

THE STORY OF THE RABBIT AND DANA IN JODO SHINSHU



ONCE SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA WAS A RABBIT

I have been thinking of sharing the famous Buddhist classic story of the rabbit because this is the Year of the Rabbit. April would have been a good month to talk about rabbits and bunnies, but Easter is not our tradition and April is gone. I recently found that in the U.S., there is a habit of saying “rabbit” on the first day of the month as a good luck

wish. I have not heard American people say “rabbit,” but maybe they say it privately at home.

The rabbit’s story came from *Jataka Tales*. *Jataka Tales* is a collection of stories and fables that teach Buddhist lessons. The main character of these stories is often Shakyamuni Buddha

in previous lives. The story would start with the sentence, “Once Shakyamuni Buddha was a monkey,” or “When Shakyamuni Buddha was a deer,” etc. The Indian people thought that a person couldn’t become a Buddha in just one lifetime. But Shakyamuni Buddha became a Buddha in just six years. To understand such miracles, people thought that Shakyamuni Buddha practiced for uncountable years in his previous lives; therefore, he was able to attain enlightenment in this lifetime.

Many of Jataka’s stories teach the importance of unselfishness. Through reading stories, the Buddhists learn the ideal way of a Buddhist life.

This story starts with, “Once Shakyamuni Buddha was a rabbit,”

He lived with a bear and a fox in the mountains. They lived together happily. One winter day, a monk came to the mountain. He was traveling to seek the truth all around the country. He came across the animals’ nests and decided to stay overnight. He looked starving, for food was hard to find in the winter’s mountain.

The rabbit, the bear and the fox wanted to donate food to the monk. So, the bear went to a river and caught a fish. The fox managed to get some nuts from the winter forest. They donated the food to the monk. The rabbit tried as hard as he could to find some food for the monk but was unable to do so. He started a fire and said to the monk “I couldn’t get any food for you so I will give you my flesh.” Then he got into the fire so that the monk could eat his meat.

This story teaches us the ideal *Dana*, selfless giving. *Dana* is to give material things to others or to perform kindly acts for others without thought of reward. In this story, the rabbit, the previous life of Shakyamuni Buddha, sacrificed his life to the monk. If he gave his life and died, he would not know if he would have any return from the monk, but he gave his life, just for giving benefit to others. This *Dana* is considered the true *Dana*. We tend to think of getting benefits by giving to others. But Buddhism teaches that giving benefits to others is the true benefit.

Dana is considered an important practice for Mahayana Buddhists. But in our Jodo Shinshu tradition, practicing *Dana* is not our way to attain enlightenment. We are incapable of doing *Dana* perfectly. Our method to attain enlightenment is to entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha and recite Namo Amida Butsu, which means, “I take refuge in Amida Buddha.” It means we are not able to attain enlightenment through our own effort. Amida Buddha established the Primal Vow that promises our birth in the Pure Land and attainment of enlightenment. Shinran Shonin thought that the vow is especially directed to the person who could not complete any practices.

Dana is not a requirement for us to attain enlightenment; however, somehow, we want to do *Dana*. Shinran Shonin wrote in *Wasan*, hymns of the

Dharma-Age,

Persons who truly realize

Shinjin,

As they utter Amida’s Name,

Being mindful of the Buddha
always,

Wish to respond in gratitude to
the great benevolence.

(CWS p. 406)



Those who entrust themselves to Amida Buddha want to respond to Amida Buddha with gratitude. Shinran Shonin thought that recitation of the *nembutsu* is an expression of gratitude to Amida Buddha. Also, those who realize *Shinjin*, entrusting themselves to Amida Buddha, want to share the *nembutsu* teaching with others. To share the Dharma, we want to do *Dana* to the Temple where we can learn Jodo Shinshu teachings. Also, we help at Chicken Teriyaki, *Obon*, and other events. Still, our *Dana* is imperfect. We have a habit of thinking “give and take,” but at that time, we can remember the “rabbit’s story” and the ideal *Dana* mind. Giving benefit to others is the true benefit.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

ウサギのダーナ

古本竜太

2023年ももう5か月目となりました。今年はいさぎ年なので、年初に有名な仏教のうさぎのダーナ（布施）の話を紹介しようと思っていましたが、なかなかその機会がありませんでした。4月はイースターがあり、うさぎがマスコットキャラクターのようになっているのですが、あ

まり私たちの仏教に関連がないですし、4月も終わってしまったので、お話する機会を得られませんでした。けれども最近知ったのですが、アメリカでは月の初めの日にグッドラックを得る言葉として「ラビット」と言う習慣があるそうです。アメリカ人が「rabbit」と言っているのを聞いたことがないのですが、何月でもうさぎに関連する行事があるということなので、今月号でうさぎのダーナの話を紹介しましょう。

