

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

We Did It! Thank You VHBT Family!

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple was able to host a successful Obon! I am exceptionally proud of our temple community for everyone's hard work. This is a direct reflection of those that have come before that installed the good feelings and memories in us.

Thank You Everyone! Thank you to those that planned! Thank you to those that helped! Thank you to those that came out to support! Thank you to those that shared the moments with your families!



I Forgot I Gave Away My Andagi!

Obon was electrifying! We worked together to not only put together a festival with dancing in the street, but helped to create life long memories that will forever be shared. After the first day, I woke up the next morning to have my chicken dinner. Excitedly I got out the container and 2 small dishes, one for the wontons and the other for the Andagi or more locally known as Okinawa dango. As I pulled everything out I found at the end there was an empty dish left. I forgot that I gave away my Andagi balls! We had such a good time that as we completed the dancing on Saturday evening someone came to thank me for the wonderful event and mentioned that it would have been perfect if they would have been able to get some andagi too. They missed the preorder. Hearing this I gave them mine.

Reflecting on this, I would like to thank everyone for being amazing. Everyone worked so hard and changed all the lives that were involved and attended. Let us all go forward together and give a little to make humongous differences!



Sensei's Message continued...

Celebrating the Gift of Nembutsu

What is taught in the tradition of Shinran Shonin is that the entrusting heart is essential. For when we abandon various practices and take refuge in Amida with singleness of heart, our birth in the Pure Land is settled by the Buddha through the inconceivable Vow-Power.

The state we thus attain is described as 'with awakening of a single thought of entrusting, we join those who are in the stage of the truly settled.' Recitation of the nembutsu thereafter should be understood to be the nembutsu as an expression of gratitude for the Tathagata's benevolence for settling our birth in the Pure Land. Humbly and respectfully. (Rennyō Gobunshō, 5.10)

This month we will be kicking off the celebration for the 850th birthday of the founder of our sect, Shinran Shonin. As a joint celebration, we will also be observing the 800th anniversary of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. Southern District is commemorating these events on Sunday October 30th at the Gardena Buddhist Church. There are two ways to attend. The first is to go in person and the second is to watch on zoom. There is still time to join in either capacity. Please see the VHBT updates for information. I hope everyone attends.

Sometimes a very important question comes up. Should I go attend this ceremony? Yes, you should. Why? We celebrate these occasions because when we reflect within ourselves and

look upon the hard path of Buddhism we find the definitive answer that Amida Buddha's efforts were surely for us. Due to this fact we show our appreciation by sharing these valuable moments with those around us and thereby changing their lives as well.

Shinran Shonin toiled through his youth studying and performing mental and physical practices to purify his heart and mind. He searched and searched and still was not satisfied with the person within. Do you sometimes feel this way? After years of Buddhism, I often think about this. How is it I still get entangled? Of course, we do not go through the same process that our founder went through. We were passed the end result.

Like in the above Gobunshō Letter written by Rennyō Shonin, say Namu Amida Butsu in gratitude. You are already dedicated to this life journey and have already joined those who are in the stage of the truly settled. As time moves forward, we easily forget the value of coming together and sharing in these moments and receive the teachings.

Let us all use this opportunity on October 30th to experience a service that we may not be able to celebrate again in our lifetime, rededicate ourselves to the Nembutsu path, and finally combine our life energies as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to be reminded that Amida Buddha's Primal Vow envelopes everyone so we should all collectively continue in the Light of Wisdom, Compassion, and Joy!

**In Gratitude and Appreciation,
Rev. Kory Quon**





President's Message

Pride and Gratitude. That's what comes to mind when I think about what we accomplished in holding our 2022 Obon Festival. Filled with doubts and concerns but mixed with optimism and hope, we had an amazing weekend attended by many, with great food, exciting games, a marketplace and silent auction chocked full of fun and attractive items for bidding or purchase, and the most lively and enjoyable Bon Odori I've ever experienced. The smiles in the crowds and on the faces of our many dancers and taiko players said it all. The spirit of Obon, the spirit of Venice. It was great to be back in person again for the first time since 2019. [#togetheragain](#).

We received so many comments and messages of appreciation from members and guests alike, who were happy to have the opportunity to participate in an in-person Obon weekend once again. Yes, it was a lot of work from our over 200 volunteers, but it was so worth it. Together, we made it happen- a 2-day, in-person Obon Festival that was open to the public, with protocols in place to comply with COVID-19 restrictions, food safety, fire and police regulations (it's not easy).

