

# CARRY ON

## JIRO ISHIKAWA-SAN'S STORY

Recently, I recalled the story about Jiro Ishikawa-san, who passed away and was born in the Pure Land when he was only 17 years old. It happened in Mesa, Arizona, almost a hundred years ago.

When Jiro-san was dying, he recited the nembutsu and he left a message and a phrase,

“Carry on.” “Carry on” meant to his family, “I will be born in the Pure Land and continue existing.” To his football teammates, it meant “continue playing the game.”

After his passing, his words, “carry on,” became the motto of his school, Mesa High School.

His tragic story appeared in



JIRO ISHIKAWA  
1915 - 1932

ZEDO ISHIKAWA  
BORN IN MESA MAY 31, 1915  
DIED IN MESA SEPT. 22, 1932

several newspapers in Arizona on the days that followed and even several decades after his passing. I read a book written by Seki Hozen *sensei* (1903-1991), who founded the Arizona Buddhist Temple in 1933. He wrote about Jiro Ishikawa-san in Japanese. The title of the book is *Mesa no Koka*, which means “Mesa High

School's school song.”

Jiro Ishikawa was the eldest son of Kurataro and Hatsuno Ishikawa. His father, Kurataro, was born in Hiroshima City and came to the U.S. in 1911 to grow oranges in Mesa, Arizona. A few years later, he invited Hatsuno to join him and their business expanded and prospered as a result of their combined efforts. They had five children, Jiro and four daughters.

Jiro, who attended Mesa High School, was a student with a triple combination of excellent character, outstanding academic achievement, and all-around athletic ability. He was a model student, earning the respect and trust not only among his teachers but also among his fellow students.

Suddenly, a sad incident happened to this exceptional Nisei young man.

On the night of September 21, 1932, Jiro was relaxing at home thinking about his high school team's football game just a few days away. His mother, Hatsuno, was returning to her hometown of Hiroshima and was not home. His four younger sisters were in bed. His father, Kurataro, and a friend were in the living room where the Buddhist altar was enshrined. They had a very serious look on their faces as they were talking.

Suddenly, Jiro heard the cries of stray dogs coming from the backyard. Normally, he would have left them alone, but on that night, his father was in the middle of a serious discussion. “Jiro, get those dogs away from here.” “All right.” Jiro went to the backyard

and immediately picked up his rifle which was propped up on the door-step. He had no intention of shooting the dog, nor did he know it was loaded with bullets. He held the rifle upside down by the barrel, intending to use the handle to break up the dogs' fight. The muzzle of the gun was then pointing toward him now.

“You guys are noisy. Go away!” When Jiro slammed the handle of his



rifle down on the ground, a shot rang out. A bullet pierced Jiro's chest. Everything happened in a flash.

A few minutes later, Jiro was in his living room, surrounded by his father and his four sisters. Jiro was lying on the floor with blood pouring from his chest. He looked as though he was in a lot of pain. There was still some time before the doctor arrived. Everyone encouraged him as they cried. Considering that Jiro was a star player on the football team, they hoped that his physical strength would allow him to recover from this fatal wound. However, looking at the situation objectively, it did not look like Jiro would survive.

Having intuited the death of his only son, Kurataro no longer said,

“Don't die, you can survive.” Instead, he chanted the Nembutsu, “*Namo Amida Butsu, Namooamidabutsu, namandabu...*” Perhaps he realized that, as a Jodo Shinshu follower for generations, death was not the end of life.

“Jiro, don't worry. You're going to Amida-sama's great place very soon. Jiro, do you understand? Daddy and Mommy are all going after you, so don't worry. Don't worry, Jiro, Jiro! Jiro, wait for me at the Pure Land.”

Hearing his father's words, Jiro said, “Yes, Daddy. Carry on.

Carry on *Namooamidabutsu.*”

“We are fortunate, Jiro, let's meet again.” Jiro said “Carry on” over and over again, and finally passed away to the other shore.

His life was only 17 years and 3 months.

