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*Embrace true and  
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### Wheel of the Sangha NEWSLETTER

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## Betsuin Events for February 2013

### **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 WEEKLY

#### **SUNDAYS \*8:45 am Meditation Service Weekly!**

##### February 3

- 8:45 am Meditation Service  
10:00 am SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE  
Family: Rinban Castro  
Japanese Program  
DSDX: MA Irene Goto  
DX: Rinban Castro

11:45am SBBWA Board Meeting

##### February 10

- 8:45 am Meditation Service  
10:00 am NIRVANA DAY AND PET MEMORIAL SERVICE

Youth: MA in Training, Rosalie Town

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: Rinban Castro

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45 am Vegetarian Potluck Luncheon in Gym

12:00 pm Religious Dept. Meeting

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Rinban Castro)

February 17 No services at the temple

##### February 24

- 8:45 am Meditation Service  
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: Rev. Warrick and Youth MA

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: Rev. Warrick

DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Elliott Zimmerman)

#### **MONDAYS**

February 18 President's Day – Office Closed

#### **TUESDAYS**

##### February 26

- 10:30 am Keiro Service  
12:30 pm Rinban Castro to BCA meetings in San Mateo

#### **WEDNESDAYS \*\*10:30 am Dharma Support Weekly!**

10:30 am Dharma Support Group:

February 6 Rinban Castro

February 13 Rinban Castro

February 20 Rinban Castro

February 27

#### **THURSDAYS**

##### February 7

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

##### February 21

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

#### **FRIDAYS**

February 1 Gojikai Service, Luncheon, Meeting

12:00 pm

February 15 – 17 NW District Buddhist Convention, Doubletree Suites SouthCenter

#### **SATURDAYS**

February 9 Buddhist Study Group – *The Buddha's Call to Awakening* by Monshu Koshin Ohtani

9:30 – 11:30 am

February 27 - March 2 BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting in San Mateo, CA

#### **MARCH 2013: Major Events of Interest**

March 17 Spring Ohigan Service

March 23 Seattle Betsuin Salmon Dinner Fundraiser

**MARCH Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Monday, February 18, 2013**  
**8:00 pm**

#### **Spring Japanese Seminar**

Saturday, March 16, 2013

10 am - 2 pm

**Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley**

*This program is conducted in Japanese only.*

<http://japaneseprograms.bcasites.net/Spring+Japanese+Seminar+2013>

#### **Techno Buddha Conference**

**At Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley, CA**

For Young Adults (21-39) interested in Buddhism

Friday March 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM PST -

Saturday, March 9, 2013 all day

Sunday March 10, 2013 ends at 12:30 PM PST

<http://www.bcasites.net/TechnoBuddha2013>



## Don't Get Stuck on Words

By Rinban Don Castro

On February 10, we will observe Nirvana Day (the Buddha's Memorial) and Pets' Memorial Service. These two observances might seem an odd combination but those familiar with Buddhist art know that, even from early times, animals are depicted mourning the physical death of the Buddha.

Many people also find it odd that Pure Realm (Pure Land) Buddhists teach the exclusive reliance on "Other Power" while the Buddha, in his final instructions to his disciples, seems to have adamantly insisted on self power:

*"Therefore, O Ananda, be ye lamps unto yourselves. Rely on yourselves, and do not rely on external help. Hold fast to the Dhamma as a lamp. Seek salvation alone in the Dhamma. Look not for assistance to any one besides yourselves." Mahaparinibbana Suttanta*

Many people mistakenly believe Other Power is either Higher Power or External Power. Buddhists reject the idea of a higher power in the sense of a God who is the creator and controller of the universe. All things have Buddha nature and are thus equal. As for external or other power, the non-dualistic insight of Buddhism sees the designation of internal and external as conventional distinctions only and not absolute. Other Power simply refers to the Dharma Power which is other than the vicious circle of samsara (birth-and-death), other than ego or self-centered power that loops and feeds back on itself. You might say it's self regenerating.

