



# Pasadena Buddhist Temple HIKARI

## September & October, 2020

1993 Glen Avenue • Pasadena, CA 91103 • 626-798-4781

### Caring While Being Careful

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

I thought of titling this article, "See you in September." But the first line would have had to have been, "I'll see you in September, if only in my dreams." Or perhaps, "I'll see you in September, if only on my computer." Instead, what I am saying is that we are truly caring about all of you, while still being careful.

This COVID-19 virus is quite virulent. We must be careful. Please content yourself to attend services, virtually. ... To hear Dharma talks on Youtube, ... to consult by phone. Do call me or email me if you are stressed, coping with a particularly difficult challenge, ... or if you are just bored and need someone to speak with.

There are ways we are trying to let you know that we care about you, even though we do not, yet, have in-person activities resuming at the Pasadena Buddhist Temple. Our lay leaders, Dharma-school teachers, Dharma-school students and Dharma school parents have been preparing and delivering goodie bags to our most senior members. We observe strict social distancing in the preparation and deliver of these 'care packages'.

Our lay leaders, especially Alan Goto and Kathy Kumagai, have provided tremendous technical assistance in getting some messages up on the net. Some of the virtual means of communication will be added to in-person events once the pandemic has drawn down. Do, please, view these services and Dharma-talks on Youtube, under "Pasadena Buddhist Temple".

Now that so many of us are spending so much time at home, - perhaps we will find more occasions to say the Buddha's Name aloud. Whether the translation I sometimes use, "We rely upon the source of Limitless Wisdom and Endless Life", or the most common form, "Namu Amida Butsu" or the current pronunciation of that sacred utterance as "Namo Amida Butsu" – just say the Nembutsu aloud occasionally. Think of the sounds of the Nembutsu as Life calling to you reassuringly: "It's going to be all right. In the end, this will work out fine. There is love and acceptance surrounding you. Namo Amida Butsu."

### Fall Ohigan – September 13th

**O**higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted during the spring and autumnal equinoxes. At these times, the weather is neither too warm nor too cold; the days and nights are of equal length. harmony pervades throughout the universe. Therefore, we gather before the shrine of Amida Buddha and reflect on the harmony of nature and devote ourselves to the realization of this harmony in our inner lives.



Rev. Gregory Gibbs will deliver a Dharma-message so please view on YouTube anytime beginning at 10:00AM on September 13th. It can be found on the **Pasadena Buddhist Temple YouTube** page or on the **Temple's Website**

We hope you will make time to view this special service.

### Temple Calendar

#### September

- 02 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 06 Monthly Memorial Service - online
- 13 Fall Ohigan**
- 15 Family Service
- 20 Family Service
- 27 Family Service

#### October

- 04 Monthly Memorial Service
- 07 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 11 Family Service
- 18 Family Service
- 25 Family Service

#### November

- 01 Family and Monthly Memorial Service
- 04 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 08 Family Service
- 15 Family Service
- 22 **Eitaikyo Memorial Service**
- 29 Family Service

**All services will be online unless specified as in-person.**

### Beethoven and the Pandemic

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

Beethoven's greatness as a composer is known the world over. His fame, one might say, is comparable to that of William Shakespeare's in the world of literature.

Here however, we dwell on Beethoven's greatness, not as a composer, but as a human being. For example, although throughout his life he was beset with a variety of differing forms of suffering, he refused to be "broken." Instead, he endured, exerted himself and in the end, transcended them (This virtue of persevering is known in Buddhism as "Virya" or in Japanese, as "Shojin").

As for his life of suffering, most of his life he was hearing-impaired and as a result suffered from depression. In addition, he suffered from Colitis, Rheumatism, Typhus, Skin Disorders, Abscesses, Infections, Eye Disorders, Degenerating Arteries, Jaundice, Chronic Hepatitis, Cirrhosis of the Liver etc.

On top of which, throughout his life, his personal relationships were in a constant state of disarray. And for the last third of his life, he was plagued by a seemingly endless series of legal problems.

Despite these difficulties, which may have "broken" an ordinary man, Beethoven endured, prevailed over and in the end, transcended them. In the course of which, Beethoven fulfilled his potential, not only as a Composer but as a Human Being.

