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## “Work smarter, not harder”

I am getting older. Which is a good thing. However, observing my current aging process I cannot help but notice that physically I am not able to do the same kind of things I could ten or

twenty years ago. My step is not as fast, and I am winded faster. I am also no longer able to see the notes that I wrote to myself twenty or more years ago without the aid of a magnifying glass or reading glasses. I am better able, now, to understand why my father asked me to write using larger print. I find myself, now, wishing I had acquiesced to my father’s wishes. Now that I have gotten older, I find myself hoping that I can apply the advice I titled this essay with.

With that in mind, I decide to write this essay as a way of disseminating some of the information that will be useful for this month’s Young Adult Dharma and Discussion session. The next session, that the temple is still offering remotely, will be on September 17 from 7 – 8:30 pm. The session in August was held with the theme, “Jodo Shinshu and the Golden Chain.” The September session will have “Six Paramita” as the theme.

The Six Paramita is the practice that was

developed by what would later be called Mahayana Buddhism. It is a reformulation of the Eight-fold Path that Sakyamuni Buddha first taught to start the Wheel of Dharma in motion. The Eight-fold Path is part of the first lesson on the Four Noble Truths. In review, the Four Noble Truths can be expressed as:

1. The truth of suffering
2. The truth of the cause of suffering
3. The truth of the end of suffering (through the elimination of the cause of suffering)
4. The truth of the path to end suffering

The Eight-fold path is given as part of the fourth noble truth. The Eight-fold path is:

1. Correct Views
2. Correct Thoughts
3. Correct Speech
4. Correct Conduct
5. Correct Livelihood
6. Correct Effort
7. Correct Mindfulness
8. Correct Meditation

With the advent of Mahayana Buddhism, a different set of practices known as the Six

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Paramita or “perfections”<sup>1</sup> was developed. The Six Paramita are:

- a. Giving (Dana)
- b. Precepts (Sila)
- c. Perseverance, endurance, patience (Ksanti)
- d. Effort, energy (Virya)
- e. Meditation (Dhyana)
- f. Wisdom (Prajna)



Although these two lists may look quite different, there is quite a bit of concurrence. For example, Correct Views (1) and Correct Thoughts (2) becomes Wisdom (f); Correct Speech (3), Correct Conduct (4) and Correct Livelihood (5) becomes Precepts (b); Correct Effort (6) remains as Effort (d); and Correct Mindfulness (7) and Correct Meditation (8) becomes Meditation (e) in the Six Paramita.

The difference between the two lists is that there is no corresponding practice for Giving (a) and Perseverance (c) found in the original Eight-fold path. The addition of these two practices is how Mahayana distinguished itself from Theravada (“doctrine of the elders”) Buddhism. These two attributes are said to describe the unique “societal” vision of Mahayana Buddhism. In other words, Mahayana Buddhism emphasizes that Enlightenment cannot be focused on the self.

I titled this essay, “work smarter, not harder” but it would seem that Mahayana Buddhism with its emphasis on sharing Enlightenment with others would be the more difficult path. For example, we have expressions like:

1 Traditionally there are two linguistic explanations for the meaning of paramita. The translation of paramita to “perfection” is based on the interpretation that paramita is a term that was derived from the Sanskrit term “parami” and “ta.” Parami has the meaning of “ultimate.” Ta has the meaning of “state of.” Paramita, then, is a term meaning “the state of ultimacy,” hence “perfection.” The other interpretation, which is how Chinese and Japanese Buddhism has looked at the term, is to define paramita as the compound of “param” and “ita.” Param has the meaning of “other shore,” and ita has the meaning of “to reach.” Paramita, then, has the meaning of “to reach the other shore.” Tibetan Buddhism also tends to favor this interpretation of “reaching the other shore” as the definition for paramita (pha rol tu phyin pa).

