



Sensei's message

Hello and Greetings! For this Gassho I want to share the article I wrote for the Federation Dharma School Teachers League. I wrote it with the understanding that Amida Buddha is constantly thinking about each and every one of us. With the time passing quickly I find myself thinking about what seems easy, but has no growth. Maybe you can think of decisions you have made that were easy, but didn't take into consideration that it was an opportunity to give value to your life and others. If the Buddhas attained enlightenment for themselves, then it would have made their lives so much easier. They wouldn't have had to find people that needed the Dharma or teach it in a way for others to aspire for Enlightenment. What life would we lead without the teachings? What life would we live without realizing the compassion that we receive through this act? This has been amazing time to do gardening. Even in front of our temple, what looks like a weed growing is a milkweed plant that provide valuable food for Monarch Butterflies. I had thought they would be removed quickly because they seem out of place, but now they will sprout seeds soon. I am excited to harvest its seeds and grow more plants. I could easily do this myself and find enjoyment and satisfaction. The plan is to cut off the pods and take them home to my children and harvest them together. Then proceed to plant it. We will be able to watch it grow together as a share experience. If by myself it would take less than a half an hour to harvest and plant, but with the kids it will be a messy hour and a half. Most people might find it burdensome to incorporate other or to take more time to perform a task, but that is not why we do it. This is not why we come to the temple. It is to experience, learn, share, and teach valuable lessons to each other.

As we move forward, let us think about the deeper meaning of why we come together and who benefits. It is easy to just do or not do an act, but what are we learning? Are we losing an opportunity to change a life? Sometimes, I find myself saying that it is easy not to do something or just do it on my own, but the opportunity to enrich and share this life is lost. I have to remind myself especially during this time in our lives, that we do things with purpose of making life meaningful. We do things at the temple to give people something to look forward to, to give hope for the future, to realize we are living in this life together, and to say Namu Amida Butsu together as an acknowledgement of our hope and strength that we receive.



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I have been asked if the temple is holding more activities, because we need each other. Even when we had our food activity, it provided many valuable things other than just a fundraiser. It gave people something to look forward to, it gave people the opportunity to go out even just for a few minutes, it brought back good times in the past, for others it created a new experience, it provided a good meal, and it gave us all the opportunity to connect and say to each other "You are not Alone". It took a lot of energy for those that worked it, but they received the most out of it as well. If you have any thoughts of how we can help each other please share it by writing me at sensei@vhbt.org. We can look at where the need is and analyze how we can provide it safely. By knowing how we can help, we can empathize and exhibit compassionate support. Right now, let us all look to the future, plan our events, and from what we want to do create what is possible to give Hope through the Buddha's efforts. Namu Amida Butsu!

In Gratitude and Appreciation, Rev. Kory Quon

He who Surrenders Hope, Surrenders Life

Based on the Vow that beings ultimately attain birth,
Sakyamuni presented, in the Amida Sutra,
The root of good and the root of virtue,
Encouraging those of the One Vehicle.

From Hymns of the Pure Land 65

Root of good and the root of virtue: root of good in the causal stage; that in the resultant stage is called "root of virtue."

Those of the One Vehicle: they will be brought to birth in the fulfilled land [through the nembutsu].

It is September! It is the beginning of another Dharma School Year! How have you been? Now is the time for the Dharma to ring true for everyone. The last six months has awakened us to value our physical life. When we reflect within on how we have changed, what looks back at you? The passage above is from the Hymns of the Pure Land written by the founder of our sect Shinran Shonin. What message do you receive when you read it? Is it that Sakyamuni Buddha taught the Vow power of Amida Buddha and provides Enlightenment for all through Nembutsu? When I read this passage, I think of a simple phrase. He who Surrenders Hope, Surrenders Life. I know some people would look at this phrase and wonder how do these relate? It might also feel this seems kind of negative. Why would a seemingly negative phrase come to mind when thinking of our Nembutsu teaching?

