



# ONENESS

**Buddhist Church of Florin**



February 2026

Volume 2

## **A Quietly Fading Flame: Nehan-e and Nirvana**



February is the month when Buddhists observe Nehan-e, an important Buddhist service.

Nehan-e is the service in which we remember the time when Shakyamuni Buddha (Gautama Buddha) passed away and entered Nirvana.

Shakyamuni Buddha spent many years teaching people. Even at the very end of his life, he continued to speak to his disciples and those around him. His passing is not described as a miracle, but as the life of someone who lived, aged, and died, just as we do. At Nehan-e, we do not simply mourn the Shakyamuni Buddha's death. Rather, we quietly reflect on an important truth, all life will come to an end. And because life is limited, we ask ourselves how we are living this life right now. In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, we do not see the Shakyamuni Buddha as someone who saves us. Instead, we respect him as a great teacher who revealed and shared the Dharma, the truth of Amida Buddha, with this world. Nehan-e is a precious opportunity to remember his compassion and guidance. In the busyness of everyday life, Nehan-e invites us to pause, to reflect on the preciousness of life, and to spend a quiet moment in gratitude.

Here, let us take a moment to look at the word Nirvana. The word Nirvana comes from an ancient Indian language and is translated into Japanese as Nehan. Nirvana means a state in which the activities of the mind that create suffering and confusion have completely come to rest. It is often misunderstood as heaven or the afterlife, but Nirvana is not a place. It describes a way of being, a condition or state. After the Shakyamuni Buddha awakened to enlightenment, he did not leave this world right away. Instead, he chose to remain in this world to share what he had realized with others who were suffering. Because of this decision, we are able to encounter the Buddha's teachings even today. Eventually, the Shakyamuni Buddha reached the end of his physical life. This moment is called Parinirvana, or entering Nirvana. This is the event remembered during Nehan-e. Nirvana does not mean that everything disappears or becomes nothing. It is often compared to a candle flame. When a candle goes out, the flame does not go anywhere, it simply stops because the conditions that kept it burning have ended.

In the same way, Nirvana describes the complete stilling of the fires of attachment and delusion.

After awakening, the Shakyamuni Buddha remained in this world to teach fully and without holding anything back. When his physical life came to an end, he entered complete Nirvana.

Because of his long journey and compassion, we have been given the opportunity to hear and live the Buddha's teachings. Nehan-e is not only a service to remember the Buddha's passing, it is also a time for us to quietly reflect on our own lives, and to ask ourselves how we are living here and now.

Last month's quiz answer



What does “Itadakimasu” most closely mean in Japan?

- A. I’m hungry
- B. Thank you for the food and the life behind it
- C. This looks delicious

The answer is B! "Itadaku" means to receive something, and it reflects the understanding that before eating, we are receiving the gift of life from the food, and we eat it with gratitude.

### Next quiz



What Does “Gochisosama” Really Mean?

In Japanese, people say “Gochisosama deshita” after a meal.  
What did the word “Gochiso” originally mean?

- A. A fancy or expensive meal
- B. A large amount of food
- C. Running around to prepare food

