

Golden Chain



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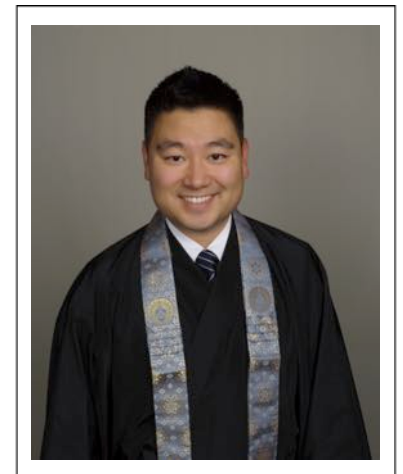
I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

The Time of Ohigan

As we look forward to the coming Spring season, I think many of us are happy about the coming warmer days. I myself am feeling more motivated to go outside and be more physically active during the day. Unfortunately, my garden is in sore need of some weeding... Nevertheless, hopefully the change in season will bring in a newfound energy in our lives.

March is the time of Ohigan, when there will be the spring equinox. This is when it is said that the length of both day and night are equal, and the weather is fairest. We observe Ohigan service two times a year, once for the spring and again for the fall equinox. Apparently, this Buddhist tradition is unique to the Japanese culture. During this time of year because the weather is fair, it is easy for people to move about and go to the temple to participate in services and listen to the Buddha Dharma. It is much easier to do that when it isn't so cold that one can't feel his/her own feet. It is also much easier when it isn't so hot that one has to swat away mosquitoes and have beads of sweat dripping down one's face. In Japan, summers are hot and winters are cold, and not worrying about weather makes it much easier to come to the temple and receive the Buddha Dharma in one's heart.

For me, I appreciate this observance because it tells me of the importance of the path to the Pure Land. "Ohigan" means the other shore, or the world of no suffering, which is the Pure Land. In contrast, we are living on "shigan," or this shore, the world of delusion and suffering. The path to go from delusion to no suffering is the path of the nembutsu. When we open up our hearts and receive Amida Buddha's calling voice, we are prompted to move forward on this path to the other shore. As mentioned before, during Ohigan the length of day and night is equal, creating a unique balance making the weather calm and fair. From this, I should try and understand that it is because of the night that I can understand the significance of day. At the same time, it is because of the day that I can understand the significance of the night. Understanding both sides allow me to live on this side with a sense of balance, in calm-ness and tranquility. Together, let us remember the significance of Ohigan and walk together on the path to the other shore. Gassho.



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お彼岸

春の季節がいよいよやって来ました。皆が暖かい日が来るのを楽しみにしています。この勢いで、外に出かける気持ちが湧いてきますし、体を動かしたくなりますね。季節が変わりますと、花粉症である自分には辛いのですが、新しいエネルギーが体に入ってきます。

さて、三月になりますとお彼岸の法事が始まります。お彼岸は英語では「equinox」というように訳しますが、この時日中と夜の時間が平等になり、気候が落ち着いてくると言われています。お彼岸は春と秋の年に2回お勤めします。この行事は恐らく日本仏教のみが行う法事であるそうです。気候が良いため、お寺にお参りすることがしやすくなり、仏法を聴聞することがたやすくなるからだそうです。冬の寒い時には足が冷たくなったり、真夏の時には蚊が飛んできて汗が額からポロポロ落ちてきます。そういう時よりも、気候が優れている時に聴聞をすることがより簡単になるでしょう。

私にとって、「お彼岸」はお浄土の大切さを教えてくれる行事であります。お彼岸は、向こう側にある岸であるということで、苦悩のない浄らかな世界であります。そしてこちらの岸は「此岸」と言ひまして、つまり迷いの世界、苦しみの世界だと言ひます。そして彼岸に行けるのは、お念仏の道を通してそれが可能となります。阿弥陀如来様の呼び声を受け入れる時、その彼岸に向かいたい願いが生まれます。

先ほど申しましたように、お彼岸の時期になりますと、日中と夜の時間が平等になって、一日のバランスが取れてきます。それから分かることは、夜があるからこそ日中の意味が分かり、日中があるからこそ夜の意味が分かるようになるのではないかと、そのように聴かせていただきます。このバランスの大切さを理解することによって、こちらの此岸の世界で過ごす自分の心に安定が起きます。このお彼岸の意味を考える中で、一緒に念仏の道を歩みましょう。合掌。

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SACBC Sangha,

Following up on a recent Supreme Court ruling, there has been some news about churches opening up for limited capacity services. While this is a welcome development, SACBC, like other temples, will remain closed for now. Vaccinations are just starting to roll out and overall conditions have not improved significantly. Our COVID Task Force recently met and the recommendation was to stay closed in the interest of safety for all our members. Our Sunday services will continue online on Zoom and Rev Miyaji will continue to conduct individual funeral and memorial services.

