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As I write this article for the month of April, it was only two days ago that the Sendai area north of Tokyo was hit by the most devastating earthquake Japan has known in recorded history. As I often mention, we are truly the most well-informed people that have ever lived. With the technology we have today, from almost the moment the earthquake and tsunami hit, we were given graphic images of the destruction... and we have heard many wrenching stories of the survivors and the families who are searching for loved ones lost in the destruction of the earthquake and tsunami.

I have a friend in Japan, Wayne Yokoyama, who wrote in an e-mail to me: "... from Kanto up through Tohoku along the Pacific coast it is a scene of devastation on an unbelievable scale. Entire towns have been reduced to rubble after the tsunami swept in and rubbed everything out. Houses and cars and boats are shown flowing into the sea. I wonder what has happened to all the people who lived there. In one town, the rescue teams went in and found there were hundreds of dead. The worst news is yet to come, when they assess the extent of the damage."

We do not yet have the count of how many lives have been lost in the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, but with damage to two nuclear plants in the area, the danger is far from over.

I was on the phone with our Bishop, Socho Ogui, the day of the disaster; and we began immediately coordinating a relief fund to help the people of Northern Honshu. Members have already come by the office to donate to the Sendai Relief Fund before it was even announced.

We often hear, "If we open our eyes, the whole world is constantly teaching us the dharma." The whole world is constantly teaching us what is of value in life.

When our dharma eyes open to what is really of value in living life, we realize that our happiness

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is NOT found in the things we own or possess. Our happiness is NOT found in the material things we have. Our real happiness is just being able to enjoy the moments we have to be with the people whose lives give meaning to our own.

I was watching the news on TV with Reverend Peter the day after the earthquake. The expected tsunami shock waves had arrived on our West Coast about 12 hours later. The news segment we watched was showing the destruction that was done to the docks and the boats down in Santa Cruz and also up in Crescent Bay.

One reporter was talking with a couple whose boat sank in the Santa Cruz Marina. They were in despair. The woman was in tears. Their boat sank. The reporter made this comment, "She is inconsolable."

I thought to myself, "I'm sure it was a valuable boat... and perhaps it even had great sentimental value. But it's just a boat...."

Then later, on CNN, they showed a video of a family in the Sendai area. They were reuniting after, not just losing their home, but after much of their city was flattened by the tsunami. Tears of joy poured from their eyes as the mother said, hugging her family, "Minna daijobu... Minna daijobu!" "Everyone is okay... Everyone is okay!"

Reverend Yukawa would say, "Her dharma eyes are open."

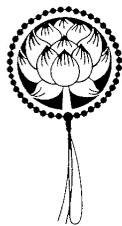
There is no doubt that in the chaos that followed the earthquake and tsunami, this mother, while trying to find her children and husband, "hoped for the best." But deep within, with so much loss and destruction around her, she knew... there was a chance they might never see each other again. Her awareness of the reality of impermanence was undeniable. Her dharma eyes were wide open. When they were all reunited, their appreciation for each other was truly beyond words. Their home was gone. They've lost virtually all worldly possessions. But we could see that their joy and gratitude were beyond measure.

This family knew what was really of value in life... and they knew what I consider to be the Buddhist definition of love: "To love is to realize that what is loved may be lost."

In living life, we so easily fall into comfortable routines... taking for granted the love of family, the companionship of friends... and the gift of each day. When our dharma eyes open, we are reminded to enjoy and appreciate the wonder of each new day, knowing that it will never come again. It is with this awareness that we remember again, we must try to live our lives with the spirit of nembutsu appreciation... That level of gratitude where the words "thank you" are never enough. Truly, if we open our eyes, the whole world is constantly teaching us the dharma.

Please know that we are still collecting for the Buddhist Churches of America-coordinated Relief Fund. Your donations will be much appreciated by the people affected by the Sendai earthquake and tsunami.

