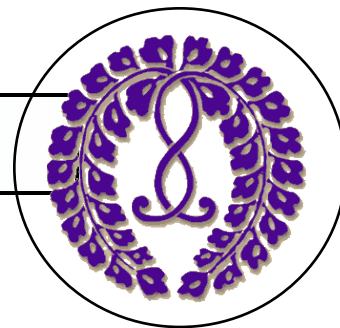


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April Calendar

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| 3 | V & P Committee Meeting in Reedley | 7:00 pm |
| 6 | Hanamido Construction in Conference Room | 3:00 pm |
| 7 | Hanamatsuri/Monthly Memorial /Family Dharma Service | 10:00 am |
| 13 | BWA Bingo Day - Conference Room | 10:30 am |
| 17 | Church Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |



& Gratitude Luncheon

The Reedley Buddhist Church is inviting all church members, families, relatives, and friends who have helped the church with the various functions, services, and fundraisers throughout the year, to a GRATITUDE LUNCHEON immediately following the HANAMATSURI SERVICE on **Sunday, April 7, 2019.**

There is no charge for the luncheon which is co-sponsored by the Membership Committee. Yoshi's Restaurant (Shuzo and Jason Toyota) will cater the event.

Please come and attend the service and celebrate Buddha's birthday. Our guest speaker will be the ever popular **Rev. Alan Sakamoto.**

For those attending, we will be giving a ticket (one per family) for a raffle at the luncheon and an appreciation gift will be presented to all attending.

Please feel free to invite everyone who supports our efforts as our way of saying "Thank You!"

Message from Rev. Nakagawa



"In this universe, there is a precious mission that can be done only by us, humans.

Now I am born here, this is the last life in this world of delusion, proving that I will not leave the cause of suffering again."

「天上天下唯我独尊 今茲

而往生分已尽」

「この宇宙にあって唯一我々人間だけにできる尊い使命がある。今、現に私がここに生まれて、これが迷いの世界の最後の生であり、ふたたび苦しみの原因を残さないことを証明しているのだ。」

According to the well-known legends of Buddha's birth, the new-born baby-Buddha stood immediately, and began to walk seven steps forward, and proclaimed *"I alone am the World Honored One!"* Ooops!

Even though most aspects of this mystic story may have been borrowed from Hindu texts, such as the account of the birth of 'Indra' from the "Rig Veda", in Buddhism, any item, thing or phenomena deserves our attention as a teaching material. Buddha's birth itself, when we sincerely look into this mystic legend, propagates his message.

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APRIL TOBAN:

BWA - Group 3 - Diane Kubota

Church - Mike Naito & Kajiharas





Church Acknowledges Dana

The Abe Family - Use of Conference Room \$250.00

Ms. Mary Hashimoto - 1 Year Memorial for Mr. Yas Hashimoto 25.00

The Tavlan Family - Spring Ohigan Service Donation 30.00

Mrs. Kazuko Tatami - Spring Ohigan Service Donation 20.00

March Memorial Service Donations

Mrs. Ruth Sasaki & Ms. Debbie Diaz 200.00

Mrs. Joy Donaldson 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura 100.00

Mrs. Yukiye Takayama 100.00

Ms. Shizuko Taguchi 60.00

Mr. Stanley Hirahara 50.00

Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Okamura 50.00

The Togioka Family 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Hitoshi Aoki 40.00

Mr. Hideo Shiine 40.00

Mr. Johnnie Togioka 40.00

Mrs. Sue Kawamoto 30.00

Mrs. Nagiko Konishi 30.00

Mr. Michio Miyamoto 30.00

Ms. Priscilla Kehoe 25.00

The Masumoto Family 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani 25.00

Mrs. Nancy Abe 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Chad Doi & Family 20.00

Mrs. Kiyoko Inn 20.00

Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki 20.00

Ms. Priscilla Kehoe 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Quiroz & Family 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata 20.00

Mrs. Nancy Sakata 20.00

Mrs. Hiroko Shimozono & Family 20.00

Mrs. Ayako Yamada 20.00

February Memorial Service Donations

The Teranishi Family 50.00

Mr. Michio Miyamoto 30.00

Ms. Amy Naito 25.00

Anonymous 20.00

BWA Fundraiser

"A Night Under the Stars"



Have you tasted or heard about those very delicious Teriyaki RIB-EYE steaks that have been offered as an alternative to crab at the Crab Feed? Here's your chance!

