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Hello and welcome to the last month of the year 2010. How fast the year has gone by. And it seems the older I become, each year passes just a little more quickly. I'm sure there are many who are caught up in the rush to shop, feeling the pressure to find those "perfect" gifts. And no doubt our already well-scheduled days feel overbooked with things to do, places to be and people to see. Fortunately, in our Buddhist tradition, we have a pause button.

As some have heard me explain before, coming to service on Sunday is our "pause button." When we step into our hondo, we bow... and as we enter, we try to clear our minds of "things to do" and leave our schedules and agendas outside. We also try to empty our hearts of any anger, complaints or resentments, for when we complain or feel angry, there is no room in our hearts to feel even a sliver of gratitude.

Sitting in our hondo is our "pause button." And during the service, we try to look into the mirror of the Dharma... and remember again what is really of value in living each day.

Ministers may often wear robes. But the robes are not the most important or significant part of what they wear. The most symbolically meaningful part of what ministers wear is called the *kesa*. One form of *kesa* is the simple brocade fabric worn around the neck. The *kesa* represents the robes of the historical Shakyamuni Buddha. To wear the *kesa* is to signify that we are members of the sangha; seekers of truth; disciples of the Buddha.

Ministers are not the only ones who wear a *kesa*. There is a simplified form of *kesa* called the *monto kesa* (or *monto shikisho*). *Monto* means "one who listens to the Dharma." So if hearing the Dharma is meaningful to you, it is very appropriate and acceptable to wear a *monto kesa* (*monto shikisho*).

At our Betsuin, our Board members especially wear their *monto kesa* when they come to service. I am writing this because we were asked recently who can or who should wear a *monto kesa*. The

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response is simple. If hearing the Dharma is meaningful to you, then it would be appropriate and acceptable to wear a *monto kesa*.

We should even more, during this very hectic time of year, make the effort to come to service. For as I mentioned earlier, each time we step into our hondo, this is our "pause button." This is our moment to step away from our well-scheduled lives and over-scheduled days, clear our minds and hearts... and remember again what is truly of value in living each day.

Please have a safe and enjoyable winter holiday season.

See you Sunday,
 RB

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
 RICHARD KAI

With the strike of midnight on December 31, 2010, my last contribution to the monthly SANGHA newsletter will come to an end. After seemingly a lifetime of providing articles for our monthly "rag" as either the superintendent of the Dharma School or president of the Board of Trustees that spanned nearly 15 years, the time has come for me to ride into the sunset. No longer will the SANGHA and I be associated as the gruesome twosome — we've been attached at the hip for so long it's hard to say goodbye. So, let's just wave farewell like the other duets that have come and gone and passed in the wind. Bid so long to the SANGHA and Kai like what's been done with familiar names such as Lewis and Clark; Batman and Robin; Bonnie and Clyde; Bill and Hillary — I'm obviously regressing to the dark side.

A few — no more than a handful, I've come to learn — are faithful followers of my monthly news articles. Some ask where and how in the world do I come up with the themes of my articles. A few have even suggested that I have a beautiful writing style (really?). One, if not two, have gone so far as to suggest there is a sense of deepness of thought and mystical meaning that is behind my messages. At times, my collective words tend to teeter on the border of profoundness. They wonder how I marry the words of prose that flow so easily. My response — I've always had the gift of gab (that's BS to the less thoughtful); own opinions on many topics; find ease at pouring words onto a keyboard as long as it's not for a school project or business paper; and never give me the microphone.

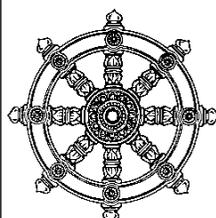
But seriously, the reason it is easy for me to write is because my thoughts are on one's life conduct — being unselfish on a daily basis; thinking of others before oneself; concern with the consequence of actions before acting them out. These are qualities that should become inherent and apparent once one is introduced to marriage; starting a family; and raising children to lead hopefully respectful lives as young adults. Their lives are shaped by how they see us lead our own lives through our actions and behaviors.

