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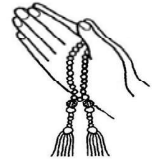
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“From what we get, we can make a living. What we give; however, makes a life.” - Arthur Ashe

REV. KAZ NAKATA



Jodo Shinshu-ists are a group of the Buddhist Sangha who preserves and conveys the wishes, hopes and dedications of the pioneers with highest esteem, to the future Sangha. ~ Essence of Eitaikyo ~



Hello to all Fresno Betsuin Sangha Friends! As you may know, our Fresno Betsuin is the newest Hondo of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), and the Onaijin, place of conducting Buddhist rituals, enshrined in the center of the Hondo building. Our Onaijin consists of three pieces of furniture: The center piece, *Kuden*, holds the statue of Amida Tathagata, the central object of reverence (*Goh - Honzon*). On each side of the center piece, are two smaller pieces, *Zushi*. The right displays the portrait of our founder, Shinran Shonin, On the left, displays our 8th Monshu, Rennyō Shonin.

For the Hondo Opening Ceremony to be held in April 2022, in March of 2022, the Onaijin, *Kuden* and two *Zushi* were moved into the Hondo and re-assembled by generous Sangha volunteers. During the transfer of the pieces to the Hondo, I found a familiar last name written on the back of the Shinran Shonin's *Zushi*. Written in red ink was, “donated by Tsunayo Jinkawa, 陳川 ツナヨ in memory of her husband Kiichi Jinkawa 陳川喜一 as Eitaikyo 永代経懇志 Konshi in 1935”.

When I moved from Los Angeles to Fresno in 2019, there was a famous and generous kitchen lady, Mrs. Fumiko Jinkawa at Los Angeles Betsuin Buddhist Temple. She is like our Auntie Ruth! I used to see her almost twice a week at the LA Betsuin. All the LA Betsuin members know Mrs. Jinkawa. I called her to ask if the Eitaikyo donor of the Jinkawa family was related to her. Her reply was that she does not remember as is over 90.

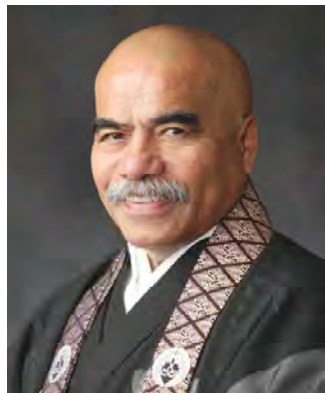
In May, I was invited by the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) to guest speak at their Gotan-e, Birthday celebration of Shinran Shonin. Fumiko's daughter, Mrs. Ann Nakahira greeted me. Ann teaches Japanese Calligraphy and helps with various activities at OCBC. I asked Ann about relatives in Fresno, she said, “my grandparents came from Fresno, and they were devout Fresno Betsuin members.”

I thought “BINGO!” I showed her the photo that I took of the back of the Shinran Shonin's *Zushi* with the name of the Jinkawa family. She said, “it's my Oji-chan (grandpa) and Oba-chan (grandma).” During the Memorial Day weekend, the Jinkawa family visited our Hondo to see their grand parents' precious memorabilia, *Zushi*.

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Jinkawa Family visit to the Fresno Betsuin Hondo



**PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JULY 28 @ 10:00AM
OBON, HATSUBON MEMORIAL AND JULY & AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO SERVICE**

Guest Speaker will be Rev. William Briones

Rev. Briones is the Rimban of the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple . He was born and raised in Mountain View, CA. He majored in Biology and worked 28 years as a Research Biologist in the Department of Physiology, at Syntex Pharmaceuticals, in Pall Alto. In 1995, he retired and enrolled at the Institute of Buddhist Studies at CA Berkeley's Graduate of Theology Union. upon completion of the ministerial program, Rev. Briones attended Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin (Buddhist Seminary) in Kyoto for 2 years. He received Tokudo ordination in 2000 and Kyoshi certification in 2001. His orientation began at LA Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in June 2001, joined the ministerial staff in January 2002, and became the Rimban in September 2013.

Rev. Kaz, continued

When I met Mrs. Jinkawa for the first time in five years, she walked closer to the Zushi, and she said “it is unbelievable that my parents donated this precious and sacred furniture to the Fresno Betsuin even though our family was in difficult circumstance at that time. They were truly devout Jodo Shinshuists, and they had a strong aspiration for the presence of Jodo Shinshu here in Fresno. I am proud of them for what they left.”

During the Onaijin inspection last month, Mrs. Carolyn Okamoto found in storage, one of the Main Onaijin ornaments, a pair of the hanging lanterns have Japanese engraving which says “(this lantern) for the Betsuin 30th anniversary in 1931 by Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Women’s Association (FBBWA)”. Due to the design of the New Hondo, the ornaments were most likely excluded from the current Onaijin. However, the engraving shows that it was the generous Eitaikyo contribution from our FBBWA.

I have mentioned “Eitaikyo” several times in this article, and you may wonder what that is. If you are a long-time Sangha member and do not know what Eitaikyo is, it is my ministerial fault that you do not know, so let me explain it.

In Kyoto, there is a main mausoleum of Jodo Shinshu called Otani Hombyo, where the cremains of our founder, Shinran Shonin are buried.

According to their explanation, *the Eitaikyo is a sacred custom that has been passed down as a practice in which we, who have come to realize the preciousness of life through our own connections and those of the deceased, make offerings to the head temple or affiliated temple, where Jodo Shinshu teachings are heard.*

The purpose of this is to ensure that the temple is well preserved and that the teachings of Nembutsu are passed down forever. (Eitai – perpetual, Kyo – Chanting, Ritual, Service)

Furthermore, through the deceased, it is a way for us to express our gratitude for the happiness of our lives, which are sustained by many “Okagesama, our individual life is made by all sentient beings”, and it is revealed by the Nembutsu which is the teaching of realization and appreciation to interdependence of life.

Additionally, they explain the reason we conduct an annual Eitaikyo Memorial Service as... *this feeling will eventually be passed down to our future Sangha friends, and through the Eitaikyo memorial service, we will become connected to listening to, transmitting, and spreading the teachings. The Eitaikyo memorial service is an expression of your feelings of remembering the deceased and cherishing your connection with the Dharma.*

After I became the resident minister at the Fresno Betsuin in March of this year, through old documents in storage, I began to research on how our Betsuin has been maintained. I found one dusty bank box filled with many tarnished files in Japanese, which were most likely left in storage because no one could read the documents. In this box, I found an Eitaikyo donors’ list from the 1940’s through 1969. Surprisingly, I discovered the name of Tsunayo Jinkawa in the 1940s “Bessyu (special)” Eitaikyo Donors’ list. The record confirms that after she donated the Zushi to our Fresno Betsuin, she continued contributing with Eitaikyo to maintain her Zushi donation to be perpetual and to remain well preserved. Mrs. Jinkawa told me that her mother-in-law, Tsunayo lost her husband Kiichi in his forties, leaving a teenager son. His son married Mrs. Jinkawa. Ten years after the loss of her husband, Tsunayo with her son, were incarcerated at Rohwer Arkansas during WWII. Later they returned to Tulare Street, Downtown Fresno and continued supporting Fresno Betsuin with her Eitaikyo. Her son moved to Los Angeles, and when she got old, he attempted to convince his mother to move to LA, but she said “I am happy to live in my house for rest of my life, because I can see the roof of the (downtown) Betsuin from my house every day.” The 3-story Betsuin building was a peaceful landmark for many who live in downtown Fresno.

Since the original Onaijin was installed in 1920, hundreds of our Betsuin Sangha members have maintained the Eitaikyo, which is to perpetually fund the maintenance and preservation of the Onaijin in its original condition. Eitaikyo is really an opportunity to cultivate the mind and aspect of the Buddhist view of value in life.

