



Sensei's message

Hello! Y'ALL H.A.G.S.!!!

Imagine if a total stranger approached you and gave you this greeting. "Y'all H.A.G.S.!!" How would this make you feel? I would be a little insulted. "Why did you call me that? A witch?" Do you remember when people used to say, "You old hag" or something like that? This is one of the difficulties that we deal with all the time. Communication of thoughts into words never relay the true intent of the heart.

In Jodo Shinshu, we work hard to enjoy life as it is, but we easily get distracted from what is truly important. Let's look at the title for this article a little deeper. If you received the last Dana deliveries organized by the Adult Buddhist Association, ABA or are under 20 you might know what it means. After reading the letter from last month's delivery,

someone turned to me and said you called me a hag.

Y'All - You All

H.A.G.S. - Have A Great Summer

When put this way, instead of saying something mean, it is a way of making a wish for someone. When we hear the title or statement, we might not know the person well enough to understand their heart or intentions. It is so often that we hear the sounds, but don't always interpret with the same definitions. It is like chanting. Even if we read the English translations, we probably do not have the background to understand the text. Many times we chant about Amida Buddha's wish to take care of everyone as the great provider. What is your idea of having a "Great Summer?" Is it to each wonderful foods? Travel? Visit family? These are all



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extra in our Buddhist path, but important and sometimes necessary for the health function of human being. This why Jodo Shinshu is just right for all of us. We all want more than we have in this moment. Amida Buddha saw this and embraces us with Great Compassion.

*Although I too am within Amida's
Buddha's grasp,
Passions obstruct my eyes and I cannot
see him;
Nevertheless, great compassion is
untiring and illumines me always.*

Summer 2022! What an exciting time to be alive! We have gone through so much and now our temple calendar has begun to really fill up. The growth and change we are going through together makes me so proud of our Sangha or temple community. We have worked so hard to support the Venice Japanese Community Center and the festival. We are having a full Obon with food, games, and dancing! We are looking to the future.

I know that some people may have hesitations and that is ok. You have to

make the right decisions for you and no one else. The temple is working hard. When Obon comes don't get caught in your head, but think about where you are and who you are sharing it with. It is easy to lose our temper. It is easy to take time for granted. It is sad and easy to miss seeing the value of the moments that slip by. This is what it is to be human. Do not over think the things that are out of your control. Again, what an exciting time to be Alive! Take a moment to reflect upon your heart and the heart of others. Use your energy wisely. Work together.

When you come to the temple reconnect. Think about the heart of the people who have done so much for you. Think about the wishes that have been made and the ones you have received. Join in. Dance for Joy. Put Your Hands together in Gassho and Bow.

And May... Y'All H.A.G.S!

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



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President's Message

Summer is here, and much of our attention is focused on our first in person Obon Festival since 2019! More on this later, but we have so many exciting things taking place, I'd like to share describe some of our non-Obon activities as well.

First, I want to congratulate all of our high school and college graduates. You had the extra challenging task of completing your classes and degrees while dealing with COVID protocols and lockdowns. This is an exciting (and maybe scary) time as you embark on your next steps (new school, new job, new location). We wish you all the best wishes in your future pursuits.

Returning to normal, our BWA held a Welcome Back Brunch for our Keiro members, and everyone had a great time. This is part of the expansion of our Senior Outreach Program which is in part funded by the Keiro Grants Program. I think we all need opportunities for more social interaction, especially our seniors, and this was a great first step. Thank you to the BWA for making this possible.



We also had a very busy Memorial Day Weekend, and it really hit me this year what a special and important weekend it is for so many of us. We started with a service at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center where the JA war veterans are remembered, and we specifically remembered the Temple's Vietnam War JA killed in action adoptees. We held gravesite services at 4 cemeteries for many of our Temple members, had a service at our Nokotsudo, and participated in the Bay Cities Japanese Communities Joint Memorial Service at Woodlawn Cemetery. This is held jointly among the 5 mainly JA churches and temples in Culver City and West LA, along with the VJCC and Sawtelle Institute of Japan. It is truly a beautiful ceremony- consider attending next year- I highly recommend it.



By the time you read this, we will have supported the Venice Japanese Community Center (VJCC) as they held their first in person Festival since 2019 on June 25th. There were no food booths, so we ran a number of game booths instead. I'm going to say that a great time was had by all, and it was nice to be back at this kickoff to our usual season of Obons.



