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Sunday, September 9  
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Saturday, September 29

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 Fall Ohigan Service  
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## Betsuin Events for September 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

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

September 2 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

September 9

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 pm FAMILY SERVICE & FIRST DAY OF  
DHARMA SCHOOL

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX:

September 16 Rinban Castro in Spokane for Fall  
Ohigan Service

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S  
SERVICE

Children:

Family:

Japanese Program

DSDX:

DX:

September 23

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FALL OHIGAN SERVICE

Family: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX:

DX:

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

1:00 pm Sangha Award Program Begins

September 30

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am ESHINNI-KO & KAKUSHINNI-KO  
SERVICE

Family: Rev. Patti Oshita, Buddhist Church  
of Sacramento

Japanese: Rev. Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi,  
So Alameda County Buddhist Church

DSDX:

DX:

#### **MONDAYS**

September 3 Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed

#### **TUESDAYS**

September 4 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

September 25

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

#### **WEDNESDAYS** \*\*

September 5 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

September 12, 19, 26 10:30 am Dharma Support  
Group (Rinban Castro)

#### **THURSDAYS**

September 6

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

September 20

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

#### **FRIDAYS**

September 7 12:00 pm Gojikai Service and  
Luncheon Meeting

#### **SATURDAYS**

September 1 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

September 15 Rinban Castro to Spokane

September 29 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

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

### **October/November 2012: Major Events**

Sunday, October 21

SBBWA Memorial Service

Sunday, October 28

Hatsumairi Service

Saturday, November 3

Seminar: Rev. Ryo Imamura  
“Buddhism and Psychology”

**October Newsletter Deadline:**

**Monday, September 17, 2012**

**8:00 pm**



# Wheel of the Sangha

Volume 31 Issue 9 SEATTLE BETSUIN NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012



## Behind Every Successful Woman

By Rinban Don Castro

On September 29, our Buddhist Women's Association and our temple will be sponsoring the first of what I hope will be an annual Fall Conference with the title "Being Buddhist in a Christian Society: Focus on Women." While the emphasis will be on a woman's perspective, with a theme like this, both genders will find our conference interesting and relevant.



As I was thinking about writing this article while I was driving to the temple, I noticed a bumper sticker on the car in front of me: "Behind every successful woman is herself." As I read it, I thought to myself, "Could it be that successful women don't have fathers? Or, might it be that women are successful in spite of their fathers...and all other men in their lives including teachers, ministers, store clerks, garbage collectors, doctors, etc.?" I guess this bumper sticker is the female equivalent of the notion of a "self-made man."

One of the cornerstone teachings of Buddhism is interdependence which is referred to by a number of terms such as "mutual co-arising", "mutual co-dependence", etc. The first words spoken at my ordination ceremony at the Hongwanji in 1975 were, "You have been brought here by profound causes and conditions." Recognizing and appreciating the causes and conditions that lead us to the Dharma is the essence of our ever-deepening Jodo Shinshu life. The depth of our gratitude is directly related to our appreciation of the nature, significance and value of what we have received. When we receive the Dharma, we are able to understand that even painful experiences in our life are manifesting boundless wisdom and compassion. The notion of a self-made man or woman, from a Buddhist point of view, is a fiction and cannot lead to any deep sense of gratitude.

## President's Message By Yukio Morikubo

In Japanese, "okaeri!" or "welcome home!" is the phrase that a family member would say to greet another who returns home. It's said casually, but reminds the returnee that he or she is valued and belongs.



I think about that phrase every September, when Dharma School students return "home" to the Betsuin with the start of the new school year. Whether on their own or at their parents' urging, our Dharma School students return to see friends and to attend service and classes. Our Dharma School parents, Board and dedicated superintendents and teachers renew their commitment to surreptitiously teach our children Jodo Shinshu principles and life skills that will empower them to deal with hardship in life, and to thrive and be happy. This is possibly the most important thing we do at the Betsuin.

