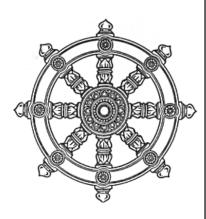
# REV. PATTI'S CORNER BEV. PATTI OSHITA



Reverend Bob and I traveled to New York City. This was a very special trip because we took our two nephews and niece with us. It's a trip we had been thinking about for a while but felt we only had this year...and this short window of opportunity to do this. Our oldest nephew, Trevor, just graduated from UCLA in biochemistry and was accepted into the University of Hawaii Medical School (and classes were scheduled to begin on July 14). His brother, Gaven, just graduated from Clovis North High School in Fresno. Our niece, Marissa, just completed her first year attending San Jose State University, and said she would save this summer for our trip. After considering all of our calendars, we were able to carve out this one week in June and so we did. New York was where they wanted to go, so it was off to New York City for us!

We met at the San Francisco Airport (the kids flew from Fresno to San Francisco) and we all left for New York on an early Monday morning. We arrived in New York in the late afternoon and enjoyed a rush hour drive from the airport to Manhattan. We arrived around 7 p.m. at our Midtown East apartment. And from that 44th floor apartment, we had the most amazing view of the New York City skyline!

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### REV. PATTI'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

Since this was the first trip for the boys to see New York, we tried to squeeze the entire New York City experience in just one week. We rode the double-decker bus, took a rickshaw ride through Central Park, went to the top of the Empire State Building at night, took the 911 tour, saw the Statue of Liberty (the kids climbed to the crown), saw "Wicked" and "Lion King" on Broadway... and we even went to Yankee Stadium to watch the Yankees vs. Red Sox in Derek Jeter's retirement year! Our days were filled with shopping, seeing sights and eating! Boy did we eat! And "midnight pizza runs" were always a consideration at the end of each day.



We came home with hundreds of pictures, funny stories and memories that will last us a lifetime. We were grateful for this time with them and we were quietly relieved that we were able to bring the kids home safely, for they are truly the greatest treasures to our family.

I remember about nine years ago, Reverend Bob received an early morning emergency call. One of our members had lost her husband. When Reverend Bob returned from the emergency room of Sutter General, he shared with me that following the service, the grieving wife quietly said, "Reverend Bob, in living your life, try to make every day a memory. We never know how long we will have together." She told him, "With Patti, try to make each and every day a memory."

I couldn't help but think how we do tend to take the days of our lives for granted. And as I thought about this, I silently promised myself to try to live that wonderful message. "Make every day a memory for we never know how long we will have to be together."

Nowadays, we are all living such hectic lives. Everyone is so busy. In June, we were barely able to carve out one week to share from the schedules of our niece and nephews; how much more so for the well-scheduled moms and dads in our sangha.

Even if we try to create some down time, and unschedule a day or two, we are still connected to our cell phones and scheduled by our computers. And now, even our cell phones have Internet and email capabilities. There is very little opportunity to truly unplug from the overloaded schedules and hectic routines we are living today.

But when we come to our temple, when we sit quietly in our hondo, this is our opportunity to push that pause button on our lives. This is a moment for us to take a break from our well-scheduled lives and stop our busy minds for a moment. When we sit in our hondo, we have the opportunity to unplug from all that we are a part of... and simply try to remember and appreciate what is really of value in living each day.

For me, spending that one week in New York with RB and the kids was a priceless memory that will last a lifetime. That week was an opportunity for me to unplug from my daily routine and appreciate the moments we would have together. Knowing that week was an opportunity that might never come again, my dharma eyes were open... and every day truly became a memory.

With our dharma eyes open, we realize again that the time we have to be with the people we love is limited. With our dharma eyes open, let us all try to make each day a memory.

#### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

# LOST AND FOUND

hanks to all for coming out for Bon Odori a few weeks ago! If you are missing any "gear" (sensu, kachi-kachi, hair adornments), please stop by the office to check our Lost & Found.

# BETSUIN'S TEMPORARY MAIN ENTRANCE

Bazaar preparations are well underway and the gate to the main parking lot is closed through Bazaar weekend and clean-up. Please use the side door on Quinn Avenue (the alley) to enter the temple through the main hallway. We have placed a sign next to the door so that it is easily identifiable.