There are too many people to thank for their efforts, but a big thank you to our Obon Chairperson Tom Yamaguchi and our Obon Committee Leader Debbie Ching for helping make this Obon Festival a reality. And it was so nice to see so many faces young and old (ages 5 to 90 helped) working together once again.

Temple Reopening

Actually, the Temple has been officially reopened for over a year, and in-person attendance has been

increasing. While our in-person attendance continues to grow, our Virtual Sangha is still helping us fill the Hondo during our return to normal. In September (Ohigan Service) our Virtual Sangha will turn 2 years old. Who would have thought this collection would serve as our surrogates for such a long time? Little Rhys Haley was 1 day old in the photo used to make the cutout of him with mom Monica.

We were planning on having a formal reopening celebration in September, but during the Summer when COVID cases were increasing slightly and given the fact that we have not yet received the Onaijin adornments we ordered last summer, the Board decided to hold off our celebration to a later date, perhaps when we receive our new Uchishiki and Mizuhiki from Japan.

Update: Our Onaijin articles arrived from Japan this month! We will be dedicating the Uchishiki, Mizuhiki (altar cloths that adorn the Onaijin (altar)) on Sunday, November 20th at 9:30AM during our Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service. We will also say Thank You and Sayonara to our Virtual Sangha. Bishop Marvin Harada will be our guest speaker. Please see the flyer below for more information and RSVP instructions. Please join us for this special day.

Temple Improvements

In the past 18 months, the Temple has undergone a number of improvements. We have replaced the Temple roof, purchased a new (old) organ, installed new doors for the rear of the Temple (thank you Trent Nishimura), ordered new Uchishiki and Mizuhiki (cloths) for the Onaijin,



fixed the entry doors (glass), purchased AV equipment to enhance our Zoom capabilities, and I've probably forgotten a few others. In August, we are having the floors in the bathrooms and kitchen resurfaced, and Tom Yamaguchi is thinking about fixing part of the fence on the Centinela side of the property while Eagle Scout candidate Coh Mihashi will be completing his project which includes some fence enhancements.

Serve our Sangha

Obviously, this is our major focus. When I say Sangha, I mean all of us- Temple members and friends who have a connection to the Temple. During the Pandemic, we tried to safely keep very active, in some creative ways, to help us all cope with the changes that COVID delivered. Some of our more notable activities included offering Services via Zoom, hosting drive-thru bento pickup, hosting virtual Bon Odori and creating our Virtual Sangha.

I know I have mentioned this before, but I am most grateful for our Senior Dana Deliveries Program, which has become the signature offering of this Temple. Aleya Minamoto has led this effort from day 1, and now has the assistance of Janet DaVall and Michelle Orne and the full support of our organizations, including Jr. YBA, Sangha Teens, Dharma School, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts (Troop 764). Each month we are delivering 120 bags of goodies to Keiro members and friends of the Temple and the Community. We also have our VHBT Cares program for those involved in providing care for a friend or loved one. In August we launched the VHBT Cares Forum, where participants can post thoughts, questions and suggestions to help each other cope with their daily challenges. The BWA is reviving their Senior Outreach program and kicked off with a Welcome Back Brunch in June.

For our younger Sangha members and friends, there is plenty happening as well. In addition to helping with our Senior Dana Deliveries and

events like our Obon Festival, Cub Scout Pack 79 and Girl Scout Troop 5325 have been very active, our Dharma School continues to meet both in person and virtually, the Sangha Teens are up and running again and quite active- did you get one of their candy leis? and the Jr. YBA has been quite busy too.

Our Sangha Initiative group has not held formal meetings lately, but they have helped out big time during our Obon Festival and have also been a great help with our Senior Dana Deliveries Program. Going forward, we hope to have more events for our younger folks (not just slaving over a hot stove all day), such as a wine/beer tasting, and an event for our college age students.

Temple Membership

Over the past two years, our membership has grown significantly, and we are now back at a level that we haven't seen in almost 10 years. We will have another membership event this year, so spread the word to family and friends who might have an interest. Remember that dues for adults under age 30 is just \$50.

A New School Year, the Same Gratitude

It's shocking that school is starting already. As everyone gets back into their usual non-summer routines, we will continue to work on keeping the Temple as one of the places to be. I know I say this every issue, but deepest thanks again to all of you for helping to make all this happen. Together, we have made a difference, and together, we will continue to work build on our past successes in our new normal.

