

# BLOOM LIKE LOTUS

A beautiful lotus flower bloomed in our courtyard this summer.

Mas-sensei grew it. Last year he also tried, but because a racoon ate the *renkon* (lotus root), the flower never bloomed.

This time, he moved the pot, and the racoon couldn't find it; so this year, we had a wonderful lotus blossom. Everyone liked it and took pictures. Probably next year, we will see a few more pods of lotus, and all of us will take even more photos.

The lotus is known as the Buddhist flower. If someone asks you, "What is the Buddhist



flower?” you can answer, “the lotus.” (Although it’s not a question we often get!)

You can also see the lotus in Senshin’s logo, so it’s good to know its meaning.

## The lotus appears in many Buddhist sutras. In the Amida

Sutra, the Pure Land is described as a place where many colorful lotus flowers bloom in the ponds. And the Lotus Sutra is one of the most well-known scriptures in Asia.

The lotus is also an important flower in India, where Buddhism began.

The traditional sitting style for meditation, *zazen*, is called *padma asana*, which means “lotus posture.”

India and Sri Lanka even have the lotus as their national flower.

Long ago, people in India didn’t have TikTok or Instagram; so instead of looking at a screen all day, they

carefully observed nature. They watched

how the lotus grows and found in it the deep teachings of Buddhism.

Here are several teachings from the Lotus Sutra.

### The lotus grows in mud.

- The mud represents our *bonnō*, selfish desires, the ignorance of our selfishness, anger, greed, and suffering. Our world is defiled by our bonno, our mud.
- Yet from this muddy water, a beautiful flower blooms.
- In the same way, our difficulties and mistakes can help us grow spiritually.
- Shinran Shonin quoted a sutra saying, “*The lotus does not grow on high ground, but in the muddy pond.*”
- Even though we live with Bonno and foolishness, guided by the Buddha, we can bloom beautifully.

### The lotus seed is very strong.

- Even after sleeping under ground for thousands of years, the lotus seed can still grow.
- Scientists in Japan found 2,000-year-old

lotus seeds that bloomed again.

- This reminds us of our Buddha-nature, the potential to become a Buddha.
- Sometimes it’s hidden and we have not given any nutrition for years; but when we hear the Nembutsu teaching, it awakens us and we can grow.

### The lotus leaf cleans itself.

- Water rolls off the surface of the leaf, carrying away the dirt.
- This “lotus effect” shows how the Buddha’s power purifies our karma.
- Even when we make mistakes, the Buddha’s compassion naturally embraces and removes the obstacles that keep us from awakening to Nirvana.

Shinran Shonin wrote in the *Shōshinge* that those who recite *Namo Amida Butsu* and understand the Nembutsu teaching are called “Pundarika,” a pure white lotus blooming in the muddy world of delusion.

So, let us live like the lotus — blooming beautifully, even in the mud of daily life.

Let us recite the Nembutsu and receive Amida Buddha’s wisdom and compassion each day.

But remember, if we try too hard to “be like a lotus,” we can’t.

It’s like *mingei* (folk crafts). Craftspeople don’t try to make “art.” They simply make tools for daily life, and beauty appears naturally.

In the same way, when we recite *Namo Amida Butsu*, we don’t need to try to be “somebody” or “good” or “holy.” By simply saying the Nembutsu, the beauty of life, the working of the Buddha, naturally appears within us.

## 蓮の花のように咲く

今年の夏、お寺の境内の中庭にとてもきれいな蓮の花が咲きました。マス先生が育てたものです。

去年はラクーンがが蓮根を食べてしまったので、花が咲きませんでした。それで今年は鉢の場所を移しました。そうすると、蜂がラクーンに見つからず、立派な花が咲いたので、みんな喜んで写真を撮っていました。来年

は、蓮の鉢を増やしますので、もっと多くの蓮の花が咲き、写真を撮る枚数も増えるでしょう。

蓮は「仏教の花」としてよく知られています。

もし「仏教の花は何ですか？」と聞かれたら、「蓮です」と答えましょう。(そんな質問をされることは、あまりありませんが。)