# CORRECTION TO BETSUIN CALENDAR

Please note that in November, although Veteran's Day falls on a Tuesday, the **Betsuin will be closed on Monday, November 10, 2014**, in observance of this special day to honor our veterans.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ROBBIE MIDZUNO

elcome to August. I hope everyone had a super Fourth of July and enjoyed getting together with family and friends to watch the beautiful fireworks.

I recently spoke to Reverend Peter, who informed me that he has been very busy preparing and packing for his move back home to Orcas Island, Washington. He asked me to relay the message to the church members to please be patient with him and he will return your calls as soon as possible. He was very disappointed to hear rumors and receive calls asking if he was being forced out. He wanted me to inform the church members that this was not true and that those persons making those comments are mistaken. He said Reverend Bob, Reverend Patti, the minister assistants, the Board of Trustees and the sangha have all been full supporters of him while he was here.

I would again like to give my deepest appreciation to Reverend Bob, Reverend Patti and the minister assistants for taking care of the Betsuin since Reverend Peter has departed. I really appreciate their selfless dedication and hard work.

Reverend Bob, Gordon Nitta, your president-elect, and I have already met with Bishop Umezu to discuss Reverend Peter's replacement. Unfortunately there will not be any replacement until August 2015. Therefore, in the interim, Reverend Patti will temporarily step into Reverend Peter's position and Sensei Koichi Mizushima will step into Reverend Patti's SBC Projects position.

The Obon tent set-up had a fantastic turn out with help from the Boy Scouts, their parents and leaders leading the way with more than 40 helpers. Thank you to all who came out to help set up the tent. I apologize that I was unable to attend the Obon festival on Saturday night as I had a prior engagement that evening. I spoke to several sangha members at the Obon/Hatsubon Service on Sunday and they all said the festival was entertaining and crowded with dancers and onlookers. Thank you to all who volunteered their service and participated in our Obon Festival.

The Sacramento Betsuin had its 10th annual Youth Advocacy Retreat during the week of July 7 to 13. A special thank you to the Legacy Board for sponsoring the following four SBC youth attendees: Haley Arakaki, Ty Coloma, Kayla Drexel, and Lyndsie Mark. Congratulations to all participants of the graduating class of 2014 and a grateful thank you to all the volunteers who helped made this retreat a success.

I wish to thank all the volunteers who came out to help set up for our Bazaar and look forward to seeing all of you at the Bazaar on August 9 and 10.

I wish to encourage you to come to me to discuss any ideas, issues or concerns related to our temple as I am always open to your comments. Here are just some of the ideas that have been shared with me:

- The SBC website needs to be modernized.
- The SBC should have a blog for our ministers and/or minister assistants and a teen blog for our YAC and/or Jr. YBA to talk about Buddhism and current events.
- The SBC should have a tweeter person send Twitter messages to our members, especially our younger age group who can pass it along to friends, especially if it is funny yet interesting.
- The SBC needs a Facebook account.
- The SBC needs to email the monthly Sangha newsletter and increase our communication via email. We should mail the monthly Sangha newsletter only to those members who want a printed copy. This will dramatically cut down on the postage, printing, paper and ink costs that are incurred.
- The SBC needs to get electronic payment methods implemented. These days most all of the nonprofit organizations are using PayPal, the Square or accepting credit cards. We should be able to use our credit cards to pay our yearly membership dues online as well as make donations, buy tickets to our favorite spaghetti feed, crab feed or any other SBC-sponsored event.
- The SBC needs more exposure to the community and more diversity. We should have "interest cards" for people to fill out if they want to learn more about Buddhism capture their info and email addresses and push the Sangha newsletter, our blog and Twitter to interested parties.

I hope to see you soon at the Betsuin, at the Sunday service or SBC Bazaar.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank you all for your continued support, volunteerism and hard work on keeping our Sacramento Betsuin the best temple in the BCA.

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he July SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 2, with President Fusako Takahashi presiding.

# DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Bill S. Takeda ...... In Appreciation of Visitation to Catherine Takeda ......\$25

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS BAZAAR - FOOD PREPARATION

Please come out on Friday, August 8, from 7 a.m., Saturday, August 9, from 2 a.m., and Sunday, August 10, from 2 a.m. to help prepare the sushi for the Bazaar. Bring an apron and something to cover your hair. Gloves will be provided. You will also be able to enjoy coffee, tea and donuts. Lunch will be provided on Friday, and breakfast will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for all workers! Please invite the male members of your families and friends to help. We need their help, too!