I don't know if these are Buddhist thoughts or attributes that will lead me and my family down the Dharma path. Who really knows at the final end. All we can do is try our best. If nothing else, remember the dying words of Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) as he whispered to Private James Ryan (Matt Damon) — later portrayed at the Captain's gravesite by the older Ryan (Harrison Young) — in the movie "Saving Private Ryan." That's what we're all responsible for in a nutshell.

Thanks for allowing me to be part of your life from a distance for a nearly a lifetime.

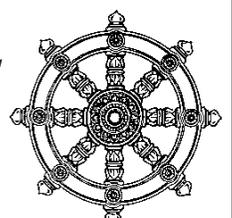
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

A very good friend of ours, Sam Sesso, was kind enough to donate an electric stapler for our Sangha ladies. Thank you, Sam!

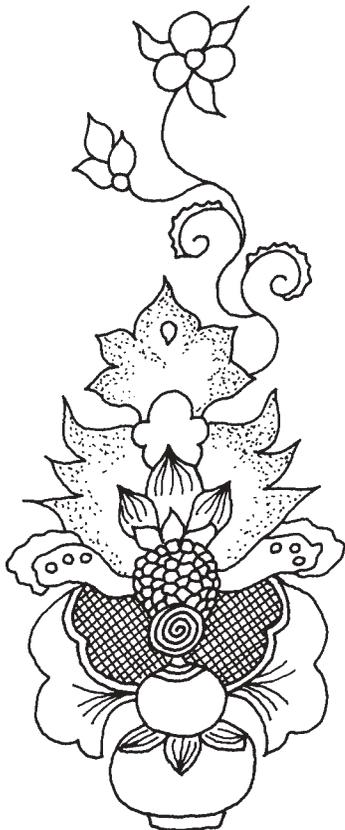


Welcome New Members

*Jennifer Mahoney
 Markcurtis Otani*



**SACRAMENTO
BUDDHIST
WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION**
SANDY
NISHIMURA-YEE



November's SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 2. Congratulations to Tomi Tanaka for her dedicated services to the SBWA. She began her two-year term of Board treasurer 15 years ago. How time has flown by! Tomi was voted to the Board Advisory in honor of her unselfish time and commitment she has served as treasurer. Thank you, Tomi.

November's SBWA General Meeting and Board Meeting were held on Wednesday, November 3. During the general meeting, the following were elected to the SBWA Board of Directors for 2011–2013: Kathy Tanaka Henry, Gayle Ishihara, Jane Komura, Marcia Matsuda, Loleen Y. Nakano, Joanne Nishimura, Sandy Nishimura-Yee, Mari Lynn Shimamoto, Sueko Yamashita and Elaine Y. Yoshikawa.

Mary Inouye, Amy Ishimoto, Teiko Matsuo, Joanne Morita, Mitzie Muramoto and Geraldine Tsukiji are retiring from the SBWA Board. Thank you for your many years of service!

New officers for 2011 are as follows:

President: Lynn Kurahara
 President-Elect: Midori Ito
 Recording Secretary: Jane Nakagawa
 Treasurer: Molly Oto, Kay Sakamoto and Tomi Tanaka
 Auditors: Elaine Yoshikawa and Jean Ota

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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| Kurimoto Family | In Memory of May Kurimoto | \$600 |
| Masami Iwasa | In Memory of Kiyoka Kawamura | \$100 |
| Harry & Mutsuko Noguchi | In Memory of May Kurimoto | \$100 |
| Heidi Sakazaki | In Appreciation | \$100 |
| Joyce Sasaki | Akiko Nagata's 100th Birthday | \$100 |
| Tomi Tanaka | Granddaughter's Wedding | \$100 |
| Meri Fong | In Appreciation | \$50 |
| Goichi & Alice Hamamoto | In Appreciation | \$50 |
| Lynn Kurahara | In Memory of May Kurimoto | \$50 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder: The **SBWA-sponsored Dharma session** on the "Tannisho" with Rinban Oshita scheduled for November 14 has been moved to December 12 at 10:30 a.m.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:

