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RB'S CORNER
REV. BOB OSHITA

Hello, and welcome to the month of March. The most compelling story in the news this past month has been about the completely overlooked "all star" point guard for the New York Knicks, Jeremy Lin.

He came off the end of the bench on February 4 and made the (8-15) New York Knicks the team everyone wants to watch. What the media has dubbed "Lin-sanity" has gone global... and he has folks around the world rooting for the New York Knicks.

Why is this happening? I think it is because a very humble and unassuming, yet very talented and intelligent young man is being celebrated for inspiring his team to come together and play the game of basketball as it should be played.

Coming out of high school in Palo Alto, he was overlooked by colleges and went undrafted. As most all of us know, he played for and graduated from Harvard University... and was overlooked by the NBA. He tried out for and was cut by the Golden State Warriors and the Houston Rockets... and was sitting at the end of the Knicks bench until Saturday, February 4. Injuries left Coach D'Antoni with no alternative but to put him in the game. And the rest is becoming history.

What makes the story even better is that the Knicks were also planning to cut him, so they wouldn't have to guarantee his contract for the rest of the season!

Having been cut by two teams before, he slept on his brother's couch, knowing it was much too premature to consider having a place of his own to live. It's no wonder this phenomenon of Lin-sanity is also being called a "Lin-derella Story."

But although it seems like a storybook fantasy, his is not a Cinderella story at all. No magic got him to the ball. Jeremy Lin worked hard... and he continued to pursue his dream... even though college scouts and NBA coaches were telling him with their "rejections" that he did not have what it takes.

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Kobe Bryant said of Jeremy Lin after the Knicks beat the Lakers, "He didn't just come out of nowhere. He can play. You can't just come out of nowhere and drop 38 points in an NBA game."

It's true. And let's give Jeremy Lin total credit... for being totally prepared... to step onto the biggest stage... and shine.

There are many life lessons to be learned from the unfolding story of Jeremy Lin. But there is one lesson we can all take to heart. If you've watched him play and heard his interviews, you can feel and hear the joy with which he is living. He said in one interview, "I'm living my dream...."

But this is not just his dream. For him to live his life feeling fulfilled and with joy has always been the dream of especially his parents and his grandparents.

As Socho Ogui has often said, "Our life is not just our life. Our life is made up of the kindness, patience and sacrifices of others." And all that Jeremy accomplishes will always also be because of his mom and dad, his grandparents, and the kindness and sacrifices of many others.

This very moment, we are all living the dream of our parents and grandparents. Although our parents and grandparents may be gone, we are still living their dream. We know without doubt that they worked hard and sacrificed so much, with the hope and dream that we, their children and grandchildren, might live enjoying each and every day of life.

Our lives are rooted in theirs. And when we truly realize this karmic oneness of life... we begin to sense the ever-deepening gratitude that is the dynamic essence of Namo Amida Butsu, the essence of Buddhism.

Dharma is everywhere... all we have to do is open our eyes. And when our dharma eyes open, we see the karmic oneness of our lives with others... and we begin to live with the ever-deepening gratitude that is a life of nembutsu.

See you Sunday!
 RB

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Welcome to the month of March 2012. One of the perks of being the President of the Board of Trustees is the opportunities it gives you to learn about and observe the many organizations at the church, both from the invites you receive for their special services and/or functions and talking with their members. Last month, Jennifer and I attended a Boy Scout Eagle Ceremony, Cub Scout Blue and Gold Ceremony and Sport Night, Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) meeting, and the annual combined Memorial Service for Eshinni-Ko, Kakushinni-Ko and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani — the three are honored by the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA), also called the Fujinkai (Japanese name).

A common concern I heard from all the groups was the lack of new volunteers or participation by parents. How do they recruit new members? How do we get more participation from current members? What will happen if membership and participation continues to decline?

The Fujinkai is our largest affiliated organization. The membership is made up of about 100 women — not surprising; it is the Buddhist Women's Association. Their average age is late 60s to early 70s. Approximately 50% are active members. The oldest member will be 102 years old this year, the youngest in her 40s (me trying to be respectful).

They are very dedicated to their organization and the church. You rarely see the numbers of them together unless you have insomnia. During Spring Food Festival and Bazaar, they prepare sushi in the wee hours of the morning, just after midnight until mid-morning. All this so we can enjoy the freshest sushi possible. Without the dedication of these great great grandmothers, great grandmothers, grandmothers, mothers and women (covering all bases), who donate their time, we wouldn't have sushi during our festivities — well, unless we buy it to sell.

