

August 2022

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This month, the Sacramento Betsuin is putting on a fundraiser for humanitarian efforts to help the people of Ukraine. It will be on Saturday, August 13, at 2PM called "Songs in Solidarity with Ukraine" and feature performances of song. The event is free, but donations are welcome to go to the cause. The reason for this event is, of course, the ongoing conflict with Russia. The Buddhist Churches of America's Ministers Association has put out a statement on the conflict as follows: "Guided by the Buddhist principles of Wisdom & Compassion, the Ministers Association of the Buddhist Churches of America opposes the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Buddha taught that Greed, Hatred, and Ignorance are poisons, and we

see all three fueling this war.

Wisdom recognizes that all things are Interconnected, and the fallout from this war will affect not only the innocent civilians and refugees but so many others as well, from the soldiers on both sides, to the environment and to the entire world. Buddha's Compassion recognizes that all life has value and happiness for all beings is the ideal. This is seen in the Metta Sutta with the aspiration, 'May all beings be happy – May they be joyous and living in safety.' Our founder, Shinran Shonin, expressed the wish, 'May there be peace in the world.'

We are in favor of relief to the victims and call for this war to end."

To add to the statement, I believe that the ambitions of nations is the result of the ignorance of individuals. When we look at ourselves, we see that we care deeply about us. We want to be happy and healthy. We want food, shelter, and things that bring us joy. However, we do not stop at the minimum nor are we ever satisfied. The Buddha said that even if it rained gold coins, we would not be fulfilled. Human nature is to be voraciously selfish. And, on the contrary, the world and everything in it are finite. Thus, we come into conflict when we want something that makes another happy for ourselves because they will put up resistance. This seems quite common sense but, even so, we have not found a different way. Mikhail Piotrovsky, the director of the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg said, "we are all militarists and imperials" when asked about a pacifist position. I think that this is built into not just the Russian culture but in American, Japanese, and many other of our cultures: to fight and take until we can rule the world.

Thus, we must search ourselves for the source of this conflict and uproot it at the cause. The Buddha said, "Searching all directions with your awareness, you find no one dearer than yourself. In the same way, others are thickly dear to themselves. So, you shouldn't hurt others if you love yourself." Ironically, by understanding how much we care about ourselves we begin to understand why we should care about others. That if they love themselves as much as we love ourselves, how could we possibly impose on anyone? Then comes the action from such a realization. It is wonderful that we have opportunities to give funds to those that need help, and I am proud of our temple for putting on such a show of solidarity. On top of this, we must continue to live in a way that does not hurt others, raise our children to live the same way, and make sure that those that represent us share those values. In doing so, we can create a nation and, hopefully, a world that believes that it is possible for all of us to coexist in a peaceful way.

Gassho, Rev. Matthew Hamasaki

August Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of August will be held on **Sunday, August 14**, **2022, beginning at 11:30 am. The service will be conducted in-person by reservation**. The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of August are listed below. If you have a homyo (Buddhist name) on a card please bring it with you for placement on the onaijin (alter) before the service. If the year 2022 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, Hiroshi	08-25-1917
Asano, Yoshiro	08-10-1910
Baishiki, Tsune	08-07-1943
Fujii, Keiji	08-27-1939
Fujimoto, Satono	08-21-1918
Fukagawa, Chester Kiyoshi	08-01-2001
Fuwa, Rikizo	08-26-1936
Fuwa, Warren Hitoshi	08-28-1996
Hamataka, Sue Yoshiko	08-12-2002
Haramoto, Manzo	08-16-1939
Ishigaki, Hisako	08-02-1917
Ishikawa, Infant	08-23-1912
Kato, Kiyomi	08-13-2014
Kawanishi, Natsue	08-11-1930
Kimura, Fumiko	08-17-1920
Kodama, Ritsu	08-09-1948
Kumamoto, Allen	08-07-1990
Maruki, Shozaburo	08-04-1930
Maruki, Tsuyuko	08-09-1930
Mito, Isuyo	08-27-1918
Mitsuyoshi, Misako	08-21-1926
Mitsuyoshi, Toshiko	08-21-1926
Miyata, Yoshinori	08-20-1912
Mukai, Sannosuke	08-21-1951
Nakaguchi, Sana	08-18-1917
Nakahira, Kazutaro	08-04-1976
Nakamura, Hisako Katherine	08-18-2008
Nakashima, Aiko	08-04-1920

