

GIVING GIFT, SHARING KIMOCHI

December is a season of giving, marked by *Oseibo*, Christmas, and even the end of the tax year—a perfect time to make donations to the temple! For Buddhists, giving is seen as an expression of *dana*, or selfless generosity.

When we give, especially in the spirit of *dana*, it's the *kimochi* (the thoughtfulness) that matters most. *Kimochi* literally means “holding spirit” or “holding feeling” and connotes an appreciation, consideration, or kindness. In everyday expressions, we might say *kimochi ii* to mean “I feel good” or *kimochi warui* for “I feel sick” or “this feels unpleasant.” It's a word that expresses the sense of holding or carrying a feeling, and in the

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context of gift-giving, it signifies the thoughtfulness and care we bring to an action. When we give with *kimochi*, we're giving with our heart, expressing gratitude, affection and connection.

This idea is beautifully illustrated in a Japanese story similar to O. Henry's *The Gift of the Magi*. In the Japanese version, a

poor samurai wants to express his gratitude to his devoted wife, who never complains despite their hardships. He decides the perfect gift for her would be a *kanzashi*—an ornamental hairpin—to adorn her beautiful hair. But, lacking money, he sells his sword, a symbol of his pride and status, to buy it.

At the same time, his wife wants to show her gratitude to him; so she decides to buy an ornament for his sword case, which would elevate his appearance as a samurai. But she, too, lacks funds; so she sells her hair to afford it. When they meet to exchange gifts, they are both surprised and a bit saddened: the husband has no sword for his ornament, and the wife no longer has her hair for the *kanzashi*. Yet they are filled with joy, moved by each other's thoughtfulness. They have truly received each other's *kimochi*—their kindness, love, and appreciation.

In *The Gift of the Magi*, the husband buys his wife a comb for her hair, while the wife buys him a chain for his watch. Both stories, whether Japanese or Western, convey the same message: it's the thought, or *kimochi*, that counts.

In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Amida Buddha's wish, or *Hongwan* (Primal Vow), centers on peace and safety for everyone. By reciting the *Nembutsu*, we receive Buddha's vow and *kimochi*. Rennyō Shonin expressed this in his writing:

“...the sacred name is a gift we have received from Amida Buddha. Therefore, all we do is entrust ourselves to Amida in accordance with Amida's Vow, enabling us to be born in the Pure Land. We are saved immediately, and our response is only to express gratitude, reciting the Nembutsu in appreciation.” (Rennyō Shonin *Goichidaiki Kikigaki*)

When we receive this *kimochi* from Amida Buddha, we recite the *Nembutsu*, “*Namu Amida Butsu*,” as a way of expressing gratitude to Amida Buddha. This gratitude inspires us to share peace and safety with others.

In this season of giving, we can carry forward this spirit by giving meaningful gifts during *Oseibo*, Christmas, and even end-of-year donations.

Sharing *kimochi* in these ways spreads warmth, gratitude, and connection to everyone around us.

Namoamidabutsu.

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO



気持ちを贈る

12月はお歳暮、クリスマスなどが行われ、いろいろな人にさまざまな贈り物をします。

贈り物をするとき大切なのは何でしょうか？贈るものやその価値も大切なのですが、一番大事なものは、相手を思いやったり、感

謝したりする「気持ち」です。「気持ち」をシェアすることで家族や友人とつながり、そこに嬉しさや喜びや感動があるのです。

日本に、O・ヘンリーの「賢者の贈り物」に似たお話があります。日本版では、貧しい侍の夫が、苦しい生活にもかかわらず一度も不平を言わない献身的な妻に感謝の気持ちを伝えたいと考えます。彼は、妻の美しい髪に飾る、かんざしを贈ろうと決めます。しかし、お金がないため、彼は侍の誇りを象徴する大切な刀を売って、かんざしを買うことにしました。

一方、妻もまた夫に感謝の気持ちを表したいと思い、夫の刀を装飾する飾りを買うことを決めます。そういった飾りは、夫をもっと素晴らしい侍に見せます。しかし、彼女もお金がありません。そこで彼女は自分の美しい髪を売ってその飾りを買うことにします。

その晩、贈り物を渡そうと家に帰ると、二人はお互いに驚き、少し残念に思いました。夫は飾りを付ける刀を持っていない、妻はかんざしをつける長い髪がありません。それでも二人はお互いの思いやりに感動し、喜びました。彼らは互いに本当に「優しさや愛や感謝」を受け取ったのです。O・ヘンリーの「賢者の贈り物」では、夫が妻に美しい髪のために櫛を買い、妻は夫に金時計用の鎖を買い、日本の話でもアメリカの話でも、同じメッセージが込められています。それは、贈り物で最も大事なものは気持ちをシェアすることだ、ということです。

