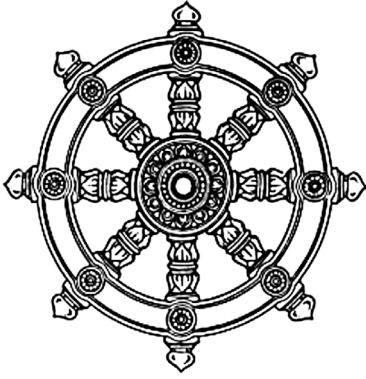


**Resident
Minister**
Rev. Matt Hamasaki



It's April and hopefully by the time you are reading this, we are in spring and well into the warm weather! As I'm writing this, the weather outside is dreary but not quite cold, indicative of the strangely back-and-forth days we've been having where one day the high will be in the 50's and freezing, and the next week the high is in the mid-70's and shorts weather. Although it has not been consistent, there are these small steps we take toward the spring, and it reminds me of a haiku written by Hattori Ransetsu: "ume ichirin/ichirin hodo/no atatakasa," translated as: "on the plum tree one blossom/one blossom worth/of warmth."

First, a little bit about Ransetsu. He was born in 1654 and was a student of Basho as he is found earliest in literary records of two publications of anthologies under Basho's name (Basho being agreed upon by scholars to be one of the most important haiku authors of all time). Thus, from a relatively young age, he was seen to be a poet who could produce high-quality work. Another indication of his ability was that in 1702 he circulated what is known as a New Year Haikai Ichimazuri, which is a poem that is not offered for sale but distributed on a single sheet of quality paper among fellow poets.

In terms of his life, after Basho passed away, Ransetsu shaved his head to become a Buddhist monk. This was similar to Basho's later life in that he also was interested in Buddhism and the monastic life. Perhaps connected to his relationship with Buddhism, Ransetsu's work is characterized by his compassion for all living things and their

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condition. Like his contemporaries, he was also concerned with time passing, the transience of beauty, the unity of humankind and experiencing nature.

Now, about the poem: the plum blossom is a symbol of the change from winter to spring. Although not presently, at one time the plum blossom was more popular than the cherry blossom in Japan. It is still enjoyed by those that would rather not be in the crowded masses that gather for the cherry blossom viewing. Either way, Ransetsu speaks of one blossom on the tree and the warmth that it brings. As with most poetry, it is purposefully vague, and here it speaks to the dichotomies of limited and limitless, optimistic and pessimistic.

Either way, it depends on how you look at it. The broadness of warmth can be interpreted however you'd like, but with one blossom, perhaps it means the coming of many more, or maybe it means that there's only one and there's still a ways to go until the spring. Just like this plum blossom, all events in our lives give us the opportunity to look from two different perspectives. Ultimately, the plum blossom is simply a plum blossom and nothing more. However, our interaction with it summons the warmth within us, and we can decide how we would like to move forward with that reaction.

We can be happy or bitter. And while this is only one small action, eventually they will all bloom together, making up the tree that is our life, full of blossoms of our choices to be happy or bitter. And so, no matter how small our reactions may seem, it is of the utmost importance for us to see how each moment we live is a beautiful opportunity.

It's been a little over two years since we first closed the Betsuin as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I hope you and your families are doing as well as can be expected in these "new normal" times. I know many have lost either a family member or someone close to you due to the virus or you were restricted from visiting a person in the hospital before they passed. My sincere sympathies to all of you.

Moving forward, as the infection rate continues to drop in Sacramento County, we will be relaxing the protocols that we have strictly enforced to keep everyone safe at the temple. A lesson I believe we have all learned from this pandemic is that conditions are ever-changing, so we obviously still want to promote everyone staying safe and healthy. Please continue to take your own precautions as we move to open with less restrictions to bring our members and friends back to services, fundraisers and meetings. Your precautions may mean that you will continue participating in services and classes virtually, or social distancing or continued mask wearing. It is important that we all respect everyone's safety choices.

