

Prajna

New Year Message

Happy New Year! I hope the new year will be a meaningful and peaceful year for all of us.

When we welcome the new year, we think it is a “Happy” or a “Joyful” event. We say “Happy New Year,” or *Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu*. (*Akemashite* means opening the new year, *Omedeto* means happy or joyful, and *Gozaimasu* is added to make the sentence formal and polite.)

In the olden days in Japan, people believed that they will receive a new and refreshing life from the gods at the beginning of the new year. So when they said *Omedeto gozaimasu*, it meant “Happy birthday.” It is said that up until 70 years ago, before the American military occupational



government came to Japan, the Japanese people did not celebrate their birthdays individually. They celebrated their birthdays on New Year's Day and everyone gained one year on the same day. *Mochi* was the symbol of life that was received from the gods. Gaining a year was

connected to longevity so New Year's Day was a happy and joyful event.

However, gaining one year also means our death is getting closer by one year. About 500 years ago, there was a Zen priest, who composed a poem on New Year's Day. He held a staff with a skull on the top of it and walked around the town of Kyoto. While people were saying "Happy New Year" to each other, he screamed his poem, "New Year's Day is a milestone toward your death, it's a happy day but not a happy day."

The Zen priest's name was Ikkyu and he was a well-known priest for his deep insight and unusual life style. It is said that he and our 8th Abbot Rennyo Shonin were good friends. Rennyo Shonin also emphasized death. In one of his letters to his disciples known as "white ashes," he wrote,

"In the morning, we may have radiant health; in the evening we may be white ashes. When the winds of uncertainty strike, our eyes are closed forever; when the last breath leaves our body, the healthy color of the face is transformed and we lose the appearance of radiant life; loved ones may gather and lament, but to no avail... Thus, we see that what we cannot control is the passing away of the young and old alike."

In order to overcome the issue of fragility of our lives, Rennyo Shonin advised us to entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha who enables us to be born in the Pure land, the world of Nirvana, after our death. Once our birth in the Pure Land is assured, our lives can be a journey to the Pure Land. By being mindful of the Pure Land, death can contain the meaning of a new, refresh-

ing birth. However, death is still sad and we want to avoid it as long as possible. Even though we hear that "we can be born in the Pure Land," due to our ignorance and blind attachment, we think "I really do not want to go to the Pure Land." But, Shinran Shonin pointed out, it is natural that we think we do not wish to be born in the Pure Land very much and having such thought is proof we can be born in the Pure Land.

Because we are ignorant, Amida Buddha wishes to save us. If we want to go to the Pure Land immediately, it means we do not have blind attachments. If we do not have blind attachments, we are no longer foolish beings. Shinran Shonin stated, "*Those who do not want to go immediately are the special concern of true compassion (of Amida)*" and "*If our hearts were filled with joyful happiness and we desire to go swiftly to the Pure Land, we might be misled to think that perhaps we are free of blind passion.*" (Tannisho, Chapter 9.)

Hence, people who think "I do not want to go to the Pure Land" is a very natural response as the foolish being and because it is a happy day but not a very happy day.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

「門松は浄土への旅の一里塚」

新年、あけましておめでとうございます。日本の太古の信仰では、新年の最初の日には新しい命をいただく日で、それがありがたい、すばらしいということで、「おめでとうございます。」と挨拶をするようになったようです。

その影響もあってか、約70年前、GHQが日本に来るまでは、1月1日は日本人全員の誕生日だったと聞いたことがあります。いわゆる数え年という。1月に生まれた人も8月に生まれた人も、1月1日に全員が一斉に年をとる年齢の数え方です。

この方法なら個人の誕生日を個別に祝わなくていいので、子供や孫、親戚の子になんのプレゼントをあげようかという悩まなくてよくなります。正月にちょっと豪華な料理を作って、お年玉をあげてことで誕生日のお祝いにもなれば、大人にとっては楽かもしれません。

ところで、正月と言えば思い出すのが、一休禅師の歌です。一休禅師は日本ではとんちの一休さんとして知られているので皆さん、ご存知かもしれません。一休禅師は禅宗の臨済宗の僧侶でたいへん徳のあるお坊さまでしたが、行動が一風変わっていることでも知られていました。

禅師は正月で町の人々が「おめでたい」とお祝いしているところを、頭蓋骨を杖につけて、「ご用心、ご用心、いつ死ぬかわからんぞ、仏法を聞きなさいよ」と言って町を練り歩かれたそうです。

そんな一休さんが残された歌が、「門松は冥土の旅の一里塚、めでたくもあり、めでたくもなし」というものです。

確かに、正月を迎えて一歳、年を重ねるということは、死に一年近づいているということでもあります。それでお正月はめでたいが、死が近づくのだからめでたくはないぞ、と言われるのです。

