

Gassho

To promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism
and to continue to live the nembutsu as a warm and friendly temple



Sensei's Message

Failure to Success

Hello Friends and Families of the Venice Buddhist Temple Community! Our doors are now open and we are back into full swing. With new sewer lines, gas lines, and floors, we look forward to all of you coming home.*

As I was listening to a television show, I came to hear this quote from Albert Einstein, he said "failure is success in progress." As I reflect on what had gone on with the physical status of our temple, and then our need to replenish the funds used to maintain the natural wear and tear on it. I see this as a huge opportunity to grow. But this isn't the type of growth you might be thinking.

Let's be honest. How many of you think this is going to be a plea for \$? It is not. How many would perceive that this opportunity to grow is a way to solicit and build up our numbers to support the temple. It is not. Let's face it. Growth in our society is raw numbers. It is the tangible and the concrete. We want something that is measurable and quantifiable. As the minister of this temple I automatically start to think about these numbers too. I think about the instant drain on the temple's savings and how to replenish it. Even with smaller amounts it is easy for my thought to slip into a counting mode of saying "this item is how many members?" We have to work hard to stop this way of thinking. I constantly need help and feel it is engrained deeply in many of us through the roots of our education and life styles. Can you relate to this problem? I have heard and done this over the span of my life, but not just at the temple. It happens in everything we do. Quantifiable with letters and numbers. At the temple, this is the "Failure" of a human existence. This is not where I want to be. Do you feel the same? Our lives are not the same and so we should not assume that through these events that we perceive and apply the teachings the same as well. Growth is not quantifiable just as Buddha is not quantifiable. It is hard to reprogram this way of thinking and to get out of the dark thoughts that can entangle and drain our energies and our lives.

Recently, I have been reminded of why we put our energy into the temple and why we do our best. We had two youth in their twenties come to our temple. When we hear news like this, we all jump for joy, because we know that the young are a true treasure. The first was a student. He was looking for guidance, connection, and peace. These things that which we are constantly trying to provide. We spoke about the Buddha which helps us to work together through life's challenges, and about calming the storm within by realizing and accepting our true self. The second youth came to a familiar place that he had once come to as a child with friends and family. As we spoke, it was clear he was looking for a sanctuary where he could be heard and find answers to worldly problems. I gave him what I could, listened and supported him, and made sure to tell him that we the Sangha are and will always be here for him as well as everyone who needs it. As the Sangha or group of Buddha's followers at the temple, we do our best. Not just to grow the Sangha or maintain material possessions. We do our best to create a safe place. We do our best to provide good food so we share our lives over meals creating memories with an extended family. We do our best to relay and guide others to the teachings. We do our best to not be fixated on our own self centered desires, but to reaffirm our path to Enlightenment.

The "Success" we long for is to realize the heart of the Buddha and the efforts put forth even before we were born. Success is giving and providing these things that the youths and others are looking for which take wisdom and the heart to empathize and express compassion. Success is expanding the Buddha's influence from within us and allowing that light to emanate through our words and actions. When we look at life's challenges not through the concretely measurable, but by the heart and motivations behind our actions we can accomplish Success as Sangha This success is a life long journey.

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I was asked during one of these visits was “as a priest do you have these problems?” Of course, we all have problems and worries. I am constantly trying my best and then reflecting that I should have done that differently. Or asking deeply if it was with my heart or the Buddha’s. I hope it is they are the same. This fits for our Sangha as well. Shinran wrote “When one contemplates the great ocean of entrusting, it chooses not between the rich and the poor, has nothing to do with being male or female, old or young, makes nothing of karmic evil great or little, does not weigh the length of practice, is not to be found in the distinctions of relative practices or goods, sudden or gradual, meditative or non-meditative, orthodox or heterodox... but is found just in this true entrusting of the inconceivable, inexplicable, and ineffable.” In this passage it explains the differences between a life of labels and a true heart or entrusting heart of a Sangha. We should think about issues of our hearts. Things will change physically. We cannot stop it. It is how we act upon the opportunities presented is the biggest concern and know why we act upon them as well. We do our best. Do not put an amount to it, but just give with the Pure Heart and Mind that we are all working for.

