



Hello... and welcome to the month of July! Although our Dharma School is enjoying a summer break, the Betsuin's calendar of activities continues to be extremely full. Once again we will be hosting the week-long BCA Youth Advocacy Retreat. This year we have 15 participants from all around the country who will enjoy a rare "24-7" Dharma Experience. The YAC Retreat will begin on Monday, July 8 and end on our Obon Sunday, July 14.

This will be the ninth year we will host this retreat. It takes months of preparation and hundreds of "man-hours" to bring this one-week event to life. And I have to say that from the beginning, Patti has been the driving force behind this retreat.

It was in February 2004 at the BCA National Council Meeting when I was asked if the Sacramento Betsuin would consider hosting a youth retreat. I immediately responded, "No way!" I could not imagine virtually closing down the activity of the Betsuin for a whole week to host a youth retreat. Patti heard about this request and told me, "We have to do this!"

Just three months before, in December 2003, Michiko Yukawa, Grace Hatano, Tim and Carol Castle, and Patti went to Kyoto, where, after three years of study and preparation, they received their Tokudo Ordination. It was there that they
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met a young minister assistant from Denver, named Peter Inokoji-Kim. They all returned with an even greater dedication to pursue the Dharma Path. It was with this spirit that Patti said, "We must try to recreate a 'mini' Tokudo experience for the kids. We have to host this." Once again, I was outvoted.

We didn't know what to expect. But even if we had expectations, I know that the success of these retreats would have exceeded them all. Our previous Bishop, Socho Koshin Ogui, gave us his full support. And when he saw the Dharma dedication of our YAC Retreat participants, he created a special certification, making them Youth Minister Assistants.

It is really the amazing energy and spirit of our Sacramento Betsuin that has made this program such a success. Without the understanding and support of our Betsuin Board and our great members, this retreat could never happen. In 2004, our BWA and ABA donated \$9,000 to have the shower facilities built. Prior to every retreat, Rachel Nagai organizes a group of wonderful ladies who sew the retreat robes for the kids. And throughout the retreat, Reiko & Gladys and the Courtyard Kitchen Crew prepare incredible meals and snacks to keep us well fed. Our own "Team Betsuin" staff of ministers and assistants are the primary teachers and trainers who create the experience. And we have Dr. Ken Furukawa who is on call 24-7 for any emergencies (and yes, we have had a few...).

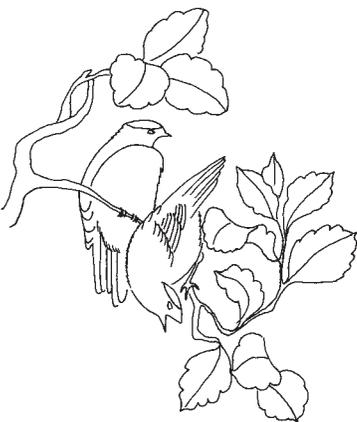
This is just scratching the surface of the depth of support that goes into bringing the YAC Retreat to life. And it is a great example of that essential Buddhist teaching of interdependence. As previous Bishop Ogui would say, "Our lives are made up of the kindness, patience and sacrifices of others...." And this is truly evident when we consider all that goes into creating our Betsuin-hosted YAC retreats.

So please welcome our retreat participants and YAC staff when you come to the Betsuin throughout the second week of July for Obon practice and on Sunday, July 14 for our Obon/Hatsubon services! I've come to feel that one of the greatest "take-aways" these kids will have... is just being able to experience the vitality of the best temple in BCA. Thank you all for your continued help and support.

Gratefully,
RB

The June SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 5, with President Midori Ito presiding. Thank you to Past President Lynn Kurahara for writing the majority of this article so that I could go on vacation.

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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
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President Midori Ito and Fusako Takahashi attended the NCBWA meeting on May 21. Since the NCBWA Conference is a combination of NCBWA and the Northern District, they are changing the name of the conference to NC Buddhist Conference. Next year it will be held on April 19, 2014 in Stockton.

