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

May 2011: Major Events of Interest

- May 7** 9:30am–12:30pm Buddhist Study Group - My Stroke of Insight
1:30-5:00 pm Japanese Seminar w/ Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
- May 8** Rev. Kuwahara speaks for Japanese and English Services
- May 14** 10:00am-4:00pm Seminar “**Seasons of Compassion: Rhythms of Life and Death**” with Rev. Mark Unno, *p. 7*
- May 15** Rev Dr Mark Unno speaks in English (10:00am) and Japanese (following English Service) at Gotan-e Services
- May 30** **Office Closed** for Memorial Day Holiday
10:00 am Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery

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Betsuin Events for May 2011

EVERY SUNDAY All are invited:

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY **10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with Meditation &
5:20pm COMMUTER MEDITATION at 1441 S Main St

SUNDAYS

May 1

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE (No Dharma School)
Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro
Japanese Program
DX: Rev. Warrick
11:30 am SBBWA New Member Welcome
Service & Luncheon

May 8

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S
SERVICE
Children: Rinban Castro & Youth MA
Youth/Adult: Rev. Kuwahara
Japanese Language Service: Rev. Kuwahara
DX: Rinban Castro
DSDX: Joe Schwab
12:00 pm Religious Dept. Meeting

May 15

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am GOTAN-E SERVICE
Youth/Adult: Rev. Unno
Japanese Language Service: Rev. Unno
DX: Rinban Castro "Humor and Jodo Shinshu"
DSDX: To Keiro
11:30 am Camp Fire Council Fire

May 22

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SERVICE
Scholarship recipients will read essays
Adult: Rinban Castro
Japanese Program
DX: Joe Schwab
DSDX: TBD

May 29

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Youth: TBD
Adult: TBD
Japanese Program
DX: TBD
DSDX: Rinban Castro
11:45am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

MONDAYS May 2, 9, 23 Rinban's Study/Days Off

May 30 Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

10:00 am Memorial Day Service at
Lakeview Cemetery

May 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial
Service (Rinban Castro)

TUESDAYS May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

May 24 10:30 am Keiro Service

WEDNESDAYS **10:30am Dharma Support &
5:20pm Commuter Meditation Weekly

May 4 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

THURSDAYS

May 5 Rinban Castro (Vacation Day)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Joe Schwab)

May 19 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

FRIDAYS

May 6

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting

May 20, 27 Rinban Castro (Vacation/Study Days)

SATURDAYS

May 7

9:30 am–12:30 pm Buddhist Study Group
- My Stroke of Insight

1:30-5:00 pm Japanese Seminar with
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

May 14

10:00am – 4:00pm "Seasons of Compassion:
Rhythms of Life and Death" seminar
with Rev. Mark Unno, see page 7.

May 21 Rinban Castro (Vacation Day)

May Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, May 16, 2011 - 8:00 pm Print: May 20, 2011

June 2011: Major Events of Interest

Saturday, June 4 Japanese Seminar with Rev. Eijun Kujo

Sunday, June 5 All Sangha Memorial Service with Rev. Eijun Kujo

Sunday, June 12 Awards and Recognition Service (Last DS day)

Sunday, June 26 Bishops'/Rinbans' Memorial Service

Mon.-Fri., June 27 – July 1 Kids Summer Program (KSP)



The Healing Process

By Rinban Don Castro

As I scan the newspaper this morning (April 18), I find no references to the Japan earthquake and tsunami that happened a little over a month ago. There is only one, associated news item about Tokyo Electric Power's long-term plan to stabilize the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear-power plant. I wonder about the lives and spiritual health of all those people whose graphic and moving photos we saw in the first days and weeks after the disaster. How are they putting their lives back together?

Traditionally in Jodo Shinshu, the mourning period and process takes 49 days, seven weeks, during which time a memorial service is held each week for those seven weeks. In this country, we tend to dispense with most of the seven day memorial services and just emphasize the first and last observance. At the 49th day memorial, I emphasize the importance of reengaging with the world around us. I think this is especially important for those who have been primary caretakers for a loved one. It is too easy to become self-absorbed in our separation, loss and loneliness.

