



Pasadena Buddhist Temple Hikari

January & February, 2022

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What Shall We Do in this New Year

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Happy New Year! I am not sure how far you might be into 2022 as you read this, I wrote it prior to New Year's Day. As I look ahead to 2022 I am afraid it may look an awful lot like 2021. Still, that would not be as daunting as a repeat 2020. Get your vaccinations. Wear masks in public, in most situations. Be safe! And, now and then, you still may find yourself asking: - "What shall we do?"

Back in 1964 the Hollies recorded the song "Here I Go Again" which included the line, "What can I do when there's nothing I can do?" I have little doubt that that song, as well as a bunch of rock music used to be played in the fast food or convenience restaurants just across the street from Kyoto University, where Hisamatsu Shin-ichi taught Buddhist classes and Nan Zen Ji, where he taught Rinzai meditation.

In 1965 Hisamatsu announced a new koan (only the second ever by a Japanese teacher, all the rest are from Chinese teachers). That koan was - "What can I do when there's nothing I can do?" I suspect influence here. In any case, that Buddhist question seems relevant to emerging out of this pandemic we are in. It seems that, beyond getting vaccinated and wearing masks, there is nothing we can do.

The correct answer to "What can I do when there's nothing I can do?" is not, "well then, I just give up". I might advise, 'Just say the Nembutsu', but that would have a sectarian ring. What can I do when there's nothing I can do? Trust in goodness. Saying the nembutsu aloud is one way to express our trust in goodness. Uttering "Namo Amida Butsu" is a manner of reveling in our reliance upon what is good.

As the year 2022 unfolds, we may often feel like there is nothing we can do. In those moments, trust in goodness. Our form of Buddhism has its access to goodness, - the Buddha's promise of liberation for all. Other spiritual traditions have their own ways of accessing goodness; ... many of them do. Whatever we go on to do, may it be based on a trust in goodness. Every time we are unsure what to do, we might reflect, "I will try to gravitate toward goodness, - Namo Amida Butsu."

Oseibo - 2021



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)
- Our Dharma School teachers and advisors

Temple Calendar

January, 2022

Jan 2 Monthly Memorial Service

Jan 9 Family Service

Jan 16 Ho-On-Ko Service, New Year oBento Pick-up Temple General Meeting, PBT Board Installation

Jan 23 Family Service

Jan 30 Family Service

February, 2022

Feb 2 PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Feb 6 Monthly Memorial Service

BWA Annual NY Luncheon at Cherrystones in Gardena

Feb 13 Family Service & Lady Kujo Service

BWA - Super Bowl Chirashi Sale (Tentative)

Feb 20 Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service

Feb 27 Family Service

March, 2022

Mar 2 PBT Board Meeting

Mar 6 Monthly Memorial Service

Mar 13 NO Service at PBT Temple. National Council Eitaikyo Service

Mar 19 Spring Fundraiser Dinner (tentative)

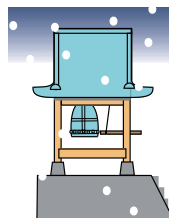
Mar 20 Spring Ohigan Service

Mar 27 Family Service

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

Joya-e Service

December 31, 2021



Join members of our sangha on the final day of 2021 for a "safe distanced" **Joya-e "Service"**.

Come to the temple, *if vaccinated*, at 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.

Ho-onko Service

January 16, 2022

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.

After this service we traditionally hold our Annual General Meeting and elect the PBT board while dining on a New Year meal. 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 10th. Order forms can be found on page 3 of this Hikari or on the Website.

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 2nd

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

February Shotsuki Service - February 6th

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

March Shotsuki Service - March 6th

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, Hatsutarō
DOI, Eioi	KATO, Mitsu	MORIMOTO, Ito	SHIGEISHI, Tayoko	YAMAGUCHI, Rev. Ken
FUJIMOTO, Masako	KATO, Seiichi	MORIMOTO, Momoyo	SHIGENO, Hatsutarō	YAMANAKA, Mary
FUJIKAWA, Dean	KAWAHARA, Musaku	MORIOKA, Chiyomi	SUGASAWARA, Matsuo	YAMANE, Chieko
FUJITAKI, Isamu	KAWAHARA, Okame	MORIOKA, Kikuji	SUGIYAMA, Tokiji	YAMANE, Katsutarō
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	TAKENOUCHE, Shinichi	YAMASAKI, Yoshimasa
HIRATA, San	KUBO, Seijiro	NISHIMOTO, Masaichi	TAMURA, Hisako	YAMASAKI, Yayoi
HIRAYASU, Najiro	KURAOKA, Sakuichi	NISHIMOTO, Masako	TANABE, Masao	YOKOYAMA, Ikuo
HONDA, Shin	KURASHITA, Shigeru	OGAWA, Chiyoko	TESHIMA, Tokichi	YUJIRI, Hisa
HORI, Rennosuke	KURAMOTO, Lily Yuriko	OTAKE, Torao	TOGASHI, Akira	
IKE, Saburo	KURATA, Tsuyu	OTANI, Kazuichi	TOINAKA, Tagoro	
IINUMA, Chiyoko	KUWAHARA, Waki	ROPPIYAKUDA, Satoru Joe	TOKOROSAKI, Katsuno	

