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REV. BOB OSHITA

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Hello and welcome to the month of November, 2011.... This month our Sacramento Betsuin will be having a special observance. It is said that the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Shinran Shonin, passed away in the 11th month of the lunar calendar on the 16th day. He was able to live into the 90th year of his life. After his death, his wife, Eshinni, and his daughter, Kakushinni, took notice that hundreds of people continued to make pilgrimages to Kyoto (often from distant areas) to pay their respects to Shinran.

They built a six-sided mausoleum for Shinran... and this was the beginning of Hongwanji, the mother temple of Jodo Shinshu today. Over the centuries, the Nembutsu Dharma of Jodo Shinshu spread and grew to be the largest sect of Buddhism in Japan. To this day, on the 16th of every month, Jodo Shinshu temples around the world continue to have a morning service in memory of Shinran. Here at the Sacramento Betsuin, we gather at 7 a.m. on the 16th of every month in memory of Shinran.

The 11th month of the lunar calendar is calculated to be the 1st month of the solar calendar. You may have noticed that most Nishi Hongwanji temples observe Shinran's annual memorial service, Hoonko, in January. But when I came to Sacramento, I found that our Betsuin observes Hoonko in November. That's perfectly fine with me because I found that it is easier to arrange for a guest speaker to come in November.

This year we have a very special Hoonko Memorial Service. Shinran Shonin passed away in 1263. So this year and into next year, all of the Jodo Shinshu temples in the world are observing a 750th Memorial Service for our founder, Shinran.

On Sunday, November 20, our Sacramento Betsuin will be observing our 750th Memorial Service for Shinran Shonin. Our English Dharma School/Hoonko Service will be at 9:30 a.m. The Japanese Hoonko Service will be at 11:30 a.m. Our special guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Nobuo

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Haneda. He is the author of the wonderful book "Dharma Breeze" and is one of the most sought-after speakers. We are fortunate to have him join us for our 750th Memorial for Shinran Shonin. That same afternoon, from 1 p.m., we will be having a special Buddhist Education Committee-sponsored lecture with Dr. Haneda.

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday!

Gratefully,  
RB

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

KELVIN C. MARK, D.O.

**W**elcome to November. Hard it is to imagine that this term as your Board of Trustees President and servant is coming to a close. The year has passed by as if in a dream. Do you remember RB mentioning: "Life is but a dream?" Encouraging us all to live each moment, of every day, appreciating each one, as if there is no tomorrow? Certainly, finding the right balance to make a happy home, to meet the challenges of a demanding medical practice, and to devote service to our sangha, for me, has been a treasure.

None could have been possible were it not for the pioneering spirit of my grandparents. Often I pause and think: "What if they never walked *that* dirt road? What if they never took *that* boat or boarded *that* train? What if..." To be sure, my mother and late father, the energy and focus of my wonderful daughter, Lyndsie, the boundless enthusiasm and light hearted humor offered by son, Brandon, and the patience of my wife, Cheryl, are key personal inspirations. Words cannot express the depth of my gratitude.

During this term, I have tried to share the best of my professional background in honoring the privilege of office. My aspiration has been to lead by example, to do what is needed, and to help guide our trustee leadership toward moving in the best direction possible, for the benefit of our sangha. Anesthesiology, my specialty, you see, is a consultancy of *karma*, of action. The surgical environment, like life, is one of constant heartbeat to beat dynamic change, of seeing things as they are, not as we might wish them to be. Data and information is crunched on the spot and plans of action chosen. There is no time to hesitate. The goal is to move forward doing the best we can with what we've got. As a temple, it is our duty to do the best with what we've got, and yes, we are fortunate to have a lot.

**IN SUCH TERMS, HOW DOES 2011 ADD UP?**

We've seen our temple membership grow to over 1,400 members and still growing strong. Although less than the historical post-war peak, the ethnic diversity and number of active families and involved at our Betsuin is at an all-time high. The electronic age of sharing Dharma on the World Wide Web has never been better with innovative online video dharma message sharing and a top-notch website that keeps us connected to all that our temple community has to offer.

