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UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

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|------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| 1/1 | (Tues) | New Year's Day Service | 9:00am |
| 1/6 | (Sun) | Sangha Gathering | 10:00am |
| 1/9 | (Wed) | Curtis' Dharma Discussion | 7:00pm |
| 1/14 | (Mon) | Board Meeting | 7:00pm |
| 1/21 | (Mon) | Shoshinge Chanting | 7:00pm |
| 1/26 | (Sat) | Group Clean Up | 8:00am |
| 1/27 | (Sun) | Hoonko Service | 10:00am |



Akemashite Omedetou

Tuesday, January 1st 9:00am



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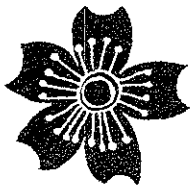
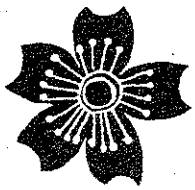
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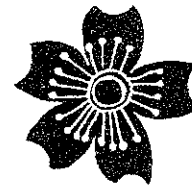
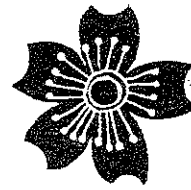
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January



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|---|---|---------------|--|
| | | New Year's Day ¹ Service 9:00am | ² | Zumba Class ³ 7:00pm | ⁴ | ⁵ |
| Sangha Gathering ⁶ 10:00am | ⁷ | ⁸ | Curtis' Dharma Discussion ⁹ 7:00pm | Parlier Taichi Class ¹⁰ 8:00am Welcome Center 9:15am-11:30am Zumba Class 7:00pm | ¹¹ | ¹² |
| ¹³ | Parlier BC Board Meeting ¹⁴ 7:00pm | ¹⁵ | ¹⁶ | Parlier Taichi Class ¹⁷ 8:00am Welcome Center 9:15am-11:30am Zumba Class 7:00pm | ¹⁸ | ¹⁹ |
| ²⁰ | Shoshinge Chanting ²¹ 7:00pm | ²² | ²³ | Parlier Taichi Class ²⁴ 8:00am Welcome Center 9:15am-11:30am Zumba Class 7:00pm | ²⁵ | Clean Up Group ?? ²⁶ 8:00am |
| Hoonko Service ²⁷ w/ Rev. Nakata 10:00am | ²⁸ | ²⁹ | ³⁰ | Parlier Taichi Class ³¹ 8:00am Welcome Center 9:15am-11:30am Zumba Class 7:00pm | | |
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BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Gung Hay Fat Choy!! Good bye 2018 and hello to 2019, the year of the **Pig!** Pigs are considerate people, who are also responsible, independent and optimistic. Pigs are pure hearted and get along with even the hardest people to get along with. Pigs were born in the years; 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995. Some well-known Pigs: Ronald Reagan, Michael Jackson, Hillary Clinton, **Kimiyo Doi, Takako Kanemoto,**

BWA dues are still \$10 for 2018. They can be paid to any BWA Cabinet member or send to Carol Guerra, 8484 S. Indianola, Selma 93662.

Thank you to Group 2, headed by **Karen & Wayne S.** for cleaning the Temple in Dec. We have had compliments throughout 2018 about how well our Temple looks after all these years. This great look takes a lot of time and effort by everyone. Keep up the good work!!

Thank you to **Cheryl K.** & her cabinet who lead our BWA in 2018. She wears many hats and does all of them well. We ladies and men of Parlier Buddhist Church must keep up the support for our BWA. This Group has so many activities it provides for everyone; luncheons, assists families who are going through Memorial Services for their loved ones, provides refreshments for Services & meetings, and many other events. In 2019, **Denise Kusunoki** will be the new Pres, so give her & her cabinet the support.

Looking Ahead to January 2019

Dec 31 - Ringing in the New Year - 7p
City Toban in charge of refreshments - Gail H. & Rhea I.

