



# ONENESS

**Buddhist Church of Florin**



February 2024

Volume 2

Hello everyone. It is now February. In early January, I contracted the coronavirus. My symptoms included a fever and cough. I have now tested negative and fully recovered. When I felt unwell, I remembered how lucky I was to have been healthy. I forgot that being healthy is not something to take for granted; it is a blessing. However, once I fully recovered, I easily forgot how grateful I was for my good health. My experience at the beginning of the year reminded me how lucky I am every day.

Buddhism teaches us that things just happen and are neither good nor bad. It is your mind that decides what is good or bad. Depending on your way of thinking, the pain may be reduced, eliminated, or even turned into joy. If we get used to our daily routine and don't notice the happiness of those around us, we will be unhappy. But, if we realize the blessings we are receiving even in difficult situations, we can be happy.

I learned the difference between the word "Atarimae" and "Okagesama." "Atarimae" means feeling that we deserve the blessings we receive. "Okagesama" means thinking that our happiness is supported by many invisible people and their work. The origin of "Okagesama" is "Kage," which means shadow, and "O" and "Sama" are added to convey the meaning of respect. The meaning of this word is to pay attention to the shadows that are difficult to see and be grateful for them. As a Buddhist, I would like to spend each day with the spirit of "Okagesama".

My eyes being hindered by blind passions,  
I cannot see the light that grasps me;  
Yet the great compassion, without tiring,  
Illumines me always. [KOSO 95]

In Gassho,

Rev. Noritaka Imada

If you need to contact Rev. Imada, you can email him at: [imadabca@gmail.com](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com)

## 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 18, 2024 beginning 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 February 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 2024 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](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com) to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Abe, Shige	02-23-1970	Nakashima, Isuke	02-04-1978
Fujii, Ted Satoru	02-04-1999	Nakashima, Lester T	02-03-1998
Fuwa, Mabel Kikuyo	02-19-1971	Nishi, Kikuyo	02-17-1985
Goishi, Tomeyo	02-16-1979	Nishi, Yaichi	02-14-1975
Hamamoto, Toichi	02-17-1974	Nishimoto, Itsu	02-11-1941
Hayama, Alice Kiyoko	02-09-2017	Noda, Alice Shizuko	02-03-2002
Hayashi, Mika	02-13-1920	Noda, Tokutaro	02-06-1934
Hayashida, Tadao	02-07-1923	Nozawa, Sugimatsu	02-21-1933
Hiraga, Tomitaro	02-15-1936	Okamoto, Matsu	02-24-1914
Hirakawa, Sumiko	02-11-1935	Okamura, Sekichi	02-02-1937
Honda, Kazuma	02-08-1942	Otani, Masayuki Walter	02-13-2008
Imahara, Toichi	02-11-1931	Sakamoto, Tatsukichi	02-27-1934
Ishii, Fukuji	02-10-1937	Sasaki, Tadashi	02-27-1928
Ishii, Tane	02-09-1941	Sato, B. Shoichi	02-14-1970
Ito, Rose Harumi	02-02-2015	Shibao, Chieko	02-23-1981
Itonaga, Kimie	02-22-1937	Shintaku, Isao	02-24-1914
Itonaga, Miki	02-06-1971	Shishido, Melvyn Takeshi	02-19-2012
Kanemaru, Junnosuke	02-10-1961	Sumida, Shigeru	02-07-1923
Kanemoto, Yuriko	02-12-2003	Takehara, Alvin	02-18-1952
Kato, Masashi	02-03-1955	Takehara, Darrel	02-18-1952
Kawanishi, Mary	02-10-2022	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

### 2024 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>
2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2000	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	1999	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2018	7 <sup>th</sup> Year	1975	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
2012	13 <sup>th</sup> Year	1925	100 <sup>th</sup> Year
2008	17 <sup>th</sup> Year		