In Gassho,

Rev. Noritaka Imada

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

## 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 22, 2026 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 2026 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](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	Nozawa, Sugimatsu	02-21-1933
Fujii, Ted Satoru	02-04-1999	Oda, Amy	02-13-2024
Fuwa, Mabel Kikuye	02-19-1971	Okamoto, Matsu	02-24-1914
Goishi, Tomeyo	02-16-1979	Okamura, Sekichi	02-02-1937
Hamamoto, Toichi	02-17-1974	Otani, Walter Masayuki	02-13-2008
Hayama, Alice Kiyoko	02-09-2017	Sakamoto, Tatsukichi	02-27-1934
Hayashi, Mika	02-13-1920	Sasaki, Tadashi	02-27-1928
Hayashida, Tadao	02-07-1923	Sato, B. Shoichi	02-14-1970
Hiraga, Tomitaro	02-15-1936	Shibao, Chieko	02-23-1981
Hirakawa, Sumiko	02-11-1935	Shintaku, Isao	02-24-1914
Honda, Kazuma	02-08-1942	Shishido, Melvyn Takeshi	02-19-2012
Imahara, Toichi	02-11-1931	Sumida, Shigeru	02-07-1923
Ishii, Fukuji	02-10-1937	Takehara, Alvin	02-18-1952
Ishii, Tane	02-09-1941	Takehara, Darrel	02-18-1952
Ito, Rose Harumi	02-02-2015	Takehara, Kazuo	02-18-1952
Itonaga, Kimie	02-22-1937	Takeoka, George	02-18-2012
Itonaga, Miki	02-06-1971	Tanaka, Yoshimatsu	02-03-1962
Kanemaru, Junnosuke	02-10-1961	Taniguchi, Frank Ben	02-24-2018
Kanemoto, Yuriko	02-12-2003	Tanihara, Kiyoto	02-20-1968
Kato, Masashi	02-03-1955	Tanihara, May	02-03-2017
Kawanishi, Mary	02-10-2022	Tonai, Reiko Moriya	02-23-2013
Kishaba, Kame	02-14-1948	Tsukamoto, Beatrice Miyeko	02-11-2006
Kow, Ritsu	02-10-1934	Tsukamoto, Infant	02-10-1911
Kurima, Herbert Morio	02-20-2006	Tsukamoto, Toyoko	02-20-2024
Kuroda, Shizuna Janet	02-02-2025	Uchida, Issaku	02-13-1918
Kushi, Masako	02-16-1911	Umeda, Mrs.	02-27-1931
Maeda, Toki	02-11-1946	Watanabe, Teddy Osamu	02-15-2019
Masuda, Yayoyo	02-23-1935	Yamaoka, Tony	02-05-2013
Matsui, Kichigoro	02-18-1940	Yoshihara, Shozo	02-06-1964
Matsui, Noboru	02-20-1993		
Menda, Albert Yoshio	02-27-1997		
Mitsuyoshi, Katsumi	02-02-1926		
Miyao, Tokumatsu	02-19-1956		
Nakamura, Takamichi	02-27-1923		
Nakamura, Yuki	02-25-1986		
Nakashima, Isuke	02-04-1978		
Nakashima, Lester T	02-03-1998		
Nishi, Kikuyo	02-17-1985		
Nishi, Yaichi	02-14-1975		
Nishimoto, Itsu	02-11-1941		
Noda, Alice Shizuko	02-03-2002		
Noda, Tokutaro	02-06-1934		

# Join us for Sunday Service

## NIRVANA DAY

**February Shotsuki Hoyo and Family Service**  
*Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.*

*Service Officiated by: 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](http://buddhistchurchofflorin.org); Facebook page and send out a message to our email list.



### 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 <sup>st</sup> Year	2002	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	1994	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2020	7 <sup>th</sup> Year	1977	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
2014	13 <sup>th</sup> Year	1927	100 <sup>th</sup> Year
2010	17 <sup>th</sup> Year		



## *2025 Buddhist Church of Florin Awards*



**Biannually, 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:**

**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:



**Eric Fujii** – Eric has received The Buddhist Church of Florin Award for his dedicated leadership as President over the past four years. He improved church facilities (i.e., kitchen remodel), enhanced communications, and led fundraising events such as the annual golf tournament; prime rib dinner and loco moco breakfast with his wife Elizabeth. Eric represents the Buddhist Church of Florin at the Northern California District Council and Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meetings. He aims to strengthen and expand the Sangha. Eric is a lifelong member and appreciated for his dedication to the Church.

**Ben Sato Award** is awarded to individuals for outstanding administrative service. The awardee is:

**Janice Shintaku Enkoji** – Aware that the BCF was struggling to fill the Treasurer position, Janice joined the BCF as a member in order to assume this essential role. The Church Treasurer is responsible for the accounting of the Church finances, includes the recording of donations, paying bills incurred by the church, and maintaining the Church budget. By managing the multiple duties and workload involved in this position with diligence and professionalism, Janice has ensured the successful maintenance of BCF's critical business functions.



