



Pasadena Buddhist Temple Hikari

January & February, 2023

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The Moon is Real

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

We are currently in planning for a moon-viewing ceremony at the temple, January 6th. Why would we do this at a Buddhist temple? Precisely because we have no teachings about God or gods, we find sanctity in this life. No talk of god, lots of encountering holiness. We have Buddha's and Bodhisattvas, but they are not gods. They are channels through which the goodness of Life becomes manifest to us. For Buddhists, Life is sacred, Reality is divine.

If Reality is divine, then Buddhists should worship everything. This is true, but when monks of the Kegon school tried to exemplifying it by bowing to any object they came across, including dog poop, they were laughed at. Not just by Japanese laypersons, also by priests of most of the other Buddhist denominations. Reality is sacred in all its dimensions but better to start with impressive objects, ... like the moon.

Some other religions often revere the moon as a symbol of something else, Buddhists revere the moon. We see the moon as the embodiment of Amida Buddha's wisest student, Dai Sesshi Bodhisattva. That is symbolic. Nonetheless, it is the actual moon that we revere, not something it symbolizes. In placing our gaze upon the moon, the light we are seeing is the wisdom of the Buddha and his Bodhisattvas. That is not a metaphor. That light, the radiation we name "moonlight" is worthy of our reverence. Wisdom is light. Shinran repeats this many times. As I would put it; - moonlight is a form of illumination; - illumination is wisdom. To find that which is sacred, we don't have to look beyond mother earth, her moon and the sun that warms them both. We are already living in the realm of the holy where the light of wisdom shines upon us; - in daytime, thanks to the sun. At night time it is thanks to both the sun and the moon.

The moon is not alive. It does not think. Nonetheless, the moon is an aspect of the Great web of life that is worthy of our reverence. This too is the Lotus land, where the sun and the moon are the embodiments of the wisdom and compassion of Awakening. Next time you watch the sunset or gaze at the moon, consider that it could be the illumination of Enlightenment, shining into your life.

Ho-onko Service

January 15, 2023

Ho-onko is when we observe the death of Shinran Shonin, the founder of our sect. This service is to honor our founding teacher by gathering together and chanting Shoshinge, which was written by Shinran that summarize his teachings. As Covid permits, we will have service in-person and streamed online.

We traditionally hold our Annual General Meeting and have our New Year lunch following this service. Due to Covid, this meal can be picked-up and eaten at home, or you have the option to dine in, as Covid restrictions permit.

New Year oBentos *need to be pre-ordered*, last day to order is January 8th. Order forms can be found on page 5 of this Hikari or on the Website. In gratitude to our Temple members, their obento will be provided at no charge. Suggested obento donation is \$20 for non-members.

Temple Calendar

January, 2023

- Jan 4 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Hybrid
- Jan 6 Full Moon Tea Ceremony
- Jan 8 Monthly Memorial Service
- Jan 15 **Ho-On-Ko Service, New Year oBento Pick-up Temple General Meeting, PBT Board Installation**
- Jan 22 Family Service
- Jan 28 Pacific Seminar at LAHHBT 9:00-Noon
- Jan 29 Family Service

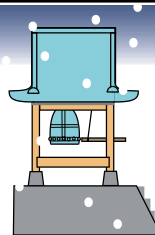
February, 2023

- Feb 1 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Hybrid
- Feb 5 Monthly Memorial Service
- Feb 12 Family Service & Lady Kujo Service
BWA - Super Bowl Chirashi Sale (Tentative)
- Feb 18 **Bingo Fundraiser**
- Feb 19 **Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service**
- Feb 26 **NO Service**

March, 2022

- Mar 1 PBT Board Meeting
- Mar 5 Monthly Memorial Service
- Mar 11 **Dance Fundraiser**
- Mar 12 Family Service
- Mar 19 **Spring Ohigan Service**
- Mar 26 Family Service

The Temple Calendar is tentative so please check the website or weekly eBlasts.



Joya-e Service

December 31, 2022

Join members of our sangha on the final day of 2022 for a "safe distanced" **Joya-e "Service"**.

Come to the temple, *if vaccinated*, at 6:00 PM and help "ring in" the New Year by taking turns ringing our temple bell 108 times. Wear your mask and we will practice safe distancing.

