

Florin BWA

July, 2026

ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

Summer Time is Obon Time

Important July dates:

July Shotsuki	July 12
Cemetery visitation	July 12
Elder Creek	1 pm
Sac'to Memorial	1:30 pm
East Lawn	2:30 pm
Obon Workshop	July 16
	5:30 pm
Hatsubon/Obon	July 18
Service	

Florin Obon Workshop
July 16 (Thurs), 5:30 pm
(prior to odori practice)
Sponsored by Florin JACL & BCF

RSVP Jenny Takahashi
jmtakahashi@me.com

BWA members:

If you can help make a
salad for the Obon work-
shop, contact Sandy Okuno.



Buddhist Church of Florin Obon Festival

Saturday, July 18, 2026

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Activities

Hatsubon/Nokotsudo Service	3 pm
Exhibits & Demonstrations	4 pm – 7 pm
Snack Bar	4 pm – 7 pm
Sacramento Taiko Dan	7:00 pm
Obon Odori	7:30 pm

Obon Odori Practice: July 7-9 and 14-16 at 7 pm

Visit our Website at

<https://www.buddhistchurchofflorin.org>



Above flyer and drone photo below created by **Gary Takeuchi**, brother of
Peggy O, Lois K, & Elaine B



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Obon Fundraisers

- Age sushi
- Bake sale
- Boutique



The BWA will again make age sushi (inari) as an Obon fundraiser. If you can assist Friday and/or Saturday morning, please notify **Sharon Okamoto** @ 916 849-6055



Baked goods are requested for the Obon Bake Sale. Please bring packaged and priced.



Some of last year's baked goods.



Previous boutique

**BWA
BOUTIQUE
WELCOME**

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Board Members

Carol Kusama	Corresponding Secretary
Judy Shimizu	Membership
Lois Kashiwase	Religious/BEC Rep
Liz Kono	Auditor
Sharon Arase	Health & Welfare
Sharon Okamoto	Co-Chairs Fundraising/
Sandy Okuno	Activities
Jennifer Kubo	Committee Members
Jeanne Nakamura	
Louise Teranishi	
Susan Takeda	Historian
Peggy Okabayashi	Kumons
Lois Tanaka	

Buddhist Church of Florin
Buddhist Women's Association Cabinet
2026-2028

Executive Board

Shirley Gee	President
Kathy Menda	Vice President
Jan Takeuchi	Recording Secretary
Margie Sunahara	Treasurer
Peggy Okabayashi	Immediate Past Pres.

Kiyomizu-dera Temple, (UNESCO World Heritage site), Kyoto. Kyoto city & Tower are visible in the background.

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July '26 BWA Dana Project



Mustard Seed School

Dana Project Donors

Lois Kashiwase	June
Mary Otani	May-June
Liz Kono	May-June
Kathy Menda	May-June
Hiroko Saigo	May-June

June '26 BWA Dana Project



Crisis Nursery

Our Crisis Nursery Program provides free emergency childcare for children age 0-5, as well as case management services for families during a crisis.



Toilet Paper

The **Sacramento Children's Home** is the recipient of both May & June Dana projects.

May '26 BWA Dana Project



CRISIS NURSERY IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Baby wipes (scent free)
- Diapers size 4, 5 and 6
- Clothing sizes 3T and up
- Winter Pajamas and Jackets (3T and up)
- Eucerin and Aquaphor lotions/ointments
- Cantu Kid's hair products
- Baby food- Stage 1 and 2 fruits and vegetables
- Brushes and Combs
- Formula
- Medical gloves, latex-free (small, medium, and large)



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... along with donors who donated physical items such as school supplies for Mustard Seed School, toilet paper & crisis nursery items for the Sacramento Children's Home.

Special	
Tracy Yee	K-Beauty Workshop

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RSVP by July 18

Contact: Sandy Okuno

\$20 BWA member

\$25 Non-member



Summer Camp Schedule

- Taiso exercise
- Card making
- Origami paper rock
- Planter sticks
- Key chain & Hanging crystals



Leaving Santorini May, 2026
Photo by Sharon A

RUMMAGE SALE



Nov. 14



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



Rummage Sale is back this year
 Start saving good rummage items for November



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48th BCA FBWA Conference: *Kako wo Omoi, Asu wo Hiraku*

To Remember As We Build for Tomorrow

October 2-4, 2026 | San Diego, CA

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

48th 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



18th WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION

2027

2027 World Buddhist Women's Convention ADVANCED HOTEL
RESERVATION

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

September 9 - 13, 2027 · HONOLULU, HI

What country?

Hint: Country that several BWA members are scheduled to visit in 2027



Member Spring-Summer Travel Photos



So. Korea - Visited by **Donna Kunisaki** in early May.

