



# ONENESS

**Buddhist Church of Florin**



February 2021

Volume 2

Since I am spending a good amount of time entertaining a young child, to my own surprise and delight I have rediscovered things from my own childhood to aid me. One of those things has been Japanese songs that I had learned over the years from various places, whether it was at temple or at school or at gakkou that I attended during summer where I eventually helped out the music teacher so probably heard more Japanese children's songs than the average attendee. As a child these songs were mostly just sounds set to melody that I had to remember but as an adult who has studied some Japanese, I began to understand the meaning of the songs. Just like English children's songs, sometimes it's just nonsense and sometimes there is a reference to a story. And sometimes, there is a much deeper meaning to very simple songs.

One such song that I had been fond of but am now much more fond of is called "Zou-san" which can be roughly translated as "young elephant" or "little elephant". The first verse goes (in my weak translation) "Little Elephant, Little Elephant/You have a long nose, huh?"/ "Yes, I do!/ It is long, just like my mother's" and the second verse goes "Little Elephant, Little Elephant/Is there someone that you like?"/ "Well you see, /I like my mother!" As you can see, it is a very simple song and at first, to me, it seemed a bit obvious (a bit on the nose?) as elephants have long noses and they would have long noses from their parents because of what we learned in biology in middle school about passing down traits.

However, in looking into the meaning behind the song, it actually is much deeper than that. From the perspective of another animal, an elephant would look strange with such a different nose. But when asked about it, instead of responding insecurely or ashamedly, the young elephant is proud to have its long nose and loves its mother for giving them that nose. The purpose of the song is to hopefully instill the same self-confidence that the elephant has in its appearance in young children.

As Buddhists (and also perhaps as Japanese Americans) we are taught not to be boastful almost to the point of self-depreciation. There's also a cultural of not being too individualistic because the "nail that sticks out gets the hammer". And while I agree that we shouldn't emphasize ourselves to the point that we get arrogant or that it ends up hurting others, there is an importance in Buddhism for us to accept and appreciate our individuality.

When we try to see the world with our Dharma Eyes, we try to see the world as Amida Buddha sees it. Amida Buddha sees all living beings and accepts them as they are, loves them as they are. It is quite difficult for us to be the same way constantly, but it is important for us to strive to get there. At the same time, it is vital for us to see ourselves in the same kind of light. To say to ourselves, "I love you as you are, you are great the way you are." And hopefully with enough reflection, to get to the point of saying, "I'm glad I was born myself!" It is an important message for children to hear at a young age, but it is also applicable to people of all ages. As an adult, I can see now how often I thought so little of myself when I recognize that I was actually very lucky. It is through the nembutsu teaching and my own self-reflection that I am able to see how my experiences have been of great benefit to me. And hopefully if everyone else tries to see the world and themselves as Amida Buddha sees them, we can all be just like the Little Elephant.

