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Hello... and welcome to the month of June. With the coming of every June, our Dharma School comes to a close with a Dharma School Sunday Service and Picnic at William Land Park. Since Dharma School ends just a week before Father's Day, on Mother's Day Sunday in May, we have a Parents' Day Service, so our dads will not be overlooked.

When I was very young, I recall my sister trying to organize her brothers to do something special. We might make a card or try to cook Mom breakfast or pool our allowances and buy something for Dad. And whatever we made or gave them was always received with such delight and appreciation.

As we became older, we still gathered around Mom and Dad on those special days: a Mother's Day brunch, a Father's Day dinner. Without words, we knew we were fortunate to have them both, for as the years passed, we all had friends who had lost their Mom or Dad.

As adults, the gifts we gave might be a nice sweater, jacket or coat; always practical attire when living in San Francisco. The brunches and dinners also became a little more extravagant. Dad always liked Fisherman's Grotto #9 at Fisherman's Wharf. And more often than not, whatever clothes we gave them just seemed to disappear into a drawer or closet, never to be seen again. They were saving them for a "special occasion."

Dad passed away in April 1999 and we lost Mom in April 2005. This past April, my family gathered to have Dad's 13th and Mom's 7th Year Memorial Service. It was, in a way, a special Parents' Day Service for my family. Although years had passed, around them again, their children and grandchildren gathered. We ate together and shared memories; we laughed together and just enjoyed the feeling of being family. When our Dharma Eyes open, we realize that throughout our lives, every opportunity to be with those we love has been a "special occasion." Every day has been a "special occasion."

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Those of us who have known such loss, know that although time may pass, we think of our parents every single day. Each day, when they come to mind, I feel as if a warm, quiet conversation has taken place... and I am reminded of how fortunate I am to have had a Mom and Dad I can miss and appreciate so much.

Although they are gone, my life will always be rooted in their lives, and their love. As Buddhism teaches, we are never truly separate; our lives will always be interwoven in the Karmic Fabric of Life.

As we begin our summer... and especially appreciate our dads on their special day this month of June, let us try to remember to make every day a "special occasion." With our Dharma Eyes open, we begin to truly live a life of nembutsu, a life of gratitude beyond words.

Namo Amida Butsu....
RB

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

Welcome to June and the close of our Dharma School term. The Memorial Day holiday just past seems to signal that it is time to limber up, practice Bon Odori, and enjoy shave ice okashi courtesy of Jr. YBA, Troop 569 and Troop 50.

Please take a moment to thank our ministers, teachers, youth teaching assistants, and our Dharma School superintendent for organizing and executing another culturally relevant and meaningful 2010-2011 term. Isn't it amazing how much world monuments such as the Parthenon, the Pyramids at Giza, the Temple of Heaven, and Stonehenge tell us about human kind? A glance at 5,000 years of recorded history and comparative religions indicate that so much of the human experience has been spent in the pursuit of explaining the unexplainable and in learning the truth of the universe. For millennia, science has strived to eliminate bias and to assist us in seeing things more clearly. Our Buddhist teachings guide us to do likewise: to *test* what we see and do and to embrace *unconditional truth* — the Dharma. Considering the messages given this year, the lessons learned, and the smiles propagated, one could say that "*everything I needed to know about living well I learned in... Dharma School.*" For this and so much more, thank you.

My family and I recently returned from a brief visit to London, England, the cradle from which our country arose and from whose history our founding fathers conceived our United States. We also enjoyed a rare audience with Dr. Kemmyo Sato at the Three Wheels Temple of London. Sato Sensei's efforts to share the Buddha dharma with the Western world are inspirational as he is the last living disciple of Daisetsu T. Suzuki* (1870-1966) who is largely credited with bringing Zen and Shin Buddhism to Western culture through Sanskrit, Chinese and Japanese translations and essays. Please view the Three Wheels newsletter at: www.threewheels.co.uk. We hope to invite Sato Sensei to Sacramento for a lecture series soon.

