



Pasadena Buddhist Temple Hikari

May & June 2020

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Due to the recent Covid-19 pandemic, the Pasadena Buddhist Temple was closed to all activities through the month of April. These included the regular Sunday services and classes conducted by Reverend Gibbs. At this time the Bruins are not using Sakai Hall for practice.

We appreciate all the donations that you have been sending. Like other temples, we have had to cancel all of our fundraising activities that normally would generate income. We are grateful to all that are thinking about our Temple at this time.

Sensei has been recording his Sunday dharma message so you can watch it by visiting the temple webpage, FaceBook and YouTube channel. Because we were unable to have the April Shotsuki service in person, we posted the list of those who we remembered on the temple webpage alongside the video of Sensei's Shotsuki message. We will do this for the May shotsuki service also.

Sensei is here at the Temple if you need him. You can call the temple office or send him an email message. If anyone is in need of shopping services or need meals delivered, please don't hesitate to call Sensei or Jeannie Toshima (562-305-6018) and we will assist you. Everyone is in this together and we all need to help each other.

At this time the Chicken Take-out dinner fundraiser scheduled for May is cancelled and our Obon festival will more than likely be cancelled. If anyone needs any help with shopping or meals, please contact Sensei and he will contact the Dharma School parents and the Pasadena Nikkei Seniors who are providing young people to help shop and drop off meals.

Stay

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

I miss seeing you all at the temple. For your own safety, please stay home. Until the beginning of June [or later if the indications are such]; - please stay home as much as possible. "Stay" is one of the few words most dogs understand. Naturally, there have been many amusing cartoons, this month, showing pets conferring on how hard it is for their 'masters' to learn to stay. You and I, too, must learn to stay, when that is what is appropriate.

As I stay at home, here at the temple, I am able to record videos which appear on our website and also on Youtube and Facebook. These videos, so far, are services, Dharma-messages and guided meditations. Please view them if you will. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of help to you in this time of crisis: (626) 798-4781; gregorygibbs49@gmail.com But other than emergency outings, and that one trip to the market every two weeks, I am learning to stay.

While most of us stay at home, perhaps we can say the Buddha's name aloud sometimes. Just vocalize "Namo Amida Butsu", knowing that what it ultimately means is that we are safe. Ultimately, all of us, will be, it is promised, - Safe. We are always at home. We are always safe within that promise of fulfillment for all living beings. We are always at home within "Namu Amida Butsu." Stay home. Stay where you are safe. Stay within the compassionate embrace of the Buddha's Vow.

We will rest. We will stay home. We will be careful. And when it is all right to do so, we will come back. We will come back hard. It will be so much fun to do anything, that we will do everything. But for now, - stay. Stay in the Buddha's promise. Stay where you are safe.

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Calendar

All events and services previously scheduled for May will be cancelled.

Please check the website for updated information.

May

- 3 Monthly Memorial Service ONLINE only
- 6 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm via Zoom
- 10 Parent's Day Service ONLINE only
- 16 ~~Chicken Take-out Fundraiser~~
- 17 **Gotan-e Service ONLINE only**
- 24 *Memorial Day Cemetery Service ONLINE only*
- 31 Family Service - **ONLINE** only

June (Subject to change depending on Covid-19 regulations)

- 3PBT Board meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 7Monthly Memorial & Family service 10 am
- 14Family Service, 10 am
- 21Family Service, 10 am
- 27Temple Omigaki and Clean-up + BBQ Lunch 9-12
- 28Family Service, 10 am

🗳️ PASADENA COUNTS



Please make sure to be counted.

If you need help registering online, let Sensei or a board member know and we will arrange to get you counted!

Monthly Opportunity Raffle Winners

March 2020
George Sugimoto

April 2020
Zoe Kumagai



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.

Due to the Covid-19 “Stay Home - Stay Safe” edict, we will not be conducting the May Shotsuki service live. It will be posted on the PBT website, Facebook and PBT YouTube channel..