Oseibo - 2022

The Pasadena Buddhist Temple would like to thank all of you that sent in an Oseibo donation. We will list acknowledgements in the next edition of the Hikari. Your donations will be used to help maintain our temple and were also used as gifts to:

- Rev. Gibbs
- Rev. Tetsuo Unno
- Alan Hatakeyama and SOGs
- Alan Goto and Kathy Kumagai (Technology/AV support for online programs)

Shotsuki Service (Monthly Memorial Service) is held for those who passed away during a particular month. Family members and friends offer incense in honor of their loved one. This service provides the opportunity to acknowledge the influence this person made on your own life. Names of the deceased are read at this service. If you would like your loved one to be added to a monthly list, please contact Reverend Gibbs.

January Shotsuki Service - January 8th

AKITA, Hiraku	ITO, Toshiko	NISHIMOTO, Masao	OYAMA, Masajiro	UMETA, Kiyoshi
ARIMA, Matsuo	KAIDE, Nisaburo	NISHIMOTO, Mine	SAEDA, Seiichi	UMETA, Zenichi
BABAOKA, Mikio	KAMON, Ayako	NISHIMOTO, Shigeko	SAKAHARA, Isamu	UYEDA, Kiyoto
FUKEDA, Shigeyoshi	KAWAMOTO, Asayo	NISHIMURA, Matsuyuki William	SAKIYABU, Genichi	WAKABAYASHI, Yasujiro
FUKUMOTO, Kiyosaku	KAWAMOTO, Hisako	OGAWA, Kunai	SANO, Otomatsu	YAMADA, Margene Kazuko
FURUMOTO, Ikuo	KAWAMOTO, Rikimatsu	OGURA, Sada	SANO, Sadajiro	YAMANE, Akira
FURUICHI, Tomizo	KAWAMOTO, Yasuyo	OKA, Seiichi	SHIMIZU, Senjiro	YAMANE, Isuyo
FURUICHI, Yoshiko	KAWASAKI, Natsuko	OKADA, Sachiko	SUGASAWARA, Yoo	YAMANAKA, Michiko
GOTO, Hisayo	KAWASHIMA, Haru	OKUMOTO, Hinayo	SUGIMOTO, Masa	YAMANAKA, Noboru
HASHIMURA, Frank	KAZUAKI, Joh	OMORI, Daisuke	SUGITA, Matsue	YAMASAKI, Lynne
HAYASHI, Hirai	KIKKAWA, Roy	OMURA, Fumiyo	TAKETA, Iku	YAMASHITA, Tomejiro
HAYASHI, Shizuko	KOBAYASHI, Kentaro	OMURA, Katsutoshi	TERAMAYE, Yasunobu	YAMASHITA, Roy Yoshio
HIGASHIOKA, Hanae	KONISHI, Genhichi	OMURA, Matsuhira	TERASAWA, Riyo	YANO, Shizue
HINO, Ei	KURASHITA, Nao	OMURA, Suematsu	TOIMOTO, Shichio	YASHIKI, Sakaichi
HIRAKAWA, Hyakutaro	MATSUBA, Ariyoshi	OOCHI, Shige	TOKIMORI, Yoshimatsu	YOSHIDA, Yoza
HIRATA, Harumi	NAGATA, Toshio	OSHITA, Rikiji	TOMONO, Setsuko	
HIRATA, Sakuji	NAGATANI, Ichiro	OSHITA, Yukimatsu	TREXLER, Daniel	
HOTTA, Michiyo	NAITO, Teru	OTANI, Kazuyoshi	TSUCHIMOTO, Kazuyoshi	
ISHIDA, Kiyoshi	NISHIMOTO, Bunso	OYAMA, Johnny	UCHIYAMA, Hichiro	

