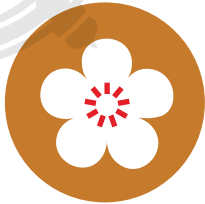


あけましておめでとうございます

Prajna



Buddhist Era 2566 (2567)
二五六六年(二五六七年)*



Japanese Era: Reiwa 5
令和五年



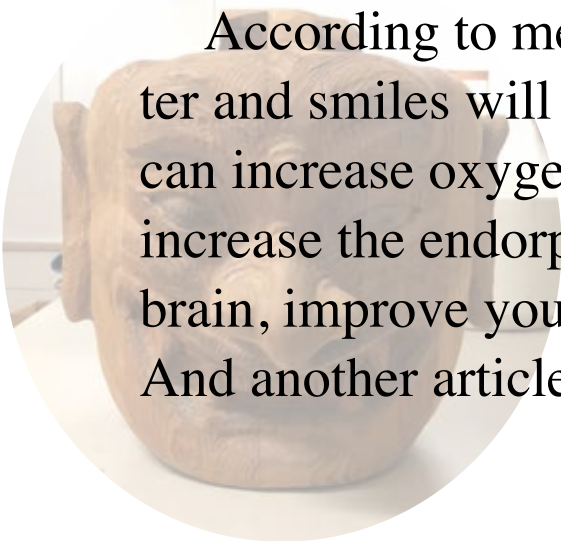
Common Era: 2023
二〇二三年

Year of the Rabbit
卯年

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope the new year will be a joyful and meaningful year for all. There is a popular Japanese proverb for New Year's Day. It is "*Warau kado niwa fuku kitaru*," which means "Fortune comes in through a merry gate", or "Good fortune and happiness will come to the home of those who smile."

According to medical research, it is true that laughter and smiles will bring us happiness. "...Laughter can increase oxygen to the heart, lungs and muscles, increase the endorphins that are released by your brain, improve your mood and reduce physical pain." And another article states that a smile enhances our



health, reduces our stress and makes us more attractive.

In Japan, wishing to have a happy new year, people would write “*Warau Mon*,” which means the gate of laughter/smile, on a piece of paper and place it on their front door or the pillar of the gate of their homes.

Some years ago, Mas-sensei asked me to name the *Mon*/Gate of our temple. Our temple’s *Mon* was built as Senshin’s 40th Anniversary project.



That took place about 30 years ago. There are some gates that have names: Kaminari Mon (Thunder Gate) in Asakusa, Shurei Mon (Respect Courtesy Gate) in Okinawa, India Gate in New Delhi, Arc de Triomphe in Paris, etc.

Here in the U.S., very few temples have a *Mon*, and Senshin temple’s *Mon* with *Kawara*, a Japanese tile roof, is rare. Our *Mon* is one of the characteristics of the temple so Mas-Sensei thought we should give it a unique name.

When I was asked by Mas-sensei, I remembered the unique and meaningful name of a *Mon* in Japan. It is *Oh-baka-Mon* which means “Great Foolish Gate.” *Oh-baka* means great fool or a complete idiot. And in Japanese, *mon* has two meanings, one is the gate and another is the person or people, so *Oh-baka-Mon* has two meanings. One is

“Great Fool Gate” and it also suggests that people who pass by the gate are foolish people. This *Mon* was designed for Bukkyo University in Kyoto a few decades ago. Bukkyo University was founded by *Jodo Shu*.

Jodo Shu was established by Honen Shonin, who was the teacher of our founder, Shinran Shonin. Honen Shonin’s teaching was Buddhism for everyone: good or bad, young or old, rich or poor, smart or dull, monk or lay, men or women or other. All were saved by Amida Buddha by just reciting the *nembutsu*. One piece of advice Honen Shonin gave to the *nembutsu* followers was, “Person of the Pure land tradition attain birth in the Pure Land by becoming their foolish beings” (*Lamp for the Latter Ages*, CWS, p. 531). Foolish in Buddhism means self-centeredness; and people who are attached to their small selves and possess full of *Bonno*, passions from ego, are called foolish beings. Honen Shonin and Shinran Shonin taught that to see and admit our foolishness is a key to entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha and recite the *nembutsu*.