A fundamental teaching of all Buddhists is the "Three Marks of Existence": Dukkha, Impermanence and Selflessness (anatman). Looked at in terms of Selflessness, the Buddha's deathbed instruction to "rely on yourselves" can be just as misleading as the Pure Realm schools' teaching of "exclusive reliance on Other Power." The Buddha seems to be saying, "Rely on yourself but there is no self. Rely on that which doesn't exist." Actually, as you study Buddhism, Self Power and Other Power resolve themselves into Non-Self. They are just two different ways of getting there; different paths for people of different capacities and inclinations.\* Ponder, for example, the instructions of the Zen Master Dogen, Zen being considered a Self Power school (at least by Jodo Shin Buddhists). This is Dogen's famous Genjo koan:

*"To study the Way of Buddha is to study the self. To study the self is to forget the self. To forget the self is to be enlightened by all things. To be enlightened by all things is to abandon the body and mind of oneself and the bodies and minds of others. Then, even the traces of enlightenment disappear, and the life of traceless enlightenment goes on forever and ever."*

This koan reminds me of the story of the poor naïve centipede and the trickster ant who asks the centipede, "Tell me, of your one hundred legs, which one do you put forward first?" As a teacher of mine once said, "When you stop to look for it, you've lost it." Just try to forget the self. The issue is: how do you become un-self-conscious, since there is really no self to be conscious of? You need to either forget the self (Zen) or awaken to the Truth or Dharma Power (the Power of Amida Buddha) that is insistently and compellingly awakening us, "Wake up! The house is on fire! Take refuge!" For me, the strength and power of Jodo Shinshu lies in the experience of Amida coming to me just as I am (warts and all!) not my trying to go to the Pure Realm. First, I can't do it! Second, I don't have to (what a relief!).

Words in Buddhism are always pointing beyond themselves to intuitive and, at the same time, practical and visceral experiences and insights. The teachings of Buddhism are like a finger pointing to the moon. Don't get stuck on the finger or you will never see the moon of the true Dharma.

\*Our capacity to gain enlightenment in this life is a very important point which, at least superficially, separates some schools of Buddhism. It is an important point to understand and leads to many other points of debate or differences in perspective and attitudes between schools. In the Jodo Shinshu teaching, we talk about those with Shinjin ("faith") living with the assurance of enlightenment (Pure Realm) at the moment of death.

# SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION *Submitted by Joan Nakano*

## President's Message by Janet Baba

**New Year Party:** Our members enjoyed our obento in leisurely fashion this year. For the first time in my memory, we did not rise early to prepare our traditional Japanese New Year obento. We are thankful for this transition, as many of our members are not able to produce the work involved. We hope everyone enjoyed the obento and had an opportunity wish all a Happy New Year. **Orion Center:** We prepared dinner for 45-50 homeless youths on January 18. A balanced, nutritious menu was planned and prepared by Sunnie Nagai, Jean Deguchi, Michi Vaart, Irene Mano, Mary Shigaya, Fran Shintaku, with help from Dennis Shibata, Melissa Baba and Brian Baba, Jr. **NW Convention:** 30 plus SBBWA members will be attending the 66<sup>th</sup> NW Buddhist Convention February 15-17, 2013 held in Tukwila with the theme, "Where Am I?" Our members will hear our keynote speaker, Rev. David Fujimoto of Puna Hongwanji Mission and Rev. Kenji Akahoshi of San Jose, CA. In addition we are scheduled to attend the many workshops and NW BWA meeting. Joyce Kato, with help from Shizu Kaku registered our members for this exciting event.

## Donations - by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Jim Hasegawa - In Memory of Hiroko Hasegawa  
Harry Yoshimura & Family –  
In Memory of Misao Yoshimura  
Kinue Kuwahara - In Memory of Hiroko Hasegawa  
Terry Shigaya - In Memory of Harry Shigaya