It is truly a dedicated group. Just imagine our elders working through the night and early morning and the younger folks working during the day. Is there something wrong with this picture? Who do you think complains the most about working a shift? What happens when this group of women can no longer work? What happens to the tradition of making sushi and other traditional Japanese foods?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
(CONTINUED)

SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
KEIKO JEAN KASHIWADA



The Buddhist Church of Sacramento is the best in the BCA because of our volunteers. Let's continue to be the best for many years to come. Be an active member of our church. Our organizations can use your participation.

Interested in joining the BWA? Go to the office, talk to one of its members or talk to or email their president, Midori Ito, mikoito40@gmail.com.

Lastly, Jennifer and I would like to thank the BWA membership for having us at the memorial service and the delicious lunch.

The February SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, with President Midori Ito presiding.

BCA/BETSUIN UPDATE

Rinban Oshita reported that Bishop Orai Fujikawa of Canada is retiring, but will become a retired annuitant and serve in Salinas. Reverend Kabei Nakagawa of White River Temple will be serving as Rinban in Fresno, and Reverend Nobuo Miyaji of Fresno will now be serving in Gardena. Rinban Oshita congratulated Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim again on obtaining his Kaikyoshi Certification, the first minister assistant to obtain this certification. The Sacramento Betsuin is so fortunate to have him serving here.

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

Misao Abe	In Memory of Husband, Koki Abe	\$100
Misao Abe	49th Day Service for Koki Abe	\$50
Meri Fong	In Appreciation	\$50
Joyce Sasaki	In Appreciation for Mother, Akiko Nagata	\$50
Evelyn Suzuki	In Appreciation	\$50

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

- **The ABA-BWA Spring Food Festival – March 11:** Be sure to pick up your food orders in the kaikan between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thank you to Virginia Uchida, Sandy Nishimura-Yee and Kay Sakamoto for co-chairing this activity for BWA. Those of you helping to make sushi, please come out on Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m., and Sunday, March 11, from 3 a.m. We can use the help of women and men of all ages.
- **NCBWA Conference – April 21 at the Florin Buddhist Church:** The Sacramento BWA encourages all of you to attend this year's conference. The cost is only \$25, which includes lunch, great speakers and workshops. As soon as the registration packets are received, the telephone tree will inform you of the details and transportation arrangements from the Betsuin.
- **BWA Craft Booth:** Shirley Kato reported the March 16 craft-making session will feature Jane Komure showing us how to make ribbon fish. Subsequent sessions will be on the third Friday of every month until July, starting at 1 p.m. (right after Tanoshimikai) in Classroom 1.
- **BWA Fundraiser:** Mary Inouye and Virginia Uchida will be scheduling a Hawaiian breakfast for our next BWA fundraiser. The date is still pending. More details to come.
- **Federation of Buddhist Women's Association Conference:** Mark your calendars for October 12-14 at the DoubleTree Hotel in San Jose. More details to come.


The next BWA meeting will be on Wednesday, March 7.

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*Condolences to
the Families of:*



Fumiye Marge Takagi Sept. 5, 1936 – Jan. 17, 2012

Dick Mamoru Hitomi July 27, 1928 – Jan. 20, 2012

Jean Kazuyo Kaneko Jan. 5, 1929 – Jan. 24, 2012

Christina Lee Takanishi, Ph.D. Feb. 17, 1981 – Jan. 26, 2012

MINISTER ASSISTANTS
 CAROL CASTLE

As many of you may know, this coming March 31 marks the day that Socho Koshin Ogui, the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), will retire after an amazing career of close to 49 years. Having served as Bishop for the past eight years, Socho Ogui's innovative and visionary accomplishments have touched the lives of many and influenced the growth of Jodo Shinshu in America.

Through his courage and leadership, the Minister Assistant Program (MAP) and pathway to Kaikyoshi Minister Ordination by the Hongwanji-ha were created. This first-of-its-kind program opened the door for individuals at the temple level to study Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu tradition at deeper levels, and to work and learn alongside temple ministers who serve as their mentors. It's a wonderful program for those who want to contribute to their own temples in yet another way, and for those who are interested in possibly becoming Jodo Shinshu ministers. This past January, we congratulated our very own Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim, who started out as an active member of the Denver Buddhist Temple and eventually went on to become the first kaikyoshi minister trained under Socho Ogui's visionary path.

