



Hello and welcome to the month of September. With this month, we begin our new 2013–2014 Dharma School term. It's difficult to believe that this will be our 30th Dharma School term with the Sacramento Betsuin. The young students who were in Mrs. Kashiwagi's Nursery 1 class back then are now all in their early to mid-30s. And in the past few years, I've had the honor of marrying many of the young Dharma School students who I've had the enjoyment of watching grow.

There is absolutely nothing like watching children grow to remind us that time is passing and that nothing can ever remain the same. This is really essential Buddhism.

When Patti and I first came here in 1984, we created a goal we hoped to accomplish. That goal was to have every child (over 6), who came to the Betsuin, to be able to respond to the question: "What is Buddhism?"

By July 1986, we felt we had pretty much accomplished this. It was in early July 1986 that I was driving down Gloria Drive when a car came speeding out of a parking lot. My beautiful blue, 1985 Maxima was broadsided by a young man in a hurry. Traffic backed up while the police and tow trucks came. Cars crawled by the one open lane as we stood there quietly assessing the damage.

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Then one car stopped and the passenger side window rolled down. I heard a familiar voice... and saw 9-year-old Gordon Makishima. He and his mom were driving home. Gordon asked, "Reverend Bob, is that your car?" I replied, "Yes, Gordon, that's my car..." Then he asked, "Are you alright?" I told him I was fine. Then Gordon said, "Wow, your car looks pretty bad." I said, "Yeah, it sure does." Then to my delight, Gordon said very matter-of-factly, "Well, that's impermanence!"

It was then that we felt that our Betsuin children were not just able to understand one of the most essential teachings of Buddhism. They were able to apply it to life experiences they encountered! Patti and I talked about what our next goal should be. But after much thought, we decided that our goal should remain the same. And if our Betsuin children can grasp the Dharma, then every adult who attends would also get it.

The Dharma is not difficult. To paraphrase the famous 10th Century Buddhist monk, Hotei: "The Dharma is so simple, that even a child of 9 can understand it. Yet even tho' we may live to 99, the Dharma will be difficult to accept."

Consider the teaching of Impermanence. Even Gordon, at 9 years of age, could see the undeniable truth that nothing can last forever. But when we lose someone we love, when we experience that undeniable and inescapable Truth of Impermanence in losing someone whose life is inseparable from our own, the pain and disbelief and emptiness we feel is so deep, we will find the Dharma difficult to accept.

It is the second essential teaching of Interdependence that helps us to slowly realize that we are all inseparable in the karmic fabric of time. We are all a part of the oneness of life. Although my parents are both gone, my life is rooted in theirs. We are never really separate. Each and every day, they come to mind. Each and every day I find the deep life lessons that they have taught me come to mind. And I know that I will always hold them and feel them close to my heart.

As Hotei shared centuries ago, "Even a child can understand the Dharma. But even a grown adult of many decades will find it difficult to grasp and accept." But it is not impossible.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone when our new Dharma School term begins on September 8, 2013! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
GORDON L. NITTA



Thank you, thank you. Once again all of you came together to ensure another successful Bazaar. This year our preparation helpers' numbers were far below what it had been in years past. Last year the Kaikan was filled with Fujinkai members and helpers (both men and women, young and older). This year the room was only half full whereas last year it was almost filled. Sports Committee also was short-handed with its beef skewering. Last year they had a capacity crowd and this year the classrooms were only half full. Fewer people also came out for construction and tear down. Those present had to work twice as hard and longer because of the shortage of bodies. We appreciate the extra effort put forth by all those present. Once again you did an amazing job.

Our gro\$\$ figures show we did better than last year, but not as good as our record year two years ago. At any rate, we were prepared for any size crowd.

A special thank you to our Bazaar Chair Sherman Iida and his Bazaar Committee for another successful Bazaar.

