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Hello... and welcome to the month of November.... This year we've had very interesting weather. We had rain in June, some 70-degree weather in July, 107 degrees over our Bazaar weekend in August... and this year, it was 99 degrees into the month of October! Now, with autumn leaves falling, we are reminded that it's time to break out the jackets and scarves.

With the coming of November, we enter a very special time of year. In the weeks ahead, we will come together with our families to feast and celebrate during Thanksgiving, then Christmas and again at New Year's. It is a very special family time of year.

But for those of us who have lost someone in the past year, it is also a very reflective time. And with every family gathering, we feel an emptiness that could be filled only by the lives of the ones we've lost. But, this is exactly as it should be. And that feeling of missing them is only a reflection of the love and life that we have shared.

I recently made a new friend. His name is Izzy. Izzy is 11 years old. His mother had been battling cancer for the past year. Her family knew that she would not last very long. In the last weeks of her life, Izzy asked his father to bring him here to visit our Betsuin. Izzy later told me that his mother came here sometimes and she liked it.

During our visits together, we would often sit quietly in the Hondo. When he first visited, I asked him to describe his mom. He beamed and said, "She's really happy," then added, "Even when she's sad, she's happy...." I could tell that Izzy had a lot of his mother in him. One meeting, we talked about life. Izzy said, "I think life is a gift that someday we have to give back. Sometimes it's sooner than we want to...." I was amazed at how thoughtful he was at only 11. He was deeply reflective... as he quietly tried to prepare for a loss that few can handle at any age. His Dharma Eyes were open.

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I asked him what he wanted to do with his life before he had to give it back. He told me he wanted to be an oncologist... and that he would cure cancer. His unspoken hope was that no one should ever have to endure what his mother was going through. And no child should have to lose their mother so young. About 10 days later, Izzy lost his Mom to cancer. She was only 33.

Although we did not have a service here, I prepared a homyo for his mom, and I attended a gathering in her memory at Land Park on a warm Sunday afternoon. Izzy and his younger brother began preparing to move to London to live with their dad. In his last week here, he visited me almost every day. Again, in our meetings there were long quiet moments. He was just comfortable and comforted being in the Hondo. In his words, "It can be quieter than silence in here." I enjoyed our quiet time together. I think when we lose someone we love so much, finding moments where we can just be comfortably in silence, is where we need to be. Sometimes there are just no words.

The morning Izzy left for London, he came to visit one last time. Now our sitting together in the Hondo felt routine. That morning, I asked him, "Izzy, what do you think happiness is?" After a long, thoughtful pause, he said, "I don't know if you can say it in words. But I think when we're born, we just know what it is." Smiling, I told him, "I don't think I've ever heard it said any better than that."

He asked if I would remember him. I told him, "I will not forget you," then added, "In a way, it was your mom who introduced us." He smiled and said, "She's still working miracles."

My time together with Izzy was brief. But if we think about it, our time together with all of our friends and family is limited. In realizing this truth, like Izzy, our Dharma Eyes open... and we will see again that we must try to live each day with Clarity and Kindness (what we often call Wisdom and Compassion). If karmic circumstances allow, I will be able to meet with my young Dharma friend again.

Gassho....

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
 GORDON L. NITTA

October was a very event-filled month. Fifty-eight people attended Frances Kakugawa's lecture/presentation "Support for the Caregivers." The lecture was enjoyable and informative.

Eight teams competed in the first Legacy Chili Cook Off. Approximately 85 people had the pleasure of tasting the eight contestants' chili dishes, as well as other tasteful treats that made for a filling meal. This year's Best Chili Contest was won by ABA and the People's Choice Award for Best Chili went to Girl Scout Troop 569 Cadettes 6 for their Chili Chili Bang Bang chili. Reverend Marvin Harada of the Orange County Buddhist Church was our guest speaker at our Eitaikyo Service and later in the afternoon he gave a lecture entitled "Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life."

Cub Scouts Pack 50 had its annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, as always a delicious and satisfying breakfast. Girl Scout Troop 569 held its Investiture and Rededication Ceremony. Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts started their 10 weeks of Padma/Metta Award Classes. The annual Halloween Party/Haunted House was held at the end of the month.

