



## President's Message: Terrie Matsumoto

Happy summer to you all! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! It is hard to believe that September is just around the corner (at least as of this writing in mid-August) and the temperature has finally gotten down into the low 90's! I am truly looking forward to the upcoming Fall season where it will hopefully be not too hot and not too cold but just right! *Continue reading on page 3*

SEPTEMBER 2024

# NEWSLETTER



MARYSVILLE BUDDHIST CHURCH



## Rev. Yuki's Message



Rev. Yuki Sugahara

### Responding to One of the Questions

and I tried to share my understanding to the questions I have received. I didn't respond to some of the questions, but one of the questions I thought it might be interesting to share with everyone here is "How do you think our practice of Jodo Shinshu shapes, and is shaped by, being Buddhists in America in 2024?"

First, let's define what the "practice of Jodo Shinshu" is... simply, that is

"recitation of the Name of Amida Buddha/Namo Amida Butsu (=nembutsu)." We are receiving the compassionate calling of Amida Buddha to "come this way [to attain Buddhahood]," and recommendation of Shakyamuni and all other Buddhas to "go this way [to attain Buddhahood]." We follow the calling and recommendation of the Buddhas and entrust ourselves to the working of Namo Amida Butsu to

attain Buddhahood.

Then, what this practice of nembutsu bring us in our daily lives... that is the self-reflection of who we truly are. Our founder Shinran Shonin said "hear the origin and fulfillment of the vow." By hearing why the vow of Amida to grasp and never abandon us had to be established, we realize that it was because of the nature of us possessing afflictions such as greed, anger, envy, ig-

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**M**y August 18 Dharma Talk at Sacramento Betsuin was "Questions and Responses,"



Rev. Matt Hamasaki

## Rev. Matt's Message

simply attributing this worldview as ignorance of the past. When we look at the technological advances we have made based on the incredible number of discoveries of the physical world in all fields, the position taken of such a lofty attitude is, at the very least, reasonable.

However, when we take a closer look at the state of the world today, perhaps our discoveries are not also without their faults. Rather than disproving the existence of gods, we have simply replaced them with different ones. Day until night, do we not worship

our phones and TVs? Do we not offer our money, the symbol of our labor, at the altar of Netflix and YouTube? Do we not get our insight of the world from prophets and shaman on the news, telling us what the weather will be? The gods may have no faces, and our sacrifices may not be live animals, but all the same, we are participating in a belief system.

And perhaps those in the past had something right all along, for when we attribute human characteristics to natural things, it allows us to empathize with them, to respect

them. If we believed that trees, rivers, dirt, and rocks had gods living in them, would we be so quick to displace them? If we knew the ground we walk upon had a heart that was beating, would we fill it up with trash? If the wind had lungs and was breathing, would we be concerned about what we put in the air?

In the texts that we read, it's so easy to skip over the fantastical aspects that seem ridiculous from the logic we have today. But upon a closer reading, it is pointing us to a truth greater than we can imagine.

**A**s someone who is continuously learning about religions and their history, the presence of deities is constant. From our postmodern, scientific point of view, it is easy to be dismissive of such beliefs as primitive;



## Pond and Garden

BY JIM EDGMAN

I cleaned the waterfall yesterday which needs to be done every couple of weeks. I noticed it was infested with those miniature shrimps. Thousands of them are washed down the waterfall and the Koi fish absolutely go bananas and they're all there in a feeding frenzy. They love them! When I was cleaning the waterfall, I was surprised that there were no string algae. Sometimes all these causes and conditions are hard to figure. We haven't been getting the floating mat algae on the surface in the afternoon

which is common this time of year. We're still getting some kind of mat algae that is in the water and plugs up our skimmers and manifold system, somewhat normal, but the pond has been extremely clear. No single cell algae. I've just about used up the sinking Catfish food and will switch over to the floating food which should keep things even clearer. The pond is showing a buildup of muck so I need to think about removing that again.