A devastating earthquake and tsunami rocked the Tohoku region of Japan. We saw our community rise to the occasion to bring some measure of relief and aid. Across ethnic boundaries, socioeconomic divides, and religious backgrounds, our Betsuin collected and directly shipped over 8,500 pounds of food, new clothing, and medical supplies to affected areas. We helped the Stockton Buddhist Church and the David Silva Trucking Company ship over 16,000 pounds of similar goods. As you read this message, donated financial aid is preparing the Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures for winter with blankets, stoves, fuel, sanitation, and medium-duty equipment.

The Legacy Endowment Fund Board hosted its 3rd Annual Rummage Sale, sharing bygone treasures of *our* world, with *the* world. The Nokotsudo columbarium is now complete, perfectly matching the fine craftsmanship of the 1998 Centennial Building Project. The LEFB continues to support Buddhist education scholarship and strive toward providing advanced ministerial support.

The best Girl Scout Troop in the universe sold 22,992 boxes of delicious cookies and made the effort to participate in the Nembutsu Camporee held in Seattle, WA. The Troop honored former Troop 569 leader and history-making California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye with a stylish tribute dinner celebration. Girl Scout Seniors later paid an insider's visit to her honor's chambers and courthouse. The Tierra del Oro Council conferred the Rose Award on two of our Senior Girl Scouts. Cool!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Cub Scout Pack 50 has grown like Star Trek Tribbles, albeit more focused and more fun; a year highlighted by contributing to the Sacramento Bufferlands conservation project, showing craftsman-worthy skills at Raingutter Regatta and racing Pinewood Derby on a sleek six-lane aluminum track. The Pack even found a needy home for their old three-lane track with Pack 128 of the Newman Catholic Center who, inspired by our Betsuin earthquake tsunami relief efforts, held a toothbrush drive for Sendai, Japan, collecting and shipping over 700 personal care items. Twelve Webelos bridged into Boy Scout Troop 50.

Boy Scout Troop 50 has taken the Betsuin Blood Drive to new levels and continues to project serve the Issei Memorial, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Walnut Grove Temple Bazaar, Loaves and Fishes, My Sister's House, Pacific Rim Street Festival, Spring Food Festival, Creek Week, Obon, and our own Bazaar. This summer the Troop hosted nine brother and sister scouts from, Matsuyama, Japan. No fewer than 10 Eagle Scout service projects from Troop 50 and Troop 250 have been organized and executed, keeping our church facility fresh and ready for action. Two Troop 50 scouts have been nominated for the National Meritorious Action Heroism Award. Recently, we launched Venture Crew 50, offering scouting and high adventure for young men *and* women ages 14 through 20.

RB and our ministerial staff continue to reach out to the community through innovative workshops, Metta/Padma, Q&R lectures, and discussions. The best Minister Assistant Staff in the universe welcomed Reverend Sugahara to the Florin Buddhist Church and continues to look after Marysville. Reverends Patti and Peter were featured guests and speakers at the Vesak-Bodhi Day celebration at the Kim-Quang Temple. Our MAs updated our hono guestbook and created a beautiful new visitor booklet and guide to Jodo Shinshu — Pure Land traditions. Reverends Carol Castle, Tim Castle and Patti Oshita are now fully recognized by the BCA as Part-Time Kyoshi Ministers. Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim made national history by advancing to Kaikyoshi Minister status. RP reflects the genius in Socho Ogui's vision to cultivate top-quality Jodo Shinshu ministers right here in America.

Offshoots of Socho's visionary character are reflected in our Betsuin hosting the 4th Annual YAC Advanced Training for Youth Minister Assistants. Twenty-one young adults returned for advanced classes in Buddhist studies. Socho graduated the BCA's 96th youth minister assistant during the 7th Annual BCA YAC Retreat and Sensei Molly Kimura continues serving our Japanese-speaking sangha. Sensei is being honored by the government of Japan for providing a lifetime of service in sharing the Dharma and Japanese culture.

