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*Promote, protect, and
 share the Buddha,
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NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, December 16 Betsuin Annual General Meeting 11:00am

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Betsuin Events for December 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!

December 2

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am BODHI DAY SERVICE

Family: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:30 am Bodhi Day Potluck in Gym
1:30 pm Sangha Award Class

December 9

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 pm FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: MA Irene Goto

Family: Rinban Castro

NO DHARMA EXCHANGE OR JAPANESE

PROGRAM

11:00 am Temple Clean-up
12:00 pm Karuna Award Class (Rinban Castro)

December 16

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

NO JAPANESE PROGRAM OR DHARMA EXCHANGE

11:00 am Betsuin Annual General Meeting
1:30 am Sangha Award Class (Rinban Castro)

December 23

8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

December 30

8:45 am Meditation Service
9:30 am – 1:00 pm Mochi Pickup
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: MA Irene Goto

Japanese Program

DX: MA Joe Schwab

MONDAYS

December 3 10:30 am Bodhi Day Service@ Keiro

December 10 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

December 24, 31 Office Closed

December 31 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Service

TUESDAYS

December 4 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

December 11 7:30 pm Minister's Assistants Training

December 18 7:30 pm Minister's Assistants Training

December 25 Office Closed

WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support Weekly!

December 5, 12, 19

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

THURSDAYS

December 6 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

December 13 7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

December 20

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

7:30 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

FRIDAYS

December 7

12:00 pm Gojikai Hoonko Service & Luncheon Mtg

December 14 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

December 21 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

SATURDAYS

December 1 First Saturday Study Group – Hands and Feet of the Heart by Hisako Nakamura 9:30 – 12:30 am

December 15 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

December 29

All Day- Mochi Making by Betsuin Youth Groups

1:00 – 5:00 pm Mochi Pickup

JANUARY 2012:

Major Events of Interest

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 6

Installation of Officers and Betsuin

New Year's Party

Sunday, January 13 Hoonko Service

January Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, December 17, 2012

8:00 pm



A Buddhist Christmas Tree By Rimban Rev. Don Castro

A few years ago, someone sent me a holiday card with a picture of the Buddha holding what seemed to be a Christmas tree in his lap. Inside the card said, "May you have an enlightened holiday." There is no doubt in my mind that the tree is a more appropriate symbol for Buddhists than for Christians. In fact, the use of Christmas trees originated with the Romans and spread to German and Celtic tribesmen as they celebrated the arrival of the winter solstice.

I have long thought and suggested that we Buddhists adopt the custom of decorating trees in remembrance and celebration of the Buddha's enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. Here is my suggestion:

First, procure a tree (*figus religiosa* is out of the question in Seattle). The tree should be purchased and decorated in time for Bodhi Day on December 8. This is a day all Buddhist children should get off school and adults get off work.

Second, decorate the tree. The tree should have lots of lights to represent, as Lady Takeko Kujo founder of the Buddhist Women's Association wrote in her beautiful gatha "Seiya" ("Peaceful Night"):

*How beautiful the starry sky!
When these countless eyes shine brilliantly,
my heart is filled with joy!...*

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING FALL SEMINAR "Psychological Benefits of Buddhist Thought and Practice"

PRESENTED BY
Reverend Ryo Imamura

and
Religious Department
on
Saturday, November 3, 2012

*When I hear that they watch over us night
and day, my heart is filled with peace.*

The large star placed at the top of the tree represents the Buddha's enlightenment at the moment he saw the Morning Star. Hang all kinds of ornaments on the tree representing the great diversity of beings all having Buddha Nature.

Third, place many presents under the Bodhi tree including lots of toys if you have children. The toys, especially, represent the truth of impermanence. Of course, the greatest gift of all is the gift of the Dharma so we should also have a statue of the Buddha under the Bodhi tree.

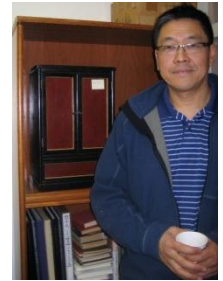
Next, invite friends and family over to celebrate Bodhi Day dinner and the exchange of presents. Since this will be more than two weeks before Christmas, this will allow you to show off your new clothes before those waiting for Christmas.

