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

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 12Noon – Socho Ogui followed by

- Minister's Assistants Certification Ceremony – Socho Ogui

August 8 – 11 BCA Ministers' Summer Fugen at Southcenter

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Betsuin Events for August 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

SUNDAYS *8:45 am Meditation Service

August 7

10:00 am **ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL**

SERVICE with Socho Koshin Ogui

English: Socho Ogui

Japanese: Socho Ogui

- 12:00 pm Sarana Affirmation Ceremony with Socho Ogui followed by Minister's Assistants Certification Ceremony

August 14

10:00 am **SBBWA ESHINNI-KO & KAKUSHINNI-KO SERVICE** with Rev. Dennis Hirota

English: Rev. Hirota

Japanese: Rev. Hirota

DX: Rev. Castro

- 11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

August 21 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

English: Rev. Warrick

Japanese: Program

DX: Rev. Warrick



August 28 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

English: Rev. Warrick

Japanese: Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

- 11:45am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting



MONDAYS

August 22, 29 Rinban Castro Off (Study + Vacation)

TUESDAYS

August 16

- 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

August 23 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

- 10:30 am Keiro Service

August 30 Rinban Castro (Vacation)



Newsletter Deadline

Monday, **August 15, 2011** 8:00 pm

Printing on August 19, 2011



WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support

August 17 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting (Rinban Castro)

August 24, 24 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

THURSDAYS

August 4 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

- 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

August 8 – 11 BCA Ministers' Summer **Fuken**/Southcenter

August 18

- 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

- 7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (Rinban Castro)

August 25 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

- 7:30 pm Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAYS

August 5 -7 (Fri - Sun) BCA NEMBUTSU CAMPOREE at Camp Waskowitz (North Bend) with Socho Koshin Ogui

August 12 7:00 – 9:00 pm Tea Ceremony

Demonstration (English) and lecture "The Way of Tea as a Buddhist Path" with Rev. Dennis Hirota

from Nishi Hongwanji and Mrs. Naomi Takemura

August 19, 26 Rinban Castro Days Off (Study + Vacation)

SATURDAYS

August 6 9:30-11:30 am First Saturday Study Group

– *Everyday Suchness: Buddhist Essays on*

Everyday Living, by Gyomay Kubose

August 13 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Japanese Seminar

"Reading Shinran" with Rev. Dennis Hirota

August 20, 27 Rinban Castro Off (Day off + Vacation)

August 2011: Major Events of Interest

Sunday, September 4

Dharma School Kick-off and Betsuin Picnic at the Temple

Saturday, September 10

NW Dharma School Teachers' Fall Workshop in Spokane

Sunday, September 11

First Day of Dharma School

Saturday, September 17

Japanese Seminar with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

Sunday, September 18

Fall Ohigan Service with Rev. Kuwahara

September 23 – 25 (Fri – Sun)

Retreat "Practicing No Practice" with Rev. Kenji Akahoshi at Bastyr University see p. 10



Gassho to Both Sides

By Rev. Don Castro (former referee)

A few years ago, there was an article in the news about Korean Buddhist monks' excitement over a soccer game. Their abbot let them watch the game on TV but they were forbidden to root for either side. Maybe the abbot was giving the monks a spiritual test: all beings are equal in the Dharma. In the Dharma, there are no winners and losers. Of course, in the relative world, who won the women's world soccer championship, Japan or the USA? Did you watch it without taking sides? Or, were you like the sweet, elderly woman who was asked who she voted for in the last election? She replied, "The candidates were such fine, dedicated people I couldn't make up my mind so I just wrote on the top of the ballot, 'God bless you all.'"

Traditionally, monks and nuns in Buddhism never take sides; which means they are not politically active. They represent the world of enlightenment, the world of non-duality. For this reason, I believe there has been less persecution of Buddhism than

other religions. In modern times, we see many politically active monks and nuns who promote non-violent resistance as the way of the Dharma. They do not take sides but peacefully demonstrate as a way to draw attention to a particular cause of suffering. In this way, no one is seen as an enemy. All are Dharma friends.

I certainly would not categorize myself as absolutely non-violent. However, just because we may have to engage in violent actions, it doesn't mean that our heart has to be filled with hatred or that we have to demonize the other. Living in this relative world, we are forced to make many difficult choices and Buddhism teaches personal responsibility for our actions. Even as we choose one side over the other, however, let us mentally put our hands together in gassho to acknowledge the Buddha nature of both sides – and no cheering when your side wins. That is good sportsmanship.