There have also been some questions about our Bazaar and Obon this year. For now, we probably won't be able to hold either event due to safety concerns for our workers and the public. However, we may try to do some fundraising events this summer, so stay tuned.

Meanwhile everyone please stay safe until we can get together in person.

In Gassho,
Ken



Services for March 2021

March 7, 2021 – Shotsuki Hoyo

10 A.M.

At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones who passed away in the month of March.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this service on Zoom.

March 14, 2021 – Spring Ohigan Service Lady Yoshiko Ohtani & Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service

10 A.M.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS begins

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this service on Zoom.

Ohigan marks the Spring or Vernal Equinox. This is the time when the Earth and the Sun are situated such that the hours of Daylight are equal to the hours of Night.

Because the weather is fairest during these times of year, it is convenient to come to the temple and listen to the teachings of the Buddha Dharma.

Lady Yoshiko Ohtani (1887-1928) founded the BWA to promote the status of Buddhist women.

Lady Takeko Kujo (1918-2000) revitalized the BWA and started the BWA World conferences.

March birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma School will follow service.

March 21, 2021 – Family Service

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this service on Zoom.

March 28, 2021 – Family Service

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this service on Zoom.

Dharma School will follow service.

Happy Girls' Day (Hinamatsuri)

Hinamatsuri, also called “Doll’s Day” or “Girls’ Day”, is a special day in Japan. It is celebrated on March 3rd (the third day of the third month) of each year with platforms covered with a red material to display a set of ornamental dolls representing the Emperor, Empress, attendants, and musicians in traditional court dress of the Heian period.

*Dolls were a donation from
Mrs. Takako Sloniker*



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

David (Sabu) and Lynn Hishinuma have joined. They were members years ago and brought their children to our church community. Their smiling faces, happy hearts, dedication, and energy have returned. We look forward to rekindling our friendships and making new ones when the doors open again.

Paul Gan joined our Sangha in 2019. He is a Chinese American who grew up in the North Beach area of San Francisco. Paul is a retired US Air Force and concluded his 43-year profession in Architecture with the SF International Airport. He was also a former member of the SF Buddhist Church. He currently lives with his wife, Liz, in Union City where he practices Zazen. He has a daughter and a 3-year old granddaughter who lives in Oregon. Paul joined SACBC "to regain my center... and to find words of comfort to as being part of everyone".

Welcome to SACBC! We're glad to have you all as part of our Sangha!



SACBC'S MRS. MASUKO KITAYAMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2021

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church is inviting high school seniors to apply for the Mrs. Masuko Kitayama Memorial Scholarship. The late Union City Mayor Tom Kitayama donated the funds for this scholarship in memory of his mother. This scholarship is awarded to deserving Shin Buddhist youth in their pursuit of higher education and to enhance their practice and commitment to Buddhist principles throughout their lifetime.

Applicant's immediate family must be a current Temple member, not an Associate member, of the SACBC and have been a member for at least 5 years. An exception can be made for an applicant whose immediate family is a current SACBC member and was a member at another Buddhist Temple for a combined total of 5 years. Scholarships are awarded without regard to sex, race, nationality or national origin.

The following criteria will be used to judge each applicant: (A) GPA 25% (no minimum GPA); (B) SAT or ACT scores 25% (no minimum score); (C) Essay 20%; (D) SACBC Activities 30%

Applicants must prepare an essay, not less than 1 double-spaced typed page nor more than 2 double-spaced typed pages, addressing how Buddhism or Buddhist practice relates to their career or educational goals. Examples of topics for this essay might be: "Buddhist Compassion and My Career", "How my Religious Activities at SACBC have guided me to my Career Goal". Students are encouraged to be creative with their choice of topic. The only stipulation is that students relate some aspect of their Buddhist religion to their educational or career goals.

For an Application: please contact Larry Gissible, SACBC Scholarship Committee Chairperson by email: sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com or call 510-861-5198.