Our Kingfisher bird was here this morning. First time I've seen him in a

while which might have something to do with our Blackbirds moving off. They had a smaller nesting cycle this year and surprisingly were pretty much civil.

I've started sweeping and mucking. I'm on the 4th cart. Normally I dump it, let it dry, and process it into dirt, but there's no time for that with Obon coming up. I had to thin the floating heart plants. Scott was wanting them cleared on the southwest side just north of the bridge so the trimming clippings would not get all hung up. I went ahead



and cleared a swath on the north end to make it easier to get the broom through.

The fish are still getting some shade. There are quite a few stories about critters and stuff, but there's no time for that. The water is still exceptionally clear.

Everything is good, got to go.

In Gassho,  
Jim

## President's Message

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With four months left to go in 2024, the MBC Board of Directors will be gearing up for the Board of Directors Election, will be taking a closer look at our membership, and will be looking ahead to 2025 with a calendar of events for the new year. One of our goals will be to improve communications with our own members and friends. It is important that we try to utilize various forms of communication to connect with members, friends, and community. Please keep an eye out for important church mail delivery in the next four months.

Speaking of connections, you may have noticed in the past MBC Newsletters, there were advertisements for events occurring within the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA); and in this September Newsletter, you will see advertisements and information about what is occurring in temples in our Northern California District. I feel that it

is important to keep us connected to our fellow NC temples as well as the BCA. These events are open to everyone and anyone and all our temples welcome your support. We have members who are also members of other temples in our District, and we also have members who were once members of other temples of the BCA outside of our District. There is a sense of connectedness that I feel is important that we keep alive and active.

Not only is it important to stay connected with our temples, but I also feel it is important that we stay connected with what is occurring in our own community. If you know of an event that you feel our members will be interested in, please submit the information by the 10th of each month which is the deadline date for submitting articles/flyers for the following month's Newsletter.

You may send articles/flyers to my email address: matsgt@yahoo.com.

Everyone please take care!

## Updated Office Hours

**Tuesdays and Fridays.  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

If you wish to stop by the church, please do so during those hours. Please contact the church at 530-743-6426 and let us know what day and time you would like to stop by. Please park on the 2nd street side of the church and enter through the Social Room door.

## 2024 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

If you have a family member or relative who passed away in any of the following years, and would like to schedule a memorial service, please call the Sacramento Buddhist Church Office at 915-446-0121.

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2023	1st annual memorial 1 year from date of death
2022	3rd anniversary memorial 2 full years from date of death
2018	7th anniversary memorial 6 full years from date of death
2012	13th anniversary memorial 12 full years from date of death
2008	17th anniversary memorial 16 full years from date of death
2000	25th anniversary memorial 24 full years from date of death
1992	33rd anniversary memorial 32 full years from date of death
1975	50th anniversary memorial 49 full years from date of death

## DIAL THE DHARMA

**800-817-7918**

To hear Bishop Harada's message.  
Press 1 for English, 2 for Japanese  
or 3 for Spanish.

**Rev. Sugihara**

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norance, and so forth. The vow is now fulfilled and working as Namo Amida Butsu. So, by hearing the origin and fulfillment of the vow, we recite nembutsu with gratitude for Buddha's compassion and wisdom and self-reflect our daily actions.

I would say that this is the "practice of Jodo Shinshu." Those who encountered the teaching of Jodo Shinshu are self-reflective instead of judgmental of other's actions and peaceful instead of being aggressive on other's faults. This is the personality which Jodo Shinshu practice shapes as I understand and there's no difference of being American or Canadian or Brazilian or Japanese or whatever nationality by following Jodo Shinshu.

Then, how Jodo Shinshu practice is shaped by

Buddhist in America. I think that American Jodo Shinshu is/will dealing/deal with more contemporary issues such as homelessness than Jodo Shinshu followers in Japan. That is a great thing to help others who need help. But it does not mean that all Jodo Shinshu Buddhists "should" or "demanded" to do commit a certain act. Everyone has different personality, capacity, and ability to do things, and we do not force anyone to do something. So, in many ways, I feel that practice of Jodo Shinshu in America is asked to have "acceptance" of those who have different opinions.