My wife, who is a hospital chaplain, conducts grief counseling groups through a local hospital and just completed a seven week course of sessions. Isn't it remarkable to have an identical period of time for healing in separation-and-loss counseling as we have traditionally done in our Buddhist tradition of memorial services? In the group counseling sessions, however, people who have lost a loved one are generally asked to wait to start the counseling process for at least a couple of months. It is felt that our emotions are too raw before this waiting period and there is often too much crying for a group session.

As I think about both these healing processes of memorial services and counseling, I can see where they would both be effective. The memorial services reinforce family bonds and support; we need family first and foremost. Often, however, I believe we don't discuss our deeper feelings. As a minister conducting the memorial service, I feel like it is my role to speak on behalf of the deceased, to put things in Buddhist perspective and to encourage the family to live their lives as a tribute to, and as an expression of gratitude for the deceased. In a counseling setting, we meet people who may be experiencing exactly what we are in a setting where we are guided and encouraged to open up and share our common human experience. I believe this sharing and support contributes greatly to our healing. Years ago, a family who lost their only child told me their greatest comfort came from joining a grief support group composed of other parents who had also lost their only child.

As a Buddhist, though, I feel my religion gives me a perspective that, I hope, will enable me to treasure life (my own included) and to fully engage in life even in the face of separation and the loss of a loved one. As Buddhists, we don't have to deal with the questions, "Why did God let this happen to me? Was it a test? Was it a punishment?" Years ago, someone asked me, "Why did my father have to suffer so much at the end of his life?" I replied that, although it might seem like a cold answer at first, the reason for suffering is that the causes and conditions for the suffering are there. To eliminate the suffering, we need to eliminate the causes and conditions for it. No divine intervention is necessary and actually the idea of an all powerful and just (yet supposedly compassionate) God really raises a lot of theological problems. Buddhists don't expect life to be fair or necessarily pleasurable. However, we do find joy and peace of mind beyond our selfish ego interests in the boundless wisdom and compassion we call Amida Buddha.

Through our memorial services, we are put in touch with the working of Amida Buddha in our relationship with our loved one who passed away. At first, our grief may be too much and we may not be able to even hear the call of Amida but, over time, healing takes place as our heart opens up. I heard a grief counselor say the first year is the most difficult because we have to endure each holiday, birthday and anniversary reminded of our loss. This is why the first year memorial service is also very important. Through these memorial services we reaffirm our spiritual identity.

Since the 1970's, the custom of holding memorial services has dropped precipitously. In 1975, we conducted 240 memorial services. Last year we conducted 40. I wonder what people do. I conduct memorial services for my father every year even though he wasn't Buddhist. If I compare holding memorial services to our national holiday (holy day) of Memorial Day held this month, I imagine someone saying, "I don't think we need to observe Memorial Day anymore. I think we've had enough." People would dismiss this person as totally insensitive. They would say, "Of course we have to have Memorial Day. It reaffirms who we are, where we came from and where we are going! We have to express our gratitude to the past and our commitment not to waste their efforts but to build on what they gave us.

This sense of indebtedness pervades Japanese culture and I am sure will be the inspiration and motivation for the Japanese nation to both remember, honor and

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rebuild as they have done after too many other national tragedies. This is what I see in the photos of tsunami survivors standing in gassho in front of the foundation of their house that was washed away. With no caption to the photo, I don't know what family members they may have lost. I place that photo in front of our naijin (shrine) before each of the 7 day memorial services that we at Seattle

Betsuin have been holding each Friday for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. Life goes on, and by the time this article appears in our newsletter, we will have completed the course of seven weeks of memorial services. I hope it has been a healing journey for all of us who have participated and rung the Bonsho bell after the service each Friday.

