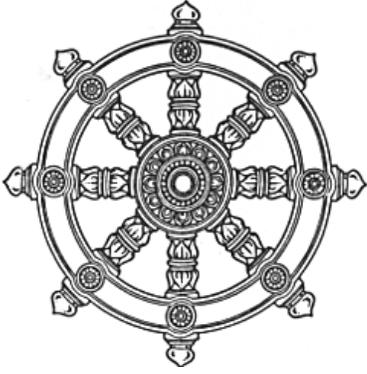


**PAST  
PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**  
ROBBIE MIDZUNO



I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year's Day. I am sure there were a lot of great meals and special moments shared with family and friends. As my presidency for 2014 came to an end, I looked back and can see all the positive changes we have made in keeping the Sacramento Buddhist Church the best in BCA. It was a collaborative effort from my Executive Board, advisors, the Board of Trustees, sangha members, affiliated organizations, office staff, minister assistants and ministers. It was a total group effort and I would like to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for all your hard work and dedication.

I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank my 2014 Executive Board members: President-Elect: Gordon Nitta; Administrative Secretary: Carol Tamai; Treasurer: Kathy Yamamoto; Auditors: Valerie Fong, Brian Hatano and Denis Ishisaka; and my advisors: Ted Yoshimura, Kelvin Mark and Allan Hoshida.

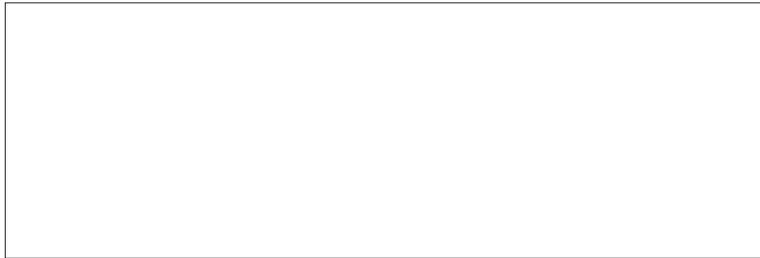
I would like to congratulate and introduce our new Board of Trustees members for the years 2015–2017: Brian Hatano, Denis Ishisaka, Kelvin Mark, Steve Sasaki, Shirley Sekeres, Nick Shebert, Diane Shimosaka, Bobby Tanaka, Mark Umeda, Alan Wu and Ted Yoshimura.

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**PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
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If you did not have the opportunity to read Reverend Patti's Corner in the December SANGHA, please do so. Her last paragraph, "So during this special family time of gift giving and receiving, let us try to give ourselves and our families the gift of being 'present' with and for each other." It reminded me of a conversation I had with an elder, when she told me, "No words necessarily need to be exchanged at a family dinner. Just the presence of all of our family being together matters most." I hope all of you had this occasion to spend time with your families during the holidays.

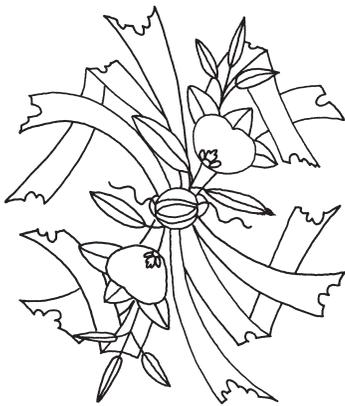
I recently exchanged text messages with Reverend Peter, who said, "Thank you for everything. We have such a unique and special sangha because of our leaders and volunteers."

The Sacramento Betsuin supported our neighbors, the Congregation B'Nai Israel, at 3600 Riverside Boulevard, for their 2014 Emergency Shelter for the Homeless Program. The Board of Trustees approved a donation of \$1,000 in support of their program.

I have enjoyed serving as your president this past year. It has been rewarding as well as challenging, but at the same time, it was an honor as well as a privilege. I want to extend my sincere gratitude for all of your continued support, volunteerism and hard work. I hope to see you soon at the Betsuin and at the Sunday service.