In our experience, the beauty of the Minister Assistant Program (and what makes it unique) is that much of the learning occurs at the temple through the guidance and coaching of the resident minister. This way, the minister assistant learns through hands-on experience, and the minister has someone he/she can really rely on as an extra set of hands to help support the temple. Every temple seems to have a small group of people who are the backbone of the Sangha... folks who have a special connection with the temple, and who dedicate themselves, not only to taking care of the temple and its grounds, but to ensuring that the doors are open each and every week, and that all who enter feel welcome. Who better to become MAs than those who hold the well-being of Jodo Shinshu and the temple so close at heart? Maybe they can't see themselves giving a dharma talk or they don't feel comfortable leading chanting... but maybe that's OK, because that's not all this is about. There are countless ways to support the temple and the minister, and to share the dharma.

Tim and I both feel so fortunate to be a part of the Minister Assistant Program. In fact, there are no words to express just how grateful we are... not just for the experience itself, but for the many ways it has changed our lives and consequently, the lives of our daughters. Sometimes I wonder how different our lives would be... how different our perspectives would be... had we not had started down this path. We have had opportunities to learn from some amazing teachers and Buddhist scholars, and to work alongside individuals whose sincerity, dedication and hard work have truly been a source of inspiration. Without Socho's determination and belief in the Minister Assistant Program, none of this would have been possible.

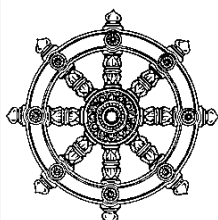
I know that every temple is different, and not everyone participates in the Minister Assistant Program, but if there is an interest... and if there is a need... I hope that the option will be made available. For Tim and me, our time getting to know and work with Socho Ogui has been a gift... and one that we will always treasure, because it has introduced us to the dharma and the nembutsu path in ways that we never would have imagined eight years ago. He has been a valued teacher and leader, and we wish him and his family the very best in the future.

With gratitude,
 Namo Amida Butsu

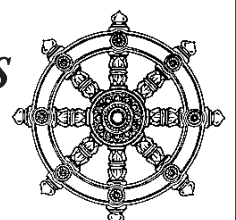
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Members: The office would appreciate it if you would notify us of any changes to your home address. We have been receiving returned mail, for which we have to reimburse the Post Office. Thanks for your help!

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



Welcome New Members
Tamara Nestal



**LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND**
KEN FURUKAWA

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**LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND BOARD
BENEFIT
RUMMAGE
SALE**
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**DHARMA
SCHOOL**
KEN FURUKAWA


Your Legacy Endowment Fund Board has two major announcements! Not bad for the first quarter of the year.

First of all, the Minister Assistants Program has proposed the creation of Religious Program Chair in charge of developing youth and other religious programs to reach out to the Betsuin and greater community, and propagate the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. This represents the first major commitment to community outreach at the Betsuin in many years, and was endorsed by the Legacy Endowment Fund Board at the close of 2011. This major funding initiative is expected to lead to more programs, speakers, and enthusiasm for religious education and discussion at many levels at the Betsuin. I, for one, am really looking forward to see what happens in 2012! Look for the details to come from Rinban Oshita and the minister assistants in the coming months.

The second announcement is for the 4th Annual Rummage Sale! Again this will be the first Saturday of June — June 2. Drop off will be at the end of May. Look for the flyers! If you or your service organization are interested in helping, please contact the co-chairs, Ruth Seo or Joyce Sahara. There is always room for more help!

If you have an idea or service project that will benefit the Betsuin or help propagate Jodo Shinshu in our area, contact a Legacy Endowment Fund Board member at any time. We would love to hear from you and help develop ideas into funded projects!

In Gassho.

For many years, “Hints From Heloise” has been one of my favorite newspaper columns. I have benefitted from the many helpful, practical suggestions to make every day chores and activities easier. When I saw the recent article that promoted reusing and re-purposing, it seemed as though Heloise was right in our corner to promote the 2012 Legacy Endowment Fund Rummage Sale, which will take place on **Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Betsuin kaikan and courtyard.**

With the current emphasis on recycling, the LEFB Rummage Sale provides a great opportunity to pass on those items you no longer use or need and make them available to others. Your recyclables will be sold to raise funds to help church projects, provide items at bargain prices, and will keep them out of the landfills. Unsold items will be donated to a charitable organization to extend the benefits to others in the community. It is a winning situation for everyone.