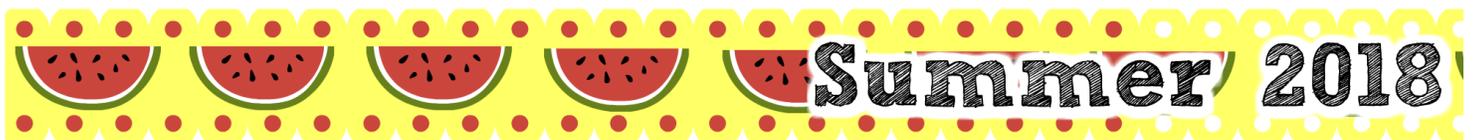
I ask you all to continue to recommit your heart to this journey. We are not living in this life for material or worldly possessions or to get a grade or to even be great. We are in this to get stronger within. We are in this for the GREATER Good. We are in this to help people, but first we need to help ourselves by knowing of the Loving Compassion that we have received which allows us to save the world and to be able to empathize through our own struggles in life. This is what calls us to change the lives of others. And we learn not to be overly proud of the efforts that we put forth knowing that it is not our vision, but Amida Buddha’s that we are working to ultimately fulfill and pay back.

“Failure is Success in Progress”

In this Jodo Shinshu life, Failure and Frustration are well springs for growth letting us see our true hearts and then urging us to contemplate on the Buddha with both hands together so we can truly walk hand in hand with open hearts, allowing the Buddha’s virtues to guide us together through saying the Name, Namu Amida Butsu

* Special thanks to President Ron Gee, Mr. Tommy Yamaguchi, and Mrs. Joyce Enomoto for being at the temple everyday to pack, move, and oversee and guide the work along to completion.

-Rev. Kory Quan



President's Message

Temple Repairs

Many of you know that our temple has been undergoing some extensive repairs, forcing the closure of the temple to activities through April and May. Back at the end of March, during the otoki for a funeral service, the drainage from the kitchen sink was backing up through the floor drain. This has been a recurring problem for the kitchen and women's restroom, and usually we just have the clog rooted out. The cause for the recurrence was a low slope angle (pitch) on our drain lines that caused sewage to sit in the pipes. This time the plumbing company ran a camera through the lines and we discovered that there were multiple cracks throughout, and areas where sections of the pipe were separating. Erosion from the leaking sewage was putting stress on the pipe leading to the city sewage line, and there was concern that the pipe would eventually break. We decided to have the drain line re-routed in a way that would increase the pitch and eliminate the problem for good.



This necessitated the closure of the temple because trenches were dug up through the kitchen, social hall, and both bathrooms. As careful as the plumbing company was, there was still quite a bit of dust kicked up and there was concern that the dust might be contaminated from the leaking sewage. The plumbing repairs ended up taking three weeks, and also required the replacing of the flooring in the social hall, kitchen, and both restrooms, as well as a thorough cleaning of both the upstairs and downstairs to lessen the chances of any health issues caused by contaminated dust and soil.

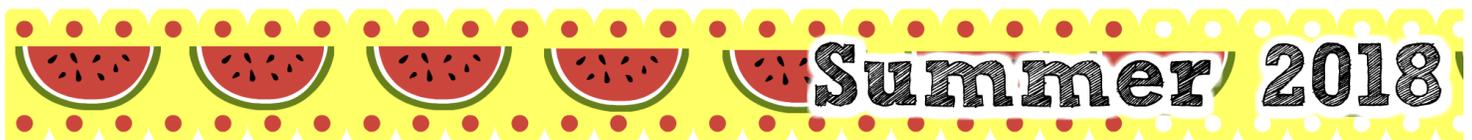
It is somewhat fortuitous that we're now going through these repairs because it gives us a chance to replace our worn flooring with something new. The new flooring is a durable, low maintenance material (wood plastic composite) that will last long and has a beautiful, wood-like appearance. The epoxy covering in the kitchen and restrooms is also durable and has a smoother texture that is easier to clean.



