

**REVEREND  
PETER'S  
CORNER  
REV. PETER  
INOKOJI-KIM**



**W**elcome to the month of June. It seems like we just started up our 2013-2014 Family Dharma Services, so it's hard for me to believe that we will wrap up our Dharma School term with our annual picnic and Dharma Education Awards on Sunday, June 8.

This will be my last SANGHA article before Aileen and I retire from the work force and move to Washington in September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your encouragement and support during our five years here at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento.

I am humbled by my experiences here at the temple and by being able to serve such kind members of our temple. As I reflect on my career path from the Army, the corporate world, working as a high school teacher, and finishing my work life here as a minister, I realize that each transition from my various jobs have one thing in common: Saying "goodbye" and moving away was tough.

Leaving co-workers, friends and a community was hard for me because I was one of the "lucky ones." Throughout my work life, I was always surrounded by good people who made me laugh, looked out for me, and kept things "real" by being themselves and accepting me as I am. Being here at the Betsuin has been

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no different. My experiences here have been meaningful, very positive, and life changing. I attribute the small, yet significant changes or perspective on life to two things: the Dharma teachings, and all of you... our Sangha members.

When I write Dharma talks or represent our Jodo Shinshu tradition during various services and occasions, I write these thoughts as a reminder or as a reflective message for myself, so I think about the fundamental Buddhist teachings a lot. And when you shared your thoughts, experiences, and lives with me, I gained an even deeper appreciation for the Dharma teachings. I realized even more, that each day of life really IS a gift that is unrepeatable. I realized even more that we really ARE dependent on each other; so cooperation, appreciation, and selfless service are not just words... it's reality in living a meaningful life. To me, Dharma teachings are easy to understand, but difficult, at times, to truly live by.

Before writing this, I spoke to my Dad on the phone, and as always, he asked how I was doing. I told him that I feel a little stressed out about packing up, change of address tasks, researching a trustworthy moving company, and all of the things related to physically moving from one place to another. But, as far as "how I am doing," I told him that a benefit of my work here at the Betsuin is that I feel very settled about my life, even though life will guarantee unknown challenges and curve balls. He was happy to hear this.

Thank you for helping me to realize more peace of mind and self-awareness.

Finally, in this article, I planned to thank all of the different leaders, individuals, and organizations that made Aileen's and my life so memorable here, and I even asked Reverend Patti to check my list so I don't leave anyone out. I soon realized that my list is WAY too long because each of you, in some way, took such good care of us. Thank you. Although I cannot list everyone, I would like to express my deep gratitude for Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti. Since I received ordination in 2003, Reverend Bob has been my friend and mentor, and he and Patti always made sure that Aileen and I were OK. Thank you, Bob and Patti.

As I wrote to Bishop Umezu: "The support that I have received since arriving in 2009 has been something that I have never experienced in the military, corporate America, and as a high school teacher. If there is such a thing as an 'ideal temple environment to work as a minister,' the Buddhist Church of Sacramento would set the standard."

Stay well, take care of Reverends Bob and Patti, the ministers and minister assistants, and our temple leaders, and continue to help make the Buddhist Church of Sacramento a comfortable and welcoming temple to listen to the Nembutsu teachings.

In Gassho,  
Reverend Peter

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**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**  
ROBBIE MIDZUNO

**W**elcome to June. I cannot believe it is already summer time. The weather will be getting hotter, so remember to try and stay cool and keep hydrated. As many of you know, during the past two months I did not know if I would be staying in Sacramento or moving to Arizona for my job. I am happy to announce that I am staying in Sacramento. This was a stressful time for my family and me. However, I remembered a few things my mom told me: things happen for a reason and if it is meant to be it will be.

In the above situation, when I was told that my position was being eliminated, it was for a reason and that it was meant to be. My new position may even be better, and so far it has been. I understand change is hard, but it helps to be open and flexible.

I had the opportunity to attend the Northern California Buddhist Conference held at the Stockton Buddhist Temple in April. The program was very good, especially with the keynote speaker being Koichi Mizushima. At the next conference, I hope more of our sangha will be able to attend.

Our 2014 Leadership Seminar long-term projects are underway — succession planning led by Nick Shebert and fundraising led by Richard Kai. Thank you to both Nick and Richard for leading the way.

My wife, Teri, and I attended the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Golden Empire Council Capital City District Adult Leader Recognition Awards Dinner. Our own Sam Adachi received the BSA Asian American Spirit of Scouting Award. I would like to congratulate Sam for this prestigious award and to thank Bobby Tanaka for the invitation to the recognition dinner.

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.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
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I would like to congratulate Sensei Kelvin Mark and Sensei Keith Kato for their nomination to go to Japan and receive their Tokudo Ordination. Good luck to both of you on your journey to Japan.

