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Dharma and Sangha*

October 2010: Major Events of Interest

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- October 10
- October 24

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Betsuin Events for October 2010

EVERY SUNDAY All are invited:

- 8:45 am *MEDITATION SERVICE at 1441 S. Main St; Sutra Chanting, 20-minute meditation, discussion.
10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk
11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, Q/A, dialogue with minister and ministers assistants

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

SUNDAYS *8:45 am Meditation Service

October 3

10:00 am HATSUMAIRI SERVICE

Children: Joe Schwab
Adult: Rev. Warrick
Japanese Program
Dharma School DX: Joe Schwab
DX: Rev. Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

October 10

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE &

CHILDREN'S SERVICE in Chapel
Children: Youth MA; Youth: Youth MA
Adult: Rev. Castro
Japanese: Rev. Taijo Imanaka, Koyasan
Dharma School DX: Rev. Castro
DX: MA
Joe Schwab at Yakima Service

12:00 pm Religious Department Meeting

October 17

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Children: Youth MA
Adult: Joe Schwab
Japanese: Rev. Gimyo Takemura
Dharma School DX: Rev. Castro
DX: Joe Schwab

3:00 pm Rev. Castro at Spokane Temple for Eitaikyo Service

October 24

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE – GUEST SPEAKER Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, Idaho- Oregon Buddhist Temple

Children: Rev. Fujimoto
Adult: Rev. Fujimoto
Dharma School DX: Joe Schwab
DX: Rev. Castro

1:00 pm SBBWA Memorial Service:

Guest Speaker Rev. Fujimoto,
Rev. Castro, Rev. Warrick

October 31

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Children: Joe Schwab; Adult: Rev. Castro
Japanese Program
Dharma School DX: Rev. Warrick
DX: Rev. Castro

MONDAYS October 4 Rev. Castro (Day Off)

TUESDAYS

October 5 10:00 am BCA Minister's Training & Development Committee Meeting at Jodo Shinshu Center (Rev. Castro)

October 12 Rev. Castro (Day Off)

October 26 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rev. Castro) ½ Study Day Off (Rev. Castro)

**November Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, October 18, 2010 - 8:00 pm
Print: October 22, 2010**

WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support Group

October 6 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

THURSDAYS

October 7 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

October 21

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rev. Castro)

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (Rev. Castro)

October 28

7:30 pm Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAYS

October 1 12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Meeting

October 8 Rev. Castro (Study Day Off)

SATURDAYS

October 2 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Buddhist Study Group (Rev. Castro)

October 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rev. Castro)

November 2010: Major Events of Interest

Sunday, November 7 Eitaikyo & Muen Hoyo
Service with Ochigo Procession & Rev
Tatsuya Aoki, Vancouver Buddhist Temple

Sunday, November 21

SBWA General Membership Meeting

Sunday, November 28 Family Music Service



Interesting Times

By Rev. Don Castro



This is my first newsletter article since being appointed Rinban of Seattle Betsuin and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has extended their warm congratulations and best wishes. I was vigorously exercising on a stationary bike at the gym with my heart rate somewhere about Sunday sermon level when one of our members came up behind me to extend his congratulations. Needless to say, it was a one-sided conversation!

My appointment somewhat reminds me of the Chinese wish, "May you live in interesting times." Depending on what transpires, the wish may turn out to be a blessing or a curse. Either way, though, life is interesting; although I certainly hope it is more than interesting. A true blessing is, "May you live in inspiring times." In these interesting times (any time is interesting) we need to be able to find joy and meaning even in adversity.

The uncertainty of life is what I find so compelling about my Buddhist journey. On the one hand, our study of the Buddha Dharma, Buddhist culture and history informs and directs my life. It points to what is beautiful and sublime. On the other hand, it acts as a warning and directive, "Life is precarious at best." Buddha and Dharma are two of the three refuges. The third is Sangha; the living embodiment and transmitter of the Buddha Dharma. With your help and commitment to preserving the Buddha Dharma, we can sustain and grow our Sangha to be a place where we will live not just in interesting times but in inspiring times where we share what is best in our lives with others.

Dear Sangha, on behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to announce to you that, as of the month of August, our Reverend Don Castro has been appointed Rinban by Socho Ogui. Your Board returned a positive vote supporting his appointment to the office of the Socho. Please join me in congratulating him as he assumes his new position at our temple. Realizing that the new post comes with increased responsibilities, your support and encouragement will assist in creating a successful tenure for Rinban Castro.