蓮の花は、洗心のロゴでもあるので、意味を知っておくとよいと思います。

蓮の花は多くの仏教経典にも登場します。『阿弥陀経』には、極楽浄土の池にさまざまな色の蓮華が咲いていると説かれ、『法華経』は大切なお経として知られています。

また、仏教の生まれたインドでも、蓮は大切な花です。座禅の姿勢「結跏趺坐(けっかふざ)」のサンスクリット語は「パドマ・アーサナ(*padma asana*)」といい、「蓮華座」という意味です。インドやスリランカでは、蓮は国花にもなっています。

昔の人々は、現代人のようにスマホの画面をずっと見続けるのではなく、自然をよく観察していたことだと思います。その中で、蓮の成長を見つめながら、仏教の深い教えを感じ取ったのです。ここにいくつか仏教の教えと蓮の関連性をあげてみましょう。

### 1. 蓮は泥の中から咲く。

泥は私たちの煩惱を表します。無明(自分の愚かさには気づかない心)、怒り、貪りの心、そういった煩惱から起こる、さまざまな苦しみです。けれどもそうした「濁った世界」からこそ、美しい花が咲くのです。同じように、煩惱が涅槃に至るのに不可欠なものであるとし、私たちの失敗や困難も、心の成長のもとになる、ということです。

親鸞聖人もあるお経から、「蓮は高い山には咲かず、濁った池に咲く」という意味のことを引用され、煩惱をかかえたままでも、仏さまに導かれて、私たちは美しく咲くことができる、ということをお示しくださっています。

### 2. 蓮の種はとても強い。

蓮のタネは何千年も地中で眠っていても、再び芽を出す力があります。日本のある科学者が、二千年前の蓮の種を発芽させました。これは、私たちの「仏性(ぶっしょう)」、仏となる可能性を思い出させてくれます。長いあいだ気づかずにいても、念仏の教えを聞くとき、その仏性が目覚めるのです。

### 3. 蓮の葉は自らを清める。

蓮の葉に落ちた水が表面を転がり、汚れを流していきます。この「ロータス効果」は、仏の力が私たちの業(カルマ)を清めることを象徴しています。私たちが間違いをしても、仏の慈悲が自然に包み、清めてくださるのです。

親鸞聖人は『正信偈』の中で、「念仏を称え、その教えを聞く人は、迷いの世界である泥の中に咲く白蓮華(びやくれんげ)である」と述べられています。

泥の中にあっても、美しく咲く蓮のように。毎日、念仏を称え、阿弥陀さまの智慧と慈悲をいただき、自己中心性を見つめて、反省と感謝の生活をしていきましょう。

でも、「蓮のようになろう」と頑張りすぎると、うまくいきません。民藝の職人が「芸術を作ろう」と思わずに、た

だ日常の道具を丁寧に作ると、そこに自然な美しさが現れるように、私たちも「立派になろう」「いい人になろう」と思わなくていいのです。生活の中でただ念仏をしていくと、自然と阿弥陀さまの美しいお徳が出てくるのです。

