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Hello and welcome to the month of May. This month we celebrate the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of our sect of Buddhism, Jodo Shinshu. Although our Jodo Shinshu tradition developed around the life and teachings of Shinran, it was never Shinran's intention to develop a new sect of Buddhism. As far as Shinran was concerned, he lived and died as a dedicated disciple of his teacher, Honen Shonin, who was the founder of the Jodo Shu tradition of Buddhism in Japan.

In other words, if Shinran were to come back in this year of 2010, he would probably be surprised to see the Jodo Shinshu tradition that has blossomed from his life's efforts. After Shinran died, people who were moved by his words and deeds came together to remember and appreciate his life. Jodo Shinshu continued to grow and became the largest sect of Buddhism in Japan.

One of the things that made Shinran's teaching so popular was its simplicity. Just as his teacher, Honen, encouraged him, Shinran encouraged others to just "live a life of nembutsu." One explanation might be to simply "live a life of gratitude." But the "gratitude" of "nembutsu" is not just appreciation. As I've sometimes expressed, "Nembutsu" gratitude is that level of gratitude so deep that the words "thank you" are never enough. When was the last time we felt so grateful that all words of appreciation were insufficient?

This is a feeling we might have felt as we sat by the bedside of someone we love whose time was very near. Perhaps it was when we received the call that a biopsy was negative. There are no words to describe how grateful we feel. A "life of nembutsu" is to live with such deep appreciation for each and every day, just as it is.

Shinran shared the Dharma in a way that was so approachable and easy to understand. When asked about Buddhism, the Dalai Lama said, "My religion is kindness." I like that. I think Shinran might say the same thing. "Our religion is Kindness and Deep Gratitude."

Although Shinran was born 837 years ago, his life and his thoughts continue to have an impact on us who are living in the year 2010. Let's come together and celebrate Shinran's birth with our annual Gotan-e Service on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RICHARD KAI

As we enter into the month of May, we are reminded of a Sunday reserved to celebrate Parents Day, but the month also serves notice that there are only a few days left in the 2009-2010 Dharma Service year. The Betsuin and Sangha use the month of June to take a well-deserved break, then start right back up to host two important activities in the months of July and August. Yes, the Obon Odori and Annual Bazaar are right on the horizon.

It may seem premature to use ink space for an event that is three months away. Actually, planning the annual Bazaar began last month with the first annual coordinators' meeting on April 12. Next month begins planning for many pre-construction activities for the Bazaar as well as preparing for the Obon Odori in July. This leads me to a couple of notes of appreciation and gratitude for long-standing members of the Bazaar Committee.

Let it be heard here first of my appreciation toward Steve Kawano and his team of Bazaar leaders for their stewardship of the annual Bazaar for the past many years. At the same time, let it be known that a certain past president and Dharma School superintendent has graciously agreed to chair the 2011 Bazaar. Sherman Iida, a fan favorite among the Sangha and a returning member of the Board of Trustees, will spend the 2010 year attempting to absorb the knowledge, wisdom and general know-how of administering the Bazaar affairs from Steve. My thanks to all of you who volunteer to make the summer months enjoyable.

As the Legacy Endowment winds on after the successful showing of the film produced by Jeff Adachi entitled, "You Don't Know Jack," the Special Events committee will be taking on the initial planning for a surprise event that is expected to take place in the latter months of the calendar year. Stay tuned for later articles for more information on the surprise event.

While I'm using the month's article for announcements, several concerned patrons of the Tanoshimi-Kai have expressed their concern regarding the rumored end of the Senior Lunch program sponsored by the county of Sacramento. As you may know, the county is faced with many decisions to overcome its deficit spending projections for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. One option being considered is to terminate funding of the popular Senior Lunch program. Though it may have been said that the Betsuin facility rental fee is exorbitant, the actual rate at \$125 per month is highly discounted by more than 80 percent of the daily rental rate for the use of the kaikan, main kitchen and classrooms.

