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To promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and to continue to live the nembutsu as a warm and friendly temple

Los Angeles, California

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SENSEI'S MESSAGE

The Cough of Nenbutsu

“Gate-Ball”

Rev. Nobuo Miyaji

In Japan, Gate-Ball was becoming the most popular sport. By the way, have you ever heard the name of this most popular sport, “Gate-Ball”? I guess most of you have never heard of it. “Gate-Ball” was born in Japan, but originally it was called croquet in England. The Japanese changed the model and created new rules for it. The most interesting thing about the game is that most of the players of the game are old people. Yes, “Gate-Ball” is the most popular sport among the older people in Japan.

Almost every player of the game says that the real thrill of the game is the sound of the ball when they hit it. They say that they can let out their pent up frustrations when they hear the sound of the ball.

As you know, even in Japan the problems of the old are increasing day by day. Soon after people retire, they start to lose their will to live, and “Gate-Ball” is something for them.

The city hall of Ota-ku in Tokyo received letters of complaint from the older citizens who live around the park, the so called “Gate-Ball” Park”. They said that every morning they are being disturbed in their quiet environment by the sound of the ball of “Gate-Ball”. The city officials began to investigate and found that from early in the morning of almost every day except Sundays and holidays, many of the older people who live around the park also go together for playing “Gate-Ball.” The older people complained that the sound of the ball was so loud that many people could hear the noisy and disturbing sound. After the investigation, the city decided to warn the players to reduce the sound.

I found the article very interesting as I read it in the newspaper. The players of “Gate-Ball” are enjoying the game and get very excited to play. During the game they never recognize that the sound of the ball as being noisy and disturbing to other people. As I mentioned earlier, they are all retired aged people. It means that they should be able to pay attention to other people. They, however, forgot to do so, just like children.

Shinran confessed many times that he was a “Bonbu,” foolish being. This belief of “Bonbu” is the most important religious reflection of himself. “Bonbu” is the person who believes that he knows everything about himself. In other words, “Bonbu” cannot recognize or be aware of his limitations. He believes, undoubtedly that there is nothing but everything he can see, hear, experience, and understand.

For the “Gate-Ball” player, it is almost impossible to be aware of the people are disturbed by the sound of the ball. They found it was the most effective medicine to let out their pent up frustrations. As the city officer warned, they complained back against the old people who do not play “Gate-Ball” when they were asked why they did not understand the fun of the game. The problem is that they are not aware of the limit not to able to know something exists over his understanding. This is the limit of the human beings as “Bonbu”.

Being aware of “Bonbu” in yourself is the first step of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

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JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS - 2015 JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Japanese American National War Memorial Court
Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Los Angeles, CA
May 23, 2015*

At the December 4, 2009, Board meeting of the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (VHBT), it was determined that VHBT would participate in the Japanese American Vietnam War Killed in Action (KIA) adoption program. In this program, community organizations/temples/churches would “adopt” the names of 8-12 KIA and honor and remember them.

Adopting organizations are invited annually to participate in the annual Japanese American Veterans’ Memorial Service at the Japanese American National Memorial Court at the Japanese American Culture and Community Center by presenting a single flower with the adopted serviceman’s name attached. VHBT has been participating in the Service since May 2010.

The KIA adopted by VHBT include:

- Edward M. Amato, SP4 of Commack, NY, who was 23 years old when he was killed, six months after he started his tour of duty.
- Bruce J. Mori, Pfc of Los Angeles, CA, who was 20 years old when he was killed due to multiple fragmentation wounds, 39 days after he started his tour of duty.
- Masashi Nakashimo S/Sgt of Santa Barbara, CA, who was 23 years old when he was killed a year and half after he started his tour of duty. He received a posthumous promotion.
Entry from the Virtual Wall: “Today I remember your sacrifice 36 years ago. Because of your dedication I am alive and you are no longer with us. You are always in my thoughts.” From a fellow Medic 1/44th.
- Rockne Masayoshi Noguchi, Pfc of Honolulu, HI, who was 20 years old when he died of multiple fragmentation wounds, 7 months after he started his tour of duty.
- Terry Y Ogami, Cpl of Reedley, CA, who was 21 years old when he died. He received a posthumous promotion. Terry has a special connection to VHBT as his uncle and aunt, Sam and Dolly, and their children lived in the house on Culver Blvd., that was sold to the Temple for its original location. Entry from Virtual Wall: “Terry was a friend of mine, a really good friend. We had both been in country 9-10 months by the time he was killed. We were patrolling through a village when the enemy opened up on us. Terry gave his life while he and I pulled Raymond Carpenter out of the line of fire. Unfortunately, Ray was killed as well. Why them and not me? I wish I knew. I loved them both, and I miss them every day. I had the good fortune to speak to Terry's brother David Ogami, by phone, several years ago. I had written quite a few letters to Terry's parents that were never answered. David found those letters after his parents died, and he called me on the phone one night. It was a moving experience as I answered all his questions. Rest in peace brothers. I'll see you again someday.” From his friend and Squad Leader.
- Takeshi Yabiku, Sp4 of Los Angeles, CA, who was 22 years old when he died of gun or small arms fire.
- Naoto Yamashiro, Sp7 of Honolulu, HI, who was 43 years old, after 20 years in the service.
- Douglas Yuki, Sp4 of Altadena, CA, who was 22 when he was killed in an accidental homicide.

