

Hello... and welcome to the month of June 2015! With the coming of June, we begin to see that the year is nearing its midpoint. And with the coming of every June, we mark the end of another great Dharma School term.

About a month ago, I revisited a thought-provoking dharma message that Dr. Leslie Kawamura shared at our Betsuin some years ago. Dr. Kawamura asked, "How many of us would even walk from our home to come here to the Betsuin to hear the Dharma?" He reminded us that there was a time when monks sailed from Japan to China or walked from China to India to hear the dharma. That took real effort!

That very Sunday, I was surprised and honored to find that we had two new guests visiting our Betsuin. Bill and Cheryl Wendling came all the way from Carmel, Indiana (just outside of Indianapolis) to hear the dharma at our Sacramento Betsuin! They shared with me that they had been watching and listening to our messages online for months

Last month, they were visiting their new grandchild in Santa Clara... and they thought, "Since we're in California, why not drive up to Sacramento to visit this place we've been watching online?" Google Maps indicated their trip
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would be a 3-hour-and-15-minute drive! (And... coincidentally, their son works for Google!)

Bill and Cheryl said they were trying to find a temple or dharma center near Indianapolis, but there was nothing they could find that was being offered in English. I could tell that just like our Tony and Monica Altieri (who drive in from Truckee to attend our services), Bill and Cheryl did not take for granted the opportunity to hear the dharma in a way that resonates with how they feel and think. There is no doubt that Tony & Monica and Bill & Cheryl, in traveling great distances to come to the Sacramento Betsuin, truly appreciate not only the dharma... but the Betsuin itself!

As Dr. Kawamura asked us many years ago, "How many of us would even walk from our home to come here to the Betsuin to hear the dharma?"

After that service, we had an adult dharma session in the Little Hondo. There was some sharing about how folks find their way to the dharma. Then a question was asked: "How do we become a Buddhist?"

My response was to simply share what I've heard from so many people over the years. It is this: "One day we wake up and feel, 'I think I've been Buddhist all my life but didn't know it!'" It really is as simple as that.

It is when we realize that Buddhism is really a sensible and meaningful path to take in life, that we find ourselves feeling, "This is for me." And what makes it truly great is that there is nothing to believe... and there is nothing to fear. As I've often said, "All we need to do is open our eyes and we will see that the whole world is constantly teaching us the dharma!"

As most of you know, the title of "Buddha" simply means "One Who Is Awake!" In other words, a Buddha is "one whose eyes are open." And with our dharma eyes open, we cannot help but see things "as they are." Again: Nothing to believe... and nothing to fear.

So, how do we become a Buddhist? One day, we just open our eyes and realize, "You know, I think I've been Buddhist all my life and didn't know it." But once we know, it is virtually impossible to live with our eyes closed again. We are not Buddhist because our parents and grandparents were Buddhists. We are not Buddhist because we come from generations of Buddhist ministers or were born into a temple family. We realize we are Buddhist because one day our eyes open and we see we've been looking for this path... and we've been on this path and didn't even know it.

Bill & Cheryl Wendling and Tony & Monica Altieri do not take for granted their opportunities to come to the Betsuin. And in making such a great effort to come, they are saying with their presence, "The Dharma Path is one worthy of my true consideration."

How far would we go to hear the Dharma?

It has been another wonderful Dharma School term... and I feel fortunate to have made some new dharma friends this year. Please know that although the Dharma School services have ended for the children, we will continue to have Sangha services on Sunday at 9:30. We welcome everyone to continue to join us into the month of August! Looking forward to seeing you through the summer of 2015!

"Good morning Esabel." I hope you have had the opportunity to greet or be greeted by our youngest Dharma School service greeter. Esabel Otsuji is 7 years old and is in 2nd grade. Esabel volunteered to be a greeter one Sunday and enjoyed the experience so much she asked to do it again.

We invited her to join us whenever she would like. Her smile and pleasant personality have been a good example for us. We are always happy to have others volunteer to greet; any age is welcome.

"Thank you Esabel."

This year, we are witness to another natural disaster, this time in Nepal and areas in the vicinity. Just as you did with the tsunami that hit Japan, many individuals and organizations have made very generous donations to help bring relief to those who were affected by the earthquakes in Nepal.