この話は、「ジャータカ物語」に出てきます。ジャータカ物語は、仏教の教えを説いた物語や寓話を集めたものです。これらの物語の主人公は、前世のお釈迦さまであることが多く、「かつてお釈迦さまが猿だった時」とか「お釈迦さまが鹿だった時」のお話として語られています。

ジャータカ物語にはダーナのお話が多いです。ダーナとは布施すること、自分を忘れて人に施すことです。それは、自分へ執着することからできる自分と他人との間の壁を越えて、自分が他人であり他人が自分である、という真理の見方があるということに目覚めるための大切な修行とされています。

この物語は、「かつてお釈迦さまがウサギだった時」の出来事です。そのウサギは山の中でクマとキツネと一緒に仲良く暮らしていました。ある冬の日、山に一人の僧侶がやってきました。僧侶は真理とは何かを求めて旅をしており、三匹の暮らしている場所の近くで一泊することにしました。その僧侶は冬の山では食べ物がなかなか手に入らないので、おなかをすかせている様子でした。

そこでウサギとクマとキツネは僧侶に食事をダーナしようとして、クマは川に行って魚を捕りまし

た。キツネは冬の森で木の実を手に入れることができました。ウサギは僧侶のために一生懸命に食べ物を探したのですが、どうしても見つかることができませんでした。そこで、ウサギは火をおこし、僧侶に「私はあなたのために何もみつかることができませんでしたので、どうぞ私の肉を食べてください。」と言い、僧侶に自分の肉を食べてもらえるよう、火の中に入っていました。僧侶は「これこそが自他を超えた真理にもとづいた行為なのだ」とウサギのダーナに深く感謝し敬った、というお話です。

この話は、ダーナという理想的な施し方を教えてくれています。ダーナとは、見返りを求めず、他人に物を与えたり、親切な行いをすることです。この物語では、お釈迦さまの前世であるウサギが、僧侶のために自分の命を犠牲にしました。自分が死んでしまったら、僧侶から見返りをもらえるかどうかはわかりません。ウサギは、ただ僧侶が飢えないように、との思いで、自分の利益を考えずに命を捧げたのです。こういう見返りを求めないダーナが真のダーナとされています。私たちは、他人に与えることで何かの利益を得ようと考えがちですが、仏教では、他人に利益を与えることこそが真の利益であると説いています。

大乘仏教徒にとってダーナは自他を超えた境地を知り、悟りを開くための大切な修行とされています。しかし、私たち浄土真宗の伝統では、ダーナを実践することは悟りを開くための方法ではありません。私たちが悟りを開く方法は、阿弥陀仏におまかせし「南無阿弥陀仏」と称えることです。私たちはダーナを完璧にこなすことはできないので、自分の努力で悟りを開くことはできないの

です。そのため、阿弥陀如来が私たちが浄土に生まれ、悟りを得ることができるよう、本願を建てられました。親鸞聖人は、この本願は、特に修行をやり遂げることができない人に向けられたものであるといただいでおられます。

私たちが悟りを開くためには、ダーナが必要なわけではありませんが、なぜかダーナをしたくなるようになっています。親鸞聖人は和讃にこう書かれています。

弥陀の尊号となえつつ

信楽まことにうるひとは

憶念の信つねにして

仏恩報ずるおもひあり

と、阿弥陀如来におまかせし、ご信心をいただいた人は、阿弥陀如来に感謝で応えたいと思うものだ、と言われます。親鸞聖人は、念仏を称えることが阿弥陀如来への感謝の表現であるとお示しくださっているので、念仏を称えるだけで感謝になるのですが、ご信心をいただいた人は、念仏の教えを他の人に伝えたいと思うのです。それで、念仏の教えを伝えるために、教えを学ぶことができるお寺にダーナをしたくなります。また、テリヤキチキンセールやお盆などの行事も手伝いたくなります。私たちのダーナは完全ではないですが、ウサギのダーナのお話を思い出し、できるだけダーナをするようにしていきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏



Monthly Memorial MAY 2023

Shotsuki Service May 7 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted Sister Akahori, Betty Chiyoko	Kuwata, Tom Uncle Kuwata, Kiemon	Saiki, Yumi Mother Yoshida, Toshiko
Akahori, Ted Sister Akahori, Helen	Kuwata, Tom Aunt Ogura, Toyoko	Saneto Family Mother Saneto, Motoko
Arita Family Mother Arita, Yoshi	Miyagishima, Lily Husband Miyagishima, Yoshimi	Shigaki Family Father Shigaki, Al
Burtis, Chris Wife Nishida, Gwen	Murakami, Eugene Father-in-law Tamura, Jimmy	Sato Family Grandfather Kishaba, Uichi
Domoto Family Mother Domoto, Lily	Murakami, Eugene Grandmother Inouye, Hisako	Sugano, Michiko Husband Sugano, Leo
Ebata, Donna Husband Ebata, Duane	Matsumura, Henry Grandmother	Takashima, Wilbur Grandmother
Kanda, Lynn Mother Kanda, Susan	Yamaguchi, Fujiko	Takashima, Tsume
Gleeson, David Mother-in-law Kanda, Susan	Nakagawa, Fred Father Nakagawa, Motoharu	Takashima, Wilbur Father Takashima, Katsumi
Gleeson, Paiton, Emery, Montgomery	Nakawatase Family Mother Nakawatase, Kazuko	Takemoto, Ron Mother Takemoto, Kazumi
Grandmother Kanda, Susan	Nishida, Lori Grandfather Nishisaka, Yoshio	Terrell, Jackie Mother-in-law Fukumoto, Tomiko
Hashimoto, Miwa Daughter	Nishida Family Sister Nishida, Gwen	Toji, Suzanne Father-in-law Toji, Mamoru
Hashimoto, Janice Miyo	Nishisaka, Merrie, Nishisaka, Scott Grandfather Nishisaka, Yoshio	Torio, Taye Mother Sugimoto, Shizue
Hayamizu, Sumiko Father Nakashima, Hashigoro	Nishikawa, Yoko Grandmother Uyemura, Minoe	Toyama, John Father Toyama, Seikichi
Hiramoto, John Father Hiramoto, George	Nishikawa, Yoko Mother Uyemura, Chizuko	Tsuji, Hisako Husband Tsuji, Shoichi
Hori, Robert Father Hori, Takashi	Ohata, Ron Brother Ohata, Kevin	Umemoto, Marty & Kathie Grandson Ito, Jayden
Iriye, Kenny Mother Iriye, Midori	Okazaki, James Mother Kuroi, Osae	Umemoto, Marty Mother Umemoto, Mitsuko
Komai, JoAnn Mother Yamada, Alice	Rogers, Beverly Grandmother Tokaji, Masano	Ushirogata, Yukie Mother Matsushita, Tsunee
Koyanagi, Katherine Mother Koyanagi, Miyoko	Rogers, Beverly Step-Grandfather	Usui, Aiko Mother Nishiyama, Chiyeiko
Kuwata, Tom Father Kuwata, Kijiro	Tokaji, Kaname	Uyemura, Koichi Grandmother Uyemura, Minoe
		Uyemura, Koichi Mother Uyemura, Chizuko
		Yamashita, Betty Father Takahashi, Tokuso
		Yoshida, Miyeko Father Suzuki, Urao

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Monthly Memorial June 2023

Shotsuki Service June 4 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

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

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Senshin 2023

Kodomo-no-hi (Children's Day) May 7

We'll have a Family gathering on Sunday, May 7th. We will put up *Koinobori* (flying carp banner), and have crafts for kids, making *Origami kabuto* (warrior helmet) and *Koinobori*. We also plan to have games and serve food.

For more information, please contact Chris Aihara, aihara.chris@gmail.com

Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony) Sunday, May 21

We will observe Gotan-ye on Sunday, May 21, 10 am. Gotan-ye is the celebration of Shinran Shonin's birth. Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173. *Gotan* means birth and *Ye* means gathering.

We are planning to hold *Hatsumairi*, (infant presentation ceremony) in conjunction with *Gotan-ye*. We welcome children and babies who were unable to participate in *Hatsumairi* the previous two or three years. In order to plan and prepare for the ceremony, including ordering Senshin *Hatsumairi* Teddy Bears for each participant, we would appreciate registration as early as possible. If you wish to have your children or grandchildren participate in the ceremony, please contact the temple at (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com

降誕会および初参りのおしらせ

2021年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月21日(日)10時から行います。降誕会は親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いする法要です。

降誕会に併せて初参りも開催する予定です。新しく生まれたお子さんやお孫さんが初参りに参加されるようでしたら、お寺に電話してください。2021年、2022年に初参りに来ることができなかったお子さんも参加できます

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class Introduction and Reflection on Rennyo Shonin's *Gobunsho*

Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:15pm
May 24, 31, and June 14, 21, and 28,
Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

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.

Takumi Kato and his sons Taiko Performance June 4

Takumi Kato who is a professional Japanese Taiko drumming performer from Japan will perform Taiko on June 4, after the service. Takumi and his family moved to the US with a dream of performing 1,000 times with his three children across 50 states in 5 years. They are now living in Ojai. They started performing in October 2022, and, as of mid-April, they have performed over 200 times in California, Washington, Oregon, and Texas.

