Buddhist Church of Lodi

Newsletter

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Friday, April 3, 2020
Scrip Order Due (cancelled)

Sunday, April 5, 2020
9:30 AM Shotsuki Memorial Service (cancelled)

Friday, April 10, 2020
9:00 AM LBWA Meeting (cancelled)

Saturday, April 11, 2020
9:00 AM Hanamido Decorating (cancelled)

Sunday, April 12, 2020
10:00 AM Hanamatsuri Service (cancelled)

Tuesday, April 14, 2020
12:00 noon Shinyukai Luncheon (cancelled)
7 PM Church General Meeting (cancelled)

After consultation with Temple leadership and consistent with guidelines issued by BCA and the government, we will be closing the Church and Office to all activity, both public and private, through the end of April. Please note that this closure will include both Makuragyo and Funeral/Memorial Services until further notices. We will re-evaluate as the situation changes and through consultation with Temple, BCA and Government leadership, we will keep you posted as to timing for our ability to restart operations and services.

2020 Tentative Church Services Calendar

May 3rd. 9:30 Shotsuki Memorial with Rev. Ken Fujimoto

May 17th 10:00 Gotan-E and Keiro-Kai Luncheon Party with Rev. Patti Oshita, Keiro-Kai Luncheon Party following the service

May 24th. 8:00 Pine Street Cemeterial Memorial, with Rev. Ken Fujimoto
9:00 Cherokee Cemeterial Memorial, with Rev. Ken Fujimoto

June 7th 9:30 Shotsuki Memorial with Rev. Ken Fujimoto

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**2020 Tentative Church Services Calendar**  
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**2020 Memorial Service Schedule**  
In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, family memorial services are held on anniversaries to express gratitude and bring to mind memories of our loved ones. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service.

2020 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Spring Ohigan service. Rev. Dr. Yamaoka gave a very nice Dharma talk on the layperson’s perspective on the meaning of the service. Additionally, it was nice to recall the many changes that have occurred since his time in the area (Stockton) as a resident minister in the ‘80s.

Staring out my window, I see many of the usual signs of change. Almond and Cherry trees in full bloom, Colton and friends enjoying their Spring Break and the usual mix of warm, balmy and rainy days. I’m sure we will continue to see more change as the “Coronavirus” pandemic evolves. Colton and I basked in blissful ignorance mid-month visiting Disneyland, only to come to grips with the growing concern and reaction to the worldwide spread of the virus. Leading up to the proclamations by the President, Governor and many organizations, lines at the park grew shorter and shorter until the unprecedented decision to close the parks was made public. It’s amazing to see political and business leaders are moving at such an incredible, aggressive rate to stem the spread if this virus.

Following guidance from the Governor and BCA, we have suspended public activity at the Temple through the end of March and will re-assess plans for Shotsuki and Hanamatsuri at the beginning of April. We will continue to monitor and keep you posted as the situation and impact on our Temple evolves.

Gassho,
Corey Okazaki

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF LODI**  
**General Meeting March 10, 2020**

Present – Corey Okazaki, Gary Funamura, Steve Ogata, Judy Waters, Amy Morita, Hannah Egi and Gordon Nitta

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Corey Okazaki
**Correspondence:** Received thank you notes from Gary Funamura, Frank Teranishi and the Buddhist Church of Florin.

Minutes of the February meeting was approved as printed in the March newsletter. (M/S/P – Gary/Gordon)

**Treasurers Reports** – Key change in savings reporting reflects the transfer from BAC Savings CD to the F & M Building Fund to cover costs related to the Annex Kitchen and Roof projects. Steve to investigate e-account access and combining Dharma School account and YBA account into single bank account, while maintaining balances for each in an offline ledger.

**Ministers Report** – 2020 Special Service and guest speaker schedule to be published in monthly newsletter.

BCA National Meeting Highlights/Notes below:
- BCA Dues increased from $150 -> $157
- Robust discussion on HQ and Temple security opportunities – we will be investigating placement of a “Ring” type video doorbell/monitor outside of the office and Hondo
- 2021 Meeting will take place in San Mateo/Foster City
- BCA Guidebook and Reporting now available online
- Thank you to Gordon Nitta for attending the 2020 BCA National Conference representing Lodi.