During our stay, we experienced the best that London had to offer without relying on a car. Instead, we were able to enjoy highlights of the region by subway, bus and on foot. In this way, we were treated to an aspect of humanism rarely encountered in our automobile-centered lifestyle. Riding the Underground Railway the length and breadth of the City proffered a palpable sense of "relax, we are all on our way together" and fostered a mood of mutual consideration toward one another even during the crush of commute rush hour. Striking up conversations with locals and multinationals, watching people help one another on and off of train platforms, and seeing people give up the comfort of their seats for an elderly person or one more in need was the norm rather than exception.

"Breathtaking" barely describes how dramatic it was to set foot on and to explore a land where only 60 years earlier, rockets and bombs rained from the skies; a time when the basic necessities of life were in short supply and tightly rationed, and when survival was a moment-to-moment proposition. Many agree that little good comes from the seeming senselessness of war though a generation, often described as "the greatest generation," was forged from such adversity. Among the generational values from the UK's greatest generation are perseverance, support and sacrifice; of putting the good of the many over needs of the one. We cannot help but be reminded of our own greatest generation and consider our personal duty to live and propagate such a legacy.

Stateside and in this modern day, we are fortunate to never have had foreign armies invade and occupy, let alone set foot on, our soil. We tend to enjoy peace

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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and we are largely shielded from the ravages and sufferings of war by our deeply committed and brave armed forces who are supported by their families and we the American taxpayer. Since 1776, over 2.1 million Americans have "given the last full measure of devotion" to the service of our country. In an effort to pause and appreciate their efforts, our nation has observed Memorial Day annually since just after the Civil War.

On this Memorial Day, let us pause to reflect on the gift of peace and take a moment to appreciate the living. Let us give thanks to our armed services, retired and active duty, for their service to our community and to our country. Let us pause and consider *our* civilian duty, in *this* life, and ask ourselves, "How best can we pay tribute to *their* sacrifices?" Ask ourselves, "What can we do to teach *our* youth to keep our community and our nation moving forward in the correct direction?"

The answers to these questions are myriad. However, with our Betsuin as a cornerstone and foundation for the spirit of kindness, caring and compassion, our Church seems the perfect place to start. Your financial support of our Temple, sponsored and affiliated organizations, and cultural programs do just that. In the words of our Bishop Socho Ogui, "World peace begins with gassho."

* Daisetsu translates to "great humility."

** Words of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, delivered within the Gettysburg Address.

SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SANDY NISHIMURA-YEE



May's SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Rinban Bob gave a very inspirational SBWA service relative to the assassination of Osama Bin Laden and the possibilities of retaliation. He stated, "World peace begins with gassho; world peace begins within ourselves." Something to really think about.

The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) will continue to collect donations for the Japan Relief until August 31, 2011. After that date, the BCA will reassess whether the need is still there.

A BIG congratulations to Reverend Patti Oshita on receiving a "Heroes" award from the Sacramento Rotary Club for her continued leadership in the Girl Scouts Program.

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Gladys Adachi	In Memory of Mother, Florence Itaya	\$100
Blossom Ikemoto	In Memory of Frank Ikemoto	\$100
Toshi Kobata	Donation	\$100
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Nori Aoki Family	Thank You	

UPCOMING EVENTS

BETSUIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Scholarship Awards event has been changed from Saturday, June 11, to Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, still at the State Capitol.

CRAFTS

The next crafts session at the church will be on June 17, at 1 p.m. Jane Komure will be conducting the session. She will be teaching how to make washi paper-covered eggs. She brought samples to show to the SBWA Board and they are very beautiful. Thank you, Jane.

ANGEL ISLAND FIELD TRIP

Please mark your calendar if you are interested in attending the Angel Island Field Trip. The trip will be on July 30. More details will follow.