Gratefully,
RB



*Condolences to
the Families of:*



- Norio Aoki..... May 12, 1929 – February 12, 2011*
- Giichi Ishisaka November 4, 1923 – February 12, 2011*
- Maizie Masaye Hiromoto..... Dec. 20, 1929 – February 17, 2011*
- Bernace Kikuko Yagi..... August 13, 1920 –February 20, 2011*
- Norio Yasuda..... May 10, 1935 – February 26, 2011*
- Mark Tomio Nakamura..... September 23, 1959 – March 1, 2011*
- Hiroko Nakatsu..... December 16, 1951 – March 4, 2011*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
KELVIN C. MARK, D.O.

The physical world changes before our eyes and the unimaginable becomes reality — satellites show that the Japan archipelago, whose land area is smaller than California but home to four times as many people, has moved 8 feet to the west; our planet's axis has shifted by 4 inches, both phenomena the result of an unfathomable 9.0 magnitude earthquake.

Amidst an otherwise unpredictable new existence racked by aftershocks, concern for radiation fallout, and punctuated by uncertainty, there have been *no* reports of looting or of riots and people continue to patiently wait in lines and respectfully remove their shoes before entering even makeshift evacuation shelters. Newsreels show a national consciousness defining the essence of *gaman* — people *doing their best*, persevering, and showing poise in the face of events beyond one's control; ordinary people doing the extraordinary, suppressing their own feelings to bring strength to those around them. Such is the spirit of *namo amida* — of living an "other-centered" life.

Similarly demonstrating "other centeredness" and living their duty to others are Boy Scout Troop 50, Girl Scout Troop 569, Cub Scout Pack 50, and our sangha in their enthusiastic contributions to the Sendai earthquake tsunami relief effort. Together, they have collected and shipped several truckloads of nonperishable food items, supplies and monetary donations to assist in alleviating widespread suffering in Northern Japan. Our interconnectedness no doubt resonates deeply.

As we greet April and prepare to celebrate Hanamatsuri, let us extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our Church Usage Committee, Dharma School teachers and teaching assistants for their collective time and efforts in planning, improving and executing our own emergency evacuation plan. The mock evacuation drill, held February 27, enabled our students to safely evacuate all classrooms in just *under* 2 minutes. Keep in mind that structural fires can *double* in size every 2 minutes and bring tragic consequences. Proper preparation and preparedness can, however, limit and prevent tragedy. With these thoughts in mind, please know that our Board of Trustees is actively exploring conscientious ways to update and upgrade our existing safety fire alarm system.

In Gassho.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Have you paid your 2011 membership?

SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
KEIKO JEAN KASHIWADA

The March 2011 meeting of the Buddhist Women's Association was held on Wednesday, March 2, with President-Elect Midori Ito presiding.

DONATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you for your generous monetary support of the BWA!

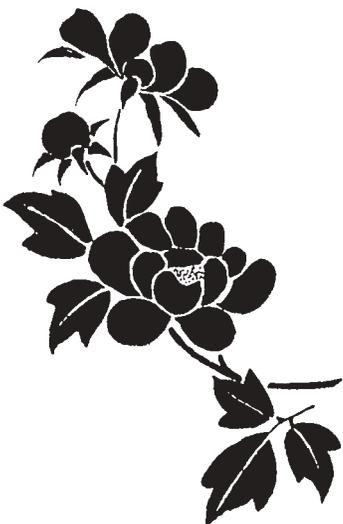
Drs. Kelvin & Cheryl Mark.....	Donation and Thank You for Invitation to the Eshinniko Luncheon and Service	\$75
Misao Abe	Donation in Appreciation	\$50
Misao Abe	Bonenkai Donation	\$50
Janet S. Matsumoto	Special Donation	\$50
Evelyn S. Suzuki	Special Donation	\$20

