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throughout the world*

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*Embrace true and  
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*Promote, protect, and  
share the Buddha,  
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#### NEWSLETTER

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### Sundays:

May 6 SBBWA New Members Service & Luncheon 11:45am

May 12 Music Seminar w/ Rev. Harry Bridge 10:00am - 3:30pm

May 20 Gotan-E Service 10:00am

May 27 Betsuin Scholarship Awards Presentation 10:00am

### Monday May 28: OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day Holiday

10:00am Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery

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## Betsuin Events for May 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 \*8:45 am Meditation Service Weekly!**

May 6

10:00 pm FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: TBD

Youth/Adult: MA Joe Schwab

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Irene Goto

DX: MA Joe Schwab

11:30 am SBBWA New Member's Service

followed by a luncheon in the gym

May 13

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE – Guest Speaker

Rev. Harry Bridge

Youth: Rev. Bridge

Adult: Rev. Bridge

Japanese Language Service: Rev. Bridge

DSDX: MA Joe Schwab

DX: Rev. Warrick

May 20 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

10:00 am GOTAN-E SERVICE

Youth: MA Joe Schwab

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Irene Goto

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:30 am SBBWA Chow Mein Fundraiser & Bake Sale

May 27

10:00 am SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SERVICE

Scholarship recipients will read their essays

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

#### **MONDAYS**

May 21 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

May 28 Office Closed - Memorial Day Holiday

10:00 am Memorial Day Service at Lakeview

Cemetery

#### **TUESDAYS**

May 1 Rinban Castro (Study Day off)

May 22 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

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

May 2 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

(Rinban Castro)

May 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial

Service (Rinban Castro)

#### **THURSDAYS**

May 3

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

May 17

1:30 pm

Rinban Castro (Day Off)

Nikkei Manor Service

#### **FRIDAYS**

May 4

12:00 pm Gojikai Service &

Luncheon Meeting (Rinban Castro)

May 18

Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

#### **SATURDAYS**

May 5 10:00 am NW District Council Meeting -Yakima

May 12 10:00 am – 3:30 pm Seminar - “*Moments in*

*Buddhist Music: Explorations in Sound and Dharma*”

with Rev. Harry Bridge, Buddhist Church of Oakland

May 19 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

### **June 2012: Major Events of Interest**

#### Sundays:

June 3

All Sangha Memorial Service

Camp Fire Council Fire

June 10

Awards and Recognition Service

Last day of Dharma School

Temple Picnic in the gym

June 24

Bishops'/Rinbans' Memorial Service

Kids Summer Program (KSP): June 25 – 29

#### BCA Web Links:

<http://www.bcasites.net/>

<http://www.bcabookstore.com>

[http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/about-](http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/about-us/wheel-of-dharma)

[us/wheel-of-dharma](http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/about-us/wheel-of-dharma) **Wheel of Dharma Newsletter**

<http://japaneseprograms.bcasites.net/2012+Spring+J>

[apanese+Seminar](http://japaneseprograms.bcasites.net/2012+Spring+J) **Japanese Programs**

[http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5rinpou854333e4&llr=7khxescab)

[oeidk=a07e5rinpou854333e4&llr=7khxescab](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5rinpou854333e4&llr=7khxescab)

<http://dharmanet.org/Shinhome.htm>

<http://vimeo.com/32580402>

**June Newsletter Deadline:**

**Monday, May 21, 2012 8:00 pm**



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## Seattle Betsuin Honors One-Year Anniversary of Japan Earthquake

**March 3, 2012** *The Dharma talk is over, but it leaves us much to think about in the coming weeks. The service chair reads "A Thousand Winds," which has been translated into Japanese as Sen No Kaze Nitta and put to music. We heard the choir sing it earlier today. It ends with:*

*"Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there; I did not die."*

*We put our palms together and say Namu Amida Butsu.*

The Northwest Dharma Association published an article on the temple's One-Year Memorial Service for victims of Japan's earthquake/tsunami, complete with photos, in its Spring 2012 on-line newsletter at <http://northwestdharma.org/news/Spring12/japan-quake.php>. Submitted by Ann Oxrieder



## Birthday Celebration of Prince Siddhartha on April 8, 2012



Rimban Castro, Reverend Warrick, Ministers' Assistants, Youth Ministers' Assistants chanting Kanbutsu-ge.



