

# WARAI MON

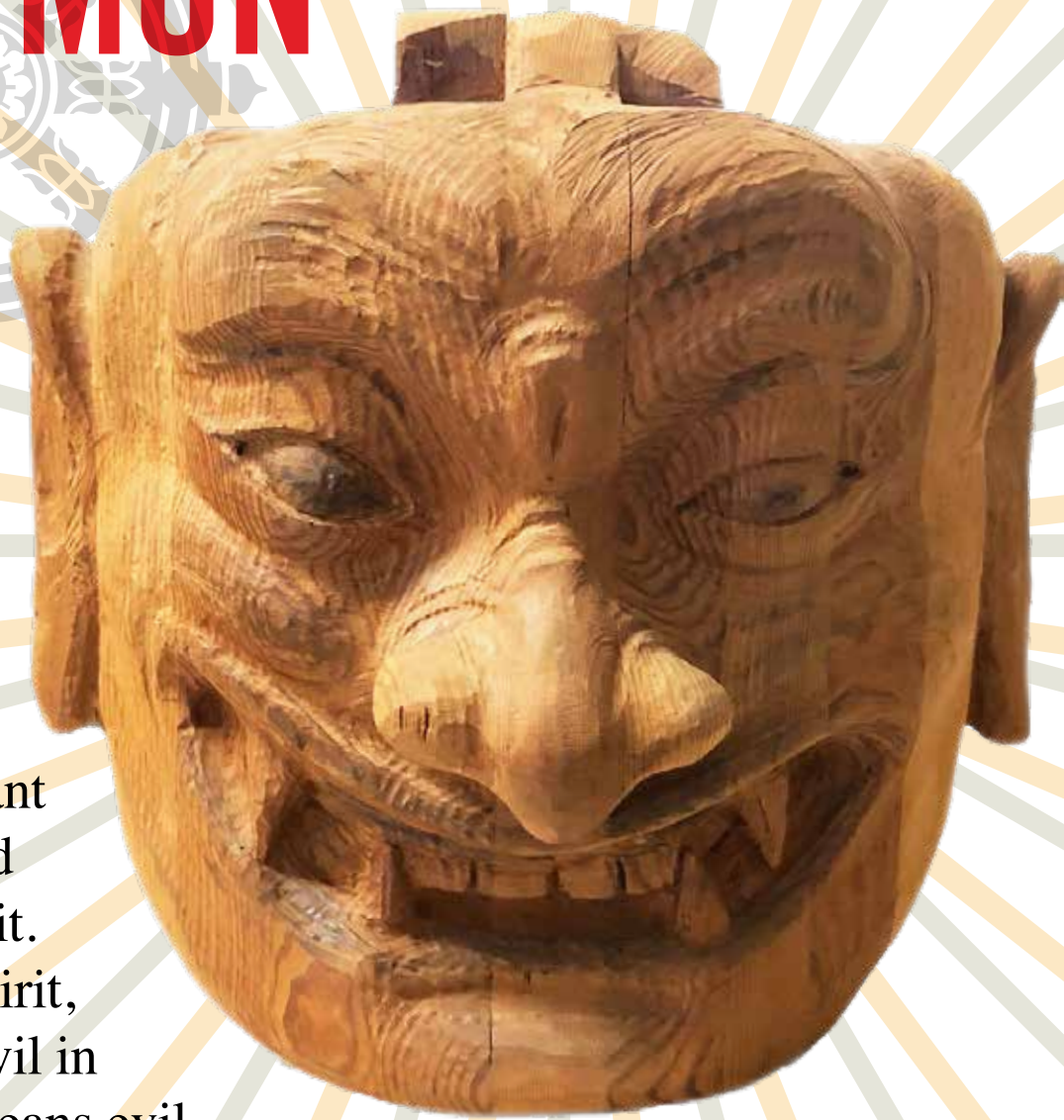
Last year, we received a very unique carving.

It is a carving of the face of *Jaki* and it is very attractive.

When you look at it, you will want to examine it and touch it and rub it.

*Jaki* is an evil spirit, a demon or a devil in Buddhism. *Ja* means evil and *Ki* (same *kanji* with *Oni*) means demon or ogre.

After our *Mon* (Gate) was built thirty years ago, as a 40th Anniversary project, Mas-sensei asked Keisho Okayama-san to carve a *Jaki* statue for our *Mon*. Keisho-san was an artist and he carved several masks for Kinnara *Bugaku* (Japanese classical court music and dance.) I guess these were the first *Bugaku*





masks made in the U.S. in the 1,200 years of *Bugaku* history. Keisho-san passed away several years ago. Recently his wife brought the carving of *Jaki's* face. The carving is about one size larger than a standard size Banker's box, so it is a big face. Mas-sensei asked Keisho-san to carve *Jaki's* statue, but for some

reason or another, it became the face of *Jaki*. It may be that at first he tried to make the face and later he was thinking of carving a smaller statue of *Jaki* with a face and body. Mas-sensei did not know why it happened, but he recalls Keisho-san said he did not want to continue carving *Jaki*. The reason was, while he was carving, *Jaki's* face began to look like Keisho-san's face.