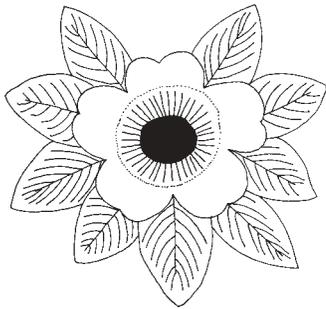
Reverend Yukawa was our special guest speaker for our Gotan-E service. He gave us a very meaningful Dharma message and also sang with our choir at the service.

Just a reminder: the Sacramento Buddhist Church (SBC) Rummage Sale is right around the corner on June 7. Please see the rummage sale flyer for more detailed information.

When I was at the Betsuin on Sunday, May 18, there were people already talking about signing up to volunteer for our Annual SBC Bazaar. So remember, our Obon in July and our Bazaar in August will be here before you know it.

I wish to encourage you to come to me to discuss any issues, problems or concerns related to our temple as I am open to your comments. I hope to see you soon at the Betsuin or Sunday service. Thank you very much for your support.

**SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
VIRGINIA UCHIDA



The May SBWA Board meeting was held on Wednesday, May 7, with President Fusako Takahashi presiding.

**DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Amioka Family .....	In Memory of Saiko Amioka .....	\$300
Susan Kawamura .....	In Memory of Saiko Amioka .....	\$50
Sakaishi Family .....	In Memory of Chizuko Sakaishi .....	\$100
Gary & Jane Komure .....	In Memory of Chizuko Sakaishi .....	\$35
Reiko Kurahara .....	In Memory of Chizuko Sakaishi .....	\$25
Reiko Kurahara .....	In Memory of George Amemiya .....	\$50
Gary & Jane Komure .....	In Memory of Helen Noguchi .....	\$35
Martha Shintaku .....	Appreciation .....	\$25

Thank you everyone for your generous donations to SBWA.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

- **Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Conference in Irvine, California:** We are still waiting for the registration packets for this conference, which will be held on October 10-12, 2014. If you are interested, please contact Virginia Uchida or Fusako Takahashi so that they can make copies for you once the registration packets arrive.
- **Music Circus – South Pacific:** Virginia Uchida has reserved 35 tickets for South Pacific. The performance will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 2 p.m. Cost for the ticket will be \$33 for SBWA members. Dinner at The Islander will cost \$17. Total for dinner and show is \$50. If you are interested in attending, please contact Virginia at (916) 421-3538. Checks should be made payable to SBWA and can be dropped off at the church. Make sure you indicate that payment is for Music Circus. **Deadline to submit the payment is July 15, 2014.**
- **Fundraising Event: Tamale Making – October 25-26, 2014:** If you are interested in helping, please contact Hiroko Tsuda. This will be a **Pre-Sale Only Event** (a limited amount of tickets will be sold). More details to come. Save the date!

**BWA CRAFT BOOTH - SHIRLEY KATO**

Thank you to the following for their contribution of great items for the Bazaar craft booth: Jean Ota (knitted slippers); Mary Tsukiji (ceramic pieces, needlecraft items, and rice sacks); Jane Komure, Beverly Tanaka and Toshie Kobata (wash cloths); Misao Inaba (hand towels); Judy Inaba (clothes pin clips); Grace Hatano (rice sacks); Amy Dote (a beautiful quilt); Kiyo Tanaka (tissue covers); Sherry Fujii and Carolyn Murai (cards); and Gloria Smith and Yvonne Ishimoto (flower scrubbers).

Thank you to Erika Rodea and Kathy Tanaka Henry for leading the May class on making stamped coasters. On Friday, June 20, 1:30 p.m. in the classrooms, Joanne Nishimura and Janis Furuta will teach the group how to make tangle-free travel necklaces. If you plan to attend, please bring a crochet hook size G or H.

**THANK YOUS**

President Takahashi thanked Reiko for setting up the refreshments, everyone who brought treats, and everyone for cleaning up.

The next SBWA meeting will be Wednesday, June 4. Keiko Jean Kashiwada will return to write the article for the SANGHA next month. I am sure her vacation in Germany was great! Welcome back Keiko Jean!

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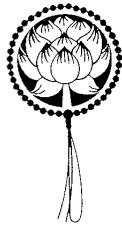
MINISTER ASSISTANTS  
KELVIN MARK

Namo Amida Butsu. Hello and welcome to the month of June. What kinds of activities has your household enjoyed this spring? How is the Nembutsu at work in your life? Mother’s Day is a memory and Father’s Day is just around the corner. Hopefully the warm weather is helping springtime allergies to quiet down. Basketball tournaments are hitting the home stretch. Little League baseball is deep into playoffs time. Fourteen Cub Scouts from Pack 50 have earned the Arrow of Light Award and crossed the bridge into Boy Scouting.

Nineteen senior Girl Scouts from Troop 569 have “bridged” for a final time and each young woman will soon leave for college. High school graduations are happening all around us. Final exams, SATs, and advanced placement tests are in the books — yeah! Our Dharma School term is winding down. And youthful eyes turn toward another epic summer of fun and exploration. Soon we will have Rummage Sale, Obon tent set-up, and our 10th Youth Advocacy Retreat.