南無阿弥陀仏



## Monthly Memorial NOVEMBER 2025

### Shotsuki Service November 2 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

*Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased*

Akahori, Julie <i>Uncle Akahori, Bob</i>	Minami, Jean <i>Mother Yokomi, Misako</i>	Shimohara, Ellen <i>Mother-in-law Shimohara, Chiyoko</i>
Akahori, Julie <i>Family Friends Imai, Harry and Ida</i>	Minami, Jean <i>Brother Yokomi, Tadashi Ted</i>	Sunday, Reiko <i>Father Nimi, Shinichi</i>
Fukawa Family <i>Friend Takamine, Michiko</i>	Murakami, Eugene <i>Mother Murakami, Yomiko</i>	Takashima, Iris <i>Uncle Yasuda, Shig</i>
Higa, Dorothy <i>Mother Kuwaki, Martha Masako</i>	Murakami, Hisako <i>Mother Takahashi, Koito</i>	Tanaka, Lilian <i>Mother Shiosaki, Ethel</i>
Higa, Stephanie <i>Mother Takamoto, Sachi</i>	Nakagawa, Fred <i>Mother Nakagawa, Kiyoko</i>	Toji, Dean/Toji, Suzanne <i>Mother/Mother-in-law Toji, Evelyn</i>
Imamura Family <i>Mother Imamura, Kikuye</i>	Nakawatase, Richard <i>Father Nakawatase, Hideyoshi</i>	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Father-in-law Ushirogata, Kiichi</i>
Imamura Family <i>Uncle Yoshimura, Toshiyuki</i>	Nakawatase, Richard <i>Mother Nakawatase, Sachiko</i>	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Brother Matsushita, Hiroshi</i>
Isomoto, Glen <i>Mother Isomoto, Satoko</i>	Nakawatase Family <i>Grandfather Nakawatase, Anzaemon</i>	Uyeno, Kenneth <i>Grandfather Uyeno, Yoshisuke</i>
Kiyohara, Ruby <i>Husband Kiyohara, Akira</i>	Nishisaka, Merrie Nishisaka, Scott <i>Father Nishisaka, Arthur</i>	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Father-in-law Wakinaka, Yorinosuke</i>
Kojima, Chikako <i>Grandmother Uneda, Yoshiko</i>	Okazaki, James <i>Friend Chan, Donald</i>	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Mother-in-law Wakinaka, Tane</i>
Koyanagi, Katherine <i>Father Koyanagi, Kenji</i>	Otamura, Katherine <i>Husband Otamura, Roy</i>	Wakinaka, Bernice <i>Father Nagaoka, Tokuzo</i>
Kuwata, Tom <i>Grandmother Yamada, Tosao</i>	Oyama and Middo Families <i>Father Oyama, Bill</i>	Yamaguchi, Toshiko <i>Husband Yamaguchi, Frank</i>
Matsumura, Henry <i>Grandmother Matsumura, Satomi</i>	Sato Family <i>Father Sato, Gene</i>	Yamasaki, Reiko <i>Husband Yamasaki, George</i>
	Shimohara, Ellen <i>Husband Shimohara, Jerry</i>	Yamashita, Betty <i>Brother Takahashi, Paul</i>
		Yokoyama, Arlene <i>Father Yamada, Harold</i>
		Yokoyama, Arlene <i>Brother Yamada, Richard</i>
		Yoshimura, Brett and Susan <i>Daughter Yoshimura, Deklan</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 2025

Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin (SBG)

## Senshin's Funeral and Memorial Service

Chanting, Ritual and Buddhist Etiquette in Jodo Shinshu

Wednesdays, November 5 & 19

(Online, 6:30 - 7:15pm)

Sunday, November 30, (in-person, after service, reading an essay on *Shinjin*, by Rev. Taitetsu Unno)

Curious about what we do during our Sunday services, funerals, and memorials? Join us for an online class where we'll explore the meaning behind our rituals—like *oshōkō* (incense offering), *gasshō* (putting hands together), and bowing—as well as the content of the sutras and gathas we chant.

This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of Jodo Shinshu practice. New participants are warmly welcome.

Currently, we are learning and discussing Senshin's funeral practices—the traditional and current programs, the manner of the service, and the significance of the rituals and chantings.

## Senshin Buddhist Temple

# 75th Anniversary

# SAVE THE DATE

# Sunday May 31, 2026

Senshin Buddhist Temple was established as an independent Temple in 1951. In five generations and more we have all been fortunate to encounter the Dharma through our experience in and around Senshin. You are invited to celebrate our history as well as our future on May 31, 2026. Please Save the Date for a Special Service, Keiro Ka, to honor our 80 years + members, and celebration luncheon. Please watch your *Prajna* and Sunday Service announcements for more information



**SENSHIN**  
BUDDHIST TEMPLE

1951 **75** 2026



**SEPTEMBER DONATIONS**

Chikako Kojima & Family  
*Funeral for mother*  
Yoko Uneda  
Roy Marubayashi & Rose Kido  
*In memory of parents,*  
Setsuko & Morihiro  
Marubayashi  
Sumi Hayamizu *Nokotsudo*  
Donna Ebata  
*49th day service for*  
Bob Nakamura  
Susan Crozier *Donation*  
Edna Horiuchi  
*In memory of Yoko Uneda*  
Neil & JoAnn Komai *Dana*  
Dennis & Celia Huey *Dana*  
Sachi Oda *Dana*  
Koichi & Linda Uyemura  
*Dana*  
James & Karen Harada  
*Nokotsudo*  
Bruce Hirayama *Funeral for*  
Kiyome Hirayama  
Janis Ishitani  
*In memory of mother*  
Yoshimi Ishitani  
Paul Hiramoto *Nokotsudo*  
Seibo Kobayashi  
*Dana - Gagaku*  
California Wellness  
Foundation *Dana*  
Dale Shirasago *Dana*  
Mayumi Kodani *Dana*  
Esther Sugai *Dana*  
Wilmoth Lewis *Dana*  
Kemi Nakabayashi  
*In memory of*  
Sharon Koga, Mark Izu,  
Ronnie Matsuda  
Ellen Shimohara *Obon*  
Noriaki Kurushima *Sensei*  
*Obon*  
Jim & Nancy Usui *Obon*  
Carole Yokota  
*Bukkyo Gakuin*

