Yamaguchi, Kinai	Watanabe, Marsha Father Imai, Akio
Hiramoto, John Grandfather Kanegawa, Shuiichi	Nishikawa, Kelvin Grandmother Yoshida, Isayo	Yamaguchi, Toshiko Father-in-law Yamaguchi, Kinai
Hisamune, Catherine Mother Fujita, Shizuye	Nishisaka, Merrie, Nishisaka, Scott Grandfather Sanada, Yukimasa	Yoneda, Kiyoko Mother-in-law Yoneda, Tsugi
Ikegami, Sumiko Mother Shigaki, Suzu	Rogers, Beverly Mother Nishi, Chitose	
Kitayama, Glen Grandfather Kitayama, Eizaburo	Rogers, Beverly Father Nishi, Soichiro	
Kunitake, Kimiyo Grandfather Yamada, Shigenosuke	Sato Family Grandmother Kishaba, Fusa	
Kunitake, Kimiyo Father Yamada, Masao	Sugita, Hideo Father Sugita, Yoshiaki	
Matsumura, Henry Uncle Yamaguchi, Tetsuro	Takahashi Family Mother/Grandmother Takahashi, Misuko (Elaine, Sumiji, Zen, Joseyl Castellon, Gedon Phuntshog) Great-Grandmother/Grandmother-in-Law/Mother-in-Law	
Minami, Jean Mother-in-law Minami, Suma	Takashima, Wilbur Great Grandmother Sato, Mika	
Murakami, Eugene Grandfather Murakami, Shinkichi	Takashima, Wilbur Grandmother Taniguchi, Hisayo	
Murakami, Hisako Father Takahashi, Hirokichi	Takashima, Wilbur Uncle Taniguchi, Kiyoshi	
Nakashita, Achi Brother Nakashita, Hiroshi Clark	Takemoto, Jon Grandmother Takemoto, Kanayo	
Nakawatase, Richard Grandmother Nakawatase, Toku	Terakawa, Alan Aunt Matsumune, Hisayo	

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.

Japanese Howa

Sunday June 5, 9:45am

We will restart a Japanese Dharma message on Sunday June 5, at 9:45 am. This Dharma message will take 5 to 10 minutes and is open to not only those who speak Japanese but also people who wish to learn the Japanese language.

日本語の法話があります。
6月5日9時45分から、5分から10分くらいの法話です。お寺にお参りできる方は、どうぞ本堂でお聴聞をしてください。

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin

Chanting for Bonbu people: What are we chanting?

Rev. Aki Rogers
Tuesdays, June 21, 28, and July 5, 2022
6:30 to 7:15pm

Have you ever wondered just what it was that you were chanting? Or maybe you're curious about the significance of pieces like *Sanbutsuge*, *Juseige*, or *Junirai*, beyond appreciating them for their brevity. This three-class series will briefly introduce the history, context, and importance of some of the sutra selections and gathas we frequently recite during temple service. We will focus on *Shoshin Nembutsu-ge* at this session.

If you would like to join the class, please email senshintemple@gmail.com to register. Those who attended previous sessions will receive the link.

Senshin Sangha Obon 2022

July 2, Saturday

After two years of sitting alone and watching TV reruns, it's finally time to get outside for **Senshin's Obon**. Please save July 2 for our Obon. Out of an abundance of caution, Senshin will allow its Sangha to participate at this time. More details to follow so be on the look-out for future announcements.

Obon Dance practices will take place following Sunday services on **June 12, 19 and 26**. We encourage everbody to attend the Sunday services at 10a and then to join the Obon Dance practices.

Hatsumairi 2022

At the May 22nd Gotanye service, the temple also held its *Hatsumairi* event for newborns to be presented in front of the *Onaijin* and Amida Buddha's altar. Each child received a *Hatsumairi* folder commemorating the day, a first nenju and a Bodhi Bear wearing a "Future Buddha" t-shirt and a very special happi coat that was created by Reiko Sondag, a longtime Senshin member.