In Buddhism, *Jaki* is a symbol of delusion, evil, doubt or slandering the Dharma. These block the followers from attaining Nirvana and perfect peace, so these undesirable mind/ thoughts should be controlled. Therefore, some of the statues of *Jaki* are trampled by the statues of Buddhist guardians such as Shitenno statues in Todaiji temple in Nara.

However, in some other temples in Japan, a *Jaki* statue became a symbol of a supporter of the temple and the Dharma. They placed the statue under the beam or as the foundation of the building as a practical ornament.

Their symbolic belief is that, after *Jaki* was suppressed by Buddhist guardians, they converted to Buddhism and they became loyal supporters. Some of the *Jaki* statues have been holding the temple building or incense burner for over several centuries. We can see such *Jaki* statues in our mother temple Nishihongwanji in Kyoto. The four small *Jaki* statues have been holding stone water barrels in front of the Goei-do hall for about 400 years from the Edo period.

Mas-sensei asked Keisho-san to carve a laughing *Jaki*, so the *Jaki* appears to be laughing or smiling. When the *Jaki* is placed on our *Mon*, the laughing face will be watching people who enter through the *Mon*. One Jodo Shinshu Buddhist understanding is that because we are *bonbu*, foolish beings, we are being laughed at by *Jaki*.

Generally, in Buddhism, foolish beings means those who have bonno, passions from attachment to self, such as greed or anger. Almost all people attach to self and have *bonno*, so anyone entering our *Mon* is laughed at by *Jaki*.

In "Notes on Once-Calling, and Many-Calling," Shinran Shonin wrote, "Foolish beings: as expressed in the parable of the two rivers of water and fire, we are full of ignorance and blind passion. Our desires are countless, and anger, wrath, jealousy, and envy are overwhelming, arising without pause; to the very last moment of life they do not cease, or disappear or exhaust themselves (CWS P.488)." Also, he stated "Foolish beings: none other than ourselves. Thus "You should take entrusting to the power of the Primal Vow to be essential." (CWS p.488)."

*Jaki's* laughing face reminds us, "I am a *bonbu*, foolish being." But because we are *bonbu*, Amida Buddha established the vow enabling us to attain Nirvana. When we can see our foolishness and reflect on it, it means we are receiving the Buddha's wisdom view, so it is good. And if we can laugh at our foolishness, it is great.

Hence, our *Mon*, *Warai Mon*, has two meanings: The Laughing/Smiling Gate that brings us happiness and also "Warai Mon" which means people who are laughed at because of their foolish-



ness. Those who enter this *Warai Mon* and come to Senshin will be happy and can attain Nirvana.

Now we are planning to repaint and reinforce our *Mon* and also to place the *Jaki's* face carving on it. It will be one of our 75th Anniversary projects. We will welcome our 75th Anniversary in 2026. If you would like to support this project, please make a donation to the temple.

*Namoamidabutsu*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

## 笑い門（続き）

古本竜太

先月号のお話の続きです。先月号は洗心の門の名前を「笑い門」にしよう、というお話でしたが、その理由の一つが、昨年11月にお寺に笑っている邪鬼の顔の彫刻が来たことです。邪鬼とは仏教でいう悪霊、鬼、悪魔のことですが、その彫刻は魅力的で、見ているとついつい触ってみたり、なでたりしたくなります。

邪鬼の顔は岡山ケイショウさん作のものです。30年前、洗心寺の40周年記念事業としてお寺の門を建立した後、マス先生が門の装飾として、邪鬼の木像を彫ってもらうよう依頼したのです。ケイショウさんは芸術家で、

を作り、後で顔と胴体のある小さい邪鬼像を彫ろうと思われていたのかも知れません。マス先生によると、ケイショウさんが「邪鬼の顔を彫り続けたくない」と言っていたそうです。理由は、彫っているうちに邪鬼の顔がケイショウさんの顔に似てきたからだそうです。

仏教では、邪鬼は妄念、悪、疑心、仏法をそしめることの象徴とされます。これらは涅槃に至り、悟りを開くことを妨げるので、そういった望ましくない心や思考を制御する必要があります。奈良・東大寺の四天王像に踏みつけられている邪鬼像はそのことを象徴的に表している例です。

けれども、邪鬼像が寺院や仏法の守護神となっている例もあります。そういった像はお寺の建造物の実用的な装飾品として建物の梁の下や土台に置かれています。私たちの本山である京都の西本願寺でも、そのような邪鬼像を見ることができます。御影堂の前に雨水を受ける石の桶があり、その桶を4体の小さな邪鬼像が江戸時代から約400年も支えています。

