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Sundays:

December 4
December 11
December 18

Bodhi Day Service & Potluck Luncheon
Seattle Betsuin Annual General Meeting 11AM
Temple Cleanup Following Service

Saturdays:

December 17
December 31

Mochi Making by Betsuin Youth Groups
New Year's Eve Service 7:00 PM

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Betsuin Events for December 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

SUNDAYS *8:45 am Meditation Service

- December 4 Rinban Castro in Spokane
- 10:00 am BODHI DAY SERVICE
Family: Rev. Julie Hanada
DX: Rev. Hanada
- 11:45 am Bodhi Day Potluck Luncheon hosted by Dharma School and Camp Fire Bake Sale

December 11

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S SERVICE

- Children: Youth MA
- Youth: Rinban Castro
- Adult: Rinban Castro
- DSDX: Irene Goto
- DX: Laverne Imori

- 11:00 am Betsuin Annual General Meeting

December 18

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

- Youth: Rev. Warrick
- Adult: Rinban Castro

Temple Clean-up after Service

December 25 Christmas Day.
Temple Closed. No Services.

MONDAYS

- December 5 5:10:30 am Keiro Bodhi Day Service (Rinban Castro)

December 26 Temple Closed

TUESDAYS

- December 20 7:00 pm Third Tuesday Study Group

December 27 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

- 10:30 am Keiro Service

WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support Weekly

December 7 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting (Rinban Castro)

December 14 10:30 am Dharma Support Group

December 21 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

December 28 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

THURSDAYS

December 1 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

December 8 7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

December 15

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

7:30 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

December 22, 29 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

65th Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention

*February 17-19, 2012
Davenport Hotel
Spokane, WA*

Keynote Speaker

Reverend Marvin
Kenji Harada
Orange County
Buddhist Church



FRIDAYS

December 2

12:00 pm Gojikai Service & Luncheon Meeting

December 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly

Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

December 23, 30 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

SATURDAYS

December 3 9:30 am-11:30 pm First Saturday

Study Group: Buddhism of the Heart - Reflections on Shin Buddhism & Inner Togetherness by Dr. Jeff Wilson

4:00 pm Rinban Castro to Spokane

December 17 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

Time TBD Mochi Making by Dharma School, Camp Fire, YBA and Matsuri Taiko

December 24 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

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

2012 January Major Events of Interest

Sundays:

January 1 New Year's Day Service

January 8 Betsuin New Year's Party & Installation of Officers

January 15 Hoonko Service with Guest Speaker Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

Saturday, January 14 English Seminar with Rev.

Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Program Coordinator at the Jodo Shinshu Center

Newsletter Deadline:

Third Monday of Each Month 8PM

Next: **December 19, 2011 8:00 pm**



You're invited to—

**SEATTLE BETSUIN
New Year's Party**

January 8, 2012

Starting at Noon



Tickets on sale now!

See page 4 for details.



A Buddhist Christmas Tree By Rev. Don Castro

A few years ago, someone sent me a holiday card with a picture of the Buddha holding what seemed to be a Christmas tree in his lap. Inside the card said, "May you have an enlightened holiday." There is no doubt in my mind that the tree is a more appropriate symbol for Buddhists than for Christians. In fact, the use of Christmas trees originated with the Romans and spread to German and Celtic tribesmen as they celebrated the arrival of the winter solstice.



*When I hear that they watch over us
night and day, my heart is filled with
peace.*

The large star placed at the top of the tree represents the Buddha's enlightenment at the moment he saw the Morning Star. Hang all kinds of ornaments on the tree representing the great diversity of beings all having Buddha Nature.

I have long thought and suggested that we Buddhists adopt the custom of decorating trees in remembrance and celebration of the Buddha's enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. Here is my suggestion:

Third, place many presents under the Bodhi tree including lots of toys if you have children. The toys, especially, represent the truth of impermanence. Of course, the greatest gift of all is the gift of the Dharma so we should also have a statue of the Buddha under the Bodhi tree.

First, procure a tree (*ficus religiosa* is out of the question in Seattle). The tree should be purchased and decorated in time for Bodhi Day on December 8. This is a day all Buddhist children should get off school and adults get off work.