2011 a Bon Odori to Remember... It has been less than 24 hours since we closed out our 79th Bon Odori and I can still feel the precipitation which caused the organizers to huddle at each pending drop! But together, we made it through one memorable event.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, accolades to our general chair of the Bon committee, Ron Hamakawa. Under his leadership he has seen us through another successful Bon Odori season. It is through his dedication and a loyal committee that we have come to enjoy this annual event, even in inclement weather.

Gwen Florence and her Odori staff are to be commended for preparing the dance participants for the favorites (ala Tanko Bushi, Soran Bushi and Goshuondo) and entertaining us with the new Hanabi ondo (fireworks dance). Wasn't it nice to watch when it was dark?

Our temple members came out again this year to support our main fundraising event and we even had many friends donate their time to our Bon Odori.

Please accept my warmest appreciation to all who gave up time to our 2011 Bon Odori. gassho paul

Troop 252 The troop went to Camp Parsons on the Hood Canal the first week of July. We had 21 scouts attending this year and everyone had lots of fun. The troop earned many merit badges and advancement requirements. There were many troops from far places like Arizona, California, Victoria, Canada and Montana. Other camp activities were rifle shooting, canoeing, archery, canoe swamping, camp competition. It was good to have the older scouts helping all the younger scouts and thanks to all the parents who were able to make out to camp. Looking forward to our next troop activity.

We will be running the Chicken Teriyaki booth at Obon Odori on July 16 and 17 with the help of many parents and friends. Submitted by Mikio



Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma



The last couple of months have been busy for the Horizon Group. One activity was volunteering at the Orion Center, which was organized by Mie. At the Orion Center, we served homeless teens dinner, which consisted of beef and chicken tacos. They were very grateful and showed their appreciation by thanking us as we were leaving. The Horizon group would like to thank Kiyo Takashima for doing a wonderful demonstration of her delicious chiffon cakes! This activity was organized by Kristal. Lindsey organized a Ronald McDonald House movie night. The girls who participated are pictured with Ronald in the mailed copy of this newsletter.

One final activity was designing and making a banner for the Nembutsu Camporee this year on August 5-7, hosted by our temple. Designing and making the banner was organized by Erica. All in all, the Horizon group has been pretty busy! We'll see what other fun activities will be organized next year! Submitted by Alissa K.

Dharma School submitted by Grace Tazuma

This year's church picnic, hosted by Dharma School, will be taking place later this summer.

SAVE THE DATE,
Sunday, September 4, 2011
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.



2011 CHIBICHAN BASKETBALL

Join us for the 18th season of our basketball clinic- Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 in the Seattle Buddhist Church Gym, 1427 S. Main St., Seattle, 98144 This clinic is sponsored by the Seattle Betsuin Dharma School and is open to all girls & boys ages 4 –10 years old. Participate in a non-competitive setting where the emphasis is on skill development, sportsmanship, participation and having fun! Team photo and coach's gift are included with registration. We need parental help with snacks and clean-up. Registration: Fee \$15 - Church Members (Member dues current) / \$20 - Non-Church Members. **Registration will begin on August 22, 2011 for Church Members & August 29, 2011 for Non-Church Members.**

To provide a safe and fun environment, we will be limiting the number of participants this year. Make sure to register early! **Deadline to register is September 16, 2011.** Please make checks payable to "Seattle Betsuin Dharma School". All proceeds will go to the Dharma School fund.

Please turn in completed registration and check to: Grace Tazuma, 7416 – 137th PL SE, Newcastle, WA 98059

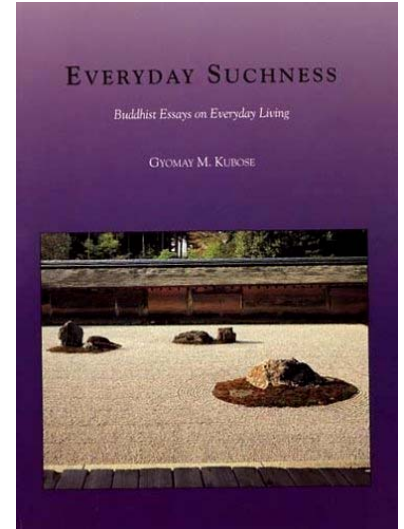
The Clinic Registration Form will be available on line at www.SeattleBetsuin.com

Orion Center Dinner of shrimp egg foo-yung and rice, peanut butter sandwiches and juice was served to some 40 youth by Michi Vaart, Shirley Shimada, Karry Sakamoto and Irene Goto on Friday, July 15, 2011. Thank you to them for their multiple contributions and also to Aiko Fujii, Nina Tomita-Kato and Laverne Imori for their additional donations.

