



ONENESS

Buddhist Church of Florin



July 2026

Volume 7

Welcoming the Obon Season



I hope everyone is staying well and keeping cool during this hot summer season.

Summer is one of the busiest and most important seasons for our church. We have Bon Odori, the Food Bazaar, and our Obon and Hatsubon Services. None of these events happen by themselves. They are made possible by many volunteers who give their time and energy to help prepare, cook, clean, organize, and support our church community. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helps make these events possible.

One of the most beloved summer traditions is Bon Odori. During Bon Odori, people form a large circle and dance together while repeating simple movements. Some people hesitate to join because they do not know the dances. However, most Bon Odori dances are very simple. If you step into the circle and follow the people around you, by the end of the song you will probably know the dance. The beauty of Bon Odori is not dancing perfectly.

People of different ages, backgrounds, and experiences all join the same circle. No one is the star of the show, and no one is left out. Everyone becomes part of the circle. In English, we might call this feeling “Oneness.” Buddhism teaches that we do not live by ourselves. We are supported by countless people, relationships, and causes and conditions. Bon Odori allows us to experience this interconnectedness not only with our minds, but also with our bodies.

But why do we dance during Obon? The origin of Obon comes from a Buddhist observance called Urabon-e. One of the Buddha’s disciples, Maudgalyayana, known in Japanese as Mokuren, learned that his deceased mother was suffering. Wanting to help her, he turned to the Buddha for guidance. The Buddha taught Mokuren not to rely only on his own efforts, but to appreciate the support and connections of the Sangha. This story is also about realizing that suffering is not ours alone. Mokuren was focused on the suffering of his own mother, but he was encouraged to see that many others were suffering as well. When we face difficulties, we often ask, “Why is this happening to me?” However, the Buddha taught that suffering is a part of life. This does not mean life is hopeless. Rather, it means we must first recognize the reality of suffering before we can understand it.

In Buddhism, we are encouraged to look deeply at our suffering and ask where it comes from and why it arises. This process of reflection is an important part of the Buddhist path.

Through the Buddha's teaching, Mokuren was able to let go of his attachment and sorrow. He was filled with great joy and gratitude. It is said that he was so overjoyed that he began to dance. This story is often told as one of the origins of Bon Odori.

Today, Obon continues to be a time to remember those who have passed away. It is also a time to reflect on the many people who have supported our lives and made us who we are today. Because of our parents, grandparents, teachers, friends, and countless others, we are able to live the lives we have now. For this reason, Obon is not only a time of remembrance. It is also a time of gratitude.

As we gather for Obon this year, may we remember our loved ones, appreciate the many connections that support our lives, and join together in the spirit of Oneness expressed through Bon Odori.
Namo Amida Butsu.

Last Month's Quiz Answer

In the Amida Sutra, it says, "Blue flowers shine blue light, yellow flowers shine yellow light." What important message does this teaching share with us?

- A. It is important to become the same color
- B. The most noticeable flower is the most valuable
- C. Each flower shines beautifully in its own color
- D. Some flowers are better than others

Answer: C

The Amida Sutra teaches that every flower shines in its own color. In the same way, each person is unique and precious just as they are.

Next Quiz

According to the article, what is one lesson from the story of Mokuren?

- A. We should focus only on helping our own family.
- B. We should value our connections with the Sangha and realize we are not alone.
- C. Happiness comes from avoiding difficult situations.
- D. We should never feel sadness when someone dies.

(Answer will be revealed next month!)

In Gassho,

Rev. Noritaka Imada

If you need to contact Rev. Imada, you can email him at: imadabca@gmail.com (916) 383-1831



LETTER FROM PRESIDENT



A Message from Eric Fujii, President of the Buddhist Church of Florin:

With the passing of one of our Buddhist Church of Florin's long time members, Myrna Hitomi, it draws to my mind how our parents and grandparents sacrificed to build this church and its legacy. They were able to do this while creating a family environment that was open and welcoming to all. I believe this culture has carried forward through the years to this day. And all of us have contributed to this welcoming Sangha.

Myrna was a gracious and generous member who was quick to provide guidance and leadership through the years. I fondly recall her giving me advice on how to perfect the *aji* of many of the dishes we cooked at the church.

People like Myrna and my parents were available to help when they could, even after a hard day of work. They established a strong legacy of contributions that lives on in many of our members who are always ready to do whatever it takes to keep our church running smoothly.