Madalyn Adams  
*Shotsuki Hoyo (August)*  
Kogiku Kuwata  
Akira Takemoto  
*Shotsuki Hoyo (May)*  
*Mother Kazumi Takemoto*  
Betty Yamashita  
*Shotsuki Hoyo (August)*  
Nancy Takahashi  
Karen Ishizuka  
*49th Day*  
Robert Nakamura

**SEPTEMBER FLOWER DONATION**

Sumi Hayamizu  
Paula Shirasago  
Michiko Sugano  
Julie Akahori  
Marilyn Shimabukuro  
James & Karen Harada  
Kathy Ikari  
Chikako Kojima  
Marty & Kathie Umemoto  
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa  
Satoshi Miyata  
Ellen Shimohara

**SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO**

Observant  
*In Memory Of*  
Julie Akahori  
Tomiko Akahori  
Dr. Fred Miyazaki  
Stacey Camara  
*Grandfather*  
Rev. Enryo Unno  
Thai Binh Checel  
Harukichi Nakamura  
May Sugano Edgar  
*Grandmother*  
Fude Kanazawa  
James & Karen Harada  
Laura Matsumura  
James & Karen Harada  
Tom Harada  
Sumiko Hayamizu  
Robert Hayamizu  
Paul Hiramoto  
Sumiko Hiramoto

Catherine Hisamune  
Masaru Hisamune  
Kathy Ikari  
Kei Ikari  
Nancy Kodama & Eileen Kodama  
Malcolm Kodama  
Chikako Kojima  
Tom Kojima  
Richard Kok  
*Father Yoke Chuan Kok*  
Satoshi Miyata  
*Mother Taka Miyata*  
Richard & Yoko Miyagawa  
Rev. Enryo Unno  
Garren & Stephanie Mizutani  
*Grandfather*  
Rev. Enryo Unno  
Eugene & Elaine Murakami  
Raymond Murakami  
Richard & Helen Nakawatase  
Anna Lew Hosaka  
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa  
Eiichi Yoshida  
Cindy Oda  
Misao Tomita  
Craig & Cindy Ogawa  
Kikuo Ogawa,  
Staci Yamano Kent  
Susan Ogawa  
Kikuo & Kaoru Ogawa,  
Staci Yamano  
Ann & Dana Saneto  
James "Uncle Wimpy"  
Sugita  
Ellen Shimohara & Family  
*Father-in-law*  
Henry Shimohara  
Keith Shimabukuro  
Misao Oshiro & Yoshiko Shimabukuro  
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong  
*Grandmother*  
Yoshiko Shimabukuro,  
*Aunt Misao Oshiro*  
Paula Shirasago  
George Shirasago & Glenn Shirasago

Michiko Sugano  
Fude Kanazawa  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
Shirley Kodani,  
Misao Tomita, Seichi  
Jinde, Haru Takashima  
Kathleen & Marty Umemoto  
*Father Miyoshi Matsuda*  
Kathleen & Marty Umemoto  
*Grandmother*  
Ishi Akamichi  
Fred & Patty Yamano  
*Daughter*  
Staci Yamano Kent  
Arlene Yokoyama  
Stan Yokoyama  
Kiyoko Yoneda  
Robyn Ogawa  
Kazuo Yoneda  
Amy Yukawa  
*Husband Joseph Yukawa*

**SEPTEMBER OHIGAN**

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Julie Akahori  
Don Akamine  
Roy Asahi  
Donna Ebata  
Debra & Stan Fukawa  
James & Karen Harada  
Kenneth Hatai  
Sumiko Hayamizu  
Dorothy Higa  
John & Deb Hiramoto  
Paul Hiramoto  
Catherine Hisamune  
Patti Honkawa  
Robert Hori  
Edna Horiuchi  
Kenny & Joji Iriye  
Denise Ishitani  
Janis Ishitani  
Glen & Joyce Isomoto  
Cathy Iyemura  
Karen Kimura Joo  
Emi Kamikawa  
Richard & Denise Kodani  
Chikako Kojima

