



Sensei's message

Take a Break to Think About...

Earth Day is coming! How drastically the world is able to change! It truly is an exciting time. This year is the 51st Earth Day observance. Do you remember where you were last year? Probably at home watching amazing things happening on television. Were you as excited as I when we saw all different types of animals walking the streets around the world? It caused me to really think about the impact that we as human beings have on this world, we all call our home.

Again, do you remember where you were last year? We could say after a year we have our streets back. I wonder if the animals thought to themselves last year that they were happy to finally be free or "after 200 years we are able roam North America freely again!" During this time, I was especially tickled to see pictures of a bear cub playing in my cousin's pool in Arcadia. We were on lockdown and in our self-proclaimed cages or safe areas. Can we even fathom the effect of a life constantly in an enclosure? This

year it caused me to reflect upon wisdom and ask how well are we really sharing this planet? Even though we stayed indoors or at home, our nation managed to create more greenhouse gas pollution than the year before. I am baffled to wonder what did we do?

It is important for all of us to take these moments to reflect on the value of all life on this planet. We all have vital roles to play.

*He who for the sake of happiness hurts
others who also want happiness,
shall not hereafter find happiness.*
Dhammapada, 131

The physical effect we have on our surroundings and ultimately the planet is easy for us to adjust. But just like Buddhism itself is hard to implement and maintain. Let's go a little deeper within to work on making a shift in our thinking. Recently, I saw that there are four dams on a California river being demolished not because they are old or damaged, but because they are causing damage to the environment and the life



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and future survival of the salmon that swim in its waters. Of course, it does not make the people who live along these waters happy at all. Their riverfront property will be changed and some may say with the shifting of the river waters their home/property was reduced to secluded areas of dirt. If we were the home owner this is a terrible situation. To work and have invested so much to lose land value and have great change in the scenery around your home. There is a difference between moving or changing on your own versus something happening out of our control. We all can look at situations like these are out of our control and just change our state of mind.

When these things happen, please ask yourself. "Is what I do for the benefit of me alone? How does it impact others and the world around me?"

He who lives only for pleasures, and whose soul is not in harmony, who considers not the food he eats, is idle, and has not the power of virtue -- such a man is moved by MARA, is moved by selfish temptations, even as a weak tree is shaken by the wind.

Dhammapada, 7

Our path leads us to realize the truth about this world we exist in and not just about our perceptions on life. We can show appreciation for this life that in many degrees we take for granted. Share this wisdom with others. In the case of the river and those that live on it, I feel like we can all give our thanks to them for their material sacrifice and change in their lives so more salmon may survive. We may also eat some too and we can give our thanks for the lives affected for us to survive.

We are a part of the eco system of this planet. Please keep thinking about the photos above and think about the impact we have on the lives that share this planet with us.

**Namo Amida Butsu,
Rev. Kory Quon**



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President's Message

2021: LOOKING TOWARDS A RETURN TO NORMALCY

Hi everyone! I guess it's official now, and I must start by thanking Ron Gee for 4 amazing years as our leader. This is the longest term of any of our past presidents, and he guided us through some challenging times and we cannot say enough to express our gratitude for his hard work. He's not going anywhere, and he will continue to rely on him heavily in the future.

I will do my best to keep things rolling as a sometimes remote president (my main residence is in Connecticut), and will ask you all for your help as we continue programs and services that support our Sangha and Community. We have so much to be excited and proud about- we have a lot of energy and momentum to help us move forward.

Our Temple thrived during the Stay at Home orders in 2020. With the help of our Temple Organizations (ABA, BWA, Dharma School, and Jr. YBA), and a big shout out to our Sangha Initiative, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, we were able to safely offer a number of programs and services that made our bond as a Sangha even stronger.

I shared some priorities with the Board at our last meeting:

- Continue to build on 2020 successes by continuing and creating programs and services for the benefit of our Sangha while creating a fun and welcome environment;

- Increase our presence and visibility in the Community;
- Work on building Temple membership and engagement, with a focus on younger adults and families;
- Plan for our eventual reopening;

CONTINUE TO BUILD ON 2020 SUCCESSES WITH PROGRAMS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR SANGHA WHILE CREATING A FUN AND WELCOME ENVIRONMENT

- Last year was such a challenge year for all of us, but as a Sangha we made the most of a difficult time by making sure we kept as active and engaged as was safely possible with programs such as our Virtual Services (and Virtual Sangha) and Senior Dana Deliveries- a program I am most proud of as it represents a collaboration of all of our Organizations. Our ABA and BWA have planned and hosted services and activities, the Buddhist Education Committee restarted their Film Festival and will continue to offer more in 2021, Dharma School has held monthly classes for their students, and our Jr. YBA holds activities for our high schoolers. Events included our Virtual Obon (including an awesome Scavenger Hunt and Virtual Bon Odori), the popular Kenny's Café Chashu Royal Fundraiser, and countless Cub Scout and Girl Scout events (too awesome to list them all!)