THANK YOU

Thank you, BWA and ABA ladies, their husbands, their families and friends for coming out to help with the first Pre-Sale Only Food Festival event on March 13. The Adult Buddhist Association officers will meet with President Lynn Kurahara and the BWA Food Festival co-chairs, Virginia Uchida and Sandy Nishimura-Yee, to discuss this fund-raising event and how it can be improved upon. Next year, order forms and advertising will be done much earlier to allow everyone more time to get the word out and turn in order forms. Thank you all for supporting the Adult Buddhist Association and the Buddhist Women's Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

✓ **Bazaar Craft Booth:** Craft Chair Shirley Kato reminds everyone that the craft sessions will be held at the church in Classroom 1 from 1 p.m. on the following days: March 18 (Leader was Bridget Morisaki); April 15; no session in May; June 17 (Leader will be Jane Komure); and July 15. The sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Classroom 1 unless the classroom is needed for an otoki. In those instances, the sessions will be held in a classroom in the Annex.



**SACRAMENTO
BUDDHIST
WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION**
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- ✓ **Udon Fundraiser – November 6:** Jean Kashiwada reminds everyone that the BWA Udon Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, November 6. Mark your calendars. More details and tickets will come out in September.
- ✓ **Music Circus – August 4, 2 p.m.** If there is enough interest, the BWA will organize another daytime outing at the Music Circus to see *Camelot*. Tickets are \$39 each and must be purchased by May 16. Preliminary sign-ups were taken at the Food Festival preparation days and all BWA members will be contacted by their respective telephone tree Board member. Lunch before the show or dinner after the show might also be part of this outing.
- ✓ **May 29 -- “Buddha Day” event:** Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim and Reverend Patti Oshita are meeting monthly with other Buddhist groups to plan a joint Buddha Day event on Sunday, May 29, at the Temple on Alta Arden. Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim will be speaking at this service.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, April 6.

**ENDOWMENT
FUND
BENEFIT
RUMMAGE
SALE JUNE 4**

The Legacy Endowment Fund Board's 2011 Benefit Rummage Sale is just two months away on June 4. Your generous contributions of usable items such as clothing, books, household and yard items may be brought to the church on June 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on June 3 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit church programs promoting Buddhist education as well as community organizations that will use the unsold items for charitable endeavors. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND BENEFIT**



SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.

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**USABLE ITEMS NEEDED
DONATIONS ACCEPTED JUNE 1 AND JUNE 2, 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AND JUNE 3, 8 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

**LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND BOARD
REPORT**
RICHARD KAI

おかげさま

The aftermath from the earthquake and tsunami that hit Sendai, Japan is being felt around the world. Many people are captivated by the news accounts of the tragedy from this historic event as reported by the major news organizations on a minute-by-minute basis.

I happened to be watching Ann Curry from NBC News reporting on the devastation from the forces of nature; her report closed by saying that America could learn so much about the resiliency of the Japanese people.

Other reporters have mentioned their astonishment of the togetherness of those so devastated, yet strong of spirit to continue their rebuilding without remorse or blame, and with respect for the loss of many. (The reporter was amazed by the non-existence of looting in Japan's culture.)

Ann, whose mother is Japanese, was taken aback by the spirit of two elders who lost nearly everything from the flooding of their city. The reporter picked up the story of the couple as they were cleaning their house of the mud and debris left behind from the onrushing of water. They expressed their anxiety to begin and finish the repairs needed to make it inhabitable so they could help others who were in greater need than themselves.

The husband and wife team, who were both in their 70s, didn't hint or whisper the need for assistance of any kind, instead worked steadily to finish so they could help with the rebuilding of the city. His parting words were that they needed to get it done for the sake of the children.

It is this same spirit that became the foundation for the Betsuin's Legacy Endowment Fund. The unselfish nature of our Issei forefathers is the shadow and purpose behind the need for your continued support of the Fund.

It is the commitment of the Board to continue to build upon the legacy of our forefathers and to make a better place for the children of the sangha.