On the days of Bazaar, the Nitta family will once again provide shuttle service. Drive to the side door of the kaikan (in the alley) and Gordon or one of his family members will follow you to a parking space and drive you back to the church. They can also drive you back to your car once you are finished helping with the sushi making. Please take advantage of this wonderful service by the Nitta family. It's better to be safe, than brave (words of President Takahashi).

# BWA'S CRAFT BOOTH

Joanne Nishimura for Shirley Kato: Thank you to the following for their contribution to the craft booth this past month: Kiyo Tanaka (aprons and microwave mitts), Tessie Goi and Loleen Nakano (embroidered dishtowels), Aileen Okimoto (donation of various items), Peggy Okabayashi (onenjus), and Irene Takeda (potted succulents).

A HUGE thank you to Kathy Tanaka Henry for coordinating the once-a-month craft classes that were enjoyed by many of the ladies! Thank you to the following members for leading the June and July classes: Joanne Nishimura and Janis Furuta (tangle-free necklaces) and Aileen Okimoto and Yvonne Ishimoto (string art). Another HUGE thank you to Kathy Tanaka Henry for making a beautiful quilt that she donated. The quilt will be raffled off in the Bazaar craft booth.

# FBWA CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 10-12, 2014:

Just a reminder: The Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Conference theme is "Sharing Our Life Stories as Buddhists." The conference will be held at the Hotel Irvine Jamboree Center, Irvine, California. The SBWA is supporting its members with \$50 toward the registration fee of \$150. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the green sign-up sheet under the conference poster located on the bulletin board in the church hallway. For additional information, please call Virginia: 421-3538 or Fusako 390-4623. You do not have to be a member to attend the conference.

### BETSUIN CHOIR FESTIVAL UPDATE -KEIKO JEAN KASHIWADA

Midori Ito, Barbara Nakatomi and Keiko Jean Kashiwada thanked all of the SBWA Board members for their baked goods for the choir festival. The desserts were enjoyed all day and even on the ride home for those who came from long distances. Thank you, SBWA Board members, SBWA members, the 2012 Sacramento Choir Fan Club members, the Choir members and Friends of the Betsuin Choir for helping to make our festival such a great success. Listed below are the names of those who signed in for your baked goods. We had others who brought goodies, but did not sign up, and we thank you, too, for your contribution. Names are listed as they appeared on the sign-up sheet.

Gladys Adachi Alice Kataoka Patti Oshita George & Nora Dressler Utako Kimura Jean Ota Carole Fukumoto Lynn Kurahara Heidi Sakazaki Nancy Hashimoto Reiko Kurahara Yaeko Tademaru Ruth Havashi Alice Kurotori Bev Tanaka Meriko Hoshida Sylvia Lau Hiroko Tsuda Keiko Makishima Irene Hoshiko Virginia Uchida Amy Ishimoto Tomoko Matsuda Sueko Yamashita Midori Ito Loleen Nakano Kaz Yoshida Nancy Noguchi Mae Kaneko Elaine Yoshikawa Amiko Kashiwagi Mvra Okasaki

Aileen Okimoto

SueAnn Kashiwagi THANK YOU, SO MUCH! We are so appreciative of the support we received from all of you!

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# SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

# 12 NEW TABLES DONATED BY THE SBWA

The SBWA has approved the purchase of 12 new tables for use in the kaikan only. It will help us during our sushi making for the Spring Food Festival and the August Bazaar, along with use by other organizations. The only stipulation of our donation of these tables is that the tables remain in the kaikan.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to bring your clothing, shoes, belts, rags, and other items mentioned in last month's article to place in the BLUE ANGEL BIN in the church parking lot. The next SBWA meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3. The August meeting has been cancelled in order for us to get ready for the Bazaar.