Buddhism also encourages us to know “we know less.” The more we know, we awaken to our ignorance and foolishness. By having this awakening, we can enter into the gate of the Pure Land and the *nembutsu* teaching can come into our heart and mind easily.

For students, if they think they know less, they keep learning. Once they think, “I know everything, and I am wise,” they stop learning. “Staying foolish” is very important. Hence, *Oh-baka-Mon*, the Great Fool Gate, was a very unique and meaningful gate for the university that was founded by Honen Shonin’s denomination. How-

ever, all students, professors, and staff were not *Jodo Shu* followers, so most of them did not understand the meaning of great fool. They thought the name was not appropriate for a gate for the university so they decided to remove the gate.

For Senshin, *Oh-baka-Mon* is a good name for our *Mon*, but it was already used, so we should choose a different name. Recently, we received a carving of a Buddhist demon with a smiling/laughing face. When I saw it, I thought we could name our *Mon*, “*Warai Mon*,” which means Laughing/Smiling Gate that brings us happiness and also “*Warai Mon*” which means people who are laughed at because of their foolishness. (CONTINUED NEXT MONTH).

**Regarding the Buddhist era, abbreviated “B.E.”, there are several ways of counting. A popular one is from the Theravada Buddhists. They count the beginning of the B.E from the year Shakyamuni Buddha entered perfect Nirvana (passed away) but depending on the countries, the interpretations of the first year is different. According to them, the Buddha passed away in B.C. 544. Thus by adding 544 to the Common Era, we will arrive at the Buddhist era (544 + 2023 = 2567.) This calculation is used by Sri Lanka or Myanmar. Other Theravada countries, such as Thai or Laos add 543 to the Common Era. They start counting B.E. 1 year, next year from Shakyamuni Buddha’s passing. (543 + 2023=2566.) However, some traditions or scholars have their own interpretation and they say the Buddha passed away in the year B.C. 486 or 383, etc.*

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

笑い門

古本竜太

新年あけましておめでとうございます。

新しい年が皆様にとって楽しく、有意義な一年になるとよいですね。日本では、「笑う門には福来る」ということわざをお正月によく聞きますが、医学的な研究によると、笑いや笑顔が私たちに幸福をもたらすとい

うのは本当だそうです。ある記事によると、笑いは心臓、肺、筋肉へより多くの酸素を届け、ハッピーホルモンと言われる脳から放出されるエンドルフィンを増やし、身体の痛みを軽減する、とあります。また、別の記事では、笑顔は私たちの健康を増進し、ストレスを軽減し、私たちをより魅力的にしてくれると書かれています。



まさに笑う門には福がやって来やすくなるのでしょう。それで、新年が良い年になるよう、「笑門」と紙に書いて、家の玄関や門に貼っておられるところもあります。

何年前に、マス先生が「洗心寺の門に名前をつけよう」と言われたことがありました。洗心寺の門は、お寺の40周年記念の事業として約30年前に建てられたものです。アメリカでは門を持つお寺はあまりなく、特に日本瓦の屋根の門はめずら

しいです。ですから、浅草の雷門、沖縄の守礼門などのように何かユニークな名前をつけよう、ということでした。

それで、私は、とてもユニークで意味深い名前の門がある（あった）ことを思い出しました。それは「大馬鹿門」という名前で、数十年前、京都の佛教大学に建てられていました。佛教大学は、浄土宗が設立した大学です。

