

# Gassho

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

## ご門主年頭のご挨拶

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も世界各地で地震・洪水・山火事など様々な災害が起こり、多くの方が被災されました。特にハワイ・マウイ島における山火事ではラハイナ本願寺の本堂が全焼し、メンバーの方々の被害も報告されています。ここに災害によってお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。皆さまが一日も早く、日常の生活を取り戻されますことを願っております。

また、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦によるウクライナ侵攻はいまだに続いており、2023年10月以来、イスラエルとパレスチナの武力衝突では関係国を巻き込んで、民間人を含む多くの犠牲者が出ています。私がいま思い起こしますのは、「すべての者は暴力におびえ、すべての者は死をおそれる。己が身にひきくらべて、殺してはならぬ。殺さしめてはならぬ。」（『ダンマパダ』第129偈）というお釈迦様のお言葉です。



この世に生を受けた私たちは、いかなる理由があろうとも等しく人権が保障され、命が脅かされるようなことがあってはなりません。しかし、現実には世界各地で紛争やテロが勃発し、生存の権利が脅かされている人々が数多くおられます。平和主義を掲げる仏教徒である私たちは、お釈迦様のお言葉を深く心に刻み、国際社会の平和と安全に大きく貢献することが求められています。

さて、昨年は本願寺において3月29日より5月21日までの5期30日間にわたり、「親鸞聖人御誕生850年立教開宗800年慶讃法要」をお勤めいたしました。ご参拝くださいました皆さま、お力添えを賜りました皆さまに心より感謝申し上げます。私たちが立教開宗800年の慶讃法要をお勤めできましたことは、時代や場所を超えて多くの先人の方々が、浄土真宗のみ教えを生きる支えとして、今日まで大切に受け継いでこられたからに他なりません。

これからもみ教えを聞き、それを支えとして、一日一日を大切に過ごしてまいりましょう。

2024年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主大谷光淳



## New Year's Greeting from Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over the last year, innumerable people worldwide have been affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I was particularly shocked by the wildfires that devastated the island of Maui in the state of Hawaii. This disaster completely destroyed the temple hall of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and one temple member was reported to have lost his life. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to a normal daily life.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022 is still continuing. Not only that, conflict between Israel and Palestine has once again flared up from October 2023, embroiling nations concerned with victimizing a large number of people many of whom are civilians. Looking at the appalling state of the world, the following words of Sakyamuni Buddha come to mind. "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

Every one of us who has received life as a human being, no matter the reason, must be ensured equally of human rights, and no one's life should be threatened. In reality, however, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists who aspire for peace, we must keep Sakyamuni Buddha's words seriously in our hearts and pursue our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

During the last year, we observed the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching at Hongwanji, Kyoto for a total of 30 days, divided into five sessions during the period from March 29 to May 21. On this occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who came to Japan to attend, as well as those who supported it in various ways. This celebratory event could be realized only because our predecessors have cherished the Jodo Shinshu teaching as their spiritual foundation for many years no matter when or where they were, and carefully transmitted it to us today. Let us, too, continue listening to the teaching as the center of our life while cherishing each day.

January 1, 2024

Ohtani Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha





# Sensei's Message

## The Year is 64!

Hello and Happy New Year! I have sat in front of this computer writing over and over again. I think about what the next 10 years will look like for our Buddhist Sect of Jodo Shinshu. What kind of hopes do I have for our temple community? I would hope that everyone will continue to come to the temple and create warm long-lasting memories together. Thanks to many of the members, there have been positive happenings. Children are able to come during the week and on the weekends for activities with their parents and grandparents. Cub Pack 79 and Girl Scout Troop 5325 are doing well with many amazing individuals to which will become inspiring leaders. The Adult Buddhist Association, or ABA, and Buddhist Women's Association, or BWA, are planning events that will be fun and engaging while building and strengthening the bonds of all who join in on the fun. The Dharma School has been providing outreach to our children with inciteful and entertaining Saturday and Sunday classes. The Sangha teens are always so busy with their sports and other activities, but always find the time to brighten our lives with energy, smiles, and help.

