

# NICHIREN NEWS

November, 2019

Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church - 5191 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 (916) 456-8371

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 2019

3	---	no service
10	11:30am	Komatsuara persecution
17	---	no service
25	11:30am	Kaji Kito
25	noon	Church meeting

### December 2019

1	---	no service
8	---	no service
14	7:00am	Mochi Tsuki
15	11:30am	Bodhi Day
22	11:30am	Kaji Kito
22	noon	Church meeting
29		End of year clean up
31	11:00pm	End of year service (Joya)

### January, 2020

1	12:00am	New Year service
5	11:30am	Kaji Kito
26	noon	New Year Party

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your Church membership dues. The dues are still only **\$240** per year.

## FUJINKAI MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the Fujinkai are **\$10** per year. Please send your dues to the Church.

## FALL FOOD BAZAAR

Thanks to all members, family & friends who helped to make the Fall Food Bazaar a great success.

## CHURCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

- Discussed the Fall Food Bazaar preparations.

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### SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

- Discussed Fall Food Bazaar preparations. Agreed to change ordering deadline to the Friday before the Bazaar.

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### SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

- Meeting cancelled

## MOCHI TSUKI

The annual mochi tsuki will take place on **Saturday, December 14, 2019**. The cost is still **\$6.00** per pound for regular mochi & kasane; **\$7.00** per pound for an-mochi. Pick up is between **11:00am and 1:00pm**. Please mail in the mochi order form or order with a credit card through the church website or call the Church by **December 7, 2019**. *All church members and friends are asked to help beginning at 7:00am on December 14, 2019.* [www.sacramentonichirechurch.org](http://www.sacramentonichirechurch.org)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

**Ohigan:** Mehdi & Misayo Chamanara/\$30; Susumu Fujiwara/\$40; Joe Hitomi/\$20; Lily Hitomi/\$30; Yoshiko Hitomi/\$50; John Hughes/\$150; Mary Hughes/\$150; Elizabeth Kono/\$100; Kiyoko Kuwabara/\$40; Keiko Lucas/\$50; Kathy Mine/\$20; Takashi Mizuno/\$50; Thomas Murray/\$100; Kinjiro Nakatogawa/\$40; Fusako Okamoto/\$30; Yurimi Sawamura/\$30; Gail and David Tanaka/\$30; Linda Tomita/\$50; Hideko Tsuetaki/\$50; Brian Tsuda/\$30; Chiharu Yamada/\$20

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**Memorial:** Jim Fujii/\$50 in memory of Arthur Sugiyama; Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kubo/\$40 in memory of Masano Okamoto; Fusako Okamoto/\$300 1<sup>st</sup> year memorial for Masanao Okamoto; Ginny & Mitch Okamoto/\$50 in memory of Masanao Okamoto

**Membership Dues:** Misayo Chamanara/\$120; Renee Dennis/\$20/\$20; Betsi Ann Nagasawa/\$42

## Acknowledgements continued:

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**Special Donation:** Kenjo Igarashi/\$2,000; Peter Kato/blower & weed eater; Thomas & Deandra Murray/\$200; Betsi Ann Nagasawa/\$31; Fusako Okamoto/flowers for the Temple

## 2020

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

1 <sup>st</sup> year	2019
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	2018
7 <sup>th</sup> year	2014
13 <sup>th</sup> year	2008
17 <sup>th</sup> year	2004
23 <sup>rd</sup> year	1998
27 <sup>th</sup> year	1994
33 <sup>rd</sup> year	1988
37 <sup>th</sup> year	1984
43 <sup>rd</sup> year	1978
50 <sup>th</sup> year	1971

## CEMETERY PLOTS FOR SALE

There are 2 cemetery plots for sale at Sacramento Memorial Lawn in the Nichiren section (Section C, Oleander). Please contact Irene Osuga if you are interested at: (530) 756-1597 or [dosuga@yahoo.com](mailto:dosuga@yahoo.com)



## Reflecting on Our Actions

Kenjo Igarashi

In the *Hannyakyo* sutra, the Buddha states, “A foolish person always looks for a person’s bad qualities and uses those faults against them, boasting to everyone as if they themselves are perfect.” Every human being has a greed for knowledge or curiosity—trying to learn more about what they do not understand or trying to make certain, the things that are unclear to them. This is why we have education, which in turn assists in the development of knowledge and a better understanding of the world around us and ourselves.

Often times our education is driven by our own curiosity to learn more, for example, about a particular topic. Unfortunately, for many people, most of this curiosity is driven by wanting to validate rumors or seeking out the truth that has nothing to do with themselves. The society’s desire to acquire such information is why magazines that write about the private lives of celebrities are topping the sales charts today. As many of you know, most of these magazines often exaggerate and add their own fake storyline to make the story seem more interesting and one that people would want to read about. Even during family gatherings or when meeting with friends, people often focus on and enjoy gossiping about the flaws of other people. Sometimes they go as far as to involve themselves in family disputes and troubles of these people. As with many of the magazine writers, many enjoy overexaggerating little mistakes and adding their own twist to these rumors that they hear. For many of these people, gossiping is their hobby and they enjoy hearing and spreading rumors. Therefore, in most cases, these people that spread these rumors hold no grudge against the person they gossip about.

What do these people really gain from spreading these rumors about different people? Those people who take these actions will eventually have the same done to them, not realizing that they will have to suffer the repercussions of the bad karma that they have accumulated from these actions. Much of the suffering that we experience in this “suffering world” is one that we often times cannot control. However, this action of spreading rumors is one that every person can control and prevent. There is nothing more foolish than suffering as a result of actions that we ourselves can control.

As a result, many people forget about the important qualities that we ourselves hope to portray and in turn, see in others. These qualities may include honor and respect for others. We acquire and develop these qualities through the experiences that we have throughout our life. In this process, we are also purifying our spirit and accumulating good karma.

As this year comes to an end, I am hoping that we will all take the time to reflect on the actions we took this year and think about ways that we can improve the next year.

# ❖ Mochi Sale ❖

Saturday, December 14, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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**Keep this top portion for your records.**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price X</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	=	<u>Total Cost</u>
Mochi (1 pound)	\$ 6.00	_____		_____
An Mochi (1 pound)	\$ 7.00	_____		_____
Kasane	\$ 6.00	_____		_____
<b>TOTAL</b>				_____



To place an order, EITHER complete the section below & mail it along with your check made payable to "Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church" to the church by **Saturday, December 7, 2019**, OR visit our website at [www.sacramentonichirechurch.org](http://www.sacramentonichirechurch.org) to order & pay online.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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