In Gassho




#TOGETHER AGAIN

VENICE HONGWANJI OBON FESTIVAL RETURNS

For the first time since 2019, the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple held their Obon Festival on July 16 - 17. This was a two-day, in person Festival, offering delicious food, fun and games, a silent auction and opportunity drawing, and sales of Obon t-shirts and merchandise.

The featured food offering was Mamechan's Obon Dinner (Mamechan is the Venice Hongwanji mascot) guided by Chef Chris Ono, which included chicken teriyaki, wonton, andagi (Okinawa dango), tsukemono and rice. Other food offerings included chili rice, chicken salad from Rascals and Feast from the East, sushi, and our middle schoolers (Sangha Teens) prepared shave ice and kintoki. Our many volunteers ranging from ages 5 to 90 worked tirelessly yet happily to make this a huge success.



Obon Festival continued...

The highlight of the weekend was Bon Odori on both nights, as instructors Judy Hopfield and Julia Ueda led nearly 1,000 dancers from Venice Hongwanji and friends from Temples and Community organizations across Southern California and beyond. The expressions of joy and the energy and spirit exhibited by all the dancers showed just how grateful and happy everyone was for being together again.

Our awesome Obon logo was designed by our talented artist Dustin Noriyuki, and was printed on special Obon t-shirts, and our custom label Obon popcorn. The theme for this year's Obon was #togetheragain, and we hope it will be the first of many more to come. Thank you to those who supported the return of our Obon Festival, and we look forward to meeting again next year.





Our first Dharma School class of June was on the 5th for the Middle/High school class and was led by Emily Kariya. On June 19 the Preschool/Elementary School class was taught by Judy Hopfield. The theme for June was the Eightfold Noble Path. These were the last classes for the school year.

On June 12 we recognized the fathers and graduates at our annual Dads and Grads service. There were 2 high school graduates, Toni Amano and Lindsay Matsubayashi and 2 college graduates, Matthew Kojima and Alyssa Uyeda. Our last graduate, Paige Tadamaru, received her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. Mr. Goodbars were given out to the dads and grads and there were delicious chocolate chip and decorated cookies after service made by Judy Yamaguchi.



Cookies for Dads & Grads Service

The grads received a certificate from the BCA, a VHBT mug, pen and book too.

Dharma School was very busy coordinating the Plinko game booth for the VJCC Festival on June 25. Thank you to all who helped with a shift that day. We ended up giving out more than 600 prizes. Obon weekend followed shortly thereafter. Dharma School is very grateful for the many temple members, family and friends that came to support us by working Saturday and/or Sunday in the Obon Food Booth. Special thanks to the many high school students that helped us throughout the weekend. We sold out of hot dogs, veggie dogs, chili rice, salads and sushi.



Some Dharma School alum who helped out with obon cleanup



Dharma School continued...

Our planning meeting for the upcoming school year took place on Aug. 21. Right after the meeting, Ron Gee helped us with a project for the Federation of Dharma Schools Teachers League. They are collecting videos or slideshows about each temple so that anyone can learn a little bit about the temple. This will be helpful for those going away to college and might be interested in visiting another temple nearby the school. Rev. Kory acted as our tour guide around the Temple and we had help from Dharma School and Sangha Teen member Sean Limpisvasti and his mom Kimberly who portrayed the visitors. Ron also added photos of the various temple organizations throughout the video.

The Senior Dana Deliveries was coordinated by Dharma School in August. We prepared the bags on Aug. 27th to be delivered on the 28th. The contents included somen or soba, tsuyu sauce,



Dana Delivery Prep

nori and Pocky. We aimed to find something cool to combat the summer heat.

September was the first month of the new Dharma School year for 2022 – 2023. The first service was our annual Sundae Sunday. We saw many familiar faces as well as a couple new ones. Both kids and adults enjoyed creating and eating their ice cream sundaes with us. Students received their “Back to School” bags. If there are any new students that would like to join Dharma School, please feel free to contact Janis Ozaki at jmozaki@gmail.com. Also, save the date, Oct. 30th, for our annual Halloween Party which will be in person this year.



