



Gassho

Newsletter of the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Fall 2026



President's Message

Happy Fall everyone (I know it's early, but I just can't wait until summer is over). We've had a busy summer at temple with our Obon and other events. ABA will be very busy in the next few months with Steak Feast and Mochitsuki coming up fast. They will need a lot of help putting on those events, so, if you can, please join us in making both events successful. Speaking of, FBWA is having their conference in Oct. and we'll be sending delegates down for that. BWA is having their chirashi sale so get your orders before they sell out! Dharma School is back in session so bring your little ones to Otera with you. Gardena, WLA and San Diego are all celebrating 100th anniversary's, and we wish them continued success in the next 100 years.

In the next few months there will be a couple of events that I am asking for help with. We will need new committees to tackle these projects. I will be reaching out to some (you know who you are) but, would be grateful for any and all assistance! (Southern District Buddhist Conference and our own Shinnen Enkai). Please contact me.

With Gratitude and In Gassho,

Jon Ito
Temple President



BCA Member Survey

Below is a request from the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) to take part in a survey. If you would like to participate, scan the QR code below or click on this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9K7QRHV>) to fill out the survey online. If you prefer to fill out a paper survey instead, one has been attached to the same email from which you received this month's issue of the Gassho. Just print it off, fill it out, and mail to:

Gayle Noguchi
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We want to hear your thoughts

We would like to invite you to participate in a brief survey to share your thoughts and perspectives regarding the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). The purpose of this survey is to better understand awareness of BCA programs and services, along with your perception of the value BCA provides to local temples and sangha members, and opportunities to strengthen communication and engagement.

Your feedback is important and will help guide future efforts to support temples, ministers, and sangha members across our organization.

We invite you to complete this anonymous online survey using the link below. We expect the survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

Scan the QR Code to Complete Survey



Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and help shape the future of our Buddhist community.

In Gassho,

Gayle Noguchi
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Obon Festival

We held our annual Obon Festival during the weekend of July 18-19. We had our traditional favorites of fried wontons, chicken teriyaki, shave ice, and andagi. And we also had the return of udon!



Buddhist Women's Association

VJCC Festival Chicken/Vegetable Curry Booth

The Adult Buddhist Association and the Buddhist Women's Association jointly coordinated the ABA/BWA Chicken/Vegetable Curry Booth for the Summer Festival at the Venice Japanese Community Center, Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28, 2026. Vicki Tokiro, Co-President of the BWA, and Joyce Enomoto, Treasurer of ABA, organized the planning, shopping, preparation, and scheduling for the Curry Booth. After deducting expenses of \$1,282.13 from the gross receipts in cash and credit card sales, VHBT ABA and BWA sent a \$3,260.87 check to the VJCC. The net proceeds were divided equally among the VJCC, VHBT, ABA, and BWA. The BWA also donated a \$30 Mitsuwa gift card for the VJCC Opportunity Drawing.



BWA continued...

Hatsubon Otoki

The BWA prepared the otoki for after the July 5 Hatsubon service, the “first Obon” since a loved one’s passing. Family members offered incense and lit a memorial candle to express gratitude and remembrance. Rev. Kory Quon and retired Rev. George Matsubayashi joined the many families who stayed after the service to enjoy the otoki lunch. BWA reprised freshly-cooked chicken curry, and members shared delicious homemade salads, fruits, tsukemono, and desserts.



BWA continued...

VHBT Obon Festival Wonton Booth

The BWA and many friends of the BWA planned, shopped, cooked, folded, portioned, fried, and served \$8 plates of five wonton and homemade wonton sauce for the VHBT Obon Festival, Saturday and Sunday, July 18 – 19. Wonton Co-Chairs Vicki Tokirio and Phyllis Hayashibara appreciated very much the help of shoppers Joyce Enomoto, Barbara Fukuji, Elaine Koyama, Alice Ogawa, Linda Oshinomi, and Sandy Saeki; and of wonton gu cooks Eugene Hayashibara, Frank Koyama, Bill Saeki, and Don Uehara. Special thanks to everyone who helped chop and bag the ingredients, cook the wonton gu and the wonton sauce, and fold the wonton. The BWA folded 4,682 wonton, and sold 927 plates at \$8 each over Saturday and Sunday. The BWA also donated a wine gift basket and two \$50 gift certificates from Mitsuwa for the Silent Auction and the Opportunity Drawing, respectively.



BWA continued...