Now is a pivotal time for our temple community. We are preparing to celebrate 65 years as the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple or VHBT. This year is important because we were not able to celebrate the 60th anniversary together in 2020. It will have been 15 years since our last celebration. Buddha's teachings reminds us to step back from our lives to reflect on value of this moment, but we can't help but to continue to keep great hope for everyone to be together in 2030 for

the 70th or 2035 for the 75th. Who can tell? This year I look to everyone and their families to come together to participate in celebrating the last 65 years as a community. Those that have come for Enlightenment, Family, Friends, Social,... everyone is invited. We will begin this March. I look forward to all the events coming up this year. I hope we can all share not only memories of the past, but also create stronger and deeper bonds for the future. I call upon everyone who have been touched even once by the Light of the Temple in the las 65 years to return and reflect on what you have received and share what you have attained. It is vital not to forget how so many precious moments have helped us all to grow.

Simply, the only thing in our tradition we emphasize is the saying of Nembutsu or *Namu Amida Butsu* which means to focus Buddha and the teachings while installing them as an essential part of our being. This goal happens through our combined Unity. As our children and families have grown, we need to emphasize that the foundation of Amida's effort is the pursuit of Pure Equality. How do we uplift everyone while going through this life together? With this question in mind we should call to everyone! "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." (Mother Teresa)

The foundation of the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is built on the Nembutsu teaching explained by Shinran Shonin and encompasses the premise that everyone needs a place to feel safe and to be accepted.



## Sensei's Message continued...

*This is our dance with reality and with ourselves, the rhythm and song of "Namu," our foolishness, and "Amida Butsu," the wellspring of boundless compassion that arises from our own deepest, truest reality. Ultimately, even the nembutsu arises not from ourselves, from our own ego, but is experienced as a call from the deepest level of reality, from the depths of our own being, in which the flow of emptiness or oneness is realized in each manifestation of form and appearance. Thus Shinran states, "True entrusting is buddhanature." The movement of boundless compassion is also known as the Primal Vow of Amida (Japanese, Amida no hongan), the vow to bring all beings to the realization of oneness, spontaneously arising from the depths of existence. The nembutsu expresses our receiving this deep vow to liberate and realize oneness with all beings, because all beings are the self. It is an expression of deepest gratitude, that our lives are sustained within the larger web of interdependence. We are sustained by those who help provide for our livelihood, food, shelter, family, and friendships, and at a deeper level we are naturally moved to express our appreciation for our shared suffering in life and death, our mutual illumination in foolishness and compassion, our oneness in the path that takes us beyond life and death. This is Namu Amida Butsu.*

(The Original Buddhist Rebel. Rev. Dr. Mark Unno)

I recognize that we need to open the doors to let people in. Let me explain. The temple is always open. People used to come at all hours. It was truly a second home. Even though they do not spend as much of their spare time here as before, I hope you know that the door is always open, and it is here waiting for you. Henry Ford said "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Let us all connect and invite everyone. In the end we will look back to say, "We did it!" with joy in our hearts.

As we observe this may our hearts change to know the value of Unity through the Nembutsu teaching. Our human selves then give it more value. Our appreciation grows. When we are awakened of anger, ego, and attachments in our daily lives, let us get through them together in Gassho and let them go. In celebrating together, I hope you can find Happiness and Joy!

*Namo Amida Butsu*

**In Gratitude and Appreciation,  
Rev. Kory Quon**







# President's Message

I've attended many temple events and activities throughout the years, but now in my role as Temple President, I see everything through new lenses. I have new perspectives and appreciation for all the efforts of everyone to make everything happen. I have attended various meetings and read many correspondences, and I'm in awe of the knowledge involved and all behind the scenes preparations of various events and activities and realize that pretty much everything is a group effort.

