

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FOWLER



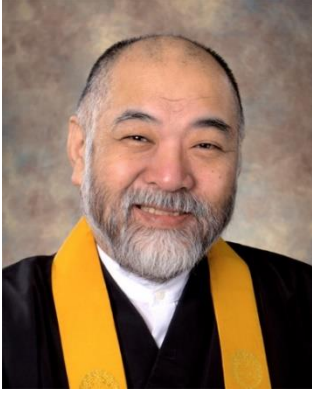
THE WHITE PATH

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MARCH 2019

MARCH

4 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	BEC Lecture w/ George Teraoka @ Fresno Dharma Center
5 (Tues)	7:00 p.m.	Golf Club Meeting
10 (Sun)	10:00 a.m.	Spring Ohigan & Monthly Shotsuki Service
11 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Ikebana Class
12 (Tues)	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
17 (Sun)	9:30 a.m.	Family Service & Dharma School
24 (Sun)	9:30 a.m.	CCBWA Conference @ Fowler BC
25 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Ikebana Class



In recent years, interest of Buddhism by the general American public has steadily increased. In the last few years, many questions and inquiries have become prominent.

The situation in Central California is of no exception.

There is one important thing I noticed. Despite the fact that the Central California Buddhist Sangha has a history of more than 100 years, we are not seen or understood by those of a different cultural background. It is surprising that some have misunderstood us to be as cult religion.

So I have a proposal. Why not show our face, show the way of life as a Buddhist, the goal of our life, etc., with a clear mission statement?

Below, is my draft of a Mission Statement. Please let me hear the valuable opinions of our dear followers of the Nenbutsu.

[Mission Statement]

VALUES

Wisdom, Compassion (Empathy & Embrace)
Freedom (Total Equality), Harmony (Non-Violence),
Respect (Gassho),

MISSION

*Central California Buddhist Sangha is a harmonious dharma community whose mission is to develop humanity [= kokoro (Jpn.), citta (Skt.) = Heart/Mind] to help realize a world of non-violence, whether physical, mental, social or cultural. We work together to foster the true Sangha, where any individual would never be impaired to realize their full potential.

GOAL

To transform lives from 'ego'-centered to 'sense-of-care'-oriented
To make aware of the reason why "I am here now"

* Replaceable with the name of each chapter

Buddhist Church of Fowler
Board Meeting
February 12, 2019

I. Meeting was called to order by Board President, Barton Ashida at 7:05 p.m. Gassho was lead by Karen Mukai.

Members in attendance: Barton Ashida, Sharon Asakawa, Janie Yuen, Hitomi Sera, Aiko Kamine, Ken Hashimoto, Howard Hiyama, Karen Mukai, Craig Sakaguchi, Ron Yoshimoto, Kimihiro Sera, Tina Kato-Clairey, Tayoko Honda, Joan Yamaguchi

II. Treasurer's Report. Ron Yoshimoto reported on January cash inflows and outflows. 2019 dues are being paid. M/S/P

III. Minutes: January General Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Spelling corrections noted. M/S/P

IV. Old Business

- A. Food Bazaar. On schedule
- B. Website Update. White Path is being posted on BCF website. Website was designed by Chris Mukai. Website is very professional; everyone is encouraged to explore the entire website. Karen and Joan will discuss remuneration.
- C. BCA Dues Update. CC temples are withholding 2019 dues.
- D. BCA National Council Meeting. Barton, Karen and Gary will attend the meeting. M/S/P to reimburse registration, travel and hotel expenses.
- E. Kudo Family Donation. Craig Honda will have plaque made and hung in entry area. Remainder of donation will be put into the Building Fund.
- f. Reverend Carol Himaka. Donation to assist with medical expenses was sent.

v. New Business

- A. BWA Social Hall Curtains. Thank you to Yoko Miyoshi for sewing new curtains for all the windows in the Social Hall. The fabric was donated by Aiko Kamine.
- B. Church Locksmith Project. Tabled for March meeting
- C. BCF 2019 Church Dues Letter. Letters were sent and dues are being paid.
- D. Tsuchiya Family Visit. Letter from Brian Nagata requesting BCF host a dinner and service for descendents of the Tsuchiya family on March 8,9,10. Kenny, Tina and Kevin will plan the dinner. Rijiis will contact members after plans are made.
- E. New Members: Welcome our newest members: Tina Kato-Clairey and Rodger Takeda