浄土宗は、私たちの宗祖・親鸞聖人の師である法然上人によって開けられました。法然上人の教えは、善人も悪人も、若者も老人も、金持ちも貧乏人も、頭のいい人も鈍い人も、僧侶も信徒も、男性も女性も、念仏をとえただけで、阿弥陀仏によって全ての人々が平等に救われる、というものです。そして、法然上人が念仏者に与えた助言の一つが、「浄土宗の人は愚者になりて往生す（親鸞聖人御消息）」で、自分の愚かさを自覚することで浄土に生まれることができるのだと言われます。仏教でいう愚かとは自己中心的なことです。小さな自己に執着し、その執着からでてくる煩惱をフルに持っている人を愚者、または凡夫と言います。自分の愚かさを知ると、阿弥陀さまにおまかせし、念仏をとえられるようになるので、「愚者になりて往生する」ことを法然上人がよく言われていた、と親鸞聖人がお書きになっています。

また、仏教では、私たちは無知だ、ということを知ること勧めています。仏法を学べば学ぶほど、私たちは知らないことが多く、愚かである、と知るので。この知によって、念仏の教えがずっと心に入ってくるようになります。

学生さんの場合ですと、自分の

知識が少ないと思えば、学び続けることができます。「私は何でも知っている、私は賢い」と思ってしまつと、学ぶことをやめてしまうのです。

ですから、佛教大学の「大馬鹿門」は、とてもユニークで意義深い名前の門です。けれども、大学の学生、教授、職員さんたち全員が念仏者ではないので、あまり「大馬鹿門」という名前が好きでなかったようです。それで結局、大学の門の名前にふさわしくないということで、撤去されたそうです。

洗心寺の門には「大馬鹿門」はいい名前だと思いましたが、もうすでに使われている名前なので、何か別にいい名前がないかな、と思っていたところ、最近、邪鬼が笑った顔の彫り物がお寺にきました。それを見て、洗心の門には、「笑い門」という名前がいいのではないかと思います。それは「笑う門に福が来る」という意味と、煩惱にまみれた愚か者が、邪鬼に笑われている、「笑い者」という意味を持ちます。(来月に続きます)

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial JANUARY 2023

Shotsuki Service January 8 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)
Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Aihara, Chris <i>Father</i> Iwanaga, James	Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Grandfather</i> Wada, Zembei	Saneto Family <i>Grandfather</i> Saneto, Kanaye
Akahori, Ted <i>Father</i> Akahori, Mitsuo	Matsuda Family <i>Grandfather</i> Akamichi, Junichi	Shimabukuro-Leong, Marilyn <i>Mother</i> Shimabukuro, Fumie
Akahori,Ted <i>Sister-in-law</i> Higashi, Kiyoko (Kiyō)	Matsumura, Henry <i>Grandfather</i> Yamaguchi, Kenji	Shirasago Family <i>Mother</i> Shirasago, Sally
Fujimoto, Miki <i>Father</i> Fujimoto, Ted	Minami, Jean <i>Husband</i> Minami, Tatsuo	Shirasago, Paula, Todd, Dale <i>Husband/Father/Brother</i> Shirasago, Gary
Harada, James <i>Mother</i> Harada, Grace	Miyamoto, Dennis <i>Father</i> Miyamoto, Masaru	Sonday, Reiko <i>Grandfather</i> Fukumoto, Kazue
Hayamizu, Sumiko <i>Mother</i> Nakashima, Tsune	Murakami, Lena/Julia <i>Husband/Father</i> Murakami, Arthur	Sugano, Maya <i>Husband</i> Sugano, Norman
Hirayama, Kiyome <i>Husband</i> Hirayama, Art	Murakami, Eugene Grandmother Murakami, Rui	Sugano, Michiko <i>Mother-in-law</i> Sugano, Aiko
Hisamune, Catherine <i>Father</i> Fujita, Katsujiro	Nakashima, Alan <i>Mother</i> Nakashima, Hana	Takashima, Iris <i>Aunt</i> Nakashima, Hana
Ikari, Kathy <i>Grandfather</i> Kato, Genichi	Nakawatase, Richard <i>Grandfather</i> Nakawatase, Nisoji	Takashima, Iris <i>Grandfather</i> Jinde, Eiji
Ikari, Kathy <i>Mother</i> Tsuboi, Ruth	Nakawatase Family <i>Father</i> Nakawatase, Shigemi	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Grandfather</i> Taniguchi, Hisaichi
Iriye, Kenneth <i>Sister</i> Carlson, Diana Chizuko	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Mother</i> Ogawa, Kaoru	Takemoto, Jon/Takemoto Ron <i>Grandfather</i> Takemoto, Toyosuke
Kamikawa, Emi <i>Father</i> Kamikawa, Glenn	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandfather</i> Shimada, Kanetaro	Takemoto, Ron <i>Father</i> Takemoto, Arthur
Kitagawa, Linda <i>Father</i> Matsuura, Clifford	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandmother</i> Shimada, Satsu	Terrell, Jackie <i>Father</i> Howard, Jack
Kodani, Denise <i>Father</i> Goto, James M.	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandmother</i> Ogawa, Hisayo	Umemoto, Marty and Kathie <i>Grandfather</i> Akamichi, Junichi
Kojima, Chikako <i>Grandfather</i> Uneda, Izaemon	Ohata, Ron <i>Mother</i> Ohata, Fumiko	Ushirogata, Mutsuo <i>Sister-in-law</i> Ushirogata, Ineko
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Father-in-law</i> Kunitake, Masamitsu	Oyama and Middo Families <i>Mother</i> Oyama, Mieko	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Brother</i> Matsushita, Bunji
	Saiki, Yumi <i>Father</i> Yoshida, Kazuhiro	Usui, Suzuki <i>Mother</i> Ariyoshi, Kiyo
		Watanabe, Marsha <i>Brother</i> Imai, Randy
		Yokota, Carole <i>Father</i> Yokota, Hiroshi