Nakashima, Yasuke	08-10-1918
Nishiguchi, Toshiyuki	08-19-1923
Nobuso, Seishiro	08-09-1975
Okamoto, Fusano	08-22-1970
Okazaki, Baby	081939
Okimura, Alice	08-10-2009
Ono, Miyokichi	08-27-1911
Otani, Robert Alan	08-06-2011
Saigo, Toshiaki	08-05-1976
Sako, Morito	08-24-1956
Sasaki, Fumiko	08-05-2016
Sekiguchi, Mitsue	08-09-1984
Shijo, Susumu	08-03-2006
Sugimoto, Yei	08-04-1997
Sumida, Katsumi	08-03-1918
Tahara, Tome	08-17-1913
Takeoka, Kanao	08-31-2010
Takeoka, Mikio	08-30-1999
Tanaka, Kay	08-08-2009
Terada, Kansuke	08-21-1934
Tsukamoto, James	08-19-2006
Unno, Toshiuemon	08-04-1904
Uno, Yoneko	08-07-1918
Yabumoto, Miyeko	08-24-2008
Yamamoto, Akio	08-15-1921
Yamamoto, Minoru	08-16-1911
Yoshida, Heikichi	08-18-1934

	2022 Memorial Service Schedule		
	Please schedule a service if you	r loved ones passed away in th	ne following years:
Year	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>
2021	1 st Year	1998	25 th Year
2020	3 rd Year	1990	33 rd Year
2016	7 th Year	1973	50 th Year
2010	13 th Year	1923	100 th Year
2006	17 th Year		

Buddhist Church of Florin

Jn-Person Service Protocols

Sunday, August 14, 2022, August Shotsuki Hoyo, Rev. Matt Hamasaki will officiate the service in the Hondo at 11:30 a.m. Zoom services will no longer be available. If you plan to attend, please RSVP the number of people attending by Sunday, August 7, 2022 to florinbuddhist@gmail.com.

We will continue to follow safety protocols for all in-person services.

- Please arrive **15 minutes** earlier to check in at the main entrance of the Hondo.
- Face masks must always be worn while indoors.
- Sanitize hands before entering the Hondo or other church facilities.
- Continue to practice social distancing.
- Proof of vaccination is **no** longer required.
- Services will be held in the Hondo with seating properly spaced apart. Families may be seated together in specified sections. Families with children 5 years old and younger will have special reserved seating areas.
- **No Service Book** will be provided (Please bring your own service book or one may be purchased from the church for \$5).
- During this time of COVID, the BCF is not able to offer any type of onsite dining.
- Due to capacity issues, we ask that you **RSVP the number of people attending by the Sunday prior** to the service to <u>florinbuddhist@gmail.com</u> if you plan to attend the service. We hope to see you soon!

Please note that in-person services are subject to cancellation if county/CDC guidelines change or if it becomes too risky for the safety and health of our Sangha members to continue with indoor gatherings.

In the event of a change, we will post the updates on our website, Facebook page and send out a message to our email list.



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.



Buddhist Church of Florin

Governing Board Meeting Highlights Meeting Date: July 14, 2022

President, Lois Kashiwase: Rev Imada's start date will be August 15, 2022. Lois Kashiwase and Jennifer Kubo will be attending the Minister's Assistance and/or Layperson Helper session on July 23rd and August 20th at the Sacramento Betsuin. The board approved to pay their registration fee \$100 each through the BCF Buddhist Education Fund.

Treasurer, Kathy Menda: Affiliates were reminded the second quarterly reports are due by July 31, 2022.

First Vice President, Margie Sunahara: Continues to be responsible for use and security of the BCF facilities and grounds. She has issued a Memorandum of Agreements to Kyudo Kai and Kendo Club of Sacramento. Reviewing lease proposals for current copier machine that terms out in July. Ballots were distributed for 2022-2024 Board of Directors and due by July 13th.

BWA, Peggy Okabayashi: Congratulations to the BWA 2022-2024 Cabinet Elected. BWA will be sponsoring Mrs. Isako Wasano's Kimekomi Doll Class beginning August 2022, classes to be held 3rd Saturday of each month. BWA Summer Camp will be held on August 9th still have openings.

Jr. YBA, Ginny Syphax: "Lock-In" on Saturday July 23, 2022 from 9 AM to 9 PM.

Scheduled In-Person Services – Sunday July 17th, 11:30 am, Shotsuki, Hatsubon, Obon Service, guest speaker Rev Tadao Koyama; Sunday August 14th, 11:30 am, Shotsuki Service. All service attendees are required to RSVP by August 7th.

Membership, Tim Tsukamoto: New Member: Erik & Katie Nishida and family.

Eric and Elizabeth Fujii are on the ACC 50th Anniversary Committee. BCF will be participating in the fundraiser on Saturday, September 17th, ACC Ohana Walkathon.

The church will be staffing a check point station. BCF team has been created and requesting participants and donators to register with the BCF team.

The board approved a 60-month lease with Caltronics Business Systems on a Konica Minolta 308 copier.

2022 Membership Dues

The Buddhist Church of Florin thanks the following members who have paid their 2022 membership dues in June.

