

# BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FOWLER



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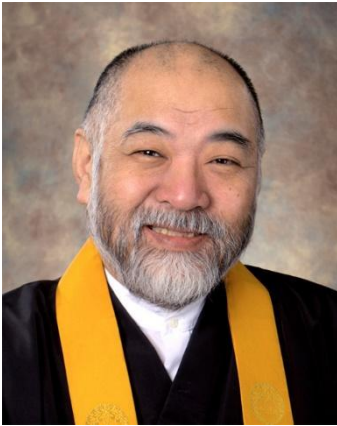
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### JULY

1 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Obon Practice
2 (Tues)	6:00 p.m.	Dinner Meeting
8 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Golf Club Meeting
11 (Thurs)	7:00 p.m.	Obon Practice
9 (Tues)	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
14 (Sun)	7:00 a.m.	General Church Clean Up
20 (Sat)	7:00 a.m.	Yagura Set up and Prep for Obon
	4:00 p.m.	Food Booths Open
	8:00 p.m.	Obon Dancing Begins
21 (Sun)	2:00 p.m.	Obon, Hatsubon & Monthly Shotsuki Service

## “ Ichi-Go Ichi-Ye 一期一会 ” – Attitude for the listening in Sangha



1. Listen as if you are hearing it for the first time.
2. Listen as if the message is for you alone.
3. Listen as if this is the last time in your life that you will hear it.

"O-Bon"... the term we that hear often, should be familiar with, and should give us great inspiration; and it is a state in which we, deep in our minds, all wish to be happy-ended.

Most of you have listened to the story of the great disciple Mokuren (Maudgalyana), the story of great filial piety, as the origin of O-Bon.

When I was in Japan, one member advised me, "Sensei, every year at O-Bon time, we hear the story of Mokuren, the son of filial piety. We all know that story very well. Would you please tell us a different story this year?" After I heard his comment, I felt that there is a serious difference between knowing and understanding so I responded, "I'm very anxious that you really understand what Mokuren had experienced, and how the Buddha led Mokuren to realize the truth-reality of life. This is not just a story of filial piety but a story of true and real happiness of life. I suppose you shall have to listen this story again and again at O-Bon time, until you have that "aha" moment."

So, I think that you will all hear the same O-Bon story at your respective valley temples during this O-Bon season, too. I hope that you will be reminded of the three steps to true listening:

Step one: Enjoy the story as it is.

Step two: Realize the intention of the speaker.

Step three: Become aware that the story of Mokuren is not remote from you, but about you.

All Dharma stories are the result of the best suitable expression of teaching for the target person by the Buddha.

# BUDDHIST CHURCH OF FOWLER

## Monthly Board Meeting

June 11, 2019

**Members present:** Cherie Nakayama, Gary Keithley, Arlene Keithley, Joan Yamaguchi, Rick Miyasaki, Sharon Asakawa, Diane Eskelsen, Aiko Kamine, Gail Nakamura, Marlene Miyasaki, Ken Hashimoto, Gerald Nakayama.

**Welcome/Gassho:** President Barton Ashida called meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Gassho by Aiko Kamine.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pres. Ashida gave summary of report on behalf of Treasurer Ron Yoshimoto. Current balance: \$25,282.59. Still owe BCA dues of \$5205.05. Net balance \$29,077.54. Finances Good. Motion to accept 1st: Arlene Keithley; 2nd Sharon Asakawa.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from last meeting of 5-14-19. Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Miyasaki and 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Yamaguchi.

### Old Business:

#### Obon:

**Fujinkai:** sushi and simple bento. **Golf:** somen, corn dogs, beer and sake. **Jr. YBA:** not participating. **Fishing Club:** children's games. **Dharma School:** Spam musubi, soda and water.

A comment that Nikkei Center may have clam strips and sweet potato fries. Discussion about who may want to sell shaved ice.

This year's Obon will begin earlier than previous years and will be 4:00.

Obon practices will be taught by Lindsay and Lesley Guerra and will begin on Tuesday, June 18. Other practices are June 25, July 1, and July 11.

General clean-up scheduled for Sunday, July 14 at 7 A.M.

Yagura set-up July 20, 7 A.M. Help was requested for these.

**Ministers Update:** New minister, Reverend Kaz Nakata for the Central Valley. Scheduled to begin August 1. He has been a minister for 16 years.