After my new assignment began at Fresno Betsuin in March, several Fresno Betsuin leaders questioned, “What is Eitaikyo? Why is Eitaikyo so important? What is the importance of fixing the Onaijin? Why don’t we buy a new one? Why don’t we get cheap one?” So, I tried to fully explain what Eitaikyo is, and the reason of Eitaikyo for Fresno Betsuin.

If Eitaikyo donations are not used to maintain the Fresno Betsuin perpetually, why would Tsunayo, a widow and a survivor of internment camp continue her generous donation in memory of her husband, to maintain the Zushi?

Currently, I am working on refurbishing/maintaining several donated monumental items, such as the stone stupa behind the bell tower.

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Norman Otani,
Betsuin Board Chairperson



Warm greetings to our Fresno Buddhist Church Betsuin sangha members. Graduations, summer vacations, and more, have started to fill-in the weekends and weeks starting in May, and will continue through the months of June-July-August.

On June 9, 2024, the *Rennyō Shonin Memorial* service was held in the Hondo; the guest speaker, was Reverend Harry Gyokyo Bridge, and the theme of his Dharma talk was AKA: which many of us know as the acronym for also known as; but for Rev. Bridge, this was his Jodo Shinshu message of A-wareness, K-indness, and A-ppreciation. A special part of the service, ended with the presentation of scholarships to deserving high school graduates, and post-graduate studies students; thanks to chairperson Daryl Doi and his committee, for there hard-work to review applicants and make their selections of the scholarship winners.

As mentioned last month, our Fresno Buddhist Church Betsuin 125th anniversary celebration will be held in 2026; thanks to the support and assistance of immediate-past board chairperson Gordon Ah-Tye, the various subcommittee positions were quickly filled at the initial planning meeting. Then, shortly after; I received the good news that sangha members, Jim and Jenny Kubo, have graciously accepted to be the co-chairpersons of the 125th anniversary event, which was decided to be a one-day celebration on Sunday, November 8, 2026; thank you so much to Jim & Jenny for volunteering to lead our Fresno Buddhist Church Betsuin in putting together this historic celebration.

One of the special projects currently under review and consideration, as part of the building up to the 125th anniversary celebration, is the possible restoration of the onaijin; there are two (2) restoration companies based respectively in Kyoto, Japan and in Hawaii, which will soon be submitting their proposed bids to do this very delicate and detailed work.

If you have any thoughts or questions about this pending special project; please contact any of our 2024 Fresno Buddhist Church Betsuin board members, and share your thoughts, etc. Thank you

Lastly, I wanted to share something personal, with our sangha members, that many were not aware of; since around October 2002 to the present, I was elected the president of the Chuka Hiroshima Kenjinkai ["CHK"]. The purpose of the CHK is to serve as a liaison organization to promote the cultural exchange with our ancestral home, Hiroshima prefecture in Japan, to contribute to the welfare and improvement of the general community, and the Japanese American community. In the past years, since its founding in 1990, there has been a annual social event, held in the month of August, called the *Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial* service, which the purpose is to remember the historical event of the use of the atomic bomb by the United States government during WWII, on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the country of Japan.

In 2024, with the support and leadership of the immediate-past Rinban Kakei Nakagawa, and now Reverend Kaz Nakata; I have agreed to invite our sangha members, especially our youth in the CC Jr. YBA, to join the August 4, 2024 annual CHK *Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial* service in the Hondo at 10:00 am, officiated by Rev. Kaz; in addition, a specially arranged video presentation will be shown featuring two (2) high school students from the Hiroshima (Sutoku) high school, a Jodo Shinshu affiliated school, sharing their message in memoriam of the thousands of people who lost their human lives on August 6 & August 9, 1945, respectively. So, please join us.

KENDO: The Way of the Sword

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Based on the 2023 busy Fresno Buddhist Church summer months activities and events schedule; it has been determined that for 2024, **there will NOT be any June or July kendo classes.** Accordingly, no "new" kendo class students will be accepted in June or July 2024. My apologies for this inconvenience. The regular Wednesday and Friday evening kendo classes will resume in August 2024.

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Please join us to listen to and practice the Buddha Dharma.

NIGHTTIME MINDFULNESS MEDITATION/CHANTING WITH REV. KAZ

7/11 & 7/25
7:00PM - 7:45PM

SUNDAY MEDITATION CLASS - ON SUMMER BREAK

REV. KAZ'S BUDDHISM 101 CLASS - HYBRID

ATTEND IN PERSON AT THE DHARMA CENTER OR VIA ZOOM

Mon., 7/1
7:00PM - 8:30PM

Please email for Zoom link: rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

OBON, HATSUBON MEMORIAL AND JULY & AUGUST SHOTSUKI SERVICE

Sun., 7/28 @ 10AM
Speaker: Rev. William Briones, Rimban
Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Temple

OBON DANCE PRACTICES

7/2
7pm FDC Gym

FRESNO OBON FESTIVAL

See pages 9-13 for details

FRESNO KODOMO CENTER

FRESNO CHILDREN'S JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER
7/8 THRU 7/12
See website for more info

BETSUIN GROWTH COMMITTEE

Check out the Communication Boards in the FDC designed and updated by Michael Hayashi

WEBSITE

Our website is a great way of keeping up to date with everything happening at our Betsuin.

Please visit: www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org

Please check website regularly for any changes in the schedule!

For more information, or questions on services or upcoming events, please email: fresnohondo@gmail.com

Rev. Kaz teaches a Two-Year Youth Buddhist Class every Friday at 5:30PM via Zoom

Since 2019, four Fresno Girls, Makayla Kubo, Kylie Kubo, Izumi Ryan, and Kanon Nakata have completed the "Applied Jodo Shinshu Class", a two-year (74-hour) credit course. This class also covers the requirement for Girl Scouts Cadettes Padma and Boy Scouts Sangha Award. Upon completion of this course, they are entitled to be a Youth Ministerial Assistant (Youth MA) for which hours of ministerial help is counted as community service. Their Youth MA title will remain until graduation from college or age 23, whichever comes first, and they can form their Buddhist club at their college. There are public speaking opportunities, not only at temple/church, but also at local communities.

The first-year class will be provided via zoom and the second-year class will be hybrid (ritual training at Hondo). The age requirement is 11-19 years old. No application fees required.

For details, please contact Rev. Kaz at 424-666-7101 or rev.kaznakata@gmail.com

Fresno Gumyo Taiko

NEW BEGINNING TAIKO CLASS
Starting in January
2024
Wednesdays
7:00pm -8:30pm



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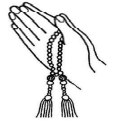
We send caring thoughts to our members and friends who are suffering from illness, to those who care for them and to those who have lost loved ones.

In memory of our Dharma friends,

**PAUL KIMOTO
ELAINE URABE
RON TAKAHASHI
ALICE GUNDERSON**



**Central California Nishi Hongwanji
Ministerial Assistant Program
(CCNHMAP)**



Registration is currently being accepted for the CCNHMAP developed by Rev. Kaz specifically for Central Cal members and non-members. Please seriously consider participation in this program to further your knowledge of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Mission of a Ministerial Assistant: Ministerial Assistant (known as MA) is a voluntary position/status for those wishing to learn the Jodo Shinshu tradition and to provide ministerial support to the temple and churches in the Central California and is directed by the ministerial advisor to the Ministerial Assistant Program (MAP).

Registration and Requirements: Apply through your temple/church or through the ministerial advisor. There is no requirement for educational background or age, but all applicants are required to show their eagerness and humbleness for words and deeds.

For more information, please contact:
Rev. Kaz, ministerial advisor for CCNHMAP:
rev.kaznakata@gmail.com
Paula Kanagawa, Chairperson, Central Cal Buddhist Education Committee: info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org

2024 Memorial Service Schedule

2024 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2023 - 1 year	2012 - 13 years	1992 - 33 years
2022 - 3 years	2008 - 17 years	1973 - 50 years
2018 - 7 years	2000 - 25 years	1925 - 100 years

As the days, months and years go swiftly by, we often forget to schedule memorial services for our departed relatives.

