



# MEGUMI

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## Gardena Buddhist Church

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**Rev. John Iwohara**

### “Do good, help each other, save the world” (\*1)

The title of this article is something that I wrote on my facebook page not too long ago. The full quote is, “Do good, help each other, save the world. If only it was as simple as writing a facebook post... or, maybe it can be.”

This might be a corollary to, “All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten,” which may be a corollary to, “Hatred is never overcome by hatred. Hatred ceases through non-hatred. This is an eternal law.” This last quote can be found in the Dhammapada, which is a collection of quotes made by Sakyamuni Buddha.

The Kindergarten quote is by Robert Fulghum and was written in 1990. It appeared in the book by the same title. The theme of the book, I think, can be expressed as, “We already know what we need to do. We did these things as children. Let’s remember these rules we all learned and continue to do them as adults.”

Although I have to admit that I am biased, I find the Buddha quote to be quite profound. It is, I think, a statement that acknowledges that The Truth is not a property to be owned and held, and therefore does not need protection

from “outsiders.” Because of this there are no “outsiders.” Instead, the truth is something that we all share. In fact, it is something that needs to be shared. When we are able to share, to the degree that we can, we will discover that we are all able to benefit from this sharing.

Unfortunately, we are not as wise as a Buddha. We can become possessive and protective of something that is meant for everyone. Whereas it may be true that Sakyamuni Buddha did utter the words, “Hatred is never overcome by hatred. Hatred ceases through non-hatred. This is an eternal law,” what makes this statement so powerful is that it can speak to anyone regardless of what credo or religious faith a person may claim to have. The Buddha was speaking to everyone, and not just to their disciples. If the Buddha did not make this statement directly, the Buddha probably would have simply agreed. After all, the Buddha has already stated that what is being revealed is something “old.” The truth is meant for everyone, regardless of when. Circumstances also do not impinge on this. For example, it is not necessary to have experienced kindergarten in order for these words to have meaning. You definitely do not need to have a facebook page.

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On the other hand, it is helpful to be reminded that for those of us who have attended and gone (way) past kindergarten that we have experienced, first hand, what non-hatred can look like. We knew this as children. We know that we can help create an environment that fosters the creation of friendships. Although my facebook post doesn't really add anything to the discussion, I wanted to make the statement to remind myself that just because an act may seem insignificant, that it does not necessarily mean it is insignificant. I also posted it to encourage not just myself, but others as well. We know that we can do better. So, why not try?

(\*1) This article was inspired by the students and staff of the recently concluded Wisteria Chugakko, 2022 session. Wisteria Chugakko (Chugakko is Japanese for Middle

School), is the summer middle school program of the Gardena Buddhist Church. The Wisteria Chugakko is a multi-cultural, multi-generational religious, cultural, and scholastic enrichment summer school program. This article was inspired especially by the students who attended the program and who were constantly respectful, and supportive of each other. This mutual respect and support, I thought, was shared in all the laughter and smiles that could be found throughout the program. Seeing all the smiles and hearing all the laughter brought a sense of great hope. This hope is what I was trying to express through, "Do good, help each other, save the world."



*Hui Aikanes*

Hope everyone is doing well, and that we will see each other during our Obon celebration.

Though individual clubs are not sponsoring booths, we hope to work together with you and celebrate Obon through volunteer help on Saturday, August 13th and purchasing your Obon bento.

On Sunday the 14th we can continue our celebration at service and Obon odori. As always your participation, help and support will be greatly appreciated.

We will not have an August club meeting. Our next meeting will be September 11 at 1 pm by zoom when we will prepare for our elections and accept ballot nominations.

See you at Obon.



## The Community Projects Group

The Community Projects Group will be meeting in August on Mondays, August 8 and 22, from 10 am in the Church Meeting Room.

During the pandemic, our members kept busy working on many different handmade items. Following the Ohigan service in September, we plan on having a sale – a great opportunity for those wanting to purchase items for themselves or as gifts for friends and family. Look for further information in the next Megumi!



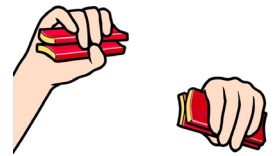
## ABA News

The calendar says "August" which means....Obon! This year, there will be a bento with some of our favorite Obon foods – chirashi, teriyaki chicken, corn and dango. Dust off your kachi kachi and get out your happi coats – let's dance! It's been two years since we've been able to celebrate in the street!

