

ONENESS



Buddhist Church of Florin

November 2023 Volume 11



Hello everyone. Since it's November, sometimes it's cold in the morning, so I'm being careful not to catch a cold.

In October, the Buddhist Church of Florin had a prime rib dinner fundraiser. I saw many people coming to the temple to pick their dinner up. We would like to thank everyone who helped with the preparations and volunteered on the day of the event.

On October 8th, the 850th/800th Joint Celebration Service was held at the Sacramento Betsuin. Many people participated and it was a big success. In particular, Shoshinge was chanted along with gagaku (Japanese music) creating a very beautiful melody. It sounded very different from the usual chanting. At the end of the chanting, the sound of a taiko drum was added, making it sound like the footsteps of a giant Buddha approaching. The Buddha has no color or shape, so we don't know how big it is, but it feels like a huge presence that surrounds us with boundless warm light.

AMIDA, full of compassion for those lost in the great night of ignorance-- The wheel of light of (the) dharma-body being boundless-- Took the form of the Buddha of Unhindered Light-- And appeared in the land of peace.

There are two special services planned for November. On Sunday, November 12th at 10 am, the Shotsuki/Family Service & the Veterans Recognition is scheduled. A short service in the Nokotsudo is scheduled after the service.

On Sunday, November 26th at 10 am, the Eitaikyo, Pet Memorial & Family Service is scheduled. We will have a guest speaker, Rev Ken Fujimoto. After this service, a Japanese speaking service is scheduled in the Nokotsudo. Additionally, these services will be followed by a Japanese study class. We look forward to your participation.

Gassho Namo Amida Butsu Rev. Noritaka Imada

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

November Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of November will be held on **Sunday**, **November 12**, **2023 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 November 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 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.

Baishiki, Ray Tetsuo	11-20-2003	Nishi, Shizuo	11-09-1963
Fujii, Kiyoshi	11-02-1924	Ohara, Natomi	11-13-1992
Fujii, May Umeko	11-01-2010	Ohara, Yoshitaro	11-11-1963
Fukushima, Tsuru	11-28-1930	Okimura, Makiyo	11-03-1987
Goishi, Kiichi	11-13-1963	Okimura, Ronald Shigenobu	11-05-2019
Hamakawa, Bessie Miyoko	11-11-1999	Sakaoka, Hawayo	11-11-1972
Hashizume, Wai	11-20-1924	Sako, Fujio	11-30-1908
Hayashi, Hanayo	11-10-1920	Sato, Lillian Fumiko	11-21-2007
Hirakawa, Misae	11-17-1935	Sawada, Akiko	11-11-1936
Hirano, Tomiko	11-26-1932	Sawada, Shizue	11-25-1938
Hirano, Yoshimichi	11-26-1932	Sekiguchi, Haruko	11-02-1991
Ikeda, Shunichi	11-22-1917	Shimizu, Minoru	11-16-1936
Inouye, Hanayo	11-21-1976	Sugimoto, Yoshie	11-13-1959
Inouye, Isaburo	11-24-1980	Sugimoto, Yoshimori	11-20-1987
Ishikawa, Toshitaro	11-30-1959	Sumida, Heishiro	11-28-1950
Ishiura, Rev. Newton	11-06-2008	Sumida, Matsue	11-12-1940
Itonaga, Kumaemon	11-01-1948	Sunahara, Kumaji	11-15-1960
Iwamoto, Glenn	11-23-2010	Tahara, Toshiyuki	11-05-1944
Kadokawa, Dorothy Chisato	11-15-2005	Takahashi, Shinichi	11-28-1938
Kadoya, Tomo	11-27-1941	Takahashi, Tadazo	11-24-1930
Kakutani, Sumiye	11-27-2000	Takemori, Tatsuko	11-03-2021
Kanenaga, Mary	11-19-1934	Tanabe, Tatsuji	11-23-1932
Kawanishi, Terry	11-16-1988	Tanaka, Hatsumi	11-06-1922
Kodama, Grace	112021	Tanaka, Martha Kimiko	11-04-1998
Kurima, Haruko	11-25-1940	Tanihara, Minnie Mineko	11-13-1996
Kurima, Stillborn	11-25-1940	Tanihara, Ray	11-10-2015
Kuroda, Shigemi	11-01-2004	Tara, Heizo	11-05-1918
Menda, Shizuka	11-06-2008	Tominaga, Nobuo	11-24-1927
Mitsuyoshi, Hikasaburo	11-03-1965	Watanabe, Chito	11-24-1999
Miyao, Toyokichi	11-08-1947	Watanabe, Genichi	11-18-1967
Mizusaka, Fusae	11-05-1926	Yabumoto, Kojiro	11-09-1940
Nakao, Katsunosuke	11-14-1962	Yoshinaga, Asakichi	11-14-1955
Nakashima, Hideo	11-28-1929	Yubuta, Tsunekichi	11-23-1919
Nakashima, Kimiko Lois	11-13-2012	Yubuta, Yone	11-23-1938
Nishi, Ellis	11-28-2007	Yubuta, Yoshino	11-20-1945