## *Join us for Sunday Service*

**Lady Takeko Kujo-Kisaragi-Ki,  
February Shotsuki and Family Service  
Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 10 a.m.  
Guest Speaker & Officiant: Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi**

***BCA Eitaikyo Service  
Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 10 a.m.  
Will be held at Sacramento Buddhist Church  
2401 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento  
(There will not be a service at BCF)***

*There will be a light luncheon following the **February 18<sup>th</sup>** church service and so in order to prepare enough for everyone, we ask that you please rsvp to **florinbuddhist@gmail.com**. Thank you!!*

**\*\*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.

**LADY TAKEKO KUJO**  
**Memorial Service (Kisaragi-ki)**  
February 18, 2024



Women throughout the history of Shin Buddhism have dedicated their lives and supported the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni are prime examples. Lady Eshinni appreciated the Nembutsu teaching as expounded by her husband, Shinran Shonin, and supported his efforts to share the teaching with people from all levels of society. Lady Kakushinni, their youngest daughter, played a vital role in laying the foundation for the spread of the Nembutsu teaching so that future generations would be able to receive and rejoice in her father's legacy. However, during modern times, the most remarkable woman leader in the Nishi Hongwanji branch of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism would be Baroness Lady Takeko Kujo (1887-1928).

Lady Kujo was born as the sixth child and youngest daughter of the Abbot Myonryo (Ohtani Koson), 21st Abbot of the Nishi Hongwanji. She was a devout Nembutsu follower and took an active part in community service. In 1904, Lady Kujo, together with her sister-in-law Lady Kazuko Ohtani founded the Fujinkai, later known as the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA), with the purpose of doing public service and fostering the solidarity of Japanese Buddhist women. It was a groundbreaking effort since both women had been sheltered within the temple and women generally were not active in society in leadership ways.

Lady Kujo was instrumental in the construction of the Asoka Hospital after the devastation of the Great Tokyo Earthquake in 1923. She was also founder of the Kyoto Joshi Gakuen (Kyoto Women's Schools) and known for her poetry expressing her deep appreciation of the Nembutsu teaching. She also authored numerous poems and gathas about her Nembutsu faith. Lady Kujo passed away in 1928 after contracting an illness during her work in one of Tokyo's poor districts. To honor her great contributions to the Hongwanji and, also community, we hold Kisaragi-ki Memorial Service in February every year.

The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha BWA respectfully carried over the Dana (selfless giving) spirit of Lady Takeko Kujo and established the annual Dana Day in 1965 to be observed in February every year and practicing Dana by offering collections to charitable and social welfare agencies. In 2016, the Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations passed a resolution to observe the memorial service (Kisaragi-ki) for Lady Takeko Kujo on the second Sunday of February.

Let us gather on Sunday, February 18, 2024, for the Lady Takeko Kujo Kisaragi-ki, to honor her and her faith in the Nembutsu. Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi, retired BCA minister will be officiating the service and will give the Dharma message.

## 2023 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.

The Buddhist Church of Florin is proud to award the following Church Awards:

**Kansha Award** for outstanding and unselfish service in a special area are awarded to the following individuals:



Left to right: Rev. Imada, Brayden Fong, Paula Yoshioka, Sharon Arase, Elizabeth Fujii & Denise Fong. Not pictured: Mike Kakutani, Jennifer Fujii & Glenn Fujii

**Sharon Arase** – Sharon has been the BWA's Health and Welfare Chairperson. She keeps the BWA Board apprised of the well-being of our members. Sharon can also be counted on to participate in BWA and Church related activities and volunteers to help out whenever at Church Food Bazaars and other fundraisers.

**Paula Yoshioka and Elizabeth Fujii** - On November 16, 2023, the Buddhist Church of Florin's office was broken into. The thieves took some things plus money from BCF. Part of the monies that were stolen was money collected for the Girl Scouts Toy Drive, \$350. The next day, Paula and Elizabeth exhibited true acts of Dana (not expecting anything in return) by donating their personal money to re-fund all of the Toy Drive stolen money. Thank you, Paula and Elizabeth. Girl Scout Troop 990, church member, Skyler Lam, and BCF appreciate your act of generosity and kindness.