For more information about Takumi Kato and his family, you can visit <https://www.nukumorinomori.com/en/profile/>

The Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa 2023 Memorial Scholarships

The purpose of these scholarships is to honor the late Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa, and to recognize the efforts of a graduating high school senior and/or a person pursuing a change in direction in life via continuing education. This could be through a college, university, trade or technical school. Those with the desire to further their education will be considered for these scholarships. Consideration will first go to members of Senshin Buddhist Temple. If qualified recipients are not found, the scholarships will be opened to members of any Buddhist Temple in the Los Angeles area.

Scholarship Award:

A one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to be used for tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses, will be awarded

to each of two individuals. One award will go to a high school graduating senior; the other will go to an individual who is engaged in continuing education, whether on the college level, trade/technical school or change of career studies. If a qualified candidate is not found in each category, the awards will go to the two outstanding candidates, regardless of category.

Requirements:

Must have graduated high school or passed the GED (General Educational Development) test by June of the application year or earlier.

Applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in a college, university, trade school or technical school, or must show intention of attending one of those institutions.

Must obtain and complete the application as stated below. 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, which will be sent via email upon request.

The application (including both recommendations) MUST be received by June 30, 2023. The scholarships will be presented at the Senshin Obon service on July 23, 2023.

Obon Raffle July 1

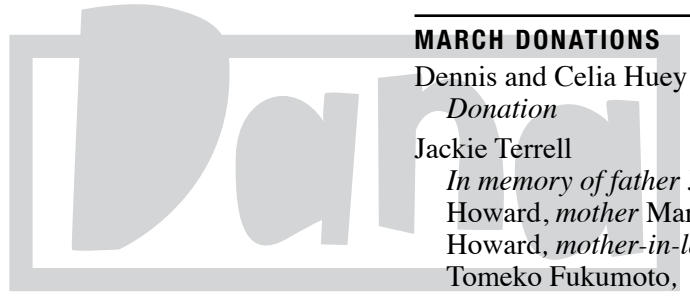
On Saturday, July 1,
Senshin will hold its annual Raffle during Bon Odori intermission.

The Obon Raffle is one of our temple's major fundraisers to support religious programs.

We will be sending out raffle tickets in late May and ask that if you are able to support the fundraiser, please send back the ticket stubs and donation check so they are received by Tuesday, June 27. Suggested donation for each ticket is \$3 or \$30 per book. A free ticket can be obtained at the temple office.

The Raffle Committee is also requesting your help with prize donations. We appreciate and welcome any prize donation you can give and hope this extra request will not be a hardship. We are grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com.





MARCH DONATIONS

Dennis and Celia Huey
Donation
Jackie Terrell
In memory of father Jack Howard, mother Marty Howard, mother-in-law Tomeko Fukumoto, father-in-law Katsumi Fukumoto
Michael Matsuda
Nokotsudo
Toshiko Yamaguchi
Happy 100th Birthday to Kiyome Hirayama, Mat Uyeno and Kiyo Yoneda
Douglas Kato *Nokotsudo*
Richard and Yoko Miyagawa
Nokotsudo
Doug Matsuda *Nokotsudo*
Lynn Kanda and David Gleeson
In memory of Mary Kathleen Gleeson
Madalyne Adams *Osaisen*
Janis Ishitani
In memory of Nell Sawada
Anonymous
Dana (Peter Lugo)
Julia Murakami
In memory of Mat Uyeno
Masao Kodani *Dana*
Derek Oye
Usui Family Gathering
Yonsei Basketball Association *Orei*
Edna Horiuchi
In memory of Mat Uyeno
Beverly Rogers
Birth of granddaughter, Madison
Beverly Rogers
In honor of Rev. Aki
Edmond and Susan Young
In memory of Doris Shigaki
Edmond and Susan Young
Nokotsudo
Disney *Donation*
Hurley Nishida Charitable Gift Fund
Special Nembutsu Retreat
Hurley Nishida Charitable Gift Fund *Nokotsudo*

Marsha Watanabe
Nokotsudo
Nick and Wendy Nagatani
Nokotsudo
Kroeger *Donation*
Hongwanji Place *Orei*
Dennis and Celia Huey
Donation
Dale Shirasago *Dana*
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*
Ellen Shimohara *Hoonko*
Michael and Lilly Yanagita
70th Anniversary/Capital Campaign

MARCH FLOWER DONATION

Ellen Shimohara
Connie Matayoshi
Glen and Joyce Isomoto
Doug Matsuda
Mark and Reiko Soday
Kelvin and Yoko Nishikawa
Kathie and Marty Umemoto
Chikako Kojima
Michiko Sugano
Russell and Lori Nishida
Nishida Family
Ted and Julie Akahori
Richard Kodani
Toshiko Yamaguchi
Beverly Rogers (for Hana-matsuri)