All major renovations, of course, incur a significant cost, and this year's repairs and maintenance will take a big bite out of our Building Fund. We are therefore asking our members and friends if they can help offset the extra expenses that we're incurring this year. If you can, please send your donations to the temple (please put "Building Fund" in the memo area of your check). You can also donate online at our web site on our [Building Fund page](#). We are grateful for your support in keeping the temple a safe and welcoming environment for our entire community, young and old.

In Gassho,

-Ron Gee





On March 25, 2018, our core committee for planning our 2018 Southern District conference expanded to include several of our other Fujinkai members and also representatives from West LA Buddhist Temple. The first full committee meeting went well that evening, and a second such meeting was held at WLA on April 20 th . We thank WLA for hosting both our April and May meetings while our temple is undergoing its major repair work and cleaning. Progress on the conference has been steady, and we hope that we'll have everything in place by October 6 th .

Initial flyers with preliminary information will be distributed to all the Southern District chapters in May. Registration paperwork will follow soon after that. We hope to have a good overall showing and that many people from Venice will attend.

Richard Modiano has offered to teach two review classes on Basic Buddhism and Mahayana Buddhism, as well as a new four-week class on Pure Land Buddhism. In addition, he'll lead efforts to revive our Dharma Club. The scheduling of these classes is still under discussion, so be on the lookout for further announcements!



Let's Learn Day: Mondays
10:30 am to 11:30 am
Tuesdays— Chair Exercise (video)
Exercise Day: 10:30am to 11:15am
Game Day: Fridays
10:30am to 11:30 am



As you all may be well aware, our beloved Venice Hongwanji Temple just recently re-opened after being closed for many weeks. And during this time, I am sure that we all pondered how difficult it would be to be out of our own homes for the type of invasive repairs that were necessary. But however difficult it was to be out of our (temple based) routines, many things made is all bearable. We utilized the VJCC for Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi and Gotanye services. We continued our monthly ABA meetings and planning meetings nearby at the home of Tom and Judy Yamaguchi (arigato!).

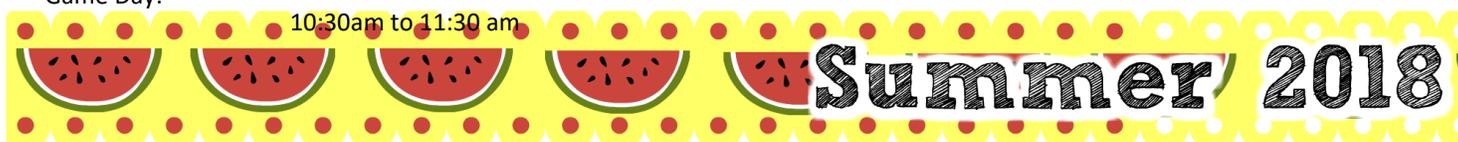
In other words, we all pulled together and made it work. And if you think about it from the Buddhist's perspective, we actually continued to maintain our thoughts towards: The Buddha, The Dharma and The Sangha.....how about that, even without the physical presence of the Temple, we carried on with our focus on the Three Treasures, and everything was fine.

All things told, you hate to be uprooted from your home, but I have been reminded in my observations of everything that went on during our hiatus, it really wasn't a hiatus, because the Three Treasures are what really holds my world together.

Lastly, we all owe a dept of gratitude to Rev Kory, Tom Yamaguchi and Joyce Enomoto for keeping watch over our Temple while it underwent such drastic repairs.

Namu Amida Butsu.....

In Gassho,
Dale Noriyuki
President, VHBT Adult Buddhist Association



Fujinkai



Although the temple has been closed extensively for repairs during the months of April and May, our Fujinkai has been able to carry on with meetings thanks to the generosity of Tom and Judy Yamaguchi. We thank them most sincerely for allowing us to have our meetings in their home, especially during the busy festival planning season.