**LBWA/Shinyukai Report** –
- Next BWA meeting is scheduled for April 10.
- March Shinyukai lunch featuring BBQ Pork Chops was prepared by Phil Nagata for more than 40 dine in and take outs.

**Dharma School Report** –
- Hannah Egi is investigating a craft project for children/grandchildren with an eye towards 2020 Obon Odori. More to come next month.

**Building Maintenance** –
- Kitchen project now in contract. Gary, Warren and Judy are struggling to find a wok range to fit our needs and available space but are continuing to search. Roof contract finalization pending coordination of demolition cost and coordination.
  - With recent improvement to lighting we have seen a reduction in trespass issues in an around the church. However, we had an incident before the Shotsuki service where a shopping cart was set on fire on the sidewalk in front of the annex and left a large burn residue. Corey, Steve and Gary are working on improved lighting and No Trespass signage to enable improved enforcement by LPD.

**Old Business** –
- Thank you to Martin Booth for both sourcing and donating the new clock for the back wall of the Hondo!
- NCDC Family conference hosted by Walnut Grove and Lodi will now be supported by a $5 per person / $10 per family registration fee.
- 2020 Obon – Stockton Taiko will perform during Odori intermission. Final schedule, events and menu to come following approval at April meeting.

**Upcoming Services** – All April services/activity status pending COVID-19 outbreak updates
- April Shotsuki, 4/5/20 (pending) – Rev. Fujimoto
- Hanamatsuri, 4/12/20 (pending) – Rev. Motoyoshi
- Hanamido decoration 4/11/20 (pending)

**LBWA UPDATE – Judy Waters**
No meeting was held in March. April 10, 2020 meeting has been cancelled.

**SHINYUKAI – Judy Waters**
$20 Birthday
Nancy Burgess

Donations:
Donna Blass Cake
Nancy Burgess Oranges
Rose Sasaki Lemons
Craig Kurahara Brownies
Roy/Chieko Tashima Tsukemono
Janet Sakata Japanese treats
Sach Watanabe See's Candy
Judy Motoyama Cake
Menu included barbequed pork chops, mashed potatoes, salad, tsukemono, and rice. Thanks to Phil Nagata and his helpers, Rod Kaida, Roy and Fred Nagata for barbequing the pork chops.

We had 34 people enjoy the lunch with 9 takeout bento.

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 (えんりょ), please.

**SCRIP UPDATE – Kelly Yamane**
Sprouts (5% benefit) and Speedway gas (4% benefit) gift cards are now available in $25’s, $50’s and $100’s.

Due to cost savings measures, the scrip order form will no longer be included in the newsletter. Please contact the office (368-5589) or Kelly Yamane (365-7124) if you would like an order form.

Scrip orders will be due by 10 a.m. on the order date.

**March Scrip Supporters**

Chris Smith
Corey Okazaki
Hannah Egi
Harriet Matsumoto
Haru Oga
Janet Morimoto
Joy Sasaki
Kelly Yamane
Kenneth Egi
Sasaki Accountancy

Calendar Dates:
Scrip orders due: 4/3 at 10 a.m.
Scrip pick-up: 4/14 (Tuesday)

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You will notice a change in the dates for the Church Donations, Dues, etc. We will be posting the donations as of the end of the previous month.

<p>| SHOTSUKI DONATIONS as of January 31, 2020 | Total: $1,175.00 (Corrected) |
| SPECIAL NEW YEAR SERVICE DONATIONS as of January 31, 2020 | Total: $310.00 |
| MISC DONATIONS as of January 31, 2020 | Total: $60.00 |
| CHURCH DUES as of February 29, 2020 | Total: $18,359.68 |
| SPECIAL DONATIONS as of February 29, 2020 | Total: $1,965.00 |
| SHOTSUKI DONATIONS as of Feb. 29, 2020 | Total: $1,400.00 |
| MISC DONATIONS as of Feb. 29, 2020 | Total: $149.00 |
| LBWA DONATIONS as of February 29th | Total: $225.00 |</p>
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