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.

Senshin 2023

Hoonko

Hoonko is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. It is a memorial service for Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Shinran Shonin passed away on January 16, 1263 (November 28 in the lunar calendar) at the age of 90. Kakunyo Shonin, the great-grandson of Shinran Shonin started “**Hoon ko**” when he observed Shinran Shonin’s 33rd memorial service. “**Hoon**” means to pay the debt of gratitude, and “**ko**” means gathering. Hence, “Hoonko” denotes “the gathering to recompense Shinran Shonin for his teaching.” There are several ways to thank Shinran Shonin: By listening to the teaching, chanting Shoshinge (that was written by Shinran Shonin,) reciting the Nembutsu, etc. In some areas of Japan, the followers invite their minister to their homes to hold the Hoonko service and listen to the teaching of Shinran Shonin with their family members.

Our **Hoonko Service will take place on Sunday, January 15.** Prior to Hoonko Service, we are going to have Hoonko Study Classes and a Hoonko Seminar.

Hoonko Week Schedule

This year, we will hold **Honoko study classes via online, January 11, 12, and 13.** The length of each class is about 45 minutes, from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. The speakers will be Rev. Mas, Rev, Aki, and Rev. Furumoto.

Hoonko Seminar

On **Saturday, January 14th, at 10:30 am. we will have a Hoonko Seminar.** The speaker will be Rev. Kodo Umezu, BCA Minister Emeritus and former Bishop of BCA. The topic is “Talk with Umezu Sensei,” This is a **Zadankai**, a “sit and talk” style gathering so attendees can ask questions to Rev. Umezu and share their thoughts with other attendees.The seminar will end around noon.

Hoonko Service

The **Hoonko Service will be on Sunday, January 16th, at 10:00 am.**with Rev. Kodo Umezu, BCA Minister Emeritus, and former of BCA, our guest speaker

Please call the office or email to the temple for more information.