Next, invite friends and family over to celebrate Bodhi Day dinner and the exchange of presents. Since this will be more than two weeks before Christmas, this will allow you to show off your new clothes before those waiting for Christmas.

Second, decorate the tree. The tree should have lots of lights to represent, as Lady Takeko Kujo founder of the Buddhist Women's Association wrote in her beautiful gatha "Seiya" ("Peaceful Night"):


Finally, invite two mediocre college football teams to yet another bowl game, (this shouldn't be hard to do), called the Bodhi Bowl. Only teams with a win-loss record of .500 or less should be invited. This will remind us that, no matter how bad we are, we are always embraced in the Buddha's compassion.

*How beautiful the starry sky!
When these countless eyes shine
brilliantly, my heart is filled with joy!...*

It Can't Be Said Enough...As the 2011 year becomes 2012, it brings to an end my time as your temple president. Thank you to all members and friends who dedicated time and effort to better prepare the temple for the future. To Alan, Yukio, Susie, Stephanie, Howard, Julianne, Craig, Art and Kevin, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your collective support in running the Betsuin. Much gratitude to our ministerial staff, Rimban Don Castro, Jim Warrick sensei, Julie Hanada sensei, Ministerial Assistants Joe Schwab, Irene Goto and Laverne Imori who share the Dharma for the now and beyond. Our Board of Directors are very knowledgeable people and will be able to take the lead when called upon to lead us to realize the next centennial; thank you. Also, the temple business would not operate without Joan and Pauline in the office tending to the daily matters of our organization; thank you. A special thanks to my family Teresa, Paula and Tricia for allowing me the time to share life with our Betsuin. gassho paul



SBC Ijikai Members: Please attend the **Seattle Betsuin's Annual General Membership Meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 11:00AM in the Hondo.** The Betsuin will present its reports and those of its affiliated organizations, outlining activities and finances of each group. The Betsuin's fiscal year 2012 budget will be presented for approval and the results of this year's Board of Directors election will be announced. The floor will be open for questions and any other business. - SO

 **Musical Notes** Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi Thank you to the record number of participants in the 3rd annual Family Music Service on Thanksgiving Sunday. We hope that the Sangha enjoyed the service program. Youth musicians from the Bodhi Ensemble will be featured again for the New Year's Eve service.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association *Submitted by Joan Nakano*
SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata On Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, 700 plus deceased members were remembered at the SBBWA Memorial Service. It is due to their dedication and hard work that we have a place to come every Sunday to hear the Dharma. Thank you to Janet Baba and Machiko Wada for coordinating and planning the service.

Thank you to the mailing committee for always taking time out of their busy schedules to make sure the letters are folded, envelopes filled, labeled and organized so that members will receive information in a timely manner. Those who helped this month are Ruby Nakamura, Peggy Hanada and Tomi Okano. Also thanks to Irene Mano, Sunkie Oiye and Evelyn Kitashima who have helped in the past. We have Shizu Kaku to thank for delivering the letters to the post office. Great team work.

SBBWA Calendar No meetings in December

Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma In late November, the Camp Fire Organization will be decorating the Wisteria View Manor in holiday attire and hosting a holiday reception for the residents there. The residents enjoy the colorfully decorated lobby and watching & listening to the girls sing at this annual event.

Cookies or Cupcakes anyone? Camp Fire will be having a bake sale on Sunday, December 4, in the gymnasium during the Bodhi Day Potluck. Don't forget to stop by and pick up a few home-made treats!



Dolphins 2nd Grade Submitted by Grace Tazuma The Dolphins began working on their first trail of the year, Trail to Knowing Me. They discussed friendships and how important friends are. They also created Thanksgiving placemats by decorating a turkey with all of the things that they are each thankful for.

Starlights 3rd Grade Submitted by Gayle Teramoto The Starlights have been working on a project called "I'm Peer Proof" which is part of the Trail to Knowing Me. We talked about different techniques they can use for dealing with their peers and we talked about feelings when related to conflicts and other situations. Our next project is "Our Family" where we will start looking into our family's background and work on putting together a family treasure box.

