



ONENESS

Buddhist Church of Florin



February 2022

Volume 2

We're already into the second month of the New Year! It is also the shortest month as it has 28 days. Have you ever wondered why it is the only month that way? It begins with the origin of the calendar we use today, the Gregorian Calendar, which began as the Roman Calendar. The majority of the Roman society was agricultural and so the need for a calendar by the farmers was only from March to December, the harvest months. The winter was when there was no activity and so there was just a portion of time with no names and no dates. They worked off the phases of the moon, with each month having either 30 or 31 days. To better sync up the months with the lunar year, the second king of Rome, Numa Pompilius, added two months, which would become January and February.

But he didn't stop there! Even numbers were thought to be bad luck at the time and so Numa Pompilius subtracted one day from each of the 30-day months, so they had 29. He wanted the calendar to reflect the 12 lunar cycles and so split the wintertime into two months. And the lunar calendar has 354 days, which would also be even, so he just decided to add another day to make it 355. Finally, because of the mathematical fact that an even number of odd numbered anything, but in this case months, would be an even number, he had to make one of the months have an even number of days. He decided it would be February because this was the time of spiritual purification, which is actually where February gets its name: from the Latin *februum* meaning "purification." And this is how the month has 28 days!

The idea of spiritual purification is present in many religions over the different time and places in the world. Often, it is linked to rituals that will allow an external source to cleanse us of our spiritual impurities. This notion is even carried over into our tradition with the action of offering incense as a symbol of purification. However, true cleansing in Buddhism is the cleansing of the mind. As such, the action must also take place there. To understand how to clean, first we must understand how we are "dirty." It isn't as simple as seeing the dirt on our clothes, it's much more difficult. We must look for the unwholesome mental forces running beneath our thoughts, unconsciously dirtying our thinking, values, attitudes, and actions. We often talk about the biggest stains: greed, hatred, and delusion — from which emerge their numerous offshoots and variants: anger and cruelty, avarice and envy, conceit and arrogance, hypocrisy and vanity, the multitude of erroneous views. Thus, our "ritual" becomes the practice of self-reflection and recognizing when we have become covered with the Three Poisons. Something we can all keep in our minds, at least for the shortest month of the year!

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 6, 2022 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 2022 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.

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		

2022 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>
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		

VIRTUAL NIRVANA/SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please share the zoom link with any relatives or friends who may be interested in watching. Hope to see everyone Sunday, February 6, 2022 @ 10:30 AM Pacific Time

Time: February 6, 2022 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Buddhist Church of Florin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83339406274>

Meeting ID: 833 3940 6274

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 833 3940 6274

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83339406274>



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.



BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN

P.O. BOX 292006, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95829-2006 PHONE: 383-1831

January 16, 2022

Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki Memorial Service
Burial of Temple Time Capsule
Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Outdoor Service

Dear Sangha Members,

The Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) is inviting you to an outdoor service to commemorate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Siddhartha became enlightened as Sakyamuni Buddha and this marks the release of sentient beings from suffering and sorrow.

Following the Hanamatsuri and Shotsuki Memorial Service the Temple Time Capsule will be buried.

Complimentary obento box will be available for the Sangha members attending the service. The obento will be acquired from a local restaurant.

If you are interested in joining us for this special service you must RSVP by **March 19, 2022**. Please mail the RSVP Form to P.O. Box 292006, Sacramento, CA 95829-2006 or email the information to Sharon Okamoto at sharon@okamoto.com. **It is important to submit the information on the RSVP Form for seating and for complimentary obento.**

We will follow Covid safety protocols for this service: 1). Complete a Release of Liability, one per family; 2). Temperature check; 3). Complete sign in sheet; 4). Mandatory wearing of masks by all attendees; 5). Social distancing. Note, the start time is 11:00 a.m. Please arrive early for check-in.

We hope you will be able to join us for this special outdoor service at the BCF.