If 2024 is a significant service memorial year for a loved one, please contact the temple office to schedule a service.

KEEP IN CONTACT!

Allow us to keep you posted on current events, upcoming fundraisers and important announcements thru email or text! Email & text blasts are the easiest ways to get last minute important information out to our members, so please update your email address & cell. Send to: info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org.

Your email address will not be shown on email blasts and will not be shared, unless we have your permission.

Speaking of email, we sure would appreciate more of our members signing up to receive the COLOR Geppo via email! Let us know if you're interested in helping the temple save printing & mailing costs! Members only, can access the Geppo from the website, should you prefer that option. Email Lee for login information. Thank you to all of those who are already making a difference!

SAVE THE DATES!



**FALL OHIGAN SEMINAR
SAT., SEPT 7, 2024
9:30AM-NOON
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**FALL OHIGAN AND
SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO
SERVICE
SUN., SEPT 8, 2024
10:00AM**

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR BOTH SEMINAR AND SERVICE
WILL BE REV. JERRY HIRANO, RESIDENT MINISTER OF
THE SALT LAKE BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

As we dive into summer, family vacations and fun, the last thing on your mind is paying your temple pledge. So, let us remind you to take care of it now. If you have not paid, won't you take the time to send in your contribution for 2024 and/or previous years now? We appreciate those who continue to keep their pledges current and the many who have already paid 2024 in full.





JULY SHOTSUKI HOYO
(Memorial for Betsuin Members)

will be observed on Sunday, July 28, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the HONDO



Aoki, Ryonosuke	Kofu, Yaeno	Nobori, Tomi	Tsudama, Itsuki
Arakawa, Fumie	Kondo, Katsu	Oda, Norman	Tsudama, Minoru
Arakawa, Masayo	Kondo, Takashi	Odaka, Komitsu	Tsurumaru, Michi
Araki, Choemon	Kono, Chiyoko	Ogata, Toshio	Tsutsui, Kaichiro
Araki, Manabu	Kozai, Yoshiko	Ohashi, Hama	Udo, Dana Val
Araki, Masao	Kubota, Henry Yuji	Okada, Masaru	Udo, Sude
Arata, Goichi	Kubota, Sekino	Okada, Masaye	Umeda, Chiyono
Asada, Fukujiro	Kumagai, Tsuneichi	Okada, Ruikichi	Uota, Akira
Baba, Hiroki Sam	Kunishige, Baby Boy	Okamoto, Grace	Uota, Masami
Bungo, Sue	Kunishige, Ted	Okamoto, Hisaichiro	Urabe, Jack
Craddock, Debra	Kurokawa, Hisano	Okamura, Taki	Urabe, Paul
Domoto, Kazuo	Maida, Nobuko	Okamura, Uso	Uriu, Kazuyoshi
Fujiwara, Yoshika	Maruyama, Ruth	Okazaki, Beth	Uyemura, Yochi
Fukagawa, Ikozo	Masada, Yoshio	Omachi, Kikuye	Wada, Masaru
Gamow, Kiyoe	Masai, Tamio	Omi, Gary Takeshi	Wada, Sadami
Goto, Charles	Masuda, Mataichiro	Otani, Kazuo	Wada, Mitsuko
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Heyano, Yoichi	Miyagawa, Kiyosuke	Shimada, Mitsuye	Yamaguchi, Suyeko
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Hirata, Izumi	Moriki, Haya	Shimoide, Mikio	Yamamoto, Ayame
Hirata, Masami	Moriyama, Dorothy	Shinkawa, Chizuko	Yamamoto, George
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Ikawa, Teru	Murakami, Shigemi	Shitsu, Akiko	Yamamoto, Masami
Ikeda, Sugi	Murakami, Shizuye	Suda, Lily	Yamamoto, Minoru
Ikuma, Yone	Murakami, Tamano	Sugano, Enjiro	Yamamoto, Shizuka
Imada, Gentaro	Nagahama, Sueno	Takeda, Shigekazu	Yamamoto, Takashi
Inouye, Kimiko	Nagai, Kaoru	Takemoto, Kiyoko	Yamamoto, Yoshiko
Inouye, Susan Emi	Nagao, Yoshiji	Takeuchi, Dan	Yamanaka, Narihiko
Ito, Fukuji	Nagata, Percy	Tamura, Iwao	Yamashita, Sakaye
Iwatsubo, Kazue	Nakaarai, Lillian	Tamura, Miyoko	Yamauchi, Toshitaka
Kamesaki, Tsumo	Nakagawa, Misao	Tanaka, Akiko	Yanaga, Masako
Kamimoto, Yasuto	Nakai, Chiyeko	Tanaka, Minoru	Yasuhira, Sunao
Kamiyama, Kay Keiko	Nakamura, Fujiye Pat	Tanaka, Toshio	Yokomi, Goroku
Kamiyama, Mitsu	Nakashige, Konosuke	Tange, Cecil	Yokota, Yoshito
Kasamatsu, Kiyomatsu	Nakashima, Kimiko	Tange, Kiichi	Yoneda, Hatsuye
Kataoka, Takesaburo	Nakashima, Mikitsuchi	Taniguchi, Shigekichi	Yoshikawa, Charles
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Kimura, Robert	Nishimoto, Giichi	Tsubota, Yoshiye	Yoshioka, Shigeru
Kinoshita, Hideko	Nishimura, Mary	Tsuchimoto, Gotaro	Yuyama, John
Kobayashi, Iwao	Nitta, Wayne Hitoshi	Tsuda, Yoshio George	



AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO
(Memorial for Betsuin Members)