**Brayden Fong** - Brayden has held many Executive Board positions with the Jr. YBA, including this year as the President. Brayden is selfless in volunteering at most BCF fundraisers, Jr. YBA functions/fundraisers and more. Brayden, we appreciate all your hard work and accepting the various Board positions with the Jr. YBA. Thank you, Brayden.

**Mike Kakutani** – Mike is, former owner of both the X Street Garage and Precision Motor Works and has kept busy at church after retiring. On Thursdays, after traveling just about an hour from his home in Winters, Mike spends his time working on the church grounds as a member of LOTUS Club with his dog, Dublin, the LOTUS mascot. This term Mike is also the BCF co-maintenance chair along with Lloyd Okimura.

Using his technical knowledge, Mike has been able to make various repairs through the years. They have included repair of stoves in the main kitchen as well as gym kitchen, sump pump to alleviate the mini flood in the parking lot, rototiller to prepare the ground for the garden, and constantly working on the sprinkler system. Mike is very deserving of this Kansha Award as his expertise has saved the church hundreds of dollars through the years.

**Jennifer Fujii** – Jennifer has been the Dharma School Activities Co-Chairperson. She is always willing to help plan and organize the Dharma School activities such as the popular Halloween Party, decorating the Hanamido for Hanamatsuri and drawing signs for the Obon Festival. You express your Dana through selfless giving of your time.

**Denise Fong** – Denise has been the Dharma School Activities Co-Chairperson. She has expressed her Dana through selfless giving of her time by actively supporting the Dharma School and JYBA activities. She can be counted on helping at major church fundraisers and with the church script fundraiser.

**Glenn Fujii** – Glenn has graciously taken on roles on the Church Board and with the Dharma School. As the Research Chairperson you have been responsible for initiating and implementing projects that will benefit the interest of the Sangha such as funding for Senior luncheon program and CPR/AED training. You express your Dana through selfless giving of your time.

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

**Jennifer Kubo** – For your many years of unselfish service and commitment to the Temple and Dharma School students. You selflessly agreed to a second term as the BCF Bazaar Chairperson to ensure successful major church fundraisers while adhering to Covid 19 protocols. You attended Minister's Assistance classes to ensure that all who attended Sunday Service heard the Buddha Dharma and the Teachings of Shinran Shonin. You continue to promote the Church and Buddhist teachings through your volunteerism with Florin JAFL.

**Kris Miller** - You can find Kris everywhere. Whether helping Ginny Syphax with the Jr. YBA, Ann Tsukamoto with script orders or in the kitchen preparing meals or at many of the BCF/JYBA fundraisers. If you ask Kris, the answer is always yes with a smile. Thank you, Kris, your dedication to BCF is truly appreciated.



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



**Lloyd Okimura** - For Lloyd's ongoing commitment to maintaining the church grounds and facilities. Lloyd is at the church frequently to make repairs to the facility. Whether it's working on the temple structure or the residence, fixing fences, repairing stairs, changing out lights, cleaning cobwebs around the church eaves, fixing the plumbing, you name it, and Lloyd has either fixed or will fix it. He can always be counted on to volunteer to work on Thursdays with Lotus Club.

**Ken Okabayashi** (not pictured) - For Ken's many years of service and commitment to the temple and for maintaining temple facilities and grounds so that temple members and guests have a safe and comfortable place to share the Buddha Dharma. You spent many months putting in motion sensor lights to provide a safe environment for temple members. Anytime there is an electrical problem you're always willing to take on the repair or installation. You are always available to help with fundraisers and volunteer to help with Lotus Club.