Take care,  
Robbie

**SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
FUSAKO TAKAHASHI  
FOR KEIKO JEAN  
KASHIWADA



The December SBWA Board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 10 following a short service led by our Rinban Oshita and assisted by Reverend Patti Oshita.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Keiko Jean for the excellent reporting she has continued to do for the SBWA. She is an invaluable asset on the Board. She is the most efficient and dedicated member I have the good fortune know. She makes the board "look" good. Thank you very much for the sacrifices you make for the benefit of the SBWA and for the church. Keiko Jean is the golden link that keeps the membership in touch and expressing gratitude for donations received in a very timely fashion. Thank you very much!

With that said, sincere appreciation goes to the Board and the membership for their continued support for the activities of SBWA. *Shinnen mo dozoo yoroshiku onegai itashimasu.* And of course to the Board of Trustees, ABA and the church membership for your kind and generous support throughout the year.

**DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Grace Hatano .....	80th Birthday .....	\$80
Gerry Tsukiji .....	In Memory of Chiyeko Tsukiji .....	\$50
Don Ishii & Family .....	To the Ukettes on Don's 99th Birthday .....	\$30
Pearl Kai .....	In Memory of Lillian Ishii .....	\$30
Anonymous .....	Appreciation for the Chirashi .....	\$10

**ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

- **Mochitsuki:** Reiko Kurahara requested help to make kasane mochi for the Sports Committee's annual fund raiser. Please arrive at 7 a.m. on Saturday, December 13 at the gymnasium.
- **Tsuito Hoyo/Bonenkai:** Sunday, December 14, 2014: Service to start at 12 noon. Guest Speaker: Reverend Koshin Ogui. Chairman for the service: Lynn Kurahara; followed by the Bonenkai in the gymnasium. Entertainment by the Betsuin Choir led by Alice Kurotori and raffle will round off the event. Thank yous go to North American Trading and Oto's Marketplace for their generous donations and to the many members who donated item(s) for the raffle.
- **Hoonko Chirashi:** Chairperson Elaine Yoshikawa thanked all the board members who came out to help prepare the chirashi both on Saturday and Sunday. There was enough made so that Reiko Kurahara and Gladys Adachi were able to deliver the chirashi to the many homebound members. We thank Nancy Hashimoto for heading the cooking crew. Thank you, Elaine!
- **Elections:** We thank the Nominations and Elections Committee headed by Mollie Oto for executing the elections. We welcome Joan S. Curry, Grace Ishimoto, Nancy K. Ito and Joyce M. Sahara to the board.

We are sad to see four talented and dedicated board members resign their posts: Jane Nakagawa, Sharon Yoshimura, Kay Sakamoto and Jean Ota. Jean has served on the board longer than I have been a member. We thank her for her many years of devotion and dedication to the board. We do hope that

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Jane, Sharon and Kay will return to the board when they find some time in their family life. Thank you for your outstanding support as board members.

- **Women of Jodo Shinshu Service** (service to honor Eshinnin-ko, Kakushinni-ko, Lady Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani): Scheduled for February 8, 2015. Chair for the event: Reiko Kurahara, Heidi Sakazaki, Virginia Uchida. Luncheon first, then the service. Details to follow.
- **Spring Food Festival** : March 2015: Midori Ito and Fusako Takahashi will be substituting for Virginia Uchida.

Reminder: Next meeting will be January 7, 2015 at 6 p.m. Service will start promptly in the Hondo at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**H**appy New Year! I can't believe 2015 is already here. The new year is a time for us to slow down and really take a look at where we are. It is a time to think about the year that has passed and take note of what we hope to accomplish moving forward. It is a time of reflection and self analysis.

2015 marks the first full year since I've sold my restaurant. I can't believe it's already been a year. My business has defined me for such a large part of my adult life. Whenever people saw me, they would ask, "How's the biz?" Now they ask, "So what are you doing now?"

I could never be far from my cell phone in case of an emergency, like if an employee didn't show up for their shift, or there was a problem with a piece of equipment, or a computer system malfunction. And even at night, I had to make sure my cell phone was on in case the alarm company called me. I have had to fix broken windows in the middle of the night on many occasions.

Since restaurant work involves working evenings and weekends, I would often find myself staring at the clock, hoping to get home in time to tuck Ellie into bed. And when I would finally get home, all I would do is turn on my computer and watch my webcams to monitor how the restaurant was doing. So no matter where I was, my mind was always off somewhere else.

