



ONENESS

Buddhist Church of Florin



March 2021

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There is an age-old expression that goes, “money can’t buy you happiness.” The spirit behind such a message (as I understand it) is explained in another expression that the “best things in life are free” or that the things in life that are the most meaningful aren’t possessions that you can buy or cash that you can amass. However, as human beings do, this notion has constantly been challenged and in 2010, a study found that more money meant more happiness – until a certain point; specifically, an annual income of \$75,000. The rationalization of this was that if you make enough money to satisfy your basic needs, any money made after that would just be help their happiness if they took the time to specifically reflect on it. Intriguingly, more recently this year a scholar named Matthew A. Killingsworth, PhD put together a study on happiness based off an app that tracked happiness at various points in time. This data was then cross-referenced with the user’s income and the results were that there was a positive correlation that did not plateau at \$75,000 – in fact, it did not plateau at all! More money meant more happiness even for the vastly wealthy.

As Buddhists, one would think that we would subscribe to the idea that “money can’t buy you happiness” since we teach about non-attachment to evanescent pleasures. But, looking closer at the reality of life, I believe the question is more complicated than that. Going back to the historical Buddha, he was able to give up everything and live as, essentially, a wandering beggar because it was socially acceptable. He was able to get enough food to eat because it was the social norm for people to give charity to ascetics and thus did not have to worry about where his next meal would come from or where he would stay. This aspect of Buddhism changed when it moved to China as the beggar was not a norm in the social order and thus, in order to maintain their existence, they created monasteries that could house the monks and adopted vegetarianism which would allow them to make their own food without killing any animals. Even still, as time progressed, we begin to see reliance on donations in monetary form even though that, too, was not part of Buddha’s time.

Fast forward to today, where Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is for those who cannot live the lifestyle of either a wanderer or a monk. We are regular people. We have regular jobs. And we need money to survive. But at what point will we be satisfied? In my opinion, the results from the 2021 scholarly article can be interpreted in two ways: that the people in the United States has changed to the point that no amount of money will satisfy them, or that the plateau has grown so exponentially high that we can no longer see it. Honestly, I don’t think people have changed that much in a great deal of time, and so the option that I am left with is the latter, which, said in another way, is that people nowadays cannot get what they need to live comfortably based on the amount of money they are currently making. This can be attributed to a multitude of factors, stagnant wages, inflation, rising housing costs, etc., but what does it mean to us as Buddhists?

I think speaks to the vital part of the Eightfold Noble Path of “Right Livelihood.” When people think of their livelihood, they think of their job and what they do there. This is not an incorrect understanding, but I believe we can take it further to see “livelihood” as the collective livelihood of everyone in our community, in our society. What are we doing to ensure that every sentient being has enough to live? As Buddhists, it is our responsibility to, at the very least, keep this idea in mind and to think about what we can do to guarantee that. To look further than our self-centered nature and try to help all people live healthily and happily.

Gassho,
Rev. Matthew Hamasaki

March Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of March will be held on **Sunday, March 7, 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 March 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.

Fujii, George	03-08-1989	Nagaishi, Michi	03-24-1915
Fujii, Motosuke	03-18-1951	Nakao, Shinayo	03-16-1963
Fujii, Shinichi	03-29-1906	Nakashima, Kimi	03-10-1980
Fujioka, Joe Goichi	03-06-2016	Nakashima, Thomas Akira	03-17-1984
Hamamoto, Kazuo Harry	03-28-2002	Nakayama, Matsutaro	03-20-1932
Hamamoto, Yoneko	03-31-1995	Nekoda, Baby	03-03-1921
Hamataka, Yasue	03-24-1922	Nishimoto, Tamakichi	03-02-1952
Hayashida, Fusa	03-31-1943	Nobuso, Saka	03-02-1971
Hayashida, Yauemon	03-04-1913	Oda, Nobuyuki Robert	03-17-2019
Hudgens, Robert	03-10-1982	Okimura, Sadaichi	03-06-1971
Imahara, Mitsue	03-28-1974	Okimura, Samuel	03-04-2004
Inouye, Misao	03-12-1932	Otani, Mitsuno	03-02-1970
Kato, Natsuyo	03-22-1944	Sakiyabu, Umeno	03-??-1910
Kawanishi, Emi	03-31-1932	Sasai, Toshimi	03-11-1988
Kishimoto, Bun	03-18-1988	Sawada, Aiko	03-10-1941
Kitayama, Akira	03-12-1928	Sumida, Tom	03-25-2009
Koyanagi, Mitsuo	03-26-1939	Sumiyama, Shimataro	03-22-1947
Kuroda, Lillian Yuriko	03-16-2004	Tachibana, Kaoru Bob	03-17-2014
Kushida, Infant	03-17-1913	Tahara, Kumakichi	03-09-1957
Kuwabara, Takashi	03-08-1918	Takemori, Masaki	03-07-2016
Maruki, Ayako	03-15-1921	Tanigawa, Fred Shiego	03-01-2009
Masuda, Yoshio	03-28-1947	Tsunekawa, Andy Koichi	03-27-2014
Mitsuyoshi, Sekino	03-18-1971	Ueki, Toshio	03-08-1921
Miyamura, Eikichi	03-20-1933	Usami, Yone	03-12-1963
Miyao, Yai	03-08-1972	Watanabe, Minoru	03-22-2009
Miyata, Tomie	03-23-1923	Yamada, Chuzo	03-22-1919
Mizoguchi, Isamu	03-25-1917	Yoshida, Hidesaburo	03-29-1935
Mizukami, Kiyoshi T.	03-01-2001	Yoshinaga, Fusaye	03-20-1946
Muranaka, Shinichi	03-05-1954	Zenimura, Nisuke	03-07-1912
Murata, Kazuo	03-23-1932		
Nagai, Masuo	03-10-1915		

