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Hello and welcome to the month of February.... As I write this article, the 49ers continue on their playoff run. They just beat the Saints in a nail-biter of a game, scoring the winning touchdown with 9 seconds left on the clock. I know two people who attended that game and they said it was a game they will never forget. At the end, over 70,000 fans at Candlestick Park were standing on their feet, cheering then groaning... then cheering again as the two teams moved the football up and down the field. The 49ers became the first team in NFL history to score two "go ahead" touchdowns in the last 3 minutes of the fourth quarter. They've taken one huge step toward the Super Bowl! Already, it has been a great season for the 49ers.

Have you ever thought about why we love our games? It doesn't matter whether it's football, baseball, basketball, tennis, poker, checkers or chess... or even NASCAR (that's for you Reverend Tim Castle). We enjoy them all. Why? I think it is because in the games we have created, the rules are clearly defined and all the participants and spectators know well what is fair and what is foul. We know the boundaries and we know what is out of bounds. The rules are set.

In living life, we often do not know what the rules are. We don't know where the boundaries are, what is fair and what is foul. And most importantly, we never know when we are in the bottom of the ninth inning or the end of the fourth quarter. In life, we are not often given a "two-minute warning."

In the recent 49ers versus Saints playoff game, we all knew that the game was down to the last 3 minutes of the fourth quarter. For the losing team, there were only 3 minutes left to their entire season. All the players on the field knew and felt, "If we are going to do something, we have to do it RIGHT NOW." No one was thinking, "I'll do my best tomorrow or next week...." They knew, "If we are going to try our best to make a difference, we have to do it NOW."

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**RB'S CORNER**  
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Buddhism has often been called “a journey to the present.” It is the path that leads us to the moment that is NOW. In my estimation, everyone who played or watched that game was nowhere else but in that moment. It was a game that will be remembered for a long time.

In Buddhism, we are encouraged to try to live not taking for granted even one opportunity to be with those we love; to live appreciating the love of family, the companionship of friends and the gift of each day. In life, the rules are not so defined... and there is no guarantee on how long we will have to enjoy the time we have together. In other words, we should try to live feeling each day is the ninth inning. If there is something you really want to do, do it now. If there is someone who has shown you kindness, thank them now. If there are people you care for, hold them close now. In Jodo Shinshu, we would call this life of Gratitude, a life of Nembutsu. Only in doing this, can we live... so that in time, we can let go of life with few regrets.

Wishing us all a life of Nembutsu... .  
RB

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
GORDON L. NITTA

**W**elcome to the second month of 2012. During the month of February, the Temple will be co-hosting the 2012 Ministers Association and National Council Meeting. The other co-hosts are the other members of the Northern California District Council — the Florin, Lodi, Marysville, Placer, Stockton and Walnut Grove temples.

The theme of the conference is “Let’s Do Something Now.” The conference will be located at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento on February 21–26. Attendees will be ministers, delegates and boosters from the United States and Canada.

Numerous activities will be held for Sangha members as well as conference participants. Three of the activities are a golf tournament on Wednesday, February 22 at Lincoln Hills, wine tasting and a poker tournament on Friday, February 24 at our Temple. All proceeds from these activities will be allocated to the Jodo Shinshu Center Debt Relief Fund.

A retirement dinner honoring Bishop Koshin Ogui is also on the agenda for Saturday, February 25. The cost of the dinner is only \$50. Everyone is invited to come and join us to show our appreciation for all of his accomplishments. There will be limited seating. RESERVE YOUR SEATS ASAP!

Please come out and join us in any or all of the recreational activities. It will be a chance, not only to have fun, but to meet ministers and delegates from all over the U.S. and Canada.

We welcome any of you to come out to help with events or the hospitality suite. To sign up, go to the church office.

**SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
KEIKO JEAN KASHIWADA



**T**he January SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 4, with President Midori Ito presiding. President Ito thanked everyone for attending and helping at the December 8, 2011 Butsuren Bodhi Day service and the December 10 annual mocha tsuki. She encouraged the BWA Board members to become active members.

**BCA/BETSUIN UPDATE**

Rinban Oshita reported that Bishop Fujikawa of Canada is retiring, but will become a retired annuitant. Rinban Oshita also reported that Bishop Ogui’s retirement dinner will be held at the National Council Meeting’s banquet on February 25 at 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento. Banquet reservation forms are available in the church office.

**DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Bonen-Kai Donations .....	\$1,997	
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Gerry Tsukiji .....	In Memory of Mildred Nakano .....	\$50
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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012**

**ESHINNIKO, KAKUSHINNIKO AND THE LATE LADY  
YOSHIKO OHTANI MEMORIAL SERVICE - FEBRUARY 12**

Reverend Kakihara from Tacoma, Washington, will be our guest speaker. If you would like to purchase an obento lunch, the cost will be \$8. Deadline to sign up will be Friday, February 3. The classrooms will be set up for lunch at noon, followed by the service at 1 p.m. If you sign up and pay for your obento at the church office, please indicate that it is for the SBWA Eshinniko luncheon.

**BWA'S CRAFT BOOTH**

Shirley Kato reported that Kathy Tanaka Henry will be chairing the craft-making sessions, starting on Friday, February 17, from 1 p.m. Kathy and Sue Louie will be teaching card making during this first session. Subsequent craft-making sessions will be held on the third Friday of every month from February to July, starting at 1 p.m. (right after Tanoshimikai) in Classroom 1.

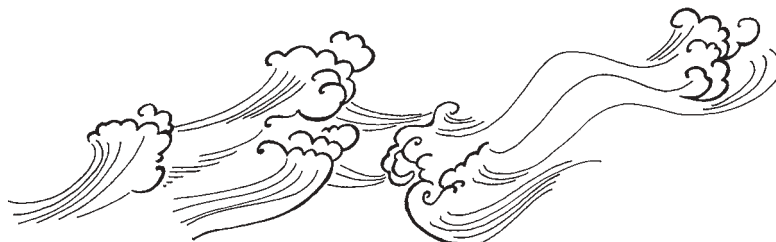
**SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL - MARCH 11**

Plans are in the works for our next "Pre-Sale Only" Spring Food Festival, sponsored by ABA and the BWA. Announcements will be made during Dharma School services and sale tables set up in the courtyard during February. An order form appears in this month's SANGHA. Thank you to Virginia Uchida, Sandy Nishimura-Yee and Kay Sakamoto for co-chairing this activity.

**BWA FUNDRAISER**

Mary Inouye and Virginia Uchida will be scheduling a Hawaiian breakfast for our next BWA fundraiser. Virginia will be checking the church calendar to reserve the date. More details to come.

The next BWA meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1.



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**MINISTER ASSISTANTS**
**TIM CASTLE**

**W**hile this edition of the SANGHA is being delivered in February, I am writing this article just a few days into the new year of 2012. I am still reliving the excitement of the holidays and the new-car smell of 2012 has yet to wear off. This past New Year's, Carol and I had the rare opportunity to ring OUT the old year 2011 with the Sangha of the Betsuin, and then ring IN the new year of 2012 with the Marysville Sangha.

As a group, the minister assistants (MAs) have been so fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a part of so many different sanghas. With the ministers and MAs helping out at Lodi, Florin, Walnut Grove and Marysville over the last few years, we have been welcomed and made to feel like family by so many people at each of these temples. I can only again say Thank-you to all of the temples and sanghas for their support!

In this new year of 2012, I have heard many people talking about their New Year's resolutions. While the new year is a time to reflect upon the last year, it also seems to naturally bring time for self-reflection and this self-reflection often brings a desire to make changes... resolutions.