The Sakura Gakuen Language School continues to reflect strong interest from the community and is taking the lead on several fund-raising projects. The school is now including the history of our Betsuin and Jodo Shinshu in the curriculum.

We welcomed record participation in Obon and Hatsubon, which played prelude to innumerable smiles and record-breaking results at our 65th Annual Bazaar and Cultural Program. Support from community leaders at large as well as the Greater Broadway Partnership property business district, helped improve safety and cleanliness in our corridor by moving illegal recycling operations, providing graffiti and trash clean-up, and by aiding local crime prevention efforts.

Our Dharma Kids continue to grow stronger on the tastiest treats from Reiko, Gladys and Crew's Kitchen and showed their stuff by safely executing a full building Dharma School evacuation drill in less than two minutes. To top that off, our Sacramento City Fire Marshal gave our emergency-preparedness plans and plant layout two big thumbs up.

Our Betsuin Seniors successfully sculpted our courtyard ginko trees, trimmed back intrusive roots, and leveled out the pavers; they provided the last push in coordinating relief efforts to Sendai, resting only to host a successful golf tournament fundraiser at Teal Bend. Is there anything that these guys cannot do?

ABA and the Spring Food Festival saw a hugely successful transition as a take-out rather than dine-in event. Our Fujinkai, the backbone of our Betsuin, organized a thoughtful Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko, and Late Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Memorial Service. Is there anything these ladies do not do?

The Betsuin Sports Program continues to be popular as ever with basketball keeping the emphasis on fun, skills development and sportsmanship over individual desire, selfishness and gamesmanship. Can you believe our 40th

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
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Annual Tournament hosted 120 teams in 19 gyms? I'm just looking forward to more announcements of "It's that time of year again... it's Mochitsuki time!" The Betsuin Bowling League is celebrating its 3rd pin-smashing season and hopeful for posting another 300 game.

And our Buildings and Equipment Committee has seen to resurfacing our kaikan floor and parking lot, tuned up swamp coolers, provided professional-quality hand-crafted refrigerator supports, on-the-spot hot outdoor water heaters, power-saving light and fan switches, rebuilt outdoor sink traps and drains, outdoor kitchen custom burner safety brackets, custom-built walk-in refer racks, improved space signage, better relations with our neighbors, and an asbestos-free repaired hondo ceiling with no leaks dripping on our heads. Booyah!

Please accept this as your Board of Trustees 2011 Annual Report. If you've managed to read this far, you'll have some sense of the wonderful programs that you have helped make happen, directly and indirectly, at our temple and abroad. As all of our ancestors have done, I hope you will take the metaphorical road, train or boat in hopes of advancing our temple and keeping our church vibrant. These events happen because of the energy and support of our sangha. They happen because the Dharma resonates. They happen because of *karma*, of action.

In Gassho,  
Kelvin

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

The October SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 5, with President Lynn Kurahara presiding.

**DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Inaba Family ..... In Memory of Matsy Inaba ..... \$100  
 Tomiyo Nojiri ..... In Memory of Isamu Nojiri ..... \$100  
 Ikuko Sakazaki ..... Thank You for the Get Well Wishes ..... \$100  
 Sherman Iida ..... Thank you for SBWA contribution to the Bazaar Program