While I'm sure my parents would never have envisioned me being the BCF president for one term, let alone two or three terms, I believe they would know that, through their example of dedication to the church, I would be involved at some level.

The Issei and Nisei before us showed us the value of hard work and laid a strong foundation of care and compassion. I hope that the next generation will appreciate the sacrifices that they made for us and continue our BCF legacy.

July Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of July will be held on **Sunday, July 12, 2026 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 July are listed below. If you have a homyo (Buddhist name) on a card please bring it with you for placement on the onajin (altar) before the service. If the year 2026 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed love one, please contact Reverend Noritaka Imada, Buddhist Church of Florin at 916-383-1831 or email imadabca@gmail.com to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Abe, James	07-02-2013	Onodera, Eiko	07-22-1991
Abe, Masatoshi	07-14-1991	Otani, Chieko Loretta	07-25-2020
Abe, Shotaro	07-30-1923	Otani, Masuno	07-21-1980
Baishiki, Stanley Ray	07-24-1986	Otani, Morizo	07-04-1967
Fukumoto, Jean Sakayo	07-01-1987	Oyama, Shigeo	07-03-1989
Furukawa, Fumiko	07-10-1916	Sadoyama, Matsu	07-15-1991
Furukawa, Shigeo	07-06-1952	Saigo, Fumiko	07-31-2000
Hamakawa, Edward	07-24-2004	Sentani, Baby	07-06-1911
Imahara, Mika	07-16-1940	Shiizaki, Toshie	07-09-1926
Kadokawa, Hideo	07-10-2012	Shimosaka, Yoshiaki	07-01-1936
Kanemoto, Tahei	07-23-1942	Shintaku, John	07-06-1963
Kato, Toshie	07-06-1958	Sonoda, Masaru	07-05-1950
Kawaji, Shunjiro	07-02-1941	Sugimoto, Chuichi	07-21-1981
Kawamoto, Chieko	07-13-1906	Sumida, Masato	07-11-1924
Kawamura, Takeo	07-17-1913	Takahashi, George Mitsuo	07-30-2001
Kawanishi, Yachiyo	07-20-1981	Takahashi, Sakae	07-29-1936
Kishaba, Masahiro	07-22-1947	Takeoka, Jane Hidemi	07-01-1950
Kishaba, Yasuhiro Mack	07-12-2000	Tamura,	07-08-1913
Kohagura, Shizu	07-23-1923	Tanaka, Barry Miles	07-19-2003
Kurima, Baby	07-20-1941	Tanaka, Tomokichi	07-20-1970
Kuroda, Hideo	07-22-2002	Taniguchi, Jack Daihachi	07-14-1967
Maeda, Rinzo	07-18-1936	Taniguchi, Jim Susumu	07-26-2004
Matsui, Yukiko	07-3-2021	Tsuda, Mitsuyo	07-27-1936
Matsumoto, Takara	07-23-1940	Tsukamoto, Mary	07-16-2006
Miyano, Kiyono	07-20-1998	Usami, Genjiro	07-26-1952
Mukai, Mitsuye	07-07-2017	Wakabayashi, Hideichi	07-06-1973
Nagao, Chizuru	07-17-1952	Yamamoto, Asako	07-16-1978
Nakagawa, Jim Shigeo	07-21-1987	Yamanaka, Tora	07-15-1975
Ohta, Komi	07-21-1992	Yamashita, Bradley	07-07-1988
Okasaki, Etsuko Nancy	07-05-2020		

2026 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>
2025	1 st Year	2002	25 th Year
2024	3 rd Year	1994	33 rd Year
2020	7 th Year	1977	50 th Year
2014	13 th Year	1927	100 th Year
2010	17 th Year		



Service Information



Join us for July Services

July Shotsuki Hoyo and Family Service Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Hatsubon/Obon Cemetery Visitation

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Elder Creek at 1:00 p.m.

Sacramento Memorial at 1:30 p.m.

East Lawn at 2:30 p.m.