We contacted the residing county supervisor's office for the Betsuin to express our concern for the loss of this nutrition program and a centerpiece of a weekly social gathering of our Sangha seniors and their friends. The supervisor's staff provided an update to finding a suitable vendor to take over the program. Recent developments appear promising and will hopefully enable this program to continue at the Betsuin for years to come. Please contact your supervisor's office to express your support for this community service program.

The SBWA Board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 7. You may have noticed that the zabutons have been re-covered. Thank you to Emily Furukawa, whose Girl Scout gold project was to re-cover all 120 zabutons. Don't they look fabulous? Also, much thanks to the SBWA members who helped with this project.

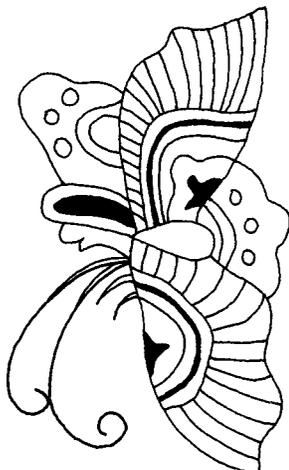
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Mari Lynn Shimamoto	In Memory of Tomi Shimamoto	\$150
Judy Matsuo Caffrey	In Memory of Bessie Matsuo	\$100
Yuki Hashisaka	Thank You (Recovery)	\$100
Ed Inaba Family	In Memory of Ed Inaba	\$100
Curtis D. Ishii	In Memory of James Ishii	\$100
Jean Kaneko	In Memory of George Yamasaki	\$100
Kaneko Family	In Memory of George Yamasaki, Father, Grandfather & Great Grandfather	\$100
Masaaki and Yaeko Tademaru	Special Donation	\$100
Sumi Guilday	Thank You (Bubbles Keikoan)	\$75

UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft Session - Good News. The craft session on the third Friday of every month in Classrooms 1 and 4 at 1 p.m. (after Tanoshimikai) will continue. Thank you to Junko Egi, Bridget Morisaki, Kathy Tanaka, Henry and Sue Louie who will coordinate the once-a-month Friday afternoon craft sessions by bringing in craft projects to make with the group. So far, the group has crocheted water bottle holders and made kimono post-it note holders. We are very lucky to have the help of such talented individuals.

SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SANDY NISHIMURA-YEE



SBWA
(CONTINUED)

A special thank you to Sally Hamatake, who once again has made the rice sack (and other material) aprons, tote bags and shirts that are always so popular with our craft booth shoppers. Her months of hard work are greatly appreciated.

Please mark your calendars if you are interested in making the crafts for our annual bazaar. The dates are April 16, May 21, June 18 and July 16.

Tamale Fundraiser Trip. There has been a change in the tamale fundraiser trip. The trip will now consist of an outing to the Music Circus to see the production of "Oklahoma" on Thursday, July 29, followed by a dinner at Mayflower. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Inouye at 451-9771. Limited seating is available.

The next SBWA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5.

**MINISTERS'
ASSISTANTS**
GRACE HATANO

Spring brings changeable weather. We get a few rainy days, some super coolness in the air in the morning and evenings, and of course, wonderful warm days. Let us try to enjoy each day — rain or shine — and make the best of all of them.

Some of you enjoy working in your yard, planting beautiful flowers and tasty vegetables, and yes, even find pleasure ridding the garden of those pesky weeds. It's a wonderful time to take advantage of these days to plant your garden of flowers and/or vegetables and bring them to fruition. In a few short weeks, you'll get a great feeling of accomplishment seeing the results of your hard work.

In addition to planting your backyard garden with a variety of flowers and vegetables, how about planting a garden of your daily living? I received "The Garden of Daily Living" via e-mail (author unknown) and applied it to Buddhist teachings. I sprinkled thoughts of The Golden Chain throughout rows in my "garden."