Learning then from the man known to us as Ludwig von Beethoven, let us persevere and emerge from this period of extraordinary suffering "unbroken," stronger, wiser and Buddhistically speaking, ever more enlightened."

**Shotsuki Service** (Monthly Memorial Service) is held for those who passed away during a particular month. If our Temple is open, family members and friends will be able to 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.

## September Shotsuki Service - September 6th

ARITA, Ratsu	KOBUKE, Yutaka	OKUNO, Matsu	TESHIMA, Isamu
FUJIMOTO, Hajime	KUBO, Kiyomasa	OMURA, Seki	TOIMOTO, Itsuyo
FURUMOTO, Yasu	KURAMOTO, Kiku	ONISHI, Kita	TSUCHIMOTO, Tsuneyo
GOTO, Choichi	MASUMOTO, Hachitaro	ONISHI, Yoshisuke	TSUCHIYA, Inosuke
GOTO, Kyoichi	MATSUMOTO, Yaemon	OTAKE, Takeo	TSUCHIYA, Tomizo
HAMAGUCHI, Hachizo	MENTZ, Geraldine	OYAMA, Majyu	UYENO, Kimi
HAMANO, Kimi	MITO, Shika	OYAMA, Mitomu	WAKASA, Kiyozo
HAYASHI, Kyoko	MITSUOKA, George	SAKAMOTO, Isaburo	YAMADA, Sato
HIGASHIOKA, Shigeru	MORIOKA, Sadayo	SOGA, Noriko	YAMADA, Tokutaro
HIROSE, Shigeru	MURAKI, Rikio	SOGI, Atsuye	YAMAOKA, Rai
INOUE, Kaoru Mr.	NAGATANI, Shigeru	SUGIMOTO, Hatsujiro	YAMASAKI, Nao
ITO, Frank	NAITO, Imakichi	TAKAYAMA, Mito	YAMASHITA, Kihei
KAWAMOTO, Kunitaro	NISHIDA, Miki	TAKAYAMA, Otomatsu	YAMAZOE, Mine
KAWAMOTO, Masano	NISHIKAWA, Mutsue	TAKAYAMA, Tomi	YOKOYAMA, Kiyomi
KAWAMOTO, Tazuko	OGURA, Tomie	TANABE, Violet	YOKOYAMA, Sakaye
KAWASHIMA, Fumi	OKIDA, Mariko	TERAOKA, Yumi	YUJIRI, Tokuo

## October Shotsuki Service - October 4th

FUJIKAWA, George Masayoshi	KAWAMOTO, Ihei	NISHIMURA, Noboru	TOINAKA, Tane
FUJIKAWA, Sekino	KIKKAWA, Shizuye	OKUMOTO, Hino	TOMOTANI, Nobuko
FUJIWARA, Kasue	KIRIYAMA, Takashi (Tak)	OMURA, Ayako	UCHIYAMA, Sakae
FUKUYAMA, Margaret	KONISHI, Tajiro	ONAGA, Ryoi	UYETANAKA, Kiomi
FUKUMOTO, Minoru	MASUMOTO, Denbei	OSHITA, Shigematsu	WATANABE, Suma
HAMANO, Nitaro	MASUMOTO, Tameyo	OTANI, Kakichi	WATARI, Kunsaku
HIDA, Micky	MATSUMOTO, Fukujiro	OTANI, Yoshiko	YAMADA, Roy
HOTTA, Ichi	MORIOKA, Yasutaro	SATO, Tome	YAMANAKA, Ryuji
HOTTA, Masayuki	MORIYAMA, Baby	SHIDA, Etsuji	YAMANE, Genkichi
HOTTA, Matsuzo	MIHO, Shizue	SHINMOTO, Sokichi	YAMASAKI, Etsuzo
INABA, Kisaku	NAKANO, Hanichi	SHOGA, Hatsue	YAMASAKI, Toyo
INOUE, Lynne Leiko	NAKASHIMO, Yoshiko	SOGI, Hatsue	YOKOYAMA, Noriko
IWATA, Jinsuke	NISHIKAWA, Chiyeko	SUGASAWARA, Chiyoko	YONESAWA, Yoshio Norman
IWATA, Morojiro	NISHIMOTO, John Osamu	SUGIHARA, Masaharu	YUSA, Saku
KAWABATA, Kiyoshi	NISHIMURA, Chiyoko	TANIGAWA, Sakutaro	YUSA, Magoichi