**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

GORDON NITTA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
(CONTINUED)

SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
KEIKO JEAN KASHIWADA



Acknowledgements to our sangha and Betsuin organizations, as of 5/21/15:

Dharma Service Osaisen Donations	\$765.33
Jr. YBA	\$500
Girl Scouts 569	\$500
Sacramento Adult Buddhist Association (ABA)	\$500
Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association (SBWA)	\$500
Sacramento Betsuin Sports Program	\$500
Individual Sangha Members	\$4,710
Total	\$7,975.33

The May SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, with President Fusako Takahashi presiding.

DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to the following ladies and families for their generous donations to the SBWA:

Shizuko Wakayama Family	In Memory of Shizuko Wakayama	\$100
Stephen & Keiko Jean Kashiwada	Birth of 3rd Grandson, Bradley Steven Kashiwada	\$50
Toshie Kobata	In Memory of Yoshiko Sasamoto	\$50
Teiko Matsuo	In Appreciation	\$50
Hideko Sakazaki	In Memory of Robert Shimada	\$50
Dorothy Satsuki Yamamoto	In Memory of Junichi Yamamoto	\$50
Reiko Kurahara	In Memory of Jim Ishii	\$30
Emiko "Amy" Ishimoto	In Appreciation	\$25
Jean Ota	In Memory of Evan Toyama	\$25
Virginia Uchida	In Memory of Robert Shimada	\$20

Thank you for thinking of the SBWA when making your donations!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Thank you to Irene Takeda for organizing the recent fun hike at the Lodi Nature Center.
- Thank you to Lynn Kurahara, Virginia Uchida, Elaine Yoshikawa and Gayle Kono for manning the SBWA table at the SBC Organization Open House on May 3.
- Lynn Kurahara reported that our annual "home care" visitations are wrapping up and asked that the group leaders report back to her upon completion. Thank you to Lynn for coordinating this important SBWA annual program.
- Thank you to the SBWA ladies who helped at the Wakamatsu Monument cleanup on May 2.
- Thank you to Kiyoko "Kiyoko" Tanaka, who recently taught ladies how to make the bonnets from the tenuguis. Many of the bonnets will be going to the World BWA Conference in Calgary with our SBWA delegation. Who knows... our Sacramento Betsuin bonnets may appear on the heads of ladies in Japan, Canada or even India!
- Thank you to ABA, Amy Ishimoto, Harry Kashiwada and Keiko Jean Kashiwada for donating tenuguis.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- **Summer Musical Outing - June 11 (Thursday):** "My Fair Lady," followed by dinner. Thank you, Virginia Uchida, for chairing this event. Those who are attending should already have submitted their payments. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Uchida at 421-3538.
- **Craft Booth - Shirley Kato:** Thank you, Sue Louie and Erika Rodea, for leading the April craft class. The craft class for June will be held on Friday, June 19, from 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1. Joanne Nishimura and Janis Furuta will teach the group how to make crocheted beaded necklaces. Thank you to Jean Ota, Elaine Yoshikawa and Carolyn Murai for their generous donation this past month of wonderful craft items for the Bazaar.
- **Bazaar - Sushi - Lynn Kurahara:** Lynn Kurahara will be having a meeting of all of the sushi-making chairs on Wednesday, June 16, at 1 p.m.
- **Sacramento Buddhist Church Education Award:** Fusako Takahashi reported that there are 10 graduating seniors this year. The SBWA will be represented on the selection committee. We will be contributing \$1,000 toward the SBC Education Awards fund that will be distributed to the recipients at the June end-of-the-year Dharma School picnic.

The next SBWA meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, starting with a service at 6:45 p.m., followed by our monthly meeting.



MINISTER ASSISTANTS
REV. CAROL CASTLE

In honor of Father’s Day coming up, I thought I’d share a story that many of you may recall from the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. It is the story about British Olympian Derek Redmond — a story of the human spirit and the love between a father and son.

Derek Redmond was a gifted runner who had shattered the British 400-meter record when he was only 19 years old. Unfortunately, his road to the Olympics was not an easy one. He was set to compete in the 1988 Summer Games in Seoul, Korea, but was forced to withdraw just minutes before the race due to injury. What followed next were several surgeries over the next year and a long, slow recovery. Fortunately for Derek, he and his father Jim were very close — they were a team and — the best of friends. One article said that when Derek ran, it was as if his father were running right next to him.