浄土真宗では、私たちは、「阿弥陀さまから本願をいただいている」と、言います。阿弥陀さまが「すべての生きとし生けるものをお浄土に生まれさせ、仏にさせる」という願いを成就され、そ

の本願の精神や功德を南無阿弥陀仏として私たちに贈ってくださっているのです。

蓮如上人は次のように述べられています。

「...名号はわたしたちが阿弥陀仏からいただいたものである。だから、わたしたちは、ただ仰せのままに浄土に往生させていただきと弥陀を信じておまかせすれば、ただちにお救いいただくのであり、そのことをありがたいことだ、ありがたいことだと喜んで、念仏するばかりであると、蓮如上人は仰せになりました。」(蓮如上人『御一代記聞書』33、現代語訳)

阿弥陀仏の願いは、すべての生きとし生けるものが、安らかで穏やかな心を持って生きていくことです。私たちは阿弥陀仏の誓願、言うなれば「安らかであってほしい」という気持ちをいただいているのです。その気持ちをいただき、「南無阿弥陀仏」と感謝の念仏をとこなえるのが浄土真宗の念仏者だ、とお示しくださっています。

また、阿弥陀さまの願いや気持ちを受け取ると、他の人々と仏さまの教えや願いをシェアし、「共に安穩に生きていこう」という気持ちがでてくるようになっています。お歳暮やクリスマスなどで、周りの人々に温かさ、感謝、そしてつながりを広げていきましょう。南無阿弥陀仏

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Kimochi

気持ち仏

Monthly Memorial December 2024

Shotsuki Service, December 1 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Akahori, Julie Aunt Uyetake, Yoshiko	Nishisaka, Merrie/Nishisaka, Scott Grandmother Nishisaka, Ritsuko
Domoto Family Grandmother Domoto, Tsuchiyo	Nishisaka, Merrie/Nishisaka, Scott Grandmother Sanada, Tsuta
Fujimoto, Miki Mother Fujimoto, Mary	Ohata, Ron Father Ohata, Shigetoshi Michael
Hashimoto Family Grandfather Hashimoto, Thomas K.	Sonday, Reiko Grandmother Fukumoto, Kinu
Herrera Murray, Ana Marie Husband Terakawa, Alan	Oda, Cindy Grandfather Nakamura, Masutaro
Hirayama, Kiyome Son Hirayama, Glen	Oda, Cindy Father Tomita, John
Ikari, Kathy Grandmother Kato, Kikuyo	Takashima, Iris Grandfather Yasuda, Hikokichi
Iriye, Kenny Father Iriye, Kazunori Henry	Tsuji, Hisako Mother-in-law Tsuji, Takiye
Kamikawa, Emi Mother Kamikawa, Violet	Umemoto, Marty Father Umemoto, Kazuo
Kojima, Chikako Father Uneda, Harry Kazushi	Ushirogata, Yukie Sister in law Hagiwara, Naruko
Lew, Judy Mother Matsuda, Mickey	Usui, Nancy Mother Shimabukuro, Kiyoko
Matsubayashi, Kazuo Father Matsubayashi, Moriichi	Usui Family Father Usui, Frank
Minami, Jean Brother-in-law Minami, Yoshimi	Wakinaka, Vickie Mother Wakinaka, Esther
Mori, Johnny Father Mori, Yasuo	Wong, Craig Wife Wong, Gayle
Mori, Wendy Father Sahara, Hiroshi	Yoshimura, Brett and Susan
Motokane, Eddie Mother Motokane, Helen	Yoshimura, Evelyn Father/Brother Yoshimura, Victor
Nagatani, Wendy Mother Yoshitomi, Hannah	
Nishida, Russell Father Nishida, John	
Nishida, Lori Grandmother Nishisaka, Ritsuko	

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.

2024 Bodhi day Sunday, December 1

In the Mahayana tradition, we celebrate **December 8th as Bodhi Day**, honoring Shakyamuni Buddha's enlightenment. Around 2,500 years ago, under a pipala tree in a forest in India, the human Gautama Siddhartha awakened to the truth of the universe and became the Buddha. This tree later became known as the "Bodhi tree," and the town where Gautama attained enlightenment is now called "Bodhgaya." The words *Bodhi* and *Bodh* mean awakening or enlightenment. To commemorate this special day for Buddhists, we will hold a **Bodhi Day service on Sunday, December 1**, with Rev. Mas as our guest speaker.