As we move into 2021, we will work to build on these activities, and work together to keep everyone engaged and in good spirits as we all



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look forward to our eventual reopening. Some of the things we already are working on for this year include a refresh of our Onaijin (altar), led by Dale Noriyuki; expansion of our Senior Dana Delivery program, led by Aleyna Minamoto, a new initiative to provide support for Caregivers, and development of a new Service Book. Our Sangha Initiative will again be asked to help with ideas to ensure we are addressing the wants and needs of our younger members and families.

INCREASE OUR PRESENCE & VISIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- Our Senior Dana Delivery program includes friends from our Senior Outreach program. Thanks to funding received from the Keiro Grants Program, we will be looking to expand our program with a focus on other seniors in the Community who would benefit from our goodie bags from time to time;
- We will look to work even more closely with the Venice Japanese Community Center as we look to provide these programs so that our activities each other, and we will look for opportunities to collaborate where possible;
- In addition, we are working to share via newspapers and social media our programs and activities which hopefully helps encourage more folks to check out what we have to offer. We have already participated in cohorts on running Silent Auctions, and shared information on our Virtual Sangha.
- Finally, we will be starting our Admin Support Volunteer Team, who will create an (almost daily) presence at the Temple while helping us complete some much needed work such as maintenance of mailing lists, memorial service records and calendar management.

TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

- Tommy Nakagiri is leading our efforts aimed at enhancing our efforts to retain and attract Temple members. Membership numbers for all Temples, including ours, is a huge challenge, so our Membership Committee will work hard to develop some new approaches with a hope of helping us to grow;
- February is Membership Month, so I hope you will renew your membership or consider joining as we have a lot to offer. We have launched a new section on our website for starters, and now allow dues to be paid in monthly installments via GiveButter;. In addition, the Committee is considering options such as Members Only events, a drawing or small thank you gifts.

PLAN FOR OUR EVENTUAL REOPENING

- 2020 was the Temple's 60th Anniversary and our hopes of holding a celebration were impeded by COVID-19. So as we look ahead, we excitedly anticipate the day later this year when we can safely reopen. The Board has already agreed that when that day comes, we will plan on a very festive celebration as we transition back to our normal state.

I think we have so much to be proud of, let's work together to build on this. I encourage you and ask you to help us in this effort by raising your hand to help us wherever you are willing and able. Looking forward to 2021, and please stay safe.

In Gassho




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Buddhist Women's Association

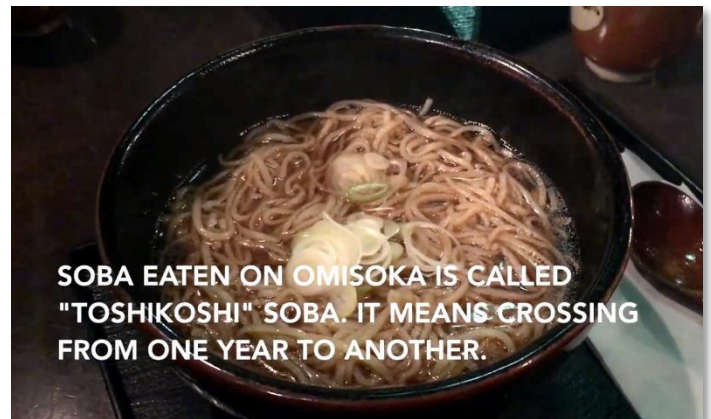
Usually for the December meeting, the Fujinkai has a short meeting and then enjoys Bonenkai, the end-of-year dinner with bento from Nijiya, and exciting 25 cent bingo for cash prizes. The 2020 Bonenkai was a bit quieter, with a meeting on Zoom and delivery of Nijiya bento to about twenty Keiro Fujinkai members. Thank you to the Fujinkai ladies who made those deliveries to the homes of our senior members. Instead of inviting special guests to the Bonenkai dinner in appreciation for their help with Fujinkai activities throughout the year, the Fujinkai sent end-of-year thank you letters to the many husbands and sons who have helped in the past and we hope will help in the future.