It was Derek’s dream to run in the Olympics, and father and son agreed that no matter what, together they would make it happen. When the 1992 Olympics came around, Derek was ready and he was determined to win a medal. There were two semifinal heats and the top four runners would advance to the finals. The race began and Derek broke away from the pack, taking the lead. It was an exciting race and it appeared that Derek would make the finals. But then it happened. On the backstretch, 175 meters from the finish, Derek felt a pop in his right hamstring and dropped to the ground. As emergency personnel ran to the track with a stretcher, Jim pushed his way through the crowd, trying to get to his son.

What appeared to be the end of a dream for this talented athlete transformed into something else completely. In an interview, Derek said that there was no way he was going to get onto the stretcher. He wanted to finish his race. He slowly and painfully pulled himself up and began to hobble down the track. The race was done; the other runners had crossed the finish line. But for Derek, it wasn’t over.

Video footage of the race shows Derek slowly limping his way down the track, his face twisted in excruciating pain and tears streaming down his cheeks. The physical pain and the disappointment must have been unbearable. Suddenly, Derek’s father can be seen pushing his way past security to get to his boy. Without hesitation, he wrapped his arms around his son and the two slowly made their way to the finish line together. Then, just short of the finish line, Jim released his son and Derek crossed the finish on his own. With his father’s love and support, Derek finished his race and the crowd of 65,000 spectators cheered as the two shared an embrace.

In researching this story, I found myself thinking how amazing it is to have such love and support in one’s life... someone we can count on when the going gets tough... and someone who not only believes in us, but helps us believe in ourselves. How wonderful it is to have someone who is our coach, our cheerleader, our mentor, our motivator, and our biggest fan. For many of us, this special someone is dad and for others it is grandpa, uncle, step-dad, brother or even friend. Regardless of who your someone is, this Father’s Day, let us remember that fatherly advice, love and support ultimately come from those who care. Let us quietly reflect upon the valuable lessons we’ve learned from our dads and all the other important men in our lives, and with gratitude beyond words, let us show our special someones just how much they mean to us. Happy Father’s Day to you all.

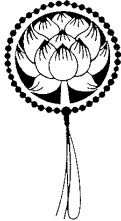
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*Condolences to
the Families of:*



Janice Yaeko MuramotoAugust 6, 1923 – April 19, 2015

Frances Yoneko Tsuruda March 30, 1931 – April 27, 2015

Fujiho Nishimura June 28, 1923 – April 30, 2015

Ralph NakaokaMarch 13, 1943 – May 8, 2015

LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND
MARTIN TOKUNAGA

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Hello to all of the Sacramento Buddhist Church (SBC) sangha members! If you have a talent in marketing, social media, or video productions, please contact Allan Hoshida as the Legacy Endowment Fund (LEF) Board can utilize your expertise and talent.

I recently joined the LEF Board, and like any other Board appointment, one has to be vetted to make sure it's a good fit for both the Board and individual. One of the questions they asked me was "Why do I want to serve on the LEF Board?" It was an easy answer for me. I responded that I have been the benefactor of many great things from the Sacramento Buddhist Church and I felt that I have some professional qualifications that could provide value to the LEF Board. In sum, I felt that it was my time to start giving back to our community and for honoring a commitment that I made to Rinban Bob many years ago.

Since I have been on the LEF Board, I have learned about the many challenges that the Sacramento Buddhist Church will face in the years to come. In one of our meetings, Rinban Bob and Reverend Patti were gracious to share their collective thoughts of the church's past, present, and future.

Being on the LEF Board has provided me with more detailed insights of the daily and ongoing challenges of our church. I have slowly and diligently processed the information that I have heard and have concluded that our church is no different than any other business or organization. The SBC must worry about its finances and budgets, political decisions that could impact its relationships with all immediate stakeholders, and try to stay relevant in a rapidly changing world.

One of the biggest challenges in the not-too-distant future will be succession planning. As we know from the teachings of Buddhism, we learn and live the meaning of impermanence and know that things will change in time. In time, Rinban Bob will retire, dedicated members of our church will physically no longer be with us, and the composition and emotional makeup of our church will change.

One of the things I have learned in my life experiences is that it takes a long time to plan and prepare for change even though we are certain of the change. If one is not diligent in planning and preparing for the future, the change will appear sudden and it will be difficult to be ready for the inevitable change.

The SBC is continuing to evolve based on the changing composition of our membership. The most dedicated members of our Sangha are aging and many of the third and fourth generation are busy working to provide for our family, raising our children, assisting our children with expensive college tuition and expenses, and helping our aging parents, as they need our assistance. Being a member of the "sandwich generation," I was and am still guilty of trying to place the SBC out of my sight and mind. For me, and many others like me, it has become too easy to not be involved with the SBC, as our kids are no longer participating in church activities.