この一休禅師は蓮如上人と親交があったと伝えられていて、二人はとても仲が良かったそうです。

蓮如上人は「後生の一大事」ということをよく言われていて、白骨の御文章で「今日ともしらず、

明日ともしらず」、「朝には紅顔あって、夕には白骨となれる身なり」と、いつまでも生きられるような思いをもって生活をしているけども、いつどうなるかわからない身なのだから、まずは死後の行き先を阿弥陀さまに解決してもらいなさい、と言われます。この世でお浄土に生まれることが決まらなければ、次の世は何に生まれるかわかりません。それは、まさに「冥土（めいど、暗い世界）」と、暗闇の世界へむかって生きていくという人生です。ですから、蓮如上人は「お浄土という仏の世界へうまれさせてもらいなさい。阿弥陀さまにお任せして、明るい世界へ向かって行く人生を送りなさい」と、勧めてくださるのです。

ですから、蓮如上人が一休禅師の歌を詠まれたら、「正月は浄土の旅の一里塚」となるかもしれません。ただ、「お浄土にうまれることができる」ということを聞いても、「できるだけこの世にとどまっておきたい」、「あんまりお浄土にはいきたくない」、という愚かな考えをもっているのが私たちですから、やはり「めでたくもあり、めでたくもなし」というのが正直な心かも知れません。ただ、そんな愚かな者をこそ救ってくださるのが阿弥陀さまですので、いよいよ阿弥陀さまのご恩が仰がれることです。南無阿弥陀仏

古本竜太

Happy New Year!

I'd like to thank Neil Komai for his two years of dedicated service to our temple as the Board President. Neil served the temple at a very significant time in our history. Under his leadership, we thanked Rev. Mas Kodani for his 40+ years as our minister with the best party ever, and we brought in our new minister, Rev. Ryuta Furumoto. This was quite an accomplishment. And, it has been very satisfying to see how well Sensei Furumoto and his family have taken to Los Angeles, and how much the Sangha has taken to all of them.

Starting next year, the big project will be the completion of the renovation of the Social Hall. Hopefully, by the end of 2015, it will sport a whole new look and feel, complete with a new kitchen configuration and upgrades, new restrooms, refinished wood floors, and air-conditioning!

Senshin is making its commitment to the future. Our hope is to keep the temple relevant, meaningful and vibrant, especially for the next generation of members. Your support and participation will create the future of Senshin.

I'm looking forward to working with each of you.

In Gassho,

DOUG AIHARA
Board President



Shusho-ye

Shusho-ye simply means "Service for the New Year." The literal translation of *Shusho-ye* is "A Gathering for a revision, modification or correction." New Year's Day is an opportunity for us to refresh our hearts and minds by reflecting upon the past year's mistakes so that we can correct them and begin the new year in the right direction. Our New Year Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 1st. Won't you join us for the service followed by *ozoni* in the social hall.

修正会 (しゅしょうえ)

一月一日にお勤めする法要を修正会といいます。新年の最初の日に心を正しい方向に修正するという意味があります。浄土真宗では、阿弥陀如来に「お金がもうかりますように」、「病気になりませんように」とか「いい大学にはいれますように」などのことを祈りません。そういう願いはたいがい自分のエゴを拡張することになるので、エゴの働きをできるだけ弱めようとする教えの浄土真宗では、しないようになっています。むしろ、そういう自己中心の願いがある自分を反省し、その自分を受け入れてくださる阿弥陀如来に感謝するのが修正会です。さま、ぜひお参り下さい。



Hoonko and Hoonko Gatherings

Hoonko is the most important service for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. It is a memorial service for Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Shinran Shonin passed away on January 16, 1263 (November 28 in the lunar calendar) at the age of 90, 751 years ago. Kakunyo Shonin, the great grandson of Shinran Shonin started *Hoonko* when he observed Shinran Shonin's 33rd memorial service. *Hoon* means "to pay the debt of gratitude," and *ko* means "gathering." Hence, *Hoonko* denotes "the gathering to recompense Shinran Shonin for his teaching." There are several ways to thank Shinran Shonin such as by listening to the teaching, chanting *Shoshinge* (that was written by Shinran Shonin,) reciting the *nembutsu*, etc. In some areas of Japan, the followers invite their minister to their homes to hold the *Hoonko* service and listen to the teaching of Shinran Shonin with their family members.

Our *Hoonko* service will take place on Sunday, January 11. The guest speaker will be Rev. Nori Ito, Rinban of LA Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin. Following the *Hoonko* service, we will gather on the following five days from Monday, January 12 to Friday, January 16th. Please see the schedule for the time and place of the gatherings.