The Fujinkai ladies couldn't get together this season to prepare Toshikoshi Soba for Joya E Service on December 30, 2020, or Ozoni for Shu Sho E Service on January 1, 2021 due to the precautions we are all taking these days to stay healthy: wearing masks, social distancing, and avoiding meeting with people outside one's own family household.

So we found this 1:06 minute video about the Toshikoshi Soba custom in Japan to share with you at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ejWlnzrQGk>



"Omisoka" means New Year's Eve, and the long buckwheat noodles symbolize long life.

This next 4:47 minute video shows how to make two different kinds of Ozoni, one with a clear broth and one with a white miso broth. Though there are many different ozoni ingredients, these recipes include daikon, carrots, gobo, mitsuba or mizuna greens, kombu, shiitake mushroom, yurine/lily bulb, and chicken. Mochi cakes may be toasted, boiled, or grilled to soften, as the star ingredient of ozoni.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-VcN_SvX5o



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BWA continued...



Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu means Happy New Year! We have Ozoni as the first meal of the day on the first three days of January for an auspicious start to the new year.

The Fujinkai have been meeting via Zoom since the corona virus pandemic restrictions. Here we are on our Zoom screen at our Tuesday, January 11, 2021 meeting.



The Fujinkai wishes everybody a Happy and Healthy New Year!

The Fujinkai Memorial service on Saturday, February 6, 2021 welcomed Reverend Sala Sekiya of the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple as guest speaker.



This annual Fujinkai Memorial service in February commemorates not only our own passed Fujinkai members, but also celebrates Kisaragi-ki, a classic name for February, in honor of Lady Takeko Kujo, co-founder of the Fujinkai; as well as Eshinni-sama and Kakushinni-sama, mother and wife of Jodo Shinshu founder, Shinran Shonin. For a twenty-minute video on Lady Takeko Kujo narrated by Reverend John Iwohara on February 19, 2019, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npCZ-v7G21Y>



Lady Takeko Kujo, born October 20, 1887, died February 7, 1928. Lady Kujo co-founded the Buddhist Women's Association, or Fujinkai, in Japan in the early 1900s with her sister-in-law, Lady Kazuko Ohtani.



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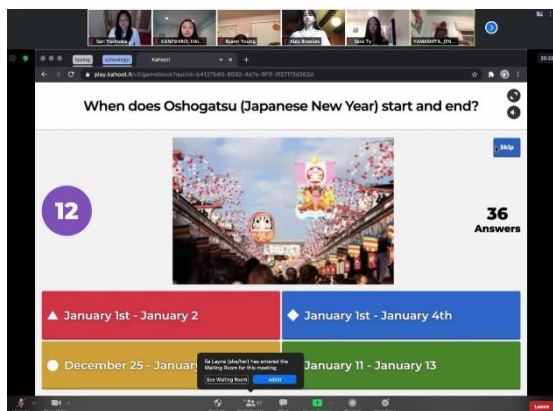


Girl Scout Troop 5325

Troop 5325 Holiday Party

by Audrey Nobuyuki

This year's troop holiday party was one to remember! On December 18th, our troop got together on Zoom to celebrate the holiday together. While we were waiting for everyone to arrive, we played a number guessing game of how many pine trees were in Ms. Victoria's virtual background. There were 121 trees! We played lots of enjoyable games and activities. Holiday BINGO, Gingerbread cookie decorating, gift exchanging, and a fun Kahoot quiz with prizes were all activities included in this event. Also, every Girl Scout received a metal mug with stickers to decorate it and a hot cocoa bomb as a treat!



My favorite activity that I participated in was the gift exchange. It was a Secret-Santa exchange where everyone guesses who they got their gift from. We all laughed and had a great time guessing who our Secret Santa was while we opened gifts together. Everyone was so excited and happy to give and receive thoughtful gifts from each other. Every last activity included in this event was fun and enjoyable. I loved this year's holiday party! It was such a great event, being able to share the holiday with my fellow Girl Scouts. Even though we were not in person, I still had tons of fun!