Gassho,

Lois Kashiwase

Lois Kashiwase, President

RSVP Form:

Name of Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How many will be attending: _____

Buddhist Church of Florin

Governing Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting Date: January 13, 2022

The BCF Board voted to cancel ***the Superbowl Fundraiser*** due to the highly contagious omicron variant.

The Loco Moco Fundraiser has been rescheduled for the first week in April.

The 2022 BCF Budget was approved \$147,500. In 2021, revenues exceeded expenses due to COVID donations, large one time Memorial donations, and large one time Special donations, and one year savings from not having a resident minister.

BWA, Peggy Okabayashi : BWA is making plans for the Lady Takeko Kujo Kisaragi (Memorial Service) on February 20, 2022. January Dana: Provide meals to Sister Nora's Place and collecting towels and blankets for the SPCA.

Jr. YBA, Ginny Syphax: Fundraiser on December 12th was a huge success. The proceeds were split 3 ways. Thank you JYBA/Dharma School for the generous donation!

Ginny Syphax, Thank You for taking care of "church office duties" monitoring BCF emails, picking up the mail from US Post Office box, monitoring BCF phone calls, monitoring BCF FB & website pages; hosting Sangha Check-ins on **2nd & 4th Wednesdays** and formatting and preparing the Oneness for publication.

Activities, Sandy Okuno/Sharon Okamoto: Planning outdoor event for Hanamatsuri/Shotsuki Memorial Service on April 10, 2022. Following the service the 100th Anniversary Capsule will be buried. Complimentary Obentos will be provided to sangha members attending the service with reservations. COVID protocol will be in place.

Membership, Tim Tsukamoto: Welcome new members Dan and Linda Menda.
2022 Membership dues are now payable.

Facilities Maintenance, Gary Okamoto/Kenny Teranishi: Thank you Kenny Okabayashi for installing a light switch and outlet on the left side of the outside kitchen door. Thank you to David Yu for donating 13 tables of 8 and 5 feet long.

BCA Liaison Peggy Okabayashi/Lois Kashiwase: BCA National Council Meeting, March 11-13, 2022.

Peggy gave a presentation on BCA Dharma Forward Campaign. The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) have entered a joint campaign to ensure the future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America. To ensure the future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America the Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) Board approved the donation of \$10K to the BCA Dharma Forward Campaign.

Investment Committee, Dick Kadoya: Jan Takeuchi has volunteered to join the Committee. Thank you Jan!

Next meeting is Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm, Via Zoom.

2021 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.

Kansha Award for outstanding and unselfish service in a special area are awarded to the following individuals:
Sandra Okuno – Your creative talents and food display artistry have made many of the BCF/BWA functions extra special. The BWA is grateful to your fundraising leadership, and you're continued compassion for people in need. Through your fundraising leadership, the BWA has been able to donate to many local charitable organizations.



Garrett Kishaba – Over the past four years, Garrett has become a reliable, hard-working Jr. YBA member. Prior to Covid, Garrett was attending/helping at all church fundraisers and JYBA events/fundraisers. When elections were held for this year's JYBA Executive Board, Garrett was elected President by a unanimous decision. Even his peers recognized his leadership. In addition, this year Garrett chose the Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) as his Boy Scout Eagle Scout project recipient. Painting the side of the gym and doors and painting other areas around the temple grounds. Thank you, Garrett for choosing BCF.

Elizabeth & Eric Fujii – Even though the temple was shut down during this pandemic, it did not stop you two from chairing numerous successful fundraisers with catchy titles as "Just Golf", "Drive-Thru Prime Rib Dinner", and "Drive-Thru Loco Moco Breakfast". You have continued to practice Dana through your selfless giving of your time and energy to the church.

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

Jr. YBA – 2020-2021 was financially challenging for BCF. The JYBA members decided since BCF was not able to hold the regular fundraising events in full capacity, the JYBA would give back to BCF. JYBA held three successful fundraisers. A food drive-through event in April, the Awake-a-thon in July, and the joint drive-through food event with Dharma School in December. JYBA donated back to the Buddhist Church of Florin from each of the three fundraisers.

