

Gassho

To promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism
and to continue to live the nembutsu as a warm and friendly temple



Sensei's Message

The Social Face of Buddhism

Happy New Year! 2018 was a very eventful year. Thank You to Everyone for helping to making it so memorable for the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. I look forward to a Wonderful 2019! A little while ago our temple hosted the Southern District Conference at the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Our theme was "the Social Face of Buddhism." For those that attended, I hope you enjoyed yourself while learning, and for those that helped at the event, thank you for your hard work and support.

The initial thought behind this topic was to introduce how we are viewed as Buddhists from other perspectives. Are we pacifists, are we activists, do people still consider us Buddhist when we do no practice, or are we living a way of life. As time passed, we wanted the attendees to come to the realization that all life is Different. All life is Unique. All life is Equal. We brought some great presenters together. They were kind and compassionate enough to share their lives, their struggles, how they have managed them, and how we can understand. In the end we all have struggles. It causes me to think about Amida's vows from the Juseige, Verse 2 and 3.

I will be the greater provider
Throughout innumerable kalpas.
Should I fail to save all in need,
I would never attain Enlightenment.

Upon my attaining Enlightenment,
If my Name were not heard anywhere
In the ten quarters of the universe,
I would never attain Enlightenment.

The Buddhist path of Amida as stated in the first verse is for everyone who needs it. We are fortunate enough to have been able to have heard the Name, Namu Amida Butsu, and have already seen its' effect. We are able to apply the teachings to ourselves and say that this is a true influence in our life because we are accepted as we are. The Nembutsu teaching is not just for us alone or for people, but for all sentient beings. Even though we know this, we continue everyday thinking that we are individuals and separate. All living being on this earth have their problems and difficulties. Please think of this fact throughout your daily lives and act accordingly.

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This conference allowed us to learn about others. More importantly it helped us to see beyond our own perceptions, and learn how difficult it can be. Do not use stereotypes, but see that each person has their own story. We were given the opportunity to receive great compassion through the sharing of their knowledge and experiences. For us, Namu Amida Butsu allows us to calm our minds. It allows us to look within ourselves and reflect.

My wish for this 2019 is for us all to share our true stories. While we have the opportunity to share many life experiences at the temple help others through the incite we have gained on this path of Nembutsu. Even if we are not Buddhist minded, let us share what we have been given as the influences that make us who we are, and view them as a gift that many of us have been able to receive. This is the Heart of the Buddha. This is the Heart of our grandparents, parents, siblings, and friends. This is the Heart of our Community and the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. We are all part of this world. Let us accept our own faults and share the Light of Wisdom and Compassion we are constantly receiving.

For the Jodo Shinshu Followers, the Social Face of Buddhism is for us to see how our perceptions and judgements of others cloud the truth. This truth like the conference showed us that we are the ones that need help and compassion. If those people were not willing to share their life's struggles and experiences, we would not have been able grow. We receive the Light of Amida in the same way which brightens within so we can see. It is Buddha's wish for us to find settlement in this life through the Vow or the Buddha's Heart. We can look around and accept this wish to live a True and Real life which gives us Pure Joy. We can deeply appreciate these efforts by continuing to be honest, humble, and sincere. As we take our next steps into 2019, let us make the Buddha's Heart and Wish Our Own, let us not forget to share, and let us not squander the brief moments that can change a life or make it truly meaningful for everyone. With palms together in Gassho...

As the sun shines on the earth, awakening into growth the seeds that lie dormant in the soil, may the Light of Wisdom shine into our minds and truly awaken us to our limitations and by this insight stir us to strive for a life of deeper understanding. May the light of Compassion warm the innate humanity in our hearts that we may truly appreciate and respect the intrinsic value and dignity of all life. May the light of Truth cast its splendor upon the minds and hearts that they may continue to guide this temple and the world with great Wisdom and deep Compassion.

May this same Light of Wisdom shine upon us all, giving us the insight to realize that all life is One, that we may constantly strive for the well-being of not only of ourselves but also of all people everywhere.

Namu Amida Butsu

-Rev. Kory Quan



President's Message

Happy New Year, everyone! You're probably reading this well into 2019, but this is the first issue of the year, hence the New Year's greeting.

This is the Year of the Boar, or, Year of the Pig for you traditionalists. I, myself, am a Boar: oink,oink!



Our VHBT Boars at Shinnen Kai

I'll be hitting 60 in May, and I've been experiencing the signs of aging that we all do (or will) at some point: sore back, sore legs, failing eye sight. Luckily, I still have most of my hair!

The VHBT will be turning 60 next year, in 2020, and it, too, has been showing its age. Last year, we had a major plumbing problem that caused the temporary closure of the temple, but it wasn't something that a little "surgery" couldn't fix. Our Sangha, the heart and blood (I won't write "heart and soul" since I'm a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist) of our temple keeps the VHBT alive, whether we get a leaky roof, broken sprinklers, or broken heater. When we need help with a major service or running our obon festival, our members and friends keep the temple going.

But the temple can use a little bit of a transfusion to get some new blood circulating. If you know someone who may enjoy being around us, invite them to come to one of our events. A, B, AB, or O, doesn't matter, we'll take all types. If they're negative, we'll make them positive. Let's see if we can keep the temple alive for another 60 years.

In Gassho,

-Ron Gee

Fujinkai

Venice BWA finished the last of our 2018 SDBWA meetings on November 3rd. We discussed ways to ensure a smooth transition to the next SDBWA cabinet from Senshin. Thank you to our 2018 SDBWA cabinet ladies and to Iris Gee for continuing as SDBWA treasurer. Thank you Phyllis Hayashibara and Vicki Tokirio for the meeting refreshments.

On December 11th, we held our annual Bonenkai party. The ladies held their last 2018 meeting, followed by a delicious bento dinner and 25¢ bingo. Thank you to all the ladies who set up and organized the party.

On the morning of December 30th, BWA ladies gathered to prepare udon and toshi koshi soba for our Joya-e service that evening and dashi for ozoni served after our Shusho-e service. The ladies also came January 1st to finish preparing the ozoni. The soba, udon and ozoni were very delicious. Thank you to super-organizer Phyllis Hayashibara for purchasing all the ingredients and spearheading our efforts!

Our BWA also headed the 2019 Year of the Boar Temple Shinnenkai, with Phyllis Hayashibara again at the helm. Over 100 guests enjoyed the luncheon catered by Roger and Claire de Leon. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for the Martinelli's cider and toasting cups, to the Cub Scouts for ice, and to both Scout troops and our Jr YBA for distributing the cake and many door prizes. Great appreciation goes to Joyce Enomoto and Tomoko Fukuda for handling the mailing list and invitations/RSVPs and to Aya Masada for organizing the program. Special thanks to Bill Yamane, for his inexplicable milk, rope, and card tricks, to Dustin Noriyuki for creating the Year of the Boar banner, to the Senior Ladies for the table decorations, and to Judy Nawa, Julia Ueda and Judy Yamaguchi for the delicate corsages and boutonnieres.

Dharma School

On November 17th, our students enjoyed a "Legos"-themed Kids' Club night, with movies, food and activities. Thank you to Jayme and Karyn Heyl for chairing the event.

At our annual Oseibo event, Dharma School was in charge of otoki lunch. Thank you Karyn Heyl for coordinating the main dishes and to those who brought salads and desserts. Oseibo gifts were given to our Dharma School students. Thank you Jayme and Karyn Heyl and Emily Kariya for preparing the gifts.

On December 28th, two dozen Dharma School students, Girl, Cub and Boy Scouts plus parents went on our annual visit to Kei-Ai. Revs. Kory Quon and George Matsubayashi accompanied us, and Rev. George sang celebratory songs. We visited four floors of residents, and the kids sang holiday songs with great joy and energy. The children also distributed Year of the Boar calendars. The residents enjoyed the performances; one woman cried with joy to see the children. Thank you Girl Scout Troop 5325 for copying/assembling the calendars, to all who participated and to all the people who colored the calendars. Thank you also Tom Yamaguchi, who brought pizza for lunch afterward.

The first 2019 Kids' Club event was held January 12th. Its theme was "Glow in the Dark" and featured such cool decorations as black lights downstairs, colored, blinking, sound-sensitive light bulbs in the hondo and glow sticks and necklaces for everyone. Everyone enjoyed the festive lights while chanting part of the Shoshinge; later they watched Pixar shorts. Thank you Jayme and Karyn Heyl for organizing the event.

On January 15th, Emily Kariya and Julia Ueda prepared delicious ozoni and fried rice to follow our Hoonko Service. Tom Yamaguchi brought donuts for dessert. Thank you to these individuals and to our Dharma School staff for their efforts.



Pack 79 headed into the Fall and Winter with several fun Pack and service events. After enjoying the annual Halloween Party hosted by the temple, we had some science based fun as a few scouts attended the annual Exploring Your Universe Event at UCLA. Our scouts also enjoyed the Halloween party hosted by the temple and of course Mochitsuki! We finished the year with the Girls Scouts and other temple youth groups as we visited Kei Ai Nursing to sing holiday carols and bring some cheer to the residents. At our final pack meeting of the year, our scouts were thrilled to get a visit from Santa Claus!

2019 is off to great start as we held our annual Family Fun Event at the Toyota Sports Center where about 50 scouts and their families spent part of the afternoon ice skating. The Boy Scout slogan is to "Do a Good Turn Daily" January saw our pack operate under that slogan as we participated in the temple clean up, collected almost 1,000 pounds of food (and \$500 of cash donations) to benefit the Westside Foodbank! Our older scouts also had a chance to get to know and work with scouts from Troop 764 on outdoor skills at troop 764's Rock Cook event. We're looking forward to our busy Spring as we just handed out our Pinewood Derby cars and reserved the Betty O for our Fishing Saturday in May!

For more information about Pack 79 and Cub Scouts, please email us at cubpack79@vhbt.org or check out our public Shutterfly site at: <https://marinacubpack79.shutterfly.com/>

Investiture and Re-Dedication Ceremony
By Hanami Wexler

On October 29 th, 2018, Girl Scout Troop 5325 had its annual Investiture and Re-Dedication Ceremony at the Temple. This is a time when we welcome new Girl Scouts to our troop and honor our returning Girl Scouts. We welcomed five new Brownies, one new Junior and five new Cadettes to our troop. We now have 67 girls in our troop! We also have three new leaders. Their names are Akemi Taylor, Erina Murakami and Paula Tomizawa Mendoza.

We also recognize the many hours of volunteer work that girls in our troop have done to earn the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Some girls even received the Gold Service Award because they did over 250 hours of volunteer work over the last year. 24 girls in our troop received a special pin (either bronze, silver or gold) and a letter of congratulations from the President of the United States.

The Investiture and Re-Dedication ceremony is really special because it marks the beginning of our year and welcomes everyone into the troop. It reminds me of how many years I've been in Girl Scouts (6!) and the wonderful opportunities I've had in Troop 5325. A perk of this ceremony is the delicious treats we get to have afterwards. The troop provides spam musubi and the Cadette 3 group had a bake sale to raise money for their Silver Awards. The brownies from the bake sale were so tasty and eating these treats was a perfect start to our year in Girl Scouts!

By Jacklyn Oldoerp

For my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I created a series of clinics to teach incoming 3rd to 7th graders the basic skills of volleyball. The clinics provided an alternative form of physical activity for the Venice Japanese Community Center youth and exposed them to a sport that many of them had never played before. From organizing, planning, and executing the clinics, I learned how to take an idea to benefit my community and turn it into reality. Hearing parents' feedback about their children's enthusiasm for volleyball after attending the clinics has given me an appreciation of the fulfillment that comes with inspiring others.



Special Articles

!2019 Obon Festival! *WonTon RETURNS!*

The 2018 redesigned Obon Festival was a great success in terms of lightening the workload of much of our over-stretched Sangha, generating resource for VHBT and creating a warm and friendly event for the community. As we know, it takes a village to put on an Obon Festival. THANK YOU, dear VHBT village!

Listening to your feedback on the redesigned event, our world famous *WonTon* will return in 2019, joining our popular *Teriyaki Chicken, Spam musubi, chili rice and hot dogs, and all the other 2018 menu items.*

2019 will also see an expanded Lumbini Boutique and continuation of Obon Sponsorship opportunities. To donate to the boutique or for more information on sponsorships, please contact Debbie Ching, 310 748-7940, dfching@gmail.com.

Please support our Obon Festival (*join our village!*) by volunteering for food preparation and booth shifts, donating goods and resources, and coming to enjoy the festivities.

Obon Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. We welcome your suggestions and feedback.



Our next committee meeting is scheduled for February 19th, and we will be gearing up for our annual spring activities. As usual, we will be in charge of the Spring Ohigan service and otoki on March 24th, and we will also host our annual Film Festival event. This year's festival has the theme " " and will feature four films. The films will be screened at our temple on four consecutive Sundays: March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at approximately 12:00 pm.

We may also consider doing some new activities that we haven't done before, or bringing back some that we've done in the past that we haven't done for a while. Stay tuned for more information about these events.



Let's Learn Day: Mondays

Exercise Day: Tuesdays– Chair Exercise (video)

Game Day: Fridays



TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks the following members for their 2018 dues received from January 2018 through December 2018. The asterisks (*) identify our Honorary (Keiro) members who made membership donations. As we begin our membership drive for 2019, we want to thank all of you for continuing to support the Temple through your membership dues.

***Jim & *June Akioka**, Joe & Dianne Belli, Roger Brown, Ken & Sheri Nagata Chen, Marty & Robyn Cohen, Mark & Lisa Cummings, Tom & Janet Davall, Wayne & Karen Eguchi, ***June Fujioka**, Kei & Tomoko Fukuda, Kristina Fukuda, Ron & Barbara Fukuji, Ron & Iris Gee, Eugene & Phyllis Hayashibara, John & Patti Heyl, Joe & Judy Hopfield, Mildred Ichinotsubo, Leonard & Gwen Imada, Shirley Inada, Gerald Iseda, ***Minako Iseda**, Osami Ishida, Calvin & Sharyn Yoshimi Ito, ***Dale Ito**, Joan Ito, Sachiko Ito, ***Hiroshi** & Kazuko Kadomatsu, Emily Kariya, Yoshiko Kariya, ***Dennis Kato**, Scot Kawano, ***Sammy & *Chieko Kishimoto**, Jim & Gail Higa Kita, ***Sanaye Kita**, Sam & May Kiyohara, ***Kenji** & Shinobu Koda, Frank & Elaine Koyama, ***Setsuko Kuda**, ***Mae Kumagai**, Gary & Leticia Kurashige, ***Milnes & *Nori Kurashige**, Mike & Carol Kusama, Tom & Delcene Kuwata, Ayako Masada, Erik & Cindy Matsubayashi, Irene Matsumura, Charles & Sue Mayeda, Mark & Debbie Ching Mayeda, Jino & Aleyna Minamoto Ok, Mark & Diane Morimoto, ***Victoria Morimoto**, Hiroko Morita, Daniel Motobo, Jackie Motobo, Dan Nakagiri, Tom Nakagiri, ***Tyler & *Jean Nakamoto**, Edgar Nakamura, ***John** & Judy Nawa, Ted & Eva Nishimura, David Nishina, ***Fusae Nishina**, ***Yayeko Nishina**, Anthony & Kori Nobuyuki, Dale & Gail Noriyuki, Darin Noriyuki, Dustin Noriyuki, ***Kay & *Kimi Obana**, Fusako Ogasawara, Quinn Okamoto, ***Ruby Okamoto**, Margarita Oku, ***Tatsumi Omote**, ***Fujiko Oriba**, Craig & Linda Oshinomi, Robert & Leah Oye, Ron & Janis Ozaki, John & Valda Palacios, Ken & Joyce Enomoto Rosengrant, Billy & Sandy Saeki, Ichiko Sakamoto, ***Hank Sakauye**, Merle & Gail Sharp, Mabel Shimasaki, ***Hitoshi Shimizu**, ***Sam & *Kuni Shimoguchi**, ***Mary Shimono**, ***Minoru & *Dorothy Shinmoto**, Mark & Sharlene Shinmoto, Ken & Sue Sogabe, Hirohisa & Kiyoe Suzuki, ***Norm & *Yoshie Tachiki**, Dave & Arlene Tadamaru, Kagemi Takata, Randy & Mari Tamura, Michael & Jill Ishida Tanaka, ***Sumiko Tochiyara**, Carey & Vicki Tokirio, Dean & Julia Ueda, Don & Cyndy Uehara, Scott Uematsu, Casey Uematsu, ***Gary** & Yoshiko Uyeno, Ron & Jane Wong Wakabayashi, George & Sheryl Yamada, Tom & Judy Yamaguchi, Rob & Peggy Yamamoto, Gail Yoneda, ***Sakaye Yoneda**, Kenzo & Annette Yonemitsu, Art & Roseann Yoshida

Membership Categories

Family Members	Individual Members	Senior Members
Family Membership (Includes children under age 22 years) \$500	Individual Membership (Single Adult age 30 and older) \$250	Senior Membership* (Keiro– age 80 yrs. During or after 2018) \$125
Young Family Membership (Family under age 35 years) \$350	Young Adult Individual Membership (Single adult under age 30 years) \$125	Senior Membership* (Keiro– age 80 yrs. before 2018) Complimentary



WISH LIST

NEEDED ITEMS & Facility Service Projects

- Help with renovation of storage sheds & shelving in back parking lot
- Convert sprinkler system in garden to drip system; install low voltage lights to bonsai trees
- New gate with lock by BBQ grilling area
- Hose, 25' heavy duty (2)
- stiff corn brooms for outdoor use (2) & rakes (3)
- 60" Commercial gas BBQ grill
- New Mochi grinder
- Install new double pane windows downstairs
- Large sturdy tables from Mity-Lite Tables, 12 needed – (approx. \$275 ea.)
- New storage shed at south side of garage
- 32 gal. Commercial "Rubbermaid Brute" gray trash cans with lids (4) - (approx. \$30 ea.)
- Commercial Rubbermaid plastic trash can "Dolly" (4) - (approx. \$35 ea.)
- Install smoke detectors
- install new intercom at side door
- Uchishiki - 4 triangular matching brocade cloths for Onajjin, 1 Mizuhiki - table skirt, 1Tocho - hanging brocade curtain surrounding Amida Buddha – (approx. cost for all pieces:\$45,000)
- Obuppan-ki - holders for rice offering, set of 2 - (approx. cost: \$800)
- Kebyo set - matching altar water holders, etc. - (approx. cost: \$6000)

On- Going Needed Items:

- Water, 1 gallon size
- Forever postage stamps
- Glue Sticks (Elmer's brand)
- Reams of copy paper
- 33 gal. heavy duty trash bags
- Large (10 ¼") paper 3-sectional dinner plates; small paper dessert plates & bowls
- Large, medium, small latex-free, powder-free gloves
- Paper towels & Napkins
- Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- Bathroom tissue, seat covers, multi-fold 2-ply paper towels (approx. 9"x9")
- 7 oz. cold cups, 6-8 oz. hot cups, "paper"
- Regular & decaf. coffee (ground)
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers, sponges, scrub brushes
- Dawn Dish Soap, liquid hand soap, Bon Ami cleanser, Windex

*The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will gratefully accept any donations or contributions towards the above needed items & services. Please contact Ron Gee, VHBT President @ (310) 266-7296 or via E-mail: crouchingbruin@gmail.com or Rev. Kory Quon @ (310) 391-4351 or via E-mail: Sensei@vhbt.org for more information.

November 2018 - January 2019

The Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple gratefully acknowledge & thank all donors for their generous "Temple Wish Board" donations.

Thank you for your Donations!

October 2018

Eitaikyo: Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Koda

Funeral: Ms. Patti Kirio (Donna Nakagiri Family), Mr. Yasushi Udagawa, Mrs. Hiroko Wakino

Memorial: Mr. Roger Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mayeda, Ms. Rumi Mayeda, Ms. Ayako Masada, Mrs. Kazuko Ozaki, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Ozaki, The Sebastian Family, Mr. & Mrs. David Tadamaru, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Tachiki, Mr. Grennie Uchida, Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Uchida, Wedbush Securities Friends of Udagawa Family, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Yamashita

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Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Dear Members and Friends,

In commemoration of Buddha's 2684th birthday, the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and Dharma School will observe our Hanamatsuri Service on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the temple.

Also, our 34th Hatsumairi Ceremony, which is observed for infants and children, will be held in conjunction with our Hanamatsuri Service. This ceremony is the official initial presentation of the infant to the Buddha and the Sangha. Parents who wish to have their infant or small child participate in this ceremony should complete and return the Hatsumairi application form, included in this letter, by March 10 to the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Please download additional forms, if necessary, at the temple website, vhbt.org. If you have further questions, please contact Rev. Kory Quon at 310-391-4351 or sensei@vhbt.org.

Otoki refreshments will be served immediately after the service by our A.B.A. members. An offertory envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please join us for this important service and we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely in Gassho,

VENICE HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

花祭り法要・初参式のお知らせ

釈尊の回目2,684のお誕生日に当たる、今年度の花祭り法要を2019年時10日（日）午前7時4よりお勤めするようになりました。尚、今年度はベニス本願寺の第34回初参式となります。初参式は赤ちゃんから歳当4-3りの子供を中心として、子供を仏様、又は門信徒の皆様に初めて紹介する儀式であります。初参式にご参加なさりたい方が居られましたら、同封の申込書を使って下さい。お問い合わせはクオン開教師までお願いします（310-391-4351又はsensei@vhbt.org）。締め切りは3月10日になっていますので、ご注意ください。

つきましては、花祭り法要懇志の封筒を同封させて頂きました。皆さんの暖かいご援助のお陰さまで、ベニス本願寺があります。今年もどうぞよろしくお願い申し上げます。

法要後、仏教壮年会の皆さんが準備して下さるお齋があります。どうぞお誘い合わせの上、ご参拝ください。

ベニス本願寺

2019 HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY APPLICATION FORM

2019 年初参式の願書・2019 年 4 月 7 日

April 7, 2019

Hatsumairi is a ceremony in which a child is presented to the Amida Buddha and the Sangha for the first time. It is also called *Shosan-shiki* in Japanese. This ceremony is held in conjunction with our annual Hanamatsuri service, which celebrates the birth of the historical Buddha.

Parents of infants and young children are cordially invited to participate in this ceremony, surrounded by beautiful flowers and the scent of sweet tea.

Send applications to Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, Attn: Hatsumairi, 12371 Braddock Drive, Culver City, CA 90230. Application deadline is March 10, 2019.

For any questions, please call Rev. Kory Quon at (310) 391-4351.

Name of Child 名前	(in English 英語名)		
	(in Japanese Kanji 漢字)		
Birthdate 生年月日		Birthplace 誕生地	
Father's Name 父の名前			
Mother's Name 母の名前			
Street Address 住所		Telephone No. 電話番号	
City, State, Zip 市、州、郵便番号			
E-mail Eメール			





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Annual Obon Sponsorship is a new opportunity to support the Obon Festival and Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. With gratitude, we invite you to be a 2019 Obon Sponsorship with a monetary gift to VHBT of \$1,000 or \$500. Sponsors will be acknowledged throughout the Obon Festival. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Ching at dfching@gmail.com or 310 748-7930.

Yes! I/we would like to support VHBT and the Obon Festival as an Obon Sponsor:

\$1,000 Sponsor Level

\$500 Sponsor Level

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To receive an acknowledgement letter, please provide:

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VHBT Obon Sponsorship c/o Debbie Ching, 5416 Shenandoah Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

Thank you with much gratitude for your Obon Sponsorship!