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*Embrace true and
 real life
 in Nembutsu*



Seattle Betsuin Mission
*Promote, protect, and
 share the Buddha,
 Dharma and Sangha*

December 2010: Major Events of Interest

- December 5 10:00AM Bodhi Day Service
 11:00 AM Japanese Program
 11:30AM Potluck in Gymnasium
- December 12 11:00AM Annual General Membership Meeting
- December 19 Temple Cleanup
- December 25 Temple Closed for Christmas
- December 26 (No Dharma School), Japanese Program

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Betsuin Events for December 2010

EVERY SUNDAY All are invited:

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

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

SUNDAYS *8:45 am Meditation Service Weekly

December 5

10:00 am BODHI DAY SERVICE

Youth: Rev. Warrick

Adult: Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

Japanese Program

Dharma School DX: Rev. Warrick

DX: Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

11:30 am Potluck Luncheon in Gym

December 12

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Children: Rev. Warrick

Youth: Joe Schwab

Adult: Rev. Castro

Dharma School DX: Rev. Warrick

11:00 am Annual General Membership Meeting

December 19

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Children: Rev. Castro

Adult: Rev. Castro

10:30 am Temple Cleanup

3:00 pm Rev. Castro to Spokane

December 26 Rev. Castro (Vacation Day)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE (No Dharma School)

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

MONDAYS

December 13 Rev. Castro (1/2 Study Day Off)

December 27 Rev. Castro (Vacation Day)

December 20 Rev. Castro (Study Day Off)

**January Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, December 20 - 8:00 pm
Print: Staff Discretion**

TUESDAYS

December 7, 14, 21, 28 Rev. Castro (Days Off)

10:30 am Keiro Service

**All Temple Cleanup
Sunday, December 19, 2010
Bring your cleaning gear!**

WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support Group Weekly

December 1 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

December 22 Rev. Castro (Vacation Day)

December 29 Rev. Castro (Study Day Off)

THURSDAYS

December 2 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

December 9 7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

December 16

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

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

7:30 pm Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting (Rev. Castro)

December 23, 20 Rev. Castro (Vacation Days)

FRIDAYS

December 3 12:00 pm Gojikai Service & Meeting

December 10 Rev. Castro (Study Day Off)

December 17, 24 Rev. Castro (Vacation Days)

December 31 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Service

SATURDAYS

December 4 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Dharma Support Group Workshop with Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, recently ordained Jodo Shinshu minister

December 18 (Rev. Castro Vacation Day)

6 am – 6 pm Mochi Making by Dharma

School, Jr. YBA, Camp Fire, and Matsuri Taiko

December 25 Temple Closed for Christmas Holiday

**SEATTLE BETSUIN
General Membership Meeting:
December 12, 2010
11:00AM**

January 2011: Major Events of Interest

Saturday, January 1, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 9 - Betsuin New Year's Party and Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 16 - Ho-onko Service with

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Program

Coordinator at the Jodo Shinshu Center



DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP WORKSHOP

With Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

On Saturday, December 4 from 9:30am to 3:30pm, Dr. Kenji Akahoshi will be presenting a workshop on “**The Heart of Jodo Shinshu**” in the Memorial Hall Chapel. The public is invited and there is no charge but a basket for monetary offerings will be put out. Please bring a bag lunch which can be kept cold if necessary.

Dr. Akahoshi is a retired dentist and recent graduate of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He recently returned from Japan where he received Tokudo Ordination as a Jodo Shinshu minister. Dr. Akahoshi has been conducting annual retreats and workshops for over a dozen years, including some in Seattle for both youth and adults. He has a M.A. degree in Transpersonal (spiritual) Psychology which prepared him to present workshops that are inter-active. This means that the discussions are relevant to the participants as it is their experience that is emphasized. Buddhist concepts that seem to conflict with modern demands and values can be explored. The focus of this day will be to clarify Shin concepts that can be “practiced” in daily life to embody the truth of the Nembutsu. By developing a simple, clear structure of the Shin teachings, each individual can align their life to enhance the joy of living a life of gratitude.