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



**Skylar Lam** –Skylar is an exemplary role model for our Sangha and an enthusiastic member of the BCF. Skylar has been a Jr. YBA member for three years and held many JYBA Executive Board positions. You can always count on Skylar to step up and volunteer without being asked! You can always find Skylar volunteering at various church fundraisers, helping with Dharma School and most recently, Skylar has volunteered to ring the kansho at every church service. Skylar recognized a problem at BCF and proposed to help solve the problem of the shortage of manpower at various fundraisers. Skylar proposed to BCF of recruiting his fellow high-school classmates to volunteer at various BCF fundraisers for the needed additional manpower. Skylar has also proposed a project to BCF to achieve his Eagle Scout. Skylar is a very creative and a

great writer. The Dharma School articles in the monthly newsletters have been written by Skylar. You may remember, Skylar wrote a new gatha and won the BCA lyric contest, after which musical accompaniment was matched to the lyrics. He was featured in the Wheel of Dharma for this accomplishment. Skylar, congratulations on receiving the Tamazo Tanigawa award!

**Hidemo Kodama Award** is awarded for outstanding service in maintenance and the recipients are:



**Lloyd Okimura** - Lloyd has been taking care of our facilities maintenance for many years and he does it without anyone needing to tell him what needs to be fixed. He comes during the week and works on projects he finds needing attention such as the Old Temple front porch and stairways, painting the exterior doors, making new light covers for the fixtures around the Church and Multipurpose Room Building, repairing toilets, and repairing the lamp covers in the landscape just to name a few. He has a list of future projects including coordinating resealing the parking lot and painting the Heisan Garden bridge which his father built. Lloyd is a valued member and very much appreciated.

**Ken Okabayashi** – Ken is awarded the Hidemo Kodama Award for his years of providing electrical services to the Church. He is always willing to help when asked whether it's picking up trash

during Lotus Club or making compost for the garden, helping the Jr. YBA at their fundraiser or the BWA doing odd jobs, he's always around to help.

**Darrell Matsuda** - Darrell is a new member to the church and jumped right in on Thursdays helping where needed. Some of his contributions include installing the new water dispenser in the Multipurpose Room hallway between the bathrooms, opening and closing the gym for the insulation contractors arriving at 7am and leaving at 3:30pm for 4 days, helped Lloyd with painting the exterior doors, helped Kenny Teranishi change the gym lights to LED so it's nice and bright. We are so fortunate to have Darrell with his electrical and plumbing knowledge and skills. Also, you will find Darrell in the gym on Sundays playing pickleball, which is one of many reasons for joining the Church.

**Kenny Teranishi** - When it involves the care or maintenance of the Church facilities, Kenny does it all. Anytime there is a question concerning BCF buildings or grounds the first question we ask is "What does Kenny say we should do?" Kenny is always thinking of ways to improve the Church. He has been instrumental in upgrading the lighting and insulation for the YBA Hall thereby cutting utilities costs; purchased a drinking fountain and disassembled the old fountain in preparation for installation of the new fountain. He has volunteered to be on our maintenance team for the upcoming term. Kenny is a valued member of our Church.

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

**Sharon Okamoto** – For your many years of unselfish service and commitment to the Buddhist Church of Florin. You selflessly agreed to multiple terms as the Activities-Co chair for the Buddhist Church of Florin and the Florin Buddhist Women's Association. You are also active with the Lotus Club, tending to the vegetable garden and preparation of lunch for the crew. Recently, you have served on the Kitchen Remodel Committee, coordinating with the contractor on the successful remodeling of the main church kitchen. You are always supporting multiple church events whether it's setting up, preparing meals, or cleaning up after fundraising activities, you can always be counted on to help.

**Linda and Daniel Menda** – For your outstanding and unselfish service in supporting the Buddhist Church of Florin. When Daniel and Linda are in Sacramento you can always find them on Thursday helping Lotus Club maintaining the Church grounds and helping in the preparation of lunch for the crew. Both Linda and Daniel also continue to help with the major church fundraisers.

**Susan and Bob Takeda** – You are awarded the Kansha Award for your outstanding and unselfish service in supporting the Buddhist Church of Florin as Membership Chairpersons. You have maintained the membership records, assembled new member's welcome gifts, maintained BCF Phone directory and communicated with BCA regarding membership. Susan and Bob, you express Dana through selfless giving of your time.

**Kimiko Hayashida** – You are awarded the Kansha Award for your participation in Dharma School and Athletics. Kimiko has been instrumental in starting the Basketball Instructional Clinic. You have expressed your Dana through selfless giving of your time by actively supporting the Dharma School activities.