Please submit all material: Completed Application Form, Copy of High School Transcripts, Evidence of Scores Received in either SAT or ACT, Copy of Essay; on or before May 1, 2021 to: Scholarship Committee; 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd; Union City, CA 94587 or by email to: sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com. Following the Committee's selection, applicants will receive written notification.

If there are any questions, applicants or their families may contact Larry Gissible, Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL MATERIAL: MAY 1, 2021

What's up Dharma School?

Dharma school students have been busy with learning the dharma.

In December, elementary class played Bodhi Bingo (review of the first five lessons covering the letters A-E). In January, they read "Thank You Very Mochi", talked about Mochitsuki and drew a Kagami mochi. For February's lesson students worked on the letter "F" and talked about the flowers in the altar and made their own flowers.

Jr./ High School class has been tying Rev.Miyaji's Dharma talks with self-reflections and crafts such as growing a paper flower (Freddie the Leaf talk & Bodhi day - patience and gratitude), making a pocket Butsudan (Eitai-kyo), and a letter to future-self.

We had a combined lesson with both the elementary and Jr./ High classes in January and February. Celebrating New Years, we shared our skills playing with the Kendama and did a mochi tasting. Favorite way to eat mochi was with sugar and shoyu. Students also experienced kinako mochi, nori mochi, anko mochi and daikon-suri mochi. In February, we decorated cookies and a cupcake. The elementary students voted on the creations from the Jr/ High School students (the funniest, prettiest, Buddhistic, etc.).



Stay safe and healthy!
In Gassho,
Cathleen and Betty
Dharma School Co-Superintendent 2020-2021



SACBC Bento Fundraiser by Chef Royce Mori

Wednesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 @ 3 – 4 PM

SACBC and Chef Royce are continuing the Pick-Up Bento service to SACBC Members (Wednesdays only).

To order: Call and leave a message at church: 510-471-2581 or Email: SACBCOffice@gmail.com

Order deadline: Mondays at NOON! No late orders, please.

Pick Up: Wednesdays, 3PM – 4 PM. Sangha Hall Lobby (Runners will bring food out to the cars), SACBC, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA

Payment: There are five options for paying:

- Paypal: sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com
- Venmo: [sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com](https://venmo.com/sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com)
- Credit card: VISA, Mastercard
- Check made out to: SACBC in a sealed envelope with your name & address on the outside.
- Cash: Exact amount in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the outside.

To avoid handling of cash, the exact amount is expected and NO change will be given.

MARCH MENU

PICK UP	MEAT	VEGETARIAN
March 3	Meat Chanko Nabe (Sumo Wrestler Stew) \$17 (Miso Pork Belly, Chicken Thigh, Kamaboko, Napa Cabbage, Baby Bok Choy) Steamed White Rice Mixed Green Salad w/Sesame Dressing	Fish Chanko Nabe (Sumo Wrestler Stew) \$17 (Cod, Manila Clams, Kamaboko, Napa Cabbage, Baby Bok Choy) Steamed White Rice Mixed Green Salad w/Sesame Dressing
March 10	Teriyaki Chicken \$15 Vegetable Yakisoba Wok Fired Baby Bok Choy Sunomono	Saba Shioyaki \$17 (Served with Oroshi, Lemon and Ponzu) Cold Soba w/dipping sauce Wok Fired Baby Bok Choy Sunomono
March 17	Teriburger \$15 (Avocado, Caramelized Onions, Lettuce, Tomato, Brioche Bun) Chips Wasabi Caesar Salad	Sake Boiled Shrimp & Ramen Salad \$16 (Crispy Tofu, Corn, Spinach, Soft Boiled Egg, Green Onions, Crispy Shallots, Sesame-Soy Dressing)
March 24	Kalua Pork & Cabbage \$16 Mac Salad Pan Fried Pork Gyoza Sesame Bean Sprouts Steamed White Rice	Vegetable Thai Green Curry \$16 Green Papaya Salad Roasted Cauliflower w/Sweet Chile Sauce Steamed Jasmine Rice
March 31	Grilled Beef w/Garlic & Shallots \$18 Stir Fried Vegetable Udon Sesame Ginger Zucchini Steamed White Rice	Wok Fired Eggplant & Tofu in Shallot Sauce \$16 Stir Fried Vegetable Udon Sesame Ginger Zucchini Steamed White Rice

HANAMATSURI CELEBRATION

April 11, 2021 (SUNDAY)

Dharma School is proud to announce that we are preparing for Hanamatsuri on April 11. We will do a short Hanamatsuri presentation and offer a Udon Otoki (prepared by Chef Royce and crew).