HERE IS MY GARDEN OF DAILY LIVING:

Plant 3 rows of PEAS

1. Peas of mind (say nothing regretful, be mindful and attentive).
2. Peas of heart (be aware of your feelings as well as others).
3. Peas of soul (be okay with yourself).

Plant 4 rows of SQUASH

1. Squash gossip (don't say anything if you can't say anything nice).
2. Squash indifference (stop arguing or talking back).
3. Squash grumbling (no monku-ing).
4. Squash selfishness (try thinking not only of yourself).

Plant 4 rows of LETTUCE

1. Lettuce be faithful (live a live of Nembutsu with caring and understanding).
2. Lettuce be kind (... and gentle to all living things).
3. Lettuce be patient (as we are all still learning).
4. Lettuce love one another (we are oneness with all — interdependence).

Plant 3 rows of TURNIPS

1. Turnip for class (or you will be missed and you will miss learning).
2. Turnip for service (or you will miss the Dharma message).
3. Turnip to help one another (always be there to lend a hand).

To round out our garden of living, we must try to have some THYME

1. Thyme for each other (even a simple hello and/or a smile could make a difference).
2. Thyme for family (because you rely on each other; love each other).
3. Thyme for friends (we all need friends in our life).

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. We cannot control the weather, but we can work on our attitude and behavior as we walk through our garden of daily living.

Much growth can be found in your garden, but remember the old saying, "You reap what you sow." Open your Dharma eyes, enjoy each day and make the best of them, and help others grow their gardens as you grow yours. May your crop be bountiful.

In gassho.

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**LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND**

RICHARD KAI

If there ever was a desire to see living proof of the maturation of a Dharma School student in his adult life, the opportunity presented itself with the showing of the documentary film *You Don't Know Jack*, produced and directed by Jeff Adachi, the son of Sam and Gladys. Busy by day as the public defender for the city and county of San Francisco, Jeff's passion for filmmaking brought him back to the Betsuin to showcase his latest production — a documentary on the life of Jack Soo of TV sitcom *Barney Miller* fame. The film provided a history lesson on the early days of growing up during a world torn apart by war, the hysteria of many and prospecting by a few opportunistic political mongers to discredit Japanese Americans for their own gain.

Nearly 600 Betsuin members and patrons from the Sacramento community attended the film's two showings. The attendees were welcomed in the classrooms by Gladys, Sam and son Jeff and were served otoki after the showing of the documentary. The Legacy Endowment Committee for the Jack Soo event extends its appreciation to those who attended one or both sessions. We also express our gratitude and special recognition to Steve Magagnini of *The Sacramento Bee* for taking the time and interest to write an article on the story line and providing his readership with details on the time, place and admission price for the film.

The son of George Suzuki, a tailor, and Haruko Shiozawaa Suzuki, a dressmaker, Jack Soo's identity at birth was under the given name of Goro Suzuki. Jack, who took on the stage name of "Jack Soo" after World War II, returned to the West Coast after his interment at Topaz, and was a popular act at Andy Wong's Sky Room and Charlie Low's Forbidden City in San Francisco, which featured all Chinese performers. It was at the Forbidden City that Soo was "discovered" by Gene Kelly, who offered Soo the role of nightclub announcer Frankie Wing in the Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway production of *The Flower Drum Song* in 1958. Soo was hired and moved to New York City.

Jack was stricken with cancer and passed during the fifth year running of *Barney Miller*, the hit TV sitcom of the late 1970s. The cast of *Barney Miller* paid their tribute to Jack during the showing of an episode aired in May 1979.

RUMMAGE SALE.

Another Rummage Sale is planned for Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The committee will begin accepting donations from Wednesday, June 2. Please start collecting usable items that you can donate for the sale, and mark your calendar to come to shop for outstanding merchandise at bargain prices. If you attended last year, it was a huge success with bargains for everyone! Please refer to the notice in this SANGHA issue for more information.