ABA is busily planning this year's Pass It Forward events. Like last year, we're looking at a series of different activities such as classes and possibly a bingo night. If you'd like more information or would like to help put it on, contact President Dawn Kita at dawnhmk@gmail.com.

Our August meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 21 at 10:30am. This will be a hybrid meeting; we'll be meeting in-person as well as on ZOOM.

Stay cool and hydrated!



## Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

### Happenings:

- ◇ July 10th - We held our monthly meeting via Zoom and in person. Tea and snacks were provided by Laurie Sugita & Kathy Hori. Thank you so much.
- ◇ July 20th - PIF planning meeting attended by Kathy Hori
- ◇ July 20th – Hondo Anniversary planning meeting attended by Nancy Yoshiyama
- ◇ July 31st – Coordinating Council Meeting originally planned for 7/24 was postponed.
- ◇ Aug 13-14 – Obon – We will be helping to prepare Obon Obento on Saturday. Rice cooking will begin at 3:00am. We need help at 5:30 for Chirashi Sushi general assembly and at 7:00am for kitchen clean up. Please bring friends and family to help! Sunday will be the Obon and Hatsubon services in the morning, and a Taiko demonstration and Obon Odori in the afternoon. Please invite everyone to join in the services and dancing!

### Announcements:

- ◇ August 7th- Monthly BWA meeting will be in the small chapel at 11:15am. As always, Zoom will be available for those who choose to stay home.
- ◇ August 13th – Obon bento pickup
- ◇ August 14th – Obon taiko demonstration and bon odori
- ◇ August 16th – Meinichiko Service at 7am via Zoom only
- ◇ September 4th – Monthly BWA Meeting



### BWA Appreciation:

- \* Special Donation      Shizuko Sakuda
- \* Special Donation      Dennis Kikuno



## Welcome Boy Scout Troop 242

Our church is now the Charter Organization for Boy Scout Troop 242. Recent developments led to this boy scout troop seeking a new Charter Organization. They approached us in May/June of this year and on June 18 the church board accepted their request. The troop comes to us with approximately 45 boys. With their arrival, the church now sponsors Girl Scout Troop 4345, Cub Scout Pack 1230 and Boy Scout Troop 242.

The current Scoutmaster for Troop 242 is Brian Terao, Assistant Scoutmaster and Pacifica District Unit Commissioner is Dane Shigemura, Committee Chair is Tammy Nakanishi and their Charter Organization representative is Patti Nishimura. Please join the church board, Rev John, Patti Nishimura and Alan Miwa in welcoming Troop 242 to our church.

Alan Miwa, GBC Chairperson

# Boy Scouts Troop 242

**"Together We Rise As Eagles"**

## Troop 242's Goal

For all our scouts to become Eagle Scouts

## Troop 242's Objectives

For scouts to have fun  
 Become proficient in scout skills  
 Learn to respect and be safe in the outdoors  
 Strengthen leadership skills  
 Be community-minded

## JR. YBA

In June, our Jr. YBA made a donation towards the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) as a part of the Southern District Jr. YBL Endowment Fund! On July 24th, our Jr. YBA had a fun end-of-the-year gathering! We went to the Back in Time Escape Room at the Del Amo Mall and ate dinner together at the Mitsuwa food court! The Jr. YBA would like to thank the Gardena Buddhist Church for their support throughout the year!





## Dharma School News

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break. Dharma School for 2022-2023 will resume on September 12, 2022. Please join us for service at 9:30 am. We will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary of our Hondo and welcoming back in person services and classes.

We will have classes for Nursery age through High School. Registration forms will soon be sent out to our currently enrolled Dharma School students. If you are new and interested in attending our Dharma School or would like more information, please contact [arleenmiya@gmail.com](mailto:arleenmiya@gmail.com).



*Congratulations to  
Gail Higashiyama on winning  
the lottery prize of a  
free church membership for 2023!*



*Thank you to the anonymous donor for donating the prize,  
and thank you to Gail for a thoughtful donation to the church!*



## TUESDAY SOCIAL

I hope everyone is enjoying our Tuesday Social summer break. The summer months have been very hot, so please stay hydrated and healthy. We will re-start our gathering on August 16, 2022. When you come for the first time to our gathering, a proof of vaccination is required, and remember to wear your mask at all time while indoors. Hope to see you again on August 16th and every Tuesdays thereafter. Please take care.



