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January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Happy New Year 2024! Shusho-E Service @ 9:00 a.m.	2	3 Buddhism 201A Basic Japanese Rev. Midori @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom	4	5	6
7 Sangha Gathering @ 10:00 a.m.	8 BCP Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom	9	10	11	12	13 Pullen Cleaning Service 8:00 a.m.
14	15	16 Shinran Shonin's Memorial	17 Basic Japanese Rev. Midori @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom	18	19 Middle & High School Buddhist Study Class via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Clean-up Group 1 @ 8:30 a.m.
28 Hoonko w/ Bishop Marvin Harada @ 10:00 p.m. Luncheon to follow.	29	30	31			

“With Best New Year Wishes for a Happy New Year in 2024” to You All Betsuin Sangha

This is to let you know that officially I, Rinban Nakagawa, will retire in February, dear Dharma friends.

“Shin-nen Akeḥ-mashiteḥ Omeḥdeḥ-tow,” literally means “Congratulations that a Happy New Year has just ‘opened up’ .”

On this happy day I say, “Goodbye.” New Year’ s Day is a symbolic day of a fresh new life, so it is the best day to say, “Goodbye.”

We, the Dharma followers, are always reminded of the amazing advice of the Buddha the Sakyamuni: Sakyamuni Buddha saw the truth under the Bodhi tree, waking up all the human beings on this planet. We do not need to grasp the ego's idea of an eternal being outward and an unchanging soul inward, which really messes us up.

The world and life are continually changing, moment by moment, so instead of clinging to the past, we have to live a fresh new life each day.

Remember again, our true soul is growing untiringly day by day.

“Sa-yoh-na-ra” in English literally means, “Goodbye” ; thus, Buddha-dharma teaching says so. As it is said, “Sayōnara” !

Thus, on the best day of the year, I, Rinban Nakagawa say,

“Goodbye means Sayōnara.

Cheers! Empty your glass, my Dharma friends.

We have to say ‘Sayōnara’ many thousands of times in life.

That's the way it is in Gratitude!”

We arrived ten billion years ago, yet life shines as bright as the sun.

We spend the last days saying Buddha’ s praise to start a pure and perfect world.

Namōmitābhaḥ

2024

Live your life with a positive attitude!

As we welcome in 2024, I wish to extend my Happy New Year wishes to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! Again, I express my deepest appreciation to all of you for your support and guidance during 2023 and I hope that you will continue supporting the temple and churches of CC throughout the new year.

The historical Buddha, Shakyamuni delivered his Dharma message on the teaching of Amida and his messages on Amida were compiled into three Buddhist texts, known as Sutra.

Our Jodo Shinshu founder, Shinran Shonin shared the teaching of Amida by using these three Buddhist Sutras. They are known as The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life, The Sutra of Contemplation on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life, and The Sutra on Amida Buddha. As I mentioned in the previous issue of my article, Jodo Shinshu simply refers to the teaching of becoming calm, or reaching the state of equanimity.

“Jodo” is a Chinese translation of Sanskrit, an ancient Indian language, Sukhāvati. The meaning of Sukhāvati is “reaching the state of equanimity or tranquility.” It is the ultimate

objective of our Jodo Shinshu Sangha.

The historical Buddha taught us that how to reach or practice the state of equanimity or tranquility in these Sutras. As we enter the year 2024, I would like to share one passage from The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life.

佛所遊履 國邑丘聚 靡不蒙化 天下和順 靡不蒙化
日月清明 雨風以時 災厲不起

I know you may not be able to read Chinese characters, but I would like you to know that the passage has relieved millions of Jodo Shinshu followers by them reaching the state of equanimity. It states

“Where Buddha has left his footprints on a country or a village, all sentient beings have learned his Dharma teachings. By learning his teachings, they are following the flow of their own positivity, appreciate routine brilliance of Sun and Moon, enjoy climate like rain and shine, and prepare for natural disaster and pandemic.”