Lastly, let me share my experience when I went for volunteer work to help homeless people. When I was in Oregon, I was in an interfaith group who gathered occasionally to volunteer or meetings. Onetime, I went to a volunteer work at one of the

LDS churches. They have a convenience store type of facility for the homeless people to take needed items for free and I helped refilling the shelves. I was working with clergies of other faith, and after the volunteer work, we took picture together. Then, I posted the picture on my FB saying that "Today, I went to a volunteer work."

But, later, I begun to think that "why did I need to post this picture on my FB page?" Then I realized that that was coming from my afflictions of seeking for a fame and compliment that "Yuki Sensei, you are a great minister!" At that moment, "nanmandabu" came out from my mouth naturally. Amida Buddha established and fulfilled the vow as Namo Amida Butsu just for the sake of me who is burdened by the afflictions of seeking for fame and compliment. So, a volunteer work became a cause for me to say the

nembutsu realizing my nature of possessing the afflictions.

So, what I want to say from this episode is that... we do whatever we do in our lives, but always come back to "self-reflection" of our daily actions and "gratitude" for Amida's great compassion for grasping and never abandoning us. Jodo Shinshu is not about being judgmental of other's action but we are receiving the eyes to see ourselves from outside of ourselves. I am sure that we will face a lot of social issues in this modern society, but any actions we choose to take, always come back to self-reflection and gratitude for Amida's great compassion.

I am sure there are various opinions, but this is how I think about this question.

Gassho.



**Introduction to Basic Buddhism for the West and Beyond**

Fireside Chat Sessions with 20 Guest Lay Persons and Teachers

Photo by Don Fabber

<b>Description:</b>	This course is designed to provide the basics of Buddhism for those seeking a religious/spiritual foundation through the Dharma.
<b>Dates:</b>	10 sessions on the first Saturday of the month <b>September 7, 2024 - June 7, 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>5:00 - 6:30 pm</b> (Pacific Time)
<b>For Detailed Information:</b>	Please see click <a href="#">here</a>
<b>The Topics:</b>	<p><b>September 7:</b> <i>Three Kinds of Jewels.</i></p> <p><b>October 5:</b> <i>Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p><b>November 2:</b> <i>Life of the Buddha</i></p> <p><b>December 7:</b> <i>How Buddhism Spread Through Asia</i> <i>Brief History of Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p><b>January 4:</b> <i>Four Noble Truths: The Big Framework</i></p> <p><b>February 1:</b> <i>Karma and the Eightfold Noble Path: How to Act</i></p> <p><b>March 1:</b> <i>Four Marks of Life: How to See Life to Reduce Suffering</i></p> <p><b>April 5:</b> <i>Popular Passages, Metaphors, and Stories</i></p> <p><b>May 3:</b> <i>Issues and Problems in Daily Life</i></p> <p><b>June 7:</b> <i>Questions on Buddhism, Humor as Teaching, Epilogue, and Appendices</i></p>

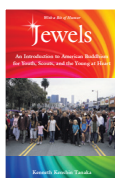
**Instructor and Moderator:** **Kenneth K. Tanaka**, Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo. Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley.

**Register for the Course:** Please apply [here](#)

**Donation:** Suggested amount \$50 - \$100. (In Japan, ¥6,000)

**Textbook:** Tanaka, Kenneth. *Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart*. BDK America, 2020. **Can be downloaded free of charge.** Please click [here](#)

**Contact email:** [shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com](mailto:shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**NCDC Joint BCA 125th Celebration**

October 13, 2024 8:30 AM  
Buddhist Church of Stockton

**KINTSUKUROI**

- Japanese art of repairing broken pottery using gold
- strength and beauty found in something that has been broken

**SACRAMENTO FILM SCREENING**  
1pm Saturday October 12  
Buddhist Church of Sacramento  
2401 Riverside Blvd

Doors open at noon for check in  
Q&A with CAST/CREW follows the film

SCAN FOR TICKETS

125 YEARS (1899-2024)  
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO

# Obon Festival 2024

**BY TERRIE MATSUMOTO**  
OBON CHAIRPERSON

Obon 2024 has come and gone! With over six months of planning and preparations, Obon 2024 came to fruition and turned out to be enjoyed by all despite another very hot day! By 8:30 p.m., there was a welcome breeze that joined us while we danced our Bon Odori dances! Thank you to all those who came out and made Obon 2024 a memorable event.