Refreshments, coffee, tea and water are being served in the courtyard after Sunday Dharma Service. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Sensei Kelvin Mark, Cheryl Lieu and family, Lyndsie and Brandon, as well as to Karen Adachi for joining me in preparing the treats and for serving everything in "to go" containers so they may be enjoyed at home. If you would like to make food for the sangha to enjoy after service, please contact me or Karen. The food should be cooked at the temple.

For two weekends in March, Reverend Matt, Karen and I attended the virtual Annual Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) National Council Meeting. This year's National Council Meeting was hosted by the Central District, 2023 will be hosted virtually by the Coast District and 2024 will be hosted by our district, the Northern District. It has not been decided if our 2024 meeting will be held virtually, hybrid (both virtual and in-person) or in-person.

At this year's Annual Meeting, the membership voted to approve the 2022-23 BCA Budget. The budget includes a 10.4% increase in the per member dues we pay to BCA, effective April 1, 2022. I share this news with all of you now, so that you can prepare for our 2023 membership dues to increase. Some temples are still closed to all activities and due to this cannot afford to pay their BCA dues. Only a few of the temples are open to in-person services.

I'll end my news this month on a happier note by letting you know that we are planning to have Obon in-person this year on Saturday, July 9! We are still working on the logistics and details, so I will ask for your patience and understanding as you continue to check this space and our website for updates. How we present Hatsubon Service is still being discussed.

Last, but not least, we are still in the planning stages, but for 2022, Bazaar will have preorder food for drive thru pickup! Again, stay tuned for date/time/details!

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**Sacramento
Buddhist
Women's
Association**
Shirley Kato
Executive Council



**Church
Committees**
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Articles for the SANGHA are **due** on the **15th of each month**. Late articles will be published in the following month's issue. When sending articles by email, please send email to: **Sangha@buddhistchurch.org** with a **cc to: betsuinoffice@gmail.com** and inform the church office at (916) 446-0121. Please include the author's name. Thank you.

The March SBWA Board meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, March 2. Welcome to new SBWA members Sandy Kataoka Fong, Cindy Kurahara, Gloria Smith, and Donna Wong!

Now that we are able to gather again, we have organized a variety of activities for our members. A list of activities for the year was sent to members in early March by email, as well as by letter to those members who do not have an email address.

Members may sign up to attend musical theater performances, join the Wakamatsu Garden clean-up in Placerville, visit the Crocker Art Museum, participate in a walk-a-thon, get together for craft making, and travel to fun out-of-town trips.

SBWA will also participate in community service projects throughout the year. Our project for March was a donation of nonperishable foods and toiletries to the California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) Food Pantry. The pantry provides food and basic necessities to Sac State students with financial hardships and food insecurity, at no cost. Thank you to Barbara Nakatomi for delivering the items to CSUS, to Harry and Nancy Noguchi for assisting in our collection, and to the members who generously donated items or made a monetary donation. The CSUS students were happy and grateful for our donation.

Thank you to all who donated to the Dana Fund for our Women of Jodo Shinshu Service. The funds collected were donated to our Betsuin's scouting organizations.

Reminder: the BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Virtual National Conference will be held on October 14-16, 2022. The conference theme is "Winds of Change — Jidai no Shinka ni Kiku." Distribution of the registration materials has been delayed until late April/early May. The deadline to register will be August 1. The registration fee will be \$30; SBWA members 30 years old and under will be free.

The next SBWA Board meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. All SBWA members are invited to attend. Please email SBWA2020@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Are you interested in getting involved with church activities? After two challenging years, the Betsuin is starting to open back up, and we look forward to the day when our facilities are once again filled with activities and happy faces! Even during the pandemic, our church leaders have been planning for future activities for our families, organizations, and our community.

In addition to our governing Board of Trustees, we have many committees that take care of the operations and activities of the church. Each of the committees is led by a member of the Board of Trustees, but the committee members do not have to be members of the Board. We welcome church members to participate on our various committees.

Below is a list of some of the committees that may be of interest to church members wishing to be involved in some capacity:

- Building and Equipment
- Church Grounds (volunteers helping with the upkeep and landscaping of the church grounds)
- Community Outreach (new committee)
- Data Privacy (new committee)
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Music
- Planning & Evaluation
- Religious & Education
- Special Events
- Technology
- In 2024, our church will celebrate our 125th Anniversary! We are just beginning to brainstorm ways in which we can celebrate. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact us (see email below).