will be observed on Sunday, July 28, 2024 @ 10:00AM in the HONDO



Ando, Kiyomi	Kubota, Momoyo	Omachi, Yaichi	Yamamoto, Masami
Aoki, Kazue	Kumano, Katsuo	Ono, Mataichi	Yamamoto, Mitsuko
Arakawa, Kelly	Kunitake, Lily	Onomichi, Sata	Yamamoto, Rick
Araki, Yuriko Lily	Kuwamoto, Arthur	Sakamoto, Yoshio	Yamamoto, Tokuo
Cochran, Kazuko	Kuwamoto, Emi	Sakata, Mitsuye	Yamashita, Ichiro
Cota, Daniel	Mano, Kikumatsu	Sakata, Sam	Yamashita, Kosaburo
Doi, Kiyoko	Matsumoto, Tomy	Sakata, Tashi	Yamate, Yoshiko
Doi, Masako	Misaki, Kenji	Sakazaki, Masame	Yanagida, Mikio
Doi, Richard	Misaki, Makoto	Sakuma, Zentaro	Yokota, Satoyo
Doi, Takano	Miyata, Ida Chiyo	Sekiya, Haruye	Yokoyama, Tomoemon
Doi, Tommy	Mizuki, Momoyo	Seto, Hamayo	Yoshikawa, Bob Isamu
Fanning, Mary	Momose, Masumi	Seto, Jerry	Yoshioka, Masami
Fong, Jean Mariko	Mori, Ochiye	Shimamoto, Toshio	Yoshimura, Seiki
Fujii, Kikuye	Morikawa, Himeko	Shimizu, Gohei	Yuyama, Shizue
Fukuda, Manabu	Morishima, Dorothy	Shintaku, Allen	
Fukuda, Sunao	Morishima, Tsutayo	Shiroyama, Junji	
Fukuyama, Mitsuka	Mukai, Shinichi	Sumi, Fumishige	
Grimes, Patrick K.	Nagao, Minoru	Sunada, Hatsumi	
Hamada, Brian	Nagao, Yuriko (Baby Girl)	Sunada, Yoshito	
Hamataka, Eichi	Nakagawa, Fukuji	Tachino, Emiko	
Han, Chol	Nakagawa, Sumi	Takahashi, Fumiko	
Hatake, Tsutomu	Nakagawa, Tom	Takahashi, Yoshiebei	
Hatayama, Toku	Nakahara, George	Takemoto, Michiye	
Hikiji, Tsunekichi	Nakai, Alice	Takemoto, Teruo	
Hirano, Tasuke	Nakamichi, Okunosuke	Takeuchi, Waichi	
Hirasuna, Harry	Nakamoto, Moritaro	Tamura, Haruko	
Hirasuna, Matsuno	Nakamoto, Morito	Tamura, Jim	
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Hirata, Kimiko	Nakamura, Seiichi	Tanaka, Helen	
Ihara, Toshio	Nakashima, Doris	Tange, Masao	
Ikuma, Harry	Nakata, Harry	Taniwa, Oshie	
Ikuma, Sukeichi	Nakata, Jack	Teragouchi, Chiyoko	
Imamura, Sumiko	Nakata, Jutaro	Tsuda, Toshiko	
Inami, Kohina	Nakata, Shizuko	Uchiyama, William (Baby Boy)	
Inouye, Henry	Nakatani, Yuriko	Urabe, Frank	
Inouye, Sada	Nakayama, Kana	Urabe, Terri Teruko	
Ishikawa, Jin	Niino, Nobuichi	Urushima, Raymond	
Jitsumyo, Akira	Niino, Yukio	Uyemura, Katsuyo	
Kakiuchi, Toshikazu	Nishikawa, Amy	Uyemura, Toyoko	
Kasahara, Tatsuo	Nomura, Tokio	Wada, Miye	
Kataoka, Tsutomu	Oba, Katsuko	Wakasa, Tomoyo	
Kawahata, Hatsuye	Odaka, Seiso Joe	Wakida, Harry Masao	
Kawano, Tom	Ogata, Florence	Williams, Haruyo	
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Koda, Chiyono	Okahata, Chieno	Yamada, Rinnosuke	
Nancy	Okahata, Kiyoshi	Yamagiwa, Mary	
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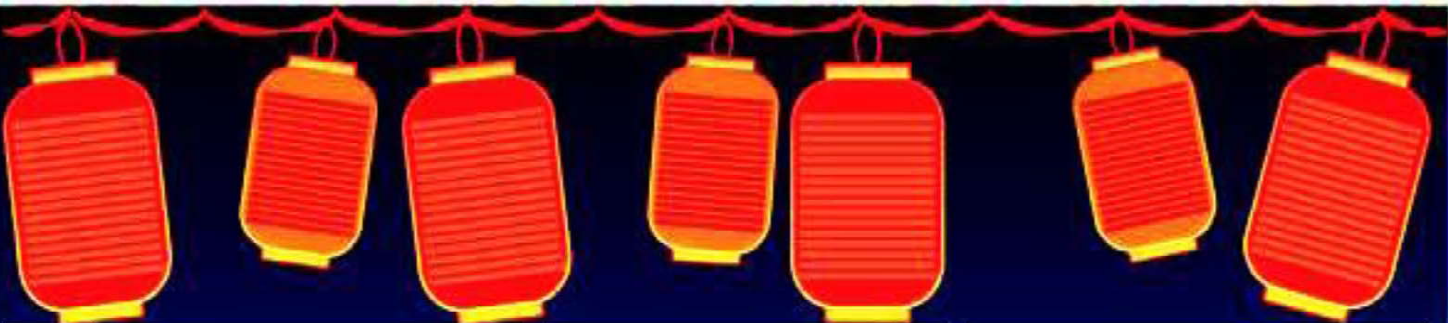
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DINE-IN TAKE-OUT DELIVERY



IT'S TIME TO TAKE OUT YOUR HAPPI COATS AND YUKATA!
THE 2024 OBON SEASON HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
FRESNO'S OBON IS SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024
DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE IS BELOW...



PRACTICES WILL BE HELD AT THE
FRESNO DHARMA CENTER GYM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

OBON FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
Visalia 6/29, Fresno 7/6,
Reedley 7/13, Fowler 7/20,
Kingsburg 7/27, and Parlier 8/3

ALL PRACTICES START AT
7:00PM

MON., JUNE 17
THURS., JUNE 20
MON., JUNE 24
TUES., JULY 2

DON'T FORGET TO BRING:
KACHI-KACHI
ROUND FAN
FOLDING FAN
TENUGUI (TOWEL)

Questions? Contact Lesley Guerra
lesleykg@prodigy.net
(559) 824-3163





FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE

78TH ANNUAL

“OBON - FESTIVAL OF LANTERNS”

Saturday, July 6, 2024

OBON IS... Honoring the past & appreciating the moment... Watching the lanterns sway in the breeze... The sight of young and old alike, in colorful yukatas & happi coats... Spending an evening with family & friends... A sense of being...

A LA CARTE FOOD – AVAILABLE 4:00PM ... LIMITED AVAILABILITY, ARRIVE EARLY!

– SUSHI – CHICKEN SALAD – CHICKEN KATSU – TERI CHICKEN – NIPPON DOGS – TERI-BEEF SLIDERS – SOMEN NOODLES – FURIKAKI/KIMCHEE FRIES – BEER/LIQUOR – BAKE WALK – SNO CONES – DESSERTS –

ORDER PERSONALIZED MEMORIAL LANTERNS

RAFFLE DRAWING – WIN \$2000, \$1000, \$500

GAME BOOTHS FOR THE KIDS!

OBON DANCE 7:30PM

VISIT THE TEMPLE!



www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org
(559) 442-4054

info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org



Volunteering is a work of heart...

The most important hours of your week may be those you give away!

“ALL HANDS ON DECK” is a naval term that calls everyone to report for action! We know that many of you will do double duty, or triple duty and some can give us just a couple hours. Any amount of time is valuable to us. With a large event like Obon, there is much to do and we know you are proud of this annual OBON celebration, so won't you consider giving us a couple hours or more of your time?

VOLUNTEER BY JULY 5!!

Call 442-4054, or E-mail Gordon Ah-Tye gahtyes@aol.com, Gordon Misaki gmmmisaki@comcast.net or Lee Osaki losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org

You will receive a call or e-mail during the week of July 1st, confirming your help and notifying you of your shift time & assignment. *Thank you, in advance. We are truly grateful!*

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Yes, I am willing to help! Please sign me up for the following shift(s):

___ Booth construction: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 - 6:00PM**

___ Yagura construction, lanterns, outside wiring: **FRIDAY, JULY 5 - 8:00AM**

BOOTH SALES - SATURDAY, JULY 6

___ 4:00PM to 6:00PM

___ 6:00PM to 8:00PM

___ 8:00PM to 10:00PM (booths will close when sold out, so shift may be shorter!)

GAME BOOTHS

___ 3:30PM to 6:30PM

KITCHEN HELP - SATURDAY, JULY 6

___ 4:00PM to 6:00PM

___ 6:00PM to 8:00PM

___ 8:00PM to 10:00PM

Cleanup - Sunday, July 7 - 8:00AM

No response necessary. Come on out... the more the merrier!



ATTENTION BAKERS!



THE DESSERT TABLE WILL BE BACK AT THE FRESNO OBON!

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024
FOOD BOOTHS OPEN AT 4:00PM

It's a great opportunity for our Sangha & friends to come together to share the experience of Dana. Share your love for baking and donate **HOME-BAKED & NUT-FREE** desserts!

Accepting any type of desserts: cookies, bars, cupcakes, cake, pies, etc.

Please drop off your contributions to the Family Dharma Center
Friday, July 5th by 3:00PM
or
Saturday, July 6th by NOON

Please be sure to label your donations (apple pie, chocolate cake, etc.)
Thank you for your support!



~ Nighttime Mindfulness Chanting Meditation ~

शान्तिः

Positivity comes from your inner peace ...

