



Pasadena Buddhist Temple Hikari

January & February, 2021

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Being Patient this Winter

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

I hope that you are all doing well this winter. We must be patient with this pandemic and all the limitations it places upon us. Each of us must either be patient or end up as one, on a respirator, struggling to breathe. *Let's choose patience.*

However, patience is not some discrete virtue like being physically strong, or verbally acute. Patience, as Buddhists understand it, is endurance. The ability to endure insults, mistreatment at the hands of others, and other hardships. We don't have some set of techniques for being patient. Whatever you need to do, in order to be patient is what you need to do. What works for me, might not work for you.

There are times when you can throw yourself into silent reflection on the *Nembutsu* or actual vocal utterance of the *Nembutsu*, and stop minding about the time so much. Also, there are mental tricks, from the early days of Buddhist tradition, for talking ourselves out of becoming impatient. You might, for example, imagine the people slowing you down and making you wait as being your own children.

A more effective way of becoming less impatient, less irritated might be to remember the fundamental teaching of impermanence, ... this too *will* pass. What often works even better, for me, is to remember how small I really am. We are each the Universe itself, waking up to itself. But so are the squirrels and the crows in the temple garden and parking lot. We are all, - important. We are all, - worthy. We are all, - a very small part of the Big Awakening.

We don't mean to use the *Nembutsu* as a technique to calm down, it is our touchstone with what is real and True. However, calming us down a bit is a common side effect of encountering the Compassion of the Buddha in saying, "Namo Amida Butsu"; "Namu Amida Butsu", "We Rely upon the Source of Limitless Wisdom and Endless Life"; "Namanda, Buddhanaman, NamandaBu, NamandaBu...".

All of you have done so much for my family and I these past six years. We appreciate each of you. Forgive me for mentioning five people in particular: Our temple President for some years now, Jeannie Toshima, our long-time Treasurer, Toru Hisayasu, the Coordinator of our Sons of Gardeners maintenance crew, Alan Hatakeyama, our BWA President Kathy Kumagai and our Maintenance team member and Tech-support lead person, Alan Goto. I want to thank these five people, - and all of you. **Happy New Year!**

Temple Calendar

January, 2021

- Jan 3 Monthly Memorial Service
- Jan 10 ... Family Service
- Jan 17 ... Ho-On-Ko Service, New Year oBento Pick-up**
..... PBT & BWA Board Installation via Zoom
- Jan 24 ... Family Service
- Jan 31 ... Family Service

February, 2021

- Feb 3 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- Feb 7 Monthly Memorial Service
- Feb 14 ... Family Service & Lady Kujo Service
- Feb 21... Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service**
- Feb 28 ... Family Service

March, 2021

- Mar 3 PBT Board Meeting
- Mar 7 Monthly Memorial Service
- Mar 14 ... Family Service
- Mar 20 ... Spring Fundraiser Dinner (tentative)
- Mar 21... Spring Ohigan Service**
- Mar 28 ... Family Service

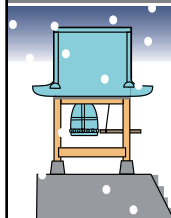
The Temple Calendar is "impermanent" so please check the website or weekly eBlasts.



Oseibo - 2020

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 and Kyoko Gibbs
- Rev. Tetsuo Unno
- Lynne Masumoto (Dharma School Supt.)
- Alan Hatakeyama and SOGS
- Alan Goto and Kathy Kumagai (Technology/AV support for online programs)



Joya-e Service December 31, 2019

Join members of our sangha on the final day of 2020 for a "safe distanced" **Joya-e "Service"**. Come to the temple between 5:00-6:00 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.

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 3rd

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

February Shotsuki Service - February 7th

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

March Shotsuki Service - March 7th

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

From Suffering Comes Wisdom

Of the above title, the Greek writer Aeschylus once wrote, “Even in despair (and suffering), (despite and) against our will, Wisdom (naturally and of itself) comes to us.”