Troop 5325 Thanksgiving Cooking

By Haley Kaneshiro

On November 23, 2020 Troop 5325 had our Annual Thanksgiving Cooking Meeting. Our usual Thanksgiving would consist of making butter and biscuits. We would also put together hygiene bags for the less fortunate and make Christmas ornaments to families in need. Since times are different the Senior 1 girls led the meeting via Zoom. This was their "Take Action" part of our *Sow What Journey*. We had Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors in attendance. Each scout received a bag containing crafts and cooking supplies.

There were 3 breakout rooms and in each room there was an activity. One room made Armpit Fudge. The supplies were mixed in a quart size bag. They had to add butter, vanilla, and cream cheese to the bag. Then it was time for fun! They placed the bag under their arm and squished the bag until all the ingredients were mixed together. It was a lot of work but once it was mixed well the fudge was ready to eat. It was super delicious and sweet!

The next room had crafts. There were a total of 2 crafts. One of them was a fall leaf wreath that was colorful and perfect for Thanksgiving. The other craft was a pumpkin pie container that they assembled. In the container the scouts had to jot down what they were thankful for! It was nice to see that the girls had so many great things to write about.

The last room was about food and environmental issues related to our *Sow What Journey*. We shared a video from our Journey about the Orangutans in the Rainforest and how they are being affected by the production of palm oil. We also explained how importing food from other countries adds to our pollution and waste.

Everyone had fun spending time together while sharing laughs and smiles through the screen.



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Girl Scouts continued ...

Pumpkin Pie Baking

By Jennifer Yamashita

On November 23, the Cadettes and Seniors made pumpkin pies together. We met on Zoom and made pumpkin pies completely from scratch. Even the crust was from scratch! It was a lot of fun, and I was so sad that we weren't able to meet in person, but I still had the best time. Next year, when we make pumpkin pies again, we hopefully will be able to donate them to the Westside Thanksgiving Celebration, a Thanksgiving celebration that provides a meal for anyone who needs one. The pumpkin pies turned out great and were so good. It was so much fun, and I can't wait until we get to make them again next year!



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Cub Pack 79

As the days start to become longer and the weather warms, Pack 79 is looking forward to Spring with hope and enthusiasm as the LA County Public Health and local BSA guidelines have evolved to now allow outdoor small group activities. As we look forward to winter's end, while we continue our regular engagement of the Pack through meetings and activities virtually via Zoom; we're now getting outside - first as family units - now looking toward small group hikes as Dens and outdoor activities!



Heading into February, the Pack, celebrated Scouting's 111th anniversary in the US and the birthday of the founder of the worldwide Scouting movement, Robert Baden-Powell. Together with our scouting friends in Girl Scout Troop 5325 and Troop 764, a number of our scout families attended the Temple's Scout Sunday service. In January and February, the Pack also held its first ever Pack 79 Family Fun Rally! Over nearly 3 weeks - that ended on the final play of the Super Bowl, the families in each of our 5 dens worked together as teams of family units to get outside and explore while using their scout skills to find natural objects and find local landmarks and vistas while also completing a 'tic tac toe' game requiring them to find locations based on clues. Following our Leave No Trace principles, our families collected only photos & video clips of their scouts and families, We ended the month at our annual Blue & Gold event where we celebrated the birthday of

Scouting along with the fun had by all the families during the Family Fun Rally! The following link is a slideshow/video compilation we'd like to share that we streamed during our Blue & Gold event:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/1rtnsf17bclqahk/B&G2021-final\(27Feb1300\).mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/1rtnsf17bclqahk/B&G2021-final(27Feb1300).mp4?dl=0)

PACK 79 FAMILY FUN RALLY!



With the coming of Spring and the one year anniversary of our last in person event, with the return of limited in-person activities we are seeing the impact and are grateful for the creativity and resilience of our Pack families, all made possible by the support of a caring temple community. Our next big event in March will be our Pinewood Derby, which was our last in-person event in 2020. With the help of Joe Belli and temple members we're looking forward to putting on our first live-stream event where we expect most of our scouts to build cars for the big race!

