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*May peace and tranquility prevail  
throughout the world*

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### Seattle Betsuin Vision

*Embrace true and  
real life*

*in Nembutsu*

Peace and Tranquility



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### Seattle Betsuin Mission

*Promote, protect, and  
share the Buddha,  
Dharma and Sangha*

## April 2010: Major Events of Interest

**April 10 Saturday** English Seminar with Dr. Richard Payne

**April 11 Sunday** Hanamatsuri Service – Guest Speaker

Dr. Richard Payne; **Hanamatsuri Luncheon** hosted by  
**Dharma School**

**April 23-25 Friday-Sunday** FDSTL Conference/Los Angeles

**April 24 Sunday** Dharma School Gym Day

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## Betsuin Events for April 2010

### EVERY SUNDAY All are invited:

- 8:45 am MEDITATION SERVICE, with Rev. Castro, held at 1441 S. Main St; includes Sutra Chanting, 20-minute meditation and discussion.
- 10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk
- 11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE - questions and discussion with minister and ministers assistants; takes place in Dining Room downstairs

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** 10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with meditation at 1441 S Main St for All.

### SUNDAYS EVENTS in addition to above

#### April 4 FAMILY SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE

- 10:00 am Children: Rev. Castro  
Youth: Joe Schwab  
Adult: Rev. Warrick  
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi  
DX: Rev. Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

#### April 11

- 10:00 am HANAMATSURI SERVICE  
Children: Dr. Richard Payne  
Adult: Dr. Richard Payne  
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi  
DX: Rev. Castro

11:30am Hanamatsuri Luncheon

12:00pm Religious Dept. Meeting

#### April 18

- 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE – "Peace, Tranquility & Conservation" (NW District Wide Theme)

Children: Joe Schwab  
Adult: Rev. Castro  
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi  
DX: Rev. Castro & MA

#### April 25 FAMILY SERVICE

- 10:00 am Children: Minister's Assistant  
Adult: Rev. Castro  
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi  
DX: Rev. Castro

10:30 am Dharma School Gym Day

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

### MONDAYS

April 5, 19, 26 Rimban Matsubayashi (Days off)

April 12 Federation of Buddhist Temples in Seattle

10:30am Keiro Hanamatsuri Service (Rimban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

### TUESDAYS

April 6, 13, 20 Rev. Castro (Days off)

April 20 Rimban Matsubayashi (Day off)  
Rev. Castro (Day off)

April 27 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rev. Castro)

**May Newsletter Deadline: Monday,  
April 19, 2010 - 8:00 pm Print: April 23, 2010**

### WEDNESDAYS

- April 7, 14, 21 Rimban Matsubayashi (Study Days off)  
7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting (Rev. Castro)  
April 28 Rimban Matsubayashi (Study Day off)

### THURSDAYS

- April 1 Rimban Matsubayashi (Study Day off)  
Rev. Castro (Day off)  
1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rimban Matsubayashi)  
April 8 Rev. Castro (Study Day off)  
April 15  
1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rev. Castro)  
7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (Rimban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)  
April 22 Rimban Matsubayashi (Vacation)  
7:30 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting (Rev. Castro)  
April 29 Rev. Castro (Day off)

### FRIDAYS

- April 2, 16, 23 Rev. Castro (Study Days off)  
12:00 pm Gojikai Service (Rimban Matsubayashi)  
April 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly  
Memorial Service (Rimban Matsubayashi)  
April 23 Rimban Matsubayashi (vacation)  
April 30 Rev. Castro (Study Day off)

### SATURDAYS

- April 10 10:00am – 4:00pm English Seminar with  
Dr. Richard Payne  
April 17 & 18 Dharma School Hidden Treasures  
Garage Sale - Gym  
April 24 Rev. Castro (Study Day off)

### **MAY 2010: Major Events of Interest**

- Sat. May 1 NW District Council Meeting in Yakima  
Sun. May 2 SBBWA New Member Service/ Luncheon  
Sun. May 16 Gotan-e Service  
Sun. May 23 Scholarship Awards Presentation  
Sat. May 29 Retirement Luncheon for Rimban  
Matsubayashi at Maplewood Greens (Renton)  
Mon. May 31 Memorial Day Service Lakeview Cemetery

## An Introduction to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhism – (3)

Rimban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D

### The Doctrine of Jodo Shinshu

In order to be recognized as an independent denomination in Buddhism, a denomination has to declare its unique doctrinal characteristics. The unique characteristics of Jodo Shinshu can be traced back to the teachings of the seven masters and are of two types.

The first type was originally presented by Nagarjuna (c150-250) in his writing, *Igyobon* (Chapter of Easy Practice). He categorized Buddhism into two paths: one is a Difficult Path, like walking on land, and other is an Easy Path, like traveling by boat.

T'an-luan (476-542) expanded upon Nagarjuna's concepts of the Difficult Path and Easy Path with his ideas of Self Power and Other (Buddha) Power in his writing, *Ojoronchu* (Commentary on the Treatise on the Pure Land). He states that to become the Buddha with one's own power is difficult, but to attain the Buddhahood with the Other (Buddha) Power is easy.

