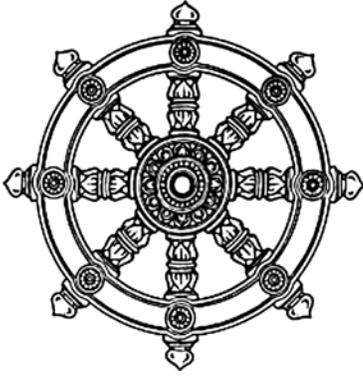


**Interim Rinban  
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Minister**

**Rev. Marvin Harada**



**Itadakimasu**

Before we enjoy a meal, our custom is to put our hands together in gassho, in gratitude, and to recite the Nembutsu, *Namuamidabutsu*, and to say in Japanese, *Itadakimasu*. We are expressing our gratitude to the food, the person who prepared it, the farmer who raised it, and all that it took for the delicious meal to be before us. The Japanese word *itadakimasu* actually comes from the Buddhist tradition. In monastic Buddhism, monks would go on begging rounds in which lay people would put food or offerings into their begging bowl. The monks would raise the bowl up above their head to express their gratitude and thanks for the offering. The word *itadakimasu* is derived from that custom of the monks expressing their thanks.

I looked on the internet and found that in the average life of a person, the following lives are consumed:

- 11 cows
- 2,400 chickens
- 30 sheep
- 27 pigs
- 80 turkeys
- 4,500 fish

We don't always stop and think about the lives that were sacrificed for our food. I love rib eye steak, prime rib, In-N-Out burgers... those dishes all come from a live cow, or more technically, a steer.

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Pigs? Who doesn't like bacon, chashu, sweet-and-sour pork, tonkatsu? Those dishes were all because of a live pig.

Chickens? Fried chicken, teriyaki chicken, chicken salad — I love it all.

Turkeys? Who doesn't love roast turkey at Thanksgiving?

I don't eat much lamb chops, so I probably consume less than 30 sheep in my lifetime, but the next category, fish, I probably eat more. Sashimi, seared tuna, tuna fish sandwiches — all come from live fish.

Someone could say, "Well, I am a vegetarian or a vegan, so I don't take any life when I eat." Really? Don't you think that carrot was perfectly happy growing in the ground when it got yanked out of the ground to be in our salad? Vegetables are living things too.

We cannot live without taking life. The question we must ask ourselves is, "Am I worthy of all the life I have taken in my life?"

This past June was the 75th anniversary of D-Day, during World War II. One of my favorite movies is "Saving Private Ryan." In that movie, Captain Jim Miller, played by Tom Hanks, is sent on a mission to find a Private James Ryan, who is the sole surviving brother of four brothers who were already killed in action in the war.

Captain Miller and his squad of soldiers search the battlefields for Private Ryan, like finding a needle in a haystack. Amazingly, they find him, but he is with his squad of soldiers whose orders are to hold a key bridge in the war. Captain Miller and his squad stay with Private Ryan and help to hold the bridge, but in doing so, many of them die.

In the touching scene near the end of the movie, Captain Miller in his dying breath grabs Private Ryan and says to him, "Earn this. Earn it," meaning, from this day forward, live your life in a manner that "earns," that is worthy of the lives of the many soldiers who died to find and save Private Ryan.

When I saw this movie, I thought about all the plants and animals that have given their life for me to live. What if those plants and animals could speak to me? Maybe they would say, "Earn it. Live your life in a manner that earns, that is worthy of our sacrifices."

What if there was a steer and he was told in advance, "Well Mr. Steer, we see that you will be sacrificed and that you will become a rib eye steak for a certain Reverend Marvin Harada."

Mr. Steer says, "Oh. If I must give my life to this minister, can you tell me something about him?"

"Well, we see that he is a Buddhist minister, but he eats meat and fish."

"I thought Buddhists were vegetarians?"

"Apparently not this Buddhist, Mr. Steer. We also see that he plays golf and that he loves to go to Las Vegas."

"Las Vegas? And he calls himself a Buddhist minister? What kind of minister is that?"

"Obviously a very liberal kind of Buddhist, I would guess."

"Well, if I have to die for some Buddhist, can't I die for someone more worthy, like the Dalai Lama, or Thich Nhat Hanh?"