For further information, please contact Rev. Castro or the Betsuin office. “Kenji’s enthusiasm for the Dharma is something I hope everyone can experience,” said Rev. Castro as he was writing this article.

Dear Sangha,

2010 has been quite a year for us as a Betsuin. Highlights from the beginning are the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observance, the 100th Anniversary of Camp Fire, retirement of Rinban Matsubayashi, a very successful Bon Odori, the trip to Japan by the Dharma school group, Socho Ogui’s recommendation of Rinban for Castro sensei, the Religious Department’s program for the Japanese service, and the support by members of the Orion Teen Center. As we reflect on the success of the past, there is the real need to look forward 5, 10, 25, 50 years, and so on to plan for the Seattle Betsuin being part of future celebrations for the next generations. This future we hope for requires leadership and vision. One hundred years ago they, (the leaders), had the desire. We in the current time require the development of new leaders at all levels of our Sangha in order to keep the Dharma strong for it to be shared in the coming years. Our challenge is to grow our membership, to sustain it through vision and leadership. gassho, paul mori

BODHI DAY

By Rev. Don Castro

On Sunday, Dec. 5th, we will celebrate Bodhi Day with guest speaker Dr. Kenji Akahoshi from San Jose. Dr. Akahoshi will also conduct a workshop the day before (see article). On Bodhi Day, we celebrate the enlightenment of Shakyamuni Buddha over 2,500 years ago in India. Shakyamuni Buddha is the historical Buddha and we have a lot of information about his life and the places he visited and stayed. As far as his teachings, since he didn’t write anything down, it is far more speculative, but I think there are certain essential themes that he must have elucidated including impermanence and interdependence among others. While impermanence and interdependence are two sides of the same coin, it seems to me that impermanence has been stressed more throughout Buddhist history. Take for example Rennyō Shōnin’s “Epistle on the White Ashes” that is read at all our funeral services. The impetus to embrace Buddhism often comes from loss and grief.

The theme of interdependence is fundamental to understanding the Bodhisattva path which is also fundamental in appreciating Jodo Shinshu. It leads us to a universal sense of our identity where we realize the welfare of any sentient being is the welfare of myself. Today, with our environmental crisis, a deep understanding of interdependence is crucial for averting disaster. The Dalai Lama refers to our response to the universal sense of oneness as “universal responsibility.” Amida Buddha, to me, embodies universal responsibility; embracing all, forsaking none.

Seattle Buddhist Church Recognized as oldest Camp Fire group in America –

Submitted by Lisa Butler At the Camp Fire Centennial celebration held at Magnuson Park on August 31, the Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire group was recognized for being the longest meeting Camp Fire group in the United States. The group was presented a plaque by Camp Fire Central Puget Sound Council CEO Jane White Vuillet. The plaque reads "Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council honors the dedication, energy and endurance of the Seattle Buddhist Church, the oldest Camp Fire group in America." This is an amazing accomplishment and we can thank the generations of Camp Fire leaders and families for their dedication to making this group strong and successful over the years.

Dolphins/Starflight 1st – Submitted by Jenni Chin The Dolphins worked on completing their Trail to Knowing Me. The first meeting was about "Look At Me" where the girls learned the importance of each person as an individual. The next meeting was about "Friends" and what it means to be someone's friend. They also talked about compliments and how they make people feel good.

On Nov. 7 the Dolphins decorated gift bags to give to the residents of Wisteria Manor at the Christmas Decorating/Singing Event which will be on Nov. 28th. On Nov. 14th, the Dolphins will be going to a carnival hosted by the Rainbows. Thank you, Rainbows!

Starlights 2nd/3rd – Submitted by Debbie Shibata On November 7, Teresa Shimizu led the group in an exploration of what makes each girl a unique individual. The girls made cards with description of themselves and then they tried to determine which card belonged to each other. The girls also did



thumb print art and shared their artwork with each other.