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

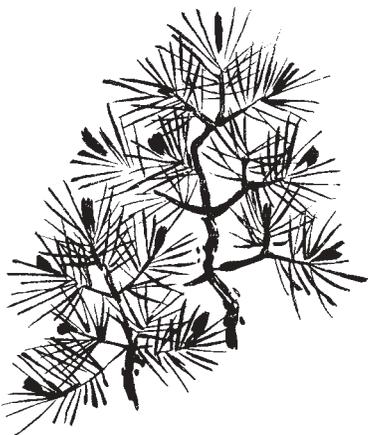
For the last year, BWA Board members have been volunteering at the St. John's Shelter by helping at their Lunch Serving Project. It has been truly a very humble and inspiring experience. We have heard that others from the congregation would also like to volunteer in this worthy cause. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, please contact Meriko Hoshida at (916) 443-7718 or email [amhoshida@att.net](mailto:amhoshida@att.net). Currently, Meriko is taking sign-ups for future months.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BWA Udon Fundraiser — Sunday, November 6:** Stop by the kaikan to enjoy a bowl of udon for only \$5. Udon will be served between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on November 6. If you did not purchase tickets in advance during the month of October, we should have a limited amount of servings to purchase on that day. Thank you for supporting the BWA.

**Hoonko Service — November 20:** The guest speaker for Hoonko will be the Reverend Nobuo Haneda. Please try to attend this important Buddhist service in memory of Shinran Shonin.

Next BWA meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2. Please feel free to contact any BWA Board member if you are interested in joining our organization or serving on the Board. The SBWA membership applications are available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Simply complete the application, include a check payable to the SBWA for your \$10 membership fee, and leave it with Tak Ito in the Betsuin office and ask her to put it in the SBWA mail slot.



Rev. Bob Oshita  
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Rev. Peter Inokoji-Kim  
446-4988

*Congratulations Newlyweds*

*Eddie Hiroshi Yamamoto & Jadine Marie Takeuchi .....September 18, 2011*



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**MINISTERS'  
ASSISTANTS**  
REV. PATTI OSHITA

**W**elcome to the month of November! It's hard to believe that the year 2011 will be coming to a close soon. When I think of November, it is the beginning of the winter holiday season, a very special family time of year.

On September 1, I retired from state service after 15 years of service. It was not an easy decision. For months I thought about whether it was time. Finally, I realized that as much as I enjoyed my job, I was running around in circles trying to get everything else in my life done. I can honestly say that it was not possible for me to live in the moment and appreciate each day, because I was so worried about getting things off my long checklist of things to do for the week. I think it was also affecting my health.

So in early August, I decided to put my paperwork in and retire at the end of the month. Retirement has been very interesting. I still continue to wake up at 5:30 in the morning and I am usually out of the house by 7:30, running errands. Unfortunately, I've found that many stores are not open that early in the morning. However, grocery shopping at 7:30 in the morning is great because there are so few people in the store. The first month has taught me some interesting lessons to slow down and live in the moment.

One day during my first week of retirement, I spent the entire day in the garden, trimming, pruning, weeding, taking a break only for lunch. That night my body ached all over. My back hurt so much I made an appointment to see my chiropractor. It was only then that I realized that I don't have to finish all the gardening chores in one day as I might have done before. Now that I'm retired, I have 364 more days that I can putter around gardening.

I think it is still going to take some time for me to adjust to this change in my lifestyle. Thinking about my retirement and what the future might hold for me reminded me of this story that I would like to share with you.

It's a story about a 92-year-old, petite, poised and proud man. Each morning he would shave and comb his hair neatly. And punctually he was fully dressed by 8 o'clock. This was his routine. He was also legally blind... and his wife of 70 years had recently passed away. Knowing that it would be difficult for him to live by himself, he knew it was time for him to move to a senior care facility.

On the morning of his move, he kept to his routine and by 8 o'clock he was fully dressed and ready. He was taken by friends to the care facility and asked to wait in the lobby while they finished processing his papers. After hours of waiting patiently, when he was finally told that his room was ready, he smiled sweetly.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, the nurse began telling him about the room he would be in. She provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

As she talked, she saw that he seemed to be filled with the enthusiasm of an 8-year-old who had just been presented with a new puppy.

She said to him, "Mr. Jones, you haven't even seen the room yet. Just wait." The man replied, "My excitement has nothing to do with the room. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time... Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the room is arranged. It depends on how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it."