VI. Reports

- A. Jr. YBA. No report
- B. Dharma School. No report
- C. BWA. CCBWL Conference in Fowler March 24.
- D. Fishing Club. No report
- E. Golf Club. Completed the first half of the Spring tournament. Annual Fellowship Tournament is April 20 in Dinuba with dinner served following the tournament at the church.
- F. CCDC. The group is meeting 2/12 with Bishop Umezu to discuss CC issues.
- G. V & P. No report
- H. BCA. Summary attached

VII. Communications/Announcements

Mrs. Betty Mayebo passed away recently. Decision was made to dedicate the 2019 food bazaar to her because of her lifelong dedication to the BCF.

Mr. Sid Mukai passed away recently. Sid was involved with many construction projects for the BCF.

VIII. Next Meeting. Tuesday March 12,2019 at 7:0 p.m.

IX. Acknowledgements/Gassho

Thank you to District III, Janie Yuen, Hitomi Sera, Aiko Kamine

SPRING OHIGAN AND MONTHLY SHOTSUKI SERVICE

Observance of Spring Ohigan and the Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service will be on March 10th at 10:00 a.m. Reverend Midori Nakagawa will officiate the service.

The Shotsuki names for the month of March are:

Mitsujiro Yoshimoto
Wakichi Shimizu
Rose Nakamura
William Tadashi Kondo
Hana Yoshimoto
Shikuichi Ii
Masayoshi Teraoka
Toyomo Teraoka
Kazuo Namba
Seinosuke Nakamura
Kayo Kikuta
Toyoso Kuramoto
Ai Kataoka
Yoshiko Miyake
Kiyono Mukai
Moto Kamine
Ayano Hirabayashi
Shigeiko Yoshida
Hiroshi Asakawa
Ann Kawaguchi
Miyeko Kamikawa
Florence Sadako Shimada
Yoshio Ideta

CHURCH TOBAN FOR MARCH

District IV

Board of Governors
Craig Honda
Sharon Asakawa

Toban
Tayoko Honda
Maxine Yoshimoto

MARCH BOARD MEETING

The March Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.

FOOD BAZAAR

To all the members and friends of the Buddhist Church of Fowler.

The 2019 food bazaar has been completed and because of you, it was a complete success. We would also like to thank all the committee members for their hard work and dedication in this endeavor.

Though we may walk a little bit slower, your faith and dedication are large footsteps to follow. We also appreciate the help from the Sansei baseball team for their assistance in the past and continued help in the future.

In Gassho,
Barton Ashida and Craig
Sakaguchi,
Co-chairpersons

BWA NEWS

The Central California Buddhist Women's League Conference will be held on March 24 (Sunday) hosted by the Fowler BWA. We need help from all members to have a successful conference.

Please pay the 2019 dues (\$15) to Janice Yoshimoto.

The World BWA Conference will be held in San Francisco from Friday, August 30 until Sunday, September 1 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. For more information, please contact your Riji.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FOOD BAZAAR DONORS

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Richard M. Caglia
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Gerald & Cheri Nakayama
Craig & Tayoko Honda
Richard & June Shimoda
Shig & Aiko Kamine
Ken Hashimoto
Barton & Sharon Ashida
Tina Kato-Clarey
Joan Yamaguchi

February 2019 Donations

Bodhi Day

\$ 25.00 Arthur & Alice Fujikawa

Hoonko Service

\$ 25.00 Joe & Irene Hara

Shotsuki

\$ 50.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley

\$ 50.00 Sally Yemoto

\$ 30.00 Ron & Maxine Yoshimoto

\$ 25.00 Rick & Marlene Miyasaki

\$ 25.00 Wayne & Janis Sutow

\$ 20.00 Allan & Esther Nakagawa

\$ 20.00 Jan Yoshimoto

\$ 20.00 Tak & Amy Tsuda

\$ 20.00 Ms. Yoshiye Ii

Nirvana Day

\$ 25.00 Rick & Marlene Miyasa

\$ 25.00 Gary & Arlene Keithley

\$ 20.00 Sharon Asakawa

Special Donations

\$5,000.00 Bryan & Aileen Cook

\$ 200.00 Central Cal District

Council Use of the Church

\$ 50.00 Rev. Kurt Rye



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PRESENTS

MISORA HIBARI

A Tribute to a Legend

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 2 p.m.
Fresno Buddhist Temple Dharma Center
2690 E. Alluvial Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720

