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## Betsuin Events for August 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 WEEKLY

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

August 5 Rinban Castro to Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

10:00 am ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Family: Rev. Warrick  
Japanese Program: yes  
DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

August 12

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: TBD  
Japanese Program: yes  
DX: TBD

August 19

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: Rinban Castro  
Japanese Program: yes  
DX: Rev. Warrick

August 26

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: TBD  
Japanese Program: yes  
DX: TBD

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

#### **MONDAYS**

August 6 Rinban Castro to Los Angeles

August 20, 27 Rinban Castro - Days Off

#### **TUESDAYS**

August 7 – 9 BCA Ministers' Fuken

August 21

7:00 - 8:30 pm Third Tuesday Study Group

August 28 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

10:30 am Keiro Service

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

August 1 Rinban Castro - Day Off

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

August 7 – 9 BCA Ministers' Fuken

August 8, 15, 22, 29

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

August 29 Rinban Castro - Day Off

#### **THURSDAYS**

August 2 Rinban Castro - Day Off

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

August 7 – 9 BCA Ministers' Fuken

August 16

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

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

August 23

7:30 pm Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting

August 30 Rinban Castro - Vacation

#### **FRIDAYS**

August 3 Rinban Castro to Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

August 10 Rinban Castro - Day Off

August 17 Rinban Castro at Boy Scout

WashJam at Ft. Lewis

August 24 Rinban Castro - Day Off

August 31 Rinban Castro - Vacation

#### **SATURDAYS**

August 4 Rinban Castro to Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

August 11 First Saturday Study Group –

9:30 am – 12:30 pm Discussion on *The Monk's Wife* by Ruth Tabrah

### **September 2012: Major Event of Interest**

Sunday, September 9

**First Day of Dharma School**

Sunday, September 23

**Fall Ohigan Service**

Saturday, September 29

**“Being Buddhist in a Christian Society – Focus on Women” Seminar** with Dr. Sharon Suh, Rev. Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi and Rev. Patti Oshita

Sunday, September 30

**Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Service** with Rev. Oshita and Rev. Dr. Taniguchi

**September Newsletter Deadline:**

**Monday, August 20, 2012**

**8:00 pm**



## Rinban's Message *The Baby and the Bath Water*

By Rev. Don Castro

In June, we observed the Bishops' and Rinbans' Memorial Service. At Dharma Exchange a couple weeks before the service, Sat Ichikawa, son of our first and longest serving rinban Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa, said his father's favorite English gatha was "Lord Buddha Speaks to Me" which was composed in Hawaii in the late 1920's by Dorothy Hunt, wife of Rev. Ernest Shinkaku Hunt who worked for the Buddhist Churches of Hawaii and was a very remarkable person (check the internet for his obituary).



Since we were honoring Rinban Ichikawa, I thought I would do some research on "Lord Buddha Speaks to Me" which was not included in our present service book but was occasionally sung into the 1980's. I started my ministry in 1977 and I remember

it well. I'm sure it was dropped from the contemporary service book because it uses the word "sin" and archaic language such as "thy" and "thou." But, Rinban Ichikawa was right; it is a beautiful gatha. To appreciate what a beautiful gatha it is, do an internet search for "Lord Buddha Speaks to Me" and click on the wonderful version of it performed by the Wayfarers on YouTube. Even with the lyrics, it is very beautiful.

Now, an extraordinary thing; last night, Dorothy Hunt appeared to me in a dream and said, "Don't throw out the baby with the bath water! Delete the verse that mentions sin, change "thy" and "thou" to "you" and you've got a great gatha!" Listen to the Wayfarers and tell me what you think.

## President's Message By Yukio Morikubo

Given that we are in the middle of vacation season, I'll keep this brief...

First, a big "thank you" and "*gokuroosama*" to everyone who helped make our 2012 *Obon Odori* our best ever! *Obon* is our most visible community event, our most popular event for members and friends, and our largest fundraising effort – all rolled into one. It is only possible because of the dedication and hard work of scores volunteers. If you are among them, thank you very much. I'd like to specifically say "*mahalo*" to Ron Hamakawa for, yet again, chairing this important event. Ron has tirelessly led our *Obon* event planning for the past several years. Much of the credit for the success of the event goes to Ron and the many *Obon* committee members, organizational representatives, members and volunteers who help to plan the event. I'm sorry I can't mention each of you by name, but you know who you are. Thank you!



Second, I want to acknowledge those of you took note of my July letter. In that letter, I asked you to think about why you are a member of the Seattle Betsuin. In response, some of you even offered your help in doing what you could to maintain a healthy membership at the Seattle Betsuin. I was surprised,

and deeply gratified, by your feedback and willingness to help.