**Mail Delivery Issues:** Still working on resolving. Any correspondence should remain addressed to the P.O. Box.

**CCDSTL:** Central California Dharma School Teachers League offered to pay for something that church needs, then rescinded because the Dharma School will cease to exist for the time being. First aid kits were kindly donated by Arlene Keithley. The Keithleys were thanked and told that this was much appreciated.

**New Business:**

Discussion regarding arrival of new minister and when to pay the BCA dues. A suggestion made to withhold the payment until further consideration. Motion by Gerald Nakayama to pay dues at a future date. 2nd by Arlene Keithley.

Building fund still stands at \$4431.00.

**AED:** A defibrillator (emergency device made to shock heart into normal rhythm) was discussed, will not be purchasing at this time.

**2020 Schedule:** No discussion.

**Security Concerns:** At all times should consider locking the front door after everyone expected has arrived for security reasons. Possibility to invite police chief of Fowler to a board meeting to discuss and demonstrate recommended security measures.

**Reports:**

**Jr. YBA:** No report

**Dharma School:** No reports.

**BWA:** June 22 meeting to discuss food for Obon.

**Fishing Club:** No reports

**Golf Club:** Many dates and destinations. Cherie Nakayama: On July 25 a Grizzly Den Suite \$65/person includes hamburgers, hot dogs and merriment.

**CCDC:** Meeting next Thursday, Pres. Barton will be voting to withhold dues payment as per tonight's determination.

**V&P:** On Tuesday, May 28th a V&P sponsored event to feed residents at Terry's House was provided for about 25 people.

**CCMAC:** No report

**BCA:** Sent us some Gatha books to review.

**Adjourn & Closing Gassho:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Joan Yamaguchi did Closing Gassho

Thank you to Gail Nakamura and Aiko Kamine for refreshments.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Eskelsen

## **OBON HATSUBON MEMORIAL SERVICE COMBINED WITH JULY SHOTSUKI SERVICE**

The annual Obon Service will be on Sunday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. This service will combine the Hatsubon (first Obon) Service and the Shotsuki Memorial Service for the month of July. Reverend John Iwohara will be our guest speaker.

Obon is a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is to appreciate all that they have done for us and to recognize their continuing influence on our lives today.

The names of the Hatsubon members are:

Yoshio Ideta  
Mikiko Nakahira  
Betty Mayebo

The Shotsuki names for the month of July are:

Hiroshi T. Mayebo  
Torao Sera  
Noriyuki Arasuna

Sumiko Doi  
Kama Toyama  
Futayo Okamura  
Kazuo Otani  
Kuma Kato  
Kichiro Takemoto  
Yakichi Honda  
Sadao Onaka  
Sato Kurata  
Shizuko Tokubo  
Masami Matsuoka  
Dorothy Kanenaga  
Tom Mukai  
Setsuko Asakawa  
Masao Sakoda  
Kazu Wada  
Yumi Onaka  
Shizue Fujikawa  
Joe Yoshimura  
Mikiko Nakahira

## **CHURCH TOBAN FOR JULY**

### **District IV**

#### **Rijiis:**

Craig Honda  
Sharon Asakaw

#### **Toban:**

Arlene Keithley  
Janice Yoshimoto

## **GENERAL CHURCH CLEANUP**

All members please help with general church clean up on Sunday, July 14th at 7:00 a.m.

## **FOWLER OBON**

The Fowler Obon will be on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 pm. Dancing will begin at 8:00 pm.

In preparation for Fowler's Obon, set up will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 20th. All members are asked to come and help with set up and tear down. Food preparation can begin as soon as set up is completed. Dharma School and Jr YBA families are asked to help with set up also.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

## **ALL MEMBERS**

July 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m.

Yagura stage set up  
Decorate Yagura

## **ALL MEMBERS:**

Yagura stage take-down and clean up will take place immediately after the Obon activities.

## **OBON PRACTICES**

June 18 ,25

July 1,11

All practices will be at the Fowler Church at 7:00 p.m. Please bring kachi-kachi, round fan, folding fan and towel.