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

Kenny Teranishi – For your ongoing commitment to maintain the temple grounds and facilities. You can always be counted on to help resolve any maintenance issue that arises at the temple, no matter when they occur. You helped coordinate the Boy Scout projects to ensure the projects are completed timely, appropriately and in a safe manner. Whenever you are asked to work on temple fundraisers, you willingly volunteer your time.

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

Walter Menda – You have always kept the best interest of the Buddhist Church of Florin upper most in your heart. All through the Covid 19 Pandemic and now the variants, you took particular care of the Hondo and Temple facilities. You have served at the Temple and District level in many capacities. You constantly are looking for ways to improve the administrative functions of the

Governing Board. You are always promoting the benefits of temple membership to everyone you meet. You are Florin's Ambassador-at-Large!

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 recipient is:

Peggy Okabayashi – For your continued leadership and commitment to the Buddhist Church of Florin, Florin Buddhist Women's Association, Northern California Buddhist Women's Association, Northern California District Council, Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations, Buddhist Churches of America, and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha World Buddhist Women's Associations. Whether it's being the President, Board Member or Committee Member or Chair of these organizations, you have consistently demonstrated your unselfish dedication, leadership, and willingness to serve. This exemplifies your Dharma heart and mind.



Dear Sangha members & friends,

We are grateful for your response and support in our temple fundraising event. Unfortunately, in the interest for the safety of its members and the community, the Buddhist Church of Florin has voted to cancel the Super Bowl food fundraising event. As you are aware, the Omicron variant is highly contagious and in no way did we want to put the health and safety of you or our members at risk.

If you have already placed an order, your check will be returned by mail.

Thank you for your understanding and past support. Please take care and stay safe.

Buddhist Church of Florin
florinbuddhist.org
Super Bowl Food Fundraiser
Sunday, February 13, 2022 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

To Order:

1. Return your order form **with** payment
2. Orders **MUST** be postmarked by **January 21, 2022**
3. Make check payable to: **BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN**
4. Mail check and order form to:

Buddhist Church of Florin
SuperBowl Food Fundraiser
P. O. Box 292006
Sacramento, CA 95829

Pick Up Your Order on February 13th, between 11:00 AM -1:00 PM
7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, 95828
Prepaid contactless drive thru pick up only
Email or phone orders will **not** be accepted

ITEM	QTY	UNIT COST	TOTAL
Chicken Plate (½ teriyaki chicken, vegetable, rice, pickled vegetable, sliced oranges)		x \$18.00	
Chicken Curry Rice		x \$18.00	
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Name (Print)	
Address	
City	Zip
Contact Number (required)	
Email Address	

CANCELLED

2022 Membership Dues

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

Chinn, Jackie	Nakahira, Sue	Shijo, Stephanie
Fong, Tyson & Denise	Nakashima, Thomas & Suasn Sarinas	Shimizu, Ron & Judy
Fujji, Juline & Sissler, David	Oda, Tom	Sonoda, Janet
Fujioka, Yoneko	Okabayashi, Ken & Peggy	Sunahara, Margie
Gee, Shirley	Okamoto, Gary & Sharon	Syphax, Ginny
Kadoya, Harvey & Kay	Okimura, Alice	Tahara, Shig
Kono, Liz	Okimura, Lloyd	Takeda, Bob & Susan (Jan - Jun)
Menda, Dan & Linda	Okuno, Sandra	Thielen, Lori
Menda, Kathleen & Walter	Otani, Mary	Tsukamoto, Lon & Ann
Menda, Gregory & Kelli	Saigo, Hiroko	
Munekawa, Kimi	Shijo, Craig & Diana	

2022 membership dues are due by January 31, 2022.

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 new members:

Dan & Linda Menda

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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES



Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2022.

The Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) 2022 membership dues are now payable.

In order for BCF to have updated records, we want **each family/or single member to complete the 2022 Membership Form.**

If you have sent in your membership dues for 2022 without a membership form, please complete the form and send it in. Thank you.

The Membership Form is included in this newsletter on the following page.

According to the BCF Constitution "Annual dues of the member shall be paid in advance. The dues-year for all members shall commence on January 1st."

There are several payment plans available:

Annual

Semi-Annual

Quarterly

Monthly (10 installments)

Please send your completed 2022 Membership Form along with your payment to Tim Tsukamoto by January 31, 2022. Remit your dues and membership form to:

BCF, Attention Membership

P.O. Box 292006, Sacramento, CA 95829.

Questions regarding membership should also be directed to Tim Tsukamoto 916-606-0455 or Buddhist Church of Florin 916-383-1831.

2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member
 Name Change
 Address Change
 Other _____

 Last Name First Name Middle Initial Birthdate
Spouse

 Last Name First Name Middle Initial Birthdate
Address

 Street City State Zip Code
Telephone #

 Home Cell **Email**

Children at home under age 25: (List last name if different than above)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Birthdate		
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter

Membership Dues:

New Member (1st year)	\$150 per adult /\$300 couple/family
New Member Ages 80 - 84 (1st year)	\$100 per adult
New Member Ages 85 and over (1st year)	\$ 50 per adult
Ages 25 - 30	\$ 50 per person per year
Ages 31 - 79	\$280 per person per year/\$560 couple/family
Ages 80 - 84	\$190 per person per year
Ages 85 or older	\$100 per person per year

Check Payment Preference: __ Annual __ Semi-Annual __ Quarterly __ Monthly (10 payments)

Comments: _____

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

Membership dues are payable/due in January 2022. If joining mid year, yearly dues are pro-rated for 2022.

For office use: Date: _____ Amt Pd _____ Ck No. _____ Cash _____ Rec'd by: _____ Entered _____

BCA DHARMA FORWARD CAMPAIGN

Interest in Buddhism is growing in America as people seek a better way to live. Jodo Shinshu Buddhism exists in our communities because of the dedicated efforts over many generations to carry the Dharma Forward to us. Dharma Forward is the BCA's vision to build the future of Buddhism in America. This vision can only be achieved through a collective effort. The opportunity to grow is greater than ever, and the pathway to a bright future includes all of us.

The target for the campaign is \$15 million. To date over \$3 million has been donated. This is a big commitment for the future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America. To meet the campaign's ambitious goal, BCA is requesting a five-year pledge. This allows individuals and families to consider larger gifts than could be made at one time. However, if you would like to structure your gift differently, BCA is grateful to receive donations of any amount, paid over multiple years or as a one-time gift.

Pledges will be allocated to areas of greatest need unless further specified by the donor. An allocation committee of Buddhist Churches of America, Institute of Buddhist Studies, and Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation leaders (BCAEF) will prioritize projects, with regular updates and annual reporting to donors.

Please complete a pledge form to allow BCA to properly record and acknowledge your gift. Reminders will be sent according to your specified pledge schedule. Pledge payments can be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually by check or credit card. Recurring online donations options are available at <https://bca.kindful.com>. To donate via stock transfer, employer matching or Qualified Charitable Distribution from a 401K or IRA (tax free), please contact Michiko Inanaga, BCAEF Director of Development at minanage@bcahq.org.



DHARMA FORWARD CAMPAIGN -PLEDGE FORM-

To support the Dharma Forward Campaign and ensure the future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through the Buddhist Churches of America and the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

I/We PLEDGE the sum of \$ _____, payable as follows:

- Multi-Year Pledge (\$ _____ per year for 2, 3, 4, 5 years)
- One-Time Gift

Thank you for your support!

