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Hello... and welcome to the month of June. With this month, we bring our 2011-2012 Dharma School term to a close. I'd like to especially thank our Dharma School teachers, assistants and staff for another wonderful year. Without our dedicated Dharma School staff of teachers and volunteers, our Betsuin would not be able to share the Dharma with our hundreds of Dharma School children. We also deeply appreciate the amazing work of Reiko and Gladys and the Courtyard Kitchen Crew for preparing and providing treats virtually every Sunday for 4 or 500 people! Folks coming to our Betsuin are most fortunate to be nourished in every way.

Thank you also to Team Betsuin: Reverends Peter, Patti, Tim and Carol, Senseis Grace, Koichi and Kelvin... and our youth minister assistants. With your help, we are not only able to maintain great vitality within our Betsuin, but we are also able to help our sister temples when requested. It was not long ago that, due to a shortage of ministers, our Betsuin was asked to oversee five of the seven temples in our district. We could not have done it without Team Betsuin.

As we bring this Dharma School term to a close, I want to most especially recognize and thank one of the most dedicated of our Dharma School teachers, for being our "rock." I'm talking about our Amiko Kashiwagi. Amiko was our Dharma School nursery grade teacher when Patti and I came here 28 years ago! She has been a cornerstone of our Dharma School program for 31 years! For over three decades, the first Dharma School experience for literally hundreds of our students has been "Mrs. Kashiwagi." Kindness and warmth flow naturally from Amiko's loving heart. And it is reflected in the affection the young children all have for her.

This month, our Amiko is retiring from teaching Dharma School. Always so grateful and unassuming, Amiko has been thanking us for the

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opportunity to teach the nursery grade for the past 31 years! Amiko, please know that there are no words to express our appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do... to make our Sacramento Betsuin the best temple in BCA!

To all of our members... and especially our Betsuin Dharma School, whenever we see Amiko (and we *will* continue to enjoy having her here with us), don't hesitate to let her know just how much we appreciate her!

Namo Amida Butsu....
RB

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
GORDON NITTA

The Dharma School year of 2012 has come to an end. The activities at the church continue throughout the summer. Our focus moves to preparations for the 2012 Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) Retreat and two of our largest events of the year, Obon and Bazaar.

This summer, we will begin reconstruction of the trellis. Father Time has caught up with some of the wooden beams and posts that make up the trellis. Steve Hamamoto and Allan Hoshida have volunteered their time and expertise in planning and executing the ground work needed for replacement of the structure. Construction work will be done by KW Construction, Marty Sakata. The trellis is an integral part of the tent that we use for the Obon celebration and the outdoor festivities of our annual Bazaar.

If all goes as planned, all permits and plans will have been approved and work will have begun as you read this article. We had a very narrow window of time to get the work done so planning has been under way since the beginning of the year. Our window was the end of Dharma School activities and the beginning of Obon activities.

The first priority of the project will be to replace the wooden posts of the trellis on the inside of the parking lot with metal posts, then reconfigure tent cables to have them anchor to those metal posts. The footings of the metal posts and the Yagura will be reinforced with cement to bring them up to current regulations. New cable will be strung because the new cable anchors will be different distances from the Yagura cable anchors. Adjustments on the tent tarps will also be made because the angles and lengths of the cables will be different. Any repairs to the parking lot will be made. Damage may be done to asphalt due to heavy equipment brought in to place and anchor metal posts. If parking lot repairs are necessary, restriping of the pavement will also be done.

Time permitting, parts of the trellis will also be replaced, but our main concern in the short time we have is the integrity of the tent structure.

Our apologies for any inconvenience the closing of the parking lot will cause during the weeks of construction. Thank you for your cooperation.

The May SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 2, with President Midori Ito presiding. Thank you to Lynn Kurahara, past BWA president, for writing the article for me, as I was on vacation and missed the May meeting.

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to the following for their donations to the BWA:

Hiroko Tsuda	Donation for Wakamatsu Trip	\$75
Ruth Seo	Appreciation	\$35
Hiroko Shimizu	Special	\$25
Misa Oshiro	Donation	\$10

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

Rummage Sale - June 2: Lynn Kurahara reminded everyone to gather up items for the Legacy Endowment Fund's rummage sale. You can drop off your donations on May 30, May 31 and June 1. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is in the church office, and volunteers will be assigned to a rummage sale "department" where help is needed to sort, clean and price the donated items.