In gassho, Paul Mori

Choir Is Asking for Help If you have enjoyed the music of the Seattle Betsuin Choir in the past, we are asking for your help. With age and health problems, our group has been getting smaller and needs additional members in all voice ranges and all ages.

We have enjoyed singing for the Keiro and Nikkei Manor residents and at the Northwest Buddhist Conventions as well as at the Betsuin Special Services.

So if you enjoy singing, even if you don't read music or speak Japanese, we want you to join us at our practices on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. before regular services. For more information, please call the Betsuin office at 206.329-0800 or notify Terry Tanino.



Monpo Seminar September 11, 2010

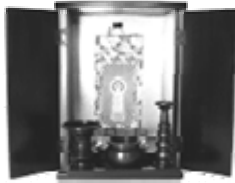


Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara was guest speaker.
Submitted by Sat Ichikawa

A class and discussion on Obutsudan Etiquette will take place on Sunday, October 17, 2010

from 11:00 - 11:30 AM in the Meditation House, 1441 Main Street. Any one who would like to learn more about making a sacred place in their home, whether you currently have an obutsudan or not, is welcome to attend. Discussion and description of ritual implements, their arrangement and service options will be led by Laverne Imori and Irene Goto.

This class/discussion is offered as an alternative to Dharma Exchange and may be repeated. - IG



both classes, please contact Donna Zumoto at via the Betsuin office at 206.329.0800.

Dharma School submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Welcome back everyone!! The first day of Dharma School got us all off to a wonderful start with the hondo and halls filled with lots of excited children. We look forward to a terrific year. Thanks to everyone who came, registered their children and provided refreshments.

New for this year, the middle school class has begun meeting downstairs next to the dining room and so the Memorial hall chapel will be used for parent's meetings and Dharma exchanges this year during class time. Any ideas for discussion topics?? Let Rinban Castro know.

We are looking for some individuals who would like to organize the Ochigo event on Nov 7 during the Muen Hoyo service. If you are interested or have questions please let your Dharma School teacher know. Also if you have a child that is interested in participating there will be forms in the foyer with further information.

Classroom report 1st/2nd grade: We've started off the first two Sundays with about 24 very enthusiastic, bright kids. We began by introducing ourselves, learning each other's birthdays, and some of our favorite snack foods. Yum! Next we read Cookies and discussed good rules to have for the rest of the year so we can all be safe, considerate of each other, and have fun. After a lively discussion we have agreed on the ones we like and will be signing our class contract soon. We have welcomed a couple of new students and had our first birthday celebration!

Study Group will focus on Coffin Man

All are welcome to the October meeting of the Buddhist Study Group. It will take place on Saturday, October 2nd from 9:30-12:30. We will meet in the Buddhist Education House (just east of the Main Temple) for a short meditation service. The discussion this month will center around *Coffin Man* by Aoki Shinmon. Rinban Castro will lead the discussion and show the film, *Departures*, which was based on the book. Anyone interested can purchase the book online from the BCA bookstore or through Amazon. If you like, you can bring a brown bag lunch. Submitted by Leonora Clarke

Camp Fire USA Submitted by Debbie Shibata



The Starlights 2nd/3rd welcome Kaila, Shaylin, and Brianne to our group. We had our first meeting on September 12 and we found out what everyone did over the summer. We also received copies of the ACRS newsletter that [published] a picture of our group and mentioned our fundraising efforts. (See the Betsuin website for the full article) We are all looking forward to another great Camp Fire year!! Submitted by Gayle Teramoto

Seattle Matsuri Taiko Workshops

Adult Introductory, Ages 16 and Up: No experience required! A two hour workshop will be held Saturday, October 23, 1:00-3:00pm in the church gym. Come, see how fun it is! Students will learn basic rhythms and movement. Additional sessions may be offered based on interest.

Youth Ages 8-15: Come out and learn basic taiko and a song to play for the church new year's party! 8 Sessions: 3:30-5:30pm, Sundays, Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, Dec 12, 19, and one special practice Saturday, January 8. Performance will be on Sunday, January 9. For information and sign up for

Hatsumairi or "First Visit" is a Jodo Shinshu

tradition when parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi ceremony will be held during the 10:00 a.m. Family Service on October 3, 2010. Children of all ages are welcome. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this joyous occasion, please call the temple office at (206) 329-0800 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. **by September 30, 2010.** A Dharma School representative will contact you with details.



Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

SBBWA President's Message

Submitted by Shizue Yahata

- On Friday, Sept 10, the July, Aug. and Sept. Toban groups had a kitchen clean-up. The following members were there to scrub, wash, clean, organize..... the kitchen: Marian Asaba, Shizu Kaku, Miyo Kaneta, Ritsuko Kawahara, Masako Kawamoto, Irene Mano, Judith Nakamura, Mary Shigaya, Darlene Shimizu, Fran Shintaku, Naomi Takemura, Frances Tamekuni and Miyoko Yamazaki. Thank you ladies.
- The offertory from the Eshinni-ko Kakushinni-ko service was donated to the Dharma School, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire, Jr. YBA & Sr. YBA.
- Manju plates, Barazushi and baked items were sold on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010 for the SBBWA Fundraiser. Thank you to Janet Baba and her committee, Nina Tomita-Kato and Gail Suzaka for organizing the event.
- Frances Shintaku and Shizu Kaku will represent the SBBWA at the Federation Meeting to be held on Sat., Oct. 9, 2010 in Sacramento, CA.

SBBWA Activity Report

Submitted by Marian Asaba

On Sunday, September 19th, during the SBBWA fundraising event, items made during prior craft making sessions were sold as well as home baked goodies. The funds raised will help defray the cost of the trip for the members attending the World BWA Conference in 2011.

October craft classes, dates and instructors are as follows:

- Oct 6 Bracelet beading; instructor, Fumi Yamaguchi
- Oct 20 Book Mark and Calendar Covers, instructor, Rikuko Tanaka
- A Mesh Box Class will be held in November under the direction of Taka Kogita.
- On November 10 Cho Shimizu, SHIBA volunteer, will give anyone wishing to attend a sneak preview class of upcoming Medicare changes. This class is open to all Betsuin members as well as the general public. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

All pertinent information as well as the sign-up sheets regarding the above classes will be posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

Donations Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku
Arlene Yamada - Orion House Dinner Expenses
Charlene Yoritsune - Orion House Dinner Expenses
Kubota Family - In Memory of Betty Kubota
Reiko Hara - In Memory of Dick Hara

SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, October 3	SBBWA Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 6	Bracelet Beading Class
Wednesday, October 20	Book Mark and Calendar Cover Class

Sunday, October 24
SBBWA Memorial Service, 1:00pm – Guest Speaker, Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto, Idaho Oregon Buddhist Temple

Submitted by Joan Nakano

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 fiscal year 2010:

Mary Akada, Jim & Louise Akizuki, Marilyn Akutsu, Doris Aoyama, Eric & Carolyn Ashihara, Janet Baba, Lance & Lisa Barr, Leonora Clarke, Irene Goto Driscoll, Patrick & Joann Kosai Eng, George & Toshiko Fukeda, Kazumi Janice Goshu, Jane Hamatani, Robert Hamatani, Reiko Hara, Mary Hikida, Kenneth & Pam Horn, Yaeko Ito, Ken Iwamura, Yoshiye Iwamura, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Kim & Midori Kamimae, Tak & Mary Katayama, Noboru & Hatsuye Kawada, Sanaye Kawamura, Marc and Jan Keltner, Momoko Kido, Yoshiko Kihara, Paul & Takako Kogita, Bill Komoto, Aizo & June Kosai, Kris & Keiko Kosugi, Art & Lori Kozai, Helen Kumiko Kubo, Carolyn Kunihiro, Shizuka LaGrange, Susie Taketa McKinney, Duane & Ann Mayeda, Yoshie Mikami, Sheri Mizumori, Tetsuo & Linda Miyata, Sumiko Miyatake, Takiko Miyauchi, Yoshiko Miyauchi, Jean Muneta, Hatsue Mizuno, Kenneth & Jean Moriyama, Fumiko Nakamura, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Curtis & Charlene Nakayama, Dorothy Nishimura, Donna Nobuyama, Stephanie Ojima, Marianne Osaki, Nobuko Otsuji, Tamiko Platnick, Akira & Chiyoko Saito, George & Karen Sakamoto,

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Ray Sakamoto, Masako Sako, Dave Scattergood & Joyce Tsuji, Gary & Deborah Shibata, Masako Shibuya, Mary S. Shigaya, Sato & Darlene Shimizu, Ben & Etsu Shinbo, Victor Shinoda, Gayle Sordetto, George Suetsugu Jr, Leslie Sumida, George Taketa, Mas & Frances Tamekuni, Florence Terami, Kuniko Takamura, Allan & Kayoko Terada, Ronald & Suzuko Terada, Asako Teranishi, Gary & Julianne Tosaya, Tak & Florence Tsuchida, Michiko Vaart, Kiyoshi & Ayako Ruby Yasui, Takako Yorita, Ronald & Kiyoko Yoshida, Donna Zumoto.