Shoulda, Woulda, Coulda.....I'm sure we have all heard and used this in our talks with others and ourselves. Well, in regards to the tragic natural disaster in Japan our temple was not caught off-guard. Due to the quick response of temple members and staff, Our Betsuin held a very solemn and moving 7th Day Memorial service for those who perished. This huge plan was delivered in less than a week and was open to the public. With much gratitude I would like to thank Laverne Imori, Gail Kaminishi, Alan Hoshino, Rinban Castro, Rev Jim Warrick, Irene Goto, Ed Kato, Mas Tahara, Rosie, Lynn Goodrich, Emery Pierce, Ann Oxrieder, Ron Hamakawa, Etsu Shimbo, Joan Nakano and Pauline Sakuma for their support of the event. By the way, the weekly Memorial services (until the 29th of April) are scheduled for every Friday at 5:30 pm; the public is invited. in gassho, paul

Dear Friends,

We hope that you will consider joining us for another unique Dharma journey -- the annual Pacific Seminar 21st Century, taking place on June 24-26, 2011, here at the Jodo Shinshu Center. Co-sponsored by the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Center for Buddhist Education, this year's seminar will focus on **The Path to the Pure Land - "Why is the Nembutsu relevant to my life today?"**

Participants will have the rare opportunity to explore this question with four guest speakers: **Reverend John Iwohara, Rev. Gregory Gibbs, Rev. Harry Bridge and Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara.**

Also, please note our early bird discount rate: \$25 off the regular rate of \$125, if received by April 30th. All registrations are due by May 31st. For more information go to:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7kxescab&oeidk=a07e3nwamc881941bcd&oseq=a01eifx5d030m>

Sincerely, Rev. Kodo Umezu, **BCA Center for Buddhist Education,** director@cbe-bca.org, 510 809 1460

Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma Interested in joining Camp Fire? If you have a child starting Kindergarten this fall and are interested in starting up a new group, please contact the Betsuin office.

All past Camp Fire members and Camp Fire families are invited to attend this year's Council Fire, May 15, at 11:45 in the gym. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there.

Discovery 5th/6th Submitted by Dana Nakashima In late march, eight girls attended a basic archery session at Next Step Archery. The girls each were equipped with bow, arrows and instructions on how to use them. They had fun aiming at the targets, including balloons.

In early April the group practiced their hula dance in preparation for visiting Nikkei Manor and Keiro on May 5. The girls will perform their dance, plus individual Talent Show acts for the residents.

Starlights 2nd/3rd Submitted by D. Shibata During the past month the girls have been involved in various aspects of the Bazaar pie making process. They also embarked on a community service project to make origami cranes as part of the Bezos Foundation tsunami relief. Each crane is to be matched by the foundation with \$2.00, up to a total of \$200,000. The girls learned to make the cranes and took supplies home to make more. In the end, 848 cranes were shipped out. Brianne and her mom went gangbusters over their spring break and made 678! The 100,000 origami cranes will be incorporated into an artwork. It will be interesting to see what form it takes.

Dharma School Submitted by Joyce Tsuji **2011 Graduates** If you know of a temple member that will be graduating from either High School or College this Spring and think they would like to receive a certificate of congratulations from BCA, please let us know **by Sunday, May 8** in order to allow time to receive these. Thanks. Contact the temple office at (206) 329-0800 or email office@seattlebetsuin.com and provide:

Student's Full Name
Number

College/High School/Institution

Parent's Name

Phone

The SBC Buddhist Study Group will meet on Saturday, May 7, to discuss Jill Bolte Taylor's My Stroke of Insight - a brain scientist's journey from a debilitating stroke to full recovery with an inspiring exploration of human consciousness and its possibilities. Please join us in the Memorial Hall from 10:30-12:30 (brown bag lunch optional). Thanks, Leonora

A Question and Answer Session on *Dharma Breeze: Essays on Shin Buddhism* by Reverend Dr. Nobuo Haneda, was attended by 16 readers on Friday, April 8, 2011. Dr. Haneda also conducted a Japanese seminar on Saturday, April 9, which was attended by 40. In addition he presented 3 dharma talks on video for future Japanese services and concluded the week-end with us by presenting the dharma talk at Hanamatsuri Service. Seattle Betsuin was fortunate to have Dr. Haneda and his wife Tomoko visit us once again. *Submitted by Irene Goto*

Betsuin Archives Committee is seeking members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces It isn't too early to think about Obon season and that means that the Betsuin Archives Committee wants photos of members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and in reserves, in uniform.