Namoamidabutsu

REV. RYUTA FURUMOTO

報恩講 (ほうおんこう)

今年も報恩講の集いを開催しますのでぜひお参り下さい。報恩講は浄土真宗の開祖、親鸞聖人のご命日法要です。親鸞聖人は1263年、1月16日(旧暦11月28日)に往生されました。親鸞聖人のひ孫で三代目門主の覚如上人が親鸞聖人の33回忌をお勤めされたのが報恩講の始まりです。報恩とは、感謝することで、親鸞聖人が念仏の教えを伝えてくださったこと、また私たちをお浄土にうまれさせ仏にしてくださいる阿弥陀如来さまへご恩をおもい、そのご恩に報いるようにお念仏をとない、聞法させていただく、という意味があります。報恩講のサービスは1月11日(日)で、ご講師はロサンゼルス東本願寺別院の伊藤憲明輪番です。12日(月)から16日(金)まで毎日、報恩講の集いを行いますので、スケジュールをご確認ください。

Please see updates for information regarding the Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Tetsuo Yamamoto which will take place the same day as Hoonko.



Monthly Memorial Service JANUARY

Sunday, January 4, 2015 10:00am

The monthly memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month in memory of those who have passed away in that month. At the service, the list of names of the deceased, the person observing the memorial and the person's relation to the deceased is read. The Monthly Memorial List is also published in the Prajna newsletter.

SESHU (OBSERVANT)	DECEASED'S RELATION TO OBSERVANT	DECEASED
Akahori, Ted	Father	Akahori, Mitsuo
Harada, James	Mother	Harada, Grace
Hayamizu, Sumiko	Mother	Nakashima, Tsune
Hirayama, Kiyome	Husband	Hirayama, Art
Hiramune, Catherine	Father	Fujita, Katsujiro
Ikari, Kathy	Grandfather	Kato, Genichi
Ikari, Kathy	Mother	Tsuboi, Ruth
Ikegami, Sumiko	Sister	Shigaki, Kazue
Ikegami, Sumiko	Stepfather-in-law	Nozawa, Gentaro
Iriye, Kenneth	Sister	Carlson, Diana Chizuko
Ito, Maryann	Father	Ito, Tokuo
Kamikawa, Emi	Father	Kamikawa, Glenn
Kitagawa, Linda	Father	Matsuura, Clifford
Kodani, Denise	Father	Goto, James M.
Kojima, Chikako	Grandfather	Uneda, Izaemon
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Father-in-law	Kunitake, Masamitsu
Kunitake, Kimiyo	Grandfather	Wada, Zembei
Kuwata, Yuriko	Brother	Yamada, Noboru
Kuwata, Yuriko	Sister	Kono, Mitsuko
Matsuda, Misao	Father	Akamichi, Junichi
Matsumura, Isamu	Father-in-law	Yamaguchi, Kenji
Minami, Jean	Husband	Minami, Tatsuo
Miyamoto, Dennis	Father	Miyamoto, Masaru
Murakami, Yomiko	Mother-in-law	Murakami, Rui
Nakashima, Alan	Mother	Nakashima, Hana
Nakawatase, Sachiko	Father-in-law	Nakawatase, Nisoji
Nakawatase, Roy	Brother	Nakawatase, Minoru James
Nakawatase, Yasuko	Husband	Nakawatase, Shigemi
Nakawatase, Yasuko	Mother-in-law	Nakawatase, Naka
Ogawa, Jerry	Mother	Ogawa, Kaoru
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandfather	Shimada, Kanetaro
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandmother	Shimada, Satsu
Ogawa, Jerry	Grandmother	Ogawa, Hisayo
Saiki, Yumi	Father	Yoshida, Kazuhiro
Saneto, Motoko	Father-in-law	Saneto, Kanaye
Sato, Terry	Father-in-law	Sato, Kazue
Shimabukuro, Shigeichi	Wife	Shimabukuro, Fumie
Sunday, Reiko	Grandfather	Fukumoto, Kazue
Sugano, Leo	Mother	Sugano, Aiko
Takashima, Iris	Aunt	Nakashima, Hana
Takashima, Iris	Grandfather	Jinde, Eiji
Takashima, Wilbur	Grandfather	Taniguchi, Hisaichi
Takemoto, Chiyo	Father-in-law	Takemoto, Toyosuke
Takemoto, Kazumi	Father-in-law	Takemoto, Toyosuke
Takemoto, Kazumi	Brother	Sanwo, Mack
Terrell, Jackie	Father	Howard, Jack
Ushirogata, Mutsuo	Sister-in-law	Ushirogata, Ineko
Ushirogata, Yukie	Brother	Matsushita, Bunji
Usui, Suzuko	Mother	Ariyoshi, Kiyo
Watanabe, Marsha	Brother	Imai, Randy
Yokota, Carole	Father	Yokota, Hiroshi



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Special: donation received with no specific reason given

Orei: donation for use of temple facilities, equipment, etc.

Nokotsudo: donation by families who have family cremains in the *Nokotsudo* (columbarium)

The Regular Treasurer is required to send receipts for donations of \$250.00 and over. Receipts for all other donations will not be sent unless requested by the donor.