However, Seki-sensei said,

“Carry on” is a vivid expression of the nembutsu. It is a word that symbolizes the dynamic of life that leads us to eternity, that is, the meaning of “*Muryojyu Nyorai*, Buddha of Infinite life.”

This is a story Seki *sensei* wrote. He wanted to tell people that death is not the end of our life and we can be born in the Pure Land and attain Nirvana. It is “Carry on.”

An article in the local newspaper did not mention nembutsu.

His tragic death at age 17 on September 22, 1932 stunned and saddened his community. Before his passing, Zedo told his family, “Tell the coach to go ahead and play the game tomorrow. Tell the boys to carry on.” Since then “Carry on” became Mesa High's rally, and his legacy has inspired generations.

## 「キャリーオン南無阿弥陀仏」、石川次郎さんの話

古本竜太

親鸞聖人は、信心を「長生不死の神方」と表現されています(信巻)。信心をいただくと、生死をこえて、阿弥陀如来と同じ無量寿にさせていただくから、信心を「不死を得る不可思議の方法」

と言われるのです。死んでも死なない身になるということで、この世での死後に、お浄土に生まれて、仏に成ることができる、という浄土真宗の教えをお示しくださっています。

約100年前、アリゾナの地で、「キャリーオン、南無阿弥陀仏」という言葉を残して亡くなられた石川次郎さんがおられます。「キャリーオン」とは「困難にもめげずに継続する」とか「続けていく」という意味です。このお話は、アリゾナ仏教会初代開教使の関法善先生が、「メサの校歌」という本で紹介されました。

石川次郎さんは、庫太郎、ハツノ夫妻の長男として生まれました。父親、庫太郎氏は広島市の出身で1911年に単身渡米、アリゾナ州メサ市でオレンジ栽培をされました。数年後、ハツノ夫人を呼び寄せ、夫婦で力を合わせた結果、事業も拡大、繁昌し、次郎さんと4名の娘が生まれました。

メサ高校に通う次郎さんは、人物は優秀、学業は抜群の出来、スポーツもでき、たいへんポピュラーな生徒だったそうです。そんなすばらしい青年に、突如、悲しい事件が起こります。

1932年9月21日の夜、フットボール部の試合を数日後に控えていた次郎さんは、自宅でくつろいでいました。母親のハツノさんは故郷の広島に帰省中で、四人の妹たちは寢床についており、お仏壇の安置されているリビングでは父、庫太郎さんと友人が

深刻な顔をしてなにやら相談事をしています。

そんな折、突然、裏庭の方から野良犬たちの吠える声が聞こえてきました。庫太郎さんは、「次郎、犬をどっかへ追い払ってくれや。」とたのみます。「オーライ。」次郎さんは裏庭へ行き、おもむるに戸口に立ってかけてあったライフルを手に取りました。犬を撃とうとするわけではありませんし、弾丸が込められていたことも思いも知りません。ライフルをさかさにして、銃身を持ち、柄の方で犬たちのケンカを仲裁するつもりでした。今、銃口は自分の方に向いています。

「ほれ、どっか行きんさい。お父さんたちの邪魔になるけえ。コラ!」と言い、ライフルの柄を地面に叩きつけたその時、「ズドン。」銃声が轟きます。弾丸は次郎さんの胸を貫きました。

数分後、次郎さんはリビングで庫太郎氏、友人、四人の妹たちにかまれています。胸から血を流し、横たわっている次郎さんはとても苦しそうです。医者が来るまでの時間、皆は泣きながら次郎さんを励まします。次郎さんがフットボール部の主力選手だという事を考えると、この致命傷から回復するんじゃないか、と望みをかけます。けれども、客観的に見ると、次郎さんはとても助かりそうにはありません。

大事な一人息子の死を直感した庫

lyrics of the school song of Mesa High School. For Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, it teaches us the meaning of the nembutsu and encourages us to recite the nembutsu in our daily lives.