**Hoonko Service:** Nigome and zenzai was served to our Sangha following the Hoonko Service. Many members of the food committee and other Toban members prepared a traditional Hiroshima vegetarian dish and sweet mochi dropped in a sweet bean sauce. This was a welcome treat on a cold winter day. **Future Classes:** Education classes are again on the agenda in 2013. In January, Darlene Shimizu gave an Iris Eye Card making class. On February 27 Ritsuko Kawahara will give a Japanese cooking class on *shirae*, *okara*, and *shirasu gohan*. The classes are open to members and others upon space availability. **New Membership Drive:** We are seeking new members and encourage women to join our service giving organization. Our New Member Service and Luncheon will be held on May 5, 2013. Please see Kiyo Takashima, or Joan Nakano in the temple office if interested. We welcome new members! In closing, I'd like to thank all who have given service to our Temple, Sangha and Community in the past year. Your time and energy has been very much appreciated. We look forward to your help and energy again this year. In gassho, Janet

## Calendar:

Sunday, February 3 SBBWA Board Meeting 11:45 am  
February 15-17 NW District Convention –  
DoubleTree Suites at Southcenter  
Sunday, February 24 SBBWA Cabinet Meeting 11:45 am  
Wednesday, February 27 Cooking Class 9:30 am



Gangnam Style, Sexy Ladies of the SBBWA, Joan, Joyce, Janet, Ritsuko, Shizue, Kanako, Machiko, and Janie, performed at NY Party.



Orion Center Cooks: L to Rt - Sunnie, Michi, Mary, Fran, Jean, Brian, Melissa, Irene, & Dennis.

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013**  
**DINNER FUNDRAISER 4:00 – 7:30 FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**CAMP FIRE** submitted by JoAnn Kosai-Eng Camp Fire's annual Candy Sale is coming up soon. The sale officially begins on January 25 and runs through February 18, so start counting down the days! We would like to thank you in advance for your support of Camp Fire.



**Dolphins/ Adventure 3rd** submitted by G. Tazuma In January, the girls learned about the traditional foods used to celebrate Japanese and Chinese New Year. The girls made a candy-version Osechi Ryori Bento. We discussed how each of the various foods, coming from land and sea, represent happiness, health, strength and celebration. The Dolphins are also gearing up for the annual candy sales. Our group will be out at various grocery stores conducting site-sales.

## 'SCHOLARSHIPS' - High School Seniors / College Students

**HIGH SCHOOL:** The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant and Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant are offering scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2013. **COLLEGE:** If you are a student currently attending college, the Masaru & Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant is offering scholarships for careers as nurse practitioner, medical doctor, registered nurse, engineer, or computer science. The **deadline** to submit applications is Monday, April 8, 2013 before or by 2:30pm to the temple office. For applications and/or questions, please contact Shizue Kaku via the temple office 206-329-0800.

**STUDY GROUPS at Seattle Buddhist Temple** This is a reminder that the Buddhist Study group will meet on Saturday, February 9 to discuss *The Buddha's Call to Awakening*, by Monshu Koshin Ohta. Reverend Castro has copies of the book for sale if you need a copy. **Checks can be made out to the Seattle Buddhist Church bookstore. We'll meet from 9:30-11:30 in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward.** – Leonora Clarke **February 19 Third Tuesday Study Group** – please call the office for current updates. – IHG

**MUSICAL NOTES** submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi Thank you to Donna Zumoto and Kanako Kashima who provided the wonderful taiko and o-koto opening for our recent Ho-Onko service. The Betsuin choir was able to perform Donna Sasaki's gatha *Path of Nembutsu* with Kanako on the koto also for this special service. The Bodhi Ensemble and Betsuin choir plan to introduce more of the gathas from Tacoma Buddhist Temple gatha book to the sangha this year.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 252** On January 19-20, Troop 252 camped out in North Bend. Surviving in the dense fog and below freezing point during the night, we worked on some advancement. Our February theme is Personal Fitness. We are going to learn the importance of fitness and eating habit. Our troop is leading Scout Sunday Service on February 3. On February 16, we have a field trip to The Summit at Snoqualmie to continue last month's theme of Winter Sports. Soon, we will welcome new scouts from Cub Scouts at the Crossover ceremony on March 9-10. Lastly, Troop 252 is set for summer camp at Camp Pigott in July.