On November 14, the girls began practicing holiday songs that they will perform when they visit the residents of Wisteria Manor. After practice, they scampered energetically off to the carnival hosted by the Rainbows.

Discovery 5/6 - Submitted by Dana Nakashima The girls voted to wear happi coats as their Camp Fire uniform. Many of the girls wanted tie-dyed happi coats, so the girls are tie-dyeing t-shirts, which will be sewn into happi coats. Every girl's tie-dyed shirt will look unique – an expression of each girl's creativity.

We're also busy creating decorations for the November 28 Wisteria View Manor Holiday Decorating event. We plan to make snowflakes and decorations to hang on the walls.

Horizon – Submitted by Alissa Kato On the seventh of November, the Campfire Horizon group made centerpieces for the Nikkei Concern's auction dinner along with the Boy Scouts. The centerpieces were constructed of two pieces of paper with kanji written on it, bound together by the tops of the paper. Raffia was laced through the top of the papers to make a bow. Bamboo also was placed through the top of the paper. Finally, rocks and waxed fall leaves were placed around the bottom of the papers.

On November 14, the Campfire Horizon group baked cookies, which consisted of snickerdoodles, sugar cookies, and chocolate chip cookies for Wisteria View Manor. After baking the delicious cookies, the girls all relaxed and ate lunch.

Horizon – Submitted by Susie Yamane The Horizon group announces that Lindsey Aratani has become one of the co-leaders!

Camp Fire article compiled by Debbie Shibata

Join Us!



**Seattle Betsuin
New Year's Party
January 9, 2011**



Tickets on sale Nov 28- Dec 26

*Tickets not available at the door
Seating is Limited*

Look Who's Blogging! Reverend Castro, Reverend Jim Warrick, and EcoSangha! Join in, and post your comments. Submitted by Alan Hoshino

<http://revcastro.blogspot.com/>

<http://revwarrick.blogspot.com/>

<http://ecosangha-seattle.blogspot.com/>

Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service Buddhist Education House: 1441 S Main St
Each Sunday 8:45 - 9:30 AM Sutra chanting, 20 minute meditation, discussion.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

SBBWA President's Message

Submitted by Shizue Yahata

- The Oct., Nov. and Dec. Toban groups cleaned the kitchen on Thurs., Nov. 4, 2010. Thank you to Deanna Ikegami, Mae Deguchi, Kazumi Shimizu, Rikuko Tanaka, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Yoshie & Ken Dodobara, Emory Pearson, Estu & Ben Shimbo, Sunkie Oye, Ruth Aoki, Shirley Shimada and Irene Saito
 - Year end donations will be made to Nikkei Concerns, Nikkei Heritage and Cultural Center, ACRS Food Bank, Wheel of Dharma and Fred Hutchinson.
 - The SBBWA General Meeting was held on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010. Following the meeting there was an appreciation luncheon for the present members of the Board of Directors and Honorary Directors.
 - On Nov. 23, 2010 the SBBWA presented each resident of Keiro with a box of tissue before the monthly service.
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SBBWA Activity Report

Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki

- Cho Shimizu, SHIBA Helpline volunteer, presented an update on 2011 Medicare health insurance and drug changes.
- No craft classes are scheduled for December.
- 2011 is the year of the Rabbit. Rikuko Tanaka is teaching a class on Rabbit washi kurumi-e (shikishi) on January 12. On January 26 she will have a class on making a stuffed rabbit.



SBBWA Calendar

Tuesday, December 14: SBBWA Kanbukai at 7pm in the dining room

Submitted by Joan Nakano

SBC RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

There will be a Japanese discussion session (Howakai) with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara from the Jodo Shinshu Center, on Saturday, January 15 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Please direct any questions to Fumiko Groves.



TRANSPORTATION TO NW BUDDHIST CONVENTION IN FEBRUARY

Please let the office know if you would like or can provide transportation to Tukwila so that we can plan for arrangements.