洗心寺の門に口をあけて笑っている邪鬼の顔がとりつけられると、門から入ってくる人たちは邪鬼に笑われていることになります。浄土真宗では、私たちが煩惱にまみれた凡夫だから邪鬼に笑われている、笑い者（わらいもん）だと、と味わうことができるでしょう。

一般に仏教でいう凡夫、または愚かな者、とは貪欲や怒りなど自己への執着からくる煩惱（ぼんのう）を持つ人のことを指します。ほとんどの人は我執があり、煩惱がありますから、門に入る人は邪鬼に笑われる、ということです。

親鸞聖人は『一念多念文意』の中で、「凡夫というのは わたしどもの

身には無明煩惱が満ちみちており 欲望も多く怒りや腹立ちやそねみやねたみの心ばかりが絶え間なく起り まさに命が終ろうとするそのときまで止まることもなく消えることもなく絶えることもないと水火二河の譬えに示されている通りである（現代語訳）」と言われ、また、「凡夫 とは すなわち わたしどものことである わたしども凡夫は本願のはたらきを信じることを根本としない」というのである（現代語訳）」と書かれています。

邪鬼の笑い顔は、私が凡夫で、笑いもん、であることを思い出させてくれますし、私たちが凡夫であるからこそ、阿弥陀仏が私たちがお浄土に生まれ、涅槃に至るための誓いを建ててくださったのだと、知らせ、感謝の念仏をとえよう促してくれます。自分の愚かさを知り、反省することができれば、それは仏さまの智慧の目をいただくということです。そして、自分の愚かさを邪鬼とともに笑い飛ばすことができれば、それはなお素晴らしいことです。

ですから、洗心の門「笑い門」は、二つの意味を持っています。ひとつは、幸せをもたらす「笑門」と、もうひとつは、自分の愚かさを笑われる人という意味の「笑い者（もん）」です。この笑門に入って洗心寺にお参りされる人は幸せになり、涅槃に至ることができる、ということです。今、笑い門は塗り替えと補強が必要ですし、邪鬼の顔の彫刻をとりつける計画を立てています。これは2026年にむかえる、75周年記念事業の一つとなっています。このプロジェクトにご賛同いただける方は、お寺へのご寄付をお願いいたします。

南無阿弥陀仏



緊那羅に舞楽用の面も彫っておられます。おそらくそれは、舞楽の1200年の歴史で、メイドインUSAの初めてのお面だと思います。ケイショウさんは数年前に亡くなられ、最近、ご家族が邪鬼の顔の彫刻をお寺に持ってこられました。その邪鬼の顔は標準的な大きさのバンカーズボックスより一回りほど大きいので、結構大きいです。