MUSIC CIRCUS

The production of "Camelot" will be held on August 4. Virginia Uchida has reserved 60 seats. If you are seriously interested in going and would like a seat to this production, please contact Virginia at 421-3538. She will need your payment of \$29, and would also like to know if you are interested in dinner afterward. Dinner is not included with the price of the ticket.

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

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We took the “scenic route” back to Washington from California recently, “scenic” as in “the long” way. Unexpectedly, although it was longer, it truly did turn out to be a very pleasant and, yes, scenic route.

Driving through Lassen and Mt. Shasta National Forests, there was still much snow on the ground as well as in high mounds along the shady side of the road where the snowplows had blown the snow when clearing the highway. Spring had not yet quite reached the high altitudes; the tall trees that lined both sides of the road still bore their withered brown leaves and piles of dry pine needles fought the snow for ground space.

Then, as we continued down into Oregon, we were impressed by the change in the surroundings. The broad fields and farmlands seemed completely covered with fresh, yellow-green grass. Tall, pointed dark-green evergreens covered the mountain sides and spilled down to the highway where shorter, rounded trees with leaves of varied spring-light-green shades shared space with the darker evergreens. Coming from the stark wintry scenery of the high altitudes, it was like taking a breath of fresh air. The bright diverse shades of green gave the Oregon countryside a sense of clean renewal and harmony.

In mid-April, our grandson was one of 63 students chosen from 15 middle schools to participate in a regional honor band concert. The students, chosen by their school band instructor, received a packet of music at the beginning of the month to learn on their own. They spent the morning of the concert in the first and only rehearsal with the other students and the conductor, the director of bands at Pacific Lutheran University. The purpose of the concert was to show students what it feels like to play in a large, talented ensemble with students they have never played with before, conducted by a director unfamiliar to them.

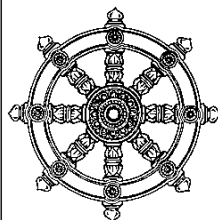
These 63 students, each with their own unique instrument, each with its unique and diverse sound, blended together in harmony under the skilled guidance of the director to produce beautiful music. It was not only a memorable concert for those of us who had the opportunity to hear these youngsters play together, but also an extraordinary experience these students will surely carry with them into their future lives.

In most of our temples, the backbone of the sangha is made up of the children, grandchildren, and now, even the great-grandchildren of the Issei who gathered to listen to the teachings they carried with them from Japan. But now, more and more, we are fortunate to have new members from many different backgrounds, upbringings, and cultures.

At the Tacoma Buddhist Temple, we have a young lady from Nepal who lived near Lumbini Garden, the site of Shakyamuni Buddha’s birth. We have a young pediatrician, born in China to Japanese-Chinese parents, who was hired by a local hospital partly because he speaks Spanish fluently and can communicate with the Hispanic families who have difficulty understanding English. We have a Native American member who also has a very diverse Caucasian heritage. We have a Taiwanese physician and family whose parents speak fluent Japanese as well. We have members who were born in Japan but were raised in the U.S., members who were born in the U.S. but raised in Japan and have returned to the U.S., and also non-Japanese members who have never been to Japan but can read and speak the language fluently. And of course, we have Japanese-American as well as Caucasian members who only speak English! Our Issei pioneers probably never dreamed our sangha would become so diverse!

Yet our temples can and will continue to grow and prosper while our Sangha have a common desire to listen, learn, and live the path of nembutsu. We often speak of oneness in Buddhism. Oneness does not mean we must all be exactly the same. Like the multiple shades of green blending in a calming spring scene or the students’ instruments making beautiful music together, when we respect the very diversity of all our individual members and come together in harmony, that is oneness.

Namo Amida Butsu.



Welcome New Members
Patrick & Monica Otsuji



**LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND**
VALERIE FONG

おかげさまで

The Legacy Endowment Fund Board is coordinating the next rummage sale fundraiser. This big event is set for **Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the kaikan**. Many volunteer Sangha members and friends will be busy collecting, sorting, pricing and organizing items beginning on Wednesday, June 1, through Friday, June 3.