**HATSUMAIRI
INFANT
PRESENTATION
CEREMONY**

*H*atsumairi, 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 15, 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 9.

**APPLICATION FORM
INFANT PRESENTATION SERVICE - HATSUMAIRI
MAY 15, 2011**

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 _____

**SAKURA
GAKUEN**
KAMA KENNEDY

Impermanence is often driven home most poignantly by the changing seasons and our children’s development. It seems like the first blooming orchards were just spotted the other week, but we are already in the second semester of the language school. Sakura Gakuen’s Saturday students have been busy mastering kanji, kana and vocabulary, but find time to enjoy a snack of onigiri or butter mochi between lessons and the cultural activities that supplement their studies.

To welcome the Year of The Rabbit (Usagidoshi), students enjoyed mochitsuki and under the tutelage of Shigemi Tomita, they practiced shodo (calligraphy). Hinamatsuri (Girl’s Day) was marked with a beautiful Ohina-sama display arranged by Nabuko Clark and making intricate chigiri-e (paper painting) pictures with the assistance of many artistic parents. The annual speech contest filled a March morning with students reciting memorized Japanese stories and history in Japanese and English. One of the younger intermediate students stole the show and first prize, much to the surprise of the high students who usually dominate the contest.

This year will also see a change in the spring Kinokuniya Japanese book fair, which has been held at the church for many years. With the demise of traditional bookstores, an innovative new manager at the San Francisco branch of Kinokuniya and the current economic climate, this year an in-store flyer system will be implemented. The Kinokuniya fundraiser has helped maintain the exceptionally low school tuition, but as times change and book fair attendance and sales have declined over recent years, new approaches are needed to support the school and compensate the dedicated and highly skilled teaching staff.

The in-store flyer system is one of these updated efforts, spearheaded by motivated parent volunteers. The flyer (available in the church foyer) can be presented when purchasing nearly any non-discounted or electronic item at Kinokuniya bookstore in San Francisco on April 9, 10, 16 and 17. Ten percent of sales accompanied by a voucher will go to support Sakura Gakuen’s teaching program for adults (Monday evenings) and youth (Saturday mornings). The 44th annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival (April 9, 10, 16 and 17) straddles the fundraiser window, allowing you to enjoy the sounds, tastes and sights of the Sakura Matsuri and support your local treasure: Sakura Gakuen Japanese Language School.

The annual school cultural field trip this year will be a full day at the Cherry Blossom Festival. Come join us on April 16 or visit Japantown’s Kinokuniya bookstore on your own during the valid fundraiser time frame. Buy some great books, DVDs, manga, etc. Your purchases can help Sakura Gakuen continue to evolve to serve the Sacramento region’s Japanese American community and others with a desire to learn more about the culture and language of Japan and the role the Betsuin has played in the school’s mission. The school’s 103-year focus on providing a window to Japan remains constant, though the faces and lessons continue to transform.



Northern California’s
**Cherry Blossom
Festival**



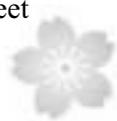
SAKURA  **GAKUEN**

Saturday and Sunday, April 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 2011

Present this with your purchase at San Francisco’s Kinokuniya Bookstore during the 44th Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival
Kinokuniya Bookstore will generously donate 10% of the value of your purchase to Sakura Gakuen Japanese Language School

Support Sakura Gakuen Japanese Language School’s tradition since 1903 - affordable quality Japanese language instruction in the Greater Sacramento Valley. Initially begun as a school for the children of Japanese immigrants, the Sakura Gakuen school has evolved to teach children and adults of any heritage with a desire to explore the beauty of Japanese language and culture.
Enjoy the festival and share this appreciation all year with your Kinokuniya purchases. Valid: April 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2011

Kinokuniya Bookstore 1581 Webster Street 10:30 am – 8:00 pm
West end of Kinokuniya Building in Japantown between Geary Blvd and Post Street



**BETSUIN
SENIORS**

MIKE NAGAI

After hearing concerns about the hazard caused by the uneven paving blocks around the three ginko trees in the courtyard, the Seniors decided to take on a project to remove the hazard by leveling the paving blocks. The rough surface was caused by the tree roots pushing up the blocks.