Mochi Tsuki: The Sports Committee is holding its Mochi Tsuki on Saturday, December 11. The committee would appreciate SBWA's help. If you are interested in helping, please come by the church at 6 a.m. on December 11. Mochi pick-up is Saturday, December 11, 12:30 p.m.–3 p.m., and on Sunday, December 12, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

If you LOVE to sew, this is right up your alley. The choir is looking for individuals to sew happi coats. No need to cut out the pattern; everything will be assembled in a kit. Just need to sew the "coats" together. They would like to wear the "coats" to more casual events. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Hashimoto at 422-0894. Nancy appreciates all of our assistance.

MEMBERSHIP:

The 2011 membership is due. The amount is \$10. Please send check to the church, Attention: SBWA Membership. Thank you.

The next SBWA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, December 1.

**MINISTERS'
ASSISTANTS**
MICHIKO YUKAWA

It is still dark as we drive south from Oregon into California in mid-October. By 7:30 a.m., it is getting lighter. I ready my camera, hoping to catch the first rays of sunrise over a lightly snow-capped Mount Shasta to the east. The view is clear, but the sun has not quite cleared the mountain top. I wait. Just at the moment the sun rises, I press the button, but it is too late! The sun is so bright, the photo is blackened out. I waited one second too long.

On our way back to Washington, we see that Mount Shasta is now completely covered with snow. The coldness has also sharpened the colors of the trees. Noting a lone tree in bright yellow ahead, I again ready my camera. However, a large blue highway sign partially blocks the tree, and I am unable to get what I had hoped would be a very picturesque photo.

Driving down from the mountains, we travel through lush, green farmland. Suddenly, I notice a flock of low-flying geese coming toward us, not in the expected V formation, but in a wavering line that moves back and forth very

MINISTERS' ASSISTANTS (CONTINUED)

naturally and rhythmically. I hurriedly look for my camera but realize it would be impossible to get it ready in time. With a slight feeling of resignation, I try to just visually absorb their beautiful, natural flight.

Reaching Washington, we approach the winding, tree-lined mountain road near our home. As we turn the corner onto the road at the bottom of the hill, an explosion of color greets us. The trees had turned the entire mountainside into a mass of fiery reds, bright orange and vivid yellow. The trees seem to be shouting to us, "Welcome home! But see? You don't need to travel far to find what you are looking for... just look right here in front of you, right here before your eyes. You only need to truly open your eyes!"

In the introduction to the Three Treasures, we have been reminded many times, "Fortunate is it to be born into human life; NOW we are living it." In his book, *A New Earth*, author Eckhart Tolle notes that "Life is always NOW. Your entire life unfolds in this constant Now." He continues by stating that past moments exist only when you remember them, while future moments exist when we anticipate them and we "do so by thinking about them in the only moment there is: this one." That moment is **this** moment, this NOW.

At my age, I am getting so forgetful, I thought photos taken during our travels would remind me of the beautiful moments. Instead, I am learning that by trying to photograph those moments, I miss *experiencing* the moments, *living* the moments. The beautiful sunrise over Mount Shasta became a moment of frustration rather than a moment of awe and appreciation in being able to witness the beginning of another day. In another moment of frustration, I missed the marvel of the lone yellow tree, accepting protection provided by the highway sign from freeway heat, blooming to its vivid fullest... and of course, the geese teaching me not to worry about "flying in a perfect V."

We can live with appreciation for all past experiences; we can live with gratitude to Amida Buddha for his reassurance for the future. Therefore, let's live **this** moment, this NOW, to the fullest.

Namo Amida Butsu.