Sakura Gakuen students and teachers enjoyed traveling to San Francisco for the annual spring cultural field trip on April 17. This year, students visited the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park and attended the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival in Japan Town. These outings cultivate a sense of community as families share and learn from each other, and this trip was no exception. This year, many of the participants had never been to the garden or Japan Town for the festival.

Highlights included having pictures taken on the garden's famous red drum bridge, learning about Japanese landscaping, eating foods from street vendors, wandering through the J-Town shops, seeing a giant Hello Kitty, eating Japanese crepes, exploring the rows of books and manga at Kinokuniya bookstore, squeezing through the aisles of the Nijiya grocery, and finding treasures in Soko Hardware's myriad of cooking, housewares, wood carving and gardening tools. It was a great opportunity to learn about foods, customs, language and culture of Japan in America. Now the students will be cramming for the end-of-year exam and practicing their class performances for the promotion ceremony in June.

Over the past month, 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 replaced the urinal in the annex men's restroom and rebuilt the urinal in the main men's restroom. Repaired and replaced the copper tubing water supply line to the swamp coolers over the kaikan.
- Bob Chavez and Gary Traganza worked on clearing main floor drain in the men's main bathroom. Also, the two cleaned and swept up the outside storage area in the alley.
- Gary Traganza oversaw the kaikan ceiling light retrofit with new energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs and rewired the kaikan light switches so that they are now synchronized (turn both switches up for full kaikan lighting).

**SAKURA
GAKUEN**

ELENA TOMITA

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT**

ED IMAI

**64TH
ANNUAL
BAZAAR
NEWS**


**SEEKING RIDE
TO SUNDAY
SERVICES**

**POSTER
CONTEST**

Once again this year, we are going to solicit sponsors for the Annual Summer Bazaar. Last year, for the very first time in the Annual Summer Bazaar history, we sought sponsors and provided them an opportunity to place advertisements or greetings in the Bazaar program and on our website. This was extremely popular and successfully helped to increase Bazaar revenues.

If you, your family, friend and/or business are interested in being a sponsor for the Bazaar or have any questions regarding the opportunity to support the event and the Sacramento Buddhist Church, please phone Wayne Kurahara at 392-3022 or e-mail him at kurahara@sbcglobal.net. He can provide further details as well as information about sponsorship levels.

Don't miss out on this opportunity. It's a wonderful way to demonstrate your support for the event and the Sacramento Buddhist Church. On behalf of the 800 volunteers hosting the event for an estimated 50,000 guests, thank you in advance for your participation and support.

Church goer who lives near CSU Sacramento seeks ride to Sunday services. Please call Frances Wright, 922-8060.

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course office is looking for a graphic designer to create an original poster for online course by September 15. For project details, please contact JSCC@cbe-bca.org. Selected designer to receive \$300.

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2140 Durant Avenue
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**SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND BENEFIT**



SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.
SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH KAIKAN
2401 RIVERSIDE BLVD., SACRAMENTO, CA 95818
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (916) 446-0121

USABLE ITEMS NEEDED
(DONATIONS ACCEPTED JUNE 2 AND JUNE 3, 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AND JUNE 4, 9 A.M. - NOON)

Clothing (men, women, children - all types and sizes)
 Accessories, shoes (all kinds)
 Bedding items, draperies and curtains
 Houseware, glassware, toys, games, tools
 Radios and other small appliances (in good working condition)
 Furniture in good repair
 Ink cartridges, cell phones and laptop computers

ITEMS WE DO NOT ACCEPT
 Mattresses, TVs, computer monitors or large appliances

**HANAMATSURI
STAGE
EXTENSION
HELPERS**

Thank you to the following for setting up the stage extension for the Hanamatsuri play:
Sam Adachi
Max Hamamoto
Robert Ito
Yosh Nakamoto
Eiichi Okamoto

And to the following for disassembling and putting away the stage extension after the Hanamatsuri play:
Sam Adachi
Robert Ito
Wayne Kurahara
Aki Seo