Donations will be accepted in the kaikan during the following dates and times:
 ✓ Wednesday, June 1, and Thursday, June 2: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 ✓ Friday, June 3: 9 a.m. to noon.

We will gladly accept donations of clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes, purses, housewares, glassware, toys, games, books, tools, radios, small appliances in working condition, furniture in good repair, laptops, computers, monitors, cell phones, ink cartridges, and small TVs. We **cannot accept** mattresses or large appliances. See ad below for more information.

There is still time to clean out the garage, another closet, a cabinet, or a drawer or two. Your donations will become great finds for someone else. We have made arrangements with several community-based charities to collect leftover items at the end of the rummage sale.

Everyone is welcome to bring family and friends to shop for great bargains, too! Thank you for your participation and support.

S A C R A M E N T O B U D D H I S T C H U R C H



SALE DATE: Saturday, June 4, 2011, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan

2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA

DONATION DROP OFF DATES: June 1st and 2nd, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 June 3rd, Friday, 9 a.m. to noon

USABLE ITEMS NEEDED: Clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes, purses, housewares, glassware, toys, games, books, tools, radios, small appliances in working condition, furniture in good repair, laptops, computers, monitors, cell phones, ink cartridges and smaller TVs.

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT: Mattresses, large appliances.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Sorting, organizing, selling, cashiering, monitoring, traffic control, security, and loads of other skills. **Volunteers that want to have a fun time!**

INFORMATION: (916) 446-0121

L E G A C Y E N D O W M E N T B E N E F I T

**BAZAAR
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**


**DHARMA
SCHOOL
KEN FURUKAWA**


Volunteers needed for the Betsuin Bazaar on August 13 and 14. Come to see old friends, meet new friends and enjoy the festivities! Work shifts are available at various times throughout the weekend.

If you're interested in helping, contact:

Jennifer Nitta
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Welcome to June and the end of another Dharma School term, and summer! I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to catching up with home projects and work by harnessing the energies of my high school and college daughters... well it is a thought. More likely, I will walk out of the house early in the mornings to get to work, carefully skirting the boxes and bags that herald the return of the child from college. Somehow it all seemed to fit before she left, and I will remember long ago about backpacks on the floor... and I will smile as I remember the Dharma message that Tim Castle gave about backpacks in the house. How time flies. Just like this Dharma School term!

Please take this moment to recall that impermanence is a hallmark of our lives, and is part of the true nature of things. At times bitter, other times sweet, the knowledge that this moment will never come again gives me pause to realize that all times are good in their own unique way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ June 5: JAACL picnic; no Dharma School.
- ✓ June 12: Dharma School picnic service - 9:30 a.m. at William Land Park areas 20 and 21 (north of Sutterville Road on Riverside Boulevard). Graduating high school seniors will receive certificates, and those who applied for the Dharma Award will be recognized. Picnic food will be provided by the Dharma School kitchen crew, and there will be races for the kids.
- ✓ June 25: Obon tent setup at 7 a.m. Dharma School parents, please keep an eye out for the announcements in the SANGHA, and come out to help! A little dusty and sweaty, but fun too!

HELP WANTED

I need a partner to team-teach 8th grade. My various other job and AF Reserve duties are reducing my Sunday availability monthly. If interested, or just curious, contact me through the Betsuin office.

Sharon Siu would also like to have a partner to team-teach 7th grade. All inquiries should be made to Sharon directly or through the Betsuin office.

In Gassho.

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

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Nancy Hashimoto	Eleanor Nobuye	Florence Oto Wong
Harley & Judy Inaba	Ken Okuhara	Fusako Yokoyama
John & Marlene Itagaki	Mary Orite	Rev. Kosho & Michiko
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**SPORTS
COMMITTEE
ALAN WU**


The year is 2011, and the month is June and before you know it, it will be time to ring in a new year again. It seems that time just keeps on ticking away like it is ever-changing or even impermanent. Impermanent, imagine that! But, before we get too far ahead of ourselves, let's remain in the here and now and what is in store for us just around the corner.

