

Born Into The World *of* Lies

This year, we will observe *Gotan-ye* on Sunday, May 19th. *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. *Gotan* is a special word. It is not a common word. People do not use this word referring to their own birth. In most cases, "birth" is called *tanjyo* and birthday is called *tanjyobi*. The word *Gotan* is used for the birth of a special person such as Shinran Shonin and Shakyamuni Buddha. *Go* means descent and *Tan* means birth.

Hence, *Gotan* implies that Shinran Shonin is a special person who came down to this world from a higher level world, the world of the Buddha, or Pure Land, to guide other people.

The kanji *Tan* of *Tanjo* which means “birth” has an interesting meaning. We would think that it would have a good meaning,

since birth is a happy event. But, surprisingly, it does not have such a good meaning. The kanji *Tan* means a fake, a lie, or an exaggeration. Ancient people who made kanji must have thought that birth in this world means being born into a world of lies and falsehood.

Shinran Shonin also thought that this world is a world of lies. He said “...*But with a foolish being full of blind passions, in this fleeting world – this burning house – all matters without exceptions are empty and false, totally without truth and sincerity.*”

TANNISHO, POSTSCRIPT, CWS P.679

One reason he said this world is empty and false is that everything in this world changes. In Buddhist understanding, truth should not change;

things that change are not reliable.

In our world, our surroundings, our environment, the economy, our families and friends, our ideas, our values, our moral standards, etc. are never the same. When I came to the US in 2001, the gasoline price was 99 cents a gallon. Most people did not know of Miyazaki or *Totoro*. What was acceptable decades ago became unacceptable and vice versa. In the future, people will forget about old *anime* movies, and it is likely the price of gas will not go back to 99 cents a gallon but will go much higher.

What is true must always be the same anywhere and anytime, but nothing in this world remains unchanged. This is why Shinran Shonin says that in this world of uncertainty, “*Only the Nembutsu is true and real.*”

TANNISHO, CWS P. 679

And he recommends that people rely on the *Nembutsu*. *Nembutsu* is a word from Nirvana, which is not changing, and can give us the power/wisdom to see the changing nature of ourselves and our world.

Our thoughts, appearance, memory, health status, the amount of money in our accounts, all of that changes. Our family members and friends, everybody changes. For Jodo Shinshu followers, in this world of changes, we set the *Nembutsu* as the ultimate reliance. We can have the mindset that, “everything changes and it is alright.” In this way, we are able to accept any changes.

Namoamidabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

The Kikuo and Kaoru (Kay) Ogawa 2024 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.

降誕会、ウソの世界に生まれる

古本竜太

今年は五月十九日に降誕会のおつとめをします。降誕会は親鸞聖人の誕生をお祝いすることをご縁として親鸞聖人の教えを聞かせていただく法要です。降誕会の「降誕」という語は少し聞きなれない言葉ですが、降りて誕生されたという意味で、位が

上の人が下界の我々に教えを伝えるにきて下さるという意味があります。

そして降誕会の「誕」には面白い意味があります。誕生というのは目出度いことだから、いい意味かと思っただけで、意外にもそんなにいい意味ではありません。その意味は、いつわり、おおぼら、おおげさなうそ、です。昔の人はこの世への誕生を、うそ、いつわりの世界に生まれてくることだととらえたのでしょう。

世親鸞聖人もこの世はウソいつわりの世界だと言われています。「煩惱具足の凡夫、火宅無常の界は、よろづのこと、みなもつてそらごとたはごと、まことあることなきに、ただ念仏のみぞまことにておはします(歎異抄)」と、この世がまことではない、うその世界だといわれるのですが、なぜかといえば、この世には常にかわらないものというものがないからです。この世のものはなんでも変わっていきます。住んでいる世の中、自分、家族、友人をはじめ、考え方、価値観、道徳

