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*May peace and tranquility prevail  
throughout the world*

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*Embrace true and  
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in Nembutsu*



### Seattle Betsuin Mission

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

## August 2008 Special Events

- ATOMIC BOMB MEMORIAL SERVICE August 10 10:00 am
- SBWA Eshinni Service August 24 10:00 am
- Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service August 16 10:00 am

### September 2008

- Monday, September 1 - Office Closed for Labor Day
  - FALL OHIGAN JAPANESE MONPO SEMINAR  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
  - First Day of Dharma School/Fall Ohigan: Sept 14

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## Betsuin Events for August 2008

### SUNDAYS

**August 3**  
10:00 am Rev. Castro in Spokane for Obon  
FAMILY SERVICE  
English Rev. Jim Warrick  
Japanese Rinban  
DX Rev. Jim Warrick

11:45 am SBWA Board Meeting (Rinban)

**August 10**  
10:00 am **ATOMIC BOMB MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
FAMILY SERVICE  
English Rinban  
Japanese Rinban  
DX Rev. Castro

**August 17**  
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE  
English Rev. Castro  
Japanese Rinban  
DX Rev. J. Warrick

3:30 pm Memorial Service in Yakima (Rev. Castro)

**August 24**  
10:00 am **SBWA Eshinni Service**  
FAMILY SERVICE  
English Rinban  
Japanese Rinban  
DX Rev. Castro

**August 31**  
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE  
English Rev. Castro  
Japanese Rinban  
DX Rev. Castro

### MONDAYS

**August 4, 11, 18, 25** Rinban Days Off

### TUESDAYS

**August 5**  
7:00 am to 9:00 pm Nalandabodhi Society Guest  
Speaker (Rev. Castro)

**August 12** Rev. Castro Day Off (8/8)

**August 19**

**August 26**  
10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban)

### WEDNESDAYS

**August 6**  
7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting (M & C)

**August 13**

**August 20** Rev. Castro Day Off

**August 27**

### THURSDAYS

**August 7**  
1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rev. Castro)

**August 14**  
7:30 pm Religious Dept. Meeting (M & C)

**August 21**  
1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban)  
6:30 pm Minister Affairs Comm. Mtg. (M & C)  
7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (M & C)

**August 28**  
7:30 pm Betsuin Board Meeting (M & C)

### FRIDAYS

**August 1** Rev. Castro Day Off

**August 8** Rev. Castro to Moses Lake

**August 15** Rev. Castro Day Off

**August 22**  
7:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev. Castro)

**August 29** Rev. Castro Day Off

### SATURDAYS

**August 2** Rev. Castro to Spokane for Obon  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Mongolian Group Gathering  
(Rev. J. Warrick)

**August 9**  
3:00 pm Obon Services in Moses Lake,  
Warden, & Quincy (Rev. Castro)  
Yakima Obon (Rev. Castro)

**August 16**  
10:00 am Shinran Shonin Mo. Memorial (M & C)  
11:00 am Minister's Meeting (M & C)

**August 23**  
11:00 am Wedding Ceremony (Rev. Castro)  
3:00 pm 49 Day Memorial/Washelli (Rev. Castro)

**August 30**

### Look Ahead ...

**Mon Sept 1** Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

**Sat Sept 13** Fall Ohigan Japanese Monpo Seminar  
with Rev Shousei Hanayama

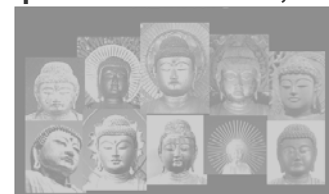
**Sun Sept 14** FALL OHIGAN/ First Day of  
Dharma School.

**Sept 17 – 19** Continuing Education Seminar/CBE  
Berkeley, CA

**Sat Sept 20** **SBWA Centennial Service &  
Banquet.**

**Vancouver Buddhist Temple  
September 27 and 28, 2008**

**53rd B.C.  
BUDDHIST  
CONVENTION  
"Many Faces of  
Buddha"**



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Sat Ichikawa has displayed his beautiful Bon Odori 2008 photos in the Betsuin foyer. Thank you, Sat!



