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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 *8:45 am Meditation Service

September 1

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rosalie Town

Japanese Program

DX: Rosalie Town

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

September 8 *8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE - 1ST DAY OF

DHARMA SCHOOL

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: TBD DX: TBD

September 15 *8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: TBD

Adult: Matt May

Japanese Program

DSDX: TBD DX: TBD

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class

September 22 *8:45 am Meditation Service

Rinban Castro at L.A. Betsuin

10:00 am FALL OHIGAN SERVICE

Family: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: TBD DX: Rev. Warrick

September 29 *8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am **FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S SERVICE**

Children: TBD

Youth/Adult: TBD

Japanese Program

DX: TBD DSDX: TBD

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

MONDAYS

September 2 Labor Day– Office Closed

September 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin

Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

September 30 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

TUESDAYS

September 3 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

September 24 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

WEDNESDAYS September 4, 11, 18, 25

10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

THURSDAYS September 5, 19

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

FRIDAYS

September 6 12:00 pm Gojikai Service and

Luncheon Meeting (Rinban Castro)

September 20 Rinban Castro to Los Angeles

SATURDAYS September 21

Rinban Castro at Los Angeles Betsuin

October 2013: Major Events of Interest

Friday, October 4 Japanese Seminar with
Bishop Kodo Umezu

Saturday, October 5

- Book Study Group with Bishop Kodo Umezu
- Gojikai 50th Anniversary Memorial Service & Luncheon

Sunday, October 6 Minister's Assistants

Certification & Affirmation Ceremonies with
Bishop Kodo Umezu

Sunday, October 13

Hatsumairi Service (infant presentation/child's
first visit to the temple)

Saturday, October 19 2nd Annual Women in

Buddhism Seminar "Rita no Kokoro 利他の心" see
page 9 of this newsletter.

Sunday, October 20 Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko

Memorial Service with Rev. Patti Usuki as guest
speaker; Japanese Language Service with Rev.
Mariko Nishiyama as guest speaker

Sunday, October 27 SBBWA Memorial Service



Ron Hamakawa Bon Odori, Chair; Exhibits Set-up; Archives/Vets Display

**October Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, September 16, 2013
8:00 pm**



Wheel of the Sangha



Volume 32 Issue 9 SEATTLE BETSUIN NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013

Unconditional Means Unconditional

By Rinban Don Castro

What part of unconditional do you not understand? Maybe, all of it! Amida Buddha's boundless wisdom-compassion is truly inconceivable. Be that as it may, at our BCA Ministers' Meeting and Seminar in Chicago in August, I raised the question of using the term "unconditional love" as one way of referring to Amida Buddha in order to promote interfaith dialogue. It has been my experience that Japan-born ministers tend to mistrust the word "love" and to associate it with its more base meaning of romantic love (eros) rather than its most sublime sense of unconditional love (agape) which is the love of God.

Having been raised Christian I found it impossible to reconcile divine, unconditional love with a God who would condemn me to hell for renouncing Christianity and becoming Buddhist. Don't I detect some conditions here? Someone told me of a sign held up by a Christian evangelist at Pike Place Market a few years ago that read, "Jesus' love is NOT unconditional. You have to believe." Actually, whether I believe or not, it does not take away from Amida's unconditional love for me, "embraced never to be abandoned."

Needless to say, the unconditional nature of Jesus or Amida is extremely important when we address the issue of inclusiveness. At our Chicago meetings, the ministers discussed issues of homosexuality, gay marriage and gays in scouting. It has probably been around a decade since our ministerial association endorsed gay marriage and we certainly have no problems including gays in scouting. When I returned to Seattle and opened my emails, however, I discovered an article sent to me by one of our scouting parents with the headline, "Fox's Huckabee To Keynote Event For Anti-Gay Boy Scouts Alternative."

Over the years, I have so often heard our Japanese speaking members express "sono mama" meaning "just as I am" with joy and gratitude. If we can keep this unconditional spirit foremost in our minds, there is no danger Jodo Shinshu will not prosper. This is truly the spirit of the Nembutsu.

