



MEMORIAL SERVICE *for* THINGS

On Sunday March 3rd, we will hold a memorial service for religious items and other objects.

The purpose for the service is to dispose of religious items, dolls and other special items with gratitude and respect.

Sometimes, it is difficult for us to put religious items such as an old *obutsudan*, *nenju*, *omamori*, or amulets into the trash can. Some people feel bad if they throw away greeting cards or funeral programs. Those who love to watch the movie *Toy Story* imagined the dolls

would feel sad if they were considered as garbage. A Memorial Service for the “things” is a good opportunity for such people.

In Japan, memorial services for objects are popular. They hold memorial services for tea whisks, needles, kitchen knives, writing brushes, toys, dolls, etc. These items enabled the owners

to acquire special skills, to earn their living, and to give joy and comfort. Some people hesitate to throw away religious items into the trash can. So, to thank the tools, dolls or religious items, they hold a memorial service and discard them with respect.

Some professional people think their tools are an extension of their bodies. They feel one with their tool and they empathize with the tool as if “I am the tool.”



One of the popular memorial services for inanimate objects in Japan is a service for the needle. Several temples specialize in taking care of old needles. Attendees of the service are those who sew kimonos, those who are students of fashion design schools, and those who love needlework. At the service, to show respect and gratitude to old needles, they prick a *tofu* with their needles. The needles have been used for pricking hard material such as jeans or thick *kimonos*. Imagining “If I am a needle,” people empathize with the needle and think that pricking hard material over and over again must be very tough. Therefore, at the end of the life of a needle, their owners will comfort

their needle by pricking soft material such as a *tofu* or *konnyaku* so that the needles can relax.

Shinran Shonin had a thought about respecting all people and all things. He stated in *Notes on Essential of Faith Alone*:

“This Tathagata pervades the countless worlds; it fills the hearts and minds of the ocean of all beings. Thus, plants, trees, and land all attain Buddhahood.” (CWS p. 461)

In this writing, Shinran Shonin interpreted Tathagata as Buddha nature (the potential to become a Buddha) which permeates to not only animate beings but also inanimate objects.

Because Jodo Shinshu has this thought, some people see others and other things with respect and empathy. This may be a reason why we cannot throw things away easily.

Memorial service for the things is a good opportunity to discard the special items. We throw the items away anyway but we thank them and respect them.

Namoamidabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

モノへ感謝をする法要

古本竜太

3月3日（日）に古いお仏壇やお数珠、お守り、愛着のあるものなどに尊敬と感謝をささげる法要をお勤めします。これは、宗教に関連したものなどだけでなく、お稽古ごとのもの、故人の遺品などに感謝し、処分する法要です。

簡単に言えば、なかなか捨てられないものを捨てるための法要ですが、簡単にものを捨てられないというのが、仏教的でもあり、仏教的でないように思えます。仏教的でない点は、執着です。持ち物へ執着をし、なかなか捨てられない。「この服を買った20年前は高かった、とっておこう」と今はもう太って着れないのに、若かったあの頃の思い出に執着し、クローゼットの肥やしになっているような服があるでしょう。

てしまうことにもなりかねず、ひいては、人命、動植物の命の軽視、自然環境の破壊、などが助長される可能性もあります。

浄土真宗では、どちらかという、この考え方が強いように思えます。親鸞聖人は唯信鈔文意で、如来は仏性（仏になる可能性）や信心でもあると述べられ、その如来がすべての世界のすべての生き物やモノの心にみちみちている、と言われます。人間だけでなく、「草木国土ことごとく、皆成仏する」とも説かれておられます。すべてが仏性をもっていることや、それぞれの心に仏様がいらっしゃる、という考えからすると、すべてを敬うべきであるし、そうになると、簡単にモノを捨てることにためらいを感じるようになることでしょう。

特に思い出が深いものとか、職業や趣味に関連するものには、情がわき、なかなか捨てられないものです。捨てるとすれば、感謝をして、お別れをしたい、という気持ちがめばえます。宗教に関連するものも捨て難いです。古くなったお数珠、お仏壇、お位牌、お守りなど、恐れ多くて捨てられない、という気持ちは大切にすべき態度でしょう。

