



Hello and welcome to the month of August 2013! This is a milestone month for me. On Bazaar Saturday, August 10, I will be celebrating my 65th birthday. I came to Sacramento as a young man of 36. Although my head was heavy with hair, I was 50 pounds lighter! There was not the slightest hint of graying. I was the new, "young" minister of the Sacramento Betsuin.

Now, among the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) ministers, I see my name moving up the seniority list. By October, there will be only six active ministers older than I am; and four of them are older by only months.

This year also marks 40 years since I received my Tokudo Ordination in Kyoto. The year was 1973. How the decades have flown by. As my birth month of August grew closer, I found myself reflecting deeply on the journey of my life. With all its twists and turns... it has been an interesting ride. I remember thinking when I turned 21 that being 65 years old was an unthinkable eternity away.

In February 2012, we hosted the BCA National Council Meeting. At this event, our Bishop, Socho Koshin Ogui, asked us to arrange for the National Council Banquet to also double as his retirement party. And what a wonderful tribute it
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was. In his closing words of appreciation, he asked everyone to sing a song with him. Socho began to sing, "Row, row, row your boat / gently down the stream / merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream...." We all joined in and sang.

As I found myself looking back on my 65 years of life, this simple song that Socho Ogui sang at his retirement banquet came quickly to mind.

I have talked about how, in 2005, he opened the Southern District Family Conference with this song. At that time, that simple song seemed to be a thoughtfully clever analogy of life. But that night, this song seemed more to be his personal reflection on his life and his career.

"Row, row, row your boat" ... is the routine activity of living that we engage in every day; each day we continue to row the boat of our lives.

When he first shared this message back in 2005, he asked, "Where are we going?" And he answered, "We are going 'Gently down the stream.'" We are not rowing frantically; we are not in a rush; we are in no hurry. We are rowing "Gently down the stream" of life.

I recall Socho adding, "We can row upstream if we wish, but we will soon get very tired." It is more NATURAL to simply go with the flow — "Gently... down the stream." We should go with the flow — enjoying the everyday activity of our everyday lives.

And how do we row? How should we live? "Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily...." We should try to live each moment with joy and gratitude, for "Life is but a dream." Interestingly, Buddhism often describes life as an illusive dream. And to understand this is to know that all too soon, we will look back on our lives and say, "It was like a dream...."

"Row, row, row, your boat; gently down the stream; merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream...."

In this simple children's song, there is no talk or explanation of where our boat was or where it is going. Past and future, origin and destination, are not a concern.

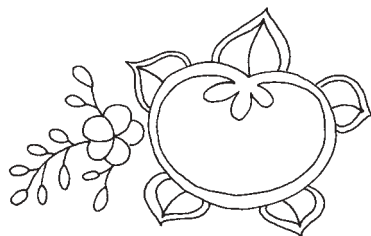
Now 65, I find myself still just trying to row the boat of my life, content in the moment that is NOW. There is no other time to think about, but now; no other place to be, but here; no one else to be, but me.

For as long as this momentary dream lasts, I hope to row the boat of my life gently down the stream; merrily, joyfully, gratefully... for such is a life of Nembutsu.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at my 65th birthday party! It will be celebrated in conjunction with our Annual Betsuin Bazaar!

See you there!

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



The July SBWA Board meeting was held on Wednesday, July 3, with President Midori Ito presiding.

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Kondo Family: Jeff & Kay,
Collette & Bill,
Julie, Carry & Alina,
Jason & Meredith In Memory of Frances Kondo \$150
Minoru Akiyoshi In Appreciation for Ruby \$100
Glenn & Ida Kozumi In Memory of Frances Kondo \$50
Roy & Nancy Sumida In Memory of Frances Kondo \$50
Utako Kimura \$25

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- **Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) Youth Exchange -- August:** Last year, girls from our Betsuin and Florin's Church represented the U.S. in the exchange with Japan. This year, Hiroko & Jim Tsuda, Katsuko & Frank Hirota and Diane & Scott Louie will be the host families for Ayako Hojo (age 18) and Hikaru Takeda (age 21). Hiroko will be bringing the girls to the August 9 sushi preparation day, so please welcome them to the Sacramento Betsuin.
- **4th Annual Sacramento Betsuin Golf Tournament - August 21 at Teal Bend:** The SBWA will be a "hole sponsor" of this fundraising tournament. If you have prizes to donate, please contact Keith Kato.