Betsuin choir singing *Long Ago in India* as a choral tribute to composer Jane Imamura who passed away last December.



## **2012 Spring Bazaar**

**If you would like to make a donation or if you have forgotten to pay for the Bazaar tickets that were used, we're still accepting payments and you may send them to the Temple's address.**

On behalf of the Temple and the Spring Bazaar Committee, please accept a huge THANK YOU to the volunteers helping to put on the Temple's Spring Bazaar in late March. This fundraiser wouldn't happen without the generous support of those volunteering their time for the many tasks involved. It takes a lot of commitment in order to have a successful event and for certain individuals, this is an annual effort year after year with the work they put in. For those that take on more than an equivalent of a single shift year after year, your contributions are greatly appreciated. While it is the collective efforts of all that help to make this event a success, those that volunteer their time for any Bazaar related task for what may be anywhere around 8 or more cumulative hours before the weekend is over deserve a debt of gratitude along with a much deserved rest.

Out of necessity, we replaced our long offered rice curry menu option this year with a chicken drummette and rice bento (including salad) this year. While we had positive comments on the bento, there was disappointment based on known comments heard that the curry was off the menu. While it may have been one item that had more than its share of unfavorable comments from those with differing tastes, it's also obvious that many unheard voices until this year also enjoyed the taste of the rice curry. The other significant change from the prior year was to add Spam Musubi as an additional menu item in the dining area as it is a popular item for many. It is also an item that is not overly labor intensive as that is a concern on the for the Bazaar committee. Other than the above, the menu was basically the same as the prior year offering variety and not overburdening the volunteers with the steps necessary for the food prep. We also offered a raffle this year with 3 prizes and winning tickets drawn were Kathy Yamamura (40" flat screen TV), Margaret Teramoto (Kindle Fire)

and Lukas Akiyama (Kindle Fire). Congratulations to the winners and thank you to those that purchased tickets.

Final financial results are not finalized but initial estimates on the net amount earned are disappointing as they are significantly less than last year. Some of it can be attributed to the cost of the ingredients, but the majority of the decline may be lower attendance. While it appeared busier for a longer time than prior years in the dining area, an observation of the take-out sales was that attendance was down as the initial rush was shorter. While we discounted sales items ½ hour before the end of the event, we had a large quantity of food items left at the end. We were able to recoup some revenue with sales to volunteers helping with the clean-up/take-down, to Wisteria View Housing for distribution to the residents at the low income HUD subsidized facility across the street and then distributed what was remaining in the following day or two.

With the presumed disappointing results, changes or other alternatives for a fundraiser will be taken up as a discussion topic by the committee for ideas on possible reasons/solutions or an alternative fund-raising event. Each year we continue to work on having this be a positive experience for those that support the event with their attendance and for the volunteers and be an effective fundraiser for the Temple. Please send in or communicate any comments you may have to the Temple as this may help for making positive changes to the event..

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

In Gassho,  
2012 Spring Bazaar Chairperson, Howard

### **2012 Minidoka Pilgrimage June 21 – June 24, 2012**

Goto [www.minidokapilgrimage.org](http://www.minidokapilgrimage.org) or leave your name and address with Ann Fujii Lindwall at 206-367-8749, [Fujiilindwall@comcast.net](mailto:Fujiilindwall@comcast.net) and information can be mailed to you. A SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP will be available for this year's Pilgrims who are over 80 years of age and older and were imprisoned in any of the American concentration camps during WWII. *Submitted by Ryan Kozu*

## President's Message

Earlier this Spring, the Board of Directors of the Seattle Betsuin established a plan this year to review three significant areas of operations - membership, programming and facilities.

The goal of these reviews will be to evaluate what the Betsuin is currently doing in each area, and to determine what's working and what's not. For any areas that are not functioning as well as they could, the board will identify and begin to put in place changes that will hopefully help the Betsuin become better in each area.

