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Buddhist Church of Florin



November 2024

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Hello everyone! It's already November.

In November, we will have services for Shotsuki, Veterans Recognition, Eitaikyo, Pet Memorial, etc. I am sure you will be busy preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday, but I look forward to seeing you all at church.

Regarding my visa situation, it has been constantly changing, and I am often asked, "Do you have to go back to Japan soon?" In fact, there was a possibility that I would have to return to Japan on September 1. The bishop advised me to buy a plane ticket just in case—I had already purchased one. But thanks to the cooperation of many people, the deadline was extended. I then canceled the ticket and now able to stay here a little longer. The current situation is I have been asked to submit additional documents. The deadline to submit these documents is December, so I think I will be able to stay until then. There will also be a waiting period to get the results after submitting them. Therefore, I think I will be able to stay here until January of next year. I apologize that I don't have more definitive information, but I'm happy that I will be able to welcome 2025 together with you all.

I recognize that the life I am living today would never have happened on my own.

As I was preparing the requested documents, I looked back on my life and career and realized that I have been through many different phases before I got to where I am now. I was born in a temple in Hiroshima, was assigned to a temple in Tokyo and a church in Colorado, and now I am assigned to a church in California. If I hadn't visited India and Nepal, I might not have known about the existence of churches overseas, and I might never have thought of leaving Japan. The many people I have met so far have influenced my life and a series of coincidences have brought me to where I am today.

The sangha of this church includes people who have been members of the church since birth and others who became members later in life. If the time or place were different, we might never have met. But we are all now standing together in Gassho in front of the Amida Buddha. I feel that being a part of the church's history and spending time together is very precious. Namo Amida Butsu.

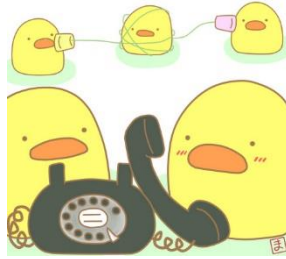
Last month's quiz answer

What do you say when you answer the phone?

1. mada mada 2. dame dame 3. Soro soro 4. Moshi moshi

Answer: 4. Moshi moshi

“Mada mada” means not yet. “Dame dame” means not good. “Soro soro” means soon. “Moshi moshi” is the word that Japanese people say when answering the phone. The old word for “say something” was “Mo su”, and it is said to have evolved from that.



The next quiz

Which of the following words means "shining" in Japanese?

1. Boro Boro 2. Teku Teku 3. Tsuya Tsuya 4. Pika Pika

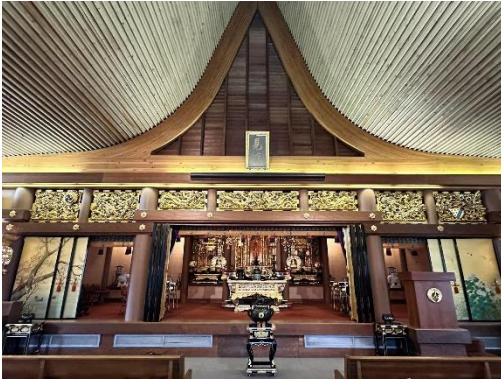
In Gassho,

Rev. Noritaka Imada

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



On October 13, 2024, the Buddhist Church of Stockton hosted the Northern California District Joint Eitaikyo, Late Bishops' Memorial & Buddhist Churches of America 125th Anniversary Service. It was nice to see so many of our members attending who included Rev. Imada, Lois Tanaka, Sandy Okuno, Shirley Gee, Lois Kashiwase, Eric Fujii, Ginny Yamamoto Syphax, Kris Takeda Miller, Walt & Kathy Menda, Skylar Lam, Nadine Nouchi, Henry Lam, Sharon Arase, Susan Takeda, Ken Okabayashi, Jan Takeuchi, George & Merri Akiyama, Judy & Larry Yuki, Tadashi & Makoto Yuki, and Toshiko Hara.



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 10, 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 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 2024 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	11--2021	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

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 st Year	2000	25 th Year
2022	3 rd Year	1992	33 rd Year
2018	7 th Year	1975	50 th Year
2012	13 th Year	1925	100 th Year
2008	17 th Year		

Join us for November Services

**November Shotsuki Hoyo & Family Service
Veterans Recognition**

Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Eitaikyo; Pet Memorial and Family Service

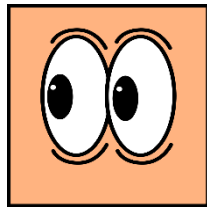
Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada

There will be light refreshments following the church service, and attending, we would appreciate an RSVP to florinbuddhist@gmail.com. If you can stay after, we need assistance with cleanup. 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.