Gassho, Nathan S

**ABA** Please join us for mahjong lessons in the library on Sunday, February 10, from noon and on Sunday, February 17, from 1:00 – 3:00. We also plan to attend Seattle Asian Art Museum and the Gardener Center Saturday University lectures which touch upon Buddhist topics like the Silk Road monk, Xuanzang. The Saturday, February 23, session is entitled "*The Politics of Pilgrimage: Xuanzang and His Meetings with Indian Kings*," Tansen Sen, on February 23, 2013 9:30–11:00 am Tickets are sold out but we can sit for free in the adjacent room with a simulcast of the lecture. Contact [gmg\\_12@hotmail.com](mailto:gmg_12@hotmail.com) for details. – by Gail Kaminishi

**Buddhism and Psychology Talk February 24, Sunday** Rev. Ryo Imamura will be bringing his Evergreen students studying Buddhism to our Betsuin so that they can experience a Jodo Shinshu service. After Dharma Exchange and lunch, he will give a talk on Buddhism and psychology. All members of the Sangha are invited to participate. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. Rev. Imamura's talk and discussion will be held in the dining room. Details for lunch will be posted. Thank you. Shirley Shimada

## The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations - December 2012 – January 2013

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

### Given by:

Harry Shigeru Shigaya – Funeral Service	\$ 2,500.00	Teruko “Terrie” Shigaya
Hiroko Hasegawa – Funeral Service	\$ 1,600.00	James, Steve, Susie & Kathy Hasegawa
Akira ‘Mori’ Moriguchi – Funeral Service	\$ 1,500.00	Hanah Moriguchi
Betty Taeko Komura – Funeral Service	\$ 1,200.00	Joanie Komura
Misao Yoshimura – In Memory of	\$ 1,000.00	Yoshimura Family
Nokotsuko in Memory of Joyce Nakamura and Alan Nakamura	\$ 1,000.00	Ted Nakamura
Mamoru Okada – Funeral Service	\$ 600.00	Joyce Divina & Utata Barry Okada
Fusaye Shibata – In Memory of	\$ 500.00	Dennis Shibata
Hiroko Hasegawa – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 400.00	James Hasegawa
Akira ‘Mori’ Moriguchi – Inurnment Service	\$ 400.00	Hanah Moriguchi
Akiko Nishizawa-Martinez – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day & Burial	\$ 400.00	Angelina Hughes
Aizo ‘Buster’ Kosai – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	June Kosai
Etsuko Lily Tanino – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 300.00	Ryomi Tanino
Asao Marianne Kurosu – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Lillian & Saburo Sako
Helen Kimi Kubo – In Memory of	\$ 200.00	Frances and Harry Nishimoto
Chieko Sugihara – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 150.00	Pamela Sugihara Kindred
Masaru Sugihara – 13 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 150.00	Pamela Sugihara Kindred
Mr. & Mrs. Kojiro Taki – In Memory of	\$ 150.00	Noboru & Takako Taki
Spencer Teranishi – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 100.00	Asako Teranishi
Takumi Mikami – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Yoshie Mikami
Katherine Fujita – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Lutes Fujita
Gladys Hamano – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 100.00	Katherine Hamano-Kato
	\$ 100.00	Yoshie Mikami
	\$ 100.00	Mary Yoshifuji
Hidetomi Terao – In Memory of	\$ 75.00	Victoria Terao
Nokotsudo	\$ 50.00	James Hasegawa

### Remembrances for:

### Given by:

Imo Castro

James & Tomiko Zumoto

Hiroko Hasegawa

Jim & Louise Akizuku; Sumie Akizuki; Gene Arinobu; Janet Baba; Mae Deguchi; Sue Fujino; Florence Fujita; Jane Hamatani; Miyuki Hanada; Peggy Hanada; Setsuko Harada; Nelson Harano; Fred Hasegawa; Tom Hasegawa; Hatsumi Higa; Nobuko Hino; Mickey & Yosie Hiroo; Alan A. Hoshino; Mary Katayama; Ed & Joyce Kato; Noboru & Hatsuye Kawada; Momoko Kido; Haruko Kobuki; Paul & Taka Kogita; June Kosai; Daisy Kuramoto; Jack T. Matsui; Washin & C. Kathleen Murakami; Mutual Fish Co, Inc.; Craig & Joan Nakano; Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Mari Ohara; Steph Ojima; Ray & Mineko Okamura; Marianne Osaki; Thip & Betty Prapasirikul; Karry Sakamoto;