The passage includes the Buddha’s wish for all sentient beings to reach the universal truth on life. It is about positiveness.

MESSAGE FROM REV. KAZ NAKATA

Last summer, I took a group of Girl Scouts for the two-week trip to Japan. We traveled to see major tourist sights and foodie sites, but also, we visited the Fukushima Earthquake Tsunami disaster area. We toured an elementary school ruined by fire caused by the earthquake and a high school demolished by the Tsunami. At the entrance of the high school exhibition, letters, interviews, and diaries of the disaster victims are displayed. There is a remembrance, presented at a memorial service by a high school student. – “On March 11, 2011. It was a day of my middle school graduation day. After the ceremony was over, we went home. Soon after, the big earthquake suddenly shook our home like a shaker, and the huge tide washed our five family members away from our home.

After a while I found my mom, but she was covered by the debris of other damaged homes and mud. I tried my best to remove the debris from my mom, however my tiny muscle cannot move the tons of heavy and large debris. Although I wanted to rescue her, I realized that I would be washed away to the deep cold ocean by the second Tsunami tide. My mom implored my help and said, “don’t leave me behind.” I paused and quietly responded to her “Arigato, thank for everything you have done for me. I love you.” I swam over the sea water filled streets and debris to the evacuation facility where I stayed overnight.

There is no way to forget the hurt and sorrow caused by the disaster. One way to repay the debts of gratitude to the loved ones is to live my life with strong and positive attitude.”

I had not a single word when imagining her endurance of sorrow. The teaching of Amida embraces people in difficult situations, like her, and makes them aware of life's appreciation here and now with a positive attitude. We rarely encounter natural disasters like huge earthquakes or tornados in Central Cal, but we may encounter

“natural disasters” once in a lifetime... it is our own death. The everyday movements of Sun and Moon are routine, but “our own disaster” makes us aware that the “routine” does not continue forever for us. While we “can” enjoy them, why do we not? The hot Central Cal summers allow us to enjoy sno-cones or sipping cold drinks “more,” just by understanding the climate with a positive attitude. To “Monku” (complain) will not solve the problem or obstacle which we encounter.

Ahead of our own natural disaster, it is not necessary to over-react to issues we face with the negative outlook or response in our daily life.

I have been serving in the BCA ministry for over 20 years, where my main ministerial role has been to assist the Rinban as an associate minister at Betsuin Temples and Churches in three districts of the BCA. With a positive attitude, I will continue to promote the teaching of Jodo Shinshu, teaching of becoming calm, and reaching the state of equanimity in Central Cal. I appreciate your continuous support to your local temple and churches. Gassho.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Buddhist Church of Parlier would like to extend our appreciation to the following for their generous donations

TEMPLE

Ishimaru Family	In memory of Richard Ishimaru
Yuri Mok Family	33rd yr. memorial for Toyoko Chiamori/7th yr. memorial for Patrick Chiamori
Donna Chiamori	33rd yr. memorial for Toyoko Chiamori/7th yr. memorial for Patrick Chiamori
Stan & Karen Ishii	33rd yr. memorial for Toyoko Chiamori/7th yr. memorial for Patrick Chiamori
Mark & Erin Takemoto	33rd yr. memorial for Toyoko Chiamori/7th yr. memorial for Patrick Chiamori
Heather, Julius, & Patrick-Julian Din	33rd yr. memorial for Toyoko Chiamori/7th yr. memorial for Patrick Chiamori
Tats & Andrea Arakawa	33rd yr. memorial for Toyoko Chiamori/7th yr. memorial for Patrick Chiamori
Larry & Gwen Kubo	Monthly memorial for Shozo Kubo
Larry & Gwen Kubo	Monthly memorial for Harry Kubo
Naomi Tamura	Monthly memorial for Junkichi Kagawa
Joyce Kunishima	Monthly memorial for Yoshiye Nonaka
Goto Family	Monthly memorial for David Goto
Laurence & Sharon Kimura	Year end/In appreciation
Sangha Gathering	Mochitsuki donations

