



Welcome to the month of April... the time of year that many of us put away our winter clothes, take out our summer clothes (mine will fit because of our "Dieting for Dollars" challenge), and a perfect time for spring cleaning around the house.

For spring cleaning, I usually go through my clothes and donate things that I don't wear anymore. Next, I clean and organize my home office and file papers that have stacked up since December. The last thing I do is the ONLY spring cleaning chore that I enjoy: I work outside. I change out rubber washers on my hoses and spray nozzles, clean the gutters, organize and clean the garage, clean the outside garbage and recycling cans, clean the windows, etc.

Cleaning our house is important, but as Reverend Akio Miyaji at the Orange County Buddhist Church often says, it's also important for us to "clean our hearts and minds." Coming to the temple, listening to the dharma, and reflecting on our lives is a way to "clean our hearts and minds." At home, we can also sit, breathe, and reflect on our lives in a quiet place in front of our home altar called an "obutsudan."

The obutsudan, and the mindful practice of cleaning it, serves as a reminder for each of us to reflect upon our lives, and live with awareness and appreciation,
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while being mindful of the truths of impermanence and interdependence. It is proper etiquette to place our obutsudan in a central or private part of our home or dorm room, so that each time we see it, it becomes an unspoken reminder to open our dharma eyes to true reality, and find meaning in all that surrounds us.

In Buddhism, we are taught that we can learn about ourselves and about life through our six senses of touch, taste, hearing, sight, smell, and thought. The adornments in or around an obutsudan symbolize our **six senses**.

For the sense of **touch**, we place our palms together in gassho. **Taste** is symbolized by food offerings, such as rice, fruit, or something sweet. (It is not proper etiquette to put meat near the obutsudan.) The sense of **sound** is represented by a bell, **smell** is represented by incense, and Namo Amida Butsu, or nembutsu, represents our sixth sense of **thought**.

Flowers can be placed on the left, the incense burner is in the middle, and if we use a candle (battery-operated is safer), this is placed on the right. I remember it as "Light is on the right."

Flowers remind us of the impermanence of life. Although the flowers are in the peak of their beauty today, they will not be this way forever.

Incense represents purity or cleaning our hearts and minds of greed, anger, jealousy, complaints, our busy schedules, or any distraction that prevents us from feeling gratitude or from living in the moment.

The candle, or light, represents wisdom: to see things as they are... that all things are connected, and all things change.

In the *Jodo Wasan*, poems written by Shinran Shonin, Shinran wrote that "the light of wisdom dispels the darkness of selfishness and ignorance."

Around the altar, many people put pictures of loved ones who have passed away to remind us of the interconnectedness of their lives with our own. (Proper etiquette is to not place anything on top of the altar.)

An obutsudan is not something that we need to keep at home just to remember our loved ones. We can use our obutsudan in any service, such as weddings. But most importantly, our obutsudan is a constant reminder to keep our hearts and minds pure, and to live with nembutsu gratitude. It is a meaningful part of our Jodo Shinshu tradition.

If you or your family does not have an obutsudan, one of our sangha members, Jim Watkins, is a master craftsman, and his specialty is making custom contemporary obutsudans and urns. He also has the tools to laser engrave and customize his woodwork with any design, such as family crests, names, and artistic features. Jim also makes an easy-to-assemble obutsudan kit. Jim's work can be seen on Facebook at "Jim Watkins Woodworking," and he can be contacted by email at jgwatkins@hughes.net, or by phone at (916) 416-0793.

Enjoy your spring cleaning, and we hope to see you at our Hanamatsuri service and play on April 14.

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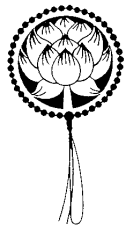
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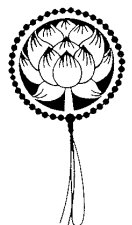
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Joyce Eiri..... *December 10, 1931 – December 5, 2012*

Donald Bock Lee..... *March 10, 1948 – January 7, 2013*

Yoshio Frank Ebisu..... *March 7, 1921 – February 12, 2013*

Edward Takakazu

"Eddie" Furuhashi..... *June 9, 1924 – February 12, 2013*

Tsuneko Yamasaki..... *April 6, 1916 – February 13, 2013*

Kiyoshi "Kay" Shimada..... *May 1, 1924 – February 13, 2013*

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The March SBWA Board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6, with President Midori Ito presiding.