Tao-ch'o (562-645) described the two divisions of Nagarjuna and T'an-luan as the Gate of Sages and the Gate of Pure Land. The time since Shakyamuni Buddha's Pari-Nirvana has been divided into three periods: the Right Dharma period (the first 500 years), the Semblance Dharma period (the next 500 years), and the Last Dharma period (the next 10,000 years). Tao-ch'o acknowledged that he was living in the Last Dharma period and that in this period the only way for ordinary people to become a Buddha was through the Gate of Pure Land with the Buddha's Power in his writing, *Anrakushu* (Passages on the Land of Peaceful Happiness). Shinran expounded that the unique characteristics of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to attain the state of enlightenment are the Easy Path with the vessel of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, the Other Power of Amida Buddha, and the Gate of Pure Land with Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion.

Shinran also presented another type of doctrinal clarification as two unique characteristics of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism that were presented by Shan-tao (613-681) originally. Shan-tao divided general Buddhism into two categories of the Sravaka (Hinayana Buddhism) and the Bodhisattva (Mahayana Buddhism) in his writing, *Kangyosho* (Commentary on the Sutra of Contemplation on the Buddha of Infinite Life). Shan-tao then divided Mahayana Buddhism into two more categories, the teachings of sudden and gradual enlightenment. Following Shan-tao's clarification, Shinran presented the unique characteristics of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with the doctrinal clarification of the Pair and Four Divisions.

Like Shan-tao, Shinran divided all the teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha into the Pair: Hinayana Buddhism and Mahayana Buddhism. He further divided Hinayana Buddhism into the Sravaka (those who listen to the Buddha's teaching and attain enlightenment) and the Pratyeka (a self-enlightened Buddha), and he divided Mahayana Buddhism into Gradual Enlightenment and Sudden Enlightenment, thus creating the Four Divisions. Shinran explained that Jodo Shinshu Buddhism belongs to the teaching of the Sudden Enlightenment in Mahayana Buddhism as its unique characteristics. The sense of suddenness points to the instantaneous aspect of attaining the Definitely Assured State (Shojo-ju), and he saw in it the function of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow.

In Shinran's clarification, he explained how easy it is for the followers of the Nembutsu (the Gate of the Pure Land) to become a Buddha with Amida Buddha's Power with the concept of "transcending crosswise." Shinran showed the principle of absolute Other (Buddha) Power in his *Songoshinzomeimon* (Notes on the Inscriptions on Sacred Scrolls) as follows:

Crosswise: Laterally or transcendently. This means that because a person entrusts himself to the Power of the Tathagata's Vow – this is the absence of calculation on the part of a follower of the Nembutsu – he cuts off and abandons the evil courses and becomes free of the four modes of birth naturally; it signifies Other (Buddha) Power. This is the meaning of "transcending crosswise." ...the transcending crosswise is the fundamental intent of the true teaching of Other (Buddha) Power.

Shinran found the principle of absolute Other Power in "transcending crosswise." Shinran states in the *Kyo Gyo Shin Sho* (Teaching, Practice, Awakening, and Enlightenment) how Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is superior to other teachings in Buddhism as follows:

Attaining sacred wisdom and realizing the fruit in the Pure Land of peace is called the Pure Land path. It is termed the Path of Easy Practice... "Transcending crosswise" refers to being mindful of the Primal Vow and becoming free of the mind of self-power; this is termed "Other (Buddha) Power of transcending crosswise." It is the true essence [of the Pure Land way.]

Thus, Shinran expounded the unique characteristics of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and he taught us that Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is the most appropriate teaching for the ordinary people to attain the state of enlightenment. (To be continued.)

# Dharma School

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

All Temple families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Hanamatsuri Luncheon on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, in the gym. The luncheon will follow Dharma School, Dharma Exchange and the Japanese language service, all held immediately after the Hanamatsuri service. Dharma School will be preparing and hosting this complimentary lunch. Please join us in celebrating the Buddha's birthday and enjoying the fellowship of our Sangha on this joyous occasion.

The Dharma school would like to thank all the families and friends who helped out at the Spring Bazaar. Your hard work and effort were greatly appreciated at this important fundraiser for the Betsuin.

**Classroom Report: First/second grade** We have been continuing our discussions about being good Buddhists, and also learning a little about Japanese culture. The students made booklets with Daruma-san or Boddhidharma on the cover in which they wrote their goals and wishes for the year. They heard his story and colored in one eye. We also learned about being kind in the classic Lion and the Rat story and never thinking you are too small to do something great. We talked about the good sportsmanship and spirit of the winter Olympics and then colored some of the current mascots for the 2010 games. We have been learning to recognize Buddhist symbols and ideas in our matching games that feature these pictures. Finally we celebrated Girl's Day by folding some origami Emperor and Empress dolls. We found out that in Japanese history crude wooden dolls were made at this time of year and covered with paper on which sutras were written. These dolls represented troubles and ills. People would toss these into the river hoping their ills would float away as well.