MAINTENANCE REPORT ED IMAI

Over the past two months, the following members performed maintenance on the Betsuin's facilities. The Betsuin is sincerely appreciative to the following members for volunteering their time, expertise and hard efforts:

- Gary Traganza, Don Honda and Larry Wong retiled around the floor drain in the main building men's bathroom.
- Gary Traganza installed wiring, conduit and two fluorescent light fixtures in main kitchen. Replaced urinal flushing system in main men's bathroom.
- Kraig Sasaki repaired heater furnace/duct work for Reverend Peter and Aileen's house just in time for the cold weather.
- Don Honda repaired leaking faucets in the main kitchen, Reiko's kitchen, and the outdoor kitchen. Drained and winterized swamp coolers over the main kitchen and kaikan.
- Don Honda, Eddie Imai and son Derek installed one dry erase white board in the upstairs Annex Classroom 10. The remaining white boards, donated by a parent of a Sakura Gakuen student, are to be installed in the coming months.
- Jeff Tsuruoka, Wayne Kurahara and Mike Nagai are looking into how to deal with the surfacing ginkgo biloba tree roots in the courtyard.
- Gary Traganza purchased, primed and stained wood base for eventual additional mounting of fiberglass covers over the north trellis in the courtyard.
- Steve Maron (Steve Maron Glass Company) rebuilt doors to outdoor Bazaar sushi display case.
- Melo Coloma approved contract and supervised the work for sanding, repainting and laying protective sealant and cover over kaikan gym floor.
- Gary Traganza supervised the work for the repair of the floor drain in the main building men's bathroom. Special thanks also to Gary for maintaining the equipment/maintenance room.
- Don Honda and Gary Traganza did light-duty electrical repairs.



NISEI APPRECIATION DAY



Our Betsuin's first-ever Nisei Appreciation Event was a huge success! On November 21, immediately following our Hoonko Service, about 400 people were in attendance to enjoy and give thanks to our remarkable Nisei Generation. The kaikan was filled with the warm laughter and conversation of friends gathering together as music from the '30s, '40s and '50s took us back to the earlier years of our Nisei Generation.

Our MC for this event was one of our minister assistants, Koichi Mizushima. As always, Koichi did a wonderful job as he seamlessly moved the program along. Following the delicious lunch, the Sacramento Betsuin choir both entertained and moved us with some truly nostalgic songs from the era.

The highlight of the event was a deeply moving and meaningful tribute to our Nisei Generation by our own, Sacramento-born, San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi. Jeff grew up a part of the Sacramento Betsuin and is the son of Gladys and Sam Adachi. Although the kaikan was filled to capacity, as Jeff spoke, a respectful quiet came over the room as he so eloquently captured and reflected the unending gratitude we cannot help but feel for our Greatest Generation. It was a long overdue and heartfelt event.

As Jeff expressed, there is no doubt that our Betsuin and our lives are rooted in the lives and countless sacrifices of our Nisei Generation. Our honored Nisei guests were showered with flowers, candy flowers and a CD of music prepared especially for this occasion, our first-ever Nisei Appreciation Event.

Additionally, we would like to thank:

Special Event Co-Chairs: Sheryl Kajioka and Linda Otani

Committee members: Allan Hoshida, Richard Kai, Dr. Kelvin Mark, Diane Muranaka, Mary Ann Miyao, Shirley Sekeres, Shigeko Tanaka

Advisers: Rev. Bob, Rev. Peter, Rev. Patti

A special thank you to the Sacramento Betsuin Legacy Endowment Fund for co-sponsoring this event and supporting this event with a generous monetary donation.

Additional thank yous to:

- Ford & Ailee Kinoshita for BBQing the delicious tri-tip and chicken.
- Barbara Sasaki and crew for their help in the kitchen.
- Lynn Kurahara and BWA members for their help in the kitchen.
- Wayne Kurahara and ABA members for their help in the kitchen.
- Alan & Marta Wada for countless hours of going through photos and creating a video and taking group and family photos at the event.
- Jennifer Nitta & Girl Scout Troop 569 for making chocolate kiss roses.
- Jr YBA, Girl Scout Troop 569 and Boy Scout Troop 50 for serving the lunch meals.
- Bobby Tanaka and Boy Scout Troop 50 for clean-up and garbage duties.
- Dharma School classes for their beautiful and creative centerpieces.
- Sacramento Betsuin choir for their beautiful musical selections.
- Roger Ikemoto and Marty Matsuda for cooking the rice.
- Denis Ishisaka and Sports Committee for refreshment set-up and for their generous monetary donation.
- Alan Kobayashi for his knowledge and love of music used in his creation of the gift CD and providing the background music for the day's event.
- Cliff Adams and Ann Amioka for setting up the audio/video system.
- Legacy Endowment and Executive Committee for helping with the guest seating.
- Bobby Tanaka and Samantha Nitta for taking candid photos.
- Theresa Kubo for making the delicious salad dressing.
- Harley & Judy Inaba (North American) and Takara Sake USA for the donation of the Sho Chiku Bai sake.
- Jason & Lisa Taira (Kiyos) for the donation of fresh flowers.
- Sandy Tokunaga for her generous monetary donation to the DS centerpieces.
- Lynda Tanaka (Royal Florist) for donation of floral supplies for the candy roses.
- Leslie Kushida for coordinating the banner.
- Holsum Produce for the donation of cabbage.
- Doreen Hosokawa for designing the event logo and program.
- Ellen Shinfuku's troop for folding 1,000 cranes and their display.
- In Search Of class for folding 1,000 cranes and their display.
- Office staff Tak Ito and Meri Fong.
- Custodian Bob Chavez.

And we especially thank our honorees, our Nisei Generation.

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**LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND**
VALERIE FONG



The Legacy Endowment Fund Board was pleased to participate in the Nisei Appreciation Day on November 21, following Hoonko Service. This well-attended event was a wonderful celebration to honor the Nisei Generation from our Betsuin. Their contributions to our Temple and to our community demonstrate their strong work ethic, devotion to family, and reflect how they have conducted their lives for many decades. It was a special and memorable day for everyone in attendance and perfectly organized for all to enjoy.

As the year comes to an end, please consider a charitable donation to the Betsuin's Legacy Endowment Fund (LEF). Donations made to the endowment help us to provide funding to support our Temple programs, educational opportunities, and other activities that propagate our Jodo Shinshu traditions. The LEF Board will soon be announcing the application and review process for individuals or organizations interested in seeking funds for a project or activity.

Best wishes for a happy, memorable, and safe holiday season from the Legacy Endowment Fund Board!

SPECIAL LECTURE WITH REV. TETSUO UNNO

The Betsuin Legacy Endowment Fund and the Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association will be co-sponsoring a special Dharma Session with Reverend Tetsuo Unno on **Saturday, December 4, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Reverend Unno is one of the most sought after speakers in BCA and we are again so fortunate to have him join us for the weekend. Please make plans to enjoy an afternoon with Reverend Unno.

**DHARMA
SCHOOL
DONATIONS**



Dharma School "courtyard" gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:

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| 3rd Grade Students | Tak Ito | Yo Morisawa |
| Gladys Adachi | Mas Iwasa | Mitzie Muramoto |
| Mickey Bennett | Sheryl Kajioka | Sakaye & Yutaka Nishiwada |
| C & H Donuts (Samantha Tov) | Molly Kimura | Ken Okuhara |
| Cub Scout Pack 50 | Utako Kimura | Mary Orite |
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| Irene Hoshiko | John Louie, Cub Scout Pack 50 | Haruo & Sueko Yamashita |
| Minnie Iseri | Cheryl Mark | Fusaye Yokoyama |

**2011 SPRING ENROLLMENT:
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FROM NOVEMBER 1**

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is accepting applications from November 1 for the spring 2011 enrollment starting March 1, 2011. The popular two-year, computer-based program continues to offer online instruction in the origins and development of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin's life and teaching, sutras and masters of the Pure Land tradition and history of Jodo Shinshu.

An excellent opportunity for beginners or for those who have already studied Jodo Shinshu, the program reaches out to people all over the world. Students come from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Belgium, Poland and Japan, as well as Hawaii and the BCA. With more than 100 students enrolled, the course has much to offer those interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu.

