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*Embrace true and
real life
in Nembutsu*



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

Sundays:

January 1

New Year's Day Service 10:00 AM

January 8

Betsuin New Year's Party & Installation of Officers Noon

January 15

Hoonko Service with Guest Speaker

Rev Kiyonobu Kuwahara

Saturday, January 14

1:00 – 3:00 Chanting Workshop with Rev Kuwahara

3:00 – 5:00 PM English Talk with Rev Kiyonobu Kuwahara

REMINDER: Saturday, December 31, 2011 New Year's Eve Service – 7:00 PM in Hondo

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Betsuin Events for January 2012

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

January 1 10:00 am NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

January 8

8:45 am Meditation Service
 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 Family Dharma Message: Rinban Castro
 12:00 pm Betsuin New Year's Party and
 Installation of Officers

January 15

8:45 am Meditation Service
 10:00 am HO-ONKO SERVICE
 Family Dharma Message:
 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
 Japanese Language Service:
 Rev. Kuwahara
 DX: Joe Schwab
 DSDX: Irene Goto
 1:00 pm Metta Award Class for Cub Scouts

January 22

8:45 am Meditation Service
 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE AND
 CHILDREN'S SERVICE
 Children: Rinban Castro
 Youth/Adult: Rev. Warrick
 Japanese Program
 DX: Rev. Warrick
 DSDX: Rinban Castro
 11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

January 29

8:45 am Meditation Service
 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
 Youth: Irene Goto
 Adult: Rinban Castro
 Japanese Program
 DX: Rinban Castro
 DSDX: Rev. Warrick
 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting
 1:00 pm Metta Award Class for Cub Scouts

MONDAYS

January 2 Office Closed
January 9 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

January 16

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

TUESDAYS

January 3 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

January 17

7:00-8:30 pm Third Tuesday Dharma Study Group
January 24
 10:30 am Keiro Service

WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support Weekly

January 4 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

January 11, 18, 25 10:30 am Dharma Support
 Group Rinban Castro

THURSDAYS

January 5 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Irene Goto)

January 19

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)
 7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting
January 26
 7:30 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

FRIDAYS

January 6 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

January 20 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

SATURDAYS

January 7 9:30 am First Saturday Study Group

January 14

1:00-3:00 pm Chanting Workshop with Rev.
 Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Program Coordinator,
 Center for Buddhist Education
 3:00-5:00 pm English Seminar with Rev. Kuwahara
 – "The Influence of Buddhism on the
 Japanese Language"

2012 February Major Events of Interest

Sundays:

February 5 Scout Sunday Service
 February 12 Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial
 Service Vegetarian Potluck hosted by
 Dharma School

Friday – Sunday:

February 17-19
 NW District Buddhist Convention in Spokane

Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, January 16, 2012 8:00 PM



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New Year's Greeting 2012 by Rev. Don Castro

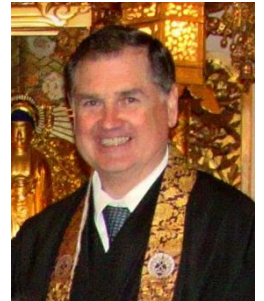
Happy New Year to you and your family. The 2012 BCA theme is, "May Peace and Tranquility Prevail Throughout the World." We have carried this theme over the last several years as we have observed the 750th Anniversary Memorial for Shinran Shonin which culminates this month with our Hoonko Service on January 15 with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara who will present a power point presentation on Shinran's life as a part of the 10:00am service.

I am reluctant to write the next sentence because I am writing this greeting on December 16 and you will receive it around New Year's. Haven't we had a remarkably warm autumn and winter so far? Is it still true? Maybe it will be too warm to snow but I want to put out a display on "Yukidaruma" in our display case by the Memorial Hall Chapel. Yukidaruma is the Japanese word for "snowman" and really translates as "snow (yuki) daruma (Bodhidharma)." Bodhidharma is the mostly legendary father of Chinese Zen who is so popular in Japanese folk art. Daruma is the figure you paint an eye on when you make a resolution and paint the second eye on when your resolution is fulfilled. Have you made any New Year's resolutions this year? My resolutions involve eating and I paint an eye on Daruma's picture and put it on my refrigerator. I actually made it to August a few years ago before breaking the resolution.