The new addition of our vegetarian dish, Teriyaki Tofu, was a big hit! Thank you to Joanne Devine and Patty Arakaki for all the months of taste testing, trial runs and for preparing and cooking the Teriyaki Tofu on Obon day! The Teriyaki Tofu box dinner will be back for Obon 2025!



A huge thank you to the Teriyaki Chicken Crew (The Grill Masters) for undertaking the job of purchasing, prepping, and making the Teriyaki Sauce. But most of all, for grilling the chicken in the hottest part of the day! Your dedication and perseverance is very much appreciated. A special thank you to Kevin Devine for all the trial runs in grilling the chicken and for providing his own gas grill as secondary unit. Much gratitude to:

- Darrell Naruto
- Ben Igawa
- Kevin Devine
- DJ Zutkovic
- Steve Arakaki
- Craig Nakagawa
- Scott Itamura
- Don Tsukimura
- Phil Nakamura

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all families and friends of the Marysville Buddhist Church for all your help and support. There are so many that helped make this year's Obon festivities possible. We had



- Scott Itamura
- Darrell Naruto
- Bob Tokunaga
- Phil Nakamura
- Kelsey Tokunaga
- Joanne Devine
- Colton Kenji Tokunaga
- Kevin Devine
- Janet Nakagawa
- Patty Arakaki
- Craig Nakagawa
- Steve Arakaki

**Obon Volunteers**

- Sarah Arakaki
- Nancy Nakagawa
- Russ Bates
- Suzanne Nakashima
- Brad Battley
- William Nakashima
- Jennifer Butler
- Dorothy Nishimatsu
- Rev. Tim Castle
- Phyllis Sasaki
- Sandy Castle
- Shirley Sasaki
- Tess Devne
- Wilson Tjhia
- Tony Dughi
- Callum Tokunaga-Devine
- Jim Edgman
- Dean Tokunaga
- Ben Igawa
- Howard Tokunaga
- Joanne Inouye
- Linda Tokunaga
- Len Lipnisky
- Mark Tokunaga
- Diane Keiko Makishima
- Carol Tsukimura
- Jean Matsui
- Don Tsukimura
- Gary Matsumoto
- Pat Uyemoto
- Samantha Matsumoto
- Adelle Wapple
- Marc McBee
- D. J. Zutkovic
- Greg Muramoto

over 60 people who came out and volunteered their time and energy. Whether you offered your time for six months of preparation or an hour here and there, every minute mattered and every minute was an important part of the success of this year's Obon.

**Obon Planning Committee Members**

- Kahn Kochi
- Irene Nabeta-Yee
- Lysa Kinoshita



### Obon Dance Instructors

Thank you to the Bon Dance Instructors who conducted 5 dance practice sessions which were well attended and enjoyed by all.



(Left to Right): Stephanie Yoshizuka, Kristen Wada, JoAnne Sparks, Pennie Bissell, Julie Hardy, Akemi Tomita, AJ Tomita.

### Obon Dance Dressing Room

Thank you to Yuko Hanson and Rumiko Kitayama for dressing the Bon dancers and weathering the AC outage in the JA CL Room.

I would also like to thank Kimiko Uemura for all her help in organizing the yukatas, happi coats, obis, ties, etc. that made it available to the dressers and dancers. Also, a huge thank you to Kimiko for cleaning up and putting all of the clothing away!! Your help and support is very much appreciated!

### Obon Donations

I would also like to extend our gratitude for the following donations that helped make this year's Obon a successful one. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated! Domo arigato!