Following Aeschylus, many other thinkers have pointed to suffering as a source of Wisdom. This article then tries to show how this truth manifests itself in these times of extraordinary suffering.

1st Psychologically: During this pandemic, we’re forced to remain isolated, “cooped up” more and more with our own thoughts. As a result, we come to know ourselves in a profounder way than before. And as is well known, knowing oneself is the very essence of Wisdom (which in turn leads to the end of suffering).

2nd Ethically: Classic thinkers have affirmed that Virtue—of which Gratitude is the foundation—is the source of true happiness. Now during this pandemic, we’ve witnessed countless examples of virtuous acts, by nurses, doctors, teachers and others. We’re then filled with gratitude and are inspired to act, whenever possible, in a similar manner. Which is one manifestation of Wisdom.

3rd Philosophically: in these anxiety-riddled times, when everything—virally- ecologically, societally etc.—seems out of control, we naturally begin to look for answers: “How did this all come about?” or “What is the solution?” and so forth. In this search for answers, we descend to deeper levels of ruth. And it is the Wisdom of knowing the truth that sets us free of suffering.

Finally, Shin Buddhistically: Having been overwhelmed by the pandemic, one begins to realize, albeit gradually, that our ability to overcome suffering of a profound nature—pandemics, aging, illness, the loss of a loved one, etc.—is severely limited or nil. And that in the end we must turn to a *Saving Power Other Than Our Own* (Other-Power/Tariki). This Power, by name, is **Amida Buddha**, *The Fully Enlightened One of a Wisdom and Compassion That are Boundless and Infinite.*”

This “turning to the Other -Power” (Eshin) is an act of “Faith, Entrustment” (Shinjin) and is, in truth, the highest form of Wisdom.

Finally, a “Happy New Year” wish to the readers of the Hikari and to all PBT members!

Gassho, Reverend Tetsuo Unno

We still have a few tickets left for the 2021 Opportunity Drawing (only 300 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 2020 Opportunity Raffle Winners



**November, 2020 (\$500)
Dona Mitoma**

**December 2020 (\$1000 each)
Brian Takeda and Janet Sugita**

Dharma School News

Happy 2021!!! With 2020 behind us, I am hoping that we will soon be able to see each other at the temple.

2020 was indeed a difficult year. I just want to thank everyone for their support and patience while we tried to navigate the new norm during the Covid pandemic.

We will try to continue to deliver Care Packages to our senior members for as long as the pandemic prevents them from going out freely. I want to thank all the Dharma School families for their support of this program.

We also want to thank everyone who supported our Sees Candy fundraiser this year.

As soon as I receive all the Time Capsule submissions from all the students, we will decide on when and where to bury/house our Time Capsule. We already received a few already and can't wait to receive the rest.

The past several months, we were not able to physically meet at the temple for services, fundraisers, and special events, so I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2021.

Happy New Year - Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu

Lynne Masumoto

Lynne is “retiring” from the position of Dharma School Superintendent. The kids surprised her with this sign and gifts to say “Thank You” for all the years of service to our youth. She will continue on as our Dharma School teacher but we are in search of a person that is willing to represent Pasadena at meetings that deal with Sunday School programming. Just let Sensei know if you’re interested. Lynne has taken care of our youth programs for 15-years! Congratulations! And THANK YOU!



PASADENA BUDDHIST TEMPLE COLUMBARIUM • NOKOTSUDO

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the Pasadena Buddhist Temple Columbarium (nokotsudo). Located in the back of the Temple behind the altar, our nokotsudo will contain 60 niches.

Interment in the Pasadena Buddhist Temple is available to any member or former member of the Temple. Spouses and children who are not members are also allowed to be interred together; non-member parents and other immediate family of the member may be interred at the Temple upon request and approval of the Board of Directors.

The recommended donation varies depending on the location of the niche selected but will range between \$2,500 and \$5,000. We will also ask for an annual maintenance donation of \$100 each year.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the new year and we plan to have it completed by early Spring. Temple member, *Johnny Kamon*, is the architect who is generously donating his time to design and build the structure and he has provided drawings and a sample niche which are available upon request. If you are interested in the PBT nokostudo as a final resting place for you or a family member, contact Reverend Gibbs for more information. Brochures will be available soon.