Regarding Yukidaruma, I am particularly interested in the inscriptions that accompany images of him in Zenga or Zen paintings. I remember one scroll that has an inscription that says something like, "Yukidaruma is made up of piled up snow. As the days pass he disappears but where does he go?" In a similar way, my life is made up of piled up days and years. As the days pass, they disappear but where do they go? We often ask, "Where does time go?" Time flies, but where?

As our life speeds by, Buddhism offers us a way to feel connected and at home. The life and light of Amida Buddha is eternal and infinite. This means that it is true any time and any place. No matter what this year brings you or where it takes you, Amida Buddha is always in your heart and mind.

Best wishes, in gassho.



President's Message by Yukio Morikubo

As the president-elect of the Seattle Betsuin, I'm honored and humbled by the trust you've placed in me. I know the incoming officers of the Seattle Betsuin are committed to continuing the important work that is already underway to modernize our governance and to bring new ideas and energy to our temple.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our outgoing president, Paul Mori, who helped the Seattle Betsuin make significant progress in modernizing and energizing the Betsuin. We also owe much to two other outgoing cabinet members, Craig Nakano and Susie Taketa. Craig's and Susie's dedication and service over the years have been invaluable. Thank you Paul, Craig and Susie!

"Why?" and "why now?" are questions I reflected on quite a bit as I considered the possibility of taking on this new role. The answers weren't difficult.

As to "why?," I truly believe that the Seattle Betsuin is an important resource for our community. It is a vital place for all people -- from those who are merely curious to those whose families have been committed for generations -- to learn about and practice Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

As to "why now?," I decided that it simply was my time to step up. Those of generations before us boldly established Jodo Shinshu in the United States, including here in Seattle. Each generation since then has borne the responsibility of continuing that legacy. This is the time for me and those of my generation to do our part to ensure that Jodo Shinshu remains accessible to future generations.

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...*President's Message continued from page 3*

Paul and other leaders began the generational shift, and I intend to continue their good work. Many fret about the decline in numbers since the post-WWII heyday. I am concerned too, but I am mindful that this is a trend that virtually all organized religions are facing today in the United States and indeed in all developed nations.

I plan to focus on what we can control -- we still have a vibrant Sangha, significant facilities and resources with which to pursue our mission, and the profound, common-sense wisdom of the Dharma. We also have momentum. In the past few years, we have successfully expanded our religious programming, upgraded our online tools and content, increased our efforts to maintain ties with our teen and young adult members, and extended our service efforts into the larger community. We need to continue these trends, while continuing to serve the needs of families and our senior members.

Again, I am honored to serve as Seattle Betsuin's next president. Please join me and the entire cabinet in our efforts to make Seattle Betsuin all that we want it to be.

Gassho, Yukio.

🎵 **Open Your Heart to the Nembutsu with Music** submitted by Lani Carpenter

Seattle at the end of November is often cold and rainy, with dark days and little rays of light. What could be more heartwarming than to come to the hondo, and hear the nembutsu through the power of music? On November 27, 2011, the mood was bright and warm as Seattle Betsuin held its third annual Family Music Service. Seattlites love music, and the city has a legacy of great musicians as Quincy Jones, Pearl Jam, and Nirvana. So it's not a big surprise that the Seattle Betsuin has quietly been developing a new tradition - using music to help teach the dharma.

The Family Music Service is organized by Dr. Kemi Nakabayashi, with over 30 musicians of all ages participating. As a prelude to the service, there was a taiko and conch shell call, followed by the Betsuin Choir's lovely rendition of "What a Wonderful World." The service officially opened with the ringing of the kansho and bonsho, the singing of Vandana Ti Sarana, and the singing version of Juseige. The choir (led by Terrie Tanino) performed two songs

written by Ms. Sawako Inouye, (wife of the minister at Zuisen-ji temple in Niigata prefecture, where Shinran was exiled). A few choir members had visited the temple in May 2011, and Ms. Inouye gave them the music. The lyrics of the songs reminisce about Eshinni-sama (Shinran's wife) and Echigo (where they lived in exile).