He continued to say, "It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice to make. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. I have stored them away just for this time in my life."

Mr. Jones continued to say, "Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from it what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!"

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

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.

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**LEGACY  
ENDOWMENT  
FUND**

ALLAN M. HOSHIDA

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**MAINTENANCE  
REPORT**

GARY TRAGANZA

I feel this story is a good reminder for all of us to live each day meaningfully. In my retirement, I hope to keep this story close to my heart and try to appreciate each day and the many people who make my life so special.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Recently it was announced that Frances Kondo, Alice Kataoka and Shigeko Tanaka have been recognized by the Board of Trustees as our newest elders of our temple. My congratulations to each of them for this well-deserved honor and recognition.

I personally have worked with each of them as a past ABA president, Betsuin Board of Trustee president, and Legacy Endowment Fund Board chair. Without a doubt each represents many great attributes of our temple members: hard working, not afraid of trying new things, cooperatively doing things for others, showing initiative and leadership, helping out wherever and whenever they can. In so many ways they represent the best of our member families/generations truly dedicated in doing wonderful things for the benefit of others here at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento.

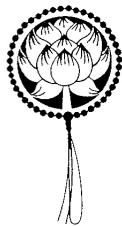
Please join me and the Legacy Endowment Fund Board in thanking Frances, Alice and Shigeko for their many years of dedicated service and leadership/guidance as our newest elders. We all look forward to working with them for the continuing welfare/stewardship of our temple, sangha members and greater Sacramento community.

In gassho, with much thanks and appreciation.

Over 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.

- Roy Imura for taking charge of the parking lot resurfacing and restriping.
- Gary Ishimato for the great job he did repairing the shoji screens in the library.
- Mike Dishno for replacing broken sprinkler heads, and checking adjustment of all the heads.
- Minh La replaced three microphone jacks in the kaikan and installed protective covers to minimize the possibility of future damage.
- Gary Traganza with assistance from Bob Chavez placed water valves under the sink in the main kitchen and installed new faucet.
- Kelvin Mark and Gary Traganza met with companies about necessary repairs to the hondo ceiling and replacing damaged wood around the north trellis and BBQ area.

Also, hopefully you noticed that all the carpets and cushions in the main and little hondo, office and library were professionally cleaned. Thank you, Meri Fong, for coordinating this large project.



### *Condolences to the Families of:*



*Takeshi Makishima ..... July 1, 1920–May 25, 2011*  
*Roy Taichi Iwata ..... December 12, 1928–June 28, 2011*  
*Chiyeko Anne Yagura ..... August 6, 1925–August 18, 2011*  
*Isamu Nojiri ..... December 26, 1921–August 18, 2011*  
*Haruo Sazaki ..... February 21, 1919–August 31, 2011*  
*Matsue Matsy Inaba ..... September 14, 1919–September 4, 2011*  
*Misao Cathy Hamamoto ..... April 2, 1920–September 5, 2011*  
*Irene Akiko Tsujimoto ..... September 15, 1928–September 5, 2011*  
*Michael Takashi Horita ..... April 30, 1957–September 23, 2011*

**SAKURA  
GAKUEN  
JAPANESE  
LANGUAGE  
SCHOOL**  
JOHN MCDONNELL



This month will be a quiet studious month as students focus on their studies. Mastery of *kana* is probably the biggest hurdle in learning Japanese. The teachers understand this and help with fun mnemonic tricks and imagery to help with memorization. Weather permitting, students can be seen in the courtyard with *hiragana* and *katakana* flashcards in one hand and *onigiri* in the other. Advanced students are helping the younger ones with tried and true skills so they too will soon see the sounds and not have to first “translate” the *kana* into *romaji* (English alphabet). All the students are learning songs and skits that they will perform in the December Open House. These Saturday mornings the annex is filled with song, laughter and dedicated students, teachers and parents. The efforts of the parents who contributed so much to the success of the kitchen clean-up, the *undokai* and the *obento* sale are greatly appreciated.