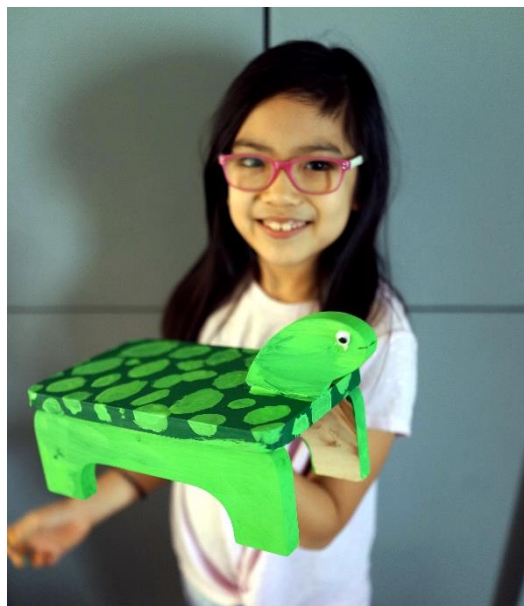
We continue to welcome new families and scouts in Pack 79. For the first time, Pack 79 now welcomes girls to the pack and are looking for interested families to embark on this new adventure with us! If you or family members/friends would like to learn more about Pack 79 please send a note to cubpack79@vhbt.org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



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In December, Jan Ozaki presented the Dharma School students with a Jataka tale titled, “The Giant Turtle,” during our Dec. 13th Zoom class. They learned about the sufferings the turtle endured in order to allow the people that lived on his back to thrive, but how eventually the turtle had to return to the sea in order to survive himself. After the story Rev. Kory spoke to the students and then they painted a turtle stool. Unfortunately, we forgot to take a group picture, but they all came out uniquely decorated.



For the Kei Ai Holiday CD, some of the Dharma School students sang “Jingle Bells” using the Acapella app. Thank you to Cindy Matsubayashi for helping to coordinate the project. It came out really nice.

Emily Kariya led the Jan. Zoom Dharma School class on the 24th. The students learned about Shinran Shonin and Jodo Shin Shu and colored an activity sheet. Rev. Kory was able to show them Shinran’s picture on the Onaijin.

our public site at

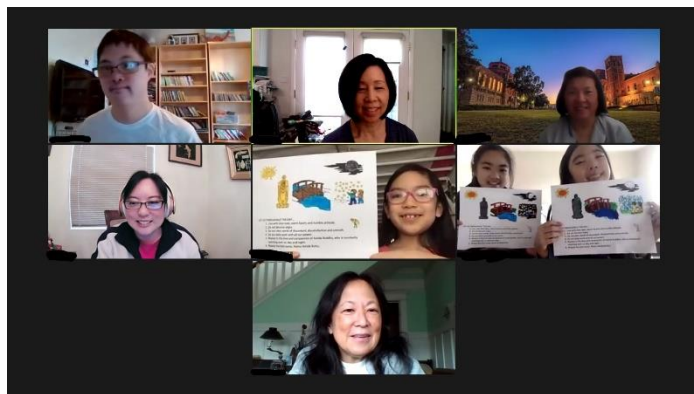
<https://marinacubpack79.shutterfly.com/>

Our Feb. 21st class was also chaired by Emily. Because it was also our Pet Memorial service, she played a Jataka tale video about an antelope, woodpecker and turtle titled, “True Friendship.” The students discussed the video and its meaning and the role pets play in our



lives. Everyone then made cute origami birds and turtles.

Judy Hopfield led the Dharma School class on March 14th. The theme was Ohigan and she presented a nice slideshow. The students learned how it also relates to the equinox and even Erik Matsubayashi appreciated the science references in her talk.



Ohigan Class

April was a busy month for the Dharma School staff as we were in charge of coordinating the Dana Delivery items for the month to go along with the Hanamatsuri bento. Thanks to Sandy Saeki, Aya Masada, Judy Nawa and Drew and Dylan Nakahara for helping Barbara



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Fukuji fill the bags with the mug, coaster, tea and dorayaki ahead of time. We also had extra help on

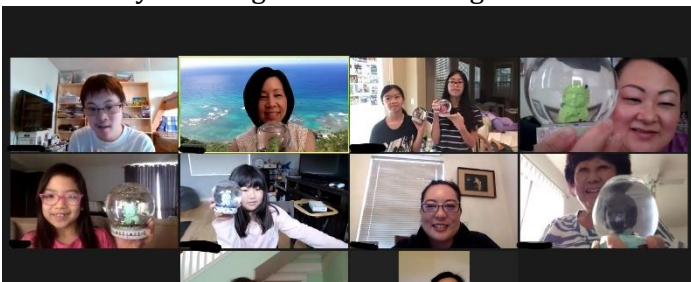
Dharma School continued ...