Gassho,  
Rev. Matthew Hamasaki

## February Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of February will be held on **Sunday, February 14, 2021 beginning at 10:30 am, via Zoom**. The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin's (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of February 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 916-926-2221 to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Abe, Shige	02-23-1970	Nakashima, Lester T	02-03-1998
Fujii, Ted Satoru	02-04-1999	Nishi, Kikuyo	02-17-1985
Fuwa, Mabel Kikuye	02-19-1971	Nishi, Yaichi	02-14-1975
Goishi, Tomeyo	02-16-1979	Nishimoto, Itsu	02-11-1941
Hamamoto, Toichi	02-17-1974	Noda, Alice Shizuko	02-03-2002
Hayama, Alice Kiyoko	02-09-2017	Noda, Tokutaro	02-06-1934
Hayashi, Mika	02-13-1920	Nozawa, Sugimatsu	02-21-1933
Hayashida, Tadao	02-07-1923	Okamoto, Matsu	02-24-1914
Hiraga, Tomitaro	02-15-1936	Okamura, Sekichi	02-02-1937
Hirakawa, Sumiko	02-11-1935	Otani, Masayuki Walter	02-13-2008
Honda, Kazuma	02-08-1942	Sakamoto, Tatsukichi	02-27-1934
Imahara, Toichi	02-11-1931	Sasaki, Tadashi	02-27-1928
Ishii, Fukuji	02-10-1937	Sato, B. Shoichi	02-14-1970
Ishii, Tane	02-09-1941	Shibao, Chieko	02-23-1981
Ito, Rose Harumi	02-02-2015	Shintaku, Isao	02-24-1914
Itonaga, Kimie	02-22-1937	Shishido, Melvyn Takeshi	02-19-2012
Itonaga, Miki	02-06-1971	Sumida, Shigeru	02-07-1923
Kanemaru, Junnosuke	02-10-1961	Takehara, Alvin	02-18-1952
Kanemoto, Yuriko	02-12-2003	Takehara, Darrel	02-18-1952
Kato, Masashi	02-03-1955	Takehara, Kazuo	02-18-1952
Kishaba, Kame	02-14-1948	Takeoka, George	02-18-2012
Kow, Ritsu	02-10-1934	Tanaka, Yoshimatsu	02-03-1962
Kurima, Herbert M	02-20-2006	Taniguchi, Frank Ben	02-24-2018
Kushi, Masako	02-16-1911	Tanihara, Kiyoto	02-20-1968
Maeda, Toki	02-11-1946	Tanihara, May	02-03-2017
Masuda, Yayoyo	02-23-1935	Tonai, Reiko Moriya	02-23-2013
Matsui, Kichigoro	02-18-1940	Tsukamoto, Beatrice M	02-11-2006
Matsui, Noboru	02-20-1993	Tsukamoto, Infant	02-10-1911
Menda, Albert	02-27-1997	Uchida, Issaku	02-13-1918
Mitsuyoshi, Katsumi	02-02-1926	Umeda, Mrs.	02-27-1931
Miyao, Tokumatsu	02-19-1956	Watanabe, Teddy Osamu	02-15-2019
Nakamura, Takamichi	02-27-1923	Yamaoka, Tony	02-05-2013
Nakamura, Yuki	02-25-1986	Yoshihara, Shozo	02-06-1964
Nakashima, Isuke	02-04-1978		

## 2021 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>
2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	1997	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	1989	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2015	7 <sup>th</sup> Year	1972	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
2009	13 <sup>th</sup> Year	1922	100 <sup>th</sup> Year
2005	17 <sup>th</sup> Year		

## Virtual Shotsuki Service

Please share the zoom link to any relatives or friends who may be interested in watching. Hope to see everyone Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>!

Topic: Buddhist Church of Florin's February Shotsuki Memorial Service

Time: Feb 14, 2021 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84882217217>

Meeting ID: 848 8221 7217

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+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

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Meeting ID: 848 8221 7217

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keGSXaXJsW>



## Buddhism in Everyday Life The Teaching of Buddha

May all beings in the paths of existence, suffering from disasters, be released from their afflictions. May all beings in the world who receive benefits, share in the merit. May the State continue in peaceful prosperity with all its warlike activities stopped. May the wind blow in time, the rain fall seasonably, and the people live happily. May the entire Sangha sharing in this gathering cherish the highest aspiration – to attain Enlightenment and this without too much difficulty. May this Temple keep on its peaceful life, free from disturbances and the Sangha grow not only in faith but in wisdom and bliss.

Namu Amida Butsu

(Sacramento Betsuin Service Book)

**LADY TAKEKO KUJO**

## Memorial Service (Kisaragi-ki)

Women throughout the history of Shin Buddhism have dedicated their lives and supported the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni are prime examples. Lady Eshinni appreciated the Nembutsu teaching as expounded by her husband, Shinran Shonin, and supported his efforts to share the teaching with people from all walks of life. Lady Kakushinni, their youngest daughter, played a vital role in laying the foundation for the spread of the Nembutsu teaching so that future generations would be able to receive and rejoice in her father's legacy. However, during modern times, the most remarkable woman leader in the Nishi Hongwanji branch of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism would be Baroness Lady Takeko Kujo (1887-1928).



