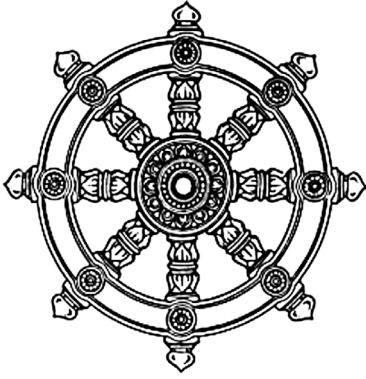


**Resident  
Minister**  
Rev. Matt Hamasaki



**T**his month, the Sacramento Betsuin is putting on a fundraiser for humanitarian efforts to help the people of Ukraine. It will be on Saturday, August 13, at 2 p.m. called "Songs in Solidarity with Ukraine" and feature performances of song.

The event is free, but donations are welcome to go to the cause. The reason for this event is, of course, the ongoing conflict with Russia. The Buddhist Churches of America Ministers Association has put out a statement on the conflict as follows:

"Guided by the Buddhist principles of Wisdom & Compassion, the Ministers Association of the Buddhist Churches of America opposes the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Buddha taught that Greed, Hatred, and Ignorance are poisons, and we see all three fueling this war.

"Wisdom recognizes that all things are Interconnected, and the fallout from this war will affect not only the innocent civilians and refugees but so many others as well, from the soldiers on both sides, to the environment and to the entire world.

"Buddha's Compassion recognizes that all life has value and happiness for all beings is the ideal. This is seen in the Metta Sutta with the aspiration, 'May all beings be happy — May they be joyous and living in safety.' Our founder, Shinran Shonin, expressed the wish, 'May there be peace in the world.'

"We are in favor of relief to the victims, and call for this war to end."

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To add to the statement, I believe that the ambitions of nations is the result of the ignorance of individuals. When we look at ourselves, we see that we care deeply about us. We want to be happy and healthy. We want food, shelter, and things that bring us joy. However, we do not stop at the minimum nor are we ever satisfied.

The Buddha said that even if it rained gold coins, we would not be fulfilled. Human nature is to be voraciously selfish. And, on the contrary, the world and everything in it are finite. Thus, we come into conflict when we want something that makes another happy for ourselves because they will put up resistance. This seems quite common sense but, even so, we have not found a different way.

Mikhail Piotrovsky, the director of the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, said, "We are all militarists and imperials" when asked about a pacifist position. I think that this is built into not just the Russian culture but in American, Japanese, and many others of our cultures: to fight and take until we can rule the world.

Thus, we must search ourselves for the source of this conflict and uproot it at the cause. The Buddha said, "Searching all directions with your awareness, you find no one dearer than yourself. In the same way, others are thickly dear to themselves. So you shouldn't hurt others if you love yourself."

Ironically, by understanding how much we care about ourselves, we begin to understand why we should care about others. That if they love themselves as much as we love ourselves, how could we possibly impose on anyone? Then comes the action from such a realization. It is wonderful that we have opportunities to give funds to those that need help, and I am proud of our temple for putting on such a show of solidarity. On top of this, we must continue to live in a way that does not hurt others, raise our children to live the same way, and make sure that those that represent us share those values. In doing so, we can create a nation and, hopefully, a world that believes that it is possible for all of us to coexist in a peaceful way.

**I**t is great to be able to start my article by saying that this summer is off to an ACTIVE start. Last month, I shared with you the success of our Annual Families and Friends Picnic in June. Today, I am very happy to share that July 9 brought our first in-person Bon Odori in three years — and we were thrilled to welcome about 600 people who came out to dance and to honor ancestors and loved ones who have passed away.

The weather was perfect and, combined with starting an hour later than has been our tradition, we found that we really did not miss having the "big tent" overhead to protect us from the usually intense July sun and HEAT. Some even commented on how nice it was to have the open sky! The Troop 50 Scouts, boys and girls, and Pack 50 Cub Scouts and Jr. YBA, supported the event by providing concessions and you, in turn, supported them in their successful fundraising efforts. Our youth organizations have always been important at the Betsuin and we were only too glad to be able to provide an opportunity for them to be part of our larger temple community.