Most items in usable condition will be gratefully accepted. Examples include: clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, scarves, knickknacks, small appliances, dishes, clocks, irons, sewing machines, vacuums, kitchenware, sporting goods, bicycles, musical instruments, toys, games, linens, artwork, books, DVDs, CDs, power tools, gardening equipment. We cannot take mattresses or tires.

Your donations will be accepted on **Wednesday, May 30, and Thursday, May 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon.**

The Rummage Sale runs from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. on June 2, so invite all your friends, neighbors and relatives to attend and shop. After cleaning and clearing, you will have plenty of room to purchase replacements.

Spring has sprung, and March Madness is upon us! As youth basketball activities reach a high tempo for the next several weeks, remember that Dharma School attendance is a goal in and of itself. Attendance to both the service and class are important, allowing the students the opportunity of listening to the Dharma messages and slowly incorporating them into their own personal value system, and giving them an exposure to Dharma School lessons designed to reinforce the Dharma messages. So when the basketball tournaments are finished, come to Dharma School!

Ever wonder what the money you give in “osaisen” does? It is the income for the Dharma School to fund teaching supplies, training such as Federation of Dharma School Teachers League teacher conferences, extracurricular activities, and the end-of-year picnic and service. We need you and your family to donate to the osaisen boxes in the Hondo. Although it would be more visible out of the Hondo and in the hallway, the osaisen box is much more secure in the Hondo, so please look for it at the main entrance to the Hondo.

DHARMA SCHOOL

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Dharma School teachers are being asked to help with the annual Federation of Dharma School Teachers League conference, April 27–29 at Thunder Valley Casino and Resort. This is another cutting-edge offering from the team led by our own Rinban Bob Oshita, so you know it is going to be good and the talk of the BCA! Why not see if you might be interested in the program as we explore Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the context of its revolutionary beginning, and its evolution with us in America! Check out the Betsuin website www.buddhistchurch.com and look at the conference information. If you are interested, or just curious, don't hesitate to ask me or any of our teachers.

Please remember that personal electronic devices should be muted/silenced and not used during service. After all, the whole idea of attending service is to ATTEND (pay attention) and that is not likely happening when playing games, listening to music, texting, or working on a document or email. Be courteous to everyone in the Hondo, especially Rinban Bob and Reverend Peter!

The Little Hondo and classrooms will not be available for overflow seating during service, unless the Hondo is actually full. The decision to open outlying seating areas is at the discretion of the ministers, so if the Hondo is already full before service starts, please come to the office and ask that overflow seating be made available. In the past, the greeters often opened the Little Hondo in anticipation of large numbers of people in attendance. Unfortunately we have noticed a few children and adults routinely attending service by not attending in the Hondo, and all of the ministers are in the Hondo, not in the other areas. It is hard to get a feel for the service just over a speaker or on a flat-screen TV, so get a little closer! In order to fill the Hondo, please be courteous and move in closer to each other when people are looking for seating.

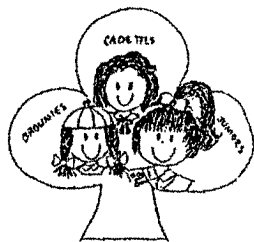
UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 18 is Spring Higan service.
- Hanamatsuri is coming! The play is beginning production. Upper Division students are needed to assist with stage production, sets and general support.

In Gassho.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 569

SANDY KATAOKA



On February 5, our Girl Scout troop participated in the annual Scout Sunday service. Our own Cadettes 5 leader, Sandy Kataoka Fong, served as one of the guest speakers. She delivered a message about the opportunities and experiences our scouting program offers —the opportunity to **learn** new things and to “try it at least once” in a safe environment with friends and leaders; the opportunity to **rely on, count on and depend on** our troop, parents and leaders to work as a team to get things done; and the opportunity to **lead** by sharing ideas, contributing, listening and carrying out responsibilities.