Lady Kujo was born as the sixth child and youngest daughter of the Abbot Myonyo (Ohtani Koson), 21st Abbot of the Nishi Hongwanji. She was a devout Nembutsu follower and took an active part in community service.

In 1904, Lady Kujo, together with her sister-in-law Lady Kazuko Ohtani founded the Fujinkai, later known as the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA), with the purpose of doing public service and fostering the solidarity of Japanese Buddhist women. It was a groundbreaking effort since both women had been sheltered within the temple and women generally were not active in society in leadership ways.

Lady Kujo was instrumental in the construction of the Asoka Hospital after the devastation of the Great Tokyo Earthquake in 1923. She was also founder of the Kyoto Joshi Gakuen (Kyoto Women's Schools) and known for her poetry expressing her deep appreciation of the Nembutsu teaching. She also wrote numerous poems and *gathas* about her Nembutsu faith. Lady Kujo died in 1928 after contracting an illness during her work in one of Tokyo's poor districts. To honor her great contributions to the Hongwanji and, also community, we hold Kisaragi-ki Memorial Service in February every year.

The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha BWA respectfully carried over the Dana (selfless giving) spirit of Lady Takeko Kujo and established the annual Dana Day in 1965 to be observed in February every year and practicing Dana by offering collections to charitable and social welfare agencies. In 2016, the Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations passed a resolution to observe the memorial service (Kisaragi-ki) for Lady Takeko Kujo on the second Sunday of February.

**Let us gather on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. for the Lady Takeko Kujo Kisaragi-ki, to honor her and her faith in the Nembutsu. Please connect to the service via Zoom at the following link:**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86471984521>**

**Annual Buddhist Church of Florin Awards**





Annually, as part of our New Year's celebration, the Buddhist Church of Florin Governing Board recognizes members of our Sangha with special Church Awards. Even though the Church had suspended services and activities due to COVID-19, individuals and groups continued to support the Church.

The Buddhist Church of Florin is proud to award the following Church Awards:

**Kansha Award** for outstanding and unselfish service in a special area are awarded to the following individuals:

**Ella Lam** – For your continued participation in Dharma School and Athletics and community outreach projects as a Girl Scout. Taking your time to write articles for the Church newsletter and always willing to help at Church bazaars and other fundraisers.

**Nadine Nouchi** – For your continued participation in Dharma School and Athletics. Taking your time to write articles for the Church newsletter and always willing to help at Church bazaars and other fundraisers.

**Tim Tsukamoto** – You represent the next generation of leaders for the Florin sangha. You have willingly taken on roles on the Liaison Committee, the Church Board and with Dharma School. You have displayed your diplomatic and thoughtful leadership capabilities while serving on the Church Board.

**Jeanne Nakamura** – You have shared your love of crafting with the BWA and church members and always participate in church and BWA activities. You can be counted on to help with all fundraising efforts. You willingly took on the duties of the BWA Recording Secretary for the past two years.

**JoAnn Kusaka** – Even through the COVID-19 pandemic you continued to support the Lotus Club members by preparing delicious meals and refreshments in a manner

safe for them to consume. You also continued to participate in all church fundraising activities.

**Sharon Okamoto** – Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, you continued to support the Lotus Club members by preparing delicious meals and refreshments in a manner safe for them to consume. You also continued to participate in all church fundraising activities and took on the duties of Church Activities Co-chair.

**YABA** – The YABA members can always be counted on to volunteer to help the Church and affiliates with any project or activity. They continue to express their Dana through selfless giving of their time and energy.