Let's go back a little to "It is September!" Dharma School teaches students. What do we teach? Of course, we teach students the Buddha's teachings. The Buddha's teachings can be straight forward and written on paper, but there are deeper themes. Themes like Hope. Hope in this case is to cherish a desire with anticipation or to want something to be true. To all Buddhist this is Enlightenment or becoming a Buddha. Amida Buddha gives this hope through the Vow power to all



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beings that gain this aspiration. Jodo Shinshu helps us to see the wisdom in our lives and gives hope to the Bonbu or foolish beings. Understanding that we are all foolish we can think about what is important to those that are suffering so that we can create stronger ties and ease the entangled nature of our lives.

How can Dharma School teachers give Hope or comfort to those they are trying to teach and to serve? The Buddha understood this and shared the sutras. Amida knows this too and provides the One Vehicle. We as teachers use and teach these tools, but let us employ the strategy behind them as well. By looking through the lens of those we are trying to help, we can see what they want and provide them what they need tactfully. This is how we understand Amida's Ocean of Great Compassion that encompasses us all. If we were able to achieve our ultimate goal alone on just the teachings, we would not need Amida's effort or his compassion.

Our Dharma School teachers already work hard every week. With this online atmosphere, it may take a little more effort to check in with our youths. I don't know what this means for each of you, but thank you for all your hard work. Let us take the first steps to being flexible and helping our youths. We each need to participate on outreach to help them to feel validated and connected. As Dharma School teachers we need to give support and instill HOPE in the students. I have seen adults express themselves to what changes they had to make, but I have also seen children cry asking when will this global pandemic end. Hope in the present is to help people to adapt, and to not live in fear, frustration, or self-centered desire.

How can we give Hope like Amida gives Hope through the saying of Namu Amida Butsu? How can we use our energy so they may use Buddhist tools as the foundation of their livelihood? A Life of Gratitude and Appreciation is a Life of Nembutsu. This Life of Nembutsu keeps us honest. It helps us to accept life as it is and to move forward. With Amida Buddha in our Hearts and Namu Amida Butsu on our lips, together we can work hard and enjoy this time no matter what the circumstance. Nembutsu fosters Hope, and awakens us to Life. Gassho!

In Gratitude and Appreciation, Namu Amida Butsu





President's Message

It has now been over six months since the temple has been closed, and we still don't see an end in sight. Perhaps middle of 2021? Much will depend upon how fast an effective vaccine is developed and made available.

One thing that became apparent with the closure is how much I miss being at the temple, and how much I've taken for granted the activities, both religious and social, that are a part of temple life. Getting together at the temple for services and sharing otoki afterwards. Educational activities like the "Intro to Buddhism" classes and the Buddhist Film Festival. We were supposed to celebrate our temple's 60th anniversary in September with a banquet.

Probably the biggest disappointment has been the cancellation of our obon festival. Yes, it's usually a lot of work, with hours spent in preparation, hours spent working the booths, and hours cleaning up. But there's joy and a sense of community to be found in working together towards a common goal, and in between those hours of toil are the nuggets of time we spend with our family and friends, eating, laughing, and dancing.

We have, however, found ways to adapt. Rev. Kory set up a make-shift Audio/Visual system that has allowed us to stream services over the internet. And now we're looking at upgrading that system for the future, so that even when we are able to have in-person services, we can reach people who are unable to attend a funeral or memorial service because of distance or health issues.



Live Streamed Father's Day Service

People much smarter and creative than I have helped put together virtual activities so we can still stay connected while doing things together yet apart. During our virtual obon festival, Dharma School put together activities such as lantern making, a shaved ice social, and obon dancing in your living room. Our newest group, the Sangha Initiative, ran a Scavenger Hunt (speaking of the Sangha Initiative, please read their article later in this newsletter of how they are helping our seniors stay connected to the temple). And I'm proud of how our Sangha supported the temple by taking part in the silent auction, opportunity drawing, and obon sponsorships.

How much longer will this pandemic last? Will we be able to have a "normal" obon festival next year? Hard to say. But I am confident that the dedicated, talented, and imaginative people who have helped us thus far will continue to carry us through to the future.

