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

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**Sundays:**

February 5 Scout Sunday Service 10:00 am

February 12 Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service 10:00 am

Vegetarian Potluck at 11:45 am hosted by Dharma School

**Friday – Sunday: (Office Closed Friday, February 17 – travel day to Spokane)**

February 17-19 NW District Buddhist Convention in Spokane

**Monday: February 20 - Office Closed** for Presidents Day

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## February Seattle Betsuin Events 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

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

##### February 5

- 10:00 am SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE  
Youth: Rinban Castro  
Adult: Rinban Castro  
Japanese Program  
Dharma School DX: TBD  
DX: Joe Schwab  
11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting  
1:00 pm Cub Scout Metta Award Class

##### February 12

- 10:00 am NIRVANA DAY & PET MEMORIAL SERVICE and Vegetarian Potluck at 11:45 am  
Family: Rev. Warrick  
Japanese Program  
DX: TBD  
11:45 am Vegetarian Potluck hosted by Dharma School  
1:00 pm Cub Scout Metta Award Class

##### February 19 NW District Buddhist Convention in Spokane

- 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE at Seattle Betsuin  
Youth: Irene Goto  
Adult: Joe Schwab  
Japanese Program  
DX: TBD

##### February 26

- 8:45 am Meditation Service  
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE  
Children: TBD  
Family: Rev. Warrick  
Japanese Program  
DX: Rev. Warrick  
11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting  
1:00 pm Cub Scout Metta Award Class

#### **MONDAYS**

- February 6-10 Rinban Castro in California  
February 13 Rinban Castro (Day Off)  
February 20 Office Closed for Presidents' Day  
February 27 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

#### **TUESDAYS**

- February 21 7:00-8:30 pm Third Tuesday  
Dharma Study Group  
February 28 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

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

- February 1 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting  
February 6-10 Rinban Castro in California

#### **THURSDAYS**

- February 2 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service  
February 6-10 Rinban Castro in California  
February 16  
10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)  
1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)  
February 22 – 23 BCA Ministers' Association Meetings in Sacramento

#### **FRIDAYS**

- February 3 Rinban Castro to Moses Lake  
12:00 pm Gojikai Service & New Year's Party  
February 6-10 Rinban Castro in California  
February 17 Office Closed (Travel Day to Spokane for Convention)  
February 24 – 25 BCA National Council Meetings in Sacramento

#### **SATURDAYS**

- February 4 Rinban Castro in Moses Lake  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm First Saturday Study Group,  
The Monk Who Dared, by Ruth Tabrah  
February 18 NW District Buddhist Convention in Spokane  
February 24 – 25 BCA National Council Meetings in Sacramento

### **2012 March Major Events of Interest**

#### **Sundays:**

- March 11 Camp Fire Sunday Service, One Year Memorial for Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Victims  
March 18 Spring Ohigan Service  
March 25 Betsuin Bazaar

**Newsletter Deadline:  
Tuesday, February 21, 2012 8:00 PM**



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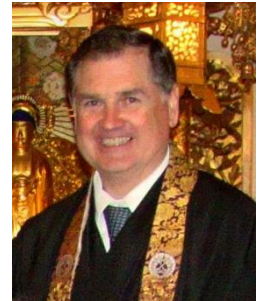
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## Amida Versus Shakyamuni Buddha? by Rev. Don Castro

February is the month we commemorate the death of Shakyamuni Buddha in India over 2,500 years ago. At Seattle Betsuin, we will observe Nirvana Day a few days early on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (the traditional date is the 15<sup>th</sup>). In his final instructions to his disciples in the Mahaparinirvana Sutra, the Buddha says,

*“Those who, either now or after I am dead, shall be a lamp unto themselves, relying upon themselves only and not relying upon any external help, but holding fast to the Truth (Dharma) as their lamp, and seeking their salvation in the Truth alone, shall not look for assistance to any one besides themselves, it is they, Ananda, among my bhikshus (monk disciples) who shall reach the very topmost height!”*