We've currently some 95 photos and are looking for more. This display always attracts attention each year. We'd like to continue to honor those members who have served our country. Please submit photos to the Betsuin office:

Attn: Betsuin Archives Committee - Sat Ichikawa. Thank you. Sat



ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO

Sunday, June 5, 2011 Service at 10:00 AM

The annual **ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday, June 5, 2011, at 10:00 AM**. This important service is dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of all those who were members and friends of the Seattle Betsuin or one of its affiliated organizations.

We invite families of these members to submit your loved ones' names to be read during the service and we ask that you attend in their honor. **Please fill out the section below and return to the Betsuin office by Sunday, May 29, 2011.** We cannot guarantee that names received after the deadline will be read. The names will be called in the order received.

In Gassho, *Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main St, Seattle, WA 98144, (206) 329-0800*

Name of Deceased

Submitted by: _____ Phone #: _____

2011 Spring Bazaar We're still accepting payments for the Spring Bazaar script tickets that were mailed out even though Spring Bazaar was in March. If you would like to make a donation or if you have forgotten to pay for the Bazaar tickets, you may send them to the Temple's address. We can check for you to see if you had paid for the tickets or returned them as we have a list of who received tickets from our mailing. Please contact the Temple office and leave a message.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to put on the Temple's Spring Bazaar the last Sunday in March. This fundraiser wouldn't happen without the generous support of those volunteering their time for the many tasks involved. It takes a lot of commitment in order to have a successful event and for certain individuals, this is a recurring effort year after year with the work they put in. On behalf of the Temple and the Spring Bazaar Committee, please accept a "THANK YOU" to volunteers for their efforts and contributions, especially to those that take on more than a single task year after year. Your contributions are very much appreciated as it is the collective efforts of all that help to make this event a success.

We replaced one item this year by offering pork yakisoba instead of the pork chow mein from last year as there was a desire by the committee to offer a hot dish based on feedback from last year. We also replaced the California roll with nigiri as this was less labor intensive. Other than the above, the menu was basically the same as the prior year offering variety to attendees and keeping the items that people have looked forward to purchasing and not overburdening the volunteers with preparation. As is typical with prior years, there were negative comments, but these were countered with positive ones as well, a continued testimonial to the reputation earned by the Temple's volunteers that worked on the food prep. There were areas to improve on and some feedback has been received, but we continue to work on

making this event a positive experience for those that support the event with their attendance and for the volunteers. Without all opinions we never know that there is another side to look at improvements if warranted or continue the successful aspects. We also offered a raffle this year with 2 prizes and winning tickets as drawn were Dan Sordetto (iPad) and Steve Mikami (32" flat screen TV).

Final financial results are not finalized, but initial estimates for the gross amount received may be less than the prior year. However, there are savings from the expense side so we are anticipating that the net amount should not be as negatively impacted by the reduced gross income. Items left over at the end were not excessive and were able to recoup revenue with sales to workers and others during clean-up. There were a few comments about it seeming busier this year in the dining area but this was offset with a possible decline in the sushi/chicken selling area.

To keep the article to a manageable length, names of individuals donating items for the baked goods booth, crafts booth, utensils used for the event and the many volunteers is being excluded. The information from the sign-up sheets will be kept for future reference in helping to determine workloads and to have a record of the donors and volunteers. Please know that your contributions are valued even if not listed individually.

In Gassho, 2011 Spring Bazaar Chairperson

MAP III's First Session *Arigatai*. This is the word Reverend Kodo Umezu, Director of The Center for Buddhist Education (CBE), used to describe his feelings as the third group of ministers' assistants convened for its first session. We are fortunate to be part of this group of 14 who met on March 24-27 at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California. *Arigatai* is the single word that best describes our own feelings.

