

Gassho

To promote a greater understanding of Jodo Shinghu Buddhism and to continue to live the Nembutsu as a warm and friendly temple



Sensei's message

The 50 Year Old Dress Shirt

10 years ago, I got a shirt as a gift. It was a nice long sleeve Brooks Brothers shirt. Now for many people, they might not think that spending \$100 is a lot for a shirt, but for me you could get 3. With this in mind, I only wear it for special occasions. Have you ever worn a piece of clothing in this way?

*"Trees of seven precious materials fill the land,
Mutually reflecting each other's brilliance;
The flowers, fruits, branches, and leaves all shine
thus,
So take refuge in Amida, the store of virtues
fulfilled through the Primal Vow."*

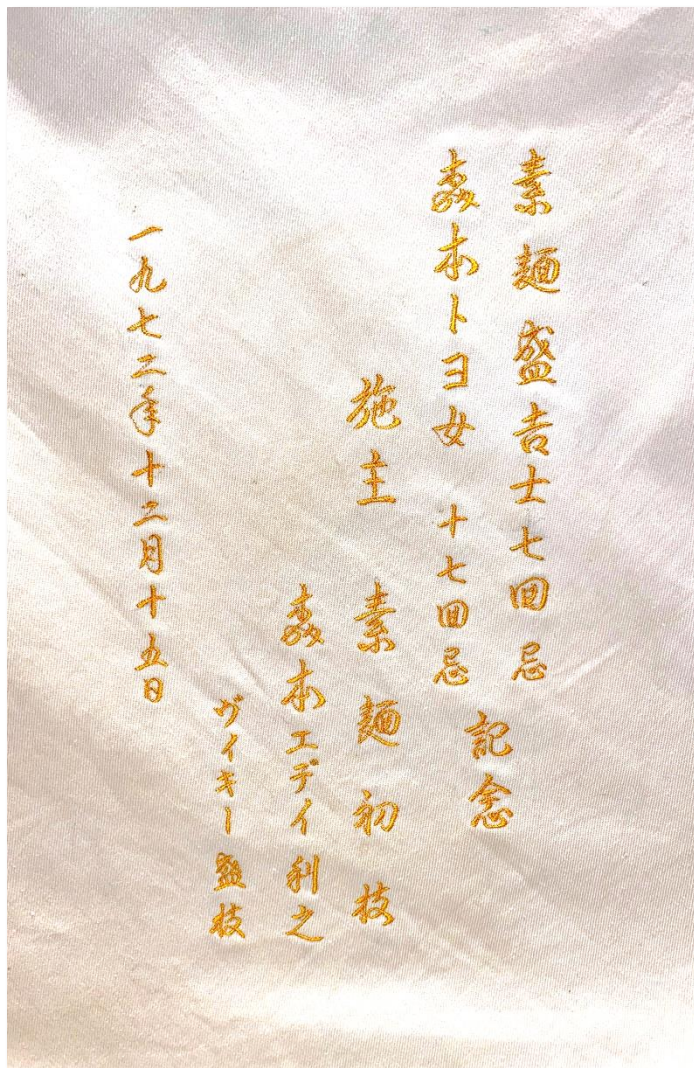
The passage above is from the Amidakyo or the Smaller Sukharvativyuha Sutra. Here at the temple we chant it every Dec 30th to help us visualize the Buddha's Pureland. Imagine the jeweled trees and the colored brilliance of light reflecting everywhere. Even with this image we can find a little peace within. Like this passage, the *Naijin* or altar is also a visual aid for our inner settlement. On every special occasion the *Naijin* has a special shirt as well. In 2022, that shirt will be 50 years old. Well, it is not really a shirt, but it

is a very special outfit or cloths that we lay out. These cloths are to accentuate how precious these moments are and how powerful the teachings are in our lives. They are our *Uchishiki* and *Mizuhiki*. They are important, because in Shakyamuni Buddha's lifetime there was a custom of spreading out fine cloths for the Buddha to sit on before relaying the Dharma. Later, they were used to decorate home and temple altars alike. The *Mizuhiki* is a brocade cloth that covers the front and sides of the front table. Our *Mizuhiki* is green. Then the *Uchishikis* are triangle cloths on the altar. You can see four of them. If you have one at home, you can check the back of this triangular piece. It might be white. This was so if you had a funeral, you could reverse it for this purpose.



Sensei's Message continued...

There is a definite value to having a gift that is worth more than you are willing to spend. In the case of my white shirt, it was to help in the life that I was just beginning as a Buddhist Priest. The gift of a shirt was to help in sharing the Buddha's teachings and easing the suffering of the world. This was the same with the ceremonial cloths that we use at our temple. Embroidered on the back of some our *Uchishiki* is the date and people's names that they were donated in honor of.



What I see when I look at this is the wish to make our lives better. We have been using these cloths for 50 years. Have you noticed them? Many times they are overlooked or taken for granted. They look great for a 50 year old set of cloths don't they? Our temple is in process of beginning another 50 years with a new set of clothing for our *Naijin* with the continued effort to awaken and enlighten the world.