May Shotsuki Service - May 3rd

AMASUGE, Kiyoko	KISHABA, Kiyoko	NAKAMURA, Tani	SHIMODA, Tokiko	TASAKI, Hyakutaro
ARIMA, Tomosaburo	KURAMOTO, Kaori	NAKASHIMO, Hirose	SHINMOTO, Bill	TSUKIMOTO, Mary Yoshie
ENDO, Gihei	KURAMOTO, Steven	NISHIMURA, Kii	SHIROZU, Isou	USHIJIMA, Helen Mori
FUJIMOTO, Kimi	MARUMOTO, Kunitoshi	NUMA, Toranosuke	SUECHIKA, Tom	UTSUMI, Helen Chiyeko
FUJIMOTO, Masao	MATSUMOTO, Rokuichi	OGATA, Wai	SUNADA, Yuki	WAKABAYASHI, Nobuki
FUKUWA, Yuriko Betty	MITO, Aiji	OKUNO, Heiji	SUNAIRI, Chiyeko	WATANABE, Mitsu
GOTO, Chikako	MIYAGISHIMA, Genkichi	OKUNO, Tane	TAKEMOTO, Mitsuyo	YAMADA, Sentaro
HAMANO, Shinajiro	MIYAMOTO, Kome	OKUTANI, Koshimo	TAMANAHA, Kokichi	YAMAMOTO, Yoshikiyo
IKEDA, Dr. Kazuo	MIYASHITA, Shinichi	ONISHI, Katsuto	TANAKA, Hiroshi	YAMASAKI, Toshimi
IKEDA, Kiichi	MURASHIGE, George	OTANI, Waka	TANAKA, Minoru	YAMASHITA, Shigeichi Jack
KAWAMOTO, Yoichi	NAITO, Sasako	SAKUDA, Ushi	TANAKA, Ryotaro	YAMANE, Tatsuo
KAWAMURA, Randy	NAKAJIMA, Nui	SATO, Ayako	TANAKA, Sute	YUSA, Hatsuo
KIKKAWA, Alan	NAKAMOTO, Kenichi	SATO, Henry Yoshio	TANAKA, Yone	

June Shotsuki Service - June 7th

AOKI, Takuma	KAKIZOYE, Tsuruko	NODA, Kazumatsu	TAKAHASHI, Atoru
DOI, Rikiso	KAIDE, Saka	NORI, Nobu	TAKAI, Taju
FUJITAKI, Mitsuko	KIKKAWA, Shoji	OGAWA, Hiroyuki	TAKENOUCHI, Shotsuchi
FUO, Takashi	KIKKAWA, Yoshiye	OGAWA, Junsaburo	TANAKA, Kinai
HAMADA, Ito	KOBAYASHI, Fusayo	OSHITA, Isaburo	TARUMOTO, Hatsuye
HAMADA, Shusaku	KOBUKE, Kanekichi	OYAMA, Toshimi	TERADA, Mitsue
HAMANO, Saka	MASUMOTO, Mayo	ROPPYAKUDA, Hiroko	TOKINOBU, Itaro
HATATE, Alfred Isamu	MATSUBA, Douglas Yoshihiro	SAKAI, Noboru	TSUKIDA, Hironori
HAYAMA, Asayo	MATSUMOTO, Isematsu	SAKIDA, Kiichi	UMETA, Noboru
HAYASHI, Yasusuke	MIYAHARA, Henry	SANO, Yoshie	WAKASA, Iwao
HIGASHIYAMA, Shokichi	MORI, Nobuo	SHIMODA, Tomeichi	YAMADA, Kunikichi
HIRAMOTO, Frank Keizo	MURAKI, Soyo	SHIMOMAE, Takeji	YAMAMOTO, Hisayo
HIRASHIMA, Kiku	NAGAYAMA, Kamino	SHODA, Motojiro	YAMASHITA, Setsu
HISAYASU, Bruce Katsuichi	NAKAMOTO, Mosaku	SUGASAWARA, Misao	YOKOYAMA, Isao
ITO, Shigeo	NAKANISHI, George Shigeo	SUGITA, Matsuji	YONEDA, Narumi John
KANEYASHI, Komura			

July Shotsuki Service - July

ARITA, Sachiko	KAMON, Matsujiro	NAKAMURA, Towa	SERA, Nobuo
DEHARI, Shigeo	KAWAHARA, Toki	NAKANISHI, Tadatsugi	SEVERENCE, Eugenia Marie
DOI, Takuichi	KEHOE, John	NISHIMOTO, Yukio	SHIBA, Jinnosuke
DOMEN, Kazuyuki	KIMURA, Kazue	NISHIMURA, Roy Kazuo	SHIGEISHI, James
FUJIKAWA, Kiyo	KODAMA, Takao	NODA, Masako	SHIMODA, Mizu
FUJIMOTO, Nobuo	KOSUGE, Nancy	OGURA, Nancy	SUGITA, Jiro
FUNADA, Eiji	MASAI, Dan	OGURA, Ukichi	SUGASAWARA, Tatsunosuke
FURUMOTO, Doji	MASUMOTO, Michi	OMOKAWA, Kanichi	TAGUCHI, Gokichi
GOTO, Shigeo	MATSUBARA, Daikichi	OSHITA, Matsuyo	TAMURA, Kazumi
HAMANO, Masashi	MORIIHIRO, Misako	OTANI, Tasaburo	TANAKA, Ei
HAYASHI, Emiko	NAGAYAMA, Hichiro	OTANI, Ukimi	TOKUDA, Okichi
HAYASHI, Sasuke	NAITO, Frank Keizuchi	SANO, Sadao	YAMAGUCHI, Yuri
HIRATA, Chinami	NAITO, Imao	SATO, Kiyokichi	YAMASAKI, Jokichi
INOUE, Theodore Ted Takao	NAITO, Yukio	SATO, Toshi	YAMASAKI, Mitsuyo
JOFUKU, Yukitoshi			