## “HIDDEN TREASURES” GARAGE SALE

**FOOD, GOODIES, AND DRINKS TOO**  
*(BAKE SALE ITEMS ACCEPTED APRIL 17)*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 9 AM – 4 PM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 11 AM – 3 PM**

**IN THE GYM**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### Have items to donate?

Items will be accepted Sundays after service on:  
**March 28 • April 4 • April 11**  
(11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the garage in the alley)

We will also accept items on Friday, April 16 beginning at 3 p.m. For special arrangements, please contact:

David Atcheson, 206-499-8529, david@atcheson.net  
or Cyrus Honmyo, 206-963-1327

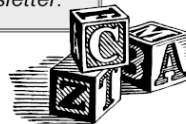
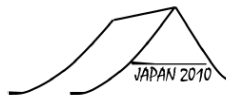
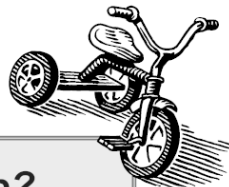
*For guidelines on acceptable items, please see the adjacent listing or refer to the March Wheel of Sangha newsletter.*

### Acceptable Donations

- Clothing, shoes, and accessories
- Backpacks, tents, camping gear
- Fabric and craft supplies
- Small appliances
- Dishes and glassware
- Books, DVDs, records, tapes, CDs
- Cameras, projectors
- Working CD players, DVD players, radios, VCRs
- Jewelry and eyeglasses
- Paintings and wall hangings
- Toys, skates, games, bikes, trikes
- School supplies, stationery, photo albums
- Small furniture in good condition

### Unacceptable Donations

- Auto parts and tires
- Baby equipment/furniture
- Building supplies
- Broken, stained, non-working items
- Older computer equipment
- Exercise equipment
- Large furniture
- Large appliances (washers, refrigerators)
- Mattresses or box springs
- Food items
- Used pet related items—dog houses
- Magazines, newspapers, textbooks
- Non-digital TVs



*Proceeds benefit the Dharma School trip to Japan.*

## Mutual Identity By Reverend Don Castro

There is a well known Buddhist story about a group of pumpkins (kabocha) arguing in the temple garden. The temple priest was kept awake all night by their constant bickering. By the first light of morning, the sensei went out into the garden and sternly demanded all the pumpkins to be quiet. Then he said to them, "I want you all to touch the top of your head." To their amazement, the pumpkins discovered that they were all connected to the same vine.

Now, take this story and expand its scope to encompass the whole world. The truth of the mutual identity and interrelatedness of all existence is a basic teaching of Buddhism. Because of this truth, and in the face of our environmental crisis, I constantly emphasize that to be a Buddhist is to automatically be an ecologist and conservationist. As far as I know, Buddhism is the only religion that can be characterized in this way. Followers of other religions speak of their religion and ecology, but Buddhism is ecology and conservation. It has been called "cosmic ecology." Religious competition, however, is like the pumpkins arguing. We have very real problems that we all have to address. For Buddhists, these problems are especially urgent

since we don't believe in a God that may intervene to rescue us.

Earth Day, where we recognize our whole earth oneness, will be observed on April 22, conservationist John Muir's birthday. At Seattle Betsuin, we will observe Earth Day on the Sunday before, April 18. Our Dharma School teachers will conduct the service. In addition to Seattle Betsuin's Earth Day observance, Seattle University will host Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, among other speakers, for an EcoSangha Conference May 7-8. I will give the opening address at the conference. For further information, please see the EcoSangha website at <http://www.ecosangha.com>.

Of course, during April we celebrate Hanamatsuri on April 11 with Rev. Dr. Richard Payne of IBS as our guest speaker. This is one of the most popular services of the year and expresses the oneness of our Sangha. I am so impressed with our Recycling Committee for its efforts to respond to the environmental crisis by minimizing waste here at the temple. Our hope is that Seattle Betsuin will be an environmental model for how we should conduct ourselves at home.

*Spring, it is...* President Paul Mori The equinox has been reached as our planet Earth travels around the Sun. It is Higan, the time for crossing over. We are to reflect upon our life at this time to find balance and peace. It also signals the time for the planting of useful crops to nurture and then harvest in the future.

Just today at temple (Ohigan service) I was speaking with a Sangha member about a thank you note which was sent for a donation. As we continued to talk about it, we realized that although the effort was minimal, this minor note could grow in stature and relevance to our temple. As leaders at any level, please do not discount any opportunity to thank those who contribute to our effort to share the Dharma. For in the future it could become our Oak tree from an acorn. gassho paul mori

*Delicious ohagi for Spring Ohigan* "Thank you very much!" to Ritsuko Kawahara (11 lbs azuki anko & 10 lbs mochigome) and Kinue Kuwahara (10 lbs azuki anko) for their generous donation of ingredients, and "thank you" to the following BWA members for making, packaging and serving the ohagi on March 14<sup>th</sup>: Ritsuko Kawahara, Masako Kubo, Kinue Kuwahara, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Florence Sumida, Sonoe Taketa, Fujie Yamasaki, Miyoko Yamazaki and Fuyo Yoshida. Submitted by Alan Hoshino

Betsuin Archives Committee is seeking members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces It isn't too early to think about Obon season and that means that the Betsuin Archives Committee wants photos of members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and in reserves.

