



ONENESS

Buddhist Church of Florin



October 2023

Volume 10

Hello everyone. It is hard to believe that it is already October. Time seems to have flown by so fast. In two months, it will be the end of the year. On October 22, we are planning to have the Ladies of Jodo Shinshu service at the Buddhist Church of Florin. The memorial service to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin and the 800th anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is scheduled for October 8th at the Sacramento Betsuin. Four Northern California BCA Kaikyoshi Ministers, Bishop Marvin Harada, and guest speaker Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto will be participating. We look forward to your attendance. Let us remember that if it was not for Shinran Shonin, we might not have encountered the teachings of the Nembutsu today. I am happy to be able to celebrate his big birthday, 850 years.

*Ah, hard to encounter, even in many lifetimes, is the decisive cause of birth, Amida's universal Vow! Hard to realize, even in myriads of kalpas, is pure shinjin that is true and real! If you should come to realize this practice and shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about. [Shinran Shonin]

This year I will be at Florin for the New Year's Eve kansho ringing and the end of the year service. There will be many events from now until the end of the year. I hope we see you at these events. please take care of yourself and stay safe and healthy. Remember, wherever we are, we are in the same warm light of Amida Buddha and I am happy to recite the same Nembutsu with all of our dharma friends.

Gassho

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Noritaka Imada

If you need to contact Rev. Imada, you can email him at: imadabca@gmail.com



October Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of October will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 10:00 am**. The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin's (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of October are listed below. If you have a homyo (Buddhist name) on a card please bring it with you for placement on the onaijin (altar) before the service. If the year 2023 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed loved one, please contact Reverend Noritaka Imada, Buddhist Church of Florin 916-383-1831 or email imadabca@gmail.com to make special memorial arrangements.

Eto, Kaoru	10-07-1940	Nishi, Tamiko	10-14-1934
Furukawa, Shizu	10-20-1914	Nomura, Ichinosuke	10-29-1918
Hayashida, Yukio	10-05-1926	Oda, Tokutaro	10-07-1903
Hirakawa, Junichi	10-05-1933	Ohmae, Shigecko	10-07-1918
Ishimaru, Gosaku	10-08-1921	Ohta, Tsuneo	10-16-1990
Ishimoto, Tokutaro	10-31-1921	Oku,	10-03-1911
Kishimoto, Toraiichi	10-11-1958	Oku, Toshi	10-06-1973
Kojima, Shigeru	10-29-1920	Oku, Yoichi	10-03-1971
Kono, Jane Michiko	10-08-2001	Ouchida, Soyo	10-31-1928
Koyama, Chiyo	10-21-1917	Sakai, Yoshinori	10-17-1944
Masuda, Kikujiro	10-14-1957	Sako, Tokichi	10-25-1956
Matsui, Tsuru	10-31-1979	Sato, Tsura	10-24-1943
Minamide, Yataro	10-04-1939	Sawada, Mitoko	10-27-1931
Miyaki,	10-26-1913	Sawai, Fujiko	10-31-1930
Miyata, Irene Tamayo	10-27-1992	Shimosaka, Robert Tadashi	10-17-1984
Mizusaka, William Yutaka	10-03-2016	Takeoka, Kumakichi	10-22-1960
Mori, Kojiro	10-07-1940	Tanaka, Fusaye	10-31-1999
Mukai, Frank T.	10-24-1996	Tanaka, Sekiyo	10-09-1987
Mukai, Tom	10-08-1989	Tanaka, Shizuichi	10-08-1976
Mukai, Tomie	10-13-1923	Tanigawa, Kogiku	10-27-1980
Munekawa, Makoto Jim	10-13-2017	Tanigawa, Shizuo	10-16-1921
Nakagawa, Chotaro	10-23-1953	Tanigawa, Tamazo	10-16-1954
Nakahira, Sue Suzuko	10-29-2022	Yamanaka, Hachiro	10-26-1950
Nakashima,	10- -1915	Yasukawa, Leo Isamu	10-11-2013
Nakashima, Kiyoshi	10-10-1950	Yoshinaga, Rin	10-15-1961
Nishi, Charles Keishi	10-07-1970		

2023 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>
2022	1 st Year	1999	25 th Year
2021	3 rd Year	1991	33 rd Year
2017	7 th Year	1974	50 th Year
2011	13 th Year	1924	100 th Year
2007	17 th Year		

CONDOLENCES

The Buddhist Church of Florin extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family members of the loved ones that left our midst to be with Amida Buddha.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

JAYNE YAMAMOTO
June 3, 1932 to August 18, 2023

KAY KADOYA
March 16, 1930 to August 29, 2023

YONEKO FUJIOKA
August 13, 1936 to September 1, 2023

KEN CHING
June 11, 1954 to September 6, 2023

Please join us on Sunday, October 22, 2023

**Ladies of Jodo Shinshu Memorial Service
October Shotsuki Hoyo and Family Service**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada**

*There will be a luncheon following the church service and so in order to prepare enough for everyone, we ask that you please rsvp to florinbuddhist@gmail.com by **October 17, 2023**. Thank you!!*

Please note there will not be a service at the BCF on Sunday, October 8, 2023. The 850th & 800th Joint Celebration Service will be held at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA at 10:00 a.m.