Due to the pandemic, we had not held the *Hatsumairi* event the previous two years, so all those who were eligible for 2020, 2021 and 2022 were invited to this occasion together with their parents. As such, we had 10 infants and toddlers who were presented in front of the Sangha. Unfortunately, two others (sisters) who had signed up could not attend due to illness in their immediate family. They will receive their *Hatsumairi* keepsakes as soon as possible.

The names of the honorees and their parents' names are as follows:

- Millie Sae Aihara
Steven & Lisa Aihara
- Owen Gen Aihara
Blair & Michelle Aihara
- Cody James Hutkin
Kristie Umemoto & Steve Hutkin
- Dylan Keisuke Lui
Justin Lui & Dawn Omori Lui
- Maya Wen-Hui Nanami Phan
Jessica Huey & Jason Phan
- Kalia Weng-Ying Kasumi Phan
Jessica Huey & Jason Phan
- Emiko Maeshiro
Noemi & Jack Maeshiro
- Malaya Tomiko Sangalang Nakamura
Cindy Sangalang & Tad Nakamura
- Xavier Muneo Benigno Nishikawa
Kirk & Grace Nishikawa
- Myles Shohei Ogawa
Daryl & Megan Ogawa
- (Cami) Candler Mayumi Toji
Marcus & Erin Toji
- Rylee Umemoto
Steven & Tatiana Umemoto

Senshin welcomes all of the young ones and hopes they will become active members (along with their parents) for many years to come. Congratulations to all!

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.

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25th year memorial service for Sekiyo Nishikawa
 Dennis & Celia Huey
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 Kinnara
Dana
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Dana
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Donation
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 Michiko Sugano
Nokotsudo
 Richard Nakawatase
In memory of Hideo Nakawatase
 Ann & Dana Saneto
In memory of Tsukasa Saneto

James & Yuriko Segawa
1st year memorial for Mieko Oyama
 Bernice Wakinaka
Nokotsudo
 Lynn & David Gleeson
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Toshiko Yamaguchi
49th day service for Kikuko Nishida

Toshiko Yamaguchi
Nokotsudo

Robert Nishida
49th day service for Kikuko Nishida

Chris & Emily Whiting
49th day service for Kikuko Nishida

Chris Burtis
49th day service for Kikuko Nishida

Russell & Lori Nishida
49th day service for Kikuko Nishida

Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley
49th day service for Kikuko Nishida

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In memory of Linda Inatomi-Howard, sister.

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 Yukie Ushirogata
 Dana & Ann Saneto
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James & Karen Harada
 Dorothy Higa
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 Eugene & Elaine Murakami
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 Ann Saneto
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 Kiyoe Suzuki
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 Carole Yokota

70th ANNIVERSARY HYDRANGEA PROJECT

Kathie & Marty Umemoto
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 John & Wendy Mori
 Eugene & Elaine Murakami
 Wilbur & Iris Takashima
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SHOTSUKI HOYO APRIL 2021

Observant
In Memory Of

Madalyn Adams
Takeo Yamada

Joy & Duane Hirayama
Tsukasa Saneto

Joy & Duane Hirayama
Dick Imamura

Janis Ishitani
Kayoko Wada

Kristine Kawaguchi
Tsukasa Saneto

JoAnn & Neil Komai
Yoshito Yamada

Jean Minami
Kichitaro Minami

Lance Nagano
Mother, Mary Nagano

Lori Nishida
Harry Nishisaka

Lori & Russell Nishida
Joe Nishida, Misa Yamaguchi

Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
George Nishikawa, Wasaku Nishikawa

Fujie & Ronald Ohata
Ichiro Uyen

Rev. Aki & Beverly Rogers
Great Grandfather & Grandfather Chido Aramaki

Michiko Sakakura
Chizu Sakakura

Satomi Saneto
Tsukasa Saneto

Marilyn Shimabukuro
Shikko Shimabukuro

Ellen Shimohara
Mother, Kimi Shinoda

Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Yoshiko Takashima & Setsugo Taniguchi

Yukie Ushirogata
Sister, Fumie Matsushita



Obon Raffle July 2

On Saturday July 2, Senshin will hold its annual Obon Raffle. Please watch your mail for your tickets which were sent out to you at the end of May. The winning tickets will be drawn during Bon Odori intermission.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com.