February Shotsuki Service - February 5th

ARNOLD, Jan Elizabeth	ITO, Mary	MIYASHITA, Sasuke	OMURA, Yasomatsu	TESHIMA, Hisayo
AKITA, Terumitsu	ITO, Yuki	MORINO, Shizue	OYAMA, Toshiaki	TOMOTANI, Hideji
CORELLA, Robert Chavez	KAJIKAWA, Niichi	MORISHITA, Tsuta	SAEDA, Kame	TSUCHIYA, Setsu
DOI, Momie	KAJIKAWA, Uta	NAGANO, Shizue	SAKAHARA, Tora	TSUKIDA, Kuninori
FUJIKAWA, Kichinojo	KAMON, Mieko	NAITO, Keitsuchi	SAKAMOTO, Chino	TSUKIDA, Sakuhei
FUJIKAWA, Senkichi	KAWAHARA, Kazuo	NAKAMOTO, Kiyoko	SAKAMOTO, George	UMETA, Kanichi
FUJITAKI, Tane	KAWAMOTO, Kumajiro	NAKAMOTO, Tsutomu	Masaru	UMETA, Kiyoshi
FUJIMOTO, Nami	KAWASHIMA, Michika	NISHI, Takeshi	SHIMIZU, Rui	WATANABE, Sada
FURUMOTO, Masaru	KAWASHIMA, Mitsuyori	NISHIMOTO, Jisoichi	SHIROZU, Natsuko	YAMANE, May
GOTO, Dorothy	KITAGUCHI, Tamako	NISHIMURA, Setsu	SOGA, Yukio	YAMASAKI, Takashi
GOTO, Chiyoko	KOBAYASHI, Tama	NISHIMURA, Shizue	SOGI, Kono	YAMASHITA, Kihei
HANAMOTO, Moto	KURATA, Henry	OGURA, Shuichi	SUGIMOTO, Ruri	YAMASHITA, Kisohei
HARABE, Mikio	MASUMOTO, Katsuno	OKAZAKI, Kii	SUNAIRI, Kame	YAMASHITA, Kozo
HARABE, Kinue	MATSUBARA, Toshie	OTAKI, Hide	SUNAIRI, Shigeru	YAMASHITA, Minaye
HINO, Ito	MATSUI, Kimito	OKUNO, Kiyono	TAKENOUCI, Kichi	YUJIRI, Yaokichi
HIRATA, Sen	MATSUOKA, Rinichi	OKUNO, Nisaku	TAKENOUCI, Seiichi	
ISHIKAWA, Toshio	MITO, Masae	OMURA, Hifumi	TAMANAHARA, Roy Koichi	

March Shotsuki Service - March 5th

ARAI, Shiyano	ITO, Ben	MASUMOTO, Kemeichi	SAKAMOTO, Haruichi	TOMOTANI, Hideji
DOI, Douglas Michitsura	IWAHASHI, Mitsuzo	MITA, Don Junzo	SASAMOTO, Takiko	WAKASA, Kihei
DOI, Eiji	KAMOTO, Ichino	MIYASHITA, Hisano	SEIKI, Kameyo	YAMADA, Hatsutaru
DOI, Eioi	KATO, Mitsu	MORIMOTO, Ito	SHIGEISHI, Tayoko	YAMAGUCHI, Rev. Ken
FUJIMOTO, Masako	KATO, Seiichi	MORIMOTO, Momoyo	SHIGENO, Hatsutaru	YAMANAKA, Mary
FUJIKAWA, Dean	KAWAHARA, Musaku	MORIOKA, Chiyomi	SUGASAWARA, Matsuo	YAMANE, Chieko
FUJITAKI, Isamu	KAWAHARA, Okame	MORIOKA, Kikuji	SUGIYAMA, Tokiji	YAMANE, Katsutaru
FUJITAKI, Motohiko	KAWAMURA, Saichi	NAGASAWA, Fuyo	SUNAIRI, Jokichi	YAMANE, Shigeo
FUKUMOTO, Hatsuguri	KAWAMOTO, Miya	NAGATA, Toshie	TAKAHASHI, Toshio	YAMANE, Tadao
FURAMOTO, Yuriko Lily	KINOSHITA, Ronald H.	NAIDO, Yoshiko	TAKEDA, Kiyoshi	YAMASAKI, Kuuemon
HATAKEYAMA, Mineto	KIRIYAMA, Taketoshi	NISHI, Kiyoko	TAKEMORI, Terry	YAMASAKI, Mas
HIRAKAWA, Hisano	KONISHI, Akio	NISHIDA, Joichi	TAKENAKA, Tokie	YAMASAKI, Mitsuyo
HIRAMOTO, Fujiye	KONISHI, Ayano	NISHIMOTO, Kino	TAKENOUCI, Shinichi	YAMASAKI, Yoshimasa
HIRATA, San	KUBO, Seijiro	NISHIMOTO, Masaichi	TAMURA, Hisako	YAMASAKI, Yayoi
HIRAYASU, Najiro	KURAOKA, Sakuichi	NISHIMOTO, Masako	TANABE, Masao	YOKOYAMA, Ikue
HONDA, Shin	KURASHITA, Shigeru	OGAWA, Chiyoko	TESHIMA, Tokichi	YUJIRI, Hisa
HORI, Rennosuke	KURAMOTO, Lily Yuriko	OTAKE, Torao	TOGASHI, Akira	
IGE, Saburo	KURATA, Tsuyu	OTANI, Kazuichi	TOINAKA, Tagoro	
IINUMA, Chiyoko	KUWAHARA, Waki	ROPPIYAKUDA, Satoru Joe	TOKOROSAKI, Katsuno	