How quickly summer has changed to autumn, autumn to winter, and winter to spring. How quickly kindergarten has transformed to become high school and senior year. On the surface, we often resist the concept of change, even though deep down inside we know that the realities of change and impermanence are inescapable. And then, our Dharma eyes open to the reality that change evolves with us daily and every day of our lives. Attachment and un-attachment; hanging on, and letting go. One door closes as another door opens.

How amazing it is then to feel the ebb and flow of our lifelong journeys. When we stop to realize that each activity, every season and each year that we are fortunate to live is limited, our Dharma eyes cannot help but open to see that we should strive to live each day fully engaged, in every moment, and that we must not take for granted the treasures that are the love of family, the caring of friends, and the gift that every day brings. Namo Amida Butsu.



*Condolences to the Families of:*



- Otis Turner, Jr. .... October 10, 1944 – March 26, 2014*
- Ben Makishima ..... August 2, 1933 – April 19, 2014*
- Makoto Shirai ..... September 24, 1919 – April 20, 2014*
- Kenji Kuwahara ..... April 28, 1939 – May 4, 2014*
- Kay Urakawa ..... December 26, 1920 – May 15, 2014*

LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND  
VALERIE FONG

おかげさま

Hello from the Legacy Endowment Fund Board! It is the month of June and we are getting ready for another big rummage sale. **This event will be held on Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church kaikan.** The rummage sale has become something of a community event for sangha members, residents in neighboring areas and local charities. We hope that you will donate usable items and invite family, friends and co-workers to come out for the big day. **Donation drop-off dates will be Thursday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, June 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Reverend Patti continues to bring us wonderful and exciting lectures each month as part of a medical series program that she started a few years ago. We are so fortunate to have many sangha members with exceptional experience and skills who are willing to share their expertise. Our guest speaker for the month of April was Satsuki Ina, Ph.D., a marriage and family therapist, who gave a thoughtful and interesting lecture entitled “Second Wind: Creating a Vibrant Longevity.” Our May guest speaker was Denis Ishisaka, Pharm.D., who gave an informative lecture, “Let’s Talk About Your Meds — Tips and Advice.”

If there is a topic that you are particularly interested in learning more about, let Reverend Patti know and perhaps she will be able to arrange an informative lecture in the near future. Please do watch for announcements for upcoming lectures and sign up in the church office. You will be glad that you did!

Happy summer from the Legacy Endowment Fund Board!

S A C R A M E N T O B U D D H I S T C H U R C H



**SALE DATE: Saturday, June 7, 2014, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan**  
 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA

**DONATION DROP OFF DATES:** June 5th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 June 6th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**USABLE ITEMS NEEDED:** Clothing, accessories, jewelry, specialty items, shoes, purses, housewares, glassware, toys, games, sports equipment, seasonal items, books, tools, electronics, small appliances in working condition, furniture in good repair, laptops, computers, monitors, cell phones, ink cartridges and smaller TVs.

**ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:** Mattresses, large appliances, baby cribs, carseats or baby items with expiration dates.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Sorting, organizing, selling, cashiering, monitoring, traffic control, security, and loads of other skills. **Volunteers that want to have a fun time and find great treasures! Sign up in the Church office!**

**INFORMATION: (916) 446-0121**

L E G A C Y E N D O W M E N T B E N E F I T

**HATSUMAIRI**  
**INFANT**  
**PRESENTATION**  
**SERVICE**



**H**atsumairi literally means “first service” and represents the first opportunity for parents or grandparents to bring infants who were born during the previous year to our Temple. Not only are the children introduced to the sangha; they are introduced to the Dharma traditions for the first time.

**APPLICATION FORM**  
**INFANT PRESENTATION SERVICE - HATSUMAIRI**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2014**

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Child’s name in Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ (If known)

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl

Parent (Father) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Mother) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and submit to the Betsuin Office by September 14. Thank you!

**NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

**NEED A ROOM RESERVATION FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING?**

The Betsuin office has a new, streamlined process to request and confirm a room reservation for your next meeting! You can now email your request to: *BetsuinRoomRequest@gmail.com*. Include the following information and our office staff will reply to you within 24 hours:

- 1 Name of your group (if applicable, please include Den number, Troop number, Patrol Name, etc.).
- 2 Purpose of your meeting
- 3 Day of week and date for your meeting
- 4 Start and end times for your meeting, including clean-up
- 5 If you need set-up time, please note the time you will arrive to set up.
- 6 Room preference(s)
- 7 Number of attendees anticipated
- 8 Your name and contact phone number

You can still come in to the office to make a reservation in person. If you call, any staff member who answers the phone can assist you. **Please allow a minimum of one week's notice** to help us ensure that your meeting can be booked. Requests can be made up to one year in advance, so the earlier you can submit your request, the more likely you are to receive your first preference. We are currently accepting reservations through June 2015.