*Having Faith oneself and teaching people to have faith is among difficulties, yet again difficult. Transmitting great compassion and teaching it to all, is truly to fulfill repaying (our) indebtedness to the Buddha.*<sup>2</sup>

Whereas it is extremely difficult to develop your own faith, and after doing that helping others to develop their faith, Jodo Shinshu emphasizes receiving faith and not developing faith. This was first clarified by Nagarjuna Bodhisattva who is often regarded as the founder of Mahayana Buddhism. Nagarjuna Bodhisattva writes:

*The Buddha-Dharma has an immeasurable (number of) gates. In the world there are paths that are difficult and easy. The land routes that are walked are in other words painful; the water routes (taken) while riding a ship are in other words pleasurable. The bodhisattva paths are also like this.*

*There are those who work and practice with perseverance; there are those who quickly reach non-returner through the easy practice of the expediency of faith.*<sup>3</sup>

Faith is difficult for us to receive because of all the doubts that we harbor. However, in the Larger Sutra Sakyamuni Buddha relates to us how Amida Buddha spent eons of kalpa<sup>4</sup> of practice to amass the merits and virtues necessary to fulfill all forty-eight of the Bodhisattva’s Vows. Of these forty-eight Vows the eighteenth is known as the Fundamental Vow or Hongan. It is the fulfillment of this Vow that allows for the “easy practice of the expediency of faith.” Receiving this, which expresses itself in our voiced utterance of Namo Amida Butsu, is like “riding a ship” that is, in other words, “pleasurable.” This is, I think, working smarter and allowing the light of wisdom to shine on us, and not having to work harder.

2 This passage was originally written by Shan tao (Zendo), and is quoted by Shinran Shonin in the Kyogyoshinsho

3 This text is found in the Dasabhumi-vibhasa sastra or the Juu juu bi ba sha ron (十住毘婆沙論) in Chinese. This passage is quoted by Shinran Shonin in the Chapter on Practice of the Kyogyoshinsho.

4 We are told that chosai (兆載) kalpa of practice was necessary. Chosai is a number that has fifty-six zeros behind it.

## Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

### Happenings:

- ◇ August 8th, Sunday – We held our regular monthly meeting via Zoom. We are making plans for our 95th BWA Anniversary. If you have any photos of BWA activities, please let us know or email them to Nancy Yoshiyama at bnlllyosh@aol.com.
- ◇ August 14-15th, Saturday and Sunday, Obon weekend - Thank you to everyone who donated food and toiletries and bought raffle tickets on Saturday. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the food drive, raffle, Obon dancing and bingo. It was great to see so many of you on Zoom!
- ◇ September 12th, Sunday – Once monthly Japanese in person service will be starting. We will have in person BWA meetings after service. If anyone needs a ride, please call Kathy Hori to arrange. We can also offer a Zoom link for those who are unable to attend in person.
- ◇ October 9th, Saturday – GBC is hosting the Southern District Buddhist Conference. It will be from 9am to 12 on Zoom.
- ◇ October 9th, Saturday – Southern District BWA meeting at 12:30 on zoom.
- ◇ October 10th, Sunday – BWA Memorial service
- ◇ If anyone is interested in joining the BWA please contact Nancy Yoshiyama or Chizuko Morimoto

### Announcements:

- ◇ September 5th, Sunday – no service due to Labor Day Holiday
- ◇ September 12th, Sunday – In person Japanese service at 10am
- ◇ September 12th, Sunday – In person BWA meeting at 11:30am
- ◇ September 16th, Thursday – Meinichiko Service at 7am



## TUESDAY SOCIAL

Hope everyone enjoyed this year's Obon Festivities. Thank you to the Obon Committee for planning very entertaining activities.

Please remember there is NO Sunday service on September 5, 2021, as this is Labor Day weekend. Enjoy the holiday in a fun and safe way. The new variant of the Covid-19 has increased the confirmed cases and has forced us to take a step back. Please continue wearing your masks and maintain your social distance. Everyone, please stay active and healthy. Please take care. See you soon.



## Hui Aikanes

Thank you for participating in our Obon this year. Hope everyone had fun.

No meeting for September and our meeting on October 3 will be a zoom meeting

## Dharma School News

As your summer break is coming to an end, we hope you are enjoying yourselves. We will begin our new Dharma School year on September 12, 2021. We will begin with Dharma School service at 9:30 am and meet again at 1:00 pm for our Ice Cream Social. All 2020-2021 registered Dharma School students will receive a gift certificate (card) for Baskin Robbins. If you don't receive your card or certificate by September 9, 2021, please let us know.

We are still under COVID restrictions so we will continue with Virtual classes. You will be introduced to your new teachers and informed when your classes will be held.

A registration form will be sent to you in early September.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Arleen Miya at [arleenmiya@yahoo.com](mailto:arleenmiya@yahoo.com).