MARCH 2023 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant
In Memory Of
Ted & Julie Akahori
Rev. Hoshin Fujikado
Ted & Julie Akahori
Harry Kawaye
Ted & Julie Akahori
Sachie Murata
Erica Yee Calzadias
Peter Lugo
May Sugano Egner
Takuya Sugano, Tsugi Sugano
Catherine Hisamune
Rev. Hoshin Fujikado

Glen & Joyce Isomoto
Kiyoko Isomoto
Douglas Kato
Jessie Kato
Richard & Denise Kodani
Mother Motome Kodani
Richard & Denise Kodani
Sharon Koga
Chikako Kojima
George Kojima, Fred Kojima, Teruji Takaki
Fujie & Ron Ohata
Rev. Hoshin Fujikado
Maeda, Okabe & Hiroto Families
Toshihiro Domoto
Doug Matsuda
Manabu Ronnie Matsuda
Gene & Connie Matayoshi
Yoneko Matayoshi
Robert Nishida
Kikuko Nishida
Russell & Lori Nishida
Kikuko Nishida
Ronald & Fujie Ohata
Uncle Ichiro Uyeno
Ellen Shimohara
Father Michio Shinoda
Mark & Reiko Soday
Kamezo Niimi
Michiko Sugano
Takuya Sugano & Tsugi Sugano
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Grandmothers Shige Yasuda, Itsu Jinde
Suzanne Toji
Jack Totsubo
Barbara Tanezaki
Takashi Tanezaki
Kathie & Marty Umemoto
Ronnie Matsuda

SPRING OHIGAN 2023

Anonymous
Anonymous
Madalyne Adams
Julie Akahori
Ted Akahori
Don Akamine
Roy & Jane Asahi
James & Karen Harada
Sumiko Hayamizu
Bert & Dorothy Higa
Deb & John Hiramoto
Catherine Hisamune
Patti Honkawa
Kenny & Joji Iriye
Janis Ishitani
Karen Ishizuka & Bob Nakamura
Cathy Iyemura
Chikako Kojima
Neil & JoAnn Komai
Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi
Douglas Matsuda
Natsuko Masushige
Jean Minami
Bob Miyamoto & Deb Nakatomi
Satoshi Miyata
Garren and Stephanie Mizutani
Eugene & Elaine Murakami
Richard & Helen Nakawatase
Russell & Lori Nishida
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Ronald & Fujie Ohata
Shelley Okamura
Michael & Carol Okuda
Susan Omori
Beverly Rogers
Ellen Shimohara
Mark & Reiko Soday
Michiko Sugano
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Yo Takeyama
Bessie Tanaka
Suzanne Toji

Kathy & Marty Umemoto
Yoko Uneda
Yukie Ushirogata
Matsuko Uyeno
Bernice Wakinaka
Toshiko Yamaguchi
Betty Yamashita
Qris Yamashita & Chris Komai
Greg Yee
Arlene Yokoyama
Amy Yukawa

HANAMATSURI 2023

Anonymous
Anonymous
Madalyne Adams
Sandra & Roberto Aguilar
Julie Akahori
Ted Akahori
Roy & Jane Asahi
Don Akamine
Donna Ebata
James & Karen Harada
Kenneth Hatai
Sumiko Hayamizu
Bert & Dorothy Higa
Stephanie Higa
Deb & John Hiramoto
Paul Hiramoto
Jane Hirayama
Joy & Duane Hirayama
Catherine Hisamune
Robert Hori & Richard Kok
Janis Ishitani
Cathy Iyemura
Emi Kamikawa
Glenn & Kristine Kawaguchi
Ikuko Kiriyaama
Richard & Denise Kodani
Chikako Kojima
Neil & JoAnn Komai
Doug Matsuda
Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi
Joy Middo

Jean Minami
John & Wendy Mori
Eugene & Elaine Murakami
Judy Nakatani
Deb Nakatomi & Bob Miyamoto
Paige Morikawa
Richard & Helen Nakawatase
Russell & Lori Nishida
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Merrie Nishisaka
Craig & Cindy Ogawa
Jerry Ogawa & Roy Natividad
Ron & Fujie Ohata
Shelley Okamura
Susan Omori
Beverly Rogers
Michiko Sakakura
Dana & Ann Saneto
James Segawa
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong
Ellen Shimohara
Dale Shirasago
Michiko Sugano
Kiyoe Suzuki
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Yo Takeyama
Suzanne Toji
Kathie & Marty Umemoto
Yoko Uneda
Koichi Uyemura & Linda Wong
Vickie Wakinaka & Gary Asano
Toshiko Yamaguchi
Betty & Tak Yamashita
Qris Yamashita
Joyce & Richard Yamashita
Greg Yee
Arlene Yokoyama
Kiyoko Yoneda
Amy Yukawa

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.