Then the sangha sang "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" accompanied by the church ukulele and saxophone band (led by Mas Tamekuni). The closing gatha "Ondokusan II" was performed by Bodhi Ensemble – a group of middle and high school students who play piano, flute, violin or viola (see photo). If you're in the Seattle area for Thanksgiving in the future, please join us at the Family Music Service!

In addition to the Family Music service, Bodhi Ensemble also plays at New Year's Eve and Earth Day services. Music is a meaningful way for these students to remain connected to the church.



Ron, Gail, Sat, Steve and Mas



Musical Notes Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi
Happy New Year! We plan to continue incorporating new music into the services in 2012. Hoonko service on January 15 will include the Betsuin choir singing the third of the four songs that Junko Nakano and Etsu Shimbo brought back from their trip to Japan and also feature some new musician participants.

A huge "thank you" goes to all the participants in the Family Music Service on Thanksgiving Sunday. Our taiko performers Emily K., Evan K., and Donna Zumoto followed by the choir prelude got us off to a great start. Under the leadership of Terrie Tanino, the choir also sang *Watashi no Eshinnisama* and *Anato to Tomo Ni*. As explained, these pieces were written by Sawako Inouye, wife of the temple minister at Kokuhu Betsuin in Niigata where Shinran Shonin and Eshinnisama once lived. Ukulele players Ron Hamakawa, Brandon H., Sat Ichikawa, Gail Kaminishi, Evan K., and Mas Tamekuni with Steve Yamasaki on soprano saxophone did a wonderful job leading the sangha in *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*. I'm sure many recognized this tune from Coca Cola advertisements years ago. Emily Y, Rose Y., Aaron R., Kayla B., Mikio H., Marisa Y. and Kristy C. now call themselves the Bodhi Ensemble. What a nice rendition of Ondokusan II they mastered! I appreciate the coordination and support of the parents of this group, particularly Lani Carpenter and service chairperson Dennis Yamashita. Look for an article written by Lani in the Wheel of Dharma! We are also grateful for the weekly effort of Ken Dodobara, our bonsho ringer for bonsho meditation. Last but not least, we all wish to recognize the support from Rimban Castro, the ministerial staff, and the religious department for encouraging us to strive to new levels of integrating music into our services throughout the year.



Save the date for the spring seminar on Saturday, May 12! Rev. Harry Bridge from Oakland Buddhist Temple will be our guest speaker, planned as a music seminar. We promise a dynamic program, interesting for musicians and non-musicians alike.

Installation of New Officers: Seattle Betsuin's Installation of New Officers will take place during the Betsuin's New Year's Party which starts at Noon on Sunday, January 14, 2012. - IG

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association Submitted by Joan Nakano

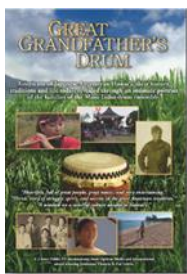
SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata The newly elected BoD members were introduced at the SBBWA General Meeting held on Sunday, November 20, 2011. Following the meeting the BoD and Honorary Board members attended a thank you luncheon organized by Machiko Wada and Janet Baba. A slideshow prepared by Machiko Wada of the year's events was shown and a raffle concluded the fun event.

In conjunction with the Seattle Betsuin, the SBBWA presented each resident of Keiro with a gift of a box of facial tissue. It was then followed by the monthly service led by Rinban Don Castro. Those members in attendance were as follows: Kinue Kuwahara, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Junko Nakano, Terrie Tanino, Rikuko Tanaka, Julie Mayeda, Ritsuko Kawahara, Shizue Yahata and Paul Mori.

Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku
Yasuko Natsuhara - In Memory of Jack Natsuhara

SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, January 22	11:45 am	SBBWA Board Meeting
Sunday, January 29	11:45 am	SBBWA Cabinet Meeting



ABA NEWS submitted by Gail Kaminishi Thanks to all who attended the film fundraiser "Great Grandfather's Drum." The DVD will be available through January in English or Japanese for \$25.