Membership will be the first area of focus. We are starting with membership because this is, after all, the reason the Betsuin exists – for you, our members. We will look into what we do well in our current membership efforts. We will also be open to new ideas of what more we can do, or what we can do differently, to make more people feel more welcome and motivated to become members.

Programming will be the second area of focus. For a temple of our size, I think we have good, robust programs, particularly our youth and religious programs. But we need to continually test whether or not our programming is relevant and serves all of our members well. So, the Board will review our



current programming and see where improvements or changes are warranted.

Finally, we will review our facilities. The Seattle Betsuin is blessed, thanks to the hard work and generosity of earlier generations, with great facilities and resources to help maintain those facilities.

We are also blessed by a small but dedicated team of individuals who have helped us maintain our facilities for some time, on a shoestring. But our facilities are aging, and fairly soon we will have to make some significant decisions on how to best conserve them for the future. We need to prepare to make those decisions so that when the time comes to make them, the Board is ready. For this reason, I proposed, and our Board agreed, to start to learn more about our facilities this year.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the key focus areas that the Board will be addressing this year, please feel free to speak with me or any Board member. We all want the Seattle Betsuin to be as good as it can be. We would be happy to hear any feedback you might have.

Gassho,  
Yukio

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## White River Buddhist Temple Centennial

Past Members and Friends of White River,

On May 19, 2012, the temple will be celebrating its Centennial. Registration information is available at the temple website ([www.wrbt.org](http://www.wrbt.org)) or contact the temple (email, phone or mail) and registration information can be sent to you. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime event. Email us at [Centennial@wrbt.org](mailto:Centennial@wrbt.org) or write to White River Buddhist Temple, PO Box 855, Auburn, WA 98071-0855. Telephone (253) 833-1442.

Submitted by Charles Natsuhara, WRBT Centennial Co-chair

## Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple

The May Buddhist Study Group meeting has been cancelled due to the Harry Bridge seminar on the following Saturday, May 12. If you are interested in doing some background research on Buddhist music prior to the seminar on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact Leonora Clarke at [clarkel@uw.edu](mailto:clarkel@uw.edu).

**Third Tuesday Study Group** Please contact the office at 206 329.0800 for up-to-date information. - IHG

## ABA Plays Mahjong

Players of all levels are welcomed to join us on Sunday, May 6, in the library. Please look for future dates posted on the bulletin board across from the temple office.

Submitted by Gail Kaminishi

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

### SBBWA President's Message

**Welcome new members:** SBBWA's New Membership Committee has been making final preparations to welcome five new members into our organization. A formal initiation service will be followed by a fellowship luncheon for all our members on May 6. **Chow Mein Fundraiser:** Tickets for our May 20 first Chow Mein Take-Out will be available each Sunday. Also included will be rice and tsukemono. Available to accompany your plate lunch will be cooked Japanese items, manju, mochi, and baked goods for sale.

Our members went in many different directions to give service in the last month or two. Following the preparation of sushi, ohagi, yakisoba and tsukemono for the Spring Bazaar our members gave the kitchen a good cleaning. We thank Dennis Shibata, Akio Nishizaki, Karry Sakamoto and Haruso Taketa who assisted our assigned cadre of women with heavier lifting chores.

Another group of women prepared dinner for 40 plus youths at the Orion Center, a nonprofit organization that gives services for our homeless youths on March 16. This organization works to keep youths off the street and prepare for adult life. A Meaty Mac & Cheese was served along with bread, salad, cookies, & apples. Peanut butter sandwiches were also taken. The center's youths do the dish

washing and the clean-up. They were a thankful group.

Our Hospitality Committee prepared the Lounge for guest speaker, Rev. Yuen Tai from Koyasan Temple. A beautiful flower arrangement decorated the room.

For the Spring Ohigan service, our chefs prepared a large plateful of ohagi for the onaijin. Thank you for your service.

Many hands working together made it possible to get the numerous jobs done, while learning from each other, forming new friendships, creating positive outcomes, and offering camaraderie for all. All your work is very much appreciated.

**Walk for Rice:** Our members will be joining ACRS to benefit the Food Bank on June 30. Interested walkers may contact Joyce Kato, Machiko Wada, or Gwen Florence for more information.