Donations Received February - March

The following donations received in the month of *February 2020 and March 2020* are gratefully acknowledged.

Shotsuki Hoyo February 2 and March 1

.....Setsuko Masai
Richard Oyama - In memory of Toshiaki Oyama
Lillian Fukutani - In memory of Toshiko Uyetanaka
 Andrew Oyama - In memory of Toshiaki Oyama
 Janice Shue - In memory of Misa Kawamoto
 Robert Kikkawa - In memory of Edith Shigeishi
June Chin - In memory of Joe Ropyyakuda
 Thelma Chin - In memory of Toshiaki Oyama
 Minoru Okida - In memory of mother
Elizabeth Chamberlain - In memory of Jun Yamasaki
 Alan Hatakeyama - In memory of Mineto Hatakeyama
 Paul & Monica Hiroto - In memory of Mrs Masako Nishimoto
 Corinne Ishikawa - In memory of Toshio Ishikawa
 Yukiko Kataoka - In memory of Fumiyo Omori
 Misa Kawano - In memory of Chiyoko Goto
 Takako Murashige - In memory of Chiyoko Goto
 Manabu Nishimoto - In memory of Masako Nishimoto
 Melissa Nishimoto - In memory of Masako Nishimoto
 Michelle Nishimoto - In memory of Masako Nishimoto
 Michiko Oba - In memory of Uncle Ted Sato
 Carol Oyama - In memory of Toshiaki Oyama
 Rumiko Shiroma - In memory of mother, Fumiyo Omori
 Reiko Shishido - In memory of Fumiyo Omori
 Sugimoto - In memory of mother, Ruri Sugimoto
 Roy Sunada - In memory of Kiyomi Sunada
 Akiko Tsukida - In memory of Shiki Tsukida
 George Yamane
 Theone Yoshikawa - In memory of Toshio Ishikawa
Robert Fukumoto - In memory of Hatsuguri Fukumoto
Shinobu Kiriyama
 Sugimoto: In memory of Ruri Sugimoto
 Fran Tamanaha: in memory of Roy Tamanaha
 George Sugimoto - In memory of Ruri Sugimoto
Haruko Sato & Jean Ito - In memory of Chieko Yamane, Tadao Yamane and Shigeo Yamane

Hanamatsuri - April 12, 2020

....Alberto Yamasaki
Susan Nishio
Alice Hamane, Minoru Okida
Yukiko Kataoka, Mitsunori Nishikawa, Manabu Nishimoto, Michiko Oba, Jose Salcedo, Rumiko Shiroma, Reiko Shishido, Roy Sunada, Kiyoe Suzuki, Akiko Tsukida
Shinobu Kiriyama, Akira Tanimoto

Miscellaneous Donations

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Anonymous, unspecified
 Anonymous Osaisen
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Legacy Giving Tree

NOW, more than ever we ask that you consider joining many other thoughtful and generous members by making a gift to the Pasadena Buddhist Temple Legacy Fund.

This is a fund we might be using to help us get beyond the economic impact left by Covid -19. Your donation will help us make up for the income we are losing from not having our fundraisers this year. Payments to this Legacy Fund can be made in installments.

If you already have a leaf, consider a leaf for a loved-one, a grandchild, a friend.

Contact Reverend Gibbs, Gerry Ito or Shelley Shinmoto for more information.

Sanematsu Scholarship



This scholarship program was established in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Sanematsu. To be eligible for the scholarship, the parent(s) of the applicant himself/herself must be a sustaining member of PBT for a minimum of one year immediately prior to the submittal of the application. Applicants may apply for the scholarship each year that they are actively pursuing their education.



For more information contact Gerry Ito.