Bodhi Day Meditation session

Following the **Bodhi Day** service, we will hold a quiet sitting meditation session to honor Shakyamuni Buddha's attainment of Nirvana. The session will be conducted in silence, and meditation instructions will be provided at the beginning. Everyone is welcome to join.

Oseibo Service Sunday, December 8, 10a

The word *Oseibo* in Japanese means "year-end gift." The characters break down as follows: *O* is an honorific prefix, *sei* means "year," and *bo* means "end." In our tradition, *Oseibo* gifts are presented to ministers and others who support the temple, as a gesture of gratitude for their guidance, kindness, and dedication throughout the year. Following the service, we'll have a year-end luncheon to celebrate together.

Ohsoji Sunday, December 15, 9a

Ohsoji is a major cleanup to beautify all sections of the temple. *Oh* means big or major and *Soh ji* means clean up.

In Buddhism, cleaning is one of the important practices or daily deeds. Our surroundings are a reflection of our hearts and minds and vice versa. Cleaning outside means cleaning inside. When we clean up outside, we can also clean up in our heart and mind. After *Mochitsuki*, to welcome the new year with a refreshed mind, let's clean up our temple.

Ojo Raisange Practice

December 29, Sunday, 10a

We will hold a practice session for the *Ojo Raisange* chant. There will be no Sunday service on this day.

Jyoya-ye / End of Year Service

December 31, Tuesday, 5p

We are going to hold a *Jyoya-ye* service on New Year's Eve. *Jyoya-ye* is a year-end service that literally means the gathering (*ye*) of *Jyoya* (eliminating the night). "Eliminating the night" implies "wishing to remove the dirt or filth collected during the year." In this case, the dirt or filth means our blind attachments, the memories of misconduct and troubles that accumulated during the year. With the wish of dispelling these undesirable wants, thoughts, and memories, we hold the year-end service, welcoming the New Year with a refreshed mind. We will chant "*Ojo Raisange, Shoya ge*." (The Gatha of the Early Evening of the Gatha of Praising the Birth in the Pure Land)." You can learn to chant *Ojo Raisange* by attending the chanting class on Sunday, December 29.

除夜会

除夜会とは年末の法要で、「夜を除く集まり」と書きますが「夜を除く」とは、その年に身に付いた埃や垢を取り除くという意味です。埃や垢とは、私

たちの煩惱、またこの一年間に起きた間違いや悩みごとなどを指します。そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を取り除くことを願ってお勤めするのが除夜会ですが、浄土真宗では、そういった煩惱や嫌な思い出を引き受けてくださる阿弥陀さまに感謝し、「煩惱を断ぜずして涅槃をうる」とはどういうことなのかを考えるご縁でもあります。12月31日の午後5時からはじまります。

Shusho-ye (Gantan-ye) New Year Day Service January 1, 2025 Wednesday 10a

Shusho-ye, or *Gantan-ye*, simply means "Service for the New Year." The literal translation of *Shusho-ye* is "a gathering for a revision, modification or correction." New Year's Day is an opportunity for us to refresh our hearts and minds by reflecting upon the past year's mistakes so that we can correct them and begin the new year in the right direction. Our New Year Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. This year, for the first time in three years, we will have *ozoni* and *sake* in the Social Hall. We are also going to have a *taiko* and *Shishimai* performance at the courtyard.

修正会 (しゅしょうえ)、 元旦会 (がんだんえ)

一月一日にお勤めする法要を修正会といます。元旦にお勤めするので、元旦会ともいます。正月に修する、ということで、修正会と言いますが、新年の最初の日に心を正しい方向に修正するという意味もあります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気になるいけませんように」とか「いい大学にはいれますように」などのことを祈りません。そういう願いはたいがい自分のエゴを拡張することになり、本当の安心にいたることが難しくなるためです。修正会は、そういう自己中心の願いを持つ自分を反省し、その自分を受け入れてくださる阿弥陀如来に感謝し、一年を心安らかに生きていくご縁となる法要です。

OCTOBER DONATIONS

Merrie Nishisaka *Nokotsudo*
 Sachie Oda *Nokotsudo*
 Dana & Ann Saneto *Nokotsudo*
 Nick & Wendy Nagatani *Nokotsudo*
 Eric & Dawn Mikkelson
13th memorial cycle for
 Miyuki Uno
 Amy Yukawa
Memorial for husband Joe
 Yukawa
 Russell & Lori Nishida
Michael and Gina's Wedding Reception
 Michael Nishida
Wedding Venue Orei
 Dennis & Celia Huey *Dana*
 Marty & Kathie Umemoto
Birth of granddaughter
 Tomita and Oda Families
1 year Memorial Service
for Misao Tomita
 Jeanne Akashi & Janet Sasaki
1 year Memorial Service
for Misao Tomita
 Cindy Oda
1 year memorial Service
for Misao Tomita
 Brent & Mary Roath
In memory of Masako
 Wada
 Tom Kuwata
In memory of mother
 Yuriko Kuwata
 Senshin Jr. YBA
Obon - Shave Ice
 Shelly Okamura *Nokotsudo*
 Tomita and Oda Families
Donation
 Yoshihata Family *Interment*
 Ken Yoshihata
In memory of
 Dorothy Yoshihata
 Yoshihata Family
Memorial Service
 Madalyne Adams *Nokotsudo*
 Nancy Kodama
In memory of
 Ted and Tomi Akahori

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.