## November Shotsuki Service - November 1st

ARASHIGE, Harumi	ISHIKAWA, Irene Kikuyo	NISHIMOTO, Fui	UCHIYAMA, Sakae
ATAGI, Richard Kazuo	IWAMOTO, Yoshiko	NISHIMOTO, Miyuki	UYEDA, Kazumi
DOI, Douglas Michitsura	KAWAMOTO, Frank Fujio	NISHIMURA, Eitaro	UYETANAKA, George
DOI, Miyo	KIRIYAMA, Masaichi	NISHIOKA, Ei	WAKABAYASHI, Yoshikichi
FUJIKAWA, Kusu	KOBAYASHI, Kentaro	OGAWA, Kiku	YAMAGUCHI, Kome
FUJITAKI, Asakichi	KONISHI, Tamiko	OTANI, Kinu	YAMANE, Seiichi
GOTO, Takaichi	MASUMOTO, Toshio	RIKIMARU, Hatsu	YAMASAKI, Ikkaku
GOTO, Tsune	MATSUBA, Masae	SANO, Hanaye	YAMASAKI, Takane
HATAKEYAMA, Seitaro	MITO, Ryoichi	SHIGEISHI, Tatsu	YAMASHITA, Kiyoshi
HAYASHI, Yoshie	MIYAHARA, Torakichi	SHIGENO, Jack Shigeru	YAMATODA, Matsuko
HOTTA, Shigeo	MIYASHITA, Hirofumi	SHINTAKU, Minori	YONESAWA, Kinichi
INOUE, Yoshiko	NAGAI, Toru	TERAMAE, Emi	YONESAWA, Yukuyo
INOUE, Fred Yutaka	NAGATANI, Kiyoshi	TOKINOBU, Kimi	YUJIRI, Hatsu
ISHIDA, Saku	NAKATA, Terri	TOKUDA, Hiroshi	

## Presidents' Message

I would like to thank everyone for their monetary support of our Temple since the COVID-19 pandemic closed everything down. We are all taking all the steps necessary to make sure that when we do reopen, it will be done as safely as possible. And with everyone's generosity, our Temple will be able to cover the monthly expenses.

I am so grateful to everyone that worked so hard on our #NObon2020 -Virtual event. Like all other Temples, we had to think outside the box to come up with a festival that we could call our own. From the use of all the technologies for the virtual event and the Silent Auction to the coordination of volunteers to handle the "Taste of Obon - Beef Teriyaki plate" meal we had a great event! It was definitely not the same. We missed the crowds and old friends....but it was great to have had an event for our Sangha and friends. By working together, sharing and listening to ideas and taking chances, we are finding new ways to get things done.

Because of the COVID restrictions, our services are now available to anyone in the world to view. For those of us that find it hard to wake up to get to the temple for service, one can click on a link and hear Sensei's dharma message at anytime and from anywhere. With Alan Goto's creative use of his drone, we probably have the most interesting "opening" to our services. Seminars are now free and can be viewed from the comfort of your home. Normally we would have had to travel to another location, but now we just sign-up, turn on our computers and listen to the messages.

My concern is that there are many who do not have computers to access the services. If you do not have access and would like to hear a message/service by phone, please let us know so we can keep you connected.

Many thanks to the Dharma School and their families for preparing Care Packages to our seniors who are at home. Thanks to Sensei for making sure we are all connected to the Dharma. Thanks to the SOGs who are here to keep the grounds clean and maintained and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has Pasadena Buddhist Temple in their hearts.

ありがとう

I know there were many people worked hard to make the #NObon2020 a success, but I wanted to recognize those that spent countless hours to ensure it was a success.

**Kathy Kumagai** for her vision and not only organizing the entire event but also editing and working on all the video segments for the Virtual Obon.

**Alan Goto** who worked on purchasing all the video equipment needed, shooting the video segments and the services. He is our technology go-to-person.

**Tanya Kinoshita** and her children, **Sasha and Lucas**, who spent hours organizing, listing, taking photos, writing descriptions and posting all the Silent Auction items.