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...Remembrances for Hiroko Hasegawa	Pauline Sakuma; Robert & Amy Seko; Dennis Shibata; Harry & Terrie Shigaya; Ken Shigaya; May Shigihara; Simon Shima; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Kiyoko Takashima; Masao & Fran Tamekuni; Peggy Tanemura; Fumiye Taniguchi; Martha Taniguchi; Ted & Akico Taniguchi; Joe & Hideko Terada; Margaret Teramoto; Tamio & Takako Uchida; Steven Uyenishi; Michiko Vaart; Shizue Yahata; Fumiko Yamaguchi; Fusae Yokoyama; Harry Yoshimura; Estate of Dick & Misao Yoshimura; James & Tomiko Zumoto
Tsuyuko Higa	Janet Kosai
Noritoshi Higashi	Shizue Kikuchi
Toshiko Imanishi	Mae Deguchi; Janet Kosai; Jon & Patricia Hiroo-Mastrude; Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire; Albert & Frances Shintaku; Florence Sumida; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Martha Taniguchi; Margaret Teramoto; Dolly Tokunaga
Masayo Jinguji	Joe & Evelyn Jinguji
Takeshi Katayama	Haruo Ise; Suckho, Dan & Carlene Kim; Florence Sumida; James & Tomiko Zumoto
Yoshiko Kihara	James & Tomiko Zumoto
Betty Komura (Elizabeth)	Gene & Yuki Arinobu; Janet Baba & Irwin Yoshimura; John & Lisa Duff; Ellen Hale; Takashi, Robert & Susan Hori; Akira & Lorita Ichikawa; Mary Katayama; Paul & Taka Kogita; Milnes & Nori Kurashige; Tyler & Thy Pham-Moriguchi; Mutual Fish Company Inc.; Hiro Nakai; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Herbert & Etsuko Osaki; Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire; Teruko Shigaya; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Martha Taniguchi; Theodore & Akico Taniguchi; Katsumi & Terrie Tanino; Joe & Hideko Terada; Margaret Teramoto; Reiko Tsubota; Kenneth & Tazuko Uyenishi; Steven Uyenishi; M/M Mitsuo Yamamura, Janet & Peggy Yamamura; Nobuo Yutani
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Akira 'Mori' Moriguchi	Tyler Moriguchi & Thuy Pham; Pauline Sakuma
Mamoru Okada	Julie Kubota; Janet Terada
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Ume Terao	Victoria Terao
Mike Toshi	Minoru & Aiko Fujii
Kiyoshi Yasui	Fusae Yokoyama
Ryoto Yabuki	Hidemi & Keiko Tsuboi
Dick Yoshimura	Mitchell & Ruby DeLuna Harada; Nobuko Otsuji; Haruko Shimizu

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Misao Yoshimura  
Gene & Yuki Arinobu; Mae Deguchi; Minoru & Aiko Fujii; Mitchell & Ruby DeLuna Harada; Toshiko Isomura; Ritsuko Kawahara; Sanaye Kawamura; Janet Kosai; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Nobuko Otsuji; Steven & Nadine Shimada; Haruko Shimizu; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Florence Sumida; Martha Taniguchi; Fusae Yokoyama; James & Tomiko Zumoto

**Temple Supervision:**  
Spokane Buddhist Church \$ 200  
Yakima Buddhist Church \$ 200

**New Year's Eve Service:** James Hasegawa; Pauline Sakuma; Aiko Suganuma

**New Year's Day Service:** Janet Kosai; Pauline Sakuma; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Patricia Oye Shahbaghlian; Bill Vogeley; Barry & Leslie Yamashita

**Other Donations:**

<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
Seattle Gojikai	Year-end appreciation
Kawabe Memorial Foundation	General Donation
Ken & Jill Williams-Takemura	General Donation
Susumu & Hideko Tsutsumi	General Donation
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Takiko Miyauchi	General Donation
Anonymous	General Donation
Sunkie Oye	General Donation – In appreciation
Emiko Okada	General Donation





## 2013 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Traditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our beloved ones and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service. Please call the temple office at (206) 329-0800 to schedule a service.