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

**Margie Sunahara** - Margie has been an active BCF member for many years, supporting various church activities and fundraisers. She has held various positions on the BCF Board as well as on the Board of the Buddhist Women's Association. Currently serving as BCF First Vice President, Margie's duties include the coordination and maintenance of church facilities and grounds, an important responsibility which requires a significant amount of oversight and time. Margie does an exceptional job in her assignment. Regardless of the time of day or night, she is one of the first to be notified when alarms go off at the church. She can be depended upon to alert Board members and other appropriate parties, as necessary, and she always



Left to right: Rev. Imada, Lois Kashiwase, Margie Sunahara & Peggy Okabayashi

monitors the situation until resolved. Most recently, Margie was one of the first on the scene when the church office was broken into. She spent numerous hours reviewing the films to help identify the burglars, and subsequently helped coordinate repairs. The work that Margie does is essential to the successful operations of the BCF.

**Lois Kashiwase** - For your many years of service to the Church Board and Church members. Lois has served as the Church President for multiple terms – a job with tremendous administrative responsibility. She has also served as the BWA President and been the Official Representatives to the FBWA Representatives' Meetings voting on important BWA related issues and representing the interests of the Florin BWA members as well as one of the representatives to the NCBWA. Lois has been the Recording Secretary for the NCDC, NCBWA, FBWA and the 2024 BCA National Council Planning Committee. Lois has also been instrumental in restarting the Dharma program since Covid. She also, recently took on the role of NC District Vice President.

**Peggy Okabayashi** – For your many years of unselfish leadership and commitment to the Buddhist Church of Florin. You have served as Church President and BWA President for multiple terms. You have unselfishly chaired and/or served on the Long-Range Facilities Planning, Eitaikyo Fund, and Nokotsudo Committees. For your continued leadership and commitment to Northern California Buddhist Women’s Association, Federation of Buddhist Women’s Associations, Northern California District Council, Buddhist Churches of America, Institute of Buddhist Studies, BCA National Council Meeting 2024 Committee, BCA 125th Anniversary Committee, and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha World Buddhist Women’s Associations. Whether it’s being the President, Secretary General, Trustee, Board Member, Committee Chair, Committee Member of these organizations/committees, you have consistently demonstrated your unselfish dedication, leadership, and willingness to serve. As busy as your schedule is, you freely give up your time to actively respond to the numerous functions of the temple, primarily to serve.

**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:



**Ginny Syphax** - Ginny has been an active member of the BCF Board for many years representing the Jr. YBA as their advisor, while also serving as the 1st VP for two years. As the Jr. YBA advisor Ginny has promoted Dana projects for our church seniors and community activism for the local community. She provides the youth with activities that instill the Jodo Shinshu Teachings into their daily lives. She has generously volunteered her time to prepare and publish the church newsletter, “Oneness”. She regularly posts items on various social media platforms to support our fundraising and church events. Ginny is our link with our church webmaster to keep our website updated. She can always be counted on to help with our church fundraisers. Ginny has been the church’s Health and Welfare chairperson, keeping the Church updated on the general health and wellbeing of our members. She has also been one of the Zoom administrators. Which helped the church stay connected during the COVID pandemic.



## SANGHA INSIGHTS

*By Elizabeth Fujii*



Akemi Takeda is a 20 year old student at the University of Santa Barbara (UCSB) where she is majoring in Biology with a goal of working in health management and policy.

She is the granddaughter of long-time Buddhist Church of Florin members, George and Judie Miyao. She has two two brothers, Mitchell and Nicholas, and two dogs: a schnauzer named Wiggy and a terrier named Teddy.

While attending JFK High School in Sacramento, Akemi raised funds for charity through “Teens Create Dreams” and, even now that she is in college, she is an active member of the Sacramento Hiroshima Nikkeijin Kai. Currently a Sophomore at UCSB, Akemi is active in the Nikkei Student Union, a Japanese-American social and

cultural organization. She explained that she draws on her childhood teachings and experiences in BCF’s Dharma school and her many years of participation in Florin’s fundraisers, bazaars, and Obon celebrations to share her heritage through cultural presentations and performances.