Discovery 6th/7th Grade Submitted by Dana Nakashima A big thanks to all who supported our group's Blanket and Towel Drive, benefitting the Regional Animal Shelter of King County. We collected at least five large bags of blanket and towel donations for the shelter and plan to take them to the shelter in early December.

The girls are continuing to work on their knitting project – hats for infants at Madigan Army hospital. This is an ongoing project, with the goal of each girl completing at least one hat for donation.

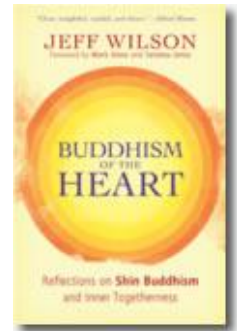


The 2012 New Year's Party celebration will be held January 8, 2012 in the auditorium from 12:00 PM – 3:00 P.M. Tickets are on sale in the Temple foyer on Sundays or can be purchased from the Temple office during regular business hours. Tickets for a Japanese bento lunch are \$10.00. Those "**regular**" **Ijikai members** who are 80 years of age and over are eligible for a complimentary bento lunch and seating at a reserved table. A sign-up sheet will be available for those desiring to register as such.



There will also be a limited number of children's meals for \$5.00 per ticket in the foyer or through the Temple office. The children's meal is more tailored for kids. Kids who are 1 to 5 years of age and are registered in Dharma School are eligible for a complimentary meal but must still have a ticket. There are only a limited number of tickets for kids. – HL

Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple submitted by Laverne Imori
First Saturday Study Group will meet on December 3 from 9:30 until 11:30 in Memorial Hall Chapel and then break for lunch and conversation afterward. We are reading *Buddhism of The Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness*, by Jeff Wilson. The following is an introduction from the book's foreword by Mark Unno and Taitetsu Unno:



“Jeff Wilson’s *Buddhism from the Heart*...conveys his organic experience as he has found his way deeper into Shin Buddhism. Through a series of essays, vignettes, and stories, Jeff relates various life events, the contexts of his study and practice, along with personal reflections that are woven together into a colorful tapestry of thought, emotion and experience. In his own words, ‘This book is about one of the ways in which people work to wake up to the true nature of life and of this universe we share – a universe that includes much suffering and much potential for going beyond suffering.’”

Third Tuesday Dharma Study Group will meet on Tuesday, December 20, at 7 PM until 8:30 PM in Memorial Hall Chapel. Rinban Don Castro will present a slide show from his vast collection of slides of Buddhist art set to the background of the Amida Kyo sutra. The Study Group has focused on the study and chanting of sutras -- the Juseige at our October session and the Junirai at our November 15 session.

Everyone is invited to participate in the study groups. No registration is required. For further information, please contact Rinban Castro. We hope you will join us.

Dharma School Submitted by Joyce Tsuji We hope everyone enjoyed this year’s Ochigo procession. Special thanks to our participants, their families and all those who helped to make this special event a huge success.

There will be no lunch served this year by the dharma school on temple clean-up day, but there will be extra snacks provided in the dining room.

PreK/K Class: The Pre-K and Kindergarten class has been busy. This month we learned how to care for our onenju and to bring these with us every Sunday. To remind the children, they made door hangars with little onenju that they can hang on their bedroom door. The following week we learned about differences and acceptance of things that are different. We read a story about a turtle looking for a friend and finally finding someone that was different but became his best friend. The children made turtles out of paper plates to remember the story. The main theme for October was gratitude. The children learned about being thankful and made Halloween bags in preparation to go trick or treating. They were fortunate to be invited to a Halloween Party the following week that was hosted by the Middle School class. They dressed in costume and had a wonderful time playing games. To show their appreciation, the children made Thank You cards and distributed bags of candy to the Middle School students. We were fortunate to have some of the students from the Infant/Toddler class join us this month. They were a wonderful and are always welcome.

