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"The Dana (giving) of Namo Amida Butsu"

It does not seem that long ago that I was greeting everyone with, "Happy New Year!" This last New Year's seemed especially wonderful because we were able to hold the New Year's service at the temple for the first time

in three years. Now that it is March the first quarter of the New Year will soon come to an end. Fortunately, before then we will be holding our Ohigan Service. Time seems to be flying by. Because of our service schedule, instead of just being bewildered by how quickly time seems to be moving we are given the gift of taking the time to slow down and reflect on our lives as we continue to live our lives within that time.

The special service we hold in March is the Ohigan Hoyo. As part of what we reflect on as part of the service that has been handed down to us over generations of participation and practice is the custom of thinking about the Six Paramita. The six paramita are (1) dana or "giving," (2) sila or "precepts (moral conduct)," (3) ksanti or "patience," (4) virya or "vigor (energy)," (5) Dhyana or "concentration (meditation)," and (6) prajna or "wisdom."

Comparing this list with the eight-fold path, right view and right thought is related to (6) wisdom; right speech, right conduct, right livelihood to (2) sila; right effort to (4) virya; and right mindfulness and right meditation to (5) dhyana. Because of this (1) Dana and (3) ksanti are seen as "unique" to Mahayana Buddhism. In other words, giving and being patient are the ways that Mahayana Buddhists saw themselves as being distinct from the other schools of Buddhism. Mahayana, despite calling itself the "Great Vehicle" is not necessarily an easy path to take. For example, Nagarjuna, who is often regarded as the founder of Mahayana, states: (Asking if there is an easy path towards Buddhahood) this is wearied and weak, cowardly and low. It does not have the great heart. These are not the words of the robust and determined.

Although Nagarjuna does later describe the easy path, the Bodhisattva also suggests that the attitude that one must have in order to take the Mahayana path is that of being robust and determined.

What distinguishes the robust and determined mindset of the Mahayana from the other paths is dana or giving and ksanti or patience. Of these two we tend to emphasize dana. In talking

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about dana, we do give or “share” a lot of things. Dana is a particular kind of giving. War, for example, is a kind of giving. It is the shared giving of pain and destruction. Although one side may claim to be victorious there really are no winners. How is dana different from this kind of giving? Dana is giving that is able to help and even uplift another person. If a person gives us or shares their sorrow, they are sharing their trust in us. If we are able to accept the person and “hold” them, then we have received that gift of trust. If we are moved by the gift of trust, if we become kinder and gentler because of that gift, then dana has happened. If the person who shared their pain with us receives our gift of holding them and our giving or sharing of kindness, warmth, and comfort with them, and because of this their pain is lessened, then dana has happened. Sometimes, unfortunately, these kinds of gifts cannot be seen without our having to go through something terrible. What makes dana especially difficult is that in order to give, someone also has to be ready to receive. We discover how inter-dependent we truly are.

To help us learn how to be ready to receive these gifts we hold our Ohigan services. In

particular we learn how to hear so that we may be able to receive the gift of the Buddha’s Vow, to learn the how and why a Buddha was able to give rise to and fulfill these Vows. Hearing this and through this hearing receiving the heart of the Buddha is how faith (shinjin) is established. Through faith we are able to express joy. Through this joy that expresses itself as Namo Amida Butsu, we are then able to practice great compassion. We, too, are thus able to practice dana. Allowing us to do this is also what uttering Namo Amida Butsu is all about. Because of this we are able to understand how Jodo Shinshu is also part of the Mahayana.



ICHI-MI CLUB



We are excited to announce that our Ichi-Mi video will be premiering on Sunday evening, April 2, 2023 in the Social Hall, followed by dinner. More information to follow.

Our next meeting will be on March 12 at 1pm. Please email ichimi.gbc@gmail.com for more information.