The work consisted of:

- ✓ Removing the paving blocks in the affected areas.
- ✓ Cutting and removing all the surface roots.
- ✓ Digging down 6 inches and replacing soil with a layer of crushed rock to promote drainage and create air voids to discourage new roots from growing in this area.
- ✓ Placing filter cloth and a thin layer of sand and compacting it.
- ✓ Leveling the sand and reinstalling the blocks.

We encountered a number of roots as large as 4 inches in diameter with a network of feeder roots extending from it. We removed all these surface roots and, hopefully, the trees will survive this major surgery. If not, we get out the chain saw and go to option 2.

I'd like to thank the following seniors for their assistance: John Itagaki, Tomio Masaki, Max Hamamoto, Robert Ito, Henry Shigaki and Akio Seo. Special thanks go to Reverend Peter for loaning us his pick-up truck to haul the crushed rock and sand.

It was three days of hard work, but I believe that we all enjoyed the fellowship of working together and gaining a sense of accomplishment of completing a worthwhile project.

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT**

GARY TRAGANZA

Over the course of a year, our dedicated members save the temple thousands of dollars taking care of needed repairs and upgrades. It is indeed a group effort. It is not uncommon some days to see Eagle Scouts working on one project, the Seniors working on another, while members of the maintenance committee are working on yet another.

Over the last eight years it has been the responsibility of Eddie Imai as head of Building and Equipment to manage the maintenance budget, prioritize, delegate and coordinate all of the projects that keep our temple working smoothly. As the newly appointed head of the maintenance, I am just starting to understand and conceptualize all the time that Eddie has devoted to the temple over the years. Thank you, Eddie, for a job well done.

During the last 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.

- ✓ Don Honda and Eddie Imai for installing the last of the donated white boards in the annex classrooms.
- ✓ Brian Onodera for troubleshooting problems with drains in main kitchen.
- ✓ Gordon Nitta and Gary Traganza for making emergency repairs on three sections of fence that blew over at Reverend Peter's house.
- ✓ Jeremy Wong completed his Eagle Scout project, consisting of preparing and painting the upstairs classrooms and stairways in the annex.
- ✓ Tyler Sasaki completed his Eagle Scout project, consisting of building two rolling heavy-duty carts for rice cooking.
- ✓ Don Honda and Gary Traganza replaced 16 feet of inadequate fluorescent lighting in the outdoor kitchen and installed 16 feet of additional light in an area that did not have lighting.

Are you crazy? Am I crazy? It's just plain crazy... crazy I tell you. We just survived another March of tournament basketball. Some would call it March M@ddn*ss, but not me, no not me. I would not want to use that expression and get in trouble with the NCAA. You see, you get in trouble with the NCAA because they somehow have some sort of claim on that expression and if someone uses that expression without the express written consent of the NCAA, then you could be in violation of some sort of law. It's crazy, I tell you.

So, in order to be a law-abiding citizen, I will choose to use the expression: March Mental Malady when referring to all the tournaments that happen to fall in the month of March. If you think that is crazy, well, don't look now, but the NFL has a term they use for their final football game of the season; they call it the S*p*rB*wl, but you must know that if you uttered that term without the express written consent of the National Football League, you too would be in violation of some law, so, it will be best to just call it the Big Game. It's just crazy, I tell you.

**SPORTS
COMMITTEE**

ALAN WU



SPORTS COMMITTEE

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During Northern California's version of March Mental Malady, the month was filled with basketball games every weekend and our 40th annual tournament kick-started the month off by hosting around 125 teams from the San Francisco area, the East Bay, the San Jose area, and Fresno. Under the guidance and leadership of our tournament director, Glen Kumamoto, we had another successful tournament. Thank you, Glen, for a job well done.