**GETTING YOUR MAIL TO WHERE YOU WANT IT TO GO!**

The Betsuin office is the "sorting station" for mail that comes to the Temple, as well as for all of our sponsored and affiliated organizations (ABA, SBWA, Sports, Scouts, Sakura Gakuen, Jr. YBA, etc.) — even mail for Special Events. Whenever you drop an envelope into the mail and it is heading for the Betsuin, be sure to make a notation **ON THE OUTER ENVELOPE** for where you intend that piece of mail to be delivered. Examples: If your mail is for the Choir Festival, please write "Choir" on the envelope; if it is for a Fujinkai event, please write "SBWA"; if it is a basketball registration, be sure you have noted "Sports Program" on the outside. Your help with this labeling will go a long way toward assisting our staff in making sure your mail is routed correctly.

**TRANSLATION SERVICES?**

It has been a while since we asked about this resource within our sangha, but if you have the ability to translate written Japanese and would be willing to lend a helping hand on occasion, we would GREATLY appreciate being able to call on you. Every now and then, we will receive a phone call or a walk-in with a request for assistance in translating a letter or a sign or something written on a photo. If you are interested in being on our resource list, please contact Cindy in the office.

**MAILING ADDRESS UPDATE**

The amount of returned mail we are receiving in the office **IS DWINDLING TO ALMOST ZERO!** With return postage costing the Betsuin almost \$1 for every two letters, we want to **THANK YOU** for your help in keeping our mailing records accurate! Please keep those updates coming. If you have moved, or are planning to do so in the near future, pass that information along to us so that we can make the correction in our membership database.

You may have noticed that the mailing label on your copy of the SANGHA now has a bar code. For the past several months, we have been utilizing the USPS Online Intelligent Mail System to process our bulk mail, resulting in even more cost-savings for the Temple.

**LOST AND FOUND – LAST CHANCE!**

If you are missing keys, a jacket, hat, glasses, photos, books, journal, a BRAND NEW 2014 BETSUIN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SWEATSHIRT or numerous other PERSONAL TREASURES and you have not yet checked the Betsuin's Lost & Found, please do so before the Annual Rummage Sale in June! **Anything still here in the office on JUNE 4 will be donated!**

Special service years are listed below. If you have a family member or relative who passed away in these years and would like to make arrangements for a memorial service, please contact the office.

Year	Service	Year	Service	Year	Service
2013	1st year	2002	13th year	1982	33rd year
2012	3rd year	1998	17th year	1965	50th year
2008	7th year	1990	25th year	1915	100th year

**2014 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**CHOIR  
FESTIVAL:  
JUNE 21**

The excitement is intensifying as the members of the Betsuin Choir are preparing to host the first-ever Choir Festival in the Capital City on Saturday, June 21! We welcome you to join us at 1 p.m. in the Hondo to listen to our guests as they have been preparing months on their individual arrangement of songs.

The directors of the choirs are:  
 Fresno Toshiko Norimoto  
 Mountain View Jim Gray  
 Palo Alto Alice Fukushima  
 Sacramento Alice Kurotori  
 San Francisco Misaye Abiko  
 San Jose Nancy Hikoyeda

The day's events are as follows:  
 9:30 – 10:15 Registration (Kaikan)  
 10:30 – 10:55 Opening Service  
 11:00 – 11:30 Mass Choir Rehearsal  
 11:45 – 12:30 Individual Choir Warm-Ups & Lunch  
 1:00 – 3:00 Individual & Mass Choir Performances  
 4:00 – 5:00 Entertainment & Dinner (Kaikan)

We would like to express our heartfelt thank yous to the following people for their generous donation to our choir:

Lorna M. Fong ..... In Memory of Mary Kawano Fong  
 Grace Hatano ..... Special Donation  
 Stephen & Jean Kashiwada..... In Memory of Chizuko Mary Sakaishi

In Harmony and Gassho,  
 Sacramento Betsuin Choir

**INTRO TO  
BUDDHISM**

**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW  
ABOUT BUDDHISM  
FOR ANYONE 9 YEARS OLD AND UP**

**MONDAY, JUNE 2 AND MONDAY, JUNE 9, 7-8:30 P.M.  
BETSUIN CLASSROOMS**

**REVEREND BOB WILL BE GIVING TWO  
1.5 HOUR SESSIONS**

Please sign up in the Temple Office.  
 Any questions? Contact Reverend Patti: [revpattibetsuin@gmail.com](mailto:revpattibetsuin@gmail.com)

**SAKURA  
GAKUEN  
JAPANESE  
LANGUAGE  
SCHOOL  
JOHN MCDONNELL**



The support of school by the sangha is greatly appreciated. The Kodomo no Hi onigiri sale was a success with the onigiri selling out in record time. Domo arigato gozaimasu.

