



Sunday, February 4, 2018
No service

Thursday, February 8, 2018
1:00 PM – Movie Day

Saturday, February 10, 2018
4:30 PM to 7:30 PM- LBC Spaghetti dinner
(4:00 PM to go orders)
(Japanese Community Hall)

Sunday, February 11, 2018
9:30 AM - Shotsuki

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
11:30 AM - Ochanomi Hoza
12:00 Noon – Shinyukai

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
7:00 PM - BCL Board Meeting, Annex

Thursday, February 15, 2018
1:00 PM- English Dharma Discussion

Friday, February 16, 2018
9:00 AM – Meinichiko
(Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial)
4:00 PM - Nihongo Gakkou

Sunday, February 18, 2018
9:30 AM - Nirvana Day & Dana Day Service

Monday, February 19, 2018
President's Day Holiday
Office closed

Sunday, February 25, 2018
9:30 AM – Family Sunday Service & Dharma
School

Buddhist Church of Lodi

Newsletter

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SPAGHETTI DINNER Buddhist Church of Lodi

Adults:	\$9	February 10 th , Saturday
Under 10:	\$5	4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Pre-School:	Free	Take Out – 4 pm

At the JAACL Hall
210 East Elm Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Tickets can be purchased at the office. Please call the office to ensure someone will be there.

Featured movie for Movie Day on February 8th is Departures おくりびと. The winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Departures is one of the rare movies that touches deep inside of us. You'd be surprised by its powerful cinematography and sophisticated sense of humor.

Refreshments will be served during intermission.

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Kisaragi-ki

Memorial Service of the late Lady Takeko Kujyo

Rev. Nobuo Miyaji, Lodi Buddhist Church

Kisaragi-ki memorial service of the late Lady Takeko Kujyo who is the founder of Women's Association in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism about over 100 years ago will be held on February 25, Sunday from 9:30 AM at hondo.

She returned to the Ojyodo, Buddha's Land on February 7 in 1928 at the age of 41 years old. Although her very harsh life, she had finished her life in happiness as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, especially a Buddhist woman. Through her life, we can be aware of our life with a faith of Amida Buddha's Compassions should be the happiest life. Her hard life started with the unhappy marriage with Sir. Yoshimune Kujyo. After their marriage, her husband did not come back from Europe for a long time. We can't tell the reason why he could not come back. For a young wife, it was very hard for her to wait for him so long alone. Especially she was raised up as a daughter of loyal family and did not experience such a kind of sufferings. We can see her annoyance on those days in reading her poetries of "Kinrei (golden bell)". On the other hand, she had a chance to ask herself what her life was. She tried to find the answer of the question so seriously. Finally, she was aware of Amida Buddha's Compassion and herself as a Bonbu (foolish being). The more she suffered from her life, the more she could be aware of them.

Under the great hands of Amida Buddha's Compassion, she could live her life with a strong faith. And she started her life to help to the poor and weak people around her. Especially to the children who lost their parents at the several big earthquakes. Her helping hands spread to the people who were suffering from poverty because of their social status as a lowest cast on those days. And also, she opened her eyes to raise the position of women in so many years ago. She worked so hard to establish some facilities for children and institutions for the poor and women. But due to her over work to help those people, she herself suffered from a serious illness and died at the young age. She left many things for us as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. And her works are showing us what kind of things we should do as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist for our society. We are so proud of her to respect as one of the founder of our

Buddhist Women's Association. Let's learn more from her through the memorial service of her and listen to her voiceless voice from the Ojyodo, Buddha's Land where she returned. Namu Amida Butsu.

2017 Memorial Service Schedule

2017 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2016	1 year	2001	17 year
2015	3 year	1993	25 year
2011	7 year	1985	33 year
2005	13 year	1968	50 year

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF LODI

General Meeting January 9, 2018

In attendance: Judy Waters, Steve Ogata, Bruce Sasaki, Fred Nagata, Joyce Nagata, and Hannah Egi
Chairman Fred Nagata called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with gassho.

Correspondence: Received a thank you from Judy Waters for yearend orei.

Minutes: Those present approved the minutes from December 2017 meeting. M/S/P Judy Waters/Steve Ogata.

Treasurers' Reports: General Treasurer, Bruce Sasaki submitted a written report of deposits of donations for December, showing more than usual. Expenses included regular activity and year-end oreis. There was a question about the cost of flowers. Fred Nagata is going to inquire about Village Florist's prices, which previously turned down the church's business, with Charter Way's prices.

Special Treasurer, Steve Ogata submitted a simple report of the special accounts, mentioned that year-end statements have not been received. Both reports were approved. M/S/P Judy Waters/Fred Nagata.

LBWA – Judy Waters announced Movie Day is Jan. 11, refreshments served at intermission and New Year's Luncheon is Sat. Jan. 13 with food from Yen Ching, 25 people are attending.

Shinyukai – Judy Waters reported 25 people were treated to sashimi and soup. Next month's menu will have Japanese meatball cabbage soup.

Dharma School – Hannah Egi reported the students will continue to work on the Minecraft project and discuss helping at the Church Spaghetti Dinner. She was asked how many families and students

participate. There are 5 families and 10 students, with a couple of friends who help during church fundraisers. Hannah Egi has been the Lodi Dharma School representative for Northern California Dharma School Teachers' League, attending quarterly meetings, taking minutes, treasurer for the group, vice president, and was Lodi's conference planning member every 5 years when it was NC's turn to host the Federation Conf.