**GBC ICHI-MI IS PROUD TO
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FILM PREMIERE

SUNDAY EVENING

APRIL 2, 2023

Gardena Buddhist Church

More details to follow



From GBC Board Chairperson

“Volunteers”

Alan Miwa

Alan Miwa It takes a lot of people to share the Dharma, provide youth and senior citizen programs, and maintain our beautiful temple. Most are volunteers. Too many to identify by name and some not wanting to be named.

When you come to church you might not see them but they are here almost all the time. Our Minister's Assistant, our Dharma School teachers, our youth advisors, our Information Technology (IT) volunteers (including our church website, Zoom, Hybrid Sunday services support, maintain our networks and church computers), people who unlock/open/close/lock gates/doors, volunteer gardeners, maintenance volunteers (including those who stock supplies in our kitchens and bathrooms), Community projects volunteers, volunteers who recycle gift donations to the church, etc.

Also, to make decisions and guide our church for the future we have our church advisors (Komon and Sodanyaku), the church board, the Nakayoshi Pre-School (NPS) and Japanese Language School (JLS) board, the fund raising chairpersons (Fujimatsuri, Obon, and Pass It Forward), and the various organization cabinets.

Additionally, there are many volunteers who make the Tuesday Socials possible, deliver our Wisteria Chugakko Summer program (5 years now), and lead and guide the various girl scouts/cub scouts/boy scouts.

If you see or know any of these people, please just take a moment and say thank you. And if you have some time or a skill to offer, please let me know (Alan Miwa - president@gardenabuddhistchurch.org). We can always use your help.



Hui Aikanes

Aloha from our newly installed Hui Aikane 2023 Cabinet!

On January 29th, Reverend John installed our new cabinet members during Sunday Service.

Following service, members of Hui Aikane enjoyed a lunch and welcomed our present and new members to our organization. During this meeting, we discussed future plans for our group.

Our next meeting will be held on March 26th at 12 pm in the Social Hall. That meeting will include a potluck lunch. Club members will soon be contacted for potluck signup. Hope to see you then!



Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

Happenings:

- ◇ February 5th, Sunday – Nirvana Day service. Thank you to Nancy Yoshiyama of B gumi for being in charge of the altar offerings. Additionally, we thank B & C gumi for the delicious snacks at our monthly meeting, and give special thanks to Fumie Fujimoto and Kathy Hori for making the zenzai. We're so happy that things are slowly reverting back to our "old traditions", prior to the pandemic.
- ◇ February 6th, Monday – Fujimatsuri Meeting 7pm via Zoom. Imogene Imada and Chizuko Morimoto represented BWA at this meeting.
- ◇ February 12th, Sunday – Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial /Fuse- No-Hi. Thank you to Imogene Imada for chairing this service on behalf of the BWA, and thank you to Kathy Hori, Phyllis Maruyama, Charlene Sakatani and Nancy Yoshiyama for helping to collect the special donations, which will be donated to the Jr YBA. And thank you to B gumi for preparing the osonae for this important service.
- ◇ February 19th, Sunday – Thank you to B gumi for arranging the refreshments for the Coffee Social.
- ◇ February 26th, Sunday – We all enjoyed the Eitaikyo Service hosted by the BCA National Council via Zoom.

Announcements:

- ◇ March 4th, Saturday – Southern District BWA 1st Quarterly Meeting via Zoom (Pasadena/Oxnard toban) – Imogene and Julie will attend.
- ◇ March 5th, Sunday – March Regular Meeting will be held at 11:15am in hybrid format. Toban for the meeting will be C/d gumi.
- ◇ March 11th, Saturday – BWA bento fundraiser – postponing until June (tentative).
- ◇ March 16th, Thursday – Shinran Shonin Meinichiko Service, 7:00am Zoom
- ◇ March 19th, Sunday – Spring Ohigan Service
- ◇ April 2nd, Sunday – April Regular Meeting 11:15am (hybrid)

BWA Appreciation:

- ◇ Seijinshiki Anonymous

Sangha Teens



Sangha Teens 2023 Cabinet



TUESDAY SOCIAL

February was a busy month for us. We started our buffet again after a 3-year absence. Everyone appreciated and enjoyed the delicious food. Going forward, we will just do the buffet once a month.

