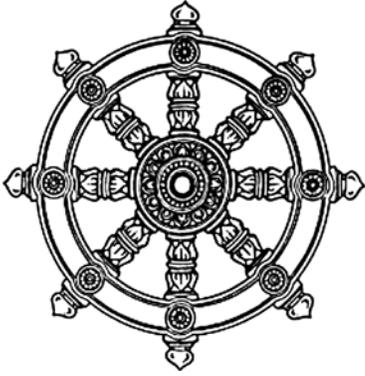


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Reflections on the Book *American Sutra*

Rev. Dr. Duncan Williams, professor of Buddhism at the University of Southern California, has written an amazing book on Buddhism in the internment camps titled *American Sutra*. We were most fortunate to have him as our guest speaker for our Eitaikyo service on October 13, as well as to give a Buddhist Education Class on his book. His talks were most well-received here.

Dr. Williams shared how he began his research on Buddhism in the internment camps. His former mentor and professor whom he studied under at Harvard University was the late Masatoshi Nagatomi. After Professor Nagatomi's passing, his wife asked Dr. Williams to go through her husband's many papers and books to help sort out any personal items before she donated the books to an institution. (They were given to the Institute of Buddhist Studies and are in the special collection section of the IBS library.) In going through Professor Nagatomi's many notebooks, Dr. Williams found a journal that was not written by Professor Nagatomi, but was written by Nagatomi Sensei's father, the late Reverend Shinjo Nagatomi. Reverend Shinjo Nagatomi had a notebook of his Dharma talks and notes taken during the internment camp. Dr. Williams then discovered a treasure of stories, Dharma talks, and life experiences of what happened during the internment camps, through Reverend Nagatomi's notebooks. This led to 17 years of research by Dr. Williams, which led to his book, *American Sutra*.

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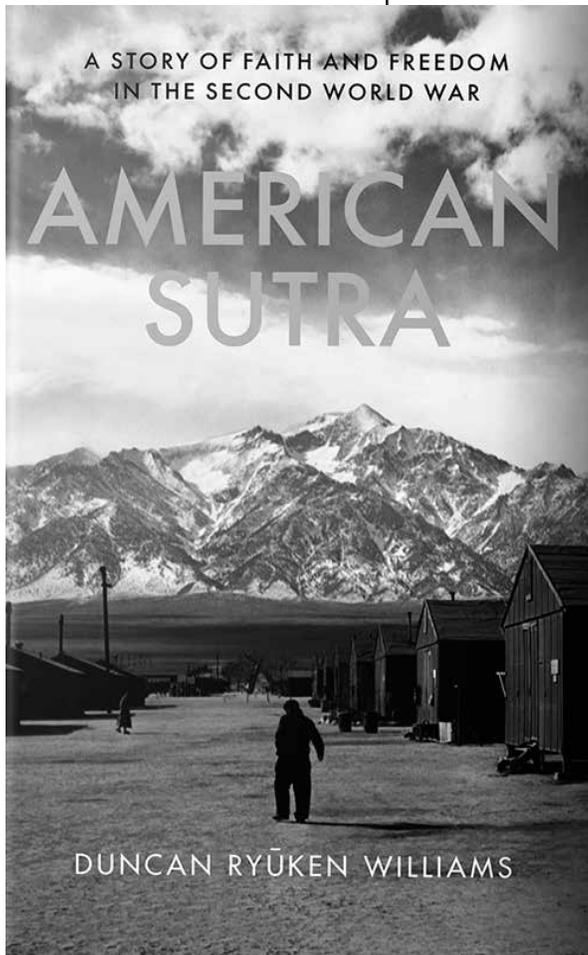
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In the book, we find that the incarceration of Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II was not just about the war hysteria. It was also a religious persecution, as Buddhist priests and ministers were taken and whisked away to special camps literally hours after Pearl Harbor. Dr. Williams found through his research that the FBI already had lists of all the Buddhist ministers and Japanese community leaders, well in advance of the attack at Pearl Harbor. Japanese Christian ministers were given much different treatment and many were not even taken to camp.

What is particularly moving in his book are the stories of Buddhists who endured such persecution, humiliation and suffering, but yet, not only maintained their deep faith in the Dharma; they looked at their experience as an opportunity to share Buddhism in a different context.

