

# Wheel of the Sangha

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### Wheel of the Sangha NEWSLETTER

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### Seattle Betsuin Vision

*Embrace true and  
real life  
in Nembutsu*



### Seattle Betsuin Mission

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

Saturday, August 3 9:30 am - 11:30 pm Book Study: *Pure Land Buddhism*  
by Kenneth K. Tanaka, Chapters 8-10

Sunday, August 4 10:00 am Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service

Sunday, August 25 10:30 am **Japanese Language Service:** Rev Yasuo Izumi

Monday, August 26 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Japanese Language Seminar with  
Rev Yasuo Izumi

**Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony: Sunday, October 6, 2013 - 11:30 am**  
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## Betsuin Events for August 2013

**MOST SUNDAYS** – confirm Sundays listed below; 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

**MOST WEDNESDAYS** 10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with Meditation – confirm Wednesdays below

### SUNDAYS August 4, 11, 18, 25:

8:45am Meditation Service

August 4

10:00 am ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS'  
MEMORIAL SERVICE

Family: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

August 11

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:00 am Obon Service in Yakima (Rinban Castro)

August 18 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: MA Irene Goto

Japanese Program

DX: MA Irene Goto

August 25

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: Rinban Castro

DX: Rinban Castro

Japanese Language Service: Guest Speaker,  
Rev. Yasuo Izumi, Buddhist Temple of Southern  
Alberta

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

### MONDAYS

August 5 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

August 12 Rinban Castro (Travel day to Chicago)

August 19 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

August 26 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Japanese Sem-  
inar with Rev. Yasuo Izumi, Buddhist Temple of  
Southern Alberta

### TUESDAYS

August 6 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

August 13 – 15 (T-Th) Rinban Castro in Chicago for  
BCA Ministers'

August 27 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

**WEDNESDAYS August 7, 14, 21, 28:**

Dharma Support Group with Meditation 10:30 am

### THURSDAYS

August 1 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

August 15

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

August 22 7:30 pm Betsuin Board Meeting

August 29 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

### FRIDAYS

August 16 Rinban Castro (Day Off – in Baltimore)

August 30 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

### SATURDAYS

**August 3 9:30 am - 11:30 pm Book Study  
Group (Rinban Castro) *Pure Land Buddhism* by  
Kenneth K. Tanaka, Chapters 8-10**

August 17 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

August 31 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

### **September Newsletter Deadline:**

### **Monday, August 19, 2013**

### **8:00 pm**

### **September 2013: Major Events of Interest**

**Sunday, September 8 First day of Dharma School**

**Sunday, September 22**

**Fall Ohigan Service**

All are cordially invited to participate in the

**Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony:**

**Sunday, October 6, 2013 - 11:30 am**

**with Bishop Kodo Umezu**

Read Rinban's article on page 3

Registration form is on page 10

Call 206.329-0800 for details

### **Saturday, October 19, 2013**

### **Women in Buddhism Conference**

### **"The Heart and Mind That Benefits Others"**

***Rita No Kokoro* 利他の心**

**Speakers:**

Reverend Patti Usuki,

SU Associate Professor Naomi Kasumi,

Reverend Mariko Nishiyama





# Wheel of the Sangha

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## The Sarana Affirmation Ceremony: Taking Refuge in Buddhism

By Rinban Don Castro

***Those who have taken refuge in the Buddha see with right knowledge the Four Noble Truths concerning dukkha (pain and suffering), the cause of dukkha and the path which leads to the end of dukkha.***

***No matter how old or young, those who follow the path of enlightenment shine bright over the world like the full moon in a clear sky. --Dhammapada***

On October 6 Seattle Betsuin will hold a Sarana Affirmation Ceremony where participants take refuge in the Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, and receive a Dharma Name (popularly called a "Buddhist Name"). The application form is in this newsletter. We are taking advantage of the visit to Seattle that week-end by Bishop Kodo Umezu who will conduct the ceremony.