Your contribution is deductible for income tax purposes to the extent provided by the Internal Revenue Code. All pledges are applied to the areas of greatest need including Education (IBS/CBE), Technology & Outreach, Facilities (Loan Repayment) & Operations or Scholarship & Support, unless specified. JSC Naming opportunities available.

DONOR GIFT INFORMATION

NAME (for tax receipt): _____

NAME (for acknowledgements): _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ TEL/CELL NUMBER: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This gift is in Honor of / in Memory of: _____

Direct my gift to: BCA Initiatives IBS Programs Dharma Forward General
(Funds will be shared between BCA and IBS)

TEMPLE AFFILIATION: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Enclosed is my first payment of \$ _____ Online credit card donations @ bca.kindful.com
Checks payable to BCA Endowment Foundation **TO DONATE SECURITIES, please contact us**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM & RETURN TO:

BCA Endowment Foundation // 1710 Octavia Street // San Francisco, CA 94109
Michiko Inanaga @ minanaga@bcahq.org / 626-627-0544



Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School

News & Events

February 2022

“B.R.A.I.D.” – Building Respectful Awareness & Inclusion through Dharma

The day that we had to get up early to prepare for the bazaar was almost like an old hat for me. The getting up early, that is. Not the peeling-apart-meat-until-my-fingers-were-frozen part. That was a bit painful. But I guess my fingers were just glad that they didn't get fully frostbitten and fall off. I know I was glad about that. Imagine trying to play music, but not having the appendages to play! But during a break, I was running my poor, frozen hands under hot water, I realized something. Maybe my fingers had to pay a large price, but that made the hot water all the more gratifying. I mean, do we ever stop to think about how simple it is, now, to be able to turn on the tap and have hot water flow through it? What about how simple it is, to just tap a key on a keyboard, and lo and behold, have a story type itself out? Or just being in the house, turning on the lights and being able to see without slamming into the wall or the couch (although I still do that in broad daylight, and that's the wall's fault. Darn wall). Do we ever realize how lucky we are, to live in this time where everything from reading to walking around the house at night is so simple? Do we ever really feel grateful for it? Just something to think about while I make several mistakes in this letter and just have to press the backspace button.

Stay safe, and make sure that those walls don't crash into you.

Ella

Dharma Zoom

Dharma Zoom Dates

Feb 20, 2022 10:30 AM Theme for Sangha Member TBA

Feb 27, 2022 10:30 AM Theme for Sangha Member TBA

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# US (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)

Thank you to everyone who supported our Jr. YBA/Dharma School fundraiser in December. It was a great success! Whether you purchased, came out and helped...we appreciate all of you!





Dec Jan News
February 2022

BWA News

THANK YOU/ARIGATO

Tsuitou Hoyo:	Sharon Arase	Beverly Tanaka	Susan Takeda	Louise Teranishi
Appreciation:	Rev Patti Oshita	Mei Fong	Jayne Yamamoto	
Walking Group:	Lois Kashiwase	Jennifer Kubo	Kathy Menda	Peggy Okabayashi
Special:	Cindy Kakutani	Janet Sonoda		

Yukiye Baishiki – IMO Midori Baishiki Mary Otani – IMO Masako Takeoka
Peggy Okabayashi – IMO Tayeko Takeuchi and Tatsuko Takemori

DANA – Cultivating Generosity

Nisei VFW and Auxiliary Dana Project – Also thanks to JoAnn Kusaka, Sharon Okamoto, Hiroko Saigo, and Ann Tsukamoto.

Adopt a Family Project – Also thanks to Judie Miyao, Hiroko Saigo and Lori Rackoncza.

Mustard Seed Christmas Toy Drive requested gift cards and monetary donations for toys and clothing. Thanks to donors, Sharon Arase, Shirley Gee, Lois Kashiwase, Liz Kono, Peggy Okabayashi, Sharon Okamoto, Lori Rackoncza, Susan Takeda, Jan Takeuchi, Louise Teranishi, and Connie Yee.