MINISTER ASSISTANTS
KOICHI MIZUSHIMA

Sometimes perspective can be everything. Two people could be looking at the exact same thing, but when you ask each of them to describe what they saw, you could get two completely different accounts of what happened. When it comes to human beings, there are so many viewpoints and emotions that come into play that the truth can often get a bit jumbled and lost.

If we can work on shaping how we view the world, we can change our attitudes and our beliefs. I have a friend who has been struggling with health problems for much of her adult life. She is on the kidney donor list, and has to go to dialysis three times a week. And if that isn't enough, she has to face a myriad of other health issues that need constant monitoring and surgery.

She was feeling very tired and down about having to return back to the hospital one day to get a CT scan. She hated having to go back to get this done

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on this particular day because it was just a long day and she was exhausted. She was upset and feeling an overwhelming sense of stress at having to do this. On her way to the waiting room, she passed another woman sitting immobilized in a wheelchair. Her legs were clearly withered away from an inability to use them.

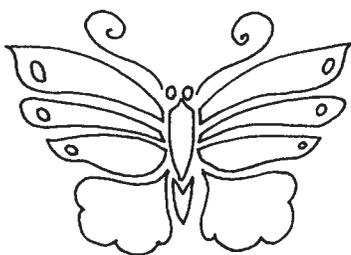
This woman just sat in there in her wheelchair, completely silent, unable to move or talk. And at that moment a wave of emotion swept over my friend. She realized that as bad as her condition was, there are still people out there suffering far worse than she was. After all, she could still walk and go out and be independent. She decided at that moment that it wasn't all about her.

She said, "I have it harder than some do, and I have it easier than some do." This simple truth is so powerful. It embodies the truth of life. I have less than others, and more than others. Some are smarter than me, and I am smarter than others. I am happier than others, and others are happier than me... etc.

It was in this moment that she changed her perspective and the way she was going to look at the world. Although at times it can be challenging, we must feel gratitude in the moments we are living right now. Despite how challenging or painful life is at this moment, there is still something to be grateful for. It's about making an adjustment to our view and seeing the positive instead of only the negative.

I remember Reverend Bob once said, we are living a wish fulfilled at this very moment. For when we were younger, we wished we could exist in the future, and now we are here. And I am sure that at some point in our lives when we are older, we will wish that we could be a little younger again, and we are here. So at this exact moment and time, we are existing at a point that we wished we could be at. So embrace and appreciate this moment, for it is truly a wish fulfilled. Focus on what we have, instead of what we do not have. If we can just make an adjustment to our perspective, we can change how we live.

SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
KEIKO JEAN KASHIWADA



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.

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The Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association (SBWA or Fujinkai) has been busy since our last meeting in July.

AUGUST 10-11
67TH ANNUAL FOOD AND CULTURAL BAZAAR

Thank you to all SBWA members, their families and friends who helped in the sushi preparation and sales. A special thank you goes to Lynn Kurahara and Irene Takeda for chairing the sushi preparation and to all of you who came to the clean-up the following Monday.

Thank you to Shirley Kato for chairing the ever-popular craft booth with its wide variety of skillfully made crafts, which included the beautiful quilts that are raffled. Shirley Kato's report is printed below:

A special thank you to the following for their very generous donations to this year's Bazaar craft booth. The volunteers included: Paul, Keith and Karen Adachi, Gladys Adachi, Gayle Amemiya, Mary Amemiya, Saiko Amioka, Barbara Chan, Joan Curry, Laura Doglietto, Amy Dote, Jim Fujii, Sherry and Gilbert Fujii, Sadako Furuike, Pati Futaba, Shiyoko Futaba, Tessie Goi, Teruko Goto, Naomi Hamamoto, Sally Hamatake, Nancy Hashimoto, Darlene Hayashi, Kathy Tanaka Henry, Terry Hirakide, Irene Hoshiko, Meriko Hoshida, Judy and Harley Inaba, Miyuki Inenaga, Mary Inouye, Minnie Iseri, Yvonne Ishimoto, Midori Ito, Nancy Ito, JoAnn and Clinton Jung, Terry Kagiya, Mitzi Kitade, Toshie Kobata, Jane Komure, Gayle Kono, Emi Koshimizu, Reiko Kurahara, Sylvia Lau, Kelli Omoto Lee, Sue Louie, Pat Matsumoto, Peggy and Randy Mori, Bridget Morisaki, Henry Morita, Carolyn Murai, Mitzie Muramoto, Loleen Nakano, Lori Namba, Arlyne Namba, Keiko Nishimoto, Joanne Nishimura, Eleanor Nobuye, Nancy Noguchi, Norrine Okamoto, Aileen Okimoto, Teruko Ono, Misa Oshiro, Jean Ota, Linda Otani, Margaret Rogers, Mari Lynn Shimamoto, Gloria Smith, Pilar Shimizu Smith, Yaeko Tademaru, Fusako Takahashi, Jenny Takahashi, Irene Takeda, Jane Tamano, Kiyoko Tanaka, Shigeko Tanaka, Dorothy Tong, Hiroko Tsuda, Irene Tsujita, Virginia Uchida, Faye Uyemura, Mary Wakabayashi, Colleen Warner, Donna and Jeff Wong, Kathy Yamamoto, Sueko Yamashita, Elaine Yoshikawa.

Thank you also to the many others who donated items anonymously and others who took a shift or two and worked in the booth during the Bazaar weekend. You all make the SBWA craft booth a popular attraction.

Our next SBWA meeting will be on September 4.

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The summer is more than half over and it's time to look ahead to the end of the year and beyond!

We want to give a special "thank you" to Reverend Patti Oshita for her tireless efforts to bring exciting lectures to our Sangha members. Although we took a short summer break, plans are in the works for more fun activities and special guest speakers starting this month. Please watch for announcements about upcoming events.

As we approach the last quarter of the calendar year, now is a good time to make additional charitable donations with the advice of your financial advisor. We have seen much success with e-waste donations, and encourage individuals and businesses to make arrangements for a free pick-up from either your home or office. Please call (800) 317-3112, or go to www.eWaste4good.com. Be sure to specify your wish for the donation to be directed to the Sacramento Buddhist Church Legacy Fund. Thank you for your generous and continued support!

Please mark your calendars for the 2014 Rummage Sale, scheduled for Saturday, June 7! Since we skipped having a rummage sale this year, we hope that you will have many more treasures ready to donate to this big fundraiser.

Donors for July 2013 to the Legacy Endowment Fund e-waste fund are: Harry and Mary Inouye, Stephen and Jean Kashiwada, June Matsubara, Oto's Marketplace, James and Hiroko Tsuda, Eiji and Kathy Yamamoto, and the Sacramento Buddhist Church.

Your donations are very much appreciated. Not only do they contribute to the Legacy Fund, but the waste is disposed of properly. Any individual or businesses who 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. Thank you for your ongoing support.

All classes are now open for enrollment. The first Monday evening adult class will be held September 9, but all are welcome to join an ongoing class, if space is available. New this year: a high school after-school course will be offered on Mondays, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. High school students interested in anime, manga, conversation and culture are welcome. Church members get a 20% discount on Monday classes. More information about the Monday classes can be found at <http://sakuragakuen.org/classes/adult-classes>, or by contacting Masako Thomas at thomas@sakuragakuen.org.

The Saturday youth school is expanding its kindergarten program this fall. In addition to an introduction to Japanese language and culture for 4-6 year olds with no prior exposure to Japanese, an advanced kinder course for those with some proficiency in Japanese will be offered by Kojima sensei. More information can be found on the school's web page: <http://sakuragakuen.org/classes/kindergarten/>. Saturday classes begin on September 7, but all are welcome to join an ongoing class if space is available.