"Sorry Mr. Steer, but you are destined to become a rib eye steak for Reverend Marvin Harada."

"What terrible luck. I hope he does something to be worthy of my life."

I am very sorry for the life of Mr. Steer, and all the other plants and animals that give their lives for me. I can never repay them for what they have given me.

I may never be worthy of it either. About the only thing I can do is receive their life in gratitude, and do something with my life that is even a fraction worthy of their sacrifice.

Namuamidabutsu.

## Resident Minister

Rev. Matt Hamasaki

**T**hank you everyone who came out to the 2nd Annual Friends and Family Picnic! From what I have heard, I think we had an even better turnout than last year. I would especially like to thank all the people who made it possible. From reserving the park and the restrooms, to buying and cooking the food, to the games and prizes—without the efforts of many people, it could not have been as enjoyably smooth a day as it was. We were also very lucky to have the weather as nice as it was. It wasn't too hot, and I was even a little worried that it would be cold and, as crazy as the weather has been this year, maybe even rainy! Everything came together well and I'd like to think that all who came out had a good time.

It's wonderful to see all the people coming together to enjoy a beautiful day and each other's company. The idea of a picnic has always been a lovely one in my head because of how it combines the outdoors, delicious food, relaxation, and people. Whenever I imagine it, it's always happy people in my head — smiling and laughing and generally having a good time. We also have expressions in the English language about how carefree picnics are: "make (something) seem like a picnic" or "it's no picnic!" with whatever (the not picnic thing) being very difficult or troublesome. Of course, this isn't the case, as picnics can be ruined by many different things and just because a group of people are eating outside together doesn't mean they'll have fun.

But, once we realize the potential of how great a day could be with a picnic, doesn't it become natural to want to have one? To have everyone come together and be happy? Such is the heart of compassion and the view that is trying to be awakened within all of us. We have moments in our lives where we have a great time with others and see how fantastic life could be. It isn't constant and it might not be often, but once we recognize it, it becomes impossible to not want to create again. Then, through our lives, we try to find new ways to craft such happiness, not just for ourselves, but for all beings. And it absolutely takes a lot of work. But hey, life is no picnic. But wouldn't it be nice if it all could be?

## President's Message

Stuart Ito

**H**ow proud are we? I am "proud" to report that we had tremendous support for our very first Pride March with more than 50 participants (we got permission to add since we exceed our allotted 50 slots). We walked from Southside Park to the Capitol Mall. This was the largest turnout the event has ever had with 88 diverse organizations from school districts, corporations, churches, and other nonprofit organizations participating. What struck me most were the crowds lining the streets all along the way cheering us on with their outpouring of love and support. Thank you all who joined us and supported the Jodo Shinshu message of inclusiveness for all beings.



### Final Push for Printed Program Bazaar Sponsors

This is the last month to place your advertisement or personal message in the 2019 Bazaar printed program. Please support the Temple and place either a business ad or a personal ad in our program. You will find the forms on the website home page in the "Latest News and Upcoming Events" scrolling banner. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

### Special Thank You

Our building and equipment team, led by Geoff Inenaga and Gary Traganza, has been hard at work! They recently spent several days fixing up the yagura prior to Obon. It required power washing, removing all the existing deteriorated netting, installing new electrical, lighting and fan controls, and most important, the time-consuming work of installing new heavy duty wire mesh covering the entire bottom structure to keep those messy birds out. Thank yous to Geoff, Gary, Gordon Nitta, Paul Del Bene for taking their time to complete this important project. The Obon dancers really appreciate this.

**Sacramento  
Buddhist  
Women's  
Association**  
Keiko Jean Kashiwada



**A Look Back,  
with an Eye to  
the Future**

Brian Hatano, Legacy  
Endowment Fund  
Board Member

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The SBWA held the June monthly Board Meeting on June 5, led by President Loleen Nakano.

**Bazaar Craft Report/Shirley Kato**

Thank you to all who have helped to complete our craft items each month! For the month of May, creative craft projects were led by Sherry Fujii (tea bag gift sets) and Judy Inaba and Dan Yamamoto (Japanese character fans). Tessie Goi, Loleen Nakano, Meriko Hoshida, Judy Inaba, Elaine Yoshikawa and Joanne Nishimura embroidered designs on our dishtowels. We received generous donations from Nora Bacchus-Dressler (yukatas), Virginia Uchida (crocheted wash cloths), and Reiko Kurahara (various kitchen items).

