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

July 2011: Major Events of Interest

Obon Services Saturday July 9: 12 N Mount Pleasant cemetery (Queen Anne); 1PM at Washington Memorial Park (SeaTac); 3:30PM at Lake View cemetery (Capitol Hill) **Sunday July 10:** 10AM **Obon/Hatsubon** service at the temple; 1PM Evergreen Washelli cemetery (Northgate); Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue) **Bon Odori 2011 Sat. July 16, Sun. July 17** **Workshops/Retreats Friday July 29, 7PM – 9PM & Saturday July 30, 9:30AM – 3:30PM** Workshop "If Life is a Nightmare, Wake Up to a Dream" with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi. **July 22 – 24 NWWYBL Retreat**

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Betsuin Events for Betsuin Events for July 2011

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

July 3

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
- 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
- English: Rev. Castro
- Japanese: Rev. Sachie Saigusa
- DX: Joe Schwab

July 10

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
- 10:00 am OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE
- English: Rev. Castro
- Japanese: Rev. Gimyo Takemura
- DX: Rev. Castro

- 1:00 pm Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery (Northgate)
- 3:00 pm Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue)

July 17 3:00 – 8:00 pm BON ODORI

July 24

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
- 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
- English: Rev. Castro
- DX: Joe Schwab
- Japanese Program
- 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

July 31

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
- 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
- English: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi
- DX: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi
- Japanese Program

MONDAYS

- July 11 7:30-9:00 pm Bon Odori Practice

July 4 Holiday – Office Closed

TUESDAYS

- July 5 Rinban Castro (Day Off)
- July 12 7:30-9:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- July 26 10:30 am Keiro Service

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, **July 18, 2011** 8:00 pm
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WEDNESDAYS ** 10:30am Dharma Support

July 6

- 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting
- 7:30-9:00 pm Bon Odori Practice

THURSDAYS

July 7

- 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service
- 7:30-9:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- July 21
- 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service
- 2:30 pm NW Ministers' Meeting (Rinban Castro)

FRIDAYS

- July 1 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)
- 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Last Day of Kids Summer Program
- July 8
- 7:30-9:00 pm Bon Odori Practice
- July 22 -24 (Fri.-Sun.) NWYBL Retreat

SATURDAYS

- July 2 Rinban Castro (Day Off)



BonOdori Practice
7:30 – 9:00
July
6, 7, 8, 11, 12

9:30 am – 11:30 pm First Saturday Study Group –
Thanks!: How the New Science of Gratitude Can
Make You Happier

July 9 Obon Services

12:00 noon Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Queen Anne

1:00 pm Washington Memorial Park Sea-Tac

3:30 pm Lake View Cemetery Capitol Hill

July 16 4:00 – 10:00 pm BON ODORI

July 30 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Workshop with Rev.

Kenji Akahoshi – “If Life is a Nightmare, Wake Up to
a Dream” see page 9.

August 2011: Major Events of Interest

August 5 – 7 BCA Nembutsu Camporee at Camp
Waskowitz in North Bend with Socho Koshin Ogui
Sunday August 7 Atomic Bomb Victims’ Memorial
Service with Socho Ogui; Sarana Affirmation
Ceremony – Socho Ogui; Minister’s Assistants
Certification Ceremony August 8 – 11 BCA Ministers’
Summer Fuken at Southcenter Fri., August 12 Tea
Ceremony Demonstration with Rev. Dennis Hirota
and Mrs. Takemura Sat., August 13 Japanese
Seminar with Rev. Dennis Hirota
Sunday, August 14 SBBWA Eshinni-ko &
Kakushinni-ko Service with Rev. Dennis Hirota



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The Meaning of Obon

By Rimban Don Castro

Recently, someone questioned me about the explanation of Obon we give to the general public. The question was, “Do we really believe the story of Mogallana and his mother’s liberation from her hell existence? Are we supposed to relate this story to outsiders as historically true?” I explained that the story of Obon is a legend, as are most, if not all, of the Buddhist scriptures. A story does not have to be historically true to be spiritually true. The truth is contained in what is being conveyed not the story itself. All great novels are composed of made up events but the story can spiritually elevate us because it conveys something true about our humanity.