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 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 to any relatives or friends who may be interested in watching. Hope to see everyone Sunday, March 7th!

Topic: Buddhist Church of Florin's Shotsuki Memorial Service

Time: Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181971580>

Meeting ID: 821 8197 1580

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

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Buddhism in Everyday Life

A Wise Teaching a Day

Continuous efforts no matter how little can bring about great results.

Namu Amida Butsu

(Numata Center)

Buddhist Church of Florin

Governing Board Meeting Highlights February 11, 2021 –Via Zoom

Treasurer, Kathy Menda: Sent 2020 donation letters to BCF members that included all donations to affiliates except Dharma School. Still need to receive completed year-end financial reports from Dharma School, Athletics, Bazaar/Scrip, Senior Lunch and Kendo.

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.

Second Vice President Walter Menda: Next fundraiser “Loco Moco Breakfast Drive-Thru” Sunday, 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. All reports due by March 1, 2021.

BWA, Peggy Okabayashi: February 21, 2021, the Florin BWA will chair the Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service/Kisaragi-ki. To honor her compassionate selfless giving the BWA is sponsoring a food drive for Elk Grove Food Bank and sponsoring the SPCA Newspaper Drive. Donated \$250 Amazon gift cards each to My Sister’s House and Wellspring Women’s Center. BWA also provided L&L Hawaiian BBQ meals to Sister Nora’s Place.

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.

BEC: Motion passed to have July Shotsuki Service on July 4, 2021 and Obon/Hatsubon Service on July 18, 2021.

Facilities Maintenance Kenny Teranishi/Gary Okamoto: Repaired the roof panel on shed from wind storm and need to repair stucco on gym wall where the roof panel hit. Two projects slated for warmer weather are repaving the asphalt parking lot and painting the stairs of the old temple. Receiving bids from contractors for repaving.

Reopening Committee, Peggy Okabayashi: Developed the BCF COVID 19 Release of Liability form to be completed before participating in programs/activities at the church.

Margie Sunahara will be the BCF representative on the NCDC Orei Ad hoc Committee, which is being formed to review temple fees associated with virtual services.

BCF Constitution and Bylaws are being updated.

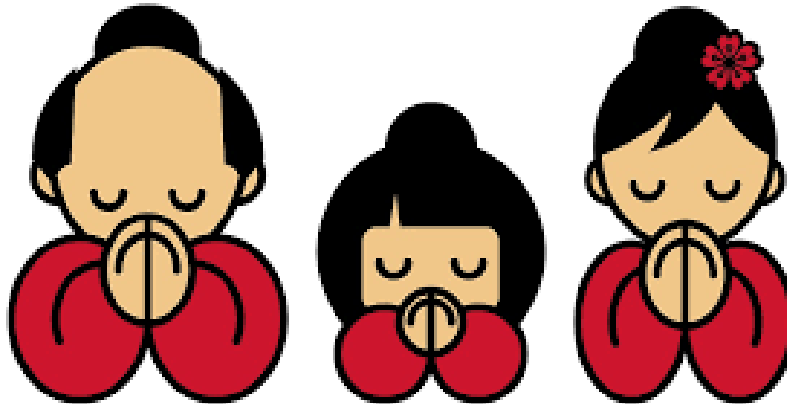
Measure passed to establish an Audio/Visual Committee to determine the feasibility of installing A/V equipment in the Hondo for live streaming capabilities. Michael Kusama will chair the committee.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021, 7:30 pm, via zoom

ONLINE PAYPAL DONATIONS

You can now make online donations/payments to the church by visiting our website at 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.