Hatsubon/Obon Service Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

***Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Kato
Buddhist Church of Sacramento***

Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada

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

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

Buddhist Church of Florin **OBON**



Saturday, July 18, 2026

Hatsubon/Nokotsudo Service	3 pm
Exhibits & Demonstrations	4 pm – 7 pm
Snack Bar	4 pm – 7 pm
Sacramento Taiko Dan	7:00 pm
Obon Odori	7:30 pm

Obon Odori Practice: July 7 – 9 & 14 – 16 at 7 pm

Florin Obon Workshop

July 16 from 5:30 pm

*Sponsored by Florin JACL and Buddhist Church of Florin
Limited space so please **RSVP** if you are planning to attend.
Please email Jenny Takahashi jmtakahashi@me.com.*

7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

Visit Website at <https://www.buddhistchurchofflorin.org>



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Please do not bring ANY animals – Only Certified Service Dogs will be allowed

HATSUBON AND OBON SERVICE OBON FESTIVITIES AND ODORI JULY 18, 2026, SATURDAY

Hatsubon/Obon Service 3:00 PM

Please attend the Hatsubon/Obon Service in the Temple at 3 PM, followed by the Obon Festivities.

Obon Festivities 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

- **Food:** Snack Bar in the Temple's Courtyard serving delicious Food, Drinks and Shave Ice and more. **50/50 Raffle Prize**
- **Cultural Exhibits in the Multi-purpose Room**
Mataro Kimekomi Dolls BWA Boutique Paper Crafts Florin JACL
Sacramento Hiroshima Nikkei Kenjinkai Ikebana International
- **Cultural Demonstrations in the YBA Hall**
Florin Kyudo Kai-Japanese Archery
Sacramento Kendo Club-Japanese Swordsmanship
Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai, Henry Mizushima (fue) with Sacramento Taiko
Dan-premiere Japanese drumming ensemble in greater the Sacramento region.

Obon Odori Dancing 7:30 PM

Everyone is invited to dance-Grandparents, parents, children and friends. Fun, fun for everyone!

Obon Odori Workshop-July 16, Thursday, 5:30 PM

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Florin JACL and Buddhist Church of Florin. Learn about the dance background, hand/dance movements, clothing, accessories, and obi tying. Everyone is invited to this educational workshop on the tradition of Obon Odori dancing. Dinner will be served. Limited space so please RSVP to Jenny Takahashi jmtakahashi@me.com.

Obon Odori Dancing Practices-July 7-9 & 14-16 @ 7 PM

Dust off your Kachi Kachi, Uchiwa (fan), Getas and attend the Obon Odori Practices on July 7-9 & 14-16.

CONDOLENCES

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

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

MYRNA HITOMI

June 6, 1920 to May 21, 2026



2026 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2026 membership dues received in April/May:

Jackie Chinn
Larry Ito
Scott Louie & Diane Enomoto
Mary Otani
Janet Sumida
Tosh Yamamoto

Glenn & Jennifer Fujii
Randell Iwasaki
Cheryl Miles
Janet Sonoda
Rick Tokunaga
Linda Yamashita

Louis Hannigan
Meghan Kuroda
John & Ailene Nishida
Michael Sonoda
Stephanie Yamada
Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)

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

The Membership form is available on the website [@buddhistchurchofflorin.org/membership/](http://buddhistchurchofflorin.org/membership/)



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Dharma School



Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School
News & Events- **July 2026**
"B.R.A.I.D." – Building Respectful Awareness



Fieldtrip to Buddhist Church of Lodi
May 31, 2026

Upcoming Dharma Lesson/Activities

July 4	4 th of July Celebration at 7pm
August	Dharma School Eat Out Fundraiser TBA
2026	Game Day and mini Undokai TBA
2026	Basketball and Golf Clinics TBA

**Evan Fujii-Sisler is the recipient of the Dharma School Scholarship.
Below is the essay he submitted for the scholarship.
Congratulations Evan!**

Dharma School and Buddhism have played an important role in shaping my values, mindset, and the way I approach both challenges and my everyday life. While much of my identity is centered around school and baseball, the teachings I have learned through Dharma School and my experiences at the Buddhist Church of Florin have given me a foundation in discipline, compassion, and resilience. Over time, Buddhism has become more than something I learn about, it has become something that influences how I think, how I treat others, and how I respond to both success and failure in baseball and in life.

One of the most important lessons I have learned through Dharma School is mindfulness. Buddhism teaches the importance of being present and aware of your thoughts without letting them control you. This has been especially meaningful for me in baseball. The game is full of highs and lows, and it is easy to get frustrated after an error or pressure situation. Mindfulness has helped me stay focused on the present moment rather than getting caught up in what just happened or what might happen next. Whether I am in the batting box, in practice, or dealing with school stress, this mindset has helped me stay more balanced and consistent.