In Gassho, Janet Baba

**Donations - Submitted by Treasurer Shizue Kaku Enomoto Family - In Memory of Toshiko Enomoto**

### SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, May 6 11:30 am SBBWA New Membership Service and Luncheon  
Sunday, May 20 SBBWA Chow Mein Fundraiser and Bake Sale  
Sunday, May 27 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

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## ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE - *SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO*

### Sunday, June 3, 2012 Service at 10:00 AM

The annual **ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday, June 3, 2012, at 10:00 AM**. This important service is dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of all those who were members and friends of the Seattle Betsuin or one of its affiliated organizations.

We invite families of these members to submit your loved ones' names to be read during the service and we ask that you attend in their honor. **Please fill out the section below and return to the Betsuin office by Sunday, May 27, 2012.** We cannot guarantee that names received after the deadline will be read. The names will be called in the order received.

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

Name of Deceased

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Boy Scout Troop 252** by Andrea Mano On Saturday, March 31, Boy Scout Troop 252 welcomed two new Scouts in a sunny Cross-over Ceremony at the North Bend Property. The new Scouts are Kobe and Jacob who have both been active Cub Scouts in Pack 252. It was a touching ceremony, with a welcome from each of the older Boy Scouts in attendance, as well as their long-time Den Leader, David Lee (father of Jacob). Congratulations to David Lee, Den Leader, Kobe, Jacob and their parents and families.

On April 12, the Chief Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America presented Sam Umeda with the District Award of Merit at the Thunderbird District's 2011 recognition dinner. During the dinner program individual contributions and unit performance were recognized for 2011. The Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of the year awards were presented as were the Pack and Troop of the Year awards. The culmination of the night was the presentation of the District Award of Merit to Sam, the highest recognition a district can bestow. It is an award given to one who has given outstanding service to youth on a district level. Sam received his Eagle Scout Award from Troop 252 in 1973. Sam currently serves as the Leader of the Venture Crew at Seattle Buddhist Church, has been active in Troop 252 as an Adult Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster and continues to assist as needed. Congratulations to Sam!



Photo by Sat Ichikawa

### **DHARMA SCHOOL** submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Many thanks to the DS parents and students who did a fantastic job decorating the beautiful hanamido that was displayed at the Hanamatsuri service April 8, 2012.

Also special thanks go to Marie, Joan and Ron for organizing and preparing the delicious brunch and to all their helpers. What a special treat for the Sangha!



Photo by Sat Ichikawa

### **Classroom Reports**

**Pre-K/Kindergarten** The Pre-K/K class listened to a story about the birth of the Buddha and colored **pictures of the Baby Buddha which were arranged in** vases of spring flowers for the Hanamatsuri Luncheon centerpieces. We thank the 1st/2nd grade class for helping with the table decorations. On Hanamatsuri, the students discussed the significance of the Hanamido and decorated their own with colorful tissue paper flowers.

**1st/2nd grade** The students had fun working with the PreK/K class to color baby Buddhas for the Hanamatsuri table centerpieces at the brunch. Then we talked about the hanamido and the birth story of Sakamuni Buddha. We also decorated paper hanamidōs with tissue paper flowers. We enjoyed some cookies while reading the book Cookies which used cookie-related examples to demonstrate important definitions. Being patient means waiting nicely for the cookies to come out of the oven. The students came up with many definitions of their own too.

**ON BEHALF OF THE 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 paid for the 2012 fiscal year since our last posting:

Don & Karen Akira; Gaylen Akira; Lani Carpenter; Mae Deguchi; Minoru & Aiko Fujii; Sue Fujino; Bill & Beverly Glasser; Jack & Fumi Habu; Fumiyo Hanada; Sat & Grace Ichikawa; Iwako Iseri; Yoshiye Iwamura; Robert & Dawn Keeley; Peter Kusakabe; Kelly Kuwahara; Kinue Kuwahara; Lisa Kumasaka-Mitchell; Tomio Moriguchi & Jenny Yan; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Craig & Joan Nakano; Eric & Betty Nakashima; Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura; Iso & Ai Nishimura; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Mary Osaki; Karry Sakamoto; Robert & Amy Seko; Zachary Semke & Ann Ishimaru; Dennis Shibata; Ken Shigaya; George Shimizu; Haruko Shimizu; Kuniko Takamura; Kiyoko Takashima; Jean Taketa; Lori Tanaka; Martha Taniguchi; Katsumi & Terrie Tanino; Sam & Masako Uchida; Sam Umeda; Eric Uyeji; Norio & Miyoko Yamazaki; Dennis Yasukochi & Lynne Goodrich; Sumie Yokota; Mary Yoshida; Dick & Misao Yoshimura; Elliott Zimmerman

***We'd like to 'welcome' Bill & Beverly Glasser, Zachary Semke & Ann Ishimaru as new members to our Sangha.***



**A REMINDER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The **minimum** for basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations, is \$250 for those over 70 years of age and \$300 for those under 70 years old. Payments are due by September 30, 2012. If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com)

**Musical Notes** Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi Thank you to Cyrus Honmyo for taking care of the sound set up for Hanamatsuri service. For the service, the Betsuin choir sang *Long Ago in India* as a choral tribute to composer Jane Imamura who passed away last December. The Camp Fire groups did a wonderful job coordinating their own music for the Camp Fire Birthday Service. In addition to Amanda on piano and Sydney and Erica on flute and violin for the gathas, the woodwind quartet rendition of *Sakura* with Emma and Taryn (clarinets) and Alina and Michelle (flutes) was a lovely accompaniment to the incense offering. The singing of *Camp Fire Law* brought the whole group together. The Bodhi Ensemble continues to practice and perform, most recently at Earth Day service. Please plan to hear them again on Mother's Day Sunday, May 13. Special music by the Betsuin choir is also planned for Gotan-E service on May 20. We welcome any additional student or adult musicians to participate in services throughout the year. Interested individuals may contact Lani Carpenter or Kemi Nakabayashi any time!



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If you have not already registered, please do so promptly by the May 7 deadline for the spring seminar *Moments in Buddhist Music: Explorations in Sound and Dharma* with Rev. Harry Bridge on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After the lunch break, Michiko Yukawa will present a brief overview of the history of gathas in the Buddhist Churches of America followed by a panel discussion with Donna Sasaki also from Tacoma Buddhist Temple and Dii Lewis from Berkeley Buddhist Temple. This seminar does not presume any prior musical training and is open to the public. The registration information is available on the temple website or in the foyer. Registration is required in order to plan for lunch. [A registration form is included below.]

A separate youth activity is planned for Saturday evening, May 12, with Rev. Bridge and Dii Lewis. Dharma School students from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade should contact Lani Carpenter ASAP to confirm participation in the dinner and jam session. College age students are also welcome and may contact Jason Yokoyama or Kemi Nakabayashi for more information.



### ***Moments in Buddhist Music: Explorations in Sound and Dharma*** **A Seminar with Rev. Harry Bridge Saturday, May 12, 2012**



Lunch including vegetarian and gluten-free selections will be provided for \$10. Donations for this workshop are gratefully accepted by cash or checks made payable to the Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept. Registration is required so that we can provide meals for participants. **Deadline: May 7, 2012.** Questions? Contact the temple office at 206.329-0800 or [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com). A flyer and form is also available online - go to <http://seattlebetsuin.org/index.php/2012/03/moments-in-buddhist-music/>

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#### **May 12, 2012 Seattle Betsuin Spring Seminar Registration Form - Please print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$10.00 (lunch fee) + Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form & check payable to Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept to:  
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144 Attn: Gail K.