**Tadashi Bennig** – Since becoming a JYBA member, he has grown to be a hardworking, reliable volunteer at all Church events/fundraisers. This past year with COVID-19 Stay in Place Orders, he has shown leadership with the JYBA group, making suggestion for community service projects and upcoming JYBA projects. Thank you, Tadashi, for stepping up!

**Jan Takeuchi** – You can always be counted on to help the Church and BWA in our many activities. Throughout the years you have held positions of responsibility in the BWA and the Church Board, such as Co-president and Recording Secretary. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, you faithfully participated in Lotus Club.

**Tamazo Tanigawa Award** – is for outstanding community service and is awarded to:

**BWA** – For continuing to promote the Church and Buddhist teachings through their volunteerism in the community and at church. Even through the COVID-19 pandemic the BWA continued to practice Dana by giving selflessly to the church and reaching out to the local community in need through their many Dana projects and fundraisers.

**Devon Akiyama** - When exploring a project for his Eagle Scout community project, Devon wanted to give back to the Church as a way to say, “Thank You”. This past October, he created a plan of action and submitted the proposal to the Church Board for approval. He spent many hours planning, organizing, and executing the project. He ensured that all Covid-19 protocols were followed as the project progressed. Devon and his Boy Scout crew completed the project ahead of schedule. Thank you for all your hard work. Your efforts are much appreciated!

**Hidemo Kodama Award** – is awarded for outstanding service in maintenance and the recipient is:

**Lotus Club** – For your commitment to maintain the church grounds and facilities in a condition to ensure that church members can enjoy the beauty of the church. Rain

or shine, Lotus Club members can be counted on to maintain the grounds. Even with the COVID-19 Pandemic, the group continued to maintain the church grounds.

**Ben Sato Award** – is awarded to individuals for outstanding administrative service. The awardees are:

**Ginny Syphax** – For your many years of unselfish service and commitment to the Church and Sangha members. You have been the JYBA Advisor for many years and have nurtured our youth to become active participants and leaders in the Church and the community. You have actively participated on the Church Board for the past two years as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, demonstrating your leadership capabilities.

**Florin Buddhist Church Award** – is our highest award and it honors individuals who have served at the highest levels in the Church for multiple terms, actively participate in all activities, chair fundraising events, and keep up the spirits of the members when the workload seems unbearable. This year's award recipients are:

**Dick Kadoya** – For your lifetime of unselfish service and commitment to the Church and Sangha members. Your leadership and willingness to do whatever it took to get a job done, will be your legacy. You have willingly tackled the hard jobs such as Board President, Treasurer, Liaison Committee, Funeral Committee and Komon. You can always be counted on to share your wise counsel as Komon.



**Buddhist Church of Florin**  
Governing Board Meeting Highlights  
January 14, 2021 –Via Zoom

**Treasurer, Kathy Menda** presented the 2021 BCF Budget. In 2020, revenues exceeded expenses this was primarily due to COVID 19 donations and half year savings from not having a resident minister. The Governing Board reviewed and approved the 2021 BCF Budget to be presented to the general membership for final approval.

Kathy also reported the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial reports are due from affiliates, committees, organizations, etc. currently using the BCF federal tax ID.

**First Vice President, Margie Sunahara** reported the Dana Guidelines were approved by the Dana Guideline Committee. Margie continues to trouble shoot and collecting the mail from the US Post Office box.

**Second Vice President Walter Menda** reported “Teriyaki, Chicken Plate Drive Thru”, February 7<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to COVID 19 and that **Jennifer Kubo/Bazaar Chair** reported it will be reschedule for May 2, 2021. Next fundraiser “Loco Moco Breakfast Drive-Thru” March 7, 2021, Eric Fujii, Chairperson.

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.

Thank You to the BWA for \$2,000.00 year end oseibo to the BCF. BWA will have a virtual memorial service for Lady Takeko Kujo on February 21, 2021, at 10:30 am.

Dharma School will resume Zoom Dharma School starting in February on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:30am via zoom.