On New Year's Day in Marysville, I spoke briefly on my own past success in mastering my recent resolutions. I can say with total confidence that I am free from eating both cauliflower and brussel sprouts! While this has not been a major hardship for me in any way whatsoever, it does make me think about legitimate resolutions and people's efforts to truly make change in themselves and their lives.

As we are taught in Buddhism, one of the steps on the Eight-Fold path is "Right Effort" or "I will try to follow the teachings of the Buddha." One of the Six Paramitas is "Endeavor," or simply, "I will try to do my best in all things." This sense of self-effort, self-change and trying to do one's best reminds me of one of my favorite parts of the book *The Great Natural Way* by Reverend Hozen Seki. Reverend Seki talks about the efforts people make in trying to repay others for all that they have done and for all of the changes people help us make in ourselves. Reverend Seki states, "We can't repay Amida for his wisdom and compassion, but how we *try* to repay this, is to simply live a life of Nembutsu."

To me, I think it is simply this effort, this resolve, this desire to seek self-change that is summed up in just *trying* to live a life of Nembutsu. By simply giving our full effort in trying to follow the teachings of the Buddha, to try to see each and every moment with our Dharma eyes wide open, to make the attempt to have gratitude for each moment we are given, we have achieved success.

I personally think that Buddhism is very kind, but realistic to us all for not judging our success or failure. Whether we think we succeed or fail, if our efforts are full of commitment, then the success or failure is irrelevant as long as we tried our hardest and gave it our best shot.

It is with this thought that I resolve to simply try my best in all of my efforts for this new year of 2012. Have a great 2012 everyone!

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**MAINTENANCE REPORT**
**GARY TRAGANZA**

**P**robably a lot of you have noticed the two new flat-panel monitors: one just outside the office door, the other straight out from the nokotsudo hallway. It has been two years since the Legacy Endowment Fund Board first discussed the possibility of installing electronic bulletin boards.

As programs are developed, the monitors will display information about all of our temple events. For two years, Richard Kai has been tirelessly researching, planning and coordinating this project with several tech people and our maintenance team.

The following eight guys donated their time and expertise one Saturday to install the TVs and all the necessary wiring: Spenser Wong, Richard Kai, Bobby Tanaka, Don Honda, Roger Ito, Minh La, Steve Maron and Gary Traganza. I'd like to give a special thanks to Spenser for his help the Friday before, and for making sure all electrical work for this project was to code.

We are still hoping to recruit a few new guys to assist the maintenance team. If you have any basic skills in plumbing, electrical, painting or general repair, please call me, Gary Traganza, at (916) 567-0707.



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**LEGACY  
ENDOWMENT  
FUND  
REPORT**  
RICHARD KAI

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**A**t long last a project that has been two years in the making has finally come to fruition. You may have stopped to take notice of more than 200 photographs that capture the memories of yesteryear as they flash as a slideshow on the monitors. You may have spent a moment or two to listen and watch recent video recordings of guest speakers as they delivery their Sunday Dharma Service message. These images represent the temple's legacy — from the humble beginnings at the Fourth Street location to construction of the present temple; or faces from generations past that were captured in the form of basketball teams, assemblies, family gatherings and the like over the last 80 years.

It is interesting to watch our senior Sangha members stop to glance at the pictures and begin placing names to the people in the photos. Time stands still for a moment as they reminisce on the past. The talk among those gathered is as if the event took place just the other day; the glow in their eyes makes the project all worth the while.

The Legacy Board extends its heart-filled gratitude to the crew assembled by Gary Traganza who gave up their weekend to install the new monitors in the hallway of the main temple building. Gary's crew of seven spent their New Year's Eve morning and afternoon pulling cable wires from the office to each monitor, installing audio equipment and electrical junction boxes for the monitors, and neatly tucking away the wires into raceways leading to the computer in the office.

