



Pasadena Buddhist Temple Hikari

March & April, 2024

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Spring is Brief, Like Life Itself

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

As I write this, lovely springtime is coming soon. By the time you read this, it could already have passed. In California, spring is brief, like life itself. In Japan, the fall is my favorite season. In California, it's spring that I particularly enjoy.

The Central San Joaquin valley has a spring that only lasts about three weeks, on a hot year, less. People joke that there is no spring in Fresno, but for those of us who actually lived there, there was always a brief but genuine spring. One year it was hardly more than three days, but I noticed and appreciated it. Life is worthy and brief, like the springtime. We must try, occasionally, to pause and take it all in.

The Pasadena Buddhist Temple has been in existence, in its present form, for 66 years now. Our national organization, the Buddhist Churches of America is in its 125th year. Our mother temple and the Hongwanji organization are in their 801st year. Mahayana Buddhism and its Pure Land stream of traditions developed about 2200 years ago. Sakyamuni's foundational insight was more than 2,500 years ago. Pretty solid, as religious traditions go. In fact, it is probably the oldest continuous religious traditions [Zoroastrianism and 'Hinduism' have changed greatly over the centuries without the clear inclusion and reintegration of new developments as we see in Buddhism].

So, as spiritual traditions go, we're real old and well settled. The Buddhist tradition seems to be the most stable of all. 2,500 years and counting. However, relative to the more than 4½ billion years the earth has been here that is not so long. Buddhist spirituality, on planet earth, has been like the glittering of light on a grass tip. It will be good if we can appreciate this more than we usually do.

They have the Buddha-dharma on other planets and in other realms, no doubt. However, our version here on earth is quite rich and diverse, a remarkable version. Let's endeavor to really value what we have in our religion. Here on earth the Buddha-dharma will disappear one day. Human beings will disappear one day. Life itself will end one day. Like the spring it is impermanent. Like the spring it returns. Like the spring it is real and available for our enjoyment right now.

Spring Ohigan March 17th

Ohigan, meaning *Other Shore*, is a service conducted during the spring equinox. At this time, 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 sacred shrine of Amida Buddha and meditate on the harmony of nature and devote ourselves to the realization of this harmony in our inner lives.



You are cordially invited to our Spring Ohigan service on Sunday, March 17th beginning at 10:00am and can be viewed on the PBT YouTube channel and the Temple website. **Rev. Gregory Gibbs** will be sharing a dharma message.

We will also be recognizing new members for 2024. BWA will be serving light refreshments following the service.

Temple Calendar

March, 2024

- 3Shotsuki - Monthly Memorial Service
- 6PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 10Family Service
- 17Spring Ohigan Service & New Member Recognition**
- 24Family Service

April, 2024

- 3PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 7Shotsuki - Monthly Memorial Service
- 14Family Service
- 20BINGO Fundraiser**
- 21Hanamatsuri Service**
- 25BWA Panda Express Fundraiser, Online orders only
..... use Fundraising code: 920968
- 28Family Service

May, 2024

- 1PBT Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 5Shotsuki - Monthly Memorial Service
- 12Family Service
- 18Chicken Teriyaki Take Out**
- 19Gotan-E Service**
- 26**NO Service at Temple**
Memorial Day Cemetery Service at Mt. View cemetery

The Temple Calendar is "impermanent" so please check the website or sign-up for the weekly eBlasts.

Buddha Day • Hanamatsuri

April 21st

This is a very special service to commemorate the birth of Gautama Buddha, also known as Shakyamuni Buddha. Legend has it that he was born in Lumbini Garden surrounded by flowers, beautiful singing birds with gentle sweet rain falling on him.

At this service, a flower shrine known as a Hanamido is set-up as a symbol of Lumbini Garden. A statuette of the infant Buddha is placed in the hanamido and the sangha offer flowers and pour sweet tea over the statuette. We hope to see you at this very special service. BWA will be preparing otoki for all attendees.



If you have flowers we could use to decorate the hanamido, please contact *Kyoko Gibbs* or *Jeannie Toshima*. *Wisteria* and *Sweet Pea* flowers are most needed.



This is a self-paced online course to learn more about Buddhism. Learn how to bring Buddhist practice into your living space on a daily basis, and create an environment for practice and staying engaged. Visit our PBT website for more information.

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.