Hanamatsuri from Vicki Tokirio to decorate the Hanamido and from Jerry Iseda, Carey Tokirio, Sandy and Vicki to finalize the Dana Delivery bags which was greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Kenzo Yonemitsu for providing us with the flowers for the Hanamido too.



everyone was able to accomplish it with some on the spot modifications.

On April 11, Leslie Nakahara's Dharma School class included a slideshow about the birth of Buddha followed by a snow globe craft. Gluing the Buddha to



Snow Globes

the base was a little challenging at first, but eventually



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Some of the Dharma School staff have been busy meeting twice a month with the other Southern District teachers for the FDSTL conference that Southern District is in charge of on April 24. The conference will be all virtual and everyone is invited to attend. Emily and Judy Hopfield are two of the workshop leaders also.

Our next virtual Dharma School classes will be on May 23 and June 27 all at 11 am. For anyone interested in joining us, young or older, please contact Janis Ozaki at jmozaki@gmail.com or Leslie Nakahara at leslienakahara3@gmail.com.



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61st Annual Memorial Day Service

Bay Cities Japanese Community Joint Memorial Service, Monday, May 31, 9:00 AM via Zoom

By Gerald Iseda

After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Bay Cities Japanese Community Joint Memorial Service will resume this year via Live Stream from Woodlawn Cemetery on Monday, May 31, at 9:00 a.m. Due to continuing local restrictions, only ministers, speakers and organizational representatives will be participating in person.

Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is leading this year's coordinated service. Ministers and representatives from Venice Free Methodist Church, West LA Buddhist Temple, West LA Holiness Church and West LA United Methodist Church will also participate in this multi-denominational service, along with representatives from Boy Scout Troop 764, the Venice Japanese Community Center and West LA's Japanese Institute of Sawtelle.

The Japanese American Memorial Monument was erected in 1959 as a place where Nikkei can recognize and honor our Issei pioneers, war heroes and other predecessors of Japanese ancestry. The support for this annual event was supported by the Santa Monica Nikkei Hall Fund via the Asian Pacific Community Fund.

Everyone is encouraged to join via Zoom on May 31 by accessing the link below. We ask for your understanding in not attending the service in person. We look forward to future services where we can all attend in person together to pay our respects to our pioneers.



Zoom Meeting Access

Topic: Bay Cities Japanese Community Joint Memorial Day Service

Time: May 31, 2021, 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83264132336?pwd=OEQ1SFU1bm1XVFJpTlNhclJkdVN2QT09>

Meeting ID: 832 6413 2336

Passcode: 170272

Dial in only: Find your local number:

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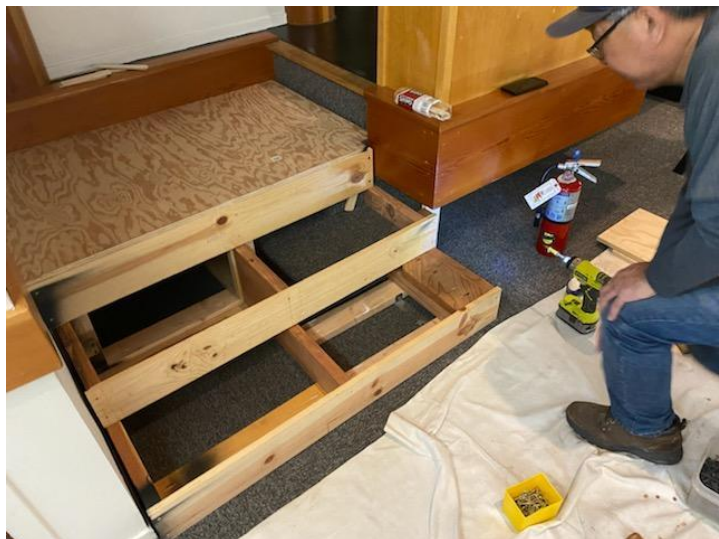
Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
12371 Braddock Drive, Culver City, CA 90230

New Onaijin Steps

Thanks to the workmanship of Dale Noriyuki, new steps and railing were installed on the left side of the onaijin next to the lectern, making it easier, and safer, to ascend. Thanks Dale!