The greatest challenge to our church may be to re-engage the third and fourth generation members of the SBC to replace the dedication and commitment to our church of the Issei and Nisei. Like many of the other Buddhist churches in America, the trend is foretelling that membership and interest will likely decline that may result in churches having difficulty keeping up with operational and facility needs.

The LEF Board needs to plan, prepare, and act on things that we can do today so that we will be ready for our future. We need our sangha's help in supporting future activities of the LEF Board to honor the past by continuing the legacy of those before us and to help shape a promising future. The church needs the re-engagement of the third and fourth generation SBC members to have future success. Will you join us in ensuring a successful SBC for generations to come?



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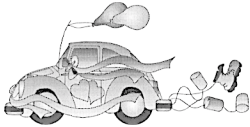


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*Congratulations
Newlyweds*



Jason Jung & Amie AminuldinApril 26, 2015

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Thank you to everyone for all the positive feedback regarding the quarterly donation statements that were emailed/mailed out at the end of April! Here are a few follow-up responses to questions received:

“My membership dues payment that I made in December was not on my statement.”

Thank you for submitting your dues payment early! Our inaugural statement covered the period of 1/1/2015 – 3/31/2015, so that is the reason payments made in 12/2014 were not included. Next year, we will have completed a full 12-month membership cycle and payments made in 12/2015 will be included on your annual summary (which will be distributed in January 2016). For now, if you would like a statement of your membership payment made last December, please contact Cindy in the Betsuin Office, (916) 446-0121, or ckitadesbc@gmail.com.

“The Temple has a lot of members; were people asking for this information and was this a good use of resources?”

The Betsuin Office has received quite a few requests for this information over the last several years. While we have been able to provide it, it was difficult to do so in a timely manner because the information had to be collated by hand. Now, with the new member/donor database, the process is MUCH more manageable. In terms of resources, we had the help of our Student Office Assistants and we utilized Bulk Mail. Our hard cost for postage to send close to 400 statements was less than \$43. It helped a great deal that we were able to send almost 200 statements via email (NO COST to the Betsuin!)

We would LOVE to add your email address to your contact information!

If you would like to change your communication preferences with the Betsuin, please call (916) 446-0121 or send an email to ckitadesbc@gmail.com!

Thanks, everyone!

MAIN PARKING LOT CLOSED 5/28/15 - 6/14/15

Please note that the Main Parking Lot will be closed for safety reasons, due to construction work, from approximately May 28 through June 14. The parking space along Quinn Avenue (alley) will still be available. Please ring the doorbell at the side door (on Quinn, just at the top of the stairs) for entrance during regular business hours. Thank you!

MAINTENANCE REPORT

GARY TRAGANZA

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this article, the new trellis will be almost completed. This project has been long in the making. The Trellis Committee members — Ted Yoshimura (the lead person), Steve Sasaki, Gordon Nitta, Marty Sakata, Sherman Iida, Allan Hoshida and Gary Traganza — starting meeting last fall at Ted’s house to discuss the aging structure. Over the course of several meetings examining various options, we decided that a metal shade structure similar to what you see at apartment complexes would best suit our needs. This decision was approved by the Board of Trustees early this year.

A metal structure has several benefits over wood. One major difference is the cost. The metal structure will cost \$40,000–\$50,000 less than wood and will last 2–3 times longer. Another major plus — the entire trellis will be covered — the parking lot, courtyard walkways, even the landing by the double doors. The new lighting under the cover will be LEDs — better lighting at night for added security and using less than half the electricity.

We have some “thanks” to spread around. Ted, as lead person, spent many hours meeting with three companies to obtain their respective bids. After one of the bids was accepted, Ted met with the construction company several times to iron out various details. Needless to say, Ted has spent countless hours organizing this project. Next, Ted and Allan Hoshida met with the city a few times to obtain the necessary permits. Thank you, Ted and Allan.

As I stated in last month’s SANGHA, we decided to demolish the old trellis ourselves, saving about \$12,000. Most of the demolition took place on three Saturdays with a few of us working a little on the weekdays.