December 2014 Flower Donations

Ted & Tomi Akahori

Kathy Ikari

Emi Kamikawa

Kazuo Matsubayashi

Jean Minami

Yuri Nishisaka

Doris Shigaki

Reiko Sunday

Yo Takeuchi

Misao Tomita

Mutsuo Ushirogata

Matsuko Uyeno

Toshiko Yamaguchi

Kiyo Yoneda

11/2/2014	Robert & Suzanne Toji Yuri Nishisaka Sumi Hayamizu Reiko Sunday Akiko & Gary Matsuno	4th year Memorial for Evelyn Toji In memory of Art Nishisaka Birth of Great Granddaughter 3rd Cycle Memorial for Kiyoko Nimi 3rd Cycle Memorial for Kiyoko Nimi
11/6/2014	Richard & Helen Nakawatase Sachiko Nakawatase Satoshi Miyata	In memory of Hideyoshi Nakawatase In memory of Hideyoshi Nakawatase Special
11/9/2014	Abo family Jerry Ogawa Rev. Tatsuya Aoki	In appreciation from family of Miyo Abo In memory of Roy Otamura Special
11/23/2014	Neil Komai Karin Yamasaki Kenneth Hatai Sei Shohara John Hiramoto	Special Service for Reiko Yamasaki Special TriTemple Seminar Special
11/29/2014	White River Buddhist Temple Katherine Otamura	Donations for service book Funeral Service for Roy Otamura
11/29/2014	Elso Kanagawa, Celia Huey Frank & Judy Nakatani	Special Special
11/30/2014	Ruby Kiyohara Kenneth Imaizumi	Special Memorial for Michiko Imaizumi

Annual Report: Review of Events in 2014

DECEMBER 2013 • Bodhi Day • Mochitsuki



• BWA Fundraiser for *Bugaku* Costumes • *Oseibo* Service • *Joya-e*, End of the

Year Service & Potluck **JANUARY 2014** • *Shusho-e*, New Year's Day Service • *Hoonko* Service with Rev. Mas Kodani • *Hoonko* Three Weekday Services with Rev. Ryuta

Furumoto • ABA New Year's Party **FEBRUARY 2014** • BWA New Year's Party



• *Nembutsu* Retreat at Palm Garden Hotel

in Thousand Oaks • Nirvana Day Service with Rev. Mas Kodani • BCA National Minister's Meeting & National Council Meeting in Bellevue, WA • Southern District Council District



Meeting Host **MARCH 2014** • Spring *Higan* Service with Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, Rev. Shinji Okada, Rev. Mas Kodani • Uchima Collection Exhibition Room Dedication •

Chirashizushi Sale **APRIL 2014** • *Hanamatsuri* Service • Rev. Mas' Western Bhutan Tour • ABA Chashu Bao Sale and ABA Morongo Turnaround • Temple Clean-up



MAY 2014 • BWA White Elephant Sale •



Chicken Teriyaki Sale • *Gotanye* and *Hatsumairi* with Rev. William Masuda • *Sensei's* Memorial Day Services at

Rose Hill and Rosedale Cemeteries • Southern District Council District Meeting Host **JUNE 2014** • Jr. YBA's Parents' Day Breakfast • Host Jr. YBA



Southern District Seminar • Practices • Saishin Dojo Began **JULY 2014** • *Obon Odori* with *Sento Shogon* and *Otoki* and *Horaku* • Saishin Dojo Culmination Program & Potluck •

Saishin Dojo 6th Grade Campout at San Luis Obispo Temple • *Obon Kangi-e* Service with Rev. Kakuyei Tada **AUGUST 2014** • ABA Rummage Sale •

Senshinji Picnic at Kenneth Hahn Park • Moved Rev. Ryuta Furumoto & Family to New Residence • Temple Clean-up **SEPTEMBER 2014** • Pottery



Classes with Bob Miyamoto • Fall *Higan* Seminar with Rev. Koho Takata and Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi • Southern District

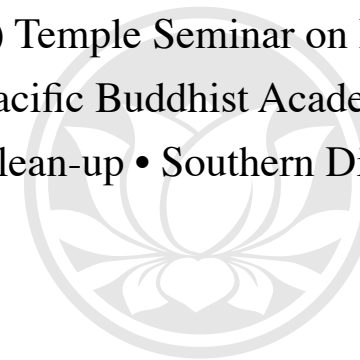
Council District Meeting Host **OCTOBER 2014** • **Keiro Kai** Program / Fundraiser • *Eshinni-ko* / *Kakushinni* / BWA Memorial



Service • **Day of the Gaki for Dharma** School **NOVEMBER 2014** • Temple Annual General Meeting • Tri (Quad) Temple Seminar on Buddhist Funeral Traditions •



Pacific Buddhist Academy Presentation with Piper Toyama • Temple Clean-up • Southern District Council District Meeting Host



Senshin-ji Building Fund January 2015 Update

The start date for the Social Hall project likely will not occur on January 5, 2015, as expected due to several major issues that have arisen during the past month.