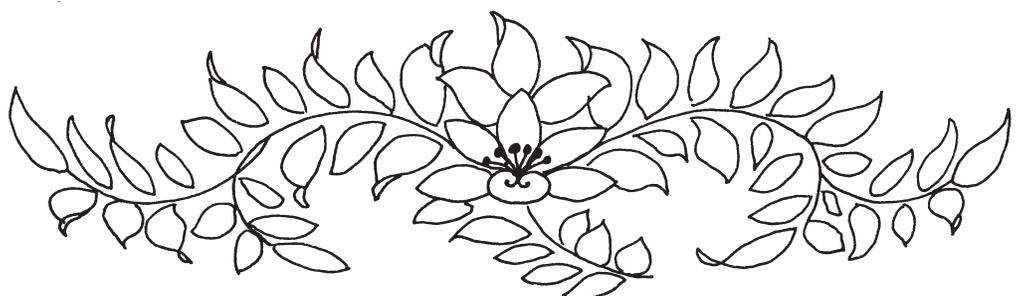
I was constantly worried about the future. Who will replace this employee once he quits? How will I pay for this piece of equipment once it needs to be replaced? When should I renegotiate my lease? When are my insurance policies up for renewal? And so on and so forth. It was truly endless.

I never existed in the moment. I never stopped worrying. I never stopped thinking about it. It was on my mind 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I never fully understood how much it weighed on me and how damaging that was. Even my physical body started feeling the effects of being on my feet all day, and running around in fits of panic when it was busy. And the mental anguish of trying to please people day in and day out was enough to drive anyone crazy.

Being a member of our Sacramento Betsuin staff holds great meaning to me. To enjoy the people I work with in the office and to enjoy the sangha members of our temple is truly something that I am grateful for. I understand now that my past life experience is what makes me appreciate what I have now. I still think about the future, but I no longer obsess over it.

It is my hope that our temple will continue to thrive and grow. But it's not something that I worry about and lose sleep over. I know if we all do our best and continue to make decisions with the temple's best interest at heart, we will be okay. Our temple is a place to share the dharma with the sangha. And if we always nurture those two things, we will remain together and strong.

May this time of year be a time of reflection and self examination. I hope each of you can make a needed change in your life to make it better. Life passes us by far too quickly to simply have to "endure" it. We should be living it, and enjoying it as best we can!



**QUESTIONS  
AND  
ANSWERS  
WITH YOUTH  
PROGRAM  
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Two of our youngest sangha (N.W. and A.W., elementary grade) asked, "Who are all those people on stage (*onaijin*) during a service and what do they do?"

Many of the faces are perennial, but there is a new contingent of youth living the dharma before us. The Legacy Endowment Fund (LEF) assists with tuition funding for many Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC)/Youth Minister Assistant (YMA) participants: Ty Coloma, Steven Tanaka and Keri Castle were kind enough to share their thoughts:

**TY COLOMA**

*When did you decide to become part of the Youth Advocacy Committee?*

When I first heard about the Youth Advocacy Committee, was when my older friends talked about how much fun they had over the summer during the retreat. Once I heard about the retreat, I've always wanted to attend and become a youth minister. When I got the email about attending the retreat, I was so happy and excited, that I quickly filled out the forms. During the retreat, we learned so much about Buddhism and also the etiquette of the church.

*What is it like when you put on your robes? What happens in the huddle up prior to service?*

When we put on our robes, it's a way we know that we are connected to the teaching of Buddhism and to give respect to Buddha. Finally, before every service, all the ministers, minister assistants and the youth minister assistants talk about the roles each person has before, during and after service. Being part of the Youth Advocacy Committee has given me the best experience, and also taught me more about the church and Buddha's teaching.

**STEVEN TANAKA**

My name is Steven Tanaka and I am 17 years old and I am a proud youth minister assistant (YMA).