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SBWA UPDATES

The bylaws and guidelines have been revised and a copy will soon be shared with SBWA Board members. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact Midori Ito.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- **FBWA Youth Exchange - August 2013:** Last year, girls from our Betsuin and Florin's church represented the U.S. in the exchange with Japan. We will be hosting two girls from Japan early in August. President Midori Ito encourages all BWA members to welcome our guests.
- **4th Annual Sacramento Betsuin Golf Tournament – August 21, Teal Bend:** This golf tournament sponsored by the Sacramento Betsuin Board of Trustees and Sponsored and Affiliated Organizations will benefit the temple's capital improvement projects. They are looking for sponsors of each hole and raffle prizes. Call Keith Kato if you have questions or raffle prizes you would like to donate.
- **Bazaar Crafts:** Thank you to Aileen Okimoto and Yvonne Ishimoto for teaching origami money folding to the June class! On July 19 at 1 p.m., Elaine Yoshikawa will lead the group in making visors covered with Asian fabric. Many thanks also to the following for their contributions: Amy Dote, for the beautiful quilt; Carolyn Murai for the pretty heart necklaces; Yaeko Tademaru for the crocheted hand towels; Meriko Hoshida for the cute bookmarks; and all the talented ladies who attended the "classes" and have been making crocheted scrubbers, necklaces and scarves for the booth this year!

The next BWA meeting will be on Wednesday, July 3.

Hello and welcome to the month of July! It's hard to believe that we are now fully into the summer of the year 2013. How quickly this year is flying by!

It seems this awareness that time is flying by is something we feel more and more the older we become. In the well-scheduled lives we live today, the days, weeks and months do just seem to fly by. When I was very young, I remember feeling that time seemed to move at a snail's pace... especially when I was eagerly looking forward to something. I remember being in grammar school counting the weeks and days before summer vacation would begin. Each day seemed an eternity.

During the summer months, we take a break from Dharma School services. This is a nice break from our usual hectic weekend schedule, and it is also an opportunity for us to regain our focus and sense of purpose. But in our Jodo Shinshu tradition, maintaining our focus and purpose is something we should always be doing. Every day, we should be making the effort to maintain our focus to "live in the moment that is now." And in making this effort to live in the present, we will discover what is truly meaningful in living life. Buddhism is often described as a "Journey to the Present." In other words, the Dharma is a teaching that encourages us live in the "Now."

In the last few months, I have been trying, even more, to be more present in my life. In late March, my Dad, soon to be 91 years old, was hospitalized and diagnosed with pneumonia and a septic infection. This was a very serious cause for concern within our family; and for that first week especially, things were not looking good. But after 18 days in the hospital, my strong Dad, who is a farmer, successfully fought the pneumonia. He is still recuperating and is getting stronger each day. He continues to be in rehab and is working on his balance so he can fulfill his hope to once again live independently.

Every week for the past three months, either RB or myself have been driving to Fresno to care for him for a few days while my sister and brother are at work. It has been gratifying and meaningful to spend a few days with him. After breakfast, our days with Dad usually begin with helping him with his exercises whether it be walking outside or doing indoor stretches. We often drive Dad back to Fowler and go out for lunch at some of his favorite places. Then we will go to his home so he can see the farm and rest in the most familiar surroundings. And when we go shopping for groceries, Dad now looks forward to driving around in one of those electric carts while I shop. If time permits, we might even run a few errands.

Although our days may seem filled with activities, I never feel busy. We move at his pace and rest whenever he is tired. And I've found that regardless of what we may be doing, what I enjoy most are our conversations. We may chit chat about the people we know or perhaps talk about local and world news;

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and I am amazed at his awareness of what is going on in the world. In thoughtful moments, Dad will share his concerns for all of us (his family)... and his hopes for what will happen next. At times, we may just sit and not say anything. But regardless of our activity or inactivity, we just move through the day at his pace. And in doing this, we are really present with each other. There is nowhere else to be... and no one else to be with. It's just Dad and me, enjoying our time together.

My days with Dad are not a blur of forgotten activity. I look back on each day and find that the day we have spent together has been a "Journey to the Present." It has been a purposeful and meaningful "Dharma Day." And I've found that those moments that we have lived in the present together, have also become meaningful and memorable. In my heart I know that these days that I am enjoying with my Dad are already cherished memories of days spent with a man who loves me more than life itself. Dad always says, "Thank you" to me for coming to help him. But I know I can never do enough to thank him for all he has done for me.

In living life, we never know when our lives will end; we never know how long we will have to be together. And for those who we leave behind, if we have lived our lives together fully in the moment, then we will be making and sharing memories that may last a lifetime. In a way, this is now also one of my goals in living each day. It is another lesson that I am learning from my Dad. It is his Dharma lesson to me... that I'd like to share with all of you.

Let's try even more to slow down and be present with the people whose lives give meaning to our own. We are taught in Buddhism that there is no guarantee on how long we will be together. So let us not take our time together for granted. Living in the moment with loving kindness, patience and gratitude is a way of living a Life of Nembutsu.