During Scout Sunday, Padma awards were issued to Girl Scouts, typically in the fourth grade, who have successfully completed a three-month course on Buddhism taught by Rinban Bob, Reverend Peter, Reverend Patti, Reverends Tim and Carol, and Sensei Grace. The recipients for this year's Padma award are: Keilani Archuleta, Kalea Campbell, Kayla Itagaki, Ashley Nishikawa, Morgan Oto, Alisabeth Otsuji, Nikki Tanaka, Jaidyn Wallace and Lindsey Yep.

Congratulations to our girls!

It's that time of year for Girl Scout cookies! Thank you to family and friends who pre-ordered Girl Scout cookies in January. Throughout the month of March, be on the lookout for site sales at the church and outside your neighborhood grocery stores. If you missed the pre-sale event or you need more cookies, there will be plenty of opportunities to purchase Girl Scout cookies at a site sale or ask a Girl Scout from Troop 569. We thank you for your support!

This year Troop 569 is celebrating 20 years of scouting, which by the way coincides with the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts nationally. Check out our collage of past and present photos of our 569 troops in the main hallway near Classroom 1. Wow, how we have grown!

Save the date! Troop 569 20th Anniversary Celebration is Saturday, June 23, at SASF. If you know any former Troop 569 scouts, please let them know, as we want to reach as many Troop 569 alumni as possible to share in the celebration. Details will be forthcoming in future SANGHA issues.



Rev. Bob Oshita
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Rev. Peter Inokoji-Kim
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SPORTS COMMITTEE
ALAN WU



Welcome to our little corner of the world where we have our own version of March Madness! Our March Madness also involves basketball, basketball and basketball.

To kick off this year’s March Madness, we have our 41st Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament being held on March 3–4. This year we have 125 teams participating and a family social with the theme: Family Carnival: A Celebration for a Cause.

At our social there will be fun and games for the kids and also a donation drive for the UC Davis Pediatric Infusion Center that will accept donations of scarves, books or DVDs; for your donation, you will be entered into the raffle, where among other fine prizes are an iPad2 and a Kindle Fire! So, dig around your house and look for new or slightly used books and DVDs to donate to UC Davis P.I.C.

The other Cause is the National Marrow Donor Program, where we will be adding people to the Bone Marrow Search database, to bolster the donor list, especially for the Asian-American community. So, come on out and enjoy two packed days of basketball and our Family Carnival!

For you basketball fans, here is the list of the gym locations we will be using this year:

GRADES 10-12

B Boys SASF 9040 High Tech Court, Elk Grove
 B Girls (Sat)..... C.K. McClatchy, Main 3066 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento
 B Girls (Sun) SASF 9040 High Tech Court, Elk Grove

GRADES 7-9

C Boys J.F. Kennedy High, Main ... 6715 Gloria Drive, Sacramento
 Sam Brannan Middle..... 5301 Elmer Way, Sacramento
 Luther Burbank High,
 Main 3500 Florin Road, Sacramento
 West Campus High 5022 58th Street, Sacramento
 C Girls George Sim
 Community Center 6207 Logan Street, Sacramento

GRADES 5-6

D Boys (Gold)..... Hiram Johnson High,
 Main 6879 14th Avenue, Sacramento
 D Boys (Bronze) Hiram Johnson High,
 Aux 6879 14th Avenue, Sacramento
 Genevieve Didion, K-8 .. 6490 Harmon Drive, Sacramento
 J.F. Kennedy High-Aux..... 6715 Gloria Drive, Sacramento
 D Girls..... Leonardo DaVinci, K-8 4701 Joaquin Way, Sacramento
 Sutter Middle 3150 I Street, Sacramento
 Luther Burbank High,
 Aux 3500 Florin Road, Sacramento

GRADES 3-4

E Boys Cal Middle for 8 games 1600 Vallejo Way, Sacramento
 C.K. McClatchy,
 Main for 1 game 3066 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento
 E Girls C.K. McClatchy High,
 Aux, Main 3066 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento

Also at each gym location there will be our usual concession stands to provide you with all the food and drink you will need while watching the games. So please visit the concession stand at the gym of your choice. We certainly do appreciate your support.