Kazuo & Ikuko  
Matsubayashi  
Tammy & Dale Matsubara  
Doug Matsuda  
Joy Middo  
Jean Minami  
Lillie Miyagishima  
Bob Miyamoto & Deb Nakatomi  
Marilyn Miyamoto  
John & Wendy Mori  
Eugene & Elaine Murakami  
Richard & Ellen Nakawatase  
Debra Nishida & Neil Hurley  
Russell & Lori Nishida  
Kelvin & Yoko Nishikawa  
Sachie Oda  
Craig & Cindy Ogawa  
Ronald & Fujie Ohata  
Shelley Okamura  
Michael & Carol Okuda  
Michiko & Richard Sakakura  
Marilyn Shimabukuro & Gilbert Leong  
Mark & Reiko Sunday  
Michi Sugano  
Wilbur & Iris Takashima  
Mika Toyoura  
Kathie & Marty Umemoto  
Nancy & Jim Usui  
Vickie Wakinaka  
Betty Yamashita  
Michael & Lily Yanagita  
Arlene Yokoyama  
Amy Yukawa

**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 Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558 or Marilyn Shimabukuro (818) 681-3837.





# 餅 つき 2025 SENSHIN MOCHITSUKI

Saturday, December 13, 7am until completion

Please join us in one of our annual get-together/work-together activities and in continuing a Senshin tradition. Remember, the Mochitsuki is a temple activity and is one of the few activities that brings together all age groups. It is the closeness that Mochitsuki and other temple activities foster that has kept our temple so strong and centered. So come out and spend the day with friends making our own "certified pounded" mochi. As always, lunch will be served.

### ONLINE ORDER



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, December 10, 7pm**  
Please join us to wash the rice, if you are able to

**Sunday, December 14, 9-11 am**  
Please pickup your orders at the temple and join us for osoji (temple cleanup) at 8:30 am

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT

senshinmochitsuki@gmail.com



## 2025 SENSHIN MOCHITSUKI ORDER FORM

Please make sure check is payable to: Senshin Jr YBA  
Please mail to: Mochitsuki c/o Senshin Buddhist Temple  
1311 W 37<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Please take into consideration postal delays and send in order/payment early. We request that order/payment be received at temple by Sunday, November 30.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

MOCHI WILL BE LIMITED TO 500 POUNDS  
ON A FIRST ORDERED, FIRST SERVED BASIS

Please order as early as possible.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (circle one: cell/home) ( ) - EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:	_____ pound(s) of komochi @ \$8.00 per pound	\$ _____
	_____ pound(s) of yomogi @ \$9.00 per pound	\$ _____
	(LIMIT OF 20 POUNDS; approx. 10 mochi per pound)	
	_____ set(s) of Kasane @ \$10.00 per set	\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL \$ _____</b>



## & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Message from the Board

It's November! I can't believe we are in the final stretch of 2025! It's amazing to see how much our Temple community has accomplished this year and we have more exciting events to come. While we're wrapping up 2025, planning for 2026 is already well underway, and it's shaping up to be a truly memorable year for our Sangha. I want to take a moment to highlight a few major events coming up next year:

- 75th Anniversary + Keiro Kai Celebration – Sunday, May 31
- Southern District Conference (Senshin to host) – Saturday, June 13
- Obon Festival – Saturday, June 27
- National FBWA Conference in San Diego – October 2-4

Each of these events represents something special, honoring our history, fellowship across the district, remembering our loved ones we've lost at Obon, and supporting our Buddhist women's organization on a national stage. It will be a busy and fulfilling year, and none of it would be possible without everyone's time, effort, and support. We are still looking for volunteers to help, so please reach out to me if you would like to be involved if not already.

In Gassho,  
STAN FUKAWA

### Religious Committee: Nembutsu Retreat

Our 2026 Senshin Nembutsu Retreat will be held **February 7 & 8, 2026**, at the **Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks**. Our guest sensei will be **Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka**. Tanaka-sensei is Professor Emeritus at Musashino University in Tokyo, a past resident minister, scholar, author, and translator whose career has spanned the U.S., Japan, and beyond. He has written and edited seminal works including *Ocean, Jewels, Engaged Pure Land*

*Buddhism, and The Faces of Buddhism in America*. Registration details will be available shortly. Please contact Neil Komai, Religious Chairman, at nko-mai49@gmail.com.