Sunday Sundae





Sangha Teens

By Quinn Daimonji

On August 13th the Sangha Teens went to Disneyland and had a magical time. They were able to get the park hopper and Genie pass so they can go on more rides and have more fun. Their first ride of the day was *Rise of the Resistance*. Most of the teens claim that it was their favorite ride of the day. Along with Rise they also enjoyed *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Space Mountain*, and *Big Thunder Mountain*. They also got the chance to eat many delicious foods. One of the Sangha Teens' favorite treats was an alien macaroon, and for dinner they ate at California Adventure's Pacific Wharf which had a variety of food consisting of bread bowls, corn dogs, and Mexican food. After dinner the Sangha Teens watched the *World of Color* show and had a blast afterwards riding their last ride together.



Sangha Teens continued ...





Obon Thank You Party

By Trent Nishimura

On Sunday, September 4th, 2022, Jr. YBA assisted the Temple in holding their Obon Thank You Party, a celebration to commemorate the hard work everyone put into making the VHBT Obon possible. In appreciation of everyone, plenty of food and drinks were provided, along with a snow cone booth. Outside of assisting in the setup and cleanup of the event, Jr. YBA ran the Roll Em and Plinko games for the children attending the party. The Obon Thank You Party was a wonderful event and we hope for a great Obon next year!



Buddhist Women's Association

On Thursday, May 26, 2022 Mrs. Tatsumi Omote shared her Chirashi recipe and procedures to Fujinkai members, who enjoyed the finished project for lunch.



Fujinkai held its first-time-in-a-long time Fujinkai Chirashizushi Fundraiser, on Saturday, September 19, 2022. 500 plates were prepared for those who pre-ordered.



On Saturday, June 4, 2022 Temple members, including Fujinkai members, prepared a welcome-back luncheon, made possible by a grant from Keiro for Senior Outreach. About 24 Keiro guests enjoyed catered fruits, quiche, croissants, and pastries; and played bingo for scratcher prizes.



BWA continued...

Before the July 16 and 17 Obon Festival, Fujinkai members and their families helped prepare the Mamechan Obon Dinner by making wonton and wonton sauce with coordinators Cindy and Erik Matsubayashi and Joan and John Ito. Mame Obon Dinners, which included teriyaki chicken, rice, tsukemono, wonton, and dango, sold out during the two-day, in-person Obon Festival. The Venice Obon also featured chili dogs, chili rice, shave ice, children's games, and odori for almost 1,000 dancers over Saturday and Sunday evenings.



The Fujinkai will offer the second Virtual Lumbini Boutique, October 1 – 31, 2022 at www.32auctions.com/2022Lumbini after the success of its first Virtual Lumbini Boutique in November, 2021. In preparation, Fujinkai member Phyllis Hayashibara asked professional photographer and Temple member Ken Chen to photograph each item for the “buy now” sale over six days in May, June, and August. Temple and Fujinkai members helped select and package the almost 200 photographed items for storage until pick-up the first week of November.





Girl Scout Troop 5325

Cleaning the VJAMM

By Jennifer Yamashita

On May 22, 2022 the Senior 2 level girls volunteered to clean the Venice Japanese American Monument (VJAMM). Phyllis Hayashibara met us there and provided all of the cleaning supplies. We were surprised to find graffiti on the backside of the monument. Although it took a lot of scrubbing and scraping, we were able to get all of it off of the monument. We were glad we volunteered to clean it so the graffiti was not on there long. We also swept and picked up trash around the monument. When our job was done, Mrs. Hayashibara gave us a yummy lunch that was made possible by a donation from Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa.



Girl Scouts continued ...



B.R.A. Run

By Kaydyn Mendoza

On August 28, 2022 at Dockweiler Beach, Evelyn's Breast Friends Forever with UCLA hosted a 14K, 5K, and 1K BRA Run to help raise money for breast cancer survivors. The 14 represents the number of years Evelyn has been cancer free. This event helps spread breast reconstruction awareness (BRA) and encourages men and women to run or walk in their bras. Many were wearing decorative bras and there was a bra competition towards the end for the best bra.

2 years ago, Troop 5325 voted on supporting Breast Cancer with money we raised from selling cookies. In addition to participating in the run, we volunteered to pass out water and cheer on those running. There were many booths like State Farm and Pocari Sweat handing out their merchandise.

Out of our troop, Rachel Sini and Leah Matsubayashi placed 2nd and 3rd in their age group for the 5K. One scout dad, Roger Yamashita placed 1st in his age group for the 5K and one of the little brothers, Jackson Daimonji placed 2nd in his group for the 5K as well. We had a total of 57 registered runners and won the Hero Award for having the biggest team! Overall, the BRA run was very fun and I hope to participate again next year.