SPECIAL DONATION RECOGNITION

A special thank you to Lois and Paul Kashiwase who donated the printing cost of the 100th Anniversary Book.

AND

Thank you to Walter Menda who made arrangements and paid for the cost to modify the cabinet in the flower room.

2021 Membership Dues

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

Akiyama, George & Merri	Kono, Liz	Nouchi, Nadine & Henry Lam
Arase, Gerald & Sharon	Kubo, Steve & Jennifer	Oda, Amy
Arkansas, Miki (Jan-Jun)	Kunisaki, Donna & Gordon	Okabayashi, Peggy & Ken
Bishop, Darien	Kusaka, Ben & JoAnn	Okamoto, Bette
Cairel, James & Kare	Kusama, Mike & Carol	Okamoto, Gary & Sharon
Fong, Tyson & Deniss	Lopez, Colleen	Okimura, Alice
Fujii, Eric & Elizabeth	Matsumoto, Esther	Okimura, Lloyd
Fujii, Allen	Menda, Kathleen & Walter	Okuno, Sandra
Fujioka, Yoneko	Menda, Gregory	Onodera, Alfred & Yvonne
Gee, Shirley	Miyao, George & Judie	Otani, Mary
Griggs, Ellen	Mukai, Wayne	Saigo, Hiroko
Hamamoto, Joy Anne	Mullican, Julia	Shijo, Craig & Diana
Hamamoto, Jeffery	Munekawa, Kimi	Shijo, Stephanie
Hayashida, Kimiko & Mark	Nakahira, Sue	Shimizu, Ronald & Judy
Hoffman, Yukie (Jan-Jun)	Nakajo, Hide (Jan-Jun)	Sonoda, Janet
Ito, Tomio & Shirley	Nakajo-Jaggar, Linda (Jan-Mar)	Sumida, Roy
Ito, Gordon (Jan-Jun)	Nakao, Roger	Sumida, Janet
Iwasaki, Randell	Nakao, Diane (Jan-Jun)	Sunahara, Margie
Kadoya, Dick & Sally	Nakaoka Keith & Irene	Syphax, Ginny
Kadoya, Harvey & Kay	Nakashima, Thomas & Suasn Sarinas	Tahara, Shig
Kakutani, Michael & Carla	Nishida, Flora	Takeda, Bob & Susan (Jan - Feb)
Kashiwase, Paul & Lois	Noguchi, Andy & Twila Tomita	Takeda-Miller, Kris
Kawanishi, Mary		

Tahara, Shig	Teranishi, Kenny & Louise (Jan-Jun)	Yamamoto, Tosh
Takeda, Bob & Susan (Jan - Feb)	Thielen, Lori	Yamamoto, Sharon
Takeda-Miller, Kris	Tsukamoto, Tim & Melanie	Yamamoto, Mitsuo & Jayne
Takeuchi, Jan	Tsukamoto, Lon & Ann	Yamashita, Linda
Tanaka, Lois	Tsukamoto, Toyoko	Yee, Richard & Connie
	Tsunekawa, Sandra	

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.

The Buddhist Church of Florin welcomes the following returning/new members:

***Ellen Griggs
Jeffery Hamamoto***

We look forward to seeing you at service and temple functions when the church is able to reopen and hope the BCF will meet your religious and community desires.





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

The Middle Path

In Dharma School, we learned about the Middle Path and watched a video that was experimenting on the concept of having too much, too little, and having the right amount of everything via candles. In the experiment, three candles were placed on a tray full of water. Two jars, one full of pure oxygen and the other full of regular air, were placed over two of the candles to represent having too much or too little, respectively. The third candle was left out to the open air to represent having enough of everything. The candles that were in the jars burned out in 956 seconds and 134 seconds (roughly, I don't remember the exact numbers), but the candle that was out in the open air burned for a long time, 1055 seconds (this one I know). So, the moral of this experiment is that for our life to burn long and bright, we need to have a taste of everything.