The website for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is <http://www.virtualwall.org/index.html>.

For those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we are grateful that such men and women were among us. For those who continue to serve, we honor their commitment. For those who return to civilian life, we honor their service. -- Steve Buyer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ***It's That Time Again***

The other day, I came home to see a piece of mail from the Venice Hongwanji. I opened it up and it was the work schedules for the upcoming VJCC Summer Festival.

When I saw it, at first I thought, "It's that time again." I'm sure many of you had the same reaction? Memories of long days and hard work flooded me.

After the initial shock wore off, I began to think about how many booths the Venice Hongwanji has at the VJCC Festival and how many of our families and friends come out and support us at the booths. The temple is by far the organization with the largest number of booths at the festival. It is no contest.

Why do we work so hard at our festivals?

I think it has something to do with a fundamental teaching in Buddhism. After the primary teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, which is that the Amida Buddha vowed that we will all become buddhas, the teaching that most resonates with most of us is the teaching of "Interconnectedness".

We are all part of a community. In the words of our sect's founder, Shinran Shonin, "we are never alone." I think we all understand that each and every one of us is an integral member of the temple and VJCC community. This understanding about the truth of Interconnectedness and the importance of maintaining the temple as a community is what I think keeps us committed to working hard for the VJCC Summer Festival and our own Obon festival.

Besides, being together with friends is fun!

I hope you can join us by helping at the upcoming VJCC and Obon festivals and be a part of the temple community.

Hands humbly together in gassho,
Emily Kariya

理事長のメッセージ：もう、この時期？

この間、出張から帰ってきて郵便物をあけた時の話です。ベニス本願寺から一通の手紙が届いていました。VJCCのボランティアのスケジュールでした。

まず、あけた時は、「アッ、もうこの時期か」と正直思いました。皆さんも同じ反応だったんじゃないのでしょうか。これからの長くて、疲れる日が頭に浮かんできました。

しばらくしたら、その次に考えたのはベニス本願寺のブースの数のことでした。VJCCでは、お寺のブースの数は他の団体より圧倒的に多いです。

それはなぜでしょう？

答えは仏教のみ教えのためではないでしょうか。浄土真宗では、一番基本の教えは阿弥陀如来の本願ですが、その次に大切なのは「総合依存・総合結合」の教えだと思います。

私たちはコミュニティーの一員です。宗祖親鸞上人は御臨末の御書では、「一人居て喜ばは二人と思ふべし、二人居て喜ばは三人と思ふべし、その一人は親鸞なり。」いわゆる、私たちは一人ではないのです。一人一人が大切なコミュニティーの一員です。

結論として、この「コミュニティー意識」があるから私たちはVJCCの夏祭りやお寺のお盆祭りで一生懸命ボランティアするのではないのでしょうか。

また、仲間といるのは楽しいです。

この夏も、皆さんがVJCCの夏祭りやお寺のお盆祭りでボランティアできますか。よろしくお願ひします。

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FUJINKAI

Judy Hopfield

FUJINKAI PREPARES FOR VJCC FESTIVAL AND VHBT OBON AND WE SEEK YOUR HELP!