Building and Maintenance: Steve Ogata reported that the Fencing company will do final measurements around the property, but cannot start until **the** permit is filed and approved.

Old Business:

*2018 Church Calendar, Hannah Egi completed it.

*BCA Ministers Association & National Council Meeting at Doubletree in Sacramento 2/21 to 2/25 Lodi needs someone to be delegate, Gary Tsutsumi donated 3 cases of wine for the event, Lodi and Stockton BWAs will bring food for Hospitality Room Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.

New Business:

*New minister will come in 3 months. He will have a 2-year contract. Rev. Miyaji will continue in March and April, volunteered to help new Rev. through the month of May.

*Spaghetti Dinner Feb. 10, 2018 at the Hall – need lots of help.

*Office help will meet to divide the duties more equitably, Steve Ogata will set it up.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with gassho at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Hannah Egi

LBWA UPDATE – Judy Waters

Movie Day is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 1pm. Movie featured is Shall We Dance. Refreshments served during intermission (no lunch). Hopefully we will have a good turnout in spite of the rain.

The featured movie for February 8th is Departures in the annex at 1pm. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

Reservations for New Year Luncheon on January 13th in the Annex at noon were received. We enjoyed a variety of Chinese dishes from Yen Ching Restaurant. We had raffle prizes, 50/50 raffle, and great camaraderie with our members.

Thank you to Mitsuko Kishi who made Japanese black beans and Roy Tashima who donated tsukemomo. Also thank you to Mary Tsutaoka who donated half of her 50/50 raffle prize back to the Fujinkai treasury.

If you are interested in joining the Lodi Buddhist Women's Association, please contact Judy Waters at 209-334-3556 or stitchnbear@sbcglobal.net.

Next meeting is Feb. 2, 2018 at 9am in the annex.

DHARMA SCHOOL – Jill Walter

Dharma school will be busy digitally developing our Minecraft Buddhist temple. So far, we have completed the front portion of the Shoro, the side entrance of the temple, and added some trees. We are also preparing and then assisting with our Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 10. We look forward to seeing you all there!

SHINYUKAI – Judy Waters

\$20 Birthday Ben Motoyama

Donations:

Chocolate Cake

Tsukemomo

\$100

Craig Kurahara

Roy & Chieko Tashima

Chieko Watt

We enjoyed maguro sashimi, rice, kasu jiri, and green bean goma-ae.

Thank you to Kazuko Shimozaki who donated the sashimi that was caught by her son, Mark. Thanks to everyone who helped cook and serve. We had 25 people enjoy the luncheon and had 5 take out lunches.

Next month's menu: Meatball cabbage soup, rice and a vegetable.

A very special thank you to Mitsuko Kishi who each month makes a menu of Japanese dishes (dishes that we would not make at home) and that she does all the shopping for the ingredients. Thank you to Sumiko Mikami who helps Mitsuko cook every month. Both of you are greatly appreciated.

If you need a ride to attend Shinyukai, please feel free to ask us. You can call the church office and

leave a message. We will make arrangements for your transportation. Also, if you cannot come to Shinyukai, your family or friends can pick up the Bento. Please call the church office to make a reservation for your takeout bento. No Enryo (えんりよ), please.

SCRIP UPDATE – Kelly Yamane

In February, we will be offering a **Valentine's Day** special. If you order a one pound certificate for See's Candies, we will provide the box of candy with your order. Choose from a one pound box of Nuts & Chews, Assorted Chocolates or Soft Centers.

Do you shop online at **Amazon**? If so, please try **AmazonSmile**. It is a simple and automatic way for you to shop, at no cost to you. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select **Buddhist Church of Lodi** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Thank you to all who are participating in our scrip program! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Yamane at 365-7124 or any of the scrip supporters listed below.

Scrip orders will be due by 10 a.m. on the order date. Please note that scrip pick-up days are changing to Tuesdays.

January Scrip Supporters

Chris Smith
Hannah Egi
Harriet Matsumoto
Haru Oga
Janet Morimoto
Joy Sasaki

Kelly Yamane
Kenneth Egi
Liza Kanemura
Mieko Komatsu

Calendar Dates:

Scrip orders due: 2/2 at 10 a.m. (Friday)
Scrip pick-up: 2/13 (**Tuesday**)

2017 WISH LIST – Donations may be made in any amount to be used towards purchasing your specified item:

Gift card (Scrip) from Staples

ORGANIST

Buddhist Church of Lodi is in search of an organist (or pianist) for Sunday Services. If you or you know of anyone with musical skills who would like to volunteer, please contact the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

CHURCH DUES as of January 16th

2018 Dues:
Kelly Yamane

SHOTSUKI DONATIONS as of

It is the temple's policy to indicate the total monthly Shotsuki donations amount only. We list the names of the donors each month and acknowledgments will be sent for donations of \$250 or more. If acknowledgment is requested, we would be glad to do so. We appreciate your support and if you have any questions, please call the office.

January Total: \$1,185.00
Michael/Marjorie Ikemoto
Tad/Viola Inoshita
Esther Urakami
Shizue Nagata
Yukiye Fukunaga
Judy Watanabe
Judy Waters
Roy Nagata
Gina Manley
Mary Coker
Will Sakata

Mas/Gail Sakata
Frank Teranishi
Mary Tsutaoka
Sumiko Mikami
June Shimosaki
Rieko Namba
Fred/Joyce Nagata
Michiye Noda
Anonymous
Philip Nagata
Gary Daijogo
David/Janet Morimoto
Wendy Nagao
Mitsuko Yoshioka
James Morita
Roy/Elaine Tanabe
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