Updates

& ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Message from the Board

I remember a time when I remembered things. Now time seems to fly by so quickly that I can remember only bits and pieces of the day's events, unless there is good food that seems to sharpen its impression in my mind. We had a terrific turn-out at temple for our *Hanamatsuri* service and everyone enjoyed the *chirashi* lunch prepared by our BWA members. At the end of April the entire Sangha gathered to help at our annual Chicken Teriyaki BBQ Fundraiser. This event was followed by Shinran Shonin's 850th birthday (*Gotanyē*) on May 21.

You think your childhood was rough? My living room floor was lava and I had to jump from sofa to sofa to change channels on our old, black and white television. Kids now have Saishin Dojo Summer Program to learn Japanese culture and traditions. This will begin in mid-June for our first-through-sixth grade youngsters. *Hatsubon* and *Obon* with our traditional 1000 candles and taiko will be held on July 1. These will keep you young at heart and only slightly older in other places. Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late.

In Gassho,
KOICHI UYEMURA

BWA

The chicken teriyaki sale is always a wonderful event that brings together the Sangha, all of the temple organizations, and temple friends. With the leadership of Qris Yamashita and

Suzanne Toji, the BWA was busy preparing the *gomae* beans, slicing the oranges, and making lunch for all that came out to help. Everyone enjoyed the meal of healthy vegetarian *umani*, rice, Chinese chicken salad from Feast from the East, and the ever popular hot dogs. On the same day, we also had a bake sale spearheaded by Patti Honkawa, a craft sale by Reiko Sunday, and the white elephant sale spearheaded by Wendy Mori. Thank you to Qris, Suzanne, Patti, Reiko, Wendy, and all of the BWA volunteers that came out to help cook, bake, set-up and sell, clean up, and do whatever was needed to make the day a success!

In the month of May, nine BWA members will attend the world conference at the Hongwanji in Kyoto. It will be a beautiful experience to chant with many others from around the world. Thank you for representing our temple. *Hatsumairi* will also be in May to welcome new babies in conjunction with the *Gotan-ye* service. BWA will contribute to the celebration by distributing snacks of *senbei*.

Some of our BWA members volunteered to deliver *Hanamatsuri Chirashi Sushi* to homebound and super senior Sangha members. We initiated this service so that Sangha members who are unable to attend temple service, could share in the *otoki* offering. It was wonderful seeing the happy faces of our fellow sangha members and allowing us to extend personal connections. There are 25 people on the list residing in 5 different regions. We will continue these *otoki* deliveries in the future.

A special thank you to the following for your generous dana:

- Debbie Hiramoto *In memory of Nell Sawada*
- Kiyoko Yoneda *Special*
- Beverly Rogers *Thank you for support of Rev. Aki*
- Connie and Gene Matayoshi *In memory of Yoneko Matayoshi*
- Debbie and John Hiramoto *In memory of Elso Kanagawa*
- Senshin Buddhist Temple *Refreshments for tri-seminar*
- JoAnn Komai *Special*
- Debbie Hiramoto *Higan*
- James Segawa *20 cup Panasonic rice cooker*

ABA

In March, after a three-year wait, visitor restrictions were lifted at Kei Ai Lincoln Park facility, and the ABA and BWA returned to play Bingo with the residents. We had a great time during our visit and also stopped by to chat with other residents we know on other floors. Next visits are August 27 and December 10. Please contact Debbie Hiramoto if you would like to attend.

Our thanks to everyone who supported the ABA Cha Shu Bao fundraiser last month. Proceeds will be used to support temple activities.

Our gratitude to the following for their kind donations:

- Marilyn Okano *Special*
- Beverly Rogers *In gratitude to ABA for support of daughter, Aki Sensei*

Jr YBA

In April, the Juniors had many successful events. The bake sale on *Hanamatsuri* and Chicken Teriyaki had a great turnout. They also attended SD's Religious Retreat at San Diego. In June, there will be a Panda Express fundraiser, so please look out for the link and code! After a school year filled with hard work, the Jr.'s will be very excited to begin their summer breaks. Then, we will begin preparations for our Parents' Breakfast on the 18th to

thank our parents for their hard work and help throughout this year. During the remainder of June, our excitement for *Obon* and the Japan trip will start building up. If you have any questions or would like to join Jr. YBA, don't hesitate to reach out to our parent advisor, Mrs. Juriko Yamada at: afstue@gmail.com

Facilities TEMPLE SECURITY

There were three times recently that the Social Hall parking lot gate did not close. Each time it was for a different reason, but we were able to get it working again. The last person to leave the parking lot should wait to see if the gate closes. There is a 30 second timer on the gate motor, so it should only take about 30 seconds to close. If the gate is not closing, please call Doug Matsuda, (323) 422-5591. Thank you!