**In gassho,
Ron Gee**



Buddhist Women's Association



On Monday, June 15, BWA member Phyllis Hayashibara and daughter Lauren delivered the Temple's 6,700+ origami cranes to Dr. Rev. Duncan Ryuken Williams' home because USC, where his office is located, has been closed to students and visitors. Tsuru for Solidarity postponed its Pilgrimage to Washington, D. C. to Close the Camps, but presented a Virtual Tsuru Rising on June 6 and 7, 2020, which may be seen online at <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/tsururising2/>. Nearly 250,000 origami cranes have been collected across the U. S., twice the goal of the 125,000 cranes requested to represent the number of persons of Japanese ancestry incarcerated by the U.S. during World War II. Their new Mariposa project calls for 80,000 origami butterflies (mariposa in Spanish), to represent the number of immigrants incarcerated by the U. S. today, awaiting status hearings.

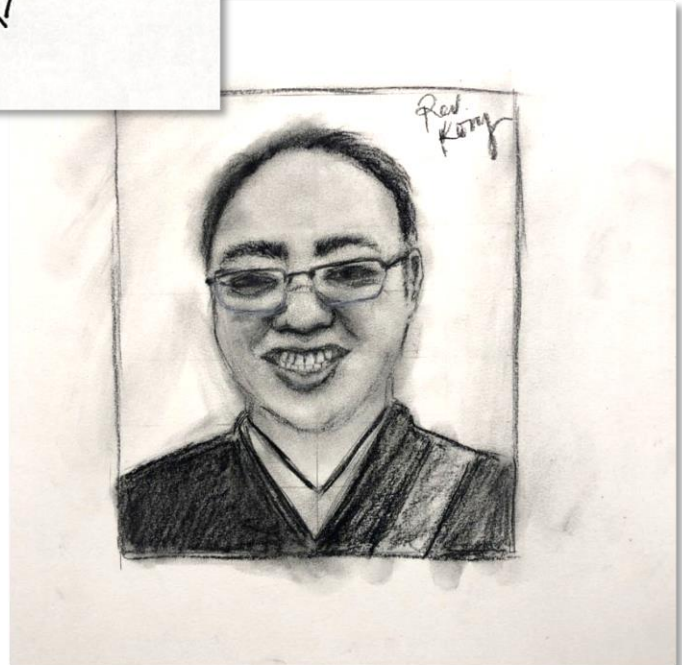
Fujinkai members Irene Matsumura, Joyce Enomoto, Karen Tokubo, Deborah Ching, Vicki Tokirio, and Yoshie Tachiki fold and string cranes in December, 2019. Thank you also to Linda Oshinomi, Kristina Fukuda, Sandy Saeki, and Phyllis Hayashibara for donating supplies, folding, and stringing, as well as to many other members of the Temple, ABA, Dharma School, Girl Scouts, friends of the Temple, and members of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee for contributing to the 6,700+ origami cranes.

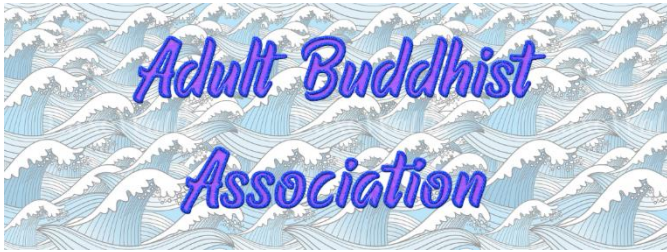


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Members of the Fujinkai joined the Sangha Initiative in two other projects: the Virtual Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, July 18 , and the Virtual Wonton Project (TBA). Thank you to Erik and Cindy Matsubayashi for coordinating the 125 Missions plus several Pop Up Missions. Entire families of three generations, and their dogs, enjoyed a challenging 24-hour time period trying to complete as many missions as possible.

One of the favorite and much-liked missions: Number 68:
Draw a picture of Kory Sensei!