Sakura Gakuen wound up the year with a lovely promotion and graduation ceremony in William Land Park. Some of the students have been taking classes since kindergarten! We had three graduating students who have attended classes for eight years, mastered the school curriculum and eaten untold numbers of onigiri on Saturday mornings for snack. Graduates gave short speeches demonstrating their skills. Certificates of completion, report cards and gifts were handed out after everyone sang the traditional graduation song “Hotaru no hikari” in Japanese. Parents were reminded of the fun coming up at the August Bazaar, before the potluck picnic commenced. The potluck was a rainbow of tastes from traditional Japanese summer dishes — *zaru somen*, *chirashizushi*, *yakisoba*, *yaki onigiri*, *suika* (watermelon) and refreshing *mugicha* — to tamales, somosa and macaroni salad. Sharing culture and expanding our horizons is part of the school’s mission, and what a memorably delicious way to promote that on the last day of the school year.

Interested in learning or refreshing your knowledge of Japanese? Want to prepare for a trip to Japan?

- Enroll in Adult Monday afternoon-evening classes on August 18 at 6 p.m. in the Annex for classes that begin on Monday, September 8. Contact Thomas sensei for more information about the Monday class offerings.
- Fall registration for the Saturday children’s school is Saturday, August 23, with the first day of instruction on September 6.

If you are curious about the language school, drop by the Bazaar’s Ginza booth and talk with a parent or teacher about the program or visit the school’s web pages at [www.sakuragakuen.org](http://www.sakuragakuen.org).

**SUBMIT  
CALENDAR  
PHOTOS AS  
THEY  
HAPPEN**  
CLIFF ADAMS

**DHARMA  
EDUCATION  
AWARD**  
KEN FURUKAWA

**DHARMA  
SCHOOL**  
KEN FURUKAWA



**DONATIONS**

The year is half over. Have you submitted ACTION PHOTOS for possible inclusion in the 2015 calendar? Please help us return to a schedule that allows the 2015 calendar to be printed in November and distributed in December. Submit action photos for possible inclusion in the calendar by emailing them to *vibrocount@lanset.com* or leaving a disk at the church office. Be sure to put "Calendar photo" in the email subject line.

High-resolution digital files are best, but prints can be scanned. We are looking for action photos from November and December 2013, as well as the best photos from January through October 2014. Thank you!

The Buddhist Church of Sacramento Board of Trustees Education Committee is proud to announce that the following graduating high school seniors will receive a monetary Dharma Education Award at the picnic service at William Land Park on Sunday, June 8.

Kyle Adachi	Lyndsie Mark	Nathan Siu
Brianna Fujimoto	Kayla Nodohara	Jason Wu
Sydney Kajioka	Gillian Ohta	Kimberly Yabumoto

Each applicant submitted a personal statement, an essay describing the applicant's relationship to Jodo Shinshu, and an application form identifying their various activities and levels of participation at the Betsuin. Each candidate also participated in an interview by a group of adult volunteers at the Betsuin.

Please congratulate these young ladies and gentlemen for receiving this award recognizing their understanding of the Buddha Dharma in their lives and their significant contributions to the Betsuin community.

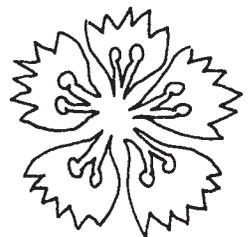
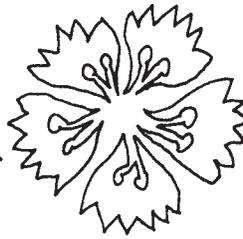
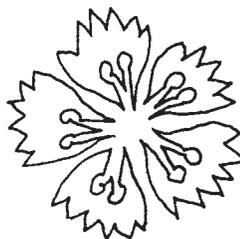
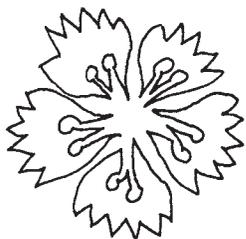
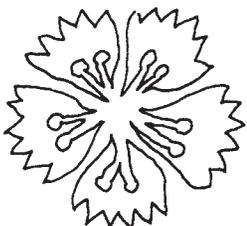
June is upon us; another Dharma School term comes to a close. My, how the year has flown by again! I want to thank all the Dharma School teachers and teaching assistants for all their hard work and dedication to their classes; you are all so awesome! As we get ready to finish the school year and enjoy summer, remember that there are a few more important events left in the 2013-14 schedule:

- **June 8:** The annual Dharma School picnic service will take place at William Land Regional Park, areas 20 and 21 (same as previous years). Service begins at 9:30 a.m. Along with the short service, we will recognize the graduating high school seniors, student attendance awards, and the Betsuin Dharma Education Awards. After the service and awards, we will enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by the Dharma Courtyard Kitchen Crew, and games and races will be held for the younger children. Please come out and enjoy the Dharma in the outdoors! I suggest you bring a light jacket or sweater in the morning.
- Parents and 6th-12th grade students, please consider signing up to bus the outdoor eating area tables during the **Bazaar in August**. Dharma School teachers should be contacting you or asking you during church to volunteer for a short shift assigned to each class. Please don't say no!