On Saturday April 4, the following people took down all the old electrical: Ted Yoshimura, Robbie Midzuno, Alan Wu, Wayne Kurahara, Sherman Iida, Bryan Iida, Bobby Tanaka, Gordon Nitta, Don Honda, Mark Amioka, James Amioka, Ron Ishimoto, Bruce Muramoto, Richard Kai, Minh La, Koichi Mizushima, Steve Miller, Pat McLafferty, Gary Traganza.

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MAINTENANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

On April 11, the following people started taking down the trellis: Mike Dishno (our lead chainsaw cutter), James Amioka (our forklift driver), Wayne Kurahara, Sherman Iida, Don Honda, Ted Yoshimura, Maynard Kurahara, Greg Matayoshi, Scott Kumamoto, Reid Masaki, Bobbie Midzuno, Alan Wu, Gordon Nitta, Richard Kai, Mark Amioka, Denis Ishisaka, Pat McLafferty, Steven Ito, Keith Adachi, Stephen Shimane, Steve Ropp, Bob Chavez, Gary Traganza.

On April 25, Mike Dishno, Alan Wu, Gordon Nitta, James Amioka, Ted Yoshimura, Richard Kai, Steve Sasaki, Steve Ropp, Steve Miller, Mark Amioka, Minh La, Bruce Muramoto, Maynard Kurahara, Koichi Mizushima, Bob Chavez, Gary Traganza.

Thank you to all! I know the Betsuin sincerely appreciates all your hard work.

SIXTH ANNUAL SBC GOLF TOURNAMENT RICHARD KAI



The Board of Trustees invites sangha members and families as well as friends of the Betsuin to participate in the upcoming 6th Annual SBC Golf Tournament, scheduled for play at the Teal Bend Golf Course on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. 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 guest 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. The Gold Sponsor level includes four complimentary entry fees to play in the tournament. 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 and/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 are enclosed within the monthly SANGHA newsletter. Copies can also be downloaded from the temple's website at www.buddhistchurch.com. Questions and/or comments about the fundraising event can be sent via email to the golf committee at sacbetsuingolf@yahoo.com. The temple office staff can provide general information about the event.

GOLF TOURNAMENT INVITATION



Dear Friends and Supporters of the Sacramento Buddhist Church:

You are cordially invited to participate in the Sixth Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament at the Teal Bend Golf Course scheduled for August 19, 2015. Tee times for the event are limited, so be sure to sign up and submit your registration as soon as possible.

The tournament entry of \$125 per golfer includes a round of golf and cart, morning pastries and coffee, on-course refreshments, tee prizes, bento box lunch and donation to the Sacramento Buddhist Church (Betsuin). The luncheon is open to the player's family and all non-golfer friends.

The tournament will be played under the modified scramble format, known as shamble, similar to last year's event. After each golfer tees a ball into play, the group selects the spot from one of the teed balls to play their second shot (scramble), and continues under individual stroke-play conditions until they have finished the hole. The tournament committee will conduct a random "blind draw" from the field of players to form four-person teams for tournament prizes. There will be individual prizes for hole-in-one and closest-to-pin contests in addition to the team event.

Tee box sponsorships are available at the gold, silver, bronze, and "in memory of," individual, and/or group sponsorship levels. The bronze, silver and gold tee box sponsorships include complimentary green fees for from one to four golfers and guaranteed entry into the golf tournament. Your donor name and sponsorship level will be displayed on the teeing grounds of designated holes. We express our gratitude to the many temple families, friends, business associates and sponsors, other well-wishers and event volunteers for their generous monetary and in-kind donations during the six-year run of this event. The net proceeds from this fundraising event will be deposited in the Betsuin's Capital Improvement Account to defray the cost of the Trellis Replacement Project and redesign of the perimeter parking lot fences and motorized gate.

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 email 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.

**GOLF
TOURNAMENT
INVITATION
(CONTINUED)**

Please contact the SBC tournament committee at *sacbetsuingolf@yahoo.com* if you have any questions about this fundraising event or wish to make a donation to the event or the Sacramento Buddhist Church. Sponsorship and Donation Form and Registration Form are attached and available at the SBC website at *www.buddhistchurch.com*.

Sincerely,

Gordon Nitta

President, Board of Trustees

Rinban Bob Oshita

Resident Minister

Reverend Patti Oshita

Resident Minister



Sponsorship and Donations

Sponsorship Levels

\$1000 – Gold Sponsorship:

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, four complimentary tournament entry fees, golf cart, and tee prizes.

\$500 – Silver Sponsorship:

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, two complimentary tournament entry fees, golf cart, and tee prizes.

