



Pasadena Buddhist Temple Hikari September & October 2022

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We Must Keep the Children Safe

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Last month, in the Hikari newsletter, I encouraged you to feel that, at a deep spiritual level, you are safe. It would be great if we could all feel assured of our long-term well-being, through the compassion of Amida Buddha. In the intervening few weeks there have been about a half dozen more mass shootings in the USA. This month, I want to ask you to make a commitment with me to keep our children safe. To keep all children safe. To keep them safe from violence.

Firearm violence is the major cause of death for persons under 18, in the USA now. If you don't think restrictions on gun ownership are necessary, then do something else. Work to make psychological counselling more available to the poor and working classes. Commit yourself to bringing greater wage equality to our society. Study martial arts and become Billy Jack. But do something.

My sons will be born into the Nirvanic realm of Amida's Pure Land when they pass on. I have no real doubt of that. I do not know if that transition takes place many, many years from now, ... or not. It matters a great deal to me that Ren and Sho have long, full and fulfilling lives here, before moving on to become Buddhas. This world too is worthy. The lives we are leading on earth are valuable, meaningful, worthy of our appreciation.

We must stop the violence if we can. Dial down the violence in our society for sure. This will involve some sorts of legislative action, some political advocacy. We may start, however, in renouncing violence in our daily lives. If we blow up at someone; if possible, apologize and move on. If it is not possible to credibly apologize, just move on.

We must try to include everyone in Awakening to the Oneness of all Life. We must concern ourselves with the well-being of our family, friends, and acquaintances. We must include the family dog, somehow, in this realization of connection. We must include the stray dog across the street. But we must be careful. Sometimes stray dogs are dangerous. Sometimes the family dog is dangerous. Stay safe. Keep the Children Safe.

- 17th ANNUAL -
**SHOPPING
EXTRAVAGANZA**

September 24th

Pasadena BWA has been selected (again) for the 17th Annual Shopping Extravaganza, to be held Saturday, September 24th. Tickets are on sale now to benefit PBTBWA. Tickets are \$35/each. BWA gets \$25 from the sale of each ticket. Wine Tasting, Exclusive Discounts, and Lunch from Ruby's Diner. Tickets can be ordered online at <https://citadelshopx.com/> Make sure to select **Buddhist Women's Association** as your charity of choice. Questions or need help ordering your tickets? Email PasadenaBWA@gmail.com. You can also contact your toban leader. It is a GREAT way to start your holiday shopping.

Temple Calendar

September, 2022

- 04Monthly Memorial Service 10 AM
- 07PBT Board meeting @ 7:15 PM
- 11Family Service
- 17Keiro-no-Hi event here at PBT
- 18Family Service, 10 AM
- 24BWA Shopping Extravaganza - Citidel Outlets
- 25**Fall Ohigan Service, Guest Speaker Rev. Ko'e Umezu**

October, 2022

- 02Monthly Memorial Service 10 AM
- 05PBT Board Meeting @ 7:15 pm
- 09Family Service, BWA Memorial Service
- 16Family Service, 10 AM
- 23Family Service, 10 AM
- 30Family Service, 10 AM

November, 2022

- 02PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 06Monthly Memorial Service
- 13Eitaikyo Memorial Service
- 19Grateful Crane Fundraiser - **Tentative**
- 20Family Service
- 27**NO Service**

September & October 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 Tuesday at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Meditation

Rev. Gibbs will instruct and lead participants through several different forms of meditation: mindfulness of breath, visualization. Sundays at Noon.

Tai Chi

Rev. Gibbs will instruct and lead participants in Tai Chi. in Sakai Hall at 1:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursday. Beginners are welcome, please wear comfortable clothing.

Please check calendar as funerals, hospital visitations and such can preempt scheduled classes www.PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org.

Join us on Mondays (9/12) at 8:30 am to walk inside the Temple parking lot. Dogs are welcome. Then stay and play Pickle Ball at 11:00 am.

We will also play Pickle Ball on Sundays at 11:15, starting on September 1st.

Shotsuki Service (Monthly Memorial Service) is held for those who passed away during a particular month. As the names are called, 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 4th

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, Tokutarō
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 2nd

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

November Shotsuki Service - November 6th

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

The Pasadena Buddhist Temple offers their sincere condolence to the family of Edward Takemori who passed away July 19, 2022





Buddhist Women's Association News

Once again we find ourselves in the middle of the summer heat. But it is reassuring that we can now go to our Hondo and enjoy the coolness of the air, the peacefulness of our surroundings while listening to the teachings of the Buddha by Reverend Gibbs. We are able to enjoy this because of the help from so many members of our Sangha to restore our Hondo. Thank you to all those who lent a helping hand and a strong back.