Our ladies have been busily preparing for participating in the VJCC festival. We will be preparing and selling wonton at the VJCC festival as usual, and Phyllis Hayashibara and Judy Hopfield will again be chairing Fujinkai's booth. We thank all those ladies in advance who will be helping with the shopping, prepping, cooking and selling of the wonton.

On Thursday, April 19th, several Fujinkai ladies helped to assemble, pack and distribute bentos at a Hama Sushi fundraiser to benefit the JANM memorial marker fund. Phyllis Hayashibara would like to thank the following ladies for their help: Joyce Enomoto, June Fujioka, Shinobu Koda, Aya Masada, Judy Nawa, Alice Ogawa, Sandy Saeki and Karen Tokubo. They couldn't have done it without you!

Members of our Fujinkai have also been participating in planning for our Southern District conference, scheduled for October 6, 2018. The conference incorporates a meeting of our Southern District Buddhist Women's Association, and we have been able to recruit several of our ladies to help with the conference.

During the Memorial Day weekend, there are ladies from our Fujinkai to represent BWA at the various memorial services and visitations. We thank the ladies for their participation.

The month of March for Dharma School started out with a Kids' Club activity on the 10th. The theme was "Game Night" and dinner was make your own musubi with various toppings available. The Sangha enjoyed the leftovers the next day after Sunday service. All other Kids' Club activities as well as Dharma School since then have been postponed or canceled due to the work being completed at the temple.

Some of the teachers have continued preparing for the upcoming SDDSTL Conference in conjunction with the BWA and Southern District Conference in October. Thank you to WLA Buddhist Temple for allowing us to meet there on April 20th. From April 27 - 29, Judy Hopfield and Jan Ozaki attended the FDSTL conference in Foster City along with Rev. Kory. The theme was "Intersections." The speakers were very interesting and we enjoyed meeting teachers from other temples.

We are sad that our Mother's Day Service and Brunch had to be canceled this year, but we look forward to being able to hold Dads and Grads Service and lunch on June 10th, a week before the actual holiday. Hopefully more Dads will be able to show up since VJCC Festival set up is the week after.

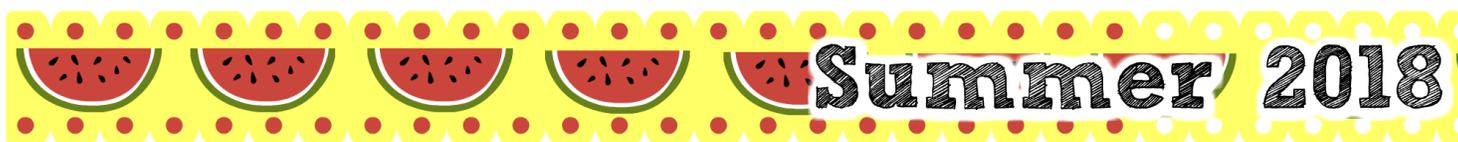
Dharma School would like to thank the following for their donations :

Barbara and Ron Fukuji for their Birthday Donation for Drew and Dylan Nakahara.

George & Sheryl Yamada

Scot Kawano

Kei & Tomoko Fukuda (Shelving/storage unit)





Jr. YBA Seminar 1, co-hosted by Venice and WLA
By Sara T.

This year Seminar 1 was held on January 20, 2018 at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple, co-hosted by the Venice and WLA Jr YBAs. The theme was to leave your comfort zone and “Just Do It”. The guest speaker was Reverend George Matsubayashi, who was very insightful and entertaining. The ice breaker was for everyone to wear makeup to allow everyone to be seen as equal and to allow everyone to leave their comfort zones. There were 3 main workshops in this seminar. The first workshop was a group discussion involving everyone, answering the question, “what is a comfort zone?” The second workshop was a debate workshop allowing people to state their opinions and to step out of their comfort zone by saying what they believed in. The final workshop was a food workshop where everyone could try different foods that they weren’t used to, while blindfolded, to allow themselves to try new things without having a bias. After all the workshops, the night activity was open-mic karaoke. Overall, this seminar was a very helpful way to learn how to put yourself out there and to try new things so that you can truly live your life to the fullest.