Would you like to help in this effort? If you could write a wish for the world, your community, your children, what would it be? How would you make a difference? When the 7 precious materials of these new cloths reflect their brilliant rays throughout the world, how will you feel? Let us work together and all write a message that will last the next 50 years.

But before it is too late, take in these special pieces. As you sit and listen to the teachings, imagine that you are sitting and listening to the Buddha himself. *Namu Amida Butsu*

Stay Safe and Stay Sangha Strong!
In Gratitude and Appreciation,
Rev. Kory Quon





President's Message

I hope you all had a great Summer. Even though we are still coping with the ups and downs of COVID-19, let's all work together to keep our Sangha live and active. One of the things that has made us stand out during this Pandemic is the variety of offerings we continued to have, even while we could not meet in person. Now we are able to invite everyone back to the Temple, and coming off an amazing Virtual Obon program, I'm hoping we can create many activities and events through the rest of 2021.

Obon Thank-yous

Another Obon Season has come and gone, but thanks to your support, we were able to have another very successful virtual Obon weekend, packed with a lot of fun activities and events. Special thank yous to Tom Yamaguchi and Debbie Ching who led this effort, along with our Bon Odori leaders Judy Hopfield and Julia Ueda, our Opportunity Drawing and Silent Auction leaders Aya Masada and Tommy Nakagiri, our Dharma School workshop leaders Emily Kariya, Leslie Nakahara, and Jan Ozaki, our Scavenger Hunt leaders Cindy and Erik Matsubayashi, and our Food Fundraising Coordinator (Harajuku Taproom and Marie Callender's) Barbara Fukuji. And, a big thank you to everyone else who helped make all this happen, and to all who participated in some or all of our Obon activities.

I know that many of us are waiting for an in-person Obon Festival, which we will work towards in 2022. With a bit of hard work, a lot of fun and creativity, let's look to going back to a real live Obon Festival in 2022.

Obon Video

If you have not yet seen it, Ken Chen put together a terrific video, "Celebrating Obon at Venice Hongwanji," which provides some history and tradition of our Obon Festivals, seen through the eyes of some of our Members. It is available on our Temple YouTube channel, so please take a look. Thank you to Ken for his many hours in pulling this together, and the stars of the video: Rev. George Matsubayashi, Judy Hopfield, Tom Yamaguchi, Dianne Kujubu Belli, Cindy Matsubayashi, and Rev. Kory Quon.

Obon Marketplace

All of our orders are filled, and special thank yous to Dustin Noriyuki for his terrific design that emphasized diversity and inclusiveness, and to Audrey Yamada of Cycotees for printing the shirts and bags. Many thanks to Sandy Saeki too for repurposing some of the "Dancer in Training" shirts into drawstring backpacks.

Obon Scavenger Hunt

Another great time was had by all that participated. Erik and Cindy again had teams running around like crazy completing the various tasks, including several that supported our local businesses, like Angel Maid Bakery and Sakura Restaurant, and some that tied to our other Obon activities.

Bon Odori

If you joined us, you saw the fun we had, including decorating the downstairs with chochin (lanterns), and we even had a small taiko. Several from other Temples joined us via Zoom, and we



even partook in some traditional Obon fare of Chicken Teriyaki and Wonton afterward. A video of the Bon Odori is also on the Temple YouTube Channel.

ONAIJIN FACELIFT

I think I have mentioned before, but in addition to our AV equipment, we are in the process of upgrading our aging Onaijin. We started by replacing our old organ (thank you to our Kawai Organ that served us so well for 40 years or so), and this month, the Board authorized the purchase of several items for our Onaijin (altar) that were in need of replacement. This includes the Uchishiki and Mizuhiki (cloths that are placed on the tables in front of the Obutsudans; a Tocho which is the frame around the Buddha and new Robes for Rev. Kory to wear during special Services. We will be discussing a few remaining items, including the Oko (incense pot stand) and Kebyo (water holder set) hopefully at our next meeting. Many thanks to chairperson Dale Noriyuki and the Onaijin Committee- Barbara Fukuji, Shinobu Koda, Aya Masada, Quinn Okamoto, Rev. Kory Quon, and Sandy Saeki for their tireless work to make this happen. And again thank you to Judy Hopfield, Joan and Jon Ito, Aya Masada, and Julia Ueda for facilitating the purchase of our new organ.

OLD ORGAN

Speaking of our old organ, it still plays but has its difficult moments. We are preparing to dispose of it, but if you know of anyone who might be interested in taking the organ off our hands, we will happily give it to them. Recipient will have to make arrangements to pick it up. Let Tom Yamaguchi or me know if you are interested.

NEW AV STATION

Our installation is almost complete, and we now have 2 cameras to use for our live stream services, including one mounted at the back of the Hondo.

Our AV “pen” will be set up at the back of the upstairs by the windows, pretty much out of the way even when we have large events and Services. Thanks to Merle Sharp for installing the equipment. We continue to welcome volunteers to help run the AV at our events and services. Please let Ron Gee or Carey Tokirio know if you are interested in learning how- it’s really easy!