Udon Otoki **pick up** will be between **12:00 pm-1:00 pm** at SACBC on **April 10th (SAT)** with a small “gift” to open on April 11 as a sangha during service.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/hanaotoki> or scan to QR code to place an order.



You also can leave a message with the SACBC office with (a) your name, (b) how many meals, and (c) phone number we can reach you during the pick-up time.

Deadline for orders will be **MARCH 28, 2021 (Sun)**



How you can celebrate our 2021 Hanamatsuri Flower Festival

Since we cannot be together to decorate our traditional Hanamido, please “buy” flowers to decorate our virtual shrine, which will appear in the April *Golden Chain*. (See example on next page.)

Each person who offers dana will be thanked with their name appearing on the flowers of our virtual shrine.

You’ll be wishing the Buddha “Happy Birthday” with your generous donations. We will still host an online Hanamatsuri service, where you can sing along, and enjoy the day!

Happy Birthday Buddha!

Your Hanamatsuri donations (\$15 minimum suggested) are due by March 8th to decorate the Hanamido in our April issue!

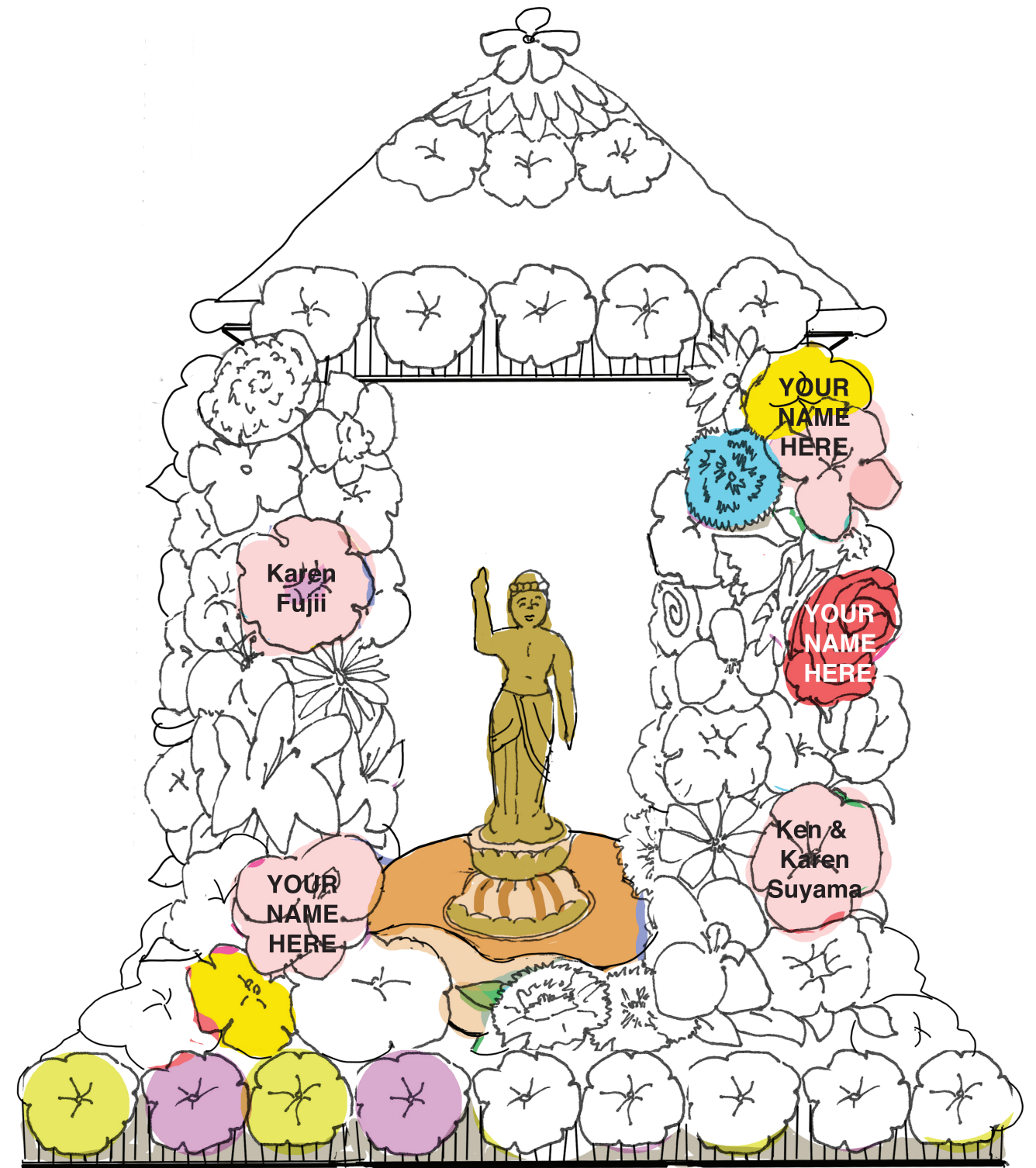
They can be made by check, made out to SACBC, and mailed to our temple office:

SACBC
32975 Alvarado Niles Road
Union City, CA 94587

Or, make a secure online donation via Paypal or Venmo at: sacbc.org/donations

*Thank you for your
continued support and
generosity.*

**Please send your dana to
decorate our Hanamido with flowers!**



To “decorate” our virtual Hanamido with Hanamatsuri flowers, please send a donation of at least \$15 by check, or pay online at SACBC.org. See previous page for instructions.

Wish Buddha a Happy Birthday with your generous donations!

THE SPOTLIGHT: **ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AA Basketball)**



A few fun facts:

- ◆ East Bay Youth Athletic League (EBYAL) formed in 1961 with 8 teams. At the same time, SACBC Hondo was being built in 1961 and dedicated on September 9, 1962. Classrooms were added in 1965.
- ◆ East Bay Girls Athletic League (EBGAL) formed in 1963.
- ◆ SACBC Jr. YBA girls entered the East Bay Girls Athletic League in 1965. Initially practicing at James Logan High School.
- ◆ At the beginning, for about 1-2 years, the girls' teams would play 4 on 4 half court games.
- ◆ SACBC Athletic Association held their First Annual Awards Dinner in 1974. At that time, the Athletic Association included both baseball and basketball teams.
- ◆ Sangha Hall and the minister's residence were built in the 70's. Initial purpose of the Sangha Hall was to have a place where the Sangha children could play and a place to hold community activities.

~ Thank you to Paul Nomura for providing documents for the facts!

Noel Lowe - Former President:

I was very fortunate to have played organized basketball in the EBYAL back in the early 60's. I developed a great passion for basketball and wanted my sons to experience the same. In the early part of the 80's, Dr. Yamaguchi was the President of SACBC – Athletic Association. The organization was formed to provide youths the opportunities to learn basic individual skills of basketball, experience working together as a team and show proper sportsmanship on and off the court. Soon after, I succeeded as the President of SACBC-AA.

Our organization grew in numbers and we became the powerhouse of the league. The Athletic Association flourished not because of the numbers, but due to the excellent coaching staff at every level of competition. Many thanks go to Bruce Tanaka, Tom Shimizu, Bill Sawasaki, Dave Hamahashi, Mike Iijima, Mel Matsuoaka, Eddie Kamei, and Al Sato. Not only did these coaches manage the game well, but were great teachers. In addition to regular practice, we organized week long summer basketball camps. Our success extended not only throughout the regular season but also in post season tournaments. Majority of our players were able to make their high school basketball team and be very productive.

What is most impressive is players coming back to coach, like Brett Yamaguchi, Paul Lowe, Dean Takemoto and our current President Royce Mori. I am very proud to be part of a youth organization that gives the opportunity to display its passion for the game of basketball. I hope this tradition continues into the future.

Bill Sawasaki – A look back

From all the AA basketball players, past, present and future, a big thank you to Mr. Paul Nomura for starting the basketball program at SACBC. It was because of his hard work and dedication to our membership we have an activity that all our young members can enjoy. I started coaching in 1977. My family just joined SACBC so this was my first encounter with the youth of the church. Ed Sakamoto, then president of the AA asked if I would coach a girl's C team which I agreed to. We went to the church one night so he could introduce me to the girls and we were to start practice the following week. However, the next evening Ed called me and said he was switching me to the C boy's team. Why? I don't know, I just figured some of the mothers took 1 look at me and said no way do they want me around their daughters!!

The next week I went to the gym with Ed to meet the C boys (ages 13 & 14) players. They lined up and told me their name and age. When I got to the tallest boy on the team, he practically stared me eye to eye. He said Jeff Minamide, 11. I shook his hand and was ready to move on to the next player then stopped. I asked him "what did you say? He said Jeff and I said "no your age?" The tallest kid on my team was only 11, 3 years younger than everyone else!!