*Namooamidabutsu.*

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

太郎氏は、もう「死ぬな、しっかりせえ、生きる。」とは言いません。代わりに「なむあみだぶつ、なむあみだぶつ」とお念仏をとなえます。代々続く浄土真宗の信者として、死んでも終わりじゃない、ということをよく聴聞しておられたのでしょうか。

「次郎、心配せんでもええ。お前は、たった今、もうすぐあみださまの、結構な所に往くんじゃから。次郎、わかったか。ダディーもマミーもみんな後から往くけえ、心配するなよ。いいか、次郎、次郎! なむあみだぶつ、次郎、待っとけよ。」

父親の言葉を聞いた次郎さんは、「そうです、ダディー。キャリーオンです。キャリーオンなむあみだぶつ。」「うれしいのー、次郎、また会おうな。」「はい!」次郎さんは、何度も何度も「キャリーオン」を言いつづけて、ついに彼岸へ旅立たれたといっています。十七年と三ヶ月の短い生涯でした。

この出来事を書かれた関先生は、「キャリーオン、なむあみだぶつ」とは念仏の訳語である。死ぬのではなく、永劫につながる生命の躍動、即ち「無量寿如来」の意を象徴した言葉。「我行精進忍終不悔」の精神こそ、実にキャリーオンであり、活きた念仏の表現なのであると言われます。

石川次郎さんが残された「キャリーオン」は、メサ高校の校歌の一節になったそうです。約20年前、私がメサ高校を訪れたとき、グラウンドに立つスコアボードの上方に、大きく「キャリーオン」と書かれてありました。夕暮れ時のグラウンドで「キャリーオン、なむあみだぶつ!」と一人で何度かとなえた後に、讃佛偈を読誦したことがおもいだされます。

南無阿弥陀仏



# Monthly Memorial February 2024

## Shotsuki Service February 4 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)  
Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

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

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 2024

## Nirvana Day Service

### Sunday, February 11

February 15th is Nirvana day, Shakyamuni Buddha's death day. Traditionally, the Buddha's death is called "Entering into great Nirvana." This year, we plan to serve *Zenzai* on Sunday, February 11, following the service.

涅槃会  
2月11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。善哉を用意しますので、みなさまどうぞお参りください。

## Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class (Online)

### Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 2

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:15pm  
February 7, 14 and 21

This will be the Basic Jodo Shinshu Class 2. The classes are online 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.

## BCA Eitaikyo Online Service

### Sunday, February 25

We will join the BCA Eitaikyo service via online on February 25 at 10 am. The service will be broadcasted from Sacramento Betsuin. 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 25.

BCA永代経サービス  
2月25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。





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

Wilbur & Iris Takashima *Bukkyo Gakuin*  
Ikuko & Kazuo Matsubayashi *Nokotsudo*  
Robert Nakamura *Donation*  
Robert Nakamura *529 Plan*  
Yonsei Basketball Association *Use of classroom*  
Marty & Kathie Umemoto *Wedding of daughter*  
Kristie & Steve Hutkin  
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa *Wedding of son*  
Derek & Alisa  
Dennis & Celia Huey *Donation*  
Keith Sawada *In memory of Annie Yee*  
Kojima & Uneda Families *7th cycle memorial service for Harry Kazushi Uneda*  
Kubota Nikkei Mortuary *Year end donation*  
Donna Ebata *Donation*  
Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley *Nokotsudo*  
Keith Shimabukuro & Marilyn Shimabukuro *Nokotsudo*  
Judy Nakatani *Donation*  
Friends of Harry Uneda *7th cycle memorial service for Harry Uneda*  
Jean Minami *In memory of Harry Uneda*  
Jean Minami *Nokotsudo*  
Bruce Hirayama *Donation*  
Southern District Junior Young Buddhist League *Orei - religious retreat*  
Daniel Murakami *Car donation*  
Elizabeth Lee *Car donation*  
Dale Shirasago *Dana*  
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*  
Kazuo Matsubayashi *Dana*

Diane Trihey *Donation*  
Mike Yanagita *Capital Campaign*  
Janis Ishitani *75th Anniv. Renovation*