MEMBERSHIP: LET’S REVERSE HISTORY

Like many Temples, our Membership has consistently declined over recent years. Good news here, in 2021, we have welcomed several new and returning members such that we are close to increasing our membership this year. We will be making one more push to build our membership roster, and remember adults under 30 can now join for just \$50! Membership Chairperson Tommy Nakagiri will lead this final effort for 2021 that will include a “Give the Gift of Membership” campaign. If you know an adult under 30 this will be a great opportunity.

JOIN US

As we continue to increase the variety of programs and services we offer, we will need help (as little or as much as you are willing to share). You can join us as part of a committee, or to provide support for a one-time event. Don’t hold back (no enryo) as we really want to involve anyone and everyone who would like to be part. Please let someone know (i.e. me, GTIseda@gmail.com) if you can help us. Don’t be afraid, everyone is nice and we truly have a great time doing whatever we do.

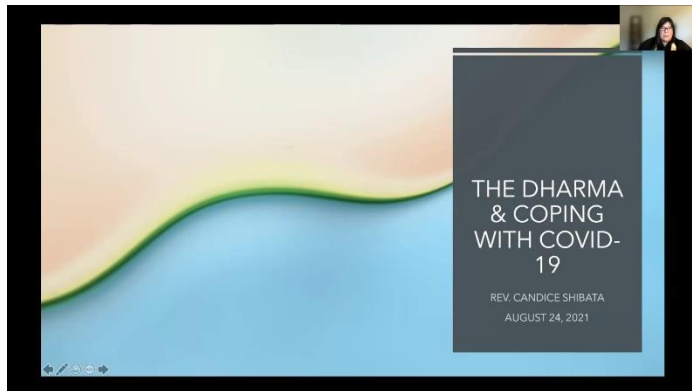
In Gassho




Venice Hongwanji Hosts 'Coping with COVID-19' Seminar

By Michelle Orne

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Sangha Initiative hosted a special livestream event on August 24 entitled, "The Dharma and Coping with COVID-19" that attracted a diverse group from over 15 BCA temples.



This was the second topic of the VHBT Sangha Series and featured Rev. Candice Shibata of the Buddhist Church of Stockton and focused on dealing with mental well-being and how Jodo Shinshu teachings can help guide us as we deal with the challenges of COVID-19, including returning to a more normal state.

Rev. Shibata began her presentation with a discussion of mental health and mental illness, sharing some of her own experiences and feelings and how she dealt with her own challenges. In her discussion of how culture can impact mental health, Rev. Shibata drew an analogy to the Four Noble Truths and the path we all take when working through mental health issues. She also provided detail on how the Pandemic has affected young adults at a much higher rate. Finally, Rev. Shibata discussed the role of the Temple, and how to identify situations where ministers need to recognize potential mental illness issues that need referral to qualified professionals.

The event was recorded and can be found on the Venice Hongwanji YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/SanghaSeries2>.

The Sangha Series was made possible in part by a grant from the Southern District Buddhist Womens' Association and is being produced by the Sangha



Initiative, a group of younger adults (aged 20-45) at VHBT that develops and hosts events and programs for the entire Sangha while focusing on engaging our younger adults and families.

The Sangha Series was led by the efforts of Monica Belli Haley and Michelle Orne, with the guidance of VHBT Resident Minister Rev. Kory Quon.

The next event is tentatively scheduled for October and is expected to discuss with how Jodo Shinshu teachings can help us deal with addiction issues.

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is committed to promoting a culture of diversity and inclusiveness. The temple has adopted the following hashtags that we will use as a constant reminder that everyone is welcome to our temple and activities: #MinnaNakayoshi & #EveryoneTogether.



2021 Obon Celebration!

Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple had a successful 2021 Obon Celebration on July 17-18. Thanks to the support of the Sangha and the dedication of the Obon Committee, our second virtual Obon celebration delivered fun, entertainment, education, and a sense of community.

Obon weekend was launched with an outstanding **Celebrating Obon at Venice Hongwanji** video created by Ken Chen. It included several interviews with temple leaders, including Rev. George Matubayashi and Rev. Kory Quon, who shared the meaning of Obon, the characteristic fun of the Venice Sangha during Obon, and much more. If you missed it, check out YouTube

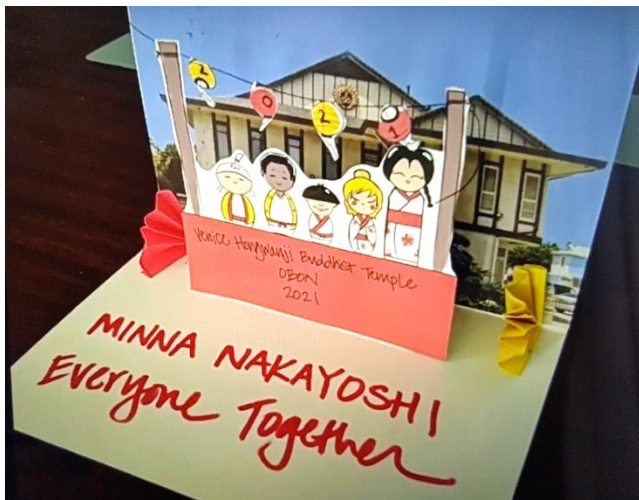
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQgATqtSrys>.