As Reverend Peter mentioned during service in May, we are still looking for a few volunteers to help out as Dharma School teachers! Please contact me or Valerie Fong for details about which classes are in need! If you did not get to hear RPs message, please look for it on the church website *www.buddhistchurch.com*; it was fantastic. Dharma School will really miss RP during Sunday services for next term! Thanks for all your help and guidance, RP!

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

Gladys Adachi	Doris Kuroko	Senator Lions (Keith Kato)
Carole Fukumoto	Ed & Janet Mizutani	Aki Shimada
Naomi Hamamoto	Yo Morisawa	Jerry & Sandy Tokunaga
Nancy Hashimoto	Barbara Nakatomi	Emi Watanabe
Minnie Iseri	Mary Orite	Sally Yamaichi
Reiko Kurahara	Sam Orite	Rev. Yukawa & Michiko



**SACRAMENTO  
GIRL SCOUT  
TROOP 569  
GRADUATING  
SENIORS**



(Photo above, from left) Sheryl Kajioka, Cindy Fong, Alice Tom, Doreen Hosokawa, Rick Matsuo, Emily Yamamoto, Kelli Omoto-Lee, Dr. Cheryl Lieu, Kristi Omoto.



Standing (left to right): Courtney Matsuo, Stacey Lee, Courtney Fong, Lyndsie Mark, Jennifer Jamilosa, Meghan Yamamoto, Sydney Kajioka, Kimberly Yabumoto, Emily Isakari, Kaili Ordiz, Shelly Der.  
Sitting (left to right): Kayla Nodohara, Kaelyn Hosokawa, Rebecca Uda, Megan Cheng, Kari Nakamura, Olivia Wong, Brianna Fujimoto, Jessica Yee.

On Friday, May 9, 2014, Girl Scout Troop 569 had its Bridging ceremony. That evening 19 high school seniors graduated from the program, along with nine leaders. Most of these girls started out as Brownies together and 12 years later are graduating from the program. We were all filled with happy and sad feelings... so happy that all of the girls are moving on with their lives and sad that they will be leaving our Troop. But as one of our graduating seniors, Olivia Wong, said, "Once a girl scout, always a girl scout."

We wish the graduates of 2014 the very best and thank the leaders for their dedicated leadership and support to ensure Troop 569 continues to be a meaningful program for the girls.

Here is a poem composed by one of our graduating girl scouts, Olivia Wong, that she shared during this ceremony.

**A NEW CHAPTER (APRIL 2014) - OLIVIA WONG**

When we're little, one of the first things we're told to do is "make friends"  
 We're told to be nice, be fair, be honest and be kind  
 But what we're not taught is how to leave these friends behind  
 We're not taught how to leave these people that we've grown so close to over the years  
 And we're certainly not taught how to say goodbye or how to hide the tears  
 Even though we'll all meet new people and make new memories, nothing can truly take the place of what we've all shared  
 We've all met people along the way who've helped us, been there for us, laughed with us, cried with us; we've all met people who've cared

I can honestly say that I've met a lot of these people here  
 I've made lifelong friendships that I know will never disappear  
 I've gained not only a community, but also a second home  
 I've had priceless experiences and have never once ever felt alone

Sure I've learned how to "serve my faith, and my country, to help people at all times, and live by the Girl Scout Law"  
 But, most importantly, I've learned how to be myself and be proud of who I am

The past 18 years of our lives have been filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows  
 And now it's time to finally close the curtain on this show, because every chapter must end as a new one begins  
 Everyone must leave the nest and go to places they've never been

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened," is what Dr. Seuss once said  
 So, journey into the future with confidence and passion, rather than fear and dread  
 And despite how much we may want there to be, there's no rewind, fast-forward, or replay button in life  
 You only get one chance to "do it right"  
 So, do things that excite you, try things that challenge you, and befriend people that inspire you  
 Because, as cheesy and mainstream as this may sound, you do only live once; so make it count



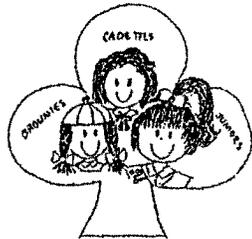
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## GIRL SCOUT TROOP 569

ARLENE KWONG



**T**ogetherness” is the theme for this month’s SANGHA. Through events and ceremonies, Troop 569 had the opportunity to spend time with fellow Girl Scout sisters.

A big “**Thank you**” to Cadettes 2 and Cadettes 3 for hosting the Outdoor Cooking Event for Juniors 1. The girls enjoyed slicing and dicing various fresh fruits. They boiled spaghetti, fried hamburger and sausage, made spaghetti sauce, and fried donuts on a Coleman stove. They also made fresh garlic bread and heated it up in box ovens. For dessert, they made homemade ice cream in a bag and all the girls made ice cream sundaes. Juniors 1 had a fantastic time and they loved learning and working with their Cadette sisters!