Dana Delivery

All hands on deck for the Dana Delivery on August 30 to Keiro VHBT Sangha members and VJCC members and neighbors! Dharma School, Sangha Teens, Jr YBA, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, ABA, and BWA help purchase items, pack the tote bags, and make deliveries every calendar quarter. Thank you to Aleyna Minamoto, Michelle Orne, and Janet DaVall for organizing and updating the well-bundled routes!





Summer began with graduation month for our students. On May 31st, Judy Hopfield represented Dharma School in attending the annual Cub Scout Graduation Ceremony event. It was a very nice and festive celebration, capped with a delicious dinner at the end.

On June 14th, Dharma School held our annual Dads and Grads service and otoki. We honored Christine Wakasa for earning her post-college nursing degree, Jared and Lindsay Matsubayashi, Ryan Kadomatsu and Jessica Terada for their college degrees, and Emma Matsubayashi and Troop 5325's Mia Rubalcava, Catherine Strobel and Shelby Weiss for graduating from high school. Each of them received congratulatory certificates from the BCA and gifts from Dharma School. We also gave congratulatory Mr. Goodbars candy to our Dharma School students who graduated from preschool, kindergarten, elementary and middle school. A chili rice and hot dog otoki lunch was served after the service.



Dharma School participated in the VJCC festival with their Plinko game booth. Our most popular prizes this year were the pinwheel and sprout hair clips! Thank you to Judy and Tom Yamaguchi for being in charge of the booth and to all those who worked shifts.

Dharma School teachers Julia Ueda and Judy Hopfield led Obon odori practices during the weeks leading up to our Obon festival; they were very well attended. Thank you to Julia for coordinating the practices and ice cream/popsicle refreshments, to Kevin Koda, Dean Ueda and Kristina Fukuda for helping with the music setup, and to all our dance teachers.

At our Obon festival, we had our annual hot dog/chili rice booth from a new location across from the wonton booth. It all went smoothly thanks to our Dharma School staff and families and teacher Emily Kariya's overall coordination. Thank you everyone for your help!!!



Junior Young Buddhists Association

Southern District Jr. YBL Conference: Dharma Olympics!

Our Jr. YBA delegates recently had an unforgettable weekend at the Southern District Jr. YBL Conference, hosted by the Senshin and San Fernando chapters. This year's theme, "Dharma Olympics," brought together young people from across the Southern District for two days of friendship, learning, laughter, and fun!

The delegates stayed together at the Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo, which became our home base for the weekend. Being together throughout the weekend gave everyone plenty of opportunities to get to know one another, catch up with old friends, and make new ones.



The conference was filled with fun icebreakers, engaging workshops, and activities that encouraged delegates to connect with one another and explore different aspects of the Dharma. One of the weekend's highlights was an incredibly entertaining Dharma Message from Rev. Himeji of Nishi.

Rev. Himeji challenged the delegates to think about the "different measuring sticks" we use to define and evaluate our wins in life. Drawing from his own experiences, he shared stories from his time playing baseball in Japan and later working for a major business corporation. His message encouraged everyone to consider that success and accomplishment can look very different depending on the measuring stick we choose—and that there may be more meaningful ways to measure our lives than by traditional ideas of winning.

The weekend wrapped up with the much-anticipated banquet, where delegates dressed up, enjoyed a great meal, and celebrated together. Once the music started, our members spent practically the entire night dancing and enjoying each other's company. It was a wonderful way to cap off a weekend filled with friendship and shared experiences.

More than just a conference, the Dharma Olympics gave our young members an opportunity to build friendships, experience the Dharma, and strengthen their connection to the larger BCA community. We are grateful to the Senshin and San Fernando chapters for their hard work in creating such a welcoming and memorable weekend for our youth.

In Gassho, Venice Jr. YBA



Sangha Teens

At the end of 2026, the Sangha Teens went on a Disneyland trip together. We met at the temple and left around 7:00am and were in the park by 9:00am. The 29th of August was a lightly crowded day, so lines were short.

After meeting up, we planned on riding *Rise of the Resistance*, but it broke down, so the group went to *Pirates of the Caribbean* for the first ride. After having an extremely enjoyable ride on Pirates, we made our way quickly to *Rise of the Resistance* in Galaxy's Edge, as the app said it was a 10 minute wait, extremely low for one of the most popular, if not the most popular, ride in the park. We were able to nearly walk through to the final room before the first preshow sorting until that ride broke down for around fifteen minutes.