The **Virtual Scavenger Hunt** gathered 7 teams with 86 people being silly, jumping fully dressed into pools and just having fun!



Obon Festival continued...

Virtual Bon Odori on Zoom gave us a chance to be together in time and spirit, if not in-person. Zoom **Dharma School Obon Workshops** had fun with making candy sushi, lanterns and decorating tenugui. Souvenirs and shopping were available from the virtual **Silent Auction** and **Marketplace**. And a BIG THANK YOU to all our **Obon Sponsors!**



Thank you, EVERYONE, for your hard work and **support!**





Dharma School kept busy during the summer with the planning and presenting of a few Obon related activities during our Obon

weekend of July 17th and 18th. At 10 am on the 17th, Emily Kariya led a workshop on making lanterns out of vellum and origami paper. A video prepared by Leslie Nakahara on Rice Krispies Sushi making was shown at 1 pm. The kids seemed to enjoy eating their creations as they were making them. Tenugui decorating was presented at 4 pm by Janis Ozaki. Julia Ueda and Judy Hopfield led our virtual Obon Odori at 7 pm on the 17th and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. Our last activity was "I Got It" on Sun. July 18th at 1 pm. Back in the day, Jr. YBA ran the "I

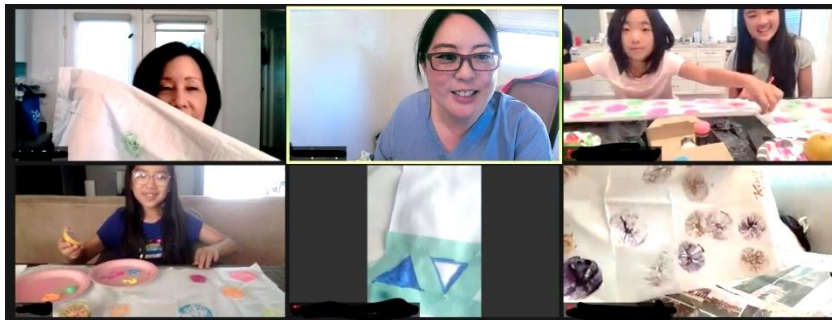


Got It" booth. We weren't allowed to use the name "Bingo" back then. There were four lucky winners of \$15 Amazon gift cards: Kayla

Ueda, Jeffrey Tropp, Imogene Imada and Tommy Nakagiri.

Our first staff meeting to prepare for the new school year was on Aug. 29th. Our cabinet for 2021 - 2022 will be: Co-Superintendents: Janis Ozaki and Leslie Nakahara; Secretary: Tom Yamaguchi and Barbara Fukuji (back up); Treasurer: Julia Ueda; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Yoneda. Unfortunately due to

the pandemic and safety issues, we will not be returning to in person Dharma School classes the rest of this year. We will



Dharma School continued...

continue with virtual classes and then re-evaluate the situation at the end of the year for 2022. This year a separate Middle/High School class will be offered on a different day from our Preschool/Elementary School class. Please refer to the temple's calendar for the schedule or feel free to contact Janis Ozaki at jmozaki@gmail.com or Leslie Nakahara at leslienakahara3@gmail.com for more information.

Although we weren't able to have Sundae Sunday as in the past, Dharma School did provide ice cream and fruit bars to students, parents and other guests on Sept. 12th between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. The students also received their "Back to School" bags with some supplies and treats. It was nice seeing the kids again as well as a couple new faces. They had a blast playing "Plinko" for prizes and Dharma School would like to thank Kori Nobuyuki's father, Ron Nakamura, for donating the handmade Plinko boards.

This year Dharma School's annual Halloween Party will be virtual once again. There will be a drive through candy/supply pick up on Oct. 30 with the party on Oct. 31. More details to follow. We encourage everyone to come dressed in costume as well as decorating your car.



Buddhist Women's Association

Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions and precautions taken to protect Temple members, family, friends, and neighbors, the Fujinkai for the second year in a row did not prepare wonton and homemade wonton sauce for the Temple Obon, which once again was scheduled as a very successful virtual event via Zoom.

diversity and inclusiveness by Dustin Noriyuki. Thank you to Temple member Tommy Nakagiri for donating the Obon puzzle and tenugui to the Fujinkai baskets.