### Year of Death

2012.....	1 <sup>st</sup> annual memorial.....	1 year from date of death	
2011.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary memorial.....	2 full years from date of death	
2007.....	7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial.....	6 full years from date of death	
2001.....	13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial.....	12 full years from date of death	
1997.....	17 <sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial.....	16 full years from date of death	
1989.....	25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial.....	24 full years from date of death	
1981.....	33 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary memorial.....	32 full years from date of death	
1964.....	50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial.....	49 full years from date of death	- JN

Dharma School's **Annual Pet Memorial Service** will be held on  
**Nirvana Day, February 10, 2013**

Anyone wishing to remember his/her beloved pet should submit the pet's name on cards that will be available in the main foyer. You may place your card and pet's photograph in the box labeled "Pet Memorial Photos" in the foyer. Please put your name and your pet's name on the back of the photo so we know who to return it to. In gassho, Clara Beard

**Dharma School** submitted by Joyce Tsuji A successful and delicious Bodhi day potluck was chaired by Dharma School parent Lynne G. with help from Leslie S and Sarah A. Dharma School would like to express our appreciation to all who made contributions to this event.

We would like to welcome new Dharma School Board members John A, Yvette T and Betty N.

DS Board Officers for 2013: Claire M and Connie O, Co-chairs; Debbie S - Treasurer, Joann E - Secretary. Please don't hesitate to contact any DS board member with questions or concerns.

We hope everyone enjoyed the snake/candy centerpieces at the New Year's Party made by the 3/4/5 class and the entertainment provided by other DS classes.

### Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K for Feb To celebrate the New Year, the Pre-K/K class listened to a story about the Chinese Zodiac signs and then made snakes to recognize the Year of the Snake. We observed Hoonko by talking about the Life of Shinran Shonin. The students then made a snow globe picture of Shinran and his disciples meditating in the snow. The class played a memory game to review what they have learned in Dharma School. Students made their own game - a set of matching cards with pictures- to take home to play with their families.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade for January and February We continued discussing gratitude after Thanksgiving by making nenga jo or New Year's postcards for the Sangha which were placed at each seat at the Temple New Year's party. We celebrated Bodhi Day by coloring in a Bodhi leaf with an image of Sakyamuni Buddha in the center and then laminating it so we could hang it as a decoration. We all enjoyed working hard to get our classroom sparkling clean on clean-up day. The kids made ornament balls to present as gifts to their families. We started off the year by coloring "Year of the snake" calendars and then discussing Shinran Shonin for Hoonko. The students made Shinran scrolls which are up in our classroom. Finally we each made a daruma doll, set a goal for the year and colored in an eye on the doll. We will persevere like the Daruma to achieve them.

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**SPRING FUNDRAISER - March 23, 2013** We'll be having a dinner this year instead of the annual Bazaar. The date of the event is on **Saturday, March 23 from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM**. We'll be mailing tickets out and along with purchasing any tickets for yourself, we're asking for your help to sell any extra tickets or additional ones to family and friends. The Temple has a strong history as a part of the community and with the many family members who have attended the Temple growing up. We hope to reconnect with these individuals that have not been able to participate recently in Temple activities or services. **The cost of the dinner ticket will be \$15.00.** Please plan on attending with **your family, friends** and those from the community for this fundraising event. More details will be available shortly on the Temple's website, mailing and signs will be posted. Thank you. Howard

## Notes from Dharma Exchange

**12.23.12** - Rev. Jim Warrick recounted memories of Christmas when we were all youngsters. It's a good time to practice being Buddhist. The Christmas tree originally was a pagan tradition. . . A participant asked how to thank someone for a gift you don't like. It was suggested that one think of the motivation and thank the person for the "wonderful gift." . . . The temple used to celebrate Easter in the park. Sensei thinks Bodhi Day should be celebrated as a separate holiday from Christmas. Theravadans celebrate Wesak as a day the Buddha was born, enlightened and died. It is a major holiday in SE Asia. Bodhi Day is a time of reflection on how much time we have left, and a time to show gratitude to the Buddha, our teachers and parents.