2013 SBC MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30

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.**

If you have been making installment payments, your balance is due by September 30. 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)

CBE's 7th Annual Baby Boomers' Seminar: *Wake Up and Be Alive!*

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Masao Kodani

Resident Minister, Senshin Buddhist Temple; Saturday, November 2, 2013
Registration: \$75 by Oct. 20, \$60 by Sept. 29, \$50 BCA members by Sept. 29.
go to www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org, or call: (510) 809-1460.

Unlike life, death must be experienced while living, not by dying. Death is the absence of life. Death, therefore, can only be understood by living, and living deeply. The changing of things, the dying of things is eternally now..." - Rev. Masao Kodani, DHARMA CHATTER, p. 60-61

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.

Gene & Yuki Arinobu; Janet Baba; Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Gwen Florence; Florence Fujita; Edward Hiroo; Jean Ishii; Malcom & Eileen Kanemoto; Ritsuko Kawahara; Esther Kojima; Carolyn Kunihiro; Fumiye Masunaga; Tetsuo & Linda Miyata; Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham; Kemi Nakabayashi; Craig & Joan Nakano; Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Greg & Anne Oxrieder; Sunkie Oye; Akira & Chiyoko Saito; Irene Saito; Masako Sako; Dave Scattergood & Joyce Tsuji; Mary S. Shigaya; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Yasuko Jean Takano; Grace Tazuma; Joe & Hideko Terada; Asako Teranishi; Elsie Tokita; Tak & Florence Tsuchida; Shizue Yahata; Fuyo Yoshida

***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)

2013 NWWYBL RETREAT

The 2013 North West Young Buddhist League Retreat was held at the Seattle Betsuin on July 26-28. This three day retreat was filled with workshops, services, and icebreakers. It started out Friday night with bingo at Keiro and an onenju making workshop. On Saturday, we had an onaijin etiquette workshop, I Am A Link workshop, a make your own Buddha workshop, and a walking meditation session. These workshops were led by Rimban Castro, Rev. Warrick, Rev. Fujimoto (Idaho Oregon Buddhist Temple), and Rev. Kakiyara (Tacoma Buddhist Temple). We also had an extra workshop led by Jason Yokoyama and Rosie Yasukochi. In this workshop, we each took a piece of a picture and drew it on a larger piece of paper. We combined these pieces and created a large portrait of Bishop Kodo Umezu. This picture can be seen in the high school room and will stay there until he visits here in October.

The group also went to White River Bon Odori and participated in the lantern parade and the danced. On Sunday, we led service and Evan Ko gave the Dharma message.

Thank you to Marie Kosai Luke and Howard Luke for staying the night; Ron, Steph, Mrs. Tosaya, Mrs. Taketa, Mrs. Ko, Mrs. Yokoyama, and Mrs. Kawahara for cooking the meals; White River Buddhist Temple for providing us with meal vouchers; Rev. Castro, Rev. Warrick, Rev. Fujimoto, and Rev. Kakiyara for the workshops; and the NWWYBL officers for planning this retreat. Pictures will be posted across from the office on the JR YBA wall. Submitted by Alex S



SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION Submitted by Joan Nakano

President's Message submitted by Janet Baba

Betsuin Bon Odori: Our Obon season has come to a close but many memories of the July 20th weekend lingers with photos of our warm Seattle evenings. We had a successful Bon Odori Season in the Year of the Snake. Many thanks to our members who gave hours of service to make our 2013 Obon a memorable one.

Bainbridge Island Trip: Twenty members and two guests visited Bainbridge Island via ferry ride to the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial and the Suquamish Clearwater Casino for a buffet luncheon on Wednesday, August 14. A pleasant August day proved to be enjoyable while learning about this historic community, the first Japanese Americans to be imprisoned during World War II. Our docents for the museum were Lily Kodama, Wayne Nakata and Frank Kitamoto. Clarence Moriwaki, President of the Memorial, a National Historic Site, was our guide at the Memorial Wall. We were fortunate to have these knowledgeable speakers lead the tours. Gwen Florence and Marlene Okada of our Activity Committee planned our annual Summer Outing.

