

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

**Chapter:** Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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**January 2024**

- December 31<sup>st</sup> – BWA prepared Toshikoshi Soba Otoki for Joya-e, New Year's Eve Service
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – BWA prepared Ozoni Otoki for Shusho-e, New Year's Day Service
- January 13<sup>th</sup> – BWA prepared Sekihan Otoki for Hoonko Service.  
BWA provided lunch for the Ministers, guest speakers and komon following Hoonko Service
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Monthly BWA meeting (Hybrid)
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – BWA prepared nigiri Gohan, Sekihan and ham for the Temple New Year's luncheon
- January 29<sup>th</sup> – Origami class with Pasadena Buddhist Temple

**February 2024**

- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Kisaragi-ki service including Memorial for BWA members who passed away in 2023. We recognized our Beiju members, our Centenarians and introduced our new members to the Sangha. Following the service, we had our BWA New Year luncheon and BINGO.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> - Origami class with Pasadena Buddhist Temple
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – BWA monthly meeting (Hybrid)

**March 2024**

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - BWA prepared goma-ae green beans for the Temple Surf and Turf Dinner Fundraiser
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - BWA prepared lunch for the Ministers, guest speakers, and Komon following the Ohigan Service.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – BWA monthly meeting (Hybrid)
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Origami class with Pasadena Buddhist Temple
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Rennyō Shōnin Memorial Service. BWA will be preparing and serving Zenzai to the Sangha following this service.

**Ongoing classes/activities hosted by BWA**

- Tai/Qigong class is held virtually every Friday, from 10:00 am-11:30 am.
- Obon Odori Practice Class is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, at 8:45am-9:45am.