Our Fujinkai will be preparing and selling their world-famous Wonton plates for the Venice Japanese Community Center Summer Festival, Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28, 2015. Fujinkai ladies and friends are encouraged to help new Wonton co-chairs, Judy Hopfield and Phyllis Hayashibara, shop, chop, cook, and fold in preparation for the weekend. We seek assistance with shopping in mid-June, and chopping on the evening of Wednesday, June 24th. Cooking, cooling, and pouring the homemade wonton sauce (the best in the entire Summer Festival circuit) will take place on the morning of Thursday, June 25th and cooking of the wonton filling will be done on the morning of Friday, June 26th. Folding of the wonton will start at 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday, June 27th and 28th. Shift schedules for the Wonton booth have been prepared by Aya Masada, circulated for requested changes, and will be mailed to members in early June.

Our Fujinkai will also be preparing and selling their Universally-Loved Wonton plates; Chirashizushi, Makizushi, Inarizushi and Udon for the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon, Saturday and Sunday, July 18th and 19th, 2015. Fujinkai ladies and friends are encouraged to return to the temple to help co-chairs Sandy Saeki and Cyndy Uehara again shop, chop, cook, and fold in preparation for the weekend. We seek assistance with shopping in early July, chopping on the evening of Wednesday, July 15th and cooking cooling, and pouring the homemade wonton sauce on the morning of Thursday, July 16th. Folding of the wonton will start at 8:00 am on both days.

Finally, special appreciation goes to the Fujinkai ladies who assisted with the Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker fundraiser at Hama Sushi on Thursday, April 23, 2015. June Fujioka, Shinobu Koda, Aya Masada, Judy Nawa, Sandy Saeki, and Lauren Wolpert helped assemble the bento boxes with Hama Sushi-prepared chicken teriyaki, rice, shrimp and vegetable tempura, spicy tuna sushi and California roll, edamame, cucumber salad and tsukemono. They then checked in pre-paid supporters, bagged bento with complimentary water or soda, and delivered bento curbside to those who called in to Phyllis Hayashibara's cell phone. Phyllis, a member of the VJAMM Committee, apologizes for her inability to recognize her cell phone ring and respond to callers in a timely manner, but expressed her deep appreciation to the Fujinkai ladies who made it possible to prepare and distribute 228 bento - a four-year record! Hama Sushi donated 100% of the profits from

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP UMEZU

On April 25, 2015, the country of Nepal was struck by a 7.8 earthquake. This disaster has left in its wake a tragedy beyond our comprehension. The enormous loss of life, the damage to the country's infrastructure, and the effect on the livelihoods of the people of Nepal as well as many of its neighboring countries, is tremendous. Our hearts and thoughts go out to all those who are suffering as a result of this tragedy.

The Kathmandu Hongwanji, headed by Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia, has always been involved in helping their community. In the wake of this disastrous earthquake their priority continues to be helping the community, in spite of the damage to their temple building. They are asking us to help support their efforts. I want to ask you to respond to their call for help.

As we respond to the call from Nepal, we must remember that tragedies and natural disasters happen constantly, all over the world. Let us remember that we are part of the world community and be willing to help at all times and in all situations. I ask that your temple or church be mindful of people everywhere. I want to encourage you to support not only this effort, but to engage in social welfare efforts in your communities as well.

Rev. Kodo Umezu
Bishop Buddhist Churches of America
April 27, 2015

FUJINKAI

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the Bento sales, and 10% of the dinner sales on April 23, 2015 to the VJAMM Committee. Proprietor Esther Chaing has already donated over \$7,600.00, and will be close to \$10,000 with the 2015 VJAMM fundraiser. The VJAMM will permanently mark the spot on the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards where in April 1942, persons of Japanese ancestry, ("alien and non-alien") from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu, gathered with only what they could carry. They had been forcibly removed from their homes and businesses, and boarded buses to what would become the War Relocation Authority internment camp at Manzanar. On behalf of the VJAMM Committee, Phyllis Hayashibara thanks the many VHBT members who have supported the VJAMM and have donated toward completion of the VJAMM.

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OBON

Thomas Yamaguchi

Our 2015 Obon Festival and Odori will be held on July 18 and July 19th.

It is the time of the year, where we remember all of those who have passed on before us and to appreciate all that they have done to make” VHBT a warm and friendly temple that we all know.”

In order to help maintain the temple, we have to prepare and operate food and game booths, to open our doors and welcome the community, and help finance the temple operations. Your participation and help in making this year’s festival a wonderful event will make the temple life continue.