2023 Memorial Service Schedule Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years: Service Year Year Service 25th Year 2022 1st Year 1999 3rd Year 33rd Year 2021 1991 7th Year 50th Year 2017 1974 13th Year 2011 1924 100th Year 2007 17th Year

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

SHIRLEY ITO January 13, 1932 to October 19, 2023

Please join us for Sunday Service

November Shotsuki Hoyo and Family Service; Veterans Recognition Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Eitaikyo, Pet Memorial and Family Service Guest Speaker Rev. Ken Fujimoto Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada

There will be refreshments following the church service on November 12 and a luncheon on November 26. In order to prepare enough for everyone, we ask that you please rsvp to florinbuddhist@gmail.com for both services. Thank you!!

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

Eitaikyo Service

Eitaikyo means perpetual sutra chanting or perpetual memorial service. This special memorial service is for our beloved deceased listed in the Eitaikyo Book located on the altar. Our Eitaikyo Service will be held on November 27th at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP the number of people attending by Wednesday, November 23rd by email: florinbuddhist@gmail.com or call (916) 383-1831.

A special Eitaikyo Fund was established through donations made in memory of deceased family members and friends. The interest earned from this Fund can only be used for religious items, altar enhancements and altar repairs. By donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, your loved ones are remembered each year at the Eitaikyo Service. Donations can be made through the Buddhist Church of Florin's webpage www.florinbuddhist.org and designate to Eitaikyo Fund or send a check to the Buddhist Church of Florin, PO Box 292006, Sacramento, CA 95829.

Veteran's Day Celebration Buddhist Church of Florin

Please join us for Sunday Service on November 12, as we honor current and past members who served in the United States of America armed services. They are:

Menda, Albert Miles, Matthew Miles, Thomas, Sr Miles, Thomas, Jr Miller, Kevin Miyao, Gary Miyao, George, Sr Miyao, George, Jr Miyao, Jesse Miyao, Walter Miyata, Ted Mukai, Frank Mukai, Tom Muranaka, Gerald Muranaka, Mel Muranaka, Sam Murata, Yoshio Nakao, Herb Nakao, Jack Nakashima, Larry

Nakaya, Charles Oda, Ben Oda, Tom Ohta, Eddie Ohta, George Okabayashi, Ken Okamoto, Bill Okamoto, Tadanao Okamoto, Tom Okasaki, George Okimura, Kay Okimura, Ron Okimura, Shig Onodera, Alfred Otani, Walter Saigo, Tak Saito, Harry Sato, Ben Sato, Ron Shimizu, Craig

Shimizu, Ron Shin, Rev. Jeanette Sonoda, Tom Sugimoto, Sam Sumida, Roy Tahara, Harvey Takeuchi, Gary Takeuchi, James Jr. Tanaka, Kay Taniguchi, Roy Tomono, Tsugio Tsukamoto, Bill Tsukamoto, Lon Tsukamoto, Yoshio Weaver, Ronald Yamada, Walter Yasukawa, Ewart Yasukawa, Leo Yasukawa, Tony







US Army



US Coast Guard



US Air Force



US Navy

Please accept our apologies if a name has been inadvertently omitted or misspelled on this list.

If you have any additions/corrections, please contact Jennifer Kubo, kubojm86@gmail.com

October 22, 2023

Hello BCF Sangha:

I am reaching out to advise you of a few items of interest:

- **Newsletter Back-Up:** Last month, I notified you that we are looking for someone to serve as back-up in producing "Oneness", our monthly newsletter. This assignment is *not* a monthly duty, only in rare instances. Ginny Syphax will provide training.
- Arigato: I, again, want to encourage you to recognize individuals (both members and non-members) for their notable contributions to the Buddhist Church of Florin. Please provide the individual's name and a brief statement of the work they are doing so that we can acknowledge their efforts in the "Oneness".
- **CPR Training:** Would you be interested in receiving CPR Training? If so, you are invited to add your name to the 'sign-up' list. Training will be provided at no cost to members. If space is available, non-members can also participate (for a yet-to-bedetermined fee). Contact Glenn Fujii at gmfujii21@yahoo.com if you would like to be notified when training is scheduled.
- Sunday Greeters: Two members are needed for Sunday Services. This is an important job and a great way to support the BCF. Here is how this works: 2 Greeters welcome attendees to the Temple prior to the start of service. If a new or non-member is in attendance, the Greeter notes their name/information to the chair to announce. Simple! Greeters rotate, so if you're only available on one Sunday, no problem.