*What is it like on the onaijin? When you look out and see the sangha, what are your thoughts?*

To be on the onaijin is definitely a wonderful and humbling experience that has been nothing less than amazing. While sitting on the *onaijin*, it is a calm and relaxing place to be and you are fully engaged, and fully focused on the service at hand. People often ask about how the view is and I would say it really is one of the best views, to see the hondo full of people; you can absolutely see everything. However, while being up there, the full main focus is the service, so you can never get distracted to other outside things happening, but it really is a joy to see all the seats full of sangha members. While sitting through service, the mindset really is to just live in the moment; you are only focused on your current task or part in the service as well and being fully engaged to what we are doing. It is an overall great experience to be on the *onaijin*, and I am grateful to be given the wonderful opportunity to be a YMA at our Betsuin.

*Is there a specific task assigned to the YMA team while on the onaijin?*

We are a team and we all work together. For us, Team Betsuin, we have different roles that we share and that we rotate. As youth minister assistants, we mainly just want to help out in any way possible. Whether it would be help set up the *onaijin* (*egakari*), or be the leader of the service (*doshi/chosho*) or to lead the reciting of the Three Treasures or Golden Chain, etc., there are many different roles we all share and switch off every week. Each job is fun to do, and it is overall a great feeling knowing not only are you helping out the minister's staff, but also the entire sangha, as you are a leader, a helper and a guide while at church, so I definitely try to always lead by example.

**KERI CASTLE**

*How long have you been part of the YAC?*

Even though I have only been officially a part of the YAC program since 2011, when I participated in the YAC summer retreat, I would say that I have been in the program since I was 8 years old when the first YAC retreat was held. Every summer since I was 8, I would be at the church with my parents and the other reverends as they worked hard to put on the summer retreats. Growing up, seeing how much effort and time the Sacramento reverends put into each summer retreat had a definite influence on my decision to participate in my own retreat in 2011. Even after the retreat experience three years ago, I still feel very much a part of my temple and the YAC group. It was one of those experiences that really change your perspective on life and help you become a better person.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS (CONTINUED)**

*What do you plan to do with your training?*

I find that I can use my training in everyday life, whether it's being considerate and thinking about others, or even simply appreciating and being grateful for the many things I have in life. I use the skills I learned at the retreat to participate in services on the *onaijin* whenever I can and will hopefully use those skills to be a significant member of many church groups and of the YAC in the future.

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Although Ty, Steven, Keri and many students have benefited with YAC tuition support and program underwriting from the LEF, the temple and sangha are the true beneficiaries. We appreciate their dedication to the temple and community as they learn, grow and "shape the future."

**SAKURA GAKUEN JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL JOHN MCDONNELL**



あけましておめでとうございます。

**A**kemashite omedetou gozaimasu. **Happy New Year!** These chilly winter days of the New Year are full of ritual, memories and promise. Toasted mochi warms the misty mornings and is a great way to start a healthy day. This year of the sheep is the perfect time to start a Japanese language class. **The spring classes for adults begin on February 2.** See <http://sakuragakuen.org/classes/adult-classes/> for the latest course offerings that include beginning to advanced, kanji and refresher classes to our high school after school class.

**Registration for the adult spring semester is on January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the annex.** Classes require a minimum of 8 students to be held, so register on January 12 to ensure a spot in the class of your choice. Drop by registration for our Monday dean, Mrs. Thomas, to assist you with enrolling in the most suitable course for you. **Buddhist Church of Sacramento members get a 20% discount on tuition for Monday classes.** For more information about the adult program, email Mrs. Thomas at [thomas@sakuragakuen.org](mailto:thomas@sakuragakuen.org).

Monday classes, excluding test preparation and kanji courses, do not require homework. They are designed for busy people with just 90 minutes a week to have fun learning Japanese. Our teachers are not only skilled at teaching Japanese as a second language, but they have great stories to share that keep the learning exciting. A potluck at the end of the semester caps your accomplishments and is always fun. Potluck entertainment stretches the gamut from Elvis impersonators, Placer Taiko and hula dancing. All this AND learning or refreshing a second language — the Monday language classes are a bargain.

Join us as we take the opportunity of the New Year to look back and at the same time to look ahead as we reflect on all who have shaped us and what we can share and learn from each other. Enjoy this Year of the Sheep, the year of the generous, kind and clever.