Presidents' Message

Happy New Years Everyone! Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu !! I am grateful to everyone that supported the Temple this past year. It was a unique year and it tested the perseverance and resilience of Rev. Gibbs and

our Sangha. I would like to thank the Temple Board for all their support in helping make constantly-changing decisions in this year of *Corona*. Our Sunday services, like other Temples, are now held online. At first this felt like it might alienate our sangha, but now more people are able to listen to Rev. Gibbs' Dharma talks...not just from Pasadena, but from all over the world. I am grateful to Kathy Kumagai and Alan Goto who stepped up to produce and broadcast our online Obon event and our weekly services.

Our Temple has been closed since April. But the SOGs have been volunteering their time to help keep the grounds clean and in good working order. The SOGs include: Alan Hatakeyama, Bobby Fukumoto, Alan Goto, Marvin Inouye, Alan Nakagawa, Mark Oune, Scott Shinmoto, Ron Toshima, and Kyoko Gibbs (honorary).

Despite the pandemic, we have had to make a lot of adjustments. We did manage to hold several dinner fundraisers this year. We have learned how to make adjustments to ensure the safety of all our volunteers during these fundraisers. Thanks to all that came to help.

This year we also lost a very special member of our sangha. As soon as Lynne Ozawa joined our Pasadena sangha she stepped up and volunteered to work and organize many functions. She served as BWA president and was on the Temple Board of Directors for many years. She fiercely battled her health issues but never let it keep her from helping out. She was a friend to all and a remarkable person. She will be missed, and our condolences to her family: John, Robert & Shirley, Stephanie, and her father Bill Nishimura.

We need to "go with the flow" so lets hope that in 2021 we won't have to make many more adjustments to keep our lives balanced, knowing that it will not be the "normal" we were used to.

2020 Improvements: security cameras have been installed, new freezer is in the gym kitchen, energy efficient lighting has been installed, temple garden provided lots of fresh vegetables this year. We are streaming our services and also will be expanding to family memorial and funeral services.

I encourage you all to continue to support our Temple and the new incoming Board of Directors. There are some exciting things being planned for our members in 2021. Stay tuned!

Gassho and Happy New Year to ALL!

Jeannie Toshima



In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge members of our Temple that we lost in 2020. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, gathering for traditional services have been limited, and many have been postponed. We send our condolences to all the families that lost a loved one this past year.

Chiyo Kawamoto, Sayo Nakatani, Yukie Okazaki, and Kiyoshi Takeda

Most recently we lost *Lynne Midori Ozawa*. She was a very active member of our Temple. She was BWA president twice, a member of our Temple Board for many years and she served the BCA on the Buddhist Archives Committee.

For all her service she was awarded an Ingo from the *Honzan* in Kyoto through our BCA headquarters.



Proposed 2021 Pasadena Buddhist Temple Board of Directors

Officers:

President - Kathy Kumagai
1st Vice President - Gerry Ito (Membership)
2nd Vice President - Dona Mitoma (Religious Chair)
3rd Vice President - Alan Hatakeyama (Facilities)
4th Vice President - Alan Goto (Special Projects)
Secretary - Wes Kumagai
Treasurer - TBD
Auditor - Toru Hisayasu

Board of Directors

Alan Goto (2021)
Alan Hatakeyama (2021)
Gerry Ito (2021-2022)
Kathy Kumagai (2021)
Dona Mitoma (2021-2022)
Robert Ozawa (2021-2022)
Shelley Shinmoto (2021)
Scott Shinmoto (2021-2022)
Jeannie Toshima (Past President)

Rev. Gibbs' Classes at the Pasadena Temple are currently cancelled. We will work on getting some of his classes online. Thank you for your patience.

BCA 2021 Virtual Programs

All these programs are offered online so no travel plans need to be made. We have these listed on the Temple Website so you can just click to view. Some may require registration. Listing the January offerings only.