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ASSOCIATION**
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- **Bazaar Crafts:** Thank you to Elaine Yoshikawa for leading the class on July 19 on making fabric-covered visors. The SBWA would also like to thank Keith & Karen Adachi and Paul Adachi for their donation of material for ladies who make aprons, quilts and other craft items. This donation was made in memory of the late Kimiko Adachi, who passed away on May 25. Kim made numerous craft items, which she donated to the Concord Festival and other community fundraising events in the Walnut Creek area where she resided. Our SBWA ladies will be able to make some beautiful happi coats, quilts, aprons and other items with the donated material. Thank you also to the following talented ladies for their craft contributions this past month: Sally Hamatake for sewing the aprons we will be selling in the craft booth this year; Tessie Goi, Judy Inaba, and Loleen Nakano for completing many of the our embroidered dish towels; Teruko Ono for the pretty paper flower pins; Mary Wakabayashi for the trivets and scrubbers; Kiyoko Tanaka for the happi coats; and Kathy Tanaka Henry for the beautiful quilt!
- **Bazaar – Sushi Preparation:** Lynn Kurahara and Irene Takeda encourage all SBWA ladies to come out to help with the sushi preparation. Here are the days and times we need help — both women and men.

Friday, August 9	7:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 10	2:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 11	2:00 a.m.

Please wear headgear. Gloves will be provided. Coffee, tea and donuts will be provided each day, and a delicious lunch will be provided on Friday. Breakfast will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. What a deal! Come out and have fun working with the SBWA!

The next BWA meeting will be on September 4.

Hello! Welcome to a very busy August! Last month was also eventful at our Betsuin. Some of the activities: Our summer Sangha services attended by Betsuin members and many interested guests; our 9th Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) Retreat attended by 15 participants, utilizing temple facilities and relying on the support of many Sangha members; and our Obon Service with Bishop Umezu as our special guest speaker.

August 4 was our last Sangha service for this year, and the construction for the Bazaar was completed with the help of many temple members of the various organizations. We are looking forward to Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11 — our 67th Bazaar! — We rely on many members and their friends to help us in our various booths to make this a success. This is the time we come together and help each other and wherever we can to contribute to the success of the event. Be a part of the amazing number of people who come out, whether working or attending our Bazaar, or the other local chapters' bazaars to have fun and enjoy the good food. Let's be hopeful for bearable weather as we are known to have some hot days.

The planning committee for the Bazaar has been meeting since April. The last meeting is the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in September to wrap up this year's Bazaar business and extending thanks to all the volunteers. It's a process of many months from planning to this final event.

The last couple months, Bill and I had some work done in our home, including replacing our carpeting throughout the house and changing our window coverings to shutters. We needed to schedule, plan and coordinate the work schedules of all involved. As we met with each of the contractors, we received instructions about what we needed to do for them to begin; what had to be packed and moved so they could do their work.

Just to get started was overwhelming. Fortunately, we had help. Our family — our kids — came to our rescue to help us pack, labeling each of the boxes with room, location/area, etc. Once we got that in order, packing took 3–4 days to clear out shelves, China closet, bookcases, coffee table, cabinets and stuff stored under desks and elsewhere. The labels on the boxes were so detailed, it was easy to know what was in them and the room they needed to go back to.

The new carpeting and shutters were installed in four days. The changes we made to our home were long-awaited but worth it. Now we're enjoying the fruits of their labor. Now comes the unpacking and sorting of our boxes. And boxes. And boxes... ugh.

I was told packing and getting things out of the way was faster to do if you put stuff in the boxes, label them and get them ready to move out. The unpacking is another job as I am still unpacking, with decisions to make whether to keep, donate, or toss away (finally).

