

Southern District Buddhist Women's Association  
Chapter Report: 2024 1st Quarter

**Chapter: Gardena**

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**Past Events**

- January 7 (Sunday) BWA cabinet installed  
Co Presidents: Imogene Imada, Julie Miyata  
Religious Chair: Kathy Hori  
Recording Secretaries: Phyllis Maruyama, Nancy Yoshiyama  
Treasurers: Charlene Sakatani, Chizuko Morimoto  
Auditors: Mitsuko Miyamoto, Toyoko Yuki
- January 11-13, 7am: Raihai Service via Zoom. BWA served zenzai on Saturday 1/13<sup>th</sup> to all who attended service.
- January 14 (Sunday) Ho-Onko Service & Seijinshiki Service. BWA prepared cream pan otoki for everyone.
- January 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. 2024 Winter Pacific seminar, hosted by Gardena. The topic, "Buddhism and War" was presented by guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka, and a panel of ministers participated in the English and Japanese sessions.
- January 28 (Sunday) New Year's and New Members' Welcome Luncheon.
- February 3 (Saturday) – Japanese Seminar at GBC. This was sponsored by the GBC BEC and BWA with guest speaker Rev. Mayuki Nagamine of Higashi Hongwanji
- February 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Lady Takeko Kujo Service. BWA provided okumotsu for the onaijin and hosted this service. We had a special osaisen collection and donated the collection to the Girl Scouts, Troop 4345.
- February 11 (Sunday) – Nirvana Day Service. BWA was in charge of the osonae for the onaijin.
- February 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – The BCA and the GBC temple acknowledged Mrs. Yoshiko Miwa's 110<sup>th</sup> birthday during Sunday Service by giving her special certificates and a celebration. The BWA was also proud to have Mrs. Miwa as our honored advisor and gifted her a small token of our appreciation with a lei and a gift card to a local Italian restaurant, as Italian food is her favorite.
- March 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday - Spring Ohigan seminar. Rev. Tadao Koyama was our guest speaker for both the English & Japanese sessions. BWA provided breakfast and refreshments.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Spring Ohigan Service. BWA took care of the osonae.

**Upcoming Events**

- April 27 (Saturday). BWA will be conducting a sushi-making class for our newly formed YABA group.
- May 4-5. Fujimatsuri Carnival. Sat (5/4) Huli-Huli Chicken bento pick-up; Sun (5/7) Bingo, Bake Sale & Onigiri Sale. BWA is assigned onigiri making.
- February, 2026 – GBC BWA 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Planning committee formed. Special service and luncheon is on the schedule. Still seeking a guest speaker and trying to narrow down possible local venues.