Photos for Memorial Service: There is a request for families of our deceased SBBWA members to send in a photograph of our past members. The photos will be projected on large screens in the hondo for our SBBWA Memorial Service to be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013. We are in the process of collecting over 700 photographs with your assistance. Please contact the Temple Office for information.

Woman's Seminar: Our second annual Women in Buddhism Conference will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the Seattle Betsuin Temple. "The Heart & Mind That Benefits Others, Rita no Kokoro," is the theme for this year's event, sponsored by SBBWA and the Religious Department. Our speakers are Rev. Patti Usuki, San Fernando Buddhist Temple; Rev. Mariko Nishiyama, Pearl City Hongwanji Buddhist Temple; and Associate Professor

Naomi Kasumi, Dept. of Fine Arts, Seattle University. Cost of registration is \$25 and a vegetarian obento is \$10. For additional information, please contact our temple office. I hope you'll all join us for this fall's Women's Seminar. Of course all Sangha members, including men, are invited.

In gassho, Janet

Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Julie Mayeda - In Memory of Tak & Lily Hori
Kinue Kuwahara - Obon Thank You

Calendar:

September 1
September 22
September 29

SBBWA Board Meeting
Fall Ohigan Service
SBBWA Cabinet Meeting



Tomi, Peggy, Ruby, Taka, Irene and Sachiko packaging yakisoba at bon odori



SBBWA Group at Bainbridge Memorial Wall

Seattle Buddhist Temple Book Study Group The Book Study Group will be attending the White River Buddhist Temple on Saturday, September 14, in lieu of our regular meeting. They are hosting a seminar called *The Body and Mind Seminar*. It will be presented by Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, Master Mitsuo Aoki, and Rev. Koshin Ogui. Please go to the White River website for registration forms, deadlines and more information www.wrbt.org. The registration deadline is one week before the seminar. Submitted by Leonora Clarke

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

July - August 2013

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Given by:

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| Teruo Maruko – To Endowment - In Memory of | \$ 3,000 | Keiko & Tsukasa Namekata |
| Dick & Misao Yoshimura – In Memory of | \$ 2,500 | Lisa & John Duff |
| Takashi Hori – 49 th Day Memorial Service | \$ 1,000 | Estate of Takashi Hori |
| Ronald Yoshida – Funeral Service | \$ 1,000 | Kiyoko Yoshida |
| Albert K. Shintaku – To Endowment In Memory of | \$ 1,000 | Frances Shintaku |
| Catherine Yoshinaka – Funeral Service | \$ 1,000 | Carol Fenoli |
| Hajime Hirata – Funeral Service | \$ 1,000 | Michiko Hirata |
| Inurnment Service | \$ 1,000 | Michiko Hirata |
| Memorial Service | \$ 300 | Michiko Hirata |
| Ted Kunihiro, Miyoko Sakamoto, Ray Sakamoto Karry Sakamoto – To Endowment - In Memory of | \$ 500 | Carolyn Kunihiro |
| Ken Teramoto – In Memory of | \$ 500 | Margaret Teramoto |
| Nokotsudo - for Gladys & Grace Hamano | \$ 500 | Terry Nakano |
| Tatsuya Yamamoto – 1 st Year Service and Inurnment | \$ 500 | Richard Yamamoto |
| Ralph Iboshi – 1 st Year Memorial Service | \$ 400 | Patricia Iboshi |
| James Hasegawa – 49 th Day Memorial Service | \$ 400 | Estate of James Hasegawa |
| James & Hiroko Hasegawa – Inurnment Service | \$ 350 | Estate of James Hasegawa |
| Sadami Maruko – 13 th Year Memorial Service | \$ 300 | Keiko & Tsukasa Namekata |
| Sakai Family – In Memory of | \$ 300 | Seiji Sakai |
| Harry S. Shigaya – Inurnment Service | \$ 300 | Teruko Shigaya |
| Nokotsudo | \$ 300 | Hajime Hirata |
| Dick & Misao Yoshimura – Hatsubon | \$ 250 | Harry Yoshimura |
| Nokotsudo – In Memory of Yosh Uchida | \$ 200 | Sam & Masako Uchida |
| Sae Akada | \$ 100 | Irene Akada |
| Kaori Inouye – Hatsubon & Mother's funeral in Sacramento | \$ 150 | Takeji Suwabe |
| M/M Moritsuchi Murakami - In Memory of | \$ 100 | Suyeko Fujikado |
| Haruye Yamagiwa – In Memory of | \$ 100 | Harumi Yee |
| Hiroyuki Suganuma – 27 th Year Memorial Service | \$ 100 | Aiko Suganuma |
| Nokotsudo | \$ 80 | Betty Yoshida |

