

# 2026: A Year of Celebration and Cooperation

**Buddhist Era: 2569**  
(2570) 二五六九年  
(二五七十年)\*

**Common Era: 2026**  
二〇二六年

**Japanese Era:**  
**Reiwa 8**  
令和八年

**Year of the Horse**  
午年



**Happy New Year!**

**I hope the New Year brings peace  
and harmony to everyone.**

The year 2026 will be both a celebratory and very busy year for our temple. Most importantly, we will observe our 75th Anniversary Service and Reception on Sunday, May 31. Prior to that, we plan to hold an All Past Members' Memorial Service on Sunday, May 24, followed by entertainment, including Kinnara Gagaku/Bugaku and Taiko.

After the anniversary, Senshin will host several major events. On Saturday, June 13, we will host the Southern District Buddhist Conference. Senshin Jr. YBA will host their Southern District Conference in late August. And in October, the Southern District BWA will host

the Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference in San Diego, with Senshin BWA members participating and supporting the event. Senshin will also serve as the host temple for Butsuren Hanamatsuri on Sunday, April 5, at Nishi Betsuin. Also, we will be the host temple for the Tri-Temple Seminar in 2026.

In addition to these special events, we will continue our regular activities, including Major Services, such as the Teriyaki Chicken Sale on April 26, Saishin Dojo (the summer children's program) Hatsubon, Obon Odori on June 27, and Mochitsuki on December 12. With one or two events taking place almost every month. It will be busy; but let's think of it as the temple being lively. It's much better than nothing happening.

For all of these activities to be successful, harmony and cooperation are essential. Each of us has our own personality and viewpoint, and differences of opinion may arise. However, we come to the temple to learn how to live with less ego. Many personal and social conflicts arise from attachment to our own views. When we put ourselves aside and work together, we experience the true meaning of Sangha as a harmonious community.

As we prepare for this special year, let us remember the words of Prince Shotoku, the great supporter of Buddhism in sixth-century Japan. In his Seventeen-Article Constitution, he emphasized respect for the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha as the foundation of a peaceful society. In the tenth article, he urged people to try to understand one another and refrain from anger, reminding us that all people have hearts with different leanings and that none of us is unquestionably wise or foolish.

**“Let us cease from wrath, and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us. For all men have hearts, and each heart has its own leanings. Their right is our**

**wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary men. How can any one lay down a rule by which to distinguish right from wrong? For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring which has no end. Therefore, although others give way to anger, let us on the contrary dread our own faults, and though we alone may be in the right, let us follow the multitude and act like men.”**

This Prince Shotoku's thought resonates deeply with Shinran Shonin's understanding of *bonbu*, the ordinary being filled with blind passions rooted in ego. Because we are all *bonbu*, our views are naturally self-centered, and no one can claim absolute right or wrong.

This awakening is realized through receiving the working of Amida Buddha's *Hongwan*, the Primal Vow. By listening to the Dharma and learning the spirit of the *Hongwan*, we come to understand our deep *bonbu* nature. This awareness softens our attachment to ego and nurtures peace and harmony.

In 2026, we will have many opportunities to work together. Let us support one another and, together, continue to deepen our Sangha in harmony.

*\*Regarding the Buddhist era, abbreviated “B.E.”, there are several ways of counting. A popular one is from the Theravada Buddhists. They count the beginning of the B.E. from the year Shakyamuni Buddha entered perfect Nirvana (passed away). But depending on the countries, the interpreta-*

*tions of the first year is different. According to some, the Buddha passed away in B.C. 544. Thus by adding 544 to the Common Era, we will arrive at the Buddhist era (544 + 2026 = 2570.) This calculation is used by Sri Lanka or Myanmar. Other Theravada countries, such as Thailand or Laos, add 543 to the Common Era. They start counting B.E. 1 year, next year, from Shakyamuni Buddha's passing. (543 + 2026=2569.) However, other traditions or scholars have their own interpretation and they say the Buddha passed away in the year B.C. 486 or 383, etc*

## 2026年、75周年を迎える年に 新年おめでとうございます。

2026年は私たちにとって記念の年であると同時に、大変忙しい一年となります。大きな行事は、5月31日(日)の75周年記念法要と祝賀会です。それに先立ち、5月24日(日)には過去に亡くなられた洗心の先生やメンバーの方々に感謝する、先亡者追悼法要をお勤めし、その後、緊那羅雅楽、