There are two ways you can get involved with our committees:

- You can serve as a committee member.
- You can volunteer to help with specific activities/projects organized by a committee, but not actually serve on the committee.

If you have a special skill or talent that you feel could be beneficial to the Betsuin, please let us know!

If you wish to inquire about being involved with one of our committees or a future event/activity, please email us at: betuinoffice@gmail.com and let us know to what extent you would like to be involved. Please provide us your name and contact information (email and phone number). We look forward to hearing from you!



Legacy Endowment Fund
Ruth Seo

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Adult Buddhist Association
Keiko Jean Kashiwada
President

2022 Family Memorial Service Schedule

While attending memorial services for friends, relatives, church and community leaders over the past several years, I have been impressed and surprised by the accomplishments, talents and interesting experiences that I learned about the person. Sadly, it was too late to have the opportunity to learn more about them while they could share their stories. Being “too busy” was often the excuse. While these past few years have given us time to talk, COVID restrictions prevented opportunities to meet and share. How sad and ironic!

Recently, while watching the 2022 Northern California JACL Time of Remembrance program, I was reminded again of the importance of sharing the stories, traditions and family histories before it is too late. One of the presenters, Kiyo Sato, was part of a group of VFW members from the Nisei Post 8985. As she talked, it brought back memories of the times that she, Jim Tanaka, Kinya Noguchi and a few other veterans would come to Sam Brannan Middle School to talk to our students about the Japanese American incarceration and their experiences as soldiers during World War II. What a valuable resource they were in being able to give first-hand accounts of their experiences. Sadly, we have lost most of these leaders, but I hope their stories will endure with those of us fortunate to have heard them.

Before the COVID-forced shutdown, the Legacy Endowment Fund Board was working on workshops to help us learn how to record the stories of our elders. While it may be a while before these workshops can come to be, we can all begin listening to our family members or friends, as well as documenting our own experiences. I was pleasantly encouraged when a friend told me how much he enjoys writing and is recording his life story to give to his children. Most of us make excuses like, “I don’t have anything interesting to share” or “I can’t or don’t like writing!” As long as we keep making excuses, time ticks away and our stories will be lost.

The wisdom of those who experienced hardships and endured can help us prevent and avoid repeating unjust situations and to appreciate achievements and accomplishments. We need to listen and learn.

Your continued support of the Legacy Endowment Fund is very much appreciated as it continues to help sustain and promote Jodo Shinshu teachings in our Sacramento area.

ABA will continue to meet virtually on an “as-needed” basis until it is safe to meet in person again. Our ABA telephone tree chairs will continue to inform our members by email of upcoming activities or other information.

ABA members are encouraged to attend in-person temple services and to also provide monetary support to the Sacramento Betsuin during these trying times. The Betsuin is set up to comply with the COVID pandemic safety standards so that we can help keep everyone safe. Masks are still required and the temple greeters check COVID vaccine cards before allowing people to attend the services. Please come out to services and reconnect with your temple friends and help welcome new members.

ABA would like you to encourage your graduating seniors to apply for the Betsuin’s educational award and the ABA Community Service Award. Please have them check the Betsuin’s website for details and deadline dates.

Stay healthy and safe!

Traditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our beloved ones and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha’s light of wisdom and life of compassion.

Year of Death	2022 Memorial	Year of Death	2022 Memorial
2021	1 year	1998	25 year
2020	3 year	1990	33 year
2016	7 year	1973	50 year
2010	13 year	1923	100 year
2006	17 year		



Condolences to the Families of



- Motoye Hamatani..... October 4, 1930–July 23, 2021
- Gary Oshita..... October 11, 1956–January 28, 2022
- Michiko Shimizu..... November 4, 1943–February 1, 2022

New Members



Welcome New Members



*Michael Mahon
Melissa Ryan
Craig Van Laningham
Yoerina Yee*

Introduction to Meditation

**Introduction to Meditation
with Reverend Matt**



**Please join us for one hour of
meditation and discussion**

**Mondays Each Month
7 p.m.**

April 18, May 16, June 20

RSVP to: betsuinprograms@buddhistchurch.org

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**Q&R and
Coffee Talk**



Questions & Responses (Q&R)

2nd Sunday of Each Month

Would you like to ask questions or know more about Buddhism?
Please join us following service on Facebook for Q&R.