**Nadine Nouchi** – You are awarded the Kansha Award for your outstanding and unselfish service in supporting the Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School. Nadine, you have selflessly agreed to multiple terms as Secretary and your meeting minutes are always provided in a timely manner. You are always willing to help plan and organize the Dharma School activities such as the Halloween Party and decorating the Hanamido for Hanamatsuri.

**Gary Takeuchi** is awarded the Kansha Award for taking on the task of developing and implementing the new Buddhist Church of Florin website, improving the donations page and creating the fillable forms for the fundraisers. Gary taught himself how to build the website. He is always looking for ways to improve the site.

**Shirley Gee** is awarded the Kansha Award for taking on the role of Church Board Secretary. Her Board minutes are always provided in a timely manner with specific action items. She also provides the secretarial services for the BWA. Shirley actively volunteers her time to support church fundraisers.

**Sandy Okuno** - Sandy is member of the BCF Board as Activities Co-Chair. Sandy is a willing volunteer who supports many of Church fundraisers. Her dedication and positive attitude and willingness to "roll-up her sleeves to get any job done" plays a big part in the success of both BCF and BWA activities.

**Funeral Committee (Dick Kadoya, Walter Menda, Lon Tsukamoto, Mike Kusama)** – This committee plays an essential role for the Church. During the most difficult times for the Sangha, this group has served as a valuable and respectful resource to grieving families.

**Gary Okamoto** - Supporting the BCF is a high priority for Gary and he can be counted on to do whatever needs to be done to ensure the successful operation of church activities. As a leader with the Lotus Club, he ensures church grounds, landscaping, and facilities are well maintained.

**Greg Crandell** - Greg is a dedicated member of the Lotus Club but his involvement goes beyond that. He has a 'can do' attitude and does whatever it takes to get the job done. He's always helping at food bazaars and is willing to help anyone and everyone.

**Ann Tsukamoto** - Ann does lots of quiet background work for the church. She served on the Kitchen Remodel Committee, regularly cooks lunch for volunteers working fundraisers, independently manages the "Scrips" program, and orders all the ingredients and supplies for church bazaars. The work she performs behind the scenes is essential to the BCF.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Buddhist Church of Florin

## **FUNERAL COMMITTEE-VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED**

The Buddhist Church of Florin (BCF) is one of the few Buddhist Temples with a Funeral Committee that assists families with the preparation and general arrangements for the funeral service.

BCF is requesting volunteers to serve on the Funeral Committee, who are committed to make it a priority to help families in their time of need. Being comfortable in public speaking is a plus; but not required. Please volunteer to serve on the Funeral Committee.

## **FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE GUIDELINE**

A BCF Funeral and Memorial Service Guideline is available for church members. The Funeral and Memorial Service Guideline provides information on 1) Procedures for a funeral service; and 2) Other important information that can help in pre-planning for a funeral service.

Please contact Walter Menda if you would like to **serve** on the BCF Funeral Committee and/or would like a BCF Funeral and Memorial Service Guideline.



## Buddhist Church of Florin

**FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES****Funerals**

The Buddhist Church of Florin is sharing Reverend Noritaka Imada's ministerial duties with the Buddhist Church of Lodi. Reverend Imada's schedule at the Buddhist Church of Florin is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month, Thursday to Monday. In the event of a death in the family, please follow these guidelines.

For a Makuragyo service, contact Reverend Imada at (916) 383-1831 during the business hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm when Reverend Imada is scheduled at the Buddhist Church of Florin. If the church office is closed or Reverend Imada is at the Buddhist Church of Lodi, contact Reverend Imada at (916) 279-5059.

Funeral services will be conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month, Thursday to Monday when Reverend Imada is scheduled at the Buddhist Church of Florin. Please contact Reverend Imada to decide the date and time for the service.

The Buddhist Church of Florin's Funeral Committee can assist with the preparation and general arrangements for the funeral with the family. Please contact the Funeral Committee, Walter Menda at (916) 392-1896 or (916) 835-0281 (cell) for assistance.