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It's nice seeing more people joining us in person for Sunday Morning Services. While we still ask everyone to wear a mask while inside the Temple, we are open and encouraging everyone to come in person if they feel comfortable and are able. Of course, we will continue to offer Services via Zoom for those who cannot make it to the Temple. We all really need to be thankful for Zoom as it has allowed us to expand our reach for meetings, events and services that we didn't have before. As an aside, we have had visitors join from at least 10 states, and England and Japan! By the way, we are always looking for volunteers to help us run the camera and Zoom at our Services and events, please contact Jerry Iseda at GTIseda@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our AV crew.

Kudos to Aleyna Minamoto and the Senior Dana Deliveries Program. In May, the program celebrated its 2nd Anniversary, and we just made our 2,500th delivery in June. Wow! I don't think any of us envisioned the program would last this long or have the positive impact we would have on so many. We now deliver to over 120 Temple members and friends, and friends in the Community as well. We must give a huge thanks to our Scouts- Culver Cub Pack 79, Girls Scout Troop 5325, and Boy Scout Troop 764, and our Jr. YBA who handle the lion's share of our deliveries. And a big thanks to Phyllis Hayashibara, who makes a special trip each month to Boyle Heights to make deliveries to 2 of our members at Sakura Gardens. Aleyna has done an amazing job, and this year was joined by Janet DaVall and Michelle Orne in helping drive the effort. All of our organizations take turns planning deliveries and have come up with some really clever themes. The Senior Dana Deliveries Program has been featured in the Wheel of Dharma and the Hongwanji Shimpō (Kyoto) has asked for an article on our program as well.



VHBT Cares, our initiative for those in the Community (and beyond) who are involved in the care of a loved one kicked off earlier this year with a Caregiver Survival Kit provided as a welcome gift, and in June, we launched our VHBT Cares Forum, where members of VHBT Cares can post and read information related to caregiving. Special thanks to Jennifer Yamashita who designed the forum and got us up and running. This is becoming an increasing part of so many families, and we hope this program will help provide support for many of our members and friends. Do you know someone who would benefit from VHBT Cares? Have them sign up by emailing VHBTCares@gmail.com.

Now for Obon- our Obon Committee has worked hard all year to develop a plan for our return to our in person Obon Festival. We will have food, games, an opportunity drawing silent auction, and most importantly, Bon Odori. I hope you will join us to enjoy in the fun, and/or to help us as we welcome our members, friends and guests back to the Temple. #TogetherAgain. We are in need of many volunteers to help run the various booths and food preparation in the days leading up to Obon Weekend, and during the Festival on July 16-17 as well. If you are interested in helping, please email vhbtlive@gmail.com and we will help you sign up.



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One thing that is different is that we will be combining our traditional food offerings into a single plate. Mamechan's Obon Dinner will include chicken teriyaki, wonton, andagi, tsukemono and rice all prepared under the guidance of our talented chef Chris Ono. We are recommending everyone to preorder their dinners by July 6th so we can ensure an efficient distribution. Order at www.givebutter.com/mamechan We will also have hot dogs, chili dogs, chicken salad from Rascals and sushi. The Sangha Teens will offer shave ice and drinks, and we will be selling popcorn from the Buttery Popcorn Company to snack on too!

A side note on Mamechan- our Obon Dinner is named for him, and back in the 70's he was created as the only character in a comic strip that was a regular part of the Gassho newsletter. Many think Mamechan (Japanese Peanuts- get it?) bore a close resemblance to Craig Matsubayashi when he was younger (admittedly the haircuts were similar), but my dad (creator of Mamechan) insists Mamechan was not drawn with Craig in mind. Ever since, he has been the Temple mascot and has appeared in some form on our Obon posters and other materials throughout the years.



After Obon is finished, we're not planning on stopping. There are so many things we want to continue to work on, including more activities for young adults and families. We're looking at something for younger adults in late summer- I'm guessing it will involve adult beverages and some social activity, and with the help of our scouts, Dharma School, Jr. YBA and recently rebooted Sangha Teens, we have so many things for our children and families. Stay tuned!