**12.30.12** Rev. Jim Warrick and Irene, MA, further explained "oneness." Jim Sensei said in order to see things as they truly are we must transcend the ego. We don't know others until we know ourselves. . . Sensei said the history of Jodo Shinshu is all in the Shoshinge, written by Shinran Shonin. . . Irene referred to Takamaro Shigaraki's book, *A Life of Awakening*, in which the goal of Buddhism is to seek Enlightenment (or Awakening as told by Ryo Imamura Sensei,) which involves taking self out of the equation and trying to follow the Eight-fold path.

**1.6.13** - Rev. Jim Warrick explained the Wheel of Causation depicts many of the things we experience throughout our daily life. . . A participant asked how to separate self from world view i.e., littering vs. recycling. We were advised to realize the interconnectedness of everything, and to do what we can ourselves. It often seems futile, but we can't control anyone but ourselves. . . Sensei offered even if the ego is involved it's all right to offer help. . . Jodo Shinshu is so adaptable to our society, and we can transcend our ego. Shinran said he never did. How do we transcend self? Say Namu Amida Butsu.

**1.13.13** Rinban Castro recommended a book by a sensei who is known to be critical of organized religion. The book is *A Life of Awakening* by Rev. Shigaraki Takamaro. Castro Sensei reminded us to look at the moon where the finger is pointing rather than at the finger. Further, Sensei said living the life of the Nembutsu is to understand and appreciate how we are part of all lives. . . Jodo Shinshu is powerful and contains a social message. . . He plans to discuss with the Religion Department changing the date of Ho-onko to late November, in accordance with the lunar calendar, thereby averting conflicts with important football games.

**1.20.13** Irene G. and Leonora C. discussed aspects of their Minister's Assistant training at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. Among many talks Leonora was surprised at the title of one talk, *A Prayer for the World*, by Rev. David Matsumoto? Why? Jodo Shinshu looks back to what has been given us rather than looking forward to what we desire. Some left the temple for Christianity and petitionary prayer when facing personal difficulties. Rev. Matsumoto talked about the Primal Vow and that wanting something more should not make us feel guilty. We are all human and humans have needs. A participant felt there are lessons to be learned in suffering.

Irene said there were two services daily and the Shoshinge was chanted at each morning service. Tasks were assigned for each service - preparing the rice, lighting the candles and incense, arranging flowers, lining up the furniture, ringing the *kansho*, and setting up the *naijin*, a practice known as *egakari*, a discipline that demonstrates respect. The reason for being very specific about the arrangement on the *naijin* is to minimize distractions during the service. Whenever we use the service book, Irene indicated we should hold it with four fingers on one side and the thumb on the other side. When finished we raise the book to the forehead. In *gassho*, Pat Bobrow

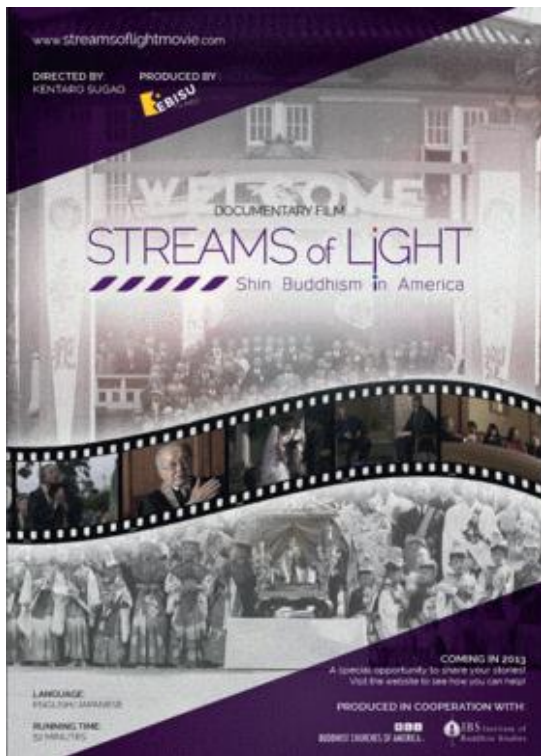
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