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*Embrace true and  
 real life  
 in Nembutsu*



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

### October 2011: Major Events of Interest

October 1  
October 4, 11, 18  
Sunday, October 16  
Saturday, October 22  
  
Sunday, October 23

First Saturday Study Group 9:30 - 11:30am  
 Tuesday Dharma Study Group 7:00 - 9:00pm  
 Hatsumairi Service 10:00am see p. 7  
 Japanese Seminar with Rev. Akio Shoyu  
 Miyaji 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 SBBWA Memorial Service Rev. Akio Miyaji  
 Guest Speaker 1:00pm

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## Betsuin Events for October 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

**WEDNESDAYS Oct. 12, 19, 26: \*\*10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with Meditation**

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

October 2

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rev. Warrick

DSDX: TBD

DX: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

October 9

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 pm FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: TBD

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: TBD

DX: TBD

12:00 pm Religious Department Meeting

October 16

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am HATSUMAIRI SERVICE

Youth: TBD

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: TBD

DX: TBD

October 23

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: TBD

Family: Rev. Akio Miyaji

Japanese: Rev. Akio Miyaji

DSDX: Rev. Warrick

DX: TBD

1:00 pm SBBWA Memorial Service with Rev.

Akio Miyaji as Guest Speaker

October 30

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: TBD

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: TBD

DX: Rev. Warrick

### **MONDAYS**

October 3 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

### **TUESDAYS**

October 4 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

October 25

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

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

October 5 Rinban Castro to California

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

October 12, 19, 26\*\*

### **THURSDAYS**

October 6 Rinban Castro at Jodo Shinshu Center

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

October 20

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (Rinban Castro)

October 27

7:30 pm Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting

(Rinban Castro)

### **FRIDAYS**

October 7 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting

October 14 Rev. Castro (Day Off)

October 28 – 30 Rinban Castro in Lethbridge, Canada

### **SATURDAYS**

October 1

9:30 – 11:30 am First Saturday Study Group –

Foreign Devils on the Silk Road by Peter Hopkirk

October 8 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

October 22

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Japanese Seminar with Rev.

Akio Shoyu Miyaji, BCA Minister Emeritus

### **November 2011: Major Events of Interest**

Saturday, November 5 Seminar with Rev. Gregory

Jundo Gibbs, Oregon Buddhist Temple

Sunday, November 6 Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo

Service with Ochigo; Rev. Gibbs, Guest Speaker

Sunday, November 27 Family Music Service

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, **October 17, 2011 8:00 pm**

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## Our Common Humanity

By Rinban Don Castro

This morning, I participated in the Seattle Keiro Garden Groundbreaking Ceremony. Nikkei Concerns CEO Jeffrey Hattori did an excellent job coordinating the ceremony and acting as M.C. The event began with a Shinto ceremony followed by “blessings” by Rev. Derek Nakano, Senior Pastor at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church on behalf of the Japanese Christian community and by me on behalf of the Japanese Buddhist community. The garden is going to be very beautiful as well as functional, since it is located just outside the rehab facility as a safe and secure place to walk with cane or walker or be pushed in a wheelchair.

Beginning the Groundbreaking Ceremony with a Shinto ceremony made me think about the relationship of Shinto and Buddhism in Japan. Prince Shotoku, known as the “Father of Japanese Buddhism,” was opposed by Shinto forces when he promoted Buddhism in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Buddhism flourished, however, and over the centuries some of the most devout adherents of Buddhism were some of the emperors and empresses of Japan. Shinto was absorbed and transformed by some of the Buddhist sects and very much eclipsed by Buddhism, although Jodo Shinshu completely disassociated itself from Shinto influence.

While initially a fertility cult, Shinto was transformed over the centuries through its encounter with Confucianism and Buddhism. With the return of the Emperor to power after the fall of the Shogunate in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, a new nationalistic interpretation of Shinto called “State Shinto” emerged and Emperor Meiji declared that Shinto should have

absorbed Buddhism rather than the opposite. He tried to destroy Buddhism and, at one point, declared that all Buddhist temples should be shut down. State Shinto ended with Japan’s surrender at the end of WW II.