Finally, we will be working on an official reopening celebration, probably in September. This will probably include a service and some meal and fun activities TBD. If we're lucky, we will be able to dedicate our new Onaijin items at this time as well, though we are still waiting for most of our COVID-delayed items. If you have forgotten, we have ordered new cloths for the Onaijin (altar)- the Uchishiki and Mizuhiki are placed on the tables in front of the Buddha, and were ordered last summer. We also have a new stand for our incense pot that sits in front of the Buddha on the Onaijin so it will match the stands on the 2 side Obutsudans. Completing our Onaijin enhancement was the purchase of a new (old) organ, which sounds great by the way, and a cleaning of one of the flower vases that had some oxidation.

Again, a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support of our Temple and Sangha. Whether it is by participating, volunteering or donating to our activities, collectively we have continued to flourish under very challenging conditions, and it is due to the collective efforts of all of you. We ask for your continued support as we move forward, and I guarantee you'll enjoy some great food along the way and have a lot of fun too!

In Gassho



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Buddhist Women's Association

The Venice Buddhist Women's Association has begun planning upcoming 2022 fundraisers and the itinerary for the 2023 Japan trip for the World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto, during the relatively quiet months of March and April.

Long-time Fujinkai member Mrs. Tatsumi Omote offered a chirashi-making demonstration at the Temple on Thursday, May 26, 2022, from 9:30 am. Participants felt ready for the challenge of holding the Fujinkai Chirashi Fundraiser on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Fujinkai members will be asked to volunteer their time to prepare and sell the boxed chirashi this autumn. Details to come!



The VHBT BWA will also host a Panda Express fundraiser on Friday, August 19, 2022. Online sales at any Panda Express in the United States with the code 908095 will earn the Fujinkai 28% of all dinner sales. Flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Mrs. Tatsumi Omote and Mrs. Noriko Kurashige prepared chirashi for the February 8, 2022, Fujinkai Memorial Service Otoki



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BWA continued...

Thanks to the success of the 2022 Virtual Lumbini Boutique, a shed still full of inventory, and additional donations from generous Temple members and their families, the VHBT BWA will hold another 2023 Virtual Lumbini Boutique, October 1 – 31, 2022. The www.32auctions.com/Lumbini site will be accessible in September, but “buy now” purchases will begin on October 1st. Flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Tabletop Obutsudan sold at 2021 Virtual Lumbini Boutique

Finally, the itinerary for the May 6 – 20, 2023 Japan Trip for the World Buddhist Women’s Convention in Kyoto includes six nights in Kyoto, two nights in Kanazawa, one night in a ryokan in Takayama, and three nights in Tokyo. Fujinkai co-president Vicki Tokirio, Phyllis Hayashibara, Quinn Okamoto, and Reverend Kory Quon collaborated with Kintetsu International Travel to create a tour

that mixes well-known urban sites as well as the countryside of the “Japanese Alps”. Reverend Kory Quon will help guide the tour to Buddhist landmarks such as Nishi Hongwanji and Otani Hombyo in Kyoto, and Eiheiiji in Fukui, and Tsukiji in Tokyo. Quinn will guide individuals who are not attending the WBWC around Kyoto as well as recommend restaurants for breakfast, lunch, or dinner; and will meet the tour group in Tokyo to accompany individuals to his favorite shopping and dining spots. Please contact Vicki Tokirio for Japan Trip registration information, or if you have questions about the 2023 World Buddhist Women’s Convention in Kyoto.



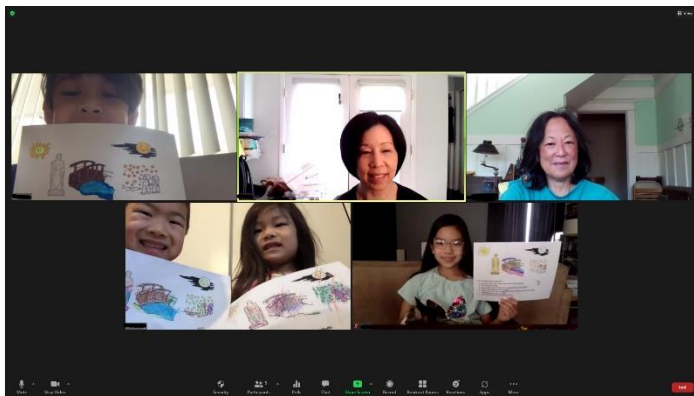
Barbara Fukuji and David Nishina at the gate of Kyoto’s Nishi Hongwanji Ha on March 31, 2017



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Ohigan/Six Paramitas was the theme for the March Dharma School classes and Hanamatsuri/Gautama was April's theme. Emily Kariya once again taught the Middle/High School Classes and though the students may not know much about the topic at the start of class, they have a better understanding by the end of the class. Emily's classes are interactive whether in person or virtual and she relates what they learn to everyday life. Judy Hopfield led the Preschool/Elementary school class in March and showed a presentation about the Spring Equinox and how it relates to Ohigan and the Six Paramitas.