We've currently some 95 photos and are looking for more. This display always attracts attention each year. We'd like to continue to honor those members who have served our country. Please submit photos to the Betsuin office: Attn: Betsuin Archives Committee - Sat Ichikawa or Nobue Shimizu. Thank you. Sat

# Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

## SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata

- Janet Baba and Machiko Wada are now in the beginning stages of planning the SBBWA New Members service and luncheon which will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010.
- The Osonae of ohagi for the Spring Ohigan service was prepared by Ritsuko Kawahara and the members of her committee.
- Once again, Ritsuko Kawahara coordinated the preparation of the sushi, chow mein, tsukemono and barazushi for the Spring Bazaar. Miyoko Yamazaki, with the help of Sayeko Aoyama, organized the making of the ohagi. Thank you to all who came out and helped.

## SBBWA Activity Report Submitted by Mabel

**Nishizaki** As one of the projects, we would like to have some ladies knit baby blankets to donate to Pediatric Clinic. The size of the blanket is 24 x 24, 4 ply yarn, #9 needle, 85 stitches; slip the first stitch and knit, knit. Since it's newborn babies they would like pastel colors.

We have yarns that were donated, if anyone would like to make hats or scarves to donate for the homeless and need instruction sheet contact Mae

Deguchi, or Mabel Nishizaki, via the Betsuin office at (206) 329-0800.

We will be making small candy holder and origami covered post-it note pads on April 7, 9:30-12 noon and Iris Eye cards on April 21, 9:30-12 noon.

Mizuhiki sessions with Mrs. Shimizu will be held every Wednesday starting on May 5 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the dining room. We will be making articles for obon. New students are welcome. Signup sheet for these classes will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the office.

## Donations –

### Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Rose Masuda - In Appreciation

Esther Kojima - In Memory of Kiyono Yamada

Takashi Hori - In Memory of Lily Hori

Mae Deguchi - In Memory of Lily Hori

Sumie Akizuki - In Memory of Lily Hori

Julie Mayeda - In Memory of Lily Hori

## Calendar

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

SBBWA Board Meeting

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

SBBWA Board Meeting  
for Month of May

*Submitted by Joan Nakano*

## Large and Small Things to Save Our Planet by Gail Kaminishi

On our yearly visit to the Hawaiian Islands, we have noticed signs at Honolua Bay, Maui, urging people to use certain sunblocks which do not damage and kill coral. We can't name products here, but look for biodegradable and physical sunblocks rather than chemical. Some brands are listed if you search for 'biodegradable sunblock for Mexico.' [news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/01/080129-sunscreen-coral\\_2.html](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/01/080129-sunscreen-coral_2.html)

There is a Seattle company which collects perfectly good used bicycle inner tubes and old car seatbelts and sews messenger bags, wallets, belts, etc. out of them. They also get advertising banners and sew wallets and bags out of them. They are turning rubber into gold! (A clue to their name.)

Cosmetics are one of the worst offenders in the use of non recyclable plastic. At least there is one salon/skin care chain that sells refillable lipstick. Its name starts with an A and is at their own shops or in malls. Have you been able to remove the standard lipstick barrel out and use the case? It's not easy but could probably hold needles, pills, etc.

Join the recycling committee, headed by David Atcheson. Meetings are the first Sunday of the month.

**HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** If you are a high school senior graduating in the class of 2010 or a college student currently attending a four year college, the following scholarships are available: **HIGH SCHOOL:** The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant will offer up to four scholarships of \$2,000 each. **COLLEGE:** The Masaru and Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant has up to three scholarships: 1 - \$5,000 college student who will graduate as a Nurse Practitioner, 1 - \$5,000 college student graduating as a Medical Doctor, 1 - \$3,000 college student degree BS as a Registered Nurse. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 5, 2010 by 2:30pm to the temple office. For applications or questions please contact Shizue Kaku via the Betsuin office at (206) 329-0800.

On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee... We would like to "thank" the following regular members, for contributing at least the minimum annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is a list of those paid members that have posted dues for the new fiscal year of 2010:

*Marian Asaba, Nobie Kodama-Chan, Mae Deguchi, Jimmy & Alicia Taniguchi- Eng, Sueteko (Sue) Fujino, Mickey & Yoshie Hiroo, Iwako Iseri, Robert & Dawn Keeley, Daisy Toyoko Kuramoto, Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura, Miwako Ohta, Sunako (Sunkie) Oye, Florence Sumida, Stuart Teramoto, Sam & Masako Uchida, Sam Umeda, Fujie Yamasaki, Dick & Misao Yoshimura.*

**\*AS A REMINDER:** The basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations, is **\$250 for those over 70 years of age and \$300 for those under 70 years old. Payments are due by September 30, 2010.** If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Howard Luke or Steph Ojima by way of the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com). Please excuse any inadvertent omissions as corrections will be noted in a subsequent newsletter posting.