Just about everything at the Betsuin takes a tremendous amount of volunteer time and effort and Obon Night was no exception. From working on committees to painting lines, from coordinating concessions to dressing dancers, from leading the dancers to providing the music, from making yukatas, uchiwas and tenuguis ("gear") available to purchase to livestreaming the evening festivities so more people could enjoy and celebrate with us — Bon Odori was possible only because so many people volunteered to make it a reality. A very special shout-out to our Betsuin Technology Committee, especially Kelly Gartman, for their tireless work to make the virtual presentation and our first-ever Obon Memorial Tribute Video a reality. Thank you all!

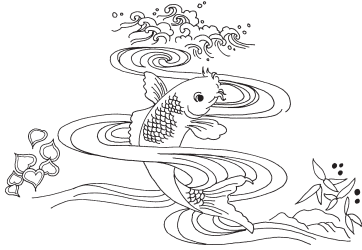
The next morning, we observed our Hatsubon (First Obon) Service, welcoming Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti back to the Betsuin as our special guest speakers. The hondo was at capacity, with overflow into the kaikan, and even more people attending online. It was a beautiful service, honoring those who have passed since our last Hatsubon Service in July 2021.

On July 14, we held our Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament at Dry Creek Golf Course in Galt with 143 golfers participating. Everyone had a very enjoyable day golfing, drinking and eating the bento boxes that were part of our golfing package. Kudos to the Golf Tournament Committee for another great event!

We are welcoming August with a little break as we catch our breath and work to bring our first-ever Drive-Thru Bazaar to fruition. The event is coming up on September 18, and you'll find much more information in this newsletter, as well as online at our website. Hopefully you have already submitted your preordered food purchases, as quantities are limited!

In September, we will be moving back to in-person Dharma School! I should have registration forms and information out by the time you are reading this. Keep up to date on everything happening at the Betsuin by checking our website, **buddhistchurch.org**. Again, it is wonderful to see activity returning to the Betsuin and I encourage all of you to join us, in-person or virtually, whenever you can — Sunday services, online workshops, organization classes, special events — we're working hard to make sure all these choices are available! As always, stay safe and healthy.

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Association**  
Jane Komure  
Executive Council



**Legacy  
Endowment  
Fund**  
Greg Matayoshi

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Welcome to new members Terrie Matsumoto and Jennifer Nitta! July was a busy month for SBWA. Starting with Obon, it was a hectic evening for seven BWA members who helped dancers dress into their yukatas. In 2 hours, they helped a total of 87 dancers! In addition, other members helped to put together bento boxes for the Obon entertainers, teachers, dressers, and audio technicians.

Also in July, an email went out to all members requesting old, discarded prescription glasses to donate to the Lions Club. They will have them sorted, processed, and distributed to people who need but cannot afford eyeglasses. We collected them on July 24 and hoped for a good turnout.

On the fourth Sunday of July, SBWA provided the after-service snacks. Three board members baked homemade cookies.

For the first time since the pandemic, we attended a performance at the Music Circus. This had been an annual event that Virginia Uchida coordinated every year since approximately 2009. It started out with Mary Inouye's tamale money. Every year, Mary would head up a tamale sale to benefit SBWA members. With the money, she planned to help pay for different outings. Virginia stepped in and offered to plan annual trips to the Music Circus followed by a dinner at The Islander. In the past, there were 40-50 people who attended. The numbers in recent years have dwindled. On July 17, 12 members went to the Music Circus to see "Kiss Me Kate," followed by dinner at Ming Dynasty. Despite the fewer numbers, all 12 members excitedly looked forward to this event.

On August 17, SBWA members will carpool to Thunder Valley. For some, it will be the first time they have been to a casino since the pandemic. It's certainly a sign that we are trying to get back to a sense of normalcy. Personally, I'm very happy and relieved that we understand the nature of COVID much better. Although the recent variants are much more transmittable, their effects are less severe. However, I would still like to remind everyone to continue to be diligent and stay safe.

The next SBWA Board meeting will be on August 3 at 7 p.m.

#### **The British Schindler's Acts of Selfless Giving**

I recently heard this story on NPR and thought about how selfless acts can have profound impacts much later that we may never become aware of. We are often bombarded by media stories of the rich and famous, but how often do we hear of amazing feats accomplished by everyday people, especially when there is seemingly little personal benefit to do so? The following is a remarkable story only becoming known due to chance. The selfless acts of Nicholas Winton to save 669 Jewish Czech children on the eve of World War II would not be known today were it not for his wife cleaning their attic and coming across a briefcase full of old documents and sharing them with a Holocaust researcher in 1988.