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SEATTLE BETSUIN NEWSLETTER

August 2008



## JODO SHINSHU BUDDHISM AS GLOBAL RELIGION WITH THE UNIVERSAL VOW -SHINRAN, THE GREAT TEACHER, WHO REVEALED THE TRUTH- Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

The word "Global" has been used frequently in various expressions recently. Today high technology has brought forth a seamless world. Thus, the word "Global," an adjective of "Globe," meaning the entire or whole world, is used as an idea of the entire world interrelated as one. Some of the "Global" expressions are Global Education, Global Economy, Global Communication, and Global Religion.

A famous Buddhist scholar, Dr. Daisetz T. Suzuki, once said that "[In] The Japanese Shin (Jodo Shinshu Buddhism) we find a major contribution the Japanese can make to the outside world and [to] all the other Buddhist schools." He further said that "Of all the developments Mahayana Buddhism has achieved in the Far East, the most remarkable one is the Shin teaching of the Pure Land School. It is remarkable chiefly because, geographically, its birthplace is Japan and, historically, it is the latest evolution of Pure Land Mahayana, and therefore the highest point it has reached."

After Jodo Shinshu Buddhism was introduced to Hawaii in 1889 and to the mainland of the United States in 1899, it spread all over the world today as global religion. The essential teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is the Universal Vow of Compassion and Wisdom of Amida Buddha, who has Eternal Life and Infinite Light. Since Eternal Life means "always" and Infinite Light means "everywhere," Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is religion for all people in any place and any time. Shinran, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, reminded us that Amida Buddha is constantly shining upon each one of us with his guiding light of the great compassion and wisdom. Recitation of the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, is our realization of oneness with the great compassion and wisdom of Amida Buddha.

When Shinran was teaching the Nembutsu for the ordinary people with his Master Honen, he was exiled into northern country of Japan by the government. After he was pardoned, he continued to teach the Nembutsu for the ordinary people to attain enlightenment in remote areas in Japan. He taught that the Universal Vow of Amida Buddha does not discriminate against anyone because of social or physical conditions or life-style. Shinran expressed joyfully that

**When I carefully consider the Universal Vow which Amida Buddha brought forth, I find that it was only for me, Shinran, alone! How gracious is the Universal Vow of Amida Buddha who resolved to lead me to enlightenment!**

Shinran also stated in his main writing that

**How joyous I am that I placed my mind in the soil of Buddha's Universal Vow and I let my thoughts flow into the entire world of the Dharma. I deeply acknowledge the Buddha's Compassion...**

After Shinran passed away and as time went on, Shinran's real character and teaching were truly recognized in Japan, and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism became one of the largest denominations today. In 1877, six hundred fifteen years after his death, the Emperor Meiji of Japan honored him with the special title of "Kenshin Daishi," which means "The Great Teacher Who Revealed the Truth." Jodo Shinshu Buddhism as global religion with the Universal Vow will be able to contribute to the world peace and civilization in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Namo Amida Butsu

**NEWSLETTER  
NEXT DEADLINE  
August 18, 2008**

8:00 PM

Email Articles to:  
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SeattleBetsuin.com

**Print on  
August 22, 2008**

**Seal and Label  
Sunday, August 24,  
by:  
Gojikai**

**Newsletter Sealing and Labeling  
Schedule for the current month,  
not for the issue Month:**

BWA January & July

Gojikai February & August

Scouts, Campfire, Taiko\*  
March & September

YBA, Dharma School  
April & October

ABA  
May & November\*

Ijikai June & December

\*duty has been switched as of July '07

## AUGUST 2008 – Camp Fire

*Submitted by Dana Nakashima*

### Starflight Pre-K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade

This coming fall we are starting a new Pre-K-1st grade Starflight group. At this time, there are 9 girls signed up: Jaimie, Alissa, Mette, Miya, Emily, Allison, Alysa, Miya and Kellie. At the June 1st Council Fire, the girls were able to "fly up" to receive their new red vests from the Adventure 2/3 group, who will be our big sisters and mentors.

**Note:** If your child would like to join our group, please call the Temple Office to obtain contact information for the Starflight Pre-K-1st Grade leaders. We are looking forward to a fun year!

**Adventure 2/3 (submitted by Emily):** My Camp Fire group went to Family Fun Center for our end-of-year party. We played lots of games, like



Laser tag, bungee jumping Bumper Boats and mini golf. We had lots of fun. The best part was playing the games and spending time with my friends in Camp Fire. I love Camp Fire!