舞楽、太鼓などによる記念パフォーマンスを予定しています。

75周年のほかにも、大きな行事が続きます。6月13日(土)には南部教区仏徒大会が洗心で行われます。また、8月下旬には洗心のジュニアYBAがホストで南部教区大会、10月にはサンディエゴにて全米仏教婦人会連盟大会が開催され、洗心の婦人会も参加、協力いたします。さらに加えると、4月5日(日)には西別院にて仏連花まつりが行われ、洗心が当番を務めます。またトライテンプルセミナーのホストも洗心の当番になっています。

これらの特別行事に加え、年中行事として、定例法要、4月28日のテリヤキチキン・セール、夏の西心道場、6月27日の初盆、盆踊り、12月12日の餅つきなども引き続き行われます。ほぼ毎月一つか二つの行事が予定されており、かなり忙しい一年となるでしょう。けれども、それはお寺が生き生きとしている証拠で、何も行われぬよりは、よいことだと思ひましょう。

これらすべての行事を円滑に進めるためには、調和と協力が欠かせません。私たちはそれぞれ異なる性格や考え方を持っており、意見の違いが生じることもあるでしょう。しかし、お寺に集う私たちは、エゴを少なくして生きる道を学んでいます。多くの個人的・社会的な対立は、自分の考えへの執着から生まれます。自分を一歩引いて共に働くとき、「和合衆」と訳される、ハーモニーのあるサンガになっていくのです。

この特別な年に、仏教を深く護持された聖徳太子(6世紀)のお言葉を思い起こしましょう。太子は「十七条憲法」において、仏・法・僧を敬うことで平和な社会が築かれると説かれました。第十条では、互いを理解し、怒りを慎むことの大切さを説き、人はそれぞれ異なる心の傾きを持ち、誰一人として絶対的に賢い者も、愚かな者もないと諭されています。

「心の怒りを断ち、感情の怒りを捨てなさい。他人の考えや立場が自分と違っていても、腹を立ててはなりません。人は誰でも心を持ち、その心にはそれぞれの執着があります。他人が正しいと思っていることを自分は間違っていると思ひ、逆に自分が正しいと思っていることを、他人は間違っていると思うこともあります。

しかし、私たちは決して完全に賢い存在ではありませんし、相手も決して愚かな存在ではありません。私たちは皆、同じように迷いを抱えた凡夫なのです。」

とのことを言われ、「そういった凡夫は独りよがりにならず、他人の意見も尊重して協力していきなさい」と勧められています。この聖徳太子の考えは、親鸞聖人が説かれた「凡夫」観と深く響き合います。私たちは皆、我執に根ざした煩悩を抱えた凡夫であり、自分の見方はどうしても自己中心的なので、「ものごとの善悪も、正しいことやよこしまなことの区別もつかないこの身である。(正像末和讃)」と言われます。

親鸞聖人は、み教えを聞き、本願の精神を学んでいくと、自らの深い凡夫性に目覚めていくとお示しくされています。そしてそのことに気づくと、なるべく執着しないようにしましょう、と思うようになり、自分の心にも他人の心にも平和と調和がもたらされるのです。

2026年は、共に力を合わせご縁に満ちた一年です。阿弥陀さまの光を仰ぎ、自分のエゴを反省しながら、ハーモニーのあるまことのサンガになるよう、協力していきましょう。

南無阿弥陀仏



## Monthly Memorial JANUARY 2026

Shotsuki Service January 4, 2026 at 10a

Seshu (Observant)