Akemi’s involvement in the Nikkei Student Union started when she auditioned for the role of a Sadako in a production of “Blossom”. Last summer, she brought her role to life when she travelled to Hiroshima and visited the site of Sadako’s 1000 Cranes. Akemi is now collaborating on an exciting new project with another UCSB student from Japan. The play, scheduled to be performed May 2024, highlights the distinctions between Japanese and Japanese-Americans.

Akemi exudes loads of positive energy and enthusiasm! She is an intelligent and delightful young lady who is making strides in achieving her goals. It is great to see a BCF Dharma School alum accomplishing so many great things! You go girl!



# BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN

P.O. BOX 292006, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95829-2006

January 15, 2024

Hello BCF Sangha:

Following yesterday's Ho-Onko and Shotsuki service, the BCF General meeting was held and the Sangha approved our 2024 BCF budget.

A couple highlights that I would like to point out:

- 28% of our projected income comes from fundraisers (e.g. food bazaars, the annual Golf Tournament, the Prime Rib Drive-Thru dinner, and the Fried Rice Loco Moco breakfast. Fundraising continues to be a major source of revenue and is critical to the functions of the church.
- Projected expenditures are attributed to general operating costs, followed by the ministerial costs.

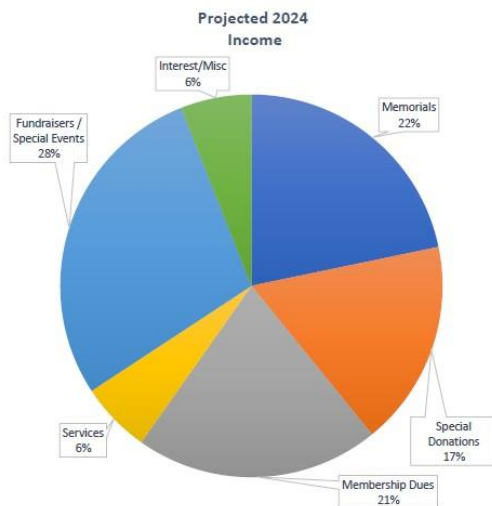
While our projected income will be higher than expenses in 2024, the expenditures *do not* include costs for a full-time minister as well as the anticipated costs to repair the kitchen.

A special thanks to Janice Shintaku and the Finance Committee for preparing our 2024 budget. If you have any questions, please email or call me.

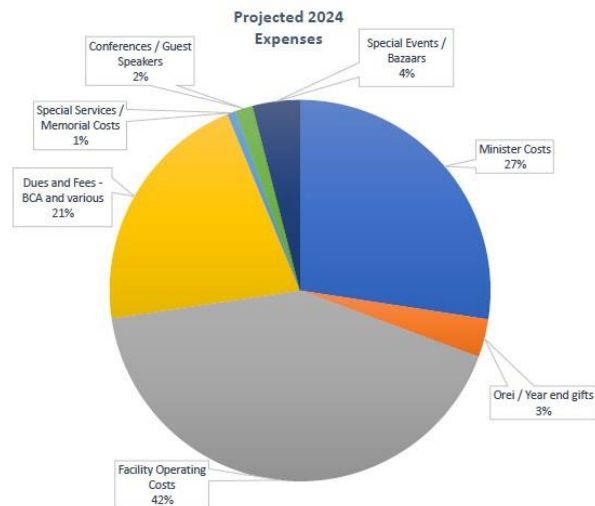
Eric Fujii, President  
Buddhist Church of Florin

## BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN

### Projected 2024 Income and Expenses



Projected Income		
Memorial Dues	\$ 40,000	22%
Special Donations	\$ 32,000	17%
Membership Dues	\$ 38,000	21%
Services	\$ 11,000	6%
Fundraisers / Special Events	\$ 52,000	28%
Interest/Misc	\$ 11,000	6%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 184,000</b>	<b>100%</b>



Projected Expenses		
Minister Costs	\$ 39,865	27%
Orei / Year end gifts	\$ 4,700	3%
Facility Operating Costs	\$ 61,080	42%
Dues and Fees - BCA and various	\$ 30,700	21%
Special Services / Memorial Costs	\$ 1,000	1%
Conferences / Guest Speakers	\$ 2,200	2%
Special Events / Bazaars	\$ 5,841	4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 145,386</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 2024 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2024 membership dues received in December/January (partial):

George & Merri Akiyama	Sharon & Gerald Arase	Glenn Harada
Kyle & Debbie Inouye	Gordon Ito	Mike & Carla Kakutani
Paul & Lois Kashiwase	Steve & Jennifer Kubo	Dale Kuroda
Janet Kuroda	Frank Mouton (monthly)	Gary & Sharon Okamoto
Alice Okimura	Ryan & Sabrina Okimura	Mary Otani
Bob & Susan Takeda	Sandy Tsunekawa	Lois Tanaka
Stephanie Yamada	Richard & Connie Yee	
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 donation. 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](mailto:s.takeda@comcast.net).

**If you know someone interested in joining us, please refer them to [florinbuddhist.org](http://florinbuddhist.org) for more information & the BCF membership form.**

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

***Stephanie Yamada***

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

**2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**New Member**       **Name/Adress Change**       **Annual Renewal**       **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial                      Birthdate  
**Telephone #**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home                                      Cell                                      **Email**  
**Spouse**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial                      Birthdate  
**Telephone #**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell                                      **Email**  
**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street                                      City                                      State                      Zip Code

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

**This information will be published in the church directory.**

**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	\$100 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)

**Checks must be made out to BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN or the bank will return the check.**

Check if paying via PayPal: \_\_\_ (make sure you put in the PayPal notes, payment is for "membership dues")

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are payable/due in January 2024. If joining mid-year, yearly dues are pro-rated for 2024.

For office use:	Date:	Amt Pd	Ck No.	Cash	Rec'd by:	Entered
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*Buddhist Church of Florin*  
**Fried Rice Loco Moco Plate**  
**Breakfast Fundraiser**

Order Pick-Up:  
 9AM - Noon  
**March 9, 2024**  
 Location:  
 Buddhist Church of Florin  
 7235 Pritchard Road

**\$16 PER ORDER**

*Order Includes:*  
 Fried Rice, Hamburger Patty,  
 Scrambled Egg,  
 Gravy & Mac Salad  
 \*No substitutions

***FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS TO ORDER!***

- 1) **COMPLETE FORM** (below) and mail OR deliver to E Fujii 325 34th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 - must be received NO LATER THAN 3/1/24
- 2) CHOOSE PAYMENT METHOD:
  - A. **CHECK:** payable to **Buddhist Church of Florin** \*Checks will be deposited AFTER event
  - B. **VENMO:** @Elizabeth-Fujii-3
- 3) Pick-up your breakfast on March 9th between 9AM-Noon. Check-in at 1st station and your order will be delivered to your vehicle.

1) NAME		<b>TOTAL PAYMENT:</b> \$ _____
2) NUMBER OF LOCO MOCO ORDERS	_____ x \$16.00 EACH	
3) PAYMENT METHOD	CHECK NUMBER:	VENMO DATE:
4) YOUR PHONE NUMBER?		
5) YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?		