The Legacy Board roundly applauds Gary Traganza, Don Honda, Spenser Wong, Minh La, Steve Maron, Roger Ito and Bob Tanaka for their technical and electrical expertise and volunteer spirit. We also would like to recognize Kevin Matsuo, who was the architect of the system design, and Gary Matsumoto for his undivided commitment to record each Sunday's Dharma Service message.

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**NOTES FROM  
THE OFFICE**

**M**embers: The office would appreciate it if you would notify us on any changes to your home address. We have been receiving a number of returned mailings, for which we have to reimburse the post office. Thanks for your help!

The calendars are here! Please pick them up at the church.

Thanks to Billy Hatano, Wayne Fong and our new recruit, Gary Ishimoto, for getting the mail out. Thanks, fellows!

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**EVENTS TO  
BENEFIT  
JODO  
SHINSHU  
CENTER**

**S**everal events are planned in and near Sacramento during the 2012 Ministers Association and National Council Meeting in February to benefit the Jodo Shinshu Center (BCA Debt Relief Fund).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT/DINNER -  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

The tournament at Sun City Lincoln Hills will begin with registration at 8 a.m., first tee at 9 a.m. sharp, shotgun start. \$100 includes green fee, golf cart, dinner and prizes. Reception and awards dinner at Placer Buddhist Church afterwards. Tee sponsorships also are available for \$100. Sponsors are entitled to signage at a tee of their choice, business card ads in both the program and placemat, one delicious bbq dinner and good karma for one year. A dinner-only option also is available for \$25. Entree options are ribeye and salmon. The reception begins at approximately 3 p.m. with the awards dinner at 4 p.m. Information on golf registration, tee sponsorships and the awards dinner is available at the Sacramento Betsuin office. Signups must be mailed by February 8 to the Placer Buddhist Church.

**TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER -  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

The Buddhist Church of Sacramento is the location for the Texas hold'em tournament on Friday, February 24, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Donation is \$60. Individual entry and team sponsorships. \$\$\$ prizes, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, mixed bar.

**WINE TASTING - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

The wine tasting at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento is set for 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Donation is \$10. World-class viticulture of Lodi, Clarksburg and Napa will be featured. There will be an opportunity to meet wine makers Alma de la Vina, Michael-David. Complimentary local delivery, hors d'oeuvres, friends and fun.



Rev. Bob Oshita  
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## SAKURA GAKUEN

MASAKO THOMAS

**T**hank you for your continued support for Sakura Gakuen. The Mikan Fundraiser was a great success. In time for Valentine's Day, the children's school will have a mochi/manju sale (pre-orders only) with pick-up on Saturday, February 11. A flyer with details can be found in the church hallway.

There are two new Monday night adult classes for the spring semester. They are the Beginner Level 1 class at 7:30 p.m., and Level 1 Kanji class at 6 p.m. The Level 1 class will be great for travelers. Other Monday classes offered are Beginner Level 2 at 6 p.m., Intermediate Level 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Refresher class at 6 p.m.

The first class of spring semester is Monday, February 6. If you have missed the registration on Jan. 23, please contact Masako Thomas, [thomas@sakuragakuen.us](mailto:thomas@sakuragakuen.us).

## SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL - JUST AROUND THE CORNER

WAYNE KURAHARA

**T**he Spring Food Festival will be held on March 11 at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento CA 95831. For information concerning this event, please visit the Sacramento Buddhist Church website at [www.buddhistchurch.com](http://www.buddhistchurch.com) or phone us at (916) 446-0121.

Last year, for the very first time in 40 years, the Spring Food Festival hosted by the Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association (SBWA) and Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) underwent a dramatic change. The menu was basically the same as in prior years, but instead of serving diners in the kaikan (church gymnasium), we filled orders for "take-out" Japanese home-style cooked foods. This year we will do the same.