マス先生は小さめの笑っている邪鬼の全体像を依頼したのですが、なぜか邪鬼の笑った顔の彫刻になったようです。もしかすると最初はために顔



# Monthly Memorial FEBRUARY 2023

## Shotsuki Service February 5 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted <i>Sister-in-law</i> Akahori, Jean	Matsumura, Henry <i>Father</i> Matsumura, Isamu	Takemoto, Jon <i>Grandfather</i> Fujiura, Itashiro
Akahori, Julie <i>Grandmother</i> Uyetake, Kazuko	Meigneux, Kate/Teia and Emma <i>Mother/Grandmother</i> Kerr, Gwendy	Terakawa, Alan <i>Father</i> Terakawa, Hiroji
Gleeson, David <i>Mother</i> Gleeson, Mary Kathleen	Mori, Wendy <i>Brother</i> Sahara, Fred	Tomita, Misao <i>Mother-in-law</i> Tomita, Natsu
Hori, Robert <i>Mother</i> Hori, Lilly	Munekata, Yoko <i>Father</i> Matsubayashi, Rev. Shushin	Toyama, Beverly <i>Grandfather</i> Murata, Daisaku
Huey, Celia <i>Mother</i> Kanagawa, Elso	Nagano, Lance <i>Father</i> Nagano, George	Ushirogata, Mutsuo <i>Mother</i> Ushirogata, Mitsu
Inatomi Family <i>Father</i> Inatomi, Kiyohiko	Nagatani, Wendy Yoshitomi <i>Father</i> Yoshitomi, Roy Rentaro	Usui, Jim <i>Father</i> Usui, Otojiro
Inatomi Family <i>Mother</i> Inatomi, Lily	Nakamura, Bob <i>Mother</i> Nakamura, Kimiko	Usui, Jim <i>Mother</i> Usui, Kiyono
Isomoto, Glen <i>Father</i> Isomoto, Sam	Nakashita, Arthur <i>Father</i> Nakashita, Ben	Usui, Suzuko <i>Father</i> Ariyoshi, Matabei
Kato, Douglas <i>Father</i> Kato, Kay Sadao	Nishikawa, Kelvin <i>Mother</i> Nishikawa, Edith	Uyeno, Matsuko <i>Husband</i> Uyeno, Masato
Kiyohara, Ruby <i>Father-in-law</i> Kiyohara, Sasaichi	Nishisaka, Merrie, Nishisaka Scott <i>Mother</i> Nishisaka, Yuri	Uyeno, Matsuko <i>Mother-in-law</i> Uyeno, Ren
Kojima, Chikako <i>Grandmother</i> Takaki, Miyo	Onishi, Randy & Susan <i>Father</i> Onishi, Masato	Uyeno, Matsuko <i>Sister-in-law</i> Nishida, Masako Marsha
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Husband</i> Kunitake, Saburo	Sawada, Harry <i>Wife</i> Sawada, Nellie	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Mother</i> Nagaoka, Chiyono
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Uncle</i> Wada, Fred	Shimabukuro, Marilyn <i>Father</i> Shimabukuro, Shigeichi	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Brother</i> Nagaoka, Dick
Matayoshi, Gene and Connie <i>Father</i> Matayoshi, Takeo	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Great Grandfather</i> Takashima, Bunshiro	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Husband</i> Wakinaka, Asa
Matsuda Family <i>Mother</i> Matsuda, Misao	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Great Grandfather</i> Sato, Kaisouyemon	Wakinaka, Vickie <i>Father</i> Wakinaka, Fred
		Yokota, Carole <i>Mother</i> Yokota, Sanaye
		Yoneda, Kiyoko <i>Father-in-law</i> Yoneda, Sanji
		Yoshioka, Karen <i>Father</i> Taniguchi, Mitsugi
		Yoshioka, Karen <i>Mother</i> Taniguchi, Yuriko

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

## Nirvana Day Service

Sunday February 12, 10a

February 15th is Nirvana Day. Nirvana Day is Shakyamuni Buddha's death day. Traditionally, the Buddha's death is called "Entering into great Nirvana." This year, we plan to serve Nirvana day's Japanese Buddhist traditional snack called "Oshakasama no Hanakuso," which means Shakyamuni Buddha's mucus. We will use the Kasane Mochi which was placed on our altar on New Year's Day Service to make the Arare snack. If you wish to help make Arare, please contact the temple.

### 涅槃会

2月12日に涅槃会を営みます。涅槃会はお釈迦さまが亡くなられた日(2月15日)をご縁として仏法を聴聞させていただく法要です。今年是一部地域で涅槃会の伝統的なお菓子とされる「お釈迦様のはなくそ」とよばれるあられスナックを用意しますので、みなさまどうぞお参りください。

## BCA Eitaikyo Online Service, February 26

We will join the BCA Eitaikyo service via online on February 26 at 10 am. The speaker will be Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, former BCA minister. All BCA ministers and members are encouraged to join this service. The Zoom link will be sent to your email address. We will not hold Senshin Sunday Service on February 26.

### BCA永代経サービス

2月26日はBCAの開教使とメンバーはBCAの永代経にお参りするようになりました。午前10時からです。洗心の日曜日のサービスはございません。BCAの永代経のズームのリンクはemailでお知らせが送られます。

## Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class, The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu Class 1

February 1 & 8, Wednesday 6:30-7:15p

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

This will be the last session of the Basic Jodo Shinshu Class 1. The classes are on-line and those who have not attended previous sessions are welcomed to join this session. If you have not signed up for this program before, please contact the temple. Those who took previous sessions will receive the link to join the classes

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.



DECEMBER DONATIONS

Robert Hori  
Takashi & Lily Hori Family Fund *Annual gift*  
Kenneth Hatai *Donation*  
Anonymous *Donation*  
Kelvin and Yoko Nishikawa  
*Use of copy machine*  
Sandra Joy Aguilar *Dana*  
Cathy Iyemura  
*Dharma School*  
Dan and Sheri Lovall  
*Donation*  
Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi *Nokotsudo*  
Johnny & Wendy Mori  
*Use of social hall*  
Cathy Iyemura  
*7th Cycle Memorial Service for Andrew Chandler*  
Fujimoto Family  
*3rd Cycle Memorial Service for Ted & Mary Fujimoto*  
Susie Usui *Nokotsudo*  
Hideo Sugita  
*Dana - In memory of Sachiye & Sharky Sugita*  
Wendy Nagatani  
*Makurakyo for Hannah Yoshitomi*  
Kubota Nikkei Mortuary  
*Year end donation*  
Donna Ebata *Donation*  
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Duane & Joy Hirayama  
*Nokotsudo*  
Rickey Ono *In memory of Bryan Ono*  
Robert & Debbie Oye  
*In memory of Frank Usui*  
Nancy Kodama  
*In memory of husband, Malcolm Kodama & daughter, Eileen*  
Miki Fujimoto *In memory of Rev. Taitetsu Unno*  
Miki Fujimoto *In memory of Mamie Kirkland*  
Fujimoto Family *In memory of Kenji Takahara*