Nancy Kodama
In memory of husband and
 father, Malcolm Kodama
 James & Karen Harada
Service for Dorothy
 Yoshihata
 Nick & Wendy Nagatani
Dana
 Karen Ishizuka &
 Bob Nakamura
Special Donation
in recognition of
 Rev. Kodani and
 Wendy & Johnny Mori's
 contributions to Senshin
 Paul Hiramoto *Nokotsudo*
 Dale Shirasago *Dana*
 Diane Trihey *Dana*
 Mayumi Kodani *Dana*
 Debra Nakatomi *Dana*
 Eddie Motokane
In Memory of Edward Y
 Motokane, *Father of Ed-*
 die Motokane, Ann Moto-
 kane, Carolyn Motokane,
 Elaine Motokane
 May Sugano Edner
In memory of Grand-
 mother Fude Kanazawa
 Russell & Lori Nishida *Obon*
 Tammy & Dale Matsubara
Ohigan
 Ana Maria Herrera Murray
Ohigan
 Russell & Lori Nishida
Ohigan
 Nancy Usui *Ohigan*

OCTOBER FLOWER DONATIONS

Arlene Yokoyama
 Merrie Nishisaka
 Kathy Ikari
 Mark and Reiko Sunday
 Dana and Ann Saneto
 Julie Akahori
 Glenn and Harumi Kawaguchi
 John and Debbie Hiramoto
 Paul Hiramoto

OCTOBER 2024 SHOTSUKI HOYO

Madalyne Adams
 Lillian Kuwata
 Julie Akahori
Mother Umeji Akahori
 James & Karen Harada
 Laura Matsumura
 Deb & John Hiramoto
 Sumiko Hiramoto
 Kathleen Ikari
 Don Tsuboi
 Ruby Kiyohara
 Chiyeiko Kiyohara,
 Ronnie Kiyohara
 Tammy & Dale Matsubara
 Chiyeiko Kiyohara, Ronnie
 Kiyohara
 Robert Nakamura
 Karen Ishizuka
 George Ishizuka
 Merrie Nishisaka
 Mary Ann Nishisaka
 Merrie Nishisaka
 Masami Sanada
 Reiko & Mark Sunday
 Kiyoko Nimi
 Arlene Yokoyama
 Stan Yokoyama

Donation College Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has a College Savings 529 Plan to help with the costs of higher education for our minister's family.

Contributing to this fund will provide tax-free income for the minister's children when they are college age. In eight years at 7%, monies put in today could almost double by the time they are ready to go to college.

If you would like to contribute, you have two options:

1. Write a check out to Senshin Buddhist Temple along with a memo or note indicating you would like to contribute to the 529 account.
2. You can write a check out to MESP (Michigan Education Savings Program) and mail it directly to PO Box 55925, Boston, MA 02205-5925. Be sure to send a note indicating the contribution is to go to the Senshin Buddhist Temple, Account #9393725.

If you write a check to Senshin, there is no minimum. If you write a check to MESP, the check must be \$25 or more.

Owned by the temple, the intention of the fund is to provide additional support to its minister and family.

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 Fundraising Drive Update**

Our Anitya Fundraising drive is off to a roaring start. We have raised more than \$82,000 since our kick-off in October. The total project budget is \$250,000. Unspent 70th Anniversary funds were rolled into the 75th/Anitya pot giving us startup seed money of about \$75,000. So the total Anitya budget of \$250,000 less the \$75,000 seed money leaves a fundraising goal of \$175,000.

Because the primary contractor for the work has had one of his key workers unavailable with health/physical issues, work on the Hondo has ground to a halt. Russell has secured a new contractor to complete the glass and related woodwork. In addition, with feedback from Rev. Furumoto and some of the Sangha, the heavy handrails along the glass walls on the north and south sides of the Hondo will be replaced with visually lighter handrails to allow us to appreciate the sand gardens outside. The new contractor is slightly more expensive and replacement of the handrails was not included in the original scope of the project. By next month, I plan to provide a revised estimate for the project and a new fundraising goal.