Ho-On-Ko and New Year Luncheon



Ho-Onko Service, is the memorial service for Shinran Shonin scheduled for **January 16th**. 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-paid 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 10th**. Obento must be pre-ordered & **prepaid**. 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

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Email for confirmation _____

Please mail this back with your donation by January 10th. We will contact you on the pick-up procedure and time by email or phone.

_____ I am a 2021 Member of Pasadena Buddhist Temple

_____ Yes, I/we would like to reserve a New Year Obento and will pick it up on January 16th.

_____ No Obento this year, donation enclosed.

Please indicate how many and which Obento to reserve for you:

_____ Salmon Teriyaki, # _____ Beef Teriyaki, # _____ Vegetarian

Donation Enclosed \$ _____ Please submit this reservation to the Temple no later than **Monday, Jan. 10, 2022**

USC Pacific Asian Museum Guided Tour

Resident Artist: Alan Nakagawa

Members and friends are invited to a special exhibitions tour at the USC Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101, tour begins at 3:30 PM, Thursday, January 13, 2021

Please RSVP by Monday January 10 at: invisibleteahouse@gmail.com

Museum Curator, Rebecca Hall, and PBT Artist-in-Resident, Alan Nakagawa, will collaborate on the tour which will include the development of the group exhibition: *Intervention: Fresh Perspectives After 50 Years*.

Alan's installation is titled "**tamashiP galactic**". The fake sci-fi movie was inspired by the 2,400 objects in the collection that have no information because they were acquired before the Museum had a proper registration system. The Museum will eventually deaccession them. Alan calls them "orphan objects" and his sci-fi inspired art installation aims to save them from their fate.

The installation includes a soundtrack, spaceship, movie schweg and a dozen *Sarcie Dolls*. These dolls were created during the summer of 2021 by a few members of the *Sumire-Kai*, the Temple's Sewing Club.

Congratulations to our final 2021 Opportunity Raffle Winners

November, 2021 (\$500)

Naomi Yonezawa

December 2021 (\$1000 each)

Patrick Ryan and Mark Umemoto



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 2022 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.



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who, like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following *wasan* poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,

It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.

This self is false and insincere;

I completely lack a pure mind. (*Hymns of the Dharma-ages*)

As the *wasan* shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2022

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Honewanji-ha

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。
昨年一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)の流行に対応したものととなりました。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、治療・対策にあたれている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

この新型コロナウイルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を描かれています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むことになり

ます。
親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども 真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不实のわが身に 清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿彌陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿彌陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウイルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿彌陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を通じてまいりましょう。

現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教えを広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げます、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2022年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光洋

For a New Year of Hope and Optimism

The Enlightening, Saving Light known as the *Buddhadharma* (Buddhism) often manifests itself in begins that are formally not adherents of the *Buddhadharma*. This article cites one such example; namely. That of the world renown Primatologist and Naturalist, **Dr. Jane Goodall**.

Although formally not a Buddhist, after years in the forest of Africa, toward the end, Dr. Goodall noted that she began to awaken to the “beingness of the trees;” that is, to the quintessential Truth of what Buddhism calls the *Buddha-Nature* or the “Thusness and As-is-ness” of all beings, including that of “grasses, trees, and (the) land itself.” (Somoku-kokudo).

With this awareness of the Oneness of all beings, Dr. Goodall gave herself over to the task of the healing of the world at large. Toward that goal, the Dr. has been travelling (Zooming) the world over for the past 300 days out of the year.

And yet, the response to her efforts have been “less than overwhelming.” Despite this, Dr. Goodall, with great patience, continues on, most recently with her 24th book, “*The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Time*.”

And she vows, “I care about the future (of humanity and the world) ...(the) Animals ...(the) Trees ...(the) Children, and I’m obstinate and I won’t give in; I won’t be defeated (by those who would harm and destroy our world.)”

In the New Year, then, may we all learn from the example set by Dr. Goodall and may we too strive to work toward the cleansing and healing of this, our world, always with the unquenchable hope and optimism of a Dr. Jane Goodall.