恩講(ほうおんこう)

今年も報恩講の集いを開催しますのでぜひお参り下さい。報恩講は浄土真宗の開祖、親鸞聖人のご命日法要です。親鸞聖人は1263年、1月16日（旧暦11月28日）に往生されました。親鸞聖人のひ孫で三代目門主の覚如上人が親鸞聖人の33回忌をお勤めされたのが報恩講の始まりです。報恩とは、感謝することで、親鸞聖人が念仏の教えを伝えてくださったこと、また私たちをお浄土にうまれさせ仏にしてくださる阿弥陀如来さまへご恩をおもい、そのご恩に報いるようにお念仏をとえ、聞法させていただく、という意味があります。報恩講のサービスは1月15日（日）で、ご講師は名誉開教使で前BCA総長の梅津広道先生です。11日（水）から13日（金）まで毎日、報恩講の集いを行いますので、スケジュールをご確認ください。14日（土）は梅津先生によるセミナーがございます。時間は10時30分からです。

Shusho-ye (Gantan-ye)

New Year Day Service

Sunday January 1, 2023, 10a

Shusho-ye, or Gantan-ye, simply means “Service for the New Year.” The literal translation of *Shusho-ye* is “a gathering for a revision, modification or correction.” New Year Day is an opportunity for us to begin the new year with refreshing hearts and minds. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 1. This year, ozoni and sake will be served. We also will have Taiko and Shishimai performance.

修正会（しゅしょうえ）

一月一日にお勤める法要を元旦会または修正会といいます。新年の最初の日に心を正しい方向に修正するという意味があります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気になりませんように」とか「いい大学にはいれますように」などのことを祈りません。そういう願いはたいがい自分のエゴを拡張することになるので、本当の安心をえることが難しくなるためです。修正会は、そういう自己中心の願いがある自分を反省し、その自分を受け入れてくださる阿弥陀如来に感謝し、一年を心安らかに生きていくきっかけとなる法要です。

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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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Kiyoko Yoneda

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Glen and Joyce Isomoto

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Mark and Reiko Sunday

Betty Yamashita

Ellen Shimohara

NOVEMBER 2022 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant
In Memory Of

Madalyne Adams
Tosao Yamada

Julie & Ted Akahori
Brother Bob Akahori

Julie & Ted Akahori
Harry & Ida Imai

Kikuye Imamura Family
Kikuye Imamura

Ruby Kiyohara
Husband Akira Kiyohara

Chikako Kojima
Yoshiko Uneda

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Jerry Shimohara, Chiyoko Shimohara

Mark & Reiko Sunday
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Kiichi Ushirogata & Hiroshi Matsushita

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Betty Yamashita
Paul Takahashi

Arlene Yokoyama
Richard Yamada & Harold Yamada

Edmond & Susan Young
Alfred Shigaki

Senshin Nokotsudo Update

It has been one year since our Senshin Nokotsudo has been renovated. Thanks to the many volunteers who serve on regularly scheduled clean up teams, the Nokotsudo has been kept clean and orderly. Rev. Furumoto conducts daily services for those interred in the Nokotsudo. You may have noticed we have fresh flowers in front of the Nokotsudo alter. That is thanks to the Flower Toban volunteers who refresh the flowers weekly. There are a few individuals interred in the Nokotsudo who served in leadership positions within the Temple Board of Directors, supporting organizations and dharma school. The following

14 individuals inside the Nokotsudo served as President, Senshin Board of Directors: Aki Kiyohara, John Matsuda, Tats Minami, Yasuo Mori, John Nishida, Kikuo Ogawa, Nell Sawada, Leo Sugano, Bob Toji, John Tomita, Frank Usui, Mas Uyeno and Asa Wakinaka. Additionally, several ministers and their family members are also in the Nokotsudo. Seven dates have been established as Nokotsudo Clean Up Days for 2023: February 4, March 26, May 20, June 24, August 27, October 28, December 10. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a cleanup team, please notify Fujie Ohata at fuji2va@gmail.com. As the temple Nokotsudo is maintained by volunteers, any donations (in kind or otherwise) are greatly appreciated.

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.

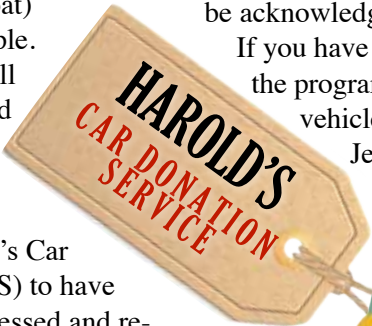
We work with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS) to have vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle.