In December 1938, Winton was a 29-year-old London stockbroker set to go on a Swiss ski vacation when a friend called asking him to forgo his planned vacation and visit him in Czechoslovakia instead. His friend was an associate of the British Committee for Refugees from Czechoslovakia, which provided assistance for refugees created by the German annexation of the Sudeten regions. Winton witnessed the conditions of the refugee camps filled to capacity with Jews and political opponents from the Sudetenland and knew that Czechoslovakia would soon be taken over by Germany and the Jews would be deported to concentration camps.

Moved by what he saw, Winton set up the "unofficial" Children's Section of the British Committee for Refugees from Czechoslovakia, raised funds for transports, and found British families willing to care for refugee children. One day before the Germans occupied the Czech lands in March 1939, Winton was able to travel back to London and continued to organize the operations, setting up the train transports out of Prague, across Germany, into the Netherlands, and then by ship to Britain. Within eight months' time before the Germans invaded Poland and Britain declared war on Germany on September 3, 1939 and the borders were closed, Winton was able to transport 669 children out of Prague. Most of these children never saw their parents again and would undoubtedly have been sent to concentration camps and subsequently to their deaths.

Once the war started, Winton joined the Royal Air Force and eventually became a pilot. After the war, he worked for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, met his future wife and married in 1948. It was not until 1988, when his wife found a scrapbook and documents with all the children's photos and names that his story became known when she shared them with a Holocaust researcher. Up until then, Winton had not let others know what he had accomplished.

Once the story of his courageous endeavors became known, Winton received a letter of appreciation from the late Ezer Weizman, former president of the state of Israel, and was made an honorary citizen of Prague in the independent Czech Republic. In 2002, Winton received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for his services to humanity and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Many of the children saved went on to do remarkable things, such as author Peter Sis, British politician Alfred Dubs (Baron), geneticist Renata Laxova, and the co-founder of the Israeli Air Force, Hugo Marom.



## Legacy Endowment Fund (Continued)

While the efforts and actions of Winton are remarkable, just as remarkable is the fact that he did not think what he did was out of the ordinary and his actions would not be known except for the chance finding of his old documents. Winton's inspirational life story reminds me of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist teachings I have heard through the years. One teaching that stands out is about letting go of one's ego. Winton acted upon his conscience and lived selfless giving without ever expecting acknowledgment or appreciation from anyone outside of himself. Neither did he even need any personal affirmation of his selfless efforts as he never had any expectations of those 669 children, and he never thought for any moment that anybody was obligated to him. The 669 saved children went on to live their lives and have families and at last count numbered around 15,000 who would not be alive were it not for Winton. Sir Nicholas Winton died in 2015 at the age of 106.

Sir Nicholas Winton is a true example of dana whose actions made a lasting impact on the world and humanity. His story can serve as an inspiration for all of us to continue selfless giving with actions that will guide and support the next generations.

If you have a project or program to promote the teachings of the Buddha Dharma and would like funding, please contact the Legacy Endowment Fund Board. We look forward to considering your proposal.

## Adult Buddhist Association Keiko Jean Kashiwada ABA President

During the month of July, we conducted an in-person ABA Board Meeting at the Betsuin. It was wonderful to see almost the entire ABA Board! It was great to be able meet in person and have discussions and approval of our upcoming activities and church events. We will continue to meet in person as long as it is safe to do so.

Don't forget the ABA Free Shredding event on Saturday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Simply load up your vehicle, drive into the church parking lot, and our ABA members will unload your documents to be shredded and take it to the shredding truck. Let's fill the truck again!

Those of you who attended the Obon Odori on July 9 — wasn't it wonderful?! The weather was perfect for dancing and the parking lot was filled with dancers. Kelly Gartman provided a wonderful memorial tribute that we were able to watch in the courtyard that evening. Thank you everyone for submitting pictures of your dearly departed family members and friends. On Sunday's Obon-Hatsubon service, the hondo was filled (socially distanced seating, of course) and about one-half of the kaikan seats were filled. Thank you, Cindy Kitade, for providing a beautiful Hatsubon memorial video of our Betsuin members who passed away this past year. Thank you to the Betsuin Choir for its musical selections during the memorial video and to our former Rinban Bob Oshita for his very meaningful Obon message.

Don't forget to order your bazaar food and merchandise. Information appears in the SANGHA newsletter and on the church website.

Stay healthy and safe!