Donations Received October and November

The following donations received in the month of October and November are gratefully acknowledged.

Shotsuki Hoyo October 2nd & November 6th

.....Shinobu Kiriya
.....Mary Sato & Jean Ito, in memory of Genkichi Yamane
.....Lynne Masumoto
.....Roy Sunada, in memory of Akira Sunada
.....Tomomi Yamasaki
.....Carol Oyama

Eitaikyo November 13th

... Alan Goto
... Hiroko Inouye In memory of Otani's
... Kiyoe Suzuki
... Nina Akiyama, Lauren Cook, Alan Hatakeyama, Shinobu Kiriya, Kathy Kumagai
... Albert Nakata In memory of Terri Nakata, George Shigeo Nakanishi, Yukiko Nakanishi
... John Ozawa, Jane Smith, Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Tomomi Yamasaki
... Marvin Inouye, Gerry Ito, Clifford Nakatani, Michiko Oba
... Yoshiko Yamasaki & Stephanie Yamasaki in memory of Jun Yamasaki & ancestors
... Roy Sunada, Sachiko Watari, BWA
... Carol Oyama
... Sachiko Tsukida
... Sachiyō Hamada
... Catherine Mikuni, Jeannie Toshima
... Mitsuko Hays

Asbestos/Termite Fund

..Dona Mitoma & Marvin Inouye
...Nina Akiyama
... Teruye Kawahira-Musashi
...Reiko Shishido
... Lillian Fujimoto & David Hampton, Ross Mair, Mitsunori Nishikawa, Sachiko Tsukida, Rev. Tetsuo Unno
...Sachiyō Hamada
...Albert Yamasaki

Special Donations

....CYC, Orei for use of Sakai Hall
....Teiji Kawana
....Robert & Yukiko Yokoyama, Senior Lunch
....Pam Shriver, Tai Chi
....Midori Ikenaga, In memory of Kay Shigeno
....Ikuko Miyashita, In memory of Hirofami Miyashita & Don Sugata
....Mitsunori Nishikawa, Year End Donation
....Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Orei for Facility Use
....Sumireikai
....Jeanne Ideno
....Kyoko Gibbs, Gobutsuden in memory of father
....Elizabeth Hamada, In memory of Robert Kikkawa
....Corrine Ishikawa, In memory of Irene Ishikawa
....David Louff
....Albert Nakata, In memory of Terri Nakata
....Jose Salcedo
....Kenneth Yoshikawa, In memory of Kikuyo Ishikawa
....BWA, Ohigan & BWA Memorial Service
....Japanese American Medical Assoc, orei Classroom Use
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....Kyoko Gibbs
....Betty Honda
....Midori Ikenaga, Fall Ohigan
....Marvin Inouye, In memory of Yoshiko Inouye
....Norman Noji, Study Class
....Jeannie Toshima, BWA Memorial
....Gaye Tsudama
....Karen Wing, In memory of Dorothy Kazuko Wing
....Marlene Abe, Yakisoba donation
....Yakisoba sales
....Sachiko Tsukida
....Melissa Meza
....Kevin Ross, In memory of Wanda Jewell
....Janice Shiba & Akiko Tsukida, Memorial
....Carol Valentine, Gratitude donation - Dharma messages
....Keiko Yamamoto, Memorial Service
....Study Class donation
....Tai Chi class donation

2023 Membership

Membership dues are an important pillar of the financial foundation necessary to provide religious services to our Sangha and maintain our Temple's property.

