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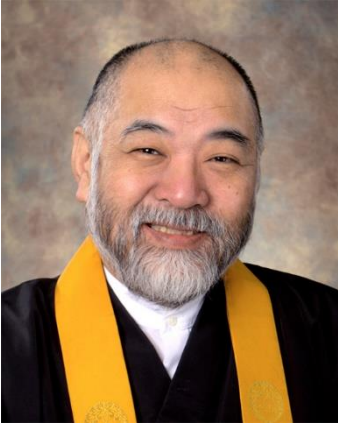
JANUARY

1 (Tues)	8:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Service
3 (Thurs)	6:30 p.m.	Golf Club Board Meeting @ Vino Grill & Spirits
14 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Ikebana Class
15 (Tues)	7:00 p.m.	Food Bazaar Meeting
20 (Sun)	10:00 a.m.	Hoonko and Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service
20 (Sun)	12:00 p.m.	General Meeting
27 (Sun)	9:30 a.m.	Family Service and Dharma School
28 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Ikebana Class

FEBRUARY

3 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. CC Super Bowl Combined Service

Meaning and Significance of New Year's Day



We observe New Year's Day Service "Shusho-e (observe-New Year-gathering)" on January 1st. The New Year's celebration is the most important annual event in Japan's society and usually lasts for seven days in all the temples throughout Japan. Homes are cleaned and debts must be paid before the New Year. "O-Shogatsu" or New Year's customs exceedingly vary from prefecture to prefecture but the foods and decorations all have to do with symbols of long life, happiness, luck, prosperity and fertility.

What is the happiest and luckiest fact for Buddha-dharma followers? It's supposed to be our lives, knowing the truth-reality of the Universe (Buddha-dharma) and with living in no Shinpai (worry).

There are three seals of Buddha-dharma;

- Anitya** - Everything in this Universe is in changing moment by moment.
 - All existence in this universe could never be controlled, as an attribute.
- Anâtma** - Everything in this Universe has no entity. Nothing could exist by itself.
 - All existence in this universe is originated inter-dependently, as an attribute.
- Nivâna** - Buddhahood is the total relaxation
 - All existence in this universe is occurring moment by moment in the state of Void-ness as Dependent Origination, as an attribute.

Once people realizes those truth-realities, even in the unconscious level, their lifestyle turns positive and opportunistic. No fictitious matter could become an obstacle in our lives. We could change course of our lives freely at any time when we recognize that it may wrong or not appropriate. We don't care about prepossessions because nothing was decided prior to our birth. We are now creating our own lives moment by moment right here in Central California.

New Year's Day became a symbolic day for starting over a new life. Particularly, the New Year's Wish became important for the Buddha-dharma followers. Even in present Japan, millions visit temples or shrines on the very first day of the New Year, and report this year's wish to the Buddha or the Shinto gods.

If you were unfortunate in the last year, examine yourself and try to change your course of living. It is stupidity to attach what is already done for a long time.

If you were fortunate in the last year, advance your wish to the higher plain. There is no limit of human potentialities until someday we would reach the state for being able to establish the ultimate Wish-for-the-world as well as the Buddha.

Gassho.

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2018

- I. Welcome/Gassho: Meeting was call to order by Pres. Barton Ashida 7:10 p.m. Sensei Craig Honda open the meeting with Gassho.
Members in Attendance: Barton Ashida, Ron Yoshimoto, Sharon Asakawa, Maxine Yoshimoto, Craig Sakaguchi, Ken Hashimoto, Karen Mukai, Greg Mukai, Gary Mukai, Craig & Tayoko Honda.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Ron Yoshimoto gave treasure's report; Craig Honda moved to accept the treasure report, second by Sharon Asakawa. Motion carried. Motion for Year End gift "Osebo" for ministers \$600. Motion 1st by Craig Honda, 2nd Sharon Asakawa, & motion approved.
- III. November Minutes read. After Correction to November minutes Craig Sakaguchi 1st motion to accept the minutes, second Sharon Asakawa. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Audio System - Greg Mukai will schedule classes "How to operate the Audio system". Members volunteer to take class; Sharon A, Karen M, Ron Y, Gary M, Ken H, Craig H.
 - B. BCF 2019 Food Bazaar- Craig Sakaguchi reported Wallin Funeral Homes will provide Box Lunch & Raffle Tickets.
 - C. Mochitsuki - Dec 22, 2018, need ladies help by 7:00 a.m. Announcement was made in November White Path.
 - D. BCA Dues - 1st Gary Mukai motion to withhold BCA Dues to make statement regards to shortage of ministers. 2nd motion by Ron Y & motion carried.
 - E. Bank of America/Credit Card- BCF will soon have credit card capability.
 - F. 2019 BCF Board Members/General Meeting & installation of BCF & BWA officers following Hoonko Service on Sunday January 20th.
- V. New Business
 - A. BCA National Council Meeting- at Phoenix, Motion by Craig H to pay for the cost of Registration, 2nd by Craig S., Motion carried.
 - B. BCF Article of Incorporation - Need to locate it for BCF's Tax #.
 - C. CCDDC Representatives Update - N/A
 - D. White Path - From Jan 2019 Gary Mukai will volunteer to print out White Path for those who requests it.
 - E. 2019 Service Schedule: Hoonko Sun Jan 20, & making the Daifuku Mochi Sat Jan 19th.
 - F. 2019 Toban/Rigi's- Barton is working on a new list. Barton will appreciate any volunteer from respective districts.
 - G. Other: N/A