## 2022 Bon Odori Karen Adachi

On Saturday, July 9 under the colorful cho-chin lanterns and the beautiful blue sky, the Betsuin parking lot came back to life for our first Bon Odori since 2019. Hundreds of families and friends filled the dance circles and spectator chairs for a magical evening of dancing, eating, and fellowship.

The parking lot began to fill from 5:30 p.m. as participants came to enjoy a bite to eat at the food concession tables coordinated by Kellie Morioka-Sato and provided by scouts from Troop 50B, Troop 50G, and Cub Scout Pack 50. The Jr. YBA sold refreshing Gunther's freezes that hit the spot on this warm summer evening. President Gordon Nitta and his crew spent the evening grilling hot dogs and hamburgers while Marty Sakata deep-fried the karaage chicken (also known as Granpy's chicken).

Across the courtyard, participants shopped for new uchiwa (round fans) and tenugui (towels), as well as gently used yukatas and happi coats generously donated by temple members and friends.

After the hundreds of dancers marched out and lined up in the dance circles, Reverend Matt kicked off the Odori by declaring, "Finally! Bon Odori has come back to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento!" The traditional first dance, Obon No Uta, started off the evening after Reverend Matt exclaimed, "Odori mashooooo!"

Back at the helm after the two-year hiatus was Henry Mizushima, who announced the dances and kept the program moving. Assisting Henry with the audio system was Ron Ishimoto, who has worked with Henry at our Bon Odori for decades.

Our Bon Odori would not be possible without our wonderful odori instructors, who volunteered their time to teach the dances at three practices and on Obon night. Special thanks go to lead instructor Donna Inouye-Wong, and instructors Sandy Kataoka-Fong, Linda Ito, Kathi Omoto, Robyn Inaba, Jenna Tokeshi-Nitta and Ashley Wong.

As usual, the fan favorite dance, Fukushima Ondo (the drum dance), brought many spectators out of their seats to participate in this lively dance. A special thank you goes

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## 2022 Bon Odori

(Continued)

to the following members of the Sacramento Taiko Dan and the Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai group, who performed the music for Fukushima Ondo:

### Sacramento Taiko Dan

Tiffany Tamaribuchi  
Sascha Molina  
Kuniko Takeuchi  
Barbara Vantine  
Jan Hoshida  
Claire Yee

### Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai

Sueko Yamashita  
Asoka Ishiura  
Toshi Kawamura  
Jenny Takahashi

This year, the Bon Odori was also livestreamed for those at home to enjoy. Using the technology to broadcast and record the entire program afforded Betsuin families and friends the opportunity to submit names and pictures of their loved ones who have passed to be included in a special Obon Memorial Tribute video. The memorial tribute video was played alongside the live dancing on the virtual program. Kudos go to Kelly Gartman, who developed the Obon Memorial Tribute video and controlled the camera views of the live dancing; Aileen Niizawa-Morris, who designed the beautiful graphics that framed the live dancing and memorial tribute video; and Stuart Ito, who worked with Kelly to set up the cameras and monitors in the parking lot and courtyard.

Each year, a number of volunteers have helped dress dancers in their yukatas prior to the start of the Odori. This year's volunteers dressed a total of 87 dancers! Thank you to the following volunteers: Katsuko Hirota, Shoko Takegoshi, Nora Bacchus Dressler, Bev Tanaka, Fusako Mizushima, Janet Sakata, and Ruth Seo.

The performers, instructors and volunteer dressers enjoyed a nice bento at the end of the evening prepared by Shirley Kato, Bev Tanaka and Jane Komure of the SBWA.

Last, but not least, our Bon Odori would not have been possible without the behind-the-scenes volunteers who painted the lines in the parking lot, tied up the lanterns, set up the stage, and cleaned up. A special thank you to Gordon Nitta, Marty Sakata, James Amioka and Mark Amioka for coordinating the set-up and clean-up, and the Troop 50 Boy Scouts and leaders, and many others who volunteered their time so the rest of us could enjoy the magical evening!

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**2022 SBC Golf Tournament**  
Richard Kai



The members of the Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Committee extend our appreciation to the sponsors, raffle prize and cash donors, and players for their support of this year’s golf tournament. We also would like to give a huge shout out to Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course for hosting our 143 golfers, and to Chris and Jin Choe and their mother for preparing the most delicious Japanese / Korean bento box lunch for the players and their guests. The committee thanks the many volunteers who helped us make this tournament “run like clockwork.” We could not do this event without their help and support.