Jr. YBA held a joint game night with Betsuin’s JYBA members on December 19, 2020.

**Ginny Syphax**, Thank You for taking care of “church office duties” monitoring BCF emails, collecting mail from US Post Office box, monitoring BCF phone calls, monitoring BCF FB page; hosting Sangha Check-ins on Wednesday and formatting and preparing the Oneness for publication.

**Ann Tsukamoto**, Thank You for managing the Scrip program! Next order date is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership, Tim Tsukamoto**, reported Membership renewal letters have been prepared.

**Facilities Maintenance Kenny Teranishi/Gary Okamoto**, reported gutters were installed to outside kitchen, Lloyd Okimura installed downspouts to the gutters, and drainage pipe to parking lot sump pump was worked on.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Books were distributed, and the committee did a fabulous job. Special Thank You to Paul Kashiwase for doing all the work to format and prepare the book for printing.

**ONLINE PAYPAL DONATIONS**



You can now make online donations/payments to the church by visiting our website at [florinbuddhist.org](http://florinbuddhist.org) 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.

## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet Online**

If you would like a copy of the online version of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet, please request the link from Lois Kashiwase at [LoisKash2@comcast.net](mailto:LoisKash2@comcast.net)



## Buddhist Church of Florin Fried Rice Loco Moco Plate

### Breakfast Fundraiser

Order Pick-Up:  
9AM - Noon  
March 7, 2021

Location:  
Buddhist Church of Florin  
7235 Pritchard Road,

*Fried Rice,  
Hamburger Patty,  
Scrambled Egg, Gravy,  
Mac Salad  
(\*no special orders for this  
fundraiser)*



**Cost: \$12**

### HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

- 1) Complete ORDER FORM below
- 2) Make out CHECK to **Buddhist Church of Florin**
- 3) Submit ORDER FORM and CHECK (Mail or drop off NO LATER THAN February 22, 2021) to:  
**E. Fujii 325 34th Street, Sacramento CA 95816**
- 4) Pick-up on **March 7, 2021** between **9AM and Noon**
  - Drive into church parking lot at 7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento 95828
  - Check-in at first station and your breakfast will be delivered to your vehicle



NAME	HOW MANY ORDERS?	TOTAL DUE (\$12.00 EA)
YOUR PHONE NUMBER:		
YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:		

FYI: Your check will be deposited after the event.



Need more information?  
Contact E Fujii (916) 956 8557 or efujii52@gmail.com



**Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School News & Events**  
**February 2021**  
**“B.R.A.I.D.” – Building Respectful Awareness**  
**& Inclusion through Dharma**

Our ohana (family) thought of this song as the perfect message for this particular time. We hope it at least brings a smile to your face and “a little love to your heart.”

<p><b>Put a Little Love in Your Heart</b></p> <p>Think of your fellow man  Lend him a helping hand  Put a little love in your heart  You see it's getting late  Oh, please don't hesitate  Put a little love in your heart  And the world will be a better place  And the world will be a better place  For you and me  You just wait and see  Another day goes by  Still the children cry  Put a little love in your heart  If you want the world to know  We won't let hatred grow  Put a little love in your heart  And the world (And the world) will be a better place  All the world (And the world) will be a better place  For you (For you) and me (And me)  You just wait (Just wait) and see, wait and see</p>	<p>Take a good look around  And if you're looking down  Put a little love in your heart  I hope when you decide  Kindness will be your guide  Put a little love in your heart  And the world (And the world) will be a better place  And the world (And the world) will be a better place  For you (For you) and me (And me)  You just wait (Just wait) and see  People now, put a little love in your heart  Each and every day  Put a little love in your heart  There's no other way  Put a little love in your heart  It's up to you  Put a little love in your heart  Come on and  Put a little love in your heart  You've got to  Put a little love in your heart</p>
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**Dharma Zoom**

