

# FLORIN BWA

ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

DEC. '25 -  
JAN. '26

## December BWA Dana Project



Part of the stocking  
stuffing crew



Holiday stockings were stuffed with homemade scarves and hats made by members & toiletries, gloves, gift cards, etc.

donated by various members. Nearly 40 stockings were "filled to the brim" then given to Loaves & Fishes to distribute.

### December Dana Project Donors

Liz Kono  
Elaine Yoshikawa  
Lois Kashiwase

Alice Okimura  
Ann Tsukamoto  
Kathleen Menda

### Gift Cards

Peggy O  
Connie Yee & other members  
Jan Takeuchi & other Board

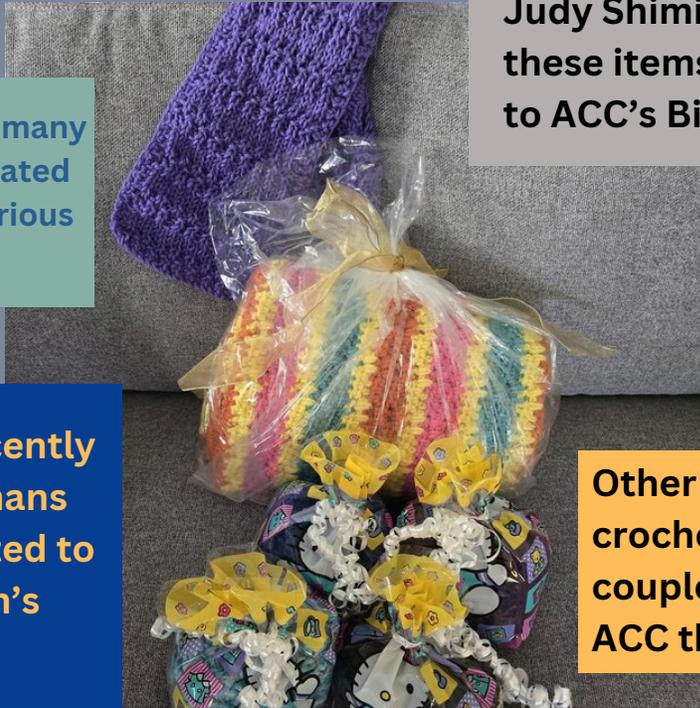
## December BWA Dana Project

Each December for many years, BWA has donated lapghans, etc. to various organizations.

Judy Shimizu crocheted these items donated in Dec. to ACC's Bingo program.

Jean Okamoto recently donated her lapghans which were donated to Wellspring Women's Center

Other BWA crafters also crocheted/knitted a couple of lapghans for ACC this year.



### Assembling Holiday Stocking packs

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Photos: Sharon Okamoto





## BŌNENKAI

Dec. 13, 2025

Nearly 50 members participated in Tsuitou Hoyo service & Bonenkai year-end party within a colorful holiday motif setting. Attendees enjoyed complimentary obento provided by Fuji Restaurant with everyone winning a bingo and/or raffle prize. Prizes were provided by members of the BWA Board.

*Members looked pretty spiffy.*





## SPECIAL THANKS

**Sandy Okuno**  
Bonenkai Chair  
Decor/Setup

**Sharon Okamoto**  
Asst. Chair

**Peggy Okabayashi**

**JoAnn Kusaka**  
Setup



**Beverly Tanaka**  
Specialty cookies

**Janet Sonoda**

Baked goodies

**Sharon Okamoto**  
Cream puffs



Fuji Restaurant  
Obento



BONENKAI

Gift card prize  
donors

**Lois Tanaka**  
**Sharon Arase**  
& several other  
board members



## TSUITOU HOYO CONTRIBUTIONS



Heisei Garden Lily  
2025

Judy Shimizu  
Kathy Menda  
Jan Takeuchi  
Virginia Uchida  
Elaine Behymer  
Margie Sunahara  
Cindy Kakutani  
Jean Okamoto  
Sharon Okamoto  
Sharon Yamamoto  
Beverly Tanaka  
Liz Kono  
Janet Sonoda  
Elaine Yoshikawa  
Ann Tsukamoto  
Peggy Okabayashi  
Katsuko Hirota  
Mary Otani  
Lois Tanaka  
Diane Muranaka  
Marsha Legg  
Lois Kashiwase  
Nancy Ito  
Judy Yuki  
Janet Sonoda  
Peggy Okabayashi  
Alice Okimura  
Sharon Arase  
Louse Teranishi  
Donna Kunisaki  
Jeanne Nakamura