ABA Rib Cook-off - July 21: SBWA is considering entering a team to participate in the Rib Cook-off sponsored by ABA. If you're interested, contact Midori Ito.

Music Circus - August 2: Virginia Uchida is coordinating our annual outing to the Music Circus to see *Music Man*. The show costs \$31, but SBWA will subsidize \$10. In addition, we will have dinner at Mayflower following the show with a cost of \$15. If you're interested, contact Virginia Uchida at 421-3538. **Deadline to sign up is June 20.** Please join us for a fun outing!

Bazaar Program Ad Campaign: The Betsuin is introducing a totally new Bazaar Program Ad Campaign for 2012. Everyone is being asked to help solicit ads

SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
KEIKO JEAN KASHIWADA



SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

with half of the proceeds returned directly to the affiliated or sponsored member organization. This is a great way to raise funds for SBWA. Please ask your family, friends and businesses if they would be interested in placing an ad or message in the Bazaar program. Leave the names and addresses of individuals who you are willing to personally ask to be a Bazaar Program Sponsor at the church office (SBWA slot). A package will be sent to them in June. It is recommended that you follow up with a phone call. Let's all get involved in helping make money for the Betsuin while SBWA gets a side benefit.

Dharma Education Program: Utako Kimura has been representing the BWA on the Betsuin's scholarship committee, which they are renaming the "Dharma Education Program." She reported that there are about 22 applicants. The Sacramento BWA is pleased to be able to contribute annually to the Betsuin's Dharma Education Program. The awards will be presented at the June 10 picnic.

BWA Membership: Applications to become a member of "the best BWA in BCA" (per Rinban Oshita) are available in the church hallway. Please join the Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association.

BWA's Craft Booth: Kathy Henry asked that all ladies who crochet to please come out to help make crafts for the Bazaar! The craft class for June will be Friday, June 15, 1 p.m., in Classroom 1. Joanne Nishimura will lead the group in making crochet necklaces.

THANK YOUS

Thank you to everyone who was instrumental in planning the Northern California District Council and Northern California Buddhist Women's Association Biennial Conference on April 21: Fusako Takahashi for coordinating/ chairing the closing service, Virginia Uchida for coordinating the baked goods and fruits for the morning hospitality and farewell tea, Hiroko Tsuda for the informative presentation at the morning workshop and Misa Oshiro for assisting all day in the First Aid station. Our Betsuin Choir, which performed at the opening service under the direction of Nancy Hashimoto, was great! Also, thank you to those who attended. Sacramento members made up one-third of the attendance. It was a huge success!

Thank you to Lynn Kurahara for coordinating the trip to San Jose for the Nikkei Matsuri/Marukai and Daiso outing.

Thank you to Alice Kataoka and Hiroko Tsuda for coordinating the trip to Coloma and the Wakamatsu Colony.

Thank you to Sandy Nishimura-Yee, Joanne Nishimura and Gayle Ishihara for coordinating the Nursing Home Visitations in April. It was nice to see and talk with members we had not seen in a while.

The next BWA Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 6.

In Buddhism, we try to live life without arriving at any conclusions. When we come to a conclusion, our minds are no longer open to any other possibilities or perspectives on a subject. When we no longer have our minds open to see things as they truly are, we can only see them through our own egocentric viewpoint.

About 15 years ago, my wife used to work at the Sacramento Betsuin office. She began feeding some of the stray cats. One of the cats had a brand new litter of kittens, and wasn't taking care of them. She took it upon herself to adopt the kittens and took in the mom as well. We gave away all of the kittens except one. Our little cat Blackie.

Fifteen years and many pets later, Blackie is the last living pet that is still with us. He has a very happy and carefree life roaming around in the backyard. He never strays far from the house, and can always be found lounging around right outside the patio door. But in early February of this year, Blackie was nowhere to be found. We waited a few days, but still there was no sign of him. Then we waited a few weeks and still there was nothing. And then the weeks turned into months. And we had to come to terms with the inevitable truth. Our little Blackie was gone.