All sentient beings equally reach the state of Equanimity...

Open to the Public, come as you are

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Dates: July 11, 18, 25 Time: 7pm

Place: Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple Hondo

**OBON & 'HATSUBON' MEMORIAL SERVICE
COMBINED WITH SHOTSUKI HOYO FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST**

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024
10:00 AM**

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. WILLIAM BRIONES

“THE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OBON SERVICE LIES IN THE REDEDICATION OF OURSELVES TO THE BUDDHIST WAY OF LIFE BY REFLECTING UPON THE LOVE, AFFECTION, COMPASSION, AND VIRTUES THAT OUR PARENTS AND OTHERS, WHO HAVE PASSED ON BEFORE US, HAVE GIVEN TO US WHILE IN OUR LIVES. LET US PAUSE AND REFLECT ON THE HARDSHIPS AND SACRIFICES THAT THEY MADE SO THAT WE CAN CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE INTERDEPENDENCY OF ALL LIFE AND THINGS. THROUGH THIS REALIZATION, MAY WE ALL COME TO LEAD A LIFE OF THANKSGIVING AND BECOME BUDDHISTS WITH FIRM FAITH.”



THE FRESNO BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE WELCOMES YOU TO ATTEND ITS ANNUAL OBON AND HATSUBON MEMORIAL SERVICE, COMBINED WITH SHOTSUKI HOYO OBSERVANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

REV. WILLIAM BRIONES, RIMBAN OF THE LOS ANGELES HONPA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE WILL DELIVER THE DHARMA MESSAGE. PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT SERVICE AND EXTEND A WARM FRESNO WELCOME BACK TO REV. BRIONES.

A SIMPLE OTOKI LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

HATSUBON WILL BE OBSERVED FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, WHO HAVE PASSED SINCE THE 2023 OBON FESTIVAL:

<i>FUJIMOTO, YOSHIO</i>	<i>SEPTEMBER 30, 2023</i>	<i>NISHIKAWA, SATOKO</i>	<i>FEBRUARY 26, 2024</i>
<i>GOTO, CHARLES</i>	<i>JULY 8, 2023</i>	<i>NOMURA, LARRY</i>	<i>OCTOBER 21, 2023</i>
<i>IKUMA, GIICHI</i>	<i>MARCH 17, 2024</i>	<i>OSAKI, AYLEEN</i>	<i>NOVEMBER 28, 2023</i>
<i>KIMOTO, PAUL</i>	<i>MAY 4, 2024</i>	<i>SAKURAI, SANDRA</i>	<i>JANUARY 20, 2024</i>
<i>KIMURA, BRAD</i>	<i>JANUARY 27, 2024</i>	<i>SEKIYA, SHARI</i>	<i>DECEMBER 24, 2023</i>
<i>KOBAYASHI, MASAKO</i>	<i>MARCH 2, 2024</i>	<i>SETO, EDWARD</i>	<i>SEPTEMBER 7, 2023</i>
<i>MATSUBARA, MARY</i>	<i>JANUARY 26, 2024</i>	<i>TAKETA, ITSUYE</i>	<i>MARCH 5, 2024</i>
<i>MCQUILLAN, MARIAN</i>	<i>MARCH 29, 2024</i>	<i>TANAKA, HELEN</i>	<i>NOVEMBER 12, 2023</i>
<i>MORISHIMA, EDWARD</i>	<i>APRIL 17, 2024</i>	<i>TSUDAMA, HIROKO</i>	<i>SEPTEMBER 17, 2023</i>
<i>NAKAGAWA, SHIZUKO</i>	<i>SEPTEMBER 12, 2023</i>	<i>TSURUOKA, JIMMY</i>	<i>APRIL 10, 2024</i>
<i>NAKASHIMA, DORIS</i>	<i>AUGUST 31, 2023</i>	<i>YAMAMOTO, BETTY JO</i>	<i>JANUARY 25, 2024</i>

IN GASSHO,

FRESNO BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

***Padma for Cadette / Sangha Award for Boy Scout /
Applied Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Studies for Teens***

Age ranges from 11 to 15, No admission fee

2024 Fall Class Schedule via ZOOM

Aug 16, 23, 30

Sep 13, 20, 27

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25

Dec 6, 13, 20

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

Class curriculum:

***Foundation of Buddhism, Sanskrit Buddhist History,
Chinese Buddhist History, Tibetan Buddhist History,
Pali Buddhist History, Japanese Buddhist History,
Buddha in Sanskrit and Chinese, Dharma in Sanskrit and Chinese,
Saṃgha in Sanskrit and Chinese, Nianfo/Nembutsu,
Pūjā/Incense Burning, Buddhism as Psychology,
Bodhi in Sanskrit and Chinese,
Nirvāṇa in Sanskrit and Chinese, Sukhāvatī in Sanskrit and Chinese
Tibetan Studies (1) - Vajrayāna Concepts,
Tibetan Studies (2) - Maṇḍala, Buddhism in Pali Sutta (1),
Buddhism in Pali Sutta (2), Apocrypha in Buddhism,
Brahmanism and Confucianism in Mahāyāna, Jhāna in Pali Sutta (3),
Daoism and Mahāyāna, Shinto-ism and Buddhism, Sukhāvatī in Pali,
etc.***

Instructor: Rev. Kaz Nakata, PhD candidate in Buddhist Studies, MA, MBA

For inquiries, please text Rev. Kaz at 424-666-7101



Kingsburg Buddhist Temple Obon

July 27, 2024

From 6:00 to 9:00 PM
 Food: Chicken Salad, Somen, Curry, Spam Musubi, Egg Rolls, Kalbi Beef, Desserts, Drinks and Shaved Ice

Service begins at 7:00 pm
 Dancing begins after service
 831 Orange St, Kingsburg, CA 93631

For questions contact:
 Chris Ezaki (559) 269 - 4226

The Fresno Buddhist Temple Golf Tournament Committee is offering two unsold silent auction prizes, to the first person who offers the required minimum bid(s).



Item: **LASIK SURGERY**
 Donated by Eye-Q Vision/Dr. Frank Bishop

Retail Value: \$3,900
 Minimum Bid: \$2,200



Item: **ORTHODONTIC CARE**
 Donated by Kubo Orthodontic Group

Retail Value: \$2,000
 Minimum Bid: \$1,000

If you are interested in either (or both) of these items, please contact Midori Nishijima
 Call/Text: (559) 313-8255 or Email: midorinishi@icloud.com

But HURRY, you don't want to miss out on these great deals!!

HIROSHIMA ATOMIC BOMB MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sponsored by the Chuka Hiroshima Kenjinkai

Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple
Sunday, August 4, 2024 @ 10:00AM

All are welcome to attend!



Special Guest Speakers: Sotoku High School Students

Miss Misaki Oe

Mr. Kirari Koide



Sotoku High School is a Jodo Shinshu affiliated private High School, founded in 1875, downtown Hiroshima. Due to the Hiroshima atomic bomb explosion nearby on August 6, 1945, the school building instantly vanished and numerous students lost their lives.

Our speakers give a speech on "Peace" in front of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Ruins of the atomic bomb).

Thank you to the Sotoku High School students (pictured) who helped and supported this Guest Speaking project from Hiroshima.