March Shotsuki Service - March 3rd

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

April Shotsuki Service - April 7th

DOI, Tomoyo	IWATA, Masu	NAKATANI, Sei	SATO, Tadao	YAMADA, Nitaro
FUJIKAWA, Masao	KAWAHARA, Hinasaku	NODA, Satoru	SERA, Rikue	YAMAGUCHI, Yasuyoshi
FUJIMOTO, Kenji	KAWAHARA, Sumako	NODA, Tadayuki	SUNADA, Kiyomi	YAMAMOTO, Tamigoro
FUKUMOTO, Suma	KAWAMOTO, Masami	OKAZAKI, Fuku	TAKAGI, Masaichi	YAMANE, George
GIBBS, Ruth	KIKKAWA, Alice	OKAZAKI, Shohachi	TAKEDA, Katsuichi	YAMANE, Ishi
GOTO, Tsune	KIMURA, Mamoru	OKI, Saiichi	TAMURA, Shie	YAMANE, Tsune
GOTO, Yoshio	KIRIYAMA, Aki	OKIDA, Hizume	TANAKA, Tazuno	YAMASAKI, Jun
HANASHIRO, Seiichi	KOBAYASHI, Sumie	OKUNO, Mitsuko	TANAKA, Yoshitaro	YAMASAKI, Masuichi
HARABE, Kazuaki	KONISHI, Tomi	OMORI, Fumiyo	TANIMOTO, Shigeyoshi	YAMASAKI, Teruo
HAYAMA, Yonekichi	KUBO, Tamino	OMURA, Tsuru	TARUMOTO, Naoichi	YAMASAKI, Ryuso
HIDA, Yuko	MATSUMURA, Buichi	OSHITA, Rikiye	Tom	YAMASAKI, Satoko
HINO, Naokichi	MITSUOKA, Shigeru	OTAKE, Shizue	TSUKIDA, Shiki	YAMASHITA, Naota
HOROWITZ-	MURAKI, Kayo	OTANI, Hamako	TSUKIMOTO, Tadashi	YAMASHITA, Yoshino
NISHIMOTO, Michi	MURAKI, Toraiichi	SAEDA, Asaichi	UTSUMI, Takeo Babe	YANO, Kizo (Kizou)
IKEDA, Dr. Kazuo	NAGATA, Nami	SAKAI, Gonzo	UYETANAKA, Toshiko	YONEDA, Hatsue Sue
INOUE, Kurakichi	NAGATANI, Ito	SAKIYABU, Shigeichi	WAKASA, Hisashi	
ISHIHARA, Kohei	NAKAGAWA, Mitchell Mitsuo	SAKAMOTO, Some	WAKASA, Mitsuye	
ISHITA, Shizuko	NAKANISHI, Yukiko	SAKAMOTO, Tsune	WATANABE, Tome	

May Shotsuki Service - May 5th

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

Paid 2024 Membership

Legacy Members

Many Thanks to everyone who paid for 2024 Membership. Individual membership is \$300, Family membership is \$500 (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.



Tamiko Goto
 Dennis & Tina Marie Ito
 Gerald & Linda Ito
 Shinobu Kiriya
 Sam Masumoto
 Dona Mitoma & Marvin Inouye
 Mitsunori Nishikawa
 Sid & Yukie Okazaki
 Mark Oune
 John & Lynne Ozawa
 Peterson Family Foundation
 Scott & Shelley Shinmoto
 George & Ruri Sugimoto

Individual Membership

Family Membership

Mark Araki
 Candice Doi
 Alan, Goto
 Evelyn Goto
 Heather Lim
 Chiyo Kikkawa
 Hiro Kikkawa
 Carolyn Matsuda
 Catherine Mikuni
 Lorie Meza
 Albert Nakata
 Clifford Nakatani
 David Nishimura
 Toyoko Okida
 Carol Oyama

Lisa Doi-Peterson & Mark Peterson
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 Johnny Kamon & Akiko Hunter
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 Paul, Miki, Lia Meza
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 Nathan & Christine Sugimoto
 Roy & Pam Sunada
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2024 Membership

Individual Friends Membership

Robert Fukumoto
 Toru Hisayasu
 Hiroko Inouye
 Jose Salcedo

Reiko Shibasaki
 Jane Smith
 Lisa Tanahashi

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 \$300, Family membership is \$500 for couples and children, and \$50 for 21 to 29 year olds. We also have a "Friend of the Temple" membership available.