Thank you for your continued support as we endeavor to preserve the structures and grounds of Senshin.

Gassho,
 NEIL KOMAI
 Anitya Fundraising Chairman



洗心仏教会

2024年12月

10月感謝録:

寄付:D.&Cella Huey,富田/小田一家,N/W永谷,D白砂,M小谷
D.Trihey,D中富

特別寄付for:

小谷先生,W/J森の洗心寺への長年の貢献ーK石塚/B中村
納骨堂:S岡村,M西川,S小田,D/A実藤,N/W永谷,M.Adams,P平本
お祝い:孫娘誕生ーM/K梅本
Michael&Gina結婚披露ーR/L西田

お礼: 結婚式ーM西田

お盆かき氷:Jr.YBA

葬儀:故D吉畑ーJ/K原田,吉畑一家

戦時中の収容所体験: 吉畑一家

故夫J湯川追悼:A湯川

故M和田追悼:B/M Roath

故母Y桑田追悼:T桑田

故T/T赤堀追悼:N児玉

故夫/父M児玉追悼:N児玉

故父E元金追悼:E元金

故D吉畑追悼:K吉畑

故M富田一回忌:富田/小田一家,J明石,

J佐々木,C小田

故M宇野十三回忌:E/DMikkelson

12月スケジュール:

1日(日)	8:30a 9:45a 11a	婦人会例会 日本語話 ドーナツ
4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(日)	8:30a 10a 11:30a 12noon	理事会 お歳暮法要 Jr YBA会議,Sanga Teens会議 お歳暮ランチ
11日(水)	6:30-7:15p 7p	仏教学院(オンライン),浄土真宗入門: 古本先生 もち米洗い
14日(土)	7a	餅つき
15日(日)	8a 1:30p	大掃除 ABA,BWA,KeiAi ビンゴ
18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日(日)	10a	家族礼拝
29日(日)	10a 11a	家族礼拝 勉強会
31日(水)	5p	除夜会, ポットラック
2025,1月1日	10a 11a	修正会 お雑煮
毎水曜日	10a-2p	本願寺プレイス

12月法要当番: BWA

当番主任は、6日:祥月法要の後のドーナツと飲み物,また理事会のスナックとお茶を用意してください。

12月本堂当番: K沢田,G.Yee,J/K原田,

12月お花当番: 11/30日P森川,7日D/J平本,14日S大森,C相原21日L/D西田,28日古本先生

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。

Jan. 2025月の予定: 1日修正会,25日冬季パシフィックセミナーOCBC,26日報恩講

供花:A横山,M西川,K石狩,M/R.Sunday,D/A実藤,J赤堀,G/H川口,J/D平本,P平本

Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From the Board

Senshin will be busy as ever in the final month of the year. We will have our **Bonenkai/Oseibo Luncheon** where we all gather to thank the individuals who have helped us in the past and to whom we will again become indebted in the future. We will also have our **Mochitsuki** where members will come together to cook and pound out mochi for the New Year. This will be followed by **Osoji** to throw out the dust and declutter the areas inside and out. These events are not only fun but encourage the coming together of our Sangha and promote renewal and a positive beginning for the coming year.

In Gassho,
KOICHI UYEMURA

Religious

2025 Senshin Nembutsu Retreat

The Senshin Nembutsu Retreat will be held on February 8 & 9 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks. Our featured speaker/presenter will be Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi of the West Covina Buddhist Temple. Registration details will be available shortly. Please contact Neil Komai, Religious Chairman at: nkomai49@gmail.com.

BWA

As we approach the end of the year and things are winding down, December will be a quiet one for the BWA. December is our *toban* month, where we will chair the weekly services, provide the donuts for the *Shotsuki Hoyo*, and provide and serve refreshments for the Temple Board meeting.

We will also help the Juniors at *Mochitsuki* with all of the mochi making tasks, and will make desserts for lunch that is provided for all of the hard-working Sangha and friends.

We thank the following for their generous donations:

- Marilyn Shimabukuro
In memory of Fumie Shimabukuro
and Doris Shigaki Madalyne Adams

Keiro Kai Celebration



Our Temple Keiro Kai celebration was on November 3, 2024. The day was beautiful, with blue skies and warm temperatures. Not to mention the stunning sight of our 19 honorees, two of which are over 100 years old. Over 100 people gathered to celebrate the honorees and their dedication to our temple. Our temple would be very different without their paving the way and their struggles. We are so grateful to them.