2020 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

Hope all is well with everyone. ABA is looking at the last two ABA events of the year, and how we can proceed, in this time of COVID. Tentative we have Saturday, November 14th as an alternative steak feast event, and on Saturday, December 5th a modified mochi tsuki. Final decision on both events is forthcoming. We will let everyone know the final plans.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Memorial services for those who passed away in the following years:

2019: 1 year

2018: 3 year

2014: 7 year

2008: 13 year

2004: 17 year

1996: 25 year

1988: 33 year

1971: 50 year



ABA Board for 2020





Girl Scout Troop 5325

VJCC Bingo, by Alexandra Brookes

Last Friday (July 17th), some of the Girl Scouts (myself included) got to participate in a couple bingo games with the seniors in the community. Each Girl Scout was paired up with one senior. If one of the Girl Scouts won, the senior that they were partnered with would get to choose a prize. There were four rounds total. The first three were like normal bingo and two of the Girl Scout girls won those rounds. In the next round, in order to get a "bingo," you had to clear 4 down and 5 across in an "L" shape. And if you won, you could get two prizes. I know that some of the girls were confused at first, and so was I. But I ended up winning for my senior. I could tell that everyone was super excited because it took us a long time to get a "bingo." Overall, it was really fun and a great way to bring the different parts of the community closer together.



Healthy Eating for Kids, by Sammie Brookes

My name is Sammie Brookes and for the past few months, I've been working on the Girl Scout silver award with two of my friends, Haley and Jennifer. We all love food so it wasn't very hard to choose a topic for our project. Since food is such a broad thing we chose to make our main issue of the project, healthy eating for kids. We grew up playing basketball and exercising daily, eating well, and ever since then realized how important it is to stay healthy as a kid. Eating well and working out regularly as a child is such an easy way to create healthy habits for the future and have great health as an adult. To introduce these ideas to kids, we helped run a week-long summer camp and every day played a quick activity with them to keep them active and had the kids taste test a new smoothie every day. We hoped that by showing the kids that eating healthy and exercising can be fun, they'd want to keep doing it on their own. When the camp was coming to an end we made little cookbooks to print and hand out to everyone in the camp, along with a goodie bag of healthy snacks. To continue spreading this idea we also made a website that had an online copy of the cookbook and a few videos of us making the recipes. Because of the virus, it was hard to work together as a team and figure out how to keep spreading our message, but even though we needed to work a little harder, we figured it out eventually and that is why we decided to make the website. It is an easy way for anyone to access our healthy cookbook. It was so much fun working on this project and teaching kids about the healthy habits they could start at a young age and I'm so happy that I got to do the silver award!

Here is the link to the website:

<https://jennyama55.wixsite.com/mysite>



Girl Scouts, continued ...

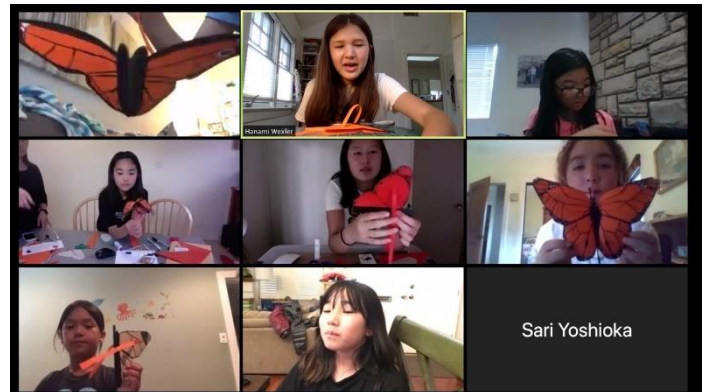
Monarch Butterflies, by Ryann Young

For our Silver Award Project, we wanted to help Monarch Butterflies because they are endangered and they are native to California. We needed to learn more about Monarchs so we went to the Natural History Museum, the Encinitas Butterfly Farm, and met with Walt Sakai, an Entomologist who answered our questions about Monarchs. With all of the information that we learned, we created a puppet show, a presentation and a video about Monarchs. We did our presentation over zoom for the Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors in our Girl Scout Troop to spread the word about Monarchs. In our zoom presentation, we taught the girls about the migration and life cycle of the Monarchs as well as why the population is declining. We did a total of 4 zoom meetings with the girls and in those zoom meetings we did our presentation, our puppet show about Monarchs, and 2 fun craft activities. From this project I've learned a lot about Monarchs and with my family I have been trying to grow milkweed to help the Monarchs. If you are interested in learning more about the monarch butterflies you can watch our video by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzEkYDfkq8Y>

Here are some ways you can help the Monarchs:

- Monarch caterpillars need lots of milkweed to eat so you can help by planting some!
- Global warming is also playing a big role in the decline of the monarch population so you can help stop it by driving less and eating less meat.