Just as it is time for Dharma School to close for the summer, our sports program will switch gears and "kinda sorta" take somewhat of a hiatus for the dog days of summer. Even though we will be getting a little respite from the daily grind of basketball management, the Sports Committee will remain diligent with the church's hectic summer schedule.

First on tap will be the raising of the tent for Obon. Please join us and our sports families in the cool of the morning on June 25 for the tent party. As with many other projects, the more the merrier and the merrier makes even the most daunting of tasks become easily accomplished. Then Obon practice will commence for two weeks before the Obon Odori on July 9, so come out to practice and scrape off your Obon-rust in preparation for the main event.

SPORTS COMMITTEE
(CONTINUED)

Later, on July 22, 23 and 24, the real fun begins as we pull out all the Bazaar equipment to transform our courtyard and parking lot into a setting fit for a Bazaar.

We still seem to be one step ahead of ourselves again, for we still have a few of our basketball teams playing basketball. They still have one more tournament to attend before they hang up their high-tops for this year. That tournament would be the famous Central Cal Cobra tournament in Fresno on June 18 and 19 with its equally famous Saturday social at Blackbeard's Waterslide Amusement Park, which is always perfect for those sweltering Fresno summer evenings. Good luck in Fresno!

So now that we have all our carts and horses in the proper order, we'll see you soon at the Dharma School Picnic on June 12.

16th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church



Senior Golf Tournament

**Teal Bend Golf Course, Sacramento
Wednesday, August 24, 2011**

ALL SENIORS AND FRIENDS OF SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

7:30 am Modified Shotgun Start. Check-in 6:30-7:30.

Four Player Scramble Format. Each team will consist of high and low handicaps to make the teams "even." Don't worry about making up a foursome. Participants don't need to worry about hosting 2011 tournament!

\$65 per player

Includes Green Fees, Cart, Closest-to-the-Hole Contests, Prize Fund and a delicious lunch prepared by Reiko and Crew! Awards and Lunch following golf at the Buddhist Church.

Deadline to enter: August 6.

Enter early, field is limited to 72 players.

Mail entry form and \$65 per player payable to
Cindy Hatano, 8959 Sonoma Valley Way, Sacramento, CA 95829, or
leave at church office,attn: Sr. Golf Tournament c/o Grace Hatano.

Chairpersons: Brian and Cindy Hatano, and Paul Suwa.
For more information, contact Brian at fourhats@comcast.net

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Please put me in a foursome with some fun people!

I'd like to golf with (list names below):

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

BRANDON DISHNO,
TROOP HISTORIAN



**CUB SCOUT
PACK 50**
GLEN KUMAMOTO



March was a very fascinating month. The earthquake and tsunami in Japan definitely caught the attention of many of us. What have the church and Boy Scouts been doing to help? Have you seen the piles of clothes, food, and other supplies stacked up in the kaikan, the courtyard and the classrooms? Troop 50 has been helping sort out the dropped off relief supplies and the supplies are now on their way to Japan.

Scouts like Brendan N. and Jared M. helped organize shoes. Other Scouts even donated things themselves. There were piles of clothes and some piles of food. Needless to say, there was a ton of supplies. Troop 50 was glad to be able to help organize the supplies along with the many other volunteers.

This month, the Scouts were busy with more events accomplished than any other month. The Scouts in the month of April went to five events. These events included Lake Pardee outing with the Webelos, rifle shooting at the Gun Room, Iron Chef Cook-Off, Creek Week Service Project, and finally the Capital City Camporee.

Introducing the incoming Troop 50 Scouts to camping is the primary objective of the Lake Pardee outing. The Webelos learn many different skills, such as knot tying, cooking, setting up a stove and tent, and how to do a flag ceremony. The Scouts learned these skills throughout the weekend and played many classic Troop 50 games, such as British bulldog and capture the flag.