According to Buddhist tradition, one of the Ten Fetters binding us to this world of birth-and-death is a need to rely on rites and rituals. In other words, to become a Buddha or a Buddhist for that matter, you don't need to go through any rituals. You are a Buddhist if you consider yourself a Buddhist. Why, then, would a person want to participate in the Affirmation Ceremony? I'm sure there are many more reasons than I know but here are a few that would motivate me to participate:

1. You are able to receive a Dharma Name which you choose in consultation with your minister. Our Dharma Name reminds us of our spiritual goals, ideals or vision.
2. Through this ceremony, it helps us appreciate that we are part of a spiritual-cultural heritage that is over 2,500 years old. I think this is a thrilling experience.
3. It's great to publically declare yourself a member of a team you believe in, i.e. a Sangha. To paraphrase President Kennedy, "Ask not what your Sangha can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Sangha." This puts me in mind of the theme of our Second Annual Buddhist Women's Seminar on October 19: "Rita no Kokoro: The Mind that Benefits Others." In benefitting others, we benefit ourself.
4. It lifts everyone's spirit to see members who care enough about the Sangha to make a public declaration of their commitment.

***KI MYO MU RYO JU NYO RAI I take refuge in the Buddha of Eternal Life.  
NA MO FU KA SHI GI KO I take refuge in the inconceivable light.***

--Opening lines of the Shoshinge by Shinran Shonin

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### **2013 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 2013 members will be reported to the BCA and to the NW District for our Betsuin's membership count.

Should you have any questions about your membership status, please contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com

**"THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT"** (H.L/S.O)



## 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 2013 fiscal year.

**Masatoshi & Sayeko Aoyama, Clara Beard, Peggy Hanada, Shizuka LaGrange, Mari Ohara, Ray & Mineko Okamura, Ken Shigaya, George Suetsugu Jr., Paul Suguro, Norio & Miyoko Yamazaki**

**\*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, 2013.** If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com. (compiled by HL & SO)

\*Apologies and correction for the July list: **Sanaye Kawamura**

### Scholarships Awarded by Shizu Kaku

On Sunday, May 26 at the 10am service, our scholarship recipients were honored with their awards. A reception was held in the high school classroom after the service. They are outstanding students and shown how the temple and the nembutsu has affected their lives. We know they will all go on and be successful in where ever life leads them. A special thanks to the committee members and also to Tish Oye of Glassworks for generously donating the high school glass awards.

#### Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant (High School) \$1,500 each

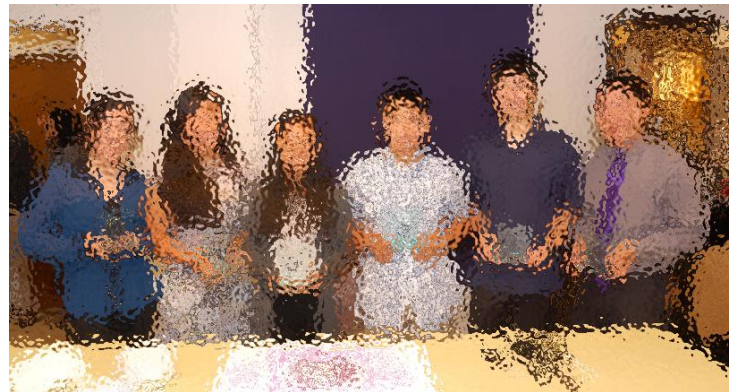
Brandon Harano, Monroe HS. College – University of California at San Diego - Psychology  
Evan Ko, Issaquah HS. College – UW - Computer Science / Engineering  
Kristal Kozai, Hazen HS. College – UW - Engineering  
Lindsey Yamane, Issaquah HS. College – Western Washington – major undecided  
Curtis Yokoyama, The Overlake School. College – Notre Dame de Namur Univ. (Belmont, CA) – Computer Science / Software Engineering  
Drew Tosaya – Inglemoor HS. College – Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, NY) – Computer Science

#### Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant (High School) \$1,500 each

Krista Lee – Kentwood HS. College – Washington State Univ. – Communications

#### Masaru & Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant (College) - \$2,000

Ryan Canfield – Currently attending Calif. Polytechnic State Univ in San Luis Obispo. Major – Mechanical Engineering



**Seattle Buddhist Temple Book Study Group** Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, August 3. We will be reading chapters 8-10 of Kenneth K. Tanaka's *Pure Land Buddhism* book. If you do not have a copy of the book, please contact Rinban Castro. We will meet from 9:30-11:30 in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

Submitted by Leonora Clarke

## SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION *Submitted by Joan Nakano*

### **SBBWA President's Message submitted by Janet**

**Baba Bon Odori:** A huge thank you for all our members who helped with this year's Obon festivities. It's a huge undertaking to plan, prepare and work this two-day event. Bon Odori is part of Seattle's annual Seafair Festival. Many of our members gave hours of time to make and sell Barazushi, Yakisoba as well as work in other food booths, exhibits in the auditorium and provide instruction for the dances. Our members, Gwen Florence, lead odori instructor with Gail Suzaka and Susanne Umeda teach White River and Tacoma instructors, in addition to instructing our Seattle dancers nightly prior to Obon days. This scope of commitment by temple members made this an outstanding event.

