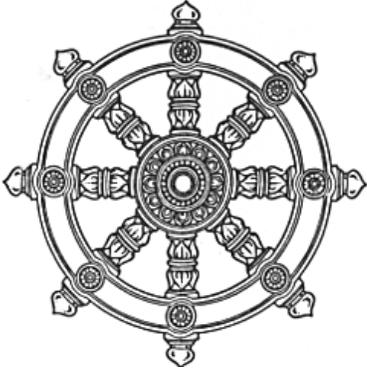


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CORNER  
REV. PATTI OSHITA**



**W**elcome to the month of October! The activity level of our Betsuin continues to be in full swing; our Dharma School program, scouting programs, sports programs and Young Buddhists Association (YBA) have a full calendar of events and activities for the year ahead. And those are the programs we have just for our kids! So many of our organizations and activities don't even break during the summer. Just being here, I've found that I cannot help but feel the energy and vitality that fills our Betsuin through each week.

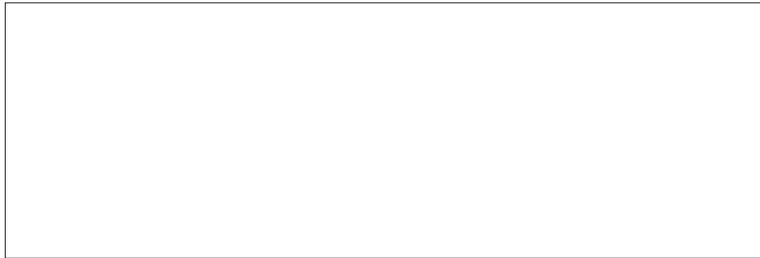
This past summer was filled to the brim for RB, Team Betsuin and myself. We celebrated 10 years of running and hosting the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) week-long summer youth retreats; the very next week, we hosted the 11th YAC retreat with three of our Betsuin girls, Amanda Borges, Kellie Lee, Kristine Yabumoto, participating and representing our Temple so very well; then after our huge Bazaar weekend, we hosted a weekend YAC Advanced Training session in August.

Additionally, we moved our 98-year-old Uncle Tosh from Berkeley to Greenhaven Terrace in July. Uncle has been living independently in Berkeley in his home of nearly 70 years, driving his car and caring for himself. RB and I are his closest relatives. We would check on him every day by phone and would  
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visit him a few times each month and load up his refrigerator with home-cooked meals.

In late May, we took him to the doctor when he was complaining of sciatic nerve pain in his back and radiating down his legs. He was prescribed pain medication. When he didn't answer his phone the next day, we were at first not surprised. It was Friday. And every Friday, Uncle would drive to the cemetery to bring flowers and then go to eat. He was usually home by late morning, so when he didn't answer the phone at noon, we were concerned. Our sense of urgency grew as the calls we made while driving to Berkeley to check on him went unanswered.

Fortunately, we found him alert and responsive, but unable to stand. After a brief hospital stay and 7 weeks rehab in Berkeley, he agreed that it might now be a good time to move closer to us. On July 23, we were able to move Uncle to the Greenhaven Terrace.

Uncle has been doing fairly well at Greenhaven Terrace. It is a huge adjustment for him. We felt that his safety was most important and here he is able to have three nutritional meals a day. It is especially nice that we do not have to worry about him there in Berkeley by himself. Now we are able to easily visit and also go out and have meals together, so it has been nice for all of us.

As Dr. Nobuo Haneda from the Maida Center in Berkeley has often encouraged me to see, a true Buddhist life is to be a lifelong student.

In these past seven years since losing Auntie Michi, I've come to see that my uncle, too has become a student of life. And life is always teaching us that nothing can last forever.

At 98, Uncle said that he never imagined that he would outlive Auntie... but life has now taught him otherwise. Life is always teaching us... no matter how old we may become or how much experience we may have.

But my Uncle Tosh continues to be my mentor and my teacher. I watch him and he is teaching me, "This is how we live through the most difficult losses we will have to know in life." He is showing me... and I am learning again that we must try our best to live through whatever changes and challenges life brings our way. We must always try to do the best we can. In reality,

all of us are constantly students of life. And in the classroom of life, we are all both students... and we are teachers.