### BWA

On October 19th, the Senshin-ji BWA conducted the memorial service in remembrance of BWA members who passed away this past year. This was also our annual service to honor Lady Eshinni, the wife of Shinran Shonin, who many regard as the "Mother" of Jodo Shinshu"; Lady Kakushinni, the youngest daughter of Eshinni and Shinran Shonin, who cared for Shinran in his final years, and who established the foundation and center from which to transmit his teachings for many generations; and Lady Kujo, one of the founders of the BWA, who was a poet. The guest speaker was Rev. Yukari Torii of San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. After service, many



## 2026 Southern District Buddhist Conference

**"Where Boundless Compassion Meets the Foolish Being: Intention without Attachment"**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mark Unno  
Professor of Religious Studies, University of Oregon

Guest Speaker (Japanese): Rev. Yukari Torii  
San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Saturday, June 13, 2026

### Senshin Buddhist Temple

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Los Angeles CA 90007  
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BWA members and friends enjoyed a nice luncheon at Thai by Trio, with Rev. Furumoto, Rev. Kodani, and Rev. Torii as our guests.

Fujie O. and Donna E. attended the October FBWA Delegates Meeting in Orange County. Thank you Fujie and Donna for representing us.

Lastly, BWA members had fun helping out at the Dharma School sponsored **Day of the Gaki** by handing out treats to all of the little "gakis in costume," helping with crafts, and with lunch.

Coming up on Nov. 20th is a BWA Field Trip to Little Tokyo. We will have an historical walking tour led by long time Little Tokyo community worker and activist, Mike Murase. The trip will end with lunch at Izakaya Gazen. Thank you Donna E. for organizing this outing.

Thank you for the following donations:

- Deb & John Hiramoto  
*In memory of Sumiko Hiramoto*
- Satomi Saneto  
*In memory of Kiyome Hirayama*

- Madalyne Adams  
*In memory of Lillian Kuwata*

### ABA

A fun filled day was enjoyed by all at the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena exploring the exhibit **Cruising J-Town: Behind the Wheel of the Nikkei Community**. Satoshi thoroughly enjoyed the exhibit the first time around that he decided to come back for a second time! Of course, the day would not be complete without spending time together eating! Our luncheon splurge was at Mijares Mexican restaurant. Fun fact: Mijares is Pasadena's oldest family-run restaurant (founded 1920) and the owner's daughter who was recently interviewed on the local news is over 100 years old!

### Jr YBA

Last month, we had a great time helping with the chairing of service and the **Day of Gaki**. Coming up, we'll start getting ready for *Mochitsuki* on December 10, when we'll wash the rice.

We'll make the mochi on December 13, and the next day everyone can pick up their orders and help with temple clean-up.

Next year, our temple will be co hosting the SD Jr. YBA conference with San Fernando.

If you have any questions or would like to join Jr. YBA, don't hesitate to reach out to our parent advisor, Thai Checel at: thaichecel@gmail.com.

### Sangha Teens

As we enter fall, we are super excited about starting our next session of Sangha Teens! During our last meeting, we talked about some of the activities we're looking forward to. In October we hosted a door on the **Day of the Gaki** and handed out candy to our younger friends. In November, we're really excited to attend a *Shodo* workshop at JACCC. We look forward to sharing more about our activities with you all, and hopefully we can even share some photos.



## WasabiKai

WasabiKai is in the process of designing and installing a new sign. Rev. Mas came up with the name by combining *Wabi* and *Sabi*, aesthetic concepts which he often refers to in his talks in our classes. *Kai* refers to a group. Qris Yamashita designed the stunning logo which we are so grateful for. Qris has great appreciation for pottery...which dates back to her college days. Our first sign was made by Mike Yanagita, a talented woodworker and artist who is an ongoing supporter of WasabiKai.

the studio and reminds me how fortunate we are to have a wonderful studio space. A new sign has been a topic for quite awhile and recently Mike once again answered the request. After some conversations regarding design and materials, Mike gathered the necessary materials, cut, assembled and stained the pieces. Tammy Matsubara, a WasabiKai potter, is working on the ceramic component, the Lotus mon. Once it is completed, we will attach it and mount the new sign.