WEBSITE: www.PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org

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At This Hour of Stress

In this morning LA Times (March 22), Charles McNulty, theater critic, writes, "I'm prepared to settle into the boredom (of being cooped up due to the pandemic) and see what illumination I might find there."

McNulty, in other words, is saying being *socially isolated*; that is, being *forcibly cooped up*, is like being in a monastery. Where monks are *socially isolated* so that they might seek to find some measure, in McNulty's words, of *illumination*.

In a way, at this writing, we're in a way, all in a monastery. That is, we can't leave the house, travel, hug our grandkids or basically do what we want.

Positively stated then, like monks, because all or most of our distractions have been taken away, this moment of being *cooped up* has the potential to serve as an ideal time to meditate on truths that go deeper than what we're accustomed to.

For example, the Dharmic truth that we cannot control the karmic flow of our lives. Or that despite our faith in the strength of our bodies, in fact our bodies are fragile entities. Or that we've forgotten how grateful we ought to be for that which we had heretofore taken granted. And so forth.

So all is not lost. While fully cooperating, then, with the order to stay *socially isolated*, let's turn this moment of stress into a moment of deepened awareness of ourselves and of life. Turning to use a Buddhist phrase... *That which is bad into that which is good* (Tennaku jozen).

Finally, the hope here is that all Pasadena members are faring well and continue to remain in good spirits....

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

Message from the PBT Board

We hope that you and your family are safe. It is a very interesting time we are living.

Impermanence is often heard in the dharma messages. Things change that is just how it is. Usually we *don't* want things to be impermanent, but I think that we all would like the Covid-19 emergency to be impermanent and go-away. Another topic we hear is being *grateful*. Our hearts go out to those families that have lost a loved one or to those that have lost their jobs....is there anything to be grateful for? Maybe it is the wonderful clear skies, more time to spend at home, more time to enjoy life. Everyone needs to reflect and find something to be grateful for and channel energy into that.

As Shin Buddhists we are lucky to have the **Four Noble Truths** which remind us that life is: 1) Suffering/Difficulty 2) Suffering is caused by our minds/wishes 3) Cessation comes when our minds open up to the truth and 4) the Path, the Eightfold Path that help teach/remind us of how to not suffer as much.

The realities of this Covid-19 pandemic is hitting everyone, including our Temple's economy. Most Temples income come from the fundraisers that are organized, dana (osaisen) gathered at our Sunday services, and donations made by our temple members and friends. Due to the Stay-at-Home edict, Pasadena has cancelled the Sukiyaki and Chicken Take-Out dinners. In the past, this brought in about \$15,000 and our Obon Festival would bring in around \$30,000. So it is really going to be tough year financially. We do get

Buddhist Women's Association News



March came in like a Lion and is still roaring in April. We are staying home and staying safe and all planned activities for March and April have been cancelled. That does not mean we have been inactive. Our Toban leaders have been checking in on our members and we have set up new forms of communication with our mem-

bers. Some of our members are making cloth masks. If you need one, please contact Kyoko Gibbs, Sakiko Tsukamoto or Kathy Kumagai. They will provide with a home-made mask. We have been trying to share information about local restaurants and stores that are still delivering or have pick-up. We are trying to work with our younger families to have drivers available for our older members who should not be going out. The first quarter Southern District BWA meeting was cancelled.

We will be taking our guidance from our Temple Board on when activities can resume at the Temple. In the meantime, we are planning to apply to participate in the Citadel Outlets Shopping Extravaganza (tentatively scheduled for September) and consider alternative fundraisers that do not involve us gathering together.

If you know of anyone who may need to have a meal or groceries delivered or picked-up, please let Kathy Kumagai or Cathy Mikuni know and we will arrange for a younger driver to help you.

Our main outside philanthropy, the Lancer Pantry at Pasadena City College, is closed as is the campus. However, students can get a supermarket gift card to help them with their food needs. If you can, please consider a monetary donation to the PCC Foundation (<https://pasadena.edu/foundation/>) and designate the Lancer Pantry for your gift.

2020 Pasadena BWA Cabinet

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income from the Bruins organization, but since they are unable to practice, we are not asking them for any payment.

We have very few areas where we can cut in our expenses. We just have the monthly utility bills, BCA payments and Sensei's monthly paychecks. We will apply for any federal or local assistance if it comes up.

So we will be depending on YOU, our sangha and friends, to keep us afloat. We do have the Legacy and Eitaikyo fund which can be used in times of need to keep our temple going. But we hope that with your generous donations, we can get through this tough time.

Gassho, Jeannie Toshima