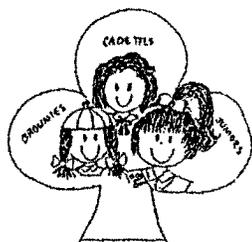
As successful as this year's tournament was, it was not without its own craziness. It's crazy, I tell you, when a coach has such a disjointed perspective on, not only youth basketball, but church basketball, that he gets, not 1, but 2 technical fouls and must be ejected from the tournament, which is pretty much the standard penalty in all levels of basketball. Are you crazy? This is church basketball; this is youth basketball. Is it crazy to think that there exists a valid reason that can justify a coach getting any technical fouls? It's church basketball. It's crazy, I tell you.

Now that it is April and the league games are over and the tournaments are over, we must remind everyone that attendance now is very important to be eligible for next season. Attendance is calculated on a 12-month rolling calendar, which means that returning players do not start over with brand new attendance numbers; rather, the attendance percentage is carried over from the prior 12 months, thus making attendance during April, May and June critical to remain eligible for the next season. It would be crazy to stop attending service and Dharma School just because there are no more games to play this season. It is very possible to begin the new Dharma School year with a less than 50 percent attendance, so don't be crazy. Keep up your attendance until the end-of-year Dharma School picnic.

See you in thirty. Now don't get all crazy until then.

GIRL SCOUTS

CAROL CASTLE



It has been a busy month for Troop 569! Troop 569 honored the new California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye with a wonderful evening of delicious food and inspirational speakers. A former Troop 569 leader, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye's empowering, humorous and heart-felt speech was the highlight of the event. Our warmest gratitude to the honorable Judge Russell Hom, a close friend of Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, for his insightful and meaningful speech. As always, Koichi Mizushima was a true delight as MC for the evening. Honoring us with their presence were Heart of Central California Girl Scout Council members Pam Saltenberger, CEO; Vera Oropeza, membership team manager; and Sarah Sanford, membership director.

Other shoutouts go to:

- ✓ Committee members Patti Oshita, Jennifer Nitta, Diane Huey, Denise Tahara (registrar), Jan Nishikawa, Cheryl Lieu, Shirley Sekeres and Kristi Omoto.
- ✓ Kayla Arakaki for designing the beautifully handcrafted invitations for our special guests.
- ✓ Jennifer Jamilosa for the design of the special event patch.
- ✓ Ford Kinoshita for his delicious BBQ'd chicken and tri-tip and his wonderful chow mein.
- ✓ North American Food (Harley and Judy Inaba) for the rice donation.
- ✓ Theresa Kubo for her wonderful homemade salad dressing.
- ✓ Denis Ishisaka, Marty Sakata and Dave Yasuda for cooking all the rice.
- ✓ Geoff Miyao, Randy Tahara, Alan Bray, Ken Tanaka, John Fujimoto, Pat Wallace, Glenn Nakao and Mike Dishno for setting up the tables.
- ✓ Junior Girl Scouts and their parents for setting the beautiful tables
- ✓ Flag ceremony/promise participants Kaili Ordiz, Katelyn Bates, Taylor Imai, Haley Tahara, Sydney Kajioka, Kaelyn Hosokawa, Josephine Tov, Annika Masaki, Jaidyn Wallace, Kayla Itagaki, Kimi Aoki and Raven Gellerman.
- ✓ Seniors and Cadettes for doing such an impressive job serving all the guests.
- ✓ Kiyo Florist (Jason and Lisa Taira) for the head table floral arrangement and gift bouquet.
- ✓ Cheryl Lieu for elegantly decorating the head table.
- ✓ Jennifer Nitta for making the wonderful gold guest favors (they were yummy too!).
- ✓ Jennifer Nitta and Diane Huey for the handcrafted napkin holders, place cards and table tent agendas.
- ✓ Parent volunteers and FOG ST led by Tim and Carol Castle, Alan and Julie Wu, and Ray Valdovino for plating the food and running the kitchen.
- ✓ Cadettes 4 for designing the 569 group gift, a shadow box for "Auntie Tani."
- ✓ Patti Oshita for doing all the shopping.
- ✓ Grace Lew for keeping track of the funds.
- ✓ John Fujimoto, Denise Tahara and Kelli Omoto-Lee for taking photographs.