*Need more information? Contact Eric at*  
 (916) 955 1954 or [efujii52@gmail.com](mailto:efujii52@gmail.com)



Buddhist Church of Florin  
**Governing Board Meeting Highlights**  
**January 11, 2024**

1. The 2024 BCF budget has been approved and was presented at the general meeting that was held following the service on January 14. Watch for an e-blast from President Eric Fuji with more details. (at January 14's General Meeting held after service, a motion was made, seconded and approved by the Sangha in attendance.)
2. The BCA National Council Meeting is being held February 23-25. BCF is responsible for breakfast on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and light refreshments for the hospitality suite on the 24<sup>th</sup> following the banquet. Help is urgently needed to set up, transportation, bring food, serve and cleanup. Contact Peggy Okabayashi (sachieokaba@gmail.com) if you can help.
3. Each month a different toban Group provides greeters for the services. It's a great way for everyone to get to know each other. February will be Group 3 and March is Group 1. Please be generous with your time when your Group Director-at-Large contacts you. And if you want to volunteer, contact your toban Group Director-at-Large. Group 1: Tyson Fong (tysonfong11@gmail.com, Elizabeth Fujii (eefujii@gmail.com). Group 2: Joy Okamoto (jokamoto64@hotmail.com), Peggy Okabayashi (sachieokaba@gmail.com). Group 3: Jan Takeuchi (jktakeuchi51@gmail.com), Walter Menda (wmenda@pacbell.net). Don't know your Group? Contact Margie Sunahara (mjsunahara@att.net).
4. BCF is moving toward improving the website. We will be participating in a matching funds program from the BCA Dharma Forward Fund. BCA will be providing a website template and technical expertise. If you have questions or input, contact Jan Takeuchi (jktakeuchi51@att.net). Tyson Fong has generously agreed to be the webmaster.
5. The gym floor is expected to be resurfaced in March. The job will include the addition of pickleball court lines to the existing basketball and volleyball court lines.
6. BCF is donating \$500 in support to UC Santa Barbara Culture Night that is put on by the Nikkei Student Union. Akemi Takeda, granddaughter of George and Judie Miyao, is the culture chair of the club. She gave a compelling presentation about the importance of the BCF to her upbringing and the subsequent fueling of her commitment to educating people about Japanese/Japanese American culture. Congratulations on a job well done, Akemi!
7. The BWA is chairing the Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service on February 18, and being officiated by guest minister Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi.
8. Volleyball is starting up again soon. Contact Kenny Teranishi if interested.



**Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School**  
**News & Events- February 2024**  
**“B.R.A.I.D.” – Building Respectful Awareness**  
**& Inclusion through Dharma**

With the new year comes change, a chance to break free of the bonds we put ourselves in and begin life anew. Or not, if you have the point of view of “new year and same me.” In any case, perhaps the new year could be the chance to shed some ego or at the very least, be okay with admitting when you’re wrong or when you don’t know something. During the first church service of the new year, Reverend Imada told a story of a proud Sensei who didn’t know what a word meant, leading to a series of hilarious disasters and humbling events to learn that “passing gas” had a fancier word. And perhaps we can take a lesson from that and jump into the new year with it in mind: don’t be afraid of asking for help, for information, for anything. We aren’t alone in this world for a reason.

- Skylar Lam

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## Upcoming Dharma School Topics

February: Right Speech

March: Right Conduct

April: Right Endeavor

May: Right Mindfulness

June: Right Livelihood & Right Meditation

# BWA

## Feb. '24 Dana Project



**WEAVEWorks Recycled Fashion**  
Thrift Store · \$

### Emergency Safehouse Program

WEAVE operates a confidential Emergency Safehouse Program for survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking and their children. For program purposes, domestic violence is recent violence between intimate partners.

### Transitional Housing

WEAVE's Transitional Housing Program is available to survivors who have completed the Safehouse Program and require additional time and support to become stable and obtain permanent housing.

## Used Clothing & Housewares

All donations of used clothing and housewares are accepted at WEAVEWorks. WEAVE clients receive vouchers enabling them to shop for the specific sizes and items they need. WEAVE can NOT accept donations of used clothing or housewares at its business offices.