Special Articles

2018 Obon Festival Re-Design is Happening!

In the last Obon Committee newsletter article, we noted that with support of the Board of Directors, VHBT’s 2018 Obon is getting a makeover. This redesign is in response to the realities of our shrinking workforce. For many in our Sangha, Obon Festival has become an exhausting experience with no time to enjoy the festival. We want to change that. So, what will be done?

Firstly, all booths will be under VHBT rather than individual organizations. Organizations will be designated to lead specific booths; that is, organize materials and coordinate workforce needs. The workforce for all booths will draw from across the Sangha, not just from members of a particular organization. This year, sign-up for shifts at all booths are offered online.

Secondly, we’ve simplified the food offerings and reduced the number of food booths from eight to five. Food booths in terms of preparation and booth work shifts are one of the most demanding for our workforce. The planned food booths and menu for 2018 are below, with lead organizations noted in parenthesis:

1. Teriyaki chicken plate (ABA)
2. Spam musubi, mixed sushi, vegetarian Asian salad (Fujinkai)
3. Chili rice, hot dogs, chili dogs, vegetarian curry (Dharma School)
4. SnoCones, beverages (Sangha Teens)
5. Dango (Jr. YBA)

Thirdly, to close the gap on any decrease in revenue from reducing the food booths, we’re expanding some non-food booths—raffle, silent auction, Lumbini Boutique, and book store. We’ve also added an **Obon Sponsorship** program for individuals or groups who want to support Obon and VHBT with a monetary contribution of \$500 or \$1000. Sponsors will be acknowledged throughout the festival weekend. Please contact Debbie Ching at dfching@gmail.com if you’re interested in being a **2018 Obon Sponsor**.

More exciting news to come...





We kicked off February by doing a good turn collecting canned goods and packaged foods for the Westside Food Bank. Later in the month we had our annual Blue and Gold dinner and international potluck to celebrate scouting's birthday around the world.

March was Pinewood Derby month and we kicked off the month at the Belli's residence/woodshop to help our scouts shape their cars. The race was on for March 23! We had almost 40 cars in the race! We had some fast cars and some very creative designs!

With the temple dark for the month of April, our pack meeting was at our annual family camp. We had about 65 people attend at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center (IROEC), with at least a few scouts representing each den. The weekend started on Friday night with a visit from the camp staff, where we discussed rules and schedules. Saturday started with an opening flag ceremony led by Den 4, followed by our first structured activities: the shooting sports. This was followed by lunch and some family free time, with kids and adults sharing in football, soccer, kites, and at least a couple board games. The afternoon featured Scout Olympics, where the boys learned and practiced their basic knots and participated in the river crossing, swamp rescue, shelter construction, and giant clove hitch activities, led by our parents. Aside from an unexpected snake which slithered across the meadow, the boys were engaged and focused. After dinner, we went on two different night hikes with the camp staff. Afterward, the boys were treated to s'mores around the campfire, where various parents and leaders (and a couple boys) told some excellent and creative stories. On Sunday morning after some closing comments, we completed a clean-up sweep, and broke camp. A few of us headed down to the OC Zoo adjacent to IROEC to see mountain lions, a bald eagle, a petting zoo, and other exhibits.

At the end of the month, Den 3, together with Troop 764 participated in the Crescent Bay Camporee at Firestone Scout reservation. We're very proud of our boys as they earned overall first place in the scout skills competition!