**Dates**

**February 21, 2021 10:30 AM Theme for Sangha Member TBA**

**February 28, 2021 10:30AM Theme for Sangha Member TBA**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460705891>

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Dec/Jan News  
February 2021

# BWA News

## THANK YOU/ARIGATO

Lori Okamoto in memory of Ets Okasaki  
Norrine Okamoto in memory of Kazuo Ito

Laurie Nakahira in memory of Sadako Betty Abe  
Shig Tahara in memory of Carol Tahara

Special donations:

Meri Fong

Lois Tanaka

Janet Sonoda – end of year  
Judy Yuki

Tsuitou Hoyo:

Sharon Arase  
Hiroko Saigo

Shirley Ito  
Jayne Yamamoto

Jeanne Nakamura  
Linda Yamashita IMO Ets Okasaki

## NEW OBUTSUDAN CART



The BWA enlisted the services of master craftsman Kevin Abe of Yuba City to construct a new rolling obutsudan cart. The beautifully stained walnut cabinet features a sliding tray, hidden wheels and storage area. Funds for this project were available through the generous donation from the Tak Kanenaga estate in honor of his mother Kazuko.

**WALKING GROUP** – A monthly walking group is forming for the spring, with morning walks in various locations. Interested? Contact Sandy Okuno for details. 916 424-6146 or [whocares13@comcast.net](mailto:whocares13@comcast.net).

## DANA – Cultivating Generosity

The FBWA donated gift cards to two local organizations.

- *My Sister's House* serves Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children.
- *Wellspring Women's Center* located in the Oak Park community, serves as a drop-in center to vulnerable women and their children and provides four programs for nutrition and safety.

**Knitted Knockers** - Knockers are special handmade breast prosthesis for women who have undergone breast procedures. Soft handcrafted prosthesis are knitted and crocheted by volunteers and given free to those requesting them. If interested in supporting this project, contact Lois Kashiwase to obtain the special approved pattern and yarn. Tutorials are available online.

**2021 membership** – Please join us! Contact Judy Shimizu, [rshimizu@surewest.net](mailto:rshimizu@surewest.net).



# LOTUS Club

Learning Oriental Trimming ...

# News

January, 2021

[Feb. issue]

Land Park Pond 7-'20

## Gardening & more ...

### Flooded parking lot – Stop Drain Value replaced



Trying to clear drain  
12/17/20

George Miyao  
12/17/20



Kenny T/Gary O  
12/31/20

Gary Okamoto  
Kenny Teranishi  
Lloyd Okimura  
Ben Kusaka  
all helped to replace the stop drain value on  
12/31/20

## Featured Member

**Gary Okamoto**, the head honcho of LOTUS, is often working on the church grounds rain or shine ..., frequently multiple days of the week, and during holidays if LOTUS day lands on a holiday while giving the rest of us a break. He, like many other LOTUS members, is a "Jack of all trades."



Gary & Kenny working on drain value replacement.

## Pruning Maple & Olive Trees



Ron S.



Kenny T, Ron S.

## Lunch Fixin's

**JoAnn Kusaka**  
**JoAnn K/Jan T**

**Sharon Okamoto/**  
**Ginny Syphax**

Weekly AM snacks  
Weekly lunches/side dishes:

Ginger beef (beef donated by Lloyd O.; prepared by JoAnn),  
garlic green beans; Umani; Southwestern chili

Alternating lunch desserts: Lemon bars  
Strawberry shortcake, lemon cupcake





**Buddhist Church of Florin  
Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarship**

**Graduating High School Students  
And  
Students Attending a University, College or Vocational School**

You are encouraged to **apply** for the Buddhist Church of Florin's Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani (Nakatani) Scholarships, if you meet the following criteria:

**\$5,000 Scholarship, \$3,000 Scholarship and \$2,000 Scholarship for Graduating High School Students**

- Must be graduating from high school this academic year;
- Plan to attend an accredited university, college or vocational school full time next year;
- Your parent is a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin (church membership dues are paid and current before the scholarship application deadline); and
- You have been a Florin Dharma School student while attending high school.