Camp Fire USA submitted by Grace Tazuma



It's that time again...Camp Fire will be kicking off their annual candy sales on January 27, 2012. The offerings will be the same as last year which include the very popular Mint Patties, Almond Caramel Clusters, Almond Roca, P-Nuttles and the healthy alternative, Camper Trail Mix. We thank you in advance for your support.

Discovery 6th & 7th Grade Submitted Alison Y. In October, the Discovery group held a blanket and towel drive for the Regional Animal Shelter of King County (RASKC). It was a great success! Thank you for all the generous donations. Tiffany, Kayla, Emi, Brook and Emily visited the shelter in Kent on Sunday, December 4th to drop off the four large bags of donations. During their visit the girls received a private tour of the facility, and information on the services and volunteer opportunities at RASKC. RASKC was very grateful for the donations.

Horizon Group Submitted by Joyce Tsuji The Horizon group girls got together to bake up a delicious batch of Japanese snack mix. This was our contribution to the holiday gift bags given to the residents of Wisteria View Manor during the holiday decorating event. We also organized the Bodhi day bake sale. A huge thank you to everyone who donated baked goods, helped out at the table and those that purchased the yummy treats. Finally some of our girls participated in the mochi making fundraiser.

The Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire Organization would like to wish everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'SCHOLARSHIPS' – High School Seniors / College Students

- **HIGH SCHOOL:** The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant and Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant are offering scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2012.
- **COLLEGE:** If you are a student currently attending college, the Masaru & Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant is offering scholarships for careers as nurse practitioner, medical doctor, registered nurse, engineer, or computer science.

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 30, 2012 before or by 2:30pm to the temple office. For applications and/or questions, please contact Shizue Kaku via the temple office 206-329-0800.



Orion Project for YouthCare Thank you very much for ordering a 2012 coupon book supporting the Orion

Youth Center monthly meals project...

... as a result of the fundraiser, we've been able to raise \$1,000 to help fund the monthly Orion Center meals project for homeless youths. These funds will help to pay for a substantial portion of the cost of the monthly meals that various temple families and organizations will prepare in the upcoming year. We are always looking for individuals and families interested in participating in this meals project. If you or your family is interested in participating in the planning, preparation, or serving of one of these monthly meals, [third Friday of the month], please let me know and I can go over the various volunteer options with you.

Again, thank you for your support of this very worthwhile community service project, and for your purchase of the 2012 coupon book. I appreciate your patience in awaiting the delivery of the coupon books that you have ordered.

Sincerely, Mike Teramoto



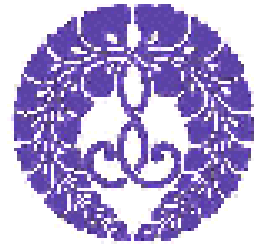
**The 2012
New Year's Party**
celebration will be held
January 8
in the auditorium from
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Dharma School submitted by Joyce Tsuji

The Toddler and Pre-K/Kindergarten class heard a story about good manners and proper behavior which reminded them of the Golden Chain. They received a coloring book about the Golden Chain. We celebrated Bodhi Day by making a Bodhi Day ornament to hang on their "Bodhi Tree" at home. The students reviewed temple etiquette by drawing questions from a jar and discussing the answers to each one. The following week the class talked about the importance of taking care of their temple then participated in the all temple clean-up by enthusiastically cleaning their classrooms.

The Infant/Toddler and Pre-K/K teachers thank the families of our students for their support and wish them all a Happy New Year!



Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Presents Three (3) English Events with **Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara** **on Saturday, January 14, 2012**

● **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Chanting Workshop**

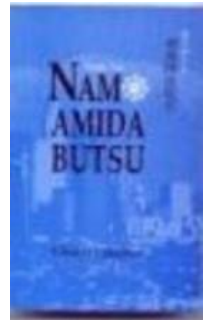
● **3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: A Discussion –**