**Ron Dyo**, master chef, who donated and prepared all the delicious takuan for the Taste of Obon Teriyaki Beef plate.

Gassho, Jeannie

### Temple Contact Info:

Phone number: 626-798-4781

FAX: 626-345-9095

WEBSITE: [www.PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org](http://www.PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org)



## Buddhist Women's Association News

The Buddhist Women's Association continues to meet and plan while staying as safe as possible in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. We have learned to use Zoom for meetings and have gone back to using snail mail and the phone to keep in touch with our Super Senior members. After learning that the City of Pasadena had suspended issuing temporary food facility permits and the risks to our members, BWA decided not to offer food at the virtual Obon. BWA will try to provide meals to the Nikkei Seniors group at the Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute in September, by working with either a caterer or restaurant. In addition, although the date has been changed to October, BWA will decline to participate (if invited) in the annual Citadel Outlets Shopping Extravaganza, which is one of the larger fund-raisers for BWA. In its place, BWA will actively investigate holding a fund-raiser that will be safe for members later in the fall. Under consideration is a holiday silent auction or New Year's ingredient sale (expanding on our annual kamaboko/sashimi sale). Finally, BWA will be applying for a new grant being offered by the Southern District BWA to help offset costs for a new service project. BWA will digitize and compile more writings that Rev. Tetsuo Unno has done for the temple since the 1970s, and with his help, edit and make them available to the public. Our members continue to make face masks. Please contact either Kyoko Gibbs or Kathy Kumagai if you need one.

-Kathy Kumagai

## Covid-19 Donations

This COVID-19 Fund was established this year to offset the loss of income from the Safer-at-Home protocols. Thanks to everyone for donating to this fund which is being applied towards the expenses and maintenance of our buildings and site.

.....Maye Fukumoto & Patrick Ryan  
Frank & Sachi Kawana  
.....Yamasa Enterprise  
.....Wes & Kathy Kumagai  
.....Manabu Nishimoto  
.....Anonymous  
.....Patty Fujiwara  
.....Midori Ikenaga  
.....Gerry Ito, Carolyn Matsuda, Lynne Ozawa, Robert Ozawa, Dennis Sugita  
.....Fukui Mortuary  
.....Stephanie Ozawa, Reiko Shibasaki, Ai & Ellen Shimamoto, Tomomi Yamasaki  
.....Nina Akiyama, Henry Kiyomura, Steven Kikkawa, Julie Toyama  
.....Amy Fujiwara, Alan Hatakeyama, Nelson & Sharon Ishida, Dennis Ito, Jose Salcedo, Bryan & Jeri Takeda, Ron & Jeannie Toshima, Anonymous  
.....Howard & Mitsuko Hays, Alan Nakagawa  
.....Carol Oyama, Kimiyo Thomas & family  
.....Virginia Ishida, Myrna Ling, Carol Nakauchi, Jill Sekiguchi, Dena Yanari  
.....Sachiko Watari  
.....Linda Lopez, Stephanie Mizutani, Emiko Tagami  
.....Minoru Okida  
.....Barbara Kwong, Ikuko Miyashita

# Donations Received June and July

The following donations received in the months of June and July 2020 are gratefully acknowledged.



## Hoonko - January 19

...Joseph Watari

## Spring Ohigan

...Irene Takemori

...Sachiko Watari, George Yamane

## Hanamatsuri - April 12

...Irene Takemori

## Gotane - May 17

...Irene Takemori

...George Yamane

## Shotsuki Hoyo June 7th & July 5th

...Irene Takemori in memory of Terry Takemori

...Lillian Fujimoto in memory of parents Nami & Yasuo Fujimoto. Brothers: Tosh, Bill, Paul & Frank Fujimoto

...Maye Fukumoto in memory of Ritsue Fukumoto & Hohichi Kamoto

...Midori Ikenaga in memory of Kay Shigeno

...Robert Kikkawa in memory of Alice Kikkawa, Alan Kikkawa, Shoji Kikkawa, James Shigeishi