For adherents of Other Power Buddhism, there is often confusion about this passage. It seems that the Buddha is contradicting the basic teaching of Jodo Shinshu regarding the power of Amida Buddha to bring about our enlightenment. This confusion is really a semantic issue. It seems that the Buddha is telling us to rely upon ourselves alone and Shinran Shonin is telling us **not** to rely on ourselves alone but to rely on the other power of Amida Buddha. Looking more deeply, however, we need to understand that self power for the Buddha means, “seeking their salvation in the Truth (Dharma) alone” not looking to an “external power.” For Shinran Shonin, other power is **not** external power. Rather, it is the power other than the deluded ego that is touched by self interest in everything it does. Other power in Jodo Shinshu means a power other than the power that keeps us running around in circles; the vicious wheel of samsara (birth-and-death).

Elsewhere in his final instructions, the Buddha told his disciples not to be attached to his physical appearance but to look to the Dharma as their guide. To see the Dharma is to see the Buddha. Amida Buddha is living dynamic Dharma, especially as experienced by those beings who are bound to the vicious circle of self power. We should note and emphasize here that one of the core teachings of Buddhism is the truth of non-self (anatman) meaning that there is no permanent, substantial core of self (soul) to cling onto. Thus, Other Power Buddhism accords completely with the fundamental teaching of the Buddha about the nature of self.

Amida Buddha is living dynamic Dharma. The light of the Dharma is the light of Amida Buddha as it is alive in all of us. Being universal, the power of Amida Buddha is non-dualistic and breaks down the delusions of internal and external, self and other. The sense of a relationship with Amida Buddha only results from our standing apart. Yet, even while standing apart, Amida Buddha is encompassing, embracing and liberating us. We only need to awaken to this Truth and “Awakened One” is what the word Buddha literally means.

## President’s Message by Yukio Morikubo

The new year comes with the excitement of new beginnings, and a lot of appreciation for the hard work of our leaders and volunteers.

Betsuin board members and officers of all of our temple organizations began their new terms at our annual New Year’s party. It is always startling to see how many leaders are installed each year as officers of our temple organizations. It is awesome that these individuals offer their time and talents to the Betsuin. I, and all of our members, appreciate it very much. Thank you.

As usual, the party itself was entertaining and well-coordinated. Thanks to the party chairs, Kelly Enstrom and Lori Chisholm, to the many food preparers lead by Ritsuko Kuwahara in preparing the obento and Marie Kosai-Luke and Joan Nakano in preparing the children’s meals, and to all the talented entertainers. The party was a lot of fun.



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At the party, we awarded Certificates of Appreciation to some outstanding individuals. We recognized Dr. Ron Magden, Becky Glass and Ellen Hale, and Sadie Yamasaki for their contributions to the development of the Mukashi, Mukashi book that documents the history of the Seattle Betsuin. We thanked Connie Ozeki-Chinn for her role in leading the Seattle team that organized and conducted the successful Nembutsu Camporee in 2011. And, we thanked Gwen Kawabata Florence for her tireless support of our Obon celebration each year. *Arigatō* to you all.

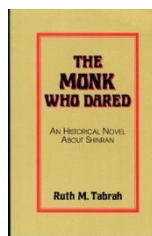
Finally, we were saddened by the passing of longtime member and former Betsuin president, Aizo "Buster" Kosai, in early January. He was an avowed Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, a committed Betsuin and community leader, and a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Buster Kosai leaves his mark on the Betsuin and our larger community, and we are all better off thanks to his work and leadership - *gokurōsama*. In Gasshō, Yukio



**Installation of New Officers:** Seattle Betsuin's Installation of New Officers took place during the Betsuin's New Year's Party Noon on Sunday, January 8, 2012. – IG *Photo courtesy of Sat Ichikawa*

## Study Groups at Seattle

**Buddhist Temple** submitted by Leonora Clarke First Saturday Buddhist Study Group will meet on Saturday, February 4, to discuss Ruth Tabrah's fictionalized biography of Shinran Shonin, The Monk Who Dared.