It is highly recommended that beginning students enroll early as the first semester focuses on the basics of reading hiragana. Once the kana (syllabaries or phonetic writing systems) are mastered, Japanese is an easy language to learn with limited grammatical rules and exceptions. Think ahead to college and consider making yourself more unique with knowledge of Japanese. Studying a foreign language also helps improve SAT and ACT exam scores as well as basic academic skills (manipulate complex concepts, native tongue literacy and creative thinking).

Writing a letter to *Obasan* is not all that can be done with the skills gained at Sakura Gakuen. This year, students look forward to an exciting *Undokai* (sports day) celebration, a whole-day field trip to explore Japanese culture and *hanami* (flower viewing), and the other fun holidays, including New Year's, *Hinamatsuri* (doll festival), and *Kodomo no hi* (kids day).

Come learn in a friendly, fun and food-filled environment. More information about the school can be found at <http://sakuragakuen.org> or by contacting Futaba Wood at wood@sakuragakuen.org.



TEST YOUR BALANCE
NANCY HASHIMOTO

A study in Japan by Junji Takano found that the risk of falling is related to poor balance, which increases with age. Test your balance by standing on one leg. You can determine how good your balance is by measuring the length of time you can stand on one leg.

The average time for persons with EYES OPEN:
Younger than 40 is 110 seconds
Between 40-49: 64 seconds
Between 50-59: 36 seconds
Between 60-69: 25 seconds

The average time with EYES CLOSED:
20-39 years: 12 seconds
40-49: 7 seconds
40-59: 5 seconds
60-69: less than 3 seconds

If your balance time is below average, then you have a higher risk of falls, slips or tripping accidents.

Keeping your balance takes practice. Join the Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. exercise class to improve your balance, strengthen your core and expand your flexibility. For extra work on your balance, join the Tai Chi class 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday/Thursday.

P.S. Our one-leg stands are 1 to 5 seconds better than the average.

GRAND-PARENTS DAY

Please join us for Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 8: 9:30 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. activities, and lunch at noon. Any questions, please contact Reverend Patti at revpattibetsuin@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Reverend Koshin Ogui, former Bishop of BCA, will speak in the Betsuin classrooms.

Questions? Contact Reverend Patti at revpattibetsuin@gmail.com. Please sign up in the office.



Reverend Koshin Ogui

VENTURE CREW 50
KENJI BENNETT



On July 27, Venture Crew 50 experienced its first summer camp, travelling by Amtrak to Crescent and Crater Lakes, Oregon to attend Camp Makualla. We hosted Matsuyama Sister City Scout Exchange Venture Scout **Ryota Fukushima**. Ryota is a dedicated lifelong scout, having earned Scouting of Japan's highest ranks: Chrysanthemum (Eagle Scout) and Fuji (Venturing Silver Award).

Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) graduate and Eagle Scout Steven Tanaka led the camp in pre-meal **Gassho** and shared the Buddhist aspiration of **Appreciation**. Our crew served as Flag Honour Guard, learned firearms safety, and developed waterfront skills in swimming, kayak, canoe, motor boating, and small boat sailing.

We earned the Camp **Golden Spigot Award** for combined camp cleanliness and creativity in constructing useful pioneer camp gadgets. We took **2nd Place** in the camp wide **Quest for Fire** — run/kayak/swim/run — relay race where Kyle Adachi hand-carved our watertight relay baton to carry 6 M&M's and a matchstick. Steven Tanaka, Christopher Ogawa, Lyndsie Mark and Nathan Lowe were our 200m/400m sprint runners; Matthew Ng — lake-swimmer, and Ryan Tomlinson (Troop 50 volunteer!) kayaker. Our Assistant Crew Advisor, Dr. Cheryl Lieu, won "**Most Interesting Chili**" in the Scoutmaster Chili Cook Off.