Then the annual Iron Chef Cook-Off was done. The Scouts were each given an ingredient to cook with and compete for the best dish. The parents would sample the cooking and vote. Of the three different awards, Steven T's patrol won two and Alex T's patrol won the other one.

The last main event of the month was the Capital City Camporee. A camporee is an event in which Scouts from the same district camp together and compete in Scout skill events. Then at the end of the camporee, the Scouts were entertained by a Indian hoop dancer and skits and songs performed by all the different troops (Troop 50 had the best skit). Then the Scouts put away their tents and gear and went home tired.

With the coming of summer, so ends our scouting year. On May 6, we held our annual Arrow of Light ceremony, which marks the graduation of our Webelo II Scouts. We have been so fortunate to have these boys and their families as a part of our pack that it is sad to see them go. But I am extremely proud to know that they will be continuing their scouting lives with either Troop 50 or Troop 250. Both of these troops have so much to offer and are led by such good leaders that I know the boys can only succeed.

I'd like to congratulate the following boys on a job well done!

Den 1: Brendan Firth, Drew Ikemoto, Brandon La, Thomas Ito, Corey Tanaka, Drew Tanaka, Samuel Wolff, Chad Wong. Leaders: Ericca Ikemoto, Stephen Ito and Mark Wolff.

Den 3: Justin Daneluk, Andrew Nishikawa, Niko Ramirez, Matthew Tang, Ryan Tomlinson, Jonathan Wong. Leader: Darryl Nishikawa.

I especially want to thank the leaders for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the scouting program. Good luck to all the boys!

The rest of the pack is gearing up for some summertime fun. Next event is at the Wackford Swim Center for some swimming fun with Troop 50. We are also open to forming our new Tiger dens, so if you know of any boys who are entering the 1st grade, please pass the word.

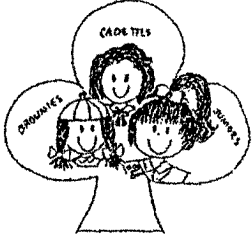
One last thank you to Reverend Peter for giving a great talk to the boys at our AOL ceremony. The kids always get a kick when he comes out in Scout uniform! Thank you for always being there to support our pack!

As always....

Pack 50 ROCKS!



**GIRLS
SCOUTS**
SUSAN ELY



On April 25, 2011, Pam Saltenberger from Girl Scouts of America presented our very own Patti Oshita with the Sacramento Rotary Club Hero Award. Patti was recognized for her dedication to Girl Scouts when almost 20 years ago Patti accepted the responsibility to organize a Girl Scout troop at the Buddhist Temple in Sacramento. Patti's efforts built a local organization that has provided Girl Scouting benefits to countless numbers of young women in the Sacramento area.

Many of the girls in Patti's first troop have grown up and come back to the organization as volunteer leaders. As time progressed, Patti served on the Board of Directors and became an important link between the Board and the organization's volunteers. Congratulations, Patti! We are all grateful for your leadership and kindness.

Juniors 1 attended the 30th Anniversary Golden Gate Bridging Ceremony on May 7. More than 5,000 Girl Scouts from 14 states attended this year's event. Our troop walked across the Golden Gate Bridge to symbolize our bridging to Cadettes. It was a beautiful and windy day. We met many girls from other troops, near and far. Along the trek we traded SWAPS with other troops and shared keepsake memorabilia of the event. We walked for miles, but still have lasting smiles!

Juniors 2, along with Juniors 1, had the opportunity to attend the Golden Gate Bridging ceremony in beautiful San Francisco. The girls had a blast sharing SWAPS, walking across the very windy Golden Gate Bridge, and taking part in the booth activities in Crissy Field at the end of the walk. It was truly an exciting event, with more than 5,000 participants from 13 states. Our girls enjoyed meeting girls from all the other troops, many of which had traveled quite a distance to attend this very special day. The weather was beautiful, sunny and windy over the bridge and there were tons of troops with which to "swap." Our girls enjoyed making very special origami, okasane and sushi swaps together, and then trading them at the event. A great time was had by all! We were also fortunate to be able to take part in our church's bridging ceremony, and we are looking forward to being Cadettes.