## PACK 1230 NEWS

Kaishu Harrison is a Pack 1230 alumni – CONGRATULATIONS 2021 TORRANCE LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS

Two weeks ago, the families of Torrance Little League's 14-player team loaded each player and three coaches onto a charter bus and wished them good luck as the Little League's Baseball World Series got underway. Kaishu Harrison is a Pack 1230 alumni and is a first baseman and outfielder on the team. All the players and coaches were sequestered in a bubble in hopes of keeping the virus away from the team.

The team first spent a week in a San Bernardino hotel during the regional – they are the first LA County team to be in the World Series since 1994! From here, they flew to Williamsport, PA where they met the other 15 teams participating in this event – everyone stayed in isolation.

They first beat New Hampshire 10-2 in the opening game. In Game 2, they beat Ohio 9-0. In Game 3, they lost to South Dakota 1-0 and went into an elimination round and lost to Ohio 4-2.



***The team represented Torrance on a world stage and we are so PROUD of the entire team!!  
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALL-STAR TEAM!!!!***

**Megumi Deadline is Monday, September 20, 2021**

# ABA News

Wow. It's September already. This means that pumpkin spice latte drinks and the fall season are just around the corner.

ABA would like to thank Hui Aikane for inviting us to attend the production of "Nunsense" at the Armstrong Theater. Those who attended not only enjoyed the performance, but appreciated the opportunity to get out of the house!

Thank you to the Obon Committee for all the activities in celebration of Obon. Thank you to all ABA members who donated to the food drive, which supported the Gardena Pantry. We also have the winner of the 50/50 drawing among our midst....Elaine Nishimura! Congratulations!

Due to the current COVID situation, we again will not be able to host our annual bingo fundraiser. We hope we'll be able to have this annual event in 2022.

The September ABA meeting will take place on Sunday, September 19 at 11:30am via ZOOM. Stay safe!



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## Gardena Buddhist Church Wisteria Chugakko Summer Program

Reverend John Iwohara, Gardena Buddhist Church Resident Minister, Headmaster  
 Charlene Hirotsu, Wisteria Chugakko Principal

### Student Interest Form

**June 20 – July 13, 2022**

I am interested in registering for Wisteria Chugakko for the Summer of 2022.

I will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2022.

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's Gender Pronoun Preference
Student's Date of Birth	Student's Grade in Fall 2022	Student's School District
Father's Last Name	Father's First Name	Father's Cell Number
Mother's Last Name	Mother's First Name	Mother's Cell Number
Father's Email Address	Mother's Email Address	Buddhist Church Affiliation (Gardena, Senshin etc.)



# Wisteria Chugakko

Reverend John Iwohara, Headmaster  
Charlene Hirotsu, Principal

## Wisteria Chugakko Summer (Middle School) at Gardena Buddhist Church

### Mission Statement

The Wisteria Chugakko (Middle School) is established to enrich the academic experience, and the religious and cultural understanding of its students in order to develop academics and a greater appreciation for the potential and dignity of human and all life.

**Who:** Wisteria Chugakko is a middle school summer school for students going into the 7th and 8th grade in the fall semester.

**What:** Wisteria Chugakko is a summer school program providing academic, religious and cultural education for its students.

**Where:** With the support of the Gardena Buddhist Church Board, Wisteria Chugakko holds its summer school program at the Gardena Buddhist Church.

**When:** Every summer since our Inaugural year 2018, Wisteria Chugakko has provided a middle school summer school program for 4 weeks from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. After school supervision is also provided for the working parents until 6:00 p.m.

Due to the Covid Pandemic of 2020, the 2020 program was cancelled. In 2021, with the continuation of the pandemic, a remote “Wisteria Buds” program was created and a modified 16 day long summer program was created.

**Why:** The Vision and Mission of Wisteria Chugakko is to help in the development of our young adult students to become productive members of our society, community and families.

These are the classes offered virtually for our 2021 Wisteria Buds:

Basic Car Mechanics	Introduction to Jodo Shinshu	Kokeshi Doll Creations	Pivot Twist Pop-up Card Making
Cartooning	Itadakimasu	Learning our History	Protecting our Ocean
Digital Citizenship	Japanese Etiquette	Let’s Reach for the Stars!	Shakyo
Dyeing to know	Japanese Tea Ceremony	Morning Service	Taiko
Introduction to Buddhism	Jodo Shinshu Rituals	Photography	

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Hirotsu at [charlene.hirotsu@gbcwisteriachugakko.org](mailto:charlene.hirotsu@gbcwisteriachugakko.org).