This spring WasabiKai will re-schedule the Japanese Dinnerware and Plating class I had to cancel last year, and also schedule a Kurinuki class with master potter Kaz Ota. We hope you will take the opportunity to take our class offerings. Open studio Tuesday and Thursdays for anyone who has previously taken a class. Questions: Bob Miyamoto 323 791.2719.

The elements have taken a toll on the current sign which has been up for about eight years. Although badly weathered, paint peeling and wood delaminating, it welcomes me to

### Senshin Karate Class

Thursday evenings (tentative). Open to all ages and genders. For members, their families and friends. Contact us if you are interested: oyamakaratela@gmail.com\



## FIRST EVER ABA BINGO DAY FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT WEEMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 11:30 AM  
in the SOCIAL HALL

DONATION \$25 FOR 5 GAMES OR \$7 PER GAME

OBENTO LUNCH: \$10, by preorder

PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE TO SIGN UP: DEBHIRAMOTO@GMAIL.COM



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9:45a</b> Japanese <i>Howa</i> <b>10a</b> Monthly Memorial Service ( <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> ) & Sunday Service <b>Following Service</b> Donuts		<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place <b>6:30-7:15p</b> SBG: Senshin's Funeral & Memorial Service (Zoom) Rev. Furumoto	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko <b>7:30p</b> BWA Mtg (Zoom)	<b>6p</b> So District BCA Council Meeting	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>8:30a</b> Temple Board Meeting <b>10a</b> Family Service: Rev. Mas Kodani <b>Meetings Following Service</b> Jr. YBA, Sangha Teens <b>11:30a</b> Bingo Day Fundraiser	<b>7:30p</b> ABA Meeting (Zoom only)	<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>10a</b> Family Service <b>Following Service</b> Temple General Meeting		<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place <b>6:30-7:15p</b> SBG: Senshin's Funeral & Memorial Service (Zoom) Rev. Furumoto	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Thanksgiving</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>10a</b> Family Service: Jr. YBA presentation <b>Following Service</b> Zenai		<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place			
<b>30</b>	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6
<b>10a</b> Family Service, followed by SBG study class						

SAVE THE DATE  
Senshin End of Year  
**OSEIBO LUNCHEON**  
Sunday, December 7, 2025  
Following service. Everyone is welcome.  
RSVP Chikako: ckojima705@gmail.com

## NOVEMBER SERVICE TOBAN: Temple

### Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- **Weekly** Chair November Sunday Service
- **Nov 2** Provide donuts / beverages following monthly memorial service
- **Nov 9** Provide/serve snacks and beverages for Temple Board Meeting

## NOVEMBER Hondo Toban

- Keith Sawada
- Greg Yee
- James Harada
- Karen Harada

## NOVEMBER ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement

- Nov 1** Debra Nishida / Lori Nishida
  - Nov 8** Sheri Lovall
  - Nov 15** Robert Hori / Richard Kok
  - Nov 22** Paige Morikawa
  - Nov 29** Patti Honkawa
  - Dec 6** Chris Aihara / Sue Omori
- (Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160

## DECEMBER Upcoming Events

- Dec 7** *Oseibo* Luncheon
- Dec 13** *Mochitsuki*
- Dec 14** *Osoji*-Temple clean up - no service
- Dec 31** *Joya-e*, End of the Year Service & Potluck

**JR. Y B A FUNDRAISER 2025**

**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

<b>Clothing &amp; Accessories</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
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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<b>Dining - Casual</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
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		\$
<b>Discount Store &amp; Outlets</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sam's Club \$25 \$50 \$100		\$
Target \$10 \$25 \$100		\$
Walmart \$25 \$100		\$
<b>Electronics &amp; Office</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
Best Buy \$25 \$100		\$
GameStop \$25		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25		\$
Staples \$25 \$100		\$
<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
AMC Theatres \$25		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10		\$
Fandango \$25		\$
Regal \$25		\$
<b>Gas &amp; Auto</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
76 Gas \$25 \$100		\$
ARCO \$50 \$100		\$
Chevron CA Only \$50		\$
Exxon \$50		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30		\$
Mobil \$50		\$
Shell \$25 \$100		\$

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

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