Chan, Nelson	Takeda, Bob & Susan (Jul- Dec)	Yoshioka, Burt & Carol (Apr)
Ito, Tomio & Shirley Louie, Scott & Enomoto,	Tsukamoto, Stan & Judy	Yuki, Larry & Judy
Diane	Yamamoto, Debra	Yuki, Tadashi

Mullican, Julia

2022 membership dues were due January 31, 2022.

The 2022 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 new member:

Tadashi Yuki

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

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Arkansas, Miki (Jul-Dec) Nakaoka, Keith & Irene Teranishi, Kenny & Louise (Jul-Dec)

Furukawa, Randy & Cindy

Fujii, Glenn & Jennifer

Yoshioka, Burt & Carol (Jun)

2022 membership dues were due January 31, 2022.

Please direct membership questions to Tim Tsukamoto at (916) 606-0455 or email timtsukamoto@gmail.com

Nishida, Erik & Katie

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

Erik & Katie Nishida

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

Buddhist Church of Florin florinbuddhist.org Fall Food Fundraiser	. <u>=</u>		Buddhist Church of Florin florinbuddhist.org Fall Food Fundraiser
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4. Mail check and order form to: Buddhist Church of Florin Fall Food Fundraiser			4. Mail check and order form to: Buddhist Church of Florin Fall Food Fundraiser
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Chicken Plate (½ teriyaki chicken, edamame, x rice, pickled vegetable, sliced oranges)	x \$18.00		Chicken Plate (½ teriyaki chicken, edamame, x \$18.00 rice, pickled vegetable, sliced oranges)
Chicken Curry Rice x	x \$6.00		Chicken Curry Rice × \$6.00
Chinese Chicken Salad ×	x \$5.00		Chinese Chicken Salad × \$5.00
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Contact Number (required)			Contact Number (required)
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Buddhist Church of Florin

Curbside Pick-Up Dinner Prime Rib, Gravy, Rice, Veggies

Saturday October 1, 2022 3-5pm



HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

- 1) Complete ORDER FORM below
- 2) Make out CHECK to Buddhist Church of Florin (*Checks will be deposited after the event)
- 3) Submit ORDER FORM & CHECK (Mail or drop off NO LATER THAN September 23, 2022) to: <u>E FUJII, 325 34TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816</u>
- 4) Pick up your order on Saturday October 1st -between 3-5PM...
- Drive into church parking lot at 7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento 95828
- Check-in at first station and your dinner will be delivered to your car.

YOUR NAME?	TOTAL DUE:
HOW MANY ORDERS?	X \$35.00 EACH
YOUR PHONE NUMBER?	
*We will make every effort to account many of above orders are END CU (*No other special requests).	nmodate requests for 'end cuts'. Let us know how TS:

Need more information? Contact E Fujii (916) 955 1954 or email efujii52@gmail.com



Join the BCF walking team! September 17, 2022 at 9 A.M. It will be held at the Greehaven-Pocket Canal Walkway near ACC Senior Services.

The ACC 50th Anniversary Ohana Walk is an all-age and community-wide walkathon that will be held on September 17th at the Greenhaven-Pocket Canal Walkway followed by a picnic at the ACC campus. It will feature some friendly competition and include an Ohana T-shirt, lots of prizes, complimentary items, and a picnic lunch at the ACC Campus for all registered walkers.

In celebration of ACC's 50th Anniversary, the event seeks to include everyone young and old as well as our sister non-profit charitable organizations and churches serving the Sacramento region.

The entire walking route is 2.5 miles end-to-end, with six checkpoints spaced 1/2 mile apart. You can choose where to start and end. You can also form your own team! Donors may sponsor a walker for a flat amount or in half-mile increments, measured in "checkpoints."

Join us for a morning of fun and fitness!

- Adults 20-79 years old, \$35
- Youth 9-19 years old, \$15
- Keiki and Super Seniors, 8 and under and 80+ years old, FREE

To join the BCF team, sign up via this link:

When you register to the walk (<u>https://acc.rallyup.com/c/reg</u>), you will be using the shopping cart and given the option of selecting your walking team. Buddhist Florin Church is on the list. If you already registered and want to select BCF as your team, you need to log in your account and edit your registration. Can't join us? That's okay, you can donate to the BCF team via this link: https://acc.rallyup.com/ohana/t/7235bcf/Team/Details



If you missed out donating for Jr. YBA's Lock-in fundraiser, we are still accepting donations. Thank you!

JR. YBA

Lock-in Fundraiser

Jr. YBA is having a "Lock-In" Fundraiser on July 23, 2022 from 9 AM to 9 PM. In past years, we did Awake-a-thons, changing it up a little this year.