**RECOGNITION FOR MAY ARAI AND MIEKO (CHOKO) OTO**

**O**n Sunday, November 16, the Sacramento Betsuin Dharma School acknowledged and thanked Mrs. May Arai and Mrs. Mieko Oto for their many years of dedicated service to our Dharma School program, specifically the 6th Grade class. Mrs. Arai had 36 years of teaching and Mrs.

Oto had 47 years of teaching at the Betsuin. Along with their families, Steve Hiromoto shared how he was fortunate to spend 520 or so Sundays (13 years) teaching with the two ladies.

With help from Steve Hiromoto and Sandy Tokunaga, they were able to gather family members to join them at this special service. Bobby Tanaka and Gillian Ohta shared their memories of the ladies. A special flower arrangement (donated by Jerry Tokunaga) and cake (donated by Steve Hiromoto) were given to the ladies. They also received a certificate from Dharma School Superintendent



Reverend Patti, Valerie Fong, Mrs. Mieko Oto, Mrs. May Arai, Jan Arai Phillips, Reverend Bob

Valerie Fong, commending them and thanking them for their years of service to our Dharma School program.

Congratulations, Mrs. Arai and Mrs. Oto!

**2014  
NORTHERN  
CALIFORNIA  
BAZAAR  
TERIYAKI  
CHICKEN  
THROWDOWN  
REV. PATTI OSHITA**

On Saturday, November 22, all seven Northern California (NC) Temples (Stockton, Lodi, Walnut Grove, Florin, Sacramento, Marysville and Placer) sent their best chicken grillers to the Sacramento Betsuin for the Second NC Bazaar Teriyaki Chicken Throwdown. The Betsuin grillers were James and Mark Amioka.

The Betsuin courtyard was filled with NC barbeque masters, working their teriyaki magic on the grills. Each temple seemed to employ their own unique grilling technique and unique grilling tools. Our Betsuin courtyard was filled with smoke and the delicious aroma of barbequing chicken. It was a fun afternoon of playful chatter and banter as the grillers competed for the right to claim the Best Barbeque Teriyaki Chicken in Northern California!

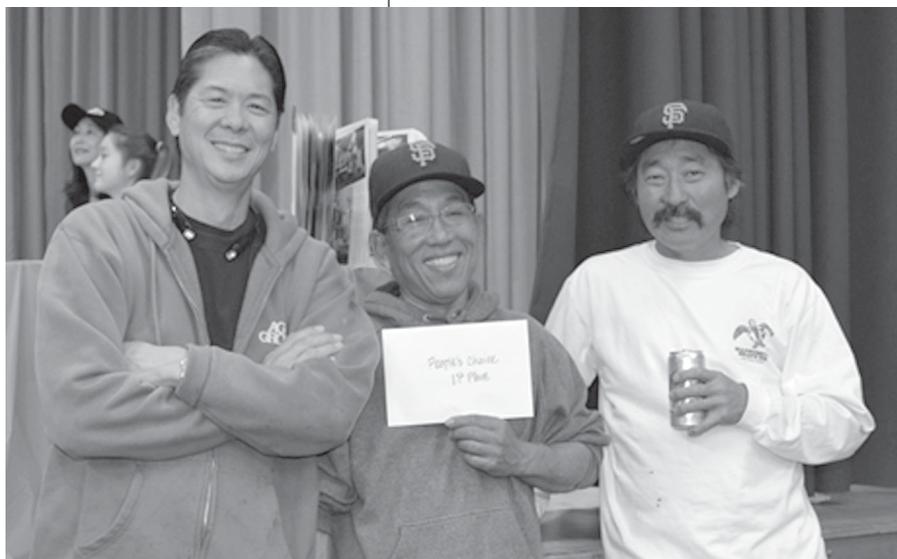


*Craig Nakahara (right) accepts winner's trophy from David Ito.*

It was interesting to see the various styles that our NC grill masters used to achieve their perfect barbeque teriyaki chicken. Some used foil reflectors, some cooked on low heat, a few covered the chicken, one temple grilled, marinated and double grilled their chicken, while another sprayed on extra sauce. We could see that each temple was firmly committed to their method, believing theirs was the best. We all especially enjoyed hearing the grillers tease each other.