Gassho, Rev. Tetsuo Unno

(Postscript: Dr. Goodard’s *Giving* (of herself to the work of healing the world), *Patience*, and her (*Vow of*) *Unyielding Effort* find their counterpart in three of the *Six Paramitas*: *Dana*, *Kshanti*, and *Virya* respectively.

Proposed 2022 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 Hatakeyama (2022-2023)
- Gerry Ito (2022)
- John Kamon (2022-2023)
- Kathy Kumagai (2022-2023)
- Cathy Mikuni (2022-2023)
- Dona Mitoma (2022)
- Robert Ozawa (2022)
- Scott Shinmoto (2022)
- Jeannie Toshima (2022)

Classes

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, Attentiveness

Meditation class - Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Donations Received October and November

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

Shotsuki Hoyo October 3rd & November 7th

0 Mary Sato & Jean Ito
0 Mark Araki in memory of George Uyetanaka
0 Kyoko Gibbs
0 Alan Hatakeyama in memory of Tamiko Goto
0 Corinne Ishikawa in memory of Irene Kikuyo Ishikawa
0 Shinobu Kiriyama
0 Shinobu Kiriyama in memory of Takashi Kiriyama
0 Albert Nakata in memory of Terri Nakata
0 Ken Okazaki in memory of Yukie Okazaki
0 Janice Shue in memory of Dave & Toshiko Kawamoto
0 Roy Sunada in memory of Akira Sunada
0 Naomi Yonesawa in memory of dad Yoshio Norman Yonesawa
Marvin Inouye
Misa Kawano in memory of Takaichi Goto
Takako Murashige in memory of Takaichi Goto
Susan Tsuji in memory of Seiichi, Akira, Mae, Isuyo Yamane
Sachiko Watari in memory of Asano & Ichiro Masumoto
Anonymous
Carol Oyama in memory of Yoshiko Nakashimo
Robert Fukumoto in memory of mom Ritsu Jane Fukumoto
Yoshiko Yamasaki in memory of Masuo Yamasaki
Robert Fukumoto in memory of Joe Ninoru Fukumoto
Kathy Kumagai

Eitaiyo November 14th

0 ...Maye Fukumoto, Alan Goto, Hiroko Inouye, Albert Nakata, Anonymous
0 ...Nina Akiyama, Irene Fujimoto, Alan Hatakeyama, Shinobu Kiriyama, Kathy Kumagai, Mitsunori Nishikawa, John Ozawa, Rev. Tetsuo Unno
....Gerry Ito, Carolyn Matsuda, Melissa Meza, Clifford Nakatani, Michiko Oba, Jane Smith, Roy Sunada, Anonymous, Pasadena BWA
....Carol Oyama
....Sachiyo Hamada, Corrine Ishikawa, Minoru Okida, Akiko Tsukida, Sachiko Watari
....Lynne Masumoto, Jeannie Toshima

Special Donations

....Anonymous
....Sharon Lee, OREI Facility use
....Tom Fujiwara, Funeral Sayo Fujiwara
....Midori Ikenaga, In memory of Jack Shigeno
....Berry Yumori-Kaku, In memory of Mary Hatate
....SOGs, In memory of Lynne Ozawa
....Teri Musashi Fall Dinner donation for Chashu
....Takashi & Yumi Kushi
....Albert Nakata, Fall Ohigan
....Rumiko Shiroma, Covid-19
....La Donna Yumori-Kaku, In memory of Mary Hatate
....BCA Dana Program
....Pasadena BWA, Gotane & Obon
....Athena Watanabe, Fall Dinner
....Emiko Tagami
....Pasadena Nikki Seniors, OREI facility use
....John Morris
....LA Taiko Ichiza, OREI Facility use
....Norman Noji, Study Class
....Henrietta Moskowitz
JSL Foods, Inc - 6-cases of Yakisoba noodles and 2-cases Almond cookies for Fall Dinner

Presidents' Message

Growing up in the Tacoma Buddhist Church in the 60s and 70s I was always confused about what terms were Buddhist Dharma and what was Japanese culture/character. One of those words I heard frequently was "gaman," sometime translated as "enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity." 2021 gave all of us plenty of opportunity to practice "gaman" and it looks like that will continue into 2022. What gives me hope is the presence of tools to live with the threats Coronavirus: testing, vaccines, masks and social distancing, air circulation and sanitization, and now, finally, treatments. We also have learned to practice compassion, kindness, resilience and community within our Sangha and with the world at large. We face additional challenges in 2022. We have discovered additional challenges to the physical well-being of our temple during December of termites and asbestos used in the construction of our buildings. We are actively seeking expert advice on the extent of the damage and threats to our Sangha and buildings. We will report more fully to you in January.