The course instructors consist of 14 ministers and professors who specialize in the subjects taught. An optional August workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center is held every year.

For more information, please visit the course website at www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org.

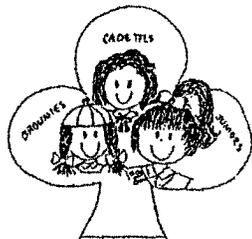
Applications may be submitted online at course website. Deadline: February 15, 2011. Course limited to first 20 students.

Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704. Telephone (510) 809-1441, e-mail: jsc@cb-bca.org.

**JODO
SHINSHU
COURSE**

**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 50**
 RYAN SOOHOO,
 TROOP HISTORIAN


CRAB FEED
 KIM SAKATA

GIRL SCOUTS
 NIKKI MURANAKA
 BROWNIES 1


This October, Boy Scout Troop 50 went to the Nikkei Camporee, held a car wash at the church, and conducted their super-scary haunted house. The theme for the month of October was first aid. Scouts learned different aspects about first aid, including how to appropriately apply CPR, different situations where first aid should be applied, and different types of first aid. This is a usual theme that has been done for the past few years and the Scouts really enjoy it.

The Nikkei Camporee was held at Rancho Seco Campground. Several other troops also attended. There were various team building activities that the Scouts had to do, and there were awards given to the winners of each event. Scouts enjoy being able to meet with other Scouts from different places and it was a great experience for everyone.

The next event of the month was the car wash. For the first time, the troop's car wash was held in the alley next to the church. The traffic flowed through the alley and there were a lot of dirty cars that had to be washed.

The last troop event of the month was the haunted house. The haunted house is held every year, and this year's had to have been the scariest on record. Each new age group brings in its own ideas, so no year is ever the same. The line for the haunted house at times stretched all the way up the handicapped ramp and it was a great turnout.

The second month of the Scouting year is focused on building friendship bonds and our Scouts seem to have made strong friendships within the troop.

Boy Scout Troop 50 will be holding its Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the Sacramento Buddhist Church. This popular annual event is the troop's major fundraiser of the year. All of the proceeds help support all of the troop's activities for the year, including campouts, service projects, projects for the church, family outings, and badges/awards for our Scouts. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets early from any Troop 50 Boy Scout. Tickets (\$40) will also be available for purchase on various Sundays after service. We thank you for your continuous support of Boy Scout Troop 50!

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 50
ANNUAL CRAB FEED
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**

**4:30 DOORS OPEN
5:30 DINNER SERVED!
SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
2401 RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD
SACRAMENTO, CA 95818**

TICKETS: \$40

**CRAB - SALAD - PASTA - BREAD - ICE CREAM
DOOR PRIZE - AUCTION - RAFFLE DRAWING
50/50 LAST MAN STANDING**

Tickets may be purchased from any Troop 50 Boy Scout
or by contacting Ken Okuhara at 916.428.8501

On November 12, Troop 569 held its annual Investiture/Rededication Ceremony. Eight Daisies and one Brownie invested into Girl Scouting and approximately 200 girls rededicated themselves as Girl Scouts this year.

Two donation drives were held during the ceremony and both were successful. Seniors 2 hosted a diaper drive and collected 3,220 diapers. They will be delivering the diapers to Food Link, an organization that will be distributing the diapers to mothers in need. Jennifer Nitta and Diane Huey organized a coat drive for Coats for Kids. They collected 77 coats that will be donated to children needing a warm coat for the winter. Seniors 2, Jennifer and Diane thank everyone for the diaper and coat donations and for making it possible to donate these goods on behalf of Troop 569.