We are accepting **Student Interest Forms for Summer 2022** for students going into the 7th and 8th grade in Fall of 2022.

Please submit them to the Gardena Buddhist Church mailbox or mail to:  
**Gardena Buddhist Church (Wisteria Chugakko)**  
**1517 W. 166th Street Gardena, CA 90247**

*In this time of hardship, we truly appreciate your continued support!*

The church acknowledges the following donations received from 07/20/21 - 08/20/2021 with gratitude and appreciation.

## ***Funeral/Makurakyo/Burial/Memorials***

Furomoto, Lea Anne Igawa, Asako Ishigo Family Trust	Li, Agnes & Danny Nakamura, Alan Nakano-Nakamoto, Jane	Nishimura, M/M Shunji Quon, Rev. Kory Sueyoshi Takeuchi	Suzuki, Cheryl Yamashita, Tad
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## ***Shotsuki Hoyo Donations***

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## ***Obon Service Donations***

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***Hatsubon Service Donation***

Easton, Robert	Kure, Lea Anne	Ohara, Toshifumi	Shimizu, Cary
Kato & Matsumoto Family	Mitani, M/M David	Okada, Nobuko	Tada, Tamiko

***GBC Membership Dues for 2021 (received from 7/20 - 8/20)***

Hull, Madoka	Koyanagi, Stan	Nakamura, Julia	Rennie III, Charles
Ishigo, Hsuo	Nakamura, Alan	Nakashima, Teresa	Rennie, Alexandra
Ishigo, Mieko	Nakamura, Bertram	Nakashima, Toshio	

***Special Donations***

Fujita, Teruko	Girl Scout Troop 4345	Kuntz, Thomas	
Fukuman, Thomas	(class of 2021)	Nakaoka, Judith	
Girl Scout Troop 4345	Kajikawa, Carole	Sakuda, Shizuko (2)	
(class of 2020)	Kamm Family	Taira, Kimiko	

***Eitaikyo Fund***

Bequeathed by Julia Sato Nakamura

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***Osaisen***

Iwanaga, Michael	Nakakura, M/M Ken	Sasaki, Emiko
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Kurashima, M/M Justin

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**BOARD MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 at 2PM**  
**Via Zoom**





*From GBC Board Chairperson*



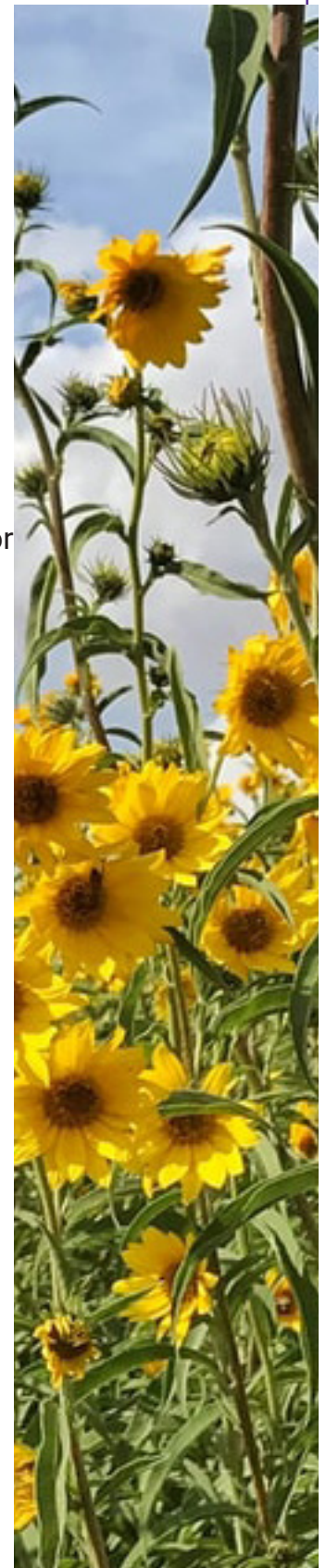
This year has been an unusual year for us due to the pandemic. We were unable to have our Fujimatsuri, but with the leadership of Alan Miwa we were able to have 4 fundraisers. We had a successful Plant sale sponsored and chaired by Larry Kawahara’s Family. Our food fundraiser this year was Rutt’s Cafe, Rice Things, The Loft., Panda Express and panko sale.