Today, the Shinto religion seems to have generally returned to its concern with invoking spirits of protection and good fortune; although there is still a vibrant strain of Shinto nationalism in Japan. Certain Buddhist sects, too, engage in invoking protection and good fortune, but Jodo Shinshu does not do so directly. Protection and good fortune are side benefits of enlightenment not goals in themselves. My “blessing” at Keiro was to invoke the spirit of enlightenment, “May the spirits of all the enlightened ones dwell in this garden. We joyfully scatter flower petals of welcome.”

I thought back twenty five years to the initial groundbreaking ceremony for Keiro that Rinban Ouchi, Rev. Nakagaki and I participated in. I thought about all the warm and inspiring events, residents, volunteers and staff who have left their legacy to us; the late Jim Komura, for instance, who was so active with Keiro and our Betsuin when I first arrived in Seattle in 1986, and the late Nobue Shimizu who just last week recited the Nembutsu with me at Keiro only two days before she died. “May their spirits, the enlightened spirits of all the selfless Keiro contributors and the spirits of all the Enlightened Ones in the ten directions welcome you to the new Keiro garden. This is the spirit of Buddhism and the enlightened spirit of our common humanity.

**Fall Higan Service: Great!** To those of you who attended the Fall Higan service, I thank you! The weather was just right, with the rain freshening up the landscape the night before. Hustling Sangha members coming as the Bonsho was being rung. I stepped into the rear of the Hondo to join in the special service. The Najjin was full of Ministers and assistants, the Sangha members filled the pews, with the Betsuin choir in the front. Our choir had an “A” day, with the piano and a violinist in accompaniment, it sounded great. You just had to be there.

Kuwahara Sensei from the Institute of Buddhist Studies was the guest speaker, who spoke to our children and adults, and delivered a message to the Japanese members also. Ministers were busy with Dharma Exchange, Dharma school and a Dharma school parents exchange too. Following all of this the Boy Scout fall session began, wow what a temple! Great to be here, see more of you soon. Gassho Paul



**2011 Nembutsu Camporee** Submitted by Connie Ozeki-Chinn and Susie Taketa. It was a typical Northwest summer day – is it going to rain? The clouds won't go away, oh look, is that blue sky? But the weather didn't dampen the spirits of the campers as they arrived at Camp Waskowitz, in North Bend, Washington (about 40 minutes east of Seattle). Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and others from various youth groups (e.g. YAC retreat participants) at BCA Temples arrived for the 2011 Nembutsu Camporee. The event was held on August 5-7 and hosted by Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.

Delegates from all over the west coast participated in the program themed "Exploring Eco-Sangha." Discussions of conservation and being mindful of our carbon footprint were incorporated into a variety of mixers, activities, and services.



After ice breakers and making s'mores over an open pit by the river, the campers were led down a lantern lit path to a rustic, covered shelter with a roaring fire and lanterns hanging all around. This was the venue for Opening Service led by Youth Ministers Assistants from the Northwest. The Juseige was chanted by flashlight and the campers were inspired to think about the earth and being eco-minded.

Socho Ogui and Rinban Castro arrived on Saturday for morning service. After service, group pictures were taken with Socho and Rinban before heading into activities, including an eco-scavenger hunt, relay games, making clothes items, bags and pillows from recyclable plastic bags, swimming and creating skits. After dinner, skits were presented, and then the campers played bingo and other games, sang karaoke, and created friendship bracelets. The campers were then treated to a "musubi bar". Adult leaders made musubi, with the choice of ume, furiikake, Spam or nori to eat with the musubi. The Gohan was a hit!

The program ended Sunday morning with a brief service, again led by the awesome Youth Ministers Assistants, and a slide show summarizing the events of the weekend. The campers cleaned their assigned areas, leaving the camp grounds as clean as or cleaner than when they arrived, all in keeping with the theme of being eco-minded. The next Nembutsu Camporee will be in 2013 hosted by the Coast District.

## Obutsudan for Adoption at Seattle Betsuin



We have acquired many relinquished Obutsudan that need good Jodo Shinshu homes. They are old and need refurbishing. If you are interested in adopting an antique obutsudan for your home, ask for a viewing to see the sizes and shapes we have available. Irene is available most Sundays at noon to show them to you. Each obutsudan has a suggested donation amount for adoption starting at \$50. – Irene Goto

## Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

### SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata

The SBBWA was asked to make some hors d'oeuvres for the BCA ministers attending the Summer Fuken held in Seattle. The following people helped to prepare the wonderful food under the leadership of Ritsuko Kawahara: Machiko Wada, Aiko Fujii, Kinue Kuwahara, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Miyoko Yamazaki and Sonoe Taketa.