The committee was mindful of the higher level of difficulty imposed by course layout as we entered our second year at this venue. We decided one way to “tame the tiger” was shorten the course by moving the tee boxes several yards forward from their normal position. Many of the players we heard from favored this decision. Having an array of on-course cold beverages made the day’s outing refreshing and enjoyable.

The blind draw teams result and winners of the closest-to-the-hole, along with the list of players and photographs of the day’s activities are presented on the temple’s website at [www.buddhistchurch.org](http://www.buddhistchurch.org). Please take a moment to peruse the temple’s website for information on the tournament results, and digital images of players and volunteers.

The committee understands that reaching its goal of raising funds for the temple’s capital improvement account could not be achieved without the help and support of the many sponsors, donors and players.

A recap of the of the tournament sponsors, donors and players is as follows:

- Tournament Field: 143 golfers played in this year’s event.
- Bento Lunch Box: The golf course prepared 166 bento boxes for the tournament’s players, guests and volunteers.
- Sponsors and Donors: More than 112 generous tournament sponsors (Gold, Silver, Bronze; In Memory Of) and cash and raffle prize donors, including:

**Tournament Sponsors**

- Grand Prize Raffle(s) Donor: Robbie Midzuno: three-night and two-night stays at Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort

## 2022 SBC Golf Tournament (Continued)



- Hole-In-One Prizes Sponsor: J. Morey, Inc. Carol Takasuji: \$5,000 main prize with merchandise offerings on each of the other Par 3s. (Unfortunately, no one had a hole-in-one, although some were very close.)

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- Cash Donors: 8
- Raffle Prize Donations: 59

The smooth running of the on-site tournament activities was attributed to stewardship of Sheryl Kajioka and Diane Shimosaka and their group of volunteers, and the following committee members and the role each of them was responsible for:

- Keith Kato: Solicitation and collection of merchant gift certificates, donations and gift cards;
- Myra Okasaki: Preparation of and finalizing the tournament program, and preparation of pre- and post-digital communications;
- Alan Wu: Oversight of the raffle table and distribution of prizes;
- Ted Yoshimura: Development of tournament rules;
- Minh La: Digital, random draw of raffle prize winners and on-course photography and beverages;
- Wayne Kurahara: Recruitment of players, solicitation of complimentary green fees and other raffle prizes;
- Allan Hoshida and Minh La: Tee box sponsor signage;
- Minh La and Shirley Kato for scoring and calculating blind team scores and winners; and
- Minh, Myra, Shirley, Stacy Matsunami, Meriko Hoshida, Shirley Sekeres, Teri and Robbie Midzuno, and Gordon Nitta for musubi preparation, check-in stations, Costco runs, taking on-course pictures, and keeping the golfers refreshed with water and spirits, and for their presence at the golf course.

We hope all of you were able to renew old acquaintances, share a few laughs together and most of all had fun throughout the day.

We'll see you all again during the summer of 2023. The date and venue will be announced on the temple's website in March 2023.

Be safe and sound until we meet again next year!



**2022 Drive-Thru Bazaar**  
Karen Adachi



The online store is now open for the 2022 Drive-Thru Bazaar! Please visit our online store at: [www.buddhistchurch.org](http://www.buddhistchurch.org) to order food, merchandise, or make a monetary donation to the bazaar.

Limited quantities of the following food items will be available for purchase through September 4, 2022, or until sold out:

- Teriyaki Chicken (boneless thighs) Bento Box: \$20
- “Granny’s” Karaage Chicken: \$10
- “SASF’s [Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation] Special” Vegetable Chow Mein: \$10
- Bazaar Udon: \$10
- Spam Musubi: \$3.50

When placing your order, please be sure to select an available timeframe for picking up your order on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

This year, we are offering two different designs of our commemorative bazaar merchandise (aprons, insulated reusable grocery bags, and women’s, men’s, and youth T-shirts). The designs feature two of our bazaar favorites: spam musubi and udon.

Below is a list of items available for purchase:

- Aprons (black): \$25
- Men’s crew neck T-Shirts (black or white): Sizes Small, Medium, Large, X-Large: \$23
- Men’s crew neck T-Shirts (black or white): Sizes 2XL and 3XL: \$25
- Women’s V-neck T-Shirts (black or white): Sizes X-Small, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large: \$23
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- Youth crew neck T-Shirts (black or white): Sizes XS, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large: \$18
- Insulated Reusable Bags (black): \$8



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These items will also be sold online on a pre-order basis only. The deadline for ordering bazaar merchandise will be Friday, September 23, 2022. After that point, the merchandise will be ordered and will be available for pickup or shipping in November. The drive-thru pickup date and time for merchandise will be determined once we have a delivery date from the printer.