**Hummingbirds:** On July 6, the Hummingbirds did their annual summer recital at Nikkei Manor. This was a wonderful way for the students to showcase their talent, and provide community service. Thank you to all students who performed: Miye, Kayla, Kristy, Emma, Alder, Emily, Koki, Sam and Marisa. Also, thank you to Koki (English MC), Miye (Japanese MC), and Lisa B. for coordinating the recital. Lastly, we'd like to acknowledge Emily's family for hosting a post-show party/potluck at their home.

### NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE – June 22, 29, July 6, 2008

*The purpose of this column is to inform members who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange -- DS parents, committee members, and spiritual seekers who access the Internet.*

On June 22, Joe Schwab, MA, mentioned the Jodo Shinshu Center is offering a 2-year online course on Jodo Shinshu. Register by August 15, 2008.

Some comments from Dharma Exchange participants:

During the time of political unrest, many people were converted to Jodo Shinshu during Shinran Shonin's exile. Two ladies of the court who converted to Jodo Shinshu were executed, and the rest were exiled.

The first Jodo Shinshu bishop asked to be buried in the U.S.

Pope Benedict recently condemned Buddhism [as a threat] as well as "Monty Python."

In Tibet [rather than cremation or burial] the animals eat the dead. \* \* \*

Joe Schwab, MA, ran the Dharma Exchange of June 29. Castro sensei reported on the BCA Ministers Association Seminar held in New York for the first time. Rev. T.K. Nakagaki, formerly of the Seattle Betsuin, arranged a wonderful meeting. [See *Wheel of Dharma*, July 2008, for details of meetings.]

Jim Warrick sensei commented that Buddhism is becoming mainstream, and there are many more Internet sites now than just a few years ago. The Pew Institute reported on percentages of religions in *Tricycle* magazine, a Buddhist quarterly. [See [www.tricycle.com](http://www.tricycle.com)]

Kurt Rye sensei, former member of the Seattle Betsuin attended the IBS, received Tokudo ordination in 2004, Kyoshi in December 2007, was an intern at the Buddhist church of Sacramento under Rev. Bob Oshita's tutelage, and now is situated happily at the Fresno Temple. We wish him the best.

From reading about autism, Elmer feels the Buddha was open to Enlightenment because he was relaxed. \* \* \*

Castro sensei related a provocative tale on July 6. After searching in the usual places to no avail, a *matsutake* hunter accidentally slipped into the water, and looking up at the bank discovered a huge patch of the precious mushroom.

The Tao is "the way", "the path," and is a prominent part of Asian culture. The idea of "path" came to Japan from Taoism.

To the question, how wide is the middle path, several answers were put forth:

A. As wide as you can imagine.

A. Learning to drive a participant was told to position himself over the grease stripe in the highway to avoid straying.

A. Warrick sensei felt the middle path starts out broad, and as one's ideas and concepts deepen it narrows and becomes more straight-forward.

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# WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF BUDDHISM?

## Part II

By Rev. Don Castro

In part one of this article, I cited the following passage from the Dhammapada as the one I have most often heard used (even by some Jodo Shinshu ministers) to express the essence of Buddhism:

*"To avoid all evil, to do good, to purify one's mind; this is the teaching of all the Buddhas." (Dhammapada, XIV, 5)*

Last month, I pointed out the contradiction between the above quote and the teachings of Shinran Shonin. I offer the following statement of Shakyamuni Buddha as one that expresses the essence of Buddhism in a way that concurs with Shinran's teaching and which all Buddhists can agree on. "This and this only do I teach. What is the cause of Dukkha (pain and suffering) and what is the elimination of Dukkha."



When Shinran states, "Shakyamuni Tathagata appeared in this world solely to teach the ocean-like Primal Vow of Amida.", he is expressing the great Mahayana theme of the Bodhisattva - universal enlightenment. This great theme derives from an awareness that, ultimately, Shakyamuni Buddha is not just teaching about my pain and suffering but pain and suffering in a universal sense. The Primal Vow of Amida Buddha (as Dharmakara Bodhisattva) derives from his sense of a universal identity (identifying with all sentient beings) and his commitment not to attain enlightenment until all beings are enlightened. Thus, the teaching of Jodo Shinshu brings out the deepest meaning and significance of Shakyamuni Buddha's statement.

## MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS by President Mas Tahara

Blessed with the most ideal weather, rather uncommon for the annual Seattle Betsuin Obon Festival, and with the hard work of many of our dedicated members, this year's celebration was a huge success! Many thanks go to so many people who worked so long and hard in planning, preparing, cooking, serving in the booths, and filling-in in many chores, including putting away hundreds of items and cleaning everywhere, nice and neat, after everything was done and finished.

Of course, we give our appreciation to those who came to enjoy the music, dance, displays, food and drink and the feeling of togetherness. The 2008 theme of our temple, "Coming Home to the Nembutsu," fit the Obon celebration so perfectly and the newly introduced dance, "Seattle Bon Odori Samba," composed and choreographed by Rev. Koran Okahashi, was a great hit. Thank you all!!

*Mas Tahara*

## GO PAPERLESS! THIS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ONLINE AT

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- **Dharma Exchange** *continued from p. 4*

A. Rev. Julie Hanada Lee described roads in India as very wide, but the center might have deep ruts of five feet or more from the passage of wagons.

Every night the late Rev. Gyomay Kubose of the Heartland Sangha, Chicago, performed *gassho* to his shoes, meaning the shoemaker, the cattleman, the feed grower, and in turn the entire Universe was acknowledged.

A man who lived in Elmer's hotel committed suicide, which is how Elmer came upon a book about DuPont. Elmer drew a parallel between his own father's life and that of DuPont. Then he played a lovely Norwegian tune, "Sailor's Greeting" on his harmonica.

In Gassho, Pat Bobrow

On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee... by Steph Ojima

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 since our last month’s posting:

Takao & Ruth Aoki, Gene & Yuki Arinobu, Lauren Asaba, Nobuichi & Sachiko Fujita, Cathleen Gosho, Jack & Fumi Habu, Miyuki Hanada, Mae Ikawa, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Gail Kaminishi, Noboru & Hatsuye Kawada, Ritsuko Kawahara, Esther Kojima, Teruko Maruko, Tomio Moriguchi, Ernst & Sanaye Nagai, Kemi Nakabayashi, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Mary T. Nishimura, Akio & Mabel Nishizaki, Dean O’Shields, Ray & Mineko Okamura, Joyce Sato, Joe & Carolyn Schwab, Masako Shibuya, Darlene Shimizu, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Suto, Joe & Hideko Terada, Michael & Gayle Teramoto, Michi Vaart, and Charlene Yoritsune

*We'd like to 'welcome' Mae Ikawa as a new member 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. Payments are due by September 30, 2008.** 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


### Pack 252 News

Hello, everyone. I hope everyone is having a great summer! Pack 252 is having fun bicycling on Bicycle Sunday on Lake Washington Boulevard, picnicking with the Camp Fire at the North Bend property and family camping this summer.



all boys first grade through fifth grade to join us for our first meeting on September 14, 2008 from 12noon to 1PM in the new classroom in the basement. Come join the fun and see what scouting is about!! For questions contact Gordon Habu at maegordon@aol.com.

**53<sup>rd</sup> British Columbia Buddhist Convention**  
**“MANY FACES OF BUDDHA”**  
JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST CHURCHES FEDERATION  
SEPTEMBER 26 – 28, 2008 VANCOUVER, B.C.  
GUEST MINISTERS:  
**Bishop Koshin Ogui and Reverend Kosho Yukawa**



REGISTRATION FORM:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: Adults: \$40.00 by July 31, 2008 (Early Bird); \$50.00 after July 31, 2008; Students and children 6 – 18 years (including students attending post-secondary institutions): \$20.00; Children 5 years and under: free. **Deadline for Registration: September 12, 2008** Please return registration forms to: Vancouver Buddhist Temple Convention Registration, 220 Jackson Avenue Vancouver, BC V6A 3B3 **Make cheque payable to: “Vancouver Buddhist Temple”** CONVENTION HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 2889 HASTINGS ST. E., VANCOUVER, V5K 2A1; \$114.00 / room WEBSITE: www.hievancouver.com **Booking Code:** “VANCOUVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE” Please book before Monday, **August 11, 2008** Phone: 1-888-428-7486 All members to make their own reservation at the Holiday Inn Express or any other accommodation of their choice. **For detailed information go to :** www.VancouverBuddhistChurch.ca

## Seattle Buddhist Women's Association

**OBON HELP** SBWA members are busily preparing for the Bon Odori on July 19 and 20. Thank you in advance to all the members that have generously offered to help with the event. We are looking forward to a successful event.

