At Senshin, we have several animals that give us a sense of peacefulness. Genbo, Mas-sensei’s dog, a very pretty miniature Schnauzer, barks at everyone without any discrimination (it can represent Amida Buddha’s non-discriminating mind). Stray cats or the neighborhood cats take a walk in the courtyard. Also, we enjoy watching a squirrel, named “Seymour.” Recently I saw Seymour and two other squirrels playing together on the tree. As I was watching the three squirrels, I recalled an interesting habit...
"We are educated to be smart. Smart is better than foolish. But for listening to the teaching, foolish is better than smart."
Happy New Year!

As another year rolls by and a new one gives birth, this is a good time to reflect on the year that has passed. I completed my first year as the Board president and this experience has brought me a new meaning and understanding of what it means to, “Put my faith in the Sangha.”

Serving as president in 2015, I really didn’t feel the responsibility was so burdensome or stressful. With the title, of course, comes certain responsibilities: Chaired board meetings, representing our temple at various religious functions, including quarterly district conferences, annual national meetings, funerals, etc. But these engagements were fairly straightforward.

What I’ve come to understand much better and experience up close, is how our Sangha keeps our temple alive and well. To me, it is truly a living and breathing entity. As president, one is mostly the point person for Senshin Buddhist Temple as well as I can. But if I did something out of tradition, or ignorance, or forgot to do something, our Sangha would rise up and correct me, teach me, urge me, to look for better answers or solutions.

The Sangha is of course made up of many individuals that keep the temple running smoothly and without much fuss. The light bulbs get changed, fences get repaired, plumbing issues get handled, pine trees get pruned, the Kids’ Club, Dharma School and Taiko classes are organized, our finances are overseen. Even for big things like obon, the yagura gets set up early and Wilbur has taken the brunt of the aggravation. We owe a great deal of gratitude for Wilbur’s diligent management of the social hall renovation project and Wilbur has taken the brunt of the aggravation. We owe a great deal of gratitude for Wilbur’s diligent management of the social hall renovation project.

I’ve avoided mentioning names in this article because there are so many to acknowledge, I would not want to leave anyone out. But I would like to mention one person who really spent a lot of extra energy and time running smoothly and without much fuss. The light bulbs get changed, fences get repaired, plumbing issues get handled, pine trees get pruned, the Kids’ Club, Dharma School and Taiko classes are organized, our finances are overseen. Even for big things like obon, the yagura gets set up early and Wilbur has taken the brunt of the aggravation. We owe a great deal of gratitude for Wilbur’s diligent management of the social hall renovation project.

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The BWA New Year Party will take place on Sunday, February 7th, in our social hall. The event will begin at noon with lunch followed by entertainment and games. Sangha members are invited to join us for $12 per person by contacting Patti Honkawa or Kathy Ibari. We welcome new members to join us, membership dues are $10.

We gratefully acknowledge donations from Misao Tomita, in memory of John Tomita, and Jean Minami, in memory of her mother, Misako Yokomi.

Next meeting is on Sunday, February 7th at 8:30am.

Not much news since we are still planning out the events for the new year. The ABA is letting everyone know that our dues are only $5.00 per person and we welcome all to join. Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 7th, at 9am.

We had perfect Mochitsuki weather on December 19th. The Jr’s would like to extend a much deserved THANK YOU to John Hiramoto, Henry Matsumura, Wilbur Takashima, Dennis Miyamoto, and the many individuals for their continued guidance and help. There was definitely no shortage of help. The turnout was great and that allowed us to pound out 750 pounds of mochi. It was another successful event to see so many members of the Sangha and friends coming out to help.

The next Jr’s meeting will be on February 7th after service.

If you’re a high school student and want to join, please contact Marilyn Shimabukuro at (818) 248-4720.
12/3/2015  Richard & Masako Murakami  
   In memory of Roy Otamura

12/3/2015  Chikako Kojima  
   Nokotsudo

12/6/2015  Kazuo Matsubayashi  
   Nokotsudo

12/8/2015  Duane Hirayama  
   Nokotsudo

12/12/2015  Jean Minami  
   Nokotsudo, Tatsuo Minami

12/13/2015  Misao Tomita  
   Nokotsudo, John Tomita
   3rd Cycle Memorial, John Tomita

12/15/2015  Mutsuo & Yukie Ushirogata  
   Nokotsudo

12/17/2015  Aileen Hongo  
   In Memory of Michiko Ambo
   Nokotsudo

12/31/2015  Carolyn Motokane  
   7th Day Service, Helen Motokane

1/26/2016  Carol Yokota  
   Dana

1/30/2016  Aileen Hongo  
   Dana

This is a reminder that Senshin will take any vehicle (car, pickup, truck, motorcycle, and even boat) as a donation to the temple. The funds realized from these donations are earmarked for the Senshin-ji Building Fund. Donors can report the full amount of funds received from the vehicle donation as a deduction on their tax returns.

We work with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS) to have the vehicles picked up, processed and refurbished as necessary to bring in the highest sale amount for the donated vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not operational, it can still have salvageable value, sometimes for more than we could expect.

Once the proceeds from the vehicle donation are received by Senshin, a letter is sent to the donor to acknowledge the vehicle donation. The letter includes details of the donated vehicle and the amount for which the vehicle was sold or salvaged. All donors will be acknowledged in the Prajna.

If you have any questions about the program, or wish to donate a vehicle, please contact either Jean Minami (323) 938-0048, or Wilbur Takashima (310) 398-9558.
February 14 is the final class of Session I of theWasabiKai pottery class of 2016. Session II dates are Sun-

children’s Schedule: Dharmaschool, Kids’ Clubs abd Kids’ Taiko

Buddhist temple Calendar.

Kinnara Gagaku and Bugaku

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**FEBRUARY TOBAN**
- **Sunday Service**
- **BWA**

**FEBRUARY Onaijin Flower Toban**
- Feb 6  Paige Morikawa / Denise Takehara
- Feb 13 JoAnn Komai / Kate Meigneux
- Feb 20 John / Deb Hiramoto
- Feb 27 Jean Minami / Jean Nakashima

**Upcoming in MARCH 2016**
- March 1-6
  - BCA Ministers and National Council Meeting, San Diego
- March 19-20
  - Higan Seminar and Service, Rev. David Matsumoto
- March 27 Osoji