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October 2024 Newsletter

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Sogetsu Ceremony for Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni Service,

Buddhist Womans Association

祥月法要、 恵信尼公、 覚信尼公、 婦人会

Sat. Oct. 12 10:00 am

Shotsuki Hoyo, Monthly Memorial Service

Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Memorial Service

祥月法要、 恵信尼公、 覚信尼公婦人会

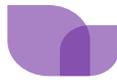
Bobbi (Okamoto) Subject is our guest speaker this month. Her father passed away in October so she volunteered to give the Dharma message.

Sat. Nov. 9 10:00 am

Eitaikyo & Monthly Memorial Service

VISIT IN OCTOBER

Rev. Furumoto, our supervising minister, will be bringing three *senseis* from Japan to visit our sister-temple, Oxnard, as well as our Santa Barbara temple. (*Sensei* means 'teacher' but is also honorific way to address someone.)



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shinran Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu Sect, is revered as the founder of the Shinran Shonin sect with the belief that reciting the 'Amida Buddha' was to receive Buddha's compassion and grace.

Lady Eshinni was the wife of Shinran Shonin. She was the daughter of a samurai in the Ichigo district. She was an emotional and material support for Shinran Shonin. As she later wrote, she believed that Shinran Shonin had received the compassion of Buddha. She had a dream about a temple and saw a light to the right of the main altar where there was usually a statue of the Boddhisattva of Compassion. In her dream, she was told that the light was emanating from a statue of her husband.

Lady Kakushinni was the youngest of their six children. At age 73, Eshinni left to manage her lands because of her role as the eldest and to care for two of her grandchildren. She charged Kakushinni to care for her father. Lady Kakushinni did so and was by his side when he passed. Kakushinni arranged the simple memorial for Shinran Shonin, and later, gave the land to the followers of Shinran Shonin. And noted, that the land cannot be sold and was to remain a Buddhist temple. This land is still held by the followers of Shinran Shonin, Hongwan ji. (From Pasadena Buddhist online service)

Along with the celebration of Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni, we hold a memorial service also for these followers who passed away in the month of October:

Memorial Service will be held for:

MR. ISABURO TOYAMA	MRS. YONE KUROZUMI
MR. MASATOSHI KUROKI	MR. YASUSHI ISHIHARA
MR. TOSHIHARU WADA	MR. KUMAJIRO NISHIMURA
MISS YACHIYO SAKAMOTO	MRS. MOTO HIRASHIMA
MR. JUKICHI SHIOSAWA	MR. ICHIJIRO OZORA
MR. ZENICHI YASUDA	MR. SHINI NAKAHIRA
MR. SAKAMOTO	MR. RINZABURO KUROZUMI
MRS. KIWA TAKEUCHI	MRS. TSUGI NAKAMURA
MRS HISA MUNENO	THE NOMURA FAMILY
MRS. HATSUYE TANAKA	MRS. SUYENO KOGA
THE TANAKA FAMILY	MRS. YOSHIKO NAKASHIMO
MR. GEORGE OCHI	MRS. MITSUKO BABA
MISS HARUKO KOZAKI	MR. GEORGE TAKEO OKAMOTO



Treasurer's Report -September, \$2,995

Memorial Service

M/M Dennis Furuike (Hidekichi Okino)
Mary Hide (Sasano Kanetomo)
Julie Uyehara (Emi Asato Uyehara)
Susie Okada Nakata (Hiroshi Okada, Jutaro
Aoyagi)

Special

Monday Qigong
Dennis Ito
JJ Uyehara/Doug Wilson

Autumn Ohigan

Tamako Nishimura
M/M Dennis Furuike
M/M Ted Muneno
Junko Torigoe
Mary Saito

In appreciation and
gratitude for the many
contributions of our
Sensei and *Sangha*

We gratefully acknowledge and appreciate all contributions!

Dharma (Service Message)	Bobbi (Okamoto) Subject and Rev Usuki
Greeter	Dennis Furuike and Doug Wilson
Flowers Symbol of Buddha's compassion, beauty, and impermanence	Jodi Miles
Osonae Fruit offering at the altar	Sets and Dennis Furuike
Obuppan White rice symbolizing interdependence	JJ Uyehara
Geppo and Program Newsletter- community	Jodi Miles, JJ Uyehara, Editors-in-chief: Sets Furuike, Dennis Furuike
Temple Grounds Maintenance	Dennis Ito, Brian Downie, Dennis Furuike, Jodi Miles
Temple Cleaning & Maintenance	Dennis & Setsuko Furuike
Social Hall Setup, Maintenance, and Cleanup	Ted Muneno
Communication Social Media	Christophe Sautot
Potluck	Sangha (Community)

Church News

September Service – Altar with Amida Buddha, flowers, obuppan, and osonae



Thank you! To Setsuko Furuike, Rev. Usuki, and September guest speaker, Jodi Miles. Jodi Miles explained the foundational guidance for followers of Shinran Shonin, followed by an interactive reading of **The Eightfold Path**: 1. Right Views, 2. Right Thoughts, 3. Right Speech, 4. Right Conduct, 5. Right Livelihood, 6. Right Efforts, 7. Right Mindfulness, and 8. Right Meditation.

Membership Directory

Thank you to Setsuko Furuike who submitted information about our membership to the Buddhist Churches of America Association.

Landscape Improvements So many back-logged maintenance items were completed this past month. Many thanks! To Brian Downie and Dennis Ito for painting the back fence which was looking a little neglected. Jodi Miles catalyzed many maintenance actions with Dennis Ito – adding rock to the front walkway and in the back, assisting with the trimming of trees, replacing parts of the bamboo screen in front walkway. Dennis Furuike, as always, has been noting those items that contribute to an orderly and peaceful setting. Please let them know that we appreciate all of their efforts!

Visit from Rev Furumoto and Three Ministers-in-training As noted previously, BCA is trying to fill the minister position for our sister temple, Oxnard, as well as BCSB. We will report on their visit in the next newsletter.

Election time! The acting officers will be sending out ballots for our 20-member Board of Trustees. We will also have ballots available at the Oct 12 service. Once elected, the important responsibility of the BOT is to turn around and vote for the Officers of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.

Also, on the ballot, we will solicit suggestions for Program Chairs.