It takes the effort of a lot of people to make something happen. What is the saying? It takes a village; it takes an army? I wasn't sure of the saying and looked it up on the web and still not definite, but there were a few synonyms that I thought better drove the point:

1. Community Effort
2. Collective Responsibility
3. Teamwork makes the dream work
4. Many hands make light work

This group effort is apparent in the big events we had last year, such as Mochitsuki and Obon, but really is apparent in all events and activities. As you may know, our 40+ year old elevator is in need of an Elevator Safety Upgrade. The cost is estimated to be about \$150k. So be on the lookout for different events and fundraisers to help raise funds throughout 2024. The temple could use all your support and efforts to make these successful. Many thanks to Sharon Ishida for stepping up and leading the Elevator Safety Upgrade Fund Committee to raise the funds.

So again, many thanks to everyone's effort in the past year and for your continuing support in 2024!!

In Gassho

*Tom Nakagiri*



# Buddha Needs a New Lift!

The Temple elevator that has served us well for over 40 years needs a major overhaul. Since our Hondo is on the 2nd floor, a safe and fully functional elevator is critical for some of our key services, including funerals and weddings, and is essential to provide access to our members and friends with limited mobility.

While the elevator is currently operational, it has been increasingly difficult to get replacement parts, resulting in extended downtime on several occasions in the last couple of years. Elevators usually require the updating of machinery and controls, or modernization, after 15 to 20 years; we have been fortunate that our elevator has remained in good working order with relatively few breakdowns, for over double the expected life span.

In addition to and in conjunction with the modernization, there are significant elevator fire and safety upgrades required to meet current building codes. This includes a new fire alarm system, smoke detectors, and emergency communication system.

The Board recently approved the selection of an elevator contractor for the modernization and the needed fundraising campaign. Also, they have allocated funds from the Temple Building Fund and designated the proceeds from our 2024 Project Bonbu to this effort, but we still need support from our Temple members and friends to raise the necessary funds.

It will take approximately 6 months to get delivery of all the components for the modernization. Once the work begins, it is anticipated that the elevator will be out of commission for 4 to 5 weeks, and we will have a plan in place to minimize the impact of not having an operational elevator during that time.



## Fundraising

We will be launching a fundraising campaign to help cover the estimated \$150,000 cost of the elevator project. Sharon Ishida is heading the campaign, so look for opportunities on sponsorships and donations will be coming soon, along with an official launch party to kickoff this massive effort.

Our goal is to complete this project before our 65th Anniversary celebration in March 2025. Many thanks in advance for your support and understanding as we undertake this project.

Your donation is welcome at:

<https://givebutter.com/VHBTElevator>



# Venice Hongwanji to Celebrate 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In January 1960, Venice Hongwanji was established as a branch of the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji. Over the years, our Temple has flourished, becoming an independent Temple of the Buddhist Churches of America in 1976. Today, we continue to thrive in providing vital and innovative services to our Temple members and friends.

We will hold our official celebration on Sunday, March 9, 2025. However, starting in March 2024, we will begin the celebration of our 65th year as a Jodo Shinshu Temple by recognizing this milestone during our various programs, services and activities. This is a way we can show our appreciation to our Temple founders and leaders past, present and future, and take this opportunity to remember all of our Sangha members who played a role in making our Temple what it is today.



You will see our anniversary logo throughout the year, starting with our March Senior Dana Deliveries. Please join us throughout the year to commemorate this significant milestone, and save the date for our anniversary celebration service and luncheon on March 9, 2025.







Dharma School’s big event in October was our Annual Halloween Party on Oct. 29. Over 120 kids and adults attended and participated in the fun, games, costume contest and potluck dinner. We were fortunate to have another awesome Sangha Teens haunted house. The Toy Story themed maze also included games. A big thanks to the Sangha Teens and their parents for all the work they put into creating the haunted house. Thanks also to all the families that contributed to the dinner. We had more food than you could imagine.

The theme set for our November Dharma School classes was “Gratitude.” Emily Kariya taught the middle/high school class and Judy Hopfield led the class for the younger students. We welcomed a few new students that month.