This year we included fried rice, which was made by Florin, Lodi, Placer, Walnut Grove and Sacramento. Our Betsuin delicious fried rice was prepared by our own Dale Louie and his crew. Although this portion was not judged, there was some delicious fried rice to enjoy, as well as tables full of fresh salads and tasty desserts.

Our MCs, George Bennig (Florin) and David Ito (Walnut Grove) opened the tasting and judging at 6 p.m. The judges for this event were Sharon Ito (former TV news anchor), Ray Yamamoto (sushi chef at Oto's Marketplace) and Janet Umezu (wife of the Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America). The judges were given seven pieces of chicken (one from each temple). The chicken trays were marked only by a colored toothpick that represented each temple.



*The People's Choice grilling crew from Florin Buddhist Temple.*

The judges (after much discussion) decided that the winning team this year was the Walnut Grove Buddhist Temple! Craig Nakahara joined David Ito in front to receive the chicken trophy. Following the judges' announcement, Reverend Yuki Sugahara from the Florin Buddhist Temple played a couple of selections on his bass guitar, which was enjoyed by all.

The sold-out attendance of 280 people at the chicken throwdown also were given the opportunity to select their

favorite chicken teriyaki. Each participant was given a single marble pebble to place in bowls in front of the chicken of their choice. When the People's Choice winner was announced, it was the Florin Buddhist Temple that came in first place!

Congratulations to Walnut Grove and Florin, and thank you to the many people who made this event possible. Those who participated had a great time. This NC District Chicken Throwdown is one of the "Visionary Programs" created to bring together our Betsuin and our district. A very special thank you again to James and Mark Amioka, Dale Louie and his fried rice crew, Reiko, Gladys and their helpers.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

### THANK YOU TO OUR "SANGHA LADIES"!

**A**s we begin the New Year, we want to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the wonderful "Sangha Ladies" who come in every month, without fail, to collate/staple/fold/label/seal the SANGHA newsletter so that all of you can stay connected to what is happening at the Betsuin.

One morning each month, Misao Abe gathers this group of hard workers for several hours to take on this gargantuan task. They do the work with such efficiency, you would never guess that they are churning out about 925 newsletter packets in just that one morning!

Trust us when we say that there is no copy machine that can do the job as well as the Sangha Ladies! If you ever wonder who the "Sangha Helpers" are each month, you can find their names listed in the left-hand column of the newsletter.

Though we know that it is a time for these friends to get-together to enjoy each other's company, the task they handle for the Betsuin and the office is *invaluable!* Thanks, ladies!

### BETSUIN SCHEDULE: JANUARY

#### Betsuin Closed

- Thursday, January 1 - Saturday, January 3: Happy New Year! (Shusho-E Service and Otoki, beginning at 9:30 a.m., on January 1)
- Monday, January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### 2015 MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues Notice for 2015 were mailed out in mid-December; if you have not received yours, please contact the Betsuin Office. Whether you are choosing to pay your dues all at once or semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly, all first payments are due January 15, 2015.

Once again, the Board of Trustees has managed to maintain the temple's annual fees, so for the sixth year running... there is **NO INCREASE** for 2015!

The Betsuin is transitioning to a new, more efficient and effective member-donor database, so please review the information we have on file for you and your family. Note any corrections when you return your form and **PLEASE** consider adding your email address to help facilitate an improved communication process with the temple. Thank you!

### IS YOUR ORGANIZATION HOLDING AN EVENT AT THE BETSUIN?

Many fundraisers take place at the Betsuin in January and February. If your organization is doing so, please be sure to drop off a flyer at the Betsuin office. We receive MANY phone calls requesting information (date, time, cost, CONTACT PERSON), and we are happy to help with your advertising, but we need your information!

For Betsuin-related organizations, if you would like tickets to your event to be available for sale in the Betsuin office, please contact Cindy Kitade, 446-0121, or [ckitadesbc@gmail.com](mailto:ckitadesbc@gmail.com).

### DROPPING SOMETHING OFF AT THE OFFICE?

We have been receiving a number of items (packages, envelopes, copies, binders, books...!), and while we are happy to provide a convenient place for "mail" to move from one place to another, it is difficult for your items to find your recipient without identification!