The Fujinkai did, however, donate items for two gift baskets for the 2021 VHBT Obon Silent Auction scheduled for mid-June and July, culminating in the announcement of winning bids on Sunday, July 18, 2021. Included in the "Obon Collection - VHBT Style" gift basket: 2 uchiwa, 2 pairs of kachi kachi, 3 tenugui, 1 Obon jigsaw puzzle, 2 VHBT Happi Coats, 2 Dancer in Training drawstring bags, and two 2021 Obon T Shirts with a very special design intended to promote

Included in the "Everything Japanese" gift basket: Kimono wrapping paper, "Cool Blue" wrapping paper, Japanese note cards, Sushi and Matsuri stickers, green tea-flavored mints, tapestry lipstick holder w/mirror, shoulder wallet in kimono material, Jodo Shinshu Alphabet Book, and 2 protective face masks. Congratulations to the winning bids of \$150 for the "Obon" basket and \$90 for the "Everything Japanese" basket.



BWA continued...

The Dana Delivery program, coordinated by Aleya Minamoto, has reached its milestone of one full year of delivering goodies to Temple Keiro and also to Keiro from the Venice Japanese Community Center. Girl Scout Troop 5325 and Cub Pak 79, as well as other Temple members, are now delivering up to 125 tote bags every month in appreciation to the Seniors in the community.

The Fujinkai coordinated the tote bag contents for the August 8, 2021 deliveries, with a

“Summertime” theme: somen noodles, dashi, folding fan, fruit snacks, cooling towels, a handmade greeting card and envelope plus Forever Stamp, freezable Otter Pops from the VJCC, and a note congratulating Reverend Kory Quon on his 6th anniversary of serving as resident minister of Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Thank you to the Tokirio family who volunteered to package the totes. Thank you to the Temple for donating the “6th Anniversary” totes.





Girl Scout Troop 5325

Junior Badge Workshop for Brownies

During the summer, some of our Junior 2's organized and led a Badge workshop for Brownies to earn their Junior Aide badge. We had the event at a local park and were able to have a fun time with the younger Scouts. The Juniors planned the day over several meetings over the summer. We led the Brownies in earning three badges: Outdoor Art Creator, Making Games and Fair Play. We had a great time leading the Brownies on a scavenger hunt at a nearby nature center where they took some awesome pictures of nature. We led them in fun crafts and games and they even created their own sport! We really enjoyed working with the younger Scouts and helping them to earn a few badges.



Girl Scouts continued ...

Bridging Ceremony 2021

By Jennifer Yamashita

Girl Scout Troop 5325 had 30 girls bridge to the next level in Girl Scouting at an in-person ceremony on May 22, 2021. Due to COVID restrictions, each level had a separate ceremony in the Temple's parking lot. It was still great for everyone to see each other in person! Hopefully, we will all be able to get together soon.



fall 2021



Cub Pack 79

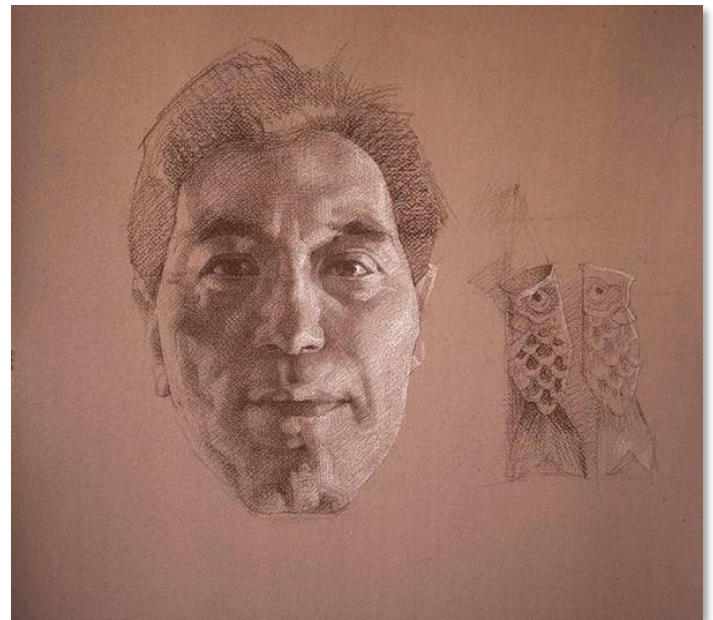
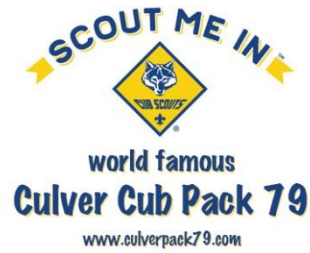
Goodbye Marina Pack 79, hello Culver Pack 79! The end of summer and the beginning of fall has brought a few changes to the pack. Outgoing Cubmaster Rich Yamashita handed the reins to our new Cubmaster Charley Worley. Charley continues the tradition of strong leadership the pack has enjoyed for generations. It also brought along a rebranding from the Marina Pack 79 to the Culver Pack 79. Don't worry we are keeping the "World Famous" moniker.

Cub Pack 79 parent Culver City Artist Laureate Alexey Steele featured Rich Yamashita former Pack 79 Cubmaster in his Love My Neighbor Portrait series. Here are some excerpts from Alexey's post about the live event:

"My personal goal for the set of portrait sessions was to learn what is it that makes Rich do what he does, makes him the person I admire so much."