The Chief and 2 other police officers from the Gardena Police Department visited our gathering and provided feedback to members about security & safety. It was nice to talk to the officers in an informal setting.



Valentine's Day happened to fall on Tuesday this year, so we made Valentine's cards and misc greeting cards to give to loved ones. It was fun to see everyone's creativity. Thank you, Dianne, for providing instructions & materials to make cute cards. Please join us on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30 for coffee, tea, snacks and friendship.

JR. YBA

On February 4th, Tyler H., Brenden K, AJ T. & Rhys V. all attended and competed in the first SD Jr YBL Pickleball Day at OCBC. The 4 were part of different teams mixed with members from different Jr YBA chapters.

The next day, February 5th, 6 members of the GBC Jr Y hosted the Nishi Jr Y to continue to work on planning for the upcoming 2023 SD Jr YBL Conference by working on workshop activities.

On the following weekend, Sierra K. represented the GBC Jr Y at the SD Jr YBL Seminar 1 - "Buddhism at the Border" - where the San Diego & Vista Jr Y chapters co-hosted the event to discuss how Buddhism and Mexican culture intersect.

The GBC Jr Y. is looking forward to March 4 with SD Jr YBL Seminar 2 "Buddhism in Nature" co-hosted by Senshin, Oxnard and Pasadena Jr Y.



At the SD Jr YBL Seminar 1 "Buddhism By the Border" co-hosted by San Diego & Vista Jr Y.



GBC Jr Y Pickleball competitors

YABA (Young Adult Buddhist Association)

Thank you to those who came out to our Game Night and Potluck on February 4th. It was fun hanging out and getting to know each other playing Human Bingo and Celebrity. The night was filled with a lot of fun and laughter. The potluck consisted of a lot of delicious selections - thanks to those who contributed. We want to extend a special thanks to the ABA members that came out to mentor, volunteer, and participate.

Meet the Cabinet Series.

This month we'd like to introduce Tracy Iwanaga, Co-Secretary.



- Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
- Favorite Obon dance: Tanko Bushi
- Color of my Onenju: Sage Green
- Board Games or Card Games?: Both!
- A blurb about YABA: YABA events are for anyone interested in building community around Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. We're excited to see you all!

Tune in next month as we feature another cabinet member.

Upcoming Events

- March 26: YABA Lunch Meeting
- Canceled May 20: Game Night / Potluck
- June 11: YABA Lunch Meeting

Feel free to reach out to us at yaba@gardenabuddhistchurch.org

ABA News

As the weather warms up and the pandemic slowly stabilizes, ABA is talking about resuming some pre-Covid activities and how these events can be held safely.

As mentioned last month, ABA will bring back Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on May 14. ABA members, please contact Linda Shimizu if you are able to help with the Pancake breakfast. Bingo Night on September 30 is also being planned. More details to come. Hopefully this year will be full of fun activities for everyone.

ABA dues are now being collected for the 2023 year. Mail your \$15/member checks to Elaine Nishimura or to the church. Please be sure to indicate ABA membership on the outside of your envelope.

The next ABA meeting will be hybrid (in-person and Zoom), on March 19 at 11:30am.

Everyone stay warm, healthy and happy.



Megumi Deadline is Monday, March 20, 2023

In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have left our world to be One with Amida Buddha. Namo Amida Butsu.