...June Chin in memory of Hiroko Roppiyakuda

...Aileen Fujimori in memory of Bill Fujimori

...Gerry Ito in memory of Shige Ito

...Keith Kitani in memory of Kaz Kitani

...David Nishimura in memory of Roy Nishimura

...Jane Smith in memory of Masashi Hamano

...Jane Smith in memory of Yukie Hamano

...Irene Tanihara in memory of my father Sudo Sano

...Irene Tanihara in memory of Yoshie Sano mother

...Naomi Yonesawa in memory of mom Kiyoko Kay Yonesawa

...Robert Fukumoto in memory of Ritsu Fukumoto

...Sachiko Watari in memory of Yuri Yamaguchi & Misa Morihoro

...Carolyn Matsuda in memory of Auntie May Sakahara

...Takako Murashige in memory of Jane Tsuboi Nagamo

...Albert Nakata in memory of George Shigeo Nakanishi

...Roy Sunada in memory of Kenny Sunada

...Tomomi Yamasaki in memory of Jokichi Yamasaki & Mitsuyo Yamasaki

...Carol Oyama

...Sachiko Watari in memory of Misa Morihoro

## 2020 Membership

We would like to acknowledge the following for their June & July 2020 Temple Membership payments.

### Family Membership

Ray, Lynne, Nicholas & Lani Masumoto

Ken, Janice, Katie & Olivia Shue

Patrick & Stefani Takahashi

George & Ann Yamane

### Individual Membership

Catherine Mikuni

Yoshiko Yamasaki

## Miscellaneous Donations

....Anonymous, Eitaikyo Fund

....Ernest Nagamatsu, Facility Use

....Robert Kikkawa, in memory of Alice Kikkawa

....Ellen Shimamoto, Beef Teriyaki donation

....Pauline Griffith, Beef Teriyaki donation in memory of Dean Matsubayashi

....Anonymous

....Ron Toshima, Funeral Service for Gary Hashimura

....Setsuko Honda, in memory of Rim Honda

....Ann Kiriyama, In memory of Ambre Gonzales

....Kathleen McCann & Miyoko McCann

....Clifford Nakatani

....Irene Takemori - Flower Fund

....Scott Yoshikawa - Wish List

....June Chin, Bonnie Kinney, Joey Nakasone, San Gabriel Nursery, Albert Tsukimoto

....Pasadena Nikkei Seniors Facility Use

....Dennis Sugita - Beef Teriyaki donation

....Aya Hirano, in memory of Rim Honda

....Jeannie Toshima - Osaisen for Online Services

....Alexus & Alan Gee - Book Use

....Sachiko Watari - Beef Teriyaki donation

....Alyson Han

## Obon Service - July 19th

...Maye Fukumoto, Alan Hatakeyama

...George Sugimoto

...Regina Furumoto

...Lillian Fujimoto, Ron & Michiko Oba, Sachiko Watari, Yoshiko & Stephanie Yamasaki

...Nina Akiyama, Fukui Mortuary, Alan Goto, James Hirano, Midori Ikenaga, Gerald Ito, Yukiko Kataoka, Karen Kikkawa, Shinobu Kiriyama, Debra Kubota, Arlene Mizusaki, Albert Nakata, Carol Nakauchi, David Nishimura, Rumiko Shiroma, Reiko Shishido, Roy, Sunada, Kiyoe Suzuki, Robert Uchida, Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Jane Utsumi, Tomomi Yamasaki

...Misa Kawano, Takako Murashige

...William Fujimoto, Sachiyo Hamada, Carolyn Matsuda, Makiko Nakasone, Mark Nakatani

...Mitsunori Nishikawa, Susan Nishio, Carol Oyama, Akiko Tsukida, Sachiko Tsukida

...Judy Fujimoto

...Ikuko Miyashita, Minoru Okida

...Cliff Nakatani, Jean Toshima

...Albert Yamasaki

## Hatsubon July 12th

This is the first Obon service after a loved one dies. This service is by invitation only. Video of this service can be viewed online.

.....Bryan Takeda

.....Janice and Ken Shue

.....Don Kikkawa, Scott Shinmoto

.....Jeannie and Ron Toshima



During March 2020, in short order: the Temple closed for in-person services after Ohigan and then cancelled Sukiyaki Dinner, the second largest Temple fund-raiser. Then temple by temple, every Obon festival before Pasadena's was cancelled. By May, the Pasadena Temple's Board of Directors decided to go a different way and try to hold a "virtual" Obon online, without knowing quite how that could be done. In June a plan was adopted and a goal set to try to raise \$10,000, about one-third the usual amount, with a program that would honor and reflect Pasadena Obons of the past and encourage participation by our younger Sangha and invite in Obon lovers everywhere. *We succeeded, thanks to your participation and assistance.*