***The Influence of Buddhism
on The Japanese Language***

Memorial Hall Chapel at Seattle Betsuin

Donations Appreciated

- On Saturday, January 14, 2012, Reverend Kuwahara will lead a chanting workshop – Open to All
- On Saturday, January 14, 2012, Reverend Kuwahara will discuss the influence of Buddhism on the Japanese language from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Suggested reading is Thank You, Namo Amida Butsu by Reverend Chijun Yakumo. Several copies of this book, (in English and Japanese together), are available to borrow from the dining room library. Former BCA Bishop, Reverend Seigen H. Yamaoka, writes in the book's foreward: *Reverend Chijun Yakumo, in his writings was able to clearly weave a present life situation within the life process of the individual, relate it to the teachings, and show how the teachings teaches the individual's life...It is my sincere hope that the readers of this book will find it inspiring in its everyday application of events in our lives to the Teachings of Jodo Shinshu.*



- Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara will be our guest speaker for the Ho-On-Ko Service on Sunday, January 15, 2012, speaking in English and Japanese. He is Program Coordinator of BCA's Center for Buddhist Education, and was a popular speaker for several Japanese seminars and Sunday English/Japanese services at Seattle Betsuin last year.

Questions? Contact the temple office at 206.329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin Attention: Ann O.

January 14, 2012 Events with Kuwahara Sensei - Registration Form - *Please print*

Please circle event(s) you will attend

Name _____ will attend: Chanting 1-3PM / Discussion 3-5PM

Email _____ Phone _____ Donation: \$ _____

Please send donation check payable to Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept with completed form to:
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 Attention: Ann O.

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November – December 2011

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Given by:

Mika Takahashi – Funeral Service	\$ 1,200	Takashi Takahashi
Jack Natsuhara – Funeral Service	\$ 800	Yasuko Natsuhara
Cherrie Tsubota – 1 st Year Memorial Service	\$ 500	Charlene & Curtis Nakayama
Tamiko Platnick – Memorial Service	\$ 400	Charlotte Platnick
Gerald Nakata – 1 st Year Memorial Service	\$ 350	Kathy Nakata
John Sumida – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 200	Florence Sumida
Taverna Silahis – 3 rd Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Maria Polintan
Annual Memorial Service for Past BWA Members	\$ 200	SBBWA
Fuku Kusakabe – In Memory of	\$ 100	Tomio & Alice Kusakabe
Suyeko Mizuhata – In Memory of	\$ 100	Tomio & Alice Kusakabe
Spencer Teranishi – 1 st Year Memorial	\$ 100	Asako Teranishi
Grace MacLeod – In Memory of	\$ 100	Rosalie Jacobson
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Jack Natsuhara	Sue Fujino; Mitsuko Fukuhara; Art & Lori Kozai; Mary Osaki; Pauline Sakuma; Kiwamu Tsuchida; Tak & Florence Tsuchida
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	Yakima Buddhist Temple	\$ 100

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Gail Suzaka	General Donation – Bank of America/United Way
Waldorf School Association	Appreciation for 8 th Grade Class Visitation to Temple

2012 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Traditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our beloved ones and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service.

Year of Death

2011.....	1 st annual memorial.....	1 year from date of death
2010.....	3 rd anniversary memorial.....	2 full years from date of death
2006.....	7 th anniversary memorial.....	6 full years from date of death
2000.....	13 th anniversary memorial.....	12 full years from date of death
1996.....	17 th anniversary memorial.....	16 full years from date of death
1988.....	25 th anniversary memorial.....	24 full years from date of death
1980.....	33 rd anniversary memorial.....	32 full years from date of death
1963.....	50 th anniversary memorial.....	49 full years from date of death

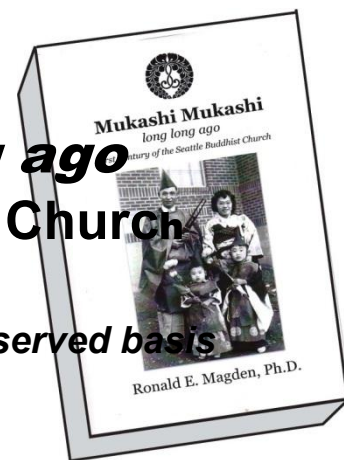
Please call the temple office at (206) 329-0800 to make arrangements for a service. - JN