Coffee Talk

3rd Sunday of Each Month

Miss the days we could just talk and catch up with each other?
Join us for Coffee Talk following service.

**Weekly Yoga
Via Zoom**

Interested in learning something new?

The Yoga for Health class is designed for any age and physical condition.

Join us for weekly yoga classes with Bob Matsueda via Zoom every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

For more information and Zoom link, contact betsuinprograms@buddhistchurch.org.



**Thursday Night
Health &
Wellness**



**12th Annual
SBC Golf
Tournament**
Richard Kai



Join us for these friendly, informative sessions. Ask questions and learn about steps you can take to ensure a healthy and happy life for yourself and those around you!

Please sign up at BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org
Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818-2233

"ACEs"

**ACEs: Adverse Childhood Experiences –
What is this and why is it important to me?**

Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.



Dr. Yvonne Otani
Pediatrician, Kaiser Permanente South

Mindfulness and Your Mental Health

**Understanding how Mindfulness could help us
with everyday stress, anxiety, and to keep us
focused.**

Thursday, May 19, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.



Jenna Takeshi-Nitta
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

The Board of Trustees invites its sangha members and their families, as well as friends of the Betsuin to participate in the upcoming 12th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church (SBC) Golf Tournament, scheduled for play at the Dry Creek Golf Course on Thursday, July 14, 2022. The golf committee anticipates a full field of golfers, so be sure to submit your entry form as early as possible.

The large number of positive comments from the players regarding last year’s tournament, the delicious bento boxes and the committee’s desire to support our Asian community business owners were factors affecting the decision to return to Dry Creek Ranch. We are planning to serve another tasty Asian cuisine with a few added entrees that should satisfy the most discriminating palate of our players and guests.

**12th Annual
SBC Golf
Tournament**
(Continued)

The annual SBC golf tournament is a major activity organized by the Fundraising Committee of the SBC. The members of the golf (sub)committee oversee the organization, administration and accounting for the net proceeds (sources and usage) that are deposited in the temple’s capital improvement account.

The event offers several options for the players and sponsors to make donations to the capital improvement account, including three sponsorship levels with each providing complimentary entry fee(s) to the tournament. The Gold Sponsor level includes four complimentary entry fees to play in the tournament. Silver and Bronze sponsorships include two and one complimentary entry fee(s), respectively. Sponsor and donor signs will be on display at the first hole teeing ground and around the practice putting green. Please take the time to note these sponsors and donors and thank them for contributing to the success of this tournament.



Sponsorship and Donation Form

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$1,000 – Gold Sponsorship:

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, four complimentary tournament entry fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments, and tee prizes.

\$250 – Bronze Sponsorship:

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, one complimentary tournament entry fee, golf cart, lunch, refreshments, and tee prizes.

\$500 – Silver Sponsorship:

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, two complimentary tournament entry fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments, and tee prizes.

\$125 – In Memory Of, Individual and/or Group Sponsorship includes Tee Box Sign recognition.

SUGGESTED MONETARY AND/OR IN-KIND DONATIONS

Check-In Tee Prizes

Donation of golf tees, balls, ball markers, divot repair, etc. to give to each golfer.

Tournament Raffle Prizes

Unused golf clubs, head covers, golf apparel, dry goods, food items, restaurant gift certificates, etc.

Snack/Dinner Items

Miscellaneous refreshments, snacks or food items.

Cash

Used to offset the cost of check-in tee prizes, luncheon raffle prizes or other related expenses.

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Fed Tax ID: 94-1243674

Sponsorship: I/We would like to be a sponsor in the amount of \$ _____.