BWA

Ishimaru Family	In memory of Richard Ishimaru
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MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Tats & Andrea Arakawa	Lynda Okino	Darryl & Janette Wong-Sing
Hiroko Kimoto	Neil Okino	Jackie Wongsing
Varlene Kimura	Steven & Joyce Sasai	Greg Wongsing
Denise Kusunoki	Wayne & Karen Shimizu	Glenn & Lynne Yoshimoto
Arthur Mihara & Barbara Goto	May Takata	

DONATIONS for BODHI DAY SERVICE:

Tats & Andrea Arakawa	Setsuko Yotori
Wayne & Karen Shimizu	Anonymous(cash)

DONATIONS for MONTHLY SHOTSUKIS:

Julie Doi	Wayne & Karen Shimizu
Dennis & Denice Ikuta	Nob Takasaki
Hiroko Kimoto	May Takata
Curtis & Cheryl Koga	Teruko Tsuji
Arthur Mihara & Barbara Goto	Randel & Kathy Yano
Lynn Sasai	Glenn & Lynne Yoshimoto
Steven & Joyce Sasai	

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR DEC 2023 - DRAFT

Buddhist Church of Parlier

Minutes for Board Meeting combined with General Meeting - DRAFT
December 11, 2023 (via Zoom) 7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order by Toshie at 7:02 pm – Gassho was led by Rev Kaz.
- II. Quorum was established. Those present: Donald & Rhea Ikemiya, Denny Ikuta, Cheryl & Curtis Koga, Yuki & Toshie Mori, Rev Kaz, Steve & Joyce Sasai, Janette Wong-Sing, Glenn & Lynne Yoshimoto
- III. Minutes - November 13, 2023 – Corrections: Old Business – H – name is George Stalis (not Salas). It was moved by Curtis and seconded by Glenn to accept the corrected minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Glenn reported on church finances for November. It was moved by Joyce and seconded by Cheryl to accept the treasurer’s report as presented..
- V. Minister’s Report – Rev Kaz reported that he was on vacation for two weeks in November – Moris covered his absence. Rinban submitted a letter regarding his retirement February 29, 2024. Rev Majima is scheduled to begin February 1, 2024. Rev. Nakagawa’s last service in Parlier will be Sunday, February 18, 2024. This will also be Rev Majima’s first Parlier service.
Bishop Harada will appoint new Rinban by March 1. Parlier will be considered the host temple for the Minister’s Assistant Program.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Maintenance/Security – Denny suggested that the church seek out another handyman to do any future work for the church. Glenn suggested we get estimates/costs for any future work in writing. Heating and cooling maintenance will be ongoing.
 - B. BWA - Lynne reported BWA met December 9. The board will remain the same – Barb Goto will be added on to the Social Chairpersons group. Yard Sales have been set: February 25 drop off for March 2 yard sale; October 27 drop off for November 2 yard sale. Drop offs will be noon to 3:00. Yard sales will be 8:00 – 11:00. Cookie exchange date is November 24.
The BWA will pay for Pullen Cleaning to be done December 23.
 - C. Finance – Denny reported on the investment accounts.
 - D. CCMAC – Donald reported on meeting held December 4, 2023 meeting in Reedley.
Work on the parsonage in Reedley is almost complete.
Next meeting is January 22, 2024 in Reedley. Chairperson of CCMAC will be from Reedley.
Donald will continue as representative from Parlier.
 - E. CCDC - Janette reported there was a BCA Board Meeting. Summary was sent by Norman Otani.
Nitta Scholarship deadline is March 31, 2024. There were some by-law change recommendations made at the National Council Meeting.
Denny also mentioned that there is a 1.3% increase in dues (\$180.00). Rev Rye is back in BCA and is in New York.
National Council meeting registration is due in January.
It was moved by Cheryl and seconded by Rhea to accept Committee Reports. Motion carried.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. SSC rent contract to expire February, 2024. New lease has been accepted but there still needs to be a signature. Rhea will check on it.
 - B. Sangha Gathering – Mochitsuki was held December 3. Thanks to all who attended, donated, and helped!
 - C. Election results for Buddhist Church of Parlier Board of Directors 2024
President - Dennis Ikuta **Vice President** - Rhea Ikemiya
Treasurer – Glenn Yoshimoto **Secretaries** - Joyce Sasai & Lynne Yoshimoto
 - D. Bodhi Day/Shotsuki/Installation Service – December 17 at 11:00 am - Rev. Kaz will officiate.
Lynne will chair service.
 - E. Bonenkai – December 17 following service. Help will be needed to deliver the homebound