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TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their **2021 dues** received **through March 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, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, ***June Fujioka**, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Ron & Iris Gee, Glenn Hamashita, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, Jill Hopfield, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Glenn & Debbie Hoshizaki, Nicolo Hoshizaki, Mildred Ichinotsubo, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Gerald Iseda, ***Minako Iseda**, Nelson & Sharon Ishida, Calvin Ito & Sharyn Yoshimi, ***Dale Ito**, Jon & Joan 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**, Hidehisa & Yukari Marume, Ayako Masada, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Irene Matsumura, ***Alan & Jane Matsuzaki**, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark Mayeda & Deborah Ching, ***Victoria Morimoto**, Daniel Motobo, Jackie Motobo, Cheryl Nakagiri, Dan Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, Leslie Nakahara, ***Jean Nakamoto**, Hiroko Naruo, ***John & Judy Nawa**, 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, 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**, Kiyoe Suzuki, ***Norm & *Yoshie Tachiki**, Dave & Arlene Tadamaru, ***Kagemi Takata**, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael Tanaka & Jill Ishida, Etsuko Nancy Taylor, Carey & Vicki Tokirio, ***Yasushi Udagawa**, Dean & Julia Ueda, Kayla Ueda, Kelsey Ueda, Don Uehara, Yoshiko Uyeno, Ron Wakabayashi & Jane Wong, ***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.) \$125 | Senior Membership* (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) Complimentary |



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Thank You for Your Donations

January 2021

Eitaikyo: Mrs. Minako Iseda, Mr. & Mrs. Milnes Kurashige

Funeral: Mr. Steve Noguchi

Memorial: Mr. Quinn Okamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Ueda

Special Donation: Mr. Ryan Haley, Mrs. Phyllis Hayashibara, Ms. Mildred Ichinotsubo, Ms. Sharon Ishida (2), Ms. Amy Kadomatsu, Mr. Jack Kurihara, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Koyama (2), Mrs. Victoria Morimoto, Ms. Leslie Nakahara, Mrs. Kiyoe Suzuki, Mrs. Jean Tsunemoto, Mrs. Yoshiko Uyeno, Venice ABA, Mr. George Yamada

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March 2021

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Funeral: Mrs. Nobuko Okada

Memorial: Mrs. Mae Kumagai, Mr. Dan Nakagiri, Mrs. Jean Nakamoto

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Thank you for your generosity

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



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BE THE MATCH

Paul Goodman is a cancer fighter and is one of many relying on a match for a stem cell or marrow transplant.

*COVID-SAFE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CDC GUIDELINES

DRIVE-THRU DONOR REGISTRY EVENT

AGES 18-44. REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED WITH A SELF-ADMINISTERED CHEEK SWAB. THIS WILL BE A CONTACTLESS DRIVE-THRU PROCESS.

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MAY 22, 2021**

12:00PM-4:00PM

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BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

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CULVER CITY, CA 90230

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS DRIVE-THRU EVENT AND WOULD LIKE A SWAB KIT DELIVERED, TEXT '**HOPE4PAUL**' TO **61474** OR VISIT **JOIN.BETHEMATCH.ORG/HOPE4PAUL**

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ATTENTION TEMPLE MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN DHARMA

VENICE HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE KENNY'S CAFÉ- THE SEQUEL- FAMOUS HAWAIIAN ROYAL

Saturday May 15th (10-4) & Sunday May 16th (10-2)



In 2020, we remembered Kenny's Cafe on Centinela Avenue and their famously delicious Chashu Royal, thanks to the generosity of Kenny Yamanaka and his family. Due to the overwhelming popularity of last year's event, our talented and acclaimed chefs Chris Ono and Ray Yamanaka have graciously agreed to recreate the magic once again.

By popular demand, the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will again offer our Members and Friends in Dharma the opportunity to enjoy Kenny's Cafe's delicious food, this time a Hawaiian Royal- Chashu and Portuguese Sausage on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, and Sunday, May 16th from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Appropriate safety standards will be maintained throughout the preparation and delivery process. All orders are available for drive-thru pickup only.

Visit www.givebutter.com/vhbtkenysthesequel to purchase tickets online (\$15 per plate) while supplies last. As a special accommodation to our Keiro members, we are happy to accept your orders by phone this week (please call Jerry Iseda at (310) 922-2023 or Aya Masada at (310) 418-1453 and you may provide your credit card information over the phone or mail a check payable to VHBT to the Temple. Keiro members may request delivery service at the time of ordering.

Thank you for your support!