**Upcoming Events For 2019**

Buddhist Church Bazaar: August 10 and 11. President Loleen Nakano is requesting your help on the following days and during the Bazaar weekend. Save the dates for Annual Bazaar.

- August 9: Gu Preparation - 8 a.m.
- August 10: Sushi making - 2 a.m.
- August 11: Sushi making - 2 a.m.
- August 12: Kitchen/Bazaar Cleanup - 8 a.m.

Please come out to help and have some fun.

**Next SBWA Meeting**

The next SBWA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, starting at 5:45 p.m.

On July 13, we will be celebrating Obon. This is a time when we honor our ancestors. We owe everything to them, yet I wonder: Are we attentive to take even a moment to pay homage?

If you trace your family tree back generations ago, you begin to understand the meaning of the Buddhist principle of interdependence. Simply, we wouldn't be here without others' help. I know some of those to whom I am grateful by name, all the way back to my children's great-great-great-great grandfather (seven generations back) on my father's side. His name is Mansuke Hatano of Kumamoto, Japan, born around 1795.

I often think of how my lineage could have easily been ended 65 years ago had my father not survived his 33-month-long ordeal as a POW in Korea, that occurring after being incarcerated for four years along with his family at Tule Lake Camp. By sheer will, and I imagine, a measure of good luck, he persevered — as did each of my thousands of ancestors — to continue our branch of the family tree.

The story of our ancestors is a tale of perseverance containing many chapters of hardship and survival. With numerous instances of heroism and dedication, they are the reason we are able to carry on their legacy. They sacrificed more than we can ever know or fully appreciate.

The most harrowing of these chapters was introduced by the signing of Executive Order 9066 in 1942 that forced the removal of Japanese Americans from their homes to concentration camps. Many Buddhist temples closed their doors. In an effort to blend in with American society, families hid or destroyed their home altars (obutsudans). If you are one of the fortunate few to own one of the obutsudans that survived from that era, you realize the magnitude of its very existence.

After the war, most of the temples were reopened, but the effects of the war were very evident. Temples such as ours struggled to re-establish operations; sanghas worked diligently to find their place in the community.

We owe so much to our Issei and Nisei generations. We should never forget that their gaman ("enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity") is responsible for so much that we are able to enjoy today. They donated huge portions of their income to the church even though their finances were meager and they struggled to exist.

For several generations, the Buddhist Church of Sacramento has been — and continues to be — the center of many of our lives. We participate in youth and adult organizations, attend weddings, funerals, Japanese language school and weekly Dharma Services. We gather for events such as Obon and Bazaar to celebrate and reacquaint with old friends.

With your continued support, the Buddhist Church of Sacramento can remain in place for generations to come. It's our turn. How can we play a part?

Your donations sustain the temple. The Buddhist Church of Sacramento can only exist due to your contributions to the General Fund that pay for utilities, maintenance, salaries and the like, and your donations to the temple's Legacy Endowment Fund (LEF).

## A Look Back, with an Eye to the Future

(Continued)

## ABA Community Scholarship Awards

Virginia Uchida

The LEF is a long-term investment in which the principal remains untouched. The bylaws state that only the interest generated can be used, and only for specific needs. Funds are used to pay primarily, but not exclusively, for educational programs and scholarships for members, ministers, ministerial candidates; and renovation and general maintenance of the temple shrine. The fund is managed by financial professionals and the LEF Board.

The temple's Legacy Endowment Fund, like the support bestowed by generations of families, helps sustain our wonderful temple. When you attend Obon and Hatsubon service this month, please take a moment to reflect and honor those who paved the way for you to enjoy our Betsuin.

On June 2, 2019, the Sacramento Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) awarded its first Community Scholarship Awards. This scholarship offers academic financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000 and is open to graduating high school students who will be attending or students currently attending an accredited college, university or vocational school in the 2019–2020 school year. This award is to help fund education or training after high school by recognizing students who are actively involved in community service.