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Questions? Please contact Stacey Okino at deko99@sbcglobal.net



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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, Rinban Bob Oshita, Reverend Peter Inokoji-Kim
 President Board of Trustees Resident Minister Resident Minister

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Schedule

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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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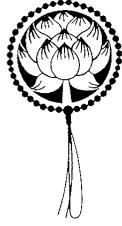
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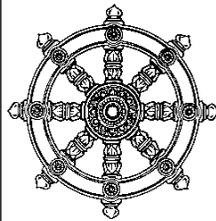


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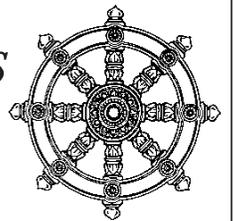
**ATTENTION
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PASTRY BOOTH
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The Betsuin would welcome your creations for the pastry booths at the Bazaar. We are asking for pastries that do NOT require any refrigeration. The pastry booth is a popular stop for Bazaar patrons who want a taste of something sweet to finish off their Bazaar meal.

Please deliver your pastry donations to the indoor pastry booth in the kaikan during the Bazaar, August 10 and 11. Thank you!



*Welcome New Members
Ralph Nakaoka*



**NOTES 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!

*Congratulations
Newlyweds*



*Kyle Kurahara & Meredith Chew April 26
Jeffrey Richard Kobashi & Robyn Sumiko Matsumoto May 18*

**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 50
ADRIAN NGUYEN**



June is the sixth month of the year as well as the 10th month of the scouting year. In May, the theme was first aid. On May 17, there was a troop meeting about first aid. Scouts were split into patrols and played Jeopardy with first aid questions. After, they split into two groups to learn how to give CPR and carry wounded victims safely across distances. The next day on May 18, scouts were able to participate in the Cystic Fibrosis Fun Run Service Project. Troop 50's annual Iron Chef Event took place on May 25. Scouts were split into patrols and had an hour to cook food that must include a secret ingredient. This is usually the first event that new Troop 50 scouts go to because many of the Pack 50 scouts bridge the night before into Boy Scouts.

June's theme was shooting. On June 1, scouts went to the Walnut Grove Service Project in which they prepared the Walnut Grove church for its upcoming Bazaar. The troop meeting on June 7 was to teach scouts the safety of firearms for the shooting event the next day on June 8. Scouts were not able to attend the shooting event on June 8 if they had not gone to the troop meeting the day before. Some scouts went on a 50-mile backpacking trip from June 15-20. These scouts carried everything they needed for six days and hiked a total of 50 miles. On June 21, there was a Greenbar meeting and the second troop meeting of June. There was a camping trip to Sardine Lake on June 28-30.

The first troop meeting of July will be on July 5. On July 7-9, all first-year scouts will camp at DL Bliss State Park. This campout is limited to first-year scouts as they will be working on requirements.

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Another eventful month for Venture Crew 50 has passed. On Thursday, May 9, three of our crew members — Savannah Gonsales, Steven Tanaka and Brandon Mark — participated in a Dutch oven cook-off for the District Council meeting, where they baked fresh Cinnabons in a charcoal-fired Dutch oven.

On Saturday, May 11, the crew traveled down to San Francisco Bay to go on a sailing excursion with the Olympic Circle Sailing Club for Introduction to Sailing on the San Francisco Bay.

On Sunday, May 26, the crew put on a Mother's Day brunch for the mothers of crew members. Using the church kitchen, the crew prepared waffles, sausage, eggs and fruit for both the parents and scouts.

On June 2, the crew successfully completed a service project for the church by applying linseed oil to the parking lot fence. The fence project required 40 manpower hours of applying rust accelerator and a linseed oil finish that should last approximately three years. Upcoming activities for the crew include an Intro to Scuba course and a trip to DL Bliss State Park on Lake Tahoe. Venture Crew is a Boy Scouts of America program open to young men and women ages 14–20.

It is July and the sports program is sitting at idle right now. Last month was the Central Cal Cobra tournament in Fresno and several of our teams ventured down there to brave the San Joaquin Valley heat, but as a surprise to everyone, it was pretty mild. I believe it was a mere 92 degrees with a nice evening breeze, so it was a pleasant change from the usual 100+ degrees during the day with the overnight low of 89.

With the Fresno tourney over and done, it is time to collect all the uniforms, so if you have not done so already, please prepare the uniforms for storage and return them to your coordinator. We keep the costs of the program at a minimum by properly maintaining the uniforms so we don't have to replace them very often, so please help us extend the life of our uniforms. Your coordinator or team mom will announce the uniform turn-in date. The following are the steps to properly return the uniforms.