March is also a time to remind all our sports families of the attendance requirements. As you know, in order to participate in the sports program, all players must attend both Dharma service and Dharma class at least 60% of the time. Academically speaking, 60% is a “D,” so it really should not be that difficult to get better than a “D” in attendance. The second and maybe the most important aspect of the attendance policy is that attendance is tracked on a rolling calendar, which means that attendance numbers do not get reset in September for the new year, but the attendance from the prior year rolls over to the new year, so attendance in April, May and June is critical to the following September. Whatever attendance percentage you end with in June will be what you start at in September.

The next installment of March Madness is the SJUMC basketball tournament. The SJUMC tournament is being held on March 10, 11, 17, 18.

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.

SPORTS COMMITTEE
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And as another reminder, Spring Ohigan is on March 18, and all players MUST attend service that day. The reverends are sympathetic to the kids playing in the tournament, so they have graciously agreed to conduct a very special Ohigan Service just for the basketball players. This special service is at 8 a.m. sharp, so get to church before 8 a.m. There will be sign-in sheets for everyone, and you MUST attend this 8 a.m. service in order to play that day. Yes, this service is MANDATORY if you want to play. The sign-in sheets will be removed promptly after 8 a.m. and the division coordinators will give the names to the coaches. This service will be over and done in time for anyone to get to their 9 a.m. game, if that is their game time.

The fourth weekend of March is filled with the SASF basketball tournament. Actually, this tourney begins on Friday night, March 23, with the year of the dragon games and contests.

This year, March has five weekends, actually five Saturdays, and of course the fifth weekend also has a basketball tournament. On March 31 and April 1, the Taisho basketball tournament will be held in San Francisco.

As you can see, there is plenty of basketball to be had in the month of March.

As we embark on the tournament season, we need to remember that even though this is a tournament and it is always nice to win, winning is not everything. This is still church basketball and we must continue to keep youth basketball in proper perspective. Our players and families represent the Betsuin, so let us represent well.

A wise old man... sorry Reverend Peter.... Let me start over... a wise young man once said, "When things aren't going the way you want them to go... just breathe and let it go!"

Enjoy watching the kids play!

FAMILY CARNIVAL

A CELEBRATION FOR A CAUSE

SATURDAY, March 3, 2012 ~ 6:30 - 9:00 PM

The Family Carnival has arrived in town! Grab your family and friends and celebrate before it's gone! Enjoy carnival games and treats, PIZZA, desserts, and drinks. While having fun, try your luck at one of the many raffles (Grand Prize - iPad 2, Kindle Fire) and play Bingo too!

Dessert Social: \$3/person presale

(Includes Admission to social, unlimited carnival games, desserts, plus 1 ticket for a carnival treat)*\$4/person at the Door

Future Star: Children 3 yrs old and under are FREE

☺ Unlimited carnival games for all ☺

Hungry?...Order HOT Pizza too!

Personal Pizza: \$5/person presale

(Includes a 6" personal pizza and drink)
*\$6/person at the Door.

Team Package/10 players presale: \$30

(Includes 2 Large Pizzas and drinks)
*Additional Large Pizzas for \$15

All for a good cause!
UC Davis Pediatric Infusion Center

- Make a scarf to donate!
- Donate a book or DVD (new or slightly used) at the front door and receive a FREE raffle ticket to win some great PRIZES!

National Marrow Donor Program

- "Be the Match" - Visit our private table and be a part of our Bone Marrow search. You can help save a life!



2012 Sacramento Betsuin Family Social

Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF)
9040 High Tech Court
Elk Grove, CA 95758



*Plenty of parking available at SASF and in the parking lots adjacent to California Family Fitness.
*No outside food allowed

**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 50**

JASON OTOW



January 2012 was a busy month for the scouts in Troop 50. We held the first Court of Honor for the year, where many scouts received merit badges and rank advancements. We also held a Wood Badge Ceremony for the assistant scoutmasters, who earned their Wood Badge. A Wood Badge is a training course for adults in the skills and methods of scouting, such as the use of patrols to carry out its activities.

The theme for January was wilderness survival. Nathan L. and Alex M. led an activity where we had to build a shelter out of tarps, ropes and six bricks in three to six minutes. The shelter had to be sturdy and shelter a person against the wind and not fall. There were many good shelters, but Albert's patrol stood out as the best. At another troop meeting, we built a fire and had to burn a rope using only the materials given to us (cotton balls, wood, steel and flint). The purpose of this activity was to learn how to quickly make a hot fire with specific materials that a scout would normally have on a backpacking trip or in the wilderness.