Please indicate: Gold Sponsor Silver Sponsor Bronze Sponsor

In Memory Of, Individual and/or Group: Name(s) _____

Raffle Prize/Donation: I/We would like to make a donation of _____

Sponsor/Donor Name(s): _____

Contact Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Return to: SBC Golf Tournament, 899 Shore Breeze Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831
Church Phone: 916-446-0121

12th Annual SBC Golf Tournament
(Continued)

Information fact sheets about the golf tournament, sponsorship levels, playing format and scoring along with the event's entry forms are included within the SANGHA newsletter. These documents also are available on the Betsuin's website (buddhistchurch.org). In addition, an email notice with an attachment of tournament forms will be sent to the past participants during April. The completed entry forms, along with any questions and/or comments about the 2022 event can be sent via email to the golf committee at betsuingolf@gmail.com. A copy of your completed forms and personal checks should be sent to address on the entry form. The temple office staff can provide general information about the event. We are looking forward to hosting another tournament that brings fun and enjoyment for all who participate and support this annual event. We hopes to see you all on July 14. Until then, be well and safe.



12th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course, 809 Crystal Way, Galt, CA

Check-in from 6:30 AM to 7:15 AM

7:30 AM Shotgun Start

- We encourage everyone to follow the current state and local COVID-19 guidelines while on the golf course to ensure the safety of our players, guests, and volunteers.
- The field is limited to 144 players (two players per cart).
- You may sign up as a single, twosome, threesome, or foursome.
- The tournament format is a four-person Blind Draw Shamble.
- Team prizes will be awarded to four places and individual closest-to-the-pin on Par 3 holes.
- Entry fee is based on sponsorship level or \$125 per player. It covers green fees, cart, tee gift, after-round bento box lunch, and refreshments.
- Additional bento box lunches may be purchased at \$30 each.
- Please direct questions to: BetsuinGolf@gmail.com

BONUS PACKS

For \$25, you can purchase 2 mulligans, 1 miracle putt, and 20 raffle tickets on this entry form.

We will not be able to sell bonus packs on the day of the tournament.

Raffle tickets will be drawn digitally.

Registration Deadline: June 30, 2022

Golfer(s)	Confirmation to: Email Address or Text Phone #	NCGA Index or Est. Hdcp.	Sponsor Level*	Number of Bonus Pack(s)
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2.				
3.				
4.				

*** Sponsor and Entry Options:**

G = Gold Level Entry (includes 4 complimentary entry fees) _____ @ \$1,000 \$ _____

S = Silver Level Entry (includes 2 complimentary entry fees) _____ @ \$ 500 \$ _____

B = Bronze Level Entry (includes 1 complimentary entry fee) _____ @ \$ 250 \$ _____

SE = Single Entry; Number of Golfers: _____ @ \$ 125 each \$ _____

Number of Additional Bento Box Lunches: _____ @ \$ 30 each \$ _____

Number of Bonus Packs: _____ @ \$ 25 each \$ _____

TOTAL: \$

Please make check(s) payable to: **Sacramento Buddhist Church**
and mail to: SBC Golf Tournament
899 Shore Breeze Drive
Sacramento, CA 95831

Completed "saved" form may be emailed to:
BetsuinGolf@gmail.com.

Checks will be cashed after the completion of the tournament.
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**Sports
Committee**
Alan Wu



Hello, and let us all welcome the spring of 2022! These past three months of winter were tough. We hope you all stayed safe and healthy during December, January and February. March saw a definite downswing of virus cases, but of course, with the availability of home tests, these reported numbers are subject to a larger margin of error as compared to the actual real numbers. In any event, it looks like we are on the right path to getting back what was our normal way of life, a couple of years back. We are on the yellow brick road, but have not quite reached the Land of Oz yet, so stay diligent and continue protecting yourselves and your family.