The announcement was made at the church service by Jean Kashiwada, ABA President. The students receiving the 2019 ABA Community Service Awards were Grace Matayoshi (parents Mika and Greg) and Austin Sakata (parents Kim and Marty). Grace plans to attend Woodland Community College and Austin plans to attend California State University, Fullerton in the fall of 2019. Congratulations to these deserving students.

*Kim Sakata, Austin Sakata, Grace Matayoshi,  
Mika Matayoshi, Rev. Matt Hamasaki*

## What Is the ABA Scholarship Education Fund?

Wayne Kurahara  
ABA Past President

You may not know that there is such a fund called the ABA Scholarship Education Fund. ABA of course is the Adult Buddhist Association. The ABA Scholarship Education Fund is not just an ABA fund that is for the benefit of its members. It is a fund that is managed by ABA for the benefit of the entire Betsuin, particularly the school age children of the Betsuin who are attending schools.

The fund was formally established just three years ago with the approval of the Board of Trustees to do so. At that time, the fund had just \$9,400. This amount was the accumulation of savings from annual fundraising, particularly the Spring Food Festival (Sakura Matsuri). The savings were so small because most of the annual fundraising monies were given to the Betsuin to support capital improvement projects as well as fund the Betsuin Educational Awards, which previously were administered by ABA.

The primary purpose of the new fund was to build a self-sustainable ongoing fund that could be used to fund scholarship and education programs. Initially, we sought to build the Fund to \$50,000, of which a 5% annual return could be used to fund \$2,500 in annual grants and scholarships.

Fairly soon after establishing the fund, it became obvious to us that \$2,500 in grants and scholarships would not go very far in financially supporting Betsuin youth education. Fortunately, we had much broader and more generous support than we anticipated at the onset. With a much larger need and the greater-than-expected support, we revised our goal to try to fund \$5,000+ of youth education assistance and build the fund to \$100,000+. Although we are on our way to achieving the more ambitious goals, we have found that we cannot rely on a return of 5% and still be certain that it will be self-sustaining. Thus, it is necessary to endeavor to continue to annually build the fund.

Currently, the fund has about \$100,000. Approximately, a quarter of the amount has been raised by ABA-organized fundraising efforts, such as the Spring Food Festivals, Sakura Matsuri events, and other smaller fundraising efforts. Three-quarters are from generous donations of individuals and their families. Some of the larger donations are recognized on the Wall of Appreciation. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Sacramento Buddhist Church members and friends for contributing to the fund and supporting fundraising efforts.

While we have raised funds, we have sought to find how to best invest the funds to achieve an annual return for the grants and scholarships while maintaining and building principal. This effort continues as we learn more on investing. We are also exploring new fundraising.

Please be aware that articles for the SANGHA are **due** on the **15th of each month**. Late articles will be published in the following month's issue

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**What Is the ABA Scholarship Education Fund?**

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Now the good part. Even though we have not been able to provide greater funding for the Betsuin Educational Awards, we were still able to contribute a few thousand. We have initiated and helped fund the Sacramento debut of the children’s musical production of “Peace on Your Wings” with a prominent role portrayed by Betsuin Dharma School student Grace Matayoshi. ABA hosted an educational seminar on “How to Apply for and Fund Your College Education.”

Annually for the last two years, ABA has made contributions to the Sacramento State College Pantry to assist financially needy students in pursuit of their college degree. This year for the first time, ABA is offering a Community Service Scholarship Award.

Confucius said, “If your plan is for one year, plant rice. If your plan is for 10 years, plant trees. If your plan is for 100 years, educate children.” So ABA plans.

**ABA Pupu Party Supports Scholarship Fund**

Jean Kashiwada  
ABA President

**Dear ABA Members and Friends, Board of Trustee Members, and Affiliated and Sponsored Group Leaders:**

**Y**ou are cordially invited to attend an ABA-hosted Pupu Party on Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm to be held in the Kaikan. This Pupu Party is being held to support the ABA Scholarship/Education Fund, to thank past donors, and recognize our recipients.

The ABA Scholarship/Education Fund is intended to supplement the Sacramento Buddhist Church Annual Education Awards, as well as other ABA and Betsuin Scholarship and Education Programs. Thus far, we have raised approximately \$100,000 in less than three years and have dispersed approximately \$5,000. Initially, we had sought to build enough funds to disperse approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 annually. We are closely approaching this goal.