Many temple organizations are in need of help in many areas of our annual festival. This includes the set-ting up the booths, preparing and manning the food booths, decorating, cleaning up and the list goes on. We ask everyone and anyone to come and help. Any help, at any time will be appreciated.

If you can help, please email Tom Yamaguchi at tommyyami@gmail.com, and I can make the connection for you.

The festival set up is 9:00 a.m.on Friday July 17th, with the festival time Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. .For more information on the event, go to our website: vhbt.org.

BEC

Buddhist Education Committee

Judy Hopfield

During the month of March, our Buddhist Education Committee was busy with activities. We held our annual film festival on four consecutive Sundays, beginning March 1st. This year’s theme was “Decisions” and the four films which were selected were all set in different locations and time periods, giving them an international and historical feel. The four films which were screened were: “Banshun” (“Late Spring”) set in 1950’s Japan, “A Man Escaped” set in WWII France, “High Noon” set in New Mexico Territory circa 1870 and “Lil’ Tokyo Reporter” set in downtown LA’s Little Tokyo in 1935. The festival attendees enjoyed the films and had interesting discussion sessions following each film.

The screening for our final film was a special event. It took place on March 22nd, right after our spring Ohigan service and otoki (which were coordinated by our BEC). Prior to the screening of the film, we welcomed to our temple three people who were involved in the making of “Lil’ Tokyo Reporter”: Carole Fujita (Executive Producer), Jeffrey Chin (Director) and Chris Tashima (Lead Actor). We first invited the threesome to share in our otoki lunch, and it was nice being able to sit down and get to know them over a delicious meal. After viewing the 30-minute documentary film, we had a Q & A session with Carole, Jeffrey and Chris. There were many questions from the audience, and we all learned additional things about the life and times of Sei Fujii, the film’s main character. We also learned how the film evolved and how much time, research, effort and skill goes into the making of such a film.

Our BEC’s spring events were a nice opening to our 2015 activities. We thank our committee members for helping to make it happen: Richard Modiano, Joyce Enomoto, Barbara Fukuji, Emily Kariya, Jan Ozaki, Jeffery Ignaaro and Judy Hopfield. Be on the lookout for our upcoming fall activities: Workshops on Kansho Ringing and Onenju Repair



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ABA

Tom Davall & Joyce Enmoto

On April 19, we held our annual ABA Aloha Breakfast. Thanks once again to all the ABA members who worked so hard to make to make this event so successful. We are fortunate to have so many members willing to spend so many hours on these events. A big "Thank You" to Mark Morimoto for his generous donation of produce for the breakfast.

The next couple of months will be busy, with the Venice Japanese Community Center festival on June 27/28, and our annual Obon festival on July 18 & 19. Get your appetites ready for our **World Famous** ABA Chicken Teriyaki. Come! We can use all your help:

Schedule

- June 3 – Making the marinade 6:00PM
- June 20 – Wash chicken tubs 8:00AM
- June 24 - Marinate Chickens 7 p.m.
- June 27 and 28 VJCC Festival
- July 15 – Marinate Chickens 7 p.m.
- July 18 & 19 – Venice Obon Festival

May 16 was the date of our first joint **Wine – A – Palooza** at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple. There was a wine education presentation, a sampling of 6 red & 6 white wines, light refreshments, and a wine glass.

SANGHA TEENS

Sangha teens have been very busy lately. We have attended three events in the past few months.

The first event that we attended was the Gardena movie night on March 28th. First we were given nametags with characters from different movies and then had to find other characters from that movie. In the groups we played games such as Jeopardy with movie categories, List It, and other party games for points. When the games were finished we ate dinner and announced the team's points. For the rest of the night we had a dance party and did dancing games like musical chairs and freeze dance. We all had a lot of fun and made new friends.

The very next day was our co-ed basketball tournament, organized by Venice on March 29th. It started at 9 when we had service. After service we all went downstairs to meet our teammates, coaches, and got our lunch which was tacos.

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DHARMA SCHOOL

On March 7th the Dharma School teachers hosted the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League Mini Workshop. Our theme was "Nembutsu for Multiple Intelligences". In the workshop we attended morning service, learned about Howard Gardner's theory on multiple intelligences, discussed ways to incorporate the theory into our Dharma School classes and finally ate lunch.