**Here's what our Virtual Obon (#NObon2020) looked like:**

**Silent Auction:** Tanya Lee, Chair. Held on the www.32auctions.com website, which was recommended and used by Venice Buddhist Temple. Bidding went live from July 5 to July 18. 186 auction items were listed. All sold items were paid and distributed within 10 days of the Silent Auction. Winning bidders were located as far away as Hawaii and Kansas. **Net amount raised: \$5,800.**

**Obonathon:** Alan Goto, Audio-Visual; Jeannie Toshima, Emcee/writer; Kathy Kumagai Director; and Ren Gibbs, intern. Live broadcast via YouTube using Sling and featuring a live, socially-distanced performance by L.A. Ichiza Taiko and a tea ceremony by Kyoko Gibbs with narration by Jose Salcedo and introduction by Alan Hiroshi Nakagawa. Speeches from Bishop Harada, Mayor Tornek and Vice-Mayor Hampton. Additional interviews of authors Naomi Hirahara, Stan Sakai and Kenneth Tanaka by Heritage Source Books. Over 700 views on YouTube on day of event, another 100 views since the event. The Obonathon encouraged donations to the temple's COVID-19 Temple Revenue Fund.

**Live Bon Odori Zoom Party:** Alan Goto, Audio-Visual; Jeannie Toshima, Emcee, Dance practice; Katie Shue, intern, L.A. Ichiza Taiko (taiko) and volunteer dancers, Kathy Kumagai, Director. About 60 -100 Zoom participants, another 700 viewed the event live on YouTube. Included participants from as far away as Japan.

**Social Media:** Robust social media campaign: website/Facebook/Instagram/YouTube. Katie Shue (website) and Lorie Meza (social media) were interns who also provided graphic design and TikTok videos (Lorie). One of her videos had over 4,000 views. Katie designed the Ojuzu virtual Memorial Tribute, which attracted over 25 donors. Donations started at \$20 (and are still available). Only one print ad and two online ads were purchased. The rest of the advertising was by using free online event calendars and websites. BCA website also posted our events. The PBT website attracted 483 visitors on July 18.

**Services:** Hatsubon was held on July 12th, in person by invitation only. This service was posted on YouTube and on the Temple's website. Obon service was virtual on July 19. Alan Goto filmed each with assistance from Ren. Kathy edited and posted on YouTube and the temple website. Both services have over 70 views each on YouTube and continue to attract views.

**Beef Teriyaki Dinner:** The one non-virtual component was the preparation of about 250 beef teriyaki dinners that were delivered via contactless curbside pick-up. Shelley Shinmoto and Jeannie Toshima chaired the event. Including cash donations, about \$4000 was raised.

**Donations:** We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our Sangha and Obon community who donated \$20,000 in July to our COVID-19 Fund, \$5,000 for Obon, over \$600 for virtual Obon tributes and donated via our Silent Auction and Beef Teriyaki dinners.

**Silent Auction Donors**

Akimi & Clifford Ching  
 Akira Hirose, Azay Japanese Restaurant  
 Barbara Yasuda  
 Bobby Ota, Johnny's Sport Shop  
 Brian & Jennifer Relth  
 California Hotel Casino Las Vegas  
 Carol Tanita, Rafu Bussan  
 Cindy Uehara  
 Corkey Ishikawa  
 Dona Mitoma & Marvin Inouye  
 Ernie & Elaine Nagamatsu  
 Friends of the Pasadena Buddhist Temple  
 Gerry & Linda Ito  
 Heather Lim  
 Irene Tanihara  
 Judy Collard  
 Judy Fujimoto  
 June Chin  
 Kathy & Wes Kumagai  
 Katie Shue  
 Kubota Mortuary

Mark Langill, Los Angeles Dodgers  
 Master Chef Ren & the GIBBS family  
 Mona Ozaki  
 Naomi Yonesawa  
 Olivia Shue  
 Pasadena Buddhist Women's Assoc.  
 PBT Dharma School  
 PBT Member  
 PBT Sanga Teens & Jr. YBA  
 PBT Sons of Gardeners (SOGs)  
 PBT Sumirekai Club  
 Sara Portugal  
 Sasha Tamiko Lee  
 Scott & Shelley Shinmoto  
 Shawn Roelke  
 Sheena and Emory  
 Shuko Akune  
 Stephanie Ozawa  
 Tanya Kinoshita Lee  
 The Huntington Library  
 The Aquarium of the Pacific