In my life, I see that I have had many role models, like my Mom and Dad, my grandparents and my aunts and uncles. As I reflect back on my life, I see now that they have always been showing me how to live... as best we can, caring and helping each other; living with love and gratitude, until that time comes, when we can live no more. This too... is a life of nembutsu.

When we would have our Minister's Assistant Mapquest training seminars, our sessions with past Bishop of BCA Socho Ogui have always been most interesting. Socho would ask us questions that continue to be so thought-provoking. Once, he asked each of us, "Who brought you here?"

There were the standard answers like I came by myself by car or plane; some would say my parents brought me into this world. But if we really think about this question, "Who brought you here?" we can't help but realize there are so many people and countless karmic circumstances that have made our lives what they are. Countless people and events have brought us to this moment we are living right now.

One of the most important relationships that develops when we begin to walk the dharma path is the relationship between student and a trusted and honored dharma teacher. In the Shin Buddhist tradition, there is a term for such a mentor — *zenji-shiki*. *Zenji-shiki* means a "good teacher and friend." A *zenji-shiki* is one who assists and guides us on our path.



**UNCLE TOSH**

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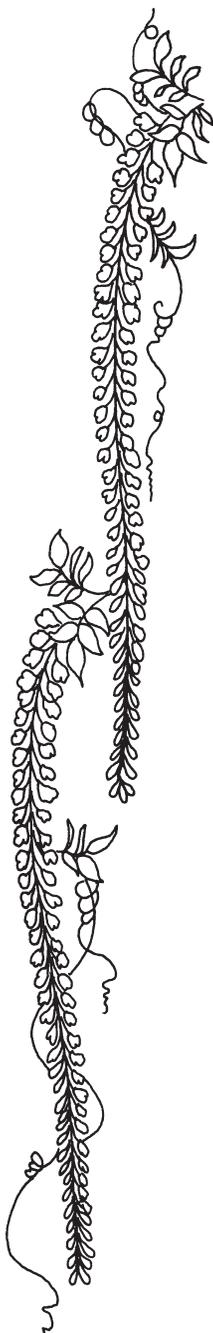
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CORNER**

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**SACRAMENTO  
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KASHIWADA



This expression is found in the sutras; it is found in the wasans or poems that Shinran Shonin wrote that we often chant following Shoshinge. Shinran wrote, our zenji-shiki helps us to learn the dharma, not only through their words and the teachings they give, but they show us through the examples of their own lives; they share with us the lessons that they have learned from their zenji-shiki... Their good teachers and friends... their mentors.

In a way, when our dharma eyes are open, we can see many people and circumstances around us as our zenji-shiki.

With dharma eyes open, we begin to live not taking for granted those we love. We begin to live truly appreciating those who have touched our lives... and have transformed us with their lessons of life and of love.

Again, as Dr. Haneda has encouraged, when our dharma eyes open, we will see that we are all constantly students of life. And in the classroom of life, we are all both students... and we are teachers.

And as we walk this dharma path together, we are helping each other to live as best we can; with wisdom and compassion, with awareness and appreciation — until that time comes... when we can live no more. Such is a life of nembutsu.

The September SBWA Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, with President Fusako Takahashi presiding. A great big THANK YOU to Past President Lynn Kurahara, for writing this article for me.

**DONATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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

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**THANK YOU/UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Craft Booth — Shirley Kato:** Thank you to all who donated craft items and a special thanks to those who taught classes throughout the year. Next year we will not have the one Friday a month craft sessions, but we will have occasional sessions that we will announce. The booth was very successful and as most of the items are donated, most of the money made is profit.

**Bazaar – Sushi – Lynn Kurahara:** Thank you everyone who came out early in the morning to help make sushi. Thank you also to the rice cookers who came out even earlier to have the rice ready for us. The rice washers made sure the rice was washed both days. Thank you very much. We made the most money ever this year. Thank you to Reiko Kurahara for selling sushi in the outdoor pastry booth. Thank you to the Nitta family, who once again provided shuttle service on Saturday and Sunday, since it was dark when we started.