Submitted by President  
TerrieTenino

**MOUNT RAINIER OUTING** A cloudless, sunny and hot day was the perfect setting for the trip to Mt. Rainier on July 11 as forty-five BWA members and spouses took advantage of the outing. Prior to arriving at Paradise for lunch, both breathtaking scenery and devastation from mudflows of 2005 were pointed out as we learned details of the area around Mt. Rainier. Due to the late arrival of warm weather, the snowmelt created multitude of springs and colors of beautiful wildflowers.

The snow outside of Paradise Lodge was fast melting from its

ten-foot height. Unfortunately, we could not take a hike because of the ice and snow covering the paved pathway. We all enjoyed eating in the rustic restaurant and after lunch walked down to the beautiful visitor center to take advantage of the multi-media presentation of Mt. Rainier and observation deck.

Adding to the enjoyment of the trip was Raymond, who is a 6-foot plus blond Japanese-speaking driver. His expertise in driving experience and knowledge was an added plus to our day. Raymond has been on many trips for the Betsuin and it is sad to hear he will be retiring next year.

The bus ride was painless and it was a day to remember. Our memories will not be forgotten soon as we could not have had a nicer outing with THE MOUNTAIN and the camaraderie of our friends. We wish all BWA members could have shared this experience with us.

Thank you to the members of the Activity Committee for

selecting and arranging this wonderful trip: Shirley Shimada, Marlene Okada, and Darlene Shimizu.

Submitted by Kiyomi Takashima

**Treasurer's Report** Donation by Roy & Kazumi Shimizu in appreciation

Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki

**Activities Report** We would like to thank the people who donated their crafts, mizuhiki, yukata, kimono, obi, etc. for the Obon craft and merchandise booth. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

Submitted by Darlene Shimizu  
and Setsu Harada

### August Calendar

8/03 SBWA BOD Meeting

8/24 Eshinni-sama &

Kakushinni-sama Service

Submitted by Deanna Ikegami



SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
**FALL OHIGAN JAPANESE MOMPO SEMINAR**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
LECTURER:  
REV. SHOUSEI HANAYAMA  
RESIDENT MINISTER  
WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST CHURCH  
**TOPIC OF MONPO SEMINAR: SHŌTOKU TAISHI**  
SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON: MRS. FUMI GROVES



SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
**"ESSENTIAL BUDDHISM" CLASS**  
AUGUST 3 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2008 SUNDAYS, 12 NOON - 1:30 PM  
WITH

CERTIFIED MINISTER'S ASSISTANTS:  
SENSEI JIM WARRICK AND JOE SCHWAB

## Jodo Shinshu Center Offers Correspondence Course

*The following is extracted from [www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org):*  
 Almost 800 years have passed since Shinran revealed the teaching of Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) in Japan, following the path of Sakyamuni and other masters in India, China and Japan. The teaching, with deep reflection on human existence and the realization of dynamic Dharma, has fascinated many people around the world. Thus, the practice of Jodo Shinshu does not remain solely in Japan, but has expanded to Hawaii, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Australia and Africa. More people are learning about Jodo Shinshu through ministers' activities, publications and the internet. As one response to their growing interest, we have established a correspondence course providing them, especially those who do not have access to temples nearby, with basic knowledge of Jodo Shinshu.

In addition, this correspondence course also aims to provide those individuals who have already joined Jodo Shinshu temples as members, with opportunities to deepen their understanding. This is achieved through internet

communication with instructors about specific topics related to Jodo Shinshu and Buddhism in general.

The Course consists of four subjects: General Buddhism, Shinshu I (Shinran Shonin's life and the teaching of Jodo Shinshu), Shinshu II (the Three Pure Land Sutras and the Seven Masters), and History of Jodo Shinshu. In two years, students will complete these four subjects and gain basic understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. In addition to course activities through the internet, we are planning to hold a summer workshop so that students and instructors may meet and communicate in person as well as online if they wish.