"Members of Rich's family as Japanese Americans were interned into US concentration camps or exiled from California to designated areas during WWII. Instead of letting bitterness take hold the family stoically persevered."

"Throughout his highly productive, successful life Rich adopted as his personal motto and philosophy the old Japanese principle "Ichi - go, Ichi - ei" - Once In a Lifetime. He also embraced scouting as fully reflecting his belief."



Rich Yamashita as rendered by Alexey Steele



Cub Pack 79 continued ...

With our rebranded name we had our annual Kick Off event where 26 perspective scouts were invited to join us for a family picnic. It was a great opportunity for families to get to know each other, make new friends, play some games, eat delicious food, and even win some prizes.

We continue to welcome new families and scouts in Pack 79. For the first time, Pack 79 now welcomes girls and kindergarteners 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 reach out to us via email or check us out on social media:

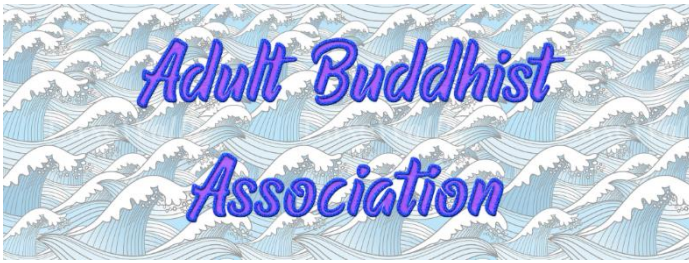


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The aspen trees are changing colors. The days are getting shorter. We are waking up in the dark and driving home from work in the dark. It is Fall of 2021 already.

Get out your warm clothes, clean the heater filters, get out the gloves and scarfs, put on warm jackets, and hand warmers.

It is getting close to Thanksgiving and Oseibo.

ABA thanks all who will be participating in the Cherrystones fundraiser in November, provided by Leonard Kim of Cherrystones in Gardena. It will be delicious. Here is a photo of the meal.



Thank you to Dale Noriyuki who coordinated the meal with Leonard Kim.

Thank you to the ABA Members who put together the temples September Dana Delivery bags for our Senior Members. The theme was Emergency Preparedness. If you have not thought of it, or put together a kit for your home and automobile, now is the time to think about it.... You never know when you may need it.

The 2021 Mochi Tsuki will not be held this year due to COVID-19. With health concerns, it was best to not have it this year. We are planning to have Mochi Tsuki (VHBT way) next year. Let us all hope December 2022.

For 2022 (year of the Tiger.) According to the Chinese horoscope 2022 and on a positive energetic level, the New Year of the Water Tiger 2022 symbolizes determinism, spontaneity and novelty.

For anyone, who is interested in joining ABA for 2022, please contact Tom Yamaguchi at tommyyami@gmail.com.

Gassho,
Tom Yamaguchi, ABA President



VHBT Membership

Enjoy the many benefits of being a Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple member!

Why Membership?

- Attend religious services and educational programs
- Access to temple organizations
- Enjoy optional participation in fun group bonding activities, programs, and fundraising efforts

New Members receive:

- Welcome booklet and Temple Meet and Greet
- Subscription to the temple's Gassho newsletter
- First hand notifications of temple events and activities

And now, adults under 30 can now join for only \$50!

For more information, visit
www.vhbt.org/membership

You can even join online!

2021 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

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

2020: 1 year
 2019: 3 year
 2015: 7 year
 2009: 13 year
 2005: 17 year
 1997: 25 year
 1989: 33 year
 1972: 50 year



TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their **2021 dues** received **through October 2021**. The asterisks (*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations. As we continue our membership drive for 2021, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.*