Denise Takehara  
*Senshin Dojo*  
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*In memory of Alfred & Doris Shigaki*  
Stacey Camara *Senshin Dojo*  
Bruce Hirayama *Donation*  
Chikako Kojima *Nokotsudo*  
Lisa Sawai  
*Funeral for Hideko Sawai*  
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Edward Motokane  
*Memorial for Helen T. Motokane Nokotsudo*  
Teresa and Ken Wong  
*In memory of Frank Usui*  
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*  
Alice Yokota *Donation*  
Kazuo Matsubayashi  
*Donation*  
Gayle Wong *In memory of Bryan Ono*  
Rev. Tetsuo Unno *Obon*

70th ANNIVERSARY DONATIONS

Sharon Koga  
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Shelley Okamura  
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Michael & Lily Yanagita

DECEMBER FLOWER DONATION

Ruby Kiyohara  
Tammy and Dale Matsubara  
Anonymous  
Lori Nishida  
Ted and Julie Akahori  
Anonymous  
Merrie Nishisaka  
Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi  
Emi Kamikawa  
Mark & Reiko Soday  
Mat Uyeno  
Chikako Kojima

DECEMBER 2022 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant  
*In Memory Of*  
Julie & Ted Akahori  
Yoshiko Uyetake  
Chris Burtis Family  
John Nishida  
Miki Fujimoto & Curtis Rooks  
Mamie Kirkland  
James & Karen Harada  
Sokumei Yoshihata  
Donna & Glenn Hiraga  
Ted and Sayko Nishisaka  
Bruce Hirayama  
Glenn Hirayama  
Jane & Keith Hirayama  
Glenn Hirayama  
Kiyome Hirayama  
Glenn Hirayama  
Neil Hurley & Debra Nishida  
John Nishida  
Emi Kamikawa  
Violet Kamikawa  
Chikako Kojima  
Harry Uneda  
Reiko & Ken Koyanagi  
*Father Frank Usui*  
Lisa Ann Maeda  
Tsuchiyo Domoto  
Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi  
Moriichi Matsubayashi  
Jean Minami  
Yoshimi Minami  
John & Wendy Mori  
Yasuo Mori  
Wendy & John Mori  
Hiroshi Sahara  
Lori Nishida  
Ritsuko Nishisaka  
Robert & Leah Nishida  
John Nishida  
Russell & Lori Nishida  
John Nishida  
Merrie Nishisaka  
Ritsuko Nishisaka  
Merrie Nishisaka  
Tsuta Sanada  
Ronald & Fujie Ohata  
*Father Shigetoshi Ohata*

Satomi Saneto  
Glenn Hirayama  
Reiko & Mark Soday  
Kinu Fukumoto  
Kiyoe Suzuki  
Suzuki-san  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
*Grandfather Hikokichi Yasuda*  
Yukie Ushirogata  
Naruko Hagiwara  
Mutsue Ushirogata  
Naruko Hagiwara  
Susie Usui  
*Husband Frank Usui*

OSEIBO 2022

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
BWA  
Jr. YBA  
Madalyne Adams  
Chris Aihara  
Roy & Jane Asahi  
Stacey Camara  
James & Karen Harada  
Kenneth Hatai  
Dorothy Higa  
Paul Hiramoto  
Catherine Hisamune  
Patty Honkawa  
Kenny & Joji Iriye  
Denise Ishitani  
Emi Kamikawa  
Ikuko Kiriyaama  
Chikako Kojima  
June Kondo  
Tom Kuwata  
Connie Matayoshi  
Pam Matsuoka  
Jean Minami  
Lillie Miyagishima  
Dennis & Marilyn Miyamoto  
Stephanie Mizutani  
Johnny & Wendy Mori  
Eugene & Elaine Murakami  
Robert Nakamura  
Judy Nakatani

Robert Miyamoto & Deb Nakatomi  
Sachie Oda  
Jerry Ogawa & Roy Natividad  
Ron & Fujie Ohata  
Shelley Okamura  
Michael & Carol Okuda  
Sue Omori  
Beverly Rogers  
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Michiko Sugano  
Kiyoe Suzuki  
Tamiko Tada  
Yo Takeyama  
Barbara Tanezaki  
Misao Tomita  
Yoko Uneda  
Yuki Ushirogata  
Koichi Uyemura & Linda Wong  
Matsuko Uyeno  
Vickie Wakinaka  
Toshiko Yamaguchi  
Betty Yamashita  
Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai  
Richard & Joyce Yamashita  
Michael & Lily Yanagita  
Kiyoko Yoneda  
Amy Yukawa

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 July to September of 2022, we have received \$146.97. Since we have been participating in the program a few years ago, we have received \$1,131.20.