Gwanghwamun Gate/Gyeongbokgung Palace, Seoul, So. Korea

Injeongjeon Hall/Changdeokgung Palace, Seoul, So. Korea

Gamcheon Culture Villiage, Busan, So. Korea

Member Spring- Summer Travel

Photos

**You know the country,
what cities/iconic sites?**



Starbucks
Coffeehouse



Shinjuku Gyoen Nat'l Garden, Tokyo

Miyajima Island Tori, Hiroshima UNESCO

Osaka Castle

Starbucks Coffee Higashiyama Historic District, Kyoto

Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Kyoto

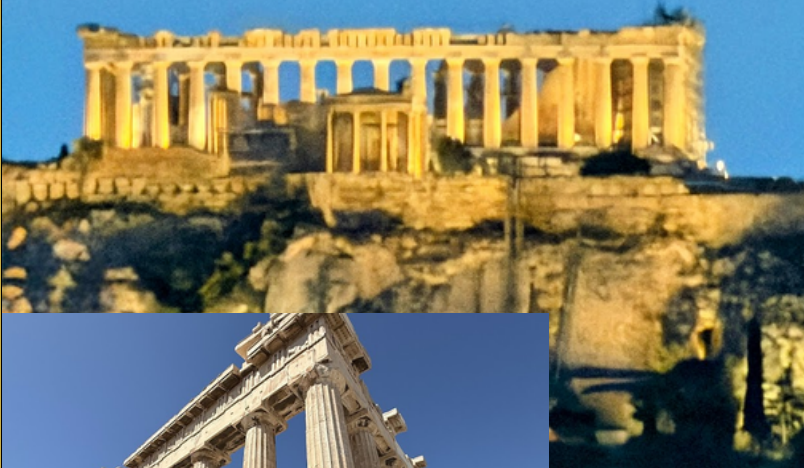
Golden Pavilion, Kyoto



Mukai family (&
LOTUS) Japan trip
during mid-May.

**JoAnn Kusaka,
Sharon Okamoto,
Jan Takeuchi**

Member Spring-Summer Travel Photos



Parthenon, Acropolis in
Athens, Greece #1/#2

Ancient Olympia, Greece
(where the Olympic torch
starts)



Blue-domed churches of
Santorina, Greece

Palace of Grand Master/Knights
of Rhodes, Greece



Lois Kashiwase, Elaine Behymer, Sandy Okuno, and Sharon Arase
(group of 12) visited ancient Greece & Turkish cities in late May-early June.

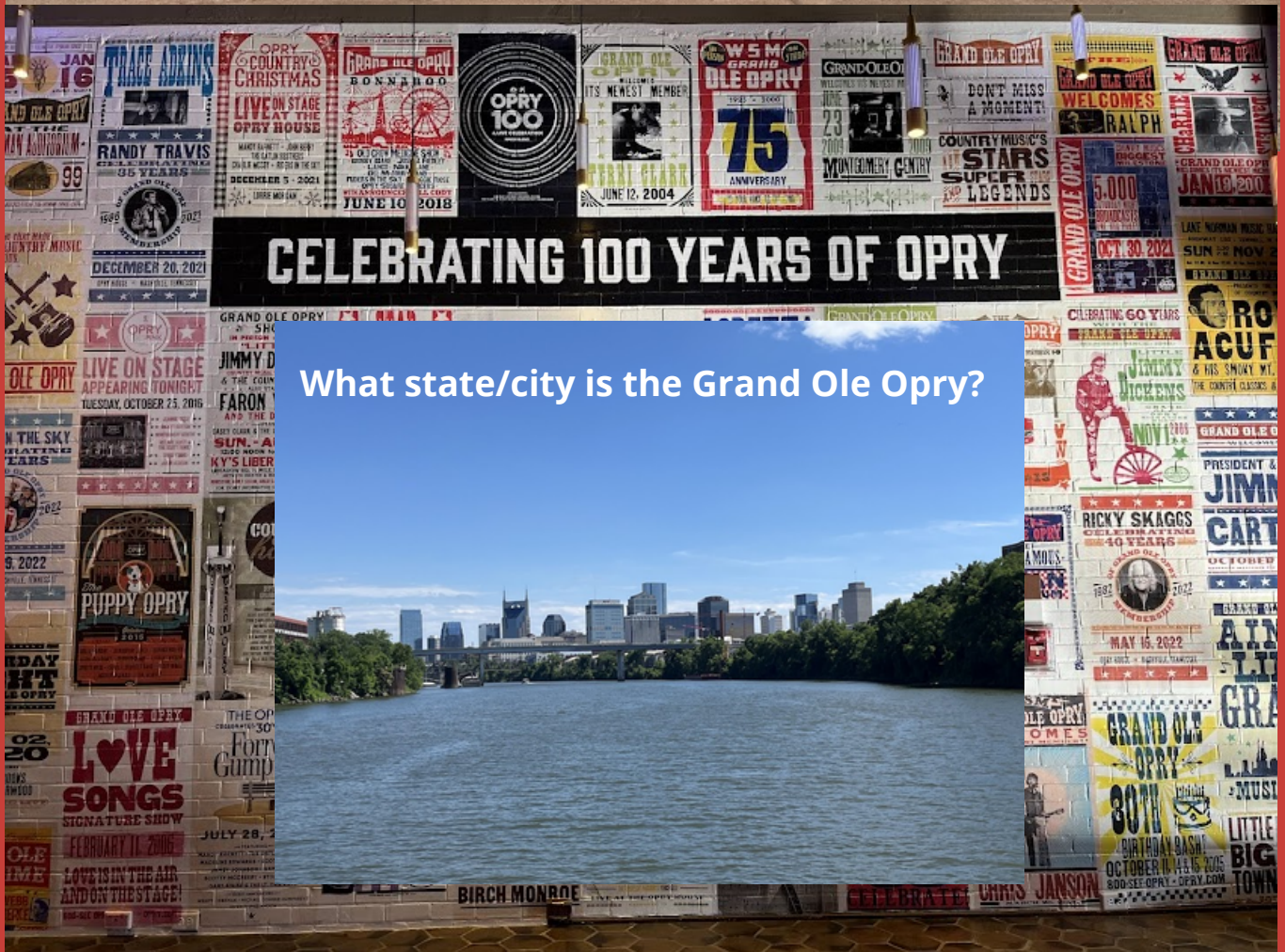
Photos by Sandy O & Sharon A



Library of Celsus in ancient
city of Ephesus, Turkey

Monastery of the Holy Triity,
Meteora, Greece UNESCO
Monastery on rock pillars in
Meteora, Greece

Largest olive grove,
1 million olive trees



Incoming Florin BWA president, **Shirley Gee**, visited the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tennessee, in early June. The Nashville skyline is viewed from the Cumberland River.