After the excitement of *undokai*, sports day, with its games, relay races and teacher vs. student tug-o-war, the relative calm of November is welcome. As the weather begins to turn, the leaves fall and the smell of udon (November 6!) is in the air, the traditions of the season stir. Anticipation of *mochi tsuki* rises as the temperatures fall. Mochi and mandarins are staples of the holiday in our house as well as integral to the traditional *okasane*.

This year the Sakura Gakuen Parent Teacher Committee will be selling organic Satsuma Mandarins (*mikan*) as its principal fund raiser. Place your order now and pick up in the Annex when you pick up your mochi in the *kaikan* on December 10. Last year a local (Penryn) grower supplied these sweet glowing orbs of delight from his and his neighbors’ trees. Some of the orchards were planted by the original Japanese immigrants to the foothills. If you have time this fall, enjoy a scenic drive through the autumn leaves and orchards of persimmon, apple and *mikan* in the Placer County foothills. It is an opportunity to reflect on the courage and dedication of those who came before us, the bounty of our region, our traditions and good fortune, what we can do for others, and the wonders of the season.

Please use the form below to order your mikans. If you have questions, ask us at [sakuramandarins@gmail.com](mailto:sakuramandarins@gmail.com).

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*Cost:* \$20/10 lb box

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# 24th Annual Asian Community Center CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Get your holiday shopping done early!

Friday November 11, 2011

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

ACC Greenhaven Terrace

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*Sewn Items Plants  
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Garden Plants  
Bentos*



RAFFLE: Purchase raffle tickets at any ACC office.  
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For more information, contact Khonnie Lattasima at  
(916) 393-9026 ext. 325 or e-mail [volunteer@accsv.org](mailto:volunteer@accsv.org).

**SPORTS COMMITTEE**  
ALAN WU



**W**elcome to the beginning of the rest of the basketball year. November poses as a very busy and hectic time for the committee. Not only are there teams to be formed and practice schedules to be coordinated, but November is also a time to gear up for our annual basketball tournament that will be held on March 3 and 4, 2012. And as icing on the spilt milk, our annual Mochi Tsuki will be held on December 10, 2011 and that takes another untold sum of hours to prepare and execute.

Contrary to popular belief, the Sports Committee is not composed of paid actors and actresses, but real-life members of our sangha volunteering their time and energy to make sure the sports programs continues to thrive for all our kids to enjoy.

The sports committee is comprised of the following people:

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| Denis Ishisaka, Chair                       | Stacey Okino, B Boys Coordinator        |
| Glen Kumamoto, Vice Chair                   | Ellen Shinfuku, B Girls Coordinator     |
| Derek Ikami, Treasurer                      | Cindy Kitade, C Boys Coordinator        |
| Barbara Sasaki, Secretary                   | Paula Mishima, C Girls Coordinator      |
| Rene Fong, Equipment Coordinator            | Kim Sakata, D Boys Coordinator          |
| Rochelle Uda-Quillen, Equipment Coordinator | Debbie Yokota, D Girls Coordinator      |
| Kyle Uda, NCCL Representative               | Marty Matsuda, E Boys Coordinator       |
| Dina Louie, Attendance Coordinator          | Fran Archuleta, E Girls Coordinator     |
| Emily Yamamoto, Gym Coordinator             | Kari Thomas, I Boys Coordinator         |
| Glen Kumamoto, Tournament Director          | Lisa Tomita Cooper, I Girls Coordinator |
|   | Julie Honda Tsuye, Lil' Hoopers         |

So, if you have any questions about the sports committee or the sports program, don't hesitate to talk to any one of the committee members.

Also, please tell your friends and relatives with basketball teams that we are accepting registrations for our tournament in March 2012. Our website has all the information: [www.buddhistchurch.com](http://www.buddhistchurch.com).