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

Thank you for your support.

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.

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* altar. That is thanks to the Flower Toban volunteers who refresh the flowers weekly.

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](mailto:fuji2va@gmail.com). As the temple *Nokotsudo* is maintained by volunteers, any donations (in kind or otherwise) are greatly appreciated.



# Updates

## & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Message from the Board

When Russell Nishida began his term as Board President of Senshin in 2020, we, along with the rest of the world experienced an unprecedented challenge in the wake of the COVID pandemic. We could no longer gather amid the social distancing guidelines so Russell, together with Stan Fukawa, Gilbert Leong, Henry Matsumura, and Marty Umemoto pivoted us to an unchartered, on-line service to reach out to the Sangha. The journey was full of frustrations and hardships, but they managed and helped us through, always with a smile.

Russell, we thank you for sticking with us throughout these tumultuous times. Thank you for your leadership, patience, and unselfish perseverance in this new normal. Also, Special Recognition of Compassion to Lori Nishida because you were always there to wake him up and get him out of the house.

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*Board President*

### B W A

Although the holidays are opportunities to have down time to spend with family and friends, they can also be very busy. BWA was as busy as ever closing out 2022 and welcoming in 2023. JoAnn Komai, outgoing co-president, graciously hosted a luncheon in December for BWA 2018-2022 cabinet

members at her home. A joyful time was had by all that attended.

January 1st started off with the New Year's Day service and the much anticipated *Ozoni*, one of the most popular dishes of *Osechi Ryori*. Thank you Robert Hori and Richard Kok for your direction and expertise, along with BWA support in the kitchen, in the preparation and cooking of this important New Year's meal.

Also in January was the BWA 2023 cabinet installation and BWA's first monthly meeting to plan January and 2023 activities in the near future.

Thank you to Qris Yamashita, Suzanne Toji, and Jean Minami for taking the lead with the *Otoki* for the *Hōonkō* Service. *Nigome*, a delicious vegetarian dish, was prepared and served. *Nigome* generally has any combination of the following vegetables: *gobo* (burdock root), *shiitake* mushroom, *daikon* (radish), carrot, deep fried tofu, *satoimo* potato, and *renkon* (lotus root). Each vegetable actually has a meaning. *Gobo* represents the walking stick, *shiitake* mushroom represents the hat, *daikon* represents *Kyahan* which is the white leg-wear, *Nigome* is Shinran Shonin's favorite food, etc. At the *Hōonkō* service, we learn the life of Shinran Shonin and express our appreciation. We also express our respect and appreciation to Shinran Shonin through cooking the healthy *Nigome* dish.

And lastly for the month of January was the BWA New Year's Luncheon on January 29th, which was catered by



Suzanne Toji and the always delicious food from her Feast from the East restaurant. It was a day of eating together, entertainment, bingo, and much fun.

If you would like to join the BWA to join a wonderful group of women and to get in on all of the fun, please contact Donna at [ebatadonna@gmail.com](mailto:ebatadonna@gmail.com).

We thank the following for their generous Dana:  
Fujie Ohata *In memory of Kik Nishida*  
Ikuko Matsubayashi *Bonenkai*  
Deb Hiramoto *Bodhi Day*  
Madalyne Adams *Oseibo*  
Deb Hiramoto *Oseibo*  
Cathy Iyemura *Special*  
JoAnn Komai *Special*  
Tammy Matsubara *Special*  
Linda Uyemura *Special*.

### The ABA Installation Luncheon

will be on

**Saturday, 11am  
February 11, 2023**

Please join us for food, fun and games!

#### Kami Buffet and Grill

909 San Gabriel Bl, Rosemead 91770

Cost is \$35

Friends and children are welcome to join us.

Please contact Edna Horiuchi  
by Monday, February 6, at  
[ednaih@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ednaih@sbcglobal.net) to reserve your spot!

### Jr Y B A

During Winter Break, December 21, Senshin Jr. YBA had a meeting with Oxnard's Jr. YBA to plan a seminar, which will be organized by Jr. YBAs of Senshin, Oxnard, and Pasadena. This seminar will be held at our temple in March. For the New Year event, some of the Jr. YBA members joined in the *taiko* and *shishimai* performances and helped clean up tables and chairs after we ate *ozoni*. If you have any questions or want to join Jr. YBA, please contact our parent advisor, Mrs. Juriko Yamada at [afstue@gmail.com](mailto:afstue@gmail.com).

### Aruku-Kai "Let's Walk" Club

We're re-starting Aruku-Kai with a walk on Saturday, February 11, at 8AM 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 ([kelvininishikawa@gmail.com](mailto:kelvininishikawa@gmail.com)), to RSVP or if you have questions. Let's *aruku* (walk)!