The most critical item is the roof of the Social Hall building. In previous discussions with the Satoh Brothers architects, it was determined that in order to minimize plan checking issues and to shorten the construction schedule, that the entire roof would be replaced after the six heating/air conditioning (HVAC) units were installed on the roof and the entire remodeling project was completed. We thought that we could then take our time to retrofit a new roof onto the structure. There was never a doubt that the whole roof would have to be replaced because it has been nearly 50 years since the building was last re-roofed. During the interim, as the roof showed more signs of aging and disrepair, there were intermittent leaks in various parts of the building (that Rev. Mas usually addressed by placing trash cans and buckets beneath the leak points). Each time, we had to call out a roofer to repair the leak spots on the roof, and in some cases they were difficult to locate. So a new roof became a necessity.

Because of a Building and Safety code provision, we are required to screen the view of the HVAC units that will be installed on the roof such that they cannot be seen from the street sidewalks on 36th Place and 37th Street. No such codes were in place when our building first went up with the existing swamp cooler and air exhaust units fully visible atop the Social Hall roof. However, times and codes have changed and we

have no choice but to adhere to the current code provisions. After some discussion, it was determined that to provide the necessary screening of the HVAC units, that the existing parapets (height extensions of the walls) on the building would be raised, and that new parapets would be added. In order to do so, additional structural supports are required, and those in turn, led us to address the deficiency in the existing roof (that made new leaks more likely). These additions to the scope of work made it evident that the new roofing would best be installed simultaneously with the installation of the HVAC units and the parapet improvements. As a result, additional construction time would have to be added to the overall schedule.

In addition to the above, we were informed that dealing with the LADWP to upgrade the electrical capacity of the building (to accommodate the new HVAC, stage lighting, audio-visual and general electrical needs) would likely result in additional delays due that agency's inefficiencies and slow responses to construction requests.

Then, just this past month, the Building and Safety personnel (plan checkers and permit issuers) were suddenly and adversely affected by the huge downtown fire that destroyed the large apartment complex that was under construction just next to the building that houses their offices. Almost all of the windows facing the fire were blown out and the fire sprinklers in their building set off, causing various amounts of damage. Satoh Brothers staff are trying to assess how much the damage to the Building and Safety offices might affect the length of time that it will take that agency's staff to review and approve our construction plans.

It all boils down to this: With a January 5th start to the project, we

were quite sure that the work would be completed prior to the start of Saishin Dojo in mid-June. If the start is delayed significantly after that date, and with the added construction time due to the items noted above, we would not be able to finish the remodeling before the start date of Saishin Dojo. If that determination is made, it was decided that we would have to wait to start the project after Saishin Dojo concluded in mid-July. That will likely be the scenario, and that determination will have been made by late December, after this article was written. We will know for sure by the time we prepare the article for the February 2015 Prajna. This is turning into another *shikataganai* moment.