The phrase is also one that applies to you even if you aren't a Dharma School student. The imagery of coming home to the Betsuin fits because at the Betsuin, you are valued and you belong.

Many, many people work hard to make the Betsuin your home. They include, of course, our

current ministers and ministers' assistants -- Rimban Don Castro, Reverend Jim Warwick, and minister's assistants Joe Schwab and Irene Goto. These teachers give amply of themselves to share with us their hard-earned insights into the Dharma.

They also include lay people like you and me. Our religious services and particularly our Japanese services would not be nearly as strong as they are without the hard work and dedication of our Religious Department and its head, Alan Hoshino. The Religious Department works with our ministers to develop programming that is relevant and thought provoking. Alan also does an outstanding job of recording English and Japanese messages and of presenting Japanese language messages at our weekly services. As a result, we have rich Jodo Shinshu content that we can all access for free on the Betsuin's website.

To ensure our facilities are in good, working order, our Facilities Committee continuously inspects, cleans, paints and fixes our temple, gym and grounds. Today, committee members include

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## SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**SBBWA President's Message, Submitted by Janet Baba Obon Odori:** Our workforce of 65 members rolled up our sleeves, put on hairnets and gloves to work or dressed in kimono and happi in preparation of the Year of the Dragon Obon Odori Festivities. The Merchandise, Barazushi, and Yakisoba booths were busy and did well. Our members who are Obon Dance Instructors taught dancers a week and half prior in addition to our Obon weekend. Some of our members who no longer work the shifts in the booths sew or prepare Mizuhiki craft items for sale. Support from all of our working members is truly appreciated.



Barazushi prep for Bon Odori by Sonoe and Ritsuko

**Tillicum Village Cruise:** 50 SBBWA members, family, and friends embarked on Argosy's Blake Island Tillicum Village last month. The weather, cruise, salmon bake luncheon, and Native Cultural show were amazing. The 80 plus degree weather, glistening water, and sunlight topped off the amenities of the island.

A special thank you to Gwen Florence's daughter Kelsey, Captain of Argosy's Goodtime II for piloting our smooth cruise ship for our memorable summer day. We appreciate the help of Terry Suzaka, Frank Shinoda, Jack Matsui and Gwen for providing transportation of our members from the temple to the

Metro bus stop and to Aldis Quan of Four Seas Restaurant for providing parking in their lot.



SBBWA Members with Walter at Tillicum Village- Walter is from Nuuchultnulth Ditidaht Nation

**Fall Buddhist Women's Conference:** Our first women's conference, "Being Buddhist in a Christian Society: Focus on Women" will be held at our temple on September 29, 2012. The all day conference will be held from 9:30 am-3:30 pm to gain understanding of the connection between Buddhism and women's everyday lives. Rev. Patti Oshita, Dr. Sharon Suh, and Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi will be speakers for this event. Registration forms are available in our foyer and in the office. Lunch option and childcare will be provided. Rev. Oshita will be our guest speaker at our Sunday Service the following day.

In Gassho, Janet

### Calendar:

Sunday, September 2	SBBWA Board Meeting
Sunday, September 23	Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, September 29	Fall Buddhist Women's Conference
Sunday, September 30	Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Service

Submitted by Joan Nakano

**Boy Scout Troop 252** On August 16-19 troop 252 attended the Washjam camp. There were many scouts that attend from our troop as well as from many other troops around Washington. We did many fun activities and we also earned a couple of merit badges. Thank you to all the parents who stayed. Also, thank you to Rimban Castro who had an informational sangha award booth; thank you for leading the Sunday service too. In gassho, Alex S

**Wisteria View Housing Corporation** is soliciting interested Temple members with experience in building maintenance, building construction, business and financial management to serve on its governing board. Please contact Karry Sakamoto or other Board members for additional information.