### Rimban Matsubayashi's Retirement Luncheon is May 29, 2010

April 2, 2010

Dear Seattle Betsuin Members,

Rimban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi has announced his retirement from the ministry effective July 31, 2010. He has served 50 years for the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Hawaii, Canada, and the Buddhist Churches of America.

The final assignment in Sensei's career has been in Seattle where he has served and supported our Sangha for 4 ½ years. He has been a constant support for the temple with his ability to embody the ongoing changes and at the same time maintain the traditional ways. We shall miss his Dharma messages along with his vibrant personality, enthusiasm, and innovative ideas.

A retirement luncheon for Sensei will be held on May 29, 2010 (Saturday) at The Maplewood Greens, 4050 Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA. from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend and honor Rimban Matsubayashi's illustrious career. We look forward to your attendance in celebrating his retirement. A farewell gathering will also be held at the Betsuin on June 13, 2010 (Sunday).

Please direct all inquires to Mas Tahara or Kiyo Takashima via the Betsuin office at (206) 329-0800. Please complete the reservation form below. Your earliest reply would be appreciated but no later than April 30, 2010.

**Please return by April 30, 2010 to Seattle Betsuin, 1427 S. Main St. Seattle, WA 98144**

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### **RIMBAN MATSUBAYASHI'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON at Maplewood Greens – May 29, 2010, Saturday Time: 11:30 a.m. Please write checks payable to: Seattle Betsuin**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations –**

## February 2010 – March 2010

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
	Yoshito Enomoto – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Sachiyo Enomoto
	Edward Enomoto – 17 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Toshiko Enomoto

<u>Remembrances for:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Lily Hori	Miyuki Hanada; Roy & Deanna Ikegami; Chris & Jean Kato; Rose Masuda; Martha Taniguchi; Margaret Teramoto
Harry S Kawahara	May Kawahara; Ritsuko Kawahara
Katsumi Nakamichi	Ritsuko Kawahara; Joe & Hideko Terada
<u>Temple Supervision:</u>	Spokane Buddhist Temple \$300 (for 2009)

### General Donations:

Susie Taketa McKinney	\$ 25
Haruko Shimizu	\$ 10

### **PLEASE READ: CHANGE IN NOTIFICATION OF DONATIONS**

As all have experienced the rising costs in today's world, the same can be said for the Temple as many of the similar expenses have risen as well. As with the households of the Sangha members, the Temple has looked at its own operations in ways to eliminate waste and minimize costs. This is an ever evolving process that does not end. As you have noticed, postage rates have increased the past few years and the Temple incurs a significant expense in sending receipts for donations that have been received. To help reduce the cost of postage, the Temple changed its process of sending a receipt for every donation to sending a summarized listing quarterly. The mailing will be made at the end of each calendar quarter for January through December. We will not be using the Temple's fiscal year quarter. This change will be effective as of January 2010.

As in past years, your canceled check can also be used for purposes of proof of donation. This is a change from how things have been done in the past but the Temple must adapt to new challenges. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the change, please feel free to contact the Temple either via e-mail to the Temple office, mailing in of your comments/questions or dropping it off at the Temple office. Please note, the Temple office staff is not responsible for the change in policy and is only collecting any comments/questions that may be received. The Temple hopes that you understand the need the change.

In Gassho, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church Treasurer

*Bring the flowers, gather them all  
and make the temple ring with our song...* lyrics by Linda Castro

The Betsuin will celebrate Hanamatsuri, literally flower festival, on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 9:15AM will be the public pouring of sweet tea over the statue of the baby Siddhartha in the Hanamidō (flower pavilion) recalling the legend of the Buddha's birth in the garden of Lumbini in Nepal where it is said that when he was born the birds sang, flowers bloomed and a sweet rain fell. Hanamatsuri service will begin at 10AM with special guest speaker Dr. Richard Payne, dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. Following Dharma School, Dharma Exchange and our Japanese language service will be a luncheon sponsored by the Dharma School. Please bring cut flowers with you to the auditorium before service to help decorate the area around the hanamidō. Submitted by Alan Hoshino



**Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service at  
Buddhist Education Center House:  
1441 S Main St  
Sundays 8:45 - 9:30 AM**

Reverend Koyo Kubose is on YouTube  
View two 10-minute video Dharma Talks entitled,  
**“Buddhist Hell” and “OK-ness”.**  
*Submitted by Karry Sakamoto*

**Wednesday Dharma Support Group & Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service**  
with Rev Castro from 10:30 to Noon at 1441 S Main St Wednesdays

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME! Spring English Seminar at Seattle Buddhist Church**

1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 329-0800

[www.SeattleBetsuin.com](http://www.SeattleBetsuin.com)

Saturday, April 10, 2010 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



***Confidence and Clarity: Realizing Shinjin***

with Richard K. Payne, Ph.D.