This event is intended to celebrate the charitable contributions of the many donors. These donors have received personal invitations to this event. You are invited to join these donors as honored guests. Funding the Betsuin/ABA Scholarship/Education Fund is an investment in young people to help them with continuing education as well as their career and life aspirations. Their future and the future of our Temple are in their hands.

Please RSVP to your Telephone/Email Correspondent or sign up at the Church Office so that we can keep track of the anticipated number of guests. Feel free to invite friends who may be interested in and willing to support the ABA Scholarship/Education Fund.

**C**alling all members: Please remember your donations to the Bazaar pastry booth. Looking for whole cakes/pies, cookies, Rice Krispies treats, cupcakes, brownies. No refrigerated items, please.

Please deliver your baked goods to the pastry booth in the back of the kaikan on August 10 or August 11. Your efforts are much appreciated!

**Remember: Baked Goods for Bazaar**

**T**raditionally, 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.

**2019 Family Memorial Service Schedule**

Year of Death	2019 Memorial	Year of Death	2019 Memorial
2018 .....	1 year	1995 .....	25 year
2017 .....	3 year	1987 .....	33 year
2013 .....	7 year	1970 .....	50 year
2007 .....	13 year	1920 .....	100 year
2003 .....	17 year		



*Condolences to the Families Of*



*Kikue Shirai..... January 24, 1922 - May 22, 2019*

*Willie Hayashida..... September 22, 1940 - June 4, 2019*

*Kazue Shintani..... April 20, 1922 - June 14, 2019*

*Correction, with a Sincere Apology to the Family & Friends of:*

*Koso Stanley Nodohara..... June 12, 1934 - December 21, 2018*

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### Hatsubon Service

The Hatsubon Service is a special observance held in memory of those who have passed away in the last year. It is an opportunity to reflect again on the wisdom and compassion that we received from our loved one and to reflect on our own life to recognize how precious it truly is.

As part of the Hatsubon observance, the names of those we have recently lost will be called individually. At that time, family and friends are welcome to come forward to oshoko and offer incense. Those whose services were conducted by the Sacramento Betsuin's ministerial staff are part of our Hatsubon list, but if you have a loved one whom you would like to recognize during the Hatsubon Service on July 14, please contact the Betsuin Office at (916) 446-0121. We would be honored to add your family member or friend to our special service.

### Bazaar Raffle Tickets

Bazaar raffle tickets have been mailed! If you have not received yours and would like to help the Betsuin with our annual ticket sales, please contact the office. If you have sold yours (thank you!) and need more, again, please call the office and we will arrange to take care of your raffle ticket needs!

### Betsuin Calendar - July Dates

- Thursday, 7/4/19 – Betsuin Closed – Happy 4th of July!
- Sunday, 7/9/19, 9:30 a.m. – Summer Sangha Services Continue (Sundays, through 8/4/19)
- Sunday, 7/7/19, 10:45 a.m. - Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service
- Saturday, 7/13/19 – Obon Cemetery Visitation Schedule:
  - 9:00 a.m. – Odd Fellows
  - 10:00 a.m. – Sacramento Memorial
  - 11:00 a.m. – East Lawn
  - 12:00 noon – Betsuin Nokotsudo
- Sunday, 7/14/19 – Obon/Hatsubon Service
  - 9:30 a.m. – Family Service, Guest Speaker: Rev. Bob Oshita
  - 11:30 a.m. – Japanese Service: Rev. Masanari Yamagishi, Buddhist Church of Lodi

### Obon Practice Schedule

- Monday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 3: 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 4: NO PRACTICE
- Monday, July 8 through Wednesday, July 10: 7:00 p.m.–8:00 pm
- Thursday, July 11: 7:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m.
- Saturday, July 13: 7:00 pm - BON ODORI!

### Thanksgiving Holiday - Change in Betsuin Schedule

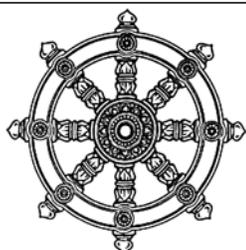
Beginning this year, the Betsuin will not be having Dharma School Family Service on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, so the Betsuin will be closed. Our office hours will be:

- Wednesday, 11/27/19: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
- Thursday, 11/28/19: CLOSED
- Friday, 11/29/19: CLOSED
- Saturday, 11/30/19: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 12/1/19: CLOSED

Thank you for your support for Sakura Gakuen throughout the year. We had four church members join our adult classes this year. The program ended successfully on June 10 with students' performance presentations and pot luck.