# The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations for March – April 2012

## Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Aizo Buster Kosai – Memorial Service & 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Service	\$ 800 \$ 200	June Kosai
Nami Ito – 13 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 500	Paul & Mary Hosoda
Asao Marian Kurosu – Funeral Service	\$ 500	Lillian Sako
Katsumi Nakamichi – In Memory of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	\$ 300	Teruko Nakamichi
Linda Okuma – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Tony Okuma
Masako Dodobara – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Ken & Yoshie Dodobara
Ryoto Yabuki – 7 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 200 \$ 300	Akiko & Munehisa Yabuki Hidemi & Keiko Tsuboi
George & Koichi Tanaka – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Tom Tanaka
Nokotsudo for Nobuyoshi Kano	\$ 200	Tamako Niwa Kano
Mitsue Matsui – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 200	Takashi Matsui
Toshiko Enomoto – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial	\$ 100	Miyoko Yoshikawa
Shigeo Kano – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 100	Satoko Kano

## Given by:

## Remembrances for:

## Given by:

Imo Castro	Joan & Craig Nakano
Toshiko Enomoto	Gene & Yuki Arinobu; Al & Fran Shintaku; Kuniko Takamura; Fumiye Taniguchi; Fusae Yokoyama; Dick & Misao Yoshimura
Nami Ito	Harry Hosoda; Kimi Huston; Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Julie Nakayama; Karen Nakayama
Aizo Buster Kosai	Jack T. Matsui; Fusae Yokoyama
Asao Marian Kurosu	Sue Fujino; Sumie Yokota
Janice Mano	Al & Fran Shintaku
Kazuko Nagai	Mamo Okada
Fusako Shimizu	Setsuko Harada
Nobue Shimizu	Fusae Yokoyama
Tsukiyo Takano	Ken & Lynee Tanino; Ryomi Tanino
Mas Tanino	Frank & Fay Tanagi

## Temple Supervision:

Spokane Buddhist Temple	\$ 100
Yakima Buddhist Church	\$ 100

## Other Donations:

### Donor:

### For:

Seattle Koyasan Buddhist Temple	Earthquake/Tsunami Memorial Donation
Shirley Shimada	Earthquake/Tsunami Memorial Donation
Jean Taketa	Earthquake/Tsunami Memorial Donation
Mark & Haru Hirota	General Donation

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Tak & Mary Katayama	Onenju repair
Michael Perry	Onenju donation
Joanne Kimura	Onenju repair
Irene Saito	Onenju repair
Ben & Etsu Shimbo	Onenju repair

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**Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire #699** On Sunday, April 15, we celebrated Camp Fire's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday and 78 years at the Seattle Betsuin, with a Camp Fire-themed service and reception. Many Camp Fire members participated: from carrying flags, offering oshoko, and leading the sutra chanting, to accompanying oshoko reps and gathas. They did a super job! At the service, Camp Fire presented the Temple with a new large-screen TV and a DVD player. Both will be installed in the High School room for everyone to use. We followed Service with refreshments in the Gym and a group picture of current and former members and leaders. It was a great way to end the morning. A big "Thank You" to the many Camp Fire and Temple members who helped make the day possible.



Photo by Steve Chisholm

Special thanks to the Discovery 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade groups for organizing such a memorable service.

Dolphins 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade have been busy finishing up their trail work. In celebration of the Cherry Blossom Festival, the girls made cherry blossom prints by dipping the bottom dimples of plastic pop and water bottles into paint to imprint the petals. Each piece of art was unique & beautiful and we discussed how each of the girls, in a similar fashion, is unique and special in their own ways. The girls talked about their own strengths and how they are alike, yet very different.

Horizon The Temple's annual Spring Bazaar created a wonderful opportunity for the Horizon group to work with the other Camp Fire levels and

Sangha members. The Horizon group wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the Teramoto family for leading the Temple's Camp Fire group in making the delicious apple pies. Thank you to Horizon members Erica, Eva, Lindsey, and Alissa for all their efforts in accomplishing this task. Erica and Alissa held double duty during this busy weekend by chairing the Family Service on the day of Spring Bazaar on behalf of Camp Fire.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire Organization #699 will be holding their year-end Council Fire on Sunday, June 3 at 11:45 a.m., in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend – especially former members, leaders and volunteers. We hope to see you there.