Deceased Relation To Obervant, Deceased

Aihara, Chris <i>Father</i> Iwanaga, James	Lam, Derek <i>Wife</i> Lam, Andrea Yee	Saneto Family <i>Grandfather</i> Saneto, Kanaye
Akahori, Julie <i>Grandfather</i> Akahori, Mitsuo	Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Grandfather</i> Wada, Zembei	Shimabukuro-Leong, Marilyn <i>Mother</i> Shimabukuro, Fumie
Akahori, Julie <i>Aunt</i> Higashi, Kiyo	Matsuda Family <i>Grandfather</i> Akamichi, Junichi	Shirasago Family <i>Mother</i> Shirasago, Sally
Fujimoto, Miki <i>Father</i> Fujimoto, Ted	Matsumura, Henry <i>Grandfather</i> Yamaguchi, Kenji	Shirasago, Paula, Todd, Dale <i>Husband/Father/Brother</i> Shirasago, Gary
Harada, James <i>Mother</i> Harada, Grace	Minami, Jean <i>Husband</i> Minami, Tatsuo	Sunday, Reiko <i>Grandfather</i> Fukumoto, Kazue
Hayamizu, Sumiko <i>Mother</i> Nakashima, Tsune	Miyamoto, Dennis <i>Father</i> Miyamoto, Masaru	Sugano, Maya <i>Husband</i> Sugano, Norman
Hirayama Family <i>Father</i> Hirayama, Art	Murakami, Julia <i>Father</i> Murakami, Arthur	Sugano, Michiko <i>Mother-in-law</i> Sugano, Aiko
Hisamune, Catherine <i>Father</i> Fujita, Katsujiro	Murakami, Eugene <i>Grandmother</i> Murakami, Rui	Takashima, Iris <i>Aunt</i> Nakashima, Hana
Ikari, Kathy <i>Grandfather</i> Kato, Genichi	Nakashima, Alan <i>Mother</i> Nakashima, Hana	Takashima, Iris <i>Grandfather</i> Jinde, Eiji
Ikari, Kathy <i>Mother</i> Tsuboi, Ruth	Nakawatase, Richard <i>Grandfather</i> Nakawatase, Nisoji	Takashima, Wilbur <i>Grandfather</i> Taniguchi, Hisaichi
Iriye, Kenneth <i>Sister</i> Carlson, Diana Chizuko	Nakawatase Family <i>Father</i> Nakawatase, Shigemi	Takemoto, Jon/Takemoto Ron <i>Grandfather</i> Takemoto, Toyosuke
Isomoto, Glen <i>Uncle</i> Suehiro, Mitsuo	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Mother</i> Ogawa, Kaoru	Takemoto, Ron <i>Father</i> Takemoto, Arthur
Isomoto, Glen <i>Aunt</i> Suehiro, Kinuko	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandfather</i> Shimada, Kanetaro	Terrell, Jackie <i>Father</i> Howard, Jack
Kamikawa, Emi <i>Father</i> Kamikawa, Glenn	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandmother</i> Shimada, Satsu	Umemoto, Marty and Kathie <i>Grandfather</i> Akamichi, Junichi
Kitagawa, Linda <i>Father</i> Matsuura, Clifford	Ogawa, Jerry <i>Grandmother</i> Ogawa, Hisayo	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Husband</i> Ushirogata, Mutsuo
Kodani, Denise <i>Father</i> Goto, James M.	Ohata, Ron <i>Mother</i> Ohata, Fumiko	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Sister-in-law</i> Ushirogata, Ineko
Kojima, Chikako <i>Grandfather</i> Uneda, Izaemon	Okuda, Peggy <i>Father</i> Imoto, Hiroshi	Ushirogata, Yukie <i>Brother</i> Matsushita, Bunji
Kunitake, Kimiyo <i>Father-in-law</i> Kunitake, Masamitsu	Oyama and Middo Families <i>Mother</i> Oyama, Mieko	Usui, Suzuko <i>Mother</i> Ariyoshi, Kiyo
	Saiki, Yumi <i>Father</i> Yoshida, Kazuhiro	Watanabe, Marsha <i>Brother</i> Imai, Randy
		Yokota, Carole <i>Father</i> Yokota, Hiroshi

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 Bukkyo Gakuin (SBG) Chanting, Ritual and Buddhist Etiquette in Jodo Shinshu Learning from Senshin Service Book

Shusho-e/Gantan-e  
January 1, 2026, 10a

Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21  
(Online, 6:30 - 7:15pm)

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

We will read and learn from our service book, including selections such as the *Juseige*, *Shōshinge*, *Kyōshō*, the Golden Chain, the Three Treasures, and more.

## Shusho-e/Gantan-e

Shushō-e, or Gantan-e, simply means “New Year’s Service.” The literal meaning of Shushō-e is “a gathering for reflection, renewal, or correction.” New Year’s Day is an opportunity for us to begin the year with refreshed hearts and minds.

The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 1. After the service, there will be taiko and shishimai performances, followed by ozōni and sake.