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We see the interconnection and the many changes happening in these two events. Whether as grand as the Bazaar, which takes months to plan and has many Sangha members and friends working long hours helping with the construction, converting the parking lot into the Bazaar site, and working long hours during Bazaar weekend for the success of the event; or, on a smaller scale, the improvement to our house — we depend on many people and their expertise to get the job done. This illustrates the Buddhist teaching of interdependence.

We had the carpet group rip out the old carpet, clean before laying the padding, and lay the carpet room by room. Two rooms were done in one day; the rest of the house the next scheduled date. The shutters on the windows and sliding door — which we felt we needed to replace because they were worn — we will also enjoy as we did the old carpet and window coverings. We appreciated what we had for many years. We appreciate the changes we made even more considering all the hard work.

It's been several weeks since the work was completed, and I'm still unpacking boxes. That's okay. As I come across things that I've forgotten we had, making decisions what to do with them, it's an enjoyable task that brings back great memories.

We still have a few weeks before Dharma School begins. Enjoy your summer break. See you on September 8.

LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

TED YOSHIMURA

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LEFB News: As always, Reverend Patti has been busy organizing and planning our many learning seminars. Most recently, the Legacy Endowment Fund Board (LEFB) sponsored two successful lectures in June as follows:

- Dr Satsuki Ina: "Yoo Hoo, Are You Listening to Me?" It provided valuable information for good communication skills with family, friends and co-workers.
- Dr Elliot Wong's "Cardiac Risk Factors" was the last part of the three-part medical information series.

Both lectures were highly attended and very informative. We have received many favorable comments and responses to the many events that Patti has helped plan. Look for other learning series in the future.

LEFB Sponsorships: LEFB will be sponsoring seed monies for the Betsuin Choir for its music conference event planned in Sacramento next year, 2014. This is an event hosted by Sacramento and attended by the other BCA temple choirs.

We will be a \$1,000 gold sponsor for our SBC Golf Tournament to be held August 21 at Teal Bend Golf Course. The tournament is a Temple fundraiser to help defray our facility maintenance and replacement expenses.

We are also sponsoring Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) scholarship/registration fee support (\$1,400) to our Betsuin Dharma School youth who applied to participate in the YAC program. This year marks the 9th annual visionary program, established under Socho Ogui, and hosted by our Betsuin. The Betsuin youth participants are Steven Tanaka, Kaelyn Hosokawa, Kayla Nodohara and Sydney Kajioka.

Another scholarship request has been approved to Matt Nitta to attend the Youth Buddhist International Cultural Exchange (\$1,500) in Japan. Matt is a dedicated Temple member, Troop 50 Eagle Scout, and active youth minister assistant.

Thanks to all of your donations that help make all these requests possible.

Anonymous Donation: We have received an anonymous and generous donation of approximately \$7,000 through an IRA charitable donation. Thanks to our benefactor and also to the other numerous donations, 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.

Ewaste Donors to LEFB: Donors for May 2013 to the Legacy Endowment Fund e-Waste fund are Alice Kataoka, Janie Mitsunashi, Ruth Seo, Ted Otani and Calvin Hara. Donors for June 2013 are Jean Ota, Sandi Nishio, Calvin Hara, Ed Ide and the United Methodist Center.



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**NOTES FROM
THE OFFICE**

Thank you very much for your donations. Any individual or businesses that would like to schedule a free pick-up at your home or office, please call (800) 317-3112 or go to www.eWaste4good.com. Remember to specify that you wish your donations go to the Sacramento Buddhist Church Legacy Fund.

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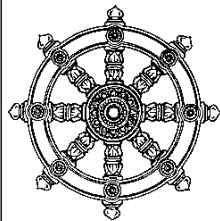
Any address changes? It will be appreciated if you can notify the office of any address changes. It will save the church from paying for return postage. Thank you!

SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to personally thank Billy Hatano, Wayne Fong and Gary Ishimoto for "stuffing" envelopes for our mail outs. We couldn't do without these gentlemen. Arigato!