We have Betsuin library copies for those who do not want to purchase the book. The discussion will begin at 9:30am in the Memorial Hall followed with a brown bag lunch at 11:30. This discussion is free and open to all who would like to participate. Please contact Leonora Clarke (clarkel@uw.edu) with questions. Third Tuesday Dharma Study Group is cancelled for February 21, 2012.

## Dinner for Orion YouthCare Center

was cancelled for Seattle Betsuin's third Friday of the month turn due to a cleaning of the Orion facility. ABA is scheduled for January 20, 2012.

*Submitted by Irene Goto*

**SCHOLARSHIPS** For 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. For 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. Application **deadline: 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.

## Jodo Shinshu Correspondence

**Course** Enrollment for Spring 2012 is filled. Enrollment for Fall 2012 will open on May 1, 2012. For more information, please visit the course website at [www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org).

## Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association *Submitted by Joan Nakano*

**SBBWA President's Message** Submitted by Janet Baba We began 2012 with our first project, the preparing and packaging of 500 bento for the Betsuin New Year Party. Our women and other Sangha members joined together to peel, chop, slice, and cook for three days under the careful guidance of Ritsuko Kuwahara and the Food Committee. The culmination was the packaging of the bento with Shizue Yahata at the helm. We packaged the trays with precise placement, assembly line style. Many calls came in stating this was the best organized system that proved successful! Thanks to all for your hard work, we enjoyed the party with delicious food and highlighted with great company.

In December, our new cabinet, advisors, and Standing Committee chairs met to lay the foundation to go forward with our goals. With religious seminar, NW and Federation Conventions, temple and community service, and promoting fellowship among our members, we look forward to a full year.

We welcome new members to join us with our goals and commitment. Our New Member Service and Luncheon is scheduled for May, 6, 2012. To join, please contact Kiyo Takashima or Terrie Tanino or call the Temple Office at (206) 329-0800.

### Donations - Submitted by Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Lillian Horita - In Memory of Mitsui Hayashi

James Doyle - General Donation

### SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, Feb 5: 11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

Sunday, Feb 12: Dana Day as designated by the World Buddhist Women's Federation

Sunday, Feb 26: 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting



**Musical Notes** Thank you to Kanako Kashima and Ritsuko Kawahara for braving the snow with their instruments to provide the

wonderful koto and shamisen music for Ho-Onko service. In addition, enough Betsuin choir members and our conductor Terrie Tanino were able to make it to perform *Koto no Hama kara* as planned. We appreciate Dr. Namekata's translation of the lyrics to convey how fitting the music selection was for the occasion. The music was another of the 4 songs brought back from Japan by Junko Nakano and Etsu Shimbo. It describes Kota Beach in Niigata prefecture where Shinran was exiled. The area is known for extremely cold weather with much snow during the winter. The song was written to remind us of Shinran's hardship and overcoming it with nembutsu.

We look forward to the spring seminar in May with Rev. Harry Bridge as guest speaker. In addition, Dii Lewis from Berkeley Buddhist Temple will participate. In anticipation of Dii's visit to Seattle, we will be introducing his composition *Like Blossoms* from the service book. The sangha will have a number of opportunities in the coming months to hear and learn this gatha.

*Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi*



### Camp Fire USA Candy Sale

begins January 27, 2012! This fundraiser helps groups earn money to pay for camp and other activities. It also helps our youths learn how to set goals, handle money, build confidence when selling to an adult, and learn the value of being courteous and polite. Don't miss your chance to support Camp Fire kids! Each box of Camper Mix, Almond Roca, Almond Caramel Clusters, P-Nuttles, and Creamy Smooth Mint Patties is \$5.