### Monetary Donations

Steve & Patty Arakaki  
Mitzi Inoue Nakashima

Russ Bates  
Sara Nakashima  
Barbara Brennan  
Darrell Naruto  
Joanne & Kevin Devine  
Louise & Teresa Nishikawa  
Clayton Elderts  
Clem Zensho Ota  
Jim & Georgia Fujii  
Phyllis Sasaki  
Ray & Jane Fukui  
Sasaki Family  
Cliff & Pearl Fukumitsu  
Lydia Tabata  
Paul & Lois Kashiwase  
Karen Takeuchi  
Keith & Shirley Kato  
Keiju Terada  
Lysa Kinoshita  
Bob & Janis Tokunaga  
Cinda Low  
Dean Tokunaga  
Gary & Terrie Matsumoto  
Howard Tokunaga  
Tokiko Matsumura  
Mark & Linda Tokunaga  
Julia S. Mullican  
Carol & Don Tsukimura  
Robert & Lynne Myers  
Nora Kodama-Winkler  
Irene Nabeta-Yee  
Lorene & Wyman Wong  
Gary & Frances Nakamura  
Mitsuko Yokotobi  
Kurtis & Judith Nakamura

### Non-Monetary Donations

Yoshimura Family - Rice  
Marc McBee, Len Lipnisky, Dorothy Nishimatsu - Shoyu, Bottled Water  
Darrell Naruto - Ice cream cups  
Lysa Kinoshita - Milano Cookies  
& Bauducco Wafer Cookies

Steve & Patty Arakaki - 3-Compartment Food Containers with Lids  
Bob Tokunaga - Sapporo Beer  
Kahn Kochi - Izze Sparkling Juice  
SaveMart - Bottled Water  
Marukai - Half-price Tofu  
Rev. Tim & Sandy Castle - Diet Coke, Coke  
Terrie Matsumoto - Momotaro Peachy Treat Bags

### Obon Dance Practice Refreshments Donations

Pennie Bissell, AJ Tomita, Akemi Tomita, Julie Hardy, Kristen Wada, and JoAnne Sparks all donated various chips, Cheetos, Chikaboom, pastries, crackers, watermelon, Rice Krispie Treats, water and punch.  
Kahn Kochi - Cookies  
Adelle Wapple - Strawberries  
Neil & Stephanie Yoshizuka - Cookies  
Terrie Matsumoto - Hello Panda Chocolate  
MBC Board - Ice

### Refreshments, Morning Treats and Lunches for Volunteers

MBC Board - Pizza, make your own sandwiches, chips, drinks, donuts, breakfast pastries, Buta Dofu ingredients, fried rice ingredients, shoyu hotdog ingredients, chocolates, & senbei.

Phil Nakamura - Donuts  
Suzanne Nakashima - Plums  
Kahn Kochi - Cookies  
Phil Nakamura - Donuts  
Adelle Wapple - Peaches  
Nancy Nakagawa - Finger Jello, variety of sliced loaf breads

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### Obon Festival

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- Janet Nakagawa - Dinner Plates
- Dragon Inn Gift Certificate
- China Moon Gift Card
- Edible Memories Gift Certificate

#### Snow Cone Booth

Thank you ,to the Olliyuma Service Unit Girl Scouts of the Yuba-Sutter area for manning the Snow Cone Booth once again for this year’s Obon. Under the direction of their leader, Carrie Hoag, the members of the troop managed to sell snow cones, soft drinks, Izze Sparkling Juice, and water to those who were in attendance at this year’s Obon. Your services were very much appreciated!

#### Entertainment

I would also like to say thank you to the Koyasan Spirit of Children’s Taiko for their energetic and exciting taiko performance! Having a couple of their members play along as we danced, also added a special touch to the Bon Odori dances! We also enjoyed your joining us in our Bon Odori dance circle, too! So much fun! Thank you for joining us once again for this year’s Obon! We hope to see you again next year!



#### Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the 2024 Obon Festival Raffle Ticket Winners!