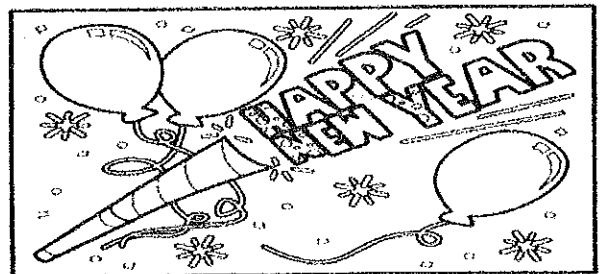
Jan 1 - New Year's Service - 9am
Jan 6 - Sangha Gathering - 10am
Jan 9 - Curtis's Discussion Night 7p
Jan 21 - Chanting with the Moris 7p
Jan 26 - Cleaning of Temple Group ??
Jan 27 - Hoonko Service, Monthly Memorial Service - Guest Rev Kaz Nakata
Feb 3 - V & P Super Bowl Service

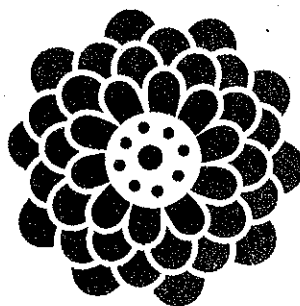
The BWA ladies and men did a wonderful job making almost 20 different items for the Bonenkai luncheon. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN PREPARING THE MEAL. IT TOOK THE EFFORTS OF MANY TO PREP, COOK, BAKE & PLATE ALL THE YUMMY FOODS.** Some prepped from Sat: Joyce S., Lynne Y., Toshie, Rhea I., Karen S., Sets Y., Fumie I., Gail H., Melissa I., Janette WS., Charlene M., Dennis I., Varlene K., Jan K., Donald I., Kristen S., Carol G., Kelvin M. **Members prepared or bought the following foods:**

Makizushi, Kurome- Matsuko
Inarizushi - Joyce and Fumi (her Mom)
Spam musubi, namasu - Carol
Rice - Lynne & Karen
Kimpira - Gail H. & Kathy Y
Gyoza - Melissa Iwo & Varlene K.
Nappa tsukemono - Toshie
Chicken salad - Karen
Datemaki, Hijiki - Toshie
Shrimp - Dennis I.
Teriyaki chicken - Gary K.
Beef sticks - Rhea I. & Janette WS
Kuromame - Matsuko
Edamame - Hills
Green bean shira-ai - Fumie I.
Takuan - Kari K.
Chashu pork - Melissa/Vince Iwo
Oranges - Tad K
Desserts - Barb G., Denise K., Lynne Y., Jan Koga.
Hopefully, no one was left off this list.

Thoughts for 2019:

Parlier is an active and energetic temple because of the efforts and commitment of our members and leaders. Let's all work together to make it better in 2019. Keep supporting our Temple!!





Meaning and Significance of New Year's Day

We observe New Year's Day Service "Shusho-e (observe-New Year-gathering)" on January 1st. The New Year's celebration is the most important annual event in Japan's society and usually lasts for seven days in all the temples throughout Japan. Homes are cleaned and debts must be paid before the New Year. "O-Shogatsu" or New Year's customs exceedingly vary from prefecture to prefecture but the foods and decorations all have to do with symbols of long life, happiness, luck, prosperity and fertility.

What is the happiest and luckiest fact for Buddha-dharma followers? It's supposed to be our lives, knowing the truth-reality of the Universe (Buddha-dharma) and with living in no Shinpai (worry).

There are three seals of Buddha-dharma;

Anitya - Everything in this Universe is in changing moment by moment.

- All existence in this universe could never be controlled, as an attribute.

Anâtma - Everything in this Universe has no entity. Nothing could exist by itself.

- All existence in this universe is originated inter-dependently, as an attribute.