3日のものへ感謝する法要では、そういった捨てられないモノへ感謝を表し、処分するよいご縁です。みなさま、ぜひお参り下さい。

南無阿弥陀仏



けれども、何物にも執着せず、自分のものという考えを極力少なくしていくのが仏教的な考え方です。究極的には自分ということを忘れてしまうのが理想なので、ものはどんどん捨てるか、あげてしまうほうがよいのだ、という見方があります。

その反対に、もったいない、という考えも仏教的で、ものを無駄に捨てることをいましめる態度もあります。自分が他人や他のものとつながっていて、一つの如くである、という見方からすると、ものを粗末にあつかい、簡単に捨ててしまうことは、本来あるべき行為でない、とするのです。そういった行為は、他人とのつながりをないがしろにし、友情や愛情を簡単にたっ

“This Tathagata pervades the countless worlds; it fills the hearts and minds of the ocean of all beings. Thus, plants, trees, and land all attain Buddhahood.”

CWS P. 461

Monthly Memorial March 2024
Shotsuki Service March 3 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)
Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Ted Brother-in-law Kawaye, Harry	Matsuda, Michael Aunt Fujikawa, Sachi	Sugano, Michiko Father-in-law Sugano, Takuya
Domoto Family Father Domoto, Toshihiro	Matsuda Family Brother Matsuda, Manabu Ronnie	Sugano, Michiko Grandmother-in-law Sugano, Tsugi
Fujimoto, Miki Sister Fujimoto, Yuki	Matsumura, Henry Aunt Nakano, Kimiko	Takashima, Iris Grandmother Yasuda, Shige
Hashimoto Family Mother Nishimura, Tsuruyo	Miyamoto, Dennis Grandmother Kawai, Yuri	Takashima, Iris Grandmother Jinde, Itsu
Iriye, Joji Mother Sakai, Mitsue	Nishida Family Mother Nishida, Kikuko	Takemoto, Jon Mother Takemoto, Chiyo
Iriye, Joji Nephew Sakai, Daniel	Nishida Family Grandmother Nishida, Yasuye	Takemoto, Jon Grandmother Fujiura, Osano
Isomoto, Glen Stepmother Isomoto, Kiyoko	Nishikawa, Kelvin Grandmother Nishikawa, Sekiyo	Tanezaki, Barbara Husband Tanezaki, Takashi
Kato, Douglas Mother Kato, Jessie	Nishiyama, Dexter Mother-in-law Matayoshi, Yoneko	Toji, Suzanne Father Totsubo, Jack Muneo
Kodani, Richard Mother Kodani, Motome	Ogawa, Jerry Aunt Kikunaga, Shizue	Umemoto, Marty & Kathie Brother Matsuda, Manabu Ronnie
Koike, Alyssa Lugo Father Lugo, Peter	Ogawa, Jerry Aunt Nagata, Kiyomi	Ushirogata, Yukie Father Matsushita, Ichitaro
Kojima, Chikako Husband Kojima, George	Sato Family Mother Sato, Terry	Usui, Aiko Daughter Usui, Gina
Kojima, Chikako Grandfather Takaki, Teruji	Shimohara, Ellen Father Shinoda, Michio	Wakinaka, Bernice Son Wakinaka, Mike
Kojima, Chikako Uncle Kojima, Fred	Sonday, Reiko Grandfather Nimi, Kamezo	Yoneda, Kiyoko Mother Nakamura, Itono
		Yoneda, Kiyoko Sister Iwasaki, Hatsuye

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

Hinamatsuri

We invite you to join us Sunday, March 3 for a celebration of *Hinamatsuri* (Girl's Day) in the social hall immediately after service. There will be a display of traditional dolls representing the Heian Imperial Court and children/adults are encouraged to bring their favorite doll, super hero, and even your stuffed animal. There will be craft activities for the kiddies and refreshments.

This activity is free, but we are asking families to please register so that we can make sure to have enough supplies for the children. For more information, contact Jana Yokoyama, scoutthesprout@gmail.com

Special Service
for Dolls, March 3

On March 3, Rev. Furumoto will also conduct a special service for Dolls (and other special things). Maybe you have a doll that belonged to a family member or a special figurine in your closet that you no longer display or use. There are too many memories and attachments to just throw them away. Rev. Furumoto will accept these "things" and conduct a special service and dispose of them for you. Bring your dolls and other things to service on March 3. Contact Rev. Furumoto if you have any questions.