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GIRL SCOUTS (CONTINUED)

- ✓ Koichi Mizushima for providing the delightful background music to set the perfect ambiance.
- ✓ Yvonne Otani for being our First Aider for the evening.
- ✓ John Fujimoto and Samantha Nitta for picking up all the cakes.

Brownies 1 met with Juniors 2 in February to learn more about becoming Juniors. The Juniors hosted the event and helped the Brownies earn their first Junior Try-It! The girls had fun learning about different activities they could do as Juniors, such as going to Sky High, horseback riding or visiting the animal shelter. The Brownies are still a little hesitant about the new responsibilities as they become Juniors, but we know they will do great and will love it once they get the experience. Thank you, Juniors 2!

Finally, the Seniors 2 girls enjoyed teaching the Cadettes 6, Brownies 3 and Daisys 1 the Waka Waka dance by Shakira for Thinking Day. All of the girls showed the Seniors how they can shake their hips and move with the beat.

Great job, girls! Keep up the hard work!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 50 BRANDON DISHNO TROOP HISTORIAN



This month the Boy Scouts did many activities. The month started off with the annual Scout Sunday practice on February 4. This is where both Girl and Boy Scouts have a day of service in the church. The practice went smoothly and the Scouts executed it just as well on the following Sunday. The Scouts ended the day by eating treats brought by the parents and Scout leaders.

Another event that took place in the month of February was the cross-country snow skiing outing led by Assistant Scout Master Mr. Lowe and Mr. Adachi. The group of Scouts snow hiked to their destination but took a while to get adjusted to their snow skis, so there was a lot of falling. Once they arrived, the Scouts had a day of fun in the snowy wilderness. They had snowball wars that lasted much of the day. After the fun was over, the group cooked their dinner and relaxed. Then the Scouts prepared to depart. Later that afternoon, the Scouts packed up, left no trace, and departed for home.

The troop also helped the Asian Community Center Crab Feed on February 26. The Scouts aid the community center in their crab feed by washing dishes, serving and cooking. The Scouts assist the community center every year for many patrols' service projects that are required. A patrol must complete two service projects per year. The crab feed was a success.

CUB SCOUT PACK 50 GLEN KUMAMOTO



Springtime is upon us! Pack 50 continues to chug along like the well-oiled machine that it is. In February, we had our annual Blue and Gold function. This is the official "birthday" of Scouting, but it is more of an opportunity for us to get together and thank the organization and all those that are involved. In March, we had our Boy Scout night. Pack 50 welcomed Boy Scout Troops 50, 250 and 259. The various troops set up stations to give our Cubs a chance to see what Boy Scouts is all about... and the Cubs really enjoyed it... as did the parents. We all chowed on awesome fried rice from Troop 250 and fresh-made donuts from Troop 50. The parents got the chance to learn a little about each troop and to see what they have to offer.

April will be a busy month for Pack 50. We will start the month off with a camping trip to Lake Pardee for the Webelos with Troop 50. This is a fun event where our boys who are about to bridge over to Boy Scouts get to hang out with their big brothers in a fun-filled weekend of camping. We will also have Earth Day, kitchen clean up and the Raingutter Regatta... that's kind of like Pinewood Derby, but with boats. Phew... I'm tired thinking about it all!