Yoshie Dodobara, Marian Asaba, Irene Mano Naomi Takemura and Ken Dodobara all worked together to clean the stove for the September kitchen clean up. Big thank you goes to Mr. Dodobara.

Under the leadership of Machiko Wada and Alan Hoshino there continues to be a well received and attended Japanese Language service. Various other members of the SBBWA have stepped up to organize Japanese Language seminars/workshops which are well attended and very meaningful not just for the members of the SBBWA but to all temple members.

**Activity Report** Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki  
On Wednesday, November 2, from 10:00 am to noon, Cho Shimizu, SHIBA volunteer, will give a preview of upcoming healthcare and prescription changes for 2012. Please prepare your Medicare questions prior to this workshop. This class is open to all Betsuin members as well as the general public. A sign up sheet is posted in front of the office.

**Donations** Submitted by Treasurer Shizue Kaku Mas and Frances Tamekuni - in appreciation for photo album

### SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, October 2	11:45 am	SBBWA Board Meeting
Sunday, October 23	1:00 pm	SBBWA Memorial Service with Rev. Akio Miyaji

*Submitted by Joan Nakano*

### Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma

Discovery 6 & 7th Grade Submitted by Dana Nakashima. On Sunday, September 11, we held the first meeting of our new group year. The girls enjoyed pizza then spent time talking about their favorite Summer activities.

We are planning a multitude of fun activities, including ice skating, learning to knit, and a blanket and towel drive for an Animal Shelter. We look forward to a jam-packed year of learning, sharing and fun!

Dolphins – 2nd Grade Submitted by Grace Tazuma. The Dolphins kicked off the new Camp Fire year by organizing the outdoor cooking skills day at the North Bend site. The girls learned about various outdoor cooking techniques including foil packs, making grilled sandwiches with pie irons, cooking with bamboo sticks and baking a brownie in a cardboard box oven. The girls enjoyed eating what they each made.

### Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple submitted by Laverne Imori

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

- October 1: Foreign Devils on the Silk Road, by Peter Hopkirk. We'll also watch a video. Rinban has about 4 new copies of the book for \$8.25. One copy available at the Temple Library (contact Laverne). Available new online for \$23.84.
- November 5: Pure Land Buddhism, by Reverend Kenneth Tanaka. Available new through the BCA Bookstore for \$15.00. Please contact Laverne if you're interested in ordering through the BCA Bookstore.) Also available through the Temple Library (contact Laverne).
- December 3: Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness, by Jeff Wilson. Available new online for \$12.59; used from \$5.98; electronic version for \$9.99.

**The Tuesday Dharma Study Group** will meet weekly for five weeks, starting on September 20 through October 18, Tuesday evenings in Memorial Hall Chapel between 7 and 9 p.m. On September 20, we will discuss Gratitude: Its Source and Power by Reverend Dr. Taitetsu Unno. Rinban Castro will lead the discussion. Contact Laverne Imori at 425.890.0551 or at [limori@comcast.net](mailto:limori@comcast.net) for a free copy. Everyone is invited to participate in the study groups. No registration is required. For further information, please contact Rinban Castro or Laverne Imori. We hope you will join us.

**Dharma School** submitted by Joyce Tsuji Welcome back everyone!! The first day of Dharma School got us all off to a wonderful start with the hondo and halls filled with lots of excited children. We look forward to a terrific year. Thanks to everyone who came, registered their children and provided refreshments.

The middle school class is meeting downstairs next to the dining room and so the Memorial hall chapel is being used for parent's meetings and Dharma exchanges this year during class time. If you have any ideas for discussion topics let Rinban Castro know.

We are looking for some individuals who would like to organize the Ochigo event on Nov 6 during the Muen Hoyo service. If you are interested or have questions please let your Dharma School teacher know. Also if you have a child that is interested in participating there will be forms available in the foyer with further information.