***June Akioka**, Joe & Dianne Belli, Ken Chen & Sheri Nagata, Martin & Robyn Cohen, Bryan & Aileen Cooke, Mark & Lisa Cummings, Tom & Janet DaVall, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, ***June Fujioka**, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Ron & Iris Gee, Glenn Hamashita, Janice Hankawa, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, John & Patti Heyl, Jill Hopfield, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Glenn & Debbie Hoshizaki, Nicolo Hoshizaki, Mildred Ichinotsubo, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Shirley Inada, Stacy & Joyce Ino, Gerald Iseda, ***Minako Iseda**, Nelson & Sharon Ishida, Calvin Ito & Sharyn Yoshimi, ***Dale Ito**, Jon & Joan Ito, Sachiko Ito, George & Sachi Johnston, ***Hiroshi Kadomatsu**, Emily Kariya, Yoshiko Kariya, Scot Kawano, ***Sammy & *Chieko Kishimoto**, Jimmy Kita & Gail Higa, ***Sanaye Kita**, Sam & May Kiyohara, Shinobu Koda, Frank & Elaine Koyama, Gary & Leticia Kurashige, ***Milnes & *Nori Kurashige**, Tom & Delcene Kuwata, Kimberly Limpisvasti, Hidehisa & Yukari Marume, Ayako Masada, Amanda Matsubara, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Irene Matsumura, ***Alan & Jane Matsuzaki**, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark Mayeda & Deborah Ching, Mark & Diane Morimoto, ***Victoria Morimoto**, Daniel Motobo, Jackie Motobo, Cheryl Nakagiri, Dan Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, Leslie Nakahara, ***Jean Nakamoto**, Edgar Nakamura, Hiroko Naruo, ***John & Judy Nawa**, Eva Nakasone & Ted Nishimura, David Nishina, ***Fusae Nishina**, ***Yayeko Nishina**, Jeff & Sachie Nitta, Tony & Kori Nobuyuki, Dale & Gail Noriyuki, Dustin Noriyuki, ***Kay & *Kimi Obana**, Fusako Ogasawara, Jino Ok & Aleya Minamoto-Ok, Quinn Okamoto, Margarita Oku, ***Tatsumi Omote**, ***Fujiko Oriba**, Craig & Linda Oshinomi, ***Mitsuko Ota**, Robert & Leah Oye, ***Kazuko Ozaki**, Ron & Janis Ozaki, John & Valda Palacios, Janet Petersen, Ted Reeve & Jim Matsuo, Ken Rosengrant & Joyce Enomoto, Billy & Sandy Saeki, Ichiko Sakamoto, Merle & Gail Sharp, Mabel Shimasaki, ***Hitoshi Shimizu**, ***Manabu & Emma Shimoyama**, Mark & Sharlene Shinmoto, Kiyoe Suzuki, ***Norm & *Yoshie Tachiki**, Dave & Arlene Tademaru, ***Kagemi Takata**, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael Tanaka & Jill Ishida, Etsuko Nancy Taylor, Carey & Vicki Tokirio, Karen Tokubo, ***Yasushi Udagawa**, Dean & Julia Ueda, Kayla Ueda, Kelsey Ueda, Don Uehara, Yoshiko Uyeno, Ron Wakabayashi & Jane Wong, Lance & Barbara Wakasa, ***George & Sheryl Yamada**, Tom & Judy Yamaguchi, Robert & Peggy Yamamoto, Gail Yoneda, ***Sakaye Yoneda**, Kenzo & Annette Yonemitsu, Art & Roseann Yoshida, Spencer & Courtney Yoshikawa

Membership Categories:

FAMILY MEMBERS	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	SENIOR MEMBERS
Family Membership (Includes children under age 22 yrs) \$500	Individual Membership (Single Adult age 30 and older) \$250	Senior Membership* (Keiro – age 80 yrs. during or after 2018) \$125
Young Family Membership (Family under age 35 yrs.) \$350	Young Adult Individual Membership (Single adult under age 30 yrs.) \$50 (Formerly \$125!)	Senior Membership* (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) Complimentary



Thank You for Your Donations

July 2021

Eitaikyo: Minako Iseda, Shinobu Koda, Milnes & Noriko Kurashige, Hisako & Kazuko Matsumoto

Funeral: Hirai Family

Memorial: Joseph & Dianne Belli, Yayoi Sasahara, Karen Tokubo, April Yamamoto

Obon Donation: Anonymous, Jill Sekiguchi, Linda Ikegami, Shirley Omori

Obon Sponsorship: June Akioka, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, Camilyn Fukunaga, Hopfield Family, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Sharon Ishida, Sharyn Yoshimi & Calvin Ito, Sanaye Kita, Shinobu Koda, Gary & Leticia Kurashige, Lynn Matsuzaki, Grant Sunoo & Emily Mayeda, I-Wen Lai & Kenyon Mayeda, Brycelyn Fukuji & Waldo Nagatsuka, Kay Obana, Wendy Okafuji, Quinn Okamoto, Robert & Leah Oye, Faye Ozaki, Janis Ozaki, Minoru Sakamoto, Jean Wong & Ron Wakabayashi, George & Sherly Yamada

Special Donation: Koichi Endo, Minako Iseda, Osami Ishida, Rikio Ishikawa, Amy Kadomatsu, Kimberly Limpisvasti, Mark Mayeda, Richard Nakashima, Micki Nishiyama, Kay & Kimi Obana, Tatsumi Omote, Fujiko Oriba, Norm & Yoshie Tachiki, Yoshiko Uyeno, Sheryl Yamada

August 2021

Eitaikyo: Joseph & Dianne Belli, Irene Matsumura

Funeral: K. Iris Nishina Gee, Dolly Khaw, Etsuko Nakano

Memorial: June Fujioka, Deborah Hiramoto, Kay & Kimi Obana, Thomas Yamaguchi

Special Donation: Linda Akioka, Anonymous, Kazuko Endo, Jack & Grace Fujimoto, Barbara Fukuji, Phyllis Hayashibara, Deborah Hiramoto,

Minako Iseda, Sam Ishida, Amy Kadomatsu, Sanaye Kita, Ayako Masada, Irene Matsumura, Jean Tsunemoto, George Yamada, Rob Yamamoto