*Condolences to
the Families of:*



- Edward Minoru Inaba May 9, 1917 – March 16, 2010*
- Yoshiko “Bubbles” Keikoan April 10, 1927 – March 17, 2010*
- Ritsuko Nishimura September 24, 1922-- March 31, 2010*
- Yukie Higashino June 24, 1915 – April 1, 2010*
- Frank Yoshio Tsumura October 20, 1928 – April 6, 2010*
- Doris Shigeko Hirotani..... July 15, 1919 – April 7, 2010*
- Yukiko Yagi January 1, 1915 – April 9, 2010*

**HATSUMAIRI
INFANT
PRESENTATION
CEREMONY**

Hatsumairi, literally First Service, also known as Infant Presentation Ceremony, is a service in which a newborn is presented before the shrine of Amida Buddha with an affirmation by the parents to raise the child in the way of Buddha-dharma, the Nembutsu teaching.

The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Gotan-E Service on Sunday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m.

Those wishing to participate in the special ceremony, please submit the application form below to the church office by Monday, May 10.

**APPLICATION FORM
INFANT PRESENTATION SERVICE – HATSUMAIRI
MAY 16, 2010**

Name of Child _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Child’s Name in Japanese _____
(If Known)

Birthdate _____ Sex _____

Parent (Father) _____

Parent (Mother) _____

Address _____ Telephone (____) _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

**DHARMA
SCHOOL
NEWS**
KEN FURUKAWA



First let me thank the creative production team of Ann Amioka and Cliff Adams for another entertaining and thoughtful Hanamatsuri play. "Alice in Dharmaland" was an insightful look into the search for balance and living in the moment... in the NOW. I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful cast of actors, voice performers, stage hands, and lighting technicians under the direction of Leann Castle, Emma Maron and Erin Okino! As with all aspects of our lives, the web of people involved in the play and the Hanamatsuri festivities is much too long to include in this snippet, so let me just recognize everyone with a big ARIGATO.

At the time of this submission, we are planning for the April 18 play "Sadako and a Thousand Cranes." I hope that this is an entertaining vehicle to educate our students in aspects of the Dharma, and if successful, such programs may be utilized again in the future. Please understand that such enrichment programs are not free, so please consider a little extra for osaisen in appreciation for the efforts of the performers.

A few of our teachers will attend the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League meeting in Los Angeles at the end of April. Hopefully we will learn some ideas to apply to our Dharma School curriculum in our constant search to improve our teaching of our children in the Sangha. As part of that continuous improvement, if you know a high school student in Dharma School or a former student, please ask her/him to complete the short questionnaire posted in last month's and this month's SANGHA newsletter and return to me at kfuruk@aol.com.

In Gassho.

DONATIONS

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

Jeff Adachi	Utako Kimura	Ken Okuhara & Family
Karen Adachi & Family	Ben & Grace Kotani	Ron Ong & Family
Wendy Bartlett	Maynard & Cindy Kurahara	Mary Orite
Keri & Leanne Castle	Wayne & Lynn Kurahara	Michael Oto/Oto's Marketplace
Ted Fukui	Tim & Selise Lee	Marty Sakata & Family
Girl Scouts	Dale Louie & Family	Barbara Sasaki & Family
Billy & Grace Hatano	Emmie Makishima	Tom & Nancy Shimizu
Ed Inaba & Family	June Matsubara	Ken Sui & Family
Jeannette Inouye	Edith Matsuoka	Blake & Shelly Takaha
Meriko Ishigaki	Mitzie Muramoto	Dolly Uyeno
Mae Kaneko	Eleanor Nobuye	David Yasuda & Family
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Alice & Joe Kataoka	Brian Okamoto & Family	
Yoshiko "Bubbles" Keikoan Family		

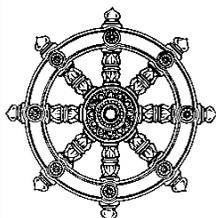
**HIGH SCHOOL
AND
COLLEGE
STUDENT
DHARMA
SCHOOL
SURVEY**

This is a set of questions for high school, college and after-graduation Dharma School students. Please ask your high school or college student to complete these questions and either e-mail the answers to kfuruk@aol.com, or send them to the Betsuin office. Thanks.