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR DEC 2023 - DRAFT

members. Over 35 members have volunteered for food. They have been encouraged to submit their bills. Prep day will be Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 am.

F. Donation was made to BCA Social Welfare funds

G. Oseibo was approved for - Rinban, Rev. Kaz, Lee Osaki, Andrea Arakawa. Mario (gardener), Sho Higuchi & Tim Kozuki

H. Other Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Funeral for Rick Ishimaru on December 2, 2023 at 11:30 at BCP. Rev Kaz officiated. Service was followed by otoki in the social hall. The Ishimaru family set up December 1. They also cleaned after the meal and set up for the mochitsuki.

B. Joya-e Service – December 31 at 3:00 pm with Rev Kaz, Denise & Barbara will serve noodles

C. Shusho-e Service – January 1, 2024 at 9:00 am with Rev Kaz.

D. Hoonko Service – January 28, 2024 at 10:00 am with Bishop Marvin Harada as guest minister. Curtis will chair service. Luncheon will be by Karen and Barb. Lynne and Joyce will prepare zenzai.

E. BCA National Council Meeting NorCal - Denny

February 16-17 - Virtual, February 23-25 - In person

Registration due January 10, 2024 – register through buddhistchurchesofamerica.org

Lodging reservations should be made at Doubletree in Sacramento.

It was moved by Cheryl and seconded by Curtis to pay for Denny's registration and lodging for the event.

2025 National Council Meeting will be via Zoom as it is difficult to find site and lodging at a reasonable amount.

F. Nirvana/Keiro-kai/Shotsuki Service – February 18 with Rinban Nakagawa. Last service at BCP for Rinban. Farewell party in conjunction with Keiro-kai as well as welcome for Rev Majima?

G. Medaka no Gakko registration was due December 10.

H. Medaka no Gakko Gives - kah1201@icloud.com – Group is made up of alumni of Gakko. They will provide help when needed. Contact Kara Higuchi (email provided). Gakko Gives will help set up for the bonenkai. They (Kari) will also make the spam musubi for the lunch.

I. Other New Business

Cheryl will contact the Scholarship Committee to meet.

Kogas will continue to set up the Zoom meetings.

IX. Correspondence – Thank you received from Endowment Fund for donation.

X. Adjournment – It was moved by Denny and seconded by Joyce to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

Next BCP Board Meeting - Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

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Sangha Gathering

Welcome **2024!** Sangha Gathering is back! This is the year of the Dragon. Sangha Gathering will begin 2024 on Jan. 7 @ 10am. This is not only for the younger people but for everyone of all ages. All attendees are encouraged to participate in all parts of this get together. Maybe some of you are interested in helping with the preparation of the altar, or giving a short talk, or leading the group in meditation or being the chairperson, or maybe providing a light lunch. This is a full participation event for all. Come and Enjoy!!



Hoonko And Monthly Memorial Service

January 28, 2024 10am

We are very fortunate to have **Bishop Marvin Harada** as our guest speaker. Hopefully many of our members will attend and listen to Bishop Harada's message. Lunch preparations will be headed by Barb Goto & Karen Shimizu.

Bodhi Day, Bonenkai, Monthly Memorial Service

There was so much delicious Japanese foods served after this service!! It is a treat for many who no longer make all the Japanese foods served at New Years. Namasu, hijiki, kimpira, inarizushi, datemaki, makizushi, shirae were some of the foods prepared by our members.



