

SD BWA 2023 Quarter 3 Chapter Report

Please use this to submit information on the projects and events planned by your chapter. Please submit by Oct. 7, 2023.

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Gardena

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Events and projects since June 2023. *

- June 11th, Sunday – GBC BWA had a Bento sale and sold 500 bentos for this event, thanks to the sangha's support. Preparation started on Saturday, (6/10) at 9:00am and finished up on Sunday (6/11), early in the morning. Bentos were passed out after Sunday service.
 - June 18th, Sunday – the Sangha Teens prepared a delicious Father's Day hot dog lunch for everyone.
 - JCI Carnival -June 24th. GBC was in charge of chirashi-zushi for this community event. June 23rd, Friday was prep for the chirashi and Saturday morning (6/24) assembly of the chirashi-zushi was done.
 - July 9th – Obon and Hatsubon Service. The BWA was in charge of preparing the anpan Otoki and the osonae for the onaijin.
 - Obon 2023- August 5th and 6th. The BWA prepared chirashi, maki & inari sushi but decreased the amount compared to previous years. August 5th we sold chirashi, maki and inari-zushi, and on August 6th -chirashi & inari-zushi only. Dancing was held on both days.
 - September 2, 2023 – SD Jr. YBL Conference – BWA prepared curry lunch to feed the 150 participants of this event that was held at Gardena Buddhist Church.
 - September 9th, Saturday – Tea Lunch for our members. We had a good gathering of 21 members (including Rev. John Iwohara, Rev. Nobuo Miyaji and Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji). We were so happy to see everyone turn out for this fun and social lunch event at Chado Tea Room in old Torrance.
 - September 16th, Saturday – Fall Ohigan Seminar with guest speaker Rinban Noriaki Ito from Higashi Honganji in Little Tokyo. BWA prepared refreshments for the Japanese morning session.
 - September 17th, Sunday – Fall Ohigan Otoki. The BWA made ohagi as the temple otoki.
 - September 24th, Sunday – BWA Birthday Party. This year we celebrated the 88th birthdays of: Tamie Kikuno, Kazuko Maruyama, Yoko Okumoto, Saeko Oyama and Sae Takahashi. We had a special service then went to lunch at Ise-Shima in the Miyako Hybrid Hotel in Torrance and had a good turnout of 31 attendees.
 - September 30th, Saturday - Dinner and Bingo Fundraiser for the Lahaina Hongwanji Relief Fund. It included a silent auction and a bake sale. We raised over \$20,000 through the generosity of all the participants.
 - October 8th, Sunday – Lady Eshinni/Kakushinni Service. Chairperson: Kathy Hori. Osonae will be prepared by BWA. BWA members conducted a special donation collection at this service, which will be given to the Boy Scout Troop that the GBC is sponsoring.
 - October 8th, Sunday- BWA Memorial Service – hybrid format from 11:30am. Decedents we are remembering: Sumiko Uyehara, Chieko Sonoyama, Teruko Hashima. Service was followed by lunch at Seashore Chinese Restaurant in Torrance.
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Upcoming projects/events/activities in this next quarter. *

- October 28th, Saturday – BWA Sushi making class for BWA members. In order to brush up on our skills. Thereafter, we plan to invite the YABA to join us at our 2nd sushi making session, possibly in 2024, since they expressed an interest to have a joint activity with us.
- February, 2026 – GBC BWA 100th anniversary. We are undertaking continuous and ongoing discussions.

Fundraisers you would like to announce:

Saturday, November 11th – PIF (Pass It Forward) GBC fundraiser. Udon dinner followed by bingo in our social hall.

Please share how much is your annual BWA membership fee and do you have special rates (super seniors, teens, etc.) *

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