On July 2nd, the BWA had a morning devoted to polishing the ornaments from the onajin. The onajin's appearance was again gleaming.

We came together this year to enjoy Obon with our family and friends. The BWA was busy with offerings of delicious favorites to eat, selling treasures on the Silent Auction site and dancing the night away to our favorite Bon Odoris.

But, with sadness, the Celebration of Life for Lefty Kikkawa and the funeral service for Ed Takemori were held in the month of August. BWA was there to lend a hand and help their families. Thank you to our BWA ladies for their help and support.

September brings a busy month for the Temple and BWA. We will be providing lunch for the Pasadena Nikkei Seniors. The Keiro no Hi will be held at the Temple on Saturday, September 17th. And please do not forget to sign up for the *Citadel's Shopping Extravaganza* on Saturday, September 24th. Not only will you have the opportunity to save mega dollars at all the stores but the BWA will also profit from your ticket sales. And not to forget, Fall Ohigan otoki will be offered by the BWA.

August 31st is your day off from cooking. Join us for the Panda Express fundraiser. Everyone across the U.S. is welcome to join in. Online code is **909587**.

The BWA is here to comfort, to listen or to help those who are in need, even if it's for a ride or maybe just a pick-up and deliver. Please contact any of our members and we will be glad to assist.

BWA Financial Update:

- We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$100 from Tomomi Yamasaki.
- \$154.84 - Income from Sorriso and Mendocino Farms fundraiser
- \$427.01 - Income from Panda Fundraiser, April 12th
- \$316.85 - Income from Panda Fundraiser, July 27th.

2022 Obon Raffle Winners

\$500 Liz Hamada

\$200 - Lynne Masumoto and Tyler Matsuda

\$100 - Hiroko Inouye and Lynne Masumoto

\$50 - June Chin, Liz Hamada, Madison Hirano, Haruko Sato, Ellen Shimamoto

Monthly Opportunity Raffle Winners

July.....Kay Abe

August.....Sean Toshima



Presidents' Message

Temple life has been very focused on recovery from the pandemic and physical improvements to our buildings to support the health and well-being of our Sangha in the six months leading up to July. It was with deep gratitude and joy that I watched the temple grounds return to life with an in-person mini-Obon. Many people approached me to thank the temple for holding an Obon that felt safe, where they could see friends for the first time in months. This Hikari will include the names of the many who contributed in-kind and monetary donations and labor. Please know that every minute, dollar, ingredient and Silent Auction/raffle item is deeply appreciated. The Three Treasures of Buddhism are the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. Mini-Obon was a time for Sangha; to remember our loved ones who have passed and dance with joy with our loved ones and friends still present. Thank you, everyone. As a bonus, this Mini-Obon was also very successful financially, within shouting distance of pre-pandemic levels.

As a temple we also were able to celebrate two members being honored at Nisei Week 2022: Mr. George Sugimoto and Ms. Lorie Meza. Mr. Sugimoto was the parade Grand Marshal and Ms. Meza is a Nisei Week Princess, representing Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute.

Please consider returning to temple in the Fall to see the restored Hondo, attend a class or volunteer. We will be introducing a line-up of activities for the Sept-December quarter for all ages and interests. In the meantime, please visit our website (PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org), Facebook, Instagram or YouTube Channel, and subscribe to our weekly news e-blast to stay informed on all of our activities.

In gassho,

Kathy Kumagai

2022 Obon

Pasadena had a very "safe" in-person festival this year. It looked very different than our "regular" Obon, but we did manage to have dancing, food and people on the grounds. We have posted many photos of Obon on the website, so please take a look at them.

Many thanks to the Pasadena BWA, Dharma School, SOGs, and the Chicken Teriyaki crew for providing all the food on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks also to the Silent Auction crew!

Preliminary financial report shows that we made almost \$30,000 for our Obon weekend. Thanks to everyone who sold and purchased Raffle Tickets, food and Silent Auction items.

Thanks need to be extended to **Irene and Steve Tanihara** who came out to teach us the Obon dances, **Ricky Oyama** for being our onsite Medic, LA Taiko Ichiza for providing a Taiko performance and Bon Daiko players. The 2021 Nisei Week Court came and danced with us too. Thanks also to the Bruins who helped provide man/woman power with set-up and clean-up.

