

# Gassho

Newsletter of the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Summer 2025

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## Sensei's Message

**The body of Amida is in color like a mountain of gold;  
The radiance of his features and marks illumines the ten quarters;  
Only people of the nembutsu are grasped by the light;  
Know that the Primal Vow is the decisive cause.**

Hello Everyone,

The phrase above is from Shinran Shonin's third chapter of the KyoGyoShinSho on Shinjin. When I think of this passage I reflect on the journey of our life and how the teachings change us through introspection of our actions.

Let me share a personal experience.

Recently, I met a person who has been deemed untrustworthy. My first reaction was to think to myself, "this person should not be allowed at the temple." I spent a day thinking about this person.



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## *Sensei's Message continued...*

The next day as I was watering the trees in front of our temple, I thought to myself, “Why do I do this?” The answer to this has always been to physically spark the seeds of Enlightenment within others. This, of course, is not through my efforts, but to share the light of Amida Buddha. The passage is to help us on our personal journey. Amida's gold light of purity is constantly connected to us wherever we may go. Amida's Primal Vow or promise is for everyone. Only those that realize the value of the Vow or understand that this is the Buddha's Light are grasped. Being grasped sparks a grateful life with Nembutsu in their hearts. I can only say you have to figure this out for yourself.

Again, while watering the trees I realized something. My initial reaction to the untrustworthy person was wrong. In the eyes of a Buddha, human beings are all flawed. How would we react to a child who makes mistakes? We would not shut our doors to them, but think of strategies for them to discover the value of Amida Buddha's great compassion. I hope we would be honest and set up a system for the children to participate while supervised. For adults, limited time and supervision seems wise. This is not an easy answer.

It is complicated and would require a lot of patience, but I do have the hope that through the temple life and teachings of the Buddha

we would lay the groundwork for a process of change for everyone that comes through the door. More importantly, it would help us to change. Everyone is a future Buddha and all it takes is for us to take a step in another direction.

This is a reflection in progress. It was sparked by my own flawed reaction to meeting someone new and the thought of how I would handle it if they were to visit the temple. Buddhism teaches us that people can release their past and change in an instant. There are no easy answers and each situation is different. I ask for your help and support. We have to be rooted in the teachings, seeing people for who they are and what they can be. In fostering and sharing the heart of Nembustu, I have to remind myself that it is Amida's light and effort that accepts us. We are all hindered to different degrees. When we look at our decisions and actions how do they align with our basic teaching? The Buddha's efforts and gold light embraces all sentient beings.

***GASSHO, NAMU AMIDA BUTSU***

**Rev. Kory Quon**



# President's Message

There are many different seasons that people look forward to – Football season, holiday season, summer season. One season I, like others, look forward to is Obon season. Mouthwatering wontons and delicious chicken teriyaki, refreshing shave ice, indulgent hot dogs, lively dancing, but most of all reuniting with people, seeing familiar faces I haven't seen in a while, and meeting new people. Not only do I enjoy our Obon, but others as well, as I join others as we wear our Happi coats with pride. It truly is a special time and creates an electric atmosphere and heartwarming sense of community.

To see all the crowds, hear all the music, and participate in and watch all the dancing, really is enjoyable. And isn't that what it's all about? Obon is a time when we pause to honor our ancestors, reunite with loved ones, and participate in traditions that blend reverence, celebration, and collective joy. Okay, I didn't come up with these words myself, but I relate to the sentiment.

But then after Obon, I look forward to our traditions of Mochitsuki, Hanamatsuri, various fundraising events, and attending regular and special services which

promote camaraderie. I hope everyone feels the same way. Maybe have another game night? Wasn't playing LCR (Left Center Right) and other games a blast?

It indeed takes a lot of effort and dedication to organize such meaningful gatherings, but the joy and connections they bring make it all worthwhile.

It's always good to have something to look forward to.

In Gassho

*Tom Nakagiri*

# Memorial Day Service

At the December 4, 2009, Board meeting of the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (VHBT), it was determined that VHBT would participate in the Japanese American Vietnam War Killed in Action (KIA) adoption program by “adopting” the names of 8-12 KIA and honor and remember them. The first time VHBT participated in the Memorial Day Service at the Japanese American National War Memorial Court was in 2010. Each year since 2010, members of VHBT have attended this special Memorial Day Service at the Memorial Court located at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC) and placed floral tributes to the seven (7) KIA adopted by the Temple. Present at the 2025 Service were Rev. Kory Quon; Temple President Tommy Nakagiri, who also did a floral tribute for the Vietnam War KIA Adoption Program; Dianne and Joe Belli; Phyllis Hayashibara; Ayako Masada; Danny and Cheryl Nakagiri; Kay and Keith Obana, Mari Tamura, and Morgan Gee.

According to the website of the Memorial Court Alliance, the black granite walls of the Memorial Court include the names of over 1,200 Americans of Japanese ancestry who gave their lives in service to America. The Memorial Court is a tangible and poignant reminder to current and future generations of the enormity of the sacrifice these soldiers made.

Leading up to the Memorial Day weekend, The Memorial Court Alliance, also holds a Spit and Polish Day, during which young people are given the task of honoring those who passed by helping to clean the memorial. The young people power-wash the monument and then wipe them clean with miniature towels. Once

completed, they go up to a classroom in the JACCC to learn about the key events of different veterans’ times in service. Participating in this year’s Spit and Polish Day were members of Yonsei 31, whose members include VHBT members Leah Matsubayashi and Quinn Daimonji, and Megan Wada, granddaughter of Rev. George and Mrs. Kay Matsubayashi. Among the veterans who shared their stories was VHBT Temple member, Danny Nakagiri.

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*“Thank you to all of you who continue to remember and honor your adopted Vietnam War Killed in Action (KIA). It means so much to us that our brothers who did not come home from that war with us are not forgotten. I send you my eternal appreciation.”*

*– Ken Hayashi, President, JA Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee*

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# VJCC Festival

We had a busy (and fun) time at the Venice Japanese Community Center's Natsu Matsuri (Summer Festival) on June 21 & 22.





# Obon Festival

We held our annual Obon Festival during the weekend of July 19-20. We had our traditional favorites of fried wontons, chicken teriyaki, shave ice, and andagi. We enjoyed the spontaneous music of Umeboshi LA, and we were fortunate to have a live performance of Lantern Song on Saturday night. We also recognized Keiichi Ono during the odori for his years of service at our festival.









# Buddhist Women's Association

Members of the VHBT BWA visited BWA members Fusae Nishina on May 12 and June Akioka on May 14. Mrs. Nishina looked happy and rested living in a “six-pack home” managed by Mark Cummings. We all felt very sad when Mrs. Nishina passed away on July 3, 2025. Mrs. Akioka lives at home with son Gary and daughter Linda. BWA members shared refreshments during their visits. If you would like the BWA to arrange a visit to your family member, please contact Vicki Tokirio or Linda Oshinomi.



On May 17, 2025, BWA member Barbara Fukuji gathered Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple members to create a VHBT table for Gardena Buddhist Church's fundraiser at Nishi.

Participants ate bento, sweets, and chili rice; danced to the music of Kokoro; and bought raffle tickets for prizes to support Gardena BC's Social Hall Renovation Project.





## *BWA continued...*

On June 21 and 22, BWA and ABA offered Chicken Curry and Veggie Curry at the VJCC Summer Festival.

Thank you to Connie Yahata of West LA Buddhist Temple for sharing their fabulous curry recipe for the second year in a row!



During the Obon Festival on July 19 & 20, BWA again had our very popular wonton booth. Weeks were spent before the actual Obon, planning, shopping, and prepping. We appreciate everybody's support for the \$8.00 plate of five wonton and homemade sauce, which sold out both Saturday and Sunday!







Our Kids' Club #2 event was held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 people attended, and the kids had a great time decorating bookmarks and pens, and decorating our hanamido with flowers. Thank you to Leslie Nakahara and Barbara Fukuji for spearheading the event.





## *Dharma School continued...*

For Hanamatsuri on April 6th, our staff prepared the Hatsumairi certificates and all the flower bouquets and decorations for the service. This year, six children participated in our Hatsumairi ceremony: Emi Louise Marie Evers, Jasper Jordan, Avery Grace Akie Lopez-Heyl, Rae Montenegro, Luke Ogawa, and Sophie Ogawa.





## *Dharma School continued...*

On April 20th, Judy Hopfield led a Dharma School class with the theme of Nembutsu/Gratitude/Acceptance.

Our 2025 Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League conference, hosted by Southern District Dharma School Teachers' League, was held at Gardena on April 26th. Over 100 people attended (78 in-person, the rest virtually). Four of our Dharma School teachers led workshops at the conference. Everything went very well.

On May 4th, Jan Ozaki led a Dharma School class with the theme Women in Buddhism.

On May 11th, we held our annual Mothers' Day service. Red roses were given to all the moms and a delicious Italian pasta lunch was served after the service. Thank you to Julia Ueda for taking charge of the event.



Our yearly Dads and Grads service was held on June 8th. According to our longstanding tradition, all our dads and grads in attendance were recognized and received Mr. Goodbars. This year, in addition to honoring all our young students who were promoted from kindergarten, elementary school and middle school, we honored five young ladies who graduated from high school: Madison Fujioka, Madison Yoshiko Mendoza, Taylor Nagamine, Taylor Orne, and Remy Tsukahira. These graduates received a congratulatory certificate from the BCA, as well as gifts from our Dharma School. After the service, everyone enjoyed a celebratory otoki lunch.







# Sangha Teens

Sangha Teens had a lot of fun at the summer festivals! We teamed up with VHBT Jr YBA to run the andagi (dango) booth at the VJCC Festival on June 21-22nd. We offered delicious dangos with the choice of plain or coated with sugar or cinnamon sugar. We sold out both days! It was a lot of fun to participate in such a great community event.

At the VHBT Obon festival, we ran the shave ice and drinks booth. We featured a special shave ice flavor combo called "Cool Wolf" chosen by Cub Scout Clark F as his prize for winning one of the Pinewood Derby races. "Cool Wolf" was a combination of Tiger's Blood, Passion Fruit and Vanilla. It was a big hit! We had a lot of help outside of Sangha Teens to make our booth a success from making kintoki to working shifts at our booth. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave their time and help to our booth! We look forward to next year's Obon!







# *Girl Scout Troop 5325*

## **Court of Awards**

On Monday, May 19, 2025, Girl Scout Troop 5325 held its annual Court of Awards to recognize Scouts for their achievements in the past year. They received badges and insignia for their accomplishments. The evening also recognized Scouts who advanced from one level to another and who are graduating from high school

The Troop was honored to be joined by special guests, Rev. Kory Quon; Temple President, Tom Nakagiri; Adult Buddhist Association representatives, Tom Yamaguchi and Barbara Fukuji; Buddhist Women's Association co-president Linda Oshinomi; and Cubmaster Davin Daimonji of Cub Pack 79.

To begin the evening, Scouts who earned the Temple Youth Service Award were recognized. Recipients of this award have gone above and beyond in service to the Temple. The Temple Youth Service Award medals were presented by Troop leader, Kori Nobuyuki, Temple President Tom Nakagiri and Reverend Kory Quon to Camilyn Fukuji and Maia Kotani. President Tom Nakagiri also presented Troop Leaders Kori Nobuyuki and Cindy Matsubayashi with a special pin for each Scout in recognition of the Temple's 65th anniversary.

There were eight Daisy Scouts who walked over the rainbow bridge and advanced to Brownies. There were also three Senior Scouts who "bridged" to become Ambassador Scouts.

Scouts of all levels (Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors) were recognized and presented with the badges that they had earned in the last year.

Four (4) Ambassadors were recognized for their upcoming graduation from high school. They are:

- Madison Fujioka, who will be attending the Boston Conservatory of Music
- Yoshiko Mendoza, who will be attending UCLA
- Taylor Nagamine, who will be attending UC San Diego
- Remy Tsukahira, who will be attending Northwestern University

Each of the graduating Scouts described her favorite Girl Scout experience and shared advice to the younger Scouts. Congratulations to all the graduating Scouts!

Each graduating Scout also expressed her deepfelt appreciation to their Troop Leader, Paula Tomizawa-Mendoza, who has been a leader for 6 years. Paula shared that her best memories in Girl Scouts are too many to recount but that she especially enjoyed touring the Sriracha factory with the Scouts and their parents. They all received a "super cool umbrella" that she still uses to this day.



## *Girl Scouts continued...*

Paula's parting advice to parents is to be leaders and become involved while their daughters are in Girl Scouts. She said that parents will never regret it! And her words of wisdom to the leaders are to plan lots of fun events for their Scouts and let the girls plan them, too. She advised everyone to make as many memories together as they can.

Troop Leader, Kori Nobuyuki, then asked all the adults in the room to come forward to make a human bridge/tunnel. Each graduating Scout walked through this "bridge to adulthood" and received flowers and a photo album of remembrances of their Scout career.

The evening concluded with a delicious dinner, selected by the graduating Scouts.





## Girl Scouts continued...

### Powder Puff Derby

On Monday, March 17, 2025, Girl Scout Troop 5325 held its second Powder Puff Derby at the Temple. It followed on the heels of Cub Pack 79's Pinewood Derby which was held on Saturday, March 15. The Powder Puff Derby was again started by Temple President, Tommy Nakagiri, with the wave of the starting flag. President Tommy also announced and congratulated all the winners of the various categories. Technical assistance was provided on the night of the big race by current Cub Pack 79 Cubmaster, Davin Daimonji, and former Cubmaster, Sal Rubalcava. Thank you!

All the Scouts (Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts) constructed their cars at Joe Belli's workshop, a tradition for over thirty (30) years.

According to the Girl Scouts:

- I liked painting my car and watching the cars go down the track. – Sarain, Daisy
- I liked making the car with my friends and then painting it and having snacks after the race. – Patience, Brownie
- I liked that the car was made out of wood and I got to paint it. I liked the three-step process of carving, painting and racing. The race was so much fun! – Sahanna, Brownie
- It was fun watching my car win and getting an award. – Cami, Daisy
- It was exciting to see all the cars race to the end and find out who won! – Katelyn, Daisy
- I loved the racing and the MC, especially his jokes. Per Olivia, "What did the big tomato say to the small tomato? It stepped on it!" – Olivia, Daisy
- I liked that we got to vote for the (best) car at the end. – Aya, Daisy
- I liked the gems on my car and the snacks. – Nora, Daisy
- I liked that we got to design and build our own cars. They were our own creations. – Ellis, Brownie







# Cub Pack 79

## A Fantastic Kickoff to the 2025–2026 Scout Year!

Pack 79 is off to an amazing start — we've welcomed over 30 new scouts this year!

We kicked off the year with our first Pack meeting on August 17 at the temple, and then our annual Bear Carnival on September 18th at Lindberg Park. The event brought together new and returning families for an evening of filled with laughter, games, and scouting spirit. Scouts enjoyed classic carnival games like spoon races, river crossing, paper airplane flights, and sack races. The carnival was the perfect way for new scouts to meet the Pack, get their den-specific scout books, and learn how to wear their new den neckerchiefs with pride. All scouts had a blast! Huge thanks to our 3rd Grade Bear Den Leaders Casey Frith-Smith and Yuka Umemura for planning such a fun and welcoming event!

Just two days later, we rolled up our sleeves for our first community service project of the year - the annual Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 20th. Families gathered bright and early for a potluck breakfast tailgate at the CCMS/CCHS parking lot before heading to the bike path near the Julian Dixon Library. There, we met with our friends at Ballona Creek Renaissance, who always look forward to seeing our scouts in their bright



## Cub Pack 79 continued...

green Class B T-shirts. With gloves on, trash pickers in hand, and pails ready, Pack 79 got to work - doing our part to care for the environment and make a difference in our community.

With new Cubmaster Sehnita Joshua Mattison and Assistant Cubmaster Kenji Arai, we're excited for all the great times ahead this year for our Pack — including our Fall Family Camp at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center in October.

Let's go, Pack 79 — Let the adventure begin!



## Want to Support Pack 79?

We're always looking for fun, hands-on learning opportunities for our scouts — whether it's a behind-the-scenes tour, an engaging workshop, or a cool activity.

If you have a hobby, talent, or area of expertise you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you!

Reach out and help us make scouting even more exciting!

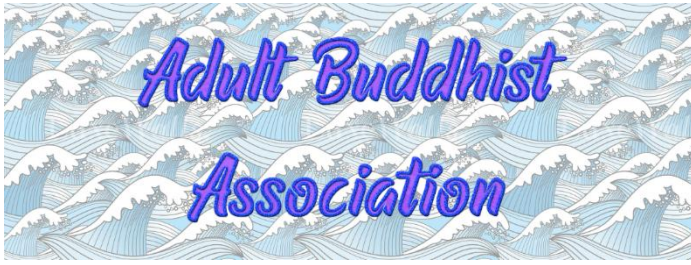
Pack 79 continues to welcome new scouts throughout the year. We are a Family Pack that welcomes girls and boys, Kindergarten - 5th Grade. If you, or family members/friends would like to learn more about Pack 79, please reach out to us via email or check us out on social media. We would love to have new scouts embark on their scouting adventures with us!

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I would like to write about the ABA's Chicken booth at the Obon Festival.

Everyone I spoke with raved about the chicken bowl (the moist chicken covered with a generous portion of tare (marinade), the tsukemono and the fluffy bed of rice).

We sold out by 7 pm on both days. Thanks to all ABA members who helped out. There are a few friends of ABA who are not members but who come out every year to help. They are too numerous to mention, but you know who you are. Without these friends of ABA, we would have to work double or triple shifts.

I would like to highlight a couple of individuals who contributed to the success of the Chicken booth: Chris Ono (who made the delicious tare and helped with the cooking of the chicken) and Kenya Bovey with their expertise in cutting the chicken.

**David Nishina, ABA Co-President**

## 2025 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

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

2024: 1 year

2023: 3 year

2019: 7 year

2013: 13 year

2009: 17 year

2001: 25 year

1993: 33 year

1976: 50 year



## TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their **2025 dues** received **through August 31, 2025**. The asterisks (\*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations. As we continue our membership drive for 2025, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.*



Joe & Dianne Belli, Ken Chen & Sheri Nagata, Martin & Robyn Cohen, Mark & Lisa Cummings, Tom & Janet DaVall, Karen Eguchi, Brett Freitas & Julie Wilson, **\*June Fujioka**, **\*Kei** & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Ron & Iris Gee, Robert Guimond & Tani Brown, Glenn Hamashita, Janice Hankawa, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, John & Patti Heyl, Jill Hopfield, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Jamie Ann Ido, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Shirley Inada, Stacy & Joyce Ino, Gerald Iseda, Nelson & Sharon Ishida, **\*Dale** & **\*Rosan Ito**, Jon & Joan Ito, Justin Ito, Josh Jordan & Jennifer MacFarlane, Emily Kariya, Yoshiko Kariya, Kevin & Patti Kirio, Jimmy Kita & Gail Higa, **\*Sanaye Kita**, Sam & May Kiyohara, **\*Shinobu Koda**, Carolyn Komoto, Ann Kotani, **\*Frank** & Elaine Koyama, Gary & Leticia Kurashige, **\*Milnes** & **\*Nori Kurashige**, **\*Tom** & **\*Delcene Kuwata**, Orr & Kimberly Limpisvasti, Hide & Yukari Marume, **\*Ayako Masada**, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Erik Matsumura, Evann Matsumura Tsai, Irene Matsumura, **\*Alan & Jane Matsuzaki**, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark Mayeda & Deborah Ching, Jonathan Montenegro & Mika Ogawa, Mark & Diane Morimoto, Brian & Mariko Nakagiri, Cheryl Nakagiri, Dan Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, **\*Jean Nakamoto**, May Nakasone, **\*Hiroko Naruo**, **\*John** & **\*Judy Nawa**, Ted Nishimura & Eva Nakasone, David Nishina, **\*Fusae Nishina**, **\*Yayeko Nishina**, Dale & Gail Noriyuki, Dustin Noriyuki, **\*Kay** & **\*Kimi Obana**, Fusako Ogasawara, Kenji & Alice Ogawa, Jino Ok & Aleyna Minamoto-Ok, Quinn Okamoto, Margarita Oku, **\*Tatsumi Omote**, **\*Fujiko Oriba**, Mark & Michelle Orne, Craig & Linda Oshinomi, **\*Mitsuko Ota**, **\*Kazuko Ozaki**, Ron & Janis Ozaki, **\*John** & Valda Palacios, Ted Reeve & Jim Matsuo, Rippey Rense & Annie Chuck, Ken Rosengrant & Joyce Enomoto, Billy & Sandy Saeki, Greg Saeki & Luz Wardlow, Ichiko Sakamoto, Merle & Gail Sharp, Mabel Shimasaki, Mark & Sharlene Shinmoto, Catherine Silman, Ken & Sue Sogabe, **\*Kiyoe Suzuki**, David & Arlene Tademaru, **\*Kagemi & Katsuko Takata**, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael Tanaka & Jill Ishida, Carey & Vicki Tokirio, **\*Karen Tokubo**, **\*Yasushi Udagawa**, Dean & Julia Ueda, Kayla Ueda, Kelsey Ueda, Don Uehara, **\*Yoshiko Uyeno**, Ron Wakabayashi & Jane Wong, Beverly Yahata, **\*Mary Yasui Yamabe**, **\*George** & **\*Sheryl Yamada**, Thomas & Judy Yamaguchi, Robert & Peggy Yamamoto, Gail Yoneda, **\*Art** & Roseann Yoshida, Spencer & Courtney Yoshikawa

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<b>Young Family Membership</b> (Family under age 35 yrs.) <b>\$350</b>	<b>Young Adult Individual Membership</b> (Single adult under age 30 yrs.) <b>\$50</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. before 2018) <b>Complimentary</b>



## *Thank You for Your Donations*

### **May 2025**

Funeral: Linda Kumagai, Sawako Kariya Family, Karen Sorensen, Kinji Mark Tasugi Family

Memorial: Cheryl Higashi, Lynn Nakamura, Shimoguchi Family, April Yamamoto, Thomas Yoshikawa

Obon Sponsorship: Angel Maid Bakery

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### **July 2025**

Eitaikyo Fund: Noriko Kurashige

Funeral: Gail Sharp

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### **August 2025**

Memorial: Joe Belli, Lorna Fong, June Fujioka, Kei Fukuda, Gerald Iseda, Noriko Kurashige, Ayako Masada, Bruce Morimoto, Gail Sharp, Roseann Yoshida

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