Socho Koshin Ogui welcomed us on Friday evening, and then the next two-and-a-half days were spent learning about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, chanting the Shoshinge, and how to participate in a service, including ringing the *kansho* and making the "perfect" *obuppan*. We were extremely fortunate to have Reverends

Kodo Umezu, Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Harry Bridge and Marvin Harada as our teachers. Besides the opportunity to further study the Dharma, the most gratifying experience was meeting and bonding with our MAP III



classmates and fellow travelers. *Okagesame de arigatō* to Rinban Castro, Reverend Warrick, Joe Schwab, the Board, and Sangha for your support and encouragement. Submitted by Laverne Imori and Irene Goto

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata Thank you to all the members who came out to help with the Spring Bazaar. Under the leadership of Mrs. Ritsuko Kawahara, the SBBWA made 375 rolls of makizushi, 1500 inarizushi, 300 ohagi and 350 units of barazushi. Also a thank you to Susie Yamane and Lynne Goodrich for organizing the making of the makizushi, Mrs. Miyoko Yamazaki for the ohagi and Janet Baba, Machiko Wada, Suzuko Terada and Nina Tomita-Kato for the inari.

Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku
Mae Deguchi – In Memory of Masako Shibuya

SBBWA Activity Report Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki and Peggy Hanada
On May 11th, Wednesday, from 9:30 am to noon in the dining room, we will have a session on beaded wire bookmarks and children's bracelets. Please bring the following supplies: unused extra beads, pen, ruler, flat pliers and pointed pliers. If you are interested in this class, please sign up on the sheet posted in front of the office.

TRIP NOW OPEN TO NON-BWA MEMBERS
The SBBWA is planning a day trip to LaConner for lunch and a jet boat ride through Deception Pass on Saturday, June 25. We can also go to the Gaches Quilt & Textile Museum where they are now exhibiting Japanese-Americans in Internment Camps Story Quilts. There are a few spaces still available on a 47 passenger bus. Non-BWA member price is \$89.00, which includes the bus ride, lunch and jet boat ride with tour guide. There is a nominal fee for the museum, or you can go shopping in LaConner. Two bus pickups will take place at: (1) Best Western Hotel, S. Center, at 7:30 am. (2) Seattle Buddhist Church at 8:00 am. Please contact Peggy Hanada, or the church office (206) 329-0800, if interested.

SBBWA Calendar: Sunday, May 1
SBBWA New Member Welcome Service and Luncheon

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Reverend Dr Mark Unno

Associate Professor of East Asian Religions

at the University of Oregon presents a seminar entitled

Seasons of Compassion: Rhythms of Life and Death

May 14, 2011 from 10:00am-4:00pm at
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

Submitted by Gail Kaminishi

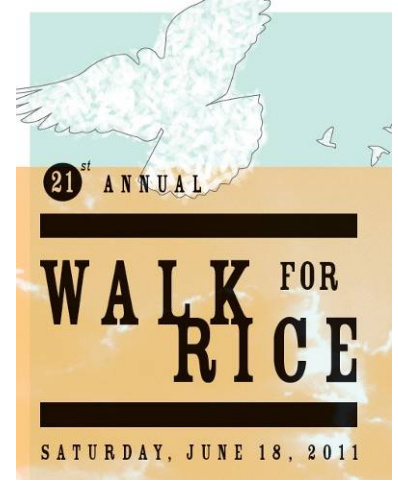
Please reserve/circle your lunch choice for \$10: vegetarian or non-vegetarian
Donations for the seminar will be gratefully accepted.
Checks may be payable to SBC – Religious Department.

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Registration for Mark Unno Seminar of May 14, 2011

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mail to Seattle Betsuin 1427 S Main St. Seattle 98144 Attn
RD: May Seminar.



Walk for Rice - Saturday, June 18, 2011 The 21st Annual Walk for Rice will be held the morning of Saturday, June 18 at Seward Park. Each year Walk for Rice raises money for the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) Food Bank which serves thousands of households each year. This festive event brings together more than 1,000 community members who can choose to run or walk the 2.5-mile loop to help raise awareness about hunger in King County. Groups of church members often get together for an additional activity after the walk (such as a picnic).

The temple has formed a Walk for Rice team. It's easy to join and/or support the team online: simply visit www.walkforrice.org, click Register Here, then click Join a Team. Then select Seattle Buddhist Church as your team. Or, save yourself some clicks and visit <http://bit.ly/sbc-w4r2011> to go right to the temple's team page. At this page, you can either join the team or make a general donation that will be credited to the church team. We will also make paper donation forms available in the foyer. Thank you in advance for your support!