**Pot Luck –** The SBWA Board will sponsor a pot luck for all SBWA members who helped with spring food festival and summer bazaar on Sunday, October 18 after Eitaikyo Service at 12:30 p.m. Someone will be contacting you to encourage you to come and join us for an afternoon of food and fellowship. We would also like to ask you to invite anyone you feel might be a potential SBWA member. Just let your telephone tree person know who will be attending or RSVP to Fusako Takahashi at (916) 390-4623 or [Fusakot@yahoo.com](mailto:Fusakot@yahoo.com). The deadline to RSVP is October 6.

**Angel Bin –** It has been discontinued as of August 2015. Please save items intended for the Angel Bin for the Legacy Endowment Fund Rummage Sale next June.

The next SBWA meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6 (not the normal Wednesday), starting with a service at 6:45 p.m., followed by our monthly meeting.

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**LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD**  
 TED YOSHIMURA

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**H**ello Betsuin friends. With my fellow minister assistants, I would like to thank you, our temple members, for teaching us the Dharma every day and helping us to better understand the meaning of our lives.

Can you believe that another Dharma School year is underway? Fall academic semesters are in high gear and collegiate quarters are back in session. The late heat waves of September have given way to the chilly evening breezes of October, reminding us that autumn is here.

Amidst this season of change, we will hold our annual Eitaikyo Memorial Service. Eitaikyo means the Perpetual Chanting of the Sutra. In our Jodo Shinshu observance, we pause to thoughtfully remember all temple members who have passed away for it is within these generations of temple members who have gone before us, who have sacrificed through unimaginable challenges and times of constant change, to whom we cannot help but thoughtfully reflect upon and appreciate for sharing the gift that is our temple.

Reminders of change seem to be everywhere. In our yards and in our neighborhoods, the leaves that last month were a vibrant green are beginning to wilt and fade to crimson reds and yellows. Hummingbirds that regularly drink from my own backyard feeder are again migrating to warmer climates. And just the other day, I saw a black tail deer scraping the last patches of velvet from his horns while in search of a mate.

Buddhism teaches us that when we open our dharma eyes, that change is constantly happening all around us. When pausing to reflect on this fundamental reality of our lives, on this fundamental truth of the dharma, we can see that change is neither good nor bad. We can see that change, the truth of impermanence, is our journey to reality and our journey to living in the moment.

The reality of impermanence was all the more evident on two recent Boy Scout Troop 50 and co-ed Venture Crew 50 on hikes along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) near Soda Springs and Donner Summit. Here at 8,000 feet above sea level, we found ourselves surrounded by countless causes and conditions that have enabled the wonderful Sierra Nevada ecosystem to thrive. Here atop the PCT, we found ourselves surrounded by the basic truth of change and the fundamental truth of our interdependence. Rock formations of the Sierras are estimated to be some 24 million years old. Countless days and nights of wind, snow, sun and rain had changed giant granite formations and worn away rock to form pebbles. In time, the pebbles wore away to form nutrient-rich soil. Recently, some 6,000 years ago, the rich soil and water gave rise to generations of giant sequoias, lodge pole pines, and red fir cedars. Here, as a result of countless causes and conditions, generations of forested treasures have thrived and supported our very own lives.

Whether on the Pacific Crest Trail or reflecting quietly within the gift that is our temple, when our dharma eyes open, we experience the truth of change, and our interdependence. So, as we welcome the month of October and especially as we observe Eitaikyo Service, let me share a wish that we thoughtfully reflect upon, and appreciate, the countless temple members and generations past who have through their lives shared with us the teachings of the Buddha, and who have helped give meaning and richness to our lives.

**S**ome Perspectives: I hope you had a chance to read Ruth Seo's Legacy Endowment Fund Board (LEFB) article in last month's SANGHA newsletter. Her article gave an excellent brief history of our legacy endowment fund from its beginning in 2001 with Reverend Yukawa's vision to what we now have in 2015... imagine, we started almost 15 years ago.