All of the food items will be prepared in the church kitchen by SBWA and ABA members. The menu items include: shioyaki chicken (half) with some teriyaki sauce on the side, combination sushi, maki (uncut) sushi, age sushi, chirashi, udon, spam musubi, cabbage salad, and teriyaki sandwich. The Girl Scouts will also host a pastry table so you can pick up some dessert items.

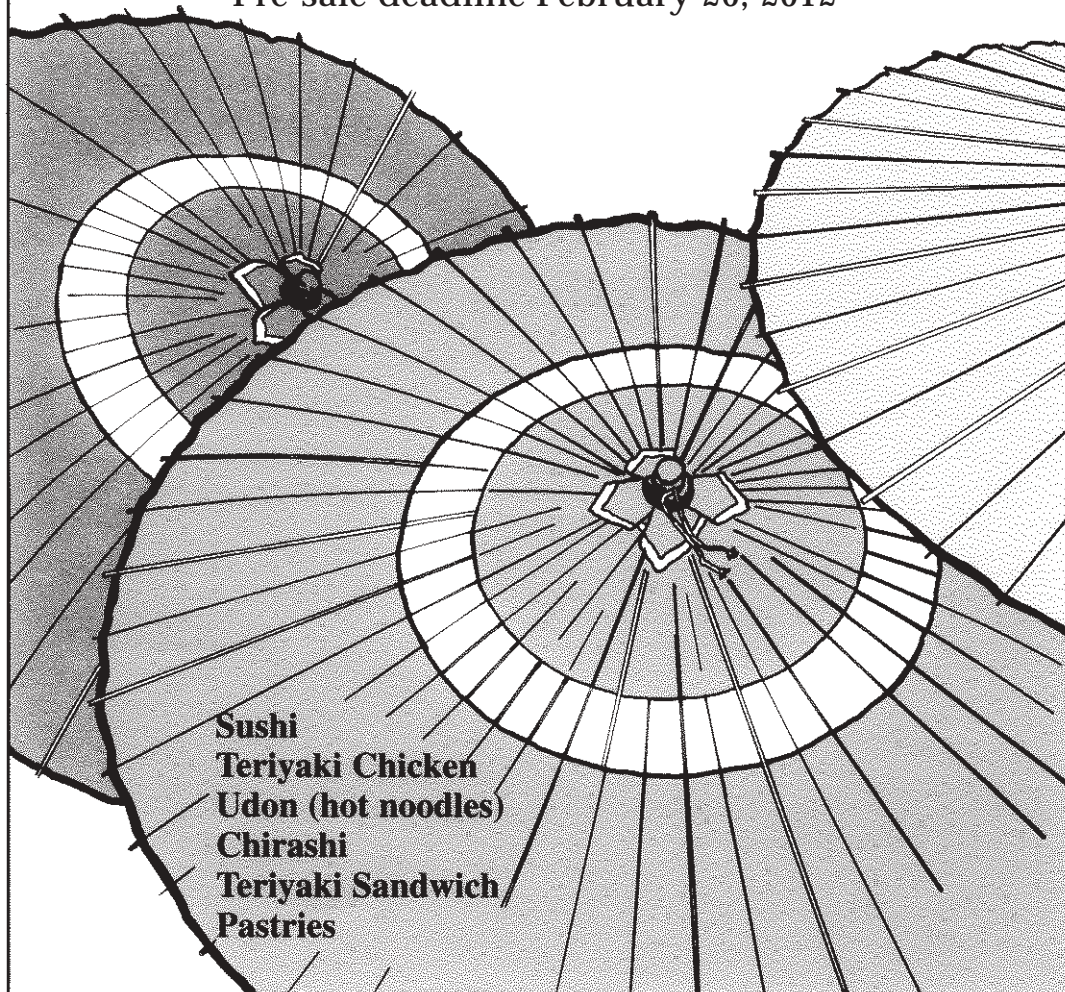
We anticipate an early sell-out, so please get your orders in quickly, no later than February 26. Using the order form on page 9 (you may make copies or download copies from [www.buddhistchurch.com](http://www.buddhistchurch.com)), fill out both sides, send in the "right side" with your check made out to ABA and keep the left side as a reminder to pick up your order. Orders may be turned into the church office or given to ABA or SBWA members. We will also have some presales in the coming weeks at Sunday services, before the event.