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BCA National Council
Meeting 2012 Orei - Hospitality \$100
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Ikuko Sakazaki \$20

Thank you everyone who came out to help with the Spring Food Festival. We really needed everyone's help! We are looking for ladies to take that extra step and learn the duties of the leaders who have chaired various committees for this event for many years, i.e., kaikan set-up, ordering of supplies, overseeing the sushi making, etc. Please volunteer to learn, so that when unexpected events happen that take our leaders and chairpersons away during the Spring Food Festival or Bazaar, the activities can continue on smoothly. Some of our ladies are doing double duties. Please see Midori Ito or any SBWA Board member and volunteer to take on a leadership role.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- **Urasenke Tea Ceremony at Sac State - April 10:** For those who signed up, please meet at the church at 9 a.m. to carpool to the university. If you are attending the lunch at Hana Tsubaki, please submit a check to SBWA for \$15.
- **BWA's Craft Booth:** The April class will be making decorative light switch plates, led by Darlene Hayashi. This class will be on April 19 from around 1 p.m. (right after Tanoshimikai) in Classroom 1.
- **Music Circus:** Virginia Uchida has ordered 50 tickets for the Music Circus performance of Showboat on July 11. More information to come in May.
- **BWA Outings:** Please contact President Midori Ito if you have suggestions for BWA outings or activities that you would like us to look into and plan. It would be great if you would chair the event, too.

The next BWA meeting will be Wednesday, April 3.

There are hidden treasures found everywhere, so many in unexpected places and so many "hidden" in plain sight. One such treasure was our good friend "George." When we lived at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple, George would drop by during the week to check on things around the temple, often bringing us seasonal fruits and vegetables that he had grown on his farm. He was a small, wiry person, a man of few words but honest, kind and generous, always ready to help out whenever or wherever he could.

George had a passion for recycling long before it became an environmentally encouraged activity. He would make sure that there were enough flattened used cardboard boxes to tape down on the kitchen floors whenever food was prepared for temple fundraisers. This not only saved wear and tear on the floors, but it provided a comforting cushion for tired feet from standing for long hours, as well as making clean-up afterwards much easier. When the event was over, George would take the piles of used cardboard to the recycling center. He also provided large plastic recycled shoyu pails for the vegetable peelings and scraps, coffee grounds, used newspapers, etc., which he would turn into compost. Of course, he would then share the resulting fresh and tasty fruits and vegetables with friends and temple members.

When George retired and left his farm, he continued to garden, turning an open space next to the temple or empty lots next to the homes of friends into thriving mini-farms and gardens. By planting flowering shrubs around the border of the dry, grassy lot next to the temple, he turned a somewhat embarrassing eyesore into a welcoming walk to the temple door.

More recently, when he became unable to garden as before and could not grow his produce, he began stopping in at the Tacoma Tofu Company, which is not a retail store but distributes tofu through wholesalers. However, George, acquainted with the owner and workers, would purchase cardboard trays of tofu, put them into the church refrigerators and tell the temple members attending service to be sure and take a fresh tofu home!

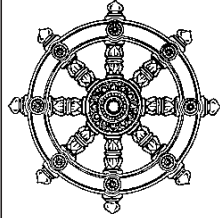
Being a modest man of few words, George was not one to boast about his own accomplishments. Only recently during an interview of our temple keiro members, we learned that George had not only served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army during World War II, but he had been a part of the team that had rescued the "Lost Battalion," for which he received a Purple Heart! Helping others, doing whatever needed to be done to accomplish that goal. Even as a youth, he was true to his nature.

There are hidden treasures all around us. We have dharma teachers all around us. We need only to "open our dharma eyes," as Reverend Bob always says, "to truly see what we have not seen before," as Reverend Yukawa always says.

**FROM THE
OFFICE**

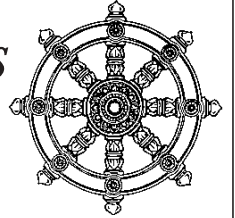
Any address changes? It will be appreciated if you can notify the office of any address changes. It will save the church from paying for return postage. Thank you!

Did you receive our new 2013 calendars? If not, please contact the office and one will be mailed to you.