Nivâna - Buddhahood is the total relaxation

- All existence in this universe is occurring moment by moment in the state of Void-ness as Dependent Origination, as an attribute.

MESSAGE FROM REV. KAKEI NAKAGAWA, RINBAN

Once people realizes those truth-realities, even in the unconscious level, their lifestyle turns positive and opportunistic. No fictitious matter could become an obstacle in our lives. We could change course of our lives freely at any time when we recognize that it may wrong or not appropriate. We don't care about prepossessions because nothing was decided prior to our birth. We are now creating our own lives moment by moment right here in Central California.

New Year's Day became a symbolic day for starting over a new life. Particularly, the New Year's Wish became important for the Buddha-dharma followers. Even in present Japan, millions visit temples or shrines on the very first day of the New Year, and report this year's wish to the Buddha or the Shinto gods.

If you were unfortunate in the last year, examine yourself and try to change your course of living. It is stupidity to attach what is already done for a long time.

If you were fortunate in the last year, advance your wish to the higher plain. There is no limit of human potentialities until someday we would reach the state for being able to establish the ultimate Wish-for-the-world as well as the Buddha.

Gassho.

BOARD/GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2018

Present: Dennis Ikuta, Glenn Yoshimoto, Steve Sasai, Joyce Sasai, Lynne Yoshimoto, Tad Kozuki, Donald Ikemiya, Kari Kozuki, Brandon Hill, Toshie Mori, Denise Kusunoki, Jeanette Wong Sing, Donald Ikemiya, Rhea Ikemiya, Tatsumi Arakawa, Yuki Mori, Wes Kubo

I. Call to order at 7:14pm by Dennis Ikuta

II. Establish Quorum

- Quorum was established

III. Review Minutes of previous meeting

- Reviewed November minutes

- Motion to accept by Donald, second by Glenn. Motion carried and minutes accepted.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Glenn gave Treasurer's report

- Motion to accept by Donald, second by Yuki. Motion carried and report accepted

V. Ministers Assistant's Report

- Toshie, Karen and Rinban discussed the calendars

- Many more duties for the MAs (average 3 per month)

- Obon Scheduled for 7/27

- Guest speakers for the temple are

1/27 Rev. Kaz Nakata (Ho'onko)

2/17 Nirvana Day service with Rev. Nakagawa

3/10 Spring Ohigan with Rev. Will Masuda

4/21 Hanamatsuri service with Rev. Adams

7/21 Obon service with Rev. John Iwohara

9/15 Fall Ohigan with Rev. Kuwahara

10/13 Eshinni/Kakushinni/BWA memorial service Service with Rev. Patti Usuki,

11/10 Eitaikyo Service with Rev. Midori Nakagawa

12/8 Bodhi Day with Rev. Nakagawa

- Motion to accept by Steve, second by Wes. Motion carried and minutes accepted.

VI. Committee Report

A. Maintenance

- Very busy year, lots of improvements

- Wish list still being updated

- Investing in the turf curtailed expense of the exterior projects

- New cushion sample material in the hondo

B. BWA Report

- Thank you to Joyce for refreshments

- Toshie and Joyce for heading the Mochitsuki

- Food Drive has ended as of December 9th. Contributions will be sent to the Community Food Bank. BWA will pad with an extra \$100 of food.

Installation of new officers yesterday. Thank you for your dana.

New PBWA Officers for 2019 have been elected:

President - Denise Kusunoki

Vice President - Lynne Yoshimoto

Secretary - Janette Wong-Sing

Treasurer - Carol Guerra

Religious Chairs - Doi's, Koga's, Mori's

Social Chairs - Karen Shimizu, Gail Hachiya, Rhea Ikemiya & Kaye Kozuki

Newsletter Contributor - Toshie Mori

Still in need of 2019 sign-ups for Events & Board Refreshments in need of:

Eshinni/Kakushinni/BWA memorial service October 13 -

_____?

Board Refreshments for:

February _____?

December _____?