January Dana Projects:

Sister Nora's Place – meals for residents

Sacramento SPCA – blankets and towels

February Dana Projects:

Elk Grove Food Bank - Food Drive

Dana Day Project - My Sister's House Wish list – Women and Children list and gift cards.

KISARAGIKI, LADY TAKEKO KUJO MEMORIAL SERVICE – PLEASE JOIN US VIA ZOOM

February 20, 2022, 10:30 AM, Rev Patti Oshita officiant.

Lady Takeko Kujō (1887-1928) was born as the second daughter of the 21st Monshu Myōnyo (Kōson Ohtani) of the Jōdoshinshu Hongwanji-ha. Takeko and her sister-in-law Kazuko-Utakata founded the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) in 1904, which has expanded all over the world. Lady Kujo's memorial service, kisaragiki is held in February every year to honor her accomplishments to higher education, humanitarian efforts and devotion to the Nembutsu. In the spirit of Lady Kujo's Dana (selfless giving), the BWA will conduct a Dana Day project for My Sister's House.

BWA February 2022 Dana Projects

WISHLIST

WOMEN & CHILDREN

- Baby lotion
- Baby powder
- Baby shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Body wash
- Diapers (all sizes – especially size 8)
- Face moisturizer / sunscreen
- Medicine (unused-cold & flu, allergy, aspirin, cough, etc.)
- Unused beauty products
- Facial tissues
- Women's business attire, new or gently used
- New house slippers
- Lightly used purses, handbags, backpacks
- Vintage items
- Convertible car seat

**LADY
KUJO
PROJ**

A Safe Haven



GIFT CARDS

- Clothing stores
- Gas
- Grocery stores
- Target
- Walmart

To serve Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven, job training, and community services.



**& Requesting:
Canned & non-perishable foods**

Sister Nora's Place



Sister Nora's Place provides long-term shelter and case management for women with a history of homelessness, trauma and serious mental and physical illness. These women are often times society's most vulnerable and forgotten people.

The program began sheltering women on January 17, 2005 and has the capacity to house thirteen women at a time. Each woman is treated on an individual basis, thus there is no predetermined length of stay. It is the only shelter of its kind in the Sacramento area and provides each guest with a stable and nurturing living environment, advocacy, and guidance. Each woman is assisted in creating a safety net of support that she will be able to access for the rest of her life.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to volunteer by preparing the evening meal for Sister Nora's guests with the option of joining them for dinner.

Requesting: \$0

BWA Board approved the purchase of up to 16 meals



**January
Dana**

Towel & Blanket Drive

Requesting:

Gently used towels & blankets to replenish supplies

Collection Dates:

BCF Gym

Feb. Thurs [LOTUS days] (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Feb. 24 [Last THURS] (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Call Sandy Okuno for questions

LOTUS News

Learning Oriental Trimming ...

Land Park Pond 7-'20

WINTER PRUNING



Gary Okamoto, Greg Crandall, Ron Shimizu



Winter/Heisei Garden



LUNCH FIXIN's

JoAnn Kusaka

Weekly AM snacks as well as homemade tsukemono/
kimchi; special treat: Auntie Kae's pistachio cake

**JoAnn K/Jan T
Craig Shijo**

Lasagna/garlic bread; teriyaki chicken bowl; enchilada/sides
Poke (ginger flavor)

Sharon Okamoto

Mini cream puffs/chocolates

Ginny Syphax

Packaged cookies: Surprise caramel brownies/white chocolate
macadamia nut cookies

Lois Kashiwase

Individually packaged dried persimmons

Donna Kunisaki

Premium truffles/See's



Buddhist Church of Florin
Fried Rice Loco Moco Plate

Breakfast Fundraiser

Order Pick-Up:
9AM - Noon
March 19, 2021

Location:
Buddhist Church of Florin
7235 Pritchard Road,

Order includes:
*Fried Rice,
Hamburger Patty,
Scrambled Egg, Gravy,
& Mac Salad*
(*no special orders)



Cost: \$15

HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

- 1) Complete *ORDER FORM* below
- 2) Make *CHECK* to **Buddhist Church of Florin**
- 3) Submit *ORDER FORM* and *CHECK* (Mail or drop off by **MARCH 10, 2021**) to:
E. Fujii 325 34th Street, Sacramento CA 95816
- 4) Pick-up on **March 19, 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 (\$15.00 EA)
YOUR PHONE NUMBER ?		
YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?		