Once the proceeds from the vehicle donation are received by Senshin, a letter is sent to the donor to 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.



Amazon Smile

Did you know that when you shop at smile.amazon.com and designate Senshin Buddhist Temple as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate back 0.5% for qualifying purchases?

From April to June of this year we have received \$222.36. Since we

have been participating in the program a few years ago, we have received \$984.23.

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select Senshin Buddhist Temple from the list of charities

Thank you for your support.



& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Message from the Board B W A

Cheers to the New Year and Let Our Dreams Take Flight!

During the past two years led by our past Board President, Russell Nishida, we survived the COVID lock-down and carefully inched our way back to near-normalcy. Last July we celebrated our Senshin Sangha-only Obon with nearly 200 members who were eager to dance and move to the taiko. In October we gathered to cook and prepare our delicious chicken teriyaki dinners and again had a terrific turn-out. In November, Senshin celebrated, although a year late, our 70th Anniversary and Keiro Kai with delicious food and entertainment. And finally, we got together for our end of the year *mochitsuki* celebration to welcome in the new year.

The start of 2023 brings with it an abundance of new goals and aspirations. It's time to be optimistic, dream big, and make new resolutions for the coming year. The New Year motivates us to start new projects and brings energy into our lives with renewed zeal and joy. As we step into another year, I would like to wish you and your family a healthy and wonderful year ahead. May every day be the best day in the year.

In Gassho,
KOICHI UYEMURA
Board Presiden

Welcome to the 2023 New Year - Year of the Rabbit. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, RSV and flu, we are stronger, healthier, and more resilient than ever with our vaccinations and masks. Temple functions are looking more normal as we continue to gather and plan for more fun-filled activities for the coming year. We welcome our new cabinet of officers, especially our new BWA Co-Presidents for 2023-2024, Fujie Ohata and Sandra Aguilar. Please welcome and support them in their new role by joining or renewing your BWA membership. You are never too young or too old to share in the laughter and kitchen table wisdom that comes from being a BWA member. We are a group of mature women whose purpose is to promote the Dharma and the Sangha. Contact Donna Ebata to join at ebatadonna@gmail.com.

For December 2022 *Toban*, the BWA ladies chaired the Temple Services and provided refreshments after services and during the monthly Temple Board Meeting. Thanks to those who provided the sweet treats for the Jr YBA's *Mochitsuki* on December 10th and for helping with Osoji on December 11th.

Save the date for the *Hoonko* Seminar January 14th. The BWA ladies will be providing the refreshments for the event. We will then meet afterwards to prepare for *Hoonko* service January 15th Otoki of *nigome*. Hope you can come share in the joy of company with cooking and chatter.



Please come to the Annual BWA New Year's party on January 29th in our social hall. Suzanne Toji will be catering our luncheon with her famous Feast from the East recipes for \$20 per person. The BWA will be performing an encore of "B-W-A" as performed at the 70th Anniversary/Keiro Kai event. In addition, BINGO will be back. Sign up after family services with Patti Honkawa and Kathie Umemoto or email Patti at pahonkawa@gmail.com. BINGO and raffle prize donations are greatly appreciated. You can drop them off with Sandra and Lee Aguilar.

We thank the following for their generous Dana:
Madalyne Adams *In memory of Tosao Yamada*
Cathy Iyemura *Special*
JoAnn Komai *Special*.

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Happy New Year 2023! It is our first full "coming back" year - coming back to in-person activities, coming back to large crowds, back to the dynamics of socializing. It's a process that understandably was eagerly awaited for by some and met with trepidation by others. Senshin ABA is happy to be planning a full year of activities, starting with our Installation celebration in February. So as your situation allows, we would love for you to join us in-person in this "coming back" year! Until then, please continue to stay in touch online or by accessing the Senshin website.