For February's Dana Project we will be support WEAVE by donating to WEAVEWorks Recycled Fashion, a thrift store. At this time, they are accepting lightly used clothing and housewares. Any donation drop-offs may be left in the MPR.

# BWA Jan. Dana Project

## SPCA Towel & Blanket Drive

Give the **gift of Warmth**



**Towel & Blanket Donation Drive**  
Nov. 26-Dec. 10

Did you get a chance to clean/organize your linen closet? Have a few days left to donate (towels/blankets) to the Sacramento SPCA through BWA's January Dana Project.



## New Years Eve

**Dec. 31, 2023**



*Rev. Imada rings in the new year. Service attendees helped ring the bell a total of 108 times representing the cleansing of 108 worldly passions. Attendees then enjoyed a bowl of Toshikoshi Soba (made by BWA Peggy & Lois) to reflect on the past and usher in the coming year.*





# LOTUS News

Learning Oriental Trimming

Feb. '24 issue

[January, 2024]

Land Park Pond 7-'22



**Tomio I.** (not pictured here) & **Harvey K.** worked on this woodchips pile to distribute where needed during the AM prior to lunch. Then **Ken O, Mike K., Gary O, Harvey K** continued to work on the pile after lunch.



**Tomio Ito** for providing lunch for LOTUS in January.



**Kevin Kodoya** (Harvey's nephew) joined LOTUS for 3 consecutive weeks during his vacation. Shown here, he & other LOTUS members including JoAnn, Sharon & Jan enjoyed lunch provided by Tomio that day.



- Okabayashis** *Another batch of olives for each member*
- Peggy O...** *Mahoroba pastries*
- Tomio Ito** *\$\$ for purchase of lunch*
- Lois Kashiwase** *Smart & Final gift cards*



**Buddhist Church of Florin  
Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Scholarship**

**Graduating High School Students  
And  
Students Attending a University, College or Vocational School**

You are encouraged to **apply** for the Buddhist Church of Florin's Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani (Nakatani) Scholarships, if you meet the following criteria:

**\$5,000 Scholarship and \$3,000 Scholarship for Graduating High School Students**

- Must be graduating from high school this academic year;
- Plan to attend an accredited university, college or vocational school full time next year;
- Your parent is a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin (church membership dues are paid and current before the scholarship application deadline); and
- You have been a Florin Dharma School student prior to enrolling in a university, college, or vocational school.

Applicants will be judged on:

- Participation in the Florin Dharma School
- Participation in church program activities
- Participation in community programs
- Academic achievements
- Essay (approximately 300 words) on the topic of how Buddhism affects your life
- In-person interview

**\$5,000 Scholarship, \$3,000 Scholarship, \$2,000 Scholarship and \$1,000 Scholarship for Students Attending a University, College or Vocational School**

- Must be attending an accredited university, college or vocational school full time this academic year and plan to continue next year full time and for the full year;
- You or your parent is a member of the Buddhist Church of Florin (church membership dues are paid and current before the scholarship application deadline); and
- You have been a Florin Dharma School student prior to enrolling in a university, college, or vocational school.

Applicants will be judged on:

- Participation in a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist church and/or program activities
- Participation in community programs
- Academic achievements
- Essay (approximately 400 words) on the topic of how Buddhism affects your life
- In-person interview

Applications may be obtained from the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson, Walter Menda, or Florin Dharma School Superintendent and YBA advisors in January 2024.

**Applications must be received by the Nakatani Scholarship Chairperson by midnight, April 1, 2024.**

# January Events at BCF

January 13, 2024, several BCF members participated in the American Red Cross Training – Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED.



January 28, 2024, along with the Florin JACL, BCF co-hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mochi Madness event.



**Starting up soon:**

Anyone interested in playing Volleyball? Playing on Saturday nights.  
Contact Kenny Teranishi for times, call or text 916-717-0297. Thank you!