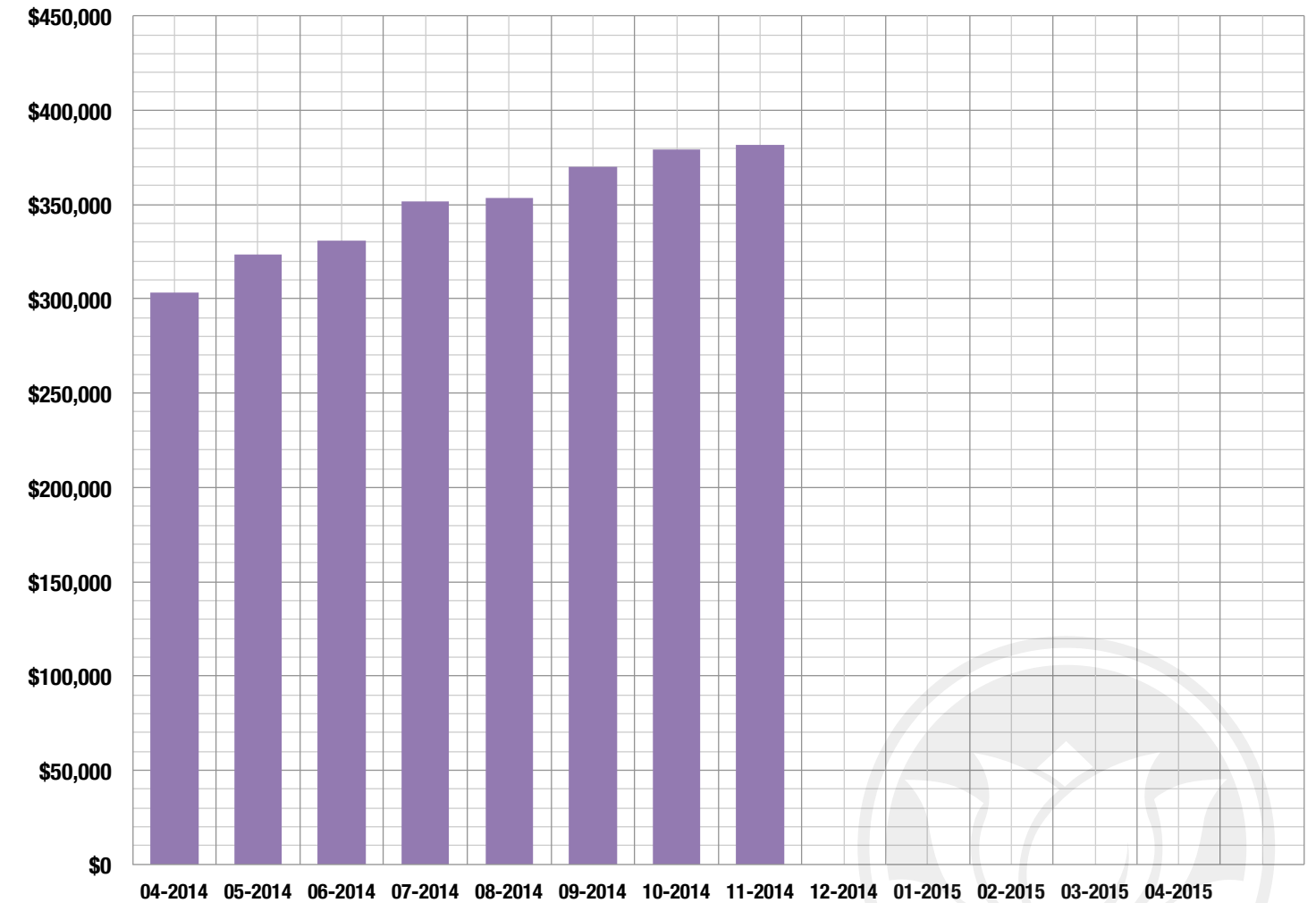
Gassho,
Wilbur Takashima

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER:

- Anonymous*
- Kim, S. & Tokeshi, J.
- Lovall, Dan & Sheri
- Murakami, Eugene & Elaine**
- Nishisaka, Scott*
- Yamashita, Tak & Betty

*Proceeds from vehicle donation
**In memory of Roy Otamura

Senshin-ji Building Fund: Social Hall Goal: \$500,000 by April 30, 2015



Senshin-ji Building Fund 1311 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Address _____

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Donation Amount: \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: **Senshin-ji Building Fund**)

NOTE: In order to maintain compliance with IRS policy, whenever we receive a check in the amount of \$250.00 or more, we will send an acknowledgement letter to the donor for his/her records. For amounts less than \$250.00, your cancelled check will serve as a receipt for the donation. *However*, if you wish to have a letter of receipt sent to you, regardless of the donation amount, please let us know and we will be most happy to comply.



Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno

Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno, passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at his home in Eugene, Oregon. Taitetsu-sensei was our minister from 1959 to 1962. According to his son, Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, his last words were, "Thank you for everything, *Namu Amida Butsu*," and when he could no longer speak, he put his palms together in *gassho*. The funeral service will be held at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 11:00 am. — For those in the Los Angeles area, the Unno family has decided to hold the memorial service at Senshin. The service will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2015 from 1:30pm. Mark-sensei will represent the family at the service. The family has requested any inquiries regarding the memorial service or any personal communication with the family be directed through Senshin Temple. The family has also suggested, instead of flowers, *gobutsuzen*, or *okoden* (memorial service donation) to the family, a donation be made to Senshin Buddhist Temple, "In memory of Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno."

海野大徹先生、往生される。

12月13日(土)に、海野大徹先生がオレゴン州のご自宅で亡くなりました。大徹先生は1959年から62年まで洗心寺に駐在されておられました。葬儀はパークレーン教会で2015年、1月3日に営まれます。洗心寺では1月11日(日)午後1時半よりメモリアルサービスをお勤めする予定です。サービスにはご子息の海野マーク先生が来られます。メモリアルサービスの時間などに関してのことや、海野先生のご家族に連絡を取りたい方は洗心寺にご連絡ください。ご家族の意向により、ご仏前やご香典は洗心仏教会あてにお願いします。

BWA

Happy New Year!
We gratefully acknowledge the following *dana*:

John Hiramoto, Thank you
Kenneth Imaizumi, In memory of mother Michiko Imaizumi
Chikako Kojima, Special donation
Rev. and Mrs. Kakuyei Tada,
50th Wedding Anniversary
Misao Tomita, In memory of husband John Tomita, 1st cycle memorial

We welcome all women who are interested in participating in this Temple service organization. 2015 BWA Membership dues are \$10.

Next meeting: January 4, 2015

ABA

On November 16th, some of the ABA's and BWA's went to the Keiro Nursing Home to play Bingo. We had a wonderful time and saw some Senshin members who were residing there. The ABA's would like to thank everyone who came out to help out on this event. The ABA's came out and helped on Saturday, December 20th for Mochitsuki. We had fun, ate and enjoyed everyone helping out.

On Saturday, January 24, 2015, the ABA will have their New Year's Luncheon at Vegas Buffet in Torrance. For more information, please contact Chikako Kojima.