Blackie had a great 15 years with us. Surely he would not have lived half as long as a stray cat in downtown. But it was still quite a mystery because he was still in very good health and still appeared very youthful. I wondered each and every day what had happened to him. He was a very cautious little cat, and always avoided trouble, so I really wondered what had happened to him.

And as winter came to its end, and May has arrived, we have gotten used to life without Blackie. And one random weekend while at a BBQ with the neighbors, they started talking about this stray cat that had been trapped in

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their backyard. Trapped? They said they just saw him appear one day, and started to feed him, and he never really leaves. They knew our cat was gone months ago, and I was at work at the time, so my wife went to check it out. As they walked into the backyard and called out the cat's name, they saw some movement by the fence. And to my wife's disbelief, there was little Blackie staring at her from afar. At first she wasn't sure it was him. He was much skinnier and a bit worse for wear, but she was almost certain it was him. But how could he be sitting here staring at her after all this time?

He had been living under their deck after we had to repair the fallen fence between our properties. My neighbor had made a brief mention about a little brown cat in their yard months ago, but I didn't look into it further because Blackie wasn't brown, he was grayish black, and if it was him, wouldn't he just jump over the fence and come home? He was still in great shape, he still has his claws, and he's been living outdoors for years... what would be the problem?

Well, I suppose you'll have to ask Blackie that question. After three long months, and at a point when I just gave up, here he was living in the neighbor's backyard. It was like seeing a ghost... I couldn't believe it. No one could believe it. I had concluded in my mind that Blackie was gone. I gave away his cat carrier and food, and threw away his old cat bed and other supplies. I told Ellie he had died, and we all shed our tears. And now he was back. It was a miracle!

So always remember to keep your eyes and mind open to all of the possibilities that this unpredictable world is trying to show you. When you close your mind, you close yourself off to all the world has to teach you. Open your eyes, see the world as it truly is, not as you think it should be, and you may just be amazed at the possibilities.

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KIM QUANG TEMPLE

AN EVENING OF MEDITATION
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012 - 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

VESAK ~ BUDDHA DAY
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Beautiful in the Middle
Beautiful in the End*



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**PILGRIMAGE
TO
WAKAMATSU
TEA AND
SILK COLONY
SITE
SACRAMENTO
BWA, FRIENDS
AND FAMILY
SATURDAY, MAY 5**

**ALICE KATAOKA AND
HIROKO TSUDA,
CO-CHAIRS**

O*kei-san*—This is the title of the second book written by Joan Barsotti about a 17-year-old Japanese girl who came to America in 1868, urged by her parents to thrive in a new country. She came as a nursemaid to tend to the daughter of John Schnell and his Japanese wife. Herr John Henry Schnell was of German/Prussian descent, a weapons dealer, who became an advisor to the Daimyo, Katamori Matsudaira, the clan leader and feudal lord of the castle town of Wakamatsu, the capitol of Aizu (Fukushima prefecture).

It is believed that Herr Schnell, who was made an honorary samurai by the Lord Matsudaira, was not convinced that the Tokugawa Shogunate would survive the Restoration forces (restoring power to the imperial government) in the Boshin Civil War. He foretold that the clan needed some kind of refuge in this fateful situation. So he convinced the lord to finance his expedition to California to establish the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony for the would-be refugees. He came initially with a small group of men without his family, in order to establish the site, and purchased 160 acres from Charles M. Graner in Coloma. For the second trip he returned to Japan and brought his wife, child and Okei, a 17-year-old nursemaid, a samurai, a carpenter, a doctor and farmers. The colonists brought with them thousands of three-year-old mulberry trees and silkworm cocoons for silk farming, together with bamboo roots, wax trees, grape seedlings, tea and rice seeds. In total, Mr. Schnell had brought three groups to California, totaling about 25–30 in population.

The first year they succeeded; however, the following two years the drought and the competition with the gold rush seekers for the use of irrigation water drained their chances of keeping their crops alive. They became impoverished. John Schnell decided to take his family, which now included two children, back to Japan without Okei, saying that he would get more seedlings, silkworms and capital and return to the colony. He never returned and the colony disbanded.