Finally, invite two mediocre college football teams to yet another bowl game (this shouldn't be hard to do) called the Bodhi Bowl. Only teams with a win-loss record of .500 or less should be invited. This will remind us that, no matter how bad we are, we are always embraced in the Buddha's compassion.





Obutsudan - Happy Announcement: After many years of forlorn fostering in the house next door approximately 8 large and small, ornate and simple obutsudan that have been donated to Seattle Betsuin over the years now have new adoptive homes. With the resumption of Dharma School in September Rimban Castro lovingly promoted selected obutsudan by bringing them to Memorial Hall and educating Dharma School parents about their existence and in how to conduct home service in front of them. The families perused them up close over



several weeks and put their claims on them while Rimban Castro collected various butsugu, the implements and ornaments that go along with the obutsudan, also donated, to go with each obutsudan. Finally, in November families adopted them and took them home with much excitement and reverence. Many more obutsudan are still available to loving Jodo Shinshu families for adoption. If you are interested in adopting one for your family, please inquire through Betsuin office. Submitted by Irene Goto

Volunteers Needed To Serve Meals at YouthCare's Orion Center

Once each month, a group from the temple has been planning, preparing and serving a hot meal to homeless youth's at the Orion Center. Volunteers are needed for this rewarding project for next year. Meals occur on the 3rd Friday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Teramoto at 206-369-5986 or mteramoto@yahoo.com

Special thank you's need to be given to Margaret Teramoto for coordinating the October meal which included the serving of rotisserie chicken, salad, green beans, rolls, rice, fruit & cookies and to Pauline Sakuma for coordinating the November meal which included spaghetti, mac & cheese, salad, rolls, fruit and cookies.

I would also like to thank everyone that supported the sale of the coupon book fundraiser. We were able to sell about 75 books resulting in over \$1,000 in funds raised which will be used to help offset the costs of providing these monthly meals for the upcoming year.

Sincerely, Mike Teramoto

Hatsumairi on November 11, 2012



-IHG

Seattle Betsuin Spring Fundraiser

As we approach the New Year, the committee that had organized the Spring Bazaar in prior years has been active with meetings, working through representatives with various Temple organizations and having conversations with the Betsuin Cabinet/Board. Discussions have centered around the resources needed to continue the Spring Bazaar in its current form and the benefit gained in return. After going through this process, the initial plan at this time is to have a dinner style fundraiser in the Spring instead of just a Bazaar. There may be some parts of the Bazaar which will be continued, but this will not be the primary activity for this fundraising event. We will also be changing the day of the week from a Sunday to a Saturday afternoon/early evening. Please look for further information in the newsletter as more formal plans are decided... H.L.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

President's Message Submitted by Janet Baba

As we welcome in the New Year, we reflect back on our previous. 2012 seems to have flown by quickly, but looking at our 2012 Activity Report, our members banded together to complete and meet our many goals.

Sokai/Irokai: Our annual General Membership Meeting or *Sokai* was held on November 18 to conclude another year and to thank members for their continued interest and support. Following the meeting was our Appreciation & Fellowship Luncheon, *Irokai*, for current 2012 Board and Honorary Board members. The two events were a nice way to give closure to one year and forward to the next.

Change is a constant; we have made changes in our organization. This year we reduced the number of board members by 12 to 48, added six new members, and sadly lost six long time members. We've co-sponsored with the Temple's Religious Department, the Fall Conference's first Women's Seminar. To grow as an organization we look toward change, as we enter 2013.

Continuous education has been a goal of our Activity Committee. We've held ten classes this year. They ranged from card making taught by Darlene Shimizu, to add a personal touch for celebratory messages or adding artwork to send a handwritten note; Takikomi rice dish was taught by Norigiku Horikawa, for healthy comfort food; Medicare Update class by Cho Shimizu, for coverage changes and information when choosing a plan. Twenty SBBWA members attended the NW Convention and twenty-two went to San Jose for the FBWA Conference. Members heard keynote addresses and attended workshops for religious understanding and knowledge.

I'm truly amazed by the spirit of the members of our organization.

Here's wishing everyone a Happy New Year with good health and much happiness.