**修正会(しゅしょうえ)**  
一月一日にお勤めする法要を元旦会または修正会といいます。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があります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気になりませんように」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るので、本当の安心をえ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がある自分を反省し、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きっかけとなる法要です。

## Onaijin Flower Arrangement Class

Sunday, January 11, 2026, after Service

We will hold our annual flower arrangement class on Sunday, January 11, following the service. Rev. Mas will explain the differences between Western-style flower arrangements and traditional Japanese *ikebana*, and will demonstrate proper techniques for arranging flowers for the *Onaijin* (Buddhist altar

## Hoonko

January 18, 2025

Hoonko is the most important observance for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, honoring Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. This memorial service commemorates Shinran Shonin's passing on January 16, 1263 (November 28 in the lunar calendar), at the age of 90.

The tradition of Hoonko began with Kakunyo Shonin, Shinran Shonin's great-grandson, who initiated the observance during Shinran Shonin's 33rd memorial service. The term Hoonko is composed of *hoon*, meaning “to repay a debt of gratitude,” and *ko*, meaning “gathering.” Together, it signifies a gathering to express gratitude for Shinran Shonin's teachings.

There are many ways to express our appreciation for Shinran Shonin: attending Hoonko, listening to the Dharma, chanting the *Shoshinge* written by Shinran Shonin, and reciting the *Nembutsu*.

Our Hoonko Service will take place on Sunday, January 18. A Hoonko seminar will follow the service. The speaker will be Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Director of the Jodo Shinshu International Office and minister of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

## Hoonko Week Study Classes & Gatherings Schedule

This year, we will hold Hoonko Week study classes and gatherings on **January 14, 15, and 16.**

**January 14** Wednesday, 6:30p – 7:15p  
Online, Senshin Bukkyo Gakuin Study Class

**January 15** Thursday, 10a  
In-person: Chanting of the *Shoshinge*, *Nembutsu*, and *Wasan*, followed by Dharma appreciation

**January 16** Friday, 6:30p  
In-person: Dharma and Meal Appreciation  
A sit-down and talk with Rev. Mas Kodani.  
A *shojin* meal (vegetarian) will be served.

**ONAIJIN FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** cont'd  
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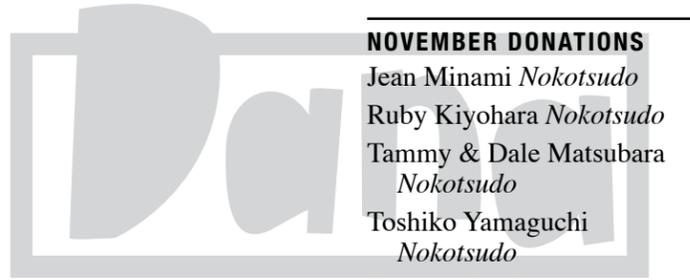
This class will be especially helpful for temple members who will be assigned to arrange Onaijin flowers in 2026. All who are interested in learning or deepening their understanding of Onaijin flower arrangement are warmly encouraged to attend. Please contact Iris Takashima to confirm your attendance.

## 2026 Senshin Nembutsu Retreat

The Senshin Nembutsu Retreat will be held February 7 & 8 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks. The presenter/speaker is Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka. His theme is **The Pole-vault Metaphor for the Integrated Process of Psychology, General Buddhism, and Shin Buddhism: Toward a Life of Happiness, Gratitude, and Inner Peace.**

Our retreat program will conclude at 10 AM on Sunday.

Please join us for a weekend examining some deeper Buddhist ideas. The registration form can be found on the Senshin website at: [senshin temple.org/nembutsu-retreat-2026/](http://senshin temple.org/nembutsu-retreat-2026/) or email me at: [nkomai49@gmail.com](mailto:nkomai49@gmail.com). If you need help with transportation to or from the retreat, please let Neil Komai know and we will help to make arrangements. The deadline for registration is January 12, 2026.



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.