The Correspondence Course takes on a new challenge and plays an important role in transmitting the teaching to all people who seek further knowledge of Jodo Shinshu. We are pleased to offer you the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course and welcome your enthusiastic participation in this new journey of online education.

Go to [www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org) for more information, fees, (\$360 first year), and application process. Deadline to register for this course is August 15, 2008.

## ABA – Adult Buddhist Association

We are rethinking our mission statement to include the following:

- More social service - Assist elderly members with household/yard issues as needed
- Continue to plan social activities so that the sangha can become closer.
- Support and promote activities for young adults (our twentysomethings.)
- Continue with fundraisers to support Buddhist work being done in Mongolia.

Additional topics open for discussion are: environmental issues, religious activities and other social and social service ideas. We welcome all adults to join us. And, if you are interested in helping us on the ABA council, we would love to hear from you. Karry Sakamoto is our Betsuin contact person. Look for news of our Hawaiian breakfast fundraiser to be held in September. SEATTLE BETSUIN ABA REGISTRATION LIST Dues are \$10 annually. Please mail checks to Seattle Betsuin 1427 S Main St Seattle, 98144 or place in metal office mail slot.

ABA REGISTRATION FORM:

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

We need your suggestions in order to serve you better. Please list any social activities that you are interested in attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which jobs you are willing to do:**

\_\_\_ Household aid to senior temple members (garden jobs, moving, transportation, etc as needed)

\_\_\_ Phone tree/emailing

\_\_\_ Help with membership (collecting money, writing receipts at membership events)

\_\_\_ Help at our events

\_\_\_ Making membership roster

\_\_\_ Help with recycling at temple events

\_\_\_ General help as needed

\_\_\_ Other

Comments or suggestions \_\_\_\_\_



## Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – June/July 2008

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
	Akio Hoshino – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Alan & Lori Hoshino
	Chieko Iguchi – Funeral Service at Washelli	\$ 500	Robert & Eileen Iguchi
	Mary Miki Isomura – Funeral Service	\$ 500	Nobuo Isomura
	Sawako Nakano – Funeral Service at Washelli	\$ 400	Richard Kato & Joy Nakano Kato
	Kenso Teramoto – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Margaret Teramoto
	Ritsuko Yoshitomi – Inurnment Service	\$ 300	Etsuo Yoshitome
	Chieko Iguchi – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 200	Robert Iguchi
	Jim Nakamura – 7 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Ruby Nakamura
	Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Ruby Nakamura
	Mr. & Mrs. Moritsuchi Murakami – In Memory	\$ 100	Suyeko Fujikado

<u>Remembrances for:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Charles Harada	Mack Harada
Akio Hoshino	Boy Scout Troop 252; Stan & Connie Chinn; Mae Deguchi; Mike & Elaine Shigihara Godby; Helen Gota; Sachiko Hayami; Michiko Hirata; Miyoko Ise; Yoshie Iwamura; Hisako Kato; Carolyn Kunihiro; Yoshi Mamiya; Richard & Leslie Matsuda; Julie Mayeda; Kathleen Murakami; Yoshie Nakagawa; Nobuko Otsuji; Paul & Sono Sakaguchi; Masako Shibuya; Ken Shigaya; May Shigihara; Darlene Shimizu; Darlene Suyematsu; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Martha Taniguchi; Shox & Elsie Tokita; Tak Tsuchida; John & Arlene Yamada; Fumi Yamaguchi; Nobuo Yutani
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Jim Nakamura	Jan & Marc Keltner; Nori Suguro
Kenso Teramoto	Michael Teramoto, Stuart Teramoto
Teruko Tsutakawa	H,M. Baker; Sanora Basu; Delilah Beck; James Blixt; Joseph Huang; Suwako Maeda; Curtis Nakayama, Frances Rikli; Penny Sandhu; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Paul Speckman; Masaru & Anna Tahara; M/M Ted Taniguchi; M/M Mas Tamekuni; Min Tsubota; M/M H. Tsujihara; James & Tomi Zumoto

**General Donations:** George Aoki; Alice Doi (via United Way)

### **In Honor of Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Shimizu Family; M/M Mickey Hiroo; M/M Satoru Ichikawa; M/M Tak Katayama; Kinue Kuwahara; Jack Matsui; M/M Yosh Nakamura; M/M Akio Nishizaki; Ruby Shu;