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class (Online)
Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu 2
Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:15pm
March 6, 13 and 20

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.

Spring Ohigan

Spring Ohigan Seminar

Saturday, March 16, 10 to 11:30am

"Let's Learn from Gomonshu-Sama's Messages"

Rev. Tatsuya Aoki shares and explains messages of Gomonshu-Sama (the head minister of Nishi Hongwanji).

Spring Ohigan Service

Saturday, March 17, 10am

Guest Speaker, Rev. Tatsuya Aoki

Bishop of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and Resident Minister of Vancouver Buddhist Temple.

Otoki following service.

春のお彼岸セミナー並びにお彼岸法要のご案内

3月16日(土)にお彼岸セミナーを行います。セミナーのご講師はカナダ開教 Servi総長およびバンクーバー仏教会の青木龍也開教使です。17日(日)はお彼岸法要です。みなさま `お誘い合わせの上ぜひお参り下さい。



JANUARY DONATIONS

Wilbur & Iris Takashima *Joya-E*
Shelly Okamura *Joya-E*
Miki Fujimoto
Bukkyo Gakuen & Book Study Group
Yonsei Basketball Association *Orei*
Doug Matsuda
In memory of grandfather, Junichi Akamichi
Kenneth Hatai *Dana*
Fujie & Ron Ohata
New Year's
Jean Minami
Bukkyo Gakuen & Book Study Group
Glenn & Donna Hiraga
In memory of Ted & Sayko Nishisaka
Stacey Camara
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Shusho-E
Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Shusho-E
Dale & Tammy Matsubara
New Year's
Ted Akahori *Shusho-E*
Julie Akahori *New Year's*
Ronald Nakawatase
New Year's
Carrie Usui Johnson
New Year's
Jean Minami *Shusho-E*
Masao Kodani *Shusho-E*
Koichi & Linda Uyemura
Shusho-E

Catherine Hisamune
New Year's
Richard Nakawatase
New Year's
Nick & Wendy Nagatani
In memory of Hannah Yoshitomi
Derek Lam
1st year memorial for Annie Lam
Greg Yee
1st year memorial for Annie Lam
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Dexter Nishiyama *529 Plan*
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Oyama and Middo Families
Makurakyo & Funeral Service for William Oyama
Marty & Kathie Umemoto
In memory of William Oyama
Arlene Yokoyama
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David Kanagawa
Car Donation
Dale Shirasago *Dana*
Mayumi Kodani *Donation*
Collin Kajioka
In memory of Gayle Hane
Pam Smith *In memory of William (Bill) Oyama*

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Doug Matsuda
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Kristine & Glenn Kawaguchi
Paula & Todd Shirasago
Chikako Kojima
Shelly Okamura
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Emi Kamikawa
John & Debbie Hiramoto
Jean Minami
Ted & Julie Akahori
Michiko Sugano
Kathie & Marty Umemoto
Marilyn Shimabukuro
Catherine Hisamune
Glen & Joyce Isomoto
Sumi Hayamizu
Mark & Reiko Soday
Toshiko Yamaguchi

JANUARY 2024 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Observant
In Memory Of
Aihara, Christine
James Iwanaga
Akahori, Julie & Ted
Mitsuo Akahori,
Kiyo Higashi
Egner, May Sugano
Aiko Sugano
Fujimoto, Miki
Ted Fujimoto
Fujimoto, Miki
Rev. Art Takemoto
Harada, James & Karen
Mother Grace Harada
Hayamizu, Sumiko
Mother Tsune Nakashima
Hirayama, Bruce
Art Hirayama
Hirayama, Duane & Joy
Art Hirayama
Hirayama, Duane & Joy
Kanaye Saneto
Hirayama, Kiyome
Kanaye Saneto

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.