Homebound Visitation to be planned before the end of the year.

C. Publication

- Duplicator needed repair, fixed this past month

D. V & P

- Nothing to report

E. Finances

- Outlook good.

F. Minister Affairs Committee/CCDC Meeting Report

- CC leaders are not happy with the minister situation

- If they are unable to make progress via the Bishop's office, CC churches should withhold BCA dues

- Speak to Rev. Rye about his future plans

- Motion to withhold BCA dues until Rev. Rye or another minister is assigned and approved by the CC, effective immediately (December 2018) by Brandon Hill, seconded by Sho. Motion approved.

VII. Old Business

A. Post Services and Events

- Motion to not have Food Bazaar, Yuki, seconded by Sho. Motion passes.

- Possibly doing Tahoe Joe's fundraiser in February 24th?

- Parlier Picnic is Sunday, March 31st

B. Fund Raising - Donald to look into possible price for the projectors

C. 2019 Service Calendar

D. Property Sale - Progressing

E. Other Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. New Board

- New Board Members: Randy Yano, Wes Kubo, Brandon Hill

- Women should be on the ballot

- Request can be made to take yourself off of the ballot

B. Oseibo discussed and approved.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm. Next meeting January 14, 2019 at 7pm.

Arigato !! to the members who puts together the Parlier Temple Newsletter. Throughout the year, they gather every month to print, organize, staple, & mail them to each member and other interested parties. Curtis & Cheryl, Karen S., Akiko Y., Teri T., Kiku K., Sets Y., Joyce S., James G. Special thank you to Sho Higuchi, who puts together all the articles in an orderly fashion and adds picture icons to make the pages pop!

*HAPPY
New Year!*

Sangha Gathering's Mochi



The Sangha Gathering's "Fun with Mochi" was well attended and all who participated had a great time making the mochi (in machines), portioning out the newly cooked mochi, shaping, and adding whatever the heart desired for eating after the mochi had cooled! What a

delightful experience to eat those freshly made warm morsels of fluffy, tasty mochi!! Everyone got to take home a plateful for later. Those who donated items for this event:

Machines – Matsuko, Chiamori, Guerra, BCP, Kaye, Mori, Sasai, W. Kubo:

10 # Mochigome – Moris, Sasais, Kubos, Kaye, Dennis, Kogas:

5# an- Carl I

Moichiko (2) – Calhouns,

Hot chocolate – Hills,

Ziplock bags – Lynn S., Curtis

Plates, coffee, kinako – Melissa I.

Daikon – Donna & Steve Fujii,

Peanut butter, chocolate chips, marshmallows, cornstarch, jam – Noreen:

Kinako, Nutella – Moris.,

Monetary donations – Gail H., Ishimarus.

Washed rice the day before; Sasais, Curtis, Ashley & Courtney, Gail H.

Thank you everyone for making this a delightful December Event for all who attended!!



Sangha Gathering January 6, 2019 @ 10a

**Something interesting & fun
is planned!**

Come and enjoy a morning of
Fellowship, fun activities, and good food!



Curtis's Monthly Discussion Group

Held the second Wednesday of each
month; 7pm @ Temple

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.
It is informal and fun and you learn about
Buddhism. Curtis is a master discussion
leader.

Shoshinge Chanting

With

The Moris

Third Monday of the Month

Next session - Jan 21, @ - 7pm

Taichi



Want to do some gentle exercise?

Classes every Thurs. morning
8 am for stretching and balancing
exercises. Taichi will follow.

Everyone is welcome and invite a
friend. Classes are starting
Jan. 10 @ 8am.



Hoonko/Monthly

Memorial Service

January 27 @ 10a

Guest: Reverend Kaz Nakata

Yuki & Toshie Mori, Officiants

Luncheon after the service



Welcome Center

Starting on Jan 10, and every Thurs
9:15 am

at the Parsonage

Have fun learning to play Card
games, getting together with
friends, and eating delicious food!!