Cub Pack 79

The Summer of 2020 will be remembered at Pack 79 as a Summer where Scouting did not stop. As it became clear that things would not return to what had always been - anytime soon - we moved forward.

This new Summer started in June when we congratulated our Arrow of Light Scouts and held a virtual ceremony to honor their time here at Pack 79 as they were welcomed to their new trailhead in Scouting with Troop 764. We also were able to honor and recognize an important supporter of Pack 79, Mark Morimoto, outgoing Scoutmaster of Troop 764 with the Tachiki Family Legacy Award for his many years of service and support to Scouting, the Temple and to Pack 79.



As Stay at Home continued into the Summer, our members had fun participating in the Virtual Obon activities and had a blast with the Virtual Scavenger Hunt! We also were happy to help with the Dana Deliveries in July and August as it gave our Scouts the opportunity to do a Good Turn.



August is traditionally when we start our year with a welcome back and kick off event for our returning families and friends who may be interested in Scouting. This year we had to rethink how to welcome and spread the word about Pack 79. A group of parents worked together and put a plan into action that included a re-launch of Pack 79's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/marinacubpack79/>) and promoting Scouting and Pack 79 through our local council, temple newsletter and other virtual means. This culminated in our virtual Kick Off event in September where we hosted games and held a video presentation for interested Parents and Scouts.



Cub Pack 79, continued ...



We're very happy to be welcoming 10 new families to Pack 79 including our first girl members of the Pack and kindergarten aged Lions!

As the local Scouting council has provided guidelines to begin small group outdoor activities consistent with LA County Public Health Guidelines, we are starting to coordinate limited activities that can be done outdoors in family or small group units in a safe manner. Our first event was a conservation / community service project where household units or small den units did they Good Turn and participated at outdoor areas surrounding their neighborhoods in the California Coastal Clean Up with Heal the Bay that was conducted each weekend of September.



Finally, during the last week of September, we were proud that a Pack 79 Arrow of Light Scout, Zachary Ruzzin opened Episode 13 of the nationwide bi-weekly streaming event, Scout Saturday Live! <https://bsa-la.org/ssl/>



We continue to welcome new families and scouts in Pack 79. For the first time, Pack 79 now welcomes girls to the pack and are looking for interested families to embark on this new adventure with us! If you or family members/friends would like to learn more about Pack 79 please send a note to cubpack79@vhbt.org or check out our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/marinacubpack79/> and our public site at <https://marinacubpack79.shutterfly.com/>



Sangha Initiative

We are coming up on The Sangha Initiative 6-month anniversary in October. It seems like it has been so much longer, but not because it has been tedious and boring. Quite the opposite, our Group had a very busy Summer with some amazing activities to help our Sangha continue to deal with this terrible Pandemic.

Our Senior Dana Delivery program, a collective effort of all of the Temple organizations and led by Aleya Minamoto, commenced in June with the delivery of 86 goody bags to our members over age 80. In July, the bags were Obon themed, with paper lanterns, an Obon Odori DVD, and a ticket that can be redeemed at our 2021 Obon Festival. In August, deliveries were expanded to include members over 70. Each bag included a hand made card by our Girl Scout Troop 5325, and a Dharma Message from Rev. Kory. Special thanks to Troop 5325 and Cub Pack 79 for their contributions (including delivery), Kubota Mortuary for their generous donation of rice, ochazuke nori, and instant miso soup in July, Hongwanji Place for providing books in August, and to all others who have provided goodies and essentials to share. This program will continue through at least the end of 2020.