**Nov.-Dec. Contributions**

*MEMORIAL*

*JoAnn Kusaka*

*Sharon Okamoto*

*Yukiye Baishiki*

*Connie Yee*

*Jennifer Kubo*

*Liz Kono*

*Marsha Legg*

*Isako Wasano*

*IMO Helen Mukai*

“ “ “

*IMO Midori Baishiki*

*IMO Rose Ito*

*Stampin up*

*Allan's birthday*

*Special*

*Kimekomi donation*

*Nov. SPECIAL*

*Elizabeth Fujii*

*Lois Tanaka*

*Janet Sonoda*

*Dec. SPECIAL*

*Nancy Morita*

*Susan Takeda*

Hawaiian Island

Hawaii, site of the BWA World Convention

**WELCOME**  
*Carol & Elsa*  
*Renix*

*New Members*

## 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  
Amazon gift cards for SPCA

## Jan. '26 BWA Dana Project



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

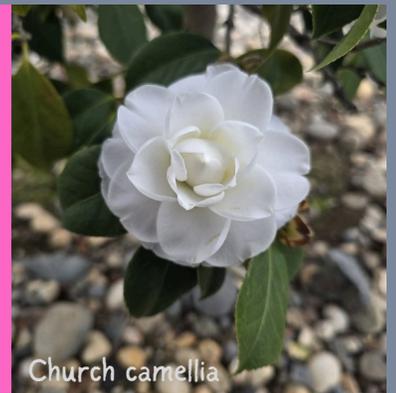
### January Dana Project Donors

Mary Otani

Alice Okimura

Lois Kashiwase

Liz Kono



Church camellia

**Feb. 17 10 a.m.** Calif Museum  
(Tues) \$8/Seniors [Meet there]



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

**FRESNO BWA  
VISITATION  
to Florin**



April 14  
(Tues)  
Afternoon

## 2026 Florin BWA Upcoming Activities

Olive Mill + Tasting Room  
- Brooks, CA



**UNDERGROUND**  
-MINI GOLF-

Old Sacramento

Sunday, May 3, 1 pm

This year on **March 22**, we at Florin, will be acknowledging all of our most prominent Women of Jodo Shinshu. Buddhist women of the Nembutsu include Shinran Shonin's wife **Eshinni** and their daughter **Kakushinni**, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the Nembutsu would be passed on to future generations. **Lady Takeko Kujo** promoted the well-being of all people at a time of social upheaval as Japan entered the modern world. **Lady Yoshiko Ohtani** provided much-needed inspiration and guidance for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists throughout the world during the period of healing and rebuilding following World War II.

Source:  
San Mateo Buddhist Temple

*We will also be recognizing our own "distinguished" members. More info will be included in a letter to be disseminated in early March.*



Eshinni and Kakushinni



Lady Takeko Kujo  
1887-1928



Lady Yoshiko Ohtani  
(1918-2000)

## **WOMEN OF JODO SHINSHU SERVICE**



**To Remember As We  
Build For Tomorrow**  
過去を想い、明日を拓く  
*Kako wo Omoi, Asu wo Hiraku*

## 48<sup>th</sup> BCA FBWA Conference

### October 2-4, 2026

Keynote Speakers



**Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi**  
BCA Minister Emeritus



**Rev. Yuika Hasebe**  
Rimban  
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego • CA | Mission Valley



LIVE PEACE · LIVE ALOHA · LIVE AS ONE IN THE NEMBUTSU



## 18th WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION

HONOLULU · HAWAII  
September 11-12, 2027  
Hilton Hawaiian Village  
Waikiki Beach Resort

2027



Rev. Dr. Masumi Kikuchi



Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto

Please join us in Honolulu, Hawaii for the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention!

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**  
Rev. Dr. Masumi Kikuchi, Japan  
Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto, Hawaii

For more information please visit [www.hawaiiibwa.org](http://www.hawaiiibwa.org) or scan the QR code.



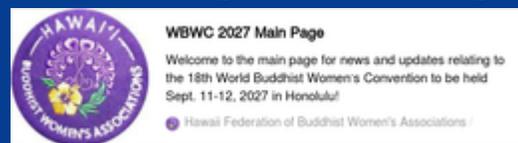
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations

Approximately 300 delegates, ministers and guests from throughout the US are expected to hear and share the Buddha Dharma and conduct business of the FBWA in San Diego.

Registration will be available in April. If you are interested and haven't already notified Peggy (or other officers), do so before April.

Preregistration for the World BWC taking place in Honolulu next year (Sept., 2027) took place in January. **Seventeen** Florin members preregistered.

[Live link below]:



**WBWC 2027 Main Page**

Welcome to the main page for news and updates relating to the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention to be held Sept. 11-12, 2027 in Honolulu!

Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations



If you haven't already done so, Judy Shimizu, membership chair, is reminding you to pay your dues.

Will save her time not having to send reminder letters.

San Diego Seaport Marina Villiage  
San Diego , site of the FBWA Conference



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