In December the theme was “Enlightenment” and we took a special fieldtrip to Nishi on the 10th for their Bodhi Day service. Some of us rode the Metro train to Little Tokyo and back. Rev. George was one of the guest speakers that day and we had about 21 total from Venice attend. After service we discussed the Buddha’s enlightenment under the Bodhi tree and both students and some of the adults made Dharma Wheel ornaments for their “Bodhi Tree” at home. We ate lunch at Champion Curry in Little Tokyo before heading back home.



Dharma School coordinated the Otoki for the Oseibo Taikai service on Dec. 17 which included Sorrento’s spaghetti. We also wish to thank those that brought desserts for the lunch. The Dharma School students received their year end gifts after service and there were a lot of leftovers for members to take home. Our first class in the new year will be on Jan. 7. We will have our first Kids Club of the new school year early 2024. Happy New Year to all!







# DHARMA SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY







# Sangha Teens

By Mark Yamashita

The Sanga Teens hosted the annual Halloween party at Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple this year. Preparations for the Halloween Party started around mid-September with the agreement of Toy Story being the theme of this year's Halloween Party.

The Sanga Teens met up to organize what was needed and how the haunted house and games would be set up. The setup would start up in mid-October with the basis being that the outside of the haunted house is the equivalent of Andy's room which is the light-hearted character in Toy Story with the Haunted house being Sid's room which is the evil character in Toy Story.

On the outside, the Sanga Teens created different types of games such as a Claw Game, Ring Toss, and a Can Toss game. The inside area which is Sid's room had ripped-apart dolls, Interactive Speakers, jumpscares from the Sanga Teens, and Glow in the Dark painted posters. The party itself started in the early evening with a lot of little kids who seemed to enjoy the party.

Afterward, when the party was over, cleaning happened fairly quickly for how long it took to set up and organize.





## Sangha Teens continued...

Sangha Teens spent the month of November earning lots of service hours! We assisted the Venice BWA lay paper on the floors for their Chirashi fundraiser and were treated to a yummy fried rice dinner! A couple weeks later, we were invited to help with maintenance of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument. We swept up trash and wiped down the obelisk until the VJAMM corner was sparkling!



In December, we helped to paper the floors and cover tables for Mochitsuki and had even more fun the next day, pounding, pinching, rolling and dusting mochi! We are looking forward to more good times in 2024!





# Buddhist Women's Association

## Panda Express Fundraiser

The BWA sponsored an online Panda Express fundraiser on Friday, August 18, 2023, which raised \$363.57. Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser, and help us to spread the word across the United States (except Hawaii and Alaska)!



## Temple Rummage Sale

The BWA congratulates Barbara Wakasa, Tommy Nakagiri, Julia Ueda, and Quinn Okamoto for their coordination of the first-in-five years Temple Rummage Sale, which raised over \$4,000. The Temple donated \$1,000 towards the Lahaina Relief efforts. Quinn's backpack was almost sold to a customer, which is why he is hugging it so tightly after its recovery.



## Lumbini Boutique

The third Virtual Lumbini Boutique began online on October 1, 2023, at 12:00 pm and ended on October 31st at 12:00 pm. The BWA raised over 100% of their \$2,000 goal, thanks to the generosity of the Temple Sangha, their family members, friends in other Temples in the Southern District, and friends in the community. \$1,000.00 of the funds raised will be donated towards Lahaina Relief after the devastating fires of August 8, 2023.



Professional photographer Ken Chen donates his time to the August two-day session of photographing 200 items for the Boutique. He also photographed four days in May, 2023.





# BWA continued...



Lynn Nakagiri, Barbara Fukuji, Ken Chen, Phyllis Hayashibara, and Irene Matsumura help sort and package the Boutique items in May.



In August, Boutique crew members Vicki Tokirio, Barbara Fukuji, Shinobu Koda, and Linda Oshinomi, model hair-protecting bonnets that Shinobu created and sewed.



Lumbini Boutique crew enjoy a lunch prepared by Sandy and Shinobu in May : Joyce Enomoto, Sandy, Shinobu, Ken Chen, Barbara Fukuji, Rev. Kory Quon, Lynn Nakagiri, Vicki Tokirio.