Orei guidelines:

- Orei to Reverend Noritaka Imada
- Orei to Buddhist Church of Florin

**Perpetual Memorial Services (i.e., 49<sup>th</sup> day, 1<sup>st</sup> year, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 7<sup>th</sup> year, etc.)**

In the event of a family Memorial service, please follow these guidelines. Memorial services will be conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month, Thursday to Monday when Reverend Imada is scheduled at the Buddhist Church of Florin. To schedule a service date and time, please contact Reverend Imada at (916) 383-1831 during the business hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If the church office is closed or Reverend Imada is at the Buddhist Church of Lodi, you may contact Reverend Imada at (916) 279-5059.

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Please refer to the Buddhist Church of Florin's Funeral and Memorial Service Guideline for more information regarding the Funeral Service and/or Perpetual Memorial Services.

## 2025 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2025 membership dues received in December/January:

Esther Matsumoto

Hiroko Saigo

**Please submit 2026 Membership Dues by January 31, 2026. Thank you.**

## 2026 Membership Dues

Calvin Abe

Walt & Kathy Menda

Gary & Sharon Okamoto

Gary Takeuchi

Shirley Gee

Nadine Nouchi & Henry Lam

Ron & Judy Shimizu

Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)

Harvey Kadoya

Bob & Susan Takeda

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

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





## BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FLORIN

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

# 2026 Membership Form

☐ New Member    ☐ Annual Renewal    ☐ Name/Address Change    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth
<b>Telephone #</b>			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Home	Cell	Email	
<b>Spouse</b>			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth
<b>Telephone #</b>			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Home	Cell	Email	
<b>Address</b>			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street	City	State	Zip Code

**Children at home under age 25:** (List last name if different than above)

_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Son	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter
_____	_____	_____	_____	<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
Renewal Ages 25 - 30	\$100 per person per year
Renewal Ages 31 - 79	\$280 per person per year/\$560 couple/family
Renewal Ages 80 - 84	\$190 per person per year
Renewal 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 2026. If joining mid-year, yearly dues are pro-rated for 2026.

For office use:	Date:	Amt Pd	Ck No.	Cash	Rec'd by:	Entered
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Buddhist Church of Florin  
Governing Board Meeting Highlights  
January 8, 2026

- The Red Cross CPR class is rescheduled for February 14 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the multipurpose room. BCF is sponsoring the cost for temple members. Thank you to Glenn Fujii for coordinating this important activity. To sign up contact Glenn at gmfujii21@gmail.com.
- Congratulations and thank you to Jody Fujii who has volunteered to take the Treasurer's position as Janice Shintaku has stepped down. Huge thank you to Janice for her hard work and dedication.
- The 2026-2028 Board members will be attending Board meetings as part of a mentorship effort. They will take office in September. Thank you all for agreeing to serve on the Board. If you have any interest in participating in Board activities, or wish to make comments or suggestions, please contact President Eric Fujii (efujii52@gmail.com).
- The 2026 Proposed Budget adopted by the Board will be presented at the January 11 General Meeting. There is a surplus revenue that will be used to replenish the building fund that was used for the many projects in 2025 (kitchen remodel, gym ceiling insulation, electrical panel upgrades, etc.).
- Facilities improvements continue as the Board has agreed to upgrade the Hall (gym) windows to dual pane glass.
- Kendo is currently having open enrollment for new members. Contact sacramentokendo@gmail.com if interested.
- Read your Wheel of Dharma for the latest BCA news.
- Check the temple website for updated information on BCF Organizations (BWA, Dharma School, Kendo, Kyudo Kai, Taiko, etc.) and to find information about services, events, fundraisers and how to donate.
- See the **Events** tab regularly for activities at our temple, other local temples and community events, as well as BCA activities and announcements. There's a lot going on!



Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School  
News & Events- February 2026  
“B.R.A.I.D.” – Building Respectful Awareness

A New Year

Bring the new canvas  
Tell a story of your life  
Read a new chapter

-Skylar Lam

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**Upcoming Dharma Lesson/Activities**

February 22, 2026  
material.  
April 11, 2026  
April 12, 2026  
2026  
2026

Make Japanese food with playdough or other  
Hanamido decorating and dinner  
Hanamatsuri  
Game Day and mini Undokai TBA  
Field trip to Lodi Buddhist Church TBA



*Come reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate at  
our YBA Reunion!!!*

# 2026 WYBL Reunion

**DATE: Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**PLACE: Buddhist Church of Sacramento  
2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818**