Thanks to the combined efforts of our Board of Trustees, sponsored and affiliated organizations, our total donation to the Asian Community Center Nursing Home TV/Cable Project was \$9,000.

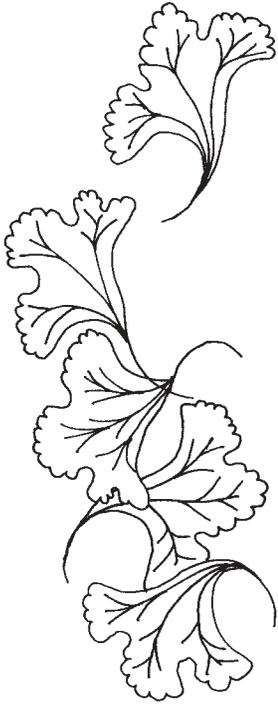
Thank you, Reverend Patti for scheduling and planning the guest speakers, lectures and the Chili Cook Off, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for their events and ceremonies and Wayne Kurahara for his efforts for securing donations to the ACC Nursing Home.

On November 17 there will be a Bazaar Teriyaki Chicken competition between the Placer Buddhist Church and our own Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Both churches will participate in a Bento Box fundraiser by selling box lunches with their teriyaki chicken as the main entrée. Buy your tickets early to ensure you get some of the delicious teriyaki chicken.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Any address changes? Have you paid your 2012 dues?

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The October SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, with President Midori Ito presiding.

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

Janet Matsumoto In Memory of May Kurimoto \$100

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

- Our **Hoonko Service** will be held on Sunday, **November 18**. Please come out to this annual memorial service for Shinran Shonin.
- **Second SBWA Ukulele Class**: If enough SBWA members express interest, a second ukulele class will begin early next year. The deadline to sign up is the end of November. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Kurahara at 392-3022 as soon as possible.
- The **Sacramento Betsuin's "Buddhists Got Talent" Show on December 1**: Please sign up in the church office and share your talents at this year's talent show. Hopefully, the members of the first SBWA ukulele class will be participating. It should be a very fun activity.
- **Tsuito Hoyo Service, Installation of the SBWA Cabinet, and the annual Bonenkai Party - December 2**: Just a reminder to mark your calendars for our annual service and party. SBWA members will be contacted by mail and telephone tree. The Reverend Dennis Fujimoto will be the guest speaker. Co-chairperson Fusako Takahashi is encouraging all SBWA ladies to attend. She and her committee of Diane Muranaka, Mari Lynn Shimamoto and Shirley Kato are planning a very nice party.

Thank you to the current SBWA Board members whose terms are ending this year for agreeing to take on another three-year term on the Board. We look forward to your continued support and contributions to the SBWA.

The next SBWA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7.

Welcome to the month of November! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is around the corner and 2012 has entered its 11th month! I think Thanksgiving is one of my most favorite holidays. It's a wonderful gathering of family and friends for no other reason than just to gratefully be together and eat a delicious turkey meal!

As we ended this past summer, our family celebrated a very special birthday. Our Dad turned 90 years old on September 1. Dad still lives on the farm in Fowler where we were raised. Although he sold most of the land around his house, he is still surrounded by acres and acres of vines that he lovingly tended for over five decades. I know that he has days when he is not feeling his best, but he never complains... and, for the most part, he remains healthy and he enjoys living independently.

When our family first started to talk about celebrating his 90th birthday, we were aware that Dad did not want an 80th birthday party or an 88th birthday party. When we suggested a 90th birthday party with family and friends, he again adamantly refused. He again told us that he just doesn't like these things. After many phone calls to my sister and brother, we came up with a plan to spend the weekend together in Monterey. The hard part would be to convince Dad.

Knowing that Dad loves nature programs on TV, we pushed the idea that the highlight of this trip was to go to the famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. Dad somewhat reluctantly agreed to go. So the end of August, we gathered family together to spend the weekend in Monterey. As the weekend drew near, Dad actually became very excited about the trip. Although Dad walks just fine, we decided at the very last minute to take a wheelchair with us. We thought that it might come in handy since we were going to be walking to restaurants and especially through the large aquarium. We weren't sure if he would like it, but he loved it!

The weather was perfect, the meals were delicious and we had fun just hanging out with each other. I was the lucky one to share a room with my niece. It was a wonderful time of bonding, laughing and enjoying each other's company.