Individual membership is \$300, Family membership is \$500 for couples and minor, unemployed children and \$50 for 21 to 29 year olds. We also have "Friend of the Temple" memberships available.

Membership applications can be found in the Temple Office, or on the Temple website. Membership payments can be made in a lump sum or in quarterly payments, you can also pay and join online.

Online Buddhist Study

EVERYDAY BUDDHIST is an immersive online experience crafted to deepen everyday Buddhist practice for all, from the beginner to the lifelong practitioner. Study at your own pace on the EVERYDAY BUDDHIST Course Pathway, a guided collection of short video courses. Enhance your learning with fresh, diverse perspectives offered through our Guest Speakers, Live Chats and weekly Blogs.



Monthly and Yearly subscriptions are available. Visit the PBT website for more information.

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“Time for Reflection”

Amazing group of Pasadena Sangha
Remind us of the
Importance of connectedness,
Gratefulness and
Appreciation
Through their hard work and kindness!
OMB (Oh My Buddha!)

I would like to express my sincere thank-you to Pasadena Jr.YBA President Ren (senior), Vice-President Panther (junior), and Secretary Mikala (sophomore) for their willingness and participation in many temple community events in 2022!

Painting doors and rain gutters, attending seminars on Zoom, selling shaved Ice and drinks at Obon, joining Jr.YBL Conference at OCBC, creating a mini haunted house for Halloween, selling baked goods and drinks at Bingo, sorting recyclables, setting up classrooms for Otoki, and sending cards to Super Seniors - these activities were always guided and supported by the generous Sangha members. Thank you!!

In March 2023, we are co-hosting Seminar 2 with Oxnard and Senshin temples and will be working hard together. Your continued warm support will be appreciated.

Here is a special thank-you to the bakers:
Candice Doi, Sara Hatakeyama, Corky Ishikawa, Tanya Lee, Heather Lim, Lynne and Ray Masumono, Lauren Martinez, Miki Meza, Robert Ozawa, Jeannie Toshima.
Also, thank you so much for your kind support for DS by purchasing See's Candy!

Have a restful, peaceful, and wonderful holiday season.
Gassho respectfully,
Kyoko, Jr.YBA advisor

Opportunity Drawing

This drawing has become the major fundraiser for our Temple. With Covid, we have not been able to conduct activities like Obon so you can help our Temple out financially by purchasing a ticket or two.

We still have a tickets left for the 2023 Opportunity Drawing (only 275 tickets are sold). Each ticket is \$100 and every month you have a very good chance to win \$500. *Selected ticket is returned to the barrel for another chance.*

The last drawing in December will give TWO lucky winners \$1,000 each. Contact Gerry Ito (626-797-6346) or Shelley Shinmoto (323-351-0274) if you would like to buy a ticket.

Congratulations to our final 2022 Opportunity Raffle Winners

November, 2022 (\$500)
Jeri Takeda

December 2022 (\$1000 each)
Walt Nado and Roger Hatakeyama



Never has a New Year been so anticipated with such hope and gratitude. Our Sangha, individually and as a group has endured the unimaginable for 3 years with great patience and perseverance. As we look forward, let's recognize the pain and hardship we have all borne and resolve to help each other and ourselves as we move forward guided by the teachings

2023 brings exciting challenges for our temple. Jeannie Toshima assumes the leadership of the Southern District BCA Council, the umbrella organization for all of the temples in Southern California, Nevada and Arizona. Our BWA, together with Oxnard temple, will form the Southern District BWA Cabinet for 2023. Our temple, together with Oxnard temple will host the Southern District Buddhist Conference at Pasadena on Saturday, October 14, 2023. We hope to add new events to explore Jodo Shinshu, increase fellowship and participation back on the temple grounds. On the community side, our artist-in-resident program, "Invisible Teahouse," will complete Phase III with a full moon tea ceremony and lecture series on the history of Japanese Americans in Pasadena. We have applied for grants to improve our ability to assist our Seniors and increase our online capabilities. Overall, we will celebrate the 850th Anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin and 800th Anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shinshu.