In Gassho,

OBON RAFFLE COMMITTEE

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. 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 (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 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 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 in a July 10, 2022 service at Senshin, predicated upon the status of the Coronavirus guidelines that are in effect at that time.



Updates

& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Message from the Board

Despite seemingly never-ending news of new variants and infection rates, Sundays at Senshin are starting to feel like the good old days. Many of us have returned to in-person services to hear the sound of chanting and kid's taiko. Organization activities are slowly revving up and the temple is carefully coming back to life. Still, we have a ways to go before we're back to normal and we hope to see you when you feel comfortable. In the meantime we will continue to Zoom for the foreseeable future.

As of this writing, the Obon committee decided Senshin will allow its Sangha to attend Obon on July 2. We ask that participants be vaccinated, wear a mask and dance! We're looking forward to a beautiful day with the Hatsubon service, Bon Odori, 1,000 oil lamps, somen, horaku and a raffle. The only difference is that the Jr's, ABA and BWA will not prepare food available to purchase. We'll need new volunteers to help us with various tasks that day including monitoring the bathrooms, emptying trash cans, setting up and putting away the yagura and lanterns. We'll make announcements every Sunday to keep you informed of our Obon plans. Obon practices will be June 12, 19 and 26 after Sunday service.

The Nokotsudo committee re-organized the toban order to allow more families of people interred in the Nokotsudo to take responsibility for maintaining the beauty of this special place. If you have a friend or fami-

ly member in the nokotsudo please consider contacting Fujie Ohata to help out.

Chicken Teriyaki on October 9 and our 70th anniversary celebration on November 6 are being planned.

Please check www.senshintemple.org for the link to Sunday services, the calendar and links to interesting content.
In Gassho,
RUSSELL NISHIDA

B W A

June 2022. How quickly the time flies and the BWA ladies have been like busy bees.

Congratulations to Mat Uyeno and Kiyo Yoneda on their 99th Birthday! They're both such amazing women! We wish them good health and lots of happiness on each and every day!



We hope everyone enjoyed the oishii lunch prepared by Feast from the East under the direction of Suzanne Toji at our much anticipated BWA New Year's Party / Spring Fling on May 15. With immense gratitude, we formally welcomed our

new members since our last party: Lee Aguilar, Jana Yokoyama and Marilyn Shimabukuro. We also welcome Edna Horiuchi who unfortunately was unable to attend the party. There was a jubilant



contagion of belly laughs and fun while hoping for that "BINGO" call. Thanks to all those that donated BINGO prizes and those that helped make the event such a success.

After the *Gotanyo* and *Hatsumairi* Infant Presentation Service on May 22, the ladies distributed savory arare rice cracker snacks to the *Sangha*. Thanks to the ladies for their yummy treats.

On June 25, 14 of our Senshin members will attend in-person or virtually the 2022 Southern District Buddhist Conference and SDBWA Conference, "Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence Today," hosted by Orange County Buddhist Church. The keynote speaker will be former Buddhist Churches of America Bishop, Rev. Kodo Umezu.

Saishin Dojo will be up and running at a fast pace during the summer children's program at Senshin starting June 20 to July 15. We are looking for volunteers to help with the lunch time supervision. Please help if you have time. Contact JoAnn Komai (jykomai55@gmail.com) if you're interested.

With immense gratitude, we acknowledge the following generous dana:
Qris Yamashita *Omimaigaeshi*
Yukie Ushirogata

In memory of Motoko Saneto –
Betty Yamashita *86th Birthday*
Kiyo Yoneda *99th Birthday*
Ikuko Matsubayashi *Special*

Senshin Panda Express Fundraiser

The pandemic has had us eating at home a lot more than usual. Aren't you tired of cooking?!? Here's an opportunity to help fundraise for Senshin and get a break from the kitchen.