BWA 2024 Cabinet

President	Lynne Yoshimoto
Secretary	Janette Wong-Sing
Treasurer	Carol Guerra
Social Chairs	Denise Kusunoki,
Rhea Ikemiya, Gail Hachiya, Barb Goto	
Religious Chairs	Yuki & Toshie Mori

Covid Test Kits

You can never be too careful this winter with covid, flu, RSV in the air. Covid test kits are available free if you order from this link.



<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

End of the year Services

Joya-E Ringing of the bell, Dec 31
@ 3p. Noodles will be served.

Shusho-E, New Year Morning, Jan 1
@ 9am



Big Thank you!!



Mochitsuki

December was a busy month with lots of food events. We started out with the Sangha Gathering Mochitsuki on December 3rd. There were lots of different kinds of mochi filled with an, peanut butter, fruit and jam, Nutella, chocolate chips and more. Thanks to the following donors for bringing things to make our mochitsuki such a fun-filled successful event: Janette, Carol, Lynne, Joyce, Toshie, Wes, Sherrie, Reese, Steve, Andrea, Tats, Kaye, Rhea, Donna C., Noreen, Satoshi, Cheryl & Curtis, & Varlene. With so many contributors, we thank them all for donating so that we could enjoy this seasonal delight!



Bonenkai

Next, we had our annual Buddhist Church of Parlier Bonenkai on December 17. As usual, we had a wonderful array of delicacies much like a New Year's celebration! (The only thing we were missing was the sake!) We'd like to acknowledge the following people who worked tirelessly in bringing us a wonderful luncheon enjoyed by so many: Toshie, Joyce, Ashley and Courtney, Brandon & Alya, Carol, Dennis, Lynn & Devyn, Gail, Donna, JoJo, Nona, Jan, Karen & Kristen, Kaye & Gary, Rhea & Donald, Janette, Cheryl & Curtis, Lynne & Glenn, Melissa, Nancy, Tom & Wren, Barbara, Denise, Satoshi, Varlene, Bethany & Clinton, Kari and the Gakko Crew. If we missed anyone, please excuse us. Also, don't forget to submit your bills to Glenn for reimbursement. Thank you all for a fabulous Bonenkai, 2023!



All church members are invited to join us on

Saturday, February 3, 2024

BWA Eagle Mountain Casino Trip

1850 West St., Porterville, CA 93257

Let's meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the new Eagle Mountain Casino/Acorn Diner! If you would like to carpool, or be a carpool driver, meet at the church. Drive time is one hour, so carpools will leave church at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at Acorn Diner inside casino.

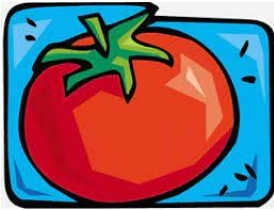
Please let Barb or Denise know if you'll be attending, and if you want to carpool, or be a carpool driver.

In order to have an accurate lunch count, we will need to know by Jan. 15th. Thanks!!



Barb: (559) 260-9894

Denise: (559) 246-6847



Tomato Marinade Recipe from Denise Kusunoki

4 T sugar
1 tsp salt
4 T catsup
1 tsp basil
1 tsp Worcester sauce
2 T red wine vinegar
1 clove garlic
1/2 cup vegetable oil

Mix the above together. Peel tomatoes. If you dip in boiling water for a few seconds, the skin will come off easily. Cut into quarters and marinate for a few hours or overnight.

Comments/suggestions-it makes a great green salad dressing. You can also pour over steamed white rice. Both ways are delicious!