Nishi, Katsuhisa

(85)

February 10, 2023



March 2023

2	Boy Scout Troop 242 Eagle Board of Review	7:00pm
3	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
4	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
5	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Pet Memorial	
	BWA mtg (In-Person & Zoom)	11:15am
6	Fujimatsuri mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
11	BWA Bento Fundraiser	12:00pm
12	Daylight Savings Time (Spring ahead)	
	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Ichimi mtg	1:00pm
13	Cub Pack 1230 mtg	6:00pm
15	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
16	Meinichiko Service via Zoom	7:00am
	Boy Scout Troop 242 Leadership mtg	6:30pm
	WC 5th yr Anniversary Planning mtg (Google meet)	7:00pm
17	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
19	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Spring Ohigan Hoyo	
	ABA mtg (In-Person & Zoom)	11:30am
	WC Teacher Workshop #3	1:30pm
20	Megumi Deadline for April 2023	
25	Wisteria Chugakko 5 yr Reunion	11:00am
26	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Hui Aikanes Potluck	12:00pm
	Coordinating Council mtg via Zoom	11:30am
27	Cub Pack 1230 Meeting	6:00pm
31	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm

April 2023

1	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
2	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Sangha Teen mtg	10:30am
	BWA mtg (In-Person & Zoom)	11:30am
	Ichimi Video Presentation/Dinner	4:00pm
3	Fujimatsuri mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
5	DS Teacher's mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
6	Boy Scouts Eagle Board of Review	7:00pm
9	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Hanamatsuri Service & Hatsumairi Service	
10	Cub Pack 1230 mtg	6:00pm
14	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
15	BWA Sushi Making Class	1:00pm
16	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	ABA mtg	11:30am
	WC Teacher Workshop #4	1:30pm
17	Megumi Deadline for May 2023	
18	Boy Scout Troop 242 Leadership mtg	6:30pm
19	GBC Board mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
23	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Coordinating Council mtg hybrid	11:30am
24	Cub Pack 1230 Meeting	6:00pm
28	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
30	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am

<Regular Activities>

2nd & 4th Mondays, Community Project Group	10:00am	Tuesdays, Boy Scout Troop 242 regular mtg	7:00pm
Tuesdays, Tuesday Social	9:30am	Wednesdays, Ikenobo Ikebana	2:00pm
		Sundays, Isami Taiko Practice	11:30am

**Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 15 at 7PM
Via Zoom**



Wisteria Chugakko

Reverend John Iwohara, Headmaster
Charlene Hirotsu, Principal

Wisteria Chugakko Summer (Middle) School

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.

The 2023 Wisteria Chugakko Summer Session will run from Monday, June 19, through Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

Who: Wisteria Chugakko is a middle school summer school for students going into the 7th, 8th and 9th 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 3 1/2 weeks from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. After school supervision is also provided.

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.

History:

In 2016 Reverend John Iwohara met with me, Charlene Hirotsu, to share his vision of a middle school during the summer which would provide a religious, cultural and hands-on curriculum. The purpose was to be able to pass on to our future generations our knowledge, experiences and abilities in small class size settings.

In 2017, we began with a general meeting of individuals from Gardena Buddhist Church sharing this vision. The two of us were prepared to teach classes to all of the students with our shared knowledge and passion. Soon three Gardena Buddhist Church Sangha members stepped forward and we officially began the planning and preparation for the Inaugural Year 2018 of Wisteria Chugakko. Our journey began.

To this day, we have served:

- 19 7th and 8th grade students in **2018**
- 27 7th, 8th and Wisteria Leadership Program (WLP) students in **2019**
- We were dark in 2020 due to COVID
- 33 7th, 8th and 9th grade students in **2021** with our virtual Wisteria Buds
- 23 7th, 8th and Wisteria Leadership program (WLP) students in **2022**
- **This is a total of 102 students.**

We will have our 5 year Anniversary and Reunion in March of 2023.

We hold monthly teacher workshops from January through June to plan and prepare our teaching techniques, lesson plans and to ultimately share the culture of Wisteria Chugakko, which is one of compassion and giving. In 2022 we had 49 teachers to participate in the various aspects of our school of 23 students. 2022 Wisteria Chugakko was truly a successful program.