One of those individuals was Reverend Nyogen Senzaki, a Zen priest who was one of those Buddhist ministers who was whisked away by the FBI without any due process or even warning. Reverend Senzaki was in Los Angeles, and was sent to the internment camp in Wyoming, Heart Mountain. Reverend Senzaki wrote a poem as he departed for Heart Mountain:

*This morning, the winding train, like a big black snake
Takes us as far as Wyoming.
This current of Buddhist thought always runs eastward.
This policy may support the tendency of the teaching.
Who knows?*

—American Sutra, p. 8.

Reverend Senzaki was relating how Buddhism had been transmitted and had made its journey always headed to the east, starting from India, going east to China, going east to Korea and Japan, and now arriving in America. Now, he was part of the “flow of Buddhism” heading further east, to Wyoming. He did not express anger or bitterness at being sent to a camp in Wyoming. He saw it as an opportunity to be a part of the historic transmission of Buddhism further east.



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If Bishop Umezu asked me to move to Anchorage, Alaska to start a temple there, I would have to say I would resist, saying, “Why do I have to go to Alaska? I can’t golf there. It is a long ways to Las Vegas from there. I can’t go to Alaska! Can’t you send someone else?” I would not be able to say, like Reverend Senzaki, “Now I have the opportunity to share the Dharma to people in Alaska.”

Shinran Shonin was exiled to the remote province of Echigo, because he was a follower of Honen. Honen and his followers received religious persecution from the orthodox and established Tendai school of Buddhism at that time. Shinran Shonin did not express any anger or bitterness, but in a similar manner as Reverend Senzaki, said, “Now I have the opportunity to share the Nembutsu with people in Echigo.”

Lay members as well exhibited a deep faith and commitment to Buddhism during the camp years. Some made homemade obutsudans out of discarded wood. One made a baby Buddha statue carved out of a carrot, for the Hanamatsuri service. Lay followers and ministers alike continued and even deepened their religious faith and conviction during those years of internment camp.

Our churches and temples today have those ministers and lay followers to thank for what we have built, based on their dedication and sacrifices.

May I share one additional poem by Reverend Senzaki:

*Thus have I heard:
The army ordered
All Japanese faces to be evacuated
From the city of Los Angeles.
This homeless monk has nothing but a Japanese face.
He stayed here thirteen springs
Meditating with all faces
From all parts of the world,
And studied the teaching of Buddha with them.
Wherever he goes, he may form other groups
Inviting friends of all faces,
Beckoning them with the empty hands of Zen.*

—American Sutra, p 1.

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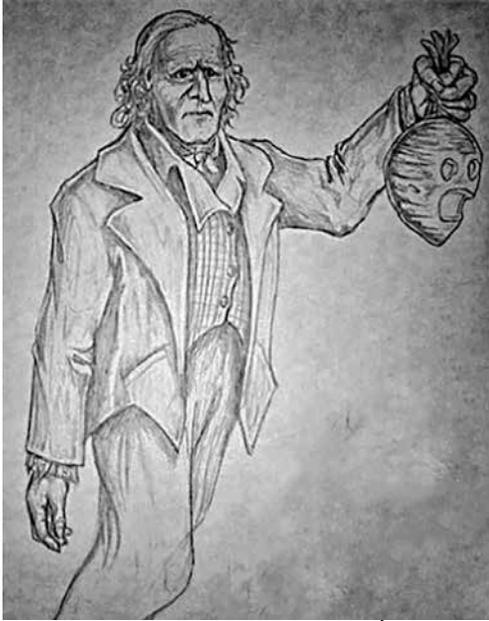
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We're All Jacked

We have just finished up the Halloween season and hopefully everyone has safely and orderly put away their Halloween decorations for next year. And hopefully no one had the unfortunate aftermath of a rotten or squirrel-ruined pumpkin on their doorstep from sitting out in the open. Pumpkins always remind me of the fall and of Halloween time, especially carving them. But why do we carve them and why do we call them Jack o' Lanterns?

I traced this "Jack" to an old Irish legend of Stingy Jack, a man who was a nefarious liar, cheater, and drunkard. His unsavory reputation for deceit and manipulation became so widespread that he was compared to the Devil himself, and when the Devil heard of him, he lay down on a road the Jack frequented. When Jack saw the body with deranged eyes and wide grin, he recognized who had come to see him. Jack was as clever as he was unpleasant and realizing that the Devil was coming for his soul, he asked for one last drink at the local tavern. The Devil was interested in drinking with the man and took him up on the offer. After many drinks, Jack convinced the Devil to pay for his tab by transforming into a coin that was worth the money. As soon as the Devil did that, Jack shoved the coin into his pocket where he kept a crucifix, thus preventing the Devil from changing back. He brokered a deal with the Devil to allow him to change back for an extension of 10 years on his life.