What I found most amazing was how grateful Dad was just to have everyone together.... He told us a number of times that this may be his last trip and he was happy to have everyone there. He was grateful to have family all around him. He was happy and content just to see everyone getting along so well. Even after we returned home, Dad continued to thank us for that memorable weekend.

MINISTER ASSISTANTS
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In Buddhism, we are taught that nothing lasts forever. But how often do we really think about it? We may think about it on Sundays when our ministers or Dharma School teachers talk about the reality of impermanence. But to live grateful for each day, rain or shine, comes only with deep awareness of what is truly of value in life. And when we appreciate each day for what it is, then every day becomes a wonderful day.

I know my family continues to be grateful for this special weekend with Dad and I know we will always treasure this special memory of his 90th birthday. Whether it's a special weekend or a seemingly "ordinary" day, with Dharma Eyes open, we embrace and appreciate each special day, just as it is.

Until next time....

LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD
 TED YOSHIMURA

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GANGNAM STYLE!

Have you heard of the Korean pop singer called "PSY"? Being of the "older" generation with no knowledge of this phenomenon, I first accidentally encountered PSY on the TV morning show, *Today*, and watched with great interest how he whipped up the Times Square crowd into a frenzy and was so entertaining that they did an encore with the TV hosts dancing on stage... imagine Al Roker dancing "gangnam style!" The popular song has a very catchy beat, easy to dance to. Our 1-1/2 and 3-year-old grandkids love to dance to it! It now has been played at football game half-time shows, flash mobs, and college campuses through the USA and world. PSY's YouTube video has, as of October 10, received 424,000,000 hits. Yes... 424 million hits, and supposedly the most hits ever received have turned PSY into an international star. Wow, how our world has changed with the Internet and technology... This may be a stretch, but does this lead to a new meaning to Buddhist thoughts of awareness, interdependency and impermanence? Perhaps we can have our Sangha do "gangnam style" in our courtyard after Dharma School and put it on our website or YouTube!

LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD (LEFB) SPONSORSHIPS

Besides LEFB's usual sponsoring and support of scholarship programs for Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC), Advanced Youth Minister Assistant training, Minister Assistant training for Sensei Keith Kato, we are pleased to be sponsoring Reverend Patti's position as Assistant Minister, Program Developer and Coordinator. Reverend Patti has been really busy organizing and planning our many learning seminars (Ministers Koshin Ogui, Tets Unno, Satsuki Ina), spearheading the Sponsored Organization temple clean-up days, Buddhist Fellowship events (BBQ Rib Cook Off, Chili Cook Off and Social), and also our upcoming Buddhist Leadership Seminar Workshop. We have received many favorable comments and responses to the many events that Patti has helped plan.

ANONYMOUS DONATION

We have received an anonymous and generous donation of approx \$108,000 for the sale of a multi-family rental property. The proceeds of the sale were split 50% with Asian Community Center (ACC). Thanks to our benefactor, the monies made to the endowment help us to provide funding to support our Temple programs, educational opportunities, and other activities that propagate our Jodo Shinshu traditions.

LEFB EWASTE PROGRAM

We would like to acknowledge the following donors from our eWaste program:

June: Jean Uda, Louie Watanabe, David Gellerman, Ann Yoshizuka, Brian Hatano

July: Dayle Imperato

August: Dennis/Agnes Shimosaka, Mae Miyamura, Julia Serences

September: Mary Inouye, Akito Masaki, Tomi Tanaka, Carl/June Williams, Sally Hamamoto

This program was first started at our June 2012 rummage sale with the help of Glenn Takeda of Tri-Valley Recycling. If you have eWaste to get rid of, please call (800) 317-3112 or schedule a pickup at www.eWaste4good.com. Free business and residential pickups are done throughout Northern California, so if you have family or friends outside of Sacramento, tell them that they can participate too. In addition to electronics, other items such as appliances, power tools, vacuum cleaners, telephones and many more items that are battery-powered or plugged into an electrical outlet, whether working or not, will be recycled. The Sacramento Buddhist Church Legacy Endowment Fund receives the proceeds of your donations, so your recycling benefits the environment and the church!