Monetary donations of any amount to support this very important annual fundraiser will also be greatly appreciated. The proceeds of our annual bazaar help support our annual operating and staffing expenses, as well as the many programs offered to our sangha and community.



**Courtyard Refreshments**  
Karen Adachi

Since February of this year, the Board of Trustees (BOT) has been serving light refreshments in the courtyard after Sunday services. The primary cooks for these refreshments have been Gordon Nitta, Sensei Dr. Kelvin Mark, Dr. Cheryl Lieu, and Karen Adachi. We would like to thank the members of the BOT as well as many sangha members who have pitched in to help us set up, serve the refreshments, and clean up afterwards.

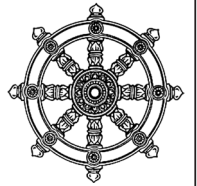
Beginning in May, the Sacramento Buddhist Women’s Association (SBWA) began providing the refreshments once a month, and beginning in September, the Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) will be providing refreshments once a month. Thank you to both of these organizations for their support.

We appreciate the monetary donations and the donations of refreshments from the following sangha members:

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|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Amy Wong         | Esther Hokama        | Rachel Nagai    |
| Barbara Nakatomi | Jane Komure          | Shirley Kato    |
| Beverly Tanaka   | Keiko Jean Kashiwada | Shirley Sekeres |



*Welcome New Members*



*Shawn Lin  
Thomas Marciano*

**2022 Family Memorial Service Schedule**

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*



*Chris Ichiro Takeuchi ..... August 8, 1961-June 17, 2022  
Laurene Mar ..... September 29, 1949-July 6, 2022*

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**Thursday Night  
Health &  
Wellness**



**Q&R and  
Coffee Talk**

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](mailto:BetsuinPrograms@buddhistchurch.org)  
Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818-2233

**A Remarkable Journey from  
Marysville to Japan**  
Thursday, August 25, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.



**Janelle Sasaki**  
Director, Branding, Marketing & Communications  
EY Japan  
Janelle Sasaki is a third generation Japanese American.  
She is descended from 26 generations of Buddhist priests.

**Violence and Crimes Everywhere**  
How to protect ourselves  
Thursday, September 29, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.



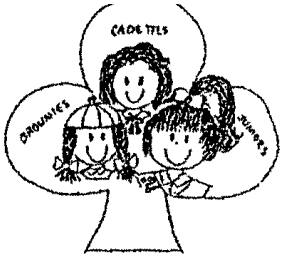
**Bruce Muramoto**  
City of Winters Retired Police Chief

**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.



**Girl Scout Troop 569**  
Jennifer Morita



Troop 569 Girl Scouts donned their yukatas and happi coats for the first in-person Bon Odori since 2019. "I felt excited because I could see my friends and dance with them in-person," Cadette Danielle Sakai said. "It was cool to see all the pretty decorations and everyone's fancy outfits."

More than 30 Sacramento Betsuin girl scouts worked on earning their special Obon Odori patch, according to

Reverend Patti Oshita. Scouts must

attend a workshop to learn about the origins of Obon and participate in the festival to earn the patch.



Brownies from Troop 569-40 ended the school year with two fun field trips — horseback riding at Shadow Glen Riding Stables in Fair Oaks and a private tour of our solar system and the planets at the Sacramento State Planetarium.



**Troop 50B**  
Phil Morris



The 2022 Obon Festival was reminiscent of the gatherings before any of us had heard of COVID-19 and was quite the celebration. Our scout Troop 50B sold hot dogs, hamburgers, chow mein, egg rolls, and karaage chicken.

Special thank you to grill master Gordon Nitta for his help managing the kitchen and beyond. We had a great time being side-by-side with Troop 50G, Cub Scout Pack 50, and the Jr. YBA. Thank you to all the attendees who enjoyed our food and supported us! We appreciate the church for organizing the event and for their continued support.

In addition to being a great fundraiser, it was nice volunteering along with the other parents and scouts from the troop.