So, what is the Obon Sutra telling us? The monk Mogallana’s mother has created a hell for herself by ignoring the suffering world around her and exclusively promoting the welfare of her son. There is a saying, “Ignorance is bliss” but in Buddhism ignorance is hell and is considered one of the Three Poisons that comprise the hub of the Wheel of Birth and Death (the realm of samsara as contrasted to the realm of nirvana). Actually, ignorance is a very dynamic, if spiritually destructive, process; one that we habitually practice without even realizing it. There is so much need, so much misery in the world that we cannot simultaneously dwell on it and live a normal life. So we mostly ignore the sirens and homeless and sick and needy throughout the world. Only occasionally, as in the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, do we reach out in some small way to those who are crying for help. If we were

Mogallana’s mother, however, we would ignore even those cries, “I need to save that money for Mogallana’s college fund!”

Truly, a world of everyone out for themselves alone would be hell – if not outright impossible. Only through countless acts of selfless giving is the world able to exist. This is the lesson Mogallana learns and has to communicate to his mother. At Obon, we are mindful (not ignoring) of the many, many selfless acts of kindness we receive, especially by those closest to us who have passed away. Let us not make the mistake of Mogallana’s mother, however, and dwell only on our life and family. Of course, we express our gratitude to them but we should be ever mindful that all life is the Sangha that supports us and to whom we are related in pleasure and pain. There is a saying, “Charity begins at home.” But it doesn’t stop there. Sometimes, it takes a monumental disaster to elicit our response but every day there are individual situations of desperation that are too numerous for us to stop and take notice of. The universe of mutual interconnectedness-and-dependence is ultimately too profound for us to comprehend but we know that all existence is embraced in the boundless wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. Jodo Shinshu Obon is a celebration of life deeply colored by our personal humility and gratitude; humility in the awareness that I can’t make it by myself and gratitude for the power of others that enables me to live.



Have you read your BCA Debt Relief letter?

...or has it been recycled? It is imperative that we as members of the Buddhist Churches of America retire this loan owed to the California Bank and Trust (formerly known as the Tsumitomo Bank of California, I just learned this fact recently). The amount has been stated in the Wheel of Dharma for the past few issues, and will continue because it concerns the future of the Jodo Shinshu Center and our BCA programs. The \$199 per member (approximately 16,000 BCA members) will pay off this loan IF each member, not just family, commits to the amount. To those of you who have already contributed to the Debt Relief, I thank you for ensuring the future. For those of you who have not, please re-read the letter and decide to join me in removing this burden. If you require more information, please ask anyone of your Betsuin board members for aid in your decision. Gassho Paul

2008 YAC Threetreat Reunion,
January 18 – 21, 2008,
Jodo Shinshu Center,
Berkeley, California



Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma Calling all boys & girls entering kindergarten - Are you interested in joining Camp Fire? Camp Fire USA is a great program that enables children to have life-enhancing experiences, and develop assets that are essential to their future. Children and families engage in all-inclusive, co-educational programs that build service and leadership skills and strengthen communities. Please call the Betsuin office for more information.

Starlights 2nd & 3rd - Submitted by D. Shibata The girls most recent meeting was led by the Teramotos. The group had a chance to get to know each other some more through a show and tell session. They also had a bunch of fun working together through some very interesting group exercises and puzzles. As we move into the summer months, everyone is looking forward to seeing each other during Obon and at a planned picnic.

Discovery 5/6 - Submitted by Tiffany Y. On May 22 part of our Camp Fire group went to Uptown Glassworks and made blown glass bowls. It was very cool to watch the bowl being made from the super hot glass. We all want to go back again! In early June, some of our Camp Fire group met and we went for a bike ride on the Cedar River Trail. We went from the Renton Community Center to out past the golf course and back. It was a really nice day and everyone had fun! After we were done we all went and ate frozen yogurt to cool us down.

The First Saturday Study Group Rinban Castro, Ben Shimbo, Eileen and Malcolm Kanemoto, Shirley Shimada and I met on Saturday to view the video, *Footprint of the Buddha*, a documentary on Theravada Buddhism in Sri Lanka. We also attended to the business of a group "name" and topics for the remainder of the year.

First Saturday Group: We will meet between 9:30 and 11:30 for discussion then have lunch/conversation afterward.