*Join us for a fond look back at the life and career of
legendary singer, actress and entertainer Misora Hibari.*

Featuring "Hibari-chan's" greatest hits such as "Tokyo Kid," "Yawara" and "Kawa no Nagare no Youni," our show will not only celebrate her amazing talent, but will also pay tribute to how she provided so much joy, strength and encouragement to Japanese and Japanese Americans as they rebuilt their lives after WWII. For this, and so much more, we will honor and gratefully remember the late, great Misora Hibari.



Featuring Fresno-native **Merv Maruyama!**

\$30.00 General Admission (Includes light lunch served from Noon to 1:30 p.m. followed by show at 2 p.m.)
For reservations and to charge by phone, call the Fresno Buddhist Temple at **559/442-4054**
Tickets may also be purchased from Lee Osaki or Ruth Yoneda.

www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org



PANCAKE

Breakfast

Please Join us...

Sunday, March 10, 2019

from 7:30 am-9:30 am

at the Fresno Dharma Center

Tickets \$8.00



SERVING: PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE, COFFEE AND JUICE

Fundraiser for CC Jr. YBA

Tickets available in advance from any

CC Jr. YBA member or at the door

Contact: Laura (559) 994-6625 or

Lisa (559) 301-2333

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MARCH 16, 2019
Saturday, 10am - 3pm

Family Dharma Center
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93720
(between Willow / Chestnut)

559.442.4054



SPRING OHIGAN LECTURE
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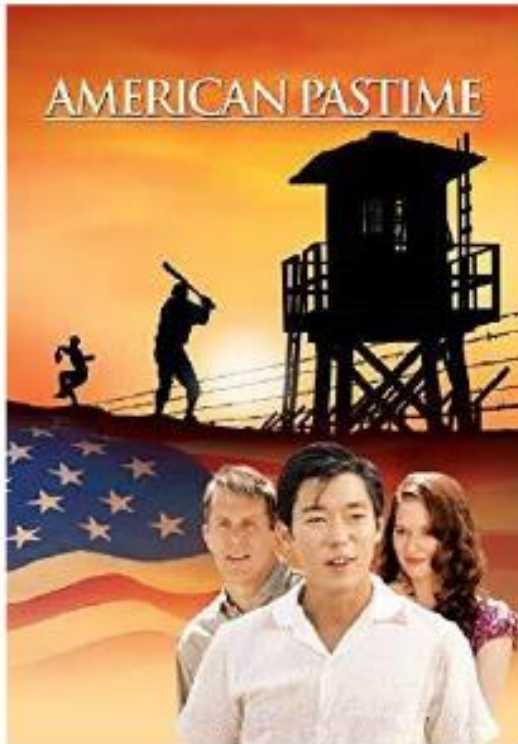
REV. KURT RYE

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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2690 E. ALLUVIAL AVENUE, FRESNO

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UPLIFT YOUR LIFE.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT PAULA KANAGAWA AT PSK8977@HOTMAIL.COM**



Thursday, March 21st, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Fresno Center for Nonviolence
1584 N. Van Ness Ave., Fresno, CA 93728
(SE corner Van Ness and McKinley)**

"American Pastime" is a 2007 film set in the Topaz War Relocation Center, a Utah prison camp which held thousands of people during the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. While the film is a dramatic narrative, it is based on true events and depicts life inside the incarceration camps, where baseball was one of the major diversions from the reality of the internees' lives.

It won the 'audience favorite' in 2007 at the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival. The discussant at both showings will be Kerry Yo Nakagawa who was part of the film as a producer, actor, behind the scenes filmmaker, author and historian.

Free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

108 minutes.

For more information you can call the Center at 559-237-3223
Mon-Fri 11-3.



Dinner Under the Stars

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

6:00 PM

REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH HALL

\$50 PER PERSON

DINNER FEATURES

Teriyaki Rib-Eye Steak

APPETIZERS, SALAD, PILAF, GARLIC

GREEN BEANS, ROLLS, & DESSERT BAR

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY LOCAL TALENT

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