Dharma Zoom

Dates

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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Tsuru for Solidarity – JYBA Project

It is a belief that if you fold 1000 origami cranes, one's wish will come true. It takes hours to fold that many cranes and string them on a streamer. The crane is thought to live a thousand years. In Asian countries it symbolizes good fortune, longevity, peace, and represents hope and healing during challenges, especially the one we face today with the coronavirus. You can bring happiness and peace by folding a crane and send it to someone who is down and out, someone you have not seen during this pandemic hardship, or unable to check on. You can bring happiness by calling them, as well. Just imagine their smile when they hear your voice, eat your home-cooked meal, get a card or receive the crane.

Whatever gesture you choose, use your intuition and envision what is best. This is a way to show your Buddhist kindness and compassionate demeanor. We must be strong to take care of those that are less fortunate. People say they cannot fold a crane. It takes practice over and over. If you do not try, you will never know. Besides, there is nothing one cannot do, as long as you try and keep the momentum up. You will see its progress. It is the spirit of gaman—determination.

As Buddhists, we are strong. We are enduring this pandemic and have accomplished a lot these past months. We have helped others be strong. Little by little we too, must believe that we can live a thousand years just like a crane, or at least live a long, good life of hope and healing. Not many will be able to fold a thousand cranes but if one makes an attempt, it proves we can accomplish more than we thought we could. We have to **be confident and commit that we can live with longevity through compassion and kindness.**

Written by Randall Ishida, February 5, 2021 (COVID19 lockdown)

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.

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.





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
- 3) 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: _____

JYBA Keiro Valentine's Day Goodie Bag Project

During the pandemic, it is so hard on everyone, especially our Keiro church members (88 years and over). Jr. YBA (JYBA) decided their Dana project would be to personally deliver Valentine's Day goodies bags to these members. The bags were filled with udon, snacks, crossword puzzle books, and more. Here are some of the Keiro members the kids actually met on their deliveries:



**Shig Tahara with Tadashi Bennig
(he got to deliver to his grandfather!)**



Mary Kawanishi with Kianna Nakaoka

Myrna Hitomi with Kianna Nakaoka



Harry and Sue Saito with Devon Akiyama



Flora Nishda with Devin Imai



Janet Sumida with Garrett Kishaba



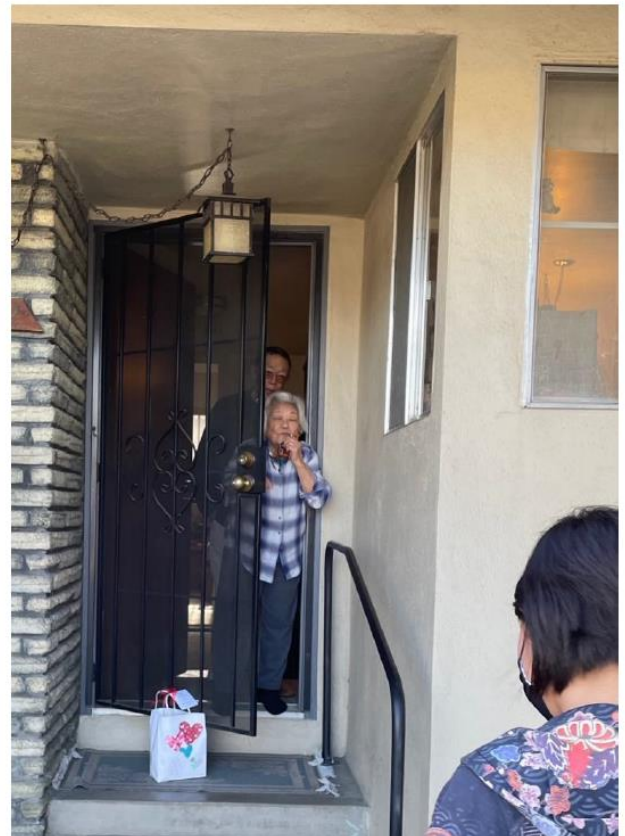
Toyo Tsukamoto with Baylee Fong



Nancy Sumida (Roy, not pictured) with Tadashi Bennig



Masako Tomono with Kianna Nakaoka



Mits Yamamoto (Jayne not pictured) with Tadashi Bennig



Twenty-five bags were delivered. Though we weren't able to take pictures with all of our Keiro members, we hope everyone enjoyed their bags. This Dana project was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the JYBA members. They want to do it again!



Dec/Jan News
March 2021

BWA News

Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service/Kisaragiki

The BWA invited everyone to virtually attend this important service held February 21. Lady Kujo was the daughter of Koson Ohtani, the 21th Abbot of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. With her sister-in-law, Lady Kazuko Ohtani, she founded the Fujinkai, now known as the Buddhist Women's Association. She was a noted poet and humanitarian, who promoted women's education and devoted her short life to spreading the Nembutsu through her selfless efforts. The BWA commemorates her passing each February with this special service and the Day of Dana.