Please join us for the 2023 Wisteria Chugakko Summer Program. The program is for students going into the 7th, 8th or 9th grade in the Fall of 2023. Please speak to your children, grandchildren and friends to join us at Gardena Buddhist Church next summer. We are now accepting 2023 Student Interest Forms.



2022 Wisteria Chugakko Students & Staff



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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 19 – July 12, 2023

I am interested in registering for Wisteria Chugakko for the Summer of 2023.

I will be in the 7th, 8th or 9th grade in the Fall of 2023.

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's Gender Pronoun Preference
Student's Date of Birth	Student's Grade in Fall 2023	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.)

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

**The church acknowledges the following donations received from 1/22/23 - 2/19/2023
with gratitude and appreciation.**

Funeral/Makurakyo/Burial/Memorials

Asayama Family	Hayashi, Sharon	Johnson, Jocelyn & Clark	Oishi, Robert
Dick & Hisako Koga Trust	Hirotsu, M/M Stan	Koga, Curtis & Cheryl	Yamashiro, Tateishi

Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Asayama Family	Imada, Imogene	Morishige, M/M Norman	Tanaka, Nancy (2)
Ego, Kimiko	Iwamoto, M/M Daniel (2)	Nakakura, M/M Ken (2)	Tatsukawa, Hiroko
Fukuhara, Kenneth	Jinkawa, Kimi (2)	Nakano, Janann	Torichigai, Sandra
Harada, Mary Ann	Kihara, Hisae	Nakano, Lori	Uchino, Isamu
Harada, Robert	Kuga, Patrick	Nako, Harumi	Uwahori, Sadae (2)
Hayakawa, George	Loo, Susan	Santohigashi, Mari	Uyeno, C.
Hayashi, Yoshiko	Maeda, Tom	Sumi, Michiko	Wada, Emi
Hedani, Bruce	Masumoto, Chiyo	Tacadena, Betsy	Yamamoto, Clarence &
Hedani, Daniel	Mikami, Shirley	Takahashi, Pauline	Maxine
Hirotsu, M/M Stan	Mizukami, Tomoko	Takao, Tamiko	Yamane, Judy
Ida, Matsuo	Mori, Eiko	Tamura, Lynne	Yamano, Takao

Hoonko Service

Iwamoto, M/M Daniel	Nakata, M/M Bob	Sakuda, Shizuko
Matsuda, Hiromi	Nakawatase, Haruye	Sayegusa, Fumie
Miyamoto, Mitsuko	Sakatani, Charlene	Tsuge, M/M Mike

Special Donations

Brian Mitsunaga Trust	Kaya, Violet	Mizuno-Moyer, Harriet	Tanaka, Kumi
Fukui Mortuary	Kubota Mortuary	Motoike, Kathleen	
Honda-Muro, Marilyn	Kunisaki, Suyeno	Nagatani, Gerald	

Spring Ohigan Hoyo

Amimoto, Myrna	Nakamoto, M/M David	Toyoaki, M/M Shiro	Yamasaki, Sheryl
Iwamoto, Diane	Nakatani, M/M David	Uyeda, Midori	Yoshida, Suzanne
Matano, Florence	Sasaki, M/M Tom	Uyemura, M/M David	Yoshiyama, M/M Bryan
Morioka, M/M Dennis	Sato, Janice	Watanabe, Donald	
Motoyasu, Steve	Shimizu, Mitzi	Yamanaka, Jeanne	
Nakakura, M/M Ken	Tamura, Mary	Yamane, M/M Dick	

Osaisen

Matsuda, Hiromi	Nishihira, M/M Joe	Yamane, Judy
Nakakura, M/M Ken	Sakatani, Charlene (2)	