If you would like to join ABA or

our ABA volunteer mailing list, please contact Deb Hiramoto (Debhiramoto@gmail.com).

Our gratitude to our friends for their kind donations in 2022:

Kaz Nakawatase family *In memory of Kaz Nakawatase*

Greg Yee *In memory of mother, Rose Yee*

Ron and Fujie Ohata *Special*

Glen and Joyce Isomoto *In memory of stepmother, Kiyoko Isomoto*

Sumi Hayamizu *Special*

Paula Shirasago *In memory of husband, Gary Shirasago*

Marilyn and Dennis Miyamoto *Birth of grandson, Jordan Miyamoto*

Cathy Iyemura *Special*

Jr Y B A

Jr. YBA were hard at work in the incoming winter season. At the beginning of the month, Jr's met up with Oxnard and Pasadena's Jr. YBA for miniature golf. With the help of the family members of Jr. YBA, we successfully accomplished our second Mochitsuki since the COVID Pandemic. Jr's and their families spent five days learning, prepping, and making mochi. We'd like to thank all of those who helped make our *Mochitsuki* successful and to those who bought mochi. We hope everyone had a good New Years and is staying warm!

Aruku-Kai "Let's Walk" Club

We're re-starting Aruku-Kai with a walk on Saturday, February 11, in Pasadena. Join us! Senshin members and friends of all ages are welcome. The goals of Aruku-Kai Club are: 1) to strengthen our Sangha and 2) to practice mindfulness by exercising our minds and bodies in nature. Please contact Kelvin Nishikawa (kelvinenishikawa@gmail.com), Lauren Ohata (lauren.ohata@gmail.com) or Russell Nishida (nishida@cox.net) if you'd

like to come or if you have questions. Let's *aruku* (walk)!

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.

You can now view the **Senshin Google Calendar** here: <https://bit.ly/2Gbhc27>

If you would like to add the Senshin Calendar to your iPhone or iPad:

1. Launch the Settings app on your iPhone or iPad.

2. Tap on Mail, Contacts, Calendars.
3. Tap on Add Account...under the Mail section.
4. Tap on Other.
5. Tap on Add Subscribed Calendar under the Other section
6. Enter or copy in the following link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/jr9b2e26vovo0a0rhht9kt6i0k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

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2023 Senshin Nembutsu Retreat Theme:

Healing Trauma in the Twenty-First Century: The Path of the Foolish Being and Boundless Compassion

We live in a time of enormous change and challenges: The Covid-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, climate change disasters, high inflation, and political extremism. In the midst of such difficulties and suffering, many are experiencing trauma. Buddhism teaches us that trauma may be understood through the lens of the First Noble Truth of Suffering. When we understand suffering deeply, there arises the awareness of the foolish being illuminated, enveloped, and dissolved into the Great Ocean of Light of Boundless Compassion. Through teachings and stories, we will explore together this Shin Buddhist path of Great Compassion.

Rev. Dr. Mark T. Unno is a Professor of Religious Studies, Religious Studies Department Head at the University of Oregon and has spoken numerous times at Senshin Buddhist Temple. He is the son of Rev. Taitetsu Unno, former minister at Senshin.

Please come join us. The program will be similar to the retreats in prior years featuring morning, afternoon and evening sessions on Saturday and a morning session on Sunday. A buffet Santa Maria-style dinner is available on Saturday evening and a Deli Sandwich lunch is offered on Sunday. Breakfast is offered to those staying overnight at the hotel on Friday and Saturday. Registration forms for the Retreat, hotel rooms and meals are available on Senshin's website or on request. Register early as Rev. Mark has been a very popular guest speaker in the past.

Our discussions are usually free-flowing and often include sharing of personal stories that are illuminating, meaningful and something that doesn't often happen in our usual encounters at Senshin.

The 2023 Senshin Nembutsu Retreat will be held February 4 & 5 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks. You must pre-register. The registration form may be found on the website: senshintemple.org. The registration deadline is January 9. Registration form can be found in the website senshintemple.org.