While some temple activities have returned this past year, WasabiKai has not offered any classes since the start of Covid. We have, however, resumed open studio sessions, Tuesdays/Thursdays for much of 2022. It was a slow and cautious process but we have found our comfort zone and have been able to function much as before.

As we begin this new year I am hopeful that we will be able to resume classes at some point this year. Our past classes – Japanese dinnerware and plating, *Raku* and Tea ware, *Tokonoma* and vases, and *Goinkyo Yakimono* – have been well attended. Many temple members have taken some of these classes multiple times. In an effort to spark new interest for new and returning students as well as for myself, I'm hoping to develop, along with Kaz Ota, a new class. Kaz is an active supporter and participant in many WasabiKai classes and projects. He has been exploring a technique called *Kurinuki*, an example of which is pictured above. This is an interesting hand technique that can be used to create interesting textures and forms. It's truly *Wabi Sabi*. We will develop the class to keep within the same format – five 2 ½ hour classes. Once we work



out the flow and details, I will post dates and times. As with other classes, no experience is necessary.

I often hear people say, "...but I have no talent" ... I think they miss the point. It's not about having talent or not. It's about the process of exploring. You will develop a greater appreciation of this ancient craft and perhaps surprise yourself with your hand made creation. Pottery has recently become quite popular and has been called the "new yoga" ... I don't know if that is a good comparison, but I know there are certainly a lot more studios than two years ago offering classes and memberships.

We have a wonderful studio and hope you will take advantage of it and the classes we offer.

### Singing With Friends

We've started a new program at the temple, "Singing With Friends," and we're very fortunate to have the leadership and guidance of Scott Nagatani. Scott is a musician, composer and musical director. He has performed



洗心仏教会

2023年2月

1 2月感謝録:

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Y宗方,B平山,D白砂,A横田,K松林,クボタ葬儀,匿名  
お礼:ソシャルホール使用-J/W森,コピー器使用-K/Y西川  
特別寄付:T&L堀家基金-R堀  
西心道場:D竹原,S.Camara  
日曜学校:C家村  
葬儀-故H沢井:L沢井  
納骨堂:K松林,S臼井,D/J平山,C小島,  
枕経-故H吉富:W永谷  
車寄附:T岡部

故サチエ&Sharky追悼:H杉田  
故B小野追悼:R小野,G.Wong  
故F臼井追悼:R&D大江,T&K.Wong  
故M児玉,E児玉追悼:N児玉  
故T海野追悼:M藤本  
故M.Kirkland追悼: M藤本  
故K竹原追悼:藤本一家  
故A&D紫垣追悼:E&S.Young  
故H元金追悼:E元金  
故T&M藤本3回忌: 藤本一家  
故A.Chandler7回忌:C家村

2月法要スケジュール:

4-5日(土一日)	10a	念仏研修会 於:パームガーデンホテル,講師-Dr.マーク海野
5日(日)	9:45am	日本語法要
	10am	祥月法要/涅槃会
	11am	キッズ太鼓
11日(土)	11am	ABA ランチェオン Kami Buffet,Rosemead
12日(日)	8:30a	婦人会例会
	9am	ABA会議
	10am	英語法話
	11am	勉強会、理事会, Jr.YBA 会議,
19日(日)	10 am	家族礼拝
	11am	勉強会,キッズ太鼓
	12noon	Aki先生送別ランチ Steven Steak & Seafood Home
22日(水)	6:30pm	仏教学院
26日(日)	10am	BCA永代経法要(Zoom) 洗心寺の法要はお休み
3月1日(水)	6:30pm	仏教学院
	4日(土)	南加地区 Jr.YBA研修会

2月法要当番: 婦人会

2月本堂当番: K沢田,G.Yee,J&K原田

2月お花当番: 4日A横山,11日F大畑,18日D 江畑25日M島袋/G.Leon,3/5日J南  
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。

12月供花: T&J赤堀,M/R.Sonday,M西川,C小島,R清原,T/D松原,L西田,I/K松林,E上川,M上野,匿名

2023年3月の予定:5日:雛祭り,18日春のお此岸勉強会 (楠木開教使) ,19日:お此岸法要,26日:大掃除



AKI SENSEI BIDS FAREWELL TO SENSHIN:  
Farewell Luncheon, Sunday, February 19, 2023  
after service.

Aki Sensei will be leaving Senshin Temple at the beginning of March to continue her ministerial studies in Kyoto at Chubu Bukkyo Gakuin and hopefully Ryukoku University. The Sangha is invited to attend a Farewell Luncheon in her honor on **Sunday, February 19, at 12noon at Stevens Steak and Seafood House, 5332 Stevens Place.**

Let us all show our collective gratitude and appreciation for all that Rev. Aki has done for us by attending her Farewell Luncheon.