The Reedley BWA will be sponsoring "Dinner Under the Stars" on April 27, 2019 at 6:00 PM. They will have delicious side dishes to go with your steak as well as a dessert bar with many of your favorite sweets!

They will have local talent entertain you and we guarantee a wonderful night out for you and your guests.

Tickets are available from any Reedley BWA member, so get yours NOW! If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Nishida (lvnishida@gmail.com) or Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861.

In Sympathy



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Yasuko Murase**, who passed away on March 3, 2019, at the age of 81, and to the family of **Mr. Tommy Hotta**, who passed away on March 12, 2019, at the age of 71.



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

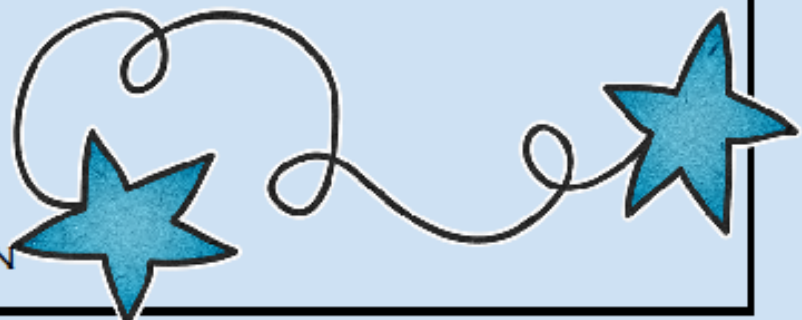
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JOY - (559) 859 -7861 OR EMAIL VICKIE AT:

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Thank you for your help and support of the 15th Annual Crab Feed & Silent Auction! Save the date for next year... March 14th!



Rev. Nakagawa's Message continued from page 1:

I'd like to point out the significant aspects of this myth before the Buddha's birthday celebration of 'Hanamatsuri'.

The first myth is that the seven steps that baby-Buddha walked is to impress the public with the originality of Buddhism.

Buddhism is not caught by the illusion of the endless circle of reincarnation in the six realms, created by the god of India before Buddha. And one more step, shows that you have reached the absolute truth at six + one = seventh step.

After those symbolic seven steps, baby-Buddha declares (please remember the pose of the statue of Buddha at 'Hanamatsuri').

Buddha never ever said, "~~I alone am the World Honored One!~~" Arrogance never ever be suitable the Buddha.

Please read the first word-for-word translation of baby-Buddha's declaration;

"In this universe, there is a precious mission that can be done only by us, humans. Now I am born here, this is the last life in this world of delusion, proving that I will not leave the cause of suffering again."

I suppose you understand its meaning. Buddha cites the infinite possibilities of human being as the first step to reach the highest truth.

In other words to say 'the infinite possibilities of human being', the possibility to awaken to the "Buddha-nature", means the birth in the realm where Buddha and Buddha thank and worship each other.

How awesome that baby was! cf. "Supreme SHIN-JIN is itself Buddha-nature" by Shinran Shonin

We celebrate Buddha's birthday during April 'Hanamatsuri', but how! In reality, we, Buddhists are wishing each other happy birthday, because the Buddha's birthday is everyone's birthday!



BWA BINGO DAY!

Saturday, April 13, 2019

10:30 AM

Church Conference Room

Early lunch will be provided!

Everyone is invited! Bring your friends!