Submitted by Karry Sakamoto



# The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations for July – August 2012

## Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Dick Yoshimura – Funeral Service	\$ 2,000	Misao Yoshimura
Sadako Harada – 13 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Seichi & Louise Kasanuki
	\$ 200	Steve & Kathleen Harada
Susie Akada – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Beverly Akada
Nokotsudo – In Memory of Aizo Kosai	\$ 200	June Kosai
Nokotsudo – In Memory of Michelle Shimada	\$ 200	Donna Nobuyama
Nokotsudo – In Memory of James & Ayako Demise	\$ 200	Doug & Joyce Handa
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Nokotsudo – In Memory of Nobie Kano	\$ 150	Tamako Niwa Kano
Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Hajime & Michiko Hirata
Nokotsudo – In Memory of Yosh Uchida	\$ 100	Sam & Masako Uchida
Nokotsudo – In Memory of Murakami	\$ 60	Betty Yoshida

## Given by:

## Remembrances for:

## Given by:

Toshiko Enomoto	J.R. Hinz
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Mack Harada	Frances Kobayashi
Moritsuchi & Yoshi Murakami	Suyeko Fujikado
Osao "Ossie" Tsuchikawa	Frances Kobayashi
Ryoto Yabuki	Hidemi & Keiko Tsuboi
Kiyoshi Yasui	Takashi Hori; George & Irene Mano; Nobuko Otsuji; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu
Dick Yoshimura	Anonymous; Mae Deguchi; Suyeko Fujikado; Sue Fujino; Mitsuko Fukuhara; Yoko Hamanaka; James & Hiroko Hasegawa; Mary Hikida; Hajime & Michiko Hirata; Takashi Hori; Toshiko Isomura; Tak & Mary Katayama; Mitsuo Kawachi; Ritsuko Kawahara; Frances Kobayashi; Haruko Kobuki; Nobuyuki & Kyoko Koda; Janet Kosai; Caroline Kunihiro; Daisy Kuramoto; Wayne Kuramoto; Kinue Kuwahara; Mariko Mano; Bobby Matsumoto; Yoshie Nakagawa; Yosh & Judith Nakamura; Akiko Narusawa; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Ray & Mineko Okamura; Nobuko Otsuji; Mary S. Shigaya; Akira & Chiyoko Saito; Karry Sakamoto; Pauline Sakuma; Robert & Amy Seko; Ken Shigaya; Haruko Shimizu; Fumiye Taniguchi; Martha Taniguchi; Katsumi & Terrie Tanino; Janet Terada; Margaret Teramoto; Masako Tomita; Reiko Tsubota; Sam & Masako Uchida; Rick & Leanne Nishi-Wong; Ayako Yasui

## Temple Supervision:

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

## Wedding:

Edwards, Troy & Mae Yamazaki	\$ 300
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#### Other Donations:

<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
Nori Suguro	Appreciation for Scholarship for Michael Suguro
Mari Nakashima	Appreciation for Onenju Repair
Frank Shinoda	Appreciation for Onenju Repair
Sadie Yamasaki	Appreciation for "Mukashi, Mukashi"
Asian Volleyball League of Seattle	Dharma Team's Prize for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Victory
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Donna Zumoto	General Donation – Boeing Employees Community Fund
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Robert Hamatani	General Donation – Boeing Employees Community Fund
Alice Doi	General Donation – United Way / Bank of America
Gail Suzaka	General Donation – United Way / Bank of America

#### **ORION YOUTHCARE MEALS PROGRAM** Monthly Meals for Seattle's Homeless Youth @ YouthCare's Orion Center. Submitted by Michael Teramoto

When is the last time you did something that really warmed your heart? Various individuals, groups and families of the Betsuin have been providing monthly meals at YouthCare's Orion Center for more than 3 years. If you have not yet participated in the planning, preparation, or serving of one of these meals, NOW is the time for you to step forward and be a part of this great community service project. **Volunteers are needed for each one of the 4 remaining monthly meals this year.** We have been providing a hot meal for between 30 – 60 local homeless youths on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Be a part of something special. Thank you to Dennis Yamashita, Ann Romero, Mae Yamasaki, Lani Carpenter, and their families and friend - Emily, Tedi, Mikio, Kristy, and Ashley Z. for providing the August meal which consisted of baked chicken cutlets, rolls, cream corn, peaches and cookies.