Stingy Jack with his turnip jack o'lantern

The Devil let him be for that time, but once 10 years passed, the Devil came again for Jack. This time, instead of a drink, Jack asked the Devil for a last meal, one last apple before he went with him. The Devil was persuaded and climbed up a tree to get an apple for his soul. But as soon as the Devil was up in the tree, Jack carved four crosses in the trunk, so the Devil was unable to get down. Jack made another deal with the Devil, saying that he would cut the tree down, letting the Devil free if he never took Jack to Hell. The Devil finally agreed to this deal as well.

Not much later, Jack eventually died from his wanton lifestyle and was denied entrance when he went to Heaven. Not sure where else to go, he went to Hell, but Devil was not able to go back on his word and could not let him into Hell. Jack was forced to roam around with nowhere to go for eternity. The Devil took pity on him and threw him an ember to light his way. Jack hollowed a turnip and put the ember inside. This is thought to be the origin of the Jack o' Lantern and over time and different countries instead of a turnip, it became pumpkins.

In this story, Jack is someone who is doomed because of his lifestyle and the story seems to serve as a cautionary tale advising people against amoral behavior lest their soul suffers the same fate. Within our sect of Buddhism, however, we are probably already more like Stingy Jack than we would like to admit. To be a little clearer, the Buddha did not teach of a Heaven or a Hell or a Final Judgment, so there is nothing there for us to try to strive for in that sense. On the other hand, because of the human nature of our selfishness, we are taught that we are constantly wandering in the darkness of our own self-delusion. The only thing that can light our way for us is the Dharma, the teachings as the expression of Wisdom and Compassion. So I hope that perhaps next year, when everyone is carving up their pumpkins again for Halloween, it brings you some extra joy in thinking that these pumpkins will light up your walkway, guiding you to candy like the Dharma guides us to the correct path!

2019 Family Memorial Service Schedule

Traditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our beloved ones and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha's light of wisdom and life of compassion.

Year of Death	2019 Memorial	Year of Death	2019 Memorial
2018	1 year	1995	25 year
2017	3 year	1987	33 year
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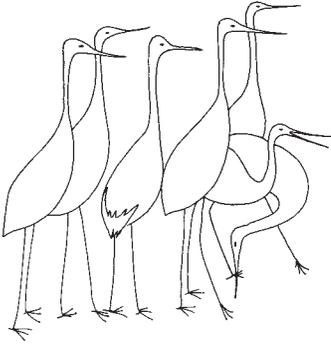


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The SBWA held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 2, led by President Loleen Nakano, after a short service and message by Reverend Matt Hamasaki.

Donations to SBWA appear in the "Donations" section at end of Sangha newsletter.

Upcoming Services & Events

- Hoonko Service: November 10
- Tsuito Hoyo Service and SBWA Bonenkai: Service and Luncheon: December 8
Service begins at 12 noon, followed by the banquet.
Invitations were mailed out or distributed at the end of October.
Guest Speaker is Reverend Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.

Next SBWA Meeting

The next SBWA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, with service starting at 5:45 p.m.

2019 Summary to date of Legacy Endowment Fund projects approved / funded by the Legacy Board, totaling approximately \$15,254:

- Approved: Request to attend Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Buddhist Youth Retreat for 4 youth participants from Sacramento (Jennifer Goi, Emily Maseba, Andrew Matayoshi and Kayla Itagaki), held at the Jodo Shinshu Center / Berkeley, June 30–July 6, 2019; includes registration fees.
- Approved: Reunion request for 2 participants from Sacramento (Grace Matayoshi and Ellie Mizushima) to attend BCA-sponsored youth retreat at Tri-State Denver Buddhist Church, includes airfare and registration. This very successful youth program for BCA has brought together 12 youth leaders from throughout BCA for a one-week summer reunion, in learning about the dharma, meeting and learning about sangha kids from other parts of the country. Through thank you letters we have received from our Sacramento Betsuin kids over the years, these retreats / reunions have become life-altering positive experiences for many of the kids. We need to encourage more of this kind of positive activity which brings diverse youth and future temple leaders together, have some meaningful / growth leadership opportunities, and be able to continue on their dharma path.
- Approved: 2019 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE), July 15–27, 2019, financial support for 3 youths from Sacramento (Kellie Lee, Allison Tanaka and Lyndsie Mark) to attend 2-week program held in Kyoto, Japan. Congratulations to the 3 very deserving youths from our temple selected to participate in this international Buddhist exchange program.
- Approved: Sponsorship of 10th Annual Golf Tournament-2019. This is an annual fundraising fun golf event, led by Richard Kai and a small group / committee of temple leaders. As many of you are aware, we have experienced negative revenue to costs for the last number of years on general church operations. Collectively, the Board of Trustees has determined that we all need to help support financially, to increase revenues and / or reduce costs in order to meet our annual temple obligations and not run a deficit each year. Thanks, Richard and Golf Committee.
- Approved: Sponsorship of 73rd Annual Buddhist Church of Sacramento Japanese Food and Cultural Festival held on the weekend of August 10 and 11, 2019.
- Approved: Soliciting for temple youth initiative / development of meaningful programs for future legacy endowment funding support / considerations. This will help encourage our youth, under the age of 25 years of age, to consider potential programs to benefit our sangha community, that is not currently being done now. Please contact Pat McLafferty / Legacy Board member and / or office for more information and appropriate forms.

List of the Wall of Appreciation legacy donations received for 2019:

- In Memory of Machiko Kimura, from the families of Emiko Kimura & Teruyo Kunibe.
- In Memory of Bob & Joan Ariyasu, by Karyn Ariyasu Ito & Family.
- Special Donation by Mr. Masaaki Kobayashi.
- Anonymous donation.
- In Loving Memory of Janice H. Tahara and our parents George & Clara Yokoyama, Howard & Emily Tahara, with deepest gratitude, Harvey K. Tahara & Family.

The above donor names will be placed onto the Wall of Appreciation. Thank you for your support of Buddhist Church of Sacramento Legacy Endowment Fund and historic Wall of Appreciation project. Due to your generous donations, the Legacy Endowment Fund will be able to consider / support many more future worthy projects.

**Kieshiki
Affirmation
Ceremony:
December 8,
2019**

On Sunday, December 8, following our Bodhi Day service with our guest speaker, Reverend Kodo Umezu, Bishop of our Buddhist Churches of America, there will be a *Kieshiki* Affirmation Ceremony.

The *Kieshiki* Affirmation Ceremony affirms the individual's faith in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. The participant will receive a Buddhist name (*Homyo*) during the ceremony from the Bishop. Application forms are in the Betsuin office, and you also may download the form from a link on the Betsuin website.

There is a \$35 donation for the ceremony. Check should be made payable to the "Buddhist Churches of America." The ceremony will start at approximately 10:30–10:45 a.m., following the Bodhi Day service at 9:30 a.m. The deadline to submit an application and the \$35 donation is Sunday, November 10, at 2 p.m., the same day as the Ho-onko service.

The only other way to receive a Buddhist name is to go to Japan and to receive one at our Nishi Hongwanji, in Kyoto, Japan, or to wait for the next time that our Gomonshu visits the United States. This is a rare opportunity to receive a Buddhist name from our Bishop, Reverend Umezu. Included with the application form is a sheet with Chinese characters and their English equivalent. The applicant will choose one word or character that has meaning to them, like "compassion." Reverend Harada will then add a second character to it, like "light," to create a Buddhist name — "Compassionate Light," as an example.

Any questions can be directed to Reverend Matt at the office, or to Reverend Harada, through his email: marvinharada@gmail.com.

**Buddhist
Education
Class
Sacramento Betsuin**



Please join us for an informative and thought-provoking discussion about the meaning and experience of the Nembutsu in 21st century America presented by Dr. Reverend Kenji Akahoshi.

The Millennial generation and the Digital Age brings about change. Why don't our children type? Mimeograph? And post ads on bulletin boards? How might we share the essence and benefits of Shin Buddhism in the digital age? In this session, Dr. Reverend Akahoshi will discuss how this change impacts Buddhism today.

Dr. Reverend Kenji Akahoshi currently serves as the minister for the Buddhist Church of San Diego. He is also our guest speaker on the same day for our Ho-nko Service at 9:30 a.m.

Free admission. Donations welcome.

**American Nembutsu Journey:
The Meaning and Experience of the Nembutsu
in 21st Century America**

Has time and culture changed the experience of the Nembutsu from 13th century Japan to 21st century America?