2023 GBC Membership Dues (as of 2/19/2023)

Allen, Jason	Kawasaki, Evelyn	Nakatani, Lily	Takata, Haruto
Allen, Zia	Kawasaki, Richard	Nakawatase, Haruye	Tamura, Mary
Amimoto, Myra	Kimura, Katsuhiro	Nielsen, Arne	Tateishi, Cheryl
Amimoto, Ronald	Kita, Yoshimi	Nielsen, Dorien	Tateishi, Craig
Araki, Aileen	Kurahashi, Gay	Nishi, Patty	Terao, Ellen
Date, Christopher	Maeda, Tom	Nishi, Takahisa	Terao, Ernst
Enomoto, Eiko	Maehara, Nolan	Nishihira, Joe	Tsukamoto, Faye
Enomoto, Tom	Maruyama, Kazuko	Nishihira, Violet	Tsukamoto, Wilfred
Fujii, Diane	Masukawa, Yoko	Ohara, Toshifumi	Tsuruta, John
Fujii, Lillian	Matsunaga, Loreen	Okada, George	Uyeda, Midori
Fujii, Rodney	Matsushita, James	Okada, Miyo	Uyeda, Pauline
Fujii, Roger	Matsushita, Patsy	Okumoto, Yoko	Uyemura, Cathy
Fujimoto, Fumie	Mekaru, Naomi	Ouchi, Joyce	Uyemura, David
Fujinami, Paul	Miwa, Alan	Ronne, Robert	Wada, Miyako
Fujioki, Ruby	Miwa, Christine	Sakatani, Charlene	Watanabe, Tamiko
Fukino, Hayami Helen	Miwa, Yoshiko	Sanada, Donna	Wilhelm, Sheri
Haruma, Yaeko	Miya, Arleen	Sanada, Glenn	Munekata
Hirayama, Joyce	Morioka, Dennis	Sasaki, Kiyoko	Yamada, Faye
Hirotsu, Charlene	Motoyasu, Steve	Sasaki, Tom	Yamada, Susan
Hirotsu, Stanford	Murakami, Linda	Sato, Janice	Yamanaka, Jeanne
Ikedo, Tamotsu	Nagatani, Ronald	Sauer, Wayne (Dick)	Yamane, Dick
Ikedo, Winston	Nakagawa, Ken	Shigemitsu, Judith	Yamane, Judy
Imada, Brian	Nakagawa, Kiyoko	Shigemitsu, Thomas	Yamano, Takao
Imada, Imogene	Nakakura, Doris	Shimizu, Cynthia	Yamashiro, Tateshi
Imamoto, Eiko	Nakakura, Kenneth	Shimizu, Mitzi	Yokota, Gladys
Inose, Kay	Nakamatsu, Aiko	Shimizu, Richard	Yokota, James
Inose, Ken	Nakamoto, David	Shimohara, Evelyn	Yoshida, Suzanne
Iwamoto, Diane	Nakamoto, Jane	Shimohara, Wayne	Yoshiyama, Rose
Iwanaga, Michael	Nakamura, Burt	Shimono, Natsuye	Yuki, Wallace
Iwanaga, Tracy	Nakamura, Sadie	Shimono, Shigeki	
Kawahara, Jane	Nakao, Harumi	Shiosaki, Takako	
Kawahara, Larry	Nakatani, David	Suda, Yuriko	

Nirvana Day Donations

Maruyama, Phyllis

BCA Assessment

Matsumoto, Sally Nagatani, Gerald Nakamura, Debbie Turelli, Jake & Kacy

Seijinshiki

Chang, Lynn Hanamoto, M/M Barry

Nokotsudo Donation

Torichigai, Sandra

General Donation/Facility Use/ Miscellaneous

Baba, Miyako Hirotsu, M/M Stan Kobayashi, Izumi

2023 SEIJINSHIKI (COMING OF AGE CEREMONY) AT GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH

After a two-year hiatus, the Seijinshiki (Coming of Age Ceremony) was held on Sunday, January 15 concurrently with Hoonko Service.

While celebrating coming of age, they also enjoyed Japanese traditional tea ceremony.

Congratulations to all participants!