**NOVEMBER DONATIONS**

Jean Minami *Nokotsudo*  
Ruby Kiyohara *Nokotsudo*  
Tammy & Dale Matsubara *Nokotsudo*  
Toshiko Yamaguchi *Nokotsudo*  
Tamotsu Ito *In memory of Ito Family*  
Katherine Hayashi *In memory of Tsugio Takeuchi, Lillian Takeuchi & Lily Enfield*  
Madalyne Adams *Nokotsudo*  
Ana Maria Herrera Murray *Nokotsudo*  
Dennis and Celia Huey *Dana*  
Nina Suzuki *Donation & Nenju repair*  
Richard & Helen Nakawatase *7th Cycle Memorial Service for Sachiko Nakawatase*  
Kelvin Nishikawa *Use of Copier*  
David Gleeson & Lynn Kanda Gleeson *Kinnara Taiko*  
Eugene & Elaine Murakami *Dana*  
Katherine Otamura *In memory of Roy Otamura husband Yomiko Murakami mother*  
Dennis & Celia Huey  
Neil Hurley and Debra Nishida *In memory of John Nishida*  
Fred & Karen Matsuyama *Danny Ogawa*  
Jennifer Aki Rogers *Funeral for Beverly Rogers*  
Jennifer Aki Rogers *In memory of Beverly Rogers*  
Jessica Higashiyama *In memory of Beverly Kiyoko Rogers*  
Nicole Higashiyama *In memory of Beverly Kiyoko Rogers*

*In Memory of* Beverly Rogers

James & Karen Harada  
Amy & Kazuho Takaki  
Betty and Tak Yamashita  
Ellen Shimohara  
Suzanne Toji  
Edna Horiuchi  
Ronald and Joan Watanabe  
Dorothy Higa  
Jean Minami  
Marty and Kathie Umemoto  
Patricia Honkawa  
Kathy Onoye  
Amy Umezu and Marie Miyashiro  
Ron and Fujie Ohata  
Jane Wakimoto  
Timothy Shimizu  
Neil Hurley and Debra Nishida  
Gail Higashiyama  
Ross Furuto  
Mayumi Kodani *Dana*  
Ana Maria Herrera Murray *Ohigan*  
Ellen Shimohara *Ohigan*  
Yukie Ushirogata *Ohigan*

**NOVEMBER FLOWER DONATION**

Merrie Nishisaka  
Jean Minami  
Chikako Kojima  
Toshiko Yamaguchi  
Tammy and Dale Matsubara  
Ruby Kiyohara  
Julie Akahori  
Betty Yamashita  
Shelly Okamura  
James Okazaki  
Ellen Shimohara  
Mark and Reiko Sunday  
Glen and Joyce Isomoto  
Betty Yamashita

**NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO**

Observant  
*In Memory Of*  
Madalyne Adams  
Tosao Yamada  
Julie Akahori  
Bob Akahori, Harry & Ida Imai  
Stephanie Higa  
Sachi Takamoto  
Duane & Joyce Hirayama  
Toshiyuki Yoshimura  
Duane & Joyce Hirayama  
Kikuye Imamura  
Jeanne Imamura  
Kikuye Imamura  
Glen & Joyce Isomoto  
Satoko Isomoto  
Ruby Kiyohara  
Akira Kiyohara  
Chikako Kojima  
Yoshiko Uneda  
Dale & Tammy Matsubara  
Akira Kiyohara  
Joy Middo  
Bill Oyama  
Jean Minami  
Misako Yokomi  
Tadashi Yokomi

Edward and Helen Motokane  
Edward Yoshiaki Motokane  
Richard and Helen Nakawatase  
Sachiko and Hideyoshi Nakawatase  
Merrie Nishisaka  
Art Nishisaka  
Glenn and Susan Saita  
Beverly Rogers  
Ellen Shimohara and Family  
Jerry Shimohara, Chiyoko Shimohara  
Mark and Reiko Sunday  
Shinichi Niimi  
Wilbur and Iris Takashima  
Shig Yasuda  
Yukie Ushirogata  
Hiroshi Matsushita, Kiichi Ushirogata  
Vickie Wakinaka  
Mother Vickie Wakinaka  
Toshiko Yamaguchi  
Frank Yamaguchi  
Betty Yamashita  
Paul Takahashi  
Betty Yamashita  
Grandfather

## 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) 994-1627 or Marilyn Shimabukuro (818) 681-3837.



# Updates & ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## Message from the Board

Happy New Year! As we welcome the beginning of a new year, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes for health, peace, and happiness to you and your families. The New Year is a time of renewal and reflection, offering us an opportunity to look ahead with gratitude for the past and hope for what is to come.