We'd like to 'welcome' Leonora Clarke as a new member to our Sangha.

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – August - September 2010

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
Joe Wakazuru – Funeral Service		\$ 1,000	Barbara Wakazuru
Dick Hara – Funeral & 7 th Day Memorial Service		\$ 1,000	Reiko Hara
Yoshikazu Kawabata – Funeral Service		\$ 1,000	Gwen Florence
Betty Kubota – In Memory of		\$ 1,000	Patricia Kubota
Shinsaburo Adachi – 3 rd Year Memorial Service		\$ 500	Adachi Family
Martha Imabori – 1 Year Memorial and Inurnment Service		\$ 300	Martha Imabori Estate
Betty Kubota – Graveside Service & Burial		\$ 300	Patricia Kubota
Yoneko Nakashima – Funeral & 49 th Day Memorial Service		\$ 300	Sheri Nakashima
Masaye Yamashita – Inurnment Service		\$ 200	Deane & Barbara Uyeda
Roy Hayashi – 7 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 125	Constance Hayashi & Dance Smith
Ayako Hayashi – 13 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 125	Constance Hayashi & Dance Smith
Suganuma – Memorial Service		\$ 120	Aiko Suganuma
Kazuo Yamasaki – 17 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 100	Fujie Yamasaki
Tadashi Nakanishi – 25 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 100	Kiyoko Nakanishi
George Natsuhara – 25 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 100	Terrie Natsuhara
Nokotsudo		\$ 100	Steve & Kathleen Harada
Nokotsudo		\$ 100	Louise Kasanuki
Nokotsudo		\$ 100	Keiko Ohtaka
Nokotsudo		\$ 50	Nobuo Yutani

Remembrances for:

Yoshio Akada

Irene Fugami

Dick Hara

George Kobayashi

Teruko Kozono

Given by:

Daniel Kuramoto

Mitsuko Fukuhara

Edwin & Jenni Chin; Mack & Setsuko Harada; Trisha Morton; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Ralph & Monica Tipton

John Duff & E. Lisa Yoshimura

Anonymous; Yoko Simsay

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Betty Kubota	Leonard & Louise Berman; Lorraine Blackler; Frank & Dorothy Brancato; John Duff & E. Lisa Yoshimura; Sue Fujino; Gladys Hamano; Peggy Hanada; Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima; Alan Kato; Ritsuko Kawahara; Linna Kitamura; Dale & Karen Kodama; Janet Kosai; Daisy Kuramoto; Mutual Fish; Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura; Stephanie Ojima; Mary Osaki; Pauline Sakuma; SBBWA; Nori Suguro; Sam & Masako Uchida; Dick & Misao Yoshimura
Fumi Mayeda	Jean Takano
Jean Muneta	Lori Muneta; Julie Ann Oiyee; Jim & Tomi Zumoto
Tadashi Nakanishi	Mark Arima
George Natsuhara	Mark Arima
Nobuko Oiyee	Frances Kobayashi
Ray Saburo Sakamoto	Jim & Louise Akizuki; Stephanie Ojima
Dorothy Suto	Joyce Ichihara
Joe Wakazuru	Mae Deguchi; Mitsuko Fukuhara; Takeo & Mary Katayama; Jack Matsui; Joseph Matsuzaki; Nobuko Otsuji; Seattle Buddhist Church Gojikai
Kazuo Yamasaki	John & Sakako Matsumoto

<u>Temple Supervision:</u>	Yakima Buddhist Church	\$ 100
	Spokane Buddhist Church	\$ 100
		\$ 100 (for 2009)

General Donations:

Nikkei Horizons	\$ 300	Facilities Usage
Elmer Tazuma	\$ 200	Appreciation for Sat Ichikawa
Clifford & Linda Tanigawa	\$ 100	General Donation
Shuzo & Alica Takeuchi	\$ 100	General Donation
Craig & Dana Nakashima	\$ 100	Appreciation for Japan Trip
Ken Kubota	\$ 100	Appreciation for use of Candle Holders
John Moritsugu	\$ 40	Pacific Lutheran Class Visitation
Gail Kaminishi & Renan Jeffereis	\$ 25	Offertory
Jim & Hiroko Hasegawa	\$ 20	General Donation
Haruko Takemoto	\$ 20	In Memory of
Hiroshi Kozohara & Jan Nakamura	\$ 20	Visitors from Hawaii
Sylvia Harby Hutton	\$ 5	Visitor