March Dharma School class



April Dharma School Classes



April's Dharma School classes were our first hybrid classes for the year. Emily had a pretty full class in person in April. Janis Ozaki taught the younger students with several of our preschool age kids joining us in person. They were read a story about Hanamatsuri and then made white elephants with baby Siddhartha on top.



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The theme for our May classes was The Four Noble Truths. Emily instructed the older students once more and Julia Ueda worked with the younger students who made Four Noble Truth butterflies.



May Dharma School Class



Besides teaching Dharma School classes, the Dharma School staff kept busy with other activities in April. Our first event was Hanamatsuri on Apr. 3. We are very appreciative to Sandy Saeki and Shinobu Koda for crocheting all the carnations that were used to decorate the Hanamido and to Barbara Fukuji and her granddaughter Cami for helping too. Those that came in person to service were able to see their incredible work. Shinobu also crocheted wisteria and later brought us real wisteria from her garden to use during the Hanamatsuri service.

On Apr. 16, some of the staff attended a virtual BCA/Hawaii presentation on food waste and sustainability. Our FDSTL conference was also held virtually on Apr. 23 and hosted by Northern District. We all enjoyed listening to Rev. Takashi Miyaji who was the keynote speaker. The theme was, “Cheers to a New Norm.” Barbara was one of the teachers recognized during the conference for 10 years of service and Judy was awarded a certificate for 25 years of service. Congratulations to them both!

Dharma School celebrated Mother’s Day on May 8 during the service by presenting the mothers in attendance with roses. After service, we all enjoyed a guava cake from Angel Maid. For Gotanye service on May 15, those present were treated to delicious manju made by Mrs. Kariya as well as a birthday cake from Rev. Kory for Shinran. We invite everyone to join us for our Dads and Grads service on June 12 where we will have cookies made by Judy Yamaguchi after service.



Dharma School has only one more month of classes left for this current school year. June’s theme is the Eightfold Noble Path. All classes will continue to be hybrid. It is so nice to see our students in person again and they are very happy to see each other too. We welcome new students anytime. Feel free to contact Janis Ozaki at jmozaki@gmail.com for any questions.



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Sangha Teens

By Quinn Daimonji

The Sangha Teens had an eventful past few months. With the lei pickup being a success, I went to temple member Eric Matsubayashi to ask how we did at the pickup:

"I believe Sangha Teens did an exceptional job making sure the leis were delivered. They also were able to do taste testing of the shave ice flavors for obon."

Thank you to everyone who supported our lei fundraiser. We appreciate the support!

Another thing the Sangha teens did in May was going to the Orange County sangha teens social event which was a lot of fun and a great experience to not only get to know new people but to get closer to the other temples. With the money they raised from the lei fundraiser the sangha teens met their goal to go to Disneyland in August.



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Girl Scout Troop 5325

Lunches with Love

by Alia Asher

Lunches With Love is a program where we make lunches for the homeless through our service unit. On April 29th, our troop put together 130 brown bag lunches with one peanut butter sandwich and some snacks. We also made blankets for animals for a fellow Girl Scout to help with her silver award. The Girl Scouts enjoyed participating in this great event.



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Court of Awards Ceremony

by Audrey Nobuyuki

On May 22nd, Girl Scout troop 5325 had their Court of Awards ceremony, where the girls of our troop moved up to the next ranks of scouting and awards were presented. It was our first in person Court of Awards ceremony since the covid 19 pandemic had struck. We were all pretty joyful to see what everyone had accomplished this year live at the temple again. We also appreciated the attendance of special guests from the temple.

The leaders of each group of girls spoke about so many memorable accomplishments this past year, and so many awards were being given out to those who went above and beyond. We also heard from the girls who worked on special badges and awards this year. For me, this has been another successfully positive way for us to end the scouting year.

I had such fun moving up to my second year as a Cadette with all of my fellow Girl Scouts. Everyone seemed so cheerful and supportive of each other during the ceremony. The best part for me was the bake sale by far though. So many yummy treats for everyone to enjoy!



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Cub Pack 79

The months leading up to summer have always the busiest for the Pack, with scouts trying to complete their achievements to make rank as well as all the pack wide events that take place in the month of May. Our annual fishing trip sponsored by the Friends of Rolo being one. The scouts depart from the marina looking for fun and possibly some fish. Although this year the scouts didn't come home with a lot of fish, they sure did come back with a lot of fun shared memories with family and friends.

The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope.

– John Buchan



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Cub Pack 79 continued...

The 2022 Pinewood derby ended with another exciting finish with a 5-way tie for first place. With over 50 entries this year was one of our largest derbies ever, which makes the 5-way tie for first even more amazing. Thanks to Mr. Belli and his workshop we had a lot of fantastic cars from super cute all the way to super cool. The scouts impressed the judges with how much work and detail they put into their cars which made their job tough. Special thanks to Ron Gee for helping us set up a live stream for the scouts who couldn't be there in person and the Temple for letting us host the event in their social hall. You can check out this year's derby on the Temple's YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/ZKrijVPplBEs>



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Cub Pack 79 continued...

During the Memorial Day weekend Pack 79 took part in the long-honored tradition of scouts placing American flags at the Los Angeles National Cemetery.

Hope to see everyone at Obon!



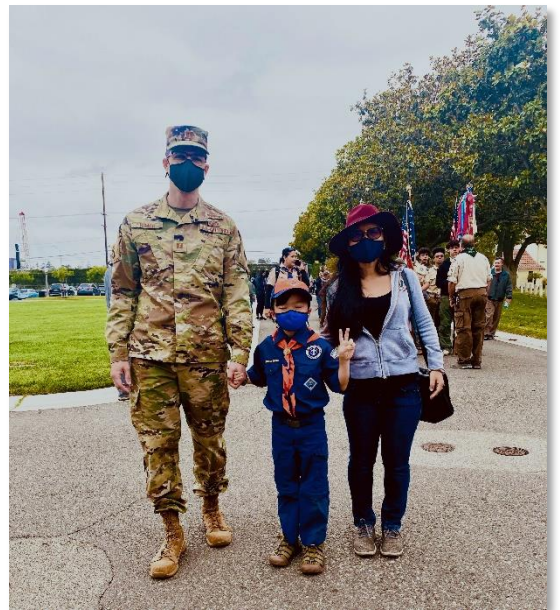
We continue to welcome new families and scouts in Pack 79. For the first time, Pack 79 now welcomes girls and kindergarteners to the pack and are looking for interested families to embark on this new adventure with us! If you or family members/friends would like to learn more about Pack 79 please reach out to us via email or check us out on social media:

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I realize as we enter the second half of 2022, and this is the last half of my third year as ABA President. I have been very fortunate to have the support of many. I have been able to serve both the groups and the temple. I am grateful for our members, our friendships, and their guidance.

Many things have happened in the past three years that have impacted each of us. The difficulties of life (with COVID pandemic), have fostered an appreciation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. (does this sound familiar?).

For the remainder of this year, we have Obon in July, ABA Member Memorial Service in September, udon-bingo event (replacing Steak Feast) in November, and the return of Mochi Tsuki in December. Each event will have some modifications, due to COVID, but we will be able to get together once again to pound rice, shape them into little round balls of rice, and dip them in shoyu and sugar.

Have a great Obon 2022!!!!

Tom Yamaguchi, ABA President

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



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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.*

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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



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Nokotsudo: Gayle Noguchi

Obon Festival Donation: Kochan Co., Inc., MUFG Union Bank

Special Donation: Kazuko Endo, Sam Ishida, Sharon Ishida (2), Amy Kadomatsu, Richard Nakashima, Gail Noriyuki, Fujiko Oriba, Jean Tsunemoto, Rob Yamamoto

May 2022

Memorial: Minako Iseda, Hiroshi Kadomatsu

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Eitaikyo: Janet DaVall, Milnes & Noriko Kurashige

Funeral: Gary Uyeda

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