For those who asked what you could do, I couldn't answer you at the time (I had to think about it), but I now have a response – help one person feel more connected at the Betsuin. Don't just greet newcomers when they first arrive, but get to know them when they return, and challenge yourself to get to know other Betsuin members, particularly those who you do not know well. In the end we need to help each other, and helping one another feel accepted and welcomed is the start.

Finally, for our *Dharma* School families, enjoy the rest of the summer vacation but get ready to return. As a parent, I know how relaxing August can be and how tempting it can be to carry the break from attending service regularly into the fall. But remember that the time you have to shape your children's inner being is limited. As they grow and as their Sunday schedules get busier, your children may not always make it to service. But they will watch what you do, and if you want the *Dharma* to be there to protect them in difficult times, show them that the *Dharma* is important to you. Both you and they will be better for it.

Gassho, Yukio

# SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Tillicum Village/Argosy Cruise:** There is still time to join the 21 members, family and friends signed up for this popular cruise to Blake Island. We will cross Puget Sound for a Salmon Bake and Native Cultural Show on Monday, August 13. Please sign up by August 6 with Joan Nakano in the temple office. If you need transportation from the temple to the Bus Stop at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S & S. King Street, please contact Gwen Florence.

**Precious Pairing: The Kids Summer Program** was again held the last week of June. The temple was filled with students from Grades 1-8. Lessons and activities were held throughout every corner of the building and outside too. Temple members were an integral part of the program. Numerous SBBWA members took on the task of teaching Ikebana, Calligraphy, Obento cooking instruction, Manju making, Odori teaching, Sewing, Teaching Assistance and Temple Support. The students learned skills about cultural heritage. The program was enriching due to the active participation of our members. A huge appreciation goes to our valued and talented members.



**Walked for Rice:** The Buddhist Temple Team consisting of 24 walkers; 14 SBBWA members donated \$2,450. Gwen Florence, Joyce Kato, and Machiko Wada chaired our team for the Asian Counseling & Referral Service, the second largest food bank in King County which helps to support 5,000 individuals. The group reported nice weather and had a good time while raising the funds.



**San Jose FBWA Conference:** The National BWA Conference will be held on October 12-14. Keynote speakers, workshops, banquets, tours and activities promise to make this conference an interesting one. The Coast District is accepting late registration. Contact Joyce Kato for registration, Machiko Wada for travel information and Joan Nakano in the office for registration packet. In Gassho, Janet

### SBBWA Calendar:

Sunday, August 5	SBBWA Board Meeting
Monday, August 13	Argosy Cruise/Tillicum Village
Sunday, August 26	SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

*Submitted by Joan Nakano*

**Upcoming Event: Save the Date**  
*Being Buddhist in a Christian Society: Focus on Women*

**September 29, 2012**

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Seattle Buddhist Temple

Program and Registration at

[www.SeattleBetsuin.com](http://www.SeattleBetsuin.com)



### Speakers:

*Reverend Patti Oshita*  
Buddhist Church of Sacramento

*Professor Sharon Suh, PhD*  
Seattle University

*Reverend Shoyo Taniguchi, PhD*  
Southern Alameda County  
Buddhist Church



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**Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:**

Ronald Deane Hanada – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000
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Asamitsu Maeshiro – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial & Homyo	\$ 400
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Inaba-Fujita Family Memorial Service	\$ 300
Yasuko Matsumoto – Inurnment Service	\$ 300

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Kiyoshi Yasui

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**Other Donations:**

**Donor:**

Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa  
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**For:**

General Donation  
Appreciation for Trey's Eagle Court of Honor

**ORION YOUTHCARE MEALS PROGRAM** Individuals or groups are needed to help plan, prepare, and serve meals to Seattle area homeless youth at YouthCare's Orion Center. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, various temple groups, individuals and families have been participating in this monthly service project for the past 3 years and have found it to be hugely rewarding. Volunteers are needed for the months of August – December. Also, a huge thank you goes to the Dennis Yamashita and team for handling the July meal responsibilities. If you would more information or to sign up to help participate in one of these meals, please contact Mike Teramoto at 206-369-5986 or [mteramoto@yahoo.com](mailto:mteramoto@yahoo.com). Submitted by Irene Goto

**DHARMA SCHOOL** Congratulations to our attendance award winners!! Another successful year of Dharma school has ended and we hope the students and their families enjoy a fun-filled summer. We look forward to seeing you all back in the Fall for DS.