If you would like to volunteer and/or know more about the above opportunities, email me at efujii52@gmail.com.

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 September:

Frank Mouton (monthly)
Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)

Tim & Melanie Tsukamoto

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.



Buddhist Church of Florin Governing Board Meeting Highlights

October 12, 2023

- 1. The Board is moving forward with a proposal to update the temple website to include the ability to order and pay for food online. Also looking into a cashless pay system for onsite events. Research is continuing with a targeted completion date of the end of 2024.
- 2. A BCF-sponsored CPR training session will be held for members after the 1st of the year. Watch the newsletter for more information or contact Eric Fujii (efujii52@gmail.com). We are encouraging representatives of the groups that use BCF facilities to participate in the training.
- 3. A backup person is needed to assist with newsletter preparation. Kudos to current editor Ginny Syphax for doing a fantastic job. She doesn't anticipate needing help often, so if you would like to help out, please contact Ginny (gyamisyphax@gmail.com) or Eric Fujii (efujii52@gmail.com).
- 4. A proposal to re-start volleyball in the gym on Wednesday evenings was approved by the Board. If you are interested in playing contact Kenny Teranishi (kteranishi@juno.com). All ages and abilities welcome.
- 5. Pickleball is being held in the gym on Sundays at 1 pm. Contact Sandy Okuno (<u>whocares13@comcast.net</u>). All playing levels are welcome.
- 6. The Board approved an Eagle Scout project by Ben Uyeno. He proposes to clean, repair, and paint/stain the walls, ceiling, and cabinets in the outdoor kitchen area. The project will begin in mid-November. Thank you, Ben!
- 7. The Buddhist Church of Florin is being honored at the upcoming JACL Luncheon on December 2 for its role as a community hub for civil rights since its founding.
- 8. Congratulations to Peggy Okabayashi for winning the first fun annual 'shootout' held by Kyudo Kai. Six people tied for first and Peggy emerged as the winner after a jan-ken-po faceoff. Zasahi-George Yamashita, Lois Kashiwase and Brandon Gui won the "clan" award.
- 9. BWA will hold their annual rummage sale on Saturday, November 4. Watch for information about acceptable items and drop off dates and times.
- 10. BCF will serve Friendship soup at the upcoming service on November 12. Be sure to attend!
- 11. Thank you to all who helped make the New Members Welcome service and start of Dharma School on September 24th a fun and memorable event.
- 12. The Fall Food Bazaar was a great success. Thank you to all who helped prepare food, purchase food and cleanup. We couldn't do it without you!



 $\label{eq:Language Class} \mbox{by Rev. Imada}$ $\mbox{Every 4th Sunday - beginning, Sunday, October 22nd at noon}$

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

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

Dharma Lesson to Remember

This Sunday was the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth, and the 800th anniversary of the formation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. A once-in-a-lifetime event (unless you're immortal, which statistically everyone is), the service held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church included a special ceremony with chanting of Shoshinge by the Bishop Hirada (foreword by Reverend Imada and Reverend Shibata), after which followed by a presentation of the life of Shinran Shonin by Reverend Dr. Matsumoto, wrapped up by an electric guitar performance by Reverend Sugahara. While the main event of the service (the presentation of the life of Shinran Shonin) was detailed and extremely well-puttogether, the thing that stood out to me the most was the fact that Shinran Shonin completed all the great feats that he did without abandoning all of his connections. Whether that be his family, his friends, or his disciples, with the sheer amount of work that he did, all of the things that he laid out for generations to come, he never cast aside the people of his present, supporting them and being supported during his work.

He proved that you don't have to throw everything away to pursue a dream.

- Skylar Lam

Upcoming Dharma Activities

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

Buddhist Church of Florin

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



TO ORDER:

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

Ginny Yamamoto Syphax 3318 Yosemite Park Way ATTN: FBC JYBA & DS 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	ATO TO	UNIT COST	TOTAL
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Chinese Chicken Salad	\$ 6.00
Sandwich/Salad combo (save \$1)	\$15.00
	Extra Donation
	TOTAL ENCLOSED
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*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.

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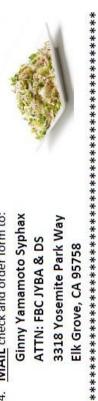
Jr. YBA & Dharma School Fundraiser Pick-up 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sunday, December 3, 2023



TO ORDER:

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

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



PICK UP your order on December 3, between 10 AM - 12 PM

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The Buddhist Church of Florin's Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grants are awarded to three deserving public school teachers. Each recipient receives a grant in the amount of \$2,000. The Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant recipients are Stephanie Kuroda, Nadine Nouchi, and Kimiko Yamamoto Hayashida.