****The front gates may be locked 15 minutes after the start of scheduled services and/or activities. Thank you.**

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.

September 27, 2023

Hello Sangha!

The “Oneness”, our Buddhist Church of Florin newsletter keeps our members up-to-date on temple events and news, provides a monthly calendar of activities, updates on the Dharma School/BWA/Jr. YBA/Lotus Club and more; and it keeps our membership connected through Reverend Imada’s monthly message, information regarding memorials and Sunday services.

As you may know, Ginny Syphax has been doing a great job producing Oneness for many years and, while Ginny is going to continue to lead this effort, the Church Board is looking for a volunteer to function as a back-up to Ginny. The job entails gathering pertinent materials from various sources, transferring the information onto a template, and forwarding this on for printing/mailing. Training will be provided. This back-up person would only need to perform this function, if Ginny is unable to create the newsletter herself. If you would like to get involved in this job, please contact me at (916) 955-1954; or Ginny at (916) 837-2081.

Another item related to the Oneness Newsletter: I would like to invite you to highlight the good work of our BCF members. If you know of someone that you think should be recognized for their contributions to the Buddhist Church of Florin, please email me at efujii52@gmail.com - provide their name and a brief summary of the work they are doing so that we can say *Arigato*.

In Gassho,

Eric Fujii, President
Buddhist Church of Florin

2023 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2023 membership dues received in August:

Myrna Hitomi

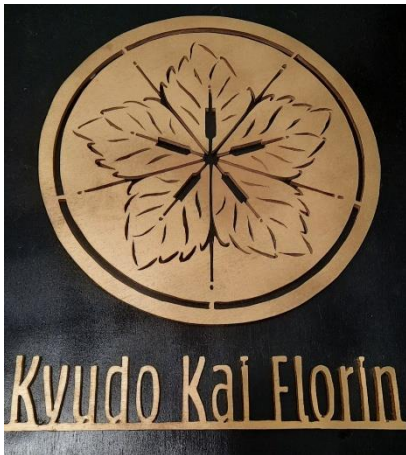
Frank Mouton (monthly)

Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)

Thank you to all temple members who have paid their membership dues. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps with the day-to-day operations of the temple. A reminder to those who have not yet submitted their dues payment. We would appreciate your payment as soon as possible.

Please direct membership questions to Susan Takeda at (916) 837-5699 or s.takeda@comcast.net.

If you know someone interested in joining us, please refer them to florinbuddhist.org for more information & the BCF membership form.



THANK YOU TO MITS YAMAMOTO!



Mits Yamamoto, known for his expert wood scroll saw talent, made Kyudo Kai of Florin's black and gold mon for their yumi (bow) stand. Pictured left are KKF members showing their appreciation. Pictured right is Mits showing members how the art is done in his workshop.

THANK YOU MITS FROM KKF!

Buddhist Church of Florin
Governing Board Meeting Highlights
September 14, 2023

1. The Board would like to improve communication among itself and the Sangha especially with respect to any health, welfare or death notifications. If the Sangha is aware of any of these events, please contact your Director-At-Large or any Board member so that the Board can follow through in a timely manner.
2. Thank you everyone for your hard work to help make the Fall Food Bazaar a success! The event netted nearly \$10,000.
3. A backup person is needed to assist with newsletter preparation when the availability of the current editor is limited. If you would like to help out, please contact Eric Fujii (efujii52@gmail.com).
4. Dharma School opens September 24. The theme is the Eightfold Path. Volunteer teachers/assistants are needed. Please help us provide the best experience for your child.
5. A New Member event will be held on September 24 to welcome the members who joined during the past three years since BCF has not been able to have a proper welcome event due to Covid. A fun social with a tri-tip and chicken teriyaki lunch, and raffle will follow the service.
6. Sensei will continue with his duties and time split between Lodi and Florin temples; however, he will be moving into the Florin parsonage as of October 1.
7. Sensei plans to start a Japanese language class after the Japanese service on the 4th Sunday of the month at noon beginning in October. He will teach beginning conversation and simple writing of your name in hiragana.
8. The Joint Celebration service to commemorate the founding of Jodo Shinshu and the birthday of Shiran Shonin will be held at Sacramento Betsuin on October 8th at 10 am. The Guest Speaker is Rev. Matsumoto. The service will be both in person and online. The deadline for registration for in-person attendance is September 23. Online, the service will be live-streamed on Facebook; registration is not required for the online presentation.
9. Dharma School is hosting a Halloween Party on October 29. Spooky fun for all! Look out for more information.
10. The Board voted to pay for Red Cross sponsored CPR training for interested Sangha members. More information to follow. This is in conjunction with the purchase of AEDs (automatic electronic defibrillators) for the gym and temple. AED training will occur separately once AEDs have been installed.
11. BWA has volunteered to replace the old, heavy tables in the gymnasium.
12. Pickleball is being planned for Sundays at 1 pm in the gymnasium. More details to follow.