**Bainbridge Island Trip:** This year's Summer Field Trip to Bainbridge Island planned by our Activities Committee is scheduled for August 14. The itinerary is a visit to the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, Japanese American Memorial Wall and the Clearwater Casino for a buffet lunch. We will travel by coach transportation to Bainbridge Island. The cost is \$50 for SBBWA members. This cost includes coach fare, ferry fees and buffet lunch. A sign-up sheet for registration is posted in the hall across from the temple office. For information, please call Joan Nakano at 206-329-0800.

**Kids Summer Program:** SBBWA members had an integral part of this summer's week of activities during June 24-28. 97 students attended our program with theme, "Journey to Japan." Two of the co-chairs were staffed by our new members, Leanne Nishi-Wong and Gayle Teramoto. Five of the program's classroom teachers were Judith Nakamura, Nina Tomita-Kato, Janet Baba, Shizue Yahata and Janie Okawa. Donna Zumoto taught taiko to each class and prepared our students for the Matsuri Performance. Additionally, Japanese skills of Cooking classes was led by Ritsuko Kawahara, Manju making by Kinue Kuwahara, Calligraphy by Aiko Fujii, Odori by Joyce Kato and Temple support by Joan Nakano. Numerous other members assisted in all the activities to make KSP's week a successful one. Next year's KSP dates are tentatively set for June 23-27.

**Walk for Rice:** SBBWA members participated in ACRS' annual Walk for Rice on Saturday, June 29. Shizue Yahata led the members to walk the Loop at Seward Park and to donate towards the fundraiser. The ACRS Food Bank provides food of more than

126,000 pounds each month to nearly 5,000 individuals. This is the only food bank that regularly distributes foods for Asian and Pacific Islander populations in need. SBBWA members who walked were joined by Dennis Shibata, Ed, Alyssa and Russell Kato. They had great weather and Team SBBWA raised about \$1,000. We give thanks to all who contributed for this cause.

Our members continue to generously work to give service to the Temple, Sangha and to the Community. Thanks to the commitment of our members this is all possible. In gassho, Janet

**Calendar:** August 4 - SBBWA Board Meeting/Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service



Janie Okawa, Suzuko Terada, Shizue Yahata, Kanako Kashima and Joyce Kato at ACRS Walk for Rice



Aiko Fujii and Carolyn Kunihiro instructing Calligraphy to KSP students



Kiyoko Nakanishi, Carolyn Kunihiro, Michi Vaart and Masako Kawamoto instructing Japanese Cooking at KSP

# The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

June - July 2013

## Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Ralph Iboshi – First Year Memorial Service	\$ 400	Patricia Iboshi
George Suetsugu, Sr. – 7 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	George & Mayumi Suetsugu, Jr.
Ronald Hanada – First Year Memorial Service	\$ 100	Marie Hanada
	\$ 100	Peggy Hanada
Nokotsudo – For Jim & Hiroko Hasegawa	\$ 100	Estate of James Hasegawa

## Given by:

## Remembrances for:

## Given by:

Jene Deguchi	Jay Deguchi; Charles & Amy Kinoshita; James Takano; David & Gloria Yoshino
Ronald Hanada	Jean Taketa
Hiroko Hasegawa	Mary S. Shigaya
James Hasegawa	Don & Karen Akira; Minoru & Aiko Fujii Mas Honmyo; Sanaye Kawamura; Ken & Tammie Louie & Family; Zenji & Eiko Shibayama; Mary S. Shigaya; May Shigihara; Michiko Vaart; Machiko Wada; Ayako Yasui
Takashi Hori	Timothy & Susanna Cullinan; Charles Furukawa; Miyuki Hanada; May Harada; Mari Ohara; Masako Tomita
Yayeko Pat Kihara	Masayoshi & Masako Kubo
Uichi Kuramoto	Daisy Kuramoto
Akira Moriguchi	James Takano