Once it reopened, the Sangha Teens were able to experience the first preshow and, afterwards, we went through a hidden passage to the next scene because the transport ship effect was broken. After getting on the ride with an extremely short wait, we made our way to *Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run*, where we got to pilot the iconic Millennium Falcon ourselves in real time. After taking some photos, we headed to Fantasyland for a *Matterhorn Bobsleds* Lightning Lane reservation.

Because we had a few extra minutes before the *Matterhorn Bobsleds* Lightning Lane reservation time, we split up, with half riding the teacups and the other half of the group riding *Pinocchio's Daring Journey*, where the ride stopped, work lights came on, and we got evacuated off the ride. But we were able to walk through to the unload station from the second to last major scene.

Afterwards, the Sangha Teens met up again and rode *Matterhorn*, then heading over to *Indiana Jones Adventure*. Next, we went to *Star Tours*, with a small stop in Adventureland for Dole Whip. Following our ride on *Star Tours*, we ate lunch at our traditional lunch location, Galactic Grill at around 2:00pm.

Noticing *Space Mountain* had posted a 25 minute wait, the Sangha Teens left lunch to ride it. We ended up waiting 40 minutes for it. Afterwards, we park-hopped to DCA and rode *Soarin' Across America* using a Lightning Lane booking. Next, the group went to *Incredicoaster* and redeemed another Lightning Lane for it. Immediately afterwards, the group rode *Radiator Springs Racers* and split up so half could ride the *Pixar Pal-A-Round* and the others rode *Monsters, Inc. Mike & Sully to the Rescue!* Then, we met up for dinner at the Aunt Cass Café. After some of the group changed plans from riding *Guardians of the Galaxy - Monsters After Dark* to meeting Spider-Man, we park hopped back to Disneyland.

Back at Disneyland, the group went to *The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh* to help burn off extra time until our *Haunted Mansion Holiday* Lightning Lane Reservation. After riding Haunted Mansion, the group split up again roughly in half to ride *Autopia*, and the other group rode *Tiana's Bayou Adventure*. We were soaked for the rest of the night! With only around 10 minutes until park closing at 11:00, we speedwalked to *Space Mountain* to finish our night with a fast paced ride and were on one of the last trains of the day, having an amazing end to our wonderful Disneyland 2026 trip.



Girl Scout Troop 5325

Welcome Picnic

Girl Scout Troop 5325 started the new year off with its annual Welcome Picnic to meet prospective Scouts and kick-off the year with the continuing Scouts. The picnic was held at Lindberg Park this year with three different stations of activities for the Scouts. Many thanks to the older Scouts – Alice, Belle, Mia, Kaylee, Audrey, Leah, Roxy and Kelly – for organizing these activity stations. The picnic ended with a sponge relay, in which the Scouts were able to pass a water-filled sponge over their heads to the next person in line. It was a welcome activity at the end of a hot day.



The Troop is looking forward to Investiture in late October, where the newest Scouts will be officially introduced. We have many Scouts working on their Bronze, Silver and Gold projects, so it will be an exciting year. The Troop also has the traditional Fall Product sale (chocolate, nuts, magazines, etc.) coming up in the Fall. We thank you for your support of the Fall Product Sale and your support of the Troop's activities.

Girl Scouts continued...

Helping Seniors Use Technology to Improve Their Mental Health and Safety

A Gold Award Project by Alia Asher

My Gold Award project focused on teaching elderly to use their phones (technology) as a tool to boost their mental health, safety and community connection. I held four seminars through the Senior Wellness Program at VJCC over the summer. I gave lectures and demonstrations on phone basics, setting up emergency settings, playing brain games on their phone, connecting through social media and how to avoid scams.

My goal was to help seniors build confidence using smartphones for every day needs, boosting their mood, cognition and safety. I also covered a little about AI in my last class. Hopefully I can teach seniors more classes on how to use technology because not only did I have fun, I think they learned a lot. Many seniors didn't realize how much technology can help and improve their lives.





Cub Pack 79

Looking Back on a Great Summer and Ahead to an Exciting Scouting Year

As summer comes to a close, Pack 79 is looking back on a busy and rewarding few months—we are grateful to the temple and community for the continued support, and we look forward to an exciting new year of Scouting! From supporting our local community to welcoming families back for another year of adventures, our Scouts, parents, and volunteers have already accomplished a great deal.