Kyle Adachi took 1st place in the Camp Marksman .22-cal rifle division. Nathan Lowe earned the **Golden Arrow** for archery marksmanship. Kyle Adachi, Lyndsie Mark, Matthew Ng, Kelly Phang and Steven Tanaka earned **Winchester Pro Marksman** honours in the 20-gauge shotgun classification.

**VENTURE
CREW 50**
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After returning home, seven Crew members hosted Ryota for a shooting sports safety outing where we learned how to safely handle firearms in the .22, .38, .357 magnum, .44 magnum, and 12-gauge classifications.

Our Crew and Crew parents helped our Jr. YBA serve snow cones at Obon Odori dance practices, put all hands on deck for the Bazaar build out, and equipment takedown. Historian Kenji Bennett attended the National Youth Leadership Training at Camp Lassen, where he learned various tools to better help guide the crew. During the Betsuin Bazaar weekend, Zachary Chang led the Crew to manage all of the recycling that accumulated during the event. Following the motto, "**Leave No Trace**," the crew collected and recycled over **1.5 tons** of materials that did not go into a landfill.

Venture Crew is a Boy Scouts of America program open to young men and women ages 14–20. On August 24; the Crew went on a day exploration through the Muir Woods, home to the *world's tallest* of all living things — giant coast redwoods, some of which are over 1,200 years old. Can you believe that during this time of climate change, the trees are growing at an accelerated rate? The Crew will participate at the Venturing Overdrive at Camp Lassen where Venture Crews from all over the Golden Empire council explore Living History, Archery, COPE, Square Dance, and Shooting Sports. Wish us luck! **Would you or someone you know like to be our guest on an adventure?**

**BOY SCOUT
TROOP 50**
ADRIAN NGUYEN



July is the seventh month of the year as well as the 11th month of the scouting year. In June, the theme was shooting. On June 15–20, a small group took part in a 50-mile backpacking trip. On this trip, the group used only the things they could carry with them with no help from vehicles. Scouts also went to Sardine Lake for a camping trip on June 28–30.

July's theme was aquatics. At the July 5 troop meeting, scouts took a questionnaire about water safety to inform them of different hazards and rules on the water. The Smurf outing, limited only to first-year scouts, was at DL Bliss State Park on July 7–9. This outing is to show first-year scouts (Smurfs) what camping is about and to help them start on their requirements. On July 19, Troop 50 helped prepare for the Bazaar by pulling all the items out of storage and moving them around. They did all the prep work so that the next two days could be used to put things together.

On July 20–21, scouts had the opportunity to do the Bazaar Construction Service Project. Scouts were encouraged to come and put the Bazaar booths together and hang up all the wires and lines needed. These two days are when most of the booths are put together.

Many scouts attended the Makualla Summer Camp on July 27–August 4. This camp was in Oregon, near Crescent Lake. Scouts took classes to complete merit badges while at the camp. There are other things to do instead of classes, such as aquatic activities, rock climbing, shooting, and relaxing. At the summer camp, scouts earned many merit badges and did once-in-a-lifetime activities.

August is the eighth month of the year, as well as the last month of the scouting year. August's theme was leadership, in preparation for the upcoming scouting year. The 67th Annual Bazaar was held on August 10–11. All scouts had one shift where they had to work to keep the Bazaar going. Some scouts cooked chicken while others bussed tables or boxed chicken. The Bazaar clean-up was on August 12 to take down the Bazaar and return the Sacramento Buddhist Church to its former state.

August's first and only troop meeting was on August 16. September's two troop meetings are on September 6 and 13. The new scouting year will start on September 1; the old leadership will be replaced with new scouts. The first outing of the new scouting year will be Bodega Bay on September 27–29.