In Gassho, Janet

Donations - Submitted by Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Sonoe Taketa – Donation designated for future SBBWA Seminars

SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, December 9	11:00 am
SBBWA Kitchen Cleanup/Temple Cleanup	
Sunday, January 6	12:00 pm
Installation and Betsuin New Year's Party	

Submitted by Joan Nakano



Medicare class taught by Cho Shimizu.
L to R: Cho, Irene, Darlene, Mae, Judith & Janet



Ukulele Group performing at SBBWA's Irokai luncheon. L to R: Mas, Ann, Al, Sayeko, Mary, Tomi, Gail, & Marlene.

Betsuin New Year's Party will be held on January 6, 2013 12:00 Noon - 3:00 P.M.

Tickets for adult and children's bento will be sold in the foyer on Sundays or you may purchase your tickets by contacting the temple office. Adult bento will be \$15.00 and will be catered. Complimentary bento are available for regular Ijikai members who are 80 and over and will have seating at a reserved table. A sign up list will be available for those who would like one. A limited number of children's bento (American style) will be available for \$5.00, and complimentary children's bento will be available for Dharma School children 5 years and under, tickets are still required. - HL

Camp Fire submitted by JoAnn K-E



Camp Fire will be having a bake sale on Sunday, December 2, in the gymnasium during the Bodhi Day Potluck. Don't forget to stop by and pick up a few home-made treats!



We are still registering new Camp Fire members! "Council-level" and "Group #699" registration forms are available on the Temple website's Camp Fire webpage. Or, contact the Group #699 Registrar, Dana Nakashima, at campfire@seattlebetsuin.com.

Pre-K and K/1st submitted by Kayla Butler

The new PreK and K/1st groups had their first meeting on October 28. Camp Fire is so much fun! If you have a Pre-K, K or 1st grader who is interested in joining the new group, please contact us through the Betsuin Temple Office (office@seattlebetsuin.com or 206-329-0800)

Starflight 1st/2nd submitted by JoAnn Kosai-Eng

On October 14, the Lemonades worked on their Trail to Knowing Me by making "I Can" boxes. The girls wrote down some of the accomplishments they were most proud of and placed it in their box. They will be adding to the "I Can" boxes as they accomplish something new. At the end of the year, the group will be reflecting on all of the new skills they girls have learned over the year.

On October 28, Miss Kiana Luke held a dance lesson for the Lemonades. The girls learned new stretching and dance moves. They had loads of fun and can't wait until their next lesson!

Discovery 7/8 submitted by Dana Nakashima

On September 16, Tina Ko gave a presentation on Emergency Response and Basic CPR. She walked through steps we can take to summon help during an emergency. Next, she showed us how to perform

basic CPR. After each girl practiced, we walked downstairs to see the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), which we'd use if someone has a heart attack. We all learned something new!

Several of our members are working toward the Karuna Award – a Camp Fire religious award that combines Buddhist studies with Japanese Cultural awareness. As part of this, our group will be using many of our future meetings to learn more about the Japanese cultural activities and events.

October 28, Mr. Sat Ichikawa introduced our group to Sumi-E (Japanese Brush painting). The girls learned basic brush strokes then created some wonderful paintings of bamboo, frogs and other animals.



November 11, Mrs. Darlene Shimizu showed our group how to make Japanese-themed greeting cards. The girls learned how to make two Japanese-type paper dolls using origami paper, then created cards using the dolls and scrapbooking supplies. They turned out great!

SAVE-THE-DATE for NW Convention

66th Annual NW Buddhist Convention

by White River Buddhist Temple
"Where Am I?"

Guest Speakers:

Rev. David Fujimoto, Puna Hongwanji Mission, HI
Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, San Jose, CA

February 15 – 17, 2013

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
Seattle Airport/Southcenter

Registration Fees Adults: \$90

YBA/College (Grades 7 – College Students): \$70
Dharma School (Grades 1 – 6): \$55

Register by contacting your organization's registrar or Marie Kosai-Luke by **December 31, 2012**

-IHG

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations October - November 2012

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Tadashi Harada – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Mary Harada
Misao Yoshimura – In Memory of	\$ 1,000	Lisa & John Duff
Haruo Fujino – In Memory of 13 th Year	\$ 500	Sue Fujino
Tsuyuko Higa – 17 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 500	Linda Higa
Kengo Yorioka – 3 rd Year Memorial Service	\$ 400	Patricia Yorioka
Gerald Nakata – 3 rd Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Cathy Nakata
Rise Otani – In Memory of	\$ 100	Kunio Otani

Given by:

Remembrances for:

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Yoshiko Kihara	Alice & Shuzo Takuchi
Helen Kimi Kubo	Bob & Bettie Okura
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Temple Supervision: Yakima Buddhist Church \$ 100

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Janet Baba	Appreciation for Onenju repair

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Seattle Buddhist Women's Assoc.	Appreciation for Betsuin's support of Annual Memorial Service
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Special Service Donations The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special services. 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:

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Ohigan - Fall

Ohigan – Fall: Hori, Takashi; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Yoshihara, Isoko
Hatsumairi - Hasegawa, James & Hiroko; Nakashima, Eric & Betty

Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple This is a reminder that the Buddhist Study group will meet on Saturday, December 1 to discuss Hisako Nakamura's Hands and Feet of the Heart. We hope to watch a short documentary film on Hisako Nakamura as well. Reverend Castro has copies of the book for sale if you need a copy. Checks can be made out to the Seattle Buddhist Church. We'll meet from 9:30-11:30 in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. – Leonora Clarke
December 18 Third Tuesday Study Group – please call the office for current updates. – IHG

Muscial Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi Thank you to all the sangha musicians who made this year's service music so special. The youth participation has been particularly delightful for Scout Sunday, the one-year anniversary memorial service for the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Campfire Sunday, Earth Day, Mother's Day (with Rev. Bridge and Dii Lewis) and most recently the Family Music Service. The Bodhi Ensemble will provide music again this year for New Year's Eve service, so please consider attending the year end service and ringing the bonsho afterwards.

Fund Management Give the gift that keeps on giving...

Did you know your donation to the Seattle Betsuin Endowment Fund is the gift that keeps on giving? Only the investment earnings from your donation are used to fund the maintenance and operation of the temple. Your donation remains in the endowment fund in perpetuity. Give today, and help spread the teachings of Jodo Shinshu traditions set forth by our predecessors.

Ever wonder why our Ijikai dues have remained the same over the last seven years while the price of everything else in our lives has increased. Four words – Seattle Betsuin Endowment Fund. Investment earnings from the endowment fund help offset annual operating and maintenance cost increases so we don't have to increase Ijikai dues. Please give to the endowment fund today and help keep our Ijikai dues affordable for all our temple members.

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Officers of the Endowment Committee include Michael Teramoto Chairman, Art Kozai Vice Chairman, Kevin Yokoyama Treasurer and Dale Kaku Secretary. Other board members include Kats Tanino, Jack Matsui, Howard Luke, Kerry Sakamoto and Craig Nakano. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Seattle Betsuin Endowment Fund please contact any of the individuals named above.

The Seattle Betsuin gratefully acknowledges donations to the Seattle Betsuin Endowment Fund by the following: Jack Matsui, Carolyn Kunihiro, Joe and Carolyn Schwab, Al and Fran Shintaku, Reverend Castro and Shuri Saigusu, Marian Dumont and Kats and Terrie Tanino. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

In Gassho,

Craig Nakano & Kevin Yokoyama
Endowment Committee

This year our **Temple Bodhi Day Celebration** will take place on
Sunday, December 2, 2012

We will have an **all-sangha potluck at 11:45** following
Dharma School and Dharma Exchange.

Everyone is requested to bring a main or side dish to share
that can be dropped off in the gym before service.

For those unable to bring a dish, donations will be accepted.

NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE

Oct. 28 - In keeping with the Hallowe'en theme, Joe Schwab MA and participants related stories of how they enjoyed Hallowe'en. Trick or Treat started in Europe and is practiced in Japan. A participant said that the grandparents admonished them not to beg for food when she tried to explain Trick or Treat to them. It was hoped that children learn about gratitude from this activity. A participant visited a friend at a Mercer Island nursing home and gave her a nenju-like article. A participant does not like the word "reincarnation," but rather "re-born." Some Buddhists believe in being re-born and others do not. Tibetan Buddhism embraces being re-born.