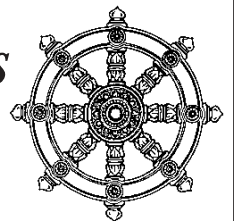
BAZAAR POSTERS

We could use your help in advertising our 67th Annual Japanese Food and Cultural Bazaar, August 10-11! Please stop by and pick up a copy of this year's beautiful Bazaar poster, designed by Laurie Yamada-Mori, to hang in your office, at your business or on a community bulletin board!



Welcome New Members

Darrin Okimoto



**IT'S BAZAAR
TIME!**

SHERMAN IIDA



The tent and trellis coverings were put up in June for Obon. The bulk of Bazaar booth construction took place in July. Now we're in the stretch run. If you haven't had a chance to help out with either of the aforementioned activities, please try to come out the few days before Bazaar and help with food preparation or any other miscellaneous finishing activity needed to help prepare for the onslaught of patrons Saturday morning, August 10.

Much of the food prep is assigned to various organizations already, but any help is always appreciated. There will be a no-host potluck dinner on Thursday, August 8 and Friday, August 9, for anyone who is still helping around 6 p.m. on those days. No-host means no one in particular is in charge of the potluck and it's totally based on whatever everyone brings to share those nights. Please try to help with some kind of food donation if at all possible.

Thanks in advance for your support of the annual Bazaar. Let's hope the annual high temperatures peaked in late June/early July, unlike last year when the hottest weekend of the year coincided with our Bazaar!

The final activity of our annual Bazaar is tear-down, put-away and cleanup on Monday, August 12, starting at 7 a.m. For those of you actively employed, I know it's not ideal to have to burn a vacation day to help out. However, with a dwindling supply of active seniors and other retirees who regularly come out and pitch in, it's imperative that we start developing a new and younger core group that we can count on to help each year.

Please consider donating your time and effort to get things squared away for next year!

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2013 BUDDHIST CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT INVITATION



2013 BUDDHIST CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS



Dear Friends and Supporters of the Sacramento Buddhist Church,
 You are cordially invited to participate in the 4th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament. This year, the Board of Trustees and Affiliated and Sponsored Organizations are teaming together to host the 4th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament.

The 4th Annual SBC Golf Tournament is planned for August 21, 2013 at the Teal Bend Golf Course along with a Golf Tournament Luncheon with raffle immediately following tournament play. The tournament will have a modified scramble format with a blind draw for teams. There will be team prizes as well as individual prizes for hole-in-one and closest to the pin. Tournament entry is \$125 per golfer, which includes the cost of a round of golf, tee prizes and lunch. The luncheon is planned for participants as well as family and friends of the Betsuin. The luncheon will include a Deluxe Bento Box Lunch.

This year's event is a major fundraiser with all proceeds earmarked for capital improvement projects including the repair and restoration of the trellis structure in the parking lot, HVAC installation for the Kaikan, and replacement of the partitions in classrooms 1-4.

In the prior years of the SBC Golf Tournament, we enjoyed a completely filled field with over 140 players. We also had many families, businesses and friends make contributions as sponsors and donors. You are invited to be a Gold Sponsor (\$1,000), Silver Sponsor (\$500) or Bronze Sponsor (\$250). Each Sponsorship Level includes complimentary green fees and all sponsored players will be guaranteed entry into the golf tournament. A special Tee Box Sponsorship (\$125), which does not include complimentary green fees, is available. Space is anticipated to be limited so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. In lieu of sponsorship, donations or contributions of prizes will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about sponsorship, donations or participation, please contact the Church Office and leave them your phone number or e-mail address so that a member of the Golf Committee can call you back. Sponsorship and Donations Form and Entry Form are included in this SANGHA.

Sincerely,

Gordon Nitta,

President Board of Trustees

Rinban Bob Oshita,

Resident Minister

Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim

Resident Minister

SPONSORSHIPS

\$1000.00 – Gold Sponsorship

Includes an embroidered Hole Flag, 4 complimentary green fees and tee prizes.