ANGEL BINS FUNDRAISER GAYLE KONO Please support the Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association by depositing your used clothes, linens, belts, accessories, purses and shoes in the blue bin in the courtyard parking lot. Angel Bins is a for-profit recycling company that helps charitable organizations raise money by recycling items. By donating your items, you will not only help SBWA in our fundraising efforts, but you will also be diverting textile waste from landfills. Even items that are torn and/or stained can be recycled into cleaning rags. Thank you for your support!

#### ATTENTION BAKERS & PASTRY CHEFS!

### PASTRY BOOTH DONATIONS

he 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 9 and 10. Thank you!

# MINISTER ASSISTANTS MICHIKO YUKAWA

This past June marked a particularly poignant high school graduation of one of our YBA members. A very unassuming young lady with a beautiful ready smile, one would not be aware of the many challenges she has had to overcome to reach this goal. Since the age of 5, living with Type 1 diabetes, which means 20,000+ injections and tests, and later Grave's Disease, she maintained a 4.0 GPA and served as the valedictorian of her senior class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned the AP Scholar Award for exemplary college-level achievement on Advanced Placement exams. Microsoft has certified her as a Microsoft Office 2010 Specialist.

Outside of school, she has participated in many community service activities through the NHS and her local public school district, such as making lunches for firefighters battling wildfires in central Washington and working with elementary students and helping teachers with various tasks and special events. And, of course, at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple, among many other things, she, with her family, has even helped the BWA make daifuku mochi since the age of 10!

When asked what her advice would be for the younger Dharma School students, she replied without hesitation, "Appreciate everything in your life, and every opportunity. Life is amazing!" A life of gratitude. An amazing young lady!

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote:

"What lies behind us, what lies before us,

"Are tiny matters

"Compared to what lies within us."

We are surrounded by wonderful teachers of the dharma if we would only, as Reverend Bob often reminds us, open our dharma eyes. In living our daily lives, it is so easy to succumb to our aches and pains, mentally as well as physically. But if we take a daily dose of gratitude by just looking around us, we can find our teachers of the dharma. We can take a weekly dose of gratitude by coming to the temple to listen to our dharma teachers.

Remember that old saying by an unknown author: "I cried because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."

Let's listen to our young high school graduate and "Appreciate everything in our life, and every opportunity. LIFE IS AMAZING!"

Namo Amida Butsu

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 email, 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:



Toshie Handa	February 2, 1920-May 22, 2014
Yoneo Miura	
Lillian Yuriko Ishii	December 19, 1920-June 29, 2014
Kenji Morishige	November 18, 1951-July 10, 2014
Tsugino Oto	July 25, 1926-July 14, 2014
Mike Makoto Nishio	May 10, 1945-July 16, 2014

#### CHOIR FESTIVAL

Rinban Bob Oshita stated that "Music is truly the universal language. From the dawn of human history, music and song have been a part of every culture. It can even be said that there have been moments when music has transcended time and has reached beyond cultures... and touched the heart of our shared humanity."

On Saturday, June 21, the Sacramento Betsuin Choir hosted the Fifth Jodo Shinshu Choir Festival with six enthusiastic and well-rehearsed temple choirs gathering at our temple. This festival was successful due to the support of everyone: our ministers, minister assistants, Betsuin Executive Committee, Buddhist Women's Association, Legacy Endowment Fund Board, our temple members, and our own Choir Fan Club.

The morning service was conducted by Rinban Bob with Reverend Hiroshi Abiko from San Francisco, Reverend Roy Mayhugh from Walnut Grove, Reverend Patti Oshita, and Sensei Grace Hatano taking their place on the onaijin. Reverend Patti eloquently chaired the opening service, dedicating the festival to the memory of the late Mary Kawano Fong and the late Frances Kondo. Welcome messages were delivered by Betsuin President Robbie Midzuno and Rinban Bob. As a hint to which temple may host the *next* choir festival, Rinban Bob sang his *a capella* version of "Do You Know Your Way to San Jose?" which mentioned that Mountain View and Palo Alto were along the way. Unless you were in attendance, you won't believe how "in pitch" and exhilarating the chanting of "Ju Sei Ge" and the singing of "Ondokusan II" sounded. Rinban Bob mentioned that the chanting "sounded better than a room full of ministers." Minister assistant Sensei Koichi Mizushima energized the sangha in a warm-up for things to come by engaging them to provide the back-up harmony while injecting his falsetto to the song, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

Throughout the day, beautiful music resonated throughout our temple and hearty laughter could be heard among friends. The participating choirs were from Fresno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento.