Dean and Yehan Numata Professor  
of Japanese Buddhist Studies

Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, California

<http://www.shin-ibs.edu/academics/pwj/>

*Pure Land Buddhist thought is wide-reaching and has a long history going back through Japan to China, Central Asia, and India. This workshop will focus on two particular moments in this history.*

*The first will be the text known in Japanese as the Jōdo-ron, attributed to Vasubandhu. This work has usually been treated as a "commentary" on the Larger Pure Land sūtra. Far from being an ordinary commentary, however, a close examination of it reveals it to be a ritual manual designed for use in visualization practices focusing on the Pure Land.*

*The second section of the workshop will look at a text called the Xinxinming, or Verses on the Mind of Faith. This brief work attributed to Sengcan, counted as the Third Chan patriarch in China, gives us access to the medieval Chinese understanding of the notion of shinjin.*

*The following is a link that contains the text that I will be discussing in the second half of the seminar:*

<http://www.deeshan.com/sosan.htm>.

Dr. Payne will also present a Dharma Talk at the Hanamatsuri Service at Seattle Betsuin on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM. • Go to **News, Announcements and Events from The Institute of Buddhist Studies** on page 12 of this newsletter for a description of a book edited by Dr. Payne.

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**Registration Form - Spring English Seminar April 10, 2010 at Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, 98144**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn of this seminar? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you wish childcare? Yes/No (circle one)  
First name & age of each child: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please enclose this completed form with \$10/person,\* (includes lunch). Please make checks payable to Seattle Buddhist Church; mail to address below before April 4, 2010. Contact: Irene Goto, newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com.  
\*Registration fee will be accepted at the door, but please call or email to reserve your space and lunch.

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*Notes on Dharma Exchange* Dharma Exchange takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. after Sunday Service in the dining room. All are welcome to attend this opportunity for discussion and questions. Discussion is typically lead by Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick, or Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab and often follows a theme that was presented in Dharma Talks presented in the service immediately prior. The purpose of this column is to inform those who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange e.g., Dharma school teachers, committee members, and Japanese service attendees of the topics discussed. Refreshments are served.

**February 21** - Castro sensei discussed the relationship between Shakyamuni and Amida Buddha. He said Jodo Shinshu is for those of us who can't become enlightened on our own -- when we try, ego arises, and when we stop to look for it we have lost it. We are loved unconditionally by Amida Buddha. Everything in our life is an expression of gratitude, but we take so much for granted we do not express our gratitude. \* \* \*

**February 28** - Warrick sensei indicated the common thought was that Jodo Shinshu was for uneducated people. At that time the spoken word was it. Now we have books and the Internet. A participant commented we can read for the "words," but we also need to get the "meaning" as well from verbal teaching. Sensei said it is a long journey from head to heart. The question was raised; how to teach children Buddhism. Sensei answered, "with our backs," (meaning by example, because whatever one does others can observe.)

A participant asked how to change pain to pleasure? Another answered, be aware and accept.

The question was raised about a slight change in seating during Dharma Exchange. Typically, most attendees favored the present arrangement. The plan is to re-arrange the chairs so everyone is looking face to face with others rather than the backs of heads. The intent is to stimulate participation.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

**March 7**- Castro Sensei's Dharma Talk for the day's service explained how the song, "Shinran Shonin, He Stood There Watching", presented at the 750<sup>th</sup> Shinran Shonin Memorial Celebration in Fresno was developed by song writer, Russell Daisey. Daisey was inspired by watching a helicopter fly over Shinran's statue at New York Buddhist Church in New Jersey. He realized that that was the same path that the 9-11 airliners flew when they destroyed the World Trade Center towers and that that statue, which had witnessed the Hiroshima bombing and moved to New Jersey, had witnessed 9-11. But that Shinran statue also witnessed the rebuilding of the Towers, Hiroshima, and the best of humanity. We need to see both – the best and the worst.

**March 14** - In reference to his visit to Fresno and a visit for his mother's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, Castro Sensei described instances where we live in conflict. A parking lot attendant is needed at the Fresno temple for security; a new temple is being built in Clovis. (Former Seattle Betsuin Minister's Assistant and now Reverend Kurt Rye is their minister and is enjoying the active sangha there.) Sensei referred to A Christmas Carol as a good Buddhist story. No, he doesn't believe the recent earthquakes are a sign of the End of Times. The times of Shinran were dire times, according to his wife's letters. Permafrost releases methane gas which is more hazardous than

## 13TH ANNUAL SEATTLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM (aka KSP)

### ***“Exploring the Regions of Japan”***

**June 28 - July 2, 2010**

**9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

For kids entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2010

#### ***Activities include:***

- Introduction to Buddhism & Japanese language
- Taiko drumming, Japanese songs & Martial Arts,
- Japanese food, crafts & games
- Japanese American culture
- Visit to Keiro nursing home
- Matsuri class showcase & performances

The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following (please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions or misspelling of names):

Forms are available on website

**www.seattlebetsuin.com.** Parents/guardians are encouraged to volunteer. Class size is limited so timely registration is encouraged. Tuition: \$185, \$135 \*church member, \$35 off w/Volunteer 5 hrs. (\*church member is a parent with current paid membership to a BCA temple.)