Summer Fun at the Temple

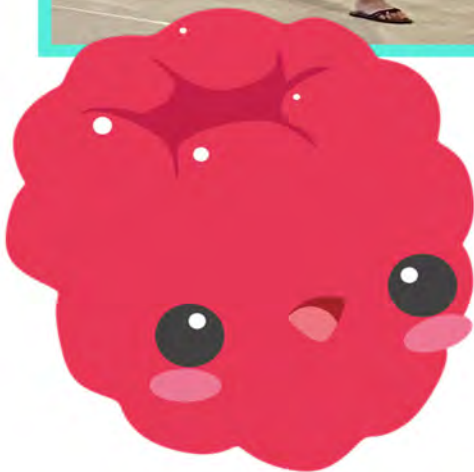
Kodomo X Dharma School

PLAY FUN RELAX

July 15, Monday

Drop in anytime between 5-8 pm

Bring your own dinner or snacks to share - we'll have water and lemonade
Parents/Guardians must sign waiver. Parents may stay or leave.
Children must be potty trained and are responsible for their own toys/
movies/games



Dharma School
Caroline Tao, Outgoing Superintendent

The Dharma School met for our last session of the 2023-24 school year on June 2nd. After the Friends & Family Service and refreshments, our Dharma School families, teachers, and friends headed over to XLanes to celebrate the year-end with a tasty pizza lunch and a friendly game of bowling. Bowlers experienced strikes, spares, splits, and unruly balls. Our Dharma School students outscored their parents with more strikes and spares, and our parents and friends did their best. At the end of our 2-hour bowling session, everyone appreciated the challenges and enjoyment of the game

The following Sunday, the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple held the Rennyō Shonin Memorial, June Shotsuki Hoyo, and Scholarship Presentation with Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge, the resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Oakland, as the guest speaker. Dharma School students received their Certificate of Attendance from their teachers that day, and students who could not attend will receive theirs at the start of the next Dharma School term in September.

The official end of the 2023-24 Dharma School term at the end of the summer is also the end of my term as the Dharma School Superintendent. I am grateful for all the kind and thoughtful help, advice, and support from our former Dharma School Superintendents, Teachers, Ministers, Families, and Sangha.

I am pleased to announce that Michiko Nakata graciously volunteered as the next Dharma School Superintendent for 2024-25. In addition to the Central Cal. Jr. YBA, Michiko helps out with various temple organizations. Please join me in welcoming and supporting Michiko as our next Superintendent of the Fresno Betsuin Dharma School.



Cub Scout Pack 199
Jennifer Lucas, Parent



Cub Activities: Pack 199 had the opportunity to volunteer for a park clean-up at Camp Tulequoia at Sequoia Lake on May 31-June 2. This included picking up litter and raking leaves to tidy up the campgrounds in time for summer camp. The scouts worked very hard and did a great job. On their downtime, the scouts were able to go boating, fishing, hiking and even roast marshmallows!

Crossover 2024: During our time at Sequoia Lake, Pack 199 had 4 scouts crossover from Webelos II to Scouts BSA Troop 199 and Troop 199-G. This special ceremony marks a new chapter in their scouting journey, and we are so proud of all their accomplishments. Congratulations Atticus, Jill, Vera and Kori!

As we conclude our scouting year 23-24, we want to thank Julien Ros for her leadership to Pack 199. She has served as Cubmaster the last 2 years and we appreciate her dedication. Filling in her role as Cubmaster will now be Sarah Osterhaus. This summer will focus on recruitment efforts and a few group outings with the remaining scouts.

Until next time, remember your **Duty to God, Duty to Others, and Duty to Self!**



Fresno Betsuin Senior Club - June 6 meeting

Meeting was called to order by Hunter Arakawa. Shokuzen no Gassho was led by Rev. Kaz. Introduction of guest from Vintage Garden. Toban 1 served chicken, potato wedges, salad & cookies. Toban 2 is in charge next month. Toban heads call Toban 2 with headcount.

Meeting adjourned after bingo games.

The next meeting and luncheon is scheduled for 11:30AM Tuesday, July 2. We hope that you will attend and bring new members. We are glad that several members from Vintage Gardens have been attending and we look forward to their continued participation.

56 Years of Gratitude



There are truly so many things we have learned from our many years at camp. The beauty is we have learned these things by examples we have seen or experienced at camp. The magic of camp everyone talks about is the Dana every camper receives. The goodness we feel from this selfless giving make each of us want to pay it forward to others.

We are blessed to receive this goodness from so many people over our 56 years of camp. Some people may be past campers, others are parents or grandparents, and many are friends or relatives. This wonderful gift that touches each of our campers is the generosity of our donors. Your donations supply the food, paper products, the crafts, equipment for the activities, soaps and cleaning supplies, first aid supplies, T-shirts and so much more. Your donations ensure each camper has a great time. The campers appreciate your donations with big smiles, crazy laughter, joyful screaming and hollering. And every camper goes home having the time of their life!

The campers, counselors and directors would like to thank each of you for the wonderful support you give us each year. You are the foundation that supplies us with the tools to make the magic of Camping in the Sierras happen each year. We put our hands together and thank the following donors for their generous Dana.

Geraldine Wakida – Tammy and Mark Kawakami - Joyce Aoki - Adele and Jimmy Yen – Gene and Gale Nakai – Stanley and Sherri Miyake – Maxine Abe – Toshiro and Keiko Otake – Dave Omachi – Alice Nishimura – Julie Nakagawa – Terri Araki - Jean Tonooka – Mary Mukai – Randy and Lynne Nakagawa – Aileen and Lawrence Parmeter - Alex and Roberta Araki – Rev. Kakei and Midori Nakagawa – Sharon and Barton Ashida – Gordon and Marian Ah Tye – Christine Nishimoto– Ken Ishimoto – Sally Yemoto – Lee and Cliff Osaki – Yuko Matoba – Mitchell and Lynn Nakashima – Gordon and Susan Hayashi – Karen Kondo – Joyce Iwasaki – Craig and Amy Yoshikawa – Thomas and Ruby Okamoto – Ryan and Mai Hashimoto – Alvin and Hatsuko Hanashiro – Wendy and Ted Tukloff – Kathleen Kubo – Kathleen Suda – Jenn Tanimura and Jim Esqueda – Rev. Mieko Majima – Georgia Kawamoto – Sue Yamasaki – Matthew Arie Mah – Carolyn Suda and Warren Woo – Shig and Helen Inahara Ohana – Toby Nakamoto and Adobe in honor of Mo and Peggy Nakamoto

With Gassho and Gratitude,
Gregg, Janis, Debbie - Camping in the Sierras Directors



Fresno Betsuin BWA, Lynn Arakaki

The next meeting will be August 3rd at 9:00. The FBBWA will be making the somen for Obon.

Multi-Chance Drawings, Hunter Arakawa

Congratulations to Julie Nomura, Lily Doi, and Keizo Arakawa on their winning the June drawings.

More entries have come in since then, and there is still time to get yours in before the July drawings. This puts us at the half-way point of the series, so you have six more months to enter. Thanks to all of those who have supported the MCDs.

Good Luck to all.

Fresno Betsuin 23rd Annual Golf Tourney, Hunter Arakawa

We are happy to announce that the golf tournament was a big success again. In addition to giving two scholarships and supporting the technical needs of the Betsuin, we have given the Betsuin a sizeable donation.

We are happy to have the support of our golfing friends, sponsors, donors, and volunteers who once again made this a pleasurable tournament. We are grateful to the Dragonfly Golf Course, who have allowed us to play on their course over the last several years but we are considering changing the venue next year due to the rising costs to golfers. We are currently in negotiations with another course, which will reduce the cost to our golfers considerably. We will make a formal announcement in the near future.

EDUCATION & PROPAGATION PROGRAMS

Caregivers/Project Dana, Donna Ishii

Happy Summer Everyone! We've had a few Hot 100+ degrees days already and now 90+ degrees seem pretty nice! Be sure to drink plenty of fluids and stay Cool! We hope the weather will be pleasant for Saturday July 6th, our 2024 Obon "Festival of Lanterns". Please come and enjoy the festivities of Obon dancing, yummy food and visiting with old and new friends. Project Dana is helping the Betsuin by preparing the Chinese Chicken Salad. See you there!!!