- We're calling ourselves First Saturday Study Group. It's simple and descriptive.
- July 2: Thanks!: How the New Science of Gratitude Can Make You Happier, by Robert Emmons. Available new through Amazon for \$7.98; used from \$3.39. Not available on Kindle. Available at the Seattle Public Library.
- August 6: Everyday Suchness: Buddhist Essays on Everyday Living, by Gyomay Kubose. Some copies available at the Temple Library (contact Laverne). Available used through Amazon for 8.70; not available on Kindle. Available through the BCA Bookstore for \$12.00. Please contact Laverne NLT June 25, if you're interested in ordering through the BCA Bookstore and I'll coordinate with Rinban to submit a single order.
- September 3: The Year of My Life, by Kobayashi Issa. This book is out-of-print but available used through Amazon for \$18.50. We might also have a copy in the Temple Library -- I'll check. Available at the Seattle Public Library.
- October 1: Foreign Devils on the Silk Road, by Peter Hopkirk. We'll also watch a video. Rinban has about 4 new copies of the book for \$8.25. One copy available at the Temple Library (contact Laverne). Available new through Amazon for \$23.84.

- November 5: Pure Land Buddhism, by Reverend Kenneth Tanaka. Available new through the BCA Bookstore for \$15.00. Please contact Laverne if you're interested in ordering through the BCA Bookstore.) Also available through the Temple Library (contact Laverne).
- December 3: Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness, by Jeff Wilson. Available new through Amazon for \$12.59; used from \$5.98; Kindle version for \$9.99.

Thank you to Rinban, Ben, Eileen, Malcolm and Shirley for your input. 合掌 Gassho Laverne

ABA NEWS ABA members participated in the Orion House dinner for teens program and the ACRS Walk for Rice event. Special thanks to Dennis Shibata for his very generous donation towards the Chinese dinner, which was very well received. Also thanks to Michi Vaart who stepped in at the last minute to help; to Machiko Wada and Kinue Kuwahara for their generous donations. **Coming up:** mahjong lessons/playing time. Please sign up at the ABA bulletin board across from the temple office. We will determine dates and times once we have people who want to learn or play.

Troop 252 The troop 252 has had a busy spring so far. The troop held its Eagle Scout Court of Honor on April 17 for four new Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to: Russell K., Dan S., Harrison C. and Taylan Y.

On the weekend of May 15 the troop went to the annual Seward Park Camporee. The older Venture Crew held a fundraiser at the Judo Budokan Tournament for Nembutsu Camporee. Troop 252 assisted the Nisei Veterans in placing flags in the ground in Washelii Cemetery on Saturday, May 28. Troop members who assisted are Carter S., Lukas A., Mikio H., and Brandon H. On April 29, the troop went on a trip to the Nisei Veterans Hall to watch a presentation by Mr. Ichikawa. On May 30, Memorial Day, the troop presented the colors at the Lake View Cemetery. The color guard consisted of Mikio H., Trevor Y., Matthew L., Matthew K., Nathan S., Drake I., Kenji L and Chase C. Noted speakers were Senator Maria Cantwell and Sam Mitsui, Nisei Veteran. Trevor Y. is the new senior patrol leader. The troop is continuing working on advancements for all scouts.

Submitted by Mikio

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata The members of the April, May and June Toban groups worked together to make the kitchen "spick and span". Thank you to the following hard and efficient workers: Norio and Miyoko Yamazaki, Frances Tamekuni, Yoko Hamanaka, Sonoe Taketa, Terrie Tanino, Judy Nakamura, Darlene Shimizu, Peggy Hanada, Kiyo Takashima, Joan Nakano and Shizue Yahata.

Obon is only three weeks away, and we need to have as many members as possible to come out and help us prepare, package and sell the yakisoba and barazushi. Come and join the fun at the 2011 Obon.

Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Suzanne Yoshitome - In Memory of Setsuno Noshō
Kinue Kuwahara - In Appreciation
Takako Uchida - General

SBBWA Calendar

Friday, July 15	8:00 am	
		Yakisoba/Barazushi Prep for Bon Odori
Saturday, July 16	9:00 am	Barazushi
		Production for Bon Odori
Sunday, July 17	9:00 am	Barazushi
		Production for Bon Odori
Sunday, July 24	11:45 am	SBBWA
		Cabinet Meeting

Submitted by Joan Nakano

OPEN INVITATION – SARANA AFFIRMATION SERVICE (KIE SHIKI)

You are invited to join an affirmation service, which will be conducted at the Betsuin on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon. The affirmation will be officiated by Socho Koshin Ogui, the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.