Hirayama, Kiyome
Art Hirayama
Hisamine, Catherine
Father Katsujiro Fujita
Hori, Robert
Lily Hori
Ikari, Kathy
Genichi Kato &
Ruth Tsuboi
Isomoto, Glen & Joyce
Mitsuo & Kinuko Suehiro
Kamikawa, Emi
Glenn Kamikawa
Katsuda, Jill & Fred
Tatsuo Minami
Kawaguchi,
Glenn & Kristine
Art Hirayama,
Satoshi & Kanaye Saneto
Kodani, Richard & Denise
Dr. James Goto
Kojima, Chikako
Izaemon Uneda
Matsuda, Doug
Misao Matsuda
Joy Middo
Mieko Oyama
Minami, Jean
Tatsuo Minami
Murakami,
Eugene & Elaine
Rui Murakami
Nakawatase,
Richard & Helen
Grandfather
Nisoji Nakawatase
Ogawa, Craig & Cindy
Kaoru Ogawa,
Satsu Shimada,
Kanetaro Shimada &
Hisayo Ogawa
Ohata, Ronald & Fujie
Mother Fumiko Ohata
Saneto, Satomi
Art Hirayama
Saneto, Satomi
Kanaye Saneto
Saneto, Satomi
Satoshi Saneto
Shimabukuro, Keith
Fumie Shimabukuro

Shimabukuro, Marilyn &
Gilbert Leong
Fumie Shimabukuro
Shirasago, Paula & Todd
Gary Shirasago
Shirasago, Paula
Sally Shirasago
Soday, Mark & Reiko
Kazue Fukumoto
Sugano, Michiko
Aiko Sugano
Takashima, Wilbur & Iris
Hisaichi Taniguchi, Eiji
Jinde, Hana Nakashima
Umemoto, Kathy & Marty
Grandfather Junichi Akamichi
Ushirogata, Yukie
Ineko Ushirogata,
Bunji Matsushita
Yokota, Carole
Hiroshi Yokota

HOONKO 2024

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Aihara, Chris
Akahori, Julie
Akahori, Ted
Akamine, Don
Asahi, Jane & Roy
Ebata, Donna
Harada, James & Karen
Hayamizu, Sumiko
Higa, Bert & Dorothy
Higa, Stephanie
Hiramoto, Deb & John
Hiramoto, Paul
Hisamune, Catherine
Honkawa, Patti
Hori, Robert &
Richard Kok
Ishitani, Denise
Ishitani, Janis
Ishizuka, Karen &
Bob Nakamura
Isomoto, Glen & Joyce
Iyemura, Cathy
Kamikawa, Emi
Kojima, Chikako

Kondo, June
Masushige, Natsuko
Matsubara, Tammy & Dale
Matsubayashi,
Ikuko & Kazuo
Matsuda, Douglas
Matsuyama, Laraine
Middo, Joy
Minami, Jean
Miyagishima, Lillie
Miyamoto,
Marilyn & Dennis
Mizutani,
Stephanie & Garren
Murakami, Eugene & Elaine
Mori, Johnny & Wendy
Morikawa, Paige
Nagano, Bob & Sumie
Nishida, Russell & Lori
Nishikawa, Kelvin & Yoko
Nishisaka, Merrie

Oda, Cindy
Ogawa, Craig & Cindy
Ohata, Ron & Fujie
Okamura, Shelly
Omori, Susan
Sakakura, Michiko
Shimabukuro, Marilyn &
Gilbert Leong
Shimohara, Ellen
Soday, Mark & Reiko
Takashima, Wilbur & Iris
Tanezaki, Barbara
Toji, Suzanne
Uneda, Yoko
Umemoto, Marty & Kathie
Wakinaka, Vickie
Yamaguchi, Toshiko
Yamashita, Betty
Yokoyama, Arlene
Yoneda, Kiyo

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.