DECEMBER FLOWER DONATION

Kazuo & Ikuko Matsubayashi  
Lori & Russell Nishida  
Emi Kamikawa  
Merrie Nishisaka  
Chikako Kojima  
Nishida Family  
Ted & Julie Akahori  
Reiko Sunday

DECEMBER 2023 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant *In Memory Of*  
Akahori, Ted & Julie *Sister-in-law*  
Yoshiko Uyetake  
Fujimoto, Miki *Mother*  
Mary Fujimoto  
Hirayama, Bruce *Brother*  
Glenn Hirayama  
Hirayama, Duane & Joy *Brother*  
Glenn Hirayama  
Hirayama, Keith & Jane *Brother*  
Glenn Hirayama  
Hirayama, Kiyome *Son*  
Glenn Hirayama  
Hurley, Neil & Debra Nishida *Father*  
John Nishida  
Kamikawa, Emi *Mother*  
Violet Kamikawa  
Kojima, Chikako *Father*  
Harry Uneda  
Maeda, Lisa; Hiroto, Carol; Okabe, Denise *Grandmother*  
Tsuchiyo Domoto  
Matsubayashi, Kazuo & Ikuko *Father*  
Moriichi Matsubayashi  
Minami, Jean *Brother-in-law*  
Yoshimi Minami

Mori, John & Wendy *Father*  
Hiroshi Sahara  
Mori, John & Wendy *Father*  
Yasuo Mori  
Motokane, Edward & Helen *Mother*  
Helen T. Motokane  
Nishida, Robert *Father*  
John Nishida  
Nishida, Russell & Lori *Grandmother*  
Ritsuko Nishisaka  
Nishida, Russell & Lori *Father*  
John Nishida  
Nishisaka, Merrie *Grandmother*  
Tsuta Sanada  
Nishisaka, Merrie *Grandmother*  
Ritsuko Nishisaka  
Ohata, Ron *Father*  
Shigetoshi Ohata  
Saneto, Satomi  
Glenn Hirayama  
Sunday, Reiko & Mark *Grandmother*  
Kinu Fukumoto  
Takashima, Wilbur & Iris *Grandfather*  
Hikokichi Yasuda  
Ushirogata, Yukie *Sister*  
Naruko Hagiwara  
Usui, Nancy *Mother*  
Kiyoko Shimabukuro

BODHI DAY 2023

Akamine, Don  
Anonymous  
Asahi, Jane  
Fukawa, Bill & Yetsuko  
Hisamune, Catherine  
Honkawa, Patricia  
Kodani, Richard & Denise  
Komai, Neil & JoAnn  
Nishida, Russell & Lori  
Ohata, Ron & Fujie  
Okamura, Shelly  
Shimabukuro, Marilyn  
Takashima, Wilbur & Iris  
Umemoto, Marty & Kathie

Yamashita, Qris & Komai, Chris  
Yanagita, Michael  
Yokoyama, Arlene

OSEIBO 2023

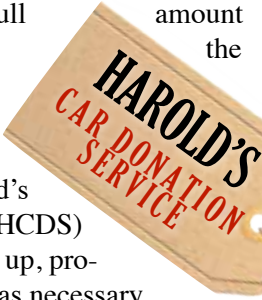
Adams, Madalyne  
Aihara, Doug & Chris  
Akamine, Don  
Anonymous  
Asahi, Jane  
Calzadias, Erica  
Camara, Stacey  
Ebata, Donna  
Fukawa, Bill & Yetsuko  
Fukawa, Stan & Debbie  
Hiramoto, John & Debbie  
Hiramoto, Paul  
Hisamune, Catherine  
Honkawa, Patricia  
Hurley, Neil & Nishida, Debra  
Isomoto, Glen & Joyce  
Iwasaki, Bruce  
Kodani, Richard & Denise  
Kojima, Chikako  
Komai, Neil & JoAnn  
Miyagawa, Richard & Yoko  
Miyamoto, Dennis & Marilyn  
Miyata, Satoshi  
Mizutani, Garren & Stephanie  
Nishida, Russell & Lori  
Ohata, Ron & Fujie  
Okamura, Shelly  
Omori, Sue  
Saneto, Dana & Ann  
Senshin Jr. YBA  
Shimabukuro, Marilyn  
Shirasago, Paula  
Takashima, Wilbur & Iris  
Umemoto, Marty & Kathie  
Yamaguchi, Toshiko  
Yamashita, Qris & Komai, Chris  
Yanagita, Michael  
Yokoyama, Arlene

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.