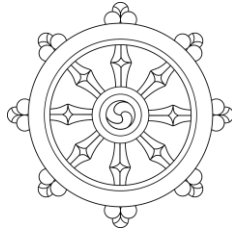
## **SCHEDULE OF LOCAL OBONS**

June 29	Visalia
July 6	Reedley
July 13	Fresno @ FDC
July 20	Fowler
July 27	Parlier

## **BWA NEWS**

BWA will sell an obento box sushi plate during the Fowler Obon on July 20. Food sales will begin at 4:00 p.m. District Rijis will call members with information on preparation times.

Fowler will send 10 members to the 16th World Buddhist Woman's Convention to be held in San Francisco on August 30 to September 1.



## **June 2019 Donations**

### **Shotsuki**

\$ 100.00 Ann Yoshimura  
\$ 50.00 Greg & Patti Miyake  
\$ 50.00 Ken & Kim Miyake  
\$ 50.00 Tina Kato-Clarey  
\$ 20.00 Betty Nakayama  
\$ 20.00 Tim Matsumura  
\$ 10.00 Jan Yoshimoto

### **Rennyō Shonin Memorial Service**

\$ 10.00 Jan Yoshimoto

### **In Memory of Seiichi & Sumiye Kageura**

\$ 450.00 Russell & Ted Kageura

### **Ikebana Show**

\$ 100.00 Gary & Karen Mukai  
\$ 100.00 Alex & Roberta Araki  
\$ 25.00 Rick & Marlene

### **Special Donation**

\$ 70.00 Ikebana Class  
April/May 2019

# Reedley Obon Festival

*Sat., July 6, 2019*

*Reedley Buddhist Church  
2035 15th Street - Reedley, CA  
(on the church grounds)*

*Food for Purchase - 5:00 PM*

*Vendors include: Yoshi's Restaurant, Sergio's Tacos & Churros, Lolo's shaved ice, BWA Somen, Jr. YBA Mochi Ice Cream, and more!*



*Dancing begins - 8:00 PM*

*Featuring Fresno Gumyo Taiko*

*Everyone is invited to dance!*

*Hatsubon/Obon Service -*

*July 7, 2019 - 10:00 AM*

*Questions? - go to [www.reedleybc.org](http://www.reedleybc.org) or  
email [reedleybc@gmail.com](mailto:reedleybc@gmail.com)*







*Fresno Buddhist Temple*

*74<sup>th</sup> Annual  
OBON*

*"Festival of Lanterns"*

*Saturday, July 13, 2019*

*Fresno Buddhist Dharma Center  
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno, CA 93720*



*2:00pm Food, Beverages, Beer & Dessert Booths open*

*4:00pm Carnival Games, Bake-Walks, Taiko Drumming*

*7:30pm BON Dance, Memorial Ceremony, Taiko Drumming*

*OBON Dance... Join in on the fun... No experience necessary*

*Honor a loved one with a personalized memorial lantern!*

*Raffle!*

*For details & more information:*

*(559) 442-4054*

*info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org*

*www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org*

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# OBON! OBON! IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!

July 20, 2019 @ 4:00 PM  
DANCING STARTS AT SUNSET

210 South 9th Street  
Fowler, CA 93625

BEER  
SAKE  
SHAVED ICE  
KIDS GAMES  
MINI GOLF  
FISH BOWL TOSS  
AND MORE!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
Barton (559) 284-2955  
Karen (559) 834-1178



Food Sales  
4:30pm-  
6:30pm

Shave Ice  
5:30pm

Obon Dancing  
8:00pm

*OBON PRACTICES AT 7PM*

6/17 - Mon    6/27 - Thur  
6/20 - Thurs    7/3 - Wed  
6/24 - Mon    7/9 - Tues

*Parlier*  
**Obon**

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

Chicken Bowls  
(\$10 pre-sale)

Contact Glenn  
Yoshimoto for tickets  
559-897-1811

**A la carte:**  
Somen, Spam Musubi,  
Desserts & more!

BUDDHIST CHURCH *of* PARLIER  
360 Newark Avenue, Parlier, CA 93648



# Central California

Buddhist Education Program

## Lectures, Classes, Discussions and Dharma Talks



2019 Schedule

### Central California District Council Buddhist Education

Sunday, June 30

10:00-11:30AM

Movie Showing

**'Let Me Eat Your Pancreas'**

Lunch will be served after movie

Buddhist Church of Parlier

360 Newmark Ave. Parlier, CA 93648

Ph. (559) 618-1528

Sunday, August 25

2:00PM

**Rev. Yufuko Kurioka**

From Berkeley Buddhist Temple

**The Art of the Japanese Tea Ceremony**

Reedley Buddhist Church

2035 15th Street Reedley, CA 93654

Phone: (559) 638-2146

Sunday, September 29

9:30AM- 1:00 PM

**Nembutsu Seminar**

Guests of Honor

**Saburo and Marion Masada**

Who will share their experience of  
Incarceration during WWII and its ramifications.