Juniors 1 attended the 33rd Annual Golden Gate Bridging Event. The girls enjoyed a beautiful day crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, and they had a wonderful time visiting all the booths at Crissy Field. It was a day filled with joy, laughter and sisterhood!

**Bridging** is a Girl Scout ceremony that recognizes a girl’s progression from one age/grade level to the next. The transition signifies a moment when a girl becomes aware of her accomplishments and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities. On May 9, every level of girl scouting was represented at Troop 569’s Bridging ceremony. Congratulations to: **Daisy 1** bridging to Brownies, **Brownies 1 and 2** bridging to Juniors, **Juniors 1 and 2** bridging to Cadettes, **Cadettes 2 and 3** bridging to Seniors, **Seniors 3 and 4** bridging to Ambassadors, and **Seniors 1 and 2** graduating. The event was hosted by Juniors 3. After the opening flag ceremony, Rinban Bob Oshita led gassho. The ceremony started with the Daisies introducing themselves, Brownies reciting a poem, Juniors describing their Bronze Award, Cadettes introducing themselves, and Seniors 3 and 4’s collaborative expression of what they enjoyed most this year and introductions. This was then followed by a slideshow presentation of all the troops (arranged by Olivia Wong).

Next came one of Troop 569’s largest number of graduates (19 girls) from Seniors 2 and Seniors 1. With proud parents and leaders behind them, each girl’s college and future endeavors were announced. Olivia Wong then recited a touching poem that she wrote. After the entertaining “vines,” the slideshow progression from infant to high school graduate was presented.

The night ended with the younger girls looking forward to new adventures with their new uniform. For Seniors 2 and Seniors 1, it was about family, friendship, reflecting on what they have achieved together, and looking forward to the future. Congratulations to all the troops who bridged to the next level. On behalf of all troops, many thanks to Patti Oshita and Judy Inaba for establishing, leading, and supporting Troop 569 for the last 22 years. Many relationships and fond memories have been created under your guidance. Until we meet again, a final message from Troop 569’s Class of 2014:

### SENIORS 2

The Girl Scout journey for the 10 scouts of Seniors 2 is coming to a happy ending. For the past 13 years, the scouts learned about friendship, leadership, team work, communication, life skills, and giving back to the community. More important, they grew up together and will forever have shared memories and experiences as they start the next chapter of their lives.

Seniors 2 would like to thank Leaders **Patti Oshita** and **Judy Inaba** of Troop 569, Treasurer **Grace Lew**, **Tim Castle** and his staff of **FOG ST, Sacramento Betsuin (Reverend Bob and Reverend Peter)**, **Bob Chavez**, and **Reiko/Gladys** and **Crew** for their continuous support and commitment to the Girl Scout program.

The members of Seniors 2 are: **Megan Cheng, Shelly Der, Courtney Fong, Kaelyn Hosokawa, Emily Isakari, Jennifer Jamilosa, Sydney Kajioka, Courtney Matsuo, Olivia Wong and Jessica Yee.**

Five scouts who completed their Gold Award:

- **Megan Cheng:** Science education lessons and labs for elementary school students in Sacramento and China.
- **Shelly Der:** Developing a robotics program with the Boys and Girls Club of Sacramento.
- **Courtney Fong:** Dental health education workshop and video for children translated into three languages.
- **Emily Isakari:** Health fair for the Stockton Asian American senior citizen population.
- **Olivia Wong:** A youth leadership program and cultural exchange for students in Sacramento and other countries.

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**GIRL SCOUT  
TROOP 569**

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**EXPLORER  
POST 50**

BOBBY TANAKA

**SENIORS 1**

Congratulations to the nine Seniors 1 graduates: **Brianna Fujimoto, Stacey Lee, Lyndsie Mark, Kari Nakamura, Kayla Nodohara, Kaili Ordiz, Rebecca Uda, Kimberly Yabumoto and Meghan Yamamoto!** Of the nine girls, four earned their gold award.

- **Brianna Fujimoto** created a college binder consisting of stats on colleges to help students decide which college to attend. She also made a brochure with healthy eating, exercising and study tips for first-year college students.
- **Lyndsie Mark's** gold award involved creating and producing coloring books and collecting art supplies for the Child Life Department at Sutter Hospitals. She was inspired by the growing practice of art therapy at Sutter.
- **Kaili Ordiz** established a tutoring program at Belle Cooledge Library to provide tutoring to those who did not have the resources.
- **Kimberly Yabumoto** addressed the issue of children not having a healthy diet and not having an understanding of how produce is grown. Her project involved the construction of a vegetable garden at her local elementary school where the staff and students could use the garden as an "outdoor classroom."