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IRA CHARITABLE DONATION

If you want to use your IRA to make a charitable donation this year, you may not need to wait too much longer. Before the end of the year, Congress is expected to retroactively reinstate the provision that expired after 2011 allowing persons age 70-1/2 and older to transfer up to \$100,000 tax-free from their IRA directly to a charitable organization (such as the Legacy Endowment Fund). Be aware that if Congress does not reinstate it, you can still deduct the donation as a charitable gift *only* if you itemize your income tax deductions.

Please also consult with your financial advisor or estate planner for more information regarding the 2012 gift deductibility rules. In some cases, there may be a maximum percentage allowed on your deductible. You can also contact our Legacy Endowment Fund Board members or the main office, (916) 446-0121, to obtain our custodial account number or if you have any questions.

**HO-ONKO
MESSAGE**

The Sacramento Betsuin will observe our annual Ho-onko Service on Sunday, November 18, 2012. This year, we will have the English Service at 9:30 a.m., and the Japanese Service at 11:30 a.m. Our special guest speaker will be Reverend Akio Miyaji, recently retired from the Orange County Buddhist Temple.

Ho-onko is observed in memory of Shinran Shonin (1173-1262), the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Service is held as an expression of gratitude to Shinran Shonin for his efforts to make the Buddha-Dharma available to all people. How fortunate we are to be able to enjoy the natural clarity of the Buddha-Dharma!

We hope that you will be able to attend on November 18 to hear Reverend Miyaji's Dharma message. Enclosed in this November issue of the SANGHA, please find a self-addressed envelope for your offering of Dana for this special occasion.

With Gassho,
Reverend Bob Reverend Peter Gordon Nitta



*Condolences to
the Families of:*



- Seiko Kawamoto May 21, 1930 – August 28, 2012*
- Kahn Oda January 16, 1926 – September 11, 2012*
- Yoshimi Shintaku May 11, 1939 – September 16, 2012*
- Eugene Okada April 3, 1919 – September 21, 2012*
- Mitsura Yagura March 20, 1918 – September 23, 2012*
- Hisayo Okamura October 13, 1930 – September 16, 2012*
- Jeanette Aki Miyake October 13, 1930 – October 1, 2012*
- Yoshie Iwasaki April 15, 1909 – October 4, 2012*

**SAKURA
GAKUEN**
JOHN MCDONNELL



The fresh new faces at Sakura Gakuen Japanese language school this fall illustrate the resilience and perseverance of the school and the desire to learn. Given financial cuts to public education budgets and closures of schools and language programs, the tenacity of our school is noteworthy.

First called Nihon Sho Gakku , the school began in 1903. Despite a devastating arson fire that took the lives of 10 students in 1923, the school grew. After the World War II closure, the school was reopened in 1947, thanks to the efforts of Reverend and Mrs. Sasaki. In the 1980s, the school adapted to competition with public schools. The school changed to a second language Saturday school. Under the current guidance of School Board President Bobby Tanaka and Elder Judy Inaba, the school continues to evolve. Working with the teachers, families and the community, the board is putting great effort into increasing income and enrollment. Last year, the school started a kindergarten program. This fall was

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GAKUEN**
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the premiere of a class for the parents of Saturday's students. As fewer students are heritage learners, this class will assist parents with helping their children with their Japanese studies.

Another one of this duo's great ideas is a shift from the annual book sale (how can anyone compete with online sales and e-readers?). Coming on a Sunday soon, Sakura Gakuen will host its first Ramen Fundraiser. The kaikan will be filled with the aroma of ramen as we all partake in the tasty treat based on a family recipe. Pre-order your ramen, as supplies are limited, though we hope to have some on-the-spot sales, as it would be cruel to smell, but not be able to enjoy the ramen. There will be dine-in as well as take-out packages for your convenience. Under the expert tutelage of Karen Adachi, the school's parents and supporters will provide you with a great meal. There will be detailed announcements at Sunday services and posters on the bulletin board as the event gets near.