What is the purpose of kie shiki? The special service is an opportunity for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists who aspire to lead the Buddhist way of life to affirm their entry onto the Path of Nembutsu. By appearing

before the shrine of Amida Buddha and taking refuge in the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha), we pledge to live the Buddhist way of life.

What is the kie shiki ceremony? The affirmation ceremony is performed for laypersons who have indicated the desire to participate in the ceremony. Its basic ritual is recalling the act of Siddhartha when he resolved to enter the spiritual path of life.

A Buddhist name is given to each participant as an indication that the person aspires for the Truth and is now counted among the disciples of Sakyamuni Buddha. It is through the teaching of Sakyamuni Buddha that we have been able to hear the Dharma of Amida Buddha's primal vow.

What is the buddhist name or dharma name? A BUDDHIST NAME (Homyo) is bestowed upon a person when participating in the affirmation ceremony during his or her life or

posthumously at the funeral service. It is by far preferable for us to receive the Dharma name while we are still well and active. "THOSE WHO HAVE A HOMOYO MAY RE-APPLY FOR A NEW ONE IF YOU SO DESIRE. Your Buddhist name should be selected in consultation with Rinban Castro. (See application.)

Applications: Those wishing to participate in the ceremony are requested to complete and submit their application to Seattle Betsuin by **Sunday, July 17, 2011**, (whether new or for re-application), accompanied by a fee of \$25, (for all ages), payable to the Seattle Betsuin. *An application form is found on [page 11](#) of this newsletter.*

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – May - June 2011

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Given by:

Teruo Ted Yorita – Funeral Service	\$ 2,000	Takako Yorita
Linda Okuma – Funeral Service	\$ 1,500	Tony Okuma
Frank Yoshimi – Funeral Service	\$ 1,200	Crystal Honmyo Yoshimi
Harold Toshiro Hayashi – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Sally Hayashi
Mack Harada – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Setsuko Harada
Setsuno Noshō - Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Terry & Geraldine Noshō
Harry Yoshiaki Akizuki – Funeral Service	\$ 800	Glenn Akizuki
Nobuo & Miki Isomura – Inurnment & 3 rd Memorial Services	\$ 500	Nancy Tanaka
Mack Harada – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Setsuko Harada
Miyoko Koyama – 3 rd Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Tina Koyama
Linda Okuma – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Tony Okuma
Rocky Sumida – 13 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Florence Sumida
Nokotsudo	\$ 300	Janet Kosai
Yoshito Fujii – 17 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 250	George & Irene Mano
Yukiko Fujii – 13 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 250	George & Irene Mano
Setsuno Noshō – Interment Service	\$ 200	Terry & Geraldine Noshō
Nokotsudo	\$ 200	Takashi Oba
Elaine Nishizaki – 33 rd Year Memorial Service	\$ 600	Akio & Mabel Nishizaki;
Minoru Terada – 33 rd Year Memorial Service		Allan & Kayako Terada;
Yaeko Terada – 23 rd Year Memorial Service		Alvin & Mitsuko Terada;
		Ronald & Suzuko Terada;
Hatsuji Hanada In Memory of	\$ 200	Peggy Hanada & Family
Grace MacLeod – In Memory of	\$ 100	Rosalie Jacobsen
Takumi Mikami – 2 nd Year Memorial	\$ 100	Yoshie Mikami
Mr. & Mrs. Kojiro Taki – In Memory of	\$ 100	Taki Properties, Ltd
Frank Tsui – In Memory of	\$ 100	Ryoko Tsui
Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Kinue Kuwahara

Toshio Uyeji – In Memory of	\$ 100	Kam Uyeji
Clifford Barda/Diannia – 7 th Year Memorial	\$ 50	Susan Tomita

Remembrances for:

Given by:

Harry Akizuki	Yoshie Mikami; Harry & Terrie Shigaya
Yoshito Fujii	Joe & Miyo Ike; Takiko Miyauchi; Yoshiko Miyauchi
Yukiko Fujii	Joe & Miyo Ike; Takiko Miyauchi; Yoshiko Miyauchi
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Harry Terada	Daisy Kuramoto
Minoru Terada	Iwako Iseri; Daisy Kuramoto; Takamitsu Miyabe; Ben & Yoshio Yamada
Yaeko Terada	Iwako Iseri; Takamitsu Miyabe; Ben & Yoshio Yamada
Tsukiyo Takano	Suma Yagi
Kiyoko Yamada	J.S. Anthony

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Yakima Buddhist Church \$ 200
Spokane Buddhist Church \$ 200

Special Celebrations in honor of:

Tak Katayama's 90th Birthday
Jack Matsui's 88th Birthday

Donor:

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Onenju Are Available For Purchase for children, women, and men 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

Onenju Sales:

\$ 170

AV Volunteers Wanted The temple plans to add video capabilities to the Hondo and update the Hondo's PA system. If you or some-one you know is in the AV business and are interested in bidding on this project please notify the temple by e-mail at religiousdepartment@seattlebetsuin.com. The temple is also seeking volunteers to form a group of trained AV operators who are willing rotate supporting Sunday services, weddings, funerals, memorial services and other events requiring AV in either the Hondo or the auditorium. Please send an e-mail to the religious department to get on the list. – Alan Hoshino

SAVE THESE DATES! Saturday August 13, 2011 10AM – 4PM for a seminar in Japanese with Rev. Dennis Hirota of the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto Japan.

Sunday, September 4, 2011 Church Picnic: This year's church picnic, hosted by Dharma School, will take place later this summer, **Sunday, September 4**, in the church gymnasium, immediately following Sunday service. A fun afternoon is being planned so mark this on your calendar and we look forward to seeing all of you. More information to follow.

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

All Sangha Memorial: Akira, Karen; Arinobu, Gene & Yuki; Asaba, Marian; Deguchi, Jene; Deguchi, Mae; Dodobara, Douglas & Keiko; Dodobara, James; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Edamura, Yvonne; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Lutes; Furuta, Mary Y.; Goshu, Kazumi (Janice); Grant, Arlene; Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Fumiyo; Hanada, Miyuki; Hara, Reiko; Higa, Hatsumi; Hirasawa, Amy; Ise, Hal; Iseri, Iwako; Ishii, William & Jean; Isomura, Toshiko; Kaneta, Miyoko; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecelia Kanako; Kato, Alan; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kato, Karen; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kobuki, Haruko; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Maruko, Teruo; Mayeda, Julie; Nakayama, Curtis & Charlene; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Sakaguchi, Sono; Sakuma, Pauline; Shahbaghlian, Steve & Patricia Oye -; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shimizu, Haruko; Shinoda, Franklin; Sumida, Florence; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Tanaka, Rikuko; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Joe & Hideko; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Uyeda, Todd; Yamada, Jane; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yamamoto, Lillian; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yokoyama, Fusae; Yoshida, Mary; Zumoto, James & Tomiko

Gotan-E: Aoki, Ruth; Beard, Clara; Brundige, Grace Tazuma -; Chinn, Connie Ozeki -; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Hara, Reiko; Hasegawa, James & Hiroko; Iwamura, Yoshiye; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -; Kuwahara, Kinue; Maruko, Teruo; Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa -; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Osako, Yasumi; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tazuma, Miyoko; Teramoto, Margaret; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Yamashita, Dennis

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Presents
IF LIFE IS A NIGHTMARE – WAKE UP TO A DREAM

Resolving Life Issues Utilizing Buddhist Principles

by Rev. Kenji Akahoshi of San Jose

Workshop – July 30, 2011 - Saturday

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM



By applying Buddhist Principles to a personal issue, we can learn the causes and conditions of our misery or happiness. In a supportive, light-hearted environment, we utilize introspection, dialogue, and

insightful activities to move from a conceptual philosophy of Buddhism, to a personal experience. By applying some simple daily habits, we can illuminate our own path to a fulfilling life practice.

We hope to conduct this workshop indoors and outdoors (weather permitting) in a variety of activities.

Dr. Akahoshi is a recent graduate of IBS and has just received his Tokudo ordination. He has been conducting annual retreats and workshops for over a dozen years, including some in Seattle. His masters degree in transpersonal (spiritual) psychology prepared him to emphasize and include the experiences of the participants to assure the relevancy of the workshops. His past activities at the San Jose Betsuin include being Board President, Dharma School teacher, and Education Chairman.