Jr. YBA

On November 8th, a beautiful sunny day, we met at Rev. Mas Kodani's backyard, to help him trim away a few very over grown ginger plants. At first sight it seemed daunting, but working together, the Jr's and parents cleared it up, and now Rev. Mas' backyard is much bigger. Thank you, Jr's. You did an awesome job.

In December, we ended the year with our annual *Mochitsuki*. In next

month's *Prajna*, we will have a full recap of the event.

Next meeting: January 4, 2015.

Anyone interested in joining Jr. YBA, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720 or Lana Wiemer at (323) 936-8701.

Religious Committee

The Senshin Nembutsu Spring Retreat is set for February 14-15, 2015 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks, with Rev. Tets Unno leading the discussions. Information and registration forms are available at Temple on Sundays, and also are available on our website at www.senshintemple.org.

Book Group

The Book Group is meeting on January 18th after Study Class. We will continue the discussion of D.T. Suzuki's book, *Buddha of Infinite Light, the Teachings of Shin Buddhism, the Japanese Way of Wisdom and Compassion*. Earlier versions only used the title *Shin Buddhism*.

New titles, new authors and new members are welcome. Contact Lilly & Mike Yanagita (818) 956-1070, email n7willow@gmail.com.

Fundraising

Many thanks to the Football Parking Lot Fundraiser crew, and to Mom Matsuda, Head Chef, for feeding them!

Facilities

At Temple Osoji in November, Mr. Matsukawa and Doug Matsuda replaced another Hondo ceiling light, replaced three Onaijin ceiling lights and repaired one light fixture. On the Education Building, the outside stairs top level, the light fixture went out of order so we removed it, and Mr. Matsukawa will purchase a new fixture. We will replace that one and also the fixture at the base of the stairs with

ones that are brighter since we heard people saying the old ones weren't bright enough.

Membership

It's that time again. Temple membership renewal notices will be coming soon. Look for them in March.

Social Media

LIKE Senshin on Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/Senshin-BuddhistTemple>

FOLLOW Senshin on Twitter and Instagram @senshinJObon Raffle

ACCESS Senshin's Calendar is on Google docs. Here is how to access it on an iPhone (Android instructions to come):

Step 1 Tap the "Settings" icon, then scroll down and select "Mail, Contacts, Calendars."

Step 2 Tap "Add Account" and select "Other."

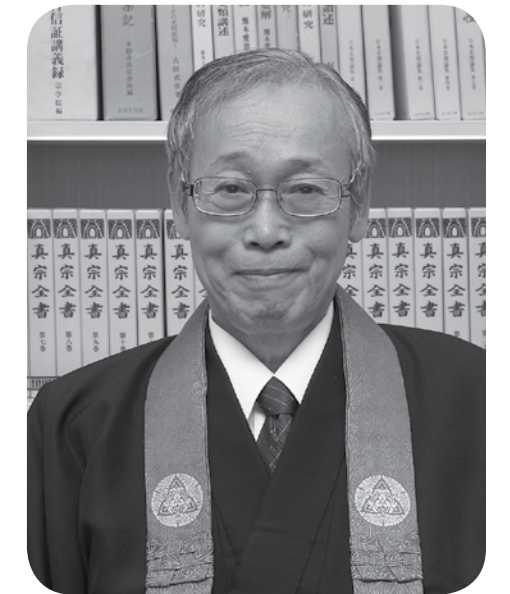
Step 3 Select the "Add Subscribed Calendar" option, input <https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=anI-5YjJIMjZ2b3ZvMGEwcmhodDlrd-DZpMGtAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYX-IuZ29vZ2xiLmNvbQ> in the Server box and click "Next." Change any settings you see fit before saving the calendar. You do not need a username or password.

Step 4 Toggle your view of the subscribed calendar by opening the Calendar app and tapping "Calendars" in the upper left corner.

WANTED: Old interesting photos of Senshin events or groups for FB and Instagram for "Way-Back-Wednesdays," "Throwback Thursdays," and "Flashback Fridays." Do you have photos of cub scouts 636? *Anomas*? Dana Guild? Golden Chain? Etc. Email JPEG to keithsawada@gmail.com

Special Gathering: Q & A Session with Rev. Chiko Naito on Monday February 2

We are honored to welcome Rev. Chiko Naito, who is ranked as Kan-gaku, a top scholar of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, and is a Professor Emeritus at Ryukoku University. He will hold a Q and A session about Shinjin, (awakening, faith, entrusting mind) called "Gojidan." This will be an excellent opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the nembutsu teaching. The session will take place at Senshin on Monday, February 2, 2015, from 7:30pm. For additional information, please contact Rev. Furumoto.