**SPORTS
COMMITTEE**
ALAN WU



Well hello there... nice of you to drop in. You picked a very good time to show up. We have all sorts of specials going on right now, and if I may indulge, I would very much like to describe just exactly what we have. With that said, for openers, I would like to make this special announcement that we have a special individual who brings his special expertise from the San Jose Betsuin to our humble abode to step in and take over the reins as our new Sports Committee Chair and to guide us into the next generation of sports programs and possibly go where no other sports program has gone before. Please, without any further ado, help me welcome to our unassuming sports arena: Mr. Glen Kumamoto! Yes, it is true that Glen has graciously accepted the task of being the new Sports Committee Chair! Thank you, Glen; let's go for a ride!

SPORTS COMMITTEE
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With a special announcement like that, it is only natural to have this second special announcement. It's like yin and yang, bread and butter, salt and pepper, it's like they go together like peas in a pod. This special announcement is one of mixed feelings and emotions, it is kind of sad, but also kind of happy. After many years of service on the committee, Denis Ishisaka has retired from the sports committee. Denis has led the committee admirably and leaves with many successful years behind him. Even though we are sad to see him go, we are very glad to have had Chairman Denis for all these recent years. Thank you, Denis and good luck...don't be a stranger!

With all that said, it is now time to announce that the new 2013-2014 Dharma School year is about to begin and that also means that the new basketball season is going to begin, so make sure to attend the first Sundays in September after Labor Day because those two Sundays are the first two extra credit days for attendance. Did you know that if a player's attendance drops below 60%, that player is suspended from league games? It's true!

With that being said, we are announcing that those first Sundays in September will also be basketball registration days, so don't delay... as soon as you complete your registration, you will be eligible to pick your choice Mochi Tsuki shift. So, don't get stuck on the worst shift possible; pick your own that is best suited to your schedule.

With that being said, we would like to send out a special thanks to all our sports families for helping out at the Bazaar last month. The sun gods smiled down upon us and bestowed on us a very very mild Bazaar weekend. With all your help, the church had another successful Bazaar.

With that said, a special person once said, special is as special does, so remember that there is a new sheriff in town, so don't cry over spilled milk because a watched pot never boils, for where there's a will, there's a way, and especially don't spit into the wind, and for sure don't mess around with Jim.

DHARMA SCHOOL
KEN FURUKAWA



Welcome to September! Obon, Bazaar, and now summer are pleasant memories. I want to thank so many people for all the help with our two major events, especially bussing the outdoor eating area during Bazaar. As many of you know, I was not at Bazaar for much of the time (actually only Saturday evening and part of Sunday night cleanup). I want to have a big shout out for Carol Tamai! She is so awesome and always so modest. She was there essentially all weekend, bussing tables, cleaning trays, dealing with dirty water and food scraps, and sweating...all with a great smile for everyone! I doubt she even took a break. Dharma School has been so lucky over all these years with her help, and she proved it again! I also want to thank ALL of the teachers, TAs, parents and students who helped with bussing and cleanup! We again proved that we have the best Dharma School at the best Temple in BCA!

Now that summer is officially ending, and school has started for some and will be starting for everyone else, Dharma School will start the next term! As always, **Change is Constant!** This will be another great year in its own way! As with the past couple of years, the Sunday after Labor Day marks the first Sunday of registration. Registration will take place in the Kaikan. Please remember to register each student at the appropriate class, and provide emergency information on the proper form. There is a minor change to the attendance policy concerning credit for attendance at other Buddhist temples versus other churches. Please read the policy carefully.

In addition, we will be recognizing Grandparents Day on the first day of Dharma School, September 8. Service will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by activities and a lunch. Please make an effort to bring your grandchildren or have your grandchildren bring you! It will be a great kickoff to our 2013-2014 Dharma School term!

And there are some changes to the teacher line-up this year. On the plus side, our newest minister assistants, Kelvin Mark and Keith Kato, will help teach 4th and 5th grades! Returning as Dharma School teachers after a hiatus are Carolyn Murata to teach 8th grade, and Norm Tanaka to teach 4th grade! Unfortunately, our 7th grade teachers have had to step down from regular teaching, and we do not have named replacements yet. Anyone interested?