This was the start of my 20 plus enjoyable year relationship with the AA.

HANAMATSURI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Our basketball tournament, which is still going strong, was started in 1982, but not by the Athletic Association, but by our Jr YBA. Back then, several local Jr YBA chapters ran a basketball tournament as an activity and fundraiser for their members. Our Jr Y members wanted to do the same. They came to me and asked if I would run the actual tournament, set up a game schedule, tournament rules, oversee the games, hire the referees, etc. which I was happy to do. They would take care of everything else. Back then we only had 2 divisions, a high school boys and high school girls. Over the years, the Jr YBA tournaments faded away but ours is still going strong thanks to the Athletic Association.

Over the years many of the members I coached have come back to help coach or run the AA. I feel a great sense of accomplishment that the young boys and girls I once coached had such a good experience that they wanted to give back to our basketball program.



1979 C Team with Bill as Coach

Lani Uemura – Team Manager

My most memorable AA moment was the year I was team manager for my oldest son's C team. It was a combo team of adolescent 7th-9th graders from SACBC and Eden. We were going on our second year and the boys had a lot of fun playing together despite their 30+ straight losses, sometimes losing by 20+ points. By now, you're probably asking why this was my most memorable AA moment. Well, it was probably my most memorable because it was one of my most humiliating moments.

On our drive up to a tournament in Sacramento, we passed a Hooter's billboard. In the car with us was one of my son's teammates and he asks, "Auntie Lani, if we win our next game, can we go to Hooter's for our team lunch?" Remember, I said 30+ straight losses. What are the odds that they would win a game? It was a sure bet that they would lose, so I jokingly said, "Sure!" Well, that must have been all the motivation they needed because, of course, they won their next game! After the game, they ran out to the field and jumped in a pile on each other. This was the first of 3 games that they would play that weekend, but you would have thought that they had just won the championship! As the boys are celebrating their win, the parents are confused as to what's going on, except to think that they were excited over their very first win. Then the parents start asking me where the team's going to lunch and I had to explain the bet I made. UGH! Oh, the looks I got from all the moms and you should have seen all the smiling dads!!! I think they would have jumped in the pile too if their wives had not been there! Of course, the mom's had lunch elsewhere, but I'll always remember the biggest smiles on those players' (and dads') faces! Lesson learned....there are no sure bets folks!



Judy Tokubo – Parent

AA was the way to get my son and my family to join SACBC, because my grandkids played in AA, then they joined Jr. YBA and Dharma School.

Derrick Chan –Former Coach

I got my start coaching basketball at SACBC in 1996. Through the years I was able to coach boys and girl's teams through to the 2002 season. In coaching for SACBC I found a passion for the game that went beyond just playing it. It gave me an opportunity to hone my coaching skills and develop my philosophies of the game. The opportunity I received helped propel me to coaching

Girls Varsity High School Basketball for the last 20 years and opened the doors for me to coach several teams in the Asian Club Leagues. During those early years, I held many roles in the organization. For me, SACBC was not only about our kids playing basketball, but for them to stay in touch with the Asian community and build friendships whether it be at practices, games, weekends away at tournaments or Friday night bingo cleanups. To this day, my entire family has fond memories of those years and have built friendships all over California that probably would not have happened if it were not for our participation at SACBC.

Kylie Chan – Player

SACBC started the whole foundation of my basketball career before I could even pick up a basketball. With my brother playing and my dad coaching, I was surrounded by it before I could even walk. Once I was old enough to be put on my first team as a Hawk, I knew that it was something I loved doing. SACBC taught me the basics of the sport, let me have fun while learning, and allowed me to find my passion for the game. With the foundation I was given, I was motivated to pursue basketball seriously. As I started to grow up and aspired to compete at the varsity and collegiate level, I knew my time playing at SACBC would come to a close but I never wanted to forget how I felt when I first picked up the ball.

Of course, I came across times where basketball got harder and I lost sight of why I started playing. I would get in my own head and ask myself, "Am I too small to do this?" "Am I good enough to compete with these girls at the next level?" "What if I don't make it?" But then, I'd think back to the little girl wearing #10 on her first maroon SACBC basketball uniform and her first pair of Jordan basketball shoes, running around the Sangha Hall while laughing and dribbling a basketball and I'm reminded of how she fell in love with the game and never looked back. That young girl motivates me every day to push harder and be better.