**Troop 50G**  
Julie Weng-Gutierrez



Troop 50G would like to thank the Board and sangha for allowing us the opportunity to conduct our first in-person food fundraiser with the church.

Troop 50G made rice bowls with kahlua pork, chicken curry, shoyu hot dogs, SPAM musubi, and Hawaiian potato mac salad.

The best part was being able to participate in the Obon dances. The scouts really enjoyed the event. Thank you all for your support!



**Cub Scouts**  
Kellie Morioka-Sato



Thank you to Sacramento Buddhist Church for letting Cub Scouts Pack 50 participate in the in-person Obon event on July 9.

We had a great time working together and gaining experience.

Special thanks to Gordon Nitta for going above and beyond by getting the supplies and helping us get ready for the event.





# サンガ



～8月の予定～

8月7日 10時半 祥月法要

8月13日 2時-3時 ウクレイン・  
チャリティ・コンサート

<https://www.buddhistchurch.org/internal-event/benefit-concert-ukraine>

私にとって COVID というものが少しずつ分かりかけてきたことで気持ちが落ち着いてきました。それにしても最新のバリエーションは症状が軽いが超感染しやすいとのことで、未だ気を許さずに引き続き安全対策を怠らないようにしましょう。

理事長のメッセージ

新田ゴードン

婦人会ニュース

小牟礼ジェーン

歓迎新会員！

松本テリーさんと新田ジェニファーさん



7月は婦人会にとって大変忙しい月でした。盆踊りの日は5人のメンバーが2時間の間に90人近い人達の浴衣の着付けをしなければならなくて大忙しでした。又、他のメンバーは着付け受付、踊りの先生達、オーディオ・ビデオの人達のためにお弁当を作りました。

社会奉仕の一環として、使い古しの眼鏡を集めてライオンズクラブへ寄付致しました。ライオンズクラブでは集まった古い眼鏡を整理し、眼鏡を買えない人達のために配布いたします。

毎月第四日曜日のサービス後のスナックを婦人会が負担し、毎回3人の理事がクッキースを焼いて提供いたします。

7月17日、パンデミック依頼初めて恒例のミュージックサーカス観劇を開催。2009年以来、内田バージニアさんが毎年チケット購入を担当していました。一時は40-50人のメンバーが参加するほど人気でしたが近年は減り、今年は12人のメンバーが「キス・ミー・ケート」そしてダイナー (Ming Dynasty) に参加しました。



8月17日はサンダーバレーのカシノへカープールで行く予定をしています。パンデミック以来カシノへ行くのは初めてというメンバーもおります。全てが平常に戻りつつあるように思います。

7月9日、3年振りに行われた盆踊りは600人余りが集まり大変賑わいました。盆踊りには最適のお天気に恵まれたのと、今年は時間を遅くしたこと、そしてテントを外したことも、空が見えて気持ちが良いとのコメントもあったくらいに好評でした。又、ボーイスカウトとガールスカウト、カブスカウトや JR YBA の皆さん達が基金募集の一環としてフードブースを設置して大成功でした。

別院の全ての行事はボランティアなしでは成立しません。盆踊りもその一つで、コミテイーの人達が駐車場に踊りのラインをペイントすることから、フードブースの設置、浴衣の着付け、音響システム、同時ビデオの配信など、大勢のボランティアが協力して実現しました。特に感謝したいのは別院テクノロジー・コミテイとケリー・ガートマンさんが初めてお盆追悼ビデオを作成してくれたことです。本当に有難う！

盆踊りの翌日は大下ポップ・パティ夫妻をゲストに迎えて初盆法要が行われました。本堂はいっぱい会館をオープンするほどでした。

7月14日に別院のゴルフトーナメントがドライクリークゴルフ場で開催され、142人の参加者がゴルフを楽しみました。ゴルフコミテイーの皆さん、ご苦労様でした。

9月に予定している今年初めてのドライブスルー・バザーを成功させるために現在熱心にプランを練っています。日程は9月18日、詳細はサンガ又はウェブサイトに掲載しますのでお楽しみに。注文はお早目をお願いいたします。

9月は久しぶりに対面でダーマスクールが始まります。このサンガを受け取られる頃には申込書も完成していることでしょう。

別院のアクティビティはウェブサイト [buddhistchurch.org](https://www.buddhistchurch.org) をチェックして下さい。多くのアクティビティが平常に戻りつつあることは喜ばしいことで、日曜サービス、講習会、特別イベントなどは是非皆様も参加されますように。