With the official bylaws and LEFB members created in 2005, we have grown our assets during these past 10 years to be able to fund many worthwhile individuals and projects. This has been made possible by the many donations that we have received from our sangha. All the funding to date has been received through what we call "passive" donations where individual members just donate as they feel they want to versus "active" donations where we solicit or seek donations from individual members. Ideally, like most hospitals and university endowment funds, we would like to grow our assets even more, while preserving the principal assets, to help fund our future generations.

I would like to share an email we received from Wade Yasuda of the Kona Daifukuji Soto Mission temple in the Big Island, Hawaii. He happened to find our website and through our office manager, Cindy Kitade, inquired about our endowment fund. As a result, Allan Hoshida and I met with him a few weeks ago in Sacramento. Their temple (which is not Jodo Shinshu but Zen

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ENDOWMENT  
FUND BOARD**  
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Buddhism) has about 400 members and would like to start an endowment fund.

Allan, Ted:

I am finally back in Kona and catching up with correspondence.

Thank you for taking the time out from your schedules to meet with me. Your insight & guidance have given me exactly what I needed to start building our own endowment, and will save us literally years of time by following your example. I cannot express how thankful I am to the both of you. The inclusion of a reference to the endowment fund & its purpose/use in the bylaws of the temple to provide flexibility was an excellent suggestion that helped me solve one of my biggest concerns.

Thank you also for giving me a tour of your temple grounds and introducing me to everyone. You have built an absolutely impressive institution and meeting the ladies preparing the food for your golf tournament the next day reminded me of our own fujinkai ladies and how they are the "engine" of our temple too.

I have copied our Rev. Jiko Nakade and our Board President Stephen Tanaka on this email because I wanted them to know how grateful I am to the both of you for providing guidance and answering all my questions. I will keep you updated on our progress. Of course you know that if you are ever in Kona, you are always welcome and I would love to return the favor by taking you around and playing host to you.

Finally, I will definitely keep in touch, because I feel that I have not only gained 2 excellent advisors, but two good friends.

My Deepest Aloha,  
Wade

Discussing with Wade the history and development of our endowment fund, and hearing his vision of starting a fund at his church, made Allan and me realize and appreciate how far we have progressed these past 15 years. Of course, none of this would not have been possible without of all of the efforts of our past committee members and our great sangha. We are truly fortunate to have such fantastic support from our temple members.

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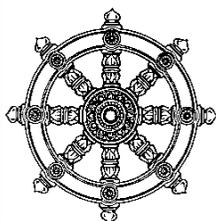
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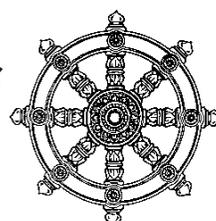
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*Welcome New Members*

*Luong Huynh &  
Stacey Taing & Family  
Belated Welcome to:  
Helen Sakaishi*



**SAKURA GAKUEN**  
AILEEN NIIZAWA  
MORRIS



The fall semester has begun, but it is not too late to register for classes. Please visit the Sakura Gakuen website to find out more information: [www.sakuragakuen.org](http://www.sakuragakuen.org), or call (916) 542-0557. Church members receive a 20% discount on registration fees for the adult program and a reduced fee for the youth program.

Our adult program on Monday evenings is abuzz with classes from intro to advanced. There are a number of students enrolled in the conversational Japanese classes.

Our youth program is in full swing from kindergarten to high school advanced classes. Not only are the students learning how to write in katakana, hiragana and kanji, and read and speak in Japanese, there also are some exciting cultural events coming up!

**Undokai** (Sports Day) will take place in the kaikan on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m.–Noon. All are welcome to visit and watch Aka Gumi (Red Team) vs. Shiro Gumi (White Team) compete in relays, bean bag toss, tug-of-war and other fun competitions. We'll also be in the courtyard before class on Saturdays, practicing our Rajio Taiso (Radio Exercises), which takes place before the Undokai. If you hear the familiar music, stop by and join in!