The Dharma school hopes that the Sangha enjoyed our summer kick off potluck. We would like to express our thanks to everyone who made contributions toward the celebration. We would also like to send a special thank you to the high school class for handling the rousing games of bingo. It looked like a good time was had by all and the dry weather was a bonus so the bouncy house could be placed outside. Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

## The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following

**special service.** 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:

### Hatsubon / Obon

Aisaka, Steven; Aramaki, Hanako; Asaba, Marian; Baba, Janet; Canfield, Sheri Mizumori -; Castro, Donald & Shuri Saigusa -; Chadwick, Tsuyako; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Doi, James; Fujii, Jeanne; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujioka, Harumi; Fujita, Florence; Fukuhara, Mitsuko; Goshō, Kazumi (Janice); Hamanaka, Yoko; Hanada, Fumiyo; Hara, Reiko; Hasegawa, Tom; Hatai, Susan; Hayami, Sachiko; Higa, Hatsumi; Hikida, Mary; Hirasawa, Amy; Hirata, Hajime & Michiko; Honmyo, Mas; Hori, Takashi; Ise, Haruo Hal; Isomura, Toshiko; Jeffereis, Gail Kaminishi -; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Katayama, Takeo & Mary K.; Kato, Kazue (Katie); Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kikuchi, Shizue; Kitashima, Evelyn A.; Kobayashi, Frances; Kobuki, Haruko; Kogita, Paul & Takako; Kojima, Esther; Komoto, Frank; Kosai, June (Yoshie); Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Kazuko; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mano, Mariko; Masunaga, Fumiye; Matsui, Jack T.; Mikami, Yoshie; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Ted; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Natsuhara, Kathryn; Natsuhara, Charles; Natsuhara, Terrie; Natsuhara, Yasuko; Nishikawa, Noriko; Nishimoto, Frances M.; Nishimura, Hisashi & Sadako; Ohara, Mari; Okamura, Ray & Mineko; Okano, Tomiko; Osaki, Mary; Osako, Yasumi; Otsuji, Nobuko; Oxrieder, Catherine Ann; Quintua, Gerald; Ruth Aoki, Estate of; Sakamoto, M. Karry; Sako, Masako; Sako, Saburo & Lillian; Sakuma, Pauline; Sawyer, Paul; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shigaya, Harry & Teruko (Terrie); Shimada, Shirley; Shimizu, Haruko; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Teresa; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Albert & Frances; Sumida, Florence; Sumida, Leslie; Takamura, Kuniko; Taki, Noboru & Takako; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tanino, Ryomi; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terami, Florence; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Yahata, Shizue; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yasui, Ayako (Ruby); Yokota, Sumie; Yorita, Takako; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshihara, Isoko; Yoshimi, Crystal; Yoshimura, Misao; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko;

### Other:

**Gotan-E:** Beard, Clara; Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -; Osako, Yasumi; Otsuji, Nobuko;

**Bishop / Rimban Memorial Service:** Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Kuwahara, Kinue; Osaki, Herbert & Etsuko;

**Hanamatsuri:** Beard, Clara

**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:

*Eric & Carolyn Ashihara; Grace Tazuma-Brundige; Mary Furuta; Peggy Hanada; Mary Hikida; Roy & Deanna Ikegami; Jean Ishii; Kim & Midori Kamimae; Ann Kashiwa; Ken Kubota; Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham; Ray & Mineko Okamura; Mary S. Shigaya; George Suetsugu Jr.; Midori Takagi; Nami Tanaka; Ted & Akico Taniguchi; Hideko Terada; Ronald & Suzuko Terada; Tazuko Uyenishi; Barbara Wakazuru; Fuyo Yoshida*

***We'd like to 'welcome' Midori Takagi as a new member to our Sangha.***

**\*AS A REMINDER:** 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

**JSCC Announces Poster Contest** All temple members may enter The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course's contest to create a new poster for the on-line course. The deadline to submit the entries by PDF file is September 15, 2012. A vote by the JSCC students and instructors will determine the winner who will receive a generous honorarium of \$300.00. The participant must follow specific instructions for the poster file. Contact the JSCC Office for further information: Lisa Mayeda, JSCC Program Assistant, Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704, Tel: 510-809-1441, Fax: 510-809-1459. Go to [www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org)

**SEATTLE BETSUIN CAMP FIRE** In May/June, our Camp Fire Horizon group hosted a toiletry drive for the Ronald McDonald House. This organization provides care/housing for families with children at the Children's Hospital. We were pleased with the overwhelming amount of goods, from boxes of toothbrushes to sets of Dove soaps. Other items donated were toothpaste, razors, shampoos/conditioners, and more. A big thanks to everyone who donated and helped support our group and the Ronald McDonald House! They were happy to receive 2+ boxes filled with sundry items. Along with donating toiletry items we also used our group funds to pay for 3 rice cookers. These rice cookers were on the House's wish list so they really appreciated the donation! Submitted by L. Yamane & Grace Tazuma