Okei pined for her family. Matsunosuke Sakurai, the only other samurai in the group, stayed behind to care for Okei. They were both taken in by the compassionate Francis and Louisa Veerkamp family, and were given jobs and cared for by this family. Okei died at age 19. She is buried on top of a hill in Gold Hill, a site where she used to frequent to recollect her happier days in Japan with her family. It is believed that she died of malaria and loneliness.

“A colony does not have to be successful in the material sense of that word to be important historically. The English colony of Jamestown proved that. It failed some 400 years ago. Yet Queen Elizabeth recently visited it as the symbolic beginning of English-speaking North America. And so too does the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony continue to challenge us, not only as a physical place, to be restored and cherished, but as a symbol of hope and moral courage, as the founding site of Japan in America.” So wrote Dr. Kevin Starr, University of Southern California history professor and California State Librarian emeritus.

On a sunny Saturday, May 5, the Sacramento Buddhist Women’s Association with a party of 56, ranging in ages from 10 to 90 years old, made a pilgrimage to the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony site. Our head docent was Mr. Fred Kochi of Sunnyside, who is the president of the Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony Foundation. He arranged for the following persons to share their information about the history of this area: **Phillip Veerkamp**, great grandson of the Veerkamp family who took in Okei and Samurai Matsunosuke Sakurai; **Martha de Haas**, cousin to Phillip. Martha’s aunt Inez kept the banner and sword, bearing the crest of the Aizu Wakamatsu clan, brought over by the initial colonists, whom the Schnells left behind; **Myrna Hanses**, past president, EL Dorado County, California Chapter of People to People International, and currently a board member of the Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony Foundation. She was instrumental in establishing the sister-city charter with Warabi City in Saitama Prefecture with El Dorado County; **Stephany Rewick**, principal of Gold Trail Elementary School. She is a key person who imparts information and preserves gifts the school has received from their “sister school” (Higashiyama), located in Aizu Wakamatsu. She opened up the school auditorium for a very warm reception complete with refreshments; **Cathy Barsotti**, who is the daughter of the late Joan Barsotti, author of *Okei-san*. She talked briefly about her mother, who was a greatly respected and admired author of children’s books from this area.

Our full-day schedule, which began at 9 a.m., gathering at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, was as follows:

- Visit to the Graner House in Gold Hill, where most of the colony members lived and planted the Keaki (Zelkova) tree. The tree still thrives after 139 years.
- Okei’s gravesite where the tour group paid its respects to Okei and the

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WAKAMATSU TEA AND SILK COLONY SITE (CONTINUED)



Photo by Cathy Fujimori

pioneering colonists, who tried in vain to establish a thriving community abroad. At the grave site, a solemn memorial service, complete with a printed program, flowers and incense offerings by members was planned and held by our three Betsuin ministers chaired by **Sensei Kelvin Mark**. **Sensei Grace Hatano** led the sutra chanting and **Reverend Patti Oshita**

followed with a dharma talk. She ended her talk by leading the group in singing a Japanese nursery song in memory of Okei, who often longingly faced the west and sang children's lullabies of her homeland.

This meaningful memorial service was held to express our gratitude and appreciation for these colonists, the first Japanese immigrants, who came to California to establish an agricultural community. Dr. Kevin Starr wrote in his treatise that this colony provided "a model, an example of reverence for the land and social cooperation, the struggle for community, and the challenges related to the blending of cultures that would turn out to be, each of them, so important to the past, present, and future of the nation-state called California."

- Visit to the Gold Trail Elementary School and listening to talks given about the historic colony. The tour group enjoyed its obento and brown bag lunches at the school, and shared many extras such as *nishime*, *sushi* and baked desserts with everyone. The Barsotti Family Juice Company of Camino, a town nearby, provided the bottled fruit drinks during lunch.
- Lastly, a visit with **Michael Okey**, park ranger at the James Marshall Gold Discovery Park. He talked about how the first gold nugget was found and painstakingly verified as real gold, which started the Gold Rush era. Some members took a brief lesson and participated in gold panning, and brought home specks of gold in small vials as souvenirs.