This Summer, we also held 1 (actually 2) very successful and delicious events as we hosted a Kenny's Café Chashu Royal bento drive-thru. Kenny's was a very popular fixture on Centinela Ave. in the 80's and 90's, and we served over 1400 plates between the July test event, and the August fund raiser. Members of the Sangha Initiative, led by Greg Saeki and Darrick Sogabe, led this effort, full of Covid-19 precautions and

social distancing and a very efficient delivery operation. We also thanked some community first responders as we shared plates with the LAPD Pacific Community Station, LAFD Station 62, and Centinela Hospital ER. Our deepest gratitude to Chris Ono, Ray Yamanaka and the Yamanaka Family for making this event happen, and to the tireless efforts of the team,

including Carey Tokirio, Dale Noriyuki, Joan & Jon Ito, Jared Saito, Takeshi Shishido, Jeff Saeki, Jon Montenegro & Mika Ogawa, Michelle Orne, Rich Yamashita, Emily Kariya, and John Takenaka. Special kudos to Rev. Kory who spent most of the weekend greeting everyone as they drove in to pick up their bento.

We also supported the Virtual Obon activities with an online scavenger hunt. Around 200 people participated in this team competition, engaging on tasks (many Obon-themed) such as creating a Bon Odori scene, creating a car from an Amazon box, and find a coin minted in the year the Temple was established. The teams all had a blast, many forgoing their dinner to ensure they completed as many tasks as possible. Thanks to Cindy & Erik Matsubayashi, and Lisa Ino Cummings for leading this effort, and to all participants, young and not as young, for their support.

We're just getting started, and anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Meetings are currently held monthly via Zoom. Our main objective in addition to helping the Temple is to have a lot of fun in the process. Check the VHBT website (in the future) for Sangha Initiative updates, and contact Jerry Iseda for more information on joining the group.



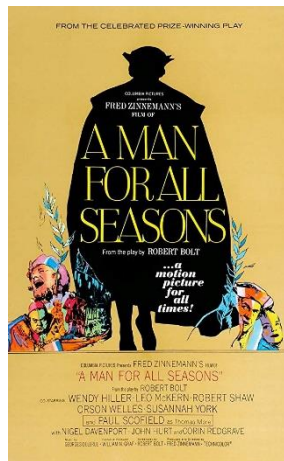


Our Buddhist Education Committee went to a virtual platform to screen the two films remaining on our annual film festival list. On September 27th, we had a screening of the film “War and Youth,” a Japanese film about a family’s emotional healing from events which occurred in the midst of World War II Japan. After the movie viewing, the participants enjoyed an online discussion of the film and its related topics.



Thank you to Ron Gee for hosting the event and to Richard Modiano for selecting the film and making it available to us.

There will be a final virtual film screening event for 2020, on November 8 at 11:00 am; this will follow our virtual Eitaikyo service, set to begin at 9:30 am. The film to be shown will be “A Man For All Seasons,” which tells the story of Thomas More, a British statesman who served under King Henry the VIII. It will conclude the 2020 film festival, whose theme was “What is Faith?”



The Seniors have truly been missing the activities at the Temple they had enjoyed every week. They are sad that the pandemic restrictions have kept them away from their services, exercise classes, game days, movies, and other classes, special parties, but most of all, missing their time to visit and chat with old friends, new friends and enjoy visiting with the toddlers on Toddler Tuesdays.

Many of the seniors are filling their days with gardening and growing vegetables and flowers they enjoy, learning how to facetime and zoom to keep in touch with their loved ones, lots of walking through their neighborhoods and renewing neighborhood greetings. Many have taken this time to go through old pictures and “things” that have been put away for safe keeping. Many have picked up hobbies and crafts like sewing and knitting/crocheting, artwork they loved in the past but didn’t have time for. Talking to friends and families on the phone or writing cards and letters to say “hello”.

The Seniors are truly grateful for the Dana Deliveries. Being remembered and thought of in so many generous and caring ways has been heartwarming. Every item is appreciated and enjoyed. The hand made cards, Obon lanterns and origami were especially thoughtful and creative and brought smiles to their faces.

The seniors are living each day with gratitude and look forward to the day they will once again be able to enjoy the activities and fellowship of the Temple.