洗心仏教会

2023年1月

1 1 月感謝録:

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1 月法要スケジュール:

1日(日)	10a 11:30a	修正会法要 お雑煮
8日(日)	8:30a 9:45a 10a	婦人会例会 日本語法要 祥月法要 各役員就任式 理事会
	11a	ドーナツ／コヒー
11,12,13,日(水-金)	6:30p	報恩講勉強会
14日(土)	10:30a	報恩講勉強会—Kodo Umezu名誉会教使
15日(日)	9:30a 10a 12:00a	日本語法要 報恩講法要（親鸞聖人メモリアル）- Kodo Umezu名誉会教使 おとし-婦人会
22日(日)	10:00a 11a	家族礼拝 勉強会 キッズ太鼓
28日(土)	9a-12noon 12noon	冬季パシフィーJessica Main教授,British Columbia大学 婦人会新年宴会,

1 月法要当番: お寺

1 月本堂当番: D赤嶺,R山下,E吉村,B岩崎

1 月お花当番: 7日P本河,14日I高島,21日R堀,R.Kok28日P森川,2/4日A横山
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。

1 1 月供花:T&J赤堀,E下原,M/R.Sonday,A横山,M西川,B山下,G&J磯本,M後潟,J南,C小島

2023年2月の予定:4-5日念仏レトリート（マーク海野先生）,5日成道会法要



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PROFESSOR JESSICA MAIN

Professor Jessica Main is the Associate Head, Chair, and Director of The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhism at the University of British Columbia. She completed her doctrinal studies at McGill University, with a dissertation on the modern history of human rights and descent-based discrimination in Japanese Shin Buddhism. An associate professor at UBC, her research concerns modern Buddhist ethics, social action, and institutional life in East and Southeast Asia.



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著書:
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『ボランティアは親鸞の教えに反するのか』（法蔵館）
『後世物語聞書聴記』（東本願寺）

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Dec 31
						5p <i>Joya-E</i> End of the Year Service
1 <i>Oshogatsu</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
10a <i>Shusho-e</i> , New Year Day Service 11:30a Ozoni served by Sangha						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30a BWA Reikai; 9a ABA Meeting 9:45a Japanese <i>Howa</i> 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> ; Installation of temple board and affiliated organizations; Temple Board Mtg following service 11a Donuts; Jr. YBA Meeting		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30p <i>Hoonko</i> Study Classsss	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 6:30p <i>Hoonko</i> Study Class	6:30p <i>Hoonko</i> Study Classsss	10:30a <i>Hoonko</i> Seminar, Rev. Kodo Umezu (Minister Emeritus)
15 <i>Hoonko</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30a Japanese <i>Howa</i> 10a <i>Hoonko</i> Service, Shinran Shonin Memorial. Rev. Kodo Umezu (Minister Emeritus) 12noon <i>Otoki</i> by BWA		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10a Family Service 11a Study Class; Youth Kinnara Taiko	7p Virtual <i>Zadankai</i> (orig 1/16)	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		9a-12noon Winter Pacific Seminar at Nishi Betsuin; Guest Speaker, Professor Jessica Main, University of British Columbia (E), Rev. Yasushi Kigoshi, Ohtani University (J)
29	30	31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4
10a Family Service, Guest Speaker, Professor Jes- sica Main, University of British Columbia 12noon BWA New Year Party / <i>Shinnenkai</i>		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		

JANUARY TOBAN:

January Service *Toban* Temple

January Hondo *Toban* Don Akamine, Richard Yamashita,
Evelyn Yoshimura, Bruce Iwasaki

JANUARY Onaijin Flower TOBAN:

January 7 Patti Honkawa
January 14 Iris Takashima
January 21 Robert Hori/Richard Kok
January 28 Paige Morikawa
February 4 Arlene Yokoyama

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

UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY 2023

February 4/5 Nembutsu Retreat (Rev. Dr. Mark Unno)
February 5 Nirvana Day Service
February 11 ABA Installation lunch, Kami Buffet