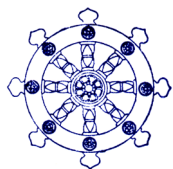
- 1st Prize - \$500 VISA Gift Card - Gary Shimizu
- 2nd Prize - \$250 VISA Gift Card - Kandace Chinn
- 3rd Prize - \$100 VISA Gift Card - Lysa Kinoshita

A huge thank you to all those who participated in this year’s Obon Festival Raffle. All proceeds went to the MBC General Fund. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated!

**Once again, thank you for all your help and support and participation in this year’s Obon! See you all again at next year’s 2025 Obon!**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

REMINDER: 2024 Membership dues are now due. The MBC Membership form is attached to this Newsletter. Please completely fill out the form and submit the membership form and payment to MBC (address is listed on the form).. Thank you to all those who have paid their dues thus far! Your continued support of our temple is greatly appreciated!



### Join us for Sept. Services

September Shotsuki Hoyo  
Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Rev. Yuki Sugahara

All are welcome to attend!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
October 4-6, 2024  
**47th FBWA Conference**  
San Jose Doubletree Hotel

**ICHI GO ICHI E**  
Each Precious Moment, A Precious Treasure

Hosted by Coast District  
Buddhist Women’s League



## Nancy Komatsubara Obituary

Nancy Hisaye Komatsubara passed on June 30, 2024, at the Methodist Hospital of Sacramento, CA, following her fractured femur surgery.

Nancy was born on November 5, 1927, to the parents of Kunisuke and Shizuno Kawamoto.

Preceded her in death was her husband, Shigeru Komatsubara; and her three brothers, Kunio, Dick, and Tom Kawamoto. Nancy married Shigeru on October 28, 1951.

She is survived by her children, Susan Gin (husband Frank), Kenneth Komatsubara (wife Erin), and Stacy Hayano (husband Sam); she has three grandchildren, Derrick Gin (wife Stella), Brian Hayano, and Lauren Hayano; her three great-grandchildren, Brandon Gin, Rachel Gin, and Jaden Oh. All her grand and great-grandchildren loved and adored her.

Nancy worked for Valley Truck and Tractor for a few years and then worked at Beeler Ford Tractor until she retired in 1989. Nancy was an active member of the Marysville Buddhist Church and the Fujin-kai for many years.

She also loved to golf and was proud of her “hole in one”. She also enjoyed gambling, trips, and spending time with her family.

We will miss you, Mom. You deserve this rest and peace. Nancy requested a private family service.

## Yokohari Scholarship 2024 Recipients

This year we awarded two Yokohari Scholarships to Kenji Monson and Seiji Monson. Kenji and Seiji are the twin sons of Kim Hatamiya Monson and her husband Erik Monson. They are also the grandsons of long-time church members, George and Kashiwa Hatamiya. The scholarship awards were presented to Seiji and Kenji at the Hatsu-bon Obon Service that was held on Saturday, July 20, 2025. Kenji and Seiji were each awarded \$1,500 from the Marysville Buddhist Church Yokohari Scholarship presented by Bob Tokunaga as well as \$1,000 from the Marysville JACL presented by Ron Yoshimura.

Seiji excels in volleyball. He is a Division 1 All-Star in volleyball in 2024, and was team captain and tournament MVP for his high school team. He held leadership positions on his teams and in his Boy Scout troop. Seiji was accepted into the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he intends to study



Photo of Bob Tokunaga and Ron Yoshimura awarding scholarships to the two was courtesy of Callum Tokunaga-Devine.

Economics and its role in modern society.

Kenji ran track and field for his high school, running the individual 800 meters and cross country, earning an outstanding achievement award in cross country for 2021-2022. He held leadership positions for

his Boy Scout troop. He also sat as first chair trumpet player for his 9th grade jazz ensemble. From an early age, Kenji had a love of animals of all kinds. At 8 years old, he decided that animal care or veterinary practice would be his career path. Fixed on



Family photo with Seiji, Kenji, George and Kashiwa was courtesy of Richard Arent.

this goal, Kenji devoted his time to interning at the Westside Pet Clinic and supporting the Wags & Walks Adoption Center, caring for and prepping rescue dogs for adoption. Kenji was accepted to the Animal Sciences program at Cal State San Luis Obispo. Upon graduating Cal Poly, he hopes to follow his grandfather's George Hatamiya's footsteps and attend UC Davis for its prestigious veterinary school.