Submitted by David Atcheson and Shizue Yahata

Simple things you can do when your favorite outfit, fabric or yukata is ruined by a stain. There are lots of uses for that fabric. You can cut it into decorative patches and trim for shirts or tote bags. If there is enough, cut a large square and make your own furoshiki (foldable cloth used to tote items.) Do an online search for "furoshiki folding" and you can find lots of ways to use the furoshiki. • If you don't take your wire hangers back to the dry cleaners, think of ways to use them. One way is to use them as boot shaper inserts so the boots can stand straight. • I read that you should throw out your pillows every year! Rather than do that I use mine. My dogs have pillow beds all over the house and car. Check with local animal shelters to see if they will take your old pillows. *Submitted by Gail Kaminishi*

ABA's outing to Jazz Alley consisted of two carloads of people who had a great time! First though, Laverne kindly had all of us over for a tasty dinner at her house! Thank you again Laverne! We topped it off with Camp Fire's apple pie for dessert.

Jake Shimabukuro did an amazing performance of the ukulele, doing pieces you wouldn't expect to hear on a uke. He dedicated his version of koto piece, "Sakura" to the people of his ancestral homeland of Fukushima, which was very touching. He also dedicated an original song to the 100th/442nd. His flamenco piece was extraordinary and his finale "Bohemian Rhapsody" was very cool. We were all glad we could hear him play in this intimate setting. *Submitted by Gail Kaminishi*

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – February - April 2011

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Takao Aoki – Funeral/Memorial Service		\$ 500	Ruth Aoki
Lily Hori – 1 st Year Memorial Service		\$ 500	Takashi Aoki
Kazuko Inouye – Funeral/Memorial Service		\$ 500	Allen Nakamoto
Tsukiyo Takano – Graveside Service		\$ 400	Dr. James Takano
Steve Sako – 13 th Year Memorial Service		\$ 300	Masako Sako

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George Yamamoto – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Lillian Yamamoto
Harry Terada – In Memory of	\$ 200	Joe & Hideko Terada
Saburo Sakamoto – In Memory of	\$ 150	Ben Sakamoto
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Buster Higa – In Memory of	\$ 100	Linda Higa
Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Kuniko Takamura

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Katchi Aoyama

Masaru & Anna Tahara

Gwen Florence

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Yakima Buddhist Church \$ 200 (Feb & Mar)

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In honor of Dr. James Doi's 88th Birthday

Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki

Japanese Cultural Center

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We will be providing an **annual summary** of donations made during the calendar year. Acknowledgements to individuals for donations made on behalf of members who have passed away will still continue to be made to the next of kin as cash counts are regularly made. We will expand the notifications to more than just passings. As with donations made to charitable organizations, your canceled check is also a valid document for receipt purposes. We'll assess and re-evaluate the process for any changes that may be necessary. - HL

FROM SBC RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

Newcomers Welcome and Q&A after Dharma Exchange will be offered by Ministers Assistants in training, Laverne Imori and Irene Goto, on the first Sunday of each month.

Dharma Study Group announces book for May 7: Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte Taylor 9:30 to 11:30a.m.. Bring your own lunch if you'd like to stay until 12:30. All are welcome.

Dharma Exchange Topic for Sunday, May 15: *Humor and Jodo Shinshu.* -AO
NEW! 5:20-5:50pm Commuter Meditation Every Wednesday.

Religious Department Retreat We are looking for help in planning two weekend retreats to be held in the fall. One will be offsite but nearby. If you are interested in helping, contact Gail Kaminishi.

Donate Your Used English Buddhism Books For Bookstore A box is available for deposit in foyer.

Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service
Buddhist Education House: 1441 S Main St
Each Sunday 8:45 - 9:30 AM Sutra Chanting,
20-Minute Meditation, Discussion.