The Board of Directors has tried to navigate the re-opening of our temple in uncharted waters. It has not been easy nor smooth, but with your financial and physical help we are happy to report that the temple has survived financially and physically. In great, great part that is due to the volunteer efforts of the Sons of Gardeners, BWA and youth groups. Thank you. We thank Rev. Gibbs and family for their support in the face of dislocation and discomfort as we repaired their home and office. We hope to organize ourselves to operate more efficiently and productively in 2023 as we integrate living with a pandemic with our spiritual and social needs. If you would like to offer your volunteer skills and time, please drop a note to Pasadena-Sangha@gmail.com.

In Gassho,
Kathy Kumagai, President



BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

As we close out 2022, I would like to give a giant shout-out to all of the dedicated BWA members & friends who have volunteered tirelessly throughout the year. I'm also grateful to the previous BWA leadership whose shoulders I've always tapped to ask questions during my term as president. Additional support has come from retailers and events, such as our dine-outs with Panda Express, California Pizza Kitchen, the Citadel Shopping Extravaganza, and our 'Tis the Season online fundraiser with 32 Auctions. Our auction was better than expected! Combined with our white elephant sale items, we netted about \$4,400. Again, thank you to the busy elves who worked on all of its moving parts---from presale & online prep to post-auction deliveries. Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season, and a Happy & Healthy 2023!
- June Chin

Proposed 2023 Pasadena Buddhist Temple

Board of Directors

Officers:

President - Lori Hatakeyama

1st Vice President - Jeannie Toshima (Membership)

2nd Vice President - Dona Mitoma (Religious Chair)

3rd Vice President - Alan Hatakeyama (Facilities)

4th Vice President - Alan Goto (Special Projects)

Immediate Past President - Kathy Kumagai

Secretary - TBD

Treasurer - TBD

Auditor - TBD

Board of Directors

Lori Hatakeyama (2023)

Gerry Ito (2023-2024)

John Kamon (2023)

Kathy Kumagai (2023)

Cathy Mikuni (2023)

Dona Mitoma (2023-2024)

Robert Ozawa (2023-2024)

Shelley Shinmoto (2023-2024)

Jeannie Toshima (2023-2024)

Moving into the New Year with an Unyielding Spirit

For this first article of the New Year, let me recount two stories that appeared in the September and November issues of the LA Times. Both stories may serve to encourage and even inspire you, as it did me, to live throughout the New Year with what Buddhism calls Virya or in Japanese Shojin; that is, with a spirit of unyielding energy and effort.

The first story happens to be about a 5-month-old migratory bird who set a world record by flying 8,435 miles from Alaska to its destination in the Australian state of Tasmania. The article implied that based on other similar examples, this record-breaking bird did so without stopping for food or for rest.

The second story has to do with a promising, up-and-coming freshman high school golfer. Unfortunately, this golfer suffered a stroke which resulted in a number of devastating medical conditions: Memory loss, speech defects, headaches, chronic fatigue, blood clots, excessive amount of blood in the brain, and worst of all for a golfer, tremendous pain in her wrist when, for example, trying to hit a ball out of a bunker.

Despite all this, this freshman golfer said to her teammates, "everyone has their own disadvantages, and this happens to be mine; just gotta (accept and) deal with it and (just) keep going (forward)."

Let us then learn from the two examples of Virya noted above and in the New Year continue to move forward toward our respective goals, whether they may be material, psychological, ethical or religious in nature and this, always with an unyielding, unbreakable spirit and energy.

Gassho, Rev. Tetsuo Unno

Note: After one's goals have been attained, Buddhism urges one to then help others to attain their goals. Great thinkers of our time have said that such acts of compassion is the ultimate Way toward world peace.

Classes

Tai Chi as Exercise Class

A 30-minute class with limbering and Tai Chi exercises, no experience or special clothing necessary. Classes meet: Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm (except 2nd Tuesday of the month) and Thursdays at 1:00 pm.



Buddhist Study Classes

Rev. Gibbs will lead classes on Topics in Buddhism, open to all, no prior knowledge of Buddhism is necessary. Each class will consist of a short directed reading that will then be discussed by Rev. Gibbs and the class. Class length is 40 minutes and offered on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM.