After lunch, Sensei Koichi emceed the program and entertained the 260 guests while adding his quick-witted humor as he announced each choir. Sensei Koichi impressed the guests with his vocal imitations of Louis Armstrong, Rinban Bob and past Bishop Ogui. Each choir presented beautifully arranged songs for their individual presentation. The program concluded with a mass choral presentation.

Prior to dinner, musical entertainment was provided by Sensei Koichi, his daughter, Ellie Mizushima, his father, Henry Mizushima, and family friend Peter Shima. The festival day concluded with the dancing of "Tanko Bushi."

It was a very memorable day filled with music, laughter, great food and friendship. The choir gratefully acknowledges the following people and organizations for their contributions:

- Gordon Nitta, past Betsuin president, for giving the choir the "green" light to organize this festival, arranging for security, and his untiring support.
- Gary Traganza, who helped to coordinate the temple's facilities, purchase additional coat racks, and build risers with Stephen Kashiwada.
- Reiko Kurahara, Gladys and Sam Adachi, Rachel Nagai and Aki Shimada for



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providing a wonderful array of food that greeted our guests upon arrival and making a much-talked-about lunch.

- The multi-talented Alan Wu for being a videographer, printing the program booklets, and picking up the CarpetDeck flooring in the kaikan *by himself* after the event concluded.
- The Sacramento BWA Board members and members-at-large for providing the variety of mouth-watering desserts.
- The adorable Choir Fan Club ladies, in their matching uniforms and their welcoming smiles, who greeted our guests and acted as hostesses and ushers.
- Sacramento Betsuin Dharma School classes for the 24 unique and decorative table centerpieces.
- And the Betsuin for allowing the printing of the program booklet and placemats on the photocopier.

We also want to thank the generous donors:

Karen & Keith Adachi ...... In Memory of Chizuko Sakaishi

Jeff & Collette Kondo ...... In Memory of their Mother, Frances Kondo

Sacramento: Sachiko Horizumi, Minnie Iseri, Alice Kataoka, Alice Kurotori, Emmie Makishima, Yoshiko Morisawa, Harry and Nancy Noguchi, Yaeko

Tademaru, Fusako Takahashi, Hiroko Takamoto

Palo Alto: Buddhist Church Choir San Francisco: Buddhist Church Choir

San Jose: Allan & Nancy Hikoyeda, and the Betsuin Choir

Fresno: Frank & Darlene Hashimoto

Mountain View: Richard & Emilie Endo, Irving & Marilyn Ozawa, Kimiyo Nishimura,

Cheryl Shay, Miyoko Takegami, and Dennis Tsukagawa

Joe Williams, Holsum Produce ..... A variety of fruit

Gene Morisaki,

Nor-Cal Produce ...... Melons, oranges, apples, grapes, pineapple, and cabbage

We are truly grateful to all the wonderful members in our temple for supporting this choir festival. THANK YOU!

In Harmony and Gassho, Sacramento Betsuin Choir





Summer has arrived. Summer is also when the troop is most active. During the second half of June, the troop engaged in numerous activities. From June 20 through the 22, the troop traveled to Henry Cowell State Park for a joint Troop/Smurf outing to welcome the 13 scouts who bridged over from Pack 50 this year. The outing was a success and very fun packed with many activities such as day hikes and trips to the Boardwalk in Santa Cruz.

On June 27, the Green Bar met to discuss the past outings and events as well as planned ahead for the upcoming month of July. The Green Bar reviewed what went right and wrong with the Henry Cowell outing. In addition they planned for several upcoming service projects such as the Obon tent setup and Life Scout Adrian Nguyen's Eagle Project. His Eagle project was held on the 28th and involved landscaping as well as creating firewood racks for a schoolhouse in Elk Grove Park.

Finally the troop went to its annual Summer Camp at Camp Royaneh. Going to Camp Royaneh has been a tradition for the troop and this year was no different. At camp, scouts met other troops from around California and engaged in many different merit badge classes. Summer camp is one of the biggest events for the troop as the scouts were gone for one full week. Overall, the outing was a success and sure to happen next year.