Keiro Kai Auction: Furumoto Okonomiyaki Dinner Prize

Temple member Don Akamine, was the winner of the Furumoto *Okonomiyaki* Dinner at the *Keiro Kai* Live Auction. The photos show Rev. Furumoto making good on his 'donation', preparing Hiroshima-style *Okonomiyaki* for the Akamine Family, assisted by Mrs. Furumoto, Goh Furumoto, and Johnny Mori. *Sensei* makes the Hiroshima-style *Okonomiyaki* by layering the different ingredi-



ents from the crepe on the bottom to cabbage, seafood, thinly sliced pork, *yakisoba* noodles and a fried egg, adding an assortment of toppings which included *okonomiyaki* sauce, *aonori*, *katsubushi* and Kewpie mayonnaise.



College Savings 529 Plan

Senshin has set up a College Savings 529 Plan to help with the costs of higher education for our minister's family.

Contributing to this fund will provide tax-free income for the minister's children when they are college age. For example, Rev. Furumoto's daughter, Matz, is almost ten years old. In eight years at 7%, monies put in today could almost double by the time she's ready to go to college.

If you would like to contribute, you have two options:

1. Write a check out to Senshin Buddhist Temple along with a memo or note indicating you would like to contribute to the 529 account. Doing it this way, your contribution will be considered a tax-deductible donation.
2. You can write a check out to MESP (Michigan Education Savings Program) and mail it directly to PO Box 55925, MA 02205-5925. Be sure to send a note indicating the contribution is to go to the Senshin Buddhist Temple, Account #9393725.

If you write a check to Senshin, there is no minimum. If you write a check to MESP, the check must be \$25 or more.

Owned by the temple, the intention of the fund is to provide additional support to its minister and family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doug Aihara at (213) 626-9625 or at douga@aihara-associates.com

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11月感謝録:

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1月日程:

1日 (木)	午前10時 11時半	修正会、新年法要 おとぎ、おぞうに
4日 (日)	午前9時半 午前10時	日本語法要 祥月法要 理事会役員、その他各委員会役員就任式
8日 (木)	午前11時 午後7時半	日曜学校 理事会
11日 (日)	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 報恩講—開山親鸞聖人追悼法要 伊藤憲昭開教使、 LA東本願寺輪番 キッズクラブ

報恩講法要: 12日(月), 13(火), 14(水), 15(木)—午後7時半, 16(金)—午前十時

18日 (日)	午前9時半 午前10時 午前11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会 キッズクラブ
25日 (日)	午前9時半 午前10時 11時	日本語法要 家族礼拝 英語勉強会、日曜学校

供花: 西川ゆり, 竹内よう, 赤堀テッド/とみ, ソンドイれいこ, 南ジーン, 後湯六男, 猪狩キャシ, 上川エミ, 紫垣ドリス, 富田みさお, 上野まつこ, 山口としこ, 米田きよ

内陣花当番: 3日: J.南/J.中島, 10日: C.盛田/M.渡辺, 17日: C.家村/I.高島, 24日 S.ロヴァル/H.松村, 31日: B.山下/K.猪狩

本堂当番: H.沢田、N.沢田、K.沢田、

今年も元気で楽しくさんがに励みましょう!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				10a <i>Shusho-e</i> , New Year Day Service 11:30a <i>Otoki Ozoni</i> served by Sangha <i>Toban</i>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a Monthly Memorial Service / <i>Shotsuki Hōyō</i> Installation of temple board & affiliated orgs 11a Study Class / Dharma School <i>BWA Reikai</i> (following Study Class)		9:30a Exercise Class	7:30p Kinnara Gagaku	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p Temple Bd Mtg 8p Kinnara Taiko		
11 <i>Hoonko Service</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30a Japanese Study Class 10a <i>Hoonko Service</i> / Shinran Shonin Memorial Guest speaker: Rev. Nori Ito, Rinban, LA Higashi Hongwanji, 11a Study Class / Kids' Club 1:30p Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno	7:30p <i>Hoonko</i> Service / <i>Howakai</i>	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p <i>Hoonko</i> Service	7:30p <i>Hoonko</i> Service	9:30a Exercise Class 7:30p <i>Hoonko</i> Service 8p Kinnara Taiko	10:30a <i>Hoonko</i> Service	
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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JANUARY TOBAN

Sunday Service Temple
Hondo Toban Harry Sawada, Nell Sawada,
Keith Sawada

January *Onaijin* Flower Toban

Jan 3 Jean Minami, Jean Nakashima
Jan 10 Carrie Morita, Marsha Watanabe
Jan 17 Cathy Iyemura, Iris Takashima
Jan 24 Sheri Lovall, Henry Matsumura
Jan 31 Betty Yamashita, Kathy Ikari

Upcoming in February 2015

Feb 2 Q&A session with Rev. Chiko Naitoo
Feb 8 *Nirvana* Day Service
Feb 14-15 *Nembutsu* Retreat, Palm Garden Hotel
Feb 25-Mar 1 BCA National Ministers' mtg &
National Council mtg in San Diego

*All classes subject to change
without notice.*

*Please call a group member to
confirm meeting/rehearsal.*