An event like this takes many, many people and the PBT board is grateful to everyone that took their time to help!

Gassho, Jeannie Toshima (Obon Chair)

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A New Found Wisdom at Disney World

This month's article is a summary of a one-page article that appeared in the July issue of *The New Yorker* magazine. The story was titled "The World of Disney" and it went like this:

Two college students, one Indian and one Chinese decide to drive to Disney World from New Jersey. This was the first time that they had "struck out *into* America," which left them feeling somewhat vulnerable.

Up to then, their experience was such that races tended to be segregated, e.g. at the beaches or restaurants and so forth. But they noticed the lines at Disney World were different. That is, White, Black, Asians, Hispanic people were standing in line together, next to each other.

Up to that time, the writer of the article confessed that out of feeling somewhat intimidated by whites, he would habitually lie when talking to them. For example, when asked what car they drove, they would reply "a white Lotus." Or that they were sons of ambassadors.

But soon tiring of lying, they began to have simple, ordinary conversations with their line-mates, in which one lady talked about her recent divorce, another about his ailing grandfather and so forth.

He then began to realize that *white people were human too*. The article ends with them sleeping in their car at a rest area at two or three in the morning, they could hear people murmuring to each other and with "Their voices all of a piece with the sky and the soft air and the clicking palm trees."

Gassho, Rev. Tetsuo Unno

Note: for the original article, see "The New Yorker," July 11 & 18, 2022.

2022 NISEI WEEK NEWS



George Sugimoto was named the Grand Marshall for this year's event and Lorie Meza was crowned Princess. See more info on Website.

JUNIOR YBA NEWS

Shave Ice



Ren Gibbs and his friends worked at the Obon by selling the most delicious and fluffy shaved Ice. All proceeds were donated to the Temple. Many thanks to Marvin Inouye for training and guiding the crew!

Pasadena Jr. YBA will start this year by attending the 72nd Southern District Jr. YBL 2022 Conference hosted by OCBC on Sep. 3rd, In-Person!

It has been a long wait to finally get to know each other better and learn about Buddhism at our temple. Also, there will be many volunteer opportunities!

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, we will have a meeting. Everyone in high school is welcome to join us!

Please contact Kyoko if you have a high schooler that is interested.

Gassho...Thank you.

Current Members: Mikala, Panther, and Ren

Advisor: Kyoko Gibbs

Dharma School & Sangha Teens

Dharma School is designed for the young children of our Sangha to learn more about Buddhism and what it means to be a Buddhist and a compassionate human being.

Since these young children are not able to drive, we hope that some of the parents and grandparents might think about bringing the children to Temple to get acquainted with our wonderful religion.

We will try and create a warm and hands-on class to help the children learn. We are still working on a schedule for the Dharma School, so if you are interested, please contact Jeanie Toshima for more information.

We hope that Dharma School experience will be just as rewarding for the parents and grandparents of the children. Learn about Buddhism with your child!

Sangha Teens is the youth group for Middle School children. Events are being planned for this age group also. This is a wonderful way to have your child meet other kids from different temples.

Gassho!

Donations Received June & July

The following donations received in the month of June 2022 & July 2022 are gratefully acknowledged.

Shotsuki Hoyo June 5th & July 3rd

\$250... Leslie Fujii In memory of Ruth Fujii 13th year memorial
 \$200... Maye Fukumoto in memory of Ritsu Fukumoto & Hohichi Kamoto
 \$200... Michiko Oba in memory of mother Yaeko May Sakahara
 \$150... Ken Okazaki In memory of Yukie & Sid Okazaki
 \$100... Aileen Fujimori in memory of husband William Fujimori
 \$100... Gerry Ito in memory of Shigeo Ito
 \$100... Don Kikkawa in memory of Robert Kikkawa
 \$100... Clifford Nakatani in memory of Sayo Nakatani
 \$100... David Nishimura in memory of Roy Nishimura
 \$100... Irene Tanihara in memory of father, Sadao Sano
 \$100... Naomi Yonesawa in memory of Kiyoko "Kay" Yonesawa
 \$100... Jane Smith in memory of Yukie Hamano
 \$50..... June Chin in memory of Hiroko Ropyyakuda
 \$50..... Alice Fong in memory of mom Mitsuko Fujitaki
 \$50..... Takako Murashige in memory of Takaichi & Chiyoko Goto, George Murashige, Al Ishida
 \$50 Albert Nakata in memory of George Shigeo Nakanishi
 \$50..... Roy Sunada in memory of Kenny Sunada
 \$50..... Tomomi Yamasaki
 \$50..... Yoshiko & Stephanie Yamasaki In memory of Masuo Satoko
 \$50..... Misa Kawano In memory of Takaichi Goto, Chiyoko Goto, and Al Ishida
 \$40..... Carol Oyama