Meditation

Rev. Gibbs will instruct and lead participants through several different forms of meditation: mindfulness of breath, visualization, Attention. Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Ho-On-Ko and New Year Luncheon

Ho-Onko Service, is the memorial service for Shinran Shonin scheduled for **January 15th**. It is a very special service and we hope that you will be able to view it online which will begin at 10:00am.

Due to Covid restrictions, instead of the usual in person obento luncheon and New Year Meeting, we will arrange for contactless pick-up. A donation towards the obento is appreciated As a paid member benefit, Obento will be at **no cost**. Obento cost for non-members will be \$20.00.

To order an obento, you can call the temple (626-798-4781), go to the Website, or send in the order form below with a check **by January 8th**. Obento must be pre-ordered & **prepaid**. Pick-up time 11:30am - 12:30pm.

We will have a hybrid New Year meeting, election and installation. Information regarding this meeting will be sent via mail. We hope you will be able to join us. Please return this reservation to the Temple by **Monday, January 8, 2023**.

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Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ Yes, I / we would like to reserve a New Year Obento on January 15th.

Please reserve _____ Obento Lunches and my check is enclosed.

I will: Pick Up _____ or Dine In _____

- No bento, please accept my donation enclosed

Temple Art Projects

Resident Artist: Alan Nakagawa

Join us for some very interesting events planned for Winter 2023. More information and photos can be found on the PBT website > Invisible Tea House.



FULL MOON RAFU PROJECT Jan 6 @ 7:00PM

On the evening of the Wolf Full Moon join us for the first Tea Ceremony of 2023.

INVISIBLE TEA HOUSE LECTURE SERIES

will build on the historic context of the Invisible Tea House project at the Pasadena Buddhist Temple, a historic community center founded by the post WWII Japanese American Community. Dates are listed below:

- HISTORY AS CONTENT - Jan. 13, 2023, Friday, 6:30 PM
- CONFLICT & MUTUALITY - Jan. 20, 2023, Friday, 6:30 PM
- BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS - Jan 27, 2023 Friday, 6:30 PM

For more information & sign up go to: <https://www.sidestreet.org/artistresidencies/alan-nakagawa-invisible-tea-house>

You must be fully vaccinated to attend any Temple on site events.



Panda Community Fundraiser January 10, 2023

Support BWA by having a Panda Express meal on January 10th. Order must be made online, but you can order from ANY Panda in the country. Apply code **912269** in the Fundraiser Code box during the online check out. So share this code with friends and relatives that live across the country! Need help ordering, contact a BWA member. BWA gets 28% of the sales from this event.

NOVEMBER BINGO AND YAKISOBA FUNDRAISER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks to everyone that supported our November fundraiser. We had about 80 bingo players, 200 dinners served and about 25 that attended our Sake Tasting class. We were able to clear around \$4,000. We had a good time and we hope to have another Bingo event in February.

We would like to acknowledge the following for their generous donations:

- Alan Goto - Vegetables for our dinner
- JSL Foods, Inc - Yakisoba Noodles and Almond Cookies
- Niitakaya USA - Tsukemono for our dinners
- Otafuku Foods - Yakisoba sauce for our dinners



If you use Amazon to shop, please select the **Pasadena Buddhist Church** as your charity to support.

A portion of your purchase price will be donated to our temple. It does not cost you

anything extra, Amazon has initiated this as a way to give back to eligible charities.

Shop at <http://smile.amazon.com> and select us as your charity and every time you log in to shop, it will remember this preference. If you need help, contact Jeannie to get started.

Save The Dates

More information to come



February 18th



DANCE WITH US MARCH 11, 2023

SOUTHERN DISTRICT/CBE/IBS
WINTER PACIFIC SEMINAR
JANUARY 28, 2023

HOPE

From Shinran's Perspective

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL EVENT

(In English or Japanese)



PROFESSOR JESSICA MAIN

Professor Jessica Main is the Associate Head, Chair, and Director of The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhism at the University of British Columbia. She completed her doctoral studies at McGill University, with a dissertation on the modern history of human rights and descent-based discrimination in Japanese Shin Buddhism. An associate professor at USC, her research concerns modern Buddhist ethics, social actors, and institutional life in East and Southeast Asia.



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