## 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.

Tagawa, George Satoru  
Suefusa, Ritsuko  
Hikida, Hideo Harry

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January 27, 2021  
June 11, 2022  
July 4, 2022



### August 2022

6	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
7	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	BWA (In-Person & Zoom)	11:15am
13	Obon Bento Drive-thru Pick Up	12noon - 4:00pm
14	Obon/Hatsubon Hoyo (In-Person & Zoom)	10:00am
	Taiko Performance	4:30pm
	Obon Dance	5:00pm
16	Meinichiko Service via Zoom	7:00am
	Tuesday Social	9:30am
21	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
	Wisteria Chugakko Wrap-Up Mtg	1:30pm
22	Megumi Deadline for September 2022	
23	Tuesday Social	9:30am
28	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Dharma School Mtg & Luncheon	11:00am
30	Tuesday Social	9:30am

### <Regular Activities>

2nd & 4th Mondays, Community Project Group	10:00am
Wednesdays, Ikenobo Ikebana	2:00pm
Sundays, Isami Taiko Practice	11:00am

### September 2022

3	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
4	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	BWA (In-Person & Zoom)	11:15am
5	Labor Day—Temple Closed	
6	Tuesday Social	9:30am
9	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
11	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Hui Aikane mtg via Zoom	1:00pm
16	Meinichiko Service	7:00am
	Jodo Shinshu 101 for Young Adults w/ Rev. John (Zoom)	7:00pm
17	Fall Ohigan Seminar (In-Person & Zoom) w/Rev. Wondra	
	Japanese session: 9:30am, English Session: 1:00pm	
18	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Ohigan Hoyo w/Rev. Mutsumi Wondra	
	ABA mtg via Zoom	11:30am
19	Megumi Deadline for October 2022	
20	Tuesday Social	9:30am
23	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
	BEC Study Class via Zoom	7:00pm
24	GBC Board mtg	2:00pm
25	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
27	Tuesday Social	9:30am

**Board Meeting: Saturday, August 20 at 2PM  
Via Zoom**

# OBON 2022



IT'S ALMOST HERE!!! Are you all as excited as we are?!! We hope so.

After months of planning, Obon 2022 is just around the corner....August 13 is the Bento pick up and August 14 is Obon/Hatsubon Service and Obon Odori.

The "Taste of Obon" Bentos will bring back the delicious, favorite foods that we all have missed these past 2 years. We would like to share some information regarding the bento pick up.....we will be notifying those people who sent their orders in regarding the pick up time. We are trying our best to assign either your 1st or 2nd choice for your pick up time. We will notify you of your pick up time either by email or phone. If you do not receive a pick up time by August 8, please email [obon@gardenabuddhistchurch.org](mailto:obon@gardenabuddhistchurch.org) or call the church office and someone will return your call. If you ordered online, please come at the time you reserved for pick up. **Thank you to everyone for supporting our Bento sale and helping us reach our goal of 800!**

Obon Service and Hatsubon service is a combined service that will take place at 10:00 am on Sunday, August 14. If you cannot join us in person, we are planning to have the service so that you may participate virtually. Please check the website for details on the service.

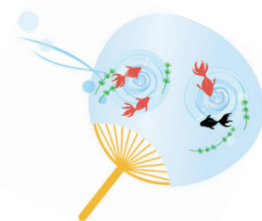
Obon Odori in the streets!!! We will be back on Halldale Avenue for Obon Odori. To start off the evening festivities, Isami Taiko will be performing at 4:30 pm. Come on out and get into the beat and listen to the pounding of the drums. We invite you to join our Obon Dance which will start at 5:00 pm. The beautiful Yagura will be in the center, and we will be dancing to many of your favorite dances along with Kangie, a newly created Obon Dance for BCA by Nobuko Miyamoto. **Zoom Obon practices are scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd and Thursday, August 4th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The Zoom link will be posted on our Obon webpage (<https://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org/obon2022>).** Please remember to observe our entry screening protocols. Although the event will be outside, we are expecting a large crowd and encourage everyone to wear a mask.

The raffle drawing will be conducted at the conclusion of the dancing.

Just a reminder that no food will be sold at our Obon Dance but come early and eat at one of our great local restaurants.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Obon 2022.

Nadine Kakimoto and Sharyl Yamada-Oda  
Obon Committee Co-Chairs







## Wisteria Chugakko

Reverend John Iwohara, Headmaster  
Charlene Hirotsu, Principal

### Our 2022 Wisteria Chugakko has ended with much success

The 2022 Wisteria Chugakko Summer Session began on Monday, June 20 and concluded on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 with a Culmination Bento and Program. The Culmination Program was a huge success. 160 guests in total attended the event that highlighted the accomplishments of our 23 Wisteria Chugakko students. Parents and Guests were amazed by the amount of learning and excitement their children displayed in our 3 ½ weeks of Wisteria Chugakko.