FYI: Your check will be deposited after the event.



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

Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarships 2022-2023



The Buddhist Church of Florin's Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarship program offers academic financial assistance to our church members' high school and college students with seven scholarships:

- A \$5,000 scholarship, a \$3,000 scholarship and a \$2,000 scholarship to graduating senior high school students; and
- A \$5,000 scholarship, a \$3,000 scholarship, a \$2,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship to students attending a university, college or vocational school.

Graduating high school students who will be attending full time and/or students attending an accredited college, university or vocational school full time in 2022-2023 may apply for the scholarships. The student's parent(s) or student must be a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin to be eligible for the scholarships.

The evaluation criteria will be:

- Active involvement in church, community and school activities
- Scholastic achievement
- Essay
- In-person interview

Church Member Parents-Please encourage your children to apply for the Buddhist Church of Florin's Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarships. Applications will be available from the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson, Walter Menda, or Florin Dharma School Superintendent and YBA advisors in January 2022.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson by midnight, April 1, 2022.

Buddhist Church of Florin
Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant
\$1,500

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 \$1,500 grant for classroom supplies and education materials; and if necessary, for reopening Personal Protection supplies and equipment.

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.

How to become a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin? If you are married, please join under the couple/family category or if single, the adult single category. Contact Walter Menda for a Church Membership Form.



Teacher
motivating
star-gazing
INSPIRING
dream - weaving
understanding
believing
soul-shaping
superhero

If you haven't designated Buddhist Church of Florin as your charitable organization, please do...free money to BCF! Thank you!



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.

SANGHA CHECK IN ZOOM CALLS

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 4 to 5 PM, we are having our Sangha Check-in Zoom calls. Please feel free to join us! If you have any questions, contact Ginny Yamamoto Syphax at pchefcookingparty4u@gmail.com or 916-837-2081.

Buddhist Church of Florin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Buddhist Church of Florin's Sangha Check-In Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81732925524>

Meeting ID: 817 3292 5524

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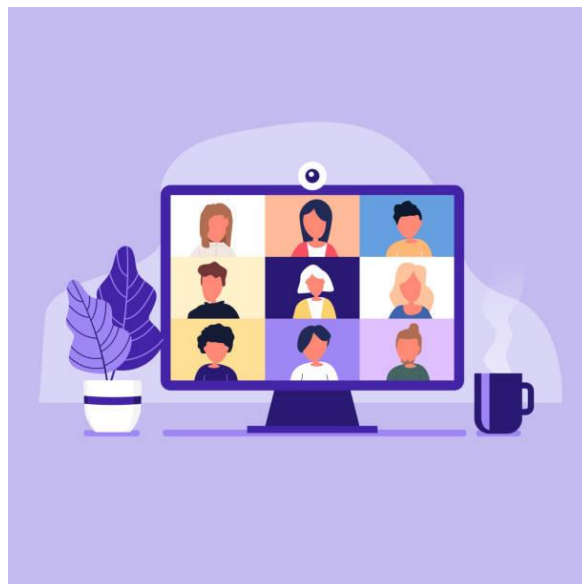
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GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

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 12 PM on the following dates:**

February 6, 2022

March 6, 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).**

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Thursday Night Series

Thursday,

February 17, 2022, 6:30 pm

"When is it time to get a hearing aid?"

**Understanding Hearing, Hearing Loss and How Hearing Aids
Work**



Tod Borges
Hearing Aid Dispenser

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

Please sign-up at
BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org