### Classroom Reports

1<sup>st</sup>/2nd grade: We've started off the first two Sundays with 20 very enthusiastic, bright kids. We began by introducing ourselves, learning each other's birthdays and some of our favorite snack foods. Yum! Next we read the classic Maurice Sendak illustrated book What do you say, dear?? and discussed good rules to have for the rest of the year so we can all be safe, considerate of each other and have fun. After a lively discussion we have agreed on the ones we like and will be signing our class contract soon. We have welcomed a couple of new students and had our first birthday celebration for the summer birthday kids!!

Grades 6-8: Fall, return to classes, welcome back students from... Nina, Angela, Paul and new to our staff Dennis Yamashita, thanks Dennis. We will be utilizing the book "Ocean" in our classroom to provide continuity. Our staff will supplement the text with relevant projects and discussions to grow the students understanding of Jodo Shinshu, gassho. Paul Mori

**An Aki Matsuri Display** of Seattle Buddhist Church was compiled by Ann Oxreider and Fumiko Groves and exhibited at Bellevue Community College at Aki Matsuri on September 10, 11 to inform the community of who we are. "An encouraging photo displaying our commitment to Jodo Shinshu in America, gassho paul" – Irene Goto



photo by Dennis Shibata

**ABA news** Several people were invited to see the film, "My Great Grandfather's Drum," a wonderful and moving documentary about generations of a Japanese American Maui taiko family. We saw the history of Kay Fukumoto's family along with others and learned about life on the sugar plantations, the impact of WWII on Nikkei families in Hawaii, and how Maui Taiko members are connecting with their heritage through taiko. One other poignant feature was Maui Taiko's visit to Fukushima, where Kay's relatives live. They showed the Fukushima Ondo being danced at Wailuku Hongwanji's obon and in Fukushima. The filmmakers, Cal and Victoria Lewin and Kay Fukumoto were present, which made it even more special.



We expect to play mahjong again on Sunday, October 30, from noon-2:00pm in the library. Everyone is welcomed to join us. Please feel free to bring your lunch and eat before we play. Contact Gail K or Machiko if you have questions.

### Musical Notes Kemi Nakabayashi

The Betsuin Choir greatly appreciated the opportunity to perform with violinist Courtney Kuroda for the Fall O-Higan service. Courtney is a member of Seattle Baroque Orchestra and provided professional polish to our selections of *Middle Path*, *Higan I* and *Nembutsu*. We are now inspired to hear her perform with her group at Town Hall. Choir rehearsals will now focus on preparation for the Family Music Service on Sunday, November 27. Thank you also to Mas Tamekuni, Kristy Carpenter, and Florence Sumida for their assistance with service music through the summer. Did you know....that Florence accepted the church's offer to take organ lessons on the new Hammond organ with four other girls in 1950 and has continued to play the organ for services, now for over 60 years?!?

## The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – July – August 2011

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Marie Honmyo – 13 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 1,000
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## HATSUMAIRI

**Hatsumairi or “First Visit”** is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the baby’s first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi ceremony will be held during the 10:00 a.m. Family Service on October 16, 2011. Although this ceremony identifies the presented as infants, children of all ages are welcome. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this joyous occasion, please complete the registration form below and **return it to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144** or call the temple office **by October 9, 2011**. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details. If you have any questions, please direct them to the temple office at (206) 329-0800 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### 2011 Hatsumairi Registration

Child’s Name Boy/Girl Month/Day/Year of Birth

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Parent’s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other:** Atomic Bomb Memoria Service:Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Bodhi Day (2010): Hori, Takashi; Gotan E: Hori, Takashi; Hanamatsuri: Hori, Takashi; Hatsubon / Obon: Hori, Takashi; Sumida, Leslie; Ho'Onko: Hori, Takashi; Ohigan – Spring: Hori, Takashi

## On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee...

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 the last newsletter posting (as of August 31 posting):

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Thank you for your continued support.

**Seattle Buddhist Church Board of Directors' Nominations:** submitted by Nominations Committee. Annual elections for the Seattle Buddhist Church Board of Directors will be held starting this November with a voting results announced at the General Meeting held in December. If you are interested in becoming a Board member for the Seattle Buddhist Church please see the below:

- a) Board nominees must be “Regular” members of the Temple who are considered to have paid at least the minimum recommended amount for the “Ijikai” dues for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal years. This has been \$300 per individual who is 69 years of age and under and \$250 for individuals who have reached the age of 70 or over.
- b) The term for an elected Board member is a 3 year commitment.
- c) Meetings are currently held at a minimum of six (6) times a year or additional meetings as needed and Board members and the expectation is for members to attend all meetings but no less than half of the meetings during their term. Meetings are typically the fourth (4th) Thursday of the month with changes as needed to accommodate calendar scheduling.