Girl Scouts continued ...





Cub Pack 79



Pack 79 wants to congratulate our graduating scouts Jaimes Grant, Ethan Hasegawa, Kenneth Holbert, Jayce Ito, Benjamin Kame, Joe Regan, Ian Sim, and Ryder Uemura and wish them good luck on their new adventures as they continue their scouting journey.

After a 2 year break, the scouts were back with their "Ping Pong Toss" booth at both the VJCC summer festival and the VHBT Obon festival. Not only did the scouts enjoy volunteering but they also enjoyed visiting all the booths and even some took part in some dancing. It was great seeing everyone again having fun, and truly being #togetheragain.



Cub Pack 79 continued ...

Pack 79's Nova STEM summer group hiked to the Griffith Observatory in August 2022 to help several scouts in pursuit of their 'Out of This World' Nova STEM award, along with other Nova and Supernova awards.



Cub Pack 79 continued ...

In September, Pack 79's Webelos Dens went on their annual trip to Camp Cherry Valley located on Catalina Island. The campers enjoyed the island's natural beauty and took part in various activities like swimming, kayaking, bb guns, and campfire tales. It is always an event every Pack 79 scout looks forward to.



We continue to welcome new families and scouts to Pack 79. We also welcome girls and kindergarteners as well, 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:

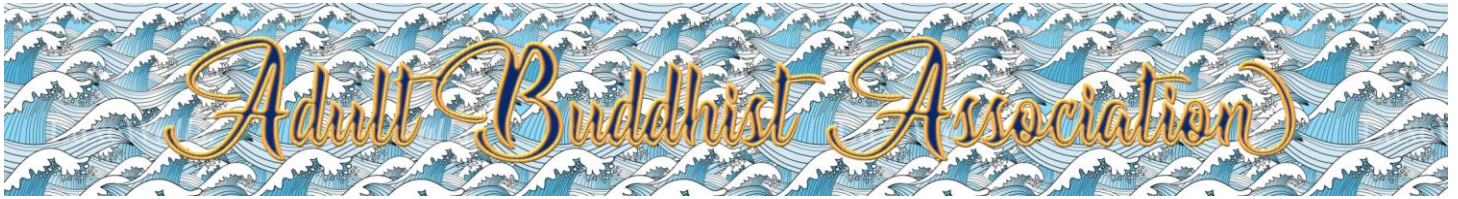


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The year is coming to an end and we are all looking forward to 2023 (The Year of the Dragon: people born in the year of the dragon are full of vitality and strength. To them, life is colorful leaping flame. Though assuming airs of self-importance, being prejudiced, making arbitrary decisions and indulging in some of the wildest fantasies, these people are always adored. They are proud, aloof and frank. They established lofty ideals at an early age, and require others to have same ideals....more information on google search..)

But for then, ABA will be hosting on November 12, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, an "ALL YOU CAN EAT UDON EVENT". We will have Mr. Joe Belli, expert udon dashi chef, and udon noodle cooking by ABA members. There will be special chashu recipe from Cyndy Uehara, and other additional items to add to the delicious udon, like, green onions, tsukemono, kamaboko, hard boiled eggs, and other items.

Come enjoy playing bingo also, starting at 6:00 pm. Fun with friends, and good food. We will have specialty beverages available also. See attached flyer.

Also, we will have a re-start of our annual Mochi Tsuki, tentatively scheduled on December 3rd. If you would like to participate, hold the date. We are awaiting confirmation that there will be rice available. With the drought, the availability is questionable. When we do confirm, we have the rice, we will let everyone know. We do ask that you mask while at the temple, and bring your own hat, mask, and apron (optional). If you have questions, please contact Tom Yamaguchi e-mail 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!