Rev. John and I were very pleased with the friendships that were created from the very first day of school by our students as demonstrated by our Icebreaker activity. It was a combination of our 7th grade, 8th grade and Wisteria Leadership Program students. With each day, the bonds became stronger and the compassion they demonstrated towards each other grew. We attribute at least a part of that to the safe environment that our teachers and staff helped to create throughout the program. The bonds created by our students also helped to create the optimal learning environment for the students. With our incredible 42 staff members, the students were exposed to an excellent curriculum of Buddhism, Jodo Shinshu, Japanese Culture and Life Skills. Our staff wants to pass on to our younger generations any knowledge, skills and kindness that we possess so they will become caring and productive young adults.

Here is a listing of notable events held as part of Wisteria Chugakko:

- ▶ Undokai at Mas Fukai Park on Friday, July 1, 2022: Students appreciated their opponents in fun relays. The day was enjoyed by all.
- ▶ Field trip to the Japanese American National Museum: We took this trip together to participate in the Democracy Forum Interactive Workshop. Our students were able to present their thoughts to the entire group. We viewed the documentary from 9066 to 9/11. The reflections of our students were truly amazing. We ended our day in small adult-led walking groups with a scavenger hunt in Little Tokyo.
- ▶ Incarceration presentations: Former incarcerated of the World War II camps came to speak to our students about the Japanese American experience during World War II. We were very proud of the interest, questions and compassion shown by our students.
- ▶ Culmination Bento and Program: Our 42 staff members and 23 students were very proud of our program with attendance and support from all of our families.

We would like to thank the Gardena Buddhist Church for your support throughout the program and for the use of our church facilities during the 2022 Wisteria Chugakko Summer Program.





## From GBC Board Chairperson

### "Wisteria Chugakko 2022"

**Alan Miwa**

For those of you who may not know, our church sponsors an annual Middle School Summer program called Wisteria Chugakko. The program offers a variety of religious and cultural classes for those students who will be entering the 7th and 8th grades in the upcoming year.

According to Rev John, he had been advocating such a program for a long time, even before he came to Gardena. In 2016, he met with Charlene Hirotsu, a retired middle school principal, and the two of them started designing this program. It's targeted to dovetail and not compete with the Senshin Saisho Dojo (1st to 6th grades). The first three volunteers were from our ABA group, tentative but ready to learn. This is to be commended.

In 2018, the inaugural year of the program, 19 students participated. The program continued in 2019 with 25 students, and then Covid struck in 2020 and the program planning was suspended. The program restarted in 2021 with a virtual online program, Wisteria Buds. In 2022, the program returned to in-person on the property classes utilizing the church's Covid protocols.

The curriculum changes year to year based on the volunteers and the subjects they feel comfortable teaching with curriculum guidelines. These volunteers come from all over. The majority of the teaching staff come from the various organizations at Gardena Buddhist Church, ABA, Dana Group, Hui Aikane, and BWA, and now from Japanese Language School. We also have volunteers from OCBC, Higashi and Venice. Some of these volunteers have been or are a parent or grandparent of the students from the cities of Redondo Beach, Alhambra and Seal Beach.

This year's program just ended on July 13. I was able to serve as the primary photographer/videographer this year and enjoyed spending 17 days with these remarkable students, their teachers, and the support staff. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this program. If you know of any 7th and 8th graders who might be interested or if you have an interest in volunteering, please contact Charlene Hirotsu at [charlene.hirotsu@gbcwisteriachugakko.org](mailto:charlene.hirotsu@gbcwisteriachugakko.org).

By the way, the beautiful Wisteria Chugakko logo was designed by Jean Iwihara and the original brochures by Mike Tani.