洗心仏教会

2024年3月

1月感謝録:

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故J赤路追悼:D松田
故T&S西坂追悼:G/D平賀
故F臼井追悼:R/D大江
故H吉富追悼:N/W永谷
故R坪井追悼:K猪狩
故A/D志垣:E/S.Young,J志垣
故W小山追悼: M/K梅本
故A.Lam一回忌:D.Lam,G.Yee

3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

3月法要当番: ABA

当番主任は、3/3日祥月法要の後のドーナツと飲み物,3/10日理事会のスナックとお茶,
3/17 お比岸法要のお供えを用意してください。

3月本堂当番: J森,D相原,D江畑,Q山下

3月お花当番: 2日J駒井,L赤嶺,9日J/G磯本,15日S東司,23日C家村 30日W/J森,4/6日D/J平本
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。

4月の予定: 7日花祭り,28日春チキン照り焼き,BWAホワイトエレファント、クラフト、ペイクセール

供花-1月: C小島,T/J赤堀,R&MSunday,E上川,D松田,D小谷,C横田,K/G川口,P/T白砂,S岡村,
J/K原田,J/D平本,J南,M菅野,K/M梅本,M島袋,C久宗,G/J磯本,S速水,T山口

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From the Board

The emergency is over, but COVID-19 is not gone. It has been over 4 years since COVID-19 first appeared in Wuhan, China. While numbers of cases are now down, it should still be taken seriously as the virus remains a leading cause of death in the United States. The original omicron variant is long gone but the virus continues to evolve and will eventually become endemic – causing seasonal illnesses each year.

I still encourage people to mask when indoors in public. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a high-quality mask. Prevention and treatment are key to keeping our communities safe and healthy.

In Buddhism we often hear of interdependence being a force that dismantles the walls that separate us from others. Compassionate and altruistic actions can have the same effect. Our concern for the safety and well-being of others will add to our own happiness. Wearing a mask is a simple way to protect those around us.

In Gassho,
KOICHI UYEMURA

BWA

Many of the Sangha enjoyed the food, fun, and camaraderie at the BWA New Year’s luncheon. The *bento* from Yama Sushi was delicious, and the raffle and bingo elicited a lot of excitement. Much appreciation goes to Wilbur for calling out his ever



popular and creative bingo games. There was an abundance of raffle and bingo prizes, with thanks to the following for their donations: Ted/Julie Akahori, Donna Ebata, JoAnn Komai, Chikako Kojima, Jean Minami, Deb

Nishida, Edna Horiuchi, Patti Honkawa, Fujie Ohata, Kathie Umemoto, Suzanne Toji, Deb Hiramoto, Sachi Oda, Reiko Sunday, Arlene Yokoyama, and Linda Uyemura. Thank you also to Marty and Kathie Umemoto for the cake, Chikako Kojima for the scratchers, and Marilyn Shimabukuro for the pretty purple decorated tables.

BWA is getting ready for *Hinamatsuri* on March 3rd and Spring Higan service on March 17th. For *Hinamatsuri*, come for the fun of an *onigiri* activity for all to participate in and then to eat! Because it is customary to give *botamochi* as offerings to our ancestors, it has become a popular *Ohigan* food. There are several theories on why we give *botamochi* as offerings for our ancestors. According to one of the theories, the red bean paste used in *botamochi* has a power to ward off evil spirits, making sure our ancestors can cross between the two worlds safely. For our Spring *Higan*, BWA will be making *botamochi* with direction from Yoriyo.

BWA will also join ABA on March 24th for bingo at Kei-Ai. If you would like to participate, please contact Deb Hiramoto.

Volunteers Needed for Chicken Teriyaki Fund-raiser on April 28, 2024

It's hard to believe that it's almost a year since our last **Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser**. This is one of our great Sangha activities where we strive to produce a most beautiful and delicious chicken teriyaki dinner while enjoying each other's company.

There is a **sign up sheet on the bulletin board** early afternoon.

A short side story...during the decades I was not active at Senshin, my parents used to just sign me up for a shift. I'd show up and enjoy re-connecting and meeting new folks. Chicken Teriyaki was one of the events that kept me connected when I wasn't connected. So sign up your kids. Maybe they will be temple President one day!

For more information, questions or suggestions, please contact Russell Nishida at nishida257@cox.net.



BWA membership renewal is now due. Send \$20 to Arlene Yokoyama or leave it in an envelope in the BWA mailbox. Consider joining this wonderful sisterhood of women. First year dues are waived.

The BWA would like to thank Linda Uyemura for stepping into the position of secretary!