VI. Reports

- A. Jr. YBA: - N/A
- B. Dharma School: Jan 27, 2019
- C. BWA- New Officers: (Pres) Aiko Kamine, (Vice) Irene Hara, (Treasurer) Janice Yoshimoto, (Sect) Alice Fujikawa, (Social) Yoko Miyoshi & Janie Yuen, will be installed at Hoonko Service, Jan 20th
- D. Fishing Club – N/A
- E. Golf Club - Tournament, Jan 5th Blackhorse. May 19th Boundary Course Walnut Creek
- F. CCDC - Dec 20 meeting. Considering withholding Dues because lack of Minister, but depending on CCDC.
- G. V&P - Annual Super Bowl-Feb 3rd 2019, Location to be announced.
- H. CCMAC - Structure of National Board 47-48 is up for vote to reduce to 17 members. Increase meetings from 2 to 6 times a year & only one national meeting per year.
- I. BCA - See IV-D & V-A

VII Communications/Announcements; N/A

VIII Next Meeting - General Meeting Jan 20th Following Hoonko Service

IX. Acknowledgements/Gassho: Thank you for the refreshments to Maxine Y & Sharon

A. Meeting was adjourned

at 8:20

Submitted by Tayoko & Craig Honda

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

New Year's Day service will begin at 8:00 a.m. on January 1st.

HO-ONKO AND JANUARY SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Ho-onko and January Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, **January 20 at 10:00 a.m.** Reverend Kakei Nakagawa, Rinban, will officiate the service. Ho-onko, meaning a gathering to express our indebtedness and gratitude, is a memorial service for Shinran Shonin. Fowler Board and BWA officers will be installed during service.

DAIFUKU MOCHI COOKING FOR HO-ONKO

Daifuku Mochi cooking for the Ho-onko Service will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 9:00 a.m. All members are asked to come out and help. We need help from a few men for pounding.

The Shotsuki names in the month of January are:

Shitsu Yamamoto
Shika Sera
Sakuhei Nakayama
Yaichi Kikuta
Sadakichi Shimoda
Motoshiro Kurata
Tame Ii
Mitsuyo Sakohira
Shunsuke Uchiyama
Rika Okudo
Shizuye Morishige
Tane Hiyama
Hikoichi Hiyama
Otomatsu Ninomiya
Harue Nishina
Hatsuno Nishina
Becky Honda
Taka Taniguchi
Tamayo Nakamura
Yoshio Tokubo
Hideichi Yamane
Takeo Fujikawa
Otona Hagihara
Toyoso Kuramoto
Toshio Nakagawa
Frank Namito Masui
Hatuye Natori
Dick Iwamoto
Fred Akira Honda
George Miyake
Vernon Mayebo
Ichio Takeno
Dorothy Morita
Teri Uchiyama
Ayako Shimizu

BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND TOBAN

**JANUARY 2019
District I/II**

Riji:

Rick Miyasaki
Ken Hashimoto

Toban:

Marlene Miyasaki
Ken Hashimoto

GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Board meeting will be Sunday, January 20th following the Ho-onko and monthly shotsuki service. Please make every effort to attend this important annual meeting.

FOOD BAZAAR

I hope you have all received your tickets for our Food Bazaar. February 17, 2019, is the big day,

so sell, sell, sell those tickets! If you know of anyone that would like to be added to our ticket mailing list, please let us know and we can send them an order sheet. If you know of anyone that might want to make a donation to the raffle, please let us know because we have a letter for that. We can email a copy of the donation letter to you and add them to next year's list. We also have posters this year, so let us know if you would like to hand out posters and we will make sure you get some. Thank you for your help.
Karen Mukai

2019 FOOD BAZAAR

The next meeting will be January 15th at 7:00 pm. All chairpersons please bring the list of your committee members and work schedules.