Brownies 1 are enjoying their third year as Brownie Girl Scouts. This year, we have a "Junior Leader" at each meeting whose responsibilities include getting the meeting started, leading the Girl Scout Promise, helping with the activities, and closing the meeting with the Friendship Circle. We also have a "Recorder"

GIRL SCOUTS
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each meeting who is responsible for taking notes or writing on the board. The girls enjoy these new tasks and are doing very well with their new responsibilities! They have earned the People Are Talking, Art to Wear, and Science in Action Try-Its this year. In December, the girls will be volunteering at Primrose, a senior citizen care facility in Sacramento.

Seniors 4 had nine girls complete their silver award. The girls are now working on the requirements for their gold award. They participated in the Girltopia council-sponsored sleepover.

They are also making a 1,001 crane art project for the Nisei Appreciation luncheon.

SPORTS COMMITTEE
ALAN WU



Many warm greetings to you for the last time in 2010. Let's first go back to last month's message from Sports Committee Chair Denis Ishisaka. Yes, Denis is the Sports Committee chair. Yes, Denis is a real living, breathing, flesh-and-blood sentient being who is our commander-in-chief. Please make no mistake that Denis is the man in charge. So now that has been cleared up, let's go on and see what we have for this month.

Hmmm, what could December mean? Here are some possibilities for you to think about:

- D** is for Denis Ishisaka, the Sports Committee chair.
- E** is for Every player must attend service and Dharma School to play.
- C** is for Change; it will happen, understand it, accept it.
- E** is for Everything is dependent on everything.
- M** is for Mochi Tsuki on December 11.
- B** is for Bodhi Day on December 8, service on December 5.
- E** is for Extra Credit attendance days on December 31 and January 1.
- R** is for Remember that basketball is only a game.

I think this is enough to keep your mind busy in contemplation, not to mention that there may be a few other things going on during the month of December that will just make you go crazy. Should C be for Crazy?

Until next year.



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**SACRAMENTO BETSUIN
SPORTS COMMITTEE**

MOCHI TSUKI

Pick Up:
Saturday, December 11, 2010, 12:30-3:00 pm
or Sunday, December 12, 2010, 9:00-11:00 am

Where: Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan
Deadline for Orders: December 6, 2010, 11:00 am
Cost: \$3.50/pound or \$6/Kasane Set

Please submit orders and make checks payable to:
Sacramento Betsuin Sports Committee
c/o Sacramento Buddhist Church
2401 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95818

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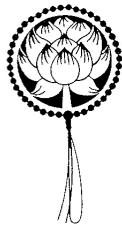
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Pick Up: Saturday Sunday



Condolences to the Families of:

Our apologies for misreporting the death of David Matsuoka as Walter.

- David Kengo Matsuoka Dec. 21, 1919 – Sept. 22, 2010*
- Mabel Yasuko Eto April 14, 1923 – October 1, 2010*
- Noboru Takahashi December 18, 1936 – October 2, 2010*
- Betty Akiko Nakayama September 12, 1930 – October 9, 2010*
- Tadashi Kono April 25, 1921 – October 12, 2010*
- Fred Shirasago November 18, 1932 – October 23, 2010*
- Bob Masayuki Tomita December 1, 1939 – October 23, 2010*
- Roy Hiroshi Shintani April 20, 1922 – October 29, 2010*

DONATIONS FUNERAL

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| Fred Shirasago Family | In Memory of Fred Shirasago | \$1,000 |
| Bob Tomita Family | In Memory of Bob Tomita | \$600 |
| Betty Nakayama Family | In Memory of Betty Nakayama | \$500 |
| Roy Shintani Family | In Memory of Roy Shintani | \$500 |
| Bob Tomita Family | In Memory of Bob Tomita (Makurakyo) | \$300 |
| Eiji, Kathleen, Ryan & Brett Yamamoto | In Memory of Roy Shintani | \$200 |
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| Dr. Henry & Margo Sugiyama | In Memory of Mabel Eto | \$100 |
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| Gene & Jane Itogawa | In Memory of Duane P. Traganza | \$25 |
| Tsuto & Jean Ota | In Memory of Bob Tomita | \$20 |