Seniors 1 would like to say "thank you from the bottom of our hearts" to **Patti Oshita, Judy Inaba, Grace Lew, Tim Castle and Harley Inaba** and the **FOG ST** crew, **Rinban Bob** and **Reverend Peter** and the **Betsuin**, and **Bob Chavez**.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank **Reiko, Gladys and Crew** for the delicious annual leaders dinner and making the spam musubi for our ceremonies.

**O**n Thursday, May 8, the annual Boy Scout Capital City District Awards Dinner was held at the Buddhist Church. This dinner was organized and led by Troop 50 Committee Chair Nick Shebert, and attended by 225 Scout leaders and parents, including 80 leaders from our Betsuin Board of Trustees and Pack, Troop, Crew and Post 50. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award to longtime Scout and temple leader Mr. Sam Adachi.

BSA: "The purpose of the BSA Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Asian American youth."

This award recognizes Mr. Adachi's numerous contributions to Scouting and our youth over the last 35 years:

- At the Buddhist Church, Mr. Adachi was an outstanding Scoutmaster of Troop 50 for two years, Advisor for Post 50 for six years, and Charter Organization Representative for Pack, Troop, and Post 50 for 30 years. He is a 1986 recipient of the District Award of Merit.
- For the last 20 years, Mr. Adachi has made numerous contributions as a member and Elder of the Buddhist Church Board of Trustees, which oversees the Dharma School program, Sports program, the Sakura Gakuen Japanese language school, and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts.
- For the last 10 years, Mr. Adachi has been a hard-working member of the Buddhist Church Kitchen Crew, which provides snacks and refreshments to the Dharma School students and parents every Sunday and at numerous other temple events.
- For the last 28 years, Mr. Adachi has been the unofficial Advisor of Explorer Post 50. In 1985, all of the Post 50 members aged out, and the post should have disbanded, but to this day, post members continue to meet annually for a Christmas holiday dinner and other events throughout the year. At this dinner, the Explorer Scouts, the Scouts' parents, and the Scouts' children all meet to continue their friendships and support of one another. This is a shining example of the wonderful possibilities of Scouting.

The Scouts and parents of Explorer Post 50 would like to congratulate Mr. Sam Adachi for this well-deserved award and thank him for his strong leadership, guidance and support over the years.

Because of his hard work and dedication to Scouting and our youth, the present day Pack 50, Troop 50, and Crew 50 Scouts are also able to enjoy the benefits of Scouting.

## SPORTS COMMITTEE

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As we enter the sixth month of the year 2014, it has been said before and it will be said again and again: “Can you believe it? It is June and half the year is gone already!” Oh, you don’t hear that? What about: “How come my brand new bag of potato chips is only half full?” And that brings up the age-old question: Is that glass of water half empty or half full? Even though it is an age-old question, it does not make any sense today because it is said that we all should be drinking 8 glasses of water each day, so there should not be any glass of water half empty or half full just sitting around. And we all know this is the furthest from the truth; after each game at our annual tournament, there will always be dozens of half-empty and half-full bottles of whatever abandoned on the floor of the teams’ bench area amounting to gallons and gallons.

Speaking of half-full gallons, is there a half-gallon container of ice cream out there anymore? It’s pretty obvious that the once-beloved half-gallon of ice cream has been reduced to a mere 1.5 quarts while maintaining the half-gallon price. How about a half-gallon of orange juice? This one is not that easy to see, but many containers are now only 59 ounces! The last time we were in 4th grade, we all learned that 2 quarts is a half-gallon, which is also 64 ounces. So, buyer beware; but then again they make it difficult for you to really see that you are getting fleeced and try to confuse you with all that metric mumbo jumbo. They say: “Save more with this 1.05 liter size, on sale now!” Okay, since this train has been derailed way off the tracks and half way to Barstow, let’s get back to the subject at hand.

The Central Cal Cobra tournament, which usually marks the end of the current basketball season, is quickly approaching on Father’s Day weekend, (June 14-15). Good luck to all our teams that will participate!

For those teams that have already wrapped up their season, we need to collect all your uniforms. Please bag them up and return to your Team Mom to forward to your division coordinator.

Just as we end the current season, we need to plan for the upcoming season, and due to popular requests, we want to get a jump on forming our teams for this fall, so we can participate in the fall tournaments that we historically miss, so please get your early registration submitted, take advantage of the Early Bird Discount, and get ready for the fall tournaments.

Enjoy the second half of the year!





## Tournament Info

6:30-7:15am	Registration	Shamble Format with Blind Draw for Teams
7:30am	Shotgun Start	Team Prizes
2:00pm	Lunch, Awards and Raffle	Hole-in-One and Closest-to-the-Pin Prizes
	Sacramento Betsuin Kaikan	Raffle Prizes
	2401 Riverside Blvd.	\$500 per foursome or \$125 per player:
	Sacramento, CA 95831	(Includes golf, cart and bento box lunch)

Make Checks Payable to: Sacramento Buddhist Church  
Hand Carry or Mail to: 2401 Riverside Blvd.  
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Fed Tax ID: 94-1243674  
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