February's newsletter will have the assignments and schedule for the Food Bazaar.

The Raffle Committee would greatly appreciate any prize donations.

FOOD BAZAAR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chairpersons: Craig Sakaguchi,

General Arrangements: Greg Mukai, Ken Ishimoto

Japanese Food: Sharon Asakawa, Tayoko Honda

Pastry: Marlene Miyasaki, Janie Yuen

BBQ Chicken: Gerald Nakayama, Mitch Kato

Namasu: Maxine Yoshimoto

Chow Mein: Tina Kato-Clairey, Barton Ashida

Chow Mein Cooking: Kimihiro Sera

Rice Committee: Ken Hashimoto, Ben Yosako, Lyndon Inouye

Beef Teriyaki: Aiko Kamine

Signs, Program: Joan Yamaguchi

Tickets: Gary Mukai

Raffle: Karen Mukai, **Purchasing:** Howard Hiyama,

Finance: Robert Nakamura, Tad Nakamura

Cashiers: Rich & June Shimoda, Sally Yemoto

Pots and Pan Washing
Craig Honda

BWA NEWS

Fowler BWA would like to thank the Nakahira Family their \$100 donation in memory of Mikiko Nakahira. Thank you to the following members for their Year End donation: May Mukai, for \$50, Irene Hara for \$100, Ann Yoshimura for \$100, and Alice Fujikawa for \$50. Thank you to Arlene and Gary Keithley for their Bonenkai donation of \$25.

Please save the date: Central California Buddhist Women's League 2019 Conference at the Fowler Buddhist Church on Sunday, March 24, 2019. District Rijis will call members to ask if they would like to attend.

Installation of the 2019 BWA cabinet will be held during Hoonko The next BWA meeting will be pm Saturday. January 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. .

SCHEDULING REMINDER

For scheduling of all church functions or services please contact Karen Mukai at 834-1178.

DECEMBER 2018 DONATIONS

Shotsuki

\$100.00 George Sugimoto
\$ 50.00 Ron & Maxine Yoshimoto
\$ 50.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley
\$ 25.00 Janice Yoshimoto
\$ 25.00 Berry Mayebo
\$ 25.00 May Mukai
\$ 25.00 Howard & Satomi Hiyama
\$ 25.00 Ken Hashimoto
\$ 25.00 Shig & Aiko Kamine
\$ 20.00 Shizue Sakoda
\$ 20.00 Betty Nakayama
\$ 20.00 Gary & Karen Mukai
\$ 20.00 Greg & Gay Mukai
\$ 20.00 Rich & June Shimoda
\$ 20.00 Barton Ashida
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Bodhi Day

\$ 30.00 Kimihiro & Hitomi Sera
\$ 25.00 Rick & Marlene Miyasaki
\$ 25.00 M/M Joe Hara
\$ 25.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley
\$ 20.00 Sharon Asakawa

Year End

\$500.00 Greg & Patricia Miyake
\$500.00 Ken & Kim Miyake
\$150.00 M/M Joe Hara
\$100.00 Revs. Bob & Patti Oshita
\$100.00 Ada Yamamoto
\$100.00 Ann Yoshimoto
\$ 25.00 Rodney Kikuta
\$ 25.00 Carole Masumoto

In Memory of Toshio & Tomoko Kawamoto

\$200.00 Robert, Deana, & Emma
Hanashiro

In Memory of Howard Matsumura 1 Year Memorial

\$400.00 Eiko Matsumura
Vance & Kathy Uchiyama &
Family
Pat & Dayna Matsumura &
Family
Tim & Jean Matsumura &
Family

In Memory of Shirley Honda 1 Year Memorial

\$200.00 Earl Honda
\$100.00 Craig & Karen Inouye
Lorada Inouye
\$100.00 Wayne & Janis Sutow
Allison & Chris Meachum
Eric & Jenna Sutow
\$ 50.00 Mel & Donna Honda
\$ 50.00 Allen & Marilyn Muro
\$ 50.00 Tayoko & Craig Honda
\$ 40.00 Yoshiye Yamagiwa
\$ 40.00 Gordon & Susan Hayashi
\$ 40.00 M/M Jeff Kane
\$ 40.00 Sharon Yamagiwa
\$ 40.00 Brian Nagata
\$ 40.00 Stephen Fujii
\$ 40.00 Lynn & Mitchell Nakashima
\$ 25.00 Bob & Carolyn Okamoto
\$ 20.00 Donna Ebisuda

Special Donations

\$100.00 Calligraphy Class
\$ 50.00 Rev. Ken Fujimoto
\$ 40.00 R/M Sensho & Fumiye Inouye