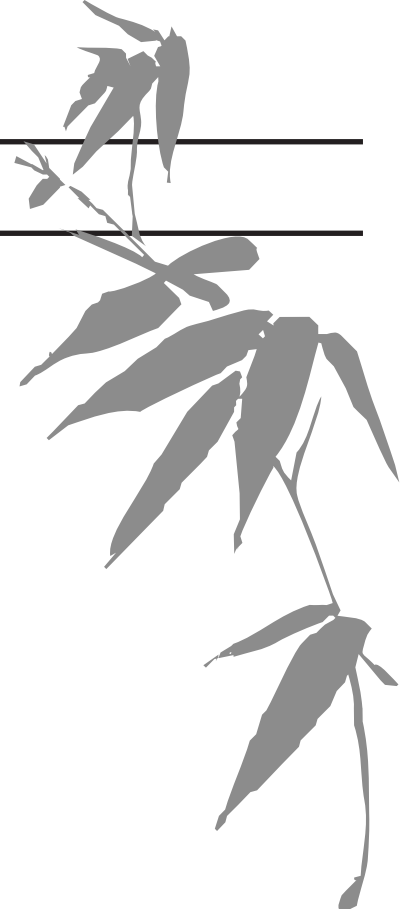


Condolences to the Family of Akiko Yorizane



Akiko passed away peacefully on Dec 23. She was 101 yrs. She lived a long life the way she wanted to. She lived as she wanted to in her own home until the end with the help of her family. She is survived by the Koga and Yorizane families.

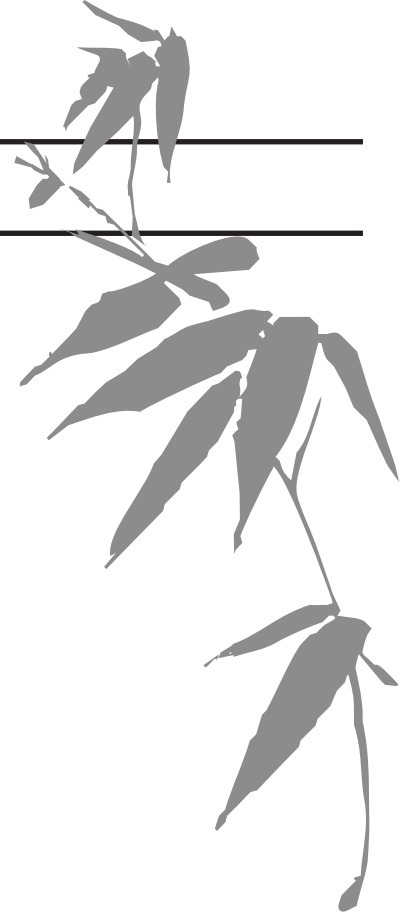
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MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE



January Shotsuki

DECEASED

Mr. Jo Yorizane	88
Mrs. Yoshi Yorizane	85
Mrs. Fujiyo Yano	81
Mr. Yaichi Nishida	73
Mr. Sohei Nakamura	
Mr. Hyakutaro Hirakawa	72
Mr. Unosuke Yamashiro	62
Mr. Matsuichi Nakamichi	61
Mrs. Yoneo Suehiro	60
Mr. Tonokichi Doi	59
Mr. Tataro Suehiro	56
Mrs. Sadako Kubo	54
Mr. Christopher Doi	53
Mr. Suyematsu Arifuku	50
Mr. Kenichi Kimoto	49
Mr. Mitsuyuki Yamanaka	49
Mr. Jusuke Hayashi	44
Mr. George Iseki	44
Mr. William M. Watamura	44
Miss Jeanne Okuma	43
Mr. Chuichi Kozuki	41
Mr. Sam S. Hirakawa	38
Mrs. Shinayo Kimoto	36
Mr. Yoshio Matsushima	36
Mr. Iwao E. Ito	35
Mrs. Matsu Saiki	
Mr. Tak Kimura	30
Mrs. Yoshiko Barbara Nakadachi	26
Mrs. Mary Sunamoto	25
Mrs. Edna Nishida	20
Mr. Toshio Masuda	19
Mr. Yutaka Yamamoto	19
Mrs. Kiku Hirakawa	8
Mrs. Betty Iseki	7
Mrs. Irene Kozuki	6