1. Uniforms must be clean and completely dry before being bagged (please remember to hang dry the uniforms).
2. Bagging Instructions:
 - a. Adult Size Uniforms – 2-gallon clear Ziploc bag
 - b. Youth Size Uniforms – 1-gallon clear Ziploc bag
 - c. Bag the uniform so that the red jersey # shows at the top, the shorts are in the middle, and the black jersey # shows at the bottom.
3. Write the size of the jersey on the outside of the bag as follows: YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL.
4. Place each team's uniforms in a separate big clean garbage bag and mark it as follows:
 - a. Division (I League, Lil' Hoopers, or B-E Division)
 - b. Boys or Girls
 - c. Team Number
 - d. Coach's Name
 - e. Team Name
 - f. Number of uniforms in the bag

Also in June we helped in raising the tent for Obon and Bazaar. The next project will be Bazaar construction on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of July 19, 20 and 21. Please make an effort to come out and lend a hand. The more hands we get out there, the faster and easier it will be to complete this yearly task.

Also on our list of yearly tasks is supporting the church by helping at the Bazaar on August 10 and 11. Everyone in the Sports Program has been given a work assignment. Please make sure to fulfill your obligation, because we all depend on each other, and together we get it done. And when it is all said and done, we could always use your help on Monday following the Bazaar to clean up, put all the Bazaar equipment away and restore the temple back to conduct business as usual.

Now, after all that work, it will be time to relax. On August 21, the church will be hosting the annual golf tournament at Teal Bend. See the flyers in this SANGHA or go to the church website for more information.

**DHARMA
SCHOOL
NEWS**
KEN FURUKAWA



I want to thank the Dharma Courtyard Kitchen Crew for all the help and food to pull off another successful end-of-year Dharma School picnic service at William Land Park. There were quite a few people out early in the morning to set up the area. Thank you everyone! It was a cool morning and pleasant in the sunshine, where our students were recognized for perfect attendance, high school graduation, and the Dharma Education Awards. Our awardees this year were Adam Borges, Keri Castle, Chloe Kashiwagi, Makaela Matsuura, Wes Okuhara, Melissa Shinfuku, Ryan Soohoo, Allison Yamamoto, Spencer Yee and Jennifer Yip! Thanks to the Board of Trustees, ABA, SBWA, Sports Committee and Dharma School for funding the awards.

Summer is upon us, and so is summer vacation! A time for connecting with family and friends, and around the Betsuin, time to prepare for our two biggest cultural events: Obon and Bazaar! As with all of our temple activities, these events do not happen on their own. So please try to make an effort to help with the many associated events, including:

- Obon tent setup and stringing chochin lanterns on Saturday June 22 beginning at 7 a.m. This is amazing work, with a food reward!
- Obon odori is the evening of Saturday July 13, again accompanied by food.
- Bazaar equipment pull-out is early evening Friday July 19.
- Bazaar construction is Saturday and Sunday July 20 and 21, of course with food!
- **Bazaar is Saturday and Sunday August 10 and 11. LOTS OF FOOD! Please remember that Dharma School classes have been assigned time slots to perform outdoor eating area table bussing!**
- Bazaar clean up begins the morning of Monday, August 12, and of course FOOD! Do you see a common thread here? Let's face it, it is hard to beat the cooking at the Betsuin.

Your Dharma School needs YOU! We are in need of teacher/leader volunteers:

- 8th grade needs a couple of adults to teach/lead classes as a team. The curriculum is divided into modules, and a single teacher/leader can manage a module with the help of the excellent TAs. If teacher/leader volunteers cannot fill the available slots, parents of the enrolled students will be asked to fill in. If classes do not have an assigned teacher/leader, that class date will not be offered as an attendance date to count toward affiliated Betsuin activities.
- In Search Of (11th/12th) can also benefit from another adult teacher/leader.

On a positive note, I want to thank the several adults who have expressed interest in helping with our other teacher openings in 4th, 5th and 7th grades. We can't do it without you!

If you are wondering if you would like to help, just drop by a class and sit in. Help is always welcome somewhere in the Dharma School every Sunday! Believe me no prior experience is necessary, and you undoubtedly know more about life (and the Dharma is all about life) than our students!

High school students (9th-12th) are encouraged to volunteer as TAs.-Please send an email message to me at kfuruk@aol.com. In the message, please be clear about why you want to be a TA, and why you will be a great choice as a TA. Although class choices are usually accommodated, it is possible that you will be assigned to classes based on teacher need. Please understand that being a TA is real commitment, and students who can attend every Sunday are preferred.

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