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

2:00pm: Opening Service

3:00pm: Reconnect Activities

4:30pm: Happy Hour

5:30pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Oldies Dance with Live Music by  
East Wind Band

**Ticket cost:**

**\$100 per person (prior to March 1, 2026)**

**\$120 per person (after March 1, 2026)**

**\*\*\*Note: payment must be made at time of registration**

***Register Here:***



***Link: <https://forms.gle/NTJD6Xck9aP6Sxg37>***

**For more information, contact Robert Noguchi at [ops@bcahq.org](mailto:ops@bcahq.org)**

**Help Preserve Our Past:**

**Bring YBA photos, program booklets, and other memorabilia to the reunion or scan and email to  
[archives@bcahq.org](mailto:archives@bcahq.org).**



## Feb. '26 BWA Dana Project



**GIVING MORE THAN SHELTER®  
TO ANIMALS IN NEED**

**WASABI**

ID: 59330104

Cat

Sex: Male/Neutered

Breed: Domestic

Shorthair/Mix

Age: 5 months

Collecting towels &  
purchasing Target gift cards for SPCA

## Jan. '26 BWA Dana Project



**SACRAMENTO  
LOAVES & FISHES**  
Traditional Southern Comforts Since 1983

**Sister Nora's Place**

**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE  
NUTRITIOUS DINNERS FOR THE LADIES AT SISTER  
NORA'S PLACE!**

Florin BWA provided  
meals to residents of  
Sister Nora's Place this  
month.



**KOKORO**  
THE STORY OF SACRAMENTO'S  
LOST JAPANTOWN

Feb. 17, 10 a.m. \$8/Seniors

Olive Mill + Tasting Room  
– Brooks, CA



**UNDERGROUND**  
MINI GOLF

Sunday, May 3, 1 pm


Florin Buddhist Women's Association



**ESCAPE ROOM/in DOCO**

August or September

**Upcoming 2026 Activities**



# News

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## LOTUS Thursdays


Feb. '26 issue

[Dec.-Jan. '26]

### RECYCLING

A major source of income for the LOTUS Club is the recycling of CRV (Calif Redemption Value) containers. Most of the redemption \$\$ goes towards making lunch for LOTUS members. Not just any lunch (no sandwiches or pre-packaged lunches here)—JoAnn spends a great deal of time on Wednesdays at home doing much of the lunch prep. Half of the meals are Asian based which generally takes longer to prepare. She and Sharon (during the winter months) then complete the meal preparation on LOTUS Thursdays.

Hoping soon for some of sensei's catch for lunch.








Photo by Gary T

JoAnn demonstrating for Rev. Imada how to prepare fish caught & donated by Gary O.



LOTUS guys & others (including Lon here) introduced Rev. Imada to the art of fishing late last year. Rev. Imada is now an avid fisherman. (Photos by Gary O.)



### RECYCLING (Cont.)

In January Lloyd, Mike Kakutani, & Walt sorted then hauled the recycling materials to the recycling center. It often takes the entire LOTUS hours to sort by color and type then multiple vehicles are used to haul away.

➡ The reason for requesting clean recyclables since every container is handled then sorted.

To help with funding efforts, you may drop off preferably clean cans & bottles on LOTUS Thursdays, during services (Sundays), or during any church-related events. Ask someone to place in the outside kitchen area.

[But please do not leave outside the outside kitchen area]