**Stevens Steak and Seafood House, 5332 Stevens Place** (Atlantic & Santa Ana Freeway (I-5), Commerce. [www.stevenssteakhouse.com](http://www.stevenssteakhouse.com).  
The cost: adults \$35; children \$17. Carpools will be leaving from Senshin Temple that day. RSVP via email through a sign-up sheet. Please make checks payable to **Senshin Temple** with a notation of Aki Sensei Luncheon *on the envelope* and mail it to the temple or drop in the office mail slot labeled Special Treasurer. Questions? Please contact Fujie Ohata, [fujie2va@gmail.com](mailto:fujie2va@gmail.com).

SINGING *cont'd*  
with Grateful Crane Ensemble and East West Players. Recently he has been performing for various community and senior centers. Scott's family has a long connection to Senshin and he has always wanted to start-up an informal group of people... who just like to sing, for fun.

According to experts (on the internet) there are great benefits to singing:

- Singing helps improve memory.
- Singing builds a sense of community.
- Singing releases endorphins which help promote positive feelings.
- Singing helps lung function.
- Singing helps you beat stress and relax.

So don't be shy. Join us for the fun of bombu getting together. Scott can play anything so we can sing Motown, American songbook, folk songs, Broadway, Japanese songs.

We had a first meeting at the end of January and are deciding a regular meeting date. Mostly we will meet during the weekday, late morning, once a month to start. Contact Chris Aihara, [aihara.chris@gmail.com](mailto:aihara.chris@gmail.com), for up to date information.

Special Family Day  
Activity in Celebration of  
Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival)  
Sunday, March 5 (after service)

Traditionally in Japan on March 3, *Hinamatsuri* is observed. The Doll Festival, also known as Girl's Day, is an observance dating back centuries when traditional Japanese dolls depicting the Heian Imperial Court are displayed.

We are very fortunate that several of our members have beautiful sets of Girl's Day dolls that they will share with our Sangha. We also invite everyone to bring on that day a favorite doll, superhero, stuffed animal to add to our display.

There will be delicious *zenzai* a sweet bean, *mochi* soup served. *Origami* craft and some games.

Questions? Contact Chris Aihara, for more information: [aihara.chris@gmail.com](mailto:aihara.chris@gmail.com).

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.

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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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, <b>The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu</b> Rev. Ryuta Furumoto (online)	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		<b>Feb 4/5 Nembutsu Retreat</b> , Palm Garden Hotel Speaker, Rev. Dr. Mark Unno
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
9:30a Japanese <i>Howa</i> (Dharma message) 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, <b>The Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu</b> Rev. Ryuta Furumoto (online)	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		ABA Installation Luncheon Kami Buffet, Rosemead
<b>12 Nirvana Day Service</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9a ABA Meeting 10a <b>Nirvana Day</b> Family Service 11a Study Class; Jr YBA Meeting; Temple Board Meeting		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
10a Family Service 11a Study Class 12noon Aki Sensei Farewell Luncheon, Stevens Steak and Seafood House	7p Virtual <i>Zadankai</i>	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		
<b>26 No Service at Senshin</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>Mar 4</b>
10a BCA Eitaikyo Service (Zoom)		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio		So Dist Jr YBA Seminar



## FEBRUARY TOBAN:

**Service Toban:** B W A

**February Hondo Toban:** Keith Sawada, Greg Yee, James Harada, Karen Harada

## FEBRUARY Onaijin Flower Toban:

**Feb 4** Arlene Yokoyama

**Feb 11** Fujie Ohata

**Feb 18** Donna Ebata

**Feb 25** Marilyn Shimabukuro / Gilbert Leong

**March 4** Jean Minami

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

## MARCH 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 5** Doll Day (*Hinamatsuri*)

**March 18** *Higan* Seminar (Rev. Kusunoki)

**March 19** *Higan* Service (Rev. Kusunoki)

**March 25** *Osoji* (Temple cleanup)

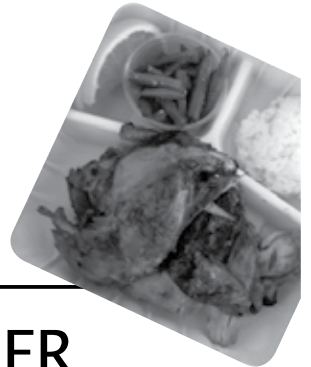


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## HINAMATSURI (DOLL FESTIVAL) C E L E B R A T I O N

SUNDAY  
MARCH 5, 2023

Immediately After  
Service

Senshin Social Hall



View Traditional Japanese Doll Display

Share your favorite doll, superhero or stuffed animal

Enjoy zenzai (sweet bean mochi soup)

Origami Crafts

And Games!

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