\$250 – Bronze Sponsorship:

Includes Tee Box Sign recognition, one complimentary tournament entry fee, golf cart, and tee prizes.

\$125 – In Memory Of, Individual and/or Group Sponsorship includes Tee Box Sign recognition.

Suggested Raffle Prize Donations

Check-In Tee Prizes

Golf tees, golf balls, ball markers divot repair, golf apparel, etc.

Snack/Dinner Items

Miscellaneous drinks, snacks or food items.

Luncheon Raffle Prizes

Golf clubs, head covers, golf apparel, dry goods, food items, restaurant gift certificates, etc.

Cash

To be used to offset the cost of check-in tee prizes, luncheon raffle prizes, or other related expenses.

Date: ____/____/____

Deadline: August 1, 2015

Fed Tax ID: 94-1243674

Sponsorship: I/We would like to be a sponsor in the amount of \$_____ (please indicate):

Gold Sponsor

Silver Sponsor

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In Memory Of, Individual and/or Group: Names of the In Memory, Individual or Group Signage:

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ABOUT MEDICARE**

JUNE 15 6:00 P.M.

**SACRAMENTO BUDDHIST CHURCH
2401 RIVERSIDE BLVD.**



6th Annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Golf Tournament

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Teal Bend Golf Course, 7200 Garden Highway
Sacramento, California, 95837

Schedule: Wednesday, August 19, 2015

6:30-7:15am Registration
7:30am Shotgun Start
2:00pm Lunch, Awards and Raffle
Sacramento Buddhist Church
2401 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95831

Register By: August 1, 2015

Shamble format with Blind Draw for Teams
Team Prizes
Hole-in-One and Closet-to-Pin Prizes
Raffle Prizes
\$500 per foursome or \$125 per player
(includes golf, cart and bento box lunch)

Player Information:

#1. Name: _____ Index: _____ Shirt Size* _____ Sponsor Level** _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

#2. Name: _____ Index: _____ Shirt Size* _____ Sponsor Level** _____
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#3. Name: _____ Index: _____ Shirt Size* _____ Sponsor Level** _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

#4. Name: _____ Index: _____ Shirt Size* _____ Sponsor Level** _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

* Ex. MXL for Men's XL or WM for Women's Medium

**** Sponsor Level Options**

- G) Gold Level Entry (includes four complimentary entry fees) \$1000
- S) Silver Level Entry (includes two complimentary entry fees) \$ 500
- B) Bronze Level Entry (includes one complimentary entry fee) \$ 125
- I) In Memory Of, Individual and/or Group Sponsor \$ 125

SE) Single Entry Number of Golfers: _____ \$125 each \$ _____

Guest Lunch Number of Guests: _____ \$20 each \$ _____

Total Entry Fee (Including sponsor and single entry fees and guest lunches) \$ _____

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**SPORTS
COMMITTEE**
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Hi there and welcome to the sixth month of 2015 and the Sports Committee monthly update on the “going ons” with the sports program and perhaps other topics from around the world and around the corner.

In some circles, the month of June is the month of swoon; in other circles, it is the month to triumph the Trophy; and in other circles, it is the month to capture the Cup. Speaking of cups, the national hockey league is a league of ice hockey teams, and as its name indicates, it is a national league with teams all across the continent. It always seemed odd and out of place to play ice hockey in California, especially Southern California or Florida, when it rarely gets near or below the temperature where water freezes.

Yes, it is the 21st century, and we have the necessary technology to freeze water anywhere, but it still seem odd that Southern California and Florida have professional ice hockey teams when, generally speaking, kids who grow up in those geographical locations are not exposed to nor play ice hockey, but at the same time, they seem to be popular, so maybe it is not that odd and this is all just crazy talk!

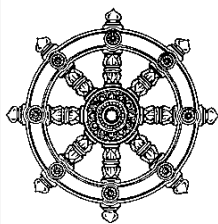
But in our circle, however small it may be, June means our teams venture to the produce capital of the world, the San Joaquin Valley, and participate in the Central Cal Cobra Basketball Tournament held each year during Father’s Day weekend. This tournament is popular mainly because of the Saturday evening social event for the players, which is held at the local water slide amusement park; and if you have ever been to the Fresno/Clovis area in June, the water slides are perfect to take the edge off the summer valley heat. It is also a favorite tournament with the parents because there are several Indian casinos very close by and for some reason those are very popular.