At this time, we are asking Sangha and friends for donations for this fundraiser. All donations will be donated back to BCF (to supplement BCF's drive through food fundraisers). If you would like to donate, please complete the form below and mail it to:

FBC - Jr. YBA c/o Ginny Yamamoto-Syphax 3318 Yosemite Park Way Elk Grove, CA 95758-4662



I would like to support FBC-JYBA in their fundraising efforts for Buddhist Church of Florin.

Enclosed is \$ ______ for your fundraiser. My check is made payable to FBC-JYBA.

_____Yes, I would like a donation receipt sent to me

_____ No, It's okay, I'll use my check as a donation receipt.



Name: ______

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: ______

BWA August 2022 Dana Projects





The ASI Food Pantry exists to provide food and necessities to Sac State students in need at no cost. In addition to helping alleviate hunger within our student community, the ASI Food Pantry aims to decrease the impact that food insecurities have on the academic success of our students.

Requesting:





SACRAMENTO LOAVES & FISHES

Requesting: Homemade &/or purchased stockings – For Dec. **Stockings**

Xmas

-----ACRAMENTO

July Dana Projects

Requesting:

School

Supplies

(Last call)

Requesting:

Collection Dates:

BCF Gym



August Thurs. [LOTUS days]

(9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

[Call Sandy Okuno for questions]



June July News August 2022

BWA News

THANK YOU/ARIGATO

Special anonymous donation. Dana Project donations – Mary Otani, Hiroko Saigo, and Peggy Okabayashi. Movie donation – Lynn

DANA – Cultivating Generosity

July Dana Project - Thank you for all donations. Toilet paper drive for Loaves & Fishes School supplies for Meadowview Family Resource center

August Dana Project - Food Drive for Sacramento State Food Pantry Christmas stocking (donate or sewn) – to be filled for the holidays.

Please bring donations to the church YBA Hall during (Lotus Club) Thursday mornings.

MEMBERSHIP – Welcome new BWA members from the Kimekomi class: Frances Lee, Carolyn Sawai, Colleen Warner, Patty Yamamoto, Amiko Kashiwagi, Susan Bertram-Morioka, Kay Freeman, Claire Joaquin, Kamei, and Corrine Root.

CELEBRATION

Happy July birthday June Matsubara!

ACTIVITIES

- Walking group first Wednesday of the month. Contact Sandy Okuno for more information.
- BWA 3rd Friday Movie 10:00 AM to Noon.
- BWA Social Card Playing 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 10:00 AM to Noon.
- Summer Camp Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Contact Sandy Okuno to sign up.
- Goat milk soap workshop, Saturday, August 13, 2022. FULL.
- Kimekomi doll class 3rd Saturday of the month. First class August 20,2022.
- 46th BCA FBWA Virtual Conference, October 14-16, 2022. Contact Kathy Menda to register.
- Rummage sale Saturday, November 5, 2022.

** COVID safety protocols will be enforced for and during all on-site activities. Safety first!



It's SUMMER!! Isle of Trees: Colorful crape myrtle trees in front of the church temple

LOTUS Thursday

Pruning, road debris pick up, BBQing as depicted in photos (on the right).



Lunch meals this summer include fruits & vegetables harvested (by Sharon O.) from the LOTUS garden.



Ron Shimizu, pruning pine

Joann prepared a spicy eggplant dish with the nasubi(s) one day. Lloyd grilled eggplant as a side dish. Tomatoes were used as condiment for the BBQed hamburgers & in salads. Cucumbers were included in salads. Peach crisp was made from peaches picked from the 5-fruited grafted tree in front of the parsonage. (Jan)

Ken Okabayashi, road PU

Lloyd Okimura, BBQ



LUNCH FIXIN's

(June-July)

JoAnn Kusaka JoAnn Kusaka Jan Takeuchi Sharon Okamoto Lloyd Okimura Dharma School Sharon Yamamoto Walt/Kathy Menda Weekly AM snacks Prepared seasoned chicken thighs & spicy eggplant, burger Peach crisp à la mode fixin's Pie à la mode, strawberry layered dessert, mandarin-orange Home grown red onion, koko Ice cream, case of water ... Seasoned chicken thighs Hamburger/buns If you haven't designated Buddhist Church of Florin as your charitable organization, please do...free money to BCF! Thank you!

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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.

NEXT ORDER DUE DATES: (mark your calendars!)

If you want to place an order,

your order must be received by Ann by <u>12 PM</u> on the following dates:

September 4, 2022 October 2, 2022

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



You can also call Ann to see what gift cards she has in stock, available now (call her at 916-683-3401).



Thursday Night Series

Thursday,

August 25, 2022, 6:30 pm

"A Remarkable Journey From

Marysville to Japan"



Janelle Sasaki Director, Branding, Marketing & Communications, EY Japan

Janelle Sasaki is a third generation Japanese American. She is descended from twenty-six generations of Buddhist priests

Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818-2233

Please sign-up at BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org