Kurinuki Yaki class is coming!

WasabiKai would like to invite you to participate in a fun-filled exploration of a ceramic technique called *Kurinuki*, which starts out with a solid piece of clay which is then hollowed out to begin to form an interior space which can be manipulated to begin to shape an exterior form and through a series of cuts, rips and sculpture techniques a unique shape takes form. Unlike wheel throwing where pieces are usually symmetrical and handbuilding where pieces are joined together, *Kurinuki* is about subtraction. This allows a beginner or an experienced potter a lot of freedom and spontaneity.

Kaz Ota, a longtime friend, supporter and contributor to WasabiKai will guide you through this process. Kaz is a master potter who has explored many different approaches in creating pieces that reflect the Japanese aesthetics. The *Kurinuki* technique truly embraces the *wabi sabi*.

The classes will be held on five Saturdays beginning July 8th @ 10:30-1PM and will be limited to six participants. A suggested donation of \$100 is requested to cover the cost of all materials and tools which will be provided. No previous experience or special creative talent needed. You must bring a curious and adventurous attitude and a willingness to explore. (please note that I am writing this 04/10 due to scheduling issues due to Prajna staff...hopefully no changes to dates and times will occur)

To sign up for the class, contact Bob Miyamoto 323 791.2719 or 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com. We will follow all recommended Covid protocols in effect at the time.

Hope to see you in class.

Senshin Jr. YBA Fundraiser

PANDA EXPRESS

Tuesday, June 20



Available at Panda
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ONLINE ORDERS ONLY!
Apply code **914257** in
the fundraiser code box
during online checkout
at
www.pandaexpress.com
or via app.

Please support the Jrs. for their trip to Japan this
summer to further their understanding of Jodo
Shinshu Buddhism! 28% of the sales will be donated to
Senshin Buddhist Temple Jr. YBA.

IN CELEBRATION OF KODOMO-NO-HI (CHILDREN'S DAY)

SUNDAY
MAY 7, 2023

Immediately After
Service

Senshin Buddhist
Temple Social Hall



Join us for some family fun

CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Origami kabuto (warrior helmet)

Koi nobori (flying carp banner)

GAMES

FUN FOOD

Share your Boy's Day Decorations

Kids: Let us know you're coming, so we can plan the activities. Chris Aihara, aihara.chris@gmail.com



Kinnara

One of our long-time *gagaku* members, Keisho Okayama, who passed away a few years ago, will have his art displayed in a JACCC exhibition opening on May 6, 1-4 pm. Gallery hours are Tues-Sun 12 noon – 4 pm. “*Keisho Okayama: Selected Works*” which runs through June 10, will feature his paintings, drawings and masks. A prolific artist, painting and drawing throughout his life, he produced work in acrylic, pencil, sumi, watercolor, charcoal and oil pastel.

Keisho began learning the *hichiriki* in the early 1970s, and in addition to playing, he also made *hichirikis* and *Bugaku* masks for Kinnara.

Rev. Furumoto talked about Keisho's *Jaki* carving in the February *Prajna*. This was given to Senshin by Keisho's wife Lauren and will be painted and placed on our *Mon* (Gate) as part of Senshin's 75th anniversary!



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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TAKUMI KATO & SONS JUNE, 2023

洗心仏教会

2023年5&6月

3 月感謝録:

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Disney,Kroeger, 匿名
お祝い:B.Rogers Rev:Aki渡日,孫娘誕生
お祝い:K平山,M上野,K米田百歳誕生日-T山口
お礼:4世バスケット,本願寺プレイス
納骨堂:R&Y宮川,D加藤一家,D松田,M松田,
E&S.Young,H西田基金,M渡辺,N&W永谷
念仏レトリート: H西田基金

故J.Howard,M.Howard,T福本&K福本追悼:J.Terrell
故M.K.Gleeson追悼:L神田&D.Gleeson
故N沢田追悼:J石谷
故M上野追悼:J村上,E堀内
故D志垣追悼: E&S.Young
お賽銭:M.Adams
臼井一家集い:D大江
D.Trihey,M菅野,C又吉,G又吉

5月法要スケジュール:

3日(水) 6:30pm 日本旅行計画 古本先生
7日(日) 8:30am 婦人会例会
9am ABA会議
9:45am 日本語法要
10am 祥月法要
11am 日曜学校、ドーナツ
12noon 理事会
11-12日(木一金) 親鸞聖人生誕850年、浄土真宗設
立800年、仏教婦人会世界大会:
京都
12日(金) 6pm 南加地区婦人会代表者会議
14日(日) 10am 家族礼拝
11am 英語勉強会,Jr.YBA会議,キッズ太
鼓
20日(土) 9:30am 納骨堂掃除
21日(日) 10am 親鸞聖人御誕生法要、初参り
11am 英語勉強会,キッズ太鼓
24日(水) 6:30pm 仏教学院:蓮如上人“御文章”解説
古本先生
28日(日) 10am 家族礼拝
11am 英語勉強会
29日(月) 8-12am 納骨堂参拝
11:30am Rosedale墓地メモリアムデイ法要
31日(水) 6:30p 仏教学院:蓮如上人“御文章”解説
古本先生