Anitya Committee

By the time we celebrate our 75th anniversary in 2026 we hope to have completed a thorough restoration of our buildings. The *Anitya* (Sanskrit for impermanence) committee has been formed and we have identified much work that needs to be done. The first project, already completed in December, was the restoration of the Mon (entry) and surrounding courtyard. Guided by the original plans drawn by Sam Mori in 1991, we repaired and replaced a lot of wood and everything was given a fresh coat of paint. It looks as good as new again!

Future phases of the restoration will be contracted as money becomes available.

They include refinishing the Hondo exterior, Social Hall exterior, breezeway canopy, and the teriyaki chicken BBQ area behind the rental house. Water-vulnerable woodwork on the Hondo will receive copper flashing and the surrounding garden beds will be regraded to keep water away. The windows on the south side of the Hondo will be replaced or re-finished so that they don't look foggy anymore. The Social Hall parking lot will be regraded to eliminate the deep rain puddles.

The estimated cost of the work the Anitya committee has identified is approximately \$300,000. Please consider donating to the 75th Anniversary Anitya Fund and help us restore Senshin back to its original beauty.





洗心仏教会

2024年2月

12月感謝録:

寄付:D白砂,D.&Cella Huey,R中村,D江畑,J中谷 Mayumi小谷,D.Trihey,B平山,K松林	故A.Yee追悼: K沢田 故H畝田追悼:J南
納骨堂:I/K松林,D西田,N.Hurley,K&M島袋,J南	故H.Kaushi7回忌:小島 & 畝田一家
結婚お祝い:M&K梅本,K&Y西川	故H畝田7回忌:H畝田の友人一同
仏教学院:W&I高島	お礼:研修会: 南加JYB,
年末寄付:Kubota Nikkei Mortuary	車寄付:D村上,E.Lee
526プラン:R中村	お礼:教室使用:4世バスケット

2月法要スケジュール:

4日(日)	10a 11a 11:45	祥月法要 ドーナツ 婦人会新年会
6日(火)	7p	婦人会例会(ズーム)
7日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門: 古本先生
8日(木)	7:30p	ABA会議ズーム
9日(金)		南加BCA役員会議
10-11日(土,日)		念仏研修会,パームガーデンホテルPeter畑開教使
11日(日)	10a 11a	涅槃会法要 理事会 Jr.YBA会議、Sangah Teens会議
14日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門: 古本先生
18日(日)	10a	家族礼拝
21日(水)	6:30-7:15p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門: 古本先生
22-25日(木-日)		BCA会議 於: サクラメント
25日(日)		休日
	10a	BCA永代経: ズーム
毎水曜日	10a-2:30p:	本願寺プレイス

2月法要当番: BWA

当番主任は、2/4日祥月法要の後のドーナツと飲み物,2/18日理事会のスナックとお茶を用意してください。

2月本堂当番: K/Y西川,S/D深川

2月お花当番: 3日L/K上村,10日I/K松林17日J南,24日S.Aguilar 3/2日J駒井,L赤嶺  
もし予定日に当番ができない時は、Iris(310-951-0160)またはitakashima@aol.comまでご連絡ください。

3月の予定: 3日ひな祭り,16日春のお比岸セミナー (T青木開教使) ,17日春のお比岸法要,31日大掃除,

供花-12月: C小島,T/J赤堀,R.Sunday,M西坂,K/I松林,E上川,L/R西田,西田一家

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From the Board

We live in an ever-growing competitive society which seems to emphasize individual gain rather than collective benefits for all. With global problems such as the wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, earthquakes, climate change, poverty, and other environmental and societal issues, it seems essential to build a better world through respect and collaboration.