\$500.00 – Silver Sponsorship

Includes a Tee Box Sign, 2 complimentary green fees and tee prizes.

\$250.00 – Bronze Sponsorship

Includes a Tee Box Sign, one complimentary green fee and tee prize.

\$125.00 – Bronze Tee Box Sponsorship

Includes a Tee Box Sign and tee prize.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Tee Prizes

Golf tees, golf balls, ball markers, divot repair, golf apparel, etc.

Raffle Prizes

Golf clubs, head covers, golf apparel, dry goods, food items, restaurant gift certificates, etc.

Snack/Dinner Items

Miscellaneous snack or food items,

Cash

To be used to offset the cost of tee prizes, raffle prizes, or other related expenses.

Date: ___/___/___

Deadline: August 1, 2013 Fed Tax ID 94-1243674

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Sacramento Buddhist Church,
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**4th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament
August 21, 2013**

Teal Bend Golf Course 7200 Garden Highway Sacramento, CA 95818

Schedule

6:30-7:30am	Registration	Shamble Format with Blind Draw for Teams
8:00am	Shotgun Start	Team Prizes
2:00pm	Lunch, Awards and Raffle	Hole-in-One and Closest to the Pin Prizes
	Sacramento Betsuin Kaikan	Raffle Prizes
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Lunch Only 2:00pm at Betsuin Kaikan (\$20 per person)

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 (Deadline: August 1, 2013)

MAINTENANCE REPORT

GARY TRAGANZA

Over the last month, the following members performed maintenance on the Betsuin's facilities. The Betsuin is sincerely appreciative to the following members for volunteering their time, expertise and hard efforts.

Our seniors Max Hamamoto, Tomio Masaki, Robert Ito and Mike Nagai replaced badly damaged sections of the north fence, saving us a lot of money (those boards are quite heavy). They also painted the new wood to match the rest of the fence. Looks good, guys — thanks for your hard work.

Have you noticed that the south parking lot fence has taken on a dark rich-looking patina? We can thank the following people for applying a hand-rubbed coat of thinned linseed oil to the metal: Kelvin Mark, Cheryl Lieu, Lyndsie Mark, Brandon Mark, Bobby Tanaka, Steven Tanaka, Kelly Phang, Jonathan Phang, Christopher Ogawa, Ryan Ito, Savannah Gonsales, Rebecca Gonsales, Ryan Chang, Zac Chang, Nathan Lowe, Matt Ng, Kenji Bennett, Mickey Bennett. This added coat seals the metal and gives it that nice dark finish.

Thank you, Mike Dishno, for attending to Reverend Peter's landscaping needs. Recently, Mike replaced a faulty anti-siphon valve and adjusted all the sprinkler heads just in time for the warm summer weather.

SBWA UKETTES DEBUT AT WALNUT GROVE BAZAAR

RUTH SEO

The SBWA Ukettes opened the Sunday, July 8, Walnut Grove Buddhist Church Bazaar greeting visitors to the 69th Annual Bazaar with their singing and ukulele music. The program, set to the theme "Sentimental Journey," included many old favorites such as "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Don't Fence Me In" and "Home on the Range," as well as Japanese melodies "Haru Ga Kita," "Furusato" and "Hamabe No Uta." The audience got involved with sing-alongs "Shiawase Te O Tatako" and "Musunde"— the Japanese versions of American children's songs. Nancy Ito, Terry Kagiya and Hiroko Tsuda led an audience participation ondo, "Tanko Bushi," and Jane Nakagawa and Sandy Nishimura-Yee added a Hawaiian touch, doing hula to "Tiny Bubbles." A rousing Tina Turner favorite, "Proud Mary," paid tribute to Walnut Grove as they ended the program "rollin' down the river."