April Monthly Memorial Service

The April Monthly Memorial Service will be held on **Sun., April 7, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.** Families and friends are asked to attend and offer incense. The deceased and seshu (observant) for April are as follows:

DECEASED:

George Kikuo Harada
Yietaro Antoku
Tomichi Kawakami
Kitaro Asakawa &
Mari Miyasaki
Isamu Hara
Yoneko Hatanaka
Bill Hirata & Richard
Yoshito Hirata

Roger Hiyama
George Masanori Hosaka
Akira Shimizu
Setsuko Kimura

Shigeo Naito, Mitsuharu
Naito & Mume Kawasaki
Shizuko Nakata
Fumiko Yamamoto
Charles Kiyoshi Iwasaki
Sadame Iwasaki
Kiyoshi Kawamoto
Yasuzo Sakai
Sakano Ito
Tadato Kubota
Elsie Morita
Michiko Miyamoto
Tomo Nakagawa
Jo Nishida

Kazume Hanemoto
Tokino Kubo
Kazuo Jim Omori
Tom Minoru Sakata

Douglas Sasaki
Joan Masae Sasaki
Kimiko Shiine
Kenneth Takeo Suemoto
Minoru Yokota & Chiye
Yokota

SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Nancy Abe
Kay Antoku
Betty Aoki

Misa Hatakeda
Helen Hara
Tatsuko Hatanaka

Mary Hirata &
Art Hirata
Bradley Hiyama
Todd Hosaka
Eloise Ibara
Karen Sakata & Kevin
Kimura

Amy Naito
Carolyn Ikemiya
Chizuko Iwasaki
Larry Iwasaki
Amy E. Naito
Sue Kawamoto
Satoko Kim
Helen Kimura
Ben Kubota
Lynn Kurumaji
Michio Miyamoto
Midori Iwasaki
Julia Ueda & Larry
Nishida
Ben Nobuhiro
Kathleen Omachi
Nancy Omori
Nancy Sakata & Gary
Sakata

Paul Sasaki
Lynette Sasaki
Hideo Shiine
Donna Suemoto

Linda Doi & Janet
Quiroz

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April Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Tomokichi Sunamoto

Kazuko Taguchi
Chisako Betty Matoba
Haruko Tsuboi
Suye Tsuji
Mary Wada
Ai Fujiwara & Koichi Wada

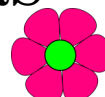
SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Alma Sunamoto &
Kathy Hamada
Shizuko Taguchi
Yukiye Takayama
Margo Toyota
George Tsuji
Greg Wada
Ayako Yamada

HANAMIDO FLOWERS



NEEDED!



Please bring your flowers from your garden (or purchased) to the conference room on April 6th at 3:00 PM and help with the han-amido!

Central California District Council

Vision & Preservation Committee



EVERYDAY LIFE IN BUDDHISM

Friday, May 3

7:00 PM

Rev. Harry Bridge

(Buddhist Church of Oakland)

Parlier Buddhist Church

360 Newmark Ave.

Parlier, CA 93648



Friday, May 10

7:00 PM

Rev. Jay Shinseki

(Buddhist Church of Monterey)

Fowler Buddhist Church

210 Ninth Street

Fowler, CA 93625



For more information contact Calvin Doi (559) 930-1181



CC Jr YBA Pancake Breakfast

Thank You to all who came to eat!

Submitted by: Keiko Kajihara-Historian



Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

The family will contact the Reedley Buddhist Church President, Mrs. Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861 or Funeral Chairperson, Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687.

Makuragyo Service:

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office (442-4054) or Rev. Nakagawa on weekdays or weekends directly (970-7652).

Family Memorial Service:

For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church: Contact the RBC President to check the availability of the Reedley Church. Then contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin** (442-4054) to schedule the service. Fresno Betsuin office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Return call to Church President to confirm date and time.

For services at family home: Family will contact Lee Osaki at the Fresno Betsuin office to arrange for a minister.

Contact Number for Church Business

Reedley Church Phone: (559) 638-2146

Church President: Mrs. Joy Donaldson

Phone: (559) 859-7861

Funeral Committee Chair; Mr. Gary Sakata at:

Cell Phone: (559) 250-9687

Fresno Betsuin Office - Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054

(requesting minister or schedule family service in Reedley after contacting Reedley president for church availability)

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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