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### **Shinran Shonin 750<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Memorial Celebration:**

Adachi, Helen; Aisaka, Steven; Akada, Mary; Akizuki, Jim & Louise; Aoki, Takao & Ruth; Aoyama, Doris; Aoyama, Masatoshi M. & Sayeko; Asaba, Marian; Baba, Janet; Brundige, Grace Tazuma -; Canfield, James & Sheri Mizumori -; Chinn, Connie Ozeki -; Chisholm, Steve & Lori; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Doi, James; Dumont, Marion; Enomoto, Toshiko; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujino, Sueteko (Sue); Fujioka, Harumi; Fujita Trust, Sachiko & Nobuichi; Fujita, Florence; Fukuhara, Mitsuko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Goshu, Kazumi (Janice); Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Habu, Jack & Fumi; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Fumiyo; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Hara, Reiko; Harada, Mack M. & Setsuko; Hatai, Susan; Hayami, Sachiko; Hirabayashi, Marian; Hirasawa, Amy; Hiroo, Mickey & Yoshie; Honmyo, Mas; Hori, Takashi & Lilly; Horikawa, Norigiku; Hoshino, Alan A.; Ikawa, Mae; Isomura, Toshiko; Iwafuchi, Larry & June; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaneta, Miyoko; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecelia Kanako; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Katayama, Takeo & Mary K.; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kato, Gary & Madeline; Kato, Nina Tomita -; Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kawamoto, Masako; Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -; Kido, Momoko; Kikuchi, B; Kitashima, Evelyn A.; Ko, Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto -; Kobota, Chieko; Kobuki, Haruko; Kogita, Paul & Takako; Komoto, Frank; Kosai, Aizo & June (Yoshie); Kosai, Hiroko Janet; Kozai, Yoshiko; Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kusakabe, Chiye; Kusumi, Shogo & Fusako; Kuwahara, Kinue; Leonard, Michael & Norimi Kusanagi -; Litz, John; Luke, Howard & Marie Kosai -; Mamiya, Haruko; Mamiya, Yoshiko; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Maruhashi, Bryan & Rebecca; Maruko, Teruo; Masuda, Rose; Masunaga, Fumiye; Matsubayashi, Hugh & Ivy Chen -; Matsubayashi, Yoshihide & Kyoko, Mike, Ken & Hugh; Matsui, Takashi; Mayeda, Julie; McKinney, Susan Taketa -; McLean, Doug; Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -; Miyauchi, Takiko; Mizuki, Helen; Mizuno, Hatsue; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa -; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakagawa, Yoshie; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Evangeline; Nakano, Junko; Nakashima, Craig & Dana; Nakashima, Tomi; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishimura, Hiro; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Nomiyama, Frank & Betty; Nomura, Michiye; Noshu, Setsuno; Ohtani, Michiye; Ojima, Fred & Stephanie; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okamura, Ray & Mineko; Okano, Tomiko; Osaki, Mary; Osako, Yasumi; O'Shields, Dean; Otsuji, Nobuko; Ouchi, Yasuko; Oxrieder, Catherine Ann; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Ozeki, Sachiko; Platnick, Tamiko; Sakamoto, M. Karry; Sako, Masako; Sakoda, Aya; Sakuma, Pauline; Shahbaghlian, Steve & Patricia Oye -; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shigaya, Harry & Teruko (Terrie); Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shimada, Shirley; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Haruko; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Albert & Frances; Sordetto, Gayle; Sumida, Florence; Sumida, Leslie; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takamura, Kuniko; Takano, Yasuko Jean; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki &

Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Nami; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanaka, Tom; Tanemura, Peggy; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha; Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tazuma, Elmer; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Joe & Hideko; Terada, Alvin & Mitsuko; Terada, Ronald & Suzuki; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Tokita, Shokichi & Elsie; Tokunaga, Dolly; Tomita, Jr., Paul & Mabel; Tosaya, Gary & Julianne; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Umeda, Yuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wada, Machiko; Warrick, James; Yahata, Shizue; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yasui, Kiyoshi & Ayako (Ruby); Yee, Dennis & Eileen Hamamoto -; Yee, Fukuyo; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yorita, Takako; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshihara, Isoko; Yoshimura, Dick & Misao; Yutani, Nobuo

## ONENJUS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Onenju for children, women, and men are now available for purchase in the temple office. Heirloom and modern beads have been restrung by Pauline Sakuma into beautiful new onenju. Please visit the office to see the variety of styles available. Proceeds go to Seattle Betsuin. - jn

### GO PAPERLESS! THIS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ONLINE AT

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[Newsletter@SeattleBetsuin.com](mailto:Newsletter@SeattleBetsuin.com) to have your name removed from the mailing list and jump online! Thank you!