On April 12th the Dharma School staff decorated the Hanamido for the Hanamatsuri Service and made preparations for the Hatsumairi ceremony. We would like to thank Holy Cross Florist and Century City Florist for their generous floral donations for Hanamatsuri.

Then on the weekend of April 24th-26th we participated in the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League Conference held at the Concourse Hotel near LAX. During the conference, Venice Co-hosted the hospitality room with WLA on Friday and Saturday night. Emily Kariya and Jayme Heyl participated as workshop facilitators for the conference. In the workshops we covered Buddhist rituals, letting go of ego through the movie Frozen and common craft video making. We also participated in workshop on Wasan #6 with Rev. Furumoto from Senshin Buddhist Temple. Lastly at the banquet Jayme Heyl and Richard Modiano received certificates from Bishop Umezu recognizing 10 years of service as Dharma School Teachers.

Thank you for your generous donations:

Sheryl and George Yamada	Mother's Day
Tokirio Family	Pet Memorial
Drew and Dylan Nakahara	Birthday Donation
Kawano Family	Special
Nakagiri Family	Special

SANGHA TEENS

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We walked to the VJCC and ate lunch and the games started. We played 7, 20-minute games. There were 8 teams. At the end we were very tired but we made a lot of friends and memories.

The last event we helped out with was at the bake sale at the ABA Aloha breakfast at Venice. The bake sale was from 7am to 11am on April 19th. We brought treats such as strawberry mochi, cronuts (croissant donuts), cream puffs, cookies, and many more delicious baked desserts. Everything was under 3 dollars. Many people, after eating their breakfast came to buy a snack from our table.

JR. YBA

Sidney Tanioka

On March 21st and 22nd, our chapter attended the Coast District Young Buddhist League Conference at the Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley Hotel. The theme this year was "Buddha in Wonderland: Who am I... That is the Great Puzzle" and focused on self-reflection.

The Keynote Speaker was NBC Traffic Reporter, Mike Inouye. During one workshop, everyone made a mask in which one side you had to draw/write how others perceive us and on the other, express our inner selves and the things people do not know about us.

Then on March 28th, we went to the annual Southern District Jr. YBA Basketball Tournament at OCBC. Hannah Nonoguchi, our chapter member and her team won first place among 9 or 10 other teams participating.. The next day, our chapter helped the Sangha Teen basketball event was held at the VJCC and Marina Del Rey Middle School.

On May 2, Seminar 2 hosted San Diego and Vista Jr. YBA. The theme for this year's Seminar 2 was Big Hero Buddha and was mainly centered around self discovery and consisted of many team work activities.

Lastly, there was also the annual Spit and Polish for Memorial Day on May 9th. We cleaned the Japanese American War monument and the JACCC in Little Tokyo.

We also got the opportunity to speak to war veterans from World War 2, the Vietnam War, and the Korean War.

We held the temple's annual Rummage Sale on May 16th, which very successful.

Seminar 3 is scheduled for June 6th and 7th at Camp Morning Star, followed by the Venice Obon, and VJCC Festivals.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 5325

Powder Puff Derby

By Jennifer Yamashita

On April 11, 2015, one Junior and five Brownie Girl Scouts from Troop 5325 participated in the Powder Puff Derby. The Powder Puff Derby is where girls from different Girl Scout troops make and decorate wooden cars and then race them. It took place at Mark Twain Middle School. Thank you to Mr. Asher who helped us make the cars. I think this activity was fun and I hope to participate again in the next derby!

STEM

By Chrissy Wakasa

On February 7, 2015 the Cadettes attended a women in engineering event at UCLA. Here they showed us the different types of engineering such as material, mechanical, chemical, and many more. We had different workshops to go to and learn about specific engineering jobs. We got to see some of the clubs they had at UCLA involving engineering. Overall this day was really interesting for me and I enjoyed it so much. Personally, it really changed the way I thought about engineering and I found out that it really intrigued me to learn more about it. I am really grateful that we got to have this experience and the Cadettes decided we wanted to hold a STEM [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics] event for the rest of our troop for our Take Action Project. It was held on March 16 and 21 girls participated. We had separate groups and different activities including, making silly putty, making a marble run, extracting DNA from strawberries, and building marshmallow and stick towers.