Remembrances for:

Given by:

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| Jene Deguchi | Mary Shigaya |
| Hiroko Hasegawa | Suwako & James Maeda |
| Jim Hasegawa | Mitsuko Fukuhara; Nelson Harano; Hal Ise; Carolyn Kunihiro; Daisy Kuramoto; Suwako & James Maeda |
| Hajime Hirata | Terie Akada; Mae Deguchi; Sue Fujino; Miyuki Hanada; Satoru & Grace Ichikawa; Mary Ikeda; June Kosai; Joseph Matsuzaki; Mary S. Shigaya; George & Toshi Takahashi; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Margaret Teramoto → |



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| Takashi Hori | Marcia Fujimoto; Sue Fujino; Lutes Fujita; George & Toshiko Fukeda; Arlene Grant; Hal Ise; Iwako Iseri; Toshiko Isomura; Hiroshi & Fukiko Ito; Ritsuko Kawahara; Shizue Kikuchi; Paul & Takako Kogita; Kumamoto Kenjin Kai; Daisy Kuramoto; Kinue Kuwahara; Jack T. Matsui; Michi Murakami; Paul Murakami; Yoshie Nakagawa; Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Nobuko Otsuji; Dennis Shibata; Albert & Frances Shintaku; Florence Sumida; Midori Sumida; Fumiye Taniguchi; Katsumi & Terrie Tanino; Alvin & Mitsuko Terada; Margaret Teramoto; Fumiko Yamaguchi; Ryoko Yoshimura | | |
| Mitsu Kato | Tom & Lorraine Sakata | | |
| Yayeko Pat Kihara | Mitsuko Fukuhara | | |
| Aizo 'Buster' Kosai | Joseph & Dolly Matsuzaki | | |
| Mas Kuramoto | Wayne Kuramoto; Joseph & Dolly Matsuzaki | | |
| Teruo Maruko | Mikiko Amagai; Dale & Shizue Kaku; Ritsuko Kawahara; Kinue Kuwahara; Eva Larauri; Randy & Susan Lavigne; George & Irene Mano; Julie Mayeda; Terry Nakano; Pauline Sakuma; Ben & Etsu Shimbo; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Theodore & Akico Taniguchi; Katsumi & Terrie Tanino; Sam & Masako Uchida | | |
| Fred Mayeda | Frances Kobayashi | | |
| Albert K. Shintaku | Gene & Yuki Arinobu; Mae Deguchi; Sue Fujino; Mickey & Yoshie Hiroo; Satoru & Grace Ichikawa; Roy & Deanna Ikegami; Arthur & Sally Kawaguchi; Daisy Kuramoto; Howard & Marie Kosai-Luke; T. Jack Matsui; Fumiko Nakamura; Patricia Hiroo Mastrude; Julie Mayeda; Mutual Fish Company, Inc.; Col. James & USAF Ret) & Alice Nagahiro; Craig & Joan Nakano; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Stephanie Ojima; Nobuko Otsuji; Hiromi Lorraine Sakata; Dennis Shibata; Teruko Shigaya; Nori Suguro; Florence Sumida; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Haruso & Sonoe Taketa; Rikuko Tanaka; Elsie Taniguchi; Martha Taniguchi; Margaret Teramoto; Sam & Masako Uchida; Michi Vaart; Harry Yoshimura; Nobuo Yutani | | |
| Ronald Yoshida | Ritsuko Kawahara | | |
| Catherine Yoshinaka | Arthur & Sally Kawaguchi; Kiyoshi & Joan Yoshinaka | | |
| Atomic Bomb Memorial | Anonymous (written in Japanese); Minoru & Aiko Fujii; Alan & Fumiko Groves; Sanyae Kawamura; Masayoshi & Masako Kubo; Kinue Kuwahara; Yukio & Karen Morikubo; Terry Nakano; Dr. Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata; Florence Sumida; Rikuko Tanaka; Martha Taniguchi; | | |
| Hatsubon / Obon | Gail Kaminishi-Jeffereis; Dale & Shizu Kaku; Takashi Matsui; Joseph & Janie Okawa-Naemura; Ruby Nakamura; Patricia Oye-Shahbaghlian | | |
| Temple Supervision: | Yakima Buddhist Temple | \$ | 200 |
| Wedding: | David Cutshall & An Cat Chu | \$ | 240 |
| General Donations: | | | |
| Dale & Jean Tsue | General Donation | | |
| Christopher Beck & Marcia Kajimura | General Donation | | |
| Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa | General Donation | | |
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| Joe & Carolyn Schwab | Donation to Endowment |
| Elsie Taniguchi | General Donation for Ukulele Group |
| Amy Shibuya | General Donation |
| Marion Dumont | \$ 500 In commemoration of 25th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and for Hideo & Misao Kaneko Music Fund |
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| Anonymous | General Donation |
| Anonymous | General Donation |
| Anonymous | General Donation by Vietnamese visitor |
| James & Tomi Zumoto | General Donation in recognition of Eagle Court of Honor for Grandson, Evan Ko |
| Janet Kosai | General Donation for graduation of Granddaughter, Krista Lee |
| Henry Phan | General Donation |
| Hiroshima Kenjin-kai | General Donation for Atomic Bomb Memorial Service |