1. What is/was your highest grade of attendance, and are you still attending services?
2. Please outline your plan concerning future Dharma School and/or temple attendance?
3. What are/were the strengths of Dharma School and services to you?
4. Please outline how you use what you have learned in Dharma School?
5. What are the things that keep/kept you coming to Dharma School?
6. Do/did you participate in temple-sponsored organizations, and what are/were they?
7. Are there issues for discussion and study, or activities, that you feel will improve the Dharma School experience for older students?
8. What have you gained from being a part of the Sacramento Betsuin?
9. Please feel free to write any further comments, or contact me and we can talk about them!

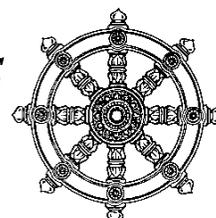
Please be aware that articles for the SANGHA are **due** on the **15th of each month**. Late articles will be published in the following month's issue.

When sending articles by e-mail, please send e-mail to: vibrocount@lanset.com with a cc to: betsuinoffice@gmail.com and inform the church office at 446-0121. Please include the author's name. Thank you.



Welcome New Members

*David Rogers
Jeffrey Saito*



**SPORTS
COMMITTEE**
ALAN WU


It is May 2010, and how are we all doing? Since it is May, the bulk of the organized chaos of the basketball season is now behind us, we can step back, take a breath and look at what just happened.

On a high note, for starters, we would like to congratulate this year's recipients of our annual awards. This year, Teryn Hara and Matt Nitta took home the Aki Fukushima Awards for all their years of not only participating in our sports program but also all their many years of dedicated time and effort for and on behalf of the church and its various organizations. The Rinban Yukawa Award is awarded to the coach who best exemplifies the true meaning and spirit of our sports program as envisioned by Rinban Yukawa. This year, the winner of the Rinban Yukawa Award is Stephanie Fukushima. Congratulations Teryn, Matt and Stephanie! Thank you for your unselfish contributions to our program.

On a middle note, the attendance requirement is still in effect. Even though the league is all done, and the church tournaments are all done, attendance continues to be recorded. As a reminder, it is mandatory that all players maintain an attendance percentage of 60 percent or higher to remain eligible to play basketball. And, that percentage is calculated on a rolling 12-month calendar all year long. So, in order to be eligible to play next year, attendance during April and May and June is very important because players do not start from scratch every year; their attendance record from the past 12 months will determine eligibility. So, keep attending all the way through to the annual picnic and next September will be a happy one. Don't forget that September also has not 1 but 2 extra credit days.

On a low note, it appears that unfortunately some members of our Sangha lost their way while trying to keep their link bright and strong, for they did not have pure and beautiful thoughts, therefore they did not say pure and beautiful words, which led to not very pure and beautiful deeds. And for what you ask? For a game... a game where kids are playing. Let's look back at what words were just used: game, kids and playing; these are supposed to be fun words, words that do not evoke hostilities. People need to get a grip on the reality that is before them, and that these are just kids playing a game. There is no prize money to be won, there is no shoe deal to be lost. This is still church basketball with a definite set of behavioral expectations, and there may be other venues out there in the real world where it may be perfectly acceptable for people to act out and decorum is cast aside, so take it out there.

The reverends tried in their subtle way to express the notion to "represent." Even if you didn't sign up to represent the church, too bad. When you signed up to participate in our program, you signed up to represent the church; you cannot have one without the other. And even if you still do not accept that responsibility of representing the church, at least represent yourself and your family. Being a spectacle for the whole gym to witness and then for everyone else to hear about shouldn't be on a to-do list. One more thing... It's just church basketball!