Nov. 4 - Guest speaker at Dharma Exchange was author Chris Philpott, a Zen Buddhist for 30 years, and a "green activist" involved in climate change. His book, *Green Spirituality*, addresses the subject. He claims the media ignores what will happen, and that the world is in crisis with species disappearing, storms, floods, hurricanes and drought. Currently, every U.S. citizen produces 20 tons of carbon dioxide yearly; other countries produce far less CO2. He suggested there are spiritual causes of climate change. He claims that Taoists live not to achieve, but rather live to be the best one can be. The Buddha was aware of the environment, but we have lost our connection with nature. . . Mr. Philpott's definition of Karma: What we do affects all. He suggested some ways to relate climate change to the environment. They include traveling less, recycling, growing food, and utilizing solar

power. (The statistics he quoted in his talk came from the United Nations.)

Nov 11 - Rev. Jim Warrick indicated Buddhism is regarded as a peaceful religion embodying lasting peace, which leads to contentment. . . The Three Poisons are hatred, greed and ignorance. . . A participant pointed out that the first Japanese-born woman was elected to the U.S. Senate. Senator Maisie Hirono is also Jodo Shinsu and will represent Hawaii. [Ed. note: I was unsuccessful in finding anything meaningful on the internet about Sen. Hirono.]

Nov. 18 - Rosalie Towne and Matt May conducted Dharma Exchange. Rev. Ryo Imamura, Ph.D., brought a group from the Olympia Senior Center where he conducts a class. They were treated to Rinban Castro's Dharma talk about a poem concerning a leaf turning over and over as it fell, "showing front, showing back." It addressed the issue of the way we humans show our "good" side. and often show the "dark" side when we are unhappy. Rinban felt it was not necessary to show the "backside" of dark feelings, but rather to "put on a happy face." A participant felt we should just be natural and not try to hide our feelings. Another participant indicated a poem can have varied interpretations. . . Matt told of how family gatherings during the holidays can descend into bitter battles.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow



Seattle Buddhist Church Scrip Program Thank you to those of you that have signed up for the scrip program at Bartell Drugs. The Temple receives a percentage of your eligible purchases as a direct contribution from the vendor as their way to support non-profit organizations in the community with funds deposited directly into the Temple's bank account. Monthly contributions since starting in the late spring of this year have been around \$15 - \$20 per month. Sign-up is easy and the Temple's group number can be found on the form in the Temple's foyer. Please complete the form, take it to the store and start having a percentage of your eligible purchases contributed to the Temple. The contribution is from the store and is not an additional amount added to the cost of your purchases. Submitted by H. L.

Dharma School submitted by Joyce Tsuji

On November 4, sixteen Dharma School students dressed as celestial beings for the Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo service Ochigo procession. Thank you to the well behaved participants, parents for bringing the eager children on time, Connie Ozeki-Chin and Joyce Tsuji for helping dress them up, and Corey Murata for taking pictures.

The Dharma School Directory is now available. If you have not received a copy of the directory, please contact Kari Ann Yokoyama or your child's teacher.

Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K The Pre-K/K class and teachers thank the middle school students for hosting a fun filled Halloween party. The week before the party, students made a Halloween pop up toy and talked about gratitude and how to express it to others. Following the party, the class made thank you gifts for the middle school students to show their appreciation. Our students discussed the Eightfold Path and made a Teddy Bear Wheel of Dharma.

They will be encouraged and reminded to follow the Eightfold Path throughout the year. The class listened to a story about thankfulness and gratitude for family and made a turkey treat holder for Thanksgiving.

First/second grade We continued our Golden Chain discussion and made a pumpkin kitty to remind us "to be kind and gentle to every living thing" The middle-schoolers then treated us to another great Halloween party! Each student wrote their own thank you card for them. We read the jataka tale "The Magic of Patience" to illustrate the power of using our "pure and beautiful words" and patience! In this story the Buddha was in the form of a bull that was pestered by a mischievous monkey. Then we made some very cute monkeys out of pipe cleaners. Finally we made a turkey for Thanksgiving where we wrote things we are thankful for on its feathers.

-H.L.

Mochi and Okasane Sales for New Years:

Tickets for mochi are available for sale on Sundays in the Hondo foyer prior to Service or can also be purchased at the Temple office during regular business hours. Mochi will be made on December 29 and will be available for pick-up on December 29 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and on December 30 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Mochi sales are primarily through ticket sales. Cash sales on December 29 and 30 are on an as-available basis.

For those wishing to reserve an Okasane for use to celebrate New Years, there is an order book in the Hondo foyer.

Prices are: Plain Mochi - \$4.00 (dozen)
Okasane - \$5.00 each.

Thank you for your support – H.L.



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