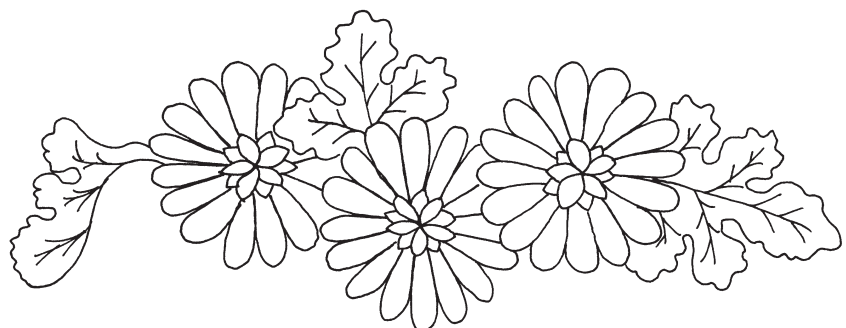
Did someone say March? The word March distinctly was heard. In addition, it is almost 99.99% probable that March meant March Madness. Of course, our own little local March Madness has been on vacation for a couple of years and is still on vacation. We all look forward in anticipation to the return of the Northern California Church League (NCCL) basketball league and the return of the subsequent March youth tournaments that were such a large part of our basketball lives for many generations of kids.

The real March Madness is in full swing this year. Are you a bracketologist? Is your bracket still alive and well (at least one of them) or did they all get blown up by last week's upset(s)? Even if you know nothing about college basketball, playing the bracket game can make the NCAA tournament a little more fun to watch. Just like the SuperBowl At-Home Game makes it fun to watch the SuperBowl to see if the National Anthem goes longer than three minutes and 14 seconds, will the coin toss be tails or what color Gatorade is dumped on the coach. Remember, this is for entertainment purposes only; absolutely no wagering is allowed! ... Yeah, right. Therefore, even if you do not have a dog in the race, playing these "At-Home" games can put some interest (for entertainment purposes only) into the tournament.

Then there is Major League Baseball. What can be said about that? When you peel back the layers of this onion, it makes your eyes water. At the very core, there is one side that insists on making more billions, and the other side insisting on making more millions because the other side is making billions. In my neighborhood, working for McDonald's you make nowhere near millions, but help to serve billions, while the owners make billions. Is this the same apples to oranges? What does it tell you when your group of eight representatives responsible for negotiating for your future all reject the offer, but then the rest of the players approve it? Seems like you need a new group of people to represent you. Remember, this little piggie cried waa-waa-waa all the way home.

Just a quick note about the Beijing Winter Olympics. It must have been the same group of eight representatives for the baseball players that decided to put the snow skiing events on a mountain that normally gets no natural snow! Moreover, to top it off, a freak snowstorm made a wrong turn somewhere and hit that same mountain, thus delaying a few of the events. Who would have thunk it! It was amazing however, that some Asian girl snowboarder from who knows where did the 36,400-double reverse-cork-goofy triple hand grab-back scratcher-quadruple toe loop-flying camel-sit spin something and stuck the landing. Whatever it was, it was sensational enough to bring home the gold — or did she? She brought it somewhere here to her home, but it was not for her home country, so is it really true that home is where the heart is?

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Girl Scout Troop 569
Karen Kurasaki

On Sunday, February 6, we were very fortunate to have Brittany Hori as our Scout Sunday speaker. Brittany is a former Troop 569 scout, received her Silver and Gold Awards, and is currently a school psychologist at a Title I public school in West Sacramento. Brittany shared with everyone how the scouting program played a huge part in her life during her college years as well as currently as a school psychologist. Learning to work together, leadership skills, and the importance of community service continue to be very important to her. We were so fortunate to have Brittany as our 2022 Scout Sunday speaker.



Also in February, several scouts from Cadettes 1, Cadettes 3 and Ambassadors 3 teamed up to create heartfelt Valentine's cards for residents at Revere Court, a senior residential care facility that specializes in memory care. This community service activity was part of the Cupid Crew Cards for Valentine's Day National Service Project, a collaboration between Girl Scouts of the USA and Wish of a Lifetime from AARP. Our 569 scouts delivered more than 75 cards to spread their love to the seniors who, due to COVID-19 safety protocols, have been more socially isolated.