**Entertainment 2013 Coupon Books** are being sold again this year to provide funding for the Temple's Monthly Meals for Homeless Youth Project. These familiar coupon books provide tons of ways for you to save \$\$ at places that you shop including: QFC, Top Foods, American Airlines, Bartell Drugs, Movies, Restaurants, Shopping, Services and much, much more. Books are only \$30 each, and will be available on Sundays at the temple starting September 9. Ask your friends, family and co-workers to purchase a coupon book and they'll be supporting a great cause at the same time.

For more information on volunteering for the Meals Project or the coupon book sale, please contact Mike Teramoto at 206-369-5986 or [mteramoto@yahoo.com](mailto:mteramoto@yahoo.com)

Volunteers for the August meal were Dennis Yamashita, Emily, Ann Romero, Tedi, Mae Yamasaki, Mikio, Lani Carpenter, Kristy, Ashley Z. Special thanks go to the teens who helped.

## **2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**If you have yet to pay your minimum suggested dues**, the basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations is \$250 for those over 70 years of age and \$300 for those under 70 years old. **DUE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**.

**If you have been making installment payments, your balance is due by September 30<sup>th</sup>**. All 2012 members will be reported to the BCA, (Buddhist Churches of America), for our Betsuin's membership count.

Should you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Howard Luke or Steph Ojima by way of the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com). **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

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**Musical Notes** Thank you to Steve Yamasaki and Mas Tamekuni for providing saxophone and ukulele accompaniment for the choir to sing *Sen no Kaze* for the Atomic Bomb Memorial Service on August 5. Kudos also to Kristy Carpenter for volunteering to play piano for Sunday service during the summer.

After taking a brief summer break, the Betsuin choir will resume choir practice on Sundays at 9 a.m. starting on September 9. We welcome anyone interested to come and join us. Youth musicians may also inquire about participating in service music during the Dharma School registration. Lani Carpenter has been coordinating the youth musicians for the children's services and the Bodhi Ensemble. We will be working on music for the Family Music Service on Thanksgiving Sunday. Suggestions for programming service music are welcome anytime. Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

**HATSUMAIRI or "First Visit"** is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the baby's first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi ceremony will be held during the 10:00 a.m. Family Service on October 28, 2012. Although this ceremony identifies the presented as infants, children of all ages are welcome. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this joyous occasion, please complete the registration form below and **return it to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144** or call the temple office by **October 21, 2012**. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details. If you have any questions, please direct them to the temple office at (206) 329-0800 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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### **2012 Hatsumairi Registration**

Child's Name Boy/Girl Month/Day/Year of Birth

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Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## 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** Akira, Karen; Anonymous (3 donations); Aoyama, Masatoshi M. & Sayeko; Beard, Clara; Beck, Christopher & Marcia Kajimura -; Brundige, Grace Tazuma -; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujinari, Suzanne; Fujishima, Tom & Ichiko; Fujita, Lutes; Fujita, Nobuichi & Sachiko; Fukeda, George & Toshiko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Furuta, Sue Sumiko; Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Harano, Nelson; Hasegawa, James & Hiroko; Higa, Hatsumi; Ikeda, Bok Soon; Iwamura, Yoshiye; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kido, Momoko; Kishi, Allan & Rose; Komoto, Lily; Kondo, Stan; Kosai, Hiroko Janet; Kozai, Art & Lori; Kozai, Yoshiko; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Mamiya, Haruko; Mayeda, Duane & Ann; Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -; Miyata, Tetsuo & Linda; Miyauchi, Lynn; Miyauchi, Takiko; Miyauchi, Yoshiko; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Moriguchi, Tyler & Thy Pham; Morimoto, Eiichi & Ruth Shigeko; Nagai, Ernest & Sanaye (Sunnie); Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Junko; Natsuhara, Todd & Terrie; Nishimura, Hiro & Dorothy; Nomura, Michiye; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Emiko; Okawa, Nancy; Osaki, Marianne; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Sordetto, Gayle; Suwabe, Takeji; Takashima, Kiyoko; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanaka, Tom; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Hideko; Teranishi, Asako; Tomita, Paul & Mabel; Tsuboi, Hidemi & Keiko; Tsuchida, Tak & Florence; Watanabe, Keiko; Yamada, John & Arlene; Yamada, John & Arlene; Yee, Fukuyo; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoritsune, Charlene M.;