Another big teaching that has influenced me is impermanence. Buddhism emphasizes that nothing in life lasts forever, both good and bad situations eventually change. This lesson became very real to me during my sophomore year of baseball. I had worked hard to reach varsity, but I found myself in a difficult position, I was not quite strong enough to start, yet too advanced for junior varsity. As a result, I spent the entire season on varsity without playing in games. While our team went on to win both a section and state championship, I often experienced it from the bench rather than on the field. I was proud of my team, but it was also difficult because I had dreamed of contributing in those moments.

At first, I struggled with frustration and disappointment. However, the Buddhist idea of impermanence helped me understand that this situation was not going to last forever. It was just one stage in my journey as an athlete. Instead of letting it discourage me, I used it as motivation to improve. I focused on learning from older teammates, staying disciplined in practice, and preparing myself for future opportunities. That season taught me that even when I am not in the spotlight, growth is still happening.

My experience with baseball has also connected deeply with the Buddhist values I learned through service at the Buddhist Church of Florin. I have helped at food bazaars where I would assist in setting up tables, preparing food, and distributing meals to the community. These experiences were not just about working; they were about being part of a community. Even though baseball is often competitive and focused on individual performance, volunteering at the church reminded me of the importance of teamwork, humility, and service.

Working at food bazaars was actually something I enjoyed a lot. There was a sense of energy and community as everyone came together to support the event. Helping prepare food and serve people taught me patience and responsibility. It also reminded me that success is not always about personal recognition, but about contributing to something meaningful. That mindset carries over into baseball as well, where even if I am not playing, I can still support my team by staying prepared, encouraging others, and maintaining a positive attitude.

The final Buddhist concept that has shaped me is karma. The idea that actions have consequences. This has influenced how I approach both baseball and school. I have learned that the effort I put in during practice, the way I treat my teammates, and my discipline in daily life all matter. Even when results are not immediate, I trust that consistent effort will eventually lead to growth. This belief helped me stay committed during my sophomore year, even when I was not seeing playing time.

Overall, Dharma School and Buddhism have had a lasting impact on my life. They have taught me how to stay mindful under pressure, understand that challenges are temporary, serve my community, and take responsibility for my actions. My experiences in baseball have tested these lessons in real ways, especially during difficult seasons, while my time at the Buddhist Church of Florin has reinforced the importance of service and humility.

As I move forward in life, I plan to continue applying these teachings in everything I do. Whether in future baseball seasons, college, or my career, I will carry the lessons of Buddhism with me. They have shaped not only how I play the game, but how I handle adversity, how I treat others, and the kind of person I want to become.



Kikiyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarships

Senior High School Recipient

EVAN FUJII-SISLER is the recipient of the \$5,000 scholarship

Evan Fujii-Sisler is the recipient of the \$5000 Senior High School scholarship. Evan is graduating from the Bradshaw Christian High School with a 4.00 grade point average and has committed to play baseball for the University of Puget Sound. Evan is an active member in the Buddhist Church of Florin and is the Florin Junior YBA President. He has been a Northern CA Swim League Academic All-American, and was First Team All-League Shortstop, Sierra Valley Conference.

Evans parents are church members **Juline Fujii and David Sisler**.

Acknowledgment: I am deeply honored and grateful to receive the Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarship from the Buddhist Church of Florin. I have to acknowledge the gratitude I have for the generations who came before me. The challenges my great grandparents endured through the internment camps and the post war struggles my grandparents', great uncles and great aunts endured. Because of their enormous sacrifices, I have been offered so many opportunities they never had. This fall I will be attending the University of Puget Sound where I was fortunate enough to be recruited to play baseball. Although I am still undecided on my major at the moment, I am passionate about growing and pushing myself to accomplish my future goals. The scholarship funds will go directly toward my tuition, easing the financial burden of my first year and allowing me to focus fully on my studies. Thank you so much to the Buddhist Church of Florin for supporting my educational goals and empowering me to continue the Buddhist Church of Florin legacy.



University, College & Vocational School Recipients

KAI NAKAOKA is the recipient of the \$5000 scholarship.