September 2021

Memorial: Ron & Iris Gee, Sammy & Chiyeko Kishimoto, Mae Kumagai & Norman Kumagai, George & Kiyoko Matsubayashi, Quinn Okamoto, Roseann Yoshida

Special Donation: Yuriko Amamoto, Joseph & Dianne Belli, Barbara Fukuji, Sharon Ishida, Rikio Ishikawa, Amy Kadomatsu, Kimberly Limpisvasti, Dan Nakagiri, Loc Nguyen, Dale & Gail Noriyuki, Merle & Gail Sharp, Hitoshi Shimizu, Jean Tsunemoto, Thomas & Judy Yamaguchi, Rob Yamamoto, Richard & Joyce Yamashita

October 2021

Eitaikyo: Iris Gee, Dean & Julia Ueda

Funeral: Matsumoto Family

Memorial: Stacy & Joyce Ino, Kazuko Ozaki, Dave & Arlene Tadamaru, Judy Yokoyama, Nancy Yoshioka

Nokotsudo: Robert Fujimura

Special Donation: Joseph & Dianne Belli, Yoneko Enomoto, Minako Iseda, Sharon Ishida, Sam Ishida, Rikio Ishikawa (2), Amy Kadomatsu, Sammy Kishimoto, Thomas Kuwata, Jean Nakamoto, Gail Noriyuki, Jean Tsunemoto, Waves Hair Salon, Rob Yamamoto, Sally Yamashita

Thank you for your generosity



Temple Wish List



On-Going Needed Items:

- Forever postage stamps
- Glue Sticks (Elmer's brand)
- Hand Sanitizing Gel – must contain at least 70% isopropyl alcohol or 60% ethyl alcohol
- Clorox Disinfecting wipes
- 2" Blue Painter's Tape
- Water, 1 gallon size
- 33 gal. heavy duty trash bags
- Paper towels, Ziploc bags (all sizes), napkins
- 6-8 oz. paper hot cups; Green tea bags
- Case of Xerox copy paper
- Large (10 1/4") paper 3-sectional dinner plates
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers; Bathroom liquid hand soap
- Ajax or Dawn Dish Soap, Bon Ami cleanser; scrub sponges
- Hose, 25' heavy duty (1); small head size rakes (2); heavy duty push broom (1)
- Install new double pane windows downstairs in social hall
- Large sturdy tables from Mity-Lite Tables, 12 needed – (approx. \$275 ea.)
- 32 gal. Commercial "Rubbermaid Brute" gray trash cans with lids (4) - (approx. \$30 ea.)
- Commercial Rubbermaid plastic trash can "Dolly" (4) - (approx. \$35 ea.)
- Install smoke detectors; Install new intercom at side door
- Obuppan-ki - holders for rice offering, set of 2 - (approx. cost: \$800)
- Kebyo set - matching altar flower vases, etc. - (approx. cost: \$6000)
- Incense burner stands (3)

NEEDED ITEMS & Facility Service Projects

- 60" Commercial gas BBQ grill
- Build 2 new wooden box/stands for kama/rice cookers
- Build 2 new wooden stands for usu (lg. granite bowls used for pounding rice at Mochitsuki)
- New Mochi grinder
- Gorilla Racks (2); 48" Wire shelving racks with wheels (3)
- Replace wooden fencing atop cinder block wall @ right side of Braddock driveway
- Need 2 new doors & locks at east side of Temple
- Replace wooden gate at front of rental unit

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will gratefully accept any donations or contributions towards the above needed items & services. Please contact: Jerry Iseda, VHBT President @ (310) 922-2023 or via E-mail: gtiseda@gmail.com or Rev. Kory Quon @ (310) 391-4351 or via E-mail: Sensei@vhbt.org for more information.

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Virtual Lumbini Boutique

NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 2021

Browse vintage Japan-themed collectibles,
dishware, clothing, other items at
www.32auctions.com/lumbini
(not an auction, but a "Buy Now" event)

SCHEDULE A PICK UP TIME:
WEDNESDAY - MONDAY, DEC 1 - 6, 2021

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VENICE HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE PROJECT BONBU DRAW

Project Bonbu (translation- “ordinary, foolish being”) is a special monthly drawing where 1 entry will be selected each month from January through November; and 2 entries will be chosen in December. The selections will be made during a designated Sunday Service each month. You do not need to be present for the selection.

A donation of \$100 provides 1 entry into each monthly drawing and your entry can receive an award more than once during the year. You may acquire more than 1 entry, however, there will be a maximum of 250 entries in Project Bonbu for 2022.

Awards:

January 2022- November 2022: 1 monthly \$500 award

December 2022: 2 \$1000 awards

To enter, visit www.givebutter.com/vhbtprojectbonbu2022. Or fill out the form below and mail with your donation check to: Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 12371 Braddock Drive, Culver City, CA 90230.

Proceeds from the 2022 Project Bonbu will be applied to the Temple Building Fund.

NAME: _____

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