**Imogene Imada** The chairpersons for the food fundraisers were Aya Motoyasu, Kathy Hori, Julie Miyata and Elaine Nishimura. For the first time we thought we would try an online auction event. We would like to thank Louise Mayemura , Alan Miwa and Ross Nishimura for organizing the 32auction. Our masks fundraiser was chaired by the Community Project’s Lynn Isomoto and Linda Shimizu. We would like to thank all the committee members for all their hard work, our fundraisers were a big success. We would also like to thank the sangha for all their support in our fundraising effort.

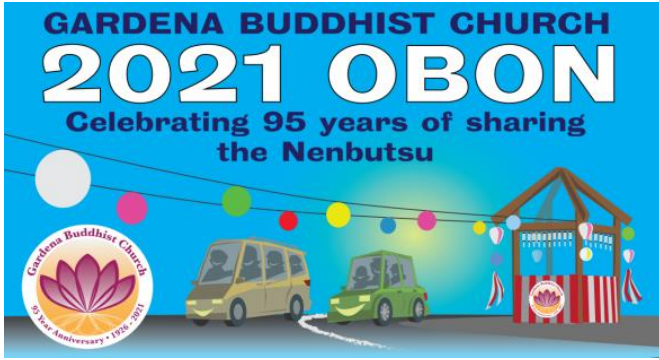
In August we are usually celebrating our Obon. We were not able to have big gathering this year so we decided to do something different. We decided to give back to the community to thank them for their support, so this year we hosted a Food Drive to support of the City of Gardena Emergency Service Food Pantry. We would like to thank Nadine Kakimoto and Arleen Miya for chairing this event. We had at least 4 car loads of food to deliver to the Gardena Emergency Service Food Pantry. We thank everyone who came out to participate in this event. On August 15th we had a virtual Obon and Hatsubon service with Obon dancing, Bingo, raffle and a 50/50 drawing. Congratulations to all the winners. We hope everyone had a great time. We would like to thank all the Obon committee members for all their hard work for making this Obon an special one. Thank you to all our sangha members and friends who have been supporting us at our events.

As we get ready to go back to school, please take care and be safe. Wash your hands and wear a mask.

In Gassho



**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



# Obon 2021



Thank you everyone for supporting this year's Obon!

This year we focused on giving back to the community by holding a Food Drive benefitting the City of Gardena Emergency Food Panty. Over 100 cars supported our Food Drive and 4 car loads of donations were delivered to the Food Pantry plus \$260 in donations. Our 50/50 and Raffle drawings were successful fundraisers, and we extend our deep gratitude to everyone for your generous food and monetary donations. We also held our first ever virtual Obon with 75 people joining us on Zoom. Thank you to those that joined us for our Obon/Hatsubon Service, Obon Dance, Bingo games and Drawings. Congratulations to the lucky winners! Although this year's Obon was not the same as our past Obon's, we hope you were able to get that feeling of Obon. We also wish to acknowledge and thank our neighbors who continue to support our temple and events.

## Thank You Committee Members, Volunteers and Donors!

A big thank you to our Obon Committee, Office Staff, Volunteers, and Donors. Our Obon was successful due to all of your hardwork, dedication and support.

### Committee Members

Imogene & Brian Imada  
Tom Sasaki  
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Cathy Uyemura  
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Terry Higuchi  
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宮地 信雄 師

## 『油断あるまじく候』

東京では、日に5千人を超えるコロナ感染者数を記録しています。また、こちらでも新しいコロナが発見されたり大変なことになったなという思いがします。皆さん、いかがお過ごしでしょうか。まだまだ、安心できる状態ではなさそうですので、ぜひぜひ気をつけて、油断しないようにしてください。

仏法にも油断ということがあられるようです。蓮如聖人がおっしゃっています。

「ただよろづにつきて油断あるまじきことと存じ候へのよし、折々に仰せられ候と云々。」(『聞書』102)

この意味は仏法を聞くのに油断してはいけないということをおっしゃったところです。私たちもよくこの油断をしますね。今日は、とり急ぎの用事があるから、ちょっとお寺参りはやめとこか。なんて言っていないでしょうか。私も何か朝にどこかに行かなければならないことがあるとなると、そっちの方を優先してしまって、今日の朝のお参りは休日なんて、すぐに言ってしまう。何かあればちょっとでも仏法から離れようとしているのですね。情けないことです。口では仏法ほど大切なことはないとい