**JoAnn Kusaka**  
**Sharon Okamoto**  
**Tomio Ito**

*Head food preparer*  
*Weekly desserts*  
*Containers*

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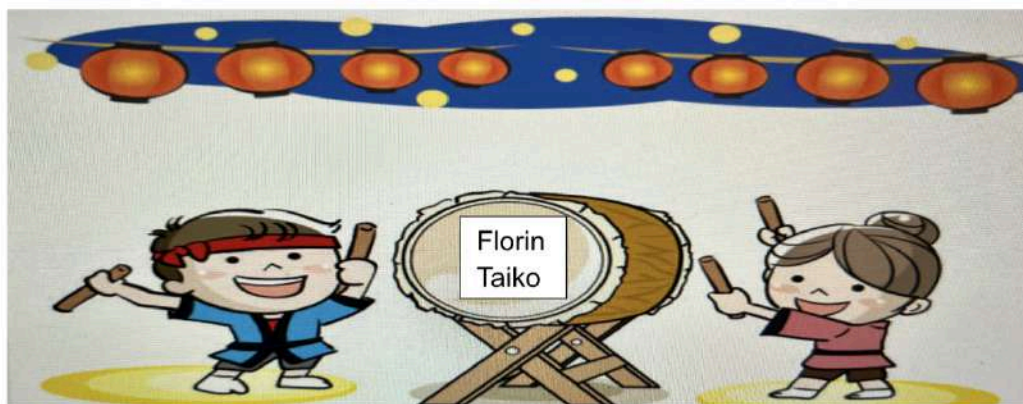
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## New Water Fountain

The church now has an ADA compliant filtered water fountain! It is located between the men's and women's restrooms near the multi-purpose room. This new addition will fill your water bottle with a no touch sensor. By bringing your own water bottle to fill, you will be helping the environment by decreasing the use of plastic bottles and will be more economical for the temple by not having to purchase bottles of water.

A huge THANK YOU to Lotus Club members Darrell Matsuda & Kenny Teranishi for purchasing and installing the unit.



BCF announces the start of a fun taiko class!! Open to members and non- members. Family participants encouraged!!

- ❖ Starting February 6, 2026 every Friday from 5:15-6:15
- ❖ Monthly Cost:

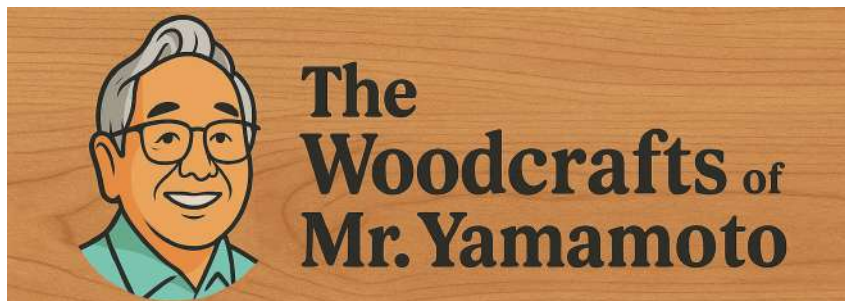
Individual member \$20; family member rate \$40

Individual non-member \$30; family non-member rate \$60

- ❖ Sign up deadline: January 9, 2026.

Questions? Please call Paula (808) 489-1116, Jennifer (916) 806-4315 or Peggy (916) 212-9829





### Yakusoku



The introduction of artist Mitts Yamamoto's work began last August, and this is the seventh time we are pleased to feature his work.

Each piece gently invites us to pause and reflect in the midst of our everyday lives.

This time, we are introducing a wooden artwork carved with the word "yakusoku," meaning promise.

Written in hiragana, the word does not insist or explain itself.

Instead, it quietly rests before us and invites us to stop for a moment and listen.

In Buddhism, a promise has a very deep meaning.

Amida Buddha is the Buddha who made a vow to bring all living beings to the Pure Land and became a Buddha through that vow.

It is a promise that is not limited by time or place.

It reaches people living in every age and in every part of the world.

Amida Buddha vowed to create a Pure Land where all living beings may be born.

If that vow could not be fulfilled, Amida declared that he would not become a Buddha.

This powerful promise reaches us today in the form of the words Namo Amida Butsu.

When we recite the Nembutsu, it is not something we accomplish by our own effort.

It is the moment when Amida Buddha's promise is being fulfilled right here and right now.

Through the warmth of wood and the gentle shape of the word "yakusoku,"

This artwork reminds us not of a promise we must make, but of a promise that has already been given and continues to support us.

It invites us to pause and remember the vow that is always reaching us.



JOIN OUR

# JAPANESE STUDY CLASS

Every 4th Thursday  
7PM - 8PM  
at Buddhist Church of Florin



# Cooking Class

COCONUT CHICKEN CURRY  
FEB 22, 1PM AT BCF



**REGISTER NOW**

[imadabca@gmail.com](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com)

To prepare enough ingredients, please RSVP.  
Please bring your own apron, thank you!