We thank the following for their generous donations:

- Ikuko & Kazuo Matsubayashi *Hoonko*
- Craig Wong *Thank you for helping at Gayle Wong Memorial*
- John & Deb Hiramoto *In memory of Nell Sawada*
- John & Deb Hiramoto *In memory of Elso Kanagawa*
- Sumi Hayamizu *Special*
- Cathy Iyemura *Special*
- Toshiko Yamaguchi *Special*
- Kiyo Yoneda *Special*
- Ricky Yoneda *Special*

ABA

Last month ABA and friends met for another ABA Social, this time at Auntie Maile's in Torrance. We are always interested in gathering with good friends and trying your favorite eating places. If you have a suggestion for good eats, please contact Deb Hiramoto. This month ABA and BWA will make their first bingo visit of the year to the Kei-Ai facility. If you miss volunteering this time, our next bingo visit will be May 26. Please join us!

Jr Y B A

February was a calm month for the Senshin Junior YBA. They had one main event, a bowling match, hosted by the Gardena Junior YBL. After the event, the Juniors drove to the Gardena temple to play games and eat tacos. Overall, it was a huge success and everyone had a lot of fun. March holds more events for the Juniors to learn about Buddhism. They are looking forward to attending the Bay District Conference in San Diego and

Seminar Two: Cooking up Buddhism at the OCBC temple. They will also be attending the temple cleanup at the end of March.

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, (310) 569-9052. We'd love to have you!!

Sangha Teens

The Senshin Sangha Teens group has now grown to ten members! In our first year back after many years of absence, we are attending service as a group, going to Dharma School, and will be participating in cultural activities such as Kids' Taiko and *Hinamatsuri*. We are so grateful for the encouragement received from Reverend Furumoto, the Sangha, and the other Senshin organizations. Thank you! If there are other 6th, 7th, or 8th grade youths who would like to join us, please contact Deb Hiramoto 626.232.4736.



Mingei...people's art

On a recent trip to Japan I had the opportunity to be in Kyoto and wanted to share with my family a special place for me – Kawai Kanjiro's former house and now a museum. During the early 1920's Kawai, a potter, poet, sculpturist and thinker, along with Yanagi Soetsu, was instrumental in recognizing the beauty in the extraordinary / ordinary objects created by many craftsmen for use in people's daily life. Kawai, Yanagi, Hamada Shoji, and Bernard Leach celebrated the "unknown craftsman." This gave birth to the Japanese Craft Society – the *Mingei-kai*. The skill of these potters, weavers, basketmakers, painters, etc. can be seen and celebrated at the Mingei Museum in Tokyo.

While traveling to different cities



you can see the influence of these craftsmen everywhere. In Kokura with my brother-in-law Tarabu and my sister Nobuko, we met up with friends to have coffee at a local cafe in a quiet area not far from the train station. Excited to meet with friends and catch up, the coffee was served by the owner – each cup handmade, brewed cup by cup, cream hand whipped, curated brown crystal sugar...just an amazing cup of coffee...no fancy options...just black coffee brewed and served with care. We began to realize this was a special place. Aside from the coffee, what stood out for me was the pottery. He had collected unique pieces of pottery over the fifty-two years he has had his café, as well as all the service cups and dishes. Art was everywhere...you were surrounded by his treasures and observed by his pet parrot whose loft was a large ceramic vase high in the corner of the shop. The parrot was his only companion as he was a one-man operation...cook, clean and serve...no wasted motion, refining his craft through thousands of repetitions.

Over the next few days we returned for breakfast and lunch. As we showed interest in his story, he made time to talk about his plan as a young man to brew and serve coffee similar to tea ceremony but in a more casual and simple way. His business plan was to serve exceptional coffee and breakfast / lunch with great service at a reason-

able price. (breakfast sandwich, salad and coffee; lunch: pork, chicken, beef curry, salad with coffee...500 yen, and remember he does this solo!). We observed regulars come in, order and eat without taking exception to the surroundings or to the service. It was familiar to them as part of the aesthetics they grew up with and taken for granted. We, and perhaps a few who stumble upon this café, can recognize the care and thought this man put into his life's work, and his collection of pottery and objects he finds beauty in.



"Life is work and work is life" is a quote from Kawai Kanjiro, which embodies how this man lived. Not a craftsman in the true sense, but to me, he embraces the *Mingei* concept or "people's art" in his passion for his life's work. I am fortunate to have experienced this simple and unique coffee spot. Throughout Japan there are others like him who have elevated their life's work into a form of art. As you travel and explore, take the time to enjoy and engage with the "unknown craftsman".