Family Friends Membership

Ron & Cindy Dyo
 Lillian Fujimoto & David Hampton
 Steven & Elizabeth Kikkawa
 Steven & Irene Tanihara
 Kenneth & Janice Shue

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Moving from Ungratefulness to Gratefulness

Once a 13-year old teenager complained to his father: "My bed is too small and it's too hard !!!" The next day he continued to complain about his bed, adding "and the mattress is lumpy!" Finally, the father said to his son, "You don't like your bed? All right then, why don't you sleep outside on the grass in the backyard ..." To this, the 13-year old said, "All right, I'll do that ..." and in his pajamas, went outside and finding a grassy area, lay down and tried to go to sleep.

It was summer then and so, until 11:00 p.m. or so, the air outside, was quite warm. So, the boy thought to himself, "Hey, I think I can go to sleep!" But soon it began to get colder and colder. And the grass became wetter and wetter. On top of that he began to feel worms, or something like worms moving around and underneath his pajamas. On top of that, mosquitoes wouldn't stop flying around his head, face area and ears, and so forth, making it impossible to sleep.

After three hour or so, the boy knocked on the back door and when the father appeared to let him in, said, "I wanna sleep in my own bed" and without saying anything, the father opened the door. The wise father was satisfied that his son had learned an invaluable lesson: To be grateful for the things around him, whether it's the food that gives him life, the friends who enrich his life, the teachers who work to make him wiser, the parents who love him and of course, his bed.

Gassho,
 Rev. Tetsuo Unno



Legacy Giving Tree

The Legacy Fund was established to gather funds that can be used to sustain the Temple. We ask that you consider joining the many other thoughtful and generous members, by making a gift to the Pasadena Buddhist Temple Legacy Fund. Legacy members who donate \$5,000+ become life-time members of PBT. Legacy donations are available at different entry levels Contact Gerry Ito or Shelley Shinmoto for more information.

Chicken Teriyaki Take Out Dinner May 18, 2024

Our delicious BBQ Chicken Teriyake Take-Out dinner is back and will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Pick Up from 3:30PM - 5:30PM. Marinated in our own special Teriyake sauce, grilled and smoked on the outdoor pit over charcoal, our Chicken Teriyaki is a special treat only available now. Served with steamed rice and sides. Tables will be available for you to dine-in. All meals will be packed to go. All meals not picked up by 5:30PM will be considered a donation. **A limited amount of dinners will be sold**, don't miss getting yours!



Order forms will be sent out the beginning of April 2024

Donations Received December and January

The following donations received in the month of **December 2023 and January 2024** are gratefully acknowledged.

Shotsuki Hoyo - December 4th & January 8th

\$400 Michiko Oba in memory of father Isamu Sakahara
 \$300 Jean Ito in memory of Miyako Yamane
 \$200 Mary Sato & Jean Ito in memory of Isamu Sakahara
 \$100 Lisa Doi-Peterson, Candice Doi & Sanford Doi in memory of Kathryn Doi & Setsuyo Doi
 \$100 Carolyn Matsuda in memory of bachan Miyako Yamane
 \$100 Michiko & Ron Oba in memory of "Bachan"
 \$100 Michiko & Ron Oba in memory of "Jichan"
 \$80 Carolyn Matsuda in memory of Uncle Sam Isamu Sakahara
 \$75 Gerry Ito in memory of Toshiko Ito
 \$50 Mitsuko Hays in memory of Shizue Yano
 \$50 Yukiko Kataoka in memory of Daisuke Omori
 \$50 Dawn Kita in memory of Hagino Marumoto
 \$50 Catherine Mikuni in memory of Hanae Higashoka
 \$50 Takeko Murahige & Misa Kawano in memory of Chiyoko Goto
 50 Carol Oyama in memory of John Oyama & Shigeyoshi Fukeda
 \$50 Rumiko Shiroma in memory of Daisuke Omori
 \$50 Reiko Shishido Shotsuki in memory of Daisuke Omori
 \$50 Tomomi Yamasaki
 \$45 Yoshiko & Stephanie Yamasaki in memory of Masuo Yamasaki & Sayo Yamasaki