Although we couldn't enjoy an in person Obon festival weekend this year, Dharma School organized three Obon workshops in July for all to participate in. The first one was on July 12 and opened with dancing Obon Odori Uta followed by a short story about the origin of Obon and Moggallana. The kids then made a lantern with guidance from Jayme Heyl.



The second workshop on July 19 involved learning how to make shaved ice using different methods. Emily Kariya demonstrated making shaved ice using a traditional Japanese shave ice maker. Jayme and Karyn Heyl used a blender to make their shaved ice and Janis Ozaki made shaved ice using jello and Sprite. Some of the kids enjoyed their own shaved ice while zooming from home.

Our last workshop on July 26 was attended by adults from other temples as well as from our own Sangha. Julia Ueda and Judy Hopfield instructed

and led the dancing for Obon Odori Uta, Shiawase Samba, Gasshou Ondo and Pokeman Ondo. They also provided some of the English translation for the dances. It was fun watching everyone enjoying Odori at home, some dressed in Yukata or Happi coat.

Unfortunately, we still cannot resume in person services or Dharma School classes at this time due to the pandemic. Look out for information soon regarding virtual Dharma School classes as well as our first ever virtual Halloween Celebration.





Beyond all expectations during a pandemic, VHBT had an amazing Obon observance this year. Although we did not have our traditional Obon festival, we honored our loved ones with the Hatsubon service and through Obon Sponsorships. We shared and acquired treasures through the online Silent Auction, Marketplace and Opportunity Drawing. And we expanded our Sangha, strengthened our community and connections, and had immeasurable and memorable fun with Dharma School Virtual Family Workshops and the Virtual Obon Scavenger Hunt.

Thank you to all who diligently and creatively organized these activities. Of course, the tremendous success of this year's Obon observance would not be possible without the support and generosity of the Sangha and community. We offer deepest gratitude and many, many thanks to everyone.

- The VHBT Obon Committee



Virtual Sangha

“Although we are physically apart for now, we will continue to practice compassion and stay connected together.”

Rev. Kory's Hatsubon Dharma Message included this quote, and we continue to look for creative ways to keep the Sangha and Community engaged during this pandemic.

The latest venture is the creation of a “Virtual Sangha” - custom cut-outs (produced by Fathead) of Temple Members and Friends in Dharma that are placed in the Temple Hondo. It provides a means for people to “physically” attend services while Stay at Home Orders remain in effect.

The idea for the Virtual Sangha came shortly after the Temple began holding Live Stream Services via Zoom. Rev. Kory said he missed seeing actual faces in the Hondo, especially during the Sutra chanting and Dharma Message. Coincidentally, baseball resumed and teams were filling their stadiums with virtual fans. We asked, “If baseball can do it, why can't we?” and from there, the plan took off.

To date, the response has been tremendous, and over 50 Temple Members and Friends in Dharma ranging from ages 3 to 90+ have signed up. The first 30+ cut outs just arrived and have been displayed during our Live Stream Services starting in September. Anyone can join by making a recommended donation (to cover costs and a small addition for the Onaijin Fund). While most are using the suggested pose of hands in Gassho while wearing a Monto Shiki Sho with their heads up (to see faces), a few have gotten creative, such as using their wedding photo (Jackie Motobo), or an Obon photo in yukata (Kristina Fukuda). Once the Temple reopens, donors can reclaim their virtual selves. We have promised to show the Sangha in action every Sunday, so join us any Sunday morning to see our Sangha in action!

It's not too late to join! Contact Jerry Iseda or email us at vhbtlive@gmail.com if you would like to take part. Phyllis Hayashibara has offered to come and take your photo if you prefer. Help us fill the Hondo!



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The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their 2020 dues received from January 2019 through April 2020.

The asterisks () identify our Senior members who paid Senior membership or made membership donations. As we continue our membership drive for 2020, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.*



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Young Family Membership (Family under age 35 yrs.) \$350	Young Adult Individual Membership (Single adult under age 30 yrs.) \$125	Senior Membership* (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) Complimentary



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May 2020

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