In partnership with Operation HomeFront, Camp Fire USA is asking customers to purchase candy to give to families who have a deployed parent. When a parent is deployed, often families suffer from worry, stress, reduced income and isolation. By giving candy to these families, we send them a message that their sacrifice is important and that their community supports them. Just ask your Candy Seller for more information or to donate your purchase to Operation HomeFront. Thank you for your continued support of the Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire Organization!

Discovery 6/7 Submitted by Dana Nakashima At the New Year's Party, Emily, Kayla, Tiffany, Amanda, Erin and Emi performed an Obon dance to "Mottainai" by Nobuko. The girls wore their tie-dyed happi coats, paper ring leis (made by Kayla), and o-hashi in their hair. Special thanks to Mrs. Zumoto, for teaching us the dance, and to Tina and Alison, for organizing and assisting the girls as they prepared for their performance. *Submitted by Grace Tazuma*



**Dharma School** Again, many thanks to all who contributed to making the Bodhi Day Potluck a success including those that organized and helped with set up and clean up.

The DS would like to invite everyone to the next potluck, Sunday, February 12, 2012. It will be the Nirvana Day vegetarian potluck. Hope to see you there! That same day we will be having our pet memorial service. Cards will be available from Dharma school teachers and also in the foyer to write down pets' names to be remembered.

Pre K/K, Toddlers The Pre-K/Kindergarten class talked about the different traditions observed during Japanese New Year and Chinese New Year. It was emphasized that whatever day or however we choose to celebrate the New Year, we should try to be kinder and more compassionate. The students made dragons to help usher in the Year of the Dragon before attending the Betsuin New Year's Party. On Ho-onko, we read the story about the Life of Shinran Shonin. The children then made a picture of Shinran and his disciples meditating in the snow.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade We started off 2012 by discussing Japanese New Year traditions including special foods and activities like the first visit to temple. We read the story of the Asian zodiac animals and how they got into the order they are in as we colored dragon calendars to take home. On Ho-onko we discussed Shinran Shonin's life and did a word search containing terms relating to his life and teachings. *Submitted by Joyce Tsuji*



*Matsuri Taiko at New Year Party - ihg*

## Reverend Kuwahara Conducted Chanting and Language Workshops

On Saturday, January 14, 2012 we were treated to two seminars by Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Director of the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course, (Center for Buddhist Education, Buddhist Churches of America). The first seminar covered etiquette for offering incense as well as proper chanting of the Shoshinge. The second focused on Buddhism and the Japanese language.

For the first session, participants practiced offering incense, not only with the guidance of Kuwahara Sensei, but also with the help of a handout of photographs of his young son showing right and wrong ways to bow, and to open and close the incense container, and how to properly handle the service book. We also chanted parts of the Shoshinge. We learned that, ideally, we should stay in the key that was intended for the chant, despite the challenge of doing this for those of us with higher or lower voices. Sensei also demonstrated correct rhythm and pacing.



During the last session, Sensei shared examples of Japanese words that have a strong connection to Buddhist thought and teaching. As an example, he used arigatou, "I acknowledge the difficulty of the situation," which "expresses gratitude" as well as "describes the rareness of what we have received." He said, "The lens of Buddhist teachings bestows on us a view which shows us this world and things around us differently," and illustrates the concept of interdependence.

Everyone who attended appreciated the warmth and wisdom of Rev. Kuwahara and came away better informed about basic Jodo Shinshu rituals. *Submitted by Ann Oxrieder and Fumiko Groves*

## Next English Seminar at Seattle Betsuin - Save the Date!

May 12, 2011 Reverend Harry Bridge will conduct A Music Workshop with Dii Lewis from Berkeley Temple who wrote *Like Blossoms*.