For the past 2 years plus, we haven't been able to have our usual fundraisers at Senshin due to the pandemic. The situation continues to be in flux so we are still moving cautiously. **On July 8, we are sponsoring a Temple-wide Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser.** On that day, Panda Express will be donating 28% of the sales to Senshin. It's easy, it's contactless and you won't have to cook! All you'll have to do is submit your order online at your neighborhood Panda Express, put in our special code and then go and pick up your lunch or dinner. The code is good all day. The order must be made online for it to count. Orders made at the counter will not be eligible. Details are outlined in the enclosed flyer. The most important thing is that we need to have as many people as possible participate. **EVERYONE can do this! Panda is all over the country so spread the word to your family, friends and colleagues all across the US. Notify them NOW and then the week of the fundraiser send another reminder.** A digital copy of the flyer will soon be sent to you to make it easier to email. If you have any other questions, please contact JoAnn Komai at jykomai55@gmail.com or 626 484 8806. Let's all get involved and make this a big success!

Madalyn Adams

Memorial for Kijiro Kuwata

Kathie and Marty Umemoto *1 Year*

Memorial for Mitsuko Umemoto

Glen and Joyce Isomoto *In memory of Kiyoko Isomoto*

Mat Uyeno *Cake for New Year's Party*

New Year's Party donations

Russell and Lori Nishida, Wilbur Takashima, Marty Umemoto, Juriko Yamada, Betty Yamashita

BINGO/Raffle prizes

Chris Aihara, Donna Ebata, Patti Honkawa, Chikako Kojima, JoAnn Komai, Jean Minami, Wendy Mori, Fujie Ohata, Beverly Rogers, Marilyn Shimabukuro, Reiko Soday, Iris Takashima, Suzanne Toji, Kathie Umemoto, Linda Uyemura, Vickie Wakinaka, Betty Yamashita and Qris Yamashita



27 Years Waiting to be Fired

Back in the early seventies when I began my explorations in clay I was fortunate to meet and become friends with Yukio and Joanne Onaga who were full time studio potters working from their home in Monterey Park. They gave me a peek into the lives of two very creative artists who were totally immersed in their love of pottery.



I would learn that this Nisei couple were among a surprising number of very talented Nisei potters.

Yukio and Joanne were involved in organizing the first Nisei Week Ceramic Exhibit in 1975 which continues to this day through the efforts of the Japanese American Ceramics Guild which they were instrumental in forming. They also established Little Tokyo Clayworks in 1983 with another friend of mine, Tom Akashi. Probably many of you stopped in to admire the works of many JA potters and others over the years.

In 1995 Yukio passed. 2008 saw the closing of the Clayworks, Joanne's retirement and her caring for her mother. Although my involvement with clay suddenly ended in 1978 my interest remained and I would visit the Clayworks whenever I was in Little Tokyo. I kept in contact with Joanne over the years. I remember each time we met to talk about pottery her eyes would light up.

Sadly, in July of 2020 I received a call from her younger sister Nancy Hirota regarding her passing. I often

Jr Y B A

Last month the Jrs had their first in-person seminar since the COVID-19 pandemic, hosted at Gardena Buddhist Church. The theme was "De-Stressing with the Dharma" and participants voted for the SD cabinet.

We have reverted back to in-person meetings with the decline of COVID cases in California, and had our first in-person meeting since COVID. The Jrs are also looking forward to more in-person activities over the course of the coming year. If there are any high schoolers who would like to join the Jrs, please contact our parent advisor Mrs. Joyce Yamashita at kyokosam@aol.com.

洗心仏教会

4月感謝録:

寄付:M小谷,D.Trihey,Y宗像,J竹田,緊那羅
D/C.Huey,D白砂,匿名

70周年記念紫陽花植樹プロジェクト;K&M梅本
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納骨堂:S小田,J今村,R&Y宮川,M菅野,B脇中,T山口

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故外岡追悼:K&S原田
故K竹本追悼:A&M竹本

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故S西川25回忌:M福原

6月法要スケジュール:

1日(水)	午後6:30	仏教学院
2日(木)	午後7時	理事会
5日(日)	午前8:30 9:45 10時	恒例婦人会 日本語法話 祥月法要
8日(水)	午後6:30	仏教学院
12日(日)	午前10時 11時	家族礼拝 日曜学校 キッズ太鼓 盆踊り練習
19日(日)	午前10時	家族礼拝 キッズ太鼓 盆踊り練習
20日(月)-7月16日		洗心道場夏季学校
25日(土)		加州南部仏教会/婦人会集会
26日(日)	午前10時 11時	家族礼拝 日曜学校 キッズ太鼓 盆踊り練習
7月2日(土)	午後4:30 7:00 9:00	初盆法要 盆踊り お参り(本堂),千燈荘厳