Submitted by Irene Goto



🎵 Musical Notes Youth participation in our services the last three months has been terrific. Trevor Yokoyama and Aaron Ramos provided the music for Scout Sunday service in February. For Camp Fire Sunday in March, Amanda Hamakami (piano), Erica Horn (violin) and Sydney Chisholm (flute) were featured musicians. All of the other youth participants for service chairs and other special presentations for these services did a great job too. For Earth Day Service in April, *Seiya* and *Yube no Uta* were performed by Kayla Butler, Kristy Carpenter, Mikio Habu, Aaron Ramos, Emily Yamasaki, and Rose Yasukochi. Support from parents is vital also. Keep up the great work!

In order to provide background music for kambutsu prior to Hanamatsuri service, the Betsuin choir appreciated the help from Cyrus Honmyo, Alan Hoshino, and Mas Tamekuni for the sound checks for the stage microphones and for the use of the electric keyboard from the Yokoyama family. Terrie Tanino continues to provide our leadership, and we welcome new members to the choir at any time.

Mas Tamekuni is coordinating ukelele music for Mother's Day Sunday, and the choir is working on music for other upcoming special services. *Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi*

AV Volunteers Wanted The temple is planning to add video capabilities to the Hondo (large screen and projector) and update the Hondo's PA system accordingly. If you or some-one you know is in the AV business and are interested in bidding on this project please notify the temple by e-mail at religiousdepartment@seattlebetsuin.com. The temple is also looking for volunteers to form a group of trained

AV operators who are willing to take turns supporting Sunday services, weddings, funerals, memorial services and other events requiring AV in either the Hondo or the auditorium. Please send an e-mail to the religious department to get on the list. – Alan Hoshino

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From left are:
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Nobuo Haneda,
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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.

April 3, 2011 – Rev. Jim Warrick quoted Dr. Namekata regarding radiation from the explosion in the nuclear power plants in Japan. . . A participant with the U.S. Navy related his experience on the aircraft carrier Lincoln, which is monitoring data on radiation. So far it hasn't changed since it started. . . Participant stated (1) We all have fears. (2) (cause for fear) how long has it gone on (3) how do we work with experience and cause. (4) We don't really know what is happening. We need to get back to living our life. . . Participant: We can move to compassion so we have both fear and compassion. . . In Japan many young people have dropped out and live with parents at home. They are getting involved in relief organizations. . . Participant: People who are affected by the disaster are showing compassion to others. There is no looting or crime. . . It is claimed that Vitamin C and wheat grass can prevent radiation poisoning. ***

April 10 – Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Haneda, president of the Maida Center in Berkeley, and Rev. Castro conducted the Dharma Exchange. When Dr. Haneda was 22 years old he studied Russian literature and then encountered Buddhism. His book, Dharma Breeze, No. 2 advises us to seek an inspirational person in order to become whole. He asked, how do we lose ego? Buddhism is self-knowledge. Knowing the self is most important – egolessness is impossible. It is important to listen and receive the teaching from teachers and friends in the Dharma. True Buddhism is difficult. The teacher is the guide. The Dharma delivers us, not the teacher. We must connect with the wonderful tradition connected with the Dharma. Our Enlightenment is much deeper than we realize. We have to examine the good and bad self. Zen Buddhist Rinzai cautions not to become attached to teachers. Teachers are the pipeline to the Dharma. Amida is Dharma. Buddhism does not talk about a “personal savior” – Christianity does. Dharma liberates us and we are all part of it. Na..man.. da.. is saying, “Come to Amida, come to the ultimate truth.” * * *

April 17 – Warrick sensei reported that the Dharma School children planted a Star Magnolia tree adjacent to the statue of Shinran in Wisteria Park to celebrate Earth Day. He recounted the story of one of the first Buddhist accounts of recycling. It concerned monks who wanted new robes and how to recycle the old ones. Rinban Castro discussed harmony and diversity, the theme for the Northwest temples. Rev. Julie told the story of a policeman who welcomed a Caucasian businessman to the neighborhood in Japan, thus making him feel at home because other people followed suit and greeted him. . . Buddhism is more shades of gray. We naturally think dualistically. . . Teens in schools wear uniforms, but demonstrate their rebellion with their socks. It was noted that the youth in Japan have responded well to the recent earthquake and tsunami.

In gassho, *Pat Bobrow*

April 10, 2011 Hanamatsuri

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