Our personal world is surrounded by family and friends; with everyone else aimlessly driving by in the other lanes. Our environment and the people we share it with are the main sources of our sustenance and well-being. To ensure our own health and happiness, we must respect and care about others. This is the Purpose and Essence of our 2024 Senshin Board of Directors.

- Stanley Fukawa *Vice President*  
Chris Aihara *Secretary*  
Sheri Lovall *Secretary*  
JoAnn Komai *Secretary/BWA*  
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Chikako Kojima  
Richard Kok  
Henry Matsumura  
Russell Nishida  
James Okazaki  
Qris Yamashita  
Special thanks and appreciation for your many years of support to the Board: Satoshi Miyata, Eugene Murakami, Denise Takehara and Joyce Yamashita. We expect to hear about all the great things that you now have time to enjoy.  
*In Gassho,*  
KOICHI UYEMURA

B W A

Many BWA members helped to prepare and serve a little over 150 bowls of *Ozoni* to the Sangha on New Year's Day. With instruction and guidance from Robert Hori and Richard Kok, the traditional *ozoni* (mochi soup) was very delicious and so pretty in presentation. Thank you to all those that came out on the 31st to prepare the ingredients, and on Jan.1st to assemble and serve. We are very grateful to Robert and Richard for their time.



*Nigome*, a vegetarian dish, was enjoyed by all that attended the *Hoonko* service and stayed for Otoki afterwards. Plates of *nigome* were also delivered to about 15 homebound seniors across the city. Thank you to Suzanne Toji and Jean Minami for taking the lead in the preparation, to the volunteers that helped to make the *nigome*, and to those that delivered the meals.

The BWA formally welcomes two new members, Paula Shirasago and Amy Yukawa. If you would like to join in on the sisterhood and all of the fun of the BWA, please contact Fujie Ohata, JoAnn Komai, or any BWA member for information. The first year is free for new members, annual dues are \$20 thereafter.

February is BWA's *toban* month.

We thank the following for your generous donations:

- Madalyne Adams *Oseibo*
- Kathy and Marty Umemoto *Daughter's Wedding*
- Debra Nishida *No nitrates hot dogs for chicken teriyaki lunch*
- Arlene Yokoyama *Oseibo*
- Fujie Ohata *Special*
- Anonymous *Home visitation*

A B A

ABA celebrated the New Year by welcoming new members, James Harada, Ed Ito, and Paula Shirasago, at our New Year Luncheon. Our other special guests were Furumoto Sensei and Temple Board President, Koichi Uyemura and his better half, Linda. It was a really fun time getting together with friends!

Upcoming event: Mar 24 1:30 pm Kei Ai Bingo with Residents

Our Gratitude to our friends for their generosity.

- Fujie Ohata *party prizes*
- Carol Okuda *party prizes*
- John Hiramoto *party prizes*
- Joyce and Glen Isomoto *party prizes*
- Koichi and Linda Uyemura *New Year*
- Mrs Sumi Hayamizu *New Year*



- Fujie and Ron Ohata *special*
- Debbie Hiramoto *special*

## Jr Y B A

On February 3rd, we're looking forward to a fun bowling tournament hosted by Southern District Jr. YBL. Jr. YBA is open to 9th - 12th graders. If you have any questions or would like to join, please feel free to contact our parent advisor, Ms. Juriko Yamada at: [afstue@gmail.com](mailto:afstue@gmail.com), (310) 569-9052. We'd love to have you!!

## Sagha Teens

Congratulations to the incoming Sangha Teens Cabinet, pictured.

Upcoming events:

2/11 family service and Dharma School

2/18 family service and Kids' taiko with Johnny Mori.