**The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special service**, (please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions or misspelling of names): If your name is not listed, the donation may have been received after the deadline for this newsletter and will be listed in the next edition. Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent misspelling of names:

**Hanamatsuri** Akada, Mary: Akizuki, Jim & Louise: Aoyama, Doris: Aoyama, Masatoshi M. & Sayeko: Aramaki, Hanako: Aratani, Lauren Asaba -: Arinobu, Gene & Yuki: Asaba, Marian: Baba, Janet: Brundige, Grace Tazuma -: Canfield, Sheri Mizumori -: Chin, Edwin & Jenni: Chisholm, Steve & Lori: Deguchi, Jene: Deguchi, Mae: Desaki, Yasuko: Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie: Doi, James: Florence, Gwen: Fujii, Minoru & Aiko: Fujino, suteko (sue): Fujita, Florence: Fujita, Nobuichi & Sachiko: Fukeda, George & Toshiko: Fukuhara, Mitsuko: Hamakawa, Ron: Hanada, Miyuki: Hanada, Peggy: Harada, Setsuko: Harano, Nelson: Hasegawa, James & Hiroko: Heider, Miki: Hiroo, Mickey & Yoshie: Honmyo, Mas: Howland, Laura Ichikawa -: Ichikawa, Kazuya & Fusako: Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace: Ichikawa, Shinya: Ise, Haruo Hal: Isomura, Toshiko: Iwafuchi, Larry & June: Jofuku, Scott: Kaku, Dale & Shizue: Kaneta, Miyoko: Kasahara, Grace: Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako: Kashiwa, Ann T.: Kato, Kazue (Katie): Kato, Nina Tomita -: Kawaguchi, Miyoko: Kawahara, Ritsuko: Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -: Kido, Momoko: Kikuchi, Shizue: Kobayashi, Frances: Kobuki, Haruko: Kogita, Paul & Takako: Kojima, Esther: Komoto, Frank: Kosai, June (Yoshie): Kozai, Art & Lori: Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako: Kunihiro, Carolyn: Kusakabe, Peter: Kuwahara, Kinue: Mano, George & Irene: Mano, Mariko: Maruko, Teruo: Masunaga, Fumiye: Matsubayashi, Hugh: Matsui, Jack T.: Matsuoka, Shizu: Mayeda, Julie: Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -: Miyata, Tetsuo & Linda: Miyauchi, Takiko: Morikubo, Yukio & Karen: Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa -: Nagai, Ernest & Sanaye (Sunnie): Nakabayashi, Kemi: Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith: Nakanishi, Kiyoko: Nakano, Craig & Joan: Nakano, Junko: Nakashima, Craig & Dana: Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko: Nishimura, Hiro & Dorothy: Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel: Nitta, Nancy: Ohtani, Michiye: Okada, Barry & Marlene: Okamura, Ray & Mineko: Okano, Tomiko: Osaki, Mary: Otsuji, Nobuko: Oye, Sunako (Sunkie): Quintua, Gerald: Sakamoto, M. Karry: Sako, Masako: Sakuma, Pauline: Sato, Angela: Scattergood, Dave & Joyce Tsuji -: Shahbaghlian, Patricia Oye -: Shibata, Dennis M.: Shigaya, Harry & Teruko (Terrie): Shigaya, Kenneth: Shigaya, Mary S.: Shimbo, Ben & Etsu: Shimizu, Haruko: Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi: Shimizu, Sato & Darlene: Shinoda, Franklin: Shintaku, Albert & Frances: Sordetto, Gayle: Suto, Judy: Suzaka, Gail: Tahara, Masaru & Anna: Takamura, Kuniko: Takashima, Kiyoko: Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe: Taketa, Jean: Taki, Noboru & Takako: Tamekuni, Masao & Frances: Tanaka, Rikuko: Taniguchi, Fumiye: Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo): Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico: Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie: Tanino, Ryomi: Tazuma, Miyoko: Terada, Allan & Kayoko: Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette: Terada, Ronald & Suzuko: Teramoto, Margaret: Teramoto, Stuart: Tomita, Paul & Mabel: Tosaya, Gary & Julianne: Tsuchida, Tak & Florence: Uchida, Sam & Masako: Uyenishi, Tazuko: Vaart, Michiko Jean: Wada, Machiko: Yahata, Shizue: Yamaguchi, Fumiko: Yamasaki, Fujie: Yamashita, Dennis: Yanagimoto, Michiko: Yasui, Kiyoshi & Ayako (Ruby): Yokota, Sumie: Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann: Yorita, Takako: Yoritsune, Charlene M.: Yoshida, Fuyo: Yutani, Nobuo: Zumoto, James & Tomiko:

**Spring Ohigan:** Akada, Mary: Aratani, Lauren Asaba -: Beard, Clara: Deguchi, Jene: Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie: Fujii, Minoru & Aiko: Fujino, Suteko (Sue): Hamakawa, Ron: Hamatani, Jane: Hanada, Peggy: Hara, Reiko: Harada, Setsuko: Hasegawa, James & Hiroko: Hirasawa, Amy: Hirota, Mark & Haru: Horn, Kenneth & Pam: Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace: Ikeda, Bok Soon: Jeffereis, Gail Kaminishi -: Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -: Kobuki, Haruko: Kunihiro, Carolyn: Kuwahara, Kinue: Mayeda, Julie: Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa -: Okada, Barry & Marlene: Osako, Yasumi: Oye, Sunako (Sunkie): Sakamoto, Kengo: Shigaya, Kenneth: Sordetto, Gayle: Tanaka, Rikuko: Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie: Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette: Uyenishi, Tazuko: Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann:

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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, or Irene Goto.*

**April 1** - BCA President Ron Murakami, and Charlene Grinolds, Coordinated Fundraising Chair of the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, presented the BCA Debt Relief Summary. They spelled out in detail the amount of money needed to pay the interest on the loan for the Jodo Shinshu Center so that programs can be expanded to benefit our members directly and draw new members and supporters. (For a complete analysis see the handout "BCA Debt Relief Summary" in the temple foyer.) All participants were urged to support this program by contributing \$199 per year, or \$17 per month.

**April 8** - Following the lovely Hanamatsuri service Rinban Castro indicated that even if the Buddha didn't actually exist, we still have the teaching. Further, everything is mutually arising, and everything is



impermanent and changing. In conclusion, he felt it was not necessary to take reincarnation literally, and that we are too caught up in our own ego to become enlightened.

**April 15** - Rev. Jim Warrick commented that whatever one puts out comes back whether dealing with people or things. He extended his compliments to the young girls who arranged Sunday's Campfire Service. . . Sensei recounted a question he was asked by a non-Buddhist, "Which deity do you believe in?" He thought it sounded like the person was asking, "Do you believe in God?" Sensei felt it was a difficult question and that it is different for each person. No matter if there are or are not gods, Buddhism is not concerned with gods. . . A participant is uncomfortable with the term, "exalted one" in reference to the Buddha. She fancies herself to be Buddhist, Shinto, and relating to god with a small "g." Sensei felt that was all right, but difficult to follow three paths and recommended carefully choosing one path. There are 84 thousand paths according to Shakyamuni Buddha. A participant complained she was listed in the White Pages of the Internet as being Shinto, when in fact she is Buddhist. It was suggested the writer was confusing Shinshu and Shinto, both having "shin" in their respective word.

In Gassho, Pat Bobrow



### What is Omigaki?

It's climbing ladders to retrieve the brass onaijin lanterns, (Haruso and Norio), carefully dismanteling them, using elbow-grease to scrub, polish, rinse and dry them, getting all heads together to reassemble them again, and everyone being a supervisor!

On Wednesday, April 4, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. the annual naijin maintenance (omigaki) took place. The



crew included: Yoshie Dodobara, Ken Dodobara, Kinue Kuwahara, Miyoko Yamazaki, Norio Yamazaki, Fumiko Groves, Alan Groves, Kiyo Takashima, Tomi Zumoto, Sonoe Taketa, Haruso Taketa, and Karry Sakamoto. *Submitted by Fumiko Groves and Irene Goto*

### More from Scout Troop 252

On March 25, boy scouts from troop 252 volunteered at the spring bazaar. On March 31, Jacob and Kobe crossed over to boy scouts at the crossover ceremony at North Bend. It was pouring down rain, so we all got wet in the middle of the night. Chase HC, Tenderfoot, Boy Scout Troop 252