*Ten participants from back row (left to right): Scott Wong, Patricia Hori, Skylar Babinski
Middle row (left to right): Kellie Yada, Rachel Wong, Jessica Sakamoto, Kimika Babinski
Front row (left to right): Brianne Hanamoto, Sarah Ando, Alyson Chang, Rev. John Iwohara*

**Spring Ohigan Hoyo**

Date: Sunday, March 19

Time: 9:30AM

Place: Hondo & Zoom

Order Your Graduation Leis Early! 2023



Do you have a child, grandchild, friend or neighbor who is graduating this year?
Get a head start and order a graduation lei now. Be aware that graduations begin from the beginning of May!



The Community Projects Group is taking orders for ribbon leis, to be made in your graduate's school's colors. All monies from this fundraiser will go directly to the Gardena Buddhist Church.

The lei price is \$15.00 each for a double braid ribbon lei. All leis will be made with ¼" ribbons, with a metallic edging.

Lei Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Delivery Address _____

Email Address _____

No. of double leis at \$15 each _____

Lei #1 – Colors or school's name _____ Date needed _____

Lei #2 – Colors or school's name _____ Date needed _____

Lei #3 – Colors or school's name _____ Date needed _____

Others:

Total enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to **"Gardena Buddhist Church"**

Orders and monies should be mailed to:

Gardena Buddhist Church
1517 W. 166th Street
Gardena, CA 90247
OR

Email orders to: CPG@gardenabuddhistchurch.org

You will be contacted regarding delivery when your order is completed.

If any questions, please contact Kiyoko Sasaki (1-310-326-8252)

『危機管理』

宮地美子師

私たちは突如として思わぬ不幸に出くわしてしまいます。一般的には自然災害や事故、事件に巻き込まれることですが、普段は、普通の生活ができていることを当たり前だと思っています。しかしながら思いもせぬことに遭遇するとパニックになってしまいます。

最近ではトルコ・シリアで大きな地震があり、多くの命が失われました。ロシア・ウクライナの戦争も一年経ち、まだまだ終わりが見えません。そのために物価高・エネルギー不足等世界中を巻き込んで世界が揺れています。

発生した危機により、起こりうる悪影響を可能な限り除いておこうとするのが危機管理ということです。自然災害が起きた時にどう対処するかと考え、逃げる場所を決めておいたり、最低3日間は自分で身を守れるための物を確保管理しておきます。また他国からの侵略等から自国を護るために核を備えたり、最新の武器をより多く持つことも試みます。

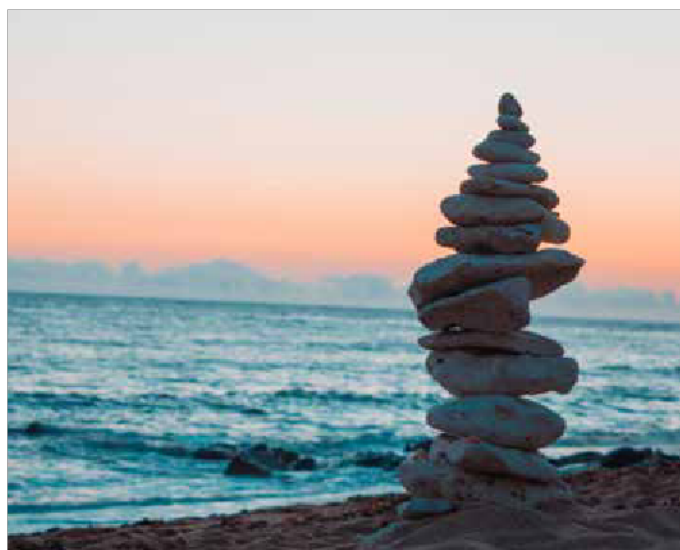
他にも自分の身の回りを見てみると、健康保険、生命保険、防犯システム、より複雑なパスワードを作ることによって他者の侵入を避けるようにする、これも危機管理の一環です。詐欺に遭わないように自分の住所・電話番号をやたら公表しない事も危機管理です。