6月法要当番: お寺

6月本堂当番: J平本,D平本,K入江,H松村

7月本堂当番: D松田,J岡崎,N永谷,W永谷

6月お花当番: 4日L/K植村,11日W/J森,18日S東司,25日C家村,7/2日M宮本
も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。

7月の予定: 2日:初盆,盆踊り。24日:歓喜会

5月供花: K&Y西川,E下原,T山口,J南,R&L西田,B&A.Rogers,M島袋,M&R.Sunday,M菅野,Y後潟,D&A實藤

お盆ラフル、7月2日、2022

来たる7月2日(土)恒例のお盆ラフルが行われます。ラフルチケットは5月末に郵便で送付されました。開票と賞品受賞者の発表は盆踊りの中休時に行われます。

皆さんの安全が第一ですので、洗心寺の初盆の家族、お寺及び関連組織の会員だけが、お盆行事に参加できます。来年は再び一般の観覧者が来られることを心待ちにしています。

皆様のいつものものの支持とご理解に感謝します。何かご質問がありましたら、デビ平本、626-232-4736,またはdebhiraamoto@gamai.comまでにご連絡ください。

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お盆ラフル委員会

於: オレンジカウンティ仏教会

wondered what happened to the house/studio and two lifetimes of very creative work. This May, Nancy called to see if I could use a Raku kiln. Days later I was wandering around the house as if time stopped – filled with pottery and memories. The kiln shed in disrepair still held pots in various states of completion... nothing changed since Yukio's passing. There were a series of pots that were glazed and unfired – 27 years of dust covering some. Nancy agreed to let me get one fired! We agreed to fire it as we found it, 27 years of dust over a glazed pot! Hard to say if it was a work in progress or completed piece, but the fire will give us closure for this one piece.

It's my hope to see their work shown together if possible. As a potter I walk in awe of their life and work.

Attached link to in depth story: <https://www.littletokyohs.org/all-news/fire-earth-spirit>

Interested in pottery/classes? Contact: Bob Miyamoto 323 791.2719



2022 Hatsumairi Families

Hydrangeas Bloomed!

Hydrangeas (*ajisai*) bloomed. About a month and half passed since we planted the hydrangeas. All of them have bloomed and enhance the bright and beautiful atmosphere around the temple. The hydrangea is called Nikko Blue. And they are supposed to become blue, which is the favorite

color of many Dodger fans.

However, almost all of the

flowers are red or pink. The

landscaper will add acidity to

the soil to make the ajisai blue.

But red/pink ajisai were good

for the USC graduation which

was held in the middle of May.

Sam Yamashita and his Eagle

Scout crew painted the fences

along 36th place, on the north

side of the temple on May 21.

It enhances the beauty of the

hydrangeas, temple and also the

community.



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

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see solely your Senshin pics.

That's #SENSHINEVERYTHING.

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JUNE 2022

Obon Chochin

During the Obon Dance on July 2nd, the Chochins will be hung above the dance area. In memory of your deceased family member, his/her name will be printed on a tag of the chochin.

Name of Deceased Family Member

Your Name

If you are interested in remembering a deceased family member, please return this form to Rev. Kodani with a donation of \$20. Thank you very much.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual: The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu, 1-4	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Board Meeting		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:45a Virtual Japanese <i>Howa</i> (Dharma message) 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i>		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Virtual: The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu, 1-4	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
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JUNE TOBAN:

Service Toban: Temple

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

July Hondo Toban: Doug Matsuda, James Okazaki, Nick Nagatani, Wendy Nagatani

JUNE Onajjin Flower Toban:

June 4 Linda / Koichi Uyemura

June 11 Wendy / Johnny Mori

June 18 Suzanne Toji

June 25 Cathy Iyemura

July 2 Marilyn Miyamoto

(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160 or itakashima@aol.com)

JULY 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2, *Senshinji Hatsubon*, *Bon Odori*

July 24, *Senshin Kangi-e* Service