**2018 Wisteria Chugakko Brochure**

**Wisteria Chugakko Daily Schedule**

8:30-9:00	9:00-9:30	9:35-10:35	10:40-11:40	11:45-12:45	12:45-1:15	1:20-2:20	2:25-3:25	3:30-3:40	3:40-6:00
Morning Assembly Sign-in	Morning Service	Period 1 Class	Period 2 Class	Period 3 Class	Lunch	Period 4 Class	Period 5 Class	Student Sign-out	After School Supervision

**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.

**Students will have multiple teachers in 1-hour/2-hour periods in the following content areas:**

- Buddhism (Jodo Shinshu)
- Car Mechanics
- Computer Keyboarding
- Cooking
- Creative Writing
- Discussion/Journaling
- Event Planning
- Finance
- First Aid
- Ikebana (Flower Arranging)
- Inter-generational Interviewing
- Japanese Bookbinding
- Japanese Conversation
- Math Strategies
- Obon Odori
- Photography
- Sewing
- Shakyo (Copying Sutras)
- Sumi (Japanese Brush Painting)
- Taiko (Drumming)
- Tea Ceremony

**Teachers**

Alan Kita	Jane Nakamoto
Alan Miwa	Janet Fuji
Aileen Miya	Jeanne Yamanaka
Aya Motoyasu	Joanne Hirotsu
Brian Inada	Jodi Miyamoto
Cathy Uyemura	Rev. John Iwihara
Charlene Hirotsu	John Tsuruta
Christine Miwa	Kay Inose
Cynthia Yasaki	Linda Shimizu
Dawn Kushi	Louise Mayemura
Dianne Takao	Lynn Isomoto
Elaine Nishimura	Mitzi Shimizu
En Iwihara	Nadine Kakimoto
Gary Miyatake	Patti Nishimura
Imogene Imada	Rev. Sato Sekiya
Izumi Minamitani	Sean Iwihara

**Especially created for 7th and 8th Grade Students (in the Fall of 2018)**

Please join the Gardena Buddhist Church **Wisteria Chugakko Summer School** for our Inaugural Year, 2018

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**Monday, June 25 – Friday, July 20, 2018**

**Reverend John Iwihara**  
Gardena Buddhist Church Resident Minister  
Wisteria Chugakko Headmaster

**Charlene Hirotsu**  
Wisteria Chugakko Principal

**Alan Kita**  
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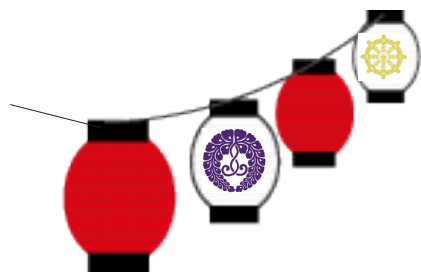


*Welcome Back*

GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH 2

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*Dance*<sub>2</sub>



**Sunday August 14, 2022**

**4:30 pm Taiko Performance**

**5:00 pm Dancing**

Please look for updates on our website regarding Obon Dance practice information.

PLEASE BE ADVISED WE WILL NOT BE SELLING FOOD AT THIS EVENT.

We invite you to patronize our local restaurants in Gardena.



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

**The church acknowledges the following donations received from 06/26/22 - 07/25/2022  
with gratitude and appreciation.**

## Funeral/Makurakyo/Burial/Memorials

Hikida, Kiyoko  
Hirata, Keiko  
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Tsuge, M/M Mike  
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Uyemura, M/M David  
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Yamane, Judy  
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Yoshida, Suzanne  
Yoshiyama, Rose

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Kubota, M/M Neil

Kurahashi, Gay  
Miwa, M/M Alan  
Miwa, Yoshiko

Mizukami, Tomoko  
Namba, Reiko  
Sanada, Donna

Yamane, Judy

## Eitaikyo Fund

Morita, Terue

## Nokotsudo

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## GBC Membership Dues for 2022 (received from 6/26 - 07/25)

Kurashima, Sharon

Suya, Chris

Suya, Susan

## Osaisen

Nakakura, M/M Ken

## General Donation/ Miscellaneous

Kizuna

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## Wisteria Chugakko



*Students performed Taiko at Culmination Program*

**Megumi Deadline is Monday, August 22, 2022**



## 『懐かしい人々とお念仏』

宮地美子師

お盆のバザーと盆踊りが今年は短縮して再開される様です。とても楽しみです。しかし今また covid19の感染者数が増えている様ですので、このまま計画通りに行事が行われるかどうか心配です。

先週OCBCのお盆がありました。孫にライドを頼まれ送って行きました。予約制でしたので、私は境内に入りませんでしたが、外から見る限り大変賑わっていました。孫娘も久しぶりに友達に会えてとってもいい時間が過ごせた様です。アメリカ育ちのお寺のメンバーには、お盆というのは独特の懐かしさがある様です。LA別院で主人が働いておりました時代に、盆踊りが済んだ後も名残惜しそうに若者がワイワイ騒いでいたのを思い出します。今はそういう馬鹿騒ぎができなくなった様ですが、あの気分の盛り上がりはわかる気がします。祭りというものは心躍る催し物です。年のせ

いか心躍るということがほとんどなくなりました。しかし子や孫が楽しんでる事に、私もいいね！を押したくなります。



バザーのお手伝いでの思い出はたくさん有ります。朝早くから寿司作りに参加し、チラシの材料を切りながらお手伝いの面々と世間話をする、健康面の話、家族の話、最近の出来事等々updateしながら、笑いあり、涙あり、感動ありの会話を楽しむのもお手伝いの楽しみの一つです。休憩中に『これ私が作ったのよ、美味しいじゃろ!』とご自慢の一品を披露して下さる人、『昔こんなことが有ったのよ』と打

ち明け話をしてくださる人、人とのふれあいは脳を活性化させてくれます。お手伝いが済んだ後も、会館内のお寿司を売る場所の横で婦人会の面々が残り物をつまみながら会話が弾みます。思えばこれが私のお盆の最高の思い出です。テーブルを囲んでいた人々の中で今は亡き人もたくさんおられます。



お盆行事の一コマを取ってみても、亡き人を偲び、再び会う世界を感じさせていただけるのもお寺に関わって来た私達の宝物ではないでしょうか。お寺に行ったらチェックばかり切られるとおっしゃる方もおられますが、いただきものもたくさんあるはずで。友との出会い、友との語らい、共有した笑いと涙、様々な法要とのご縁、聞法の大事さを教えてくださったご法話、それらも価値ある懐かしい思い出です。しかしお寺からの最高のいただきものは“お念仏に出会えて良かった”という心ではないでしょうか。命ある限り聞法してまいりましょう。







## 婦人会便り

### 婦人会の通常の活動

- ▽ 7月10日ーハイブリッドで例会を開催しました。お茶とおやつは杉田ローリー夫人と堀キャシー夫人が用意して下さいました。ありがとうございました。
- ▽ 7月10日ーPIF会議には堀キャシー夫人が出席しました。
- ▽ 7月20日ー本堂40周年企画会議には吉山ナンシー夫人が参加しました。
- ▽ 7月31日ー当初7月24日に予定されていた付属団体協議会は7月31日に延期されました。
- ▽ 8月13～14日-お盆- 8月13日（土）お盆のお弁当作りをお手伝いします。炊飯は午前3時から始まり、ちらし寿司の組み立ては午前5:30、キッチンの片付けは午前7:00。サポートが必要ですので、お友達やご家族もご協力を宜しくお願い致します！8月13日（日）午前中はお盆と初盆法要、午後は太鼓のデモンストレーションとお盆踊りが行われます。お友達やご家族と一緒に法要やダンスに参加しましょう！

### アナウンスメント:

- ▽ 8/7（日） 婦人会例会 午前11:15分  
ハイブリッド（小チャペルで対面およびZoom）。
- ▽ 8月13日（土） - お盆弁当ドライブスルーピックアップ
- ▽ 8月14日（日） - 太鼓のデモンストレーションとお盆踊り
- ▽ 8/16（火） 親鸞聖人御命日講 午前7時  
Zoom
- ▽ 9/4（日） 婦人会例会 午前11:15分

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急募!

## 日本語教師



ガーデナ仏教会附属日本語学園では、新年度（2022-2023）の日本語教師を募集しています。次世代に日本語と日本文化を伝える、とてもやりがいのある仕事です。日本語教育に興味のある方、是非一度お問い合わせ下さい。

## 〔募集要項〕

- 雇用形態: パートタイム  
 使用言語: 日本語・英語  
 勤務地: 1517 W. 166th Street, Gardena, CA 90247  
 (310) 327-4627  
 勤務日時: 土曜日のみの勤務です。午前8時から午後12時45分までです。  
 仕事内容: 1)担任制で、自分のクラスの子供たちに日本語と日本文化を教える。  
 2)毎週宿題を出し、添削する。  
 3)保護者からの質問や意見に答える。  
 給与: 詳細面接  
 昇給: 年一回  
 休日・休暇: 春休み、夏休み、冬休み、祝日

## 〔応募選考〕

- 応募方法: 履歴書をharumi.uehara@gbcjls.org（採用担当・上原）まで送って下さい。  
 応募資格: 1)労働許可所有者  
 2)短大、または大学卒  
 3)基本的なコンピュータスキル

選考スケジュール: 書類選考の後、面接の日時をこちらからお知らせします。