The Wednesday 9:30am Tai Chi classes will return on Aug 7th. The Crochet/Craft classes (held the 2nd Wednesday after the Tai Chi class), will be resting for the summer and hope they will return in the fall! The Next Homebound Meal is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 18, 2024. Your driver will notify and confirm the date. *Please Check Project Dana's Geppo Article for All Future Updates*

Thank You Everyone for your kindness and generosity to our program. You are all truly appreciated! Project Dana thanks all the donors for the month of June, (May 19, 2024 to June 15, 2024). Thank You Hawaiian Plate Dinner, Betty Zenimura(IMO Ed Morishima), Georgia Kawamoto, Terrie Araki, John & Sally Tomita, Maryann Miyasaki, Karen & Gary Mukai, Leslie Ohashi(IMO Sephanie Nakata), Leslie Ohashi, Toshiro & Keiko Otake, Magie Mukai, Ukulele Group, William & Reiko Ueki, Will & Joanne Ishihara, John & Arlene Urabe, June Urabe(IMO Ed Morishima), June Urabe(IMO Sandra Sakurai), Ed & Patti Bungo, Lisle Funeral Home, Tak & Jean Nakamura, Tayeko Matsumoto.

Project Dana gratefully thanks all the volunteers for their continued support of our Program. Volunteers: Midori Nakagawa, Michiko Nakata, Joyce Kubose. Gene & Sharon Nagata, Ruth Yoneda, Sherian & Glenn Hamamoto, Geri Shimamoto, Carolyn & Bob Okamoto, June Urabe, Sue Nishida, Alice Nishimura, Karen Kondo, Arline & Ken Yokota, Lynn & Jay Arakaki, Sachi Tokubo, Linda Takahashi, Hunter & Rumi Arakawa, Arlene Urabe, Dorothy Kobashi, Mineko Kuramoto, Chris Nishimoto, Leslie Ohashi, Don & Irene Miyasaki, Linda Takeda, Terri Araki, Sue Yamasaki, Florence Hamamoto, Paula Kanagawa, Maryann Miyasaki, Bob & Jane Shintaku, Margie Mukai, Ruth Takeda, Irene Leach, Gordan & Susan Hayashi, Alene & Michael Hayashi, Karen Mukai, Wayne Yamagiwa, Ken & Patty Kanemoto, Alvin & Hatsuko Hanashiro, Geno & Gale Nakai, Kathy Hamada, Nancy Yotsuya, Rona Iida, Lee Jensen, Toshiro & Keiko Otake, Sharyn Fujita, Helen Hanashiro, Scarlett Sato, Elle Shitanishi, Joanne Kubow, Georgia Kawamoto, June Kamigawachi, Mark Manseri, Keiko Maruko, Gordy Misaki, Melanie Fry, Susan Nagata, Harvey Hanemoto.



Please don't hesitate to call Betsuin office if you know anyone needing a Homebound meal, senior information or wish to volunteer for the Project Dana program. (559)442-4054 or email projectdana@fresnobuddhisttemple.org. Info for Wednesday Tai Chi call Joyce (559)779-8444 and Crochet call Sherian (559)960-6451.

FYI. Be sure to check the monthly Geppo for Updates of the next Homebound Meal Delivery for August 2024. Your driver will contact and confirm the delivery date. Please Stay **COOL** and **SAFE!**

Eco-Sangha, Lynn Arakaki



Thank you for your donations of food containers. We have enough to cover the summer events so take a summer break! Summer is here and water use increases. Conserve by drip watering and 5 minute showers.

Thank you for your support for sustainability.

Use less paper towels to save our earth!
Check out these Swedish dishcloths!



Project Outreach, Lynn Arakaki



We have received sundry donations this month. We will continue to support FSU Clothes Closet. There is also a food pantry on campus we will also support. Information on the food needs will be in future articles.

Blood Donation, Hunter Arakawa

We have tentatively scheduled the blood donation day on Saturday, September 7 from 8:00AM to Noon, so please plan on coordinating that date with your donation dates prior. Thank you to all those who have faithfully supported the donation day. Your donation adds much needed blood to our Central California Blood Center, which is always in need of donations. So, please continue to donate in the intervening dates and even after. And, the blood center always is looking forward to new donors so if you qualify, won't you sign up? Thank you all for giving and continuing to give.

GIFT CARDS



I updated the card list. Some of the fast food cards have changed. I can only purchase cards for \$25 instead of just \$10. I also dropped cards at stores that I feel may file for bankruptcy.

Thanks for supporting this program! Even if you don't need a gift for someone else, consider purchasing a card for yourself.

Patty Kanemoto motopatty@gmail.com 559-281-6374

Ruth Yoneda ruthyoneda@hotmail.com 559-297-9004

GIFT CARDS 6/01/2023

(I have noted the percentage that we earn on the discount. The percentage can change.)

(SMALL DENOMINATIONS WITH * ARE ONLY AVAILABLE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.)

RETAILER	AVAILABLE DENOMINATIONS	PROFIT %
ACE HARDWARE	\$25	4
AMAZON	\$10*, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	2
ARCO	\$100	1.5
BARNES & NOBLE	\$10	8
BATH & BODY	\$10, \$25,	12
BEST BUY	\$25	4
BIG 5	\$25	8
BLAZE PIZZA	\$25	10
BURGER KING	\$10	4
CARLS JR	\$10	5
CARTERS	\$25	10
CHEESECAKE FACTORY	\$25	5
CHILI'S	\$25	11
CHIPOTLE	\$10, \$25	10
CVS	\$25, \$100	6
DAVE & BUSTERS	\$25	13
DICKS	\$25	8
EDWARDS	\$10, \$25	8
EL POLLO LOCO	\$10	6
FLEMINGS	\$50,\$100	10
HOME DEPOT	\$25, \$100	4
HOME GOODS	\$25	7
HONEY BAKED HAM	\$25	12
JAMBA JUICE / CINNABON/ AUNTIE ANNE	\$25	6
IHOP	\$25	8
JOANN	\$25	6
KOHL'S	\$25	4
LOWE'S	\$25, \$100	4
MACY'S	\$25, \$100	10
MARSHALLS	\$25	7
MCDONALDS	\$10, \$25	2
MICHAEL'S	\$25	4

RETAILER	AVAILABLE DENOMINATIONS	PROFIT %
NORDSTROMS & RACK	\$25	4
OFFICE DEPOT/MAX	\$25	5
OLD NAVY(GAP)	\$25	14
OLIVE GARDEN	\$25	8
PANDA EXPRESS	\$25	8
OUTBACK	\$50,\$100	10
PANERA	\$10, \$25	8
PET SMART	\$25	5
RED LOBSTER	\$25	8
RED ROBIN	\$25	8
REI	\$25	8
RITE AID	\$25	4
RUTH'S CHRIS	\$50, \$100	10
ROSS	\$25	8
SAVE MART	\$25, \$100	2
SEPHORA	\$25	5
SHELL	\$100	1.5
SMART & FINAL	\$25, \$50, \$100	3
SPROUTS	\$25, \$50, \$100	5
STARBUCKS	\$5*, \$10, \$25, \$50	4.5
SUBWAY	\$10	4.5
TACO BELL	\$10	5
TARGET	\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100	2.5
TJ MAXX	\$25	7
TOTAL WINE	\$25	7
ULTA	\$25	6
VONS/SAFEWAY	\$25	4
WALGREENS	\$25	5
WALMART	\$10, \$25, \$100	2.5
WENDY'S	\$10	6.5
YARD HOUSE	\$25	8

Reedley Obon Festival



Saturday, July 13, 2024

Food sales - 5:00 PM • Dancing - 8:00 PM

Reedley Buddhist Church - 2035 15th Street - Reedley, CA

Food Vendors: Bento2Go (bento dinners), RBC Shave Ice, BWA Somen Noodles, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Jr, YBA Drinks & Mochi Ice Cream, & Sergio's Tacos & Churros

Entertainment: Fresno Gummy Taiko

Come and dance! No experience needed



Hatsubon/Obon Service - Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10 AM

Questions? - Email: reedleybc@gmail.com



THE HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION
OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY

Commemorating the 79th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

8:00AM

FRESNO STATE PEACE GARDEN



FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH

10:30AM

SHINZEN FRIENDSHIP GARDEN



We gather in solidarity to commemorate the 79th anniversary of those who died, who continue to suffer, and in the hope for peace and justice.