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

Winter Encampment

By Jennifer Yamashita

On March 16-18, Troop 5325 went to Camp de Benneville Pines for Winter Encampment. Eighteen girls from our troop went. On Friday night it snowed! For some of us it was our first time seeing snow actually fall from the sky. On Saturday there was plenty of fresh snow for us to play in. At campfire on Saturday night we had s'mores and sang songs and performed skits. Everyone had a great time! Here are what some other girls in the troop had to say about our trip:

"...playing in the snow!" – Leah and Audrey, Brownies

"...the most fun part was making the lip balm and solidifying it in the snow as well as playing in the snow, making snowballs..." – Rachel, Brownie

"...making a GIANT snowball..." – Shelby, Junior

"...playing The Voice in the cabin with my friends. And playing in fresh snow..." – Alia, Brownie

"...playing in the snow, making snowballs and getting to see the snow actually falling. Also the new s'mores trick – a fudge striped cookie with marshmallow – it was so yummy!!" – Kaydyn, Brownie

"...snowboarding on the sled!" – Sarah, Brownie



TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their 2018 dues received from January 2018 through May 2018. The asterisks (*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations.

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Membership Categories

FAMILY MEMBERS

Family Membership

(Includes children under age 22 yrs)

\$500

Young Family Membership

(Family under age 35 yrs)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Individual Membership

(Single Adult age 30 and older)

\$250

Young Adult Individual Membership

(Single adult under age 30 yrs.)

SENIOR MEMBERS

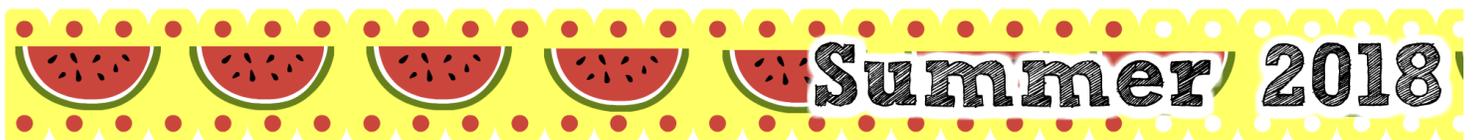
Senior Membership*

(Keiro— age 80 yrs. During or after 2018)

\$125

Senior Membership*

(Keiro— age 80 yrs. Before 2018)



WISH LIST

Special Items & Service Projects

- Tuff Storage Sheds in back parking lot (Need—Aug. 1st)
- Paint Temple interior & exterior
- New Steel Gate with lock by BBQ grilling area
- Electrical installation of Candles for the Onajin
- Uchishiki-4 triangular matching brocade cloths for Onajin—1 Mizuhiki (table skirt), 1 Tocho (hanging brocade curtain surrounding Amida Buddha)- (approx. Cost for all pieces: \$45,000)
- Obuppan-ki (set of 2- approx. cost \$800)
- Kebyo set (2 matching altar water holders- repair leak or replace)
- New Intercom (at side entrance)
- Install Smoke Detectors
- New Storage Shed at south side of garage
- Large sturdy Tables from Mity-Lite Tables, (12 needed—approx. \$275 ea)
- 2 Corn brooms, (FOR OUTDOOR USE)
- 16 qt Stainless Stock Pot with lids (2)

On- Going Needed Items:

- Forever Stamps
- Elmer's Brand Glue Sticks
- 33 Gallon Heavy Duty Trash Bags
- 10 1/4" Lg. Paper 3- sectional Dinner Plates
- Sm, Med, Lg size Food Handler Brand, Powder free Gloves
- Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet tissue
- Water, 1 gallon size; Flats of 8 & 16oz. Water bottles
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers; Scotch- Brite Sponges; Dawn Dish Soap
- Herbal Tea Bags, Green Tea Bags; Nestea Iced Tea
- 7oz. Paper Cold Cups; 6-8 oz. Paper Hot Cups
- Disposable Chopsticks
- Forks, Heavy weight plastic
- Paper Dessert Plates & Bowls
- Coffee, Regular & Decaf ground

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will gratefully accept any donations or contributions towards the above needed items & services. Please contact Ron Gee, VHBT President @ (310) 266-7296 or via E-mail: crouchingbruin@gmail.com or Rev. Kory Quon @ (310) 391-4351 or via E-mail: Sensei@vhbt.org for more information.