We will resume the adult program in the fall. The first day of the fall semester is Monday, September 9.

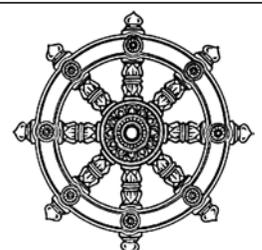
Early registration will be taken at the Ginza booth at the summer Bazaar. Please stop by for information on our fall term youth and adult programs.



*Welcome New Members*

*Kim Byrne*

*Heather Roberts*



**10th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament**  
Richard Kai

The 10th Annual SBC Golf Tournament is scheduled for play at the Teal Bend Golf Course on Wednesday, August 21. This event is a major fundraising activity organized by members of the Board of Trustees. The net proceeds from the event activities are recorded for the benefit of the Betsuin’s Capital Improvement Fund. We’re looking forward to another fun tournament and devouring the delicious luncheon meal served to the players and their guests following completion of play. This event was “sold out” last year. We’re expecting a similar number of players for 2019 so be sure to submit your entry form as soon as possible.

Your \$125 entry fee includes golf, shared cart, tee prizes, lunch and beverages as well as a “bounce back” certificate that entitles each player to a complimentary round at a future date. The certificate is valued up to \$67 per player; it’s valid anytime Monday through Thursday and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday after noon.



**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

Teal Bend Golf Course, 7200 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, California, 95837

**Schedule:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019  
6:30-7:15am Registration  
7:30am Shotgun Start  
2:00pm Lunch, Awards and Raffle  
Sacramento Buddhist Church  
2401 Riverside Blvd.  
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**Register By: August 12, 2019**  
Shamble format with Blind Draw for Teams  
**Bounce Back Certificate**  
Team Prizes  
Closest-to-Pin Prizes  
Raffle Prizes  
Entry fee based on sponsorship level or \$125 per player (includes golf, cart, lunch and refreshments)

Player Info:

#1.	Name:	Index:	Or Handicap	Sponsor Level*
	Email:	Phone	: Jacket Size	Gender M / F
#2.	Name:	Index:	Or Handicap	Sponsor Level*
	Email:	Phone	: Jacket Size	Gender M / F
#3.	Name:	Index:	Or Handicap	Sponsor Level*
	Email:	Phone	: Jacket Size	Gender M / F
#4.	Name:	Index:	Or Handicap	Sponsor Level*
	Email:	Phone	: Jacket Size	Gender M / F

**\*Sponsor and Entry Options:**

- G) Gold Level Entry (includes four complimentary entry fees) \$1000
- S) Silver Level Entry (includes two complimentary entry fees) \$ 500
- B) Bronze Level Entry (includes one complimentary entry fee) \$ 250
- I) In Memory Of, Individual and/or Group Sponsor \$ 125
- SE) Single Entry Number of Golfers: \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Lunch Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Entry Fee (Including sponsor and single-entry fees and guest lunches) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**10th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament**  
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The SBC golf committee extends its appreciation to Robbie Midzuno and Carol Takasugi of the J. Morey Insurance Company for their continued support of the fundraising event. Robbie has again open-heartedly donated the grand prize raffle of a multi-night lodging stay in South Lake Tahoe during the 2020 Celebrity Golf Tournament. The J. Morey Insurance Company, for the third consecutive year, is offering an assortment of cash and merchandise prizes to any golfer who records a "hole-in-one" on the four Par 3 holes. The committee is also grateful for the generous support of the event's donors and sponsors, and the host of volunteers who help with the tournament scoring, cooking, photo shoots and preparing and servicing the after-golf luncheon meals.

Information fact sheets about the golf event, sponsorship levels, tournament format and scoring, along with the entry and sponsor/donor forms are enclosed within the monthly SANGHA newsletter. Copies can also be downloaded from the temple's website at [www.buddhistchurch.com](http://www.buddhistchurch.com). Questions and/or comments about the fundraising event can be sent via email to the golf committee at [sacbetsuingolf@yahoo.com](mailto:sacbetsuingolf@yahoo.com). The temple office staff can provide general information about the event.