In memory of Lillian Kuwata

- Suzanne Toji
Eshinni Kakushinni Memorial
- Betty Yamashita Keiro Kai
- Ikuko Matsubayashi Keiro Kai
- Madalyne Adams
In memory of T. Yamada
- Qris Yamashita
Thank you for Omimai

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The year has flown by and here we are in December! Our last ABA/BWA KeiAi Bingo visit for the year will be Sunday, December 15 at 1:30 pm. Please contact Debbie Hiramoto if you can join us.

Congratulations to our 2025 ABA Cabinet:

Co-Presidents Edna Horiuchi and Carole Yokota

Treasurer Cathy Iyemura

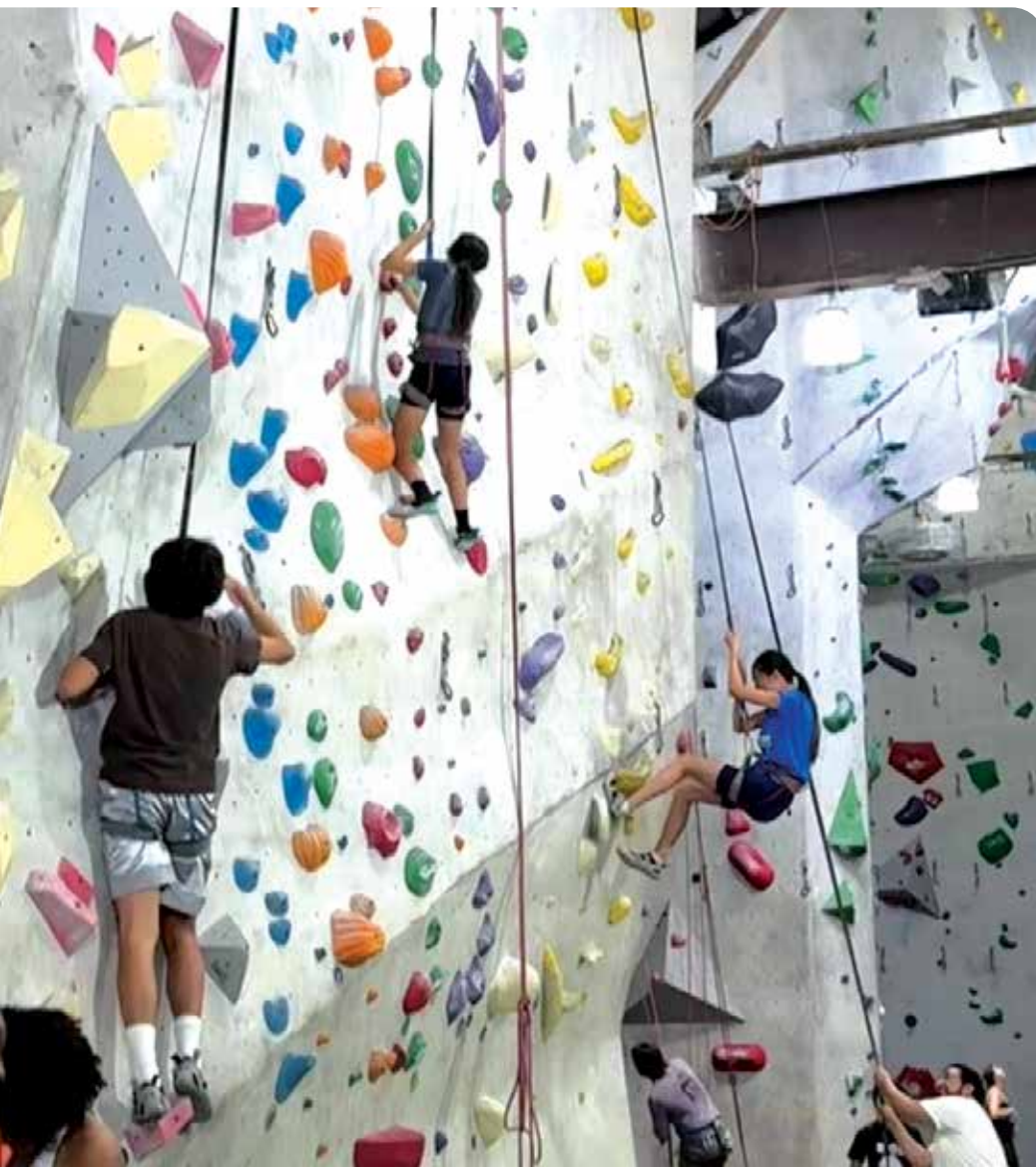
Religious Chair Greg Yee.