## Temple Supervision:

Spokane Buddhist Church \$ 100

## Seattle Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special services.

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; Anonymous, ; Asaba, Marian; Baba, Janet; Beard, Clara; Bobrow, Patricia; Brundige, Grace Tazuma -; Canfield, James & Sheri Mizumori -; Chadwick, Tsuyako; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Enomoto, Sachiyo; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujinari, Suzanne & Alexis; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujioka, Harumi; Fujishima, Tom & Ichiko; Fujita, Florence; Fukuhara, Mitsuko; Furuta, Gerri; Furuta, Mary Y.; Furuta, Sue; Goshio, Kazumi (Janice); Habu, Jack & Fumi; Hamanaka, Yoko; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Hara, Reiko; Harada, May; Harada, Setsuko; Harui, Norio (Estate of); Hasegawa, Kathy; Hatai, Susan; Hikida, Mary; Hirata, Hajime & Michiko; Honmyo, Mas; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Ise, Haruo Hal; Isomura, Toshiko; Iwafuchi, Larry & June; Kakiuchi, George & Kayoko; Kameda, Terry; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Katayama, Mary K.; Kato, Kazue (Katie); Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kishi, Allan & Rose; Kitashima, Evelyn A.; Kobayashi, Frances; Kobuki, Haruko; Kodama, George K.; Kogita, Paul & Takako; Kojima, Esther; Komoto, Frank; Kosai, June (Yoshie); Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, George & Irene; Masunaga, Fumiye; Matsui, Jack T.; Mayeda, Duane & Ann; Miyake, Brad & Gayle; Miyauchi, Takiko; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Morimoto, Eiichi & Ruth Shigeko; Nagai, Ernest & Sanaye (Sunnie); Nakagawa, Yoshie; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nishikawa, Noriko; Nishimura, Hisashi & Sadako; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Emiko; Okamura, Ray & Mineko; Okano, Tomiko; Okawa, Nancy; Okawa, Stephen & Nancy; Osaki, Marianne; Osaki, Mary; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Saito, Irene; Sakamoto, Kengo; Sako, Masako; Sakuma, Pauline; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shimada, Shirley; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shinoda, Franklin; Sumida, Florence; Takamura, Kuniko; Takano, Yasuko Jean; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taki, Noboru & Takako; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanaka, Tom; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Taniguchi, Theodore & Akiko; Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tanino, Ryomi; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Janet; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Teranishi, Asako; Terao, Victoria; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wakazuru, Barbara; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yahata, Shizue; Yamada, John & Arlene; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yamamoto, Richard; Yamamoto, Richard; Yamane, Jeffrey & Susan; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yokota, Sumie; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko; All Sangha Memorial Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Sakaguchi, Sono Gotan-e Beard, Clara.



## Seattle Betsuin Endowment Fund submitted by Fund Management

Seattle Betsuin gratefully acknowledges donations by the following:

Kats & Terrie Tanino - Dr. Jim Doi's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	\$100.00
Kats & Terrie Tanino - Mitsu Kato Memorial	\$100.00
Kats & Terrie Tanino - In Memory of James Hasegawa	\$200.00
Jack Matsui - Dr. Jim Doi's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	\$100.00
Jack Matsui - In Memory of Pat Kihara	\$100.00
Karen Nishimura - Endowment Donation	\$2,000.00
Joe & Carolyn Schwab - Endowment Donation	\$100.00

Your financial support of our Eitaikyo Endowment is greatly appreciated. Your donations will help the Betsuin continue to spread the teachings of Jodo Shinshu.

In Gassho, Craig Nakano, Endowment Committee

## Musical Notes submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to all the participants of the Summer Music Service on Sunday, July 7. Donna Zumoto, ably assisted by Alana and Kailani, opened the service with rousing taiko. What perfect musical theme meditation readings from chairperson Ron Hamakawa and Dharma message by minister's assistant in training Matt May to bring spiritual meaning to the musical selections for the service. After the sangha chanted the music service version of *Juseige*, Mas Tamekuni led the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band and Choir for the musical interlude with *Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'* from the musical *Oklahoma!*, *Imagine* by John Lennon. We all sang Dii Lewis' *Enlightenment Song*, led by Ron for the call and response. The Bodhi Ensemble (Kristy, Emily, Rose, Kayla and Alina) did a fine job leading the sangha for the closing gathas *Golden Chain* and *We Are One*. It was indeed a beautiful morning of song and spirit. We are also grateful to Dennis Yamashita for reciting the San Kie Mon in Japanese and for Rimban Castro's ongoing support of music for our service.

We appreciate the extra practice involved in bringing live singing to Bon Odori music this year. It is exciting to bring new musical ideas to our temple activities.