Welcome New Members

*James Kawamoto
Patrick McLafferty*



**LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND BOARD
JOYCE SAHARA**

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It has been one year since Reverend Patti has taken the challenge as assistant minister, programs director at our Sacramento Betsuin. The Board of Trustees and the Legacy Endowment Fund Board sincerely wish to thank her for her services, dedication, creativeness, and effort to make this challenging assignment the success that it has been.

Since her services began in early 2012, our sangha has enjoyed educational seminars and guest lecturers. Reverend Patti organized events that highlighted Buddhist fellowship, too. They included a chili cook-off, a teriyaki chicken throwdown with the Placer Buddhist Church, a highly successful 2012 Buddhists Got Talent Show, and our sponsored organizations taking an active role in maintaining our buildings and church grounds.

Dr. Satsuki Ina was our latest guest speaker at the Caregivers Seminar on February 21. It was well attended with 60 participants! Our membership looks forward to topics of interest like this and we are fortunate to have Reverend Patti to research and organize these events for us.

Reverend Patti is already working on new ideas and events for 2013. Here are a few that she has shared:

- A medical series that will include prostate awareness and cardiac risk factors to name a couple. The dates are being finalized and will be announced later.
- A showing of the December talent show DVD on Sunday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m.
- A temple cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 with Dharma School students.
- A couple of dharma lectures, one with Reverend Tets Unno on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m.
- Dieting for Dollars weight loss program is continuing to go well. We have four teams with 24 people participating. Aaron Imura has been the instructor and coach.
- Hoping to set up a minister assistant program in Placer soon.

Consider ourselves so fortunate! With all of these educational and social activities throughout the year, our membership is bound to gather even more enthusiasm, friendship and knowledge. Thank you again, Reverend Patti. We look forward to another enriching year through your programs.

EWASTE DONATIONS

The Legacy Endowment Fund Board appreciates the following donors for eWaste donations in February:

Dave Fukui Yosh Suka Emiko Kimura
Alma Koyasako Mervin Tamai

Thank you for your support of the Legacy Endowment Fund.

April 22, 2013 is EARTH DAY and in honor of the occasion, eWaste 4Good is offering extra incentives, so if you have been saving up your eWaste and need a little extra nudge, this would be a good month to give them a call for a pickup. Businesses as well as individuals may participate.

If any individuals or businesses would like to schedule a free pickup at your home or office, go to www.eWaste4good.com or call (800) 317-3112. Please designate the Buddhist Church Legacy Endowment Fund.



Rev. Bob Oshita
428-9833



Rev. Peter Inokoji-Kim
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**THURSDAY NIGHTS MEDICAL SERIES
SACRAMENTO BETSUIN, CLASSROOMS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 7-8:30 P.M.
DR. JONATHAN EANDI
"PROSTATE AWARENESS"**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 7-8:30 P.M.
DR. YVONNE OTANI
"VACCINATIONS: DOING THE RIGHT THING"**

**TBD
DR. ELLIOTT WONG
"CARDIAC RISK FACTORS"**

Please sign up in the office.
Any questions, please contact Rev. Patti at revpattibetsuin@gmail.com
Sponsored by the Legacy Endowment Fund

**67TH
ANNUAL
JAPANESE
FOOD &
CULTURAL
BAZAAR
TEE-SHIRT
DESIGN
CONTEST**

Sponsored by Sacramento Buddhist Church Dharma School and the SBC Bazaar Steering Committee

NEEDED: CHILDREN'S TEE-SHIRT LOGO DESIGNS

- One creative design for children-sized tee-shirts. Participants can submit multiple designs.
- Designs should be Bazaar themed and related to Japanese culture. Both levels of design should be unisex focused.
- Please create design(s) on no larger than an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper and limit to 3-4 colors.
- Computer-generated designs will be accepted; however, please keep in mind any copyright infringements.

Awards: Judging will be conducted by a committee of Dharma School and Bazaar representatives, with final selections made by the Bazaar Steering Committee. Designs will be judged on the success of depicting a Bazaar-themed illustration with Japanese culture. Awards will be presented to the winners for a children's design in both the upper and lower divisions of Dharma School. Winners will be announced at the Dharma School End-of-Year Picnic on June 9, 2013, and the top winners will be recognized at the Sacramento Buddhist Church Cultural Bazaar on August 10-11, 2013, with their design displayed on the Bazaar tee-shirts. All entries will receive a certificate of participation.