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 Anthony, Janet; Fujita, Lutes; Fukeda, George & Toshiko; Glasser, Bill & Beverly; Hamakawa, Ron; Harada, Steve; Harano, Nelson; Imanishi, Teresa; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaminshi, Gail; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kido, Momoko; Kikuchi, Shizue; Komoto, George & Lily; Komura, Joanie; Kondo, Stan; Mano, Mariko; Matsui, Takashi; Miyata, Tetsuo & Linda; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa -; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Noritake, Shinako; Otsuji, Nobuko; Shahbaghlian, Patricia Oye -; Shigaya, Teruko (Terrie); Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shintaku, Albert & Frances; Suwabe, Takeji; Suwabe, Takeji; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Taniguchi, Elsie; Tomita, Paul & Mabel; Tsuchida, Tak & Florence; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoshimura, Harry;

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Bishop/Rimban Memorial Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Kuwahara, Kinue; Sakuma, Pauline; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo);

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- H. L.

Musical Notes submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Mas Tamekuni and Steve Yamasaki for providing ukulele and saxophone support to the choir and sangha for the Atomic Bomb Victims' memorial service last month.

As the Dharma School year commences again, any youth musicians are welcome to participate in service music. Pianists are welcome to help with gathas at children's service or combined service. Youth musicians, choir and the ukulele band will start preparing for this year's Family Music Service on Sunday, November 24. (It is not Thanksgiving weekend Sunday this year.) We are also planning special music when Bishop Umezu visits Seattle Betsuin the first weekend of October. Lani Carpenter and I remain the primary contact persons for service music. The Betsuin choir plans to resume 9 a.m. choir practice on Sundays in September. Anyone interested in singing may contact Terrie Tanino or any choir member for more information. Please contact Mas Tamekuni or any ukulele band member if interested in jamming with the ukulele band!