2022 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

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

2021: 1 year
 2020: 3 year
 2016: 7 year
 2010: 13 year
 2006: 17 year
 1998: 25 year
 1990: 33 year
 1973: 50 year



TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their **2022 dues** received **through September 30, 2022**. The asterisks (*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations. As we continue our membership drive for 2022, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.*



***Yuri Amamoto**, Joe & Dianne Belli, Ken Chen & Sheri Nagata, Martin & Robyn Cohen, Bryan & Aileen Cooke, Tom & Janet DaVall, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, ***June Fujioka**, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Chisako Fukumoto, Ron & Iris Gee, Glenn Hamashita, Janice Hankawa, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, John & Patti Heyl, Jill Hopfield, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Mildred Ichinotsubo, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Shirley Inada, Stacy & Joyce Ino, Gerald Iseda, ***Minako Iseda**, Nelson & Sharon Ishida, Osami Ishida, ***Rikio & Fumiko Ishikawa**, ***Dale Ito**, Jon & Joan Ito, Justin Ito, Sachiko Ito, George & Sachi Johnston, ***Hiroshi Kadomatsu**, Emily Kariya, Yoshiko Kariya, ***Sammy & *Chieko Kishimoto**, Jimmy Kita & Gail Higa, ***Sanaye Kita**, Sam & May Kiyohara, Matthew & Jennifer Kobata, Shinobu Koda, Frank & Elaine Koyama, Gary & Leticia Kurashige, ***Milnes & *Nori Kurashige**, ***Tom** & Delcene Kuwata, Joseph & Lynne Lasecki, Orr & Kimberly Limpisvasti, ***Ayako Masada**, Amanda Matsubara, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Eric Matsumura, Evann Matsumura, Irene Matsumura, ***Alan & Jane Matsuzaki**, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark Mayeda & Deborah Ching, Mark & Diane Morimoto, ***Victoria Morimoto**, Daniel Motobo, Jackie Motobo, Brian & Mariko Nakagiri, Cheryl Nakagiri, Dan Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, ***Jean Nakamoto**, Edgar Nakamura, Hiroko Naruo, ***John & *Judy Nawa**, Ted Nishimura & Eva Nakasone, David Nishina, ***Fusae Nishina**, ***Yayeko Nishina**, Jeff & Sachie Nitta, Tony & Kori Nobuyuki, Dale & Gail Noriyuki, Dustin Noriyuki, ***Kay & *Kimi Obana**, Fusako Ogasawara, Jino Ok & Aleyna Minamoto-Ok, Quinn Okamoto, Margarita Oku, ***Tatsumi Omote**, ***Fujiko Oriba**, Craig & Linda Oshinomi, ***Mitsuko Ota**, Robert & Leah Oye, Ron & Janis Ozaki, John & Valda Palacios, Janet Petersen, Adan Pulido & Stephanie DaVall, Ken Rosengrant & Joyce Enomoto, Billy & Sandy Saeki, Ichiko Sakamoto, Merle & Gail Sharp, Mabel Shimasaki, Mark & Sharlene Shinmoto, Catherine Silman, Ken & Sue Sogabe, Kiyoe Suzuki, ***Norm & *Yoshie Tachiki**, Dave & Arlene Tadamaru, ***Kagemi Takata**, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael Tanaka & Jill Ishida, Etsuko Nancy Taylor, Carey & Vicki Tokirio, Karen Tokubo, ***Grennie Uchida**, ***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	Senior Membership* (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) Complimentary



Thank You for Your Donations

July 2022

Funeral: Michael Hieda, Dr. Mitsuru Kubota

Memorial: Randall Hamashita, Yolanda Honda, Hatsue Nishinaka, Jocelyn Tahara, Thomas Yoshikawa

Obon Festival Donation: Irene Adachi, Andrew Amamoto, Anonymous, Carol Hida, Dennis Kimura, Frank & Elaine Koyama, Hisako Matsumoto, MG Lawnmower Shop, Melanie Morimoto, Shereen Nagata, Gail Sharp, Linda Tanigawa, Yasushi Udagawa, Bobby Umemoto, Grace Yamamura

Obon Sponsorship: William Asher, Karen Eguchi, Tomoko Fukuda, Ron Gee, Minako Iseda (2), Amy Kadomatsu, Jimmy Kita (2), Sanaye Kita, Carolyn Komoto, I-Wen Lai, Emily Mayeda, Eva Nakasone, Kimi Obana, Gail Sharp, Jamie Shiraki, Karen Tokubo, Judy Yamaguchi, Rich Yamashita, Sally Yamashita

Special Donation: Yoneko Enomoto, Sharon Ishida, Amy Kadomatsu, Elaine & Frank Koyama thru BCA Endowment Foundation Dana Share, Rob Yamamoto, William Yamane, Rich Yamashita, Sally Yamashita