If you are interested, please submit your name to the office along with a short biography (2-3 sentences) of involvement in organizations, volunteerism or activities/programs at or benefiting the Seattle Buddhist Church. Your name will be passed along to the nominations committee for inclusion on the ballot upon validation of the membership status. If the office is closed, you may drop off your nomination and biography into the silver donation box by the office.

Deadline for submitting your name is October 16, 2011 by 10:00 A.M.

**Help Wanted** to record dharma talks and presentations for broadcast from our website and for screenings at the temple. Instruction and equipment are available; all that is needed is your time. Please see Alan Hoshino for details. -Irene Goto

**Save the Date!** Mark your calendars now. Pacific Seminar 21st Century in 2012 will be on **July 6-8, 2012** at the Jodo Shinshu Center. **Guest speaker Dr. Mark Blum.** Co-presented by the Institute of Buddhist Studies and CBE.

## CAMP FIRE and JR. YBA FUNDRAISER

Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire and YBA organizations are selling reusable, 14"x17" bags as a fundraiser and to help the environment. They are black with the sagarifujii design in gold and sell as 1 bag for \$3.00 or 2 bags for \$5.00. Purchase in the foyer on Sundays or Temple office.



**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.*

**August 28, 2011.** Laverne conducted the DX and discussed the Three Fold Refuge. She really understood the children's Dharma message early on -- "Don't believe all that you are told." Laverne realized impermanence on the death of a relative. . . She said there is a Dharma message in everything that happens to us. . . A participant, referring to Dr. Alfred Bloom, said, "Even a scholar can become a Buddhist." . . . A new study group, The Tuesday Dharma Study Group will meet weekly starting Tuesday, Sep. 20 and run through Oct 18. The first subject will be Taitetsu Unno's booklet, "Gratitude: Its Source and Power." Laverne has free copies for the asking as well as information on the new group. . . Rev. Jim Warrick suggested we promote a "Bring a friend to Temple Sunday." . . . Too busy? Go online to [www.seattlebetsuin.com](http://www.seattlebetsuin.com) for news on many temple activities.

**September 4, 2011.** Rinban Castro talked about the lifetime members who are unable to come to the temple any longer. He suggested we need to continue the Outreach Program that the late Richard Kitashima headed. . . The theory that the Dharma declined right after Buddhism became less prevalent is called *Mappo*. . . Warrick sensei feels we should get to know each other better, especially the senior members. That way we would really care about each other and really be engaged with each other. Irene G. thinks we are progressing in that direction. Sensei likened coming to the temple to becoming an in-law in a new family. The new person is first looked upon with uncertainty and later becomes an accepted member of that family. . . Laverne reminded us of the new Tuesday Dharma Study Group (See 8-28 above for details.)

**September 11, 2011.** Castro sensei stated Buddhism is about dukkha (suffering and problems) and the cessation of same -- it is not about beliefs. Sensei read a *Seattle Times* article of 9-3 about Governor Perry's take on Gallileo. All beings are identical in one sense -- the truth of Enlightenment exists, and a vehicle for it is the *Nembutsu*. Universal Enlightenment is *Amida Buddha*.

**September 18, 2011.** Rev. Warrick conducted the Dharma Exchange after having returned from Florida and Georgia visiting family.

Guest minister Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara from CA drew a parallel between falling leaves and a new life beginning. . . Addressing "picture brides," Warrick sensei recommended *The Buddha in the Attic* and *When the Emperor was Divine*, both by Julie Otsuka. Rev. Julie said the stories of many "picture brides" are often sad as there was nothing they could do to change their situation. Even today, according to a participant, there are go-betweens who arrange marriages. Ms Otsuka will speak at the Seattle Central Library, 9-23 at 7pm. Her next book will be on the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII. . . Irene G. spoke of a woman from Japan who complained about life in the US and found things had changed when she returned to Japan. It was then she realized life was good here. In gassho, Pat Bobrow

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