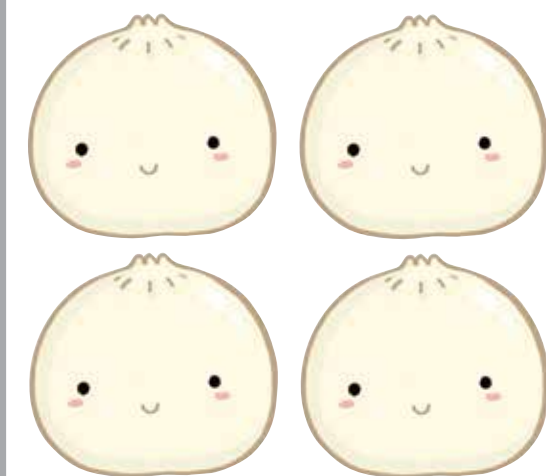
WasabiKai will be offering a *Kintsugi* class this spring, Saturdays, date and time TBD. If you're interested or have questions, contact Bob Miyamoto to 323 791.2719.

BWA SHINNENKAI, WELCOME PAULA AND AMY!



SENSHIN ABA'S CHA SHU BAO SALE

We are taking pre-orders for our 2024 Cha Shu Bao Sale!!!



4 YUMMY bao for \$10 / bag
Preorder by **Sunday, March 24**.
Pick up **Sunday, April 7, 11a**
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:40a Japanese <i>Howa</i> 10a Monthly Memorial Service, <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> 11a Donuts; Dharma School <i>Hinamatsuri</i> Event		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin <i>Bukkyo Gakuin</i> , Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		
10 Daylight Savings Time Starts	11	12	13	14	15	16 Spring <i>Higan</i> Seminar
8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9a ABA Meeting 10a Family Service 11a Jr. YBA Meeting, Sangha Teens Activity, Board Meeting		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin <i>Bukkyo Gakuin</i> , Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		10:30a-12noon Spring <i>Higan</i> Seminar; Rev.T. Aoki, Bishop of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple of Canada
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24 <i>Osoji</i> , Temple Cleanup	25	26	27	28	29	30
No Services 1:30p ABA/BWA KeiAi Bingo		10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	10a-2p Hongwanji Place	10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko		

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10a Family Service
11a Youth Kinnara Taiko

MARCH TOBAN: A B A

Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- Weekly Chair March Sunday Services
- 3/3 Provide donuts and beverages after monthly memorial service
- 3/10 Provide and serve snack and tea for monthly board meeting
- 3/17 Provide *osonae* (altar offering) for Ohigan Service

Hondo Toban: John Mori, Doug Aihara, Donna Ebata, Qris Yamashita

MARCH Onaijin Flower TOBAN:

March 2 JoAnn Komai / Lynn Akamine
March 9 Joyce/Glen Isomoto
March 16 (Higan Seminar) Suzanne Toji
March 23 Cathy Iyemura
March 30 Wendy/Johnny Mori
April 6 Deb/John Hiramoto

APRIL Up Coming Events

April 7 *Hanamatsuri*
April 28 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser & BWA White Elephant, Craft and Bake Sale

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

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

SUNDAY
MARCH 3, 2024

Immediately After
Service

Senshin Social Hall

View Traditional Japanese Doll Display

Share your favorite doll, superhero, or
stuffed animal

Refreshments

Crafts

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 our members have Girl's Day dolls that
they will share with our Sangha.

Join us in celebration.

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

A program of Senshin Dharma School



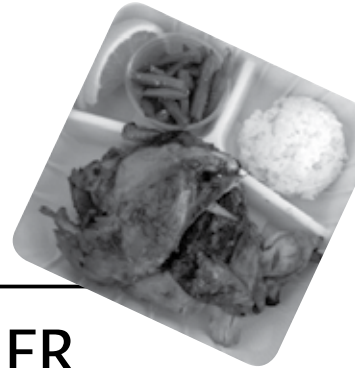


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Checks MUST be received by April 15, 2024

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OR drop off your order in the Teriyaki mail slot in the temple office.