Good luck to all our teams playing in the Central Cal tourney! And also good luck to all those playing on the felt tables and shiny machines with spinning wheels! So, after the Cobra tourney, we slow down for a few weeks, and get prepared for the new season.

All families: if you still have your uniforms, please get them prepared for return. This is how to prepare uniforms for return:

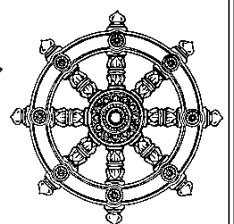
1. Uniforms must be clean and completely dry before being bagged (please remember to hang dry the uniforms).
2. Bagging Instructions:
 - a. Adult Size Uniforms – 2-gallon clear zipper-type baggie
 - b. Youth Size Uniforms – 1-gallon clear zipper-type baggie
 - c. Bag the uniform so that the red jersey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

Thank you for your cooperation. It helps when we have 100+ uniforms to handle.



Welcome New Members

*Eric & Tracy Huynh
Sharleen & Kevin Lee*



DHARMA SCHOOL
VALERIE FONG



DONATIONS

Hello everyone! The 2014–15 Dharma School term will come to an end with our annual end-of-year picnic and awards presentations at William Land Park. Here are the details: Sunday, June 14, beginning at 9:30 a.m., group area 20 and 21, which is located a short distance off of Riverside Boulevard. Driving south on Riverside Boulevard, turn left onto 12th Avenue. (Congregation B’Nai Israel should be on the right side of Riverside Boulevard as you make the left turn.) Lunch will be provided. Remember to bring your own chairs. We hope to see you there!

Our temple clean-up day on Sunday, May 24, went very well with the help of our teachers, TAs, students and parents. We appreciate everyone’s support to maintain our temple.

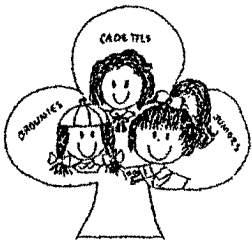
We hope that our Dharma School families will support our annual Bazaar by helping with outdoor clean-up. Our teachers will be contacting the parents for their respective classes and requesting volunteers to sign up for outdoor cleanup duty on either Saturday, August 8, or Sunday, August 9.

Thank you so much for a wonderful year!

Dharma School “courtyard” gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:

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| 6th Grade Dharma School Class (Sandy Tokunaga) | Utako Kimura | Brooke Shimane |
| Boy Scout Capital City District | Grace Kotani (from February) | Aki Shimada - In Memory of Robert Shimada |
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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 569
HARRIET HATTORI



CURRENT NEWS

Troop 569 held its annual Bridging Ceremony on May 8. Seven troops bridged to the next level. It was fun to hear what they enjoyed in the past and what they are looking forward to in the future. Stephanie Fong arranged a fantastic slideshow presentation of highlights from the last year of all 21 of our troops. The highlight of the evening was the ceremony for the graduating class of 2015, Ambassadors 1. Members include: Haley Arakaki, Karli Cogburn, Morgan Fong, Jordan Foote, Courtney Joe, Taylor Kim, Jennifer Mizuki, Lauren Morita and Emily Seko, under the leadership of Peggy Seko and Diane Cogburn. The girls have been together — growing, laughing, learning, giving — over the last 12 years. All are heading off in different directions for college, but are confident in knowing they are Girl Scout sisters for life.

Cadettes 2 hosted a friendship and anti-bullying workshop for Juniors 3. In our Cadette Journey, we learned about stereotypes, first impressions, cyber safety, and being a good friend. We shared our experiences with the 4th grade Juniors. We hope Juniors 3 had a fun time and we were happy to make new Girl Scout friends!

Seniors 5 are on their way to completing the Sow What Journey. Our plan is to complete the journey over the summer and then start working on the Gold Award over the next two years. Wish us luck!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The annual Girl Scout Obon patch workshop will be held on Thursday, June 25, 6:30 p.m., in the Kaikan. Come learn about Obon Odori from the Obon teachers, including “private lessons” on a few dances. The lesson will be followed by a lecture on the meaning of Obon in the Hondo, led by Rinban Bob Oshita. This workshop counts for credit toward the annual Girl Scout Obon patch.
- It’s never too early to start mentioning our upcoming Bazaar, scheduled for the weekend of August 8–9. All of our Girl Scouts, from Daisies to Ambassadors, will be calling church members to kindly ask them to please donate baked goods. Thank you in advance for your help!