On January 21, we held our annual crab feed dinner. Many people attended and it was a lot of fun. Everyone looked like they enjoyed themselves, eating the delicious crab, pasta, salad and rolls, and playing the several raffle games and silent auction. A good time was had by all, thanks to all the hard work by the parents and scouts.

MATSUYAMA SCOUT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
**TERIYAKI CHICKEN
 LUNCH PLATE**

APRIL 8, 2012 (HANAMATSURI) PICK UP BETWEEN 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.
 Sacramento Buddhist Church Courtyard or Alley Way
 2401 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95818

\$8 PER PLATE OR \$15 FOR 2 PLATES

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

**EACH PLATE WILL CONTAIN TERIYAKI CHICKEN,
 RICE, CABBAGE SALAD, AND FRUIT.**

Lunch plate tickets may be purchased from a Troop 50 or Troop 250 Scout on various Sundays after service, or by contacting:

Julie Koyama-Chang at (916) 966-1158, tpcjkk4317@sbcglobal.net or
 Anthony Ortiz at (916) 446-1759, anthony.ortiz@adp.ca.gov

Only a limited number of teriyaki chicken lunch plates will be available for sale on the day of pick-up. All proceeds will go toward the Matsuyama Scout Exchange Program trip to Japan in August 2012.

Thank you for supporting the Matsuyama Scout Exchange Program!

**EARTHQUAKE
 AND TSUNAMI
 RELIEF
 UPDATE**

KELVIN MARK

Hard is it to imagine that it was nearly one year ago that the Tohoku region of Northern Japan was rocked by a massive magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami, the widespread destruction, distress, and loss of life, unimaginable.

Responding to the news and images of strife, our community answered by collecting, organizing, and delivering 4,151 pounds of food, clothing and sundry hygiene supplies directly to the Sendai Betsuin Relief Center. Simultaneously, we participated in the Hongwanji Disaster Relief Drive via our Buddhist Churches of America.

In July 2011, our Betsuin again teamed up with the David Silva Trucking Company and Charles Yagi, then-president of the Buddhist Church of Stockton, to deliver 8,135 pounds of dried fruit, foods and sundries, which once again bypassed bureaucratic obstructions and made their way directly to badly affected areas of Sendai.

Our next effort entailed the direct purchase and delivery of winter relief gear, food and sanitation equipment, which were distributed to relief centers in Ishinomaki City and Minamisoma. Just now, we have completed our final delivery of relief aid to the Tohoku District Relief Center. All totaled, our

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(CONTINUED)**

Buddhist Church of Sacramento volunteers and community at large enabled the delivery of \$235,000 of direct relief assistance. WOW!

Over the months, stories of mothers, fathers, children, siblings and friends trying to find one another and striving to resume a sense of normalcy have filled the news, the spirit of "*gaman*" and "*ganbare*" examples for the world to emulate and admire. There can be little doubt that dharma eyes have been opened wide to the awareness and reality of impermanence.

As RB has pointed out: "When our dharma eyes are open, we are reminded to enjoy and appreciate the wonder of each new day, knowing that it will never come again. It is with this awareness that we remember again, we must try to live our lives with the spirit of nembutsu appreciation... that level of gratitude where the words 'thank you' are never enough. Truly, if we open our eyes, the whole world is constantly teaching us the dharma."

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We Are Looking For A Bone Marrow Match



Laurie Shimizu was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2001.

Her most recent treatment was an autologous (her own) stem cell treatment in September 2011. That treatment was not successful and Laurie is now faced with considering a donor bone marrow transplant.

However, she must first find a person whose bone marrow matches hers. To increase Laurie's chances of finding a bone marrow match, bone marrow drives are being conducted in Sacramento and the surrounding areas. If you are between the ages of 18 - 60, please considering joining the **Be A Match** Registry.

A blood and bone marrow drive is being held in April. You can join the Registry by completing a questionnaire and doing four cheek swabs. It's easy. It's painless. And you may end up saving a life.

Date: Sunday, April 15th In Conjunction with the Blood drive

Time: 8am-11:30am

Location: Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2491 Riverside Blvd.

If you are unable to attend this bone marrow drive, please consider joining the Registry by requesting a donor kit at <http://www.marow.org>. The life you save may be Laurie's.

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