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Mrs. Rhea Ikemiya
Mrs. Toshie Mori
Ms. Joanne Kimura
Mrs. Elaine McKinnis
Mrs. Teruko Tsuji
Mrs. Ada Yamamoto
Mrs. Ellen Tsudama
Mrs. Joyce Sasai
Mr. Paul Hirakawa
Mr. Tad Kozuki

2024 is the memorial year for those deceased in:

2023..... One Year Memorial	2012..... 13th Year Memorial	1992..... 33rd Year Memorial
2022..... 3rd Year Memorial	2008..... 17th Year Memorial	1975..... 50th Year Memorial
2018..... 7th Year Memorial	2000..... 25th Year Memorial	

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2024 HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10 am

HATSUMAIRI

Hatsumairi is a special ceremony where grandparents or parents present their child(ren) to the Amida Buddha and the Sangha for the first time.

Children of all ages (newborn through high school) are welcome to participate in this ceremony. The ceremony is a first step taken by parents to raise their child according to a Dharma centered life and in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their children.

The Fresno Buddhist Temple's Hatsumairi will be held in conjunction with our annual Gotan-e service on May 12, 2024 at 10 am, which celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin.

Application Deadline:
May 1, 2024



Applications may also be found online



Hatsumairi Application

Child's Last Name: _____

Child's First & Middle Name(s): _____

Child's Gender: ___ Boy ___ Girl

Child's Birthdate: _____

Child's Birthplace: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Cell# (text ok?) _____

Email: _____

Please return this form by **May 1, 2024** to the Fresno Buddhist Temple 2690 E. Alluvial Ave, Fresno, 93720 or email your pdf file to losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org

There are no application fees, but donations are gratefully accepted.



Welcome All 4-5 year olds!

A two week summer program introducing Japanese culture and way of life: group harmony, conservation of resources, respect for elders, and cooperative effort open to children of all ethnicities and religious denominations in a safe environment. This program will be led by Rev. Kaz Nakata, certified teachers, and volunteers.

July 8-19, 2024

Children will sing Japanese songs, play Japanese musical instruments, Obon dance, meditate, practice mindfulness, and show their gratitude and appreciation everyday.



The Fresno Kodomo Center

Fresno Children's Japanese Cultural Center

For more information:

Rev Kaz Nakata:
rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

Alene Hayashi:
amhayashi@sbcglobal.net
Text: (559) 269-2402



July 8-19, 2024

8:30 - 11:30 am

**Fresno Buddhist Temple
2690 E Alluvial Ave, Fresno**

**Tuition: \$300
CCDC Members: \$250
Fresno Buddhist Temple Members: \$150**



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FOR GRADUATING SENIORS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE

APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

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* REGIONAL CATEGORY - APPLICANT OR PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FRESNO BETSUIN OR A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC)

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OR MAY BE REQUESTED BY EMAIL: info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org

TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2024

AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN MAY 2024

AWARDS PRESENTATION DATE: JUNE 9, 2024



**JAPANESE AMERICAN
CITIZENS LEAGUE**
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Social Time: 11:30 am

Program & Lunch: 12 noon-2 pm

The program will include the CCDC JACL Officer Installation

EVENT LOCATION: Fresno County Historical Museum,
Big Fresno Fairgrounds

1121 S. Chance Avenue (free parking @ Chance Ave lot)

2024 Distinguished American Award

Judge Johnny Gogo



Guest speaker

Kerry Yo Nakagawa



**NISEI BASEBALL
RESEARCH PROJECT**

I would like to purchase: _____ luncheon ticket(s) at \$40 per person.

Enclosed: \$ _____ Additional Donation: \$ _____

Number of entrees with salad, rice and dessert: ____ How many vegetarian entrees: ____

Attendee Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

RSVP: FEBRUARY 1ST CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CCDC JACL RESERVATIONS WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE DOOR

SEND COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO: TRAVIS NISHI, P.O. BOX 26925, FRESNO, CA 93729

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