February 2017 - May 2018

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple gratefully acknowledge & thank all donors for their generous "Temple Wish Board" donations.

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February 2018

Funeral: Mrs. Grace Kitaoka, Ms. Lydia Morikawa,
Mr. Douglas Obana

Memorial: Mrs. Yoshiko Kariya, Mrs. Noriko Kurashige,
Mr. Daniel Nakagiri, Mrs. Janet Yasuda

Special Donations: Mrs. Fumiko Ishikawa,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Koyama, Mr. Steven Yamashita

March 2018

Eitaikyo: Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Koda (4)

Funeral: Ms. Jennifer Yeow Oki, Shiraki Trust

Memorial: Ms. Jeanne Ishikawa, Mr. Ritsuo Ito, Mrs. Mae Kumagai, Ms. Sharon Kumagai, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mayeda,
Ms. Lynn Shinmoto

Special Donations: Ms. Mildred Ichinotsubo,
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kuwata, Ms. Lynn Shinmoto,
Mrs. Jean Tsunemoto, Venice Japanese Community Center

April 2018

Funeral: Mrs. Mabel Shimasaki

Memorial: Mrs. Mabel Shimasaki

Obon Donations: Angel Maid Bakery

Special Donations: Jack & Carol Inge Kurihara

2019 NCM: Rev. Kory Quon

Thank you for your generosity



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Help Support the Fun!

The Kids' Corner is getting reorganized!

We could use 1 [KALLAX Shelves](#) from IKEA.

If you would like to sponsor this purchase speak to Jayme Heyl.

jaymehey1@yahoo.com

Ikea, Target & Michaels Gift Cards are always welcomed.



2018 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS:

2017: 1 YEAR

2012: 7 YEAR

2002: 17 YEAR

1986: 33 YEAR

2016: 3 YEAR

2006: 13 YEAR

1994: 25 YEAR

1969: 50 YEAR

Summer 2018

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O BON *festival*

JULY 21 & 22, 2018

3:00PM - 9:00PM

(Dancing Starts @ 7pm)

12371 Braddock Drive, Culver City

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Obon is just a few short months away, and we need your help to ensure another successful festival! As always the Obon Festival is a time when our VHBT community comes together for our biggest fundraiser of the year.

WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

The sign ups for this year's Obon Festival will be all online using the website SignUpGenius. This year instead of booths being broken up by organization, we will have the opportunity to truly work together as one. All proceeds of this year's Obon will be going to the temple. Sign ups for all booths are open to everyone regardless of organizational affiliation. This will be a great opportunity to get to work with a variety of people from our VHBT Community. We are grateful for all the shifts you volunteer to work, but most of all we hope you take a few moments to enjoy this great event.

**Ready to pick
your shifts?**

Sign Up Here

**Need a little help
to get started?**

Tutorial

For more information regarding Obon Sign ups contact vhbtobon@gmail.com



2018 OBON SPONSORSHIP FORM

Annual Obon Sponsorship is a new opportunity to support the Obon Festival and Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. With gratitude, we invite you to be a 2018 Obon Sponsorship with a monetary gift to VHBT of \$1,000 or \$500. Sponsors will be acknowledged throughout the Obon Festival. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Ching at dfching@gmail.com or 310 748-7930.

Yes! I/we would like to support VHBT and the Obon Festival as an Obon Sponsor:

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(City/State) _____ (Zip) _____

In case we have questions, please provide:

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I/We would like acknowledgement during the Festival to appear as follows:

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In Memory of _____

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Other (Please provide desired wording): _____

Please mail this completed form and your Obon Sponsorship check payable to "VHBT" with memo "Obon Sponsorship" **BY JULY 1st, 2018**, to:

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Happi Coats

Japanese Dolls

**Japanese/Asian
ceramics & art items**

Jewelry

More...



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