Also, use the mochi order form found in this SANGHA or on our website: [www.buddhistchurch.com](http://www.buddhistchurch.com).

See you in December when the NCCL league begins for real.



**SACRAMENTO BETSUIN  
SPORTS COMMITTEE**

**MOCHI TSUKI**

**Pick Up:**

**Saturday, December 10, 2011, 12:30-2:30 pm  
or Sunday, December 11, 2011, 9:00-11:00 am**

**Where: Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan  
Deadline for Orders: December 5, 2011, 11:00 am  
Cost: \$3.50/pound or \$6/Kasane Set**

*Please submit orders and make checks payable to:  
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**DHARMA  
SCHOOL  
NEWS**  
KEN FURUKAWA



**F**all is here, and by the time this makes it to press, the weather will have passed through Indian summer to short and cool days. That means longer and colder nights, perfect for reading and homework!

Isn't the school year great? It helps to illustrate the difference in the term "home work" for the two school programs. Most, if not all, of the kids in the Dharma School program work hard and long at school-determined class assignments, supplemental homework and projects. This may lead some students to consider Dharma School a lesser school that does not need as much attention, discipline and decorum. Of course that is not correct, since etiquette and behavior at temple should probably be more respectful, more quiet, and more attentive than at regular school. Why? Because Dharma School is dealing with a curriculum for our entire lives, not just a short period from childhood to early adulthood.

And what better illustration than the differences in "home work." There are no additional assignments from the Dharma School classes, since every day and every night we all need to work on focusing and remembering the important things in life. Family, friends and relationships are very important, and easily taken for granted. Many of us, I suspect most, need to be reminded of this frequently. It is easy to forget about this in the fast-paced, results-oriented world that exists, both in school and well after.

So concentrate on the "home work" — not at the expense of neglecting the other many things that need to get done in everyday modern life, but take the time to think and appreciate. And when we come to Dharma School, push the "pause button" as Rinban Oshita suggests. Slow down, sit, listen to the Dharma message, participate in the singing and chanting, let the experience come to you. It happens at any age, and that is part of the beauty of Jodo Shinshu.

Dharma School continues to have teacher retention and recruitment issues. Fifth grade is now being taught by two high school seniors, Jasen Fong and Ryan Ito, along with support by two other high school seniors, Jennifer Yip and Spencer Yee. All are great kids, but this does not bode well that we cannot recruit from the parent pool to step forward for their own kids. In Search Of is in need of teachers, and likely a curriculum review. As with all of us, the teachers are subject to other time commitment pressures, and in the mix of current life, Dharma School is giving first. If there are any temple members who may be interested in helping, please let myself or Valerie Fong know. I am happy to report that Shirley Sekeres has volunteered to be a team teacher with Sharon Siu for 7th grade! Please thank her when you see her!

Planning for the 2012 Federation of Dharma School Teachers League meeting next spring is under way. A Northern California DSTL planning meeting was held a few weeks ago when the theme and basic conference plan were presented. There will be a push to have all teachers attend the meeting and participate in the discussions and workshops rather than lead them, leading to an integrative training experience. The venue is expected to be a big draw. As the meeting draws closer, I will outline more details in the SANGHA, and I invite interested temple members to contact myself, Patti Oshita, Richard Kai or Rinban Oshita for more details... and I encourage you think about attending!

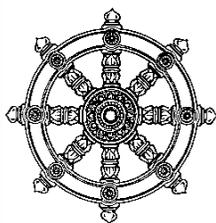
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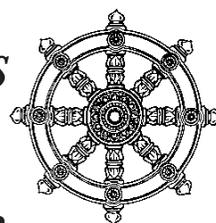
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**BOY SCOUT  
TROOP 50**  
WES OKUHARA


September was a great month to start off the new 2011–2012 Boy Scout year. September is generally the month when new patrols get together and bond to become closer as a unit. The new Senior Patrol Leader Steven T. and his two Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Alex M. and Nathan L., experienced their new positions in several troop meetings and a troop outing to Bodega Bay.