We arrived home safely at 4 p.m., very satisfied and thankful for all the participating docents, and especially to Fred Kochi for planning such a wonderful tour of our Japanese-American historic landmark. Thank you to all who participated: The docents, the ministers, SBWA members, friends and family. Thank you, too, to those who donated the delicious treats and to the Dharma School for the packages of snacks. We, also, thank our Amador Stage Lines driver, Soji, for his expertly maneuvering the large bus on the narrow, dirt country roads, and to Sensei Kelvin Mark for driving his deluxe van to accommodate the overflow of passengers.

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.

- **Gary Ishimoto** constructed shelves for each classroom in the annex and the main building. Each shelf holds basic cleaning supplies: window cleaner, 409, a roll of paper towels, a broom and dust pan. Not only did Gary do a great job on the shelves, but he installed them himself.
- Recently the janitor's closets by the office and the one in the annex have received a badly needed facelift. **Bob Chavez** removed the floor in the closet in the annex and painted the shelves and walls. Bob and I then laid down a new floor and baseboards and increased the shelf space. The closet by the office received white tile shower board. I constructed a new shelf for cleaning supplies and Bob scrubbed the floor. They both look so much better.

From now on, I'm going to include the Eagle Scout projects in my report. The Scout candidates, their families and friends are responsible for many of the upgrades around our temple. Each project represents 150–200 hours of much-appreciated labor. Over the years, they have greatly added to the beauty and functionality of your temple.

- **Brandon Dishno's** Eagle Project was restraining the North courtyard trellis. In addition to thanking Brandon, I would also like to thank Mike and Marlene Dishno and family, Tod Borges and Adam Borges.
- **Christopher Ogawa's** Eagle Project was to paint walls and restrain the wood around the front entry from Riverside Boulevard. In addition to thanking Christopher, I'd like to thank LuAnn Shikasho, Kelvin Mark, Keith Adachi and Bobby Tanaka.

MAINTENANCE REPORT GARY TRAGANZA

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.

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**AMIKO
KASHIWAGI
RETIREES**



**DHARMA
SCHOOL
KEN FURUKAWA**



DONATIONS

On Sunday, May 20, the Dharma School surprised Amiko Kashiwagi with a special retirement celebration for her 31 years of teaching the Nursery I class. Recently Amiko retired as a Tanoshimikai food helper at Franklin site/Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church (SJUMC) for 32 years and 23 years with the Tanoshimikai at the Betsuin. She has chaired the outdoor pastry booth for our Bazaar for the last 19 years.

When asked what she plans to do, she says she will continue her 21 years of ballroom dancing and six years of ukulele playing. There is no doubt that we will continue to see Amiko at various functions having fun. (Photo at left shows Amiko and husband, George, at a ukelele event.)

Thank you for your many years of service. Many best wishes for your retirement!

The school term is almost over, and so is the Dharma School term! Thanks, everyone for all you do to make this the best Dharma School in BCA. Please take the time to think of how you can help the program improve for your children, your family, and yourself! Not only are we looking for teachers and volunteers, we are also looking for good ideas. Don't hesitate to stop me several times to talk to me, and remind me later. I don't mind, and I probably need the reminder too! But now for reminders from me:

- **Northern California Dharma School Teachers League** hosted a popular **Federation of Dharma School Teachers League** conference at the end of April. This 2 1/2 day event featured a "meet and greet" with Socho Umezu and Socho Ogui, a dynamic and entertaining skit about the revolutionary ideas in Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu, an interactive panel of distinguished speakers discussing the future of Buddhism in America, great meals, and two very interactive discussion workshops. The workshops were roundly praised, and focused on developing a personal view of the BCA temple in our pasts, present situations, and future goals. Common issues and challenges were identified, and ideas were developed to address these issues on the individual Dharma School and temple level. The major issues identified were encouraging parent participation, and expanding education outreach beyond the current communities in which most temples exist. Since many of our teachers did not attend the conference or workshop, we may try to use them to jump-start the next term in September. If other adults are interested in participating, talk to me about it. I want ideas!
- A **clean-up day** was planned by Reverend Patti Oshita, and 100% student participation was achieved! Thanks, Patti! We may think about incorporating these days into a quarterly routine for next year.
- The **Dharma School Picnic** service is again at Land Park on June 10. The graduating high school seniors will be recognized, as will recipients of the Betsuin Dharma Education Award.
- **Teachers/Assistant Teachers** will be needed for 5th grade, so if anyone is interested, please contact me, Val Fong, or Rinban Oshita. At the same time, several high school senior Teacher Assistants (TAs) need to be replaced next term. So if you have an interested high school student in mind, talk it over. A letter will be needed, addressed to either Valerie Fong or me.
- Remember that **Dharma School classes are responsible for bussing** the outdoor eating area during Bazaar, as well as helping with clean-up both nights. Parents and students are encouraged to volunteer! In fact, 6th grade and up through the recent high school graduates are encouraged to work the later shifts (see schedule on next page).
- **I want to also encourage parents and students to come out and help with preparations for Obon and Bazaar!**

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

2nd Grade Class	Naomi Kato Hamamoto	Grace Kiyu Morimoto
4th Grade Class	Nancy Hashimoto	Family
6th Grade Class	Minnie Iseri	Yo Morisawa
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8th Grade Class (Ken Furukawa)	Lori Itow	Barbara Nakatomi
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**DHARMA
SCHOOL
OUTDOOR
TABLE
BUSSING
SCHEDULE**



**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 50
WES OKUHARA**



AUGUST 11-12, 2012

Time	Saturday, August 11	Sunday, August 12
11:30 to 1:00.....	Nursery II..... Parents	Nursery I Parents
1:00 to 2:30.....	Kindergarten Parents	First Grade Parents
2:30 to 4:00.....	Second Grade Parents	Third Grade Parents
4:00 to 5:30.....	Fourth Grade Parents and students	Fifth Grade Parents and students
5:30 to 7:30.....	Sixth Grade Parents and students	Seventh Grade Parents and students
7:30 to 9:30.....	Eighth Grade Students (parents please ensure attendance)	9th/10th/11th/12th Grades Students (parents please ensure attendance)

In Boy Scout Troop 50, the month of March was filled with lots of fun! The monthly theme for March was cooking, led by Assistant Scoutmaster Advisor Mr. Yasuda, and the service patrols, Brian I's patrol and Davis Y's patrol.

On Friday, March 2, Troop 50 held its first troop meeting for the month and also held its first parent meeting. Since the monthly theme for March was cooking, the plan for the night was going to be a fun one. Each patrol was assigned a station and at their station, they were told to do a mock iron chef. Each patrol would have to prepare a unique signature dish and prepare it at the meeting to be presented in front of judges and the adults. And of course, the winning patrol would receive a prize at the end for the most delicious creation. The patrols put their skills to work and created some very elaborate dishes. The food included pot stickers, quesadillas, chips and dip, sloppy joes, pizza, pesto pasta, and more! The food was displayed after the parent meeting for everyone to try and eat.

The second meeting of the month was held on March 9, consisting of a greenbar meeting and the usual troop meeting. On Saturday, March 11, Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Tsuruoka supervised the Spring Food Festival service project. Overall, March was a fun month, filled with mouth-watering memories!

**MATSUYAMA SCOUT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
TERIYAKI BEEF
RIBEYE SANDWICHES
OBON
JULY 14, 2012
PICK-UP BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND INTERMISSION
SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Quantity _____ x \$6.00 Beef Teriyaki Sandwich

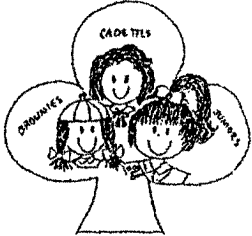
Total amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Troop 50"

Send order form to:
Nick Shebert
8720 Tipton Court
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Proceeds benefit Troop 50 and 250 Matsuyama Scout Exchange Program.
Any questions, contact Nick Shebert at 916-686-8211 or nshebert@frontiernet.net.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 569
NIKKI MURANAKA



Girl Scout Troop 569 had its annual Bridging Ceremony on May 11, where six troops bridged to the next level and nine Girl Scout seniors graduated from high school. We are proud of each girl for all her accomplishments and contributions to her community. Below are updates from individual troops:

Daisy 1 celebrated Girl Scout’s 100th anniversary at Cal Expo. The nostalgia brought back good memories for parents and new ones were created for the girls. Daisy 1 enjoyed the entertainment, horses, history lane, crafts, solar bracelets, tennis, safety, panning for gold, etc. Even with over 10,000 in attendance, we saw several other Troop 569ers. Speaking of Troop 569, we’re looking forward to the 20th Anniversary this summer.