- Lunch & Dinner provided for \$15. The length of the workshop allows us time together as a Sangha.
- Donations for this workshop are gratefully accepted by cash or check (Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept.)
- Registration is required so that we can provide meals for participants. **Deadline: July 25, 2011**
- Questions? Contact Gkaminishi@hotmail.com or the temple office at 206.329-0800.

July 30, 2011 Workshop with Akahoshi Sensei Registration Form - Please print

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Dietary restrictions: _____

Amount Enclosed: Lunch & Dinner: \$15.00 + Donation: _____ Total = _____

Send form & check payable to Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept to:

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 attention: Gail K

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 2011 since the last newsletter posting:

Karen Akira, Ruth Aoki, Hanako Aramaki, Gene & Yuki Arinobu, Marian Asaba, Clara Beard, Grace Tazuma Brundige, Lani Carpenter, Tsuyako Chadwick, Edwin & Jenni Chin, Connie Ozeki Chinn, Sandra Cross, Renaldo Dalmadge, Jene Deguchi, Mae Deguchi, Yasuko Desaki, Kenny & Yoshie Dodobara, James Doi, Toshiko Enomoto, Minoru & Aiko Fujii, Sue Fujino, Harumi Fujioka, Lutes Fujita, Mary Furuta, Helen Gota, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, Ellen Hale, Yoko Hamanaka, Fumiyo Hanada, Miyuki Hanada, Peggy Hanada, Kathleen Harada, James & Hiroko Hasegawa, Susan Hatai, Sachiko Hayami, Linda Higa, Amy Hirasawa, Hajime & Michiko Hirata, Mas Honmyo, Satoru & Grace Ichikawa, Mae Ikawa, Bok Soon Ikeda, Roy & Deanna Ikegami, James Inano, Iwako Iseri, Toshiko Isomura, Yoko Isomura, Larry & June Iwafuchi, Yoshiye Iwamura, Scott Jofuku, George & Kayoko Kakiuchi, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima, Kazue (Katie) Kato, Mitsu (Florence) Kato, Miyoko Kawaguchi, Robert & Dawn Keeley, Momoko Kido, Shizue Kikuchi, Haruko Kobuki, Jane Kosai, Art & Lori Kozai, Yoshiko Kozai, Masayoshi & Masako Kubo, Ken Kubota, Daisy Kuramoto, Peter Kusakabe, Kelly Kuwahara, Kinue Kuwahara, Randy & Susan Lavigne, Fumiko Maeshiro, Rick Mamiya, George & Irene Mano, Mariko Mano, Hugh & Ivy Chen Matsubayashi, Shizu Matsuoka, Julie Mayeda, Tetsuo & Linda Miyata, Takiko Miyauchi, Yoshiko Miyauchi, Helen Mizuki, Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham, Yukio & Karen Morikubo, Kemi Nakabayashi, Yosh & Judith Nakamura, Ted Nakamura, Craig & Joan Nakano, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Tomi Nakashima, Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura, Akio & Mabel Nishizaki, Shinako Noritake, Mari Ohara, Michiye Ohtani, Barry & Marlene Okada, Emiko Okada, Tomiko Okano, Asako Okubo, Mary Osaki, Sunie Oye, Tish Oye, Ann Oxrieder, Emory Pearson, Ann Kawasaki Romero, Sono Sakaguchi, Karry Sakamoto, Sengo Sakamoto, John & Reiko Sato, Dave & Joyce Tsuji Scattergood, Joe & Carolyn Schwab, Robert & Amy Seko, Dennis Shibata, Harry & Teruko Shigaya, George Shimizu, Haruko Shimizu, Motoko Shimizu, Susan Shinoda, Albert & Francis Shintaku, George Suetsugu Jr., Florence Sumida, Mas & Anna Tahara, Kiyoko Takashima, Noburo & Takako Taki, Lori Tanaka, Rikuko Tanaka, Tom Tanaka, Peggy Tanemura, Fumiye Taniguchi, Martha Taniguchi, Katsumi & Terrie Tanino, Ryomi Tanino, Miyoko Tazuma, Joe & Hideko Terada, Ronald & Suzuko Terada, Stuart Teramoto, Asako Teranishi, Victoria Terao, Dolly Tokunaga, Tak & Florence Tsuchida, Patricia Tsurukawa, Sam & Masako Uchida, Eric Uyeji, Tazuko Uyenishi, Michiko Vaart, Machiko Wada, Shizue Yahata, John & Arlene Yamada, Tatsuya Yamamoto, Fujie Yamasaki, Steve & Valerie Yamasaki, Dennis Yamashita, Norio & Miyoko Yamazaki, Michiko Yanagimoto, Dennis & Lynne Yasukochi, Fukuyo Yee, Sumie Yokota, Fusae Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama, Charlene Yoritsune, Mary Yoshida, Isoko Yoshihara, Crystal Yoshimi, Dick & Misao Yoshimura, Nobuo Yutani, Elliott Zimmerman, James & Tomiko Zumoto