Stephanie Kuroda teaches 6th grade at Crocker Riverside Elementary School in the Sacramento City Unified School District. With the grant award, Stephanie plans to purchase classroom supplies for her 90 students; plus, hands on educational materials to support student learning. She also will be purchasing equipment to transition to a "Thinking Classroom" curriculum.

Stephanie is a church member and granddaughter of Janet Kuroda.

Nadine Nouchi teaches 1^{st} through 6^{th} grade physical education at Theodore Judah Elementary School in the Sacramento City Unified School District. Nadine plans to purchase outdoor and indoor physical education equipment for her students to use in all the grades she teaches.

Nadine, husband Henry Lam, and Skylar are church members. Nadine and Skylar are active in the Temple's Dharma School and Jr. YBA.

Kimiko Yamamoto Hayashida teaches 7th, 8th, and 9th grades at Holmes Junior High School in the Davis Joint Unified School District. She plans to purchase mathematics and study skills supplies and educational materials for her students to be successful in meeting high school graduation requirements; including math materials for a special education class she co-teaches.

Kimiko, husband Mark Hayashida, and twins, Kai and Kenji are church members.

Congratulations to our dedicated public school teachers; Stephanie, Nadine, and Kimiko!

The Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grants are available to church members who teach in public schools. Grant applications are being accepted for the 2023-24 school term. For more information regarding this grant program, please see the Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant article and application included in this newsletter.



Buddhist Church of Florin Kikuyo and Kinjiro Nakatani Public School Teacher Grant \$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 Nov. Dana Project



- May walk on own
- On Thanksgiving Day or
- With BCF/BWA Walking Group. Date TBD

Yearly team participation in Run to Feed the Hungry

The largest Thanksgiving Day fun run in the BENEFITING SACRAMENTO Finally SERVICES BENEFITING SACRAMENTO Finally SERVICES A CRAMENTO Finally SERVICES SACRAMENTO Finally SERVICES



that morning. (Really!)





Ben K shown here pruned three pines on this day. **Lloyd O** cleans out debris from the gym's upper floor ledge (with help from **Kenny O.**)





Jeanne Nakamura Caprese

salad

Mits Yamamoto "Thank you"

woodwork

Rev. Sugahara

Omiyage



Buddhist Church of Florin 2024 Master Calendar (January-March)*

JANUAR	Y		FEBRU	ARY	
1	Mon	New Year's Day Service	7	Wed	BWA Walk/DS Mtg
3	Wed	BWA Walk/DS Mtg	8	Thur	BCF Board Mtg
10	Wed	BWA Crafts	8-10		Super Bowl Bazaar Prep
11	Thru	BCF Board Mtg	11	Sun	SUPER BOWL BAZAAR
14	Sun	HOONKO Svc/Shotsuki	12	Mon	BWA Mtg
15	Mon	BWA Mtg	14	Wed	BWA Crafts
16	Tue	NCBWA Mtg	17	Sat	Kimekomi Class
17	Wed	BWA Social	18	Sun	LADY KUJO Service/Shotsuki
20	Sat	Kimekomi Dollmaking Class	21	Wed	BWA Social
28	Sun	NIRVANA/Nokotsudo/Setsubun	25	Sun	BCA Eitaikyo Svc at BCS
28	Sun	Japanese Language Class	25	Sun	Japanese Language Class
29	Mon	BEC Mtg	26	Mon	BEC Mtg

MARCH		
6	Wed	BWA Walk/DS Mtg
8	Fri	Loco Moco Breakfast Prep
9	Sat	Loco Moco Breakfast
10	Sun	SPRING OHIGAN/Shotsuki
11	Mon	BWA Mtg
13	Wed	BWA Crafts
14	Thu	BCF Board Mtg
16	Sat	Kimekomi Dollmaking Class
20	Wed	BWA Social
		Rennyo Shonin Memorial/
24	Sun	Family Service/Nokotsudo
24	Sun	Japanese Language Class
25	Mon	BEC Mtg

WEEKLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES			
Sun	Pickleball 12 pm		
Tues & Fri	Sac Kendo Club 7:30 pm		
Wed	Volleyball 8pm		
Thur	Lotus Club 8am		
Thur	Adult Basketball 8pm		
Fri	Kyudo Kai Club 6pm		

^{*}This calendar is subject to change. Please confirm events with $\underline{florinbuddhist@gmail.com}$ if you have a question.