First/Second grade: We continued our “Golden Chain” discussion by reading the story Be Nice to Spiders and then making a spider out of a big black pom-pom and some pipe cleaners. We then attended a super fun Halloween party given by the Middle school class. We then began talking about gratitude. We started it off by making thank you cards for the middle school class. We made “thank you” trees by writing what we are thankful for on leaves and gluing them to a foam tree to take home.

Finally we read the “Shrine Book” which showed all the elements of the main shrine, then listed the Four Gratuities focusing on the three treasures. Afterward the students made pictures of their faces and wrote what their senses (sight, smell, hear) could detect in the temple. These are posted in our classroom so please feel free to come by and take a look anytime.

3rd-4th -5th Grade: Rev. Jim and Miss Rona visited and spent time with us one Sunday as we learned proper oshoko (left foot first!), the main items in the Obutsudan and the significances. We've been making small portable obutsudan with many pieces of paper and colorful onenjus for class. We went on an Eightfold Path hunt in Wisteria Park. Our "Thankful Leaves" will be on display on the big tree on the wall of our classroom, we hope you'll have a chance to see what is important to us.

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations October – November 2011

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Nobue Shimizu – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Estate of Nobue Shimizu
John Sumida – Funeral Service	\$ 800	Florence Sumida
Shigeo Akada – Funeral Service	\$ 500	Keith & Pamela Akada
Gene Akutsu – Funeral Service	\$ 500	Akutsu Family – Marilyn, Jeff & Lance
Masayoshi Kodai – 13 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 500	Janet Kosai
Robert & Mary Kono – Inurnment Services	\$ 300	Marshall Kono
Paul Y. Tomita – 13 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Paul & Mabel Tomita
Theodore Tomita – 13 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Masako Tomita
Mokichi & Sumiye Ohashi – In Memory of	\$ 150	Joe & Diana Ohashi
Frank Yoshimi – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 150	Aiko Yoshimi
Nokotsudo – In memory of Nobu Kano	\$ 100	Tamako Niwa Kano

Given by:

Remembrances for:

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Akada, Shigeo	Sue Fujino; Pauline Sakuma
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Fujita, Shizuko	Jerry Fujita
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Temple Supervision:	Spokane Buddhist Temple	\$ 200
	Yakima Buddhist Temple	\$ 100

Wedding:	Nathan Ho & Huong Nguyen	\$ 200
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For:

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Reiko Hara	General Donation – United Way Campaign
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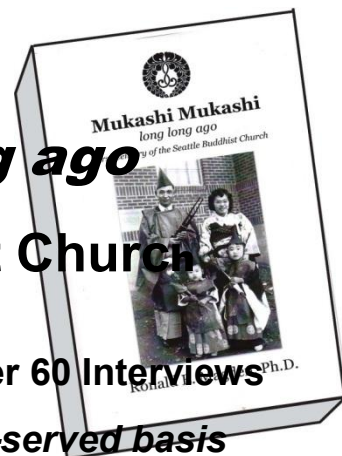
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For any questions call:

Sat Ichikawa or Terrie Tanino via the Betsuin Office 206-329-0800



The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special service: (Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions or misspelling of names.)

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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.

Marilyn Akutsu, John Alwin, Leonora Clarke, Robert Crimmins, Patrick Eng & Joann Kosai-Eng, John & Lynda Hamakami, Cyrus Honmyo & May Chin-Honmyo, Alan Hoshino, Gail Kaminishi Jeffereis, Nina Tomita-Kato, Arthur & Sally Kawaguchi, Greg Koba, David Lee & Dianne Kosai-Lee, John Litz, Matthew May, Corey & Claire Murata, Ernest & Sunnie Nagai, Gerald Quintua, Joyce Sato, Gail Suzaka, Yasuko Jean Takano, Allan & Kayoko Terada, Paul & Mabel Tomita, Mitsuo Yamamura, Mark Yuasa, Donna Zumoto

We'd like to 'welcome' John Alwin as a new member of our Sangha

(NOTE: This is final posting of our 2011 membership list. THANK YOU, EVERYONE for your continued support! Our next posting will be the beginning of our 2012 membership list.)