- submitted by Irene Goto

The First Saturday Study Group We will meet between 9:30 and 11:30 for discussion then have lunch/conversation afterward. Bring your own lunch, please.

- August 6: Everyday Suchness: Buddhist Essays on Everyday Living, by Gyomay Kubose. Copies are available in the temple's dining room bookstore.
- September 3: The Year of My Life, by Kobayashi Issa. This book is out-of-print but available used online 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 online 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 online for \$12.59; used from \$5.98; electronic version for \$9.99.



合掌 Gassho Laverne

Check-out the New Look on Our Website!
[Hwww.SeattleBetsuin.com](http://www.SeattleBetsuin.com)
Extensive Calendar of Events & New Graphics

Kids Summer Program - KSP "Matsuri Celebrations": We had 110 students, 12 teachers, 12 coordinators and many energetic volunteers in all sizes and ages from our high school sempai and parents and grandparent to help make a very interesting and fun week. Tanabata, the star celebration, started as a class idea that blossomed into a heartfelt remembrance and donation to the children and people of Sendai Japan by our KSP students, volunteers and families. Each student wrote a hopeful wish to a child in Sendai and hung it on the bamboo tree along with origami tsuru and stars. We will send one branch along with the wishes to Sendai Betsuin who have helped with the continuing local relief efforts, along with the \$544.43 collected in just 2 days.

Rinban Castro started each morning with enjoyable messages after chanting of the Juseigei. Many SBBWA members came during the week and shared their skills in Ikebana, calligraphy, manju making, odori, girls day dolls, and the favorite of all the students - cooking! A big thank you to: Aiko Fujii, Kinue Kuwahara, Ritsuko Kawahara, Sonoe Taketa, Florence Sumida, Tomi Zumoto, Michi Vaart, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Miyoko Yamazaki, Masako Kawamoto, Joyce Kato and Charlene Nakayama. Greg Kono came to teach Japanese kite-making, Eric Tomita/Seattle Budokan instructed over 100 students and sempai on judo at dojo.



Michiru Suzuki continues to amaze on her skills at teaching all 110 students Japanese songs that they performed at Keiro and for families in 4 days, as well as Donna Zumoto's taiko instructing for 7 classes.

Each year we are in awe at the dedication and talent that comes together for our week as we continue with our mission: to help children develop an appreciation of Japanese American culture, Buddhist concepts and Japanese culture in an environment that promotes fun and friendship.

- June Iwafuchi, Tina Ko, Leanne Nishi Wong KSP co-chairs

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

Yahata SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata It was a rainy day, but ten SBBWA members, some of their spouses, friends and other Betsuin members braved the weather and walked the 2.5 miles around Seward Park for the annual Walk for Rice supporting the ACRS food bank. The day was wet and dreary, but the spirit of the walkers was bright and sunny. Thank you to all who supported the cause and donated to this event.

A big thank you to the many SBBWA members who helped make KSP memorable for the children who attended the annual week-long camp. The members assisted with cooking, (Ritsuko Kawahara and her

helpers), calligraphy, (Aiko Fujii and Kinue Kuwahara), and flower arranging.

Thank you to Marlene Okada and Peggy Hanada for organizing the SBBWA outing to Deception Pass and LaConner.

SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, August 14 10:00 am
SBBWA Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Service
Sunday, August 28 11:45 am
SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Japanese Service Guest Speaker:

Rev. Sachie Saigusa, pictured second from right



SARANA AFFIRMATION SERVICE

An affirmation service, (kieshiki), will be conducted at the Betsuin on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon. It will be officiated by Socho Koshin Ogui, the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.

The application deadline to receive a Buddhist name at Seattle Betsuin on this occasion has passed. Opportunities will be available in the future.

Minister's Assistant Certification

Ceremony will take place on Sunday, August 7 following the sarana affirmation service. Socho Koshin Ogui will conduct the ceremony.