**Sponsorship and Donation Form**

Sponsorship Levels

**\$1000 – Gold Sponsorship:**

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

**\$250 – Bronze Sponsorship:**

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

**\$500 – Silver Sponsorship:**

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, two complimentary tournament entry fees, golf cart, lunch and 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**

Golf tees, golf balls, ball markers divot repair, golf apparel, etc.

**Snack/Dinner Items**

Miscellaneous refreshments, snacks or food items.

**Luncheon Raffle Prizes**

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

**Cash**

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Deadline:** August 12, 2019

**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: Names \_\_\_\_\_

**Raffle Prize/Donation:** I/We would like to make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor/Donor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** SBC Golf Tournament, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA, 95818  
916-446-0121

## Sports Committee

Alan Wu



Well hi there! You have reached your destination if you were looking for the monthly Sports Committee update on the latest and greatest going ons in the sports world... well at the sports as it pertains to the Betsuin. But one word on the world of sports, well, it may be three words, but then again, they may not be actual words: No 3peat! You decide: Is that one word: No3peat, or is that two words: No 3peat; or is that three words: No 3 peat? AND is 3peat or threepeat an actual word? But anyway, to the shock, dismay, disappointment, and sadness, of the millions of Golden State Warrior fans, there is no championship in the Bay Area this year. To be honest, the Warriors put up a great fight to a very strong team while being battered and bruised and missing very key players; AND this is not to take anything away from Toronto. Toronto did what they needed to do and were the better team this time around; Tip of the Hat to the Raptors!

BUT if this was not what you were looking for, then this is NOT your destination. You will have to "recalculate" make a U-turn and start over again. But as you know, you never know what you will get in this corner of the SANGHA. In fact, no one really knows what will happen here. It's been proven, there is evidence! It's like the Bermuda Septangle, just like the Triangle but four times worse.

We were supposed to be talking about July, so let's get on with it. And what is the first thing you think about when talking about July? Of course it is the blistering heat of July, especially during Obon. Speaking of which, remember to come out to the Obon Odori on July 13 at 7:00 pm — that's 1900 for you other types, and you know who you are — and the Obon/Hatsubon Service on July 14 at 9:30 a.m. — again that's 0930.

Maybe the first thing you think about is the 4th of July holiday. Of course, we all think about the days where we don't have to go to work and get a day off — not to mention that this particular holiday commemorates the birth of our nation when the Declaration of Independence was signed. Well, in actuality, the day we declared our independence was July 2, 1776, and the guys signed the declaration on August 2, 1776. It was only the Declaration of Independence that was dated July 4, 1776. I suppose the DocuSign application was down, or the FAX machines were slower back in them days, or FedEx did not have Extra High Priority Same Day Service either. Oh, this is a document that effectively tells the King to shove it... how about our 30-day delivery service!

Let's get to the real thought for July. If it is July, then it must be National Hot Dog Day! Yes, that's correct, National Hot Dog Day is July 17th. But why is the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest held every year on July 4th, live from Coney Island? It must have something to do with that nasty Hallmark greeting card company; they are always behind things like this. Those "national hot dog day" greeting cards are everywhere! No matter the reason why, hot dogs are like baseball, apple pie and Chevrolet, the true essence of America... Right?

Well, actually, the hot dog, also known as: frankfurter, frank, weenie, wienie, wiener, dog, and red hot has been defined like this: "a hot dog is a cooked sausage." The frankfurter has been claimed to be invented in Frankfurt, Germany in 1484. But it is also said that the "little-dog" sausage was created in the 1690s by a butcher in Coburg, Germany. And, also, the people in Vienna, Austria lay claim to creating the wienerwurst in 1805. The name wiener comes from Wien, which is Vienna in German, and wurst, which is sausage in German. And, since the hot dog is sausage, it has been said that the sausage dates back to 850 B.C. when it is mentioned in Homer's *Odyssey*. So, there is definitely a ball confusion on when and where the hot dog was born, so you take your pick on which folklore you want to believe.