### BCA Center for Buddhist Education PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS – April 2010 & Beyond [www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org](http://www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org) Ph: (510) 809-1460 Email: [director@cbe-bca.org](mailto:director@cbe-bca.org)

#### April 13 (Tue) 6:00-8:45 pm

**FILM: HIKARI NO KISEKI (Miracle of Light)** 87 min.  
*In Japanese with English subtitles.* A documentary about a therapist who sees life more clearly as she goes blind. With director Fumiko Irie. *Ticket donation: \$15 Advance \$20 Door.*

#### April 16-18 (Fri-Sun)

##### TECHNO BUDDHA 2010: EVOLUTION

Network, reconnect and learn about Buddhism and more. Planned by and for Generation Y (ages 21-39). *Registration ends 3/26. Visit [www.bcasites.net/TechoBuddha+Seminar](http://www.bcasites.net/TechoBuddha+Seminar)*

#### May 14-16 (Fri-Sun)

##### CROSSING OVER TO SHIN BUDDHISM

A seminar for followers from a non-Jodo Shinshu background. With **Rev. Harry Bridge**. *Register by 4/10 or call about space.*

#### May 21 (Fri) (6-8pm)

##### SHINRAN'S BIRTHDAY (Gotan-E)

Service, simple dinner and "mochi maki" (mochi toss). Free.

#### May 22 (Sat) 10 am-3 pm

**SPRING JAPANESE BUDDHIST SEMINAR** with **Rev. Joshin Kamuro** from Kumamoto Prefecture. *\$20 registration includes lunch. Please reserve by 5/15. Flyer in Japanese online.*

#### May 29 (Sat) 1 - 5 pm *New!*

**2 FILMS: HOSHI NO KUNI KARA MAGO FUTARI (Gift of the Gifted); and ROSHIN (Aging Parents).** Drama. Japanese with English subtitles. Heartwarming tales addressing autism; gender roles and aging. Writer Haruko Kadono will be present.

#### June 25-27 (Fri-Sun)

##### Pacific Seminar 21st Century:

##### SHINRAN'S PATH IN AMERICA - YESTERDAY & TODAY

Guest speakers: **Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Rev. Shoki Mohri, and Anne Spencer**. Explore Nisei spirituality and legacy.

More details and forms are online. Unless noted, events are presented at the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

## News, Announcements, and Events from the Institute of Buddhist Studies

Publication Announcement March 03, 2010. ***How Much is Enough? Buddhism, Consumerism, and the Human Environment***, recently published by Wisdom Publications, Boston, is a compilation of papers presented at the international symposium on "Buddhism and the Environment," held at the Alumni House, University of California, Berkeley, on September 14, 2003. The symposium was organized by Professor Mitsuya Dake and Professor David Matsumoto, members of the faculty of Ryukoku University, Kyoto, and the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, respectively.

Dr. Richard K. Payne, Dean and Yehan Numata Professor of Japanese Buddhist Studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California and a member of the doctoral faculty of the Graduate Theological Union is the editor of the publication.

“The emphasis that the symposium placed on the human environment highlights the interdependence of our human social reality with the encompassing and supporting natural world. Seeing the interdependence of the social and natural, we can experience more directly the karmic relations between our actions and the human environment around us, both social and natural, said Payne.

He also stated that the symposium brought to the forefront the concerns and efforts made by Buddhism and Shin Buddhism. “Shin Buddhism has an important contribution to make to the environmental crisis, and to other pressing concerns of our times,” he concluded.

Papers and authors published in the book are: “Buddhist Environmentalism and Contemporary Japan,” Duncan Ryuken Williams, Director for the Center of Japanese Studies at the University of California, Berkeley; “How Much is Enough?: Buddhist Perspective on Consumerism,” Stephanie Kaza, professor of environmental studies at University of Vermont; “Pure Land Buddhism and Its Perspective on the Environment,” Mitsuya Dake, Director of the Buddhism and the Environment Research Unit of the Center for Humanities, Science, and Religion at Ryukoku University, Kyoto; “Gary Snyder’s Ecosocial Buddhism,” David Barnhill, Director of Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; “Buddhist Economics to Save the Earth,” Shinichi Inoue, former President of the Japanese Miyazaki Bank; “The Noble Eightfold Path as a Prescription for Sustainable Living,” Tetsunori Koizumi, Professor Emeritus, Ryukoku University; “The Debate on Taking Life and Eating Meat in the Edo-Period Jodo Shin Tradition,” Ikuo Nakamura, member of the faculty at Gakushuin University, Tokyo; “Buddhist Environmentalism,” Malcolm David Eckel, Boston University; and “The Early Buddhist Tradition and Ecological Ethics,” Lambert Schmithausen, Emeritus, University of Hamburg.

The book is available at Wisdom Press or the [BCA Buddhist Bookstore, Berkeley](#).