Oseibo December 11th

\$3,000 George Sugimoto
 \$3,000 BWA
 \$1,216.99.. Susan Sandberg
 \$500 Shinobu Kiriyaama Kathy Kumagai, Albert Nakata, Steve & Irene Tanihara
 \$300 David Nishimura, John Ozawa, Scott Shinmoto
 \$200 Nina Akiyama, Dawn & Alan Kita, Lynne Masumoto, Ron & Michiko Oba, Rumiko Shiroma, Tomomi Yamasaki
 \$150 Akemi Uchiyama
 \$100 June Chin, Lauren Cook, Tanya Kinoshita, Naomi Okamoto, Kiyoe Suzuki, Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Jane Yamanaka
 \$50 Jess Hamada, Carol Oyama
 \$40 Yoshiko Yamasaki
 \$30 Hiroko Inouye, Toyoko Okida
 \$25 Catherine Mikuni

We also received donations from: Maye Fukumoto, Alan Goto, Alan Hatakeyama, Gerry & Linda Ito, Naomi Yonesawa, Reiko Shibasaki, Cliff Nakatani, Jane Smith, Joseph & Sachi Watari, Candice Doi

Anonymous donations totaled \$650.00

November 2023 BINGO Fundraiser Donations

We would like to thank all the individuals that donated items for our successful November 2023 BINGO Fundraiser

Present Perfect Nursery: 2- Gift Cards
 Yama Seafood: 8- Gift Cards
 The Dive: 2- Gift Cards & Free dessert
 Ducks: 2- Gift Cards & Free dessert
 Oto Oto: 1- Gift Card
 Goto: Items, Priceless
 K Kumagai: Rice
 Kyoko's Friend: Lego Box
 Mundial: 2- Gift Cards
 PBT: 2- Gift Cards: 2-PBT Bingo Games

Special Donations

\$1,000 Martha Fujimoto, In memory of parents Yasuo & Nami Fujimoto; Brothers Tosh, Masao, Paul & Frank Fujimoto; Aunt & Uncle Bob & Kim Kaizoji; Nephew Steve Fujimoto
 \$1,000 John & Trudy Nishizu
 \$1,000 Robert Ozawa, In honor of Lynne Ozawa
 \$500 Ron Dyo, OREI
 \$400 Ron Toshima, OREI
 \$300 Glen Hatakeyama
 \$300 Lisa Tanahashi
 \$250 Deborah Wing, In memory of Dorothy Kazukom Wing
 \$200 Regina Fujimoto
 \$200 Gerry Ito, 17 year memorial Toshiko Ito
 \$200 Mitsunori Nishikawa
 \$200 Carol Oyama, Third year memorial John Oyama
 \$200 Pamela Shriver
 \$200 Winston Uchiyama, General fund
 \$200 Anonymous
 \$150 Kyoko Gibbs, OREI
 \$128 Susan Sandberg, Jin Yeh Hsieh
 \$100 Irene Fujimoto
 \$100 Michael Gillespie
 \$100 Keith & Deborah Kitani, On behalf of Hatsumi Kitani
 \$100 Heather Lim, JoyaE
 \$100 Emily Sato In honor of Miyako Yamane
 \$100 Roy Sunada, In memory of Akira Sunada
 \$100 Jeannie Toshima, Eitaikyō
 \$100 Kubota Nikkei Mortuary
 \$50 Tamaki Trexler, In memory of Dan Trexler
 \$50 Susan Tsuji, In memory of Akira Yamane
 \$50 Susan Tsuji, In memory of Isuyo Yamane
 \$30 Toyoko Okida, Eitaikyō
 \$25 Mark Nakatani, JoyaE
 \$20 Judy Isumo, Donation
 \$10 Tai Chi class
 \$10 Anonymous
 \$6 George Ito
 Jim Wu 21" TV

Ho Onko - January 15th

\$125 .. Howard Hays
 \$100 .. Shinobu Kiriyaama, Kathy Kumagai, Albert Nakata, Albert Tsukimoto, Rev. Unno, Tomomi Yamasaki
 \$75 Gerry Ito, Sachiko Watari
 \$50 BWA, Yukiko Kataoka, Carolyn Matsuda, Cliff Nakatani, Mitsunori Nishikawa, Toyoko Okida, Rumiko Shiroma, Reiko Shishido, Jeannie Toshima
 \$40 Carol Oyama
 \$30 Corinne Ishikawa, Yoshiko Yamasaki
 \$20 Heather Lim, Catherine Mikuni
 \$10 Christian Tom