If you are leaving something at the Betsuin office for someone else to pick-up, **PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH A NOTE** indicating:

- Date of drop-off AND anticipated pick-up.
- **Your Name And Phone Number**
- **Your RECIPIENT'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

We will hold items until the anticipated pick-up date. After that, the office staff will contact you so that you can return to pick up your item(s).



**DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS**  
VALERIE FONG



**H**appy New Year from Dharma School! We hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful, safe, and memorable holiday season. It is hard to believe that we are now beginning 2015!

In December, my 1st grade class talked about the significance of Bodhi Day over two Sundays. We taped a few Bodhi leaves taken from the tree in the parking lot to the chalk board so everyone could see the unique beauty of the leaves. The students decorated their Bodhi leaves made from green construction paper that will be on display for Open House. Then we discussed special facts about Bodhi Day. Here are two creative thoughts from our wonderful 1st graders: Bodhi Day is special because it is the same day as Taco Tuesday! And it was Mr. Matt (Nitta) who became enlightened while sitting under the Bodhi tree! Out of the mouths of babes!

With the start of the new year, our attention turns to getting ready for our annual Open House to be held on Sunday, February 8. The Nirvana Day Service will also be observed on February 8, with Dharma Service beginning at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following service, everyone is welcome to come to the kaikan to see the artwork and projects completed by our Dharma School students. Refreshments will be served, too.

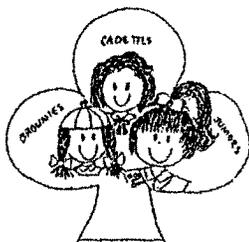
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**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 569**  
TRICIA WU BORGES



**NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM GIRL SCOUT TROOP 569!**

**A**mbassadors 1 would like to thank the Sacramento Buddhist Church and its members for supporting their bake sale in November. They raised over \$250 to buy gifts for the Arden Fair Giving Tree. Each Girl Scout chose a card from the Christmas tree, buddied up and went shopping. After an hour of shopping, the girls turned in their purchased items to be taken to the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. The girls have enjoyed shopping for this wonderful program for several years having made it one their troop traditions.

**Ambassadors 3** helped with an aid station at the California International Marathon in December. This is the third year for the girls to hand out cups of water to the runners and cheer them on. The marathon also includes a fun run/walk for families and children. This took place on one of the few days of the month that was beautiful, making it that much more fun for everyone.

**Cadettes 5** participated in the Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving morning. They got up super early at 6:30 to meet for a troop breakfast at Starbuck's. It was cold at first, but turned out to be a beautiful day. They joined over 28,000 people that day to run for a great cause. With the crowd, it took them 1.5 hours to complete the 5K race. The girls crossed the line in good spirits. They were even spotted on the news! The girls worked up a huge appetite for their family Thanksgiving meals.

**Daisies 2** just started two months ago and are making a strong presence in the community. They participated in the Global Winter Wonderland parade at Cal Expo on December 7. It took a total of two hours to make their holiday costumes—with the help of their parents, of course...and the girls had a great time with each other as well as walking through the parade. Additionally, the girls collectively donated holiday toys and clothes to children at the Sacramento Children's Home. They also donated lotion, shampoo, toothpaste/brush, soap, mouthwash, hats, gloves, socks and other necessity items to Loaves and Fishes as a part of the Socks of Love program. Great job girls—we are proud and your small efforts really go along way in the community!

Girls Scout cookie pre-orders start on January 9! Talk to your favorite Girl Scout to order yours!

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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# **BOY SCOUT TROOP 50 ANNUAL CRAB FEED**



**DATE: SATURDAY, JAN. 17, 2015**  
**TIME: 4:30 DOORS OPEN**  
**5:30 DINNER**

**LOCATION: SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**  
**2401 RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD**  
**SACRAMENTO, CA 95818**

**TICKETS: \$45**

**FEATURING: CRAB, SALAD, PASTA, ICE CREAM**  
**DOOR PRIZE, RAFFLE DRAWING,**  
**50/50, LAST MAN STANDING**

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED**  
**FROM ANY TROOP 50 BOY SCOUT**  
**OR BY CONTACTING KAY FONG AT 628-5224.**