Please note that should the committee find multiple winning designs, the Bazaar Steering Committee reserves the right to use the designs for future Bazaar tee-shirts with the consent of the entry designer.

Deadline and Design Submission Information: Entry of your design(s) must be submitted by May 19, 2013, to the Church Office with "BAZAAR DESIGN" noted on the envelope. Please sign your design and on a separate sheet of paper include your name, grade, and phone number.

Any Questions: Contact Reverend Patti at (916) 446-0121.

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.

**DHARMA SCHOOL TEMPLE CLEAN UP
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 10:15-11:30 A.M.**

**NURSERY - HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES
Clean classrooms**

(wipe desks, sweep floors, erase blackboards/white boards, clean window sills)

OTHER AREAS

Courtyard (sweep area)

Indoor garden (rake rocks, sweep area, pick up leaves, pull weeds)

Front of Temple (sweep area, pull weeds)

Annex stairs (sweep area)

Any questions? Contact Rev. Patti at revpattibetsuin@gmail.com
Sponsored by Betsuin Dharma School & Legacy Endowment Fund

**LETTER
FROM
FRESNO
BUDDHIST
CHURCH
DHARMA
SCHOOL**

Dear Sacramento Buddhist Church,

Visiting and spending time with family and friends is always special. The opportunity to meet and make new friends and form new relationships is equally as special. We should cherish these moments. They may come only once in a few years or two. Such was the case on Sunday, February 24 when the Fresno Buddhist Church Dharma School headed north on Highway 99 at 5:20 a.m. with 28 children and 25 parents on a chartered bus to attend Sacramento's dharma family service and attend Dharma School classes. Little did we know that we would receive VIP treatment service and leave with an incredible day of memories that will last forever.

From the moment our bus pulled up along X Street and the "valet parking" next to the church, we were immediately welcomed by Reverend Patti and several members.



Reserved "front row" seating in the Hondo awaited us as we participated and listened to Reverend Bob's dharma message. Off to class, where our students and some of our Dharma School teachers enjoyed meeting the other students and teachers and learned about that day's teachings. Even the senior class had a special session led by

Koichi Mizushima, Jr. YBA advisor. During class, our parents were treated to a dharma talk led by Reverend Bob and then a tour of the temple given by Reverend Peter.

Class was over and the kids and adults were all hungry for lunch. For Reiko Kurahara and Gladys Adachi and their "crew," providing lunch for over 350 people in the kaikan was a breeze. A welcome from temple President Gordon Nitta and Co-Superintendent Valerie Fong, and the rest of the time was spent socializing. We boarded our bus at 1:15 p.m. and left Sacramento, arriving back home at 4:30 p.m.

On behalf of the Fresno Buddhist Church Dharma School, we would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti Oshita, Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim, Tak Ito, Reiko Kurahara, Gladys Adachi and their "crew," the Sacramento Dharma School superintendents and teachers, and all of the members who helped that day. We spent time with family and friends, and made new friends and relationships too. The entire day was special for us — a day that we will cherish forever, thanks to all of you.

In gassho,
Dennis & Diane Yee
Rick & Stacy Ideta
Fresno Buddhist Church Dharma School Co-Superintendents

**VENTURE
CREW 50**



Scouting Venture Crew 50 and Buddhist Church of Sacramento proudly present a **Benefit Breakfast**, April 14, 2013 – Hanamatsuri Sunday, 7:30 – 11:00 a.m.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST ONLY \$7.50

Purchase tickets at Sunday Dharma Service or submit pre-order form to church office by **April 9, 2013**

Pick up or enjoy as patio dining:

- Corned Beef Hash
- Hash Browns
- Scrambled Eggs
- Complimentary Coffee or Tea

This is a fundraiser to benefit the Scouting Venture Crew 50 and The Buddhist Church of Sacramento Eagle Scout Project funding.

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**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 50**
ADRIAN NGUYEN


**DHARMA
SCHOOL
NEWS**
KEN FURUKAWA


DONATIONS

March is the third month of the year as well as the seventh month of the scouting year. Last month in February the theme was wilderness survival. At the February 15 troop meeting, scouts learned wilderness survival skills. The scouts went on a snow day hike on February 23, where they played in the snow, built structures and hiked.