の基準、など常に同じというものはありません。私が2001年にアメリカに来た時は、ガソリンが1ガロン99セントでした。けど今は5倍以上の値段です。また、ジブリのアニメ映画よりも黒沢ムービーの方がよく知られていました。何十年か前に受け入れられていたことが現在では好ましくないこととなっていることもありますし、その逆もあります。またもう何十年かすると、ガソリンの値段が99セントにもどることはないでしょうが、今より高くなるでしょうし、今人気のある映画があまり見られなくなったり、人々の価値観がかわったりすることでしょう。

真実とはどこにいてもどの時代でも変わらないものでなければなりません。自分の心やまわりの環境など、この世には変化しないものはありません。だからこの世にはまことがないと親鸞聖人はいわれるのです。自分の信じていた家族や友人などがあることを機会に敵になったり、憎しみあうようになってしまう

ような世の中です。お金や株が一夜にして価値を失うこともあります。考えてみると私たちはかなりあやふやな世の中に住んでいます。

けれども親鸞聖人はこのまことなき世の中ではあるが、「ただ念仏のみぞまことにておはします。」といわれます。浄土真宗の教えを信奉する私たちは、すべてが変化してしまうような、うその世界に生まれたけど、念仏というよりどころがある、として物事や世界を見ていきます。

念仏以外のことはあてにならず、頼れないんだという見方をもって生活しますと、どんなことがおこっても「まあ、いいか」と受け入れられるようになります。念仏を生活の中心にすると、この世のことはそらごとたわごとだから、何が起ってもしょうがない、というように思える目が養われ、楽に生きていけるようになります。

南無阿弥陀

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.
 - Scholarship funds must be applied towards tuition, fees, books and other educational expenses as deemed appropriate by the scholarship

benefactors.

- Must be the member of, or affiliated with, a Buddhist Temple/Sangha. 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, 2024. The scholarships will be presented at the Senshin Obon service on July 21, 2024.

Monthly Memorial May 2024

Shotsuki Service May 5 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Julie <i>Aunt Akahori, Betty</i>	Kuwata, Tom <i>Uncle Kuwata, Kiemon</i>	Saiki, Yumi <i>Mother Yoshida, Toshiko</i>
Akahori, Julie <i>Aunt Akahori, Helen</i>	Kuwata, Tom <i>Aunt Ogura, Toyoko</i>	Saneto Family <i>Mother Saneto, Motoko</i>
Akahori, Julie <i>Uncle Uyetake, Kenji</i>	Miyagishima, Lily <i>Husband Miyagishima, Yoshimi</i>	Sato Family <i>Grandfather Kishaba, Uichi</i>
Arita Family <i>Mother Arita, Yoshi</i>	Murakami, Eugene <i>Father-in-law Tamura, Jimmy</i>	Segawa, James <i>Wife Segawa, Yuriko</i>
Burtis, Chris <i>Wife Nishida, Gwen</i>	Murakami, Eugene <i>Grandmother Inouye, Hisako</i>	Shigaki Family <i>Father Shigaki, Al</i>
Domoto Family <i>Mother Domoto, Lily</i>	Matsumura, Henry <i>Grandmother Yamaguchi, Fujiko</i>	Sugano, Michiko <i>Husband Sugano, Leo</i>
Ebata, Donna <i>Husband Ebata, Duane</i>	Nakagawa, Fred <i>Father Nakagawa, Motoharu</i>	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Grandmother Takashima, Tsume</i>
Kanda, Lynn <i>Mother Kanda, Susan</i>	Nakano Family <i>Father Nak no, Frank</i>	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Father Takashima, Katsumi</i>
Gleeson, David <i>Mother-in-law Kanda, Susan</i>	Nakawatase Family <i>Mother Nakawatase, Kazuko</i>	Takemoto, Ron <i>Mother Takemoto, Kazumi</i>
Gleeson, Paiton, Emery, Montgomery <i>Grandmother Kanda, Susan</i>	Nishida, Lori <i>Grandfather Nishisaka, Yoshio</i>	Terrell, Jackie <i>Mother-in-law Fukumoto, Tomiko</i>
Hashimoto Family <i>Sister Hashimoto, Janice Miyo</i>	Nishida Family <i>Sister Nishida, Gwen</i>	Toji, Suzanne <i>Father-in-law Toji, Mamoru</i>
Higa, Stephanie <i>Father Takamoto, Robert</i>	Nishikawa, Yoko <i>Grandmother Uyemura, Minoe</i>	Torio, Taye <i>Mother Sugimoto, Shizue</i>
Hayamizu, Sumiko <i>Father Nakashima, Hashigoro</i>	Nishikawa, Yoko <i>Mother Uyemura, Chizuko</i>	Toyama, John <i>Father Toyama, Seikichi</i>
Hiramoto, John <i>Father Hiramoto, George</i>	Nishisaka, Merrie, Nishisaka, Scott <i>Grandfather Nishisaka, Yoshio</i>	Tsuji, Hisako <i>Husband Tsuji, Shoichi</i>
Hori, Robert <i>Father Hori, Takashi</i>	Nishiyama, Dexter <i>Wife Matayoshi, Connie</i>	Umemoto, Marty & Kathie <i>Grandson Ito, Jayden</i>
Iriye, Kenny <i>Mother Iriye, Midori</i>	Ohata, Ron <i>Brother Ohata, Kevin</i>	Umemoto, Marty <i>Mother Umemoto, Mitsuko</i>
Komai, JoAnn <i>Mother Yamada, Alice</i>	Okazaki, James <i>Mother Kuroi, Osae</i>	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Mother Matsushita, Tsune</i>
Koyanagi, Katherine <i>Mother Koyanagi, Miyoko</i>	Rogers, Beverly <i>Grandmother Tokaji, Masano</i>	Usui, Aiko <i>Mother Nishiyama, Chiyeko</i>
Kuwata, Tom <i>Father Kuwata, Kijiro</i>	Rogers, Beverly <i>Step-Grandfather Tokaji, Kaname</i>	Uyemura, Koichi <i>Grandmother Uyemura, Minoe</i>
		Uyemura, Koichi <i>Mother Uyemura, Chizuko</i>
		Yamashita, Betty <i>Father Takahashi, Tokuso</i>
		Yoshida, Miyeko <i>Father Suzuki, Uraoo</i>