Applicants will be judged on:

- Active participation in the Florin Dharma School
- Active participation in church program activities
- Active participation in community programs
- Academic achievements
- Essay (approximately 300 words) on the topic of how Buddhism affects your life
- In-person interview

**\$5,000 Scholarship, \$3,000 Scholarship, \$2,000 Scholarship and \$1,000 Scholarship for Students Attending a University, College or Vocational School**

- Must be attending an accredited university, college or vocational school full time this academic year and plan to continue next year full time and for the full year;
- You or your parent is a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin (church membership dues are paid and current before the scholarship application deadline);
- You have been participating in a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist church or program activities; and
- You have been a Florin Dharma School student while attending high school.
- To provide scholarship opportunities for more students, a university, college or vocational school student can be a recipient of only two Nakatani Scholarships while attending a university, college or vocational school.

Applicants will be judged on:

- Active participation in a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist church and/or program activities
- Active participation in community programs
- Academic achievements
- Essay (approximately 400 words) on the topic of how Buddhism affects your life
- In-person interview

Applications may be obtained from the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson, Walter Menda, or Florin Dharma School Superintendent and YBA advisors in January 2021.

Applications must be received by the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson by midnight, April 1, 2021.

## **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 [wmenda@pacbell.net](mailto:wmenda@pacbell.net).



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, at no extra cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](http://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](mailto: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 12 PM on the following dates.**

**ORDER DUE DATES: (mark your calendars!)**

**February 9, 2021, March 6, 2021, April 3, 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 – Amazon, Raley's/Bel Air, Target, Starbucks**

**\$100 -- Raley's/Bel Air**

With the recent Sacramento County COVID-19 surge, the Buddhist Church of Florin (FBC) regretfully has  **canceled**  the Chicken Plate fundraiser. The health and safety of our church members and all involved is of the highest priority. We have received your order. Please let us know what you would like FBC to handle your check.

- If you haven't been contacted regarding your check, you can:
- 1) consider your check as a donation to the church,
  - 2) we can shred your check (no cost to you or postage to FBC), or
  - 3) if you would like your check returned.

Please call us at 916-383-1831 or email us at florinbuddhist@gmail.com, indicating what you would like us to do with your check. Your support is appreciated. It was a difficult decision on our part, but one we had to make. We are sure you are as disappointed as we are. We hope to reschedule this fundraiser for later in the year.

Please be safe!



**Buddhist Church of Florin  
Teriyaki Chicken\* Plate  
Fundraiser**

\*People's Choice Award  
Northern California District  
Chicken Throwdown

**Sunday, February 7, 2021 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Prepaid contactless drive-thru pick up only

Plate includes: ½ chicken, rice, pickled cabbage, orange slices

**TO ORDER:**

1. Print & cut the order form.
2. Write name, address, phone #: Buddhist Church of Florin
3. Send check and order form to:  
**Buddhist Church of Florin, Chicken Fundraiser**  
**P.O. Box 292006, Sacramento, CA 95829.**  
Must be postmarked on January 18, 2021



**PICK UP YOUR ORDER:**

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of orders \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_





# Thursday Night Medical Series

*"Living Each Day Well"*

Thursday, February 18, 2021

6:30 pm

**Community Care: Japanese-American Buddhist Activism**



Naomi Nakano Matsumoto  
Sr. Director of Social Justice, YWCA  
LCSW

and

Devon Matsumoto  
Fresh Lifelines for Youth,  
Leadership & Middle School  
Program Coordinator, MSW

Please sign-up at  
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Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818-2233



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*"Living Each Day Well"*

Thursday, March 18, 2021

6:30 pm

**Health in Humanitarian Crises and COVID-19 Response**



Dr. Jolene Nakao, Medical Epidemiologist  
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

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