Obon July 16th

\$5,000..Hiroko Kunitake
 \$450.....Dennis Ito
 \$300.....Albert Tsukimoto
 \$200.....Fukui Mortuary, Alan Hatakeyama, Teruye Kawahira-Musashi, David Nishimura, John Ozawa
 \$150.....Heather Lim
 \$100.....Alan Goto, Gerry Ito, Shinobu Kiriya, Albert Nakata, Mitsunori Nishikawa, San Gabriel Nursery, Roy Sunada, Jerilyn Takeda, Tomomi Yamasaki
 \$75.....Sachiko Watari
 \$50.....Yukiko Kataoka, Carolyn Matsuda, Ikuko Miyashita, John Nakaki, Clifford Nakatani, Susan Nishio, Carol Oyama, Collen Shimamoto, Rumiko Shiroma, Reiko Shishido, Christine Sugimoto, Dennis Sugita, Emiko Tagami, Jeanie Toshima, Pasadena BWA
 \$30.....Minoru Okida
 \$25.....Julie Toyama

Special Donations

\$30,000...George Sugimoto, Asbestos/Termite Fund
 \$1,000.....Ken Okazaki, Asbestos/Termite Fund
 \$1,000.....Irene Tanihara, Asbestos/Termite Fund
 \$500.....Lloyd Fujiwara
 \$500.....Maye Fukumoto & Patrick Ryan, Asbestos/Termite Fund
 \$250.....Stephanie Ozawa -Asbestos/Termite Fund in memory of Lynne Ozawa
 \$200Albert Nakata, Asbestos/Termite Fund
 \$100..... Yoji Arai, Asbestos/Termite Fund
 \$100.....Alan Goto, Silent Auction
 \$100.....Rev. Okada OREI
 \$100.....BCA Dana donation - Alan Goto & John Ozawa
 \$72.....Kroger Ralphs fundraiser
 \$50.....Irene Fujimoto
 \$50.....Joanne Yamahata
 \$50.....LA Taiko Ichiza, LLC
 \$30.....Nancy Takata
 \$29.....Kuma Vending Vending Machine
 \$20Snow Cone sale
 \$17.....Wire Recycle

Hatsubon July 17th

\$400.....Sharon Lee in memory of Robert Kikkawa
 \$100.....Tokunori Takahashi
 \$50.....Jeannie Toshima

Invisible Tea House Artist-in-Resident (AiR) Update

We have begun coordinating several new projects for Invisible Tea House Phase Three:

1. Full Moon Raku Tea Ceremony 1: In December, we'll have a special ceramic workshop headed by artist Wayne Perry, where we'll create tea bowls out of Raku-friendly clay.
2. Full Moon Raku Tea Ceremony 2: During the full moon on January 6, 2023, we will have a special tea ceremony by Jose Salcedo Sensei and his school with live Koto music by June Chin and Hiroko Masuda. This will be followed by an invitation for anyone who would like to learn how to make the tea, during which a new composition by Alan Nakagawa featuring acoustic bass by Zoe Kumagai-Elias will be performed.
3. In January of 2023, a series of panel talks will be presented in person and on Zoom featuring speakers on topics such as the inter-ethnic history of Temple's neighborhood and examples of how the arts have been used to build community involvement in LA County.
4. For the 2023 Spring Pasadena Art Night, we will present two projects: 1) Tree Stories, Nakagawa is developing a temporary soundscape for the trees in the parking lot, taking soundbites from all of the interviews he's conducted since he became the Temple's Artist-in-resident. 2) AIGA, we will screen a movie in the gym with social distancing seating in homage to the Japanese movie screenings the Temple once offered (1960-70's).

Alan Nakagawa, PBT A.i.R.
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PBT has a new Signboard. Funds were donated by Kyoko Gibbs and her Family and was designed and build by Max Goldman. Next time you enter the grounds, look to the right of the driveway to see this beautiful board. Many thanks to the SOGs who helped with the installation.