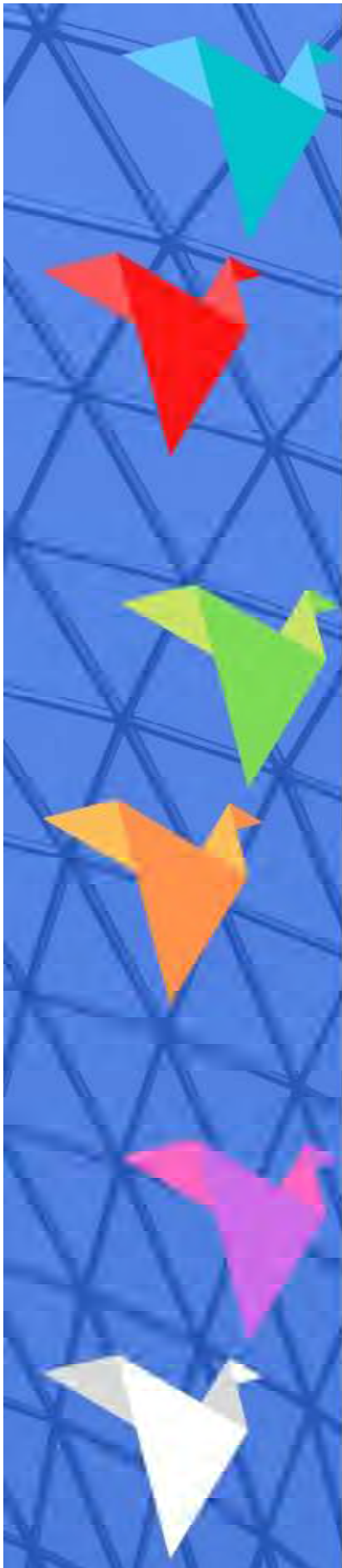
You are invited to join us for a three day fast starting at 8:00am on August 6 to 11:00am on August 9. We fast to affirm our commitment to nonviolence, peace, justice and to move forward the elimination of nuclear weapons and war as a tool of foreign policy.*

**Fasting is the abstinence of food for a certain amount of time. It is a purposeful act of liberation through discipline and inspiration toward centeredness. It has historical, political, religious, and spiritual significance. We welcome each participant to individually explore and define how they will fast – what they will abstain from – during this commemoration*



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Central California Nikkei Foundation




Nikkei Hour
Vintage Gardens
Every Friday
12:30-1:30



If You Are A Senior, We Would Love To Have You Join Us!
We Alternate Between A Crafty Service Project, A Craft Project For Ourselves And, Occasionally, A Demonstration.

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2024		JULY							2024	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT				
"OBON, OBON, IT'S FESTIVAL DAY!" July 6th	1 5p-6p Yang 24 Tai-chi, Gym 6p-7p Yang 48 Tai-chi, Gym 7p Rev. Kaz' Intro to Buddhism Class, MPR or Zoom (Kaz) 7p Taiko Practice, CR#1	2 11:30a Senior Club Lunch & Meeting, MPR (Kaz) 7p Obon Dance Practice, Gym	3 Obon Prep	4 HOJI: 11a ~ Hondo (Kaz)	5 3:30p Vomtage Gardens Howakai (Maj)	6 FRESNO OBON FESTIVAL Food & Games open at 4:00pm Dancing starts at 8:00pm 				
	7 8a-11:30a Kodomo Center	9	10	11 FUNERAL (PRIVATE) 10a ~ Clovis Cemetery (Kaz) FUNERAL: 11a ~ Hondo (Kaz)	12 FUNERAL (PRIVATE) 10a ~ Clovis Cemetery (Kaz) FUNERAL: 11a ~ Hondo (Kaz)	13 INURNMENT: 9:30a Washington Colony (Kaz) FUNERAL: 11a ~ Hondo (Kaz)				
	14 2p-4p Pickleball, Gym	15 5p-6p Yang 24 Tai-chi, Gym 6p-7p Yang 48 Tai-chi, Gym 7p Taiko Practice, CR#1 9:30a Fairwinds Howakai (Kaz)	16 7p Basketball, Gym	17 3p-8p Rev. Kaz' office hrs 7p Board Mtg, MPR (Kaz) 7p Basketball, Gym	18 6:30p Kodomo Center Graduation, MPR (Kaz) 7p Night time Mindfulness Chanting/Meditation, Hondo 7p Basketball, Gym	19 7p Night time Mindfulness Chanting/Meditation, Hondo 7p Basketball, Gym	20 FUNERAL: 10a ~ Clovis Cemetery (Kaz) FUNERAL (PRIVATE): 2p ~ Hondo (Kaz)			
	21 2p-4p Pickleball, Gym	22 5p-8p Kodomo Ctr x Dharma School Summer Fun at the Temple FDC 7p Taiko Practice, CR#1	23 7p Basketball, Gym Rev. Kaz OFF	24 3p-8p Rev. Kaz' office hrs 7p Taiko Practice, CR#3 Rev. Kaz OFF	25 7p Night time Mindfulness Chanting Meditation, Hondo 7p Basketball, Gym	26 3p-8p Rev. Kaz' office hrs 7p Night time Mindfulness Chanting Meditation, Hondo 7p Basketball, Gym 7/26 - 7/30 Camping in the Sierra's, SLO	27 7p Fowler Obon			
	28 OBON, HATSUBON, JULY & AUGUST SHOTSUKI SERVICE Guest Speaker: Rev. William Briones, Rinban, LA Betsuin	29 7/26 - 7/30 Camping in the Sierra's, SLO	30 7p Basketball, Gym OFF (Kaz)	31 3p-8p Rev. Kaz' office hrs 7p Taiko Practice, Gym 3p OFF (Kaz)	7p Night time Mindfulness Chanting Meditation, Hondo 7p Basketball, Gym	3p-8p Rev. Kaz' office hrs 7p Night time Mindfulness Chanting Meditation, Hondo 7p Basketball, Gym	7p Kingsburg Obon			
	2p-4p Pickleball, Gym									



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July Happenings...

INTRO TO BUDDHISM CLASS W/REV. KAZ ~ 7/1

OBON DANCE PRACTICE ~ 7/2

VINTAGE GARDENS HOWAKAI ~ 7/5

FAIRWINDS HOWAKAI ~ 7/15

BUDDHIST STUDY CLASS JAPANESE HOWAKAI ~ TBD

FRESNO KODOMO CENTER ~ 7/8-7/12

OBON, HATSUBON, JULY & AUGUST SHOTSUKI ~ 7/28

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. WILLIAM BRIONES

CAMPING IN THE SIERRA'S @ SLO ~ 7/26-7/30

OBON FESTIVALS

FRESNO ~ 7/6

REEDLEY ~ 7/13

FOWLER ~ 7/20

KINGSBURG ~ 7/27

PARLIER ~ 8/3

August is "Happiness Happens" month



August Heads Up....

SUNDAY MEDITATION ~ Will resume in September

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICES - Will resume in September

INTRO TO BUDDHISM CLASS W/REV. KAZ ~ 8/5

HIROSHIMA ATOMIC BOMB MEMORIAL ~ 8/4

FRESNO HONDO

FAIRWINDS HOWAKAI ~ 8/19

BUDDHIST STUDY CLASS JAPANESE HOWAKAI ~ 8/6

WEDNESDAY MORNING TAI-CHI ~ 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28

PARLIER OBON ~ 8/3

FRESNO BWA CULTURAL CLASS ~ 8/10

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