## The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations for December 2011

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Akio Kuwahara – 17 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 500	Kinue Kuwahara
Arthur Watanabe – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 400	Steve Ishikawa
Jack Natsuhara – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Yasuko Natsuhara
Akiko Wataoka – Inurnment Service	\$ 300	Harumi Guiberson
Kaminishi – Memorial Service	\$ 300	Gail Kaminishi
Nokotsudo	\$ 200	Kinue Kuwahara
Roger Barr – In Memory of	\$ 100	Lance & Lisa Barr

### Given by:

### Remembrances for:

### Given by:

Shigeo Akada	George & Irene Mano
Michisuke Harada	Setsuko Harada
Jack Natsuhara	Haruko Kobuki
John Sumida	Shirley Shimada
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**Temple Supervision:** Spokane Buddhist Temple \$ 100

**Wedding:** Alaina Mori and Andrew Wong \$ 300

**New Year's Eve Service:** Lisa Kumasaka Mitchell; Pauline Sakuma

### **Other Donations:**

#### Donor:

#### For:

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Seattle Betsuin Gojikai	Year-end appreciation
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Other: **Etaikyo Muen Hoyo:** Hayami, Sachiko, Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa - **Bodhi Day:** Beard, Clara; Hasegawa, James & Hiroko; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -; Miyauchi, Takiko **New Year's Eve:** Imori, Laverne; Sakuma, Pauline **New Year's Day:** Kosai, Janet Hiroko; Osaki, Marianne; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi

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**Seminars at White River Buddhist Temple** submitted by Irene Goto

Please see our website for registration forms, deadlines and more information [www.wrbt.org](http://www.wrbt.org). Registration deadline is one week before the seminars.

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, Karen Murakami [wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net](mailto:wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net).

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**Techno Buddha Conference at Jodo Shinshu Center**(see web version p. 9) **“Who Am I?”**

**The Search for the Spiritual Self in the Digital Age**

**March 2 - 4, 2012**

**Guest Speaker: Reverend Mark Unno**

**Facebook: <http://tiny.cc/technobuddhaconference>**



**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, or Irene Goto.*

**Jan 8, 2012** Rinban Castro posed the idea that he would like the DX kids to learn about 10 common Japanese expressions as a way to help understand Buddhism. . .Irene G remarked that we take for granted so many things in our life --accidents, death, health, waking up in the morning, trust, fear, etc. Sensei said the world of the Buddha is unconditional and boundless, and Amida is beyond measurable. We must understand our selfish "what's-in-it-for-me" attitude before we are able to comprehend beyond immeasurable.

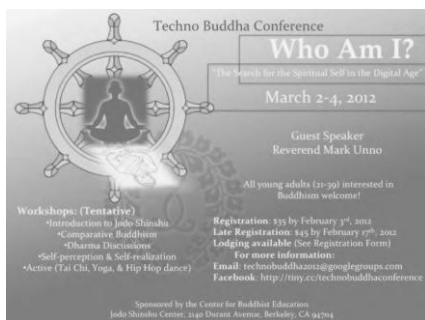
**Jan. 15, 2012** - Rinban Castro visited Japan with a group of 12 ministers in 1999 for a seminar in the Echigo prefecture. They visited many temples and probably walked on the same paths that Shinran used. He said Shinran actually brought religion to Echigo, even though he had no intention of founding a religion. Before Shinran everything was pretty much superstition. He related a story of a shaman-like person who was dispatched to kill Shinran, but became so impressed with his sincerity that he became a convert to Jodo Shinshu, or so the story goes. He wrote the first part of the Shoshingei in Chinese and the Wasan in Japanese. Buddhism spread through meetings with Shinran in homes at night. When Shinran was 60 years of age he returned to his birthplace, Kyoto as a prelude to dying. He was still very productive in his 80s and died when he was 90. His daughter put his ashes in a small pagoda, which became the foundation of the present Hongwan-ji in Kyoto. Amazingly, letters from his daughter Eshinni were found in the 1920s in the Hongwan-ji and have been preserved. Shinran had many name changes, and his last one came from using characters from two of the Seven Masters.



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