SHIN BUDDHISM and SCIENCE FICTION

January 9
11am-1 pm
Speakers: Rev. Harry Bridge, Rev. John Turner & Rev. Landon Yamaoka
Venture into dharma explorations inspired by science fiction films.

January 10
1 pm
BCA Youth Concert! (JAMS)
Jodo Shinshu Artists & Musicians Showcase
Enjoy a variety of performances by BCA youth.

January 30
5pm-6:30 pm
RELEVANT AMERICAN BUDDHISTS (RAB)
Speakers: Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka
Who and what were the RAB? Stories from BCA's 1970 program for young adults.

Visit PBT Website for updated information and links.

Thank You! **SAKURA NOODLE**

for donating all the precooked udon noodles and soup concentrate for our *Oseibo-Otoki-in-a-bag!* Many Thanks to our BWA members who volunteered to prepare the toppings for the udon: the hard boiled egg, cut green onions, kamaboko and delicious cha shu. Goshisosama!

Donations Received October and November

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

Shotsuki Hoyo October 4th & November 1st

.....Midori Ikenaga in memory of Jack S. Shigeno
Lisa Doi in memory of Kathryn Tokinobu Doi (2019)
Lisa Doi in memory of Kathryn Tokinobu Doi (2020)
Shinobu Kiriyama
Takako Murashige & Misa Kawano in memory of father Takaichi Goto
Denice Nakamura in memory of Aiji Uchiyama
Roy Sunada in memory of Akira Sunada
Tomomi Yamasaki
Sachiko Watari
Carol Oyama in memory of mother Yoshiko Nakashimo
Lillian Fukutani in memory of George Uyetanaka
Robert Kikkawa in memory of Shizue Kikkawa

Eitaikyo November 22nd

0 Hiroko Inouye
 0 Albert Nakata
 0 Maye Fukumoto
 0 Alan Goto, Alan Hatakeyama, John Ozawa, Lisa Doi, Mitsunori Nishikawa, Miyuki Takeda, Robert Kikkawa, Shinobu Kiriyama
 George Yamane
 Nina Akiyama, Sachiyo Hamada, Gerry Ito, Manabu Nishimoto, Roy Sunada, Jeannie Toshima, Akiko Tsukida, Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Tomomi Yamasaki
 Cliff Nakatani
 Minoru Okida, Carol Oyama, Mitsue Oyama, Sachiko Watari, Yoshiko Yamasaki
 William Fujimoto, Carolyn Matsuda

Special Donations

Kyoko Gibbs in memory of Rev. Kensho Okura
 George Sugimoto donation for SOGs
 George Sugimoto donation for Dharma School
 Kiyoe Suzuki, Hirohisa Suzuki 3rd year memorial
 Cary & Joy Cheng In memory of Sam Masumoto
 Lynne Masumoto, In memory of Sam Masumoto
 Meghan Shea
 Sachiko Watari in memory of Sam Masumoto
 Lynne Masumoto, Car Donation
 Toshiko Masumoto in memory of Sam Masumoto
 Gerry Ito in memory of Rev. Kensho Okura
 Shinobu Kiriyama, Beef Teriyaki
 Melissa Meza in memory of Sam Masumoto
 Janice Shue, One year memorial for Mrs. Toshiko Kawamoto
 Theone Yoshikawa in memory of Kikuyo Irene Ishikawa
 PNS Parking & refrigerator use
 Dennis Campos in memory of Yukie Okazaki
 Ikuko Miyashita
 SOGs
 Manabu Nishimoto, Obon
 Manabu Nishimoto, Ohigan
 Merle Ojuri
 PNS, Facility Use
 Sidney Kunitake, Masks
 Shatto Light, Succulent Wall
 Hiroko Inouye, Sukiyaki
 Lynne Masumoto, Masks
 Theone Yoshikawa in memory of Yukie Okazaki
 Dave Noda - donated a Craftsman 3HP Air compressor
 Tanya Kinoshita - 100 Purple Facemasks with wisteria logo
 Emiko Tagami - donated 8 Rolls Toilet Paper
 Bob Williams Nursery - Donated assorted plants for succulent wall



2021 Temple 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 \$275 and Family membership is \$450 (for couples and minor, unemployed children). 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.