THANK YOU/ARIGATO

Connie Yee – in memory of Rose Ito and Alice Hayama

Liz Kono – in memory of Allan's birthday

Susan Takeda – Ladies of Jodo Shinshu

Connie Yee – Tsuitou Hoyo

Meri Fong – Special

Kathy Menda – Special

Lori Rakoncza – Special

Lois Kashiwase – Birthday

Jan Takeuchi – New Year's

Connie Yee - COVID

Lady Kujo Memorial Service/Kisaragiki:

Junko Egi

Katsuko Hirota

Cindy Kakutani

Lois Kashiwase

Carol Kusama

Kathy Menda

Kimiye Munekawa

Peggy Okabayashi

Norraine Okamoto

Susan Takeda

Toyo Tsukamoto

DANA – Cultivating Generosity

On January 31, the BWA provided L & L prepared meals for the 10 residents at *Sister Nora's Place*, a Loaves and Fishes program that provides overnight shelter and case management to women who have suffered chronic homeless, trauma and illness.

Dana Day Project – *Elk Grove Food Bank Services Drive* and *Sacramento SPCA Newspaper Drive*

On February 18-20, the BWA collected food and monetary donations for the EGFB that combats the food insecurity of local residents. The BWA also collected newspaper for the SPCA that uses newspaper to line animal enclosures. Thanks to all donors and volunteers!

The BWA plans to hold various monthly Dana projects throughout the year. All are welcome to participate. Contact Sandy Okuno for details. 916 424-6146, whocares13@comcast.net.

New Monthly Walking Group – Meet Wednesday, March 3, 10:00 AM at William Land Park, weather permitting. Participants will walk at different paces and distances, so all are welcome!

BWA Bylaws – The BWA Board approved updates to the Bylaws and the general membership ratification is pending.

BWA March 2021 Dana Projects

(New) Socks for



SACRAMENTO
LOAVES & FISHES



In the spirit of hospitality and radical love, Loaves & Fishes is an oasis for guests seeking respite and a space of belonging. To ensure that our guests are served without judgement or barrier, we do not accept government funds. Our programs are 100% run by the generosity of individual supporters, local businesses, and community foundations.



Personal hygiene items for



About Wellspring

Providing respite and services based on "hospitality with dignity and love" since 1987.

Wellspring Women's Center in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood, nurtures the innate goodness and personal self-esteem of women and their children. We serve nearly 200 women and children each week and offer four different programs: the Nutritious Meal Program, the Children's Corner Program, the Safety Net Services Program, and the Women's Wellness Program.

Feminine hygiene items
Small tissue packets
Travel size toiletries
Razors

Adult diapers
Toothbrushes
Hand sanitizers



Collection Dates: March Thursdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) [LOTUS days]

BCF parking
lot drop off

March 26 (Friday) (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Delivered to Wellspring on this date

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



LOTUS News

Learning Oriental Trimming

February, 2021 [Mar. issue]

Land Park Pond 7-'20

Gardening & more ...

The church premises were also affected by the January windstorm. In addition to the eucalyptus tree debris strewn all over the back parking area, four crape myrtles "went down," possible parsonage roof repair, a plastic piece from one of the lantern fixtures "flew away," roof panel from the tool shed "blew off," and a hole was created on the gym stucco wall from the flying roof panel.

Featured Member

Walter Menda on Thursdays is the self-appointed "keeper of the house" (temple). He single-handedly cleans, organizes the indoor facility & maintains church records. Each week he tends to the temple entrance, onaijin, MPR, office, & closet areas, etc. In addition Walt coordinated the home yard work fundraiser last fall which generated \$3,000+ for BCF.



Tool shed roof

Roof panel



Hole on gym wall

Photos provided by: Ben K, Gary O, Jan T.



Start of spring blossoms

Lunch Fixin's

JoAnn Kusaka
JoAnn K/Jan T

Weekly AM snack
Weekly lunches/side dishes:

Rigatoni/garlic bread Pulled chicken/coleslaw over bun
Italian Mac & Cheese

Sharon Okamoto/
Ginny Syphax

Alternating lunch desserts: Lemon bars
Hot chocolate cupcakes



**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.



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, 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 12 PM on the following dates.

ORDER DUE DATES: (mark your calendars!)

March 6, April 3, 2021, May 1, 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



Thursday Night Medical Series

"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)

Please sign-up at
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