This year, we enter the Year of the Horse. As I was looking up the meaning, I found this, Horse often associates with energy, sincerity, and forward movement. As a Sangha, may we take inspiration moving forward with enthusiasm while remaining grounded in gratitude and compassion.

We are all looking forward to the many events and activities planned for our Sangha in the year ahead. These gatherings give us meaningful opportunities to reconnect, learn, celebrate, and continue strengthening the bonds that make our Temple such a special community.

*In Gassho,*  
STAN FUKAWA

## BWA

Welcome to 2026, the Year of the Horse!

BWA was happy to support the JYBA with *Mochitsuki* as it brings together the Sangha, families, and friends. Thank you to all who brought desserts for all of the hard-working volunteers.

The following day, after participating in the Temple *Osoji*, some BWA members made a trip with ABA members to Kei-Ai for bingo and holiday

gift-giving. This event is a long-standing community service project of Senshin. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the event an enjoyable one.

Upcoming: the BWA will prepare and serve the vegetarian dish *nigome* for *Otoki* after Hoonko Service on Jan. 18th. We do this to express our respect and appreciation to Shinran Shonin on this memorial day.

The BWA Little Tokyo Tour in November was rescheduled to January 23, due to the rain.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
BWA Annual New Years Party: Feb. 1, 2026, after service.

**2026 BWA CABINET**  
*Co-Presidents* Fujie O. & Donna E.  
*Secretarial Team* Linda U., Deb N., & Amy Y.

*Treasurer* Arlene Y.  
*Social Welfare* Kathie U.  
*Historian* Sue O.



*Membership* Paula S.  
*Religious Chair* JoAnn K.  
*Auditor* Yoko N.  
**2026 SO. DISTRICT BWA: SENSIN BWA TOBAN**  
*President* JoAnn K.  
*Vice-President* Kathie U.  
*Secretarial Team* Linda U., Deb N., & Amy Y.  
*Auditor* Marilyn S.  
*Grants Chair* Donna E.

*Treasurer* Kathy Hori (Gardena Buddhist Church).  
We thank the following for their generous donations:

- Madalyn Adams *In memory of Tosao Yamada*
- Lily Yanagita *Special*
- Suzanne Toji *Special*
- Yukie Ushirogara *Special*

## ABA

Another huge thank you to everyone who participated and donated to Weemes Elementary School Bingo. The donations keep coming in! An additional thank you to Wilbur and Iris Takashima for their generous donation. Thank you Senshin Sangha for supporting the children of Weemes Elementary!

BWA had another Kei-Ai Bingo Day. ABA volunteered helping out

the residents and passing out prizes. There were many festive and hand made prizes that lit up the residents' faces.

## Jr Y B A

The annual *mochitsuki* was held in December and the JYBA helped out and made *mochi* with the community. We would like to thank the Sangha and everybody who participated for their support.

Senshin Dojo for kids was held during winter break and JYBA volunteered to help with the program.

Additionally, from December, JYBA has started learning Bugaku/Gagaku preparing for a performance in April/May.

Contact the Jr. YBA advisor Thai Checel (thaichecel@me.com) for more information.



2025 OSEIBO LUNCHEON



Thank You!

**HISTORICAL MEMORIES**  
As we enter 2026, the year of the 75th anniversary of Senshin-ji, we thought a new monthly article on "historical memories" of Senshin would be interesting and fun. The first article will appear in the February issue and monthly after that, so be on the lookout!

# WasabiKai

The year end came quickly. Many WasabiKai members traveled to different destinations this year and I am grateful people are able to explore both different and familiar places. Of course Japan is a favorite. It provides a rich history and cultural experience for us. The Japanese aesthetic is profound. The folk craft movement brought forth the appreciation of the "unknown craftsman's work which is evident throughout Japan in its daily life. An example is the dining experience. The dinnerware and presentation, even in the most casual spots, can be quite amazing. Stop for a moment to gaze at a simple bowl of ramen...its ingredients placed in a thoughtful manner in a bowl chosen to complement its presentation. Most of us have often admired the presentation at a Japanese eatery before we enjoyed the meal itself. It is in this spirit that Rev. Mas and WasabiKai put together a class that will deepen the appreciation of the plates on which your food is presented and enjoyed.