Phyllis Hayashibara and David Nishina help pack Boutique items for distribution the first week of November, 2023.





# *BWA continued...*

## Chirashizushi Sale

The Chirashi zushi committee, which included Vicki Tokirio, Linda Oshinomi, Sandy Saeki, and Joyce Ino, coordinated the shopping and the cooking of the vinegar-sugar su, and the dashi for the vegetables. The BWA thanks Dale Noriyuki, Carey Tokirio, Kevin Koda, and Kay Obana, for cooking the rice, which was donated by Gary Kawaguchi for Obon. Thank you to all who sent in their orders by November 1 for another successful BWA Chirashizushi fundraiser!





# Girl Scout Troop 5325

## Girl Scout Troop 5325 in the Community

On September 23, the troop participated in California Coastal Clean Up Day and helped clean up Venice Beach. Makaela Asher was our Heal the Bay Site Captain. Over 67 tons of trash was picked up that day!



Thank you to everyone who donated to our hygiene kits for the homeless! We made about 100 kits and they were donated to PATH (People Assisting the Homeless).





## Girl Scouts continued ...

In December, our Cadettes were busy helping at the Teague Foundation party for foster families and doing adopt-a-child shopping.



*Our Ambassadors assembled the calendars sent to Dana Delivery recipients as well as Kei Ai Nursing Home.*



*Ambassador, Yoshiko Mendoza, had the honor of being in the Tournament of Roses troop and walking in the Rose Parade!*



*The troop had lots of fun, too! A highlight was seeing the Taylor Swift Eras Tour movie on the big IMAX screen!*







# Cub Pack 79

In November our scouts visited the Annenberg Pet Space. The scouts learned about their facilities and how they support the community providing animal care, animal education, and pet adoptions. The scouts got to go behind the scenes and see how they care for injured animals and preparing animals for adoptions. During the tour, the scouts were able to learn and pet a variety of animals, like snakes and lizards, with the highlight being a visit from “Ewok” a recent mommy who gave birth to 8 puppies.



We continue to welcome new families and scouts to Pack 79. We also welcome girls and kindergarteners as well, 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/culvercubpack79>

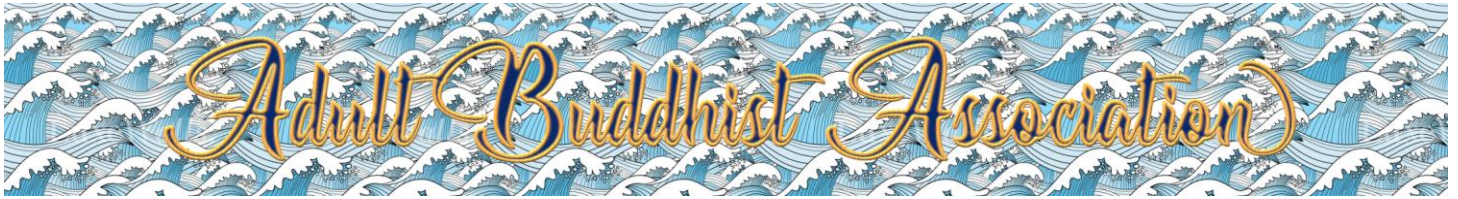
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<https://www.culverpack79.com/>

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How quickly time passes. As the year of 2023 comes to a close, we reflect back on all the events of the year. We cherish each moment, and the memories those moments produced. We give thanks, for those moments will be a part of us.