This was the first year for the **Daisy 2** group and we were very fortunate to have the support and guidance provided by Patty Oshita and Judy Inaba. In addition, we are thankful that Grace Lew takes care of all the treasurer duties.

April was a special Girl Scouting moment for Daisy 2 and **Cadettes 2**. Kudos to both Courtney Fong and Courtney Matsuo of Cadettes 2 for using their leadership skills to inspire and teach the Daisy 2 girls about Girl Scouting. Both Courtneys decided to plan, coordinate and lead a Daisy 2 meeting for their Silver Award. Courtney Fong's meeting was to "Be a Sister to Every Scout" and Courtney Matsuo's meeting was about how to "Use Resources Wisely."

Pairing up with older Girl Scouts to learn valuable lessons was a treat for the Daisy 2 girls. Both Courtneys prepared and led their own two-hour meetings with assistants from other Scouts from Cadettes 2. The "Be a Sister to Every Scout" meeting had activities that showed friendship (making bracelets), teamwork (stuffing balloons into over-sized clothing), helping (donating pasta and sauces to My Sister's House), and being a sister (talking, laughing and spending time together). The "Use Resources Wisely" was filled with many hands-on activities (perfect for the 5-6 year old age group) that showed how to "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle." There was a personally made book that featured recycling facts, coloring, puzzles, songs (glass music bottles), games (sorting by CRV), and crafts (bottle art mail). Thank you, Cadettes 2, for showing the meaning of how to Discover, Connect, and Take Action.

Cadettes 3 had a fun time working on two community service projects. The first project was for the Ronald McDonald House. Two girls contacted them to find out what they needed. Easter was around the corner, so they were in need of Easter eggs for their Easter egg hunt. The girls bought the eggs and candies, then filled the eggs. They gave the Ronald McDonald House about 250 eggs for their Easter egg hunt. The second project was for the SPCA. The girls wanted to make beds for the dogs and catnip pillows for the cats. They borrowed the idea from the Linus Project and made beds with a cute dog-and-bone design, then filled them. The girls learned to sew with a sewing machine and sewed little pillows designed with Hello Kitty. They stuffed each pillow and put some catnip in each before sewing them closed. The girls made 14 doggie beds and 3 dozen kitty pillows. The girls enjoyed working on these community service projects.



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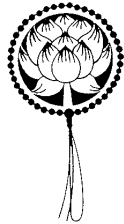


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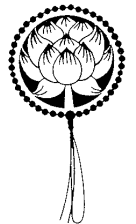
**NOKOTSUDO
REPORT**
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Construction of the 84 new nokotsudo island niches was successfully completed. These niches are now on sale at the church office. The office will accept names of purchasers from now until June 30, 2011. At that time, purchasers will select niche locations on a first come, first served basis or on a lottery system depending on the level of sales interest.

The Buddhist Church Nokotsudo Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank Ted Yoshimura, construction manager for this project, and Mike Nagai, Tomio Masaki and Max Hamamoto, who were involved in the project coordination. Job well done, everyone!