Special Donation: Renan Jeffereis - Lap Top Computer

Onenju Repair Donations:	Fran Shintaku; Dennis Yamashita
Onenju Sales:	\$ 135
Onenju donated by Hoseki Designs:	\$ 25

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

Ohigan - Fall:

Akizuki, Jim & Louise; Anonymous, ; Aoyama, Doris; Aoyama, Masatoshi M. & Sayeko; Aramaki, Hanako; Asaba, Marian; Beard, Clara; Bobrow, Patricia; Brundige, Grace Tazuma -; Canfield, James & Sheri Mizumori -; Carpenter, Lani; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Doi, James; Enomoto, Toshiko; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fujita, Lutes; Fukeda, George & Toshiko; Goshu, Kazumi (Janice); Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Habu, Jack & Fumi; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamanaka, Yoko; Hanada, Fumiyo; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Harada, Mack M. & Setsuko; Heider, Miki; Honmyo, Mas; Horn, Kenneth & Pam; Hoshino, Alan A.; Howland, Laura Ichikawa -; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Isomura, Toshiko; Jeffereis, Gail Kaminishi -; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaneta, Miyoko; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecelia Kanako; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kato, Gary & Madeline; Kato, Kazue (Katie); Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kawamoto, Masako; Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -; Kido, Momoko; Kikuchi, Shizuko; Kitashima, Evelyn A.; Ko, Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto -; Kobuki, Haruko; Kogita, Paul & Takako; Kojima, Esther; Komoto, Frank; Kosai, Aizo & June (Yoshie); Kozai, Art & Lori; Kozai, Yoshiko; Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kubota, Chieko; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kuwahara, Kinue; Litz, John; Mamiya, Yoshiko; Mano, Andrea; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Masuda, Rose; Matsubayashi, Hugh & Ivy Chen -; Matsui, Jack T.; Mayeda, Julie; McKinney, Susan Taketa -; Mizuno, Hatsue; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Morimoto, Eiichi & Ruth Shigeko; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Ted; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Evangeline; Nakashima, Tomi; Nishikawa, Noriko; Nishimura, Hisashi & Sadako; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Nosho, Setsuno; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okada, Emiko; Okamura, Ray & Mineko; Okano, Tomiko; Osaki, Mary; Otsuji, Nobuko; Platnick, Tamiko; Romero, Ann Kawasaki -; Sakamoto, M. Karry; Sako, Masako; Sakoda, Aya; Sakuma, Pauline; Sato, Angela; Shahbaghlian, Steve & Patricia Oye -; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shibuya, Masako; Shigaya, Harry & Teruko (Terrie); Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shimada, Shirley; Shimizu, Aiko; Shimizu,

Haruko; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shintaku, Albert & Frances; Suguro, Nori; Sumida, Florence; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takamura, Kuniko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Taki, Noboru & Takako; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Nami; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanaka, Tom; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Joe & Hideko; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Tokita, Shokichi & Elsie; Tomita, Jr., Paul & Mabel; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Wada, Machiko; Yahata, Shizue; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamasaki, Steve & Valerie; Yamashita, Dennis; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yorita, Takako; Yoritsune, Charlene M.; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshimura, Dick & Misao; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko. *Note: Some donations will be recorded after the newsletter deadline and will be acknowledged in the next month's issue.*

ONENJU ARE 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

Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service

Buddhist Education House: 1441 S Main St
Sundays 8:45 - 9:30 AM

GO PAPERLESS! This newsletter is now on LINE at www.SeattleBetsuin.com. Contact the temple office at 206-329-0800 or email Newsletter@SeattleBetsuin.com to have your name removed from the mailing list and jump online!

Wednesday Dharma Support Group & Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service with

Rev Castro takes place from 10:30 to Noon at 1441 S Main St **Wednesdays**. All are invited; no fee.

Look Who's Blogging! Reverend Castro, Reverend Jim Warrick, and EcoSangha! Join in, and post your comments. submitted by Alan Hoshino
<http://revcastro.blogspot.com/>
<http://revwarrick.blogspot.com/>
<http://ecosangha-seattle.blogspot.com/>

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 typically led by Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick, or Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab.