DONATE YOUR USED BUDDHISM BOOKS FOR BOOKSTORE A box will be available for deposit in foyer.

Submitted by Irene Goto

MOCHI & CHI-CHI MOCHI SALES

The Seattle Betsuin youth groups (Dharma School, Jr. YBA and Camp Fire) along with Matsuri Taiko are selling tickets for mochi and chi-chi mochi. Tickets for the mochi and chi-chi mochi will be available for purchase at the front foyer and at the Betsuin office starting in early November. You may also pre-order your Okansane for the New Year's holiday as there will be a sign-up book in the front foyer. Details will be available through service announcements or advertisements posted in the Temple. **Sales for the mochi are primarily by pre-sales as there may only be a limited number of walk-up sales on the day mochi are made. Purchase your tickets early, as only a fixed amount of rice will be purchased.**



Bodhi Day Bake Sale

The Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire Group #699 will be having a bake sale during the Bodhi Day potluck lunch. Proceeds from this event are designated for helping to offset the maintenance costs of the North Bend property. Costs incurred at the Temple's property include fuel expenses to run the mowing equipment as well as rental of equipment not owned, e.g. log splitter, which the Temple's Scouting program incurs. The proceeds from the bake sale have been distributed to the Scout's treasury the past two years for this purpose. Please support the Camp Fire bake sale by purchasing items as a dessert after the potluck lunch or a snack to be eaten later. *Submitted by Howard Luke*

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

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

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





ANNUAL BCA THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Impermanence
Interdependence
Gratitude

Peace and Tranquility
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Dana
Karma
Compassion





The BCA Social Welfare fund has been in operation for 29 years. More than \$1.5 million dollars have been disbursed to worthy recipients.

- RECENT EXAMPLES:**
- ASIAN TSUNAMI RELIEF
 - NIIGATA EARTHQUAKE
 - KATRINA/RITA RELIEF
 - UNICEF - DARFUR
 - CENTRAL CA FOOD BANKS
 - POVERELLO HOUSE
 - HAITI EARTHQUAKE FUND
 - "DOCTORS without BORDERS" "UNICEF"
 - SALINAS COMM. PROGRAM
 - FRESNO PROJECT DANA
 - SACTO - NURSING HOME
 - SAN JOSE YU-AI-KAI
 - PRISON DHARMA NETWORK
 - ACRS FOOD BANK

In times like this when the economy environment is extreme, the suffering of those in need is greatly magnified. Look for the donation envelope coming soon in your mail. Please donate what you feel is appropriate.

Thank you for your support.

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – October - November 2010

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
Dick Hara – Funeral Service		\$ 1,000	Reiko Hara
Saburo Ray Sakamoto – Funeral Service		\$ 1,000	Sakamoto Family
Betty Fujiki – Graveside Service		\$ 500	Steven Fujiki
Dick Hara – 49 th Day Memorial Service		\$ 500	Reiko Hara
Joe Wakazuru – 49 th Day Memorial Service		\$ 300	Barbara Wakazuru
Masaye Yamashita – Inurnment Service		\$ 200	Deane & Barbara Uyeda
Ayako Hayashi – 13 th Year Memorial Service and Roy Hayashi – 7 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 250	Dance & Constance Hayashi Smith
Hidetomi Terao – 13 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 100	Victoria Terao

Continued -

- continued **Donations**

Remembrances for:

Given by:

Irene Fugami	Mitsuko Fukuhara
Dick Hara	Edwin & Jenni Chinn; Miyuki Hanada; Mack & Setsuko Harada; Trisha Morton; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Harry & Frances Nishimoto; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Ralph & Monica Tipton; Fusae Yokoyama
George Kobayashi	Dick & Misao Yoshimura
Betty Kubota	Leonard & Louise Berman; Lorraine Blackler; Harumi Fujioka; Tesuden & Kanako Kashima; Nori Suguro;
Teruko Kozono	Yoko Simsay
Saburo Ray Sakamoto	Sanaye Kawamura; Pauline Sakuma; Albert & Frances Shintaku; Florence Sumida; Kiyo Takashima; Haruso & Sonoe Taketa; Paul & Mabel Tomita, Jr.
Joe Wakazuru	Mitsuko Fukuhara; Takeo & Mary K. Katayama; Fusae Yokoyama; Ken Yokoyama

Temple Supervision:

Yakima Buddhist Church	\$ 200
Spokane Buddhist Church	\$ 100

General Donations:

Robert Hamatani	\$ 295.75	General Donation – Employee Community Fund
Kelly Kuwahara	\$ 261.30	General Donation – Employee Community Fund
Marilyn Akutsu	\$ 232.57	General Donation – Employee Community Fund
Nikkei Concerns	\$ 225	Facilities Use
Donna Zumoto	\$ 200	General Donation – Employee Community Fund
Casandra Luce	\$ 175	General Donation
Alice Doi	\$ 166.66	General Donation – United Way
Brian Kaku	\$ 135.98	General Donation – Employee Community Fund
Steven & Lori Chisholm	\$ 100	Appreciation for Japan Trip
Jennifer & Kevin Nagai	\$ 50	Hatsumairi
Rev. Taijo Imanaka	\$ 50	Appreciation from Guest Minister
Cheryl Uyeji	\$ 50	General Donation
Gail Suzaka	\$ 33.34	General Donation – United Way
Masaru & Anna Tahara	\$ 25	Hatsumairi
Andrew & Cindy Kim	\$ 20	Hatsumairi
Lisa Kumasaka Mitchell	\$ 20	Hatsubon/Obon
Sylvia Harby Hutton	\$ 5	General Donation

Onenju Sales: \$ 45

ONENJU ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE Onenju for children, women, and men are now available for purchase in the temple office. Heirloom and modern beads have been restrung by Pauline Sakuma into beautiful new onenju. Please visit the office to see the variety of styles available. Proceeds go to Seattle Betsuin. - jn



Seattle Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following

(please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions or misspelling of names):

Etaikyo Muen Hoyo: Aisaka, Steven; Akizuki, Jim & Louise; Aoki, Takao & Ruth; Aoyama, Doris; Aramaki, Hanako; Asaba, Marian; Beard, Clara; Bobrow, Patricia; Brundige, Grace Tazuma -; Chin, Edwin & Jenni; Chisholm, Steve & Lori; Deguchi, Jene; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Eng, Patrick & Joann Kosai -; Enomoto, Toshiko; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fujita, Nobuichi & Sachiko; Fukeda, George & Toshiko; Fukuhara, Mitsuko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Fumiyo; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Harada, Mack M. & Setsuko; Hayami, Sachiko; Hirasawa, Amy; Hoshino, Alan A.; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Ise, Hal; Isomura, Toshiko; Jeffereis, Gail Kaminishi -; Kajimura, Isako; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecelia Kanako; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -; Kido, Momoko; Kikuchi, Shizuko; Kitashima, Evelyn A.; Kobuki, Haruko; Kogita, Paul & Takako; Komoto, Frank; Kosai, Aizo & June (Yoshie); Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kusakabe, Chiye; Kuwahara, Kinue; Maeshiro, Fumiko; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Maruhashi, Bryan & Rebecca; Maruko, Teruo; Matsui, Jack T.; Matsui, Takashi; McKinney, Susan Taketa -; Miyauchi, Takiko; Mizuno, Hatsue; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Evangeline; Nakano, Junko; Nakashima, Tomi; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Noshu, Setsuno; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okamura, Ray & Mineko; Okano, Tomiko; Okubo, Asako; Osaki, Mary; Otsuji, Nobuko; Oxrieder, Catherine Ann; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Ozeki, Sachiko; Sakamoto, M. Karry; Sako, Masako; Sakoda, Aya; Sakuma, Pauline; Sato, Angela; Shahbaghlian, Steve & Patricia Oye -; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shigaya, Harry & Teruko (Terrie); Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shimada, Shirley; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Aiko; Shimizu, Haruko; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Albert & Frances; Suguro, Nori; Sumida, Florence; Sumida, Leslie; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taki, Noboru & Takako; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Tomita, Jr., Paul & Mabel; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Yahata, Shizue; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yorita, Takako; Yoritsune, Charlene M.; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshihara, Isoko; Yoshimura, Dick & Misao; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko

Ohigan - Fall: Chinn, Connie Ozeki -; Miyauchi, Takiko; Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -

Note: Some donations will be recorded after the newsletter deadline and will be acknowledged in the next month's issue.

2011 BCA Nembutsu Camporee – Save the Date!

August 5-7, 2011 Camp Waskowitz, North Bend, WA

Hosted by Seattle Betsuin Boy Scout Troop 252 & Camp Fire Group 699.

Open to all kids entering 4th Grade through High School (in 2011).

Submitted by Susie Yamane. Info:

nembutsucamporee@seattlebetsuin.com.



ABA News - ABA Hawaiian Breakfast Thank You submitted by Gail Kaminishi



ABA is grateful to have the opportunity to help some of the neediest people in Mongolia and also in our Seattle community. Our Hawaiian breakfast fundraiser raised money to be sent to Maitreya Charities and to Asian Counseling and Referral Service of Seattle. So many people played a part in the success of this fundraiser, from our ABA Council members (Dennis Shibata, Machiko Wada, Shizue Yahata, Cathy Goshu, Paul Mori, Karry Sakamoto and Gail Kaminishi) to volunteers Daigo Wada, Shirley Shimada, Nina Tomika Kato, Fran and Al

Shintaku. Mrs. Ritsuko Kawahara was most helpful in buying supplies to make her delicious miso soup and tsukemono. Many temple members have faithfully attended our fundraisers. And finally, these kind people donated money to Maitreya - Grace and Sat Ichikawa, Hiro Nishimura, Rinban Castro, Rev Aoki. Many thanks to all of you for making it possible! Gassho

Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course 2011 Spring Enrollment

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is accepting applications from November 1 for the Spring 2011 enrollment starting March 1, 2011. 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. For more information, please visit the course website at: www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org Applications may be submitted online at course website. Deadline: February 15, 2011. Course limited to first 20 students. Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA Tel: 510-809-1441, email: jssc@cbe-bca.org

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February 18 – 20, 2011

Standard Registration Fee: \$215

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To register, visit: www.shin-ibs.edu/icoca.php Tel (510) 809-1426 FAX (510) 809-1462

Recycling Committee Update

5-gallon Food Waste Containers The Betsuin now has four, 5-gallon compost containers in the kitchen that may be used when the larger containers are too big for the need. Feel free to borrow them for temporary use wherever needed in the church. Line them with newspaper - no compost bag needed. When finished, dump collected material into a **brown compost tote** in the alley, then rinse out container with the hose in the utility area adjacent to the kitchen.



Compostable Hot Cups We have found a compostable hot cup that is easily recognized by its **distinctive leaf design**. When you're finished with one of these, it goes in the compost container. Using compostable hot cups will significantly reduce waste generated at church.



Reducing Waste at Our New Year's Party The New Year's party, (this year on January 9th), is a wonderful celebration and tradition for our sangha. It's also a good chance to start the year with another stride toward waste reduction. In that spirit, the New Year's planning committee urges members to take home leftovers in their bento boxes. Try to bring a cloth bag for that purpose or you can use a plastic one that we'll hand out. Also, consider bringing a **mug from home**. Thank you in advance for your EcoSangha efforts!



Recycling Info on the Betsuin Website By the time you read this, the Betsuin website should include a recycling info page at: www.seattlebetsuin.com/recycle.htm. Check this page for links to approved compostable products, a recycling resource sheet for event planners, and more.