Kai attends the University of California, Berkeley. Kai maintains a 3.9 grade point average, majoring in Chemistry with aspirations of becoming a Medical Examiner. Outside of academics, Kai is the Public Relations Chair for the Florin BWA, a volunteer with Loving Companions, and is the National Public Relations Chair for the Senior YBA among other things. Kai is a college member of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

Kai's parents are church members, **Keith and Irene Nakaoka**.

Acknowledgment: Because of the Nakatani Scholarship, I can continue my pursuit of becoming a medical examiner at UC Berkeley as a Chemistry major. I am forever thankful for the Buddhist Church of Florin for all its continuous support and am honored to receive this scholarship. I am forever grateful for all the amazing years of memories and lessons I have had during my time at Florin.



GARRETT KISHABA is the recipient of the \$3,000 scholarship

Garrett attends San Diego State University. He maintains a 3.7 grade point average majoring in Accounting with Dean List Honors. Next academic year, he will be pursuing a Master of Science in Accountancy with a concentration in financial reporting at San Diego State University. Garrett is a member of the Japanese Student Association and the Nikkei Student Union, organizing and directing programs. This past summer, Garrett was an intern for Toyota Motor North America in Plano Texas and was credited with identifying over \$1.1M in losses due to surcharge discrepancies. This summer Garrett will be interning at McCarthy Building Companies as an accounting and finance intern in Roseville, California.

Garrett's parents are church members, **Kelvin and Kathie Kishaba**.

Acknowledgment: I am sincerely appreciative to the Buddhist Church of Florin for honoring me as a recipient of the 2026-2027 Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarship. I will use the generous scholarship to offset my university tuition and internship expenses this summer. I am truly grateful to the Buddhist Church of Florin Sangha for always supporting my family and me. The Buddhist Church of Florin

continues to be a welcoming and supportive community that helps me appreciate each day and those around me. I look forward to seeing the Buddhist Church of Florin Sangha at church events this summer.



ALYSSA OKIMURA is the recipient of the **\$2,500 scholarship**

Alyssa attends Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. She maintains a 3.4 grade point average, majoring in Nursing; and plays on Clarke University's collegiate women soccer team. In addition to nursing school and collegiate soccer, Alyssa is dedicated to serving others as a Certified Nursing Assistant at a nursing home in Dubuque with a career goal of becoming an Emergency Department Nurse.

Alyssa's parents are church members, **Ryan and Sabrina Okimura.**

Acknowledgment: I would like to thank the Buddhist church of Florin for awarding me the Nakatani Scholarship. I am going into my senior year of college at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. I am a Bachelor of Science in Nursing major with hopes of becoming an emergency department nurse. This scholarship will help me with the cost of tuition. I am grateful for the Buddhist Church of Florin and the Nakatani Scholarship for this great opportunity.

BRAYDEN FONG is the recipient of the **\$1,500 scholarship**

Brayden attends the University of California, Irvine. He maintains a 3.2 grade point average, majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Marketing. Brayden is active in the UCI Nikkei Student Union coordinating events. Brayden also works as a shift lead at Wushiland where he trains new employees and handles customer relations.

Brayden's parents are church members, **Tyson and Denise Fong.**



Acknowledgment: I'm going to use my scholarship money to pay for summer school and books for my classes throughout the quarter to remain on pace to receive my degree early and joining the workforce a little faster. I would like to thank the church and the board for providing me with this opportunity throughout my college education!

JULIA OKIMURA is the recipient of the **\$1,000 scholarship**

Julia plans on attending the Consumes River College with a goal of receiving an associates degree in education. She currently works at the Center for Autism and Related Disorders as a behaviour technician.

Julia's parents are church members, **Ryan and Sabrina Okimura**.

Acknowledgment: I am so grateful to have received this year's Nakatani scholarship. I am currently enrolled at Consumes River College and plan to transfer to Sacramento State in Fall 2027. I am majored in education and plan to use the scholarship for future summer and fall classes.