**Other: Atomic Bomb Memorial Service:** Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Hachiya, Momoe; Kawamura, Sanaye; Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kusumi, Shogo & Fusako; Kuwahara, Kinue; Sumida, Florence; Tanaka, Rikuko; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); **Gotan-E:** Ikeda, Bok Soon - HL

**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:

*Sae Akada: Gene & Yuki Arinobu; Edwin & Jenni Chin; Leonora Clarke; Sue Furuta; Irene Goto; Nobuichi & Sachiko Fujita; Setsuko Harada; Masayoshi & Masako Kubo; Chieko Kubota; Carolyn Kunihiro; Andrea Mano; Fumiye Masunaga; Takiko Miyauchi; Yoshiko Miyauchi; Hiro Nishimura; Nobuko Otsuji; Akira & Chiyoko Saito; Masako Sako; Nori Suguro; Florence Sumida; Calvin & Yvette Terada; Joe & Hideko Terada; Takako Yorita*

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"Mr. Fixits" like Cyrus Homyo and Ken Kubota. They follow a tradition of similarly resourceful members like Elmer Tazuma, Mas Homyo and Jim Hasegawa who cheerfully bore the responsibility in the past.

Others ensure that this newsletter is produced each month, just for you. This includes Irene Goto, Machiko Wada and many organizational representatives, who write, edit, translate and produce this publication, month-in and month-out, so that it is delivered to your home complete and on time.

These are but a few of the many people who ready the Betsuin for your arrival -- to welcome you whenever you want, or need, to return. It's something to ponder, and I hope, to appreciate. So on behalf of the Seattle Betsuin and its ministers and members, I say to you -- okaeri!



### 2012 Seattle Bon Odori Memories





## NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE

**August 5, 2012** - Today, Rev Jim Warrick's Dharma talk focused on the A-bomb and its horrible destruction, his contribution to the Atomic Bomb Memorial Service, that is performed yearly. He quoted Stalin as having said one million people is a statistic; one person is a tragedy. . . The choir sang "A Thousand Words," attributed to the Makah Indians. . . In the 1950s the lab where sensei was employed contributed equipment to Japan to test the blood of A-bomb victims, and continued that practice for many years. . . Rev. Ruth Tabrah's book, *The Monk's Wife*, is available from Rev. Castro. The talk that Ruth Tabrah gave at the temple will soon be available on the temple's web page. . . Shirley announced the yearly Lantern Ceremony on Green Lake on August 6 to commemorate the A-bombs dropped on Japan. She circulated photos of past year's event. . . John L is helping a young woman at the *North American Post* in her research of the late peace activist Floyd Schmoie. If you know anyone who is able to reach his survivors, please let John L. know.

**August 19** - Rev. Jim Warrick conducted the service and Dharma Exchange. Gail K. liked the tie-in of sensei's talk with the Persian quote about ignorance. Sensei described in detail the difference between "ignorance" and "stupidity." The former indicates a lack of knowledge, and the latter refers to acting against better judgment when one has the knowledge. He posed the question, "How do we let someone know they are full of themselves?" It recalled the story of the Zen monk who allowed the tea he was pouring to flood the area. What to do when we feel burned out in our work? It was suggested being creative.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