**See you
on Sunday!!!**

Veteran's Day Celebration Buddhist Church of Florin

During Sunday Service on November 10, 2024, Florin Buddhist Church will honor current and past members who served in the United States of America armed services. They are:

Bennig, George	Miles, Matthew	Oda, Ben	Sonoda, Tom
Fujii, Ted	Miles, Thomas, Sr	Oda, Tom	Sugimoto, Sam
Fujii, Wesley	Miles, Thomas, Jr	Ohta, Eddie	Sumida, Roy
Hamakawa, Eddie	Miller, Kevin	Ohta, George	Tahara, Cooper
Hamamoto, Kaz	Miyao, Gary	Okabayashi, Ken	Tahara, Harvey
Hamataka, Tosh	Miyao, George, Sr	Okamoto, Bill	Takeoka, Dennis
Hiraga, Hideo	Miyao, George, Jr	Okamoto, Tadanao	Takeoka, George
Hirakawa, George	Miyao, Jesse	Okamoto, Tom	Takeuchi, Gary
Ishii, Don	Miyao, Walter	Okasaki, George	Tanaka, Kay
Ishii, Jim	Miyata, Ted	Okimura, Kay	Taniguchi, Roy
Ito, Tomio	Mukai, Frank	Okimura, Ron	Tomono, Tsugio
Kadoya, Harvey	Mukai, Tom	Okimura, Shig	Tsukamoto, Bill
Kadoya, Richard	Muranaka, Gerald	Onodera, Alfred	Tsukamoto, Lon
Kakutani, Kenneth	Muranaka, Melvin	Otani, Walter	Tsukamoto, Yoshio
Kanenaga, Eddie	Muranaka, Sam	Saigo, Tak	Weaver, Ronald
Kanenaga, Takashi	Murata, Yoshio	Saito, Harry	Yamada, Gary
Kato, David	Nakao, Herb	Sato, Ronald	Yamada, Walter
Kodama, Bill	Nakao, Jack	Shimizu, Craig	Yasukawa, Ewart
Kuroda, Hideo	Nakashima, Larry	Shimizu, Ron	Yasukawa, Leo
Kusaka, Ben	Nakaya, Charles	Shin, Rev. Jeanette	Yasukawa, Tony
Menda, Albert			



US Marine Corps



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 know someone who has been omitted, please email florinbuddhist@gmail.com with their name. Veterans and current Service members are encouraged to wear specially designed Monto Shikisho (similar to Okesa worn by Ministers).**

2024 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2024 membership dues received in:
August/September:

Frank Mouton (monthly) Eileen Nakahira & David Uyeno (monthly)
Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly) Judy & Larry Yuki Tadashi Yuki

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.

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

Thank You!

Buddhist Church of Florin
Governing Board Meeting Highlights
October 10, 2024

1. The BCF was well-represented at the BCA Eitaikyo/125th Anniversary Celebration/Late Bishop's Memorial Service held on October 13 at the Buddhist Church of Stockton. The event included a continental breakfast provided by BWAs and luncheon with entertainment provided by various temples. The special service can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJYznvweHiw>.
2. Our own Skylar Lam recently won a BCA contest to create lyrics for a new gatha. Her lyrics were set to music and a video premiered at the 125th Anniversary celebration, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xdnvjp-jmyY>. Among the musicians were Skylar, Rev. Imada, Rev. Yuki Sugahara and Lisa (Horikawa) Orpilla.
3. Save your sellable items! BWA is having their Rummage Sale on November 9th. Drop off begins November 6th. Please do not donate furniture. If you are donating clothing, only children's clothing and new items with tags can be accepted.
4. Work toward remodelling the hondo kitchen continues. It is a big job to remove and sort through the contents of the kitchen, then find a place to store everything during the remodel. If you hear a call for help, please be generous with your time. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the plans for preparing the kitchen for the remodel, please contact Eric Fujii (efujii52@gmail.com). Once everything is prepared, the remodel itself is expected to take 4-6 weeks.
5. Two benches on the side of the hondo need replacement. There will be a campaign to collect funds in the new year selling bench plaques and bricks like the existing ones that can be seen on the grounds.
6. The security system will undergo an update, making the system easier to use and monitor.
7. The Eagle Scout project by Finley Morris to beautify the south side of the hondo and refurbish the entryway sign is now complete. Finley had the assistance of over 40 community members along with his scout troop. He also raised a portion of the funding and developed a set of blueprints for BCF to use when lanterns need to be rebuilt. Thank you, Finley!!
8. The Prime Rib Dinner was held on September 28th was very successful! Next year's event will be held on November 1st.
9. The email system used to send E-blasts and this Oneness newsletter was aging and finally failed. Unfortunately, we are not able to recover the complete contact list. If you know of non-members and other interested parties that were receiving our E-blasts, please ask them to contact Jan Takeuchi (jtakeuchi51@att.net) to resubmit their address or sign up through our website.
10. Help! We need an historian. The position has been vacant for several years and our history needs an update. Any help is appreciated, and if you have ideas about how to manage digital information and photos, we'd love to hear it. Contact Eric Fujii (efujii52@gmail.com).
11. If you have announcements or items you wish to have posted to our website, forward the information to Ginny Syphax (gyamisyphax@gmail.com) or Jan Takeuchi (jtakeuchi51@att.net).





Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School
News & Events- November 2024
"B.R.A.I.D." – Building Respectful Awareness

The celebration of BCA's 125th anniversary has finally been celebrated at the Stockton Buddhist Temple this past Sunday. It was celebrated with a dharma-thon and chanting of "Shi Shin Rai," followed by "Shoya Raisan Ge and Ekoku." We also honored the past bishops of BCA as well as debuted two songs in honor of our anniversary. I applaud everyone involved who made this event possible, especially the reverends who each shared their message in the dharma-thon. Reverend Imada spoke of the value of all life, Reverend Shibata on gratefulness, and Reverend Sugahara on the importance of dharma in everyday life. Truly, we have become the heartbeat of history, with those events now in the past and hopefully more to come in the future.

- Skylar Lam

Upcoming Dharma Activities

Sunday, November 10th, Veterans Recognition with Friendship soup by BCF and garlic bread by DS/JYBA



Sunday, December 1st, DS/JYBA Fundraiser Drive Thru (Steak Sandwich and Udon)

Sunday, December 8th, Bodhi Day, Luncheon



Jr. YBA “Arigato” Wood Plaque Fundraiser

Just in time for great Christmas gifts or a “just because” gift!

What a unique way to convey your gratitude to your family, friends, your kid’s teachers (don’t forget school year-end gifts!), your boss, co-worker, or just to say “thank you” to someone.

**Few more
left to sell!**

Kanji reads:
“ARIGATO”



approx. 7 & 1/2” x 8”
(ready to hang)

Thank you, Mr. Mits Yamamoto, for your craftsmanship!

This fundraiser will be a “**pre-order**” only fundraiser.

You will be notified when to pick up your plaque(s) at BCF at a later date.

Deadline to order: November 15, 2024 (or when we sell out!) Only making 70 plaques!!!

Questions? Email or text Ginny at gyamisypfax@gmail.com or (916) 837-2081

Item	How Many?	Unit Cost	Total
Arigato Wood Plaque		\$30.00	
Additional Donation:			
Total Amount Due:			
Your name:			
Your Contact Information: Please check one box how you want to be notified when ready for pick up			
<input type="checkbox"/> Email address:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone: ()			
Submit your order with a check payable to: <u>Buddhist Church of Florin – Jr. YBA</u>			
Send your order form/check to:			
Ginny Yamamoto Syphax			
c/o BCF - JYBA			
3318 Yosemite Park Way			
Elk Grove, CA 95758			

ARIGATO GOZAIMASU FOR YOUR ORDER!

(Rec'd: _____ Check #: _____)

Buddhist Church of Florin

Jr. YBA & Dharma School Fundraiser

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Pick-up 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM



**Steak Sandwiches
almost sold out!
Call Ginny to see
if we can place
your order!**

TO ORDER:

1. Return your order form **WITH** payment
2. Orders **MUST be postmarked by November 10, 2024**
3. Make check payable to: **BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN - JYBA**
4. **MAIL** check and order form to:

Ginny Yamamoto Syphax

ATTN: JYBA & DS

3318 YOSEMITE PARK WAY

Elk Grove, CA 95758



PLEASE PICK UP your order on December 1, 2024 between 11 AM – 12:30 PM

at 7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

Contactless drive-thru pick up only - Email or phone orders will NOT be accepted - **No special orders -
ACCEPTING MAXIMUM ORDERS of 300 (each item)**

ITEM	QTY	UNIT COST	TOTAL
Teriyaki Steak Sandwich (bread, steak, marinated onions, shredded cabbage)		\$10.00	
Udon (pre-cooked Japanese noodles with broth)		\$ 7.00	
Extra Donation			
TOTAL ENCLOSED			
Name (print):			
*Contact phone #: ()			
**Email address:			

*All orders must have contact phone number accessible between 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM on December 1, 2024. Also, you will get a phone call if we have exceeded the maximum number of orders.