The Gibbs Family  
 The Monachelli Family  
 The Shue Family  
 The Toshima Family  
 Toyo Miyatake Studio  
 Yuka Kimbell

**Virtual Obon Tribute**

..Pauline Griffith, Jeanne Ideno,  
 Doris Shimabukuro  
 ..Kiyoko Gibbs, Stefani Takahashi, Jane Utsumi  
 ..Mitsuko Hays, Robert Kikawa  
 ..Susan Nishio  
 ..Corky Ishikawa, Gerald Ito, Jean Ito, Kathy Kumagai, Lynne Masumoto, Jose Salcedo, Jeannie Toshima  
 ..Tanya Lee, Catherine Mikuni, Mark Nakatani, Scott Shinmoto, George Sugimoto, Dennis Sugita, Kiyoe Suzuki



The Pasadena Buddhist Temple offers their sincere condolence to the families of the following members of our Temple who recently passed away:

- Mrs. Chiyoko Kawamoto
- Mrs. Sayo Nakatani
- Mrs. Yukie Okazaki
- Mr. Kiyoshi Takeda



## Seminars and Class Offerings

All classes and seminars are now being held online, so there is no travel involved to hear many wonderful speakers. Most are now “free” but encouraging donations. Links to these can be found on the PBT website: Home > BCA and Workshop

Saturday, September 12, 11:15AM - 12:15PM, **Fall Ohigan Seminar** hosted by West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple. Theme is “Reason to Live Nembutsu Way of Life,” with guest speaker Rev. Ryuta Furumoto of Senshin Buddhist Temple, who will be presenting his talk in both English and Japanese.

Saturday, September 19, 10:00AM, **Fall Ohigan Seminar** hosted by Gardena Buddhist Church. Theme is “Buddhist Values: Six Paramitas, Three Poisons, and the Middle Way.” Guest speaker will be Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge of Buddhist Church of Oakland.

Saturday, September 26, 1:00PM - 3:00PM, **Ichi-Mi Virtual Workshop on Gender Language** hosted by Gardena Buddhist Church.

Saturday, October 3, 9:00AM-12:30PM, **2020 So. District & SDBWA Web Conference Buddha’s Wish: “Vow of All the Buddhas Saying the Name”** Speaker Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii).



## Monthly Opportunity Raffle Winners

- July.....Alison Fukumoto
- August.....Debbie Kubota

### 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!



## 2020 Wi\$h Fund and Donation\$

We are starting our Wish Fund project again. We will post items that the Temple is in need of, and if you have something you could donate or make a monetary donation towards some of these items, they will be gratefully accepted.

- Incense (ask sensei what kind)
- Coffee for refreshments and for SOGs
- Maintenance and Landscaping supplies
- Cleaning supplies (brooms, vacuum cleaner, cleansers)

Let sensei know if you can make a donation or send in a check made out to PBT with “Wish Fund” or “Special Donation” in the memo.



## EVERYDAY BUDDHIST

This is an online resource with free and other classes online through OCBC - <https://www.everydaybuddhist.org/>

## Get the Latest PBT SOGs T-Shirt



### There are a few left

You can get the latest SOGs T-shirt with a \$20.00 donation.

\$1.00 from every sale will be donated to PBT and \$1.00 to American Breast Cancer.

Please contact Kyoko Gibbs if you are interested (971) 222-9231.

Once they are gone, they are gone.



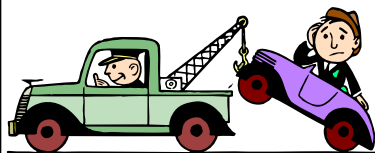
Thanks to everyone that registered for Amazon Smile. **PBT has received over \$500** since we joined this program.

If you are an Amazon shopper, 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.



## Donate Your Car



It’s time you got rid of that old car in your driveway, too! You’ll get the tax write-off, feel great about donating, and make room for something new!

Scott does the work for you so it couldn’t get any easier. Call or email him when you’re ready or if you have any questions.

Sshinmoto@outlook.com or 310-991-0585.