As we have all heard about the disaster in Japan, we should pause for a moment and think about all those whose lives have forever been changed by these events and thank those around us for our good fortunes. I think we all get caught up in the little things and we often forget about how fortunate we are. In April, the Scouting organizations from church will organize a fundraiser to raise funds to send directly to help those in need. Please stay tuned for more details and we hope you can contribute. I know somewhere in the devastated areas there are Scouts like ours, doing their best to help those that need it.

Pack 50 ROCKS!



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**VOLUNTEER
AND EARN
MONEY FOR
EDUCATION
KHONNIE LATTASIMA**

The Asian Community Center is on its second year of running a “Friendly Visitor” Program made possible by AmeriCorps and a grant from the University of Maryland. By volunteering 450 hours for a one-year period, members are eligible to receive an Education Award valued at \$1,415!

Volunteers will provide respite (“a break”) to caregivers in the community by providing companionship and other activities that mentally/socially/physically engage care recipients.

Member Requirements

(Note: Members are “volunteers,” but for this program they are called “members.”)

- ✓ Must be at least 17 years of age;
- ✓ Must be able to commit to 12 months of service (April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012);
- ✓ Must be able to serve an average of 10–12 hours per week (450 hours of service during one-year commitment to qualify for Education Award).

Member Benefits

- ✓ Living allowance of \$125 month;
- ✓ Education Award of \$1,415 (if 55+ years old, award is transferable to child or grandchild!);
- ✓ Opportunity to serve and make a difference in our community and in people’s lives.

Now that members know what they will receive, what will they be doing?

Members will provide to care recipients:

- ✓ Socialization;
- ✓ Conversation and Companionship;
- ✓ Scrapbooking;
- ✓ Arts and Crafts;
- ✓ Light exercise (e.g. walking);
- ✓ Reading or watching movies together;
- ✓ Help prepare light meals;
- ✓ Shopping assistance (using Asian Community Center’s transportation vehicle).

Personal care, housekeeping or moving furniture is not allowed!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Khonnie at (916) 393-9026 x325 or volunteer@accsv.org. Only 12 members will be selected!

If you know someone who would like a friendly visitor, please contact Judy Fong Heary at (916) 393-9026 x323.

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Ishisaka Family	In Memory of Giichi Ishisaka	\$1,000
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Hiromoto Family	In Memory of Maizie Hiromoto	\$400
Jo Ann Shima	In Memory of Bernace Yagi	\$300
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Chiho Nishi	In Memory of Maizie Hiromoto	\$100
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The Sacramento Betsuin gratefully acknowledges donations received from late Feb. to March 15. Please report any errors or omissions to the Betsuin office. Thank you.

Charles & Doris Kobayashi	In Memory of Judge Mamoru Sakuma	\$50
Katsumi & Tsutae Takashiba	In Memory of Judge Mamoru Sakuma	\$50
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Ed Ito & Family	3rd Year for Akiko Ito	\$300
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Tsuto & Jean Ota	1st Year for Bessie Matsuo	\$50
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Valerie Fong	In Memory of Giichi Ishisaka	\$75
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MATSUYAMA SCOUTS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

TERIYAKI CHICKEN PLATE LUNCH

April 10, 2011 (Hanamatsuri)
 Pick up between 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Sacramento Buddhist Church Courtyard
 or Alley Way
 2401 Riverside Blvd
 Sacramento, CA 95818

\$8/plate or \$15 for 2 plates

Checks can be made payable to "Troop 50" and write "Matsuyama" in the memo field.

Each plate will contain rice, teriyaki chicken, cabbage salad, fruit and dessert.

Tickets may be purchased from a Troop 50 or Troop 250 Scout going to Matsuyama, on various Sundays after service, or by contacting Kim Sakata at (916) 825-0107 or at tmak.saks@sbcglobal.net.

Only a limited number of teriyaki chicken lunch plates will be available for sale on the day of pick-up. All proceeds will go toward the Matsuyama Scout Exchange in August.

Thank you for supporting the Matsuyama Scout Exchange Program.

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