The proceeds of the 3rd annual Mikan (Satsuma mandarin) Sale will go to fund the school's fledgling scholarship program. Over the past few years, several scholarships for needy and exceptional students have been funded by a few generous families and onigiri sales at the school's daily snack time. With persistent sluggish economic times, the need for more substantial funding for the scholarship program became apparent, hence the dedication of this year's fundraiser. Again, 10-pound boxes of these local foothill organic mikan will be available for pick-up at the church over the weekend of December 8 and 9 (sakuramandarins@gmail.com). Orders should be received by December 5 in the school's mailbox in the office. These easy-to-peel fruit are perfect for gifts, decorating, kagami, and as healthy snacks.

Enrollment in the school is open to all and includes a church member discount. If your child knows some Japanese (kana), they can enroll nearly anytime in the school year upon consultation with the Dean, Mrs. Futaba Wood.

The next youth school semester starts on February 2, 2013. Check out the school's evolving new website, www.sakuragakuen.org, for more details. Adult classes are offered Mondays for several levels of skill, from beginner to kanji review. The adult school teachers also are a wealth of knowledge, from art to history. For more information about these classes, contact Masako Thomas at thomas@sakuragakuen.org

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A NOTE OF THANKS

TAK ITO

At the end of September, I underwent back surgery to repair a few discs that had collapsed. During the past two months, I've slowly begun to regain my mobility and have returned part-time to my second home, the Sacramento Betsuin office. I would like to thank the many people who have expressed their concerns and have sent me encouraging notes, cards and gifts. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been a great source of strength. Thank you so much.

BETSUIN'S FIRST CHILI COOK OFF

On Saturday, October 13, our Sacramento Betsuin held its first Chili Cook Off with eight teams competing for the title of Best Chili. Our three esteemed judges were President Gordon Nitta, Gladys Adachi and former restaurant owner and friend, Eddie Fong.



ABA group (from left): Eddie Fong, Wayne Kurahara, Stephen Kashiwada, Stan Chan, Barbara Chan, John Yoshikawa, Jean Kashiwada.

the ABA team, who graciously gave their first place monetary prize to the Legacy Endowment Fund.

It was a great evening of delicious chili, in fun company... and everyone who came had a wonderful time.

It was an evening of fun and laughter... and great chili! All the chilies were delicious, but after much discussion, the first place award went to the ABA team "Okole Kick'n Chili." The 80 people in attendance were also able to taste the different chilis. The People's Choice Award went to Girl Scout Troop 569, Cadettes 6 team, "Chili Chili Bang Bang."

Thank you to Robbie Midzuno for being our MC that evening. Also our thanks go out to Grace Hatano, Elaine Yoshikawa and their group of ladies for their help. A special thank you to



Girl Scouts group (from left): Jennifer Nitta, Gracie Matayoshi, Anna Fukuhara, Kelsie Cooper, Megan Poon, Robbie Midzuno.

Inaka Chili" - Ron Kawahata, Rich Kawahata, Ed Nakamoto, Martha Kubo, Nancy Nakamoto.

- Steve Hiromoto: "BIG Game Chili" - Steve Hiromoto.
- Valerie Fong: "My Best Chili" - Valerie Fong.
- Venture Crew: "El Castellian Ancho Supremo Chili Mole Ole!" - Brandon Mark, Kelvin Mark.

A huge thank you to the eight teams that participated. The teams were:

- ABA: "ABA's Okole Kick'n Chili" - Wayne Kurahara, John and Elaine Yoshikawa, Stephen Kashiwada, Stan & Barbara Chan.
- Cub Scout: "Pack 50 Super Duper Most Awesome Chili" - Glen & Justin Kumamoto, Greg & Andrew Matayoshi.
- Girl Scouts Cadettes 6: "Chili Chili Bang Bang" - Jennifer Nitta, Gracie Matayoshi, Anna Fukuhara, Kelsie Cooper, Megan Poon.
- Girl Scouts FOG ST: "Not Yo Mama's Chili" - Bridget Maron, Judy Inaba.
- Placer Buddhist Temple: "Ichiban



Judges (from left): Gordon Nitta, Gladys Adachi and Eddie Fong.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

ALAN WU



It is November now, and as we all know, November, as its name tells us (novem means nine), is the ninth month of the year, right? Okay okay, that was last month's tutorial and now that it is this month, we move on to this month's happenings in the world of sports. Oh, but wait, we must take a little step back and reference Sensei Koichi's Dharma talk from last month. In his talk he mentioned how the music jumped out and slapped him up side his head and that he came to the realization that there is a commonality in the structure of songs and that the same chords were used in a variety of songs from a variety of musical eras. (If you missed Sensei Koichi's talk, go to www.buddhistchurch.com, see our upcoming activities, then when you get down the main page enough, click on the green "Dharma Messages," and you will be taken to a place where you will be able to replay our Dharma talks.)