Building a Safe and Positive Scouting Community

One of the most important responsibilities we share as a Scouting community is keeping our youth safe. Scouting America continues to place youth protection at the center of everything we do, and all adults who actively volunteer with Pack 79 are required to complete Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) before participating in Pack activities.

This training applies to everyone who helps with Pack activities, whether they are attending regular meetings, joining a camping trip, helping with fundraising, or volunteering at a special event. Completing SYT helps ensure that Pack 79 remains a safe, welcoming, and positive environment where every Scout can learn, grow, and have fun.

We appreciate all of our adult volunteers who have taken the time to complete this important training.

Giving Back at the VHBT Obon Festival

One of the highlights of our summer was the VHBT Obon Festival on July 18 and 19, where Pack 79 once again had the opportunity to support this wonderful community celebration.

Our Scouts and families helped operate the popular Ping Pong Toss game booth, giving our Scouts a chance to have fun while also giving back to the community. Throughout the weekend, Scouts interacted with festival guests, helped run the game, practiced customer service skills, and worked together as a team.



Events like the Obon Festival are a great reminder that Scouting is about more than earning achievements and participating in activities. It is also about service, community, leadership, and helping others. We are grateful to all of the parents and volunteers who gave their time to make the weekend a success.

The Obon Festival has become an important tradition for Pack 79, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the temple in the years ahead.

Cub Pack 79 continued...

Kicking Off a New Year of Scouting

On Sunday, August 30, Pack 79 officially kicked off the new Scouting year. Scouts and families gathered for our Pack Welcome and Kick-Off Event, giving everyone an opportunity to reconnect after the summer and get ready for another year of adventures.

The beginning of a new Scouting year is always an exciting time. It is a chance for returning Scouts to see old friends, for new Scouts and families to become part of the Pack, and for everyone to learn about the activities, camping trips, service projects, and other opportunities ahead.

A successful Pack depends on everyone working together, and we are especially grateful to the parents and adult volunteers who help make these experiences possible.



Cub Pack 79 continued...

Staying Connected Through Our Parent Committee

On September 3, Pack 79 held its monthly Pack Parent Committee Meeting. These meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 7:00–9:00 PM and provide an important opportunity for parents to stay informed about upcoming events, logistics, and Pack activities.

The Parent Committee is also a great place to discover ways to get involved. You do not need to take on a major leadership role to make a difference. Helping organize an event, volunteering for an activity, sharing an idea, or simply lending a hand when needed can have a meaningful impact on our Scouts and families.

Coming Up This Fall

The new Scouting year is already underway, and there is plenty to look forward to!

Next Pack Meeting — September 17

Our next major gathering will be our Pack Meeting on September 17 at 6:00 PM.

This will be our first regular Pack Meeting of the new Scouting year and a great opportunity for everyone to come together. We will have Pack announcements, activities, and opportunities for Scouts to reconnect with their friends and welcome new families.

The Bear den will lead us through a nametag-making craft, and some ice-breaking social games. Reverend Kory will also provide a Temple welcome, and we will induct new scouts into the pack. This will also give families and scouts an opportunity to engage in fun activities and learn more what Scouts can look forward to during the year.

We hope to see returning families, new families, and Scouts of all ages there as we officially get the new year rolling!

Coastal Cleanup — September 19

Just two days later, Pack 79 will take part in a Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 19, from 8:30–10:30 AM.

Service is an important part of the Scouting experience, and community cleanup projects give Scouts a hands-on opportunity to make a difference in the world around them. Working together to care for our local environment is a great way for Scouts to practice responsibility, teamwork, and service.

We encourage families to come out and participate. It is a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning while making a positive contribution to our community.

Cub Pack 79 continued...

Fall Family Camp at Oso Lake — October 23–25

And, of course, one of the biggest highlights of the fall will be our Fall Family Camp at Oso Lake, October 23–25!

Family Camp is one of the best opportunities of the year for Pack 79 families to spend time together outside of our regular meetings. Over the course of the weekend, families can look forward to camping, outdoor adventures, games, campfires, and plenty of opportunities to relax and enjoy time together.

For experienced campers, it is a chance to get back outdoors with friends. For families who are newer to camping, it is a great opportunity to try it out with the support of the Pack. There is something special about sitting around a campfire, watching Scouts explore the outdoors, and seeing families build friendships that continue long after the weekend is over.

Mark your calendars now for October 23–25! We hope to have a great turnout and make this year's Family Camp another memorable Pack 79 tradition.