Our thanks to our Senshin Sangha

for your continued support of ABA's activities through your participation and your friendship. We are grateful to have shared so many life moments, both happy and sad, easy and not easy. *Namoamidabutsu.*

Jr Y B A

In November, the Jr. YBA rang the *kansho* bell each week and helped out in the Keiro Kai celebration. Jr. YBA will stay busy in December. We will have a *Mochitsuki* event to look forward to, as well as helping out at the winter Senshin Dojo for the kids. 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.



Sangha Teens

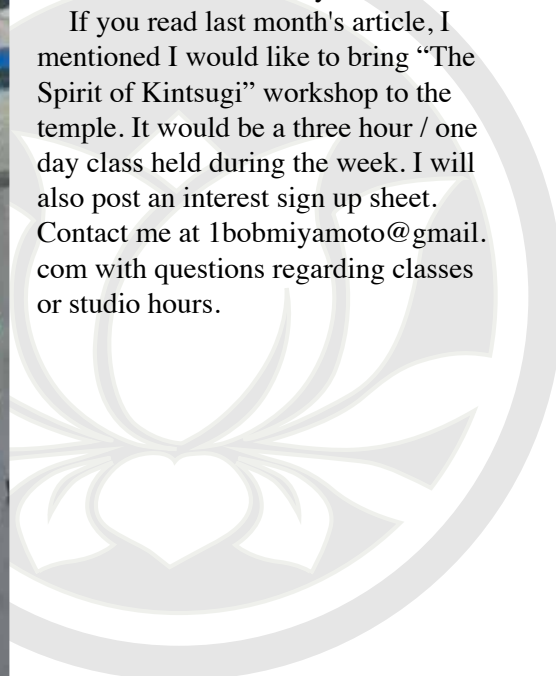
Our Sangha Teens had a fun month! We listened to a talk from Reverend Furumoto about the importance of humility, which he described through the usage of two Japanese fables (he explained that they were classics, but we were mostly unfamiliar with them). Afterwards, we snacked on ripe and ripening persimmons (かき) as well as turkey cupcakes. Then, four of our members — Keylana, Emi, Mia, and Adrien — went rock climbing at the Stronghold Climbing Gym. Each one was able to reach the top of the highest walls and climbed swiftly over the jagged rocks with a securing rope or free-handing a wall (called bouldering). We're excited for more fun and interesting activities, meetings, and services to come!

Wasabi Kai

Last month Wasabi Kai held a pottery sale at the Keiro Kai celebration and donated the proceeds to the Anitya: Senshin Renewal Project. It was an effort to support this important fundraiser, and also to thank the Sangha for providing a space for us to develop classes to enhance the appreciation of pottery, which is such an important part of Japanese culture. Our temple members who have taken classes and have decided to attend our bi weekly studio sessions have become quite good potters. It was their idea to hold this sale as a fundraiser. Not only did they donate their works for the sale, they also provided the vases for the table settings and gifted them to the honorees. Thanks to all who made this fundraiser so successful.

As the year comes to a close, we are planning to hold classes in the spring. They will be held on five consecutive Saturdays from 10:30a-1p, dates TBD. We have yet to finalize the content but are trying to determine the number of people who would be interested. I will post an interest sign up sheet on the bulletin board in January.

If you read last month's article, I mentioned I would like to bring "The Spirit of Kintsugi" workshop to the temple. It would be a three hour / one day class held during the week. I will also post an interest sign up sheet. Contact me at 1bobmiyamoto@gmail.com with questions regarding classes or studio hours.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bodhi Day 8:30a BWA <i>Reikai</i> 9:45a Japanese <i>Howa</i> 10a Monthly Memorial Service (<i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i>) and Bodhi Day Service, guest speaker Rev. Kodani 11a Donuts	2	3 10:30-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	4 10a-2p Hongwanji Place	5 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	6	7
8 Oseibo 8:30a Temple Board Meeting 10a Oseibo Service 11:30a Jr. YBA Meeting, Sangha Teens Meeting 12noon Bonenkai: Oseibo Luncheon	9	10 10:30-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	11 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 7p <i>Mochigome</i> /rice washing 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin: Basic Buddhism class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	12 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	13	14 Mochitsuki 7a <i>Mochitsuki</i>
15 Osoji 8a <i>Osoji</i> , No Services 1:30p ABA.BWA KeiAi Bingo	16	17 10:30-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	18 10a-2p Hongwanji Place 6:30-7:15p Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin: Basic Buddhism class (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	19 10:30a-2p WasabiKai Open Studio 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	20	21
22 10a Family Service 11a In-person Study Class	23	24 10:30-2p WasabiKai Open Studio	25	26 7-9p Kinnara Taiko	27 9:30a-2p Winter Senshin Dojo	28
29 10a <i>Ojo Raisange</i> Chanting Practice	30	31 5p <i>Joya-e</i> End of the year service and potluck	Jan 1 Oshogatsu 10a <i>Shusho-e</i> , New Year Service 11a <i>Ozoni</i> served in the Social Hall	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4