- David Atcheson, recycling committee chair,
david@atcheson.net

Saturday
January 29, 2011
12:30 p.m.

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Adults (14 and older) – \$15
4 to 13 years old – \$8
3 years and younger – Free

Please RSVP by January 8, 2011
(714) 827-9590 or
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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.

Sep. 26 - Rev. Jim Warrick briefed us on his recent travels to the Yakima Temple in a close and warm setting. Last weekend he celebrated Ohigan at the Spokane Temple. . .A participant agreed with Joe Schwab MA that we should talk more about happy things and be lighter during Dharma Exchange. . .Another participant recently talked with Elmer Tazuma, who is doing well, but does not drive so is unable to come to the temple. . .Warrick sensei said he liked the movie, "Babies," but his wife did not. Babies from San Francisco, Tokyo, Mongolia and Africa were represented. . . A participant described the 2005 Russian film "The Sun" in Japanese with English subtitles. *The New York Times* lauded it as "one of the best movies of the year." It includes Emperor Hirohito's actions during and after the bombing of Tokyo. . .Warrick sensei complained about the small seats on airlines. A participant responded, "It's not the airline's seats, it's you." Sensei took the comment with good grace and humor... Some dates to note: Sun, Oct. 17 a presentation about obutsudan etiquette (how to arrange a space at home and the items necessary) led by Laverne I. and Irene G. will take place in the Meditation House, 1441 Main St. as an alternative to Dharma Exchange. It might be repeated later. . . Sun, Nov 7 Hawaiian Breakfast will be served at the Betsuin. Tickets now available . . See the flyer in the foyer about the Honen/Shinran conference in Berkeley, CA Sun, Nov 14.

Sun, Oct 3 - Rev. Jim Warrick said it was easy to become lost in a swamp filled with cypress trees. One simply ends up going around in circles. He noted small red arrows stuck in the trees, and far apart, that pointed the way, so he emerged safely with his boat from the swamp. . .*A propos* of today's Hatsumairi service, a participant asked, "Is it OK to spank?" There are more ways than one in raising a child according to a recent article in *The Asian Weekly*. . . Sensei said he hoped to schedule Rev. Kurt Rye, a former Betsuin member, as guest

minister. Rev. Kurt is a minister at the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple.

Sun Oct. 10 - Rev. Jim Warrick held the session, and several comments were made on nursing homes. One resident who was unable to speak for a long time uttered, upon seeing a caretaker's son, "There's one good looking young man." A Nikkei woman who constantly repeated the Nembutsu, had a Caucasian for her roommate who responded with Namu Amida Butsu. . . Rinban Castro offered the idea that a nursing home is a good place to practice meditation. . . A participant who works in a nursing home was adamant about several helpful choices; i.e. keep moving daily; don't sit; don't fall down; and keep the lungs open. . . A book worth reading on the New York Times Best Seller List is *Kitchen Table Wisdom* by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D.

Sun, Oct 17 - Joe Schwab, MA talked about his visit to the Wapato Temple. The Yakima Valley Museum opening drew a huge crowd from San Francisco, Los Angeles and other coastal cities. Its focus is on the many Nikkei who originally farmed the valley, but not many returned after World War II. . . Joe noted the article in *The Wheel of Dharma* by Rev. Kurt Rye, a former member of the Betsuin and who is now a minister at the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Rev. Kurt was not familiar with 110 degree temperatures and complained about it. One day he noticed a bumper sticker that said, "Where you are planted, bloom." He has taken the advice. . . Mas Tamekuni will play the ukulele on Sunday, Oct 24 when Rev. Fujimoto of the Idaho-Oregon Temple will be guest minister. . .A participant indicated she likes the gatha "Seiya" translated into English.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

New Year's Eve Service: Friday, December 31, 2010 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Service: Saturday, January 1, 2011 10:00 a.m.