An Exciting Year Ahead

As we begin another year of Scouting, there is a lot to be excited about. The past few months have shown what Pack 79 can accomplish when Scouts, families, and volunteers work together—from serving our community at the Obon Festival to preparing for another year of meetings, service projects, and outdoor adventures.

But the best part of Scouting is still ahead.

We look forward to seeing our Scouts learn new skills, take on new challenges, make new friends, and grow as leaders. And we look forward to welcoming new families into our Pack community.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make Pack 79 such a special community. Whether you are a Scout, parent, volunteer, or supporter, you are an important part of the Pack.

Here's to another great year of adventure, service, friendship, and fun with Pack 79!



VJCC Festival, June 27 & 28, 2026

ABA and BWA teamed up to prepare some delicious Vegetable and Chicken Curry Rice Bowls for the VJCC Festival this year. The bowls were hefty and likely amounted to two meals for most people! As with most events, the planning and preparation started well before festival. Many thanks to Vicki Tokirio, Joyce Enomoto and Margo Oku for attending all of the meetings, shopping, and planning needed to set us up for success. Thanks also to BWA and ABA volunteers for helping with prep to get all the ingredients chopped and assembled into very organized packages, making it easier for the food preparers and servers to do their job feeding the many friends, family, and visitors to the festival.



ABA continued...



ABA continued...

Obon Festival, July 18 & 19, 2026

Everyone looks forward to Obon, and why not? Great food, street dancing, and hanging out with old friends, many of whom you haven't seen in a while. This is one of our biggest events and takes a great deal of planning and preparation. ABA was in charge of the Chicken Teriyaki booth again this year. Before talking chicken, we should acknowledge the hard work put in by Ron Gee for an incredible job planning, organizing and meeting with all of the required city officials and securing all of the necessary permits from them. Without all of this behind-the-scenes work, Obon would not happen.

There are many many many more people who deserve acknowledgement that I'm sure will be included in the Temple's Gassho article. Dale Noriyuki worked incredibly hard on planning the layout for the whole event, but as Chicken Teriyaki has many moving parts, our success this year would not have been possible without his effort and commitment to serving a great, heaping serving of the best chicken teri in the Southern District! Joyce Enomoto pulled double duty putting in endless hours of planning and organizing (as with most events) working for both ABA and BWA booths. We get a great deal of support from Chris Ono and credit for the tasty chicken and the cook process goes to him, all while he is busy trying to open a restaurant of his own. Can't wait until he opens for business! We'll let you know the name of his restaurant when it opens. Also thanks to Rob Guimond for filling in as cooking lead on Saturday. Mike had a wedding to go to and Rob was willing and able to fill in on short notice. Great job and thank you Rob! Thanks also to Kenya Bovey, another of our chef friends helping in the booth, sharing her knowledge with volunteers plating the food.

The equipment held up and the hungry crowd didn't beat us up this year as we were able to keep pace and tame the long lines again this year.



ABA continued...



ABA Memorial Service, August 21, 2026

We take time annually to remember and honor past ABA members. This year we held our memorial service on Friday, August 21st at 10:00 am. Despite it being on a weekday and in the morning, around 35 attended the service at the temple. Our guest speaker was Reverend George, who personally knew just about everyone on the list of past members. Reverend George had to leave a little early as he had to rush to the doctor to see about an issue with his foot. Hope all is OK Reverend George. After the service we enjoyed sandwiches and salad from Sorrento's and pie and ice cream!

Upcoming Events

Coming up in November will be Steak Feast and Bingo Night and Mochitsuki coming in December!

TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their **2026 dues** received **through August 31, 2026**. The asterisks (*) identify our Keiro Honorary and Senior members who made membership donations. As we continue our membership drive for 2026, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.*

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Young Adult:	\$50 (Single adult under age 30 yrs.)
Individual:	\$250 (Single Adult age 30 and older)
Honorary/Senior:	Dana Amount (Keiro – age 80 yrs. and older). Dana is generosity of giving freely without the expectation of anything in return. Suggested Amount is \$125 or more but any amount is greatly appreciated.

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Young Family:	\$350 (Family under age 35 yrs.)
Family:	\$500 (includes children under age 22 yrs.)

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July 2026

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August 2026

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Thank you for your generosity

2026 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

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

2025: 1 year
2024: 3 year
2020: 7 year
2014: 13 year
2010: 17 year
2002: 25 year
1994: 33 year
1977: 50 year