Saturday, October 19, 2013 Women in Buddhism Conference

"The Heart and Mind That Benefits Others"

Rita No Kokoro 利他の心

Speakers:

Reverend Mariko Nishiyama, Pearl City Honwanji
SU Associate Professor Naomi Kasumi, Fine Arts
Reverend Patti Usuki, San Fernando Valley
Buddhist Temple



Registration is required so that we can provide meals for participants:

- Cost: \$25 per person + vegetarian lunch: \$10 (or you may bring your own)
- **Deadline: October 11, 2013**
- Questions: Contact the temple office at 206.329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com
- Send completed form & check payable to Seattle Betsuin Religious Department
to: Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, Attention: Gail Kaminishi, 1427 South Main St, Seattle, WA 98144

October 19, 2013 Conference Registration Form - Please print

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Amount enclosed:

\$25 for conference: \$ _____

\$10 for optional vegetarian lunch: \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Check number: _____



Seattle Betsuin Endowment Fund submitted by Fund Management The Seattle Betsuin gratefully acknowledges donations to the Seattle Betsuin Endowment Fund by the following:

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| Kats & Terrie Tanino - In Memory of Albert Shintaku | \$200.00 |
| Frances Shintaku - In Memory of Albert Shintaku | \$1,000.00 |
| Dr .Tsukasa and Mrs. Keiko Namekata - Endowment Donation | \$3,000.00 |
| Marian Dumont - Seattle Betsuin Music Fund | \$500.00 |
| Carolyn Kunihiro - In Memory of Ted Kunihiro, Miyoko Sakamoto and M. Karry Sakamoto | \$500.00 |
| 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

Orion Center Monthly Meals Project for Homeless Youth and Coupon Book Fundraiser submitted by Mike Teramoto



Darlene Shimizu, Mike Teramoto, Ruth Yoshino,
Sally Kawaguchi, Margaret Teramoto (coordinator),
Masako Uchida and Dennis Shibata.

Have you ever wondered where your next meal would come from? Hopefully, you've never had to deal with that question. For some youths, this is a question that is very real. Thankfully, YouthCare's Orion Center is a place where homeless youth can get the help and services they need including a fresh meal, a hot shower and some clean clothes.

Friends, families, individuals, members and organizations of the Seattle Buddhist Church have been preparing and serving a hot meal once each

month at the Orion Center for over 4 years. Volunteers are responsible for planning, preparing and serving a meal to about 50-60 homeless youths. Currently, volunteers are needed for each of the months remaining of 2013 as follows:

Sept 20
Oct 18
Nov 15
Dec 20

Please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile project.

Thank you so much to recent meal coordinators and their volunteer groups: **May:** Michi Vaart; **June:** Leonora Clark; **July:** Paul Mori; and **August:** Margaret Teramoto.

If you are unable to volunteer to help with one of the meals, you can support this project by helping to sell Entertainment Coupon Books. These coupon books are selling for just \$25 and have many many great deals that anyone can use. 50% of the proceeds from the sale of each book are used to provide the funding for the monthly meals. Coupon books will be available at the temple on Sundays through mid-October.

For more information, to volunteer or to purchase & sell coupon books, please contact Mike Teramoto @ 206-369-5986 or mteramoto@yahoo.com.



Those wishing to participate in the
Sarana Affirmation Ceremony
On Sunday, October 6, 2013



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."
The application form appears in the August issue of The Wheel of the Sangha and
is also available in the Betsuin foyer and office, (206) 329-0400.

DHARMA SCHOOL submitted by Joyce Tsuji

SAVE THE DATE—The first day of Dharma School is September 8. Registration for both new and returning students will take place the first 2 Sundays. Come, enjoy some refreshments and catch up with friends. We look forward to seeing you there!!

On behalf of the Dharma School, Kori and Niku Don booth chairs we would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped out with this year's Obon. We really appreciate all your hard

work. Obon is a