

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

Chapter: Venice BWA

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BWA meetings continue to be via Zoom.

December 30, 2023 BWA prepared Toshi Koshi Soba for the Joya E (year end) service and ringing of the Kansho 108 times.

We also prepared Ozoni for the Shusho E (New Year) service on January 1.

January 9 a Rev. Kory performed a virtual installation of our BWA officers for 2024-2025.

January 15 & 16 the Temple held Ojinjo services at 6:30 a.m. Okayu and vegetarian dishes were served after the service.

On January 28, the BWA hosted the Temple's Shinnenkai. Invitations were created and mailed out. Catering was provided by Pick Your Plate. Many of the corsages, leis, decorations and table centerpieces were made or crocheted by our talented members. A magician and karaoke provided the entertainment including a song performed by Rev. Matsubayashi. There was also a surprise visit by "Elvis" (aka Tom Yamaguchi). A great time was had by everyone.

February 17 was the Fujinkai Memorial service with commemoration of Lady Takeko Kujo, Eshinni Sama and Kakushinni Sama. Invitations were extended to the family of BWA members who have passed. Rev. Diana Thompson of the Tri-State Temple in Denver was our invited guest speaker. She is the daughter of Ann Hyde who joined the VHBT BWA in Kyoto, Japan for the World Buddhist Women's Convention in May, 2023. We had a potluck otoki after the service and 13 bentos were delivered to our Keiro members who did not attend. Rev. Thompson was also the guest speaker at the Pet Memorial Service held the next day.