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 Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Class Basic Teaching of Jodo Shinshu Class

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:15pm

May 1, 8 and 15

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

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.

Kodomo-no-hi (Children's Day) Sunday, May 5, 10am

We'll have a Family gathering on Sunday, May 5th following the Monthly Memorial Service. We will put up a Koinobori (flying carp banner), and have crafts and games for kids. We also plan to serve food. If you plan to attend, please contact Chris Aihara, aihara.chris@gmail.com or Jana Yokoyama at scoutthesprout@gmail.com.

Gotan-ye and Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony) Sunday, May 19, 10am

We will observe **Gotan-ye**, Shinran Shonin's birth celebration service on Sunday, May 19, 10 am. The speaker will be Rev. Mas. Kodani.

We are also planning to hold Hatsumairi, (infant presentation ceremony) in conjunction with **Gotan-ye**. If you wish your children or grandchildren to participate in the ceremony, please call or email the temple.

We need to know how many Senshin **Hatsumairi** Teddy Bears we should prepare for the participants, so please contact the temple if you plan to bring your children or grandchildren to **Hatsumairi**. (323) 731-4617 or senshintemple@gmail.com

降誕会および初参りのお知らせ

2024年の降誕会法要および初参りを5月19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。ご講師は小谷政雄名誉開教使です。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。

New Obon Dance Lantern Song

The **Lantern Song** and its dance was commissioned by the BCA for the BCA's 125th Year Anniversary in 2024. The song was created and dance choreographed by the six ladies of Bonbu Stories. The lyrics and dance movements tell a story of the meaning of *Obon* from the youth of today.

"*Bonbu Stories is an Asian American arts collaborative dedicated to using music as a medium for raw storytelling and building connections.*" (<https://bonbustories.art/>)

The dance was choreographed in collaboration with Rev. Masao Kodani, Nobuko Miyamoto, and PJ Hirabayashi (*Ei Ja Nai Ka*), and has been adopted by the Southern District temples for the 2024 Obon season, in addition to Nobuko's *Kangi-E* dance commissioned last year.