TERIYAKI CHICKEN RICE BOWL 'TO GO'

MAY 16, 2010

10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



PRE-SALE TICKETS: \$5

**PICK UP AT THE SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MATSUYAMA BOY SCOUT
EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW FROM PARTICIPATING SCOUTS
FROM TROOP 50 AND TROOP 250**

**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 50**

NICK TABUCHI



To start out the month of March, the theme for the meeting was sports. The Senior Scout patrol set up a continuous Olympic tournament throughout the three meetings of March.

The first meeting of March was held on Friday, March 10. Senior Scouts Jared, James, Justin, Corey and Tyler organized the events for the meeting. Jared and James held a basketball activity where the Scouts would compete as a patrol to see which patrol could make the most free throw points out of 10. Next, they held a competition to see which patrol could make the most shots at the 3-point line in a certain time limit. Jared said, "The basketball event went smoothly and the Scouts seemed to enjoy it." On the other side of the gym, Corey and Tyler set up a soccer shooting contest. Each Scout in the patrol would have to kick the ball into small goals to score points for their patrol. Outside, Justin held a relay race where the kids would have to hop on one foot and maneuver through cones. This was all with a ping pong ball on a spoon in their mouths.

The second meeting was held on March 12. The senior Scouts again held the events for the meeting's activities. In the halls, Tim held a game of Ping Pong Basketball. The Scouts were allowed a certain number of times to attempt to throw the ball into the cup. In the classrooms, Justin held a soccer activity called Spider Soccer. The boys were required to get on their backs on their hands and feet. They would try to kick the ball into the goal and whoever scored the most goals on the other team won. In the other classroom, a group of senior Scouts held a sports trivia game. They would test patrols in their knowledge about sport rules and history.

March 26 was the last meeting of the month. It began with Greenbar, where the leaders would discuss events in the troop. Later, the Olympic theme began again. Senior Scout Marcus led the Ultimate Dodge Ball event in the gym. The Scouts would throw the foam balls at each other in an attempt to get the opponents out. In the classrooms, Keith organized a Finger Football game where the teams would have to fold up paper into a triangle and flick it through the other Scout's fingers. At the end of the events, the points were tallied up and Brad's patrol was announced the winner of the Troop 50 Olympic Sports and prizes were given out to the top three patrols.

**CUB SCOUTS
PACK 50**

MARTY SAKATA



Spring is here and our Scouts have all moved up in rank. The rambunctious Tiger Cubs are now Wolves and the Webelos II — Big Men on Campus — have all graduated to Boy Scouts.

On April 18, the Scouts from Pack 50 participated in Earth Day at the Sacramento Bufferlands as part of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's goal to improve the bird habitat. Pack 50 Scouts and parents installed 30 wooden bird houses and practiced their orienteering skills while navigating their way through the Bufferlands. Special thanks goes out to Eugene Ng and his crew for organizing this event.

On April 23, the Pack held its Arrow of Light ceremony. This event started with all Cub Scouts receiving their awards and rank advancements. All the boys worked hard this year earning their various belt loops and pins, and graduating to the next rank! Congratulations to all the Scouts for a job well done!

The highlight of the Arrow of Light ceremony was the accomplishments of the Den 5 Cub Scouts. Thirteen Webelos Scouts obtained their highest rank, the Arrow of Light. It is hard to believe that these boys started Cub Scouts five years ago as "little Tiger Cubs" and now are young men, many of whom will continue their scouting adventure in Boy Scouts. Congratulations to the following Webelos Scouts on your accomplishment: Cameron C., Cameron D., Kenji F., William G., Tyler I., Cameron K., Cameron L., Tyler M., Brandon M., Alex N., Brendan N., Daniel O. and Brayden Y.