As you know our classes up through 8th grade are generally too large to blend grades, and we have depended upon returning teachers to keep the Dharma School moving along. We have had similar teacher shortages before, the most

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recent being 5th grade a couple of years ago. We are all very busy people with many competing issues and commitments; a good example is me. So as parents and temple goers, we have to consider stepping up to do a little to help. In the case of 7th grade parents, that will have to include supervising the TAs and teaching. Luckily the year's curriculum is planned and either Sharon Siu or Shirley Sekeres will help with a transition. However there is a requirement that **at least one adult** is present for each class to allow us to grant attendance credit for the class. I must stress that **we cannot put high school students in a position of being responsible for running a class and being responsible for the safety and well-being of the students.** Although 7th grade is going to be essentially a complete transition to co-op style teaching, a few other grades will have some need for increased parent involvement.

So far, 4th, 5th and 8th grade teachers have recognized a need for more parent involvement for this term. Look at this as an opportunity to get involved with another aspect of your student's education and life! We need your help, and we think you will enjoy it too!

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

It's the start of the new program year for many of our Betsuin-sponsored and affiliated organizations. Please be sure to submit your reservation requests (for a single gathering OR a recurring meeting!) as soon as your planning allows. As you know, we have a very active and BUSY temple, so it's best not to assume that there will be an empty room for you to use when you arrive. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!

By the same token, if you have reserved a room and your meeting is canceled or moved to another location, please be sure to let us know so that we can free that space up for someone else to use. Rooms/space can be reserved up to a year in advance. Thank you!

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!

Have a flyer or poster you would like to display on the bulletin board in the main hallway? Please bring it to the office and we will take care of that for you! Items appropriate for posting are for the general public and include information regarding Betsuin events and programs and notifications of cultural and community events/happenings. Our bulletin boards are not intended for business advertisements.

LOST & FOUND

- Book – *The Innocents*
- 2 mismatched kachi-kachi from Obon
- 1 uchiwa fan from Obon
- 1 small obi from Obon
- Prescription glasses – black frames
- Dry Creek golf hat
- NY Yankees cap
- Grayish sweatshirt (left in teriyaki sandwich booth during Bazaar)
- White sweatshirt found during Bazaar
- Kid's nylon-type pullover sweatshirt

Please come to the office with an accurate description of your lost item and you may be able to claim a missing treasure from this list!



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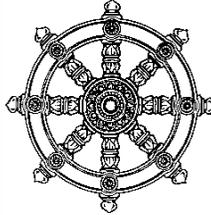
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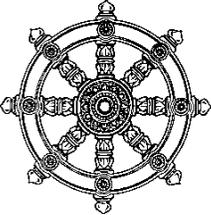
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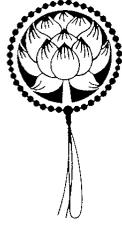


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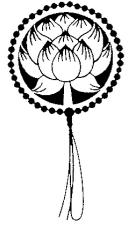


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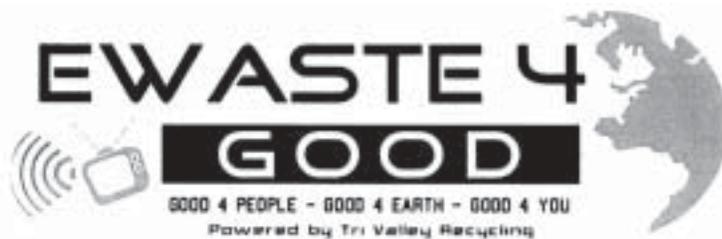




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Marsha Chizuko Shimono Anderson... Feb. 13, 1957 – June 24, 2013
Bob Masao Fukushima January 12, 1933 – July 4, 2013
Mike Tadao Kono..... August 9, 1922 – July 6, 2013
Thelma Kido November 22, 1912 – July 22, 2013
Akio Miura..... July 6, 1929 – July 15, 2013
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