Zumba ClassesII

Every Thurs

@ 7p

Classes: Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Instructor: Lesley Guerra-Arzola

A \$5 donation kindly accepted with funds
going to CCYBA



Thank you!

Janette Wong Sing

For over seeing the Scrip Program.
This program has made over \$4000
for our Temple!



MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE



The January Shotsuki Service will be on **Sunday, January 27, 2019.**
Families as well as all members and friends are encouraged to attend.

January Shotsuki

DECEASED

| | |
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| Mr. Jo Yorizane | 83 |
| Mrs. Yoshi Yorizane | 80 |
| Mrs. Fujiyo Yano | 76 |
| Mr. Yaichi Nishida | 68 |
| Mr. Sohei Nakamura | |
| Mr. Hyakutaro Hirakawa | 67 |
| Mr. Unosuke Yamashiro | 57 |
| Mr. Matsuichi Nakamichi | 56 |
| Mrs. Yone Suehiro | 55 |
| Mr. Tonokichi Doi | 54 |
| Mr. Tataro Suehiro | 51 |
| Mr. Christopher Doi | 49 |
| Mrs. Sadako Kubo | 49 |
| Mr. Suyematsu Arifuku | 45 |
| Mr. Kenichi Kimoto | 44 |
| Mr. Mitsuyuki Yamanaka | 44 |
| Mr. Jusuke Hayashi | 39 |
| Mr. George Iseki | 39 |
| Mr. William M. Watamura | 39 |
| Miss Jeanne Okuma | 39 |
| Mr. Chuichi Kozuki | 36 |
| Mr. Sam S. Hirakawa | 33 |
| Mrs. Shinayo Kimoto | 31 |
| Mr. Yoshio Matsushima | 31 |
| Mr. Iwao E. Ito | 30 |
| Mrs. Matsu Saiki | |
| Mr. Tak Kimura | 25 |
| Mrs. Yoshiko Barbara Nakadachi | 21 |
| Mrs. Mary Sunamoto | 20 |
| Mrs. Edna Nishida | 15 |
| Mr. Toshio Masuda | 14 |
| Mrs. Kiku Hirakawa | 2 |
| Mrs. Betty Iseki | 1 |

MOURNER

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|------------------------|
| Ms. Akiko Yorizane |
| Ms. Akiko Yorizane |
| Mr. Robert Yano |
| Mr. Paulie Nishida |
| Ms. Gail Nakamura |
| Yamashiro Family |
| Mrs. Toshiye Nakamichi |
| Mrs. Matsuko Suehiro |
| Mr. Calvin Doi |
| Mrs. Matsuko Suehiro |
| Mr. Calvin Doi |
| Mr. Larry Kubo |
| Mr. Steven Kozuki |
| Mrs. Hiroko Kimoto |
| Mr. Tom Yamanaka |
| Mr. Tom Hayashi |
| Mr. Carl Iseki |
| Mr. Bill Watamura |
| Mr. Tadashi Kozuki |
| Mrs. Hiroko Kimoto |
| Mrs. Hiroko Kimoto |
| Mrs. Rhea Ikemiya |
| Mrs. Toshie Mori |
| Ms. Joanne Kimura |
| Mr. Alan Nakadachi |
| Mrs. Teruko Tsuji |
| Mr. Paulie Nishida |
| Mrs. Ellen Tsudama |
| Mr. Paul Hirakawa |
| Mr. Carl Iseki |

2019 is the memorial year for those deceased in:

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| 2018..... One Year Memorial | 2007..... 13th Year Memorial | 1987..... 33rd Year Memorial |
| 2017..... 3rd Year Memorial | 2003..... 17th Year Memorial | 1970..... 50th Year Memorial |
| 2013..... 7th Year Memorial | 1995..... 25th Year Memorial | |

ZUMBA!!!



Zumba Class | January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 7pm