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Sun. Jan. 8 - During Betsuin New Year's Party
Sun. Jan. 15 - Church Foyer 9:30 - 12 Noon
Sun. Jan. 22 - Church Foyer 9:30 - 12 Noon
Sun. Jan. 29 - Church Foyer 9:30 - 12 Noon

- **Starting February 2012 books will no longer be free.
A \$25 donation will be assessed for each book and it will be available to the public-at-large.**

- **One book is distributed free to each paid-up member family.**

For any questions call:

Sat Ichikawa, Terrie Tanino, or Betsuin Office 206-329-0800

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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.*

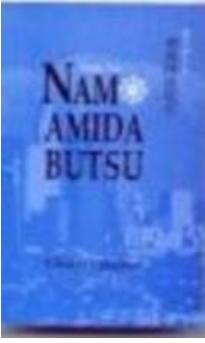
Nov 27 - Rinban Castro joined us for DX and discussed chanting. The Juseige is most often chanted and occasionally sung at the temple. Sensei suggested it be read aloud at the same time it is chanted. Further, The Three Sacred Vows refers to Dharmakara's vows for all beings to attain Enlightenment. Namo Amida Butsu is gratitude expressed. The historical Buddha was a social reformer as well as a religious leader. Sensei said Buddhism influenced the Japanese language. . Laverne, MA, feels Shinran's Shoshinge encapsulates the teaching. . Sensei reminded us that the English seminar of Jan 14, 2012, 3-5pm, will be conducted by Rev. Kuwahara who will talk about Buddhism and the Japanese language among other subjects.

Dec 4 - Rev. Julie Hanada recounted a dress rehearsal she attended that included Indian dancers with taiko. She will spend New Years in Japan with 36 in her group. Many in the group play several instruments. She feels she needs to strive for more patience, and realizes that, in itself, can cause concern.

Dec 11 - There was a General Meeting of the Betsuin and no DX. In gassho, Pat Bobrow



Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple submitted by Irene Goto



First Saturday Study Group will meet on January 7, 2012 from 9:30 until 11:30 in Memorial Hall Chapel and then break for lunch, (please bring your own), and conversation until noon. We are reading *Thank You, Namo Amida Butsu* by Chijun Yakumo, available to borrow from the dining room library. Reverend Seigen H. Yamaoka, writes in the book's foreword:

Reverend Chijun Yakumo, in his writings was able to clearly weave a present life situation within the life process of the individual, relate it to the teachings, and show how the teachings teaches the individual's life...It is my sincere hope that the readers of this book will find it inspiring in its everyday application of events in our lives to the Teachings of Jodo Shinshu...May his words of wisdom and compassion serve to further our own Nembutsu way of life.

Third Tuesday Dharma Study Group will meet January 17, 2012 7:00 – 8:30 PM; the topic will be Buddhism as Medicine.

Seminars Announced at White River Buddhist Temple submitted by Irene Goto

White River Buddhist Temple will be hosting seminars & discussions in 2012. A partial listing is below. Please see our website for registration forms, deadlines and more information www.wrbt.org Click on the hot links from our home page or seminars tab for the registration form and brief bios. Check out the calendar page for quick reference of dates. Registration deadline is one week before the seminars.

Saturday, January 14 – Reverend Eijun Kujo Seminar –
“I Am a Buddhist and My Religion Is Jodo Shinshu”

Saturday, April 7 – Reverend Henry Adams Seminar

Friday, May 4 – 7:00-9:00 pm – Dr. Nobuo Haneda –Discussion in ENGLISH

Saturday, May 5 – Dr. Nobuo Haneda Seminar in JAPANESE

Monday, MAY 7 – 10:00-2:00 Dr. Nobuo Haneda - Discussion

Saturday, September 8 – Reverend Mark Unno Seminar

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
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Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course 2012

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is now accepting applications for their Spring 2012 enrollment. 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 through the course website. Deadline: February 15. Course starts March 1. Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA
Tel: 510-809-1441, email: jssc@cbe-bca.org

Look Who's Getting Tied Up in Nenju Knots in Betsuin Office



Ed Kato, Pauline Sakuma, Mamoru Okita
Mamoru repairs onenju for LA sangha members while onboard a U.S. Navy Carrier.