I am pleased that our Japanese dinnerware and plating class beginning February 21 is full. We had a waiting list but can only accommodate six students due to our studio size. It's a pleasant size where everyone will receive personal in-



struction and an opportunity to get to know each other and collaborate in the creation of a set of dinnerware. They will also plan a meal, plate and enjoy a meal together. I hope those who weren't able to join us this time can take this class or another that we offer in the future. Stay tuned.

Questions: Bob Miyamoto  
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*Just a trip down memory lane... Rev. Mas on the wheel circa 2013.*

## Senshin Karate Class

Friday evenings (tentative). Open to all ages and genders. For members, their families and friends. Contact us if you are interested: [senshintemple@gmail.com](mailto:senshintemple@gmail.com)





2025 DECEMBER OSOJI



# SENSHIN-JI 2026 JANUARY 2569

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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDN	THURS	FRI	SAT
Dec 28	29	30	31	<b>1</b> <i>Shusho-e</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; border-radius: 15px; text-align: center;"> <b>YOMOGI &amp; SQUARE MOCHI AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!</b>                      Contact <a href="mailto:Senshinmochitsuki@gmail.com">Senshinmochitsuki@gmail.com</a> or talk with Yoriyo at temple.                 </div>				<b>10a Shusho-e</b> , New Year's Day Service <i>Following Service</i> taiko and shishimai performance <i>Otoki</i> : ozoni and sake served by Sangha		
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>8:30a</b> BWA <i>Reikai</i> (in person and zoom) <b>9:45a</b> Japanese <i>Howa</i> <b>10a</b> Monthly Memorial Service ( <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> ) & Sunday Service; Installation of temple board/affiliated organizations <i>Following Service</i> Donuts		<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place <b>6:30-7:15p</b> SBG: Chanting, Ritual and Buddhist Etiquette in Jodo Shinshu (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>8:30a</b> Temple Board Meeting <b>10a</b> Family Service, <b>Rev. Mas Kodani</b> <i>Meetings following service</i> : Jr. YBA, Sangha teens, ABA		<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place <b>6:30-7:15p</b> SBG: Chanting, Ritual and Buddhist Etiquette in Jodo Shinshu (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	<b>10a</b> Chanting of the <i>Shoshinge</i> , <i>Nembutsu</i> , and <i>Wasan</i> , followed by Dharma appreciation (In-person) Rev. Furumoto <b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko	<b>6:30p</b> Dharma & Meal Appreciation (In-person) w/ Rev. Mas Kodani A <i>shojin</i> meal (vegetarian) will be served	
<b>18 Hoonko</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>10a Hoonko</b> Service, Shinran Shonin Memorial <i>Following Service</i> : Hoonko Seminar with guest speaker <b>Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara</b> , Dir. of the Jodo Shinshu Int'l Office and minister of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple <i>Following Seminar Otoki</i> by BWA		<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place <b>6:30-7:15p</b> SBG: Chanting, Ritual and Buddhist Etiquette in Jodo Shinshu (zoom) Rev. Furumoto	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		
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<b>10a</b> Family Service <i>Following Service</i> Kinnara Kids Taiko		<b>10:30-2p</b> WasabiKai	<b>10a-2p</b> Hongwanji Place	<b>10:30a-2p</b> WasabiKai Open Studio <b>7-9p</b> Kinnara Taiko		

## JANUARY SERVICE TOBAN: Temple

### Monthly Toban group responsible for:

- **Weekly** Chair December Sunday Service
- **Jan 4** Provide donuts/beverages following monthly memorial service
- **Jan 11** Provide/serve snacks and beverages for Temple Board Meeting

## JANUARY Hondo Toban

Johnny Mori  
Doug Aihara  
Donna Ebata  
Gris Yamashita

## JANUARY ONAIJIN Flower Arrangement

**Jan 3** JoAnn Yamada/Lynn Akamine  
**Jan 10** Linda/Koichi Uyemura  
**Jan 16 (Fri)** Suzanne Toji (Hoonko Service)  
**Jan 24** Cathy Iyemura

**Jan 31** Kathie/Marty Umemoto  
**Feb 7** Wendy/Johnny Mori  
*(Note: If you are unable to fulfill the week you are scheduled, please contact Iris at (310) 951-0160)*

## FEBRUARY Upcoming Events

**Feb 7-8** Nembutsu Retreat (Thousand Oaks)  
**Feb 8** *Nehanye*, Nirvana Day Service