On March 11, come by the Betsuin and pick up your order between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. All purchased food items will be carefully packaged and ready to eat. Of course, some of the foods are best when reheated. In the comfort of your home while watching the Kings play and in the company of family and friends, enjoy some really delicious Japanese home-style cooked foods with the "aji" (flavor and taste) that you get only at home or at local Japanese restaurants.

Buddhist Church of Sacramento

# Spring Food Festival

Pickup: March 11, 2012, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Pre-sale deadline February 26, 2012



Sushi  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Udon (hot noodles)  
Chirashi  
Teriyaki Sandwich  
Pastries

**DHARMA  
SCHOOL  
NEWS**  
KEN FURUKAWA



Well this may be a bit of a different message from me since I am currently waiting for a bus to attend Air Force medical readiness training in San Antonio. At times like this it seems odd that I have become a Dharma School teacher and even superintendent! But in some ways I think my choices in life may be an illustration of the wide acceptance of the truth of the Dharma and the inclusiveness of Jodo Shinshu for all of us as we try to make a living, raise a family, and try to learn the truth of our existence. Of course I wonder about some of the contradictions that I face on a professional and military level, but I am not sure that many of these are all that different from issues that all of us face in our lives.

Many times I have asked myself what is the Truth; what is Right? I don't know the answers to these questions, yet. But I do know that even when I have become discouraged or disenchanting, I have also come to the realization that countless others, both Buddhists and non-Buddhists, have trodden similar paths. Our existence as human beings is imperfect, and my life is part of this world, so it will be imperfect too. But that does not mean that I can't try to find out what is true — for me, my family and my world. So maybe I need times like this week to refocus and think about things without the usual pressures, and look at my life and world from a different point of view. I know that the Dharma messages at service make me think about these issues frequently, so that has to be good!

I hope that this New Year started off in a good way for all who read this. I want to remind everyone of the following schedule for February:

- Scout Sunday, February 5
- Nirvana Day and Open House, February 12

I also want to put out a plug for the upcoming Federation of Dharma School Teachers League conference at the end of April. This will be an event designed to be educational and interactive for all of our adult members, not just the teachers of BCA. Rinban Bob and Reverend Peter are developing the teaching program, so you know it will be interesting and very informative, maybe even transformative. Think about attending!

In Gassho.


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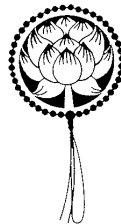
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## *Condolences to the Families of:*



*Tom Sakai ..... October 18, 1918 – December 10, 2011*

*Aiko Minakata ..... May 24, 1927– December 17, 2011*

*Koki "Sam" Abe ..... September 3, 1921 – December 19, 2011*

*Helen Masae Wada ..... March 8, 1924 – December 21, 2011*

*Fujie Urakawa ..... October 19, 1927 – December 29, 2011*

*Suyeko "Suzanne" Hosokawa ..... Dec. 7, 1931 – January 6, 2012*

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**SPORTS  
COMMITTEE**

ALAN WU



Someone said that it's just another February. No, wait! Back the truck up! It is not just another February! This year's February is different; this year February has 29 days. Some say that this occurrence of the February with 29 days harkens back to the ancient Mayans and that an extra day of sacrifices was needed to satisfy the ancient gods to ensure a bountiful crop. Well, that would be horribly incorrect; the real boring reason is that in actuality it takes 365 days and approximately 6 hours for the Earth to revolve around the sun; so every four years the calendar is off by 1 day... (or is it?) Even this recalibration is not perfect, but it is as close as it gets.