As I continue my third season of college basketball, I do it with a never-ending smile on my face and a genuine passion for the game because of my dream that started at SACBC.



Tiffany Lee – Player

I have been playing for SACBC basketball for 7 years, ever since the second grade. My experience here has taught me so many things on-court and off-court, including endless friendships and memories.

I remember when I made my very first basket in a game. I practiced over and over trying to get the ball as close as I could to the basket. It took me half a year, maybe a little bit more. Then one day I saw my chance at a tournament and I threw the ball as hard as I could at the basket and it went in. The joy and pride I felt after running back on defense, along with the crowd going crazy was the best experience ever. I kept practicing and practicing and finally, I did it. I couldn't stop grinning throughout the whole game. I also remember the fun memories of going all the way to Sacramento, for the annual Betsuin tournament. Me and my teammates would eat so much candy and junk food while playing games in the hotel room that our parents had to pry us away to go to our own rooms.

One thing that I will definitely miss is my team's "tradition" of playing games at our last practice. There was this one game that we called "baseketball" that we played every last practice since I was on the team. This game is a combination of baseball and basketball and was so fun to play every year with my teammates. I have to thank all my coaches, Coach Brett, Coach Noel, and Coach Ken but especially, Coach Paul for teaching me and helping me get better each year. He was my very first coach and taught me all the fundamentals and so many more things since I was just 6 years old. He saw me grow up and become the person I am today. And not to mention all my really nice teammates that cheered me on during practice, helped me up when I fell, supported me, and overall been there for me since day one. Playing for SACBC has really taught me a lot of things from leadership to friendship.

Even though I didn't get to have a basketball season this year, I'm really happy and grateful for all the memories that I made along the way. My life would be totally different if it wasn't for SACBC. It has been a wonderful experience. Go C- Girls!



Royce Mori – Incumbent President

I started playing basketball at SACBC when I was six years old. I have many fond memories of the program. From nail-biting close games to great coaches and friends made along the way, the basketball program has had a lasting impact on my life. As the father of two young boys, I've brought them back to the church and am trying to provide for them what I once got from the program.

As a volunteer coach and President of AA, the Board and I are now trying to navigate the waters of these unprecedented times to make sure that we are able to expand the programs and keep our community thriving.



Victoria (Sur) Consul – Team Manager

AA brings a lot of fun memories and lasting friendships for my son, Allan, and I. For several years, I enjoyed getting the team and parents together for practices & tournaments. One season, we didn't have enough boys to form a team so we ended up combining teams with Eden. Some of the Eden players ended up staying at SACB until they graduated from high school. Tournaments in Fresno, Berkeley and Sacramento were fun whether we won or not. Kids and parents enjoyed bowling, dinner at Farrell's, Leatherby's, etc. No, we didn't go to Hooter's like Lani's team did but the parents did manage to have drinks and food at the lobby of hotels while the boys watched a movie and snacked on junk food in someone's room (mostly mine)! Our teams were lucky to have such skilled and patient coaches like Jeff Minamide, Hideki Yokomizo, Daniel Yokomizo and Kevin Toda who dedicated their time for our boys.

I also participated in coordinating the Hanamatsuri Tournament. Getting the tournament brochure was no joke & I was happy to turn it over to Cathleen. The snack bar was a different story. It took logistical expertise to manage several gyms with limited manpower but all these years we managed to pull through lately with the help of the SACBC Troop/ Cub families. At the end of each tournament, I used to say "no more spam musubi" !!



Game On! Do you know who's who???





OBITUARY

Our Sangha offers our deepest condolences to all the families and wishes them comfort and peace during this sad time.

Matsuko "Joyce" Hirabayashi entered Pure Land on December 27, 2020. We offer condolences to her daughter, Joy and the rest of their family.

Alfred Fujikawa passed to Pure Land on February 4th. He is survived by his wife, Linda and sons Scott, Chad, Evan & their families.

On Feb 10th, Ted Shigeru Sato passed to Pure Land. He left behind his wife, Terry and children Steve, Diane and Brian & their families.





MARCH EVENTS

7th Sunday Shotsuki Hoyo

14th Sunday Spring Ohigan Service

LadyYoshiko Ohtani & Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service

March Birthday celebration & Dharma School

Daylight Savings begins

21st Sunday Family Service

28th Sunday Family Service; Dharma School