Well, for some of us, the only "cords" we know are those pants with ridges that make swishy sounds when you walk... c'mon, we all wore those back in the day! So, for those non-musical people who cannot distinguish "a chord" of the musical type from "Accord" of the Honda type, just listen to the words of the songs, and you might be surprised how often you will discover the Dharma in song. As just one example, in 1974 William DeVaughn released his song "Be Thankful for What You Got." If you were alive back then, you may be familiar with this song; if you were not alive, then you can catch this song on one of the oldies radio stations, or on the web somewhere. Here is a snippet of the lyrics for your hearing pleasure:

Though you may not drive a great big Cadillac
Diamond in the back, sunroof top
Diggin' the scene
With a gangsta lean
Gangsta whitewalls
TV antennas in the back
You may not have a car at all
But remember brothers and sisters
You can still stand tall
Just be thankful for what you've got.

Do these lyrics ring a bell in your memory banks? The first seven lines are there to help you remember the song. The last three lines say it all.

November is ramp up time, our teams are formed and are preparing and practicing for December when the league begins. The final schedule will be posted as soon as it becomes available. Remember, scheduling is very complex with a lot of moving parts, so the final final version may not get posted until the Friday just prior to the initial weekend of games. Stay in touch with your Division Coordinator, Team Mom and/or Coach for details. Also being ramped up are the invitations for the 2013 Annual Betsuin Basketball Tournament. Our 42nd Annual tournament will be held on March 2-3, 2013, so mark your calendars now!

So you say you don't know who to talk to? Here is a quick rundown of who's who on the Sports Committee this year:

Sports Committee 2012-2013

Chairperson Denis Ishisaka
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B Girls Ellen Shinfuku
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D Girls Fran Archuleta
E Boys Kari Thomas
E Girls Corrine Chin
I Boys Keri Nomura
I Girls Lisa Tomita Cooper
Lil' Hoopers Julie Honda Tsuye

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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.

Now is the time to build up and maintain your attendance. We all know about Spring Fever and how easily and quickly attendance can plummet to and below 60%. Plan ahead and don't fall victim this coming spring.

And remember, brothers and sisters, we are all interdependent, and you can still stand tall by knowing yourself and being yourself, and just be thankful for what you got because we live a life of gratitude and appreciation with our Dharma Eyes open to hear the Dharma in the words of song.

**DHARMA
SCHOOL
NEWS**
KEN FURUKAWA



Welcome to fall! The weather is finally really getting cool, school has really been in session for a while, and the days are getting much shorter. I hope everyone had a good time for Halloween! It is always fun to see children in costumes, and having so much fun! It is just too bad it is dark at night! Luckily, the annual Halloween party is held indoors, along with a haunted house. I don't know if there is any correlation to Dharma School, but you don't need to have a fun haunted house to have fun in the classrooms during Sundays!

A special announcement: Sunday, November 4 is our scheduled fire drill! Please make sure that your student is dressed appropriately for the drill. We will walk in orderly fashion to the parking lot behind the bank, then come back. If you have not submitted a wallet-sized photo of your student to the teacher(s), please try to remember to do so. The photos are used for the emergency notification sheets kept in each classroom.

Also remember that Ho-onko service will be held on November 18!

Of course I probably don't have to remind anyone that Thanksgiving is at the end of the month!

In Gassho.