MOCHI SALES – December 17, 2011 The Seattle Betsuin youth groups (Dharma School, Jr. YBA and Camp Fire) along with Matsuri Taiko are selling tickets for mochi. Tickets for the mochi will be available for purchase at the front foyer and at the Betsuin office. Tickets are **\$4.00 for a dozen plain mochi**. You may also pre-order your Okasane for the New Year's holiday as there will be a sign-up book in the front foyer. **Okasane's are \$5.00** each and can be paid at the time of ordering or at time of pickup. Pick-up times will be: **Saturday, Dec. 17: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM; Sunday, Dec. 18: 9:30AM – 1:00 PM or During regular Temple office hours after December 18.**

Please bring your own bag for pick-up. Re-useable bags will be available for sale to benefit Camp Fire and Jr. YBA. **Sales for the mochi are primarily by ticket pre-sales. The amount of mochi made is being scaled back this year and there will only be a limited number of walk-up sales on the day the mochi is made. Purchase your tickets early as only a fixed amount of rice will be purchased.** - HL

Fund Management by Craig Nakano **The Seattle Buddhist Temple Eitaikyo/Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:**

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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 Assistants Joe Schwab, Laverne Imori or Irene Goto.*

Oct. 23, 2011 - Rinban Castro informed us that Socho Ogui will retire from his position as bishop in 2012. He said we now have 105 ministerial assistants in the BCA. . . A participant reported on the worthwhile Tokita-Nomura exhibit at the SAAM that ends in early January 2012. Rev. Kuwahara, who runs the correspondence course for the BCA will visit the temple in January 2012.

Oct 30 Laverne Imori, MA, talked about beloved "Uncle" Jack M. who welcomed her to the temple after she left Okinawa and Portland. Laverne shared her life experiences and how she came to Buddhism. Laverne recalled Rev Castro's children's message about not believing something because someone told you it is true -- find out for yourself. She really appreciates the Nembutsu. A participant appreciated Laverne's talk and thanked her for her many contributions to the temple.

Nov. 6 Michelle A. attended the Nov. 2 ceremony in Washington, DC for the Japanese Americans who received a Congressional gold medal for their service during WWII. Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and Sen. Dan Inouye of Hawaii were speakers. The actual gold medal is being sent to the Smithsonian Institution, and the service members received bronze replicas according to John L. . . (On Nov 13 Frank S. reported that the Nov 2 ceremony in Washington D.C. will be shown at the Betsuin. Date/time to be arranged). . . Sensei reminded us of how we live at the expense of others, even though we may be vegetarian. . . In Burma after serving in the army, men become monks for a period of time to counteract hate and dehumanizing behavior. . . Nelson H. related an incident about a family at Costco and how they generously shared food with each other. He found himself saying, "Namo Amida Butsu."

Nov. 13 Rev. Jim Warrick gave a brief summation of his and Rona's trip to China. There are 23 million people in Shanghai including the "shadow people" who don't actually live there. They came from the country to escape hard labor. Beijing's population is 29 million. They visited temples, jade factories, the terra cotta warriors, which are six thousand years old, and the Great Wall. He brought photos and brochures to show the DX group. . . Tets K. remembers the issei and their sacrifices and dedication to the Dharma, and how they sacrificed to build this beautiful temple even though they were employed in low-paying jobs. In gassho, Pat Bobrow



Nov. 20 Irene Goto and Laverne Imori entertained remembrances of obutsudan; one participant recently brought her grandparent's obutsudan home which was quite different than she remembered as a child. Another remembered an obutusdan while visiting Japan. It was very large and quite the center of the home and she found it very meaningful. Another recalled being afraid or in awe of what he now knows was an obutsudan in his playmate's home. He does not fear it now because he understands its meaning. Rev Jim explained that the obutsudan, like the naijin, is a representation of the Pure Land. There was discussion about the gohonzon, the central object of gratitude. It can be the "nembutsu" (Namo Amida Butsu) in script, (Renny's preference), or a picture of Amida, or the statue of Amida Buddha. The attendees agreed that more discussion about obutsudan would be welcomed. Next week the juseige will be the topic. - IHG

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