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"Let's try to change the story"

Although January 22, 2023 was a festive occasion for the temple, with much to celebrate—for example we welcomed several new members—unfortunately, it also became a day of great loss. We were

greeted that morning with news of a fatal shooting the night before and discovered that the suspect had fled to Torrance and took their own life not far from the temple. The following day we were informed of another fatal shooting, this time at Half Moon Bay. The suspected killer of the Half Moon Bay tragedy is currently in custody. Details concerning the answer to the question "why?" is still forthcoming.

What makes these stories tragic? Is it the number of people who were killed or injured? I hope that this is not the case. In my opinion—my heart tells me—the loss or injury of even a single person to such violence is tragic. It is tragic first in the unnecessary loss of life, and second that a person felt a need to commit such an act. Although this is a very complex issue and no single "simple solution" is likely to have any immediate or lasting effect, it makes sense to do as much as we can.

What can we, as a religious community do? I cannot speak for the whole community. On the other hand, as a member of a particular religious community, I would like to make sure to take the time to express my sorrow and sadness over the fact that such a tragedy should occur. We have to keep reminding ourselves that this is, indeed, a tragedy.

Instead of just pointing a finger out and simply expressing outrage (which is a natural and honest albeit "easy" response), I think that we also need to keep reminding ourselves how rare and precious each and every life is. I need to remind myself to try and keep myself from ignoring others as much as possible.

If someone is made to feel like an outsider, I need to welcome that person in. If someone is being bullied or abused, I need to try to shield that person. If someone is crying, I need to try to console them. If someone is feeling happy, I need to join them. A human heart, unfortunately, is not simple. There are times when because of Greed, Anger and Stupidity—the three poisons that Buddhism constantly tries to warn us about—I become the person who treats someone as an outsider, I become the bully or abuser, and I become the person who is crying.

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Sometimes, I can even be too afraid to show others when I am happy.

What meaning does being a part of a Jodo Shinshu community have at a time like this? One way that Jodo Shinshu can perhaps be described is as a teaching, a religion that cautions us not to over-estimate our abilities to become Enlightened. Having said that, however, it is a mistake to interpret that to mean that Jodo Shinshu tells us that we cannot become better. We can and should become better. We do become better. The caution that Jodo Shinshu has for us is to not over-estimate the significance of what it means to become "better." For example, it is very difficult for us not to feel pride when we become better at something. This, unfortunately, is an obstacle to Enlightenment: pride is what keeps us from looking at others; pride is too busy looking at itself. A proud heart is often all too ready to judge. This is something that I think that Jodo Shinshu is especially careful to guard against.

On the other hand, when we become the person who is crying, Jodo Shinshu reminds us that even then, especially then is when we should listen for the calling voice of the Vow of Amida Buddha. In that hearing, we will know that we are always being welcomed, that we are always being shielded, and that we will always be consoled whenever we shed a tear. We are always in the heart of the Vow of Compassion. Because of this, Jodo Shinshu also allows us to

express our joy, even when it may seem scary, with each and every utterance of Namo Amida Butsu.

Hearing, receiving and uttering the Name, Namo Amida Butsu, has saved and enriched countless lives through their reliance on the Vow of Amida Buddha. The Vow assures us that each and every life is rare and precious. Our trying to hold this sentiment may not seem like much, particularly because our hearts are especially good at focusing on the self. It is not necessarily easy to rely on the Vow of Amida Buddha. Because of this, whether or not being reminded that all life is precious is going to be enough to make a change we will not know until the future. In the meantime, however, it does make sense to do as much as we can in the present. Hopefully, as a community, we can make a big enough difference to change the story we have had to hear of tragedy and be able to share stories of joy and celebration instead.



Spring Ohigan Hoyo

Date: Sunday, March 19

Time: 9:30AM

Place: Hondo & Zoom



From GBC Board Chairperson

"Help Wanted"

Alan Miwa

Having been board chairperson now for a year, I've come to realize a lot about this church. I have a better insight on what it takes to keep it going and the challenges not only today but for the future. I've had a chance to look at other BCA temples and gotten to know some of the people who go there. Gardena is by comparison, a really big church in the BCA. Our measuring stick for size is paid membership. Membership reflects commitment. It's not just the money, but it's also the statement that it makes. It says that by joining, "I want to help keep the doors open and I want it to be here for those who come after me." Look for the membership letter coming out soon and if you are a current paid member, please join again and if you are not a paid member, please consider joining.

Our church is fortunate to be supported by a wonderful group of caring people. There are at times disagreements, but that is not bad. At the root of the different opinions is caring. There is passion here! People work hard. However, the more who help, the easier it is on everyone, and more things can get done. And there is a lot to be done.

Who do I contact if I want to help? There are a lot of people who you can talk to. It can be me. It can be any of the affiliated organization presidents. If you don't know who any of these people are, you can ask Rev John and he can put you in touch with someone who you can talk with.

In fact, if you are looking for a place to start, then know that in three years, we will be celebrating our church's Centennial...100 year anniversary. That will be a big deal and we are going to need a lot of help to celebrate and our planning is just starting now.



TUESDAY SOCIAL

We hope everyone is staying warm and healthy. Please join us on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30am for fun, refreshments, and friendship.

In January, we enjoyed a bowl of the traditional Ozoni, deliciously prepared and served by our Tuesday Social members. Thank you Mrs. Fujimoto, for taking the lead and preparing the soup and to Rev. Kory Quon (Venice Buddhist Temple) for the mochi.



Our puzzle group finished a 1000 pc puzzle in January. It takes several weeks to complete and, everyone was happy to see this colorful one completed. Please come and join in the fun on Tuesdays.



Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

Happenings:

- ◇ January 8th, Sunday. Thank you to "A" gumi for the delicious refreshments at our first meeting of 2023. It is so nice to continue having our meetings in person as much as possible, though we're also appreciative to have the Zoom option to give our members the chance to attend virtually. At this meeting, we warmly welcomed new members, Charlene Hirotsu and Aya Motoyasu. We also decided to have a bento fundraiser, scheduling it for March. More details to come soon!
- ◇ January 15th, Sunday. Thank you to everyone who attended the Ho-onko service, one of our most important services of the year. Thank you also to Kathy Hori and "A" gumi for preparing the anpan otoki for this service. We also congratulate all the young adults who participated in the Seijinshiki Ceremony. It was wonderful to see all the participants in their resplendent attire after a 2 year pause due to the pandemic.
- ◇ January 22nd, Sunday. We hope everyone had an enjoyable time at the New Members' Welcome & New Year's Luncheon. It is so nice to resume our normal activities. We appreciate getting together in the social hall for good food and lively entertainment from our talented sangha.
- ◇ January 28th, Saturday. Thank you to Nishi for hosting the Winter Pacific seminar. We enjoyed the interesting topic, "HOPE from Shinran's Perspective" and also the delicious bento provided by LA Betsuin.

Announcements:

- ◇ February 5th, Sunday – Nirvana Day and February Regular Meeting will be held at 11:15am. Toban for the meeting will be B/c gumi.
- ◇ March 5th, Sunday – March Regular Meeting will be held at 11:15am. Toban for the meeting will be C/d gumi.
- ◇ March 11th, Saturday – BWA bento fundraiser

BWA Appreciation:

- ◇ Seijinshiki Hori Family

Kisaragiki

(Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service)



Date: Sunday, February 12

Time: 9:30AM

Place: Hondo & Zoom



Hui Aikanes

Congratulations to our new cabinet.

- ☆ President - Charlene Nation
- ☆ Treasurer - David Nakamoto
- ☆ Secretary - Jane Nakamoto



Thank you for coming to the installation luncheon. It was great to once again see everyone in person.

This year annual club dues will be \$15 again and can be mailed to church.

Please be sure to provide your current address, phone number and email address to allow us to stay in touch.

We will send notices for our February and March meetings.

JR. YBA

The GBC Jr Y enjoyed a productive and fun December.

The members participated in the Oseibo show with a special thanks to Peggy Mato for her organization of the production of the HS and MS classes of a special obon dance.

As the GBC Jr Y and Nishi Jr Y are co-hosts for the 2023 SD Jr YBL Conference in September, the group met with the Nishi Jr Y for a planning meeting on Saturday December 17th at the GBC in the early afternoon. Later that night, the group hosted the Nishi Jr Y with an Oseibo get together where the clubs ate dinner, played games and did a white elephant style gift exchange.

On Jan. 15th, the GBC Jr Y visited the Nishi Jr Y to continue planning workshops on Buddhism for the conference. We also visited the Japanese Village in Little Tokyo for a post-meeting treats.

In February, members will attend the Southern District (SD) Jr YBL Pickleball Day on Sat 2/4 at the Orange County Buddhist Church and then the SD Jr YBL Seminar 1 "Buddhism by the Border" co-hosted by San Diego Jr Y and Vista Jr Y in San Diego on Sat 2/11.



YABA (Young Adult Buddhist Association)

YABA members had fun at this year's Shinnenkai welcoming the new year and new church members. Towards the end of the month we had a meeting/social to discuss future plans for the group. Thank you to those who came to hang out. We hope to keep the momentum up leading into our Game Night on Feb 4th. We can't wait to see you!

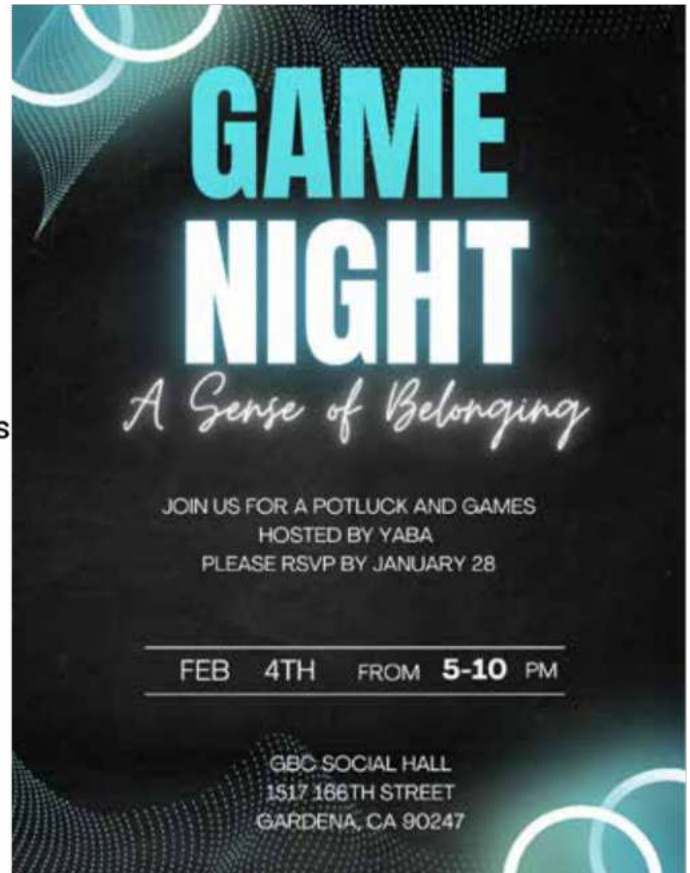
Welcome to our "Meet the Cabinet" Series! This month we'd like to introduce Kylie Morioka, Co-Secretary. Tune in next month as we feature another cabinet member.

- Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
- Favorite Obon Dance: Gassho Ondo
- Color of my Onenju: Clear
- Board Games or Card Games?: Card Games
- A blurb about YABA: I am excited to be a part of this YABA reboot. I hope to help the group grow and help establish a strong foundation so that it can keep going long after I graduate from being a young adult.

Upcoming Events

- February 4: Game Night / Potluck
- May 20: Game Night / Potluck

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



ABA News

In a wink of the eye, we are now into the second month of 2023. Do you still write "2022"?

It was so beautiful to see all of the young people who participated in this year's Seijinshiki, dressed in their kimono and hakama. All of us who attended the Shinnenkai enjoyed a delicious bento and were captivated by the entertainment. Some of the performances were thunderous and others were gorgeous. One even made us laugh. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners.

ABA is working on a variety of activities. After a three-year absence, we are bringing back the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on May 14 and the 50-cent Dip/Bingo on September 30, 2023.

The next ABA meeting will be on Saturday, February 19 at 11:30am.

Stay safe and be kind to everyone.



Megumi Deadline is Monday, February 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.

Kato, Takako (92)
 Hayashi, Chiyoko (94)
 Hamamoto, Henry Mitsuo (74)
 Oishi, Jimmy Ryoichi (89)

March 29, 2020
 December 20, 2022
 December 31, 2022
 January 16, 2023



February 2023

2	Boy Scout Troop 242 Leadership mtg	6:30pm
3	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
4	Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom	10:00am
	YABA Potluck & games	5:00pm
5	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Nirvana Day Service	
	BWA mtg (In-Person & Zoom)	11:15am
	Cub Pack 1230 Meeting	6:00pm
6	Fujimatsuri Mtg via Zoom	7:00pm
12	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	Kisaragiki Memorial Service (BWA)	
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	7:00pm
17	GS Troop 4345 mtg	7:00pm
19	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
	ABA mtg	11:30am
	WC Teacher Workshop #2	1:30pm
20	Megumi Deadline for March 2023	
	Temple Closed: Presidents' Day	
24-26	2023 BCA Nat'l Council Meeting (Virtual)	
26	CANCELLED: Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	
	Coordinating Council mtg via Zoom	11:30am
27	Cub Pack 1230 Meeting	6:00pm

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
11	BWA Bento Fundraiser	12:00pm
12	Daylight Savings Time (Spring ahead)	
	Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom)	9:30am
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	
	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
	Coordinating Council mtg via Zoom	11:30am
27	Cub Pack 1230 Meeting	6:00pm

<Regular Activities>

2nd & 4th Mondays, Community Project Group 10:00am
 Tuesdays, Tuesday Social 9:30am

Tuesdays, Boy Scout Troop 242 regular mtg 7:00pm
 Wednesdays, Ikenobo Ikebana 2:00pm
 Sundays, Isami Taiko Practice 11:30am

**Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 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 12/20/22 - 1/21/2023
with gratitude and appreciation.**

Funeral/Makurakyo/Burial/Memorials

Chew, Carole	Kimura, David	Nakatani, Wayne	Uyehara Family
Hamamoto, Irene	Kuraoka, Sharon	Ohara, Emily	Yamada, Akimichi
Haruma, Yaeko	Kuwahara, Emily	Ouchi, Joyce	
Kanegawa, Eric	Muramoto, Karen & Brad	Sasaki, M/M Brent	

Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Akahoshi, Masato	Kakimoto, Nadine	Nakata, M/M Bob	Takemoto, Kathleen
Doi, Sanaye	Kakuta, Richard	Nakatsu, Wayne	Tani, M/M Mike
Friess, Mindy	Kawahara, M/M Larry	Sakamoto, Kenneth	Tsutsui, Takashi
Fujita, Teruko (2)	Kikuno, Nariko	Sanada, Elaine	Wada, Emi
Fukuman, Thomas	Masaki, John	Sasaki, Emiko	Watanabe, Donald (2)
Fukuwa, Dianne (2)	Masumoto, Chiyoko	Sauer, Dick	Yamane, M/M Dick
Goto, Dana	Matsuda	Shimabukuro, Betty	Yokota, M/M James
Hayashi, Yoshiko	Mekaru, Naomi	Shimohara, Wayne	Yoshida, Suzanne
Hirayama, M/M Ted	Miwa, M/M Alan	Shinsato, Faith	Yoshiyama, Rose
Ito, Kenichi	Miwa, Yoshiko	Sumi, Michiko	Yuki, Toyoko
Iwata, Amy	Mizuno, Grace	Suzuki, Charlton &	Yuki, Wallace
Izawa, Kiyora	Mori, Eiko	Cheryl	

Hoonko Service

Akahoshi, Masato	Komatsu, Janett	Nakatani, M/M David	Uyemura, M/M David
Fujimoto, Fumie	Kurashima, M/M Justin	Nishihira, M/M Joe	Uyemura, Ty
Fujita, Teruko & Fumiko	Maeda, Tom	Okada, George	Wakimoto, Yuko
Haruma, Yaeko	Maruyama, Phyllis	Ouchi, Joyce	Watanabe, Donald
Hiraga, Glenn	Mekaru, Naomi	Shigemitsu, M/M Tom	Yamasaki, Sheryl
Hirayama, M/M Ted	Miwa, M/M Alan	Shimizu, Mitzi	Yanane, M/M Dick
Hori, Kathy	Miyata, Julie	Shimono, Natsuye	Yokota, M/M James
Imada, Imogene	Morioka, M/M Dennis	Sueyoshi, M/M Robert	Yoshida, Suzanne
Imamoto, Eiko	Morishige, James	Takao, Donna	Yoshiyama, M/M
Inose, M/M Ken	Motoyasu, Steve	Takao, Tamiko	Bryan
Ishii, Reiko	Munekata Wilhelm,	Takata, M/M Sam	Yoshiyama, Rose
Kakimoto, Nadine	Sheri	Tamura, Mary	Yuki, Toyoko
Kato, M/M Isao	Nagatani, Gerald	Tanaka, Nancy	Yuki, Wallace
Kita, M/M Alan	Nakakura, M/M Ken	Tsukamoto, Wilfred	

Special Donations

Anonymous	Ichiyama, Lily	Matsunaga, Katsuyo	Omagari, Mutsuya
Crainger, Caleb	Kakimoto, Nadine	Moyer, Stan & Harriet	Sekimura, Joy
Fukumoto-Binek,	Kato, M/M Isao	Nakakura, M/M Ken	Taketani, M/M Richard
Joyce	Kunisaki, Suyeno	Nakata, M/M Bob	Toma, M/M Ron
Gould, Kathryn	Kuwahara, Suzuko	Nozawa, Michael	Uyemura, Chris
Hori, Kathy	Lee, Huey	Ogasawara, Paul	Yanai, Frank

BCA Assessment

Akahoshi, Masato
Escalante, M/M Steve
Fujita, Teruko
Fukuman, Audrey
Ikeda Cambria, May
Iwamoto, M/M Daniel
Iwanaka, Traci
Iwata, Amy

Jinkawa, Kimi & Janice
Kakimoto, Nadine
Kishimoto, Yasu
Kono-Song, Cheryl
Koyanagi, S.
Mikamo, Edith
Miyamoto, M/M Satoshi
Morimoto, Lily

Morishige, James
Nakakura, M/M Ken
Nakamatsu, Aiko
Nakamoto, M/M
David
Nakata, M/M Bob
Sasaki, Paul & Kathy
Takahashi, Sae

Tanaka, M.
Tanaka, Nancy
Tsuge, M/M Mike
Wada, Emi
Yamada, Akimichi
Yamada, Edward &
Joann
Okamura, Rodney

Seijinshiki

Hori, Kathy

Sakamoto, Helen

Sakamoto, Jessica

Wong, Kurt

Oseibo Taikai Donations

Iwanaga, Michael
Maeda, Tom

Nakakura, M/M Ken
Nakatani, M/M David

Sakatani, Charlene

Nokotsudo Donation

Inose, Donald

Ito, Bennett

Obon

Fukai, Iris

General Donation/Facility Use/ Miscellaneous

Imada, Imogene
Kobayashi, Izumi

Marukai (2)
Seino, Toshiyuki

Yuasa, Akiye

PET MEMORIAL



Our Annual Pet Memorial will be held on March 5, 2023. This will be a hybrid service : in-person and on Zoom.

If you have lost a pet during 2022 or would like to have your pet included in our memorial service, please complete the form. You can also submit a picture of your pet or bring it to the service in the morning.

Owner's Name: _____

Type of Pet: (dog, fish, lizard) _____

Pet's Name: _____

Date of Passing: _____ Age _____

E-Mail Address: _____

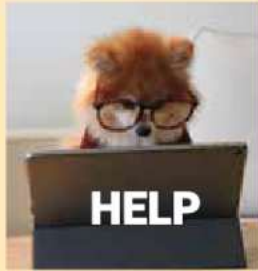
Phone No: _____

Please send your completed forms to: info@gardenabuddhistchurch.org, by March 1, 2023.

Full of Fun!

**New Members' Welcome & New Year's Luncheon
on Sunday, January 22nd in the Social Hall**





Gardena Buddhist Church

Weekend Administrative Assistant Position

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I. JOB SUMMARY

Gardena Buddhist Church is currently looking for a weekend Administrative Assistant (Saturday and Sunday). This position is for general office support and involves addressing phone and email inquiries, supporting the Ministerial Staff and Temple organizations. Applicants should enjoy working in a team environment and have strong customer service skills. The administrative assistant will directly support the Temple Board Chairperson, Weekday Administrative Assistant and Ministers. Work Hours are 9am to 5pm. Pay range is \$15.50 to \$16.50 per hour.

II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary duties and responsibilities of the administrative assistant are as follows:

1. Provide administrative support for the Gardena Buddhist Church office, tasks include greeting visitors, handling calls and e-mails, etc.
2. Perform tasks as assigned by Weekday Administrative Assistant.
3. Interface with Temple organizations and provide assistance as needed.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

Preferred Education: Associate degree or equivalent

Work Experience: 1-2 years as an Administrative assistant

IV. REQUIRED SKILLS

The administrative assistant must possess the following skills:

1. Proficiency in using a MAC Computer and MS Office. InDesign experience a plus.
2. Excellent communication (written and oral), and interpersonal skills.
3. Ability to work independently, detail oriented, with a professional demeanor.
4. Bilingual in Japanese and English preferred.

Interested candidates can submit questions and a resume to Alan Miwa at president@gardenabuddhistchurch.org.

The successful candidate will be required to complete a live scan, provide proof of employment eligibility and proof of Covid-19 vaccination.





宮地 信雄 師

「年いけば！」

「近頃の若者は！」とは、昔の老人がよく言ったものだ。自分が今その老人になって考えることは、やはり「近頃の若いものは！」である。もちろんこういう風に言う

うと今の若い人たちから嫌がられるのは百も承知である。なんとなれば、私も昔はそのように老人が言うのを嫌がっていたからである。しかし、自分が老人になってみると、やはりこう言う風に「近頃の若者は！」と言いたくなるのである。歳よりになるということとは実はこう言うことを言うために歳を重ねていっているのであろう。

さて、その一つであるが、近頃の若者は、というよりは近頃の日本人はと言いたいのである。近頃の日本人は本当に道徳が低くなったなと思うのである。なぜなら、この頃のニュースを聞いていると、どうであろうか、なんと年寄りがさまざまな被害にあっているではないか。オレオレ詐欺をはじめとして、最近起こったニュースでは、年寄りの一人暮らしを狙っての泥棒強盗が横行していると言うではないか。弱い年寄りを狙っての犯罪が増えているのである。自分が年寄りになったからそう思うのかもしれないが、いやはやなんとも情けない話である。そうかと思うと、今度は逆に幼い子供が大人に痛めつけられているというニュースが飛び込んでくる。この前も2歳の子供が何日も食事も与えられずに親に放置されていたということが報じられた。その後になって今度はまだ一才にならない乳幼児が父親に頭をかじられたと言う信じられない話が起こっている。子育てに疲れると言うのか分からないというのか知らないが、そんな親があちこちに出てきていると言う状態らしい。これらのニュースを聞かされた時に思われることであるが、老人であれ、子供であれ社会の中で一番弱い人たちではないか。そう言った抵抗も満足

にできない人間を痛めつけると言うのは人間として一番卑怯なことなのである。してはならないことである。少なくともわたしたち老人はそう言う風に教わってきたのである。

世の中には色々な残虐な事件が起こるが、昔はそう言う弱いものいじめするような事件は少なかったのである。日本人は喧嘩はするが、それは強いものとするとするのが当たり前であった。そう言う弱いものいじめするような奴は、いくら良いことをしても除け者にされたものである。そう言う道徳観というものがある日本には根付いていたのである。それがどうであろうか、現在の日本人はそういう素晴らしい徳を忘れてしまったかのようである。こういう事件が起こっても、テレビやその他の報道番組では、その事件の残酷さは報道するが、そういう昔からわたしたち日本人が大切にしてきた弱いものを護るという素晴らしい道徳は報道されなくなってしまった。私はここに「今の日本人は！」一体どうなってきたのかということをも嘆かざるを得ないのである。日本が世界から置いていかれるとするならば、実はこういう点でだんだん世界の人々から尊敬されない国民になっていってしまうのではないであろうか。年寄りの繰言である。

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婦人会便り

婦人会の通常の活動

- ▽ 1月8日(日) 2023年最初の会議でリフレッシュメントを用意して下さったA組の皆さん、ありがとうございます。実際に顔を合わせての会議も可能な限り続けて行きたいですが、ズームで参加できるオプションもあるということはあるがたいことです。会議では新メンバーの広津シャーリーン&本安綾のお二人を温かくお迎えしました。3月に寄付金集めのための弁当販売を行います。詳細は後ほどお知らせ致します。
- ▽ 1月15日(日) 年間を通して最も大切な法要の一つである報恩講にご参加下さった皆様、ありがとうございます。御斎のあんぱんを準備して下さった堀キャシー及びA組の方々にも感謝いたします。コロナ禍で2年間中止されていた成人式が今年は無事開催されました。煌びやかな着物姿で参列された皆さま、心からお祝い申し上げます。

▽ 1月22日(日) 新年会及び新メンバー歓迎昼食会が社交ホールで催され、美味しい食べ物とメンバーによる楽しい催し物を十分に満喫できました。以前のようにこういったイベントを皆さんとお祝いできて嬉しく思います。

▽ 1月28日(日) 冬季パシフィックセミナーを主催して下さったロサンゼルス別院に感謝致します。とても興味深い内容で美味しいお弁当と共に楽しい時間を過ごしました。

アナウンスメント:

- ▽ 2月5日(日) 2月婦人会例会(午前11時15分) 当番 B/C 組
- ▽ 3月5日(日) 3月婦人会例会(午前11時15分) 当番 C/D 組
- ▽ 1月29日(日) 付属団体協議会 宮田・今田 出席
- ▽ 3月11日(土) 婦人会主催 寄付金集めのための弁当販売

感謝録:

- ▽ 成人式 堀ファミリー

お弁当販売決定!



3月11日(土) ファンドレージングの一環として、婦人会が中心となって、お弁当販売を行います。

料理自慢のメンバー達による家庭の味。

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詳細は後日、ガーデナ仏教会ホームページまたは日曜礼拝時にてお知らせ致します。

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