Donate Your Car "Cars for the PBT Cause"



It's so easy and convenient to donate that old car you need to get rid of. Just let us know and all the arrangements will be made for you. You'll get the tax write-off,

feel great about donating to the Temple, and make room in your driveway for something new! Let's spread the word and help rid the world of clunkers. Contact Scott Shinmoto if you have questions. SShinmoto@outlook.com or call 310-991-0585.

COVID-19

..... Gerry Ito
 Randall Higa, Steven Kikkawa
 Stephanie Mizutani
 Minoru Okida



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. Our Temple raised almost \$750 this year from everyone's online shopping.

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BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

It is with great sadness that we ended 2020 with the loss of another past BWA President, Lynne Ozawa, on Bodhi Day. No one has had a greater impact on the re-shaping of our organization into a modern institution. Lynne encouraged younger temple members to join, introduced the Food Court to our Obon and encouraged our members to expand our participation in the BCA by getting more of us involved in the Southern District BWA, the national Federation of BWAs and by assisting our sister BWAs in Southern District with their fundraisers and Obons. She chaired the Cookbook Committee that produced Vol. 3 of our Flavors of Japan Cookbook. We will miss her friendship and leadership.

Thank you to our Toban leaders and BWA officers for helping the BWA navigate a difficult year. We learned how to use Zoom and finished the year with two successful fundraisers: the Holiday Silent Auction by Toban 2 and New Year Kamaboko/Sashimi Sale by Toban 1. Thank you to Tanya Kinoshita and Kyoko Gibbs for assisting Toban 2! Thank you to Jeannie Toshima for helping Toban 3 with the Kamaboko Sale.

It was an honor to serve as BWA President for 2020. We face an uncertain 2021 with hope for the future and gratitude for the opportunities we've had to serve the Temple and support each other through these difficult times.

Kathy Kumagai

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

This was a very tough year....but there were some highlights that I wanted to share:



BWA SuperBowl Chirashi and BWA New Year Luncheon

Special Service featuring the *Rainbow Connection* group.

We had a VIRTUAL OBON and OBON Dance...

2- Successful Silent Auctions
Monthly ZOOM meetings



2-BEEF Teriyaki Take-Out Fundraiser
Oseibo Otoki Udon to-go
We did well.....considering.

Gassho,
the Editor



Ho-On-Ko and New Year Luncheon

Ho-Onko Service, is the memorial service for Shinran Shonin scheduled for **January 17th**. 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 an obento (box lunch) drive-through. A donation towards the obento is appreciated (\$15 would cover the cost) but not mandatory.

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 11th**. Checks made out to PBT will be accepted at the obento pick-up. No credit cards will be accepted. Pick-up time and information will be sent via email or by a phone call.

We will have the New Year meeting, election and installation via ZOOM. Information regarding this meeting will be sent via mail. We hope you will be able to join us.

Ho-on-ko New Year Obento Reservation

Reserve your obento online by clicking on the Bento Graphic. You can mail in your donation or pay when you pick-up your order.



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Special Memorial Services

Memorial Services are an integral part of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and has been practiced since the death of the founder Shinran Shonin. **Nen-ki** ("yearly" observances), are special memorial services held during particularly auspicious years following the birth in the Pure Land of an individual.

This tradition was established upon the entering of Buddhism into China. The years chosen to observe these special observances are based on the Chinese Zodiac system which also lays the foundation for the often observed "kanreki (60 year)" birth day celebration.

If your loved one passed away in the following year listed, please arrange for a special memorial service with Rev. Gibbs:

2020	1st year memorial	2005	17th year memorial
2019	3rd year memorial	1997	25th year memorial
2015	7th year memorial	1989	33rd year memorial
2009	13th year memorial	1972	50th year memorial

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