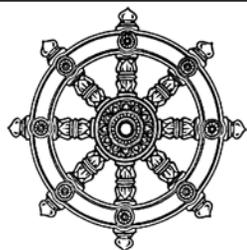
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Are you planning for a trip to Japan next year? Perhaps for the Olympic games in the summer? The Registration for the spring language classes will start in December 2019. The first day of the semester is February 3, 2020, and last day is June 8, 2020.

We offer our church members 20% tuition discount. Please check Sakura Gakuen website for details.

Contact me at Thomas@sakuragakuen.org

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Welcome New Members

Mary Gutierrez



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Thanksgiving Holiday - Change in Betsuin Schedule

Beginning this year, the Betsuin will not be having Dharma School Family Service on the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend, so the Betsuin will be closed. Our holiday office hours:

- Wednesday, 11/27/19: 9 a.m.–12 noon
- Thursday, 11/28/19: Closed
- Friday, 11/29/19: Closed
- Saturday, 11/30/19: 9 a.m.–1 pm
- Sunday, 12/1/19: Closed

Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, 11/3/19, 9:30 a.m.: Pet Memorial Service
Please bring a photograph of your pet who passed away in the last year, to be placed on the Onaijin for our special annual memorial service.
- Sunday, 11/3/19, 11:30 a.m.: Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service
- Sunday, 11/10/19
9:30 a.m.: Ho-onko Service
Guest Speaker: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi
10:30 a.m.: Dharma Discussion with Rev. Akahoshi
11:30 a.m.: Buddhist Education Class with Rev. Akahoshi
- Monday, 11/11/19: Betsuin Closed in observance of Veterans Day

November, November, November... it's November, can you believe it? It's kind of crazy nowadays because way back in October, or even way, way back in September, a few stores had set up multiple areas for the various "seasons" that happen in the last four months of the year. There was on display, not only the traditional Labor Day holiday trappings, but a couple of aisles over there was the area for the traditional Halloween paraphernalia; and then over a couple of more aisles was the extensive Veterans Day holiday tribute trimmings; and over a couple more aisles you would see the cornucopia of Thanksgiving accoutrements; and over a couple more aisles, there was a plethora of the usual and customary Christmas traditional embellishments.

It is weird to see all these upcoming events in one picture frame, but becoming more common each and every year. Is it odd that the New Year's section, and the Valentine's Day section and the Easter section were conspicuously missing? Or was it because they ran out of aisles? Oh, oh... we ran out of room for detergent, shampoo, and toothpaste!

Did someone say it is November? Of course, when you say November, you think of Día de los Muertos, right! The Day of the Dead is the celebration of the death and life of family and loved ones, and not a day of mourning by our friends from Mexico and the Aztecs, so it goes way back. Hmmm, this sounds familiar to the dressing up in kimono and hapi and dancing around in a circle to the beat of the taiko... maybe yes!

Actually, the coming of November must bring to the minds of everyone the famous discovery on November 4, 1922 when the tomb of King Tutankhamen was discovered. Right! How can anyone forget King Tut? He became King of Egypt at the age of 9 (1333 B.C.) and mysteriously died at the age of 19 (1324 B.C.). (We already had this discussion about B.C. and BCE.) Back in those days, Egypt was a dynasty, a superpower, a force to be reckoned with and to have a 9-year-old as King was certainly unprecedented. The "Child King" captured everyone's interest. After all, "He was born in Arizona, got a condo made of stone-a... King Tut" —Steve Martin.

For those with failing memories or no memory of this at all, look up Steve Martin King Tut, and enjoy this rendition during the period of time (late 1970s) when the artifacts of King Tut were on a world tour and everyone on a global scale was all abuzz about the "Child King" and "People stand in line to see the boy king. (King Tut)". The performers of this song were called Steve Martin and the Toot Uncommons and sold more than 1 million copies. How about that!

To get a little serious for a minute, November always brings us the Veterans Day homage. Let us acknowledge and give thanks to all our veterans, past and present, for all they have done and will do for us and our country. To all our veterans within the sound of this publication: Thank you!