Daisy 1 girls also completed their requirements to become Brownies. At the Bridging Ceremony, the girls performed the “Daisy Bridging Song.” With the Promise memorized and their petals in full bloom, this group is ready to embark on the new Brownie journey.

Juniors 1 completed their Bronze Award Project by making 40 stepping stones for the Sacramento Food Bank’s new garden.

Cadettes 2 had a great time helping set up and greeting guests at Land Park’s Second Annual Leader & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon last month where they also did a wonderful job serving as the honor guard.

Congratulations to Kristine Yabumoto, Annika Ohta, Natalie Seko and Amanda Borges for becoming Program Aides. As Program Aides, the girls will help at various events, ranging from local troop meetings to council events or camps. They are looking forward to the new experiences and leadership opportunities.

SPORTS COMMITTEE
ALAN WU



Many warm beginning of summer greetings to you and yours. June is something of a conflicting time for the Sports Committee. On one hand, the basketball is pretty much packed up until next fall, while on the other hand, the preparations for the next season are underway, while on your third hand, we have to make plans for all the summer activities in and around the church.

Inasmuch as we breathe a sigh of relief when we closed the chapter of the 2011–2012 season, we turn around. . . no not even. . . we only need to turn 90 degrees and we put one of our hands right into the gooey center of all the other somethings that are quickly approaching and we need to remember.

- Raising the tent for Obon and Bazaar would be the first something.
- Remembering to go to Obon practice would be the next something.
- Obon Odori on July 14 would be something to remember.
- Remembering to help skewer beef on Thursday, August 9 and then the Bazaar itself on August 11 and 12 are definitely two very big somethings.

So, please remember to remember these summer events because as sports families and participants in the sports program, we all are obligated to work our assignments, especially The Bazaar!

(Sorry, but there were no winners to last month’s “challenge,” so hidden in this month’s article is something that Reverend Peter spoke about in a Dharma talk relating to getting closer to enlightenment. Send guesses to sbcbodhitree@yahoo.com for a chance at the fabulous prize package still available.)




Welcome New Members

Marion Dietzen

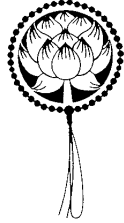


Congratulations

Newlyweds



Crystal Mar & Parker Scott..... May 12, 2012



*Condolences to
the Families of:*



Toshiye Kakigi January 30, 1918 – April 30, 2012
Kasumiko Marie Sprague April 23, 1930 – November 1, 2011

**NOTES FROM
THE OFFICE**

The Office Staff would like to thank the following for the last-minute help to mail out the Bazaar tickets: Gordon Nitta, Sensei Grace Hatano, Royce Kurahara, Gladys Adachi and Reiko Kurahara. Domo arigato gozaimasu.

Any address changes? Have you paid your 2012 membership dues? Thanks in advance.

**17TH ANNUAL
SENIOR GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

The 17th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Senior Golf Tournament is set for Wednesday, August 22, at Teal Bend Golf Course in Sacramento.

All seniors and friends of seniors are welcome. \$70 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 8.** Enter early; field is limited. Forms available at the church office.

**2012 OBON
PRACTICE
SCHEDULE**

FIRST WEEK

Monday, July 2; Tuesday, July 3; Thursday, July 5 at 7:00–8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 4: Holiday, No Practice

SECOND WEEK

Monday, July 9 through Thursday, July 12 at 7:00–8:15 p.m.
 (Practice will run longer on Thursday for Drum Dance)

OBON NIGHT: SATURDAY, JULY 14

Questions? Please contact Donna Wong, hbd2550@aol.com

OBON FUNDRAISER