Upcoming Programs at Jodo Shinshu Center - Exploring Jodo Shinshu - Summer is a good time to visit the Bay Area and check out free lectures, the BCA Bookstore and early morning dharma gatherings at the Jodo Shinshu Center. We hope that you can join us for one or more of these opportunities to enjoy this beautiful facility which is celebrating its 5th anniversary this year!

Public Lectures:

- **Dr. George Tanabe on August 13, 1 - 3:30 pm** 
- **Dr. Kenji Akahoshi on August 19 7:30 - 9:00 pm**
- **Rev. Wayne Yokoyama on September 14, 1 - 3:30 pm**
- **Waking Up to the Dharma ! August 1-4 (Mon. - Fri.)**

Daily, 7 - 8:30 am, at the Jodo Shinshu Center. Join us for early morning chanting, guest dharma talks, tai chi and light breakfast. Guest speakers are: **Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Rev. Zuikei Taniguchi and Rev. Kodo Umezu.**



"Japanese Buddhism in Hawaii is dying from its attachment to tradition. It is in need of leaders like Shinran and Honen, heretics who created new orthodoxies."
- www.Patheos.com

**Reverend Dennis Hirota of Nishi Hongwanji, Kyoto Japan
will be guest speaker at Seattle Betsuin August 12 – 14, 2011**



Dennis Hirota ... chief translator for the "Collected Works of Shinran," which has made Shinran's writings accessible to the Western public. He has translated the sayings of Ippen and written on the tea ceremony -- "Toward a Contemporary Understanding of Pure Land Buddhism: Creating a Shin Buddhist Theology in a Religiously Plural World" (Suny Series in Buddhist Studies); "No Abode: The Record of Ippen" (Ryukoku-IBS Studies in Buddhist Thought and Tradition); and "Wind in the Pines: Classic Writings of the Way of Tea as a Buddhist Path." - <http://www.shindharmanet.com/writings/writings.htm>, as well as Shinran - shūkyō gengo no kakumeisha 880-02 Shohan and Asura's Harp - engagement with language as Buddhist path.

All are welcome to hear the dharma from Reverend Hirota at these Betsuin events:

Friday, August 12 7:00 – 9:00 pm Tea Ceremony Demonstration (English) and lecture "The Way of Tea as a Buddhist Path" with Mrs. Naomi Takemura

Saturday, August 13, 10AM – 4PM Seminar in Japanese; registration form is on page 4 of the Japanese section of this newsletter.

Sunday, August 14 Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Memorial service (10AM) with guest speaker Rev. Dennis Hirota of the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto Japan. Rev Hirota will speak in Japanese following the English service.



(Photo and "Tea Ceremony" Text below: Chado Urasenke Tankokai Seattle Kyokai)
<http://enma.org/2011/pa/urasenketankokai.htm>

TEA CEREMONY (The Way of Tea) *Tea ceremony in Japan is called Chanoyu, literally "hot water for tea". Sen Rikyu, who established the foundations of Chado, lived in the 16th century teaching wabi-cha, or tea of quiet taste. In Chado (the way of tea) the spiritual aspect is most important. We learn the heart of Chado through the ceremony of drinking tea. The basic principles are expressed in the words harmony, respect, purity and tranquility. Harmony can be created between persons, between objects, between a person and an object - among all matters of the world. This is illustrated in the interactions between a host and a guest and the tea utensils handled. In Chado, we should respect every one and everything without distinction of status or rank. Spiritual purity is essential. We can embody tranquility only when we make harmony, respect, and purity our own. By learning Chado, we seek to obtain an ultimate peace of mind. The present Grand Tea Master teaches the thought of "peacefulness through a bowl of tea." It is very simple if we are just making tea and drinking tea, but if we trying to understand the heart of Chanoyu, we can find that it is not just making and drinking tea. Through preparing a bowl of tea we learn to look within ourselves, respect one another, make peace with others and express gratitude toward all things.* - information compiled by Irene Goto

**BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents 5th Annual Baby Boomers' Seminar
B.Y.O.B.- Bring Your Own Buddhism - Sharing Our Pathways**



Our guest speaker will be Rev. Jerry Hirano resident minister of Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

September 24, 2011 8:30 am - 8 pm

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

Registration Fee: \$75

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

Deadline: September 3, 2011 See details on www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org - click on CBE

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

Hatsubon / Obon:

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CBE Greetings,

Summertime - Sanghas in motion!