Well, did someone say "Thank You"? Of course, November conjures up images of pilgrims and Native Americans in 1621! Yeah, right — only on the history class exam! Thanksgiving brings to mind visions of family and friends gathering together to sit down and feast on a feast and to give thanks for the life we have. Our very own Reverend Bob has said on many occasions that the American Thanksgiving holiday and its purpose is the most Buddhist of the holidays, for giving thanks is one of the most basic teachings of the Dharma. We should give thanks for every morning when we

Sports Committee
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rise and witness the sun and every night when we lie down to rest under the moon. Be thankful for each moment, and live it to its fullest.

November is also the time for our teams to prepare for the start of the NCCL season, which will begin at the beginning of December and go through February. The league games will give the coaches and players the opportunity to file down all the rough edges to be as sharp as they can for the tournaments in March. November is the typical time when all the tournament hosts send out their invitations, so be on the lookout for tournament talk, if you have not heard it already.

See you next month for the most boring lackluster time of the year!



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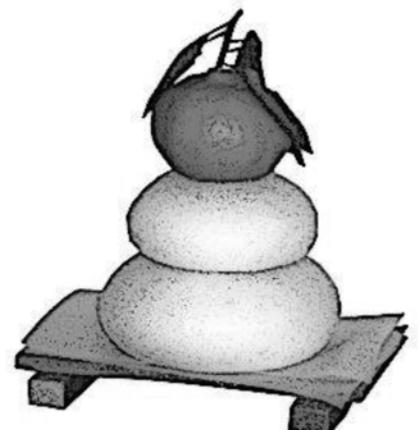
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Happy November to everyone! We want to thank those who helped Dharma School run a successful emergency evacuation drill on October 6. The drill was held during Dharma School class with the help of Board of Trustees members Gordon Nitta (coordinator), Brian Hatano, Allan Hoshida, Robbie Midzuno, Loleen Nakano, and Ted Yoshimura; and Bob Chavez and Kennedy Security. With each drill we learn more about how best to move large groups of people to a safe location. We are grateful for everyone's help during the drill.

Dharma School participated in the Halloween Party on October 26. It is always so much fun to bring families and friends together for this annual event.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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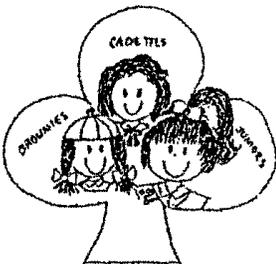
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Troop 56936, Juniors 3, finished their four-month GIANT pumpkin-growing project at the Fox 40 news station. They learned about agriculture, media through television, and exercised Girl Scout sisterhood. They entered two pumpkins into the Elk Grove Pumpkin Festival Pumpkin Contest, Future Farmers competition, ages 7 to 12 years.



The first pumpkin, named Timlie, won fifth place and weighed 228 pounds. The second, named Minne, came in seventh place, and weighed 197.5 pounds. Timlie is on display in the church courtyard.

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Sacramento Adult Buddhist Association Presents 7th Oldies Dance



Mark your calendar for the Funnest 7th Oldies-But-Goodies Dance hosted by the Adult Buddhist Association on Saturday, November 23, 2019, at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818.
Time: 7 p.m.–11 p.m.

Music to be disc jockeyed by Don Kazama, who will play the '50s, '60s and '70s music. Pupus and hosted refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Purchase your tickets from:

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They can also place your ticket(s) at “Will Call” at the church to be retrieved on the day of the event. You can pay for your tickets through one of our members, pay at the time of the dance, or submit to the church office: 2401 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95818, ATTN: ABA 11/23 DANCE.

Please let one of us know that you'll be attending for head count purposes. If you have 8 or more people in your group and want to reserve a table, let us know.

Where Does Your Donation Go?

Brian Hatano

When you donate to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, your tax-deductible contribution helps support the operation, maintenance and many programs of the temple. Likewise, your membership dues and income generated from our annual Bazaar in August help sustain the church throughout the year.

Donations to the temple are placed in the General Operating Fund. In addition to the General Fund, you may direct your donations to the church to benefit one of our many programs, such as Scouts, Dharma School, ABA, SBWA, Minister Assistants, or for a capital expenditure project.

You may also contribute to the Legacy Endowment Fund, which is a long-term investment in which the principal remains untouched — only the interest generated is used. The fund is managed by financial professionals and the LEF Board. Contributions to the fund help fulfill these needs in a timely manner without undertaking major fundraising or depleting general operating funds.

Specific needs include:

- Educational programs/scholarships for members, ministers, ministerial candidates plus perpetual or periodic scholarships
- Eitaikyo: Renovation and general maintenance of the temple shrine.

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