## HELP WANTED

### • VOLUNTEER BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENER

Margaret Teramoto has been offering her service to take blood pressure measurements for our members on the last Sunday of



each month for the past 20 years. She was once a part of a team but has been doing this solo for several years. It is time for her to pass on this important monthly service. • **AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS** are needed to set up equipment for seminars & special events.

If you are interested in offering either of these services, please notify the office at 206 329.0800 or at [Office@SeattleBetsuin.com](mailto:Office@SeattleBetsuin.com). Training is available.

Submitted by Irene Goto

Please print

# APPLICATION FOR SARANA AFFIRMATION CEREMONY

Temple affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle)

Name of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 12)

Favorite word/kanji (or phrase) chosen by member for Homyo: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Resident/Supervising Minister: please be sure to fill-in the favorite word/kanji character)

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***Homyo Selection: To be completed/selected by Resident/Supervising Minister following discussions with applicant.***

Homyo (Kanji): \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

*Those wishing to participate in the ceremony are requested to complete and submit their application to Seattle Betsuin 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 by Sunday, September 1, 2013, accompanied by a fee of \$25 (for all ages) payable to: "Seattle Betsuin."*



## NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE

June 23 - Rinban Castro commented on the value of music as espoused in the study of ethnomusicology. . . Grace and Sat brought a scroll signed by Rennyō Shōnin for display during the Bishops and Rinbans' service in the Hondo. To better conceive of the time frame, Sensei indicated it was during the life of Columbus that Rennyō designed relatively small scrolls for the families in the sangha to hang in their obutsudans. . . Many BCA ministerial families are connected through birth and marriage. . . A video, "Streams of Light," [directed by Rev Kentaro Sugao] was noted by Kemi N., who hopes to show it to a wider audience in the future.

June 30 - Rev. Jim Warrick talked about the radical monk, known as "the bin Laden of Burma." Several other countries are involved in riots as well, with Muslims being the target. Sensei asked, "How do these tragedies happen?" What can one do? It becomes an individual choice. He suggested approaching our leaders to reach peaceful resolution with their leaders. He suggested that ignorance is the beginning of anger. Hate and fear are signs of confronting the unknown, and passion overtakes wisdom. Further, if one truly knows the enemy, he is not an enemy. . . Sensei recounted some highlights of a trip to Great Britain. He and Rona visited Stonehenge, Cardiff Castle, many monasteries, Warrick Castle, and Hadrian's Wall, constructed in 122 A.D. It runs from coast to coast and is 20 feet high and 75 miles long.

July 7 – Minister's Assistant In Training Matt May responded to questions regarding his dharma talk which he gave at the Music Service the same day. Matt was first introduced to Tibetan Buddhism by the Beastie Boys song, *Bodhisattva Vow*, rapped by Adam Yauch who died in 2012. Matt recited the lyrics on request. He said that synchronized reading (without music) and illiteracy occurred together as a means of memorizing sutras and conveying them. As they are passed along cultures and generations they change and we don't need to get locked-in to one version. Several attendees expressed their appreciation for Matt's tying together music and chanting to relate the dharma. Rev Castro said that poetry and music are reservoirs for religious experience. [these notes by Irene Goto]

July 14 - Rinban Castro held forth today after the Hatsubon service, and Grace I. said she was happy that sensei explained the real meaning of various Japanese terms i.e., *itadakimasu*, *arigato*, *okagesama-de*. etc. Sensei said he felt all those terms connoted team work. Kiyo T. also liked the Dharma message about sensei's feeling of being privileged to be part of so many lives. . . Sensei recalled the quandary about the Redwoods and how Nature's way is to burn and start over, but the populous wishes to preserve these gigantic trees, in conflict with Nature. . . Kemi N. said the African community has a tradition similar to Jodo Shinshu in offering Koden. . . John, a regular at the temple, is a cultural geographer, one who studies people and their land, and how rice and other products reflect in their behavior. . . There were about 100 kids in the Kids Summer Program (KSP), and about one-half of them from the Dharma School. . . Sensei said the pillow service ennobles the life of the deceased. A gentleman who did not observe any formal religion told Sensei he had to have some ritual for his beloved wife. . . Sensei said when he becomes 80 he will start piano lessons. Gayle K. urged him to start music lessons now and not wait. . . Florence S. asked why Buddhists have memorial services customarily at night. Sensei recalled that when he first came to the Betsuin, casket services were replaced by evening memorial services. People worked during the day. Sensei, his sister and brother arranged a service for their mother at the fundamentalist church she attended. They each told the minister they would like to say a few words. They were told this church was "gender specific," which means women don't speak at their services.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow