

April 2021

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Recently I have been craving some Japanese snacks and obtained some and during my engorging on them, I was reminded of something that happened to me while I was in Japan: I had the opportunity to visit a Japanese high school with my fellow international classmates. Part of our curriculum was learning about Japanese culture and one of the aspects of any country's culture is the educational system its children go through. When we arrived, everyone was very courteous and after introductions as a group, we broke up into smaller groups: a pair of Japanese students and a pair of international students, each. In line with the Japanese culture, they had brought snacks for us to enjoy together.

It wasn't simply a big bag of chips that everyone was reaching into on every table, but each group had a variety of snacks, both sweet and savory, as well as drinks that we could choose from. This was a unique opportunity to try different kinds of snacks that were popular with the youth in Japan. My mind (and really my stomach) started to formulate how I would be able to taste all the delectable treats and offered to share the bag of crackers that I opened in hopes that the favor would be returned. Of course, as polite as everyone was, there was no issue in sharing our different snacks and I was elated. However, the mood changed as I tried some of my partner's drink.

There was a gasp, and I heard a whisper from across the table say "間接キス!" translated as "indirect kiss!" I asked what this meant, it was explained to me that when you put your lips on something and then another person puts their lips on the same thing, it is as though you kiss indirectly. I thought it was silly at the time and a thing that perhaps only high school students worry about, but because I had remembered this story, I decided to investigate it online. There was a wealth of information on the subject, much more than I would have expected, and much of it was the different kinds of indirect kisses (like between a bottle or a spoon of ice cream) and their implied meanings (because I guess the level of mouth involved implies something else).

But there was an article that got much more philosophical than I could have imagined. It began discussing the reactions that people have to an indirect kiss and stated that you can determine how accustomed you are to interacting with that person, and you can see into the room of that person's mind. I literally had to stop and reread what I had just read. If I am correctly understanding this article, by examining the way we react to indirect kisses we can get a glimpse into who we are as people. I had been so dismissive of the high school students simply being childish, but what more could I have learned if I actually considered what that reaction meant to who they were as a whole person? And what did how I reacted to their reaction say to them? It was a learning moment for myself in the spirit of self-reflection that we so often teach about in Jodo Shinshu. That to be compassionate and aware, we can't simply brush off things that we think we may be better than, whether we are too mature or some other gauge we compare ourselves to other people by. When people react to us, it is an opportunity to get some insight into who they are and learn what that means for both of us.

Gassho, Rev. Matthew Hamasaki

April Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of April will be held on **Sunday, April 11, 2021 beginning at 10:30 am, zia Zoom**. The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin's (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of April are listed below.

If the year 2021 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed relative, please contact Reverend Matt Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento at 916-926-2221 to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Collins, Donna	04-16-2015	Morita, Goro	04-04-1937
Deguchi, Shoji	04-26-1933	Nagai, Fumie	04-16-1919
Fujii, Shigetaro	04-10-1935	Nakagawa, Infant	04-25-1913
Fujikawa, Masami	04-27-1915	Nakano, Tsuyuko	04-25-1930
Fujiwara, Atsumu	04-26-1930	Nakashima, Percy Shotetsu	04-25-2004
Fujiwara, Kiyoshi	04-26-1930	Nakatani, Mamoru	04-06-1995
Fujiwara, Koki	04-26-1930	Ohta, Kotoshiro	04-20-1969
Fukushima, Hanako	04-10-1913	Okamoto, Tadanao	04-28-2006
Furukawa, George Shigeto	04-26-2010	Okasaki, George Kunio	04-07-2007
Furukawa, Mary Matsuno	04-13-2010	Okimura, Misaye Doris	04-25-2016
Hamataka, Kaoru	04-22-1913	Oku, Tadao	04-22-1917
Hamataka, Yuriko	04-03-1928	Ouchida, Hiroharu	04-17-1986
Imahara, Chizuko	04-10-1932	Sakakihara, Mitsuzo	04-??-1942
Imahara, Haruko	04-20-1927	Sasaki, Kikuo	04-10-1940
Imahara, Thomas	04-02-1979	Senda, Iwao	04-08-1926
Inouye, Tokuji	04-01-1963	Shintaku, Sato	04-02-1938
Irikawa, Tajiro	04-28-1962	Sumida, Shozo	04-01-1920
Iwamura, Minoru	04-07-2006	Sumida, Yuki	04-14-1982
Kadoya, Tsunekichi	04-09-1958	Takata, Fusako	04-11-1923
Kajita, Mariko	04-20-2009	Takeoka, Mitsue	04-25-1987
Kakutani, Minoru	04-29-1999	Tanaka, Sekiyo	04-23-1919
Kanenaga, Eddie Kanji	04-23-2020	Tanigawa, Jane Haruko	04-29-2009
Kanenaga, Kazuko	04-04-1980	Taniguchi, Toshi	04-24-1957
Kato, Heizaburo	04-28-1959	Tanihara, Kisaku	04-27-1928
Kato, Hiroyuki	04-16-1942	Tanihara, Tamayo	04-09-1976
Kato, Masaharu	04-09-1975	Terminel, Margaret Ann	04-13-2005
Kawamoto, Stacey Kiyoko	04-22-2016	Tominaga, Tamotsu	04-11-1919
Kawanishi, Atsushi	04-04-1994	Tsuda, Hachihei	04-18-1957
Kozumi, Karoku	04-14-1966	Tsukamoto, Kaneichi	04-19-1985
Kuroda, Tomeno	04-22-1973	Tsukamoto, Michiye Arlene	04-28-2009
Maeda, Benkichi	04-21-1939	Uno, Hiromu	04-23-2004
Matsui, Tsuta	04-24-1990	Urokogata, Yoshikazu	04-21-1935
Minamide, Koharu	04-20-1975	Yamamura, Kaneto	04-04-1973
Miyao, George Hiromu	04-21-2001	Yamanaka, Yoshimitsu	04-25-1985
Miyata, Hikoichi	04-16-1922	Yoshida, Suchiyo	04-05-1987
Mizusaka, Iwao	04-14-1926	Yoshimi, Yajuro	04-24-1941
Morishige, Mitsuru	04-04-1916	Yoshinaga, Kimiyo	04-17-1916

	2021 Memorial Service Schedule Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:		
Year	<u>Service</u>	Year	Service
2020	1 st Year	1997	25 th Year
2019	3 rd Year	1989	33 rd Year
2015	7 th Year	1972	50 th Year
2009	13 th Year	1922	100 th Year
2005	17 th Year		

Virtual Shotsuki Service

Please share the zoom link with any relatives or friends who may be interested in watching. Hope to see everyone Sunday, April 11th!

Topic: Buddhist Church of Florin's Hanamatsuri/Shotsuki Memorial Service Time: Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 10:30 AM

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: REV. YUKI SUGAHARA

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181971580

Meeting ID: 821 8197 1580 One tap mobile +14086380968,,82181971580# US (San Jose) +16699006833,,82181971580# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k8o9KUZ0Q



Highlights of BCA National Council Meeting by Peggy Okabayashi: 2022 proposed budget was passed by unanimous consent. Based on BCA membership the dues per member is \$151.18. Florin's monthly assessment will be \$2,116.59 based on an average membership count of 168.

Proposal to provide a discounted BCA membership to anyone under age 30 was presented and passed. Proposal to approve Candidate Affiliate Organization status to the Young Buddhist Editorial was passed.

"Dharma Forward Campaign" was launched to support the growth of BCA and IBS. Campaign to build the future of Buddhism in America.

2022 BCA Ministers Association and National Council Meetings "Strength in Sangha" will be held on March 8-13, 2022 at Doubletree Fresno Convention Center, Fresno, California.

Fundraisers: Sunday, March 7, 2021, BCF held a very profitable" Loco Moco Drive-Thru Breakfast" fundraiser that served 534 orders.

Next scheduled BCF fundraiser will be "Teriyaki, Chicken Plate Drive Thru" Sunday, May 2, 2021.

All affiliates were reminded to comply with the BCF Affiliated Organizations Guidelines. *First financial report due by April 30, 2021 and to include the bank statement from the last month included in the quarterly report.*

First Vice President, Margie Sunahara: Continues to be responsible for use and security of BCF facilities and grounds. Collects the mail weekly from the US Post Office box.

All affiliates were reminded to comply with the BCF Affiliate Guidelines. A committee chaired by Margie Sunahara will be reviewing each affiliate to determine compliance with the BCF guidelines. All reports were due on March 1, 2021.

BWA, Peggy Okabayashi: Lady Kujo Memorial Service "Dana Day" project was very successful. Filled 5 barrels with donated food items and collected \$625 in donation for Elk Grove Food Bank and also collected 14 bags of newspapers for SPCA. *March Dana Projects*: New socks for homeless for Loaves and Fishes and personal hygiene items for Wellspring Women's Center in Oak Park.

Jr. YBA, Ginny Syphax: February Dana Project the JYBA delivered 25 Valentine's Day goodie bags to Kiero church members. JYBA Fundraiser: Udon/Spam Musubi, Sunday April 25, 2021

Admin Duties, Ginny Syphax: Monitors BCF phones; Emails; FB page; hosts Sangha Check-in; and retrieves the mail from USPO box. Formats and prepares the "Oneness" for publication.

BEC: Sunday, April 11, 2021, Shotsuki and Hanamatsuri Service, Guest Speaker: Rev. Yuki Sugahara.

Facilities Maintenance Kenny Teranishi/Gary Okamoto: With the help of Lloyd Okimura they continue to repair and replace damaged roof panels, parsonage fencing, and stucco on the gym wall caused by the wind storm. Three bids were received to repave the parking lot. Will have two of the contractor's rebid.

Michael Kusama reported on the research he has been doing on BCF's Audio/Visual needs. He discussed technology using the Switcher Studio App and iPad and iPhones in lieu of expensive AV equipment. We would still need to purchase large monitor(s) and cameras for the Hondo. Mike will be reporting additional findings at the next Board meeting.

ONLINE PAYPAL DONATIONS

You can now make online donations/payments to the church by visiting our website at <u>florinbuddhist.org</u> and clicking on the "Donate" button near the bottom of the home page. This

is convenient for you to make online donations/payments for such things as, osaisen, shotsuki, special services, membership and other services/events.

Contact Kathy Menda at (916) 392-1896 or (916) 761-9469 if you have questions.



Buddhism in Everyday Life Shinransama

As the gentle morning breeze waft through the window, and I press my hands together to recite Namu Amida Butsu, Shinran-sama, with a smile, is standing by my side.

Though the glittering starry skies may be clouded over in the storm, when I recite Namu Amida Butsu, Shinran-sama will come to light my way.

Whenever I'm overcome with grief as I travel through this life, I recite Namu Amida Butsu; Then, Shinran-sama draws near to hold my hand and walks along with me.

Namu Amida Butsu

(Shin Buddhist Service Book)

2021 Membership Dues

The Buddhist Church of Florin thanks the following members who have paid their 2021 membership dues.

Hitomi, Myrna	Nishida, John & Ailene
Ito, Gordon	Oda, Tom & Nancy
Kakutani, Kenny & Cindy	Shimozaki, Dean & Donna
Minato, Beth & Christenson, Sandra	Takemori, Tatsuko
Nakata, Norma (Jan - Jun)	Yamamoto, Debbie

2021 membership dues were due by January 31, 2021.

The 2021 membership form can be found on our website at www.florinbuddhist.org, at the temple or from Tim Tsukamoto at (916) 606-0455 or email timtsukamoto@gmail.com Please direct membership questions to Tim Tsukamoto.

Tsuru for Solidarity – JYBA Project

Jr. YBA (JYBA) will be collecting folded cranes for Tsuru for Solidarity. For more information about this project, go to https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/ JYBA's goal is to provide 1,000 tsuru to this campaign.



A BIG THANK YOU TO ELAINE YOSHIKAWA Elaine donated 100 folded tsurus! Thank you Elaine!

If you would like to help JYBA fold some cranes, but do not have any origami paper, you can contact Ginny Yamamoto Syphax at pchefcookingparty4u@gmail.com, she will gladly send you a supply of origami paper.



JYBA only consists of 6 kids, so if you are able, your help making these cranes would be appreciated.

LAST CHANCE! Orders postmarked April 3, 2021



Buddhist Church of Florin Jr. YBA Udon/Spam Musubi Fundraiser



Sunday, April 25, 2021

Prepaid, contactless pick-up/drive-thru pick up only

\$12.00 per order (order includes udon & spam musubi (3 pieces)

TO ORDER:

- 1) Print & completely fill out the order form
- 2) Make your check payable to: FLORIN YBA
- Send check and order form to: Buddhist Church of Florin – Jr. YBA fundraiser
 P.O. Box 292006, Sacramento, CA 95829
- 4) Orders must be postmarked by APRIL 3, 2021
- 5) Unfortunately, email or phone orders cannot be accepted.



PICK UP YOUR ORDER:

Sunday, April 25, 2021 between 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

Please print & complete the order form below:

Name:	
Phone: ()	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Number of orders
Questions? Call (916) 383-1831	X \$12.00/order
	Subtotal: \$
	Additional Donation (optional) \$
	TOTAL Enclosed: \$
Email:	



Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School News & Events April 2021 "B.R.A.I.D." – Building Respectful Awareness & Inclusion through Dharma

Wow, looking back we can not believe it has been a year since we were able to gather. We hope everyone is able to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and with that sentiment Ella wrote a Haiku. Hopefully, it brings a smile. Stay well and safe.

> After a dark storm, The sun will always come. Hope Will be coming soon.

> > - Ella Lam

Dharma Zoom

Dates Theme for Sangha Member TBA April 18, 2021 10:30 AM Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460705891 Meeting ID: 834 6070 5891 One tap mobile +16699006833,,83460705891# US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 834 6070 5891 +14086380968,,83460705891# U\$ (San Jose) Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k0N6iCAan **Dial by your location** +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)



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BWA News

THANK YOU/ARIGATO

Lady Kujo Memorial Service – Kisaragiki Alice Okimura Amy Oda Connie Yee Donna Kunisaki Jeanne Nakamura JoAnn Kusaka Liz Kono Lois Tanaka Mary Otani Myrna Hitomi Sharon Okamoto Shirley Gee Susan Takeda

Ann Tsukamoto Hiroko Saigo Judie Miyao Louise Teranishi Sandy Okuno Shirley Ito Charisse Okamoto Janice Takeuchi Linda Nakao-Jagger Margie Sunahara Sharon Arase Sue Nakahira

Connie Yee – In memory of Rose Ito

Special - Anonymous

DANA – Cultivating Generosity

Dana Day Project – Elk Grove Food Bank Services and Sacramento SPCA Newspaper Drive BWA collected 5 food barrels weighing 750 lbs and \$625 in cash donations and14 bags of newspaper bundles. Thanks again to all the generous donors and volunteers!

March Dana projects –Loaves and Fishes New Socks Drive and Personal Hygiene Items for Wellspring Women's Center. Please bring donations to the church parking lot March Thursdays 9 AM – 1 PM or final collection day, Drive-thru drop off on Friday, March 26, 10 AM to 2 PM.

Walking Group – Meet April 7, 2021, 10:00 AM at William Land Park (golf course parking lot), weather permitting. Participants will walk at different paces and distances, so all are welcome!

CELEBRATION - Happy 100th Birthday Toshi Fujimoto! Mits Yamamoto Birthday Greeting



Photos courtesy of Ginny Syphax and Jan Takeuchi.

BWA April 2021 Dana Projects

Cathy's Clothes Closet

Clothes are free of charge to all clients of Elk Grove Food Bank Services and families and children in partnership with the Elk Grove Unified School Student Support Services and Homeless Program. We offer clothing for all seasons, jackets/coats, socks, youth athletic shoes and back to work career wear.

Requesting: Gently used women's clothing



Requesting: Towels & blankets

How about doing some spring cleaning and donate those old, worn towels & blankets (& replace with new ones!!)

Collection Dates: BCF parking lot drop off April Thursdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) [LOTUS days] April 30 (Friday) (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) [w/Board members)

If in the 95831 zip code area, may deliver to Sandy's residence or call for pickup Sandy (916 424-6146)



LOTUS News

Gardening & more ...



[Above] Another task as a result of the windstorm back in January. Lloyd & Kenny are shown painting a fence replacement from the yard of the church parsonage.

Featured Member

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Ron Shimizu's bonsai training can be viewed throughout the church grounds. Each month Ron can be seen masterfully pruning several of the two dozen or so

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pine, maple, and other trees throughout the facilities.



He was the master planner of the *Isle of Trees* LOTUS project which replaced the lawn area in front of the temple. [Part of the 100th anniversary renovation project.]







LUNCH FIXIN's

JoAnn Kusaka JoAnn K/Jan T Eric Fujii Sharon Okamoto/ Ginny Syphax Weekly AM snacks including blueberry mochi cake Mabo tofu, Reuben sandwich Pre-loco moco fundraiser taste testing Alternating lunch desserts: Chocolate pudding poke cake Cinnamon coffee cake



Buddhist Church of Florin Teriyaki Chicken* Plate Spring Fundraiser

*People's Choice Award Northern California District Chicken Throwdown

Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Prepaid contactless drive-thru pick up only Meal includes: ½ chicken, rice, vegetable, pickled cabbage, orange slices

TO ORDER:

- 1. Print & fill out the order form.
- 2. Make check out to: Buddhist Church of Florin
- Send check and order form to: Buddhist Church of Florin/ Chicken Fundraiser P.O. Box 292006, Sacramento, CA 95829. Must be postmarked by April 14, 2021



PICK UP YOUR ORDER:

May 2, 2021 11:00 am-1:00 pm 7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

Email or phone orders will not be accepted Please print & use the order form below

Name	
Phone #	
Email	

Number of orders____x \$15.00 Total \$_____

Buddhist Church of Florin

Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant \$1,000

Public school education is the foundation for a harmonious and prosperous society. Unfortunately, public school teachers pay for classroom supplies and educational material with their own money because of school budget cuts. The Buddhist Church of Florin supports public school teachers by offering a \$1,000 grant for classroom supplies and education materials.

To be eligible for the Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant, you must be a full-time public school teacher in Kindergarten through 12th grade; and a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin (church membership dues are paid and current).

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Contact Walter Menda for a Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant Application at (916) 392-1896 or <u>wmenda@pacbell.net</u>.



In 2020, BCF received \$272.00 from the Amazon Smile program. The nice part is, we didn't have to do anything except sign up and designate BCF as our charitable organization,. Let's see if we can beat this number for 2021!



Make a Free Donation to the Church? As Easy as 1, 2, 3, 4. 5

IF YOU SHOP ON AMAZON, YOUR PURCHASES CAN EARN \$\$\$ FOR THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN!

The **Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF)** has joined a neat new program, **AmazonSmile**, an easy way to support the Church every time you shop, <u>at no extra cost to you</u>. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you find the same low prices, selection and easy shopping, while Amazon donates ½% of the purchase to the Buddhist Church of Florin.

HERE'S HOW IN 5 EASY STEPS:

- 1. Go to smile.amazon.com on an internet computer
- 2. Sign in (email address or mobile phone) in the field.
- 3. Enter your Amazon Password in the field.
- 4. Select Buddhist Church of Florin type in "Florin" to find it
- 5. Start shopping

If you're not an Amazon member yet, first click on "Create an Account", follow instructions, and select Buddhist Church of Florin.

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM INFORMATION:

• How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to **smile.amazon.com** from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to shop at AmazonSmile.

- Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations? Millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.
- Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile? Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding, and other account settings are also the same.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Purchase gift cards for yourself, family or friends and Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) will receive a percentage of the sale. Don't forget gifts for birthdays, graduations, baby showers, or anniversaries. For a complete list of gift cards offered, go to **shopwithscrip.com**. You can place your order online (**BCF's enrollment code is 2481168D38LL7**) or you can contact Ann Tsukamoto at 916-683-3401 or email awtsukamoto@comcast.net to place your order and make arrangements to pick up your order at her house in Elk Grove.

NEW!!!! If you want to place an order, your order must be received by Ann by <u>12 PM</u> on the following dates.

ORDER DUE DATES: (mark your calendars!)

April 3, 2021, May 1, 2021, June 5, 2021

Your order will arrive at Ann's house the following week.

Ann has the following on hand (limited amounts) for immediate purchase:



Ann must receive your order by 12 PM on the due date.

Ann has in stock (call her at 916-683-3401) the following cards:

\$25 –Raley's/Bel Air, Regal, Starbucks \$100 -- Raley's/Bel Air



BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Enjoy A Day Of Golf While Supporting The Buddhist Church Of Florin Includes GOLF, CART, RANGE BALLS, GOODIE BAG & 'EXTRAS'

WHEN: June 3rd, 2021 WHERE: Teal Bend Golf Club 1st Tee-TIME: 7:00AM Note: COVID Tier and cart availability on date of event may impact use of single/shared carts

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE MAY 20th, 2021

<u>A)</u>	WHO IS GOLFING?	PHONE NUMBER	
#1			\$85
#2			\$85
#3			\$85
#4			<mark>\$</mark> 85
Option	Optional Donation		
	Total Payment Due:		

B) GROUP'S EMAIL ADDRESS to provide your team with tournament info:

C) PAYMENT FINAL DUE DATE 5/20/2021

- Make check payable to: Buddhist Church of Florin
- Mail to: E.Fujii 325 34th Street, Sacramento 95816 (You can also hand deliver and drop in door mail slot. DO NOT mail to the church)

D) WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

- We are adhering to Social Distancing Guidelines at the Golf Course
- MUST register/pay by due date
- LIMITED to Max # 100 Golfers. (Cart assignments, tee-times, and misc. details will be emailed to gofers PRIOR to tournament).
- This tournament will NOT include dinner.
- Need more info? Contact Eric Fujii at efujii52@gmail.com or cell (916) 955 1954



Thursday Night Medical Series

"Living Each Day Well"

Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30 pm

Introduction to Shojin Ryori Cooking Buddhist Vegetarian Cuisine



Rev. Michael Endo Executive Assistant to the Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America

Please sign-up at

BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org