*Condolences to
the Families of:*



- Suzuko Sano McDonough February 10, 1937 – April 28, 2011*
- Ben Kunibe..... November 15, 1917-- April 30, 2011*
- Emiko Rose Kimura August 11, 1919 – May 8, 2011*
- Suenari Koyasako..... March 19, 1920-- May 11, 2011*
- Susie Ayako Imai May 18, 1917 – April 5, 2011*
- Katsumi Hashimoto..... April 8, 1923 – April 11, 2011*

**MEMORIAL
DAY
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AILEEN OKIMOTO

Here on the West Coast we are lucky to have our Nisei, Sansei and Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to learn about some pivotal moments regarding the Japanese American experience. Recently, Reverend Peter’s wife, Aileen Okimoto, shared her family’s history growing up in Colorado. The following account is presented in honor of the upcoming June 5 JACL Picnic at William Land Park:

There is a book called *The Principled Politician: The Ralph Carr Story* by Adam Schrager. It is about Colorado Governor Ralph Carr, who served as governor during the anti-Japanese hysteria of World War II. Carr became the only political leader in the country to champion the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans. He welcomed Japanese Americans to his state.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Governor Carr had been asked by the *Pacific Citizen*, the official newspaper of the JACL, for his thoughts on how to treat the Japanese living in the United States. Although other political leaders refused the request, Governor Carr did not.

“To the American-born citizen of Japanese parentage we look for examples and guidance,” he wrote. “To those who have not been so fortunate as to have been born in this country, we offer the hand of friendship, secure in the knowledge that they will be truly American as the rest of us.”

Coming from a governor, the “hand of friendship” became national news.

Public opinion, without question, was against him. *The Denver Post*, the state’s largest newspaper, took a keen interest in Governor Carr’s stand regarding anyone of Japanese descent. All of the stories were splashed on the front page with significant detail: “GOV. CARR STAKES POLITICAL FUTURE ON HIS JAP STAND.”

Negative press was nothing new for Governor Carr, a rare breed of politician who held his ground against popular opinion and was ahead of the curve in championing civil rights.

The war ended and Carr’s belief in Japanese Americans proved accurate. There were no examples of sabotage committed by anyone of Japanese ancestry living in the United States during the war.

Some of the Issei and Nisei families from California went to Colorado so they would not have to be interned in the relocation camps. My grandparents (Ono

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family) and other Issei who lived in Fort Lupton, Colorado helped some of the California families by putting them up in their home until they were able to make arrangements to find a place of their own. My grandparents lived on a farm and had a small tenant shack, where they let one family stay. My grandparents and my mom moved up into the attic so that another family could move into their bedrooms. Since they did not have a bed up in the attic, they used a couple of boards and chairs to make a bed.

My Uncle Etsu Hisamoto recalled how his parents also helped as many families as possible. There were nine members in their family, and there was very little room in their home. They still allowed some families to stay with them. My uncle told me that five of his brothers all volunteered for the army and served. His youngest brother, Jack, lied about his age to join the U.S. Army. He served in the 442nd Infantry unit and was one of the soldiers awarded a Purple Heart Medal from the U.S. Army.

In March 1946, the biennial convention of the JAACL was held in Denver, Colorado. The keynote speaker was former Colorado Governor Carr, who received a gold pocket watch from the group with the inscription, "In grateful appreciation for your courageous stand for Democratic American principles."

"As the only Western governor to oppose the violation of the constitutional rights of the Japanese Americans, I aroused much criticism," he told the crowd of more than 400 people, including many Colorado civil, religious and educational leaders. "My stand four years ago on this issue has been justified by the performance of this group in time of war," said former Governor Carr.

The former governor shared the podium with numerous veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up of Japanese American soldiers. This most decorated combat unit had 9,486 Purple Hearts awarded by the U.S. Army. Carr told the veterans and the delegates that he opposed the discrimination against Japanese residents based primarily on the fact that their human rights were being violated.

Today in Sakura Square, located in Denver, Colorado, is a sculpture of Governor Carr. The bust of Carr was designed by sculptor John Neidhart, and on August 21, 1976, there was a dedication to honor the 29th Governor of Colorado. Denver's Japanese American community installed this bust as a tribute to his support of Japanese Americans during the period of their internment. Carr was the only elected official in the United States to publicly apologize to the Japanese Americans for their internment, which may have cost him the 1942 election to the U.S. Senate. His actions, however, earned him the gratitude of the community and Japanese Americans everywhere.

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