August 2022

Eitaikyo: Milnes & Noriko Kurashige

Memorial: June Fujioka, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Annette Inouye, Bruce Morimoto, Dean & Julia Ueda, Gail Yoneda

Special Donation: Gayle Hiram, Rikio Ishikawa, Sharon Ishida, Amy Kadomatsu, Chiyeko Kishimoto, Richard Nakashima, Loc Nguyen, Kimi Obana, Kinji Tasugi, Jean Tsunemoto, Rob Yamamoto

September 2022

Eitaikyo: Sally Yamashita

Memorial: Elaine Koyama, Helen Mori, Alice & Kenji Ogawa, Susan Yoshioka

Special Donation: Amy Kadomatsu, Anonymous, Sharon Ishida (2), Milnes Kurashige, Judy Miyashita, Richard Nakashima, Tatsumi Omote, Aimee Ozaki, Kevin Ozaki, Esther Quon (2), Jean Tsunemoto, Rob Yamamoto

Thank you for your generosity



VENICE HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

ONAIJIN DEDICATION & VIRTUAL SANGHA THANK YOU

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 9:30 AM

Please join us on November 20th as we hold our annual Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service at 9:30 AM. Bishop Marvin Harada of the BCA is our special guest speaker. The nearly 300 names memorialized in the Temple Eitaikyo Book will be read during the Service.

We will also dedicate our new Onaijin (altar) items, including the Mizuhiki and Uchishiki, which are the cloths that adorn the Onaijin.

And, we will say thank you and goodbye to our Virtual Sangha, who served us by filling the Hondo when COVID kept all of us from attending in person. Otoki will be served following Service.

Please help us fill the Hondo with real people for this special day. RSVP to Aya Masada at Aya.Masada@gmail.com or call 310-391.4351.

Venice Hongwanji Adult Buddhist Association Presents

ALL YOU CAN EAT UDON

NOVEMBER 12, 2022 (5-8 PM)

ABA is embarking on a new venture. This year we are having Udon Event, instead of our regular Steak feast. We will have Udon, with your choices of: Chashu, eggs, kamaboko, green onions, salmon, and additional specialties. We invite all, to come and enjoy a wonderful meal, with our friends and family, with bingo after the meal. We will start at 5:00 pm and bingo starting at 6:00 pm.

Featuring ABA Chefs



DELICIOUS

The cost is donation of \$20 per person.

If you have questions please contact Tom Yamaguchi at tommyyami@gmail.com.



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 enter more than once, however, there will be a maximum of 250 entries in Project Bonbu for 2023.

Awards:

January 2023- November 2023: 1 monthly \$500 award

December 2023: 2 \$1000 awards

To enter, visit www.givebutter.com/projectbonbu2023. 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 2023 Project Bonbu will benefit Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: _____

Thank you for supporting Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.



Venice Hongwanji A.B.A.

12371 Braddock Drive, Culver City, CA 90230-5869 • Tel. (310) 391-4351

Website / Email: www.vhbt.org

2022 Mochi Order Form

Deadline for all orders is Sunday, November 6, 2022

Price: KOMOCHI: \$8.00 /Package (approximate wt.: 1 #)
OKASANE: \$12.00 /Package

Pick-Up: Saturday, Dec. 3rd (Mochitsuki)
(No pick up available before 2:00 p.m.)

Name: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

E-mail Address: _____

QUANTITY	KOMOCHI No. of Packages Pkgs.	OKASANE No. of Packages Pkgs.	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$
AMOUNT DUE	\$8.00 per pkg. \$	\$12 per pkg. \$	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

Dear Friends:

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "VENICE HONGWANJI A.B.A."

*ALL orders must have the payment accompanying the order. No COD orders will be accepted.

Mochi orders on a single form will be packed together for pickup. Orders will be accepted on a "First Come, First served" basis, as we will only have a limited amount of mochi available. Order deadline is November 6, 2022. Once we have received orders for the total amount of mochi that we expect to produce, the remaining orders will be placed on the WAITING LIST.

ORDERS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER 2 P.M. AND MUST BE PICKED UP BY 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER AND WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Additional order forms are available from tommyami@gmail.com. Please contact Tom Yamaguchi at (310) 486-2524, or e-mail: tommyami@gmail.com should you have any questions regarding the 2022 Mochitsuki.

Sincerely In Gassho,
Venice Hongwanji ABA

Payment Received by: _____ Amt. rec'd. _____ Ck. # _____ Cash _____