The first event of the month was the Troop Meeting and Court of Honor on September 9. The Troop Meeting began promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Steven opening the Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. As the meeting progressed, Steven explained his goals for the upcoming year, and introduced his plan of incorporating snacks after each meeting. After a short troop meeting, all of the scouts proceeded to the Court of Honor. Lots of merit badges and rank advancements were awarded to the scouts because of the success at Camp Royaneh over the summer. In total, 236 merit badges were awarded that night! Steven also announced who has the new leadership roles. It was a successful troop meeting and Court of Honor, and a great way to start the new Boy Scout year.

The next event was the Bodega Bay Outing, September 16–18. This was the first outing of the new Boy Scout year and was filled with lots of fun. This was the first time the new patrols got to cook meals and sleep together in tents. The highlight of the outing was the beach, where scouts spent all day playing British Bulldog and digging holes. After the beach, scouts attended Cracker Barrel where they ate s'mores and other treats while watching skits performed by each patrol.

On September 23, there was another troop meeting. At this meeting, the scouts played Ice-Breakers while learning scout skills. As patrols, the scouts needed to construct a fishing pole out of just wooden staves and rope, and attempt to set off a mouse trap. It was lots of fun and many scouts ended up learning or perfecting knot tying skills.

The final troop meeting of the month was on September 30. The evening started with a green bar meeting, which was some scouts' first time attending. Lots of informative reports were given from each of the scouts with leadership roles, ranging from den chiefs to troop guides to patrol leaders. The troop meeting began promptly at 7:30. The main activity of the night was a lashing and knot tying competition to see who was the fastest. The troop split up into patrols and each received a list of tasks that needed to be completed using only wooden staves and rope. These challenges included creating a tripod, ladder, A-frame, and knots. Each patrol worked hard to be the first to complete all the tasks, but in the end, Albert's patrol achieved victory. However, all the patrols tried their best and many of the younger scouts learned some useful lashings and knots. The meeting ended with delicious snacks, including watermelon, Oreos, and Rice Krispies treats.

The month of September was a great month to start off the new Boy Scout year. The boys had lots of fun, all while learning new things and facing challenges. The 2011–2012 term will be an awesome one!

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**CUB SCOUT  
PACK 50**  
GLEN KUMAMOTO


What is the best thing to happen in October? Halloween? Fall colors? RB busting out his scarf and cool-looking hat? NO! The annual Pack 50 Pancake Breakfast! We flipped, fried and served about a gazillion pancakes. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and the money earned goes right back into the pack and to the kids. Without all the help and generous contributions from the church, parents and families, it could not be done. I'd especially like to thank Gayle Firth and her entire committee for a job well done!

On another note, I'd like to update you on one of Pack 50's pack chairs. Elliott Wong suffered an aortic aneurysm last month and is now back at home recovering. All reports are that he will be back to his normal self after he rests and does some rehab. I only bring this up because Elliott has been such a huge contributor to the pack as a den leader and also pack chair. His absence is truly felt. He is in good hands at home with his wife Yvonne and family. I think Elliott should go out and buy a lotto ticket because the survival rate for an aortic aneurysm is 10%–20%. Elliott is one lucky dude! I'm going to follow him everywhere, hoping some of that luck rubs off on me! We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to the pack!

As always, thank you to all those who make Pack 50 the best pack around.

Pack 50 ROCKS!

**GIRL SCOUTS**  
JAN NISHIKAWA



**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

**NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

**T**hank you for supporting the Girl Scouts fall products sale. The fall products will be delivered in mid-November.

The annual Investiture/Rededication Ceremony took place on October 21, chaired by Seniors 1. Seniors 1 also held a baby formula drive to help Foodlink, a non-profit organization. Thank you to all the Girl Scout troops for their generous donations to make this project a huge success.

**A**nyone interested in purchasing the new "Entertainment Book" can do so at the temple office.

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