Hiroko Tsuda did a fine job serving as stand-in MC for Jane Komure, who prepared the program. The colorfully attired Ukettes performing were: Hiroko Tsuda, Pilar Ronko Smith, Ritsuko Nakatani, Kay Sakamoto, Meriko Hoshida, Nancy Ito, Terry Kagiya, Mary Inouye, Alice Kataoka, Joan Curry, Sachiko Sawada and Nancy Noguchi. Jane Komure, Rachel Nagai and Miyuki Inenaga were unable to perform that day. Jane Nakagawa, Sandy Nishimura-Yee and Ruth Seo, the group leaders, also played with the group.

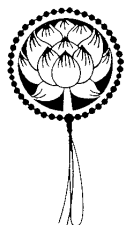
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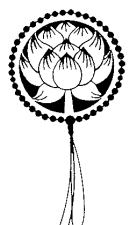
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Please be aware that articles for the SANGHA are **due** on the **15th of each month**. Late articles will be published in the following month's issue.

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.




Condolences to the Families of:



Dorothy Takeo Okada September 25, 1909 -- May 6, 2013
George Sakami Shimizu August 8, 1929 -- May 24, 2013

*Congratulations
Newlyweds*



Nikki Muranaka & Clint Taura July 6, 2013

**SACRAMENTO
BETSUIN
HAPPI COAT
SALE**
WAYNE KURAHARA

Come and get 'em! Sacramento Betsuin has its very own happi coats with the Jodo Shinshu wisteria mon centered on the back over a special design feature of cherry blossoms floating down the Sacramento River. There is no other happi coat like this. The design was developed by a small group of church members.

The Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) is coordinating the project of designing, arranging for the manufacture, and selling of the happi coats.

The first shipment of happi coats is expected just prior to Bazaar. They are suitable for various church and Japanese cultural activities and events, especially if you would like to demonstrate your membership and support of the Sacramento Betsuin and/or Japanese community and culture.

They are also suitable for both formal or casual attire at various parties and events. They make great gifts for the holidays and are perfect for obon festivals.

Already, a portion of the first shipment are sold. But we are planning to submit a second order around the time of the summer Bazaar to be delivered in October, in advance of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Be among the first to get your very own Sacramento Betsuin happi coat.

**SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH HAPPI COATS
ORDER FORM**

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 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone Number _____ E-mail address _____



Front Design

Unisex Sizing/Pricing:
 XL = \$45.00
 L and M = \$40.00
 S and XS = \$35.00

- Ordering Instructions:**
 1. Fill out order form below.
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Back Design

ORDER

Quantity	Size	Price	Cost
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_____	L	\$40.00	_____
_____	M	\$40.00	_____
_____	S	\$35.00	_____
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**DELTA
DHARMA
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

Saturday, August 31, 2013, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at the Walnut Grove Buddhist Church, 14105 Pine Street, Walnut Grove, California 95690

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

11:00	Na Aikane Ukelele (Sacramento)	2:20	
11:20	Emily Yamane - piano (Lodi)	2:40	Minyo Tanoshimi Kai (Lodi & Stockton)
11:40	Gillian Ohta - clarinet (Sacramento)	3:00	Eric Shebert - piano (Sacramento)
12:00	Julie Iso - harmonica (Placer)	3:20	Northern California Gagaku Group (Rev. Kusunoki)
12:20	Nishi Family shamisen/dance (Walnut Grove)	3:40	Bass solo (Rev. Sugahara)
12:40	Stanley Lighthead (Rev. Bridge/Oakland)	4:00	Julie Fukunaga - oboe (Lodi)
1:00	Stanley Lighthead - jazz/funk	4:20	Marysville Martial Arts/Taiko
1:20		4:40	Betsuin Ministers A Capella (Sacramento)
1:40	Bad Karma - rock (Palo Alto)	5:00	Closing Ceremony
2:00	Bad Karma (Palo Alto)		

**THE BEST OF
GRATEFUL
CRANE**



**GRATEFUL
CRANE
ENSEMBLE**
PERFORMING OUT OF GRATITUDE

COMING TO SACRAMENTO SEPTEMBER 21

The Grateful Crane Ensemble, a Los Angeles-based theater group dedicated to honoring Japanese American elders by telling their stories and singing their songs, will be presenting the best songs they have sung over the past 12 years in "The Best of Grateful Crane" on Saturday, September 21 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Kaikan at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. in Sacramento.