Congratulations to Seiji and Kenji on your most deserved scholarship awards! We wish you the very best in your future endeavors!

## Placer Buddhist Church Food Bazaar

Teriyaki Chicken, chow mein, tempura, spam musubi, beef sandwiches, somen noodles, sweet shop, shave ice, cold beer & sake.



Annual festival to celebrate our food

### September 28 & 29

11 AM - 3 PM  
(No early sales)

3192 Boyington Rd, Penryn CA 95663  
Sorry, no pets allowed.

01 SEPTEMBER, 2024

## BCA 125th CELEBRATION

COMMEMORATION SERVICE @ 10:00AM

Celebrating BCA's 125th Anniversary, 800 years of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching, and 850 years since Shinran Shonin's birth. The service will be televised from the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

TELETHON @ 11:30AM

a special online 125th anniversary Telethon featuring BCA temples, ministers, and talents. Deepen your love of sangha!

Join us online @

[YouTube.com/@BuddhistChurchesofAmerica/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@BuddhistChurchesofAmerica/streams)



# SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

The September monthly memorial service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Rev. Yuki Sugahara.

### Deceased & Relationship

Rito Shingu  
 Kimiko Hatamiya (Sis)  
 Jingoro Yamamoto (GGF)  
 Hisataro Kitagawa (GF)  
 Saji Yamamoto (GGA)  
 Shingo Naruto (F)  
 Saburo Sasaki (GF)  
 Emi Hirota  
 Mosaku Tsukimura (GGF)  
 Usaichi Shimamoto (F)  
 Wasa Nakao (GGM)  
 Yukino Kajikawa (GA)  
 Frank S. Nakao (F)  
 Kazuo Takeshita (BIL)  
 Toshino Sasaki (GM)  
 Hiroichi Tanimoto (GF)  
 Hideso Fukui (F)  
 Chojiro Uchida  
 Mantoku Nakashima (F)  
 Yoshifusa Ouye (F)  
 Sumito Nabeta  
 Eizaburo Nishikawa  
 Tamoki Tokunaga  
 Takeshi Kawada  
 Esuko Tokunaga (M)  
  
 Chiyoza Kanagaki  
 Mizuyo Kawasaki  
 Kenjiro Yoshikawa

### Sesshu Family

Shingu Family  
 Roy Hatamiya  
 Allen H. Sasaki  
 Richard Kitagawa  
 Allen H. Sasaki  
 Soapy Naruto  
 Gladys Sasaki  
 Herota Family  
 Don Tsukimura  
 Shig Shimamoto  
 David Nakao  
 David Nakao  
 David Nakao  
 Jim Tanimoto  
 Allen H. Sasaki  
 Betty Tanimoto  
 Ray Fukui  
 Uchida Family  
 Louise Nishikawa  
 Jim Fujii  
 Nabeta Family  
 Nishikawa Family  
 Tokunaga Family  
 Kawada Family  
 Don Tokunaga  
 & Patty Arakaki  
 Kanagaki Family  
 Tanisaki Family  
 Yoshikawa Family

Sakuye Kinoshita (GF)  
 Toraki Takeshita (FIL)  
 George Nakata (H)  
 Hatsume Nishijima (M)  
 Dean Zensen Ota (B)  
 Shiro Hatamiya (GF)  
 Shizu Yoshimura (GM)  
 Naoichi Okidoi (GF)  
 Toshio Tsukimura (F)  
 Takino Marumoto  
 Akiji Yoshimura (H)  
 Ichiro Tanaka (F)  
 Jimmy Iwamura  
 Kasumu Ota (U)  
 Sumiko Furuta  
 Tetsuji Ted Tokuno (F)  
 William S. Nishikawa (H)  
 Natsuko Matsumoto  
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## SAVE THE DATE:

**NCDC Joint BCA 125th Anniversary  
 Celebration and Late Bishops'  
 Memorial Eitaikyo Service  
 Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024**

The NCDC Joint BCA 125th Anniversary Celebration and Late Bishops' Memorial Eitaikyo Service, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at the Buddhist Church of Stockton. This is considered to be a very special once in a lifetime event that is sponsored by the NC Ministers, the NC District Council, and the Buddhist Church of Stockton.

This special day will begin with a Continental Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a special Keishiki ceremony. The Keishiki is for those who wish to receive their Buddhist name.

Following the Keishiki ceremony, the Late Bishops' Memorial Eitaikyo Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by Lunch and Entertainment.

If you are interested in attending this special celebration day, please contact Terrie Matsumoto by email: matsgt@yahoo.com or by phone: 916-479-1999. Please leave your full name and phone number or email address and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Further details will be sent either by email or phone call once you have indicated a desire to attend. I will keep you updated as to any developments regarding this special day.

## Reminder: Alarm System

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**SEPT. 28, 2024, SAT**

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Pond & Garden: Thank you to Scott Itamura & Jim Edgman for garden cleanup.

Organist: Thank you to Pat Uyemoto for playing the organ at the June Eshinni-Kakushinni Service, July Shotsuki Service & the Hatsubon Obon Service.

Service Chairperson: Thank you to Kahn Kochi for chairing the May 19th Family Dharma Service and Terrie Matsumoto for chairing the June 2nd Shotsuki Service and for reading the June Shotsuki names.

Refreshments: Thank you to the following people who brought items for refreshments for the June 16th Service.

- Kahn Kochi - Somen Dashi & Toppings & Matcha Cream Puffs.
  - Terrie Matsumoto - Somen & Soba Noodles.
  - Nancy Nakagawa - Cookies
  - Suzanne Nakashima - Cream Puffs
  - Carol Tsukimura - Asian Chicken Salad
  - Gini Yoshimura - Lemon Bars
  - Marc McBee, Len Lipnisky, Dorothy Nishimatsu - Peanut Butter Mochi
  - Rev. Bob & Rev. Patti - Apple Strudel
- Refreshments for the July 7th Service:
- Kahn Kochi - Butadofu (Pork Tofu), Rice, Peach Cobbler
  - Terrie Matsumoto - Tofu, Ginger, Green Onion, Cucumber Tsukemono
  - Dorothy Nishimatsu - Madeleine Cookies
  - Pat Uyemoto - Blueberry Pie

### CD/Cassette Player w/ Remote & Other Adapters for Projector & Laptop:

- Thank you Scott Itamura for your generous donation of the above electronics!

### Newsletter Crew

Thank you to Brad Battley for printing the July/August Newsletter and envelopes and for delivering the Newsletter to the Post Office.

Thank you to the following people for folding, taping, labeling, and sorting the July/August Newsletter. Thank you to this group for also preparing the Obon Raffle Tickets for mailing. Your help was very much appreciated. We were able to get the Newsletter and Raffle Tickets done at the same time!

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# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Service – Church Closed – Labor Day Holiday	Labor Day Holiday	JACL Board Meeting 2 p.m.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Higan-E Service & September Shotsuki Hoyo 1 p.m. MBC Board Mtg 10:30 a.m.						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Newsletter Crew 10:00 a.m.				Placer Buddhist Church Bazaar 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
29	30					
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## OCTOBER 2024

October 6 – No Service – Church closed.

October 13 – NCDC Joint BCA 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration & Late Bishops' Memorial Eitaijyo Service, Stockton Buddhist Church, 10:00 a.m.

October 20 – Eitaijyo (Perpetual Memorial Service) & October Shotsuki Hoyo 1 p.m. Rev. Yuki Sugahara  
MBC Board Meeting 10:30 a.m.



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