Now, aren't you glad you stopped to read this? So no matter how many days February has, February means that a whole bunch of happenings... happen. First and foremost, the most major happening is the Super Bowl on February 5. So, that means that the second most major happening, which is our usual Sunday schedule of basketball games, will have to be rescheduled to make way for the Super Bowl. This means that all games normally scheduled for that Super Bowl Sunday will be moved to the day before, Saturday, February 4. So that means it will be prudent for everyone to please double-check your basketball schedule and confirm your game time on that Saturday, Super Bowl Eve. There will be no church basketball games played on February 5.

February also means that our annual basketball tournament is just around the corner. This year it will be on March 3 and 4, so that means that February is the time when we are smack dab in the middle of tying up the loose ends in preparation for this main event. This year we will be unveiling a brand new family social, which means a whole lot of fun for everyone. Stay tuned for more details.

As a final note, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Reiko Kurahara, Gladys Adachi, Meriko Hoshida, Midori Ito, Terry Kagiya, Alice Kataoka, Utako Kimura, Frances Kondo, Lynn Kurahara, Teiko Matsuo, Rachel Nagai, Jean Ota, Heidi Sakazaki, Sachi Sawada, Fusako Takahashi, Shigeko Tanaka, Hiroko Tsuda, Sueko Yamashita, and last but not least, Sam Adachi, for all their years of support and assistance throughout the year and especially our mochi tsuki.

See you next month, where this year's March will also have 29 days.

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**CUB SCOUT  
PACK 50**

GLEN KUMAMOTO



Happy New Year! I hope all of you are looking forward to another wonderful year. This past year has been a whirlwind of events and many experiences, both positive and negative. I always try to find a positive in all of my experiences and I've learned that you can really find out the true "heart" of a person when things are down.

These experiences really open your dharma eyes to what's true and meaningful. Luckily, Pack 50 is made up of so many people willing to give up so much time and effort into making our Pack the best around.

We had our annual Pinewood Derby this past weekend. The Pinewood Derby is perhaps the biggest event of the year for our pack. It is such a huge undertaking to coordinate this event that I want to thank Jeff Crawford and his entire crew for another great race! I want to congratulate Tyler Wong for winning the overall race and a big hurrah to all the boys of Pack 50 for a great job!

Next in line is perhaps our second biggest event... Blue and Gold! It's the yearly celebration of scouting and this year we have big changes in store for the evening. I know the kids and parents will enjoy the fun and games we have planned.

Last, but not least, I'd like to congratulate my fellow "Wood Badgers" for earning the BSA Wood Badge award. This is one of the top training courses that a scout leader can earn, so a big shout out to Marty Sakata, Dave Yasuda, Daryl Wong, Nick Shebert and Norm Tanaka for a job well done! Go punch that ticket!

So Pack 50 is roaring into 2012. We are all looking forward to what the future has in store for us. I know I can always count on one thing that the members of Pack 50 and the support of our Betsuin will continue to make Pack 50 the best pack around.

Pack 50 ROCKS!



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**BOY SCOUT  
TROOP 50**  
ARTHUR CHEUNG



December is a time of being with family and friends. We have some events that allow us to gather together with family and friends like an end-of-the-year party. This is an event where the Boy Scouts eat with their friends and families and each patrol puts on a skit. Another event is the Troop Scavenger Hunt/Overnighter. This event is when Boy Scouts go on a scavenger hunt around Downtown Sacramento and try to find all the markers and then they get to spend a night at the church. The boys play video games. This event allows the Smurfs to deepen their friendship with other fellow troop members.

This month's theme was hobbies. On December 9, the troop meeting was about scouts sharing their hobbies and the meeting was led by Aaron L. There was a competition on which patrol would present its hobbies the best. Also on December 11, there was an Eagle Court of Honor for Corey Y and Jeremy W. On December 17, Kelly U had a Court of Honor. Congratulations on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The month of December was semi-eventful and now a new year starts; 2012 has arrived.