DECEMBER SERVICE TOBAN: BWA

Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- Weekly chair Sunday Service
- Dec 1 Provide donuts / beverages following monthly memorial service
- Dec 8 Provide / serve snacks and beverage for Temple Board Meeting

Hondo Toban Keith Sawada, Greg Yee, James Harada and Karen Harada

DECEMBER ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement

- Nov 30 Paige Morikawa
Dec 7 John/Deb Hiramoto
Dec 14 Sue Omori/Chris Aihara,
Dec 21 Lori Nishida/Deb Nishida
Dec 28 Rev. Furumoto
Jan 4 Linda/Koichi Uyemura
- (Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160*

JANUARY Upcoming Events

- Jan 1 **Shusho-E** - New Year Day Service
Jan 25 Winter Pacific Seminar, OCBC
Jan 26 **Hoonko** Service

**Senshin Jr. YBA
Scrip Order Form**

Send to: Stephanie Higa 213/700-1042
1775 Santa Fe Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501
SenshinScripSale@gmail.com

Name	Order Date
Address	Phone Number.
	Email Address

How do you want your order delivered? (pls circle) Leave at Senshin USPS

Clothing & Accessories	QTY	Total
Bloomingdale's \$25 \$100		\$
Kohl's \$25 \$100		\$
Macy's \$25 \$100		\$
Nordstrom \$25 \$100		\$
Old Navy \$25		\$
TJMaxx/HomeGds/Marshalls \$25		\$
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Dining - Casual	QTY	Total
Applebee's \$25 \$50		\$
Baja Fresh \$25		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$25		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10 \$25		\$
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf \$25		\$
El Pollo Loco \$10		\$
Islands \$25		\$
Olive Garden \$25		\$
Panera Bread \$10 \$25		\$
Rubio's Restaurants \$25		\$
Starbucks \$5 \$10 \$25		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10		\$
Taco Bell \$5 \$10		\$
Discount Store & Outlets	QTY	Total
Sam's Club \$25 \$50 \$100		\$
Target \$10 \$25 \$100		\$
Walmart \$25 \$100		\$
Electronics & Office	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$25 \$100		\$
GameStop \$25		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25		\$
Staples \$25 \$100		\$
Entertainment	QTY	Total
AMC Theatres \$25		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10		\$
Fandango \$25		\$
Regal \$25		\$
Gas & Auto	QTY	Total
76 Gas \$25 \$100		\$
ARCO \$50 \$100		\$
Chevron CA Only \$50		\$
Exxon \$50		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30		\$
Mobil \$50		\$
Shell \$25 \$100		\$

Grocery	QTY	Total
Albertsons/Pavillions/Vons \$25		\$
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Smart & Final \$25 \$100		\$
Sprouts Farmers Market \$25 \$50 \$100		\$
Health & Beauty	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10 \$25		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25 \$100		\$
Sally Beauty \$25		\$
Rite Aid \$25		\$
Sephora \$25		\$
ULTA \$25		\$
Walgreens \$25 \$100		\$
Home Improvement	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25 \$100		\$
Home Depot® \$25 \$100		\$
Lowe's \$25 \$100		\$
The Home Depot® \$25 \$100		\$
Online Shopping	QTY	Total
Amazon.com \$25 \$100		\$
Apple Store \$15 \$25		\$
Groupon.com \$25.00		\$
Zappos.com \$25 \$100		\$
Specialty Retailer	QTY	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		\$
Container Store \$25		\$
Disney \$25		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric \$25		\$
Michaels \$25		\$
PetSmart \$25		\$
See's Candies \$25		\$
Sporting Goods & Outdoors	QTY	Total
Bass Pro Shops \$25		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25		\$
REI \$25		\$
Universal Prepaid Cards	QTY	Total
VisaGiftCd No Activation Fee \$50		\$
VisaGiftCd No Activation Fee \$100		\$

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WINTER SENSHIN DOJO

ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND GAMES, PIZZA LUNCH

THE THEME IS "MOTTAINAI" (TO NOT BE WASTEFUL)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024 | 9:30 - 2:00

SENSHIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Free for Senshin temple family and friends

Youth of all ages welcome

(Children under 5 years of age must be accompanied by adult)

Must register to participate, contact:

Rev. Furumoto rontai48@gmail.com or Chris Aihara aihara.chris@gmail.com
or Jana Yokoyama scoutthesprout@gmail.com

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