Japanese Language Class

by Rev. Imada

Every 4th Sunday – beginning, Sunday, October 22nd at noon

We will start by practicing writing our name in hiragana and making simple self-introductions and greetings in Japanese. We look forward to seeing all of you at the temple.

Namo Amida Butsu



Please keep half of the order form for yourself. You can call Ginny Yamamoto Syphax (916-837-2081) to confirm if your order has been received.

Buddhist Church of Florin

Jr. YBA & Dharma School Fundraiser
 Sunday, December 3, 2023
 Pick-up 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



TO ORDER:

1. Return your order for **WITH** payment
2. Orders **MUST be postmarked by November 12, 2023**
3. Make check payable to: FLORIN YBA
4. **MAIL** check and order form to:

Ginny Yamamoto Syphax
ATTN: FBC JYBA & DS
3318 Yosemite Park Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758



PICK UP your order on December 3, between 10 AM – 12 PM
 at **7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828**

Contactless drive-thru pick up only - Email or phone orders will NOT be accepted

ITEM	QTY	UNIT COST	TOTAL
Teriyaki Steak Sandwich (bread, steak, marinated onions, shredded cabbage)		\$10.00	
Chinese Chicken Salad		\$ 6.00	
Sandwich/Salad combo (save \$1)		\$15.00	
Extra Donation			
TOTAL ENCLOSED			
Name (print):			
Address:			
City:			
*Contact phone #: ()			
Email address:			

*All orders must have contact phone number accessible between 10:00 AM - 12 PM on December 3, 2023.

Orders not picked up will be donated.

Buddhist Church of Florin

Jr. YBA & Dharma School Fundraiser
 Sunday, December 3, 2023
 Pick-up 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



TO ORDER:

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**Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School
 News & Events- October 2023
 "B.R.A.I.D." – Building Respectful Awareness
 & Inclusion through Dharma**

It is the start of another memorable year. Please join us in the events to come.

Upcoming Dharma Activities

Sunday, October 29 Halloween Party 10:00 AM



Sunday, November 12 Veterans Recognition with Friendship soup
 by BCF and garlic bread by DS/JYBA



Sunday, December 3 DS/JYBA Fundraiser Drive Thru (steak sandwich and
 salad)

Sunday, December 10 Bodhi Day, Soup & Salad

**Don't miss out on the FUN Halloween party...10/29/23 @ 10 AM...crafts, Trunk
 or Treat and more!!! Please let us know you are coming by October 22, 2023
 at florinbuddhist@gmail.com**



\$2,000

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 \$2,000 grant for classroom supplies, education materials and educational field trips.

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).

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 2023 Church Membership Form at (916) 392-1896 or wmenda@pacbell.net.

Please complete the Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant Application and email to Walter Menda. Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis.

Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant Application

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number and E-mail Address:

Member of Buddhist Church of Florin (Yes/No):

Name of School:

School District:

Grade:

Teaching Credential (Yes/No):

School Term (i.e., September 2023 to June 2024):

How I plan to spend the \$2,000 grant:

I certify that I have provided complete and accurate information to the items on this application. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of information may revoke any right to a grant.

Signature of Applicant

Date

BWA Oct. Dana Project

REQUESTING:

**Yearly
participation in
MSH Run/Walk**

Run for a Safe Haven

**Oct. 28
2023**

Join hundreds of Central Valley runners and walkers in the **20th annual Run for a Safe Haven** 5k run/walk and make a difference! Your support helps provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Sign up to help us **move forward together** and pave the path to a brighter and safer future.



Run With A Team

Register online for October's Dana Project for My Sister's House Run for a Safe Haven. We will (as we have done in the past) determine a date in November to walk together.

Sept. Dana
Project



Women's Wellness Program

Still ACCEPTING:

**Hygiene &
personal items**



The Women's Wellness Program enhances the well-being of our guests and community through the provision of social work services and by creating opportunities for healing, community development, empowerment, creativity, and fun.

Collection Dates:	Oct. Thurs	[LOTUS days]	(9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
BCF Gym	Sept. 24	Shotsuki Service	Before/After Service

LOTUS News

Learning Oriental Trimming

September

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Land Park Pond 7-'22



Gary O, Kenny O shown here are blowing/picking up more leaves than usual this month. **Greg C** (out of commission for a couple weeks), **Mike K, & George M** help with this endeavor weekly as well. **Ben K & Jan T** help with pruning.

Fall is in the Air

Sharon O & JoAnn K check out the garden produce. There's enough harvest to have weekly lunches. **Ann T** prepared lunch for LOTUS in Sept. and used the produce to also make lunch for food bazaar helpers. There was enough to also share with Rev. **Sugahara** who visited recently.



Ann T: LOTUS lunch [Chicken tortilla casserole w/Spanish rice]; [spicy eggplant]

Lloyd O: LOTUS lunch [Air fried tonkatsu, sashimi, chicken katsu]

Ginny S: LOTUS dessert [Raspberry white chocolate mini Bundt cakes]

JoAnn K: Preparing fish.
Lloyd O: Selecting food that he had prepared.



Bundt cake



Rev. Sugahara & Mits Yamamoto visiting