4TH OF JULY
Celebration

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JULY

Buddhist Church of Florin
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Come join us in celebrating the 4th of July. Hot dogs, chips and watermelon will be provided. RSVP to Judy Yuki at jhmyuki@gmail.com by July 1st

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PM

	 Mustard Seed School	
June '26 BWA Dana Project		
	Crisis Nursery Our Crisis Nursery Program provides free emergency childcare for children age 0-5, as well as case management services for families during a crisis.	
	Toilet Paper The Sacramento Children's Home is the recipient of both May & June Dana projects.	
San Diego (Oct. 2-4) FBWA Conf. Have you registered? Early bird registration = June 30 Florin BWA to pay registration fees	Summer Activity: Summer Camp Aug. 12 (Wed) Different day this year. Registration deadline = July 18; contact Sandy. 	Fall Activity: Rummage Sale Nov. 14 (Sat) Save your sellable rummage items. No clothing. Dropoff in Nov. 



News

LOTUS FAM

Learning **O**riental
Trimming **U**sing **S**cissors

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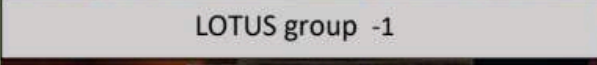
[June '26]



Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion) Garden



Miyajima Island



LOTUS group -1



Part of MUKAI FAMILY GROUP

MUKAI Family Invites LOTUS Gr. To Japan

The Mukai family group invited members of the LOTUS group to join them in Japan during May. [Group total: 18] Of course the Mukai group included 4 members who are already LOTUS members. With 8 LOTUS members in Japan, it left a skeleton crew to maintain the church grounds. The majority of LOTUS members then helped with the Golf Tournament meaning three weeks away from LOTUS duties. Tour activities included visiting Kyoto's Golden Pavillion & Miyajima Island, preparing Hiroshima-style Okonomiyaki, and attending a Sumo entertainment show.

Photo credit: Tammy Moy, Sharon O, Jan T

APPRECIATION

JoAnn Kusaka	Head food preparer
Sharon Okamoto	Weekly desserts
Lloyd Okimura	BBQ chicken/Koko
Darrell Matsuda	Big Island cookies
Tomio Ito	Containers, Sees candy, chocolate macadamia



June 8 (Mon)



June 12 (Thur)

Grilled veggies, cucumber salad for lunch



Overgrown maple tree & weeds galore after 3-wk. neglect.



Carolyn M. & Janice S
50-50



Elizabeth F, co-chair/hostess;
Monica, co-hostess



Jan T Diane N Donna K



2026 Florin Golf Tournament Support



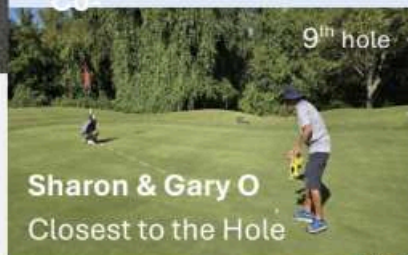
Eric Fujii,
co-chair



Mike O, Lloyd O Sharon O
Closest to the Hole



Gordon K, closest to hole winner



Sharon & Gary O
Closest to the Hole



Walt M
Beat the Dealer



**SOMEN
STATION**



Carolyn M. Peggy & Ken O. Diane N.



16th hole

Harvey K Rev. Imada

PRIME
RIB
DINNER

Ben K Rev. Imada

Jan T, runner Rev. Imada

Glenn F & team

DONATION
FOR
GARY O'S
LANDSCAPE
CREW
FROM
DAVID & PEGGY
CHAM

SPECIAL
DONATION
IN MEMORY
OF
RON
OKIMURA
FROM
AUGIE OKIMURA

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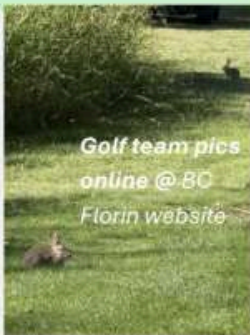
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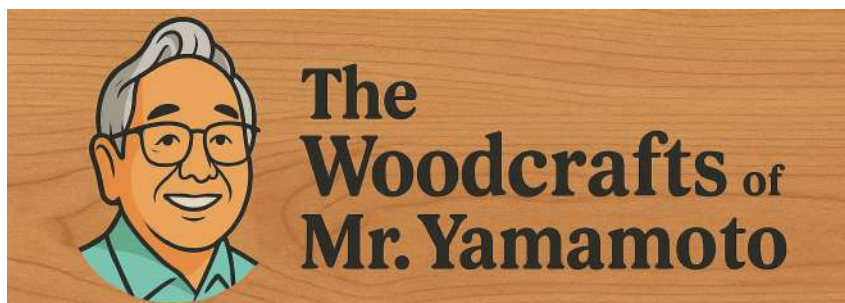
Lakecrest Village

Photos by Jan T, Rev. Imada, Sharon O.



