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“Hatsumairi”

The temple will soon be able to greet the newest “generational” members of the temple. I am calling this group “generational” members because these newest members of the temple family are still infants. Although

some are toddlers, I wanted to call this group “generational” because their parents not only had to bring their child to the temple, but also decided to present their child before Amida Buddha and introduce that child to the rest of the temple membership. This is no simple task.

I’m sure that for some parents, a lot of the anxiety they may have felt going to school for the first time may be relived. Doubts such as expressed by questions like, “Will I be accepted?” “Will people like me?” “Will I be able to make new friends?” and for those who have been away from the temple for a while, “Will anyone still remember me?” may be felt. The difference, however, is that these potential doubts are not just asked of the self, but of the family as well, or “Will we be accepted?” “Will people like us?” “Will we be able to make new friends?”

This is important for the temple and the “established” membership to remember because we are being asked to accept not only an individual, but an entire family as well. If any member of the family feels any of these doubts, then so does the entire family. The only way to adequately relieve these doubts is to accept, is to treat nicely, is to befriend.

In the General Preface of the Kyogyoshinsho, Shinran Shonin has written:

Wholly sincere, indeed, are the words of truth that one is grasped, never to be abandoned, the right dharma all-surpassing and wondrous! Hear and reflect, and let there be no wavering or apprehension (Collected Works of Shinran, p. 4)

We are asked not simply to hear, but to reflect as well. The hatsumairi¹ is an important service not just because a family has announced their intent to raise their child as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist before Amida Buddha and everyone of the temple Sangha, but also because it allows we, who are observing the presentation, to understand how difficult it is to take doubts away. For example, “Will we be accepted?”

1 「初参り (hatsu mairi)」 is a term that literally means, “first service (attendance).” It is often called the “Infant Presentation Service”

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Nobody is going to keep the family from entering the temple. Nobody is going to force the family to leave the temple after the service starts. Nobody is going to keep the family from sitting in any open seat. Some may even take the extra step and offer their seats in order to allow the family to sit together. Despite all these acts, the doubt, "Will we be accepted?" can still linger.

The following is a conversation that almost always occurs when a family decides to participate in hatsumairi.

"What if my child cries?"

I always answer back, "Children (and particularly infants) are supposed to cry."

"We don't want to disturb everyone around us."

"You won't."

"Well (we're not so sure)..."

"Don't worry. We have a crying room that you are more than welcomed to use."

"That's good to know."

"But, you don't have to use the crying room."

"Hopefully, our child will be quiet during the service."

"Don't worry. Everyone will be fine. Children are supposed to cry."

I never finish this conversation thinking that the family is convinced. My words alone (or for that matter probably anyone's) will not convince the family that is worried (and has doubts) about

how well they will be accepted to let go of their fears. They need to experience the acceptance first-hand, for themselves, before they can let their doubts go. Even when they experience some of the things that I mentioned before, it still may not be enough to convince the family. Passively accepting someone may not be enough. Some may need a direct welcome and reassurance before they can feel safe in knowing, "We are being accepted." This, however, is the work we share together as a Sangha. Without this, it becomes very difficult, almost impossible to share the Dharma.

It is difficult to allay doubts. Fortunately, Amida Buddha never tires from helping us to overcome ours. Hopefully, we learn from this example and try to help others overcome their doubts: first in just coming to the temple, and next to help someone to receive the Wisdom and Compassion of the Fulfilled Fundamental Vow that we hear as Namo Amida Butsu.



Hanamatsuri Hoyo

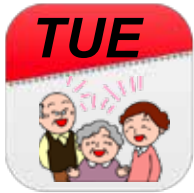
Date: Sunday, April 9

Time: 9:30AM

Place: Hondo & Zoom



Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 19 at 7PM
Via Zoom



TUESDAY SOCIAL

At the end of February, one of our Tuesday Social friends celebrated a very special birthday ... Mrs. Yoshiko Miwa is 109 years young. Officers from the Gardena Police Dept. helped celebrate this happy occasion with special police dept. gifts. Also a representative from the LA County Board of Supervisors presented

Mrs. Miwa with a very unique scroll, which was signed by five Supervisors. It was a very happy celebration.

Please join us on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30am for coffee, tea, snacks, and friendship.



Hui Aikane

Despite the wet, rainy weather we experienced during the month of March, Hui Aikane members were cheerful and enthusiastic. On March 26th, our first activity for the year, we began with a potluck luncheon. Our members were able to play games, socialize and reminisce their days in Hawaii. Thank you to all of our members who planned and contributed to our potluck. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and one another's company.

Our members look forward to the Fujimatsuri event in May and helping where we can.

Our next meeting may be in May. Members will be contacted.

New members are welcome to attend!

Sangha Teens

On February 24th, sangha teens had an evening out where they did an escape room and had dinner at Del Amo Mall. The escape room theme was The Legend of Billy the Kidd. We escaped out of jail with 11 minutes remaining! Everyone had a great time!

We will soon be hosting a spaghetti luncheon. The date is yet to be finalized.

Future dates:

April 16th- meeting

May 13th- K-1 racing event

May 14th- meeting

June 11th- meeting

Fujinkai / BWA Buddhist Women's Association

Happenings:

- ◇ March 5th, Sunday – Thank you to C/d gumi for providing refreshments at our monthly meeting.
- ◇ March 19th, Sunday – Spring Ohigan. Thank you to C/d gumi for arranging the cream pan otoki and for doing the osonae for this service.
- ◇ April 9th, Sunday - Hanamatsuri service. Ingredient prep for chirashi otoki on April 8th from 1pm-3pm; chirashi rice prep & assembly on Sun 4/9 from 6am. All BWA members please come to help.
- ◇ April 15th, Saturday – Sushi making class – our 2nd one by popular demand! Maximum 30 people enrolling. Class will start at 1pm but members please come at 11 for set-up. Ingredient prep Friday, 4/14 at 9am.
- ◇ GBC BWA 100th anniversary event planning – fielding suggestions now for 2026. Special service, luncheon, special gifts for members?
- ◇ BWA Bento sale. Date is changed to 6/11 Sun. Sat-6/10: bento prep; Sun-6/11: bento distribution after Sunday service.
- ◇ June 24th, Saturday – JCI Carnival. GBC will make chirashi-zushi for this 1-day event. Prep will be on Friday, 6/23 from 1pm. All temple members are being asked to help.

Announcements:

- ◇ April 2nd, Sunday – April Regular Meeting 11:15am (hybrid). D/e Gumi
- ◇ April 3rd, Monday – Fujimatsuri Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm. Reps from E/a please join
- ◇ April 9th, Sunday – Hanamatsuri Service
- ◇ April 23rd, Sunday – Coordinating Council Meeting 11:30am. Imogene/Julie will attend
- ◇ May 14th, Sunday - May Regular Meeting 11:15am (hybrid). E/a Gumi
- ◇ May 14th, Sunday – Mother's Day service 10am
- ◇ May 21st, Sunday – Gotan-e Service 9:30am

BWA Appreciation:

- ◇ Special Donation Shizuko Sakuda

The Community Projects Group

The Community Projects Group will be meeting in April on Mondays, April 10th and 24th, from 10 am in the Church Meeting Room.

We will be working on projects for the Church Fundraiser on May 6. At the Obento Sale, we will be selling some of our items – be sure to drop by and support our Group!

Our annual graduation ribbon lei sale has also begun! More information and an order form can be found in this edition of the Megumi.



JR. YBA

On March 4th, five of our members, Keira S., Rhys V., Brenden K., Tyler H., and Sierra K. went to Senshin Buddhist Temple for SD Jr. YBL Seminar 2, "Buddhism in Nature," co-hosted by Senshin, Pasadena, and Oxnard Jr. YBAs. There were three workshops that connected nature with Buddhist teachings. For example, one of the workshops had us create ikebana arrangements to teach us about impermanence.

On March 12th, Alyson S., Brenden K., Tyler H., Tyler T., Jake M., Mia Y., and Sierra K. attended a meeting with the Nishi Jr. YBA at Nishi Hongwanji. We continue to plan for SD Jr. YBL Conference 2023 titled "Clue: Dharma Edition."

We are looking forward to upcoming events in April: SD Jr. YBL Undokai on April 1st at OCBC, SD Jr. YBL Religious Retreat on April 22nd at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, and SD Jr. YBL Seminar 3, "Buddhism at the Beach," on April 29th at San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple (co-hosted by San Fernando Valley and Sun Valley Jr. YBAs).

We also want to thank everyone who bought an Obon shirt from us for the SD Jr. YBL t-shirt fundraiser!



YABA (Young Adult Buddhist Association)

We're looking forward to Spring and all the activities held during the season. YABA had a great lunch meeting on March 26th. As always it was nice to socialize with everyone.

Meet the Cabinet Series.

This month we'd like to introduce Stephanie Hirotsu, Treasurer:



- Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
- Favorite Obon dance: The old kachi kachi dance
- Color of my Onenju: Green
- Board Games or Card Games?: Card Games
- A blurb about YABA: I am excited that YABA is back. Such a change from being a YABA kid to being a YABA member. Being a YABA kid brings back great memories and I can't wait to make more.

Tune in next month as we feature our last cabinet member!

Upcoming Events

- June 11: YABA Lunch Meeting

ABA News

With the calendar saying "April", Hanamatsuri is almost here. It is so beautiful to see all the flowers beginning to bloom in the gardens.

Ichi-Mi will be holding a premiere of their video "A Profound Silence" on Sunday, April 2, and ABA will be providing support. Please register for this event by going to the Church's website.

ABA will be busy throughout the month of April as we prepare for a few major events in May. ABA will be assisting with the Fujimatsuri activities scheduled for the weekend of May 6-7. After a three-year absence, ABA will again be having a pancake breakfast for the grandmothers, mothers, and aunts on Mother's Day, May 14. Stay tuned for more details!

The next ABA meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 16 at 11:30am. It will again be a hybrid meeting.

Stay safe!



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.

Tsuruta, Peggy M

(97)

February 22, 2023



Megumi Deadline is Monday, April 17, 2023



Boy Scout Troop 242

On a sunny Saturday, Ashton Liu, a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 242 worked on his Eagle Scout project at the Gardena Buddhist Church.

It consisted of three parts - 1) Build two new bookcases for the pre-school classrooms. 2) Build new doors for the trash enclosure and 3) Clean out the plastic storage shed next to the trash enclosure and put in organizers to keep everything organized.

Under the leadership of Ashton, the scouts and parent volunteers in Troop 242 accomplished all three tasks. Nice job Ashton - thank you for your service to our Church!



My name is Chase Wada and I am a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 242 (sponsored by the Church), working toward achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. In order to reach this rank, I will complete an Eagle Service Project where I am working with the Nakayoshi Preschool to restore their playground. I will be replacing a fence, fixing privacy screens, restoring balance beams, replacing pole protection pads, and removing old flooring under the play structure in order to replace it. To fund this project, I have 3 different fundraisers planned.



1. Recycling Drive: On Sunday April 2nd, 2023 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, I will be at the Church to collect any recyclables (aluminum cans and plastic bottles). Please bring your cans and bottles to Church and leave in front of the garages.



2. GotSneakers?: I will be working with an organization called GotSneakers? to recycle and reuse sneakers and athletic shoes. We will collect any new shoes, gently worn shoes, and old shoes. The shoes must be in pairs. Non-athletic shoes and non paired shoes will not be accepted. Please turn in any pairs of athletic shoes in the labeled cardboard box in the church lobby by Sunday, April 9th.



Chase Wada's Eagle Project Fundraisers



If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email at Chamannum1@yahoo.com

Thank you very much for supporting me on my Eagle Project!

Chase Wada
Troop 242



From GBC Board Chairperson

"97 Years"

Alan Miwa

Have you ever wondered how it is that we are fortunate to have such a beautiful church? It was 97 years ago that our church was founded (1926). Since then, it's survived a great depression, a World War, the Internment Camps, three fires, and is now emerging from a global pandemic.

Our predecessors showed great resilience. When World War II broke out, the church was closed down when the members were taken to the Internment Camps. After the war, the church reopened as a hostel and as a church. Membership grew until the mid-1980s.

Then an arsonist set fire to our church three times from 1980 to 1982. The first fire totally destroyed the church and the remains had to be demolished before it could be rebuilt. Estimated costs back in 1980 was about \$750,000 (equivalent to \$2.36 million dollars today). Imagine trying to do that today. Due to security measures put in place, a second and third fire were contained but still caused considerable damage. These three fires were not only costly in terms of dollars and cents but also in emotional suffering. However, our church members, relatives, and friends had the resolve to continue and rebuild our present church.

It has taken very dedicated, generous (time as well as money), and determined Sangha to deliver today's reality from our predecessor's dreams.

We are quickly approaching our Centennial (2026). Wow, our 100-year celebration. A lot of activity is going to start happening as we prepare for this epic event. We should all be proud of the legacy that has been entrusted to us.





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 had 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 2/20/23 - 3/19/2023
with gratitude and appreciation.**

Funeral/Makurakyo/Burial/Memorials

Kato, Sharon & Dan
Nakamoto, David
Otsuji, Elaine

Takao, Donna
Takao, Tamiko
Uyemura, M/M David

Yamane, M/M Dick (2)
Yuki, Wallace

Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Baker, Chiyo
Corbett, Judy
Dote, Ty
Ego, Kimiko
Fujimoto, Fumie
Fujioki, Emma
Fujioki, R
Gioviasso, F.W.
Hashimoto, Jane
Ishii, Reiko
Ito, Violet
Kadoguchi, Patricia
Kaiura, Earl
Kawahara, M/M Larry
Kawamoto, M/M
Derrick

Maeda, Stacy
Maruyama, Kazuko
Matsumoto, Eiko
Matsunaga, Loreen
Miwa, M/M Alan (2)
Miwa, Yoshiko
Mizuno, Lynn (2)
Murata, Caren
Nakakura, M/M Ken
Nakamura, Debbie
Nakamura, Michael
Nakata, M/M Bob (3)
Nishi, Kisako
Nishioka, Jimmy
No Name
Ohara, Emily

Ohara, M/M J.S.
Ohara, Yoshifumi
Okada, Nobuko
Otani, Keiko
Otsuji, Elaine
Ozawa, Michael
Raynon, John & Fumiko
Saiki, A.
Sanada, Alan
Sasaki, Sherry
Shigemori, June
Shiosaki, Takako
Takao, Dianne
Takao, Donna
Takao, Tamiko
Takeda, Fusako

Tanaka, Kumi
Tani, M/M Michael (2)
Uwahori, Sadae
Uyehara, Patricia
Uyemura, Chris
Uyemura, M/M David
Wakimoto, Yuko
Yada, Dorothy
Yamada, Susan
Yamada, Zac & Keiko
Yamane, M/M Dick (2)
Yamashita, M/M
Yokota, Mrs. Dale
Yuki, Wallace

Spring Ohigan Hoyo

Fujimoto, Fumie
Fujita, Teruko &
Fumiko
Harrington, James
Haruma, Yaeko
Hirotzu, M/M Stan
Imamoto, Eiko
Inose, M/M Ken
Iwamoto, M/M Daniel
Jackson, Fumiko
Kakimoto, Nadine
Kato, M/M Isao

Kawamoto, M/M Derrick
Kita, M/M Alan
Komatsu, Janett
Maeda, Tom
Maehara, Nolan
Maruyama, Kazuko
Mayemura, Louise
Mekaru, Naomi
Mitani, M/M David
Miwa, Yoshiko
Miyamoto, Mitsuko
Miyata, Julie

Munekata Wilhelm,
Sheri
Nakamura, Lily
Nakano, Etsuko
Nakashima, M/M
Harvey
Nakata, M/M Bob
Nakawatase, Haruye
Nishi, Takahisa
Nishihira, M/M Joe
Shigemitsu, M/M Tom
Shiosaki, Takako

Takao, Tamiko
Takata, M/M Sam
Terao, Carolyn
Tomiyoshi, Ruby
Tsukamoto, Faye
Wakimoto, Yuko
Yokota, M/M James
Yuki, Toyoko
Yuki, Wallace

Special Donations

Anonymous
Crainer, Caleb
Hefner, Patty

Moyer, Stan & Harriet
Nishi Family
Nishi, Sharon

Orito, Florence
Suda, Yuriko
Yada, Dorothy & Friends

2023 GBC Membership Dues (Received: 2/19/2023-3/20/2023)

Akahoshi, Masato	Kawamoto, Derrick	Mizukami, Tomoko	Suminaga, Kimiye
Akioka, Aiko	Kawamura, Ken	Mizuno, Joe	Suminaga, Roy
Akioka, Sam	Kihara, Hisae	Mizuno, Shizure	Suya, Kikuo
Aponte, John	Kikuno, Nariko	Mizuno-Moyer, Harriet	Suya, Susan
Aponte, Kimberley	Kishita, Ema	Morimoto, Nobuharu	Tacedena, Betsy
Baba, Miyako	Kita, Mitsuko	Morimoto, Seiji	Tada, Tamiko
Fujita, Teruko	Kita, Shiro	Moyer, Stanford	Takao, Dianne
Furukawa, David	Kiyohara, Kimiko	Muramoto, Karen	Takao, Donna
Furukawa, Nancy	Komatsu, Janett	Muro, Allen	Takao, Tamiko
Gould, Kathy	Kono, Cheryl	Muro, Marilyn Honda	Takata, Isamu
Guild, Anne	Koyanagi, Stan	Nagatani, Gerald	Takata, Yukiko
Hadeishi, Irene Misako	Kuga, Annette	Nakamura, Debbie	Takeuchi, Sueyoshi
Hadeishi, Nobuyuki	Kuga, Patrick	Nakamura, Lily	Tamehiro, Yaeko
Hamaguchi, Tamaka	Kushi, Devin	Nakano, Etsuko	Tanaka, George
Harrington, James	Kushi, Jean	Nakano, George	Tanaka, Nancy
Hirai, Carol	Kuwahara, Suzuko	Nakano, Helen	Tenpo, Helen
Horii, Mary	Lammel, Midori	Nakano, Patsy	Toma, Yuriko
Iinuma, Doris	Lee, Kathy Nakamura	Nakashima, Linda	Toyoaki, Shiro
Imamura, James	Maesaki, Kazue	Nakatani, Dennis	Toyoaki, Sonoko
Imamura, Nancy	Masukawa, Alan	Nishikawa, Joe	Wakimoto, Yuko
Inouye, Tomoko	Masukawa, Cheryl	Nishimura, Elaine	Walter, Alexandra
Ishii, Reiko	Matano, Florence	Nishimura, Minae	Watanabe, Donald
Ito, Brad	Mato, John	Nishimura, Patti	Yamada, Akimichi
Ito, Hedy	Mayemura, Louise	Nishimura, Ross	Yamada, Edward
Iwamoto, Daniel	Mikami, Lynn	Nishimura, Shunji	Yamada, JoAnn
Iwamoto, Ruby	Mikami, Shirley	Ohara, Yoshifumi	Yamane, Shigeko
Jackson, Fumiko	Mikamo, Edith	Okada, Nobuko	Yamane, William
Jinkawa, Janice	Mitani, David	Okamoto, Yauko	Yamasaki, Sheryl
Jinkawa, Kimi	Mitani, Terri	Otani, Keiko	Yanagita, Chieko
Kaida, Yasuko	Miyamoto, Mitsuko	Ozawa, Michael	Yick, Amy
Kakimoto, Nadine	Miyamoto, Satoshi	Ozawa, Mitchell	Yoshiyama, Bryan
Kamon-Mato, Peggy	Miyashiro, Marie	Sasaki, Kathy	Yoshiyama, Nancy
Kato, Isao	Miyashita, Judy	Sasaki, Paul	Yukawa, Jean
Kato, Mary	Miyata, Julie	Sayegusa, Fumie	Yukawa, Jeff
Kato, Sharon	Miyata, Julie	Seino, Toshiyuki	Yuki, Toyoko

Hanamatsuri Service

Fujimoto, Fumie	Mayetani, Raymond	Nakamura, M/M Johnny	Takata, M/M Sam
Fujita, Teruko & Fumiko	Morioka, M/M Dennis	Nakao, Harumi	Tamura, Mary
Inose, M/M Ken	Motoyasu, Steve	Nakashima, M/M Harvey	Terao, M/M Ernie
Jackson, Fumiko	Munekata Wilhelm,	Nakatani, M/M David	Toma, M/M Ron
Komatsu, Janett	Sheri	Nishihira, M/M Joe	Tsukamoto, W.
Maehara, Nolan	Nakakura, M/M Ken	Sakuda, Shizuko	Yamane, M/M Dick
Matano, Florence	Nakamoto, M/M David	Shibata, Reiko	Yokota, M/M James
Mayemura, Louise	Nakamura, Burt	Shimizu, Mitzi	Yoshida, Suzanne

Osaisen

Nakakura, M/M Ken	Nakamura, Debbie
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Pet Memorial Service

Kurashima, Sharon

Hatsumairi Donations

Ito, Brad

General Donation/Facility Use/ Miscellaneous

Baba, Miyako

Kobayashi, Izumi

Nishi Family

South Bay Lion's Club

April 2023

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| 1 | Boy Scout Troop 242: Eagle Project | 8:00am |
| | 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 |
| 7 | GS 1st grade girls mtg | 6:00pm |
| 8 | Hanamido prep | 10:00am |
| 9 | Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom) | 9:30am |
| | Hanamatsuri Service & Hatsumairi Service | |
| 10 | 2023 Obon mtg via Zoom | 7:00am |
| 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 | |
| 19 | GBC Board mtg via Zoom | 7:00pm |
| 23 | Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom) | 9:30am |
| | Coordinating Council mtg hybrid | 11:30am |
| 30 | Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom) | 9:30am |

<Regular Activities>

Sunday: Isami Taiko Practice @11:15am weekly

Monday:

2nd & 4th Community Projects @9:30am

2nd & 4th Cub Pack 1230 mtg @6pm

Tuesday: Tuesday Social @9:30am weekly

Wednesday: Ikenobo/Ikebana Class @2pm 3/month

Thursday: Tea Ceremony Class @9:30am weekly

1st & 3rd Boy Scout Troop 242 mtg @7pm

Friday: 2nd & 4th Girl Scout Troop 4345 mtg @7pm

Saturday: Tea Ceremony Class @9:30am weekly

May 2023

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| 1 | Fujimatsuri mtg via Zoom | 7:00pm |
| 3 | DS Teacher mtg via Zoom | 7:00pm |
| 6-21 | World Buddhist Women's Convention/ in Japan
Shinran Shonin 850th birthday and 800th Anniversary
of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition | |
| 6 | Shotsuki Hoyo Service via Zoom | 10:00am |
| | Fujimatsuri Spring Market & Bento Sale | |
| 7 | DS Teacher's mtg | 8:15am |
| | Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom) | 9:30am |
| | Sangha Teen mtg | 10:30am |
| | BWA mtg (In-Person & Zoom) | 11:30am |
| | Fujimatsuri Bingo | |
| 8 | 2023 Obon mtg via Zoom | 7:00pm |
| 14 | ABA Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast | 8:00am |
| | CPG Craft Sale for Fundraising | |
| | Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom) | 10:00am |
| 17 | GBC Board mtg via Zoom | 7:00pm |
| 21 | Sunday Service (In-Person & Zoom) | 9:30am |
| | Gotan-E Service | |
| | Sangha Teens Spaghetti Luncheon | |
| | ABA Hybrid mtg | 11:30am |
| | WC Teacher Workshop #5 | 1:30pm |
| 22 | Megumi Deadline for May 2023 | |
| 25 | Centennial Gen Ops mtg via Zoom | 7:30pm |
| 28 | No Sunday Service | |
| | Office Closed | |
| | Nokotsudo open | 9am-noon |
| | Pacific Crest Service | 9:00am |
| | Green Hills Service | 11:00am |
| | Coordinating Council Hybrid mtg | 11:30am |
| 29 | Office closed—Memorial Day | |
| | Nokotsudo open | 9am-noon |

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)

GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH

FUJIMATSURI

2023

HULI-HULI CHICKEN DINNER SALE

Dinner Pickup
MAY 6, 2023
Noon-5:00pm

We will also
have Community
Projects selling
their crafts in
the Social Hall!

\$25

PICK UP AT GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH
DINNER INCLUDES:
HULI HULI CHICKEN (1/2), RICE, EDAMAME,
CABBAGE TSUKEMONO, DANGO, AND DESSERT

*PRE-ORDERS NEEDED BY APRIL 27, 2023 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

CLIP AND RETURN ORDER FORM BELOW IF ORDERING BY CHECK
OR USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER ONLINE AND PAY WITH CREDIT CARD



USE YOUR
PHONE'S CAMERA
TO ORDER ONLINE



FUJIMATSURI DINNER ORDER FORM

Pickup Time: Noon - 5pm

Name: _____ # of Dinners _____ Qty.
Phone#: _____ x \$25 each \$ _____
Email: _____ Donation \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY
CHK# _____ ☐

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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

Return this form along with check in the enclosed envelope via mail no later than **APRIL 27, 2023**

➤ Mailing Address: **Gardena Buddhist Church, 1517 W. 166th St., Gardena, CA 90247** ◀

GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH

FUJIMATSURI

2023

LET'S PLAY BINGO

SUNDAY
MAY 7, 2023
11 am – 1 pm

7 GAMES
FOR
\$25
PRE-ORDER
\$30 AT THE DOOR

**BAKE
SALE**

We will be
selling
ONIGIRI
\$3



There will be
**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

CLIP AND RETURN ORDER FORM BELOW IF ORDERING BY CHECK
OR USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER ONLINE AND PAY WITH CREDIT CARD



USE YOUR
PHONE'S CAMERA
TO ORDER ONLINE



FUJIMATSURI BINGO CARDS PRE- ORDER FORM

OFFICE USE ONLY
CHK#

Qty.

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

of Bundles _____
(7 games)

x **\$25 each**

Total Enclosed: \$

Please make checks payable to **Gardena Buddhist Church**
Gardena Buddhist Church, 1517 W. 166th St., Gardena, CA 90247



宮地 信雄 師

「日本人のマナー」

2023年3月22日、今日は少し寝不足気味です。なぜかって、それはきのう侍ジャパンがアメリカを破って野球で世界一になったからです。私はじつは、いろいろ

なご法話を頼まれていまして、その用意をするのにおおわらわだったのです。忙しかったのですが、今日を逃したらこの次はいつ日本が優勝するかわからないとなると、ついつい3時間ほどの野球頂上合戦をテレビで見てしまったというわけです。いつもは、仏様のことを先にしなければならぬと言いながら、やはり自分の好きなこととなったら、法話のことは二の次さんの次になるのですね。あはれな凡夫の姿です。

それはそうとして、侍ジャパンの活躍は本当に素晴らしかったですね。中でもあの大谷の活躍は目を見張るものでした。大谷選手のチームを引っ張っていく姿がとても素敵でした。多分それを見ていた世界の大谷ファンが感心したことでしょう。私は前に大谷のマナーという話をさせていただいたことがあります。今回もそのマナーを注意深く見ておりましたが、やはり大谷のあの美しいマナーは変わっていませんでした。グラウンドを聖域として扱う、審判に敬意を表するちょっとした挨拶、ヒットを打った後の一塁手との会話、笑い声、その他相手チームの選手とのコミュニケーションなどいまだに変わることなく大谷選手は実践してくれていました。

そんな中である試合で大谷選手が打ったホームランをキャッチした日本の女子大学生の話がありました。この学生は、大谷が打ったホームランが偶然にも自分の手の中に落ちてきたのです。それをうまく拾ったものですから、その興奮たるや通常のものでなかったのです。自分が大谷が打ったホームランボールを持っているぞ、みんなに見せて回りました。

そしてその後のことです。それを見ていた周りの人たちがそのボールを見せてくれと、その女子大生に頼んだのだそうです。それも一人ではなく何人もの人がお願いしたそうです。普通なら、そんなこと面倒臭いし、ひょっとしたらどこかへ行ってしまっただけで来ないかもしれないという不安もあるはずですから、きっとノーというところでしょう。ところがこの日本から来た女子大生は、それを快くみんなに回したというのです。その時のニュースが世界に流れたのです。これを見ていた世界のメディアの人が感心したというのです。皆さんなぜだかわかりますか。私たち日本人にとってそのようなことは当たり前のことなのかもしれませんが、世界の人にとってそんなことをするなんてとても考えられないのだそうです。いかに日本人が人を信じ、親切にしてあげられることができるかということが話題になったのです。

この話を聞いて私は日本人の優しさ、正しさ、いかに道徳的であるかということを誇りに思ったのです。このような日本の素晴らしさは今や世界に通じるものなのです。それを忘れずに、私たち日本人が持っている美しさを無くさないようにしなければ、ご先祖様に申し訳ないなと思ったものです。

南無阿弥陀仏





婦人会便り

婦人会の通常の活動

- ▽ 3月5日(日) 月例会でリフレッシュメントを用意して下さったC&D組の皆さま、ありがとうございました。
- ▽ 3月19日(日) 春季お彼岸法要 クリームパンやお供えを手配して下さったC&D組の皆さま、ありがとうございました。
- ▽ 4月9日(日) 花祭り法要 御斎のちらし寿司の具の下ごしらえを4/8 1pm-3pm、酢飯とちらしの仕上げは4/9 6amから始めますので、婦人会の皆さまのご協力をお願いします。
- ▽ 4月15日(土) お寿司クラス ご好評につき二回目となる今回は30人限定。クラスは午後1時開始ですが、メンバーは準備のため午前11時集合。下準備は前日の4/14(金) 午前9時からです。
- ▽ ガーデナ仏教婦人会創設百周年記念イベント計画 2026年に向けての提案：特別法要、昼食会、記念ギフト？
- ▽ 婦人会主催お弁当セール 日付変更となり、6/11(日)になりました。準備が6/10(土)で、お弁当の受け渡しは日曜礼拝後

になります。

- ▽ 6月24日(土) JCIカーニバル ガーデナ仏教会はちらし寿司を作ります。準備は前日6/23(金)の午後1時からで、仏教会メンバー全員の協力が必要です。

アナウンスメント:

- ▽ 4月2日(日) 4月婦人会例会(ハイブリッド) 午前11時15分 当番 D/E組
- ▽ 4月3日(月) 藤まつり会議(Zoom) 午後7時 E/A組の代表者が出席予定
- ▽ 4月9日(日) 花祭り法要&初参式(ハイブリッド) 午前9時30分
- ▽ 4月23日(日) 附属団体連絡協議会会議 今田イモジーン&宮田ジュリーが出席予定
- ▽ 5月14日(日) 3月婦人会例会(ハイブリッド) 午前11時15分 当番 E/A組
- ▽ 5月14日(日) 母の日法要 午前10時
- ▽ 5月21日(日) 降誕会法要(ハイブリッド) 午前9時30分

感謝録:

- ▽ 特別寄付

咲田 静子

花まつり&初参式のお知らせ

お釈迦さまは今から二千五百有余年前、色とりどりの美しい花がいっぱいに咲き乱れるインドの国、ルンビニーの園で4月8日お生まれになりました。当仏教会では、このおめでたい御降誕をお祝いして、来る4月9日(日) 午前9時30分より、花祭り法要をガーデナ仏教会本堂及びリモート(Zoom)で下記の通り厳修し、お念仏のみ教えにあうことの出来た自分の幸せを喜び、感謝させて頂きたいと思います。Zoomでの参加をご希望の方は下記リンクにアクセスして登録して頂き、お参り下さいます様ご案内申し上げます。また

お寺に於いて午前9時から、参拝者は花御堂に安置された誕生仏に甘茶をかけることができます。

* 花祭り法要(バーチャル)

4月9日(日) 午前9時半

Zoomでの参加をご希望の方の登録先:

<https://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org>

* 初参式 花祭り法要と併せて執り行います

4月9日(日) 午前9時半