And, no matter which school of thought you gravitate to, America loves the hot dog. It has been said that on average, we eat 60 hot dogs per year. Remember, since this is an average, some eat less than 60 and some eat more than 60. Where do you fall? Enjoy your day off (for those that still go to work) and enjoy a hot dog or 60 while watching the contest from Coney Island, and then have some more on July 17th to celebrate.

## Riverside Tanoshimi Kai Casino Bus



# Riverside Tanoshimi Kai Casino Bus

**Second Wednesday of each month.**

Please contact Helen Sakaishi  
 Tour Director of Riverside Tanoshimi Kai  
 1-916-984-3447 landline  
 1-916-600-9291 call or text  
 hsakaishi@sbcglobal.net

**Dharma School**  
Valerie Fong,  
Superintendent



**H**ello Everyone and Happy July! We hope you are off to a great summer and able to enjoy time with your family creating new memories.

First, we want to thank our Dharma School friends for their contributions to make the Betsuin’s 2nd Annual FAMILIES and FRIENDS Picnic on June 2, a huge success. It was wonderful to see Dharma School families, sangha members, and other friends that we had not seen in some time. It was like a reunion! Our picnic meal was delicious, the kids had fun with games and prizes, the raffle and prizes were a big hit, and we had more guests this year compared to last year. The weather was made to order and just perfect. And, no sprinklers at Marriott Park!

Next up is the 73rd Annual Buddhist Church Bazaar the weekend of August 10 and 11. Dharma School is responsible for bussing the outdoor eating area. We are filling our shifts for both days with parents and other adult volunteers, our older Dharma School students, plus our younger students who will be accompanied by their parents. Our first 90-minute shift each day begins at 10 a.m. and the last shift begins at 7 p.m. We appreciate all of the help to keep the outdoor eating area clean and ready for our guests.

Teacher assistants needed! Dharma School welcomes high school freshmen and older to prepare a personal statement for consideration to become a teacher assistant. Instruction packets are available in the church office. Please note that the attendance expectation is 75% for high school students who are approved and placed in a classroom as a teacher assistant. All teacher assistants who are assigned to a classroom must meet or exceed the attendance expectations for this position. They are part of the teaching staff and provide support for the lessons and projects with the teacher. Placement assignments will be made at the end of August based on the completeness of the personal statement and the needs of our teachers.

See you at Bazaar! With gassho.

**Donations**

Dharma School “courtyard” gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:

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| Nancy Hashimoto                   | Cindy Kitade       | Henny & Linda Toy       |
| Grace Hatano                      | Gayle Kono         | Debbie Wong-Okabe       |
| Mark Hayashida & Family           | Mieko Kono         | Karen Yamamoto          |
| Lori Itow, In Memory of Sam Orite | Shigeko Mae Tanaka | Mr. & Mrs. Steve Yasuda |

**Where Does Your Donation Go?**  
Brian Hatano

**W**hen you donate to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, your tax-deductible contribution helps support the operation, maintenance and many programs of the temple. Likewise, your membership dues and income generated from our annual Bazaar in August help sustain the church throughout the year.

Donations to the temple are placed in the General Operating Fund. In addition to the General Fund, you may direct your donations to the church to benefit one of our many programs, such as Scouts, Dharma School, ABA, SBWA, Minister Assistants, or for a capital expenditure project.

You may also contribute to the Legacy Endowment Fund, which is a long-term investment in which the principal remains untouched — only the interest generated is used. The fund is managed by financial professionals and the LEF Board. Contributions to the fund help fulfill these needs in a timely manner without undertaking major fundraising or depleting general operating funds.

Specific needs include:

- Educational programs /scholarships for members, ministers, ministerial candidates plus perpetual or periodic scholarships
- Eitaikyo: Renovation and general maintenance of the temple shrine.

Of course, cash and checks are greatly appreciated, but your donations can be in the form of automobiles, and of distributions from IRAs, stocks and bonds. We also can take credit cards in the office.

Click on the Amazon Smile logo on our website to enable the Betsuin to get a commission on your purchases on Amazon.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Because of your generosity, we have a vibrant and active Sangha — one of the largest in the Buddhist Churches of America organization.

Our rich legacy began with our founding in 1899, with the mission to sustain the temple for the present and generations to come.