こうやって私たちは身の回りを、危険なこと、厄介なこと、不可解なことから防御できるように工夫を凝らしています。私たちは、あらゆる手段で立派な鎧(よろい)を身につけているのです。しかし鎧の中、つまり心の危機管理はできていますでしょうか。外からの不安や恐怖、一喜一憂する心を安らかに、柔和に保っていくにはどうしたら良いだろうかという心の危機をまもる事を忘れてはいないでしょうか。

親鸞聖人の言葉、『念仏者は無碍の一道なり。』と歎異抄7章に記されています。現代語訳は『念仏者は、何ものにもさまたげられないただひとすじの道を歩む者です。』その後にはこういう言葉が続きます。

『それはなぜかというと、本願を信じて念仏する人には、あらゆる神々が敬ってひれ伏し、悪魔も、よこしまな教えを信じるものも、その歩みをさまたげることとはなく、また、どのような罪惡もその報いをもたらすことはできず、どのような善も本願の念仏には及ばないからです。』と。

では、念仏者には災害も事件も事故も起こらないってことなのですか?と質問されそうですが、そういう意味ではありません。念仏者には世間や自分に起きる様々な事象に対処する“心の力”がある、いや私にあるのではなく念仏にはそういう力が備わっているとおっしゃっているのです。私たちに最も大事なことは、まず心の危機管理に対して注意を払うということではないでしょうか。





婦人会便り

婦人会の通常の活動

- ▽ 2月5日(日) 涅槃会 お供えを用意して下さったB組の吉山ナンシーさん、ありがとうございます。定例会議で美味しい茶菓子を用意して下さったB&C組及びぜんざいを作って下さった藤本文恵さんと堀キャシーさんに感謝いたします。ゆっくりではありますが、こうして少しずつ以前のような日々に戻ってきたことを嬉しく思います。
- ▽ 2月6日(月) 午後7時 藤祭り会議 (Zoom) 婦人会を代表して今田イモジーンさんと森本千鶴子さんが出席
- ▽ 2月12日(日) 九條武子夫人追悼法要・布施の日 司会の今田イモジーンさん、特別寄付の集金担当の堀キャシーさん、丸山フィリスさん、阪谷シャリーンさん、吉山ナンシーさん、又、この特別な法要のお供えを用意して下さったB組の皆様にお礼申し上げます。

▽ 2月19日(日) コーヒーソーシャルのリフレッシュメントを準備して下さったB組、ありがとうございました。

▽ 2月26日(日) 米国仏教団主催の永代経法要がZoomで催され、多数のメンバーが参加いたしました。

アナウンスメント:

- ▽ 3月4日(土) 南部教区婦人会第一四半期会議 (Zoom) 今田イモジーン、宮田ジュリー参加予定
- ▽ 3月5日(日) 3月婦人会例会 (ハイブリッド) 午前11時15分 当番 C/D組
- ▽ 3月11日(土) 婦人会によるお弁当ファンドレージングー6月(仮)に延期
- ▽ 3月16日(木) 命日講 (Zoom) 午前7時15分
- ▽ 3月19日(日) 春季お彼岸法要
- ▽ 4月2日(土) 3月婦人会例会 (ハイブリッド) 午前11時15分

感謝録:

- ▽ 成人式 匿名

Hatsumairi Application Form/初参り 申し込み書

The Gardena Buddhist Church invites all interested parents who have children one year old or under to consider participating in this memorable service.

昨年の花祭り以後に生まれた赤ちゃんの初参式を行います。この記念すべき初参式参加をご希望の方は、下記申し込み用紙に必要事項をご記入の上、4月2日までに仏教会宛にご送付下さい。

INFANT PRESENTATION SERVICE – (HATSUMAIRI) Sunday, April 9, 2023– 9:30 a.m. (In person)

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date : _____
First Middle Last

Parent's Name: _____
Last Father Mother

Address _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

(*Please mail this portion to the church by Sunday, April 2)