The purpose of us doing these activities was to spread the idea of STEM because girls are under-represented in this field and we really wanted to get the message out that girls can do it too. Engineering is something that I am super interested in and I really hope other girls and boys will get the opportunity to see it too.



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CUB SCOUT PACK 79

March

This is usually a very busy month for our pack. We started out with our annual Pinewood derby in which the cubs get to design and with the help of their parents cut a car out a block of wood. We had a lot of creative cars this year and some fast ones too. The scout with the fastest car this year was Barrett Weiss. We also had our second annual Joe Belli- Not your Cubs Pinewood Derby for the adults that wanted to build a car also and that was one for the second year in a row by Scott Weiss.

April

The Cubs started out this month by volunteering their time at the Senior luncheon at the VJCC handing out little gift bags with snacks for the seniors.

Then we had our annual Family camp at Irvine Ranch Educational Outdoor Center. Here the boys got to shoot BB guns and Archery. They also got to swim and the thing that I think the boys loved the most zip lining. The parents cooked some amazing meals. We held our Arrow of Light ceremony for the first time outside at our campfire which was a neat experience.

Then our Webelos scouts participated at Camporee where we did very well. They competed in activities such as knot tying, shelter building, compass work, and first aid knowledge.

Den 4 came in 1st, Den 9 came in 2nd and Den 1 came in 3rd overall. Pack 79 has taken home first place the last 9 years. This is the second year in a row that Den 4 has won the Spirit Award.

May

We had one of the best fishing trips this year on the Betty-O boat. We were lucky to get sponsored again by the Friends of Rollo fishing group which promotes youths to learn about fishing. Lots of Mackerel, some Rock Cod, Ling Cod and few bass were caught this year. I think only a few boys got sea sick this year.

On May 23rd the scouts placed flags on the grave markers of the veterans at the Los Angeles National Cemetery.

We will finish our year with our Pack Graduation on May 30th. We will Graduate 17 Webelos this year. It will be sad to see them go after getting to know them over the past 5 years. Good Luck scouts.

COMING!!
July 18 & 19, 2015



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Temple Wish Board

Items & Services Needed:

- Install Smoke Detectors
- Letter folding machine
- New Gate & lock (by BBQ grilling area) - Joe Belli & Eric Schmid are working on it
- Double Decker Gas Convection Oven
- New Carpet (for Hondo)
- New Furnaces (2 Heaters)
- New Uchishiki (Special triangular brocade cloth for Onaijin)
- New Obuppan-ki (set of 2)
- New Storage Sheds & Shelving (in back parking lot)
- New Vinyl Gates (2 - by garage alley)
- Folding black Stools (10 -12 for Mochi-tsuki cutters; from Walmart)
- Home Defibrillator (from Costco on-line)
- New Locking Front Doors
- Paint Temple Exterior Trim
- New Soundproof Windows
- New Intercom (at side entrance)
- Kitchen Faucet Sprayer (2 needed)
- Large sturdy Tables (12 or more; from Mity-Lite Tables)
- Changing Table
- Children's Height Folding Table & 8 Chairs

On-Going Needed Items:

- Paper Towels, Napkins, Ziploc Bags (all sizes), 33 gal. Trash Bags
- Paper Plates (all sizes), Bowls, Hot & Cold Cups, Forks, Spoons
- Dish Soap (Dawn or Ajax), Toilet Tissue, Toilet Seat Covers, Hand washing Soap
- Drinking Water (1 gal. size), Green Tea bags, Nestea Iced Tea
- Postage Stamps, Cases of Copy Paper; Reams of Colored Paper; Card Stock

**The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will gratefully accept any donations of or contributions towards the above needed items & services. Please contact Emily Kariya, VHBT President @ (310) 739-4270 or via e-mail: ekariya@icloud.com for more information.*

March – May 2015

Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple gratefully acknowledge the following for their generous "Temple Wish Board" donations:

❖ For Items & Services:

Kei Fukuda – Painting Wrought Iron Fence & Rolling Gates

❖ For On-Going needed items:

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Joe Belli

Dale & Gail Noriyuki

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2015 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

JUNE, 2015

- 6 TEMPLE CLEAN UP – 8 A.M.
- 7 DAD'S & GRADS SERVICE – 10 A.M.
- 20-21 VJCC NATSU MATSURI – SUMMER FESTIVAL

JULY, 2015

- 11 OBON FESTIVAL SET UP & TEMPLE CLEAN UP – 8:00 AM
- 12 OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE – 10 AM
- 18-19 VENICE OBON FESTIVAL**
- 7/25-8/1 LABCC SUMMER CAMP