March's theme was cooking. At the March 1 troop meeting, scouts cooked for former Scoutmaster Bobby Tanaka. They were split into patrols, which then had one hour to cook a small dish for Mr. Tanaka. The scouts also cooked at the March 8 troop meeting, but instead of cooking for Mr. Tanaka, the scouts cooked for themselves. They had an hour to cook, but their dish had to include a canned meat. The Spring Food Festival was on March 10. Some scouts helped out starting at 5:30 in the morning. Later that day was Alex Ma's Eagle Ceremony. The troop also held troop-wide Scout Master Conferences on March 16, 17 and 24. At these conferences, scouts met with adult leaders to discuss their progress in rank advancement. Scouts will go to a campout to Lake Pardee on April 5-7 to welcome new scouts. The first troop meeting of April will be on April 12. The Creek Week Service Project will be held April 13 at Garcia Bend.

The Ball Is Life Patrol had a patrol meeting on February 24. The Pink Diamond Patrol had a patrol meeting on February 8 and participated in a Flag Ceremony on February 9. The Beast Patrol had patrol meetings on February 8 and 15. The Milk Mustache Patrol had a patrol meetings on February 22 and March 3. The Galloping Gazelles had a patrol meeting on March 1.

Last night I was reminded of the powerful focus that the prospect of death brings to the value of life. I was on call for the ORs and we received a few patients who were injured in the same event. Although they all expressed a little anger concerning the circumstances of their injuries, they were not angry people. In fact, they were all thankful that people were helping them, and expressing concern for us and their injured friends and family. None expressed deep regrets nor deep anger about their current circumstances, instead focusing on what needed to be done for them and their friends to survive and get better.

How different from so many who I have met, that like the man shot by the arrow so long ago, dwell upon the injuries and not the cure! Although all of these people were listed as having a Christian religion, their focus was on NOW, not the past, and not the far future. These people illustrated for me that we do not live Buddhist or Christian lives; we simply live human life, and all too suddenly it can be threatened by unforeseeable events. Look around us, really look, and appreciate what we have now.

April is another busy time at the Betsuin with Hanamatsuri and the play featured the second weekend. Dress rehearsal for the play will be Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m.! Please look for announcements from your classes concerning when to show up! That afternoon, the 8th grade class will assemble the Hanamido (flower shrine), and anyone else who would like to participate is invited to show up too! If you would like to participate, please let me know at kfuruk@aol.com or call the office Saturday morning when the final time will be scheduled around other Hondo activities.

The Federation of Dharma School Teachers League annual conference will be in San Mateo on April 26-28. This is not only for Dharma School teachers, but is open for all adults to attend. If you are interested, please contact me (see above) for registration information.

Dharma School "courtyard" gratefully acknowledges donations from:

Tom Fujimoto Family	Maynard & Cindy Kurahara	Dr. Henry & Linda Toy
Dr. Ken Furukawa & Family	Dr. Timothy Mar	Jeff & Diane Tsuruoka
Girl Scout Troop 569	Kristi Morioka	Emi Watanabe
Ruth Hayashi	Mary Orite	Chieko Yagi
Harley & Judy Inaba	Sam Orite	Kathy & Eiji Yamamoto
Tak Ito	Kay Shimada Family	Ray Yamamoto, Sushi Chef

**SPORTS
COMMITTEE**
ALAN WU


Good morning April, it's nice to see you! As usual, March was a very busy month, so it is very nice to see you, April. Our very own little version of the Madness of March is now history for 2013. For some reason, this year's Madness seemed a wee bit less maddening. Even though we still had the usual tournaments, there seemed to be a skosh more room to take a breath. Maybe it was because the SJUMC tournament filled only one weekend instead of its traditional two-weekend tourney, or maybe it was because Easter showed up this year in March, or maybe it could have been because this year, March had five weekends. A March with five weekends occurs naturally every so often due to the rotation of the sun and the orbit of the stars.... Now wait a minute, are we engaging in more calendar talk? We'll have none of that!

Perhaps, it was a combination of all those reasons... but wait! There's more...

SPORTS COMMITTEE
(CONTINUED)

for those families that partake in the club basketball scene, this is just the beginning. Club basketball season fires up basically at the beginning of April and continues non-stop through roughly Father's Day, so just when you thought it was safe to plan for an exciting weekend of yard work, you gotta go out of town for another tournament.