Mark your calendars! Our **4th Annual Ramen Fest Fundraiser** is on Sunday, November 22 in the kaikan, from 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Donations will be \$7 per bowl. Pre-sale tickets will be available soon! Thank you for your support!

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
AMIE ICHIRO



Can you believe it's October already? The church's annual Halloween party will be held Saturday, October 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the kaikan. As in the past years, we will have a costume contest for all ages (even adults), games, and the infamous haunted house presented by Boy Scout Troop 50. There will be lots of FUN and Good Eats! So, please bring your favorite potluck dish to share!

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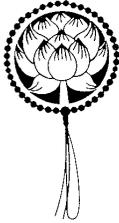
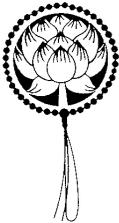
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**DHARMA  
SCHOOL  
NEWS**

VALERIE FONG



**H**ello Everyone from Dharma School! We started the 2015–16 year with a kick-off dinner meeting on August 21, 2015. This important meeting helped us to get our schedule and assignments in good order for the year. For the first time in several years, we are fully staffed with teachers.

We are very happy to welcome back Sherman Iida as a teacher. He is joining Karen Yamamoto in the 2nd grade class. Sherman is no stranger to Dharma School having previously been a teacher for 2nd grade and serving as superintendent. He also is the Dharma School emergency drill coordinator and is the chair of the Board of Trustees Education Award Committee. Thank you, Sherman!

The new 2015–16 Dharma School term began on Sunday, September 13, 2015, with Dharma Service followed by student registration and an activity-filled celebration in honor of National Grandparents Day (observed on September 13). On this day, we recognized our wonderful grandparents and enjoyed several fun activities for everyone. We had a photo booth for generation pictures that were printed on the spot to take home, family trees, questionnaires, card-making, and bingo! A big “thank you” to Reverend Patti for coordinating this special day; to all of the teachers, TAs, and volunteers for setting up activity stations; and to everyone who helped with kaikan set-up, clean-up, and carpetdeck duty.

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

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**DHARMA  
SCHOOL  
COURTYARD  
HISTORY**

GLADYS ADACHI

**R**ecently a question was asked about the courtyard Dharma School refreshments (from a group of new parents).

Back in 1996, when Reverend Yukawa returned to the Sacramento Buddhist Church for the second time, he asked Reiko and Gladys to serve refreshments to the parents who waited for their children while in the classroom. Until then, Sam Abe and Sam Adachi made coffee (No Starbucks then!) every Sunday for about 30 parents; other parents would go shopping (usually Target), run errands or do some chores. Reverend Yukawa’s idea was to create an environment where our Dharma School parents might stay, socialize and make friends.

The Courtyard Kitchen treats have become a huge success. It is financially independent from any church budget due to the generous donations from the sangha, businesses and organizations. Parents mention the refreshments help them because of the busy schedules of sports, scouts, etc. immediately following Dharma School. Reiko, Sam and Gladys plan the menu, shop and cook for 300 people.

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**BOY SCOUT  
TROOP 50**

ERIC NGO



**W**ith the start of the new school year, so comes the new scouting year with new patrols, leadership, all led by new Troop 50 Senior Patrol Leader Thomas Ito. On September 4, Troop 50 had its Court of Honor filled with 100+ merit badges and 5+ rank advancements.

Congratulations to new Eagle Scouts Adrian Nguyen, Justin Shebert and Davis Yasuda, and to new Wood Badge member Kelvin Kwan.

On September 11, Troop 50 had its first Greenbar and Troop 50 meeting for the year. The Greenbar discussed past events and outings while planning for the upcoming month. Greenbar planned what went wrong and right during the Bazaar shifts and planned for major events such as Haunted House and the Yosemite Campout. During the troop meeting, new patrols played icebreaker games to get to know one another while planning for the Bodega Dunes Campout.

New events include the troop’s first campout for the year at Bodega Dunes from September 25–27. From October 9–11, there will be a Yosemite Campout that includes backpack meals and hikes. Haunted House Committee will meet on October 23–24, while the service project My Sisters House Service Project will be on October 24.