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Aileen Okimoto	Diane & Gerald Muranaka	Gerry Tsukiji
Minnie Iseri	Tom & Virginia Muraoka	Miwako Yamashiro
Sheryl Kajioka	Rachel Nagai	Sueko & Haruo Yamashita
Alice Kataoka		

**CUB SCOUT
PACK 50**
GLEN KUMAMOTO



On October 15, Pack 50 held our annual pancake breakfast. With lines of people waiting for a taste of the awesome all-you-can eat pancakes, eggs, ham and sausage, we could not have asked for a better turnout! Thank you to all who purchased tickets. Your generosity will help fund the pack for this year and many years to come. A special thank you to those who take on this huge event and make it look easy... a big thank you to Gayle Firth for chairing the event. She has this special message that she wanted me to pass along:

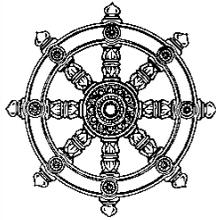
"Pack 50 would like to thank so many guests for coming out to support our annual pancake breakfast. We hope you enjoyed our world famous pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, potatoes and fruit. A special thanks to the donors who made this another successful breakfast: Calvada Foods (Don Lee), Holsum Produce (Jacque Yokoi), Nor Cal Produce (Jacque Yokoi), Oto's Marketplace, Ron Nakano for sponsoring our tickets, Roger Ikemoto and of course the Sacramento Betsuin. Our hard-working pancake committee was comprised of Bruce DeCamp, Lisa Ferreira, Derek Seo, Sandy Fong, Staci Toyama, Emily Yamamoto, David Fong, Bring Wong, Andrea Izumi, Stanton Lee, Sylvia Higa, Teresa Kim, Minh La and Gayle Okamoto-Firth. Until next year!"

Pack 50 also entered the chili cook-off but did not come home a winner. I was thinking of demanding a recount, but decided against it....

As always, it's the parents and support of our Betsuin that make Pack 50 the most awesome pack around. Thank you for all that you do!

Pack 50 ROCKS!





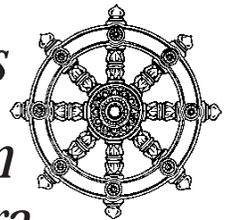
Welcome New Members

Joseph & Kesa Johnston

David & Annette Kimura

Stanton & Yvonne Lee

Jeffrey & Krissy-Hirai Takahashi



BOY SCOUTS
ADRIAN NGUYEN



October is the second month of the official scouting year. In September, the theme was Icebreakers, which helped the new patrols get to know each other better. The new den chiefs learned their duties and had training on September 23, and the Scout Expo held at Beale Air Force Base was on September 28–September 30. There, the scouts had the chance to explore different booths regarding different services such as the Army or the National Guard. This month's theme will work on strengthening the bonds between the patrol members.

The theme of October was sports. The first troop meeting of October was on October 5. The scouts participated in an obstacle course in the courtyard and games of dodge ball in the Kaikan. The second troop meeting on October 26 was a service project about setting up the haunted house for October 27.

Scouts attended Camp Olema at Point Reyes on October 19–October 21. The haunted house set-up was on October 26 and the haunted house service project was on October 27. Also, the My Sister's House service project was on October 27 before the haunted house service project.

The two troop meetings of November will be on November 2 and November 16. Also, on November 10, the scouts will attend an Angel Island day hike and will be visiting the San Francisco Bay Model Museum.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION
**THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF
BOY SCOUT TROOP 50!**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

OPEN HOUSE! REUNION!

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM: 12:00 - 12:45 P.M.

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO

2401 RIVERSIDE BLVD., SACRAMENTO, CA 95818

\$10 PER PERSON

Please RSVP with payment* to Karen Yee
6701 Breakwater Way, Sacramento, CA 95831

(Form on next page must be postmarked no later than 11/10/2012)

**Please make check payable to Boy Scout Troop 50*

**PHOTO DISPLAYS AND SLIDE SHOW
ENJOY DELICIOUS LIGHT AFTERNOON FARE
SHARE YOUR SCOUTING MEMORIES!
VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS
MEET NEW ONES!**

Questions? E-mail us: boyscout50th@gmail.com

**TROOP 50'S
50TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**



Troop 50's

50th Anniversary Celebration

December 1, 2012
 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 ~ Open House! ~ Reunion! ~
 Anniversary Program: 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
 Buddhist Church of Sacramento
 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818

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Address

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Use additional forms if needed for scouts/scout leaders

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Additional Nametag 1 Additional Nametag 3

Additional Nametag 2 Additional Nametag 4

Event Ticket Order Request

Number of Tickets x\$10=

Check #

**Registration Deadline:
Postmarked by Nov. 10, 2012**

Make checks payable to "Troop 50"
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