### STUDY GROUPS AT SEATTLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

**The First Saturday Buddhist Study group** will meet on Saturday, August 11 to discuss Ruth Tabrah's The Monk's Wife. It is a novelized version of the life of Eshinni. Discussion will focus on women in Buddhism in preparation for the September Seminar led by Rev. Patti Oshita, Sharon Suh, PhD, and Rev/Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi. If you are interested in purchasing a copy from the SBC Bookstore, please let Rinban Castro know as he is putting in an order. We'll meet from 9:30-11:30 in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. Thanks, Leonora

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



### 2012 KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM - KSP



"Exploring Our Nikkei Heritage" took place June 25-June 29, 2012 at Seattle Betsuin. Activities included Daily Buddhist Service, Japanese Language Introduction, Taiko Drumming, Japanese Songs & Martial Arts, Japanese Cooking, Crafts & Games, Japanese American "Nikkei" Culture, Visit to Keiro nursing home and Student Performances. We had 105 students, (grades 1 – 8), 10 teachers, 24 sempai and many energetic volunteers! Thanks for another successful year!

- Tina Ko, Leanne Nishi Wong, Gary Shibata, KSP co-chairs

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 252** The boy scouts from troop 252 went to camp Fife for summer camp. Everyone earned a lot of merit badges and some even advanced another rank. Everyone had a good time and worked very hard even in the hot weather. In Gassho, Chase Troop 252



## NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE

**6-2-12** - Rinban Castro recalled the gatha, "Lord Buddha Speaks to me," and that it was no longer sung at services because the word "sin" appeared in it. A participant suggested it be renamed, "Lord of the Dharma Speaks to me." It is possible to hear it online performed by the Wayfarers. . . The Dalai Lama does the five point prostration every morning. A Berkeley temple member became interested in Tibetan Buddhism and completed 100,000 prostrations in order to be accepted as a disciple. Later, when she became disinterested in that sect she was asked what were the benefits of doing 100,000 prostrations. She said she lost 20 pounds. . . According to sensei, Amida Buddha is the liberating spirit of enlightenment. A participant suggested Amida is beyond description, and words from one language do not move easily to another.

**7-1** - Rev. Jim Warrick posed the question, why do the Dharma School children and parents not attend classes during the summer? A participant responded the break mimics the public schools taking time off to help with the harvest. The tradition continues even though unnecessary. Another person said children can focus better in the fall with a break. . . The difficult to translate word, *shinjin*, was analyzed again, and is said to include true feeling, true-real-sincere-heart mind. . . Sensei quoted from the poetry of Zen master, Hakuin. Rinban Castro commented we need not worry about going to the Buddha; the Buddha comes to us. He said "self" is not different from "other."

**7-8** - Rev. Jim Warrick guided the Dharma Exchange. A participant followed up on the Dharma talk concerning desires and greed. Sensei said thoughts precede our actions in Buddhism and we don't see our own greed. Further, we all have strong desires in some areas. . . Since it is at death that we become enlightened, a participant queried, why be a Buddhist? Tetsu commented we all have free will -- we can stay or go. Among many other things, we can learn to lead a good life, and Buddhism is a way of answering deep questions that arise. . . famous scholar D. T. Suzuki talked of "instant satori." A participant suggested we can become enlightened, but it won't last because we are human. . . Sensei mentioned *enryo* in reference to the last donut at DX, and how he always took the last one when he first came to the temple. Later he learned.

**7-15** - Rinban Castro said a Women's Conference is schedule for 9-29-12 at our temple, and will include Rev. Patty Oshita, Rev. Taniguchi and Sharon Suh. A participant attended the Dragonfest recently in Chinatown//ID and noted two Christian organizations represented, but no Buddhists. Sensei hopes to remedy that next year. . . Recently ordained Rev. Ann Spencer from Idaho was a guest at the DX. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Idaho, and is starting a Buddhist studies class with 50 enrolled. With her was Kazuko Kuramoto, author of *The Manchurian Legacy*. . . We really need *toban* help in August. In gassho, Pat Bobrow



## PACIFIC SEMINAR HELD AT JODO SHINSHU CENTER ON JULY 6 – 8, 2012

Speaker: Dr. Mark Blum; Other participants: Rev. Gerald Sakamoto, Rev. Dr. Mark Unno



"A Wonderful Week-end Experience...on Shinran and the Nirvana Sutra" - Submitted by Irene Goto