We'd like to 'welcome' Linda Higa, James Inano, Emory Pearson, & Crystal Yoshimi as new members to our Sangha.

***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. There are three (3) more months left to pay s) your 2011 dues (complete installment payments). Payments are due by September 30, 2011. 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

Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course - 2011 Fall Enrollment - Now Open

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is now accepting applications for their fall 2011 enrollment. The popular 2-year, computer-based program continues to offer online instruction in the origins and development of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin's life and teaching, sutras & masters of the Pure Land tradition and history of Jodo Shinshu.

An excellent opportunity for beginners or for those who have already studied Jodo Shinshu, the program reaches out to people all over the world. Students come from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Belgium, Poland, Japan, as well as, Hawaii and the BCA. With over 80 students enrolled, the course has much to offer those interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. The course instructors consist of 14 ministers and professors who specialize in the subjects taught. An optional August Workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center is held every year.

For more information, please visit the course website at: www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org
Applications may be submitted online at course website. **Deadline: August 15.** Course starts September 1.

Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA Tel: 510-809-1441, email: jssc@cbe-bca.org



Dharma School, SBBWA, Camp Fire Walked (in the rain) for Walk for Rice •

Over 30 turned out at the Walk for Rice on June 18 from the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association, Camp Fire, Dharma school and general temple membership. It was wet, but we all wore smiles along with our raincoats walking the 2.5-mile loop

around Seward Park. We walked behind a colorful church banner painted by Susie T and adorned with a rice bag and tactile representation of a rice bowl. Church teams raised nearly \$2100 for the ACRS food bank! • We celebrated the last day of Dharma school with a special service recognizing graduating seniors and students who had attended at least 80% of classes this year. DS teachers also participated in the service by chairing and taking on various roles in the Onajin. It was a nice way to end off our school year. We hope to see everyone at Obon! - submitted by Dave Atcheson , Joyce Tsuji, Lori Chisholm.

APPLICATION FOR SARANA AFFIRMATION CEREMONY

Please print

Temple affiliation: _____

Name _____
 Last Name First Name Middle Name
 Address _____
 Street City State
 Age: _____ Date of Birth _____ Male / Female Telephone: _____
 (circle)
 Name of parent or guardian _____ (if under 12)

Favorite word/kanji (or phrase) chosen by member for Homyo: _____
(Resident Minister: please be sure to fill-in the favorite word/kanji character)

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Homyo Selection: To be completed/selected by minister following discussions with applicant.

Homyo (Kanji): _____ Reading: _____ Meaning: _____

 Signature of applicant

Please complete and send to: Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main St., Seattle, WA 98144 by Sunday, July 17, 2011 with \$25 payable to Seattle Betsuin. See page 5 of this publication for further explanation of Kieshiki.

REUSABLE BAGS

The Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire and YBA organizations are selling reusable tote bags as a fundraiser and to help keep the environment green. As the plastic grocery bags become more unpopular, reusable bags are an alternative.

These reusable tote bags are 14" X 17" and come with a plastic bottom insert. They are black with the sakufuji design in gold and sell as 1 bag for \$3.00 or 2 bags for \$5.00. Bags can be purchased in the foyer on Sundays or at the Temple office during regular office hours.



BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents 5th Annual Baby Boomers' Seminar

B.Y.O.B.- Bring Your Own Buddhism - Sharing Our Pathways

September 24, 2011 8:30 am - 8 pm

Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

Registration Fee: \$75

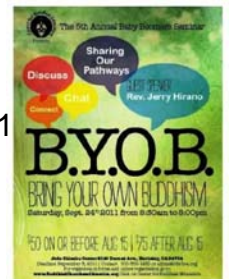
Early discount: \$50 if registration and payment received by August 15, 2011

Deadline: September 3, 2011

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From 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.*

May 15, 2011 - Joe Schwab, M.A. led the Dharma Exchange and commented that today's Dharma talk made him think about how much pressure is placed on immigrants to conform. . . He raised the question, why is the temple important to me? Participants offered their views -- to feel at home in this temple and in other cities; the temple is an anchor; it helps with following the path; the teachings come back after being away for 33 years; it sets one up for the following week; to pick up ideas to use in coming weeks, and the late Jim Akutsu said, "It's a shot in the arm for the next week." Rev. John Iwohara noted in his write-up that "it gives me a place to go and a place to be." Having a place to practice the Dharma is important to him.

June 5 - Joe Schwab, M.A. introduced guest speaker Travis Suzaka who recently returned from Japan after serving as assistant language teacher in a grade school. School ended on March 11, the day of the huge earthquake. After about 10 minutes of shaking the quake struck, and there were many aftershocks. Fortunately, his school, located in Yaita, Tochi prefecture between Tokyo and Sendai, is a newer school and withstood the quake. Travis gathered up his kids and took them outside, and parents came to pick them up. When he returned to his apartment there was no water, gas, or electricity, and he spent hours cleaning. He was amazed at how well the Japanese handled a disaster of this magnitude. Water was made available to the public at his school, and the public baths were open and free to the public. He reported dried and canned food was available, but not fresh items. People returned quickly to their customary routines and jobs even without electricity. Travis concluded in such a disaster one should have at least three things: candles, a portable stove and gas in the car (which he did). He will never forget this day.

June 12 - Rev. Jim Warrick discussed the magazine *Tricycle* and in particular the article on ancient sutras found in Ghandaran caves (eastern Afghanistan, or NW Pakistan). Latest findings reveal them to be the oldest ever discovered. They are being translated at the UW by Dr. Solomon, one of few translators of Ghandari in the world. Sensei said around 100 BCE, well after the Buddha died, the sutras were written. Until then they were an oral tradition. The magazine cover of *Tricycle* (summer issue) shows a photo of a statue of Shinran Shonin that survived the bombing of Hiroshima. It was moved in 1955 to the New York Buddhist Church on Riverside Drive where it is now. . . In the same issue a Jodo Shinshu priest, Rev. Patricia Kanaya Usuki, head minister of the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple was featured. She explained how the Primal Vow, the 18th, is the most important. She also dispelled some common notions about Shin Buddhism. . . A discussion ensued on the use of roses in the temple. It seems the thorns should be removed for temple use.

June 19 - Sat Ichikawa designed a special presentation of scrolls and photos from his father, the first rinban of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple and a 19th generation Jodo Shinshu minister. Sat is one of seven children in the family. . . *Exhibit No. 1* is a rubbing from a monument to Kobayashi Issa, a monk/haiku poet (1763-1827). Included was a photo of the Myosen-ji Temple, home of Issa. *Exhibit No. 2* has a Chinese sutra at the top, and Sat displayed a photo of his father's home temple, also known as Myosen-ji. *Exhibit No. 3* was painted by Nakamura Isaka using her mouth as she lost her arms and legs. At the top are the words, "Only Nembutsu." *Exhibit No. 4* was a painting by Takeko Kujo (1887-1928) daughter of Abbot Myonyo, head of the Hongwan-ji, and noted for her social work throughout Japan. She composed the gatha, "Seiya." Included were three photos. In addition, there were three scrolls written by Renyo Shonin (1415-1499) a religious leader



who spread Jodo Shinshu when it was at its lowest ebb in Japan. . . Sat was ably assisted by his wife, Grace, and we thank them both for their care in this edifying presentation.

During World War II Sat was sent to Minidoka and his father was separated from the family for two years. Because of cramped quarters, Ruth Aoki's father, Mr. Suzuki, built bunk beds for the seven children.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

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Shinran Shonin (1173 - 1263)
Founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

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