Well, enough of that kind of talk too. Getting back to the business at hand — most of our basketball teams have hung up their uniforms for the season; however, there are still a few that will continue to practice for the Central Cal Cobra tournament in the Fresno/Clovis area. But for those teams that are finished for the season, it is very important to remember that Dharma School is still in session and that attendance continues to be a requirement, so please continue to attend both service and class to keep your attendance percentage up and away from the danger zone of 60%! It all counts and by attending now, you will be saved a lot of headache come this fall.

Sorry, to type and run now... just had a few spare moments, but got another tournament to go to!

See you next month.

PLACER BUDDHIST CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
APRIL 20, 2013

DONATION DROPOFF AT SACRAMENTO BETSUIN
APRIL 13, 2013

CAROLE KAWAMOTO

The Taiko Group thanks you in advance for collecting and donating unwanted treasures for sale and reuse.

Members of Placer's Taiko group are hosting a Rummage Sale at the Placer Buddhist Church on Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds of the sale will be used by the group to travel to Nara, Japan in June 2013. The group has been invited by Placer's former minister, Reverend Koken Torimi, to perform in a benefit taiko concert in his temple area.

Drop Off Donations at Sacramento Betsuin: We are grateful for the offer from members of the Sacramento Betsuin to support our upcoming rummage sale with donations of reusable goods. Placer Taiko members and parents will be on hand to receive and load items graciously donated by members of the Sacramento Betsuin on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A donation receipt is included, to pre-fill for tax records. We are asking to receive:

- **Usable Items in Good, Working Condition:** Clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes, books, handbags, luggage, housewares, glassware, dinnerware, toys, games, art, specialty items and novelties, sports equipment, seasonal and holiday items, books, tools, small appliances, furniture, salable electronic equipment (laptops, computers, printers, monitors, cell phones, TVs). No e-waste please.
- **Also Needed:** Shopping bags, hangers, boxes, newspaper, bubblewrap, for items sold.

We CANNOT Accept: Mattresses, large appliances (e.g., refrigerator, oven, dishwasher), cribs, car seats or other baby items. Current regulations discourage reselling such items.

Now the bigger ask! We're also seeking volunteers to help at the Placer Buddhist Church on April 19, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., with pre-sale sorting, organizing, pricing and display of salable merchandise. On April 20, we will need customer assistants and checkers. We greatly appreciate any support you can provide. Volunteers receive early shopping privileges on April 19, hot dog lunch on April 20, and loads of fun throughout the day.

If you have questions or are willing to help, please contact either coordinator:

- Bruce Yamashiro, *bky1060@aol.com*, cell phone (916) 412-3213
- Carole Kawamoto, *cjkawamoto@yahoo.com*, cell phone: (530) 362-1121 (text ok)

Placer Buddhist Church Rummage Sale – Taiko Group Japan Benefit
April 20, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Receipt for Donation

Name: _____ Received By: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

Number of Bags, Boxes or Items Donated:

- Clothing
 Books
 Toys
 Small App.
 TV
 Kitchenware
 Household Goods
 Other (list below)

The Placer Taiko Group appreciates your generous donation of goods.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 18, 2013

2:00 p.m. Classrooms 1-4
Reverend Tets Unno

BIRTHDAY MILESTONE: HARUMI DOTE

Representatives of the Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association (SBWA) present Harumi Dote (center) with a handwritten note and memento (gold necklace with the Buddhist sagarifuji pendant) to commemorate her 100th birthday.



Standing (from left) are Midori Ito, SBWA president; daughter Amy Dote; and Alice Kataoka, SBWA Religious Committee chair.

Photo by Utako Kimura.

HATSUMAIRI INFANT PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Hatsumairi, literally First Service, also known as Infant Presentation Ceremony, is a service in which a newborn is presented before the shrine of Amida Buddha with an affirmation by the parents to raise the child in the way of Buddha-dharma, the Nembutsu teaching.

The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Gotan-E Service on Sunday, May 19.

Those wishing to participate in the special ceremony, please submit the application form below to the church office by Monday, May 13.

**APPLICATION FORM
INFANT PRESENTATION SERVICE - HATSUMAIRI
MAY 19, 2013**

Name of Child _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Child's Name in Japanese _____
(If Known)

Birthdate _____ Sex _____

Parent (Father) _____

Parent (Mother) _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____