ながら、実際の生活はやはり他のことがもっと大事になってしまっているのです。蓮如上人は、続けておっしゃいます。

「仏法には明日ということあるまじく候。仏法のことは急げ急げと仰せられ候なり。」(同上)

確かに仏法には明日聞こうかという余裕は本当はないのです。なぜなら、今日という日が保証されていないからです。よく昔の人がおっしゃっていますが、吐く息で止まれば、次の吸う息が保証されていないのです。それを私たちは、また次の息も出てくると、たがをくくっているのです。極端なことを言うようですが、次の息が出てこなかったら、もう私にはお念仏が聞けないのです。お念仏ぐらいなんだと思っているかもしれませんが、このお念仏がでなければ、私たちは、またぞろ苦しみの人生を繰り返さなければならないのです。そんなことは分かるもんかと、たんかを切って見ても、そっちの方こそ、わかるもんかなのです。お釈迦さまが仰ったことは本当のことなんです。信じるか信じないかは、私たちの勝手ですが、信じた人は、本当にその通りだと、皆、口を揃えて仰っているのです。今月はお彼岸の月に当たっています。仏法のことは油断せずに、頑張って聴聞させていた

南無阿弥陀仏



### September 2021

1	PIF Planning Meeting via Zoom	7:00pm
4	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
5	No Church Service (Labor Day)	
6	Church office closed	
12	Sunday Service (First day of DS) via Zoom	9:30am
	Monthly Japanese Service at GBC	10:00am
	BWA mtg at GBC	11:30am
15	PIF Planning Meeting via Zoom	7:00pm
16	Meinichiko Service via Zoom	7:00am
17	Young Adult Dharma Discussion via Zoom	7:00pm
18	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
19	Fall Ohigan Service via Zoom w/Rev. Murakami	9:30am
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
20	Megumi Deadline for September	
26	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
29	PIF Planning Meeting via Zoom	7:00pm

### October 2021

2	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
3	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	Hui Aikane mtg via Zoom	11:30am
9	SD Conf. via Zoom	9:00am
	SDBWA & SDDSTL Conf. via Zoom	12:30pm
10	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	BWA Memorial Service at GBC/Zoom	10:00am
	BWA mtg at GBC/Zoom	11:30am
15	Young Adult Dharma Discussion via Zoom	7:00pm
16	Meinichiko Service via Zoom	7:00am
	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	2:00pm
17	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
24	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am
25	Megumi Deadline for October	
31	Sunday Service via Zoom	9:30am



## 婦人会便り

- ▽ 08/08/21 (日) 婦人会例会がズームで行われ、婦人会の創立九十五周年のプランについて話し合いました。BWAの活動に関わる写真をお持ちの方は吉山ナンシー(bnllyosh@aol.com)までご連絡下さい。
- ▽ 08/14/21 (土) - 8/15/15 (日) お盆イベントの一環として、ガーデナ市のフードドライブを支援しました。食品や衛生用品などの寄付やラッフルチケットを購入して頂き、ありがとうございました。他にもラッフルや、お盆ダンス、ビンゴゲームなどに協力して下さったボランティアの方々にも深く感謝致します。ズームで多くの方々にお目にかかれて楽しいひとときでした。
- ▽ 09/12/21 (日) 月に一度のお寺での日本語礼拝がスタートします。例会もお寺で行いますが、車での送迎が必要な方は堀キャシーまでご連絡下さい。お寺に来られない方はズームでも参加できます。
- ▽ 10/09/21 (土) ガーデナ仏教会は南部教区仏教徒大会を主催しています。時間は午前9時-12時です。
- ▽ 10/09/21 (土) 南部教区仏教婦人会会議午後12時半からズームで行います。
- ▽ 10/10/21 (日) ガーデナ仏教婦人会先亡者追悼法要
- ▽ 婦人会に入会ご希望の方は森本千鶴子又は、吉山ナンシーまでご連絡下さい。

### アナウンスメント:

- ▽ 09/05/21 (日) レイバーデー休日の為日曜礼拝はありません
- ▽ 09/12/21 (日) 午前10時 (本堂/ズーム)  
日本語礼拝  
午前11時半  
婦人会例会
- ▽ 09/16/21 (木) 午前7時 (ズーム)  
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