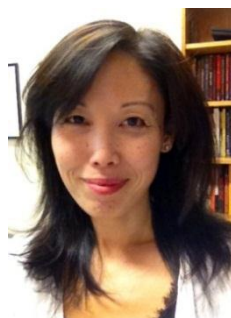


## "BEING BUDDHIST IN A CHRISTIAN SOCIETY: FOCUS ON WOMEN"

**September 29, 2012 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at 1427 S Main St, Seattle 98144**



Rev. Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi, Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church: "The Science of Happiness" (2 sessions in English & 1 in Japanese)



Dr. Sharon Suh, Seattle University: "The role of race and racism in the construction of an 'American Buddhism' and what it means to be an Asian American Buddhist today"



Rev. Patti Oshita, Buddhist Church of Sacramento: "Everyday Buddhism - What Buddhism is and is not. Buddhism and Life & Death"

Info: 206.329-0800 [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com). [WWW.SeattleBetsuin.com](http://WWW.SeattleBetsuin.com) **Please register by September 21**

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September 29, 2012 Conference Registration Form – Please print

Name	Phone	Email
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For Childcare list child's age(s) 3yrs – 10yrs Dietary Specification, if any

Amount enclosed: \$35 for conference and lunch \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 for conference only \_\_\_\_\_

Send form & check payable to Seattle Betsuin Religious Department to

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, Attention: Irene Goto, 1427 S Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144

## DHARMA SCHOOL

Thanks to all the Dharma School family members who contributed their time and efforts to the Obon preparation, food sales and cleanup! Despite the less than perfect weather, we had an enthusiastic and energetic group of volunteers for both days of the event.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the new and returning Dharma School members on September 9. Children's services in the Memorial Hall chapel for the younger members 4<sup>th</sup> grade and below and their families will be starting on September 16, and occur once per month. Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

## SEATTLE BETSUIN CAMP FIRE

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade Dolphins** enjoyed spending time together at the Seattle and White River Obon Festivals.



**4<sup>th</sup> grade Starlights** had their end-of the year celebration at Newport Swim and Tennis Club in July. The girls had lots of fun swimming, eating and spending a nice summer day with each other. We're looking forward to the new year!



**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade Discovery** party started at Issaquah Nails where we met with everyone and left with colorful flowery toes! Our next stop was at the home of M. where we ate pizza and spam, roasted s'mores, played ball with her dog and then watched a movie. The next morning we had breakfast together and planned our activities for the coming year. Thank you to the Horn family for hosting us. Submitted by Emily

Camp Fire is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, promoting youth leadership. We will be kicking off the new year soon. If you know anyone, ages 5 to 16 interested in learning more about the Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire program, please call the church office for more information. - GT

## STUDY GROUPS AT SEATTLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

**The First Saturday Buddhist Study group** for September will be moved to the second Saturday in September. Instead of a book discussion, the group will head down to the White River Temple in Auburn, where Reverend Mark Unno will be holding a seminar called Great Compassion: Rhythms of Life and Death. The registration deadline is the Sunday, September 2. The seminar will go from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Information & registration form can be found on the website [www.wrbt.org](http://www.wrbt.org). Contact Karen Murakami [wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net](mailto:wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net) with questions. Thanks, Leonora

August's study group reviewed the book *The Monk's Wife* written by Ruth Tabrah, based on the letters of Eshinni and translations of the sutras and other writings of Shinran. We learn that Eshinni-ko was a strong woman and often provided materially for her family through her family in Echigo. Rinban Castro brought copies of the Tannisho to show how well the book, despite being a novel, followed the teachings of Shinran. We learned that despite some of the difficulties she encountered in this relationship, Eshinni revered Shinran, describing a dream in which she saw Shinran as Kannon Bosatsu. "Zenshin, an incarnation of Kannon Bosatsu! How can I be worthy of him?" – Submitted on behalf of the study group

\*Note by Rev. Castro: Our temple's book service (not bookstore) has extra copies of "The Monk's Wife" for anyone interested. When those copies run out, you can order copies through the BCA Bookstore in Berkeley.

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