This show marks the Ensemble's return to Sacramento after delighting local audiences with its "Camp Dance" and "Nihonmachi: The Place to Be" shows in 2005 and 2008 respectively. Nostalgic and popular Japanese and American songs from both these shows will be presented in "The Best of Grateful Crane," along with numerous other songs the Ensemble has performed in various shows since its inception in 2001.

Sung in honor of the first (Issei) and second (Nisei) generation Japanese American pioneers, some of the songs featured in the show include wartime favorites such as "Moonlight Serenade" "Dream" and "Stardust" and Japanese classics such as "Koko ni Sachi Ari" "Sukiyaki" "Yawara" and "Kawa no Nagare no Youni."

In addition, bento will be available after the 11 a.m. show. Meet, greet and eat with the cast and crew. Please use the form below to order tickets and/or bento. You might consider a "Take" (Bamboo) Level Sponsorship for \$100. All sponsors receive 2 tickets to one of the shows and notice in the show program booklet. Show/bento tickets purchased using the order form below will be held at the Will Call table and available before the shows. **For questions or information, contact Hiroshi F. Kashiwagi at (916) 769-1125 or hfkashi@aol.com.**

The Best of Grateful Crane Show – Order Form

Name:	Phone:
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Show Tickets/Bento/Sponsorship:	Number Required:	Unit Cost:	Total:
11 a.m. Show		\$20.00	
Bento Lunch (available after 11 a.m. Show)		\$10.00	
4 p.m. Show		\$20.00	
"Take" (Bamboo) Level Sponsorship Sponsors receive 2 show tickets (circle 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. show time) Your name as it will appear in the show program booklet: _____ or _____ I wish to be an anonymous sponsor		\$100.00	
Total Enclosed:			

Make Checks Payable to:	Asian Community Center (ACC) Print "Grateful Crane" on check memo line
Send Order Form & Check to:	Buddhist Church of Sacramento 2401 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95818 Print "Grateful Crane" on envelope

DHARMA SCHOOL

KEN FURUKAWA



Welcome to August! For most of us this is still summer vacation time, but some will be returning to school very soon. Regardless, you all know what time of year this is for the Betsuin. It is time for Bazaar! Already construction has taken place, and now the long and busy prep for the two-day event!

As many of you know, this year has been marked by many changes in the Dharma School program, but after Obon in July, there is only one major focus: Bazaar in August! Once again, Dharma School parents and students are expected to help with bussing the outdoor eating area. Each class has a shift at this fun but busy activity, and your child's class shift is outlined below. Most of the classes have parents and students registered to perform the duties for the remainder of the class. Thank you to all of the parents and students who have volunteered so far.

We still need volunteers for the following class shifts*: 4th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade and 9-12th. Remember these are grades from last academic year. 4th grade parents and students, if you are available, please come out to help during the Saturday shift. Of special note, the last shifts of Saturday (8th grade) and Sunday (7th grade, and 9-12th) evenings are staffed by the class students! Although parents are not required to help these shifts, we need a lot of students to show up and stay to help with cleanup as well.

The shifts:	Saturday	Sunday
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Nursery 2	Nursery 1
1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Kindergarten	1st Grade
2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.	2nd Grade	3rd grade
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	4th Grade*	5th Grade
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	6th Grade	7th Grade*
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	8th Grade*	9-12th Grade*

Please come out to help with Bazaar cleanup on Monday, August 12, the day after Bazaar! It is a lot of work, and so a lot of people are needed!

Oh by the way, we still need part-time teacher help for 8th grade! Dharma School registration will take place in the Kaikan the weekend after Labor Day. Details next month!