5月法要当番:日曜学校

5月本堂当番:J平本,D平本,K入江,P平本

5月お花当番: 6日M宮本,13日J&D平本,20日Y&R宮
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6月法要スケジュール:

4日(日) 8:30am 婦人会例会
9am ABA会議
9:45am 日本語法要
10am 祥月法要
11am 太鼓演奏:加藤たくみ
11日(日) 10 am 家族礼拝
11am 理事会,キッズ太鼓
12noon 盆踊り練習
14日(水) 6:30pm 仏教学院:蓮如上人“御文章”解説
古本先生
15日(木) 7:30pm 盆踊り練習
18日(日) 9am 親の日朝食
10am 家族礼拝
11am 英語勉強会,キッズ太鼓
12noon 盆踊り練習
19日-7月14日 西心道場サマースクール
21日(水) 6:30pm 仏教学院:蓮如上人“御文章”解説
古本先生
7:30p 盆踊り練習
24日(土) 9:30am 納骨堂掃除
25日(日) 10am 家族礼拝
11am 英語勉強会
28日(水) 6:30pm 仏教学院:蓮如上人“御文章”解説
古本先生
30日(金) 7:30pm 盆踊り練習

6月法要当番:お寺

6月本堂当番:D松田,J岡崎,N&W永谷

7月本堂当番:K植村,D&T松原,A湯川

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SENSHIN-JI 2023 MAY 2566

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place hours 6:30-7:15p Japan Trip Class, Rev Furumoto 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9a ABA meeting 9:45a Japanese <i>Howa</i> 10a Monthly Memorial Service, Shotsuki Hōyō & Family Service 11a Dharma School Children Day Event, Donuts 12noon Temple Board Meeting		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place hours	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko May 11-12 Shinran Shonin 850th Birthday and Jodo Shinshu 800th anniv and World BWA Conference in Kyoto	6p So. District BCA Council Meeting	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10a Family Service, Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Minister 11a Study Class, Jr YBA Meeting, Youth Kinnara Taiko	Emeritus	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place hours 7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		9:30a Nokotsudo clean-up
21 <i>Gotanye</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
10a <i>Gotanye</i> (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) & <i>Hatsumairi</i> Infant Presentation 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place hours 6:30-7:15p Introduction/Re- flection on Rennyo Shonin's <i>Gobunsho</i> , Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	June 1	2	3
10a Family Service 11a Study Class	Services at Cemeteries 8a-12n Nokotsudo Visitation 11:30a Memorial Day Service at Rosedale	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place hours 6:30-7:15p Introduction/Re- flection on Rennyo Shonin's <i>Gobunsho</i> , Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		

MAY TOBAN:

Sunday Service Dharma School
Hondo Toban John Hiramoto, Deb Hiramoto, Kenny Iriye,
Paul Hiramoto

MAY ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement:

May 6 Marilyn Miyamoto
May 13 Deb/John Hiramoto
May 20 Yoko/Richard Miyagawa
May 27 Yoko/Kelvin Nishikawa
June 3 Qris Yamashita

(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 JUNE:

June 4: Taiko performance: Takumi Kato
June 18: Parents Day Breakfast
June 19: Saishin Dojo Summer Dharma School

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	June 19-July 14 Saishin Dojo Summer Dharma School					
25	26	27	28	29	30	July 1
10a Family Service 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko; <i>Obon Odori</i> practice		10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	6:30-7:15p Introduction/Reflection on Rennyō Shonin's <i>Gobunsho</i> , Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	7:30p <i>Bon Odori</i> practice	Senshin Hatsubon, Bon Odori and Horaku

JUNE TOBAN

Service Toban Temple

June Hondo Toban Doug Matsuda, James Okazaki,
Nick Nagatani, Wendy Nagatani

July Hondo Toban Koichi Uyemura, Dale Matsubara,
Tammy Matsubara, Amy Yukawa

JUNE Onaijin Flower Toban

June 3 Qris Yamashita

June 10 Denise Takehara

June 17 Denise/Richard Kodani

June 24 Sheri Lovall

July 1 (Hatsubon) Fujie Ohata

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Upcoming in JULY 2023

July 1 Senshinji *Hatsubon*, *Bon Odori*

July 23 Senshin *Kangi-E* Service