Golf team pics
online @ BC
Florin website

Wildlife photos by Rev. Imada



**BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES
TODAY**



This month, I would like to share another artwork of Mr. Mitsuo Yamamoto. I first began introducing his works in our newsletter last August, so this month marks the twelfth piece that I have shared with you. Looking back over the past year, I have appreciated how each of his works, though often simple in appearance, has invited us to pause, reflect, and see familiar things from a different perspective. Sometimes his messages make us smile, sometimes they challenge us, and sometimes they quietly remind us of values that we already know but often forget in the busyness of everyday life.

The message for this month is: “Be the reason someone smiles today.” At first glance, it seems like a simple and gentle phrase. Yet, the more I sit with these words, the more profound they become. None of us are able to smile entirely on our own. Every smile we have shared has been shaped by countless causes and conditions, parents who cared for us, teachers who encouraged us, friends who listened to us, strangers who showed us kindness, and loved ones who continue to influence our lives even after they have passed away.

This message feels especially fitting during the season of Obon. Obon is a time when we remember and express gratitude to those who came before us. As we reflect on the many smiles, acts of kindness, and moments of support that we have received throughout our lives, we may realize that we are who we are today because of an immeasurable network of connections and compassion. In Jodo Shinshu, gratitude naturally gives rise to a wish to share that warmth with others. Therefore, perhaps the invitation of this month’s message is not to do something extraordinary, but simply to become a source of kindness in the ordinary moments of daily life. A smile, a kind word, a message of encouragement, or patiently listening to someone may seem small, but for another person, it may become a light that brightens their entire day.

As we observe Obon this month, may we remember the smiles that have been given to us throughout our lives, and may we, in turn, become the reason someone smiles today.

Noritaka Imada



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Buddhist Church of Florin Annual Dharma School Camping Trip

Come join the Buddhist Church of Florin
at its annual camping trip!!!



When: July 23-26, 2026

Where: Donner Memorial State
Camp grounds

Things to Do:

Biking, fishing, swimming,
campfire with family style meals
prepared by our camp chefs and
most of all lots of fun, fun, and
more fun!



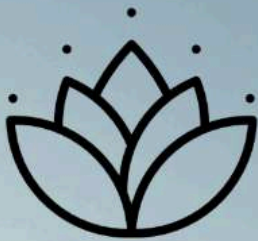
To reserve a spot, please call or text:

Kenny Teranishi @ 916-717-0297, Craig Shijo @ 916-206-
8508, Sharon Arase @ 916-549-40 by **July 4, 2026.**

Important: There are a limited number of camp sites;
therefore. please make your reservation(s) by the deadline

Hope to see you there!





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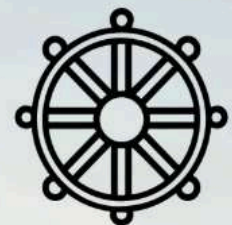
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*Join us for a day of sharing the
dharma, making new friends and
having fun. This is open to
everyone of all ages!*

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON

2820 Shimizu Dr. Stockton, CA 95203

2026.10.10
9 AM - 3 PM



SAVE THE DATE!!!

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No Service				8:00 Lotus Club Rev. Imada 9:00-4:00	Rev. Imada 9:00-4:00	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Shotsuki & Family Service at 10:00	Rev. Imada 9:00-4:00		10:00 BWA Crafts	8:00 Lotus Club 7:30 BCF Board Mtg Odori Practice 7:00		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				8:00 Lotus Club Rev. Imada - Denver Fuken	Rev. Imada 9:00-4:00	
No Service			10:00 BWA Social	27	28	29
23	24	25	26	Rev. Imada 9:00-4:00 Japanese Language Class 7PM	Rev. Imada 9:00-4:00	
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30	31					
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NOTES

On going events:

Sacramento Kendo, Tuesdays/Fridays at 7:30PM. Kyudo Kai, Fridays at 5:30-9:30pm

Men's Basketball, Tuesdays/Thursdays at 8:00PM. Pickle Ball, 1th and 3rd Sunday(9AM), 2nd & 4th Sunday (1PM)

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