**Temple Supervision:** Yakima Buddhist Church \$ 100

<u>Other Gifts:</u>	<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
	Rev. Daie Shirayama	Visitation of Boy Scouts from Japan
	Teruo Yorita	Appreciation for Well Wishes
	Aizo Kosai	Derrick Shimada – Eagle Scout Award
	Donna & Steve Nobuyama	Derrick Shimada – Eagle Court of Honor
	Harry, Shirley, Melissa, Matthew & Kimberly Yamamoto	Temple Visitation
	Kids Summer Program (KSP)	Facility Usage (\$1,500)

LARGE AND SMALL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE OUR PLANET by Gail Kaminishi

Eco news from San Francisco's Nichi Bei Times:

Unplugging unused electronic devices will cut your electricity bill. Even when the appliance, clock, cd player, lamp, etc is not turned on, it is still using electricity. A UC Berkeley study showed that as much as 26% could be saved off your electricity bill if you unplug things that you are not using.

Portland is the greenest city in the U.S. according to Popular Science Magazine. Its electricity source,

public transportation, green living, recycling all factor in. Seattle is 8<sup>th</sup>.

It was an impressive effort by Ron Hamakawa and others to obtain compostable food containers and cutlery for obon! Thank you to everyone involved in this effort.

Please send any of your ideas to [newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com) or send by mail to the office.



2008 CHIBICHAN BASKETBALL Information

Join us for the 15th season of our basketball clinic! Sponsored by the Seattle Betsuin Dharma School, this program is open to all girls and 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. Parents need to sign up for Snacks and Cleanup. Register Early!

**Dates (6): September 21, 28, October 5, 12 (picture day), 19, 26 (awards)**

**Place: Seattle Buddhist Church gym, 1427 S. Main St., Seattle, 98144**

**Time:** There will be two sessions between 11:40 am and 1:15 pm. We will determine the times after we know the number of children in each group. Each group will have approximately 30 minutes of gym time. The clinic will be complete at 1:15 PM.

**Groups:** The clinic will be divided as: Nezumi (4-5 year olds); Nekko (6 year olds); Tora (7 year olds); Ninja (8-10 year olds). **Registration Fee:** \$15-Church Members (Dues current) / \$20-Non-Church Members

**What to bring:** Labeled Water Bottle; and Basketball (if you have one) - Nekko will play with the intermediate/women's (28.5) size; Tora will play with either the intermediate or the men's; and Ninja play with the standard men's size (29.5) **Complete the Registration Form, below, and return with check Payable to Seattle Bestuin Dharma School** to the Chibichan Registrar (Eileen Hamamoto Yee).

2008 Dharma School Chibichan Basketball Registration and Consent Form

Make checks payable to "Seattle Betsuin Dharma School." Return form and fee to:  
Eileen Hamamoto Yee, 3001 – 144<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ on September 21, 2008

**Group (circle one):** **Nezumi (4, 5 Yr Old)** **Nekko (6 Yr Old)** **Tora (7 Yr Old)** **Ninja (8–10 Yrs)**

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions? (allergies, asthma,.) \_\_\_\_\_

**I will bring snacks** of Fruit or Cheese for 10 children on this day:

\_\_\_\_ Sept 21 \_\_\_\_ Sept 28 \_\_\_\_ Oct 5 \_\_\_\_ Oct 12 \_\_\_\_ Oct 19 \_\_\_\_ Oct 26 (Other snacks will be provided by the program)

**I will help with clean up** on this day:

\_\_\_\_ Sept 21 \_\_\_\_ Sept 28 \_\_\_\_ Oct 5 \_\_\_\_ Oct 12 \_\_\_\_ Oct 19 \_\_\_\_ Oct 26

**Consent Form:**

I hereby give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Seattle Betsuin Dharma School Chibichan basketball program. I understand the risks inherent in this class, and declare that I will not hold the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist temple, Dharma school or any of the coaches responsible for any injury that may be suffered by the participant arising out of or in any way connected with this activity. In case of emergency, the coaching staff has my permission to take my child to the nearest medical facility, doctor or dentist for emergency treatment.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ (parent or guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_