Buddhist Church of Fowler

210 S. 9th St.

Fowler, CA 93625

Ph. (559) 834-2077

Monday, October 21

7:00- 8:30PM

**Greg Mukai, CCMA**

Topic is

**Temple Food**

Short film and discussion on 'what is temple food?'

We will have a sampling of temple food  
after the presentation.

Buddhist Church of Fowler

210 S. 9th St.

Fowler, CA 93625

Ph. (559) 834-2077

## Ongoing Classes and Discussions

### Meditation for Everyday Life

Sunday mornings

8:45 -9:30AM

Rev. Kakei Nakagawa, Rinban

Fresno Betsuin Dharma Center

2690 E. Alluvial Ave.

Fresno, CA 93720

Ph. (559) 442-4054

### Buddhist Discussion

Second Wednesday of the month

7:00-8:30 PM

Led by Curtis Koga, MA

Buddhist Church of Parlier

360 Newmark Ave.

Parlier, CA 93648

Ph. (559) 618-1528

*Please visit [fresnobuddhisttemple.org](http://fresnobuddhisttemple.org)  
regularly for changes to meditation class  
schedule*

# Central California Nikkei Foundation

presents

## Bowling for Seniors A Family Fun-Raiser

Saturday, August 10, 2019  
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
Registration from 12:30 to 1:30

"The proceeds from this event will benefit the operations of Vintage  
✧ Gardens Assisted Living and the Nikkei Service Center" ✧

Freeway Lanes Bowling Center  
8265 E. Dinuba Avenue  
Selma, California 93662

Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon of bowling!  
\$25 per person / \$15 ages 10 & under (we will assign 6/lane)  
You may also purchase your own lane for up to 6 people for \$150

Includes:

2.5 hours of bowling / shoe rental / soda & slice of pizza  
Sign-ups for age appropriate competition  
50/50 Raffle & Regular Raffle Drawings

To sign up or for more info, call, text or email:

Henry Guerra @ (559) 355-2465      or      Carol Guerra @ (559) 355-2466  
[hguerra@prodigy.net](mailto:hguerra@prodigy.net)      [ckguerra@prodigy.net](mailto:ckguerra@prodigy.net)

You can sign up as a group or individually.  
We will assign 6 per lane, let us know if you want to be with friends & family!

**Deadline is July 27, 2019, so make sure to reserve your spot!**

# Happiness is ... yelling **BINGO!**

## Saturday, August 24, 2019

FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE - FAMILY DHARMA CENTER

FREE MOVIE 3pm • YAKISOBA DINNER 5:30pm • BINGO 6:30pm

**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
SEAT CUSHION!**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE  
MOVIE SNACKS TO SHARE!**

**WIN CASH & OTHER PRIZES  
PLUS... 50/50 RAFFLE**



Shinnojo, a skilled samurai, feels that his talents are being wasted. He has a boring job, as a taste tester for the emperor. But one day, he eats some bad shellfish, that blinds him. His life spirals downward from this point on. His pretty wife finds out that a high-level samurai is willing to help. But she then finds out that it comes at a price, since this samurai has ulterior motives. Enraged, Shinnojo must find a way to protect his honor, but how will he do it, now that he is blind?

Find out by watching this great movie!

*(This movie is rated PG and is suitable for "kids")*

**RESERVE YOUR LUCKY SEAT NOW!!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER & BINGO (BEST VALUE!) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BINGO ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE"  
MAIL PAYMENT WITH COMPLETED FORM TO: 2690 E. ALLUVIAL AVE., FRESNO CA 93720

YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE OFFICE (442-4054) OR EMAIL [losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org](mailto:losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org)  
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED WITH PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

ORDER DEADLINE IS AUGUST 18, 2019