In the meantime, please stay safe, and do not hesitate to seek help from our temple community during these interesting times. Buddhism teaches about impermanence and the oneness of all life. We can not only get through this together, we can learn how to use the lessons of the Dharma to help us move forward.

If you would like to support the temple with the purchase of an Opportunity Drawing ticket, please contact a Board member or email the temple. The first drawing will be at the temple General Meeting and New Year celebration at Ho-Onko.

In Gassho, Kathy Kumagai



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.

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BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The BWA has been very busy the latter part of 2021 helping with the Fall Dinner and preparing otoki for the special services. Thanks to everyone that support by our annual Kamaboko and Sashimi Sale, this is an important fundraiser for our organization. The BWA is starting their membership drive for 2022. There is no age requirement to join. We hope you consider joining this group that supports the Temple and the youth groups. Membership is \$25/year.

World BWA conference will held in Kyoto in 2023. If interested in attending with group rates, contact Cathy Mikuni or let Sensei know ASAP.

We would like to acknowledge the following for donations received:

- \$15Roy Okida, Benrina
- \$500 ...Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Thank you
- \$200 ...Heather Lim, Thank you
- \$140 ...George Sugimoto
- \$30Yuki Kataoka and Reiko Shishido, Oseibo otoki

Sakura Udon for donating all the udon used to prepare otoki for Oseibo.

Yamasa Enterprise for supporting the Kamaboko sale

Jeanne Ideno, for donating and cooking the Chashu for Oseibo otoki



Panda Community Fundraiser January 12, 2022

Support BWA by having a Panda Express meal on January 12th. Order must be made online, but you can order from ANY Panda in the country. So share this code with friends and relatives that live across the country!

How? ONLINE ORDERS only. Apply code **905821** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at order.pandaexpress.com or via their App. If you need help ordering, please contact any BWA member and we can do the ordering for you. Orders can be made ahead of time and picked up on January 12th. BWA will get 28% of the sales from this event.

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

Thanks to Venice Buddhist Temple website for this information.

2021 Paid Membership

We would like to thank all the sangha members listed below for investing in our Temple. We hope that you consider becoming a member of the Pasadena Buddhist Temple in 2022.

Legacy Members

Marvin Inouye & Dona Mitoma	Mitsunori Nishikawa
Dennis & Tina Marie Ito	John Ozawa
Gerry & Linda Ito	Scott, Shelley & Kyle Shinmoto
Shinobu Kiriyama	George Sugimoto

Members

Mark Araki	Ken, Zeena, & Kyle Okazaki
Ron & Cindy Dyo	Minoru & Toyoko Okida
Lillian Fujimoto & David Hampton	Mark Oune
Calvin & Patty Fujiwara	Carol Oyama
Robert Fukumoto	Robert Ozawa & Shirley Lee
Alan Goto	Lisa Doi-Peterson & Mark Peterson
Sachiyo Hamada	Jennifer Relth
Alan & Lori Hatakeyama	Maye Fukumoto & Patrick Ryan
Howard & Mitsuko Hays	Jose Salcedo
Toru Hisayasu	Emily Sato
Midori Ikenaga	Reiko Shibasaki
Jane Inouye	Kenneth, Janice, Katie & Olivia Shue
Linda Inouye	Dennis Sugita
Yuka Kimbell	Roy & Pam Sunada
Robert Kikkawa	Kiyoe Suzuki
Hiroshi & Chiyo Kikkawa	Patrick & Stefani Takahashi
Steven Kikkawa	Lisa Tanahashi
Tanya Kinoshita, Lucas & Sasha Lee	Steven & Irene Tanihara
Aki Kiriyama	Ikuye Tanimoto
Shoji Kiriyama	Kimiyo Thomas
Hatsumi-Kitani	Ron & Jean Toshima
Wesley & Kathleen Kumagai	Julie Toyama
Heather Lim	Kevin, Sandy, Matthew, & Morgan Tsujihara
Ray, Lynne, Nicholas Masumoto	Alice Tsukida
Carolyn Matsuda	Tetsuo Unno
Paul, Melissa, Lia, & Lorie Meza	Jane Yamanaka
Catherine Mikuni	Albert Yamasaki
Arlene Mizusaki	Yoshiko Yamasaki
Albert Nakata	Tomomi Yamasaki
Clifford Nakatani	Naomi Yonesawa
Manabu Nishimoto	
David Nishimura	
Ron & Michiko Oba	

2022 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, Family membership is \$450 (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.