Between January and March, Betsuin Girl Scouts sold an impressive 11,568 boxes of cookies. Wow, that's a lot of cookies! And we are still counting. The online cookie sales are still rolling in! Special thanks to scouts Ella Kaneko, Erin and Faith DeCamp, and leaders Christine DeCamp and Keith Kaneko for hosting a cookie booth at the church, and to several other scouts who created a cookie video and made announcements. Also, a special shoutout to the following 11 scouts and parents who volunteered at the Cookie Megadrop at Sutter Health Park and helped with loading truckloads of cases into vehicles for the Central Valley region: Lily Agraan, Sharon Agraan, Melanie Collins, Linh Cun, Janet Goto, Maya Koike, Karen Kurasaki, Jennifer Morita, Caitlin Sauer, Traci Sauer, Kim Yep.

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4月 3日 10時 祥月法要
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理事長のメッセージ

新田ゴードン

サクラメント・カウンティの感染率が低くなってきて、別院の感染予防規制も緩和されてきました。皆様も経験されているように、このパンデミック中はいつ状況が変わるかもしれないので油断は禁物です。引き続き十分に安全を前提にサービス、ファンドレイザーやミーティングを再開していく予定です。そのためにオンラインでのサービスやクラス、又はマスク着用を実行して下さい。お互いの安全を尊重することが一番重要なことです。

コートヤードでのお茶やコーヒーの接待は日曜日のダーマサービスの後行われています。ケルビン・マーク先生、シェリル・ルーとファミリーのリンジーとブランドン、足立カレンの皆様、一緒にTo-Go用の容器に詰めるお手伝いを有難うございました。スナックを寄付したい方は足立カレンさんまでご連絡下さい。但し、別院にて調理しなければなりません。

3月の週末二回に渡って、Rev マットと私は恒例BCA 全米カウンシルミーティングにオンラインで参加致しました。今年はセントラル教区の主催で、2023年はオンラインで沿岸教区の主催、2024年は私達北加教区の主催となります。2024年はオンラインになるか、対面会議となるか未定です。

今年の会議で2022-2023年度BCAの予算が可決されました。この予算には2022年4月1日付でBCAメンバーシップ代の10.4%増加が含まれています。従って2023年の別院年会費が値上がりすることをここでお知らせしておきます。未だ閉鎖中のお寺もあり、このBCAのメンバーシップ費を支払うことが出来ないお寺もあります。現在、少数のお寺だけが再開している状況です。

7月9日(土)に盆踊りが開催される予定ですからご期待下さい。詳細は現在計画中なのでサンガと別院ウェブサイトを注意して見て下さい。初盆サービスについては検討中です。

今年のバザーに関しては、予約注文でドライブ・スルーのピックアップを計画しています。

婦人会ニュース

加藤シャーリー

新会員歓迎：(敬称略)

サンデイ片岡フオング、倉原シンデイ
グロリア・スミス、ドナ・ウオング

グループ活動が可能になりましたので、3月初めに今年度に予定されている種々の活動項目を会員の皆様にお知らせしました。

- ① ミュージカル
- ② 若松コロニー清掃 (場所：プラサービル)
- ③ クロッカー美術館
- ④ ウオーク・ア・ソンに参加
- ⑤ 手芸教室
- ⑥ 日帰り旅行

又、当婦人会は1年を通してコミュニティ・サービスにも参加しています。3月のプロジェクトはサクラメント州立大学の「Food Pantry」に食品(缶詰など)や洗面道具などを寄付しました。経済的に苦しんでいる学生さんを助けるため。

野口ナンシーさんが寄付の品物受け取りのために自宅を提供、中富バーバラさんが集まった品物を大学(CSUS)へ運んで下さいました。多くの品物やお金を寄付された皆様に感謝いたします。

「浄土真宗の女性達」サービスにてダーナ基金に寄付された皆様にお礼を申し上げます。別院スカウトプログラムに寄付されました。

お知らせ：

10月14-16日、FBWA全国大会(オンライン)
テーマは「時代の進化に聞く」

登録その他の資料は遅れていて4月か5月の始め頃に配布される予定です。申し込みの締め切りは8月1日。登録費は30ドル。SBWAメンバーで30歳以下は無料。

次回理事会は4月6日(水)、婦人会メンバーは誰でも参加可能、連絡先は sbwa2020@gmail.com
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