**PATROL REPORTS:**

Corey Tanaka:

Sixy Dragon Patrol: 9/4/15 Troop Meeting; 9/4/15 Patrol Meeting.

Casey Ngo: N/A: 9/4/15 Patrol Meeting; 9/4/15 Troop Meeting.

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**SPORTS  
COMMITTEE**  
ALAN WU


**F**inally, fashionably fantastic fabulous Fall. Finally, Fall has befallen us and it is a fabulous time to finish off the year's final fourth fraction in fashion. Finally, football is in our face and if high school football fits your fancy, Friday football will fill you up.

Being a football fanatic is all fine and dandy, and maybe your favorite team is foreign to the Falcons, or Philadelphia or the 49ers, then maybe you favor the football of the fantasy form and that will be the foyer to your family room. Fundamentally, the fractionalization of the foundation of football is the footing on which fantasy football is founded. Factually, fantasy football is fashioned on a fiscal foundation where frontrunners are rewarded with funds forwarded to their financial institutions. Formerly, for a fairly small fee, the first finisher would realize a windfall of four figures. For today, final finishers focus on fantastic fortunes and facilitate flat screen formatted commercials.

Go figure. Fantasy football first was a friendly fracas for friends for bragging rights and a few bucks and now has fluctuated to form a full-fledged financial forum for a farfetched fanciful amount of French Francs to firmament elevations. Forget about it! Find further scratchers and foster quick-picks for better fallouts. Finally finished this frivolous fashion, now forward to familiarity and focus on the frivolity of the fundamental function of facilitating frothy and foamy activities for our sangha friends in their formative years.

Even though regular basketball registration has passed, you can still register to play this season under the late registration parameters, and participation in this season is still available.

Attendance is essentially important. This year there are many returning players who have poor attendance numbers dating back to last spring. Attendance is calculated on a rolling 12-month calendar, which includes the months of March, April, May and June. Any player dropping below the minimum 60% attendance must sit the bench until attendance meets or exceeds the minimum 60%. Having trouble attending and hearing the dharma on Sundays? To help those who need it, we have provided extra credit attendance days. One extra credit day just happened on September 13; we certainly hope you took advantage. The next extra credit days will be on December 31 at the New Year's Eve Service, and on January 1, 2016 at the New Year's Day Service. We have made it very easy to acquire extra credit.

The Bowling League opens on the opening Sunday in October, but you are still in luck! Our bowling league is a kick-back relaxed situation where anyone can just drop in and bowl and be amused with everyone else, so get up, get out and get some bowlercise 1 p.m. Sundays at Land Park Bowl next to Jack In The Box and across the street is the airport.

Hula classes are still accepting all students, young and old alike. See the church personnel in the main building to get the details.

An ancient scholar once said: "Formidable to forge a footpath, equally daunting to reverse midstream." Get it... Got it... Good... See ya next month.

**T**he Sacramento Buddhist Church (SBC) Golf Tournament Committee extends its appreciation to the many tee box hole sponsors, cash and raffle prize donors who contributed to the success of the temple's 6th annual fundraising event held at the Teal Bend Golf Course on August 19. A field of 133 golfers and supporters of this event helped raise the funds needed to defray the cost of replacing the north and portion of the east-of-the-parking lot fenced enclosure.

The tournament committee extends its appreciation to Reiko Kurahara, Gladys Adachi and the famed Kitchen Crew for preparing the bento box lunches for all the participants, their guests and volunteers whose support made the success of this annual event possible. More than 150 golfers and their invited guests enjoyed the delicious bento box lunch prepared by the temple's kitchen crew following completion of play.

The tournament was supported by 25 Gold, Silver, Bronze and individual hole sponsorships and seven In-Memory-Of contributions, as well as numerous raffle prize donations from participants, guests and friends of the Betsuin. The Grand Prize Raffle for a five-night stay at the Marriott Lake Tahoe was donated by Robbie Midzuno for the third year of this event. The 2015 SBC Golf Tournament Committee extends our sincere "thanks" to each of those listed below for your generous donations. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's tournament, scheduled for August 24, 2016.

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