Tanya Kinoshita: 1 Blaze Gift Card: Blendjet Portable Mixer & Mrs. Fridays Gift Card
 Chase Nishida, 1 -Stifel Gift Card
 SOGS: 1 XLarge Cancer Sht, 1 Large Bonsai Sht, Priceless
 Wudios: 1 Hour of Technical Computer Service
 P Kawahara: Fishing Combo, reel & rod; Bella Russo Queen Bed sheets; Parini: Pasta Pot, Skillet, Sauce Pan (2), Stock Pot; Torelli Socket & Bit Driver

Presidents' Message

“Okagesama-ni!” We are grateful to all of our members and friends who have supported our small Temple financially and through the dana of volunteering. As a small (and aging) Temple there are many things that need to be repaired or replaced, but for a small sangha, we are grateful to your donations and also giving time to help out. We understand that it is because of the parents, grandparents, of our current sangha that this Temple is still thriving and providing spiritual and social opportunities. If it was not for all their sacrifice and efforts, we would not have this beautiful Temple.

We hope that you will continue to support and participate in the activities we offer. We are now meeting in-person and also offer online options for participating. We hope you will take the time to hear the weekly dharma messages given by Rev. Gibbs (that are also archived on the Temple YouTube) ... we hope you sign-up for workshops and seminars to hear the dharma message from other sensei's. We hope that you will bring your children and grandchildren to introduce them to our wonderful religion. Without young and new members, our Temple will not be able to grow.

As usual we have many fundraisers planned and we also have many opportunities to hear the dharma, we hope you will be able to participate. Please visit our Temple website to keep up-to-date on things that are happening. With the help of Keiro.org, we will continue to support our seniors in the community by planning activities to increase socialization.

Please let us know how we can support you and your family in finding a path in Shin Buddhism.

Jeannie Toshima & Lori Hatakeyama



Pasadena Buddhist Temple was recently awarded another grant from Keiro which will provide ongoing support of our programs that had been in place the past 3-years to encourage our Senior Sangha to come and have a safe space to socialize. We will continue to offer a variety of activities like walking, pickle ball, origami, learning to play majong or hanafuda. We will also continue to provide two-lunches for the PNS in 2024. We hope that these opportunities will increase the quality of life for our “senior” sangha members.

2024 Pasadena Buddhist Temple Board

Officers

Co-Presidents- Jeannie Toshima & Lori Hatakeyama
 Vice President – Religious Affairs - Cathy Mikuni
 Vice President – Facilities - Alan Hatakeyama
 Vice President – Technology - Alan Goto
 Treasurer - Toru Hisayasu
 Auditor - Mark Oune
 Secretary - Shelley Shinmoto

Board of Directors

Jeannie Toshima (2024-2025)
 Lori Hatakeyama ((2024-2025)
 Alan Goto (2024-2025)
 John Kamon (2024-2025)
 Cathy Mikuni (2024-2025)
 Gerry Ito (2023-2024)
 Dona Mitoma (2023-2024)
 Robert Ozawa (2023-2024)
 Shelley Shinmoto (2023-2024)

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



It's spring and I will continue to be the BWA President through April (with the assistance of Linda Ito, June Chin and, Jeannie Toshima), I will put forth every effort to represent Pasadena's BWA.

The BWA will be having their New Year's celebration on March 9, 2024 (restaurant to be determined).

BWA is holding a few fundraisers in March and April. We are finally able to have our Silent Auction which is themed “**Maneki Neko** (holding a daruma)” from March 3 through 16, Panda Express Fundraiser April 25, and annual Hanamatsuri Chirashi Sale. Please see upcoming flyers.

FYI-The Temple is having their Bingo Night in April so I hope to see the BWA ladies playing bingo and winning.

The BWA is always recruiting new members for our group. If you know anyone who would like to join our BWA, please have them send their name, cell phone number and email address to Jeanne Ideno (Acting President) at jeanneideno@yahoo.com. Membership fees are \$25.00. If you are an existing member, please do not forget to send your payment for membership of \$25.00 payable to Pasadena BWA (note: membership) to the Temple.

Gassho, Jeanne Ideno

Dharma School News

How are you? I hope you find comfort and strength when you listen to Buddha's teachings and will have a chance to reflect on your life...Namoamidabutsu

Here are past and future DS activities:

January: Hoonko - after listening to a story, “Kasa-Jizo,” DS children created a mini-portable O-Butsudan. (Very adorable!) Happy Meal made them smile for sure!