Please check out the following links on the web.

Lantern Song (Official Music Video) – Bonbu Stories (you will recognize the videotaping venue, and a few faces in the Obon crowd scenes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZMJ39gNHU0>

Lantern Song Dance Video w/ Lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckLNeBsRcVc>

Creation of the **Lantern Song** by Bonbu Stories for Obon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCKVBUryhzs>

Music downloads (MP3) and dance tutorials of **Kangi-E** and **Lantern Song** at the BCA website: <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/obon-gathering-of-joy>

Senshin Obon: Saturday, July 6.

Senshin Obon Practice Days:
Wed 6/19 (7pm), Mon 6/24 (7pm),
Thur 6/27 (7pm), Sun 6/30 (12noon), and
Fri 7/5 (7pm).

CORRECTION: The **Donation list** and **Flower Donation list** in the April *Prajna* should be for **February**.

MARCH DONATIONS

Edna Horiuchi
In memory of
Kazue Totsubo

Jeanne Akashi
In memory of Mat Uyeno

Doug Matsuda
Nokotsudo

Kenny Uyeno *In memory of*
Mas & Mat Uyeno

Shelly Okamura
Nirvana Day

Ikuko Matsubayashi
Hinamatsuri

Sachie Oda *Nokotsudo* -
Frank Oda

Kathy & Yukio Yoshikawa
In memory of
Gale Hane Wong

Yukie Ushirogata
Funeral service for
Mutsuo Ushirogata

Yukie Ushirogata *Nokotsudo*
Mutsuo Ushirogata

Julie Takeda *Donation*

JoAnn Komai *Special*

Dexter Nishiyama
Nokotsudo

Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa
Birth of Grandson
Kai Nishikawa

Sue Omori
25th Shotsuki and
Nokotsudo for
Henry Keisuke Omori

Douglas Kato
Shotsuki Memorial
Service for
Jessie Tomiko Kato

Douglas Kato *Nokotsudo*

Dennis & Celia Huey
Donation

Disney *Donation*

Marty & Kathie Umemoto
7th cycle memorial service
for Ronnie Matsuda

Marty & Kathie Umemoto
Use of classroom

Neil & JoAnn Komai
7th cycle memorial service
for Ronnie Matsuda

Johnny & Wendy Mori
7th cycle memorial service
for Ronnie Matsuda

Mayumi Kodani
7th cycle memorial service
for Ronnie Matsuda

Karen Ishizuka &
Bob Nakamura
7th cycle memorial service
for Ronnie Matsuda

Qris Yamashita &
Chris Komai
7th cycle memorial service
for Ronnie Matsuda

Donna Ebata
7th cycle memorial service
for Ronnie Matsuda

Suzanne Toji *In memory of*
Kazue Totsubo

Ronald Totsubo
In memory of
Kazue Totsubo

Eugene Murakami
Bukkyo Gakuin

Yonsei Basketball Association
Use of Hall

Chris Aihara
Singing with Friends Orei

Singing with Friends Orei

Diane Trihey *Dana*

Dale Shirasago *Dana*

Mayumi Kodani *Dana*

Rev. Ellen & Tom Crane,
Hamada Family Retreat
In memory of
Masako Hamada

Satoshi Miyata
Bodhi Day

Rev. Peter Hata
75th Anniversary/Capital
Campaign

Ronald & Fujie Ohata
75th Anniversary/Capital
Campaign

Debra Nishida & Paul Hurley
75th Anniversary/Capital
Campaign

Mike & Lily Yanagita
75th Anniversary/Capital
Campaign

MARCH FLOWER DONATION

Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa

Doug Matsuda

Julie Akahori

Kathie & Marty Umemoto

Nishida Family

Chikako Kojima

Michiko Sugano

Richard Kodani

Dexter Nishiyama

Mark & Reiko Sunday

Russell & Lori Nishida

Glen & Joyce Isomoto

Ellen Shimohara

MARCH 2024 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Julie Akahori
Harry Kawaye