MEMORIAL

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| Randall Ishida, Dean Ishida, Brent Ishida | 49th Day for Sanaye Kusumoto | \$350 |
| Katsuye Gotow | 1st Year for Kaoru Gotow | \$300 |
| David Matsuoka Family | 49th Day for David Matsuoka | \$300 |
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| Mary Ann Kuwamoto | 1st Year for Mitsuko Kuwamoto | \$250 |
| Keiji & Fumiye Takagi | 1st Year for Wakako Shimazu | \$250 |
| Bob Ariyasu | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$125 |
| Mike & Karyn Ito Family | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$100 |
| Jean Matsuura Family | In Memory of Toki Matsuura, In Memory of Stanley Hayashi | \$100 |
| Joe & Lynn Furuike | In Memory of George & Ruth Itogawa | \$50 |
| Rick & Leapha Goishi | In Memory of George & Ruth Itogawa | \$50 |
| M/M George Hiromoto | In Memory of Harold Hiromoto | \$50 |
| Rieko Inaba | 3rd Year for Shiro Masunaga | \$50 |
| Jim & Kiku Ito | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$50 |
| Bert Kitade/Dieply | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$50 |
| Rodney & Julie Kunisaki | 49th Day for Sanaye Kusumoto | \$50 |
| M/M Ben Matsuo | In Memory of Masano Matsuo, In Memory of Hirokazo Matsuo, In Memory of Sanaye Matsuo | \$50 |
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| Terry & Lisa Crownover | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$30 |
| Mitsuo Harry Menda | In Memory of Joan Ariyasu | \$30 |
| Thomas & Nancy Shimizu | In Memory of Sister, Betty Inada Silva | \$30 |
| Joan Hisamoto | In Memory of Shiro Masunaga | \$25 |
| Gloria Inaba | 3rd Year for Shiro Masunaga | \$25 |
| Harley & Judy Inaba | In Memory of Shiro Masunaga | \$25 |
| Misao Inaba | In Memory of Shiro Masunaga | \$25 |
| Kent Kitade Family | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$25 |
| Mitsuko Kitade | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$25 |
| Wayne & Cindy Kitade | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$25 |
| Kimiko Masunaga | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$25 |
| Arthur & Jean Menda | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$25 |
| George & Bette Morita | In Memory of May Kurimoto | \$25 |
| Mitsuye Mukai | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$25 |
| David Okubo | 3rd Year for Shiro Masunaga | \$25 |
| June Okubo | 3rd Year for Shiro Masunaga | \$25 |
| M/M Raymond Okubo | 3rd Year for Shiro Masunaga | \$25 |

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SHOTSUKI HOYO

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| Florence Wong | In Memory of David Matsuoka | \$25 |
| M/M George Hiromoto | In Memory of Wakako Shimazu | \$20 |
| Harley & Judy Inaba | In Memory of Dave Matsuoka | \$20 |
| Akito Masaki | In Memory of Sanaye (Ishida) Kusumoto | \$20 |
| Akito Masaki | In Memory of Hiroshi Urakawa | \$20 |
| Walter & Kathleen Menda | 7th Year for Joan Ariyasu | \$20 |
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| George & Amiko Kashiwagi | In Memory of David Matsuoka | \$25 |
| George & Amiko Kashiwagi | In Memory of Janet Hoshida | \$25 |
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| Dennis & Diane Shimosaka | In Memory of Fred Shirasago | \$25 |
| Mary Kawano Fong | In Memory of Kikuye Urakawa | \$20 |
| Mary Kawano Fong | In Memory of Fred Shirasago | \$20 |
| June Hayashi | In Memory of Stanley Hayashi | \$50 |
| Eddie Imai Family | In Memory of Tsutomu Hironaka | \$20 |
| Eddie Imai Family | In Memory of Sanaye Kusumoto | \$20 |
| Asako Fujii | In Memory of Matsuo Family Members: Mother, Brother, Niece | \$50 |
| June Matsuo | | \$50 |
| Tsuto & Jean Ota | In Memory of Mother, Brother & Nieces | \$50 |
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