** provide your email if you would like an email reminder to pick up. Otherwise, the bottom portion is your reminder.

Orders not picked up by 12:30 pm on 12/1/24 will be donated.

(Mail this upper portion with your check)

*******CUT HERE*******

Post this bottom portion on your refrigerator:

Reminder:

I ordered _____ Steak Sandwich(es) & _____ Udon(s) from the Buddhist Church of Florin Jr. YBA/Dharma School fundraiser.

PLEASE PICK UP your order on December 1, 2024 between 11 AM – 12:30 PM

at 7235 Pritchard Road, Sacramento, CA 95828

Nov. BWA Dana Project



RUN TO FEED
THE HUNGRY



The largest Thanksgiving
Day fun run in the
country

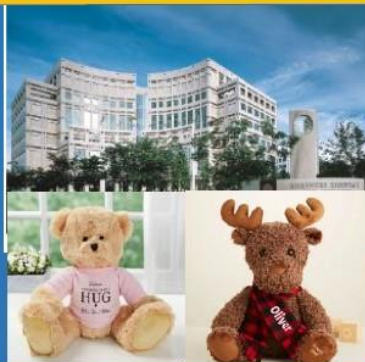
November 28, 2024

Team: BCF BWA

Or donate to
individual registrants

November 28 (Thanksgiving)

East Sacramento on Thanksgiving
Day or VIRTUALLY on your own.



Shriners Children's Northern California >

2425 Stockton Blvd.
Sacramento, California 95817, United States

- Burn Care
- Orthopedics
- Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Pediatric Surgery

Stuffed animals

Dec.
Dana



Run for a
Safe Haven

Oct. 26
2024


Please join us for the 21st annual Run for a Safe Haven and make a difference! Your support helps provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Oct.
Dana



AUTUMN

Shown on the right is the final bountiful harvest from the LOTUS garden. Under Sharon Okamoto's planning and guidance along with other LOTUS members prepping, maintaining, and finally cleaning up, LOTUS had a lot of healthy lunch meals planned by JoAnn Kusaka.





It's autumn, alright--Gary O cleaning the gutter, Greg C cutting back the vegetation so it stays behind the



fence. All hands were "on deck" within and around the church facility. Lloyd's project here is creating a backing for the bamboo window coverings for the outside kitchen.







JoAnn Kusaka ...

Sharon O/Jan T ..

Tomio Ito ...

Weekly lunch

Dessert

Morning donuts



Somen salad made by JoAnn before being tossed.



BC Florin BWA



Nov. 6-8	Rummage DROPOFF	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Nov. 6-8	Sorting/pricing help needed	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Nov. 9	Rummage Sale	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Nov. '23 Rummage Sale

Accepting

Adult OUTERWEAR

Unsold ones to be donated to Coat Drive

NEW clothing (w/tags)

INFANT/CHILDREN'S
items

SELLABLE items

NOT Accepting

Adult CLOTHING

Except items mentioned above

Electronics/E-waste

LG. FURNITURE

Non-working items



A Japanese study class by Rev. Imada is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at noon.

If you bring something from your home with Japanese written on it, we can try to translate it. If there is anything else you would like to do in class, please contact Rev. Imada. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

クラスで会いましょう！



Finley Morris completed his Eagle Project! With his dedication, management and organizational skills, Finley, with the assistance of many other scouts and parents, completed the beautification of the area in front of multipurpose room with 3 new solar lanterns, a dry pond and a new pathway; refurbished the lettering and added our new website address and painted the BCF entrance sign; refurbished the lettering and painted the Heisei Garden sign; and painted the Heisei bridge. Finley fundraised \$750 to help finance this project. Thank you Finley (and his parents, Aileen and Phil) for selecting the BCF for your Eagle Scout project which was well done!

A special thank you to Mits Yamamoto for lending his craftsmanship of the lettering and graphics for the BCF entrance & Heisei Garden signs. Also, for the eagle carving gift that we gave to Finley.



Before & After



Finley with Mr. Yamamoto's eagle carving gift

Before & After



More before and after pictures of the Heisei Garden sign and the Heisei bridge.