Congratulations to the Webelos II parents and Leaders Kelvin Mark, Gregg Kochi and Dean Mar. We would also like to thank Stacey Okino, DeAnne Yabumoto-Ng, and Kay Fong for their earlier years as the boys' leaders. Pack 50 will miss the boys and their families, and we wish the best to all of you!

On April 25, our final event for the 2009-2010 Scout year was the "Bottle Rocket Blast Off." The Scouts customized two two-liter soda bottles into a rocket. These were then partially filled with water, then set on a launch pad and filled with compressed air. After a countdown of 3-2-1, it blasted off 50 to 100 feet in the air, then came floating down with the boys chasing after it. It was a sight to see! A special thank you to our Captain Kirk of the Space Derby, Dale Firth, and his crew for this awesome event!



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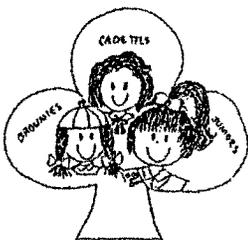
It is hard to believe that the year has come to a close. The year has really flown by, but it was definitely a fun-filled year for the boys! As this is my last SANGHA article for the Cub Scouts, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Betsuin, Reverend Bob, Reverend Peter and the Betsuin office staff. Pack 50 really appreciates your continued support of this wonderful program. Pack 50 would not be as successful as it is today without their support and the support of our Scout parents. We have the best group of parents who are always there to help out. Thank you.

As with any organization, the Pack also would not be successful without the dedication of many parents who serve in leadership capacities. Thank you very much to everyone on the PAC Committee led by Norman Tanaka. You folks are awesome in helping to plan and set the stage for the year. The other heroes of Pack 50 are the Den Leaders. We are very fortunate to have a great group of parents who have stepped up to take on this role. Thank you for guiding our boys down the Cub Scout trail and making it fun! To my Assistant Cubmasters Daryl Wong and Glen Kumamoto, thank you for your hard work and endless commitment. I could not have done it without you guys!

And finally... THANK YOU TO THE SCOUTS OF PACK 50. YOU BOYS ROCK! I certainly hope that you learned a lot and had fun at the same time. Best wishes to you all as you continue down the path of the Cub Scout trail. I know that the fun will continue under the guidance of Cubmaster Glen Kumamoto.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CUB SCOUT? Contact Glen Kumamoto, Norm Tanaka or Stacy Dorais. Pack 50 information and registration packets are also available at the Betsuin office.

GIRL SCOUTS TANI CANTIL- SAKAUYE



After cookies, comes spring and the Girl Scout Troop 569 at the Betsuin Church has been as busy as bees!

Juniors 4 are enjoying this beautiful springtime weather (with an umbrella every now and then) with a tour of the UC Davis Arboretum on Saturday, April 24. The girls had a fun time completing the Outdoor Creativity badge to go along with the tour. The girls are looking forward to summertime and are planning to do some work on the Bronze Award project.

Cadettes 5 met in mid February with local artist Gretchen Gaither, who instructed the girls on what it takes to become an artist. Gretchen showed the girls some of the beautiful pieces of art she had made. She also had the girls create beads out of clay and took the beads home to fire them in her kiln.

The day before Valentine's Day, the girls met at the Asian Nursing Home and delivered colorful handmade paper flowers to the residents for Valentine's Day. The girls enjoyed the visit and spent quite a bit of time visiting and chatting with the residents. The girls also participated in the Thinking Day program and are beginning to explore working on their Silver Award.

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COME JOIN THE FUN AND LEARN ABOUT THE
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Event: Childrens' Day

Date: May 14, 2010

Time: 6:30PM-8:30PM

Place: Buddhist Church Kaikan

- Craft booths will be set up by the Cadette and Senior Troops
- Please bring a canned food item for donation
- A \$5 fee, per Scout, will be appreciated to cover the costs of supplies/food and patch.
- This event is being organized by Ashley Joe from Seniors One as part of her Gold Award project, so please support her by attending this fun night. You may contact Ashley at plootee@yahoo.com for additional info!

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