AUGUST, 2015

- 7/25-8/1 LABCC SUMMER CAMP
- 2 A BOMB/ VIET NAM MEMORIAL SERVICE – 9:30 A.M.
- 8/29-8/30 JR. YBA CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER, 2015

- 6 DHARMA SCHOOL "SUNDAE" SUNDAY SERVICE – 9:30 A.M.
- 20 FALL OHIGAN SERVICE – 10 A.M.
- 26 ABA MEMORIAL SERVICE – 7:30 P.M.

OCTOBER, 2015

- 17 FALL TEMPLE CLEAN UP DAY – 8 A.M.
- 17 FUJINKAI ESHINISAMA MEMORIAL SERVICE – 7:30 P.M.
- 24 DHARMA SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY – 5 P.M.

NOVEMBER, 2015

- 7 ABA STEAK FEAST – 6 P.M.
- 15 EITAIKYO SERVICE – 10 A.M.
- 28 MOCHI TSUKI SETUP – 8 A.M.

DECEMBER, 2015

- 2 WASH MOCHI GOME – (Mochi Sweet Rice) 7 P.M.
- 5 MOCHI TSUKI – 7 A.M.
- 6 MOCHI TSUKI WRAP UP & CLEAN UP – 8 A.M.
- 20 OSEIBO APPRECIATION SERVICE – 10 A.M.
- 30 JOYA-E END OF YEAR SERVICE – 7:30 P.M.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICES & MEETINGS

- FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE – Sundays, 9:30 A.M.
Classes & Adult Service – Immediately following Family Dharma Service
High School Students Class
- TEMPLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – First Friday of each month – 7:30 P.M.
(Except the General Member's Meeting scheduled for December 11, 2015)
- BUDDHIST WOMENS ASSN. (FUJINKAI) MEETING – Tuesday following Temple Board Meeting.
- ABA MEETING – 2nd Tuesday Following Temple Board meeting.
- DHARMA SCHOOL STAFF MEETING – First Sunday of each month – 8:00 A.M.
- JR. YBA MEETING – First Sunday of each month following Family Dharma Service
- MORNING SERVICE – Every Thursday & Friday – 9:30 A.M.
- MONTHLY TSUKI TSUITO SERVICE – Fourth Saturday of each month – 9:30 A.M.
- MEINICHIKO SERVICE – 16th of each month – 7:30 A.M.
- CUB SCOUT PACK 79 PARENT'S MEETING – First Thursday of each month – 7 P.M.
- CUB SCOUT PACK 79 MEETING – Every third Thursday of each month – 7 P.M.
- FUJINKAI SEWING CLUB – Every second Sunday of each month. – 12 Noon – 1 P.M.
- VHBT BALLROOM DANCE CLASS – Every Sunday – 3:00 P.M.
- GIRL SCOUT TROOP 5325 – TWICE MONTHLY ON MONDAYS, 5:30 P.M.

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2015 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OBON ODORI SCHEDULE

		<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>
June 13	Arizona Buddhist Temple	6:45 p.m.	
June 20 & 21	Sun Valley Buddhist Church	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
June 27 & 28	San Fernando Buddhist Temple	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
June 27	Senshin Buddhist Temple	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	
June 27	West Covina Buddhist Temple	7:00 p.m.	
July 11 & 12	L.A. Betsuin – Nishi Hongwanji	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
July 11	Oxnard Buddhist Temple	6:00 pm.	
July 18 & 19	Orange County Buddhist Church	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
July 18 & 19	Pasadena Buddhist Temple	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
July 18	Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara	4:00 p.m.	
July 18 & 19	VENICE HONGWANJI	6:30 P.M.	6:30 P.M.
July 25 & 26	Vista Buddhist Temple	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
July 25 & 26	West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
July 25 & 26	Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple	6:30 p.m.	6:30 P.M.
July 26	Guadalupe Buddhist Church		3:00 p.m.
August 1 & 2	Gardena Buddhist Church	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
August 1	Buddhist Temple of San Diego	6:30 p.m.	
August 1	San Luis Obispo Buddhist Church	6:30 p.m.	
August 8	Las Vegas Sangha	12:45 p.m.	