August 22, 2010. Rev. Don Castro continued with his explanation of the Japanese use of "idiot wife" and "idiot husband" when making introductions. . . A participant recommended the book, *The Monk Who Dared* by Ruth Tabrah, a poet and novelist from Hawaii. . . Sensei described a Japanese cult that sends people into a dark tunnel where they ultimately become disoriented. Finally, they round a bend and see light. When they emerge they have experienced something akin to Enlightenment. . . A participant shared a photo and story of the Buddha of Universal Peace at the Co Lam Temple. It is carved from a 4 ton piece of British Columbia jade and was on view to the public. The temple is located near the intersection of Martin Luther King South and South Graham Street.

August 29, 2010. An exciting announcement was made by President Paul Mori in the Hondo. He said a letter dated August 28 was addressed to him by Socho Ogui and he read it aloud at the Thursday, August 26 board meeting. The letter stated he wanted Rev. Don Castro to be the next rinban at the Seattle Betsuin. The board unanimously approved, and there was a burst of applause in the hondo. Congratulations Rinban Castro, we are all thrilled at your appointment.

Rinban Castro delineated the differences in the stages of ordination of Buddhist ministers in the Jodo Shinshu sect. For instance, Tokudo ordination does not depend on how much knowledge one has about Buddhism, but rather, can you perform a service? In fact, the 16 year old sons of ministers in Japan undergo Tokudo ordination.

We have had several Sunday visits by Navy Chief Petty Officer Mamoru Okita who will be deployed soon on the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln. Castro sensei has his e-mail address for those of you who wish to stay in touch. We wish him well.

September 5, 2010. Joe Schwab ran the Dharma Exchange, and commented that the true and real stand the test of time . . . He indicated cosmologist Stephen Hawking early on decided there might be a creator; later he felt there was no need for a creator . . . Fifty-eight percent of Americans are OK with Buddhism . . . A participant asked about Karma. Joe said every action has a reaction and we need to look beyond. Karma is just what happens, not good or bad . . . The tea ceremony is too complex so we never get it right . . . The piano at the Wapato Temple was sold because money was needed. Years later a judge had the piano refurbished, and returned it to the temple because of many acts of kindness at the temple in his earlier life - he was invited into the temple as a young boy by some temple women and treated well . . . Joe commented that after meditating a while one realizes not the body and not the mind, but that we are all one . . . The Buddhist temple in New York overlooks the Hudson River and has rooms available for a nominal cost. Apparently, the building was donated.

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September 12, 2010. Rinban Castro spoke at today's Dharma Exchange. He reported some information from an article on ecology and churches entitled "Spritual community gets environmentally involved," published in *The Seattle Times* of 9-11. The Betsuin was listed as one that is involved in ecology. (See internet under title.) Sensei said we need to disseminate more publicity and information on ecology . . . Nalanda University in Bihar is the oldest university on earth, and will reopen after 800 years. It was destroyed in 1193 by a Turkish general who was dismayed that there was no Quran in the university. It counted the Buddha as an alumnus of this very famous and prestigious school. It will be rebuilt by world-wide donations at a cost of an estimated \$500 million plus another \$500 million for infrastructure. For a complete story see *The independent* online . . . Early on in his career Sensei pledged to visit every temple family in the Petaluma area. Family farms raised chickens for eggs, and when the feed cost went up slightly, many farms went out of business. Now, mainly wine grapes are grown there.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

September 19, 2010. In his dharma talk Rev Castro pondered the controversy of whether to allow a mosque to be built near ground zero of the 9/11 attacks. He referenced Art Takemoto's descriptions of Japanese-Americans resettling during WWII in the Midwest Buddhist Temple's newsletter. They must have encountered similar prejudices that the Muslim-Americans are experiencing now. He also mentioned that the TEA Party

seems to look at the matter in only one way. He continued on the topic at Dharma Exchange citing an instance when the Unitarian Church gave Buddhists space to hold services in Chicago during the war. A participant also experienced the generosity of the Unitarians in Philadelphia when they allowed use of space for services in 1944; Yoshitake Sensei was minister then. Another participant related that where she was raised, since there was no Buddhist Temple, her parents sent her to Christian church because they wanted her to have some spiritual guidance. Rev Castro said he'd like to get a group together to get a docent-led tour of the "Sacred Seattle" interfaith exhibit at the Wing Luke Museum. He mentioned that Seattle University supports EcoSangha and that Archbishop Hunthausen supported the 25th Anniversary Interfaith Conference. In the 1980's The Washington State Interfaith Council held its annual Thanksgiving interfaith observance here at Seattle Betsuin. Rev Castro would welcome another. -IG