We are well into Obon season, also known as "Kangi-e," or "a gathering of joy," a major observance for Jodo Shinshu temples. Browsing through the dozens of temple newsletters that we receive by snail mail or email, we can feel the pulse and rhythm of the Buddha-Dharma-Sangha in motion: detailed bazaar volunteer shifts, donation lists, and heartfelt dharma messages. We enjoy how each sangha has its own style of organizing itself, sharing the dharma, collectively expressing the nembutsu spirit. We have included the BCA brochure on Bon and the Legend of Moggallana on the CBE wikisite as well as a link to the BCA Bookstore's (www.bcabookstore.com), Bon Dancing resources.

Thank you for your on-going encouragement, generosity and inspiration! -CBE Staff



Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144

presents a week-end retreat with
Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi
Practicing No Practice

At the beautiful

Bastyr University Campus in Kenmore

14500 Juanita Dr. NE, Kenmore, WA 98028

**7pm Friday, September 23 until
Noon Sunday, September 25, 2011**

**\$175 for temple members -
includes Saturday meals
Sunday breakfast
shared double dorm room
add \$25 for non-members**

Contact:

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for more information.



This weekend retreat aims to help us discover, clarify and share our experience of Shin Buddhism. Introspection, discussion and insightful activities will bring alive the relevancy and depth of Shin "practice." In a supportive and light-hearted environment, we move from a conceptual understanding to a personal experience.

Dr. Akahoshi holds a Master's degree in transpersonal psychology and has a background in wilderness vision quests and personal growth disciplines. He is affiliated with the San Jose Betsuin Church.

Ways to Support CBE (Center for Buddhist Education) Programs

- CBE Vehicle Donation Program - Donate your unwanted vehicles. Please find forms and details on the CBE wikisite. This is an easy way of donating to CBE. Pick up of vehicles and DMV paperwork is taken care of. Thank you to the generous donors so far!
- Become a CBE 500 member! We are looking for 500 donors who will join or renew their memberships of \$10 per month for 12 months, or \$120 per year. Look for details online.

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Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) Mission: Inspired by Shinran Shonin's legacy, our mission is to provide diverse learning opportunities to deepen the understanding and appreciation of the Buddha's wisdom and compassion among sangha leaders and the broader community.

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



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.*

ERRATA - In the 6-12 DX notes an error occurred. According to Linda Heuman's article in the Summer edition of *Tricycle* (magazine) Buddhist monks in the Theravada tradition began writing texts in about the first century B.C.E. Pali writings began in about 800 C.E.

June 26 - Rev. Julie Hanada chaired the meeting. She recounted a recent comment by Mas K. who said, "Buddhism is about awareness of life, and life is about oneness of feelings". . . Rev. Julie is a hospital chaplain and has dealings with hospital personnel as well as patients. A doctor who seemed nervous, upset and sad asked her how to address a patient who was in pain and was a kind person. In his description, the patient seemed to be as nervous, upset and sad as he was. Rev. Julie saw a parallel process between the patient and the doctor. She sees her position as creating and fostering an atmosphere of compassion.

July 3 - Joe Schwab brought up one of Rev. Castro's topics in the Dharma talk of today, "What brings about happiness? Many emotions have been studied by science and gratitude is favored. What is gratitude? It is the awareness of having been given a gift. Joe indicated volunteerism makes people happy, and many people spend countless years being of help. . . Joe referred to a book, *Thanks!*, by Robert A. Emmons, Ph.D. that was discussed at the First Wednesday study group, and Shirley quoted from it. . . Irene G. reported the Kids Summer Program at the Betsuin includes about 100 exuberant kids who quiet down immediately upon hearing the first ring of the *kansho*. Recently, they studied *matsuri* (festivals.)

7-10 - Rinban Castro brought a reproduction of a Rembrandt painting, "Prodigal Son," from the gospel of Luke. A man had two sons and one of them wants his inheritance before his father dies. He left home and squandered it. The father thought of his son frequently. Finally, he came back destitute, and was welcomed by the father. A similar story from the Lotus Sutra occurred. The son returned but does not recognize the father who recognizes him. He was given menial jobs and later learned who his father was. . . The ancient Gandharan scrolls are being translated by a team at the UW headed by Richard Solomon. (See summer issue of *Tricycle*.) . . There are at least three Buddhist canons, and likely many more.

In gassho,
Pat Bobrow