February: Nirvana and Pet memorial - let's honor those lives who touched our hearts warmly... Have you heard of “Hachiko”? Continued giving: Birthday cards for our Sangha members who are celebrating their 100th BD were created with Origami hearts. (Mrs. Alice Ige, Mr. Hiroshi Kikkawa, and Mr. Joseph Watari) Also, Rice ball Bentos were made... a lot of sharing LOVE this month!

March: Experience peace of mind with sweets and tea to celebrate Girl's Day (March 3rd) - everyone is invited. Bring your friends! Also, for Spring Ohigan (17th), we'll do annual “spring” (egg) hunting in the garden.

April: Guess who is having a BD - please help decorate the Hanamido (flower pavilion) for the baby Buddha (21st, 9 am).
 *for the temple's BINGO (April 20th), please let me know if you can donate baked goods and/or beverages - DS is having a bake sale!

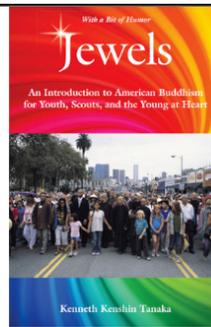
May: Who else is having a BD? Our founder, Shinran! – We get to be a cook to celebrate his birthday.

More to come...GASSHO~ARIGATO!!

Kyoko Gibbs



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 Website: <https://PasadenaBuddhistTemple.org>



About 10 sangha members from Pasadena attended the Winter Pacific Seminar, “War and Jodo Shinshu” hosted by Gardena Buddhist Church on January 27th. This was a hybrid event featuring Rev Wondra, Rev. Furumoto, Rev. Quon, Rev. Iwohara, Rev Turner and the Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka. The talks are planned to be posted online. Rev. Tanaka’s book, *Jewels*, is available to anyone who wants one, at no cost. Please ask Rev. Gibbs for a copy. This is an easy read and has information that is easy to understand and relate to. It is geared to young people, but we can all enjoy it and learn!

After the recent Winter Pacific Seminar held at Gardena Buddhist Church, we were treated to a delicious homecooked meal by Mrs. Hirota in her beautiful home. We all enjoyed the seminar and this lovely meal. It was a great chance to catch up and just have a nice chat. Photos will be posted on the BWA webpages.

Pasadena BWA Maneki Neko (“Lucky Cat”) Silent Auction

March 3 – March 16, 2024

Luck and good fortune are in the air! Please support our Pasadena Buddhist Women’s Association’s upcoming Maneki Neko “Lucky Cat” Silent Auction, starting March 3 at 9:00 am and ending on March 16 at 6:00 pm. Shop at <https://www.32auctions.com/PBWAManekiNeko>. Treasures galore! We have rare and valuable Japanese fine art, tableware and decorations, plus one-of-a-kind handcraft pieces. Shop with us and find the unique, the useful (e.g. gift certificates) and must-haves. For the first time we will have a one-day viewing of several of the more valuable offerings on Girls’ Day, March 3, from 11 am to 2 pm at the Temple in the Annex. Some of the items can be purchased that day at the “Buy It Now” price. Bring your tablet, phone or laptop and we will show you how to bid!



Pick-up of items will be the week of March 17. More information will be on the temple website.

To contribute an item for the Silent Auction, please drop it off by March 3 at the Pasadena Buddhist Temple office during business hours. If you can’t find anything to buy or donate, please consider becoming a donor (any dollar amount) or sponsor (beginning at \$50). You can donate or sponsor without logging into the website at: <https://givebutter.com/LLV9Zc>.

The proceeds of this auction will be used by BWA to help with needed repairs in the parsonage.

BWA Silent Auction Girls’ Day Kick-Off

New Event! BWA will offering a day of celebration and shopping on Sunday, March 3. The Day will start with a live tea ceremony by Kyoko Gibbs at 11:30 am. After the tea ceremony, there will be a viewing of some of the more valuable Silent Auction items and a display of Girls’ Day dolls, both in the temple Annex. There will also be instruction in how to bid in the Silent Auction, so bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone. The event will end at noon.

2024 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Purchase your 2024 Opportunity Drawing ticket now, only 275 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100 and every month you have a very good chance to win \$500. ***This ticket will be returned to the barrel for another chance.*** The last and final drawing in December will give TWO lucky winners \$1,000 each. Just ask our fellow members. We’ve had several duplicate winners this past year so you don’t want to miss out. And remember, these make great holiday gifts! Contact Gerry Ito (626-797-6346) or Shelley Shinmoto (323-351-0274) if you would like to buy a ticket.