## Aruku Kai Let's Walk Club

On Saturday January 13th, the Aruku Kai Committee held their first Aruku Kai Walk of 2024. Ten of us (plus Chibi, Kelvin's Shiba *inu*) took a 5.5 mile walk along the streets above the Rose Bowl in Pasadena and along the Ar-

royo Seco Trail. After the walk, we met in the park near the Pasadena Aquatic Center to enjoy pastry, fruit and tea. So much fun breathing in the fresh cold air, getting exercise and best of all, enjoying each other's company during this 2 hour walk. The Aruku Kai Committee is looking forward to scheduling more walks in 2024. Look for future announcements in the *Prajna*.



*Kintsugi*... a "poetic mend"

Months ago, JoAnn and Neil Komai brought a platter to us asking if we could repair it. The platter was a remembrance of Shirley Kodani, and we were able to determine that it was made by Kazuko Matthews. After many years, the platter suddenly developed unusual stress fractures which were quite wide (imagine an earthquake fracture). We were asked if we could try to repair it. We decided to use the *Kintsugi* method, a Japanese technique used to repair/restore objects (ceramics in this case) by not hiding the repair, but embracing it so we may still enjoy its original beauty as well as its imperfections, a "poetic mend."

Tammy Matsubara, one of our WasabiKai potters has used this technique on a few of her pots and agreed to work on this project. Although we are not using the traditional materials which are lacquer and gold to make the repair, we're able to use materials available to us, embracing the concepts of *Mottainai* and *Wabi-Sabi* to deepen



our understanding of how we view the imperfections in objects/people and the world around us. We hope the Komai's will continue to enjoy the platter as a remembrance of their friendship with Shirley.

This new year we hope to offer classes on *Kurinuki*, *Goinkyo yaki-mono*, tea and perhaps a *Kintsugi* workshop. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these offerings. Dates/times TBD, but classes will be held on Saturdays. Bob Miyamoto, 323 791-2719.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Kinnara Taiko	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10a Monthly Memorial Service/ <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> , Rev. Kodani 11a Donuts 11:45 BWA <i>Shinnenkai</i> (New Year Party)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p BWA <i>Reikai</i> (zoom)	<b>7</b> 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, <b>Jodo Shinshu Study Class</b> (zoom), Rev. Furumoto	<b>8</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Kinnara Taiko 7:30p ABA meeting (zoom)	<b>9</b> So District BCA Council Meeting	<b>10</b> Nembutsu Retreat, February 10-11; Palm Garden Hotel, Speaker, Rev. Peter Hata
<b>11</b> <b>Nirvana Day</b> 10a Nirvana Day Service 11a Jr YBA Meeting, Sangha Teens Meeting Temple Board Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>14</b> 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, <b>Jodo Shinshu Study Class</b> (zoom), Rev. Furumoto	<b>15</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Kinnara Taiko	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10a Family Service 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>21</b> 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, <b>Jodo Shinshu Study Class</b> (zoom), Rev. Furumoto	<b>22</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Kinnara Taiko	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
				FEB 22-25 BCA MEETING SACRAMENTO, CA		
<b>25</b> <b>No Service at Senshin</b> 10a BCA <i>Eitaikyo</i> Service (zoom)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10a-2p Hongwanji Place	<b>29</b> 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7p Kinnara Taiko	Mar 1	Mar 2

## FEBRUARY TOBAN: B W A

### Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- Weekly Chair February Sunday Services
- 2/4 Provide donuts and beverages after monthly memorial service
- 2/11 Provide and serve snack and tea for monthly board meeting

**Hondo Toban** Kelvin/Yoko Nishikawa, Stan/Debbi Fukuwa

## FEBRUARY ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement

- Feb 3** Linda/Koichi Uyemura  
**Feb 10** Ikuko/Kazuo Matsubayashi  
**Feb 17** Jean Minami  
**Feb 24** Sandra Aguilar  
**Mar 2** JoAnn Komai/Lynn Akamine

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

## MARCH Up Coming Events

- Mar 3** *Hinamatsuri* (Doll Day)  
**Mar 16** *Higan Seminar* (Rev. T Aoki)  
**Mar 17** *Higan Service* (Rev. T Aoki)  
**Mar 24** *Osoji* (Temple cleanup)