SPORTS COMMITTEE

ALAN WU



It seems that it was just about a year ago we were bringing in the month of August. How weird. And how weird is it that this August, just like last August, shows that while the sports program is rather idle at this time, there is an abundance of activities to keep us busy. Is it weird that we must be talking about the single most important event of the Temple? Of course we must be talking about our one and only Annual Bazaar. Very soon we will be very busy with the basketball business, but for the here and now we are preparing for the Bazaar as we do each and every August.

Bazaar is the big kahuna, the whole enchilada, the grand poobah, the great gazoo and, and, well, it's bigger than the sum of all its parts. Because it is the big lebowski, we all have to pitch in and do our part to be a part and make this Bazaar another rousing success as we have experienced in the past for the past 66 years. Yes, this year will be the 67th Annual Bazaar and the odds are that it will not be 105 degrees again.

Let's recap some of the opportunities to be a part:

- Thursday, August 8, there will be the skewering of beef, and preparation of vegetables.
- Friday, August 9, will finish preparing the vegetables and table/chair setup.
- Saturday and Sunday: Please show up to work your appointed shifts.
- Monday, August 12: Please come out to help clean up and store all the Bazaar equipment.

Without you, we cannot do it!

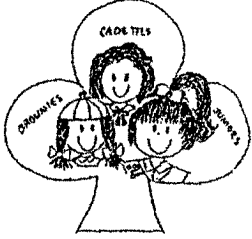
Another Temple fundraiser is the 4th Annual Golf Tournament being held on August 21. However, the registration deadline is August 1. If it is after August 1, don't fret, call Richard Kai to squeeze you in! It's a fun day of scramble golf with a Reiko Lunch to follow. See the tournament info found in this SANGHA.

Hold on to your toupée....in just about four short weeks Dharma School will be starting up again and 2 of the 4 extra credit attendance days will come and go in September, so don't miss those! During those extra credit days, we will be holding basketball registration and just like last year, when you register, you will be able to pick your Mochi Tsuki shift, so register early to control your destiny.

So in a nutshell, there are a few things on our to-do list, and we all know it is a hectic time during Bazaar and sure we all would rather be sitting poolside sipping on an adult beverage, but we all can admit that Bazaar is a special gathering place where we all can work with friends and family toward a common goal for the betterment of our church and socialize at the same time....what a deal. We'll see you there!

**GIRL SCOUT
TROOP 569**

VALERIE FONG



A big "Thank You" to everyone who stopped by the Girl Scout booth to purchase refreshments during Obon. We appreciate your generous support of our annual Obon fundraiser. We hope to see you during Bazaar where we will be selling delicious baked goods in the Indoor Pastry Booth in the Kaikan.

Although some of our age-level groups within our troop are taking a short break from regular meetings, many are enjoying summer fun, such as camping and other outdoor activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to learn about outdoor life while having a great time together.

Our Seniors 1 went on a senior trip to New York City. The girls took a ferry ride around Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, spent a day at the museum, rode on a city bus tour, watched a Broadway show, and visited the 9/11 Memorial Park. A couple of girls even went to the "Today Show" and went on a speed boat ride in the Hudson River. They traveled around the city via subway, and enjoyed great food and desserts. It was a great trip to end their Girl Scout years.

Happy Summer!

**VENTURE
CREW 50**

KENJI BENNETT



Venture Crew 50 has had another active month. It has included swimming practices in order to train the crew in both survival skills as well as in preparation for possible scuba diving activities. The crew assisted the Junior Young Buddhists Association in running their snow cone fundraiser booth during practices for the Obon Festival and during the event.

On the 4th of July, Venture Crew supported the Sierra Oaks neighborhood by performing a flag ceremony after the community's annual parade. From July 7 to July 10, five crew members, as well as a Boy Scout and a fellow Venture Crew member from Crew 243, went on an outing to DL Bliss State Park, where they went on adventurous hikes, kayaked, and stargazed on the beach of Lake Tahoe. The first crew photobook is now available to be viewed in the church office for those eager to see the crew in action.

In August, we have planned a shooting sports outing and a training hike to Muir Woods for crew members to learn and improve camping skills. We will also be managing the recycling during Bazaar and helping out at the Jr. YBA's snow cone booth.