## Buddhist Church of Florin Fried Rice Loco Moco Plate Breakfast Fundraiser

Order Pick-Up:

9AM - 11AM

**March 7, 2026**

Buddhist Church of Florin

**\$18 PER  
ORDER**

Order Includes:

Fried Rice, Hamburger Patty,

Scrambled Egg,

Gravy & Mac Salad

*\*No substitutions*

### **Three different ways to order! Choose one:**

- 1) ON-LINE: Order and pay online! Scan QR Code:
- 2) VENMO: Complete and mail ORDER FORM  
VENMO your payment to @Elizabeth-Fujii-3
- 3) PAY BY CHECK: Complete ORDER FORM and mail with your check  
payable to **Buddhist Church of Florin** *\*Checks will be deposited AFTER event*



Scan me!

*Pick-up your Loco Moco Breakfast on March 7th between 9AM to 11AM.  
Check in at First Station and your order will be delivered to your vehicle.*

**IF PAYING VENMO OR CHECK: COMPLETE ORDER FORM AND MAIL by FEB 28, 2026 TO:  
E Fujii 325 34th Street Sacramento CA 95816**

1) NAME

2) NUMBER OF LOCO  
MOCO ORDERS

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00 EACH

**TOTAL PAYMENT:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

3) For Check or Venmo  
Orders ONLY:

If Delivered or Mailed:  
CHECK NUMBER?

If Paid Venmo:  
DATE?

4) YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

5) YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

*Need more information?*

*Contact Eric at (916) 955 1954*



## Sho San Shiki (Hatsu Mairi)

May 10 at 10am



Sho San Shiki (First Temple Visit) / Gotan-e / May Shotsuki / Mother's Day / Family Service will be held on May 10, 2026 at Buddhist Church of Florin.

Sho San Shiki literally means "the ceremony of a child's first visit to the temple." In this special service, children wear ceremonial robes for the first time, receive an Onenju, break a kusudama (Japanese Piñata), receive sweets, and take commemorative photos. It is a joyful celebration marking their first connection to the Dharma.

This ceremony is a way to report the birth of a child to the Buddha and to take the first step in raising them within the Buddhist tradition. It is also a meaningful moment for parents as they begin their journey of parenthood in the light of the Dharma, expressing gratitude for the preciousness of life.

Gotan-e celebrates the birthday of Shinran Shonin. Let us remember Shinran as a young child who took tonsure and became a Buddhist monk at age nine, and celebrate Mother's Day in appreciation of all parents and caregivers.

Children's robes will be available at the temple. Please RSVP for participating children in advance. [florinbuddhist@gmail.com](mailto:florinbuddhist@gmail.com)

FEBRUARY 2026						
On going events: Sacramento Kendo, Tuesdays/Fridays at 7:30PM Kyudo Kai, Fridays at 6:30PM Men's Basketball, Tuesdays/Thursdays at 8:00PM. Pickle Ball, 1th and 3rd Sunday(9AM), 2nd & 4th Sunday (1PM)						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Service	2	3	4	5 Lotus Club 8am Rev. Imada 9am-4pm	6 Rev. Imada 9am-4pm	7
8 Super Bowl Bazaar	9 Rev. Imada 9am-4pm BWA Mtg 7:30pm	10	11 BWA Crafts 10am	12 Lotus Club 8am Board meeting 7:30pm	13	14 CPR
15 No Service	16	17	18 BWA Social 10am	19 Lotus Club 8am Rev. Imada 9am-4pm	20 Rev. Imada 9am-4pm	21 Kimekomi Workshop 9am-4pm
22 Nirvana Day, Shotsuki and Family Service at 10am Cooking Class at 1pm	23 Rev. Imada 9am-4pm BEC meeting 7:30	24	25	26 Lotus Club 8am Japanese Class 7pm	27	28

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Service				8AM Lotus Club Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	Loco Moco Breakfast
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Shotsuki, Spring Ohigan & Family Service at 10am	Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM BWA Meeting 7:30pm		10AM BWA Crafts	8AM Lotus Club 7:30 BCF Board Mtg		
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Ladies of Jodo Shinshu & Family Service at 10am	Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM			8AM Lotus Club Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM Japanese Language Class at 7pm	Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM	
29	30	31				
Rennyoo Shonin Memorial Service at 10am Cooking Class at 1pm	Rev. Imada 9AM-4PM					
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