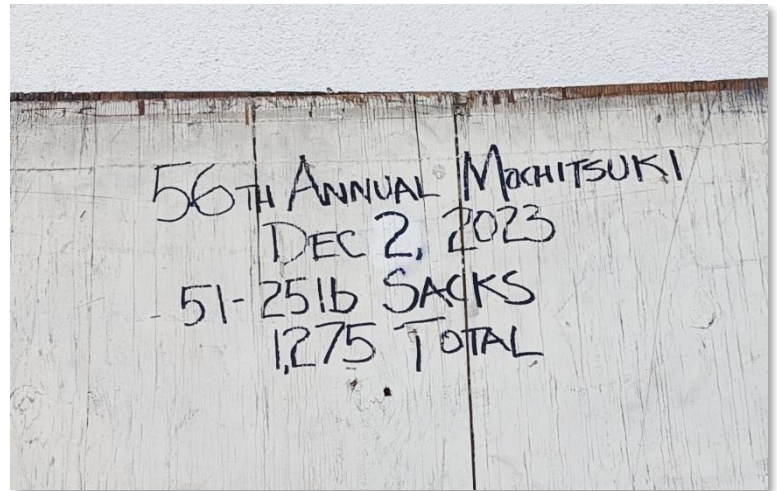
Thank you for all the moments.

Our Wine-a-Palooza and mochi tsuki were great and successful events. At the wine event, we joined WLA ABA in tasting a great variety of wines, and had food provided by Cherrystones. If you missed this year, keep your eyes open for next year.

Mochi tsuki was also a great event. Members and friends gathered and worked together to pound and formed 1300 pounds of rice into hundreds of mochi. What an accomplishment.

As my term as ABA president comes to a close, another chapter begins. ABA will be led by co-presidents, Jon Ito and David Nishina. Please support them in 2024.

Thank you all for your support over the past years.



**Tom Yamaguchi**







## VHBT Membership

Enjoy the many benefits of being a Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple member!

### Why Membership?

- Attend religious services and educational programs
- Access to temple organizations
- Enjoy optional participation in fun group bonding activities, programs, and fundraising efforts

### New Members receive:

- Welcome booklet and Temple Meet and Greet
- Subscription to the temple's Gassho newsletter
- First hand notifications of temple events and activities

And now, adults under 30 can now join for only \$50!

For more information, visit [www.vhbt.org/membership](http://www.vhbt.org/membership)

You can even join online!

## 2024 Memorial Service Schedule by Years

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

**2023: 1 year**

**2022: 3 year**

**2018: 7 year**

**2012: 13 year**

**2008: 17 year**

**2000: 25 year**

**1992: 33 year**

**1975: 50 year**





## TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their 2023 dues received through December 31, 2023. The asterisks (\*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations. As we commence our membership drive for 2024, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues and thank those who prepaid 2024 dues during the last months of 2023!*