In July, the troop still had many exciting events planned. On July 25, the troop had a meeting as well as a Green Bar meeting.

From August 2 through 5, the troop will go to Sugar Pine Point State Park with the Matsuyama exchange scouts. Matsuyama is a sister city to Sacramento and as such, the troop has a scout exchange program with troops in Matsuyama, Japan. This year, scouts from Matsuyama will be coming to America to homestay with some of the scouts from Troop 50.

On August 8, the troop will be assisting in the setup of the SBC Bazaar, and on the following weekend, the troop will be assisting cooking chicken for the Bazaar as well.

#### PATROL REPORTS

 Corey Tanaka: Sac Town Bananas: 6/6 Patrol Meeting, 6/13 Troop Meeting, 6/13 Patrol Meeting, 6/27 Troop Meeting.

# BOY SCOUTS

# GIRL SCOUTS PATTI OSHITA/ CORLENE GOI



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## STH ANNUAL SBC GOLF TOURNAMENT RICHARD KAI



• Chris Oto: Sea Otter Patrol: 6/7 Walnut Grove pullout, 6/15 Patrol Meeting, 6/20 Smurf Outing, 6/24 Iron Chef.

• Thomas Ito: Duck Tape Patrol: 6/13 Patrol Meeting, 6/14 Shooting Event, 6/30 Smurf Outing, 6/29 Patrol Meeting.

• Cameron Kochi: Diving Dolphin Patrol: 6/7 Walnut Grove pullout, 6/13 Shooting Event, 6/27 Troop Meeting.

Pelcome to the month of August! This summer has just flown by! Thank you for your support of our Obon fundraiser last month. And thank you in advanced for your donation of pastry and help with our annual Bazaar on August 9–10. The Girl Scouts of Troop 569 really appreciate your help!

We will be having our annual Girl Scout Troop 569 Leaders meeting on Thursday, August 21 to discuss the schedule for the Term 2014–2015. If you have any girls interested in joining the troop, please contact the temple office for more information. Again, thank you for your support.

Juniors 1 completed their Bronze Award! Their second community service project was collecting funds for the Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Homeless. This nonprofit organization provides free medical care for the animal companions of the homeless. Juniors 1 collected spare change and recycling monies during the months of March/April from their households and placed the monies in the hand-crafted "Pennies for Paws" boxes. Juniors 1 raised \$642.10 for the Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Homeless! Juniors 1 presented the check to the organization on Saturday, June 7 at the Davis Downtown Farmer's Market

harma School "courtyard" gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:

Molly Kimura Utako Kimura Barbara Nakatomi Gladys Okino Mollie Oto/Oto's Marketplace Fusako Takahashi Darryl Yagi

The Board of Trustees invites sangha members and families as well as friends of the Betsuin to participate in the 5th Annual SBC Golf Tournament, scheduled for play at the Teal Bend Golf Course on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. This event is a major fundraising activity organized by the Special Events Committee of the Sacramento Buddhist Church (SBC). A bento lunch prepared by Reiko and Gladys Kitchen will be served by members of the tournament committee to the players and their guests in the kaikan immediately following completion of play.

The tournament offers several options for the players and event sponsors to make donations to the SBC, including three sponsorship levels that consist of complimentary entry fee(s) to the tournament.

 Gold Sponsors receive an embroidered pin flag bearing the name of the company or persons contributing to the donation, along with four complimentary tournament entry fees.

 Silver and Bronze sponsorships include two and one complimentary entry fee, respectively.

Tee box signage on selected holes will bear the names of those who sponsor a
 "tee box "

The SBC Golf Committee welcomes and appreciates your monetary donations or contribution of prizes to the raffle that will be held during the luncheon at the kaikan.

The number of players for this event is limited and the golf committee anticipates a full field of golfers, so be sure to submit your entry form as soon as possible. We look forward to another fun tournament and delicious luncheon for all those who participate and support this fundraising event. Information fact sheets about the golf tournament, sponsorship levels, its format and scoring, along with the tournament entry form were enclosed within the July Sangha newsletter. Copies also can be downloaded from the temple's website at <code>www.buddhistchurch.com</code>. Questions and/or comments about the fundraising event can be sent via email to the golf committee at <code>sacbetsuingolf@yahoo.com</code>. The temple office staff can provide general information about the event.