Erica Yee Calzadias
Peter Lugo

Stacey Camara
Hana Unno

May Sugano Egner
Takuya Sugano
Tsugi Sugano

Miki Fujimoto
Cristine Yuki Fujimoto

Lisa M. Hashimoto-Elardo
Tatsuyo Nishimura

Susan Hori
Lily Hori

Douglas Kato
Jessie Kato

Richard & Denise Kodani
Mother Motome Kodani

Chikako Kojima
George Kojima, Fred
Kojima, Teruji Takaki

Doug Matsuda
Manabu Ronnie Matsuda

Debra Nishida & Hurley
Kikuko Nishida

Russell & Lori Nishida
Kikuko Nishida

Ronald & Fujie Ohata
Uncle Ichiro Uyeno

Tom, Denise, Melissa &
Fujiyo Okabe
Toshihiro Domoto

Sue Omori
Henry Keisuke Omori

Ellen Shimohara
Father Michio Shinoda

Mark & Reiko Sunday
Kamezo Niimi

Michiko Sugano
Takuya Sugano &
Tsugi Sugano

Wilbur & Iris Takashima
Grandmothers
Shige Yasuda, Itsu Jinde

Suzanne Toji
Father Jack Totsubo

Kathie & Marty Umemoto
Ronnie Matsuda

Yukie Ushirogata
Ichitaro Matsushita

Bernice Wakinaka
Mike Wakinaka

MARCH 2024 OHIGAN

Anonymous

Anonymous

Julie Akahori

Don Akamine

Jane Asahi

Stacey Camara

Donna Ebata

Stan & Deb Fukawa

James & Karen Harada

Kenneth Hatai

Sumiko Hayamizu

Bert & Dorothy Higa

Paul Hiramoto

Catherine Hisamune

Robert Hori & Richard Kok

Denise Ishitani

Janis Ishitani

Glen & Joyce Isomoto

Cathy Iyemura

Emi Kamikawa

Chikako Kojima

Tammy & Dale Matsubara

Kazuo & Ikuko
Matsubayashi

Douglas Matsuda

Joy Middo

Jean Minami

Lillie Miyagishima

Bob Miyamoto &
Deb Nakatomi

Marilyn & Dennis Miyamoto

Garren & Stephanie
Mizutani

John & Wendy Mori

Eugene & Elaine Murakami

Julia Murakami

Russell & Lori Nishida

Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa

Merrie Nishisaka

Sachie Oda

Jerry Ogawa &
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Ronald & Fujie Ohata

Shelly Okamura

Michael & Carol Okuda

Susan Omori

Marilyn Shimabukuro &
Gilbert Leong

Mark & Reiko Sunday

Paula Shirasago

Kiyoe Suzuki

Wilbur & Iris Takashima

Barbara Tanezaki

Suzanne Toji

Kathie & Marty Umemoto

Yukie Ushirogata

Bernice Wakinaka

Vickie Wakinaka

Toshiko Yamaguchi

Betty Yamashita

Qris Yamashita &
Chris Komai

Arlene Yokoyama

Kiyoko Yoneda

Amy Yukawa

Obon Raffle July 6, 2024

On Saturday July 6, Senshin will hold its annual Raffle drawing 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. If you are able to support the fundraiser, please send back the ticket stubs and donation checks so they are received by Tuesday, July 2. Winners will be drawn just after dance intermission. Suggested donation for each ticket is \$3 or \$30 per book. A free ticket can be obtained at the temple office. Winners need not be present.

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 at **Bon Odori!** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hiramoto at (626) 232-4736 or debhiramoto@gmail.com.



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5月

3月感謝録:

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 特別寄付:J駒井
 涅槃会: S岡村
 仏教学院:E村上
 お礼:4世バスケット協会,合掌グループ
 納骨堂:D松田, D西山, D加藤, S小田, Y後湯
 葬儀故M後湯: Y後湯
 ひな祭り:I松林

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 故G.H.Wong追悼:K/Y吉川
 故J.T加藤追悼:D加藤
 故R松田7回忌:M/K梅本, N/J駒井, J/W森
 M小谷, K石塚, B中村, Q山下, C駒井, D江畑
 教室使用:M/K梅本
 お祝い、孫誕生:K/Y西川

5月法要スケジュール:

1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
5日(日)	9:40a 10a 11a	日本語法話 祥月法要 日曜学校,子供の日,ドーナツ
8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
10日(金)	7p	南加BCA会議
12日(日)	9a 10a 11a	ABA会議 家族礼拝 理事会, Jr.YBA, Sangha Teens会議
15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(土)	9:30a	納骨堂掃除
19日(日)	10a 11a	御降誕会法要(親鸞聖人誕生),初参り Youth緊那羅太鼓
26日(日)	10a 1:30p	家族礼拝 ABA/BWA 敬愛ビンゴ
毎水曜日	10a-2:30p:	本願寺プレイス

5月法要当番: 日曜学校

当番主任は、5/5日祥月法要の後のドーナツと飲み物,5/12日理事会のスナックとお茶,を用意してください。

5月本堂当番: D松田, J原田, N/W永谷

5月お花当番: 4日Y/K西川, 11日D/R小谷, 18日S.Lovall, 25日Q山下, 6/1日R堀, R.Kok
 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。

6月の予定: 16日JrYBA親の日朝食, 17日西心道場始業式

供花-3月: C小島, J赤堀, D松田, K&Y西川, K/M梅本, 西田一家, M菅野, R小谷, M/R.Sunday, R/L西田.
 G/J磯本, E下原

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From the Board

A huge "Thank you" to the Sangha for making the Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser a big success last month. It was great to see everybody come out. Thank you, ABA, for a delicious lunch to keep us energized. Our next big event is *Obon*, coming up on July 6. Please mark your calendars.

In support of Seattle Betsuin's refurbishment after the fire damage last year, Senshin has made a donation to the temple. We wish them well.

Have you sent in your 2024 Membership dues? Your annual dues will be used to fund operating and administrative costs to maintain our temple. We appreciate your commitment to Senshin.

In Gassho,
 KOICHI UYEMURA

BWA

The kitchen in the home or at the temple, as always, brings people together and provides warmth. Experiencing the BWA sisterhood in the kitchen at Senshin does that, and is always filled with camaraderie and good times. Preparing and plating the *chirashi* for *otoki* after the *Hanamatsuri* service brought out a lot of ladies on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to Suzanne, Qris, and Jean for the coordination and organization, and to all those who helped, which made it all go so smoothly and quickly. Thank you to those who made desserts for the BWA dessert table, which is becoming very popular! Fourteen plates of *chirashi* were delivered, so those

that are finding it harder to get to the temple can enjoy *otoki* as well.

The Chicken Teriyaki sale is always an event that brings together



the Sangha, all of the temple organizations, and temple friends. With the leadership of Qris, Suzanne, and Jean the BWA prepared the *goma* beans. On the same day, the BWA also had a bake sale spearheaded by Patti Honkawa, Ann Saneto and Tammy Matsubara, craft sale of *Sashiko* items by Reiko Sunday, and the white elephant sale organized by Wendy Mori. And thanks to all of the BWA volunteers that came out to help cook, bake, set up, sell, clean-up, and do whatever was needed to make the day a success!

We thank the following for their generous donations:

- Kathie & Marty Umemoto
7 Year Memorial Service for Ronnie Matsuda
- Kathie & Marty Umemoto
Marriage of son
Ryan and Jessica Cheng

- Yukie Ushirogata *In memory of* Mutsuo Ushirogata
- Ikuko & Kazuo Matsubayashi *Ohigan*
- Ikuko & Kazuo Matsubayashi *Hinamatsuri*
- Fujie & Ron Ohata
Birth of grandson Oliver
- Julie Akahori
In remembrance of Ted Akahori

ABA

Our thanks to everyone who supported the Annual ABA Cha Shu Bao fundraiser.

Proceeds from the fundraiser are used to support religious and community activities. Please join us for the next Kei Ai Bingo visit on May 26, jointly sponsored by ABA and BWA. Please contact Debbie Hiramoto if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

ABA and friends enjoyed their most recent ABA Eats at Boston Lobster Seafood in Rosemead. Once again everyone had a great time. Stay tuned for info about the next ABA Eats adventure and please come join us! Everyone is welcome.

Our gratitude to the following friends for their kind donations: Fujie and Ron Ohata, celebrating the birth of their grandson, Oliver Moon Noboru Chang; Julie Akahori, in memory of father, Ted Akahori; Suzanne Toji, *Higan otoki* food supplies.

Jr Y B A

In April, some of the Juniors took part in the Southern District basketball league, where they had a nice time bonding with Juniors of other temples. On the day of *Hanamatsuri*, which many temple members came to celebrate, we had a bake sale that ended up raising a total of \$696, thanks to the generous contributions of the temple members. We also helped out for Chicken Teriyaki in April and will be helping for Children's Day in May. We will be continuing *Kansho*, ringing the bell at the beginning of service. Additionally, a little fun fact: Juniors have been baking cupcakes for birthdays each month.

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!!



JR Y B A TEMPLE OSOJI



SANGHA TEENS INSTALLATION 2024

Sangha Teens

Sangha Teens would like to thank Reverend Furumoto and our Dharma School teachers for hosting the *Hanamido* decorating event and the nice dinner afterwards. Special thanks to Mrs. Umemoto for the delicious salad and to Miss Iris for the yummy cookies. This year is our return to participating in the *Hanamatsuri* Service offering sweet tea and flowers. Sangha Teens were represented by Annie Camara and Adrien Montevalvo.

If there are other 6th, 7th, or 8th grade youths who would like to join us, please contact Deb Hiramoto 626.232.4736.



SANGHA TEENS & A B A YARD CLEAN-UP



B W A HANAMATSURI OTOKI PREP



APRIL "A B A EATS" ADVENTURE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	2 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	3	4
5 8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:40a Japanese <i>Howa</i> (Dharma message) 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> and Family Service 11a Dharma School Children Day Event, Donuts	6	7 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	8 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Jodo Shinshu Study Class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	9 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	10	11
12 9a ABA Meeting 10a Family Service 11a Jr YBA Meeting, Sangha Teens Meeting, Board Meeting	13	14 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	15 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin, Jodo Shinshu 2, Rev Furumoto (online)	16 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	17 7p So. District BCA Council Meeting	18 9:30a <i>Nokotsudo</i> Clean-up
19 10a <i>Gotanye</i> (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) & <i>Hatsumairi</i> Infant Presentation, Rev. Masao Kodani, speaker 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko	20	21 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	22 10a-2p Hongwanji Place	23 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	24	25
26 10a Family Service 11a Youth Kinnara Taiko 1:30p ABA/BWA Kei A i Bingo	27 Memorial Day Services at Cemeteries 8a-12n <i>Nokotsudo</i> Visitation 11:30a Memorial Day Service at Rosedale	28 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio	29 10a-2p Hongwanji Place	30 10:30a-2p Wasabi Kai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	June 1	June 2



MAY TOBAN: Dharma School

Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- Weekly chair Sunday services
- May 5: Provide donuts & beverages after Monthly Memorial Service
- May 12: Provide & serve snack and tea for monthly board meeting

May Hondo Toban: Doug Matsuda, James Okazaki,
Nick Nagatani, Wendy Nagatani

MAY Onaijin Flower Toban:

- May 4** Yoko/Kelvin Nishikawa
May 11 Denise/Richard Kodani
May 18 (*Gotanye*) Sheri Lovall
May 25 Qris Yamashita
June 2 Robert Hori/Richard Kok

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

JUNE 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 16** Jr YBA Parents' Day Breakfast
June 17 Saishin Dojo Opening Day