Mike & Laurie Amano, Joe & Dianne Belli, Roger Brown, Ken Chen & Sheri Nagata, Martin & Robyn Cohen, Bryan & Aileen Cooke, Mark & Lisa Cummings, Davin Daimonji & Kristi Kaneshige, Tom & Janet DaVall, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, **\*June Fujioka**, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Gail Fukushima, Sharon Futa, Ron & Iris Gee, Monica Haley, Glenn Hamashita, Janice Hankawa, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, John & Patti Heyl, Jill Hopfield, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Mildred Ichinotsubo, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Shirley Inada, Stacy & Joyce Ino, Gerald Iseda, Nelson & Sharon Ishida, **\*Rikio & \*Fumiko Ishikawa**, Calvin Ito & Sharyn Yoshimi, **\*Dale & \*Rosan Ito**, Jon & Joan Ito, Justin Ito, Sachiko Ito, George & Sachi Johnston, **\*Hiroshi Kadomatsu**, Emily Kariya, Yoshiko Kariya, Kevin & Patti Kirio, Jimmy Kita & Gail Higa, **\*Sanaye Kita**, Sam & May Kiyohara, Matthew & Jennifer Kobata, Kevin Koda, Shinobu Koda, Frank & Elaine Koyama, Gary & Leticia Kurashige, **\*Milnes & \*Nori Kurashige**, **\*Tom & Delcene Kuwata**, Orr & Kimberly Limpisvasti, Hide & Yukari Marume, **\*Ayako Masada**, Amanda Matsubara, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Erik Matsumura, Evann Matsumura, Irene Matsumura, **\*Alan & Jane Matsuzaki**, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark Mayeda & Deborah Ching, Richard Modiano, Mark & Diane Morimoto, Daniel Motobo, Jackie Motobo, Cheryl Nakagiri, Dan Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, **\*Jean Nakamoto**, Todd Nakamoto, Edgar Nakamura, Hiroko Naruo, **\*John & \*Judy Nawa**, Ted Nishimura & Eva Nakasone, 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, Quinn Okamoto, Margarita Oku, **\*Tatsumi Omote**, Mark & Michelle Orne, **\*Fujiko Oriba**, Craig & Linda Oshinomi, **\*Mitsuko Ota**, Robert & Leah Oye, Ron & Janis Ozaki, John & Valda Palacios, Janet Petersen, Adan Pulido & Stephanie DaVall, Ted Reeve & Jim Matsuo, Ken Rosengrant & Joyce Enomoto, Billy & Sandy Saeki, Ichiko Sakamoto, Merle & Gail Sharp, Mabel Shimasaki, Mark & Sharlene Shinmoto, Catherine Silman, Kiyoe Suzuki, **\*Norm & \*Yoshie Tachiki**, Dave & Arlene Tademaru, **\*Kagemi Takata**, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael Tanaka & Jill Ishida, Carey & Vicki Tokirio, **\*Karen Tokubo**, **\*Grennie Uchida**, **\*Yasushi Udagawa**, Dean & Julia Ueda, Kayla Ueda, Kelsey Ueda, Don Uehara, **\*Yoshiko Uyeno**, Ron Wakabayashi & Jane Wong, Lance & Barbara Wakasa, **\*Mary Yasui Yamabe**, **\*George & \*Sheryl Yamada**, Thomas & Judy Yamaguchi, Robert & Peggy Yamamoto, Gail Yoneda, **\*Sakaye Yoneda**, **\*Art & Roseann Yoshida**, Spencer & Courtney Yoshikawa

**Membership Categories:**

FAMILY MEMBERS	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	SENIOR MEMBERS
<b>Family Membership</b> (Includes children under age 22 yrs) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Individual Membership</b> (Single Adult age 30 and older) <b>\$250</b>	<b>Senior Membership*</b> (Keiro – age 80 yrs. during or after 2018) <b>\$125</b>
<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*

### **October 2023**

Funeral: Masao Yokota

Memorial: Joe & Dianne Belli, Janet DaVall, Barbara Fukuji, Chris Horii (2), Stacy Ino, Janis Ozaki, Norman Tachiki, Misako Tanida, Sally Yamashita

Nokotsudo: Robert Fujimura

Special Donation: Joe & Dianne Belli, Deborah Ching, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Phyllis Hayashibara, Ruth Horibe, Sharon & Nelson Ishida, Rikio & Fumiko Ishikawa (2), Amy Kadomatsu, Edwin & Joyce Kato, Reiko Kondo, Kyoko Matsubayashi, Tony Nobuyuki, SD Jr. YBL, Sylvia Shelp, Jean Tsunemoto, Rob Yamamoto, Rich Yamashita, Roseann Yoshida

### **November 2023**

Eitai-kyo Fund: Judy Hopfield, Milnes & Noriko Kurashige, Jackie Motobo

Memorial: John & Judy Nawa, April Yamamoto

Special Donation: Anonymous, Craig Cummings, Sharon & Nelson Ishida, Joyce Itow, Pauline Itow, Amy Kadomatsu, Fujiko Oriba, Esther Quon, Rob Yamamoto

Special Donation, Elevator Fund: Jackie Motobo

Special Event Donation: Renee Chorpash, Joyce Ito Ichimoto, Susan Ito, Arlene Nishiyama-Loeza, Janice Emi Onami, Richard Yamashita

### **December 2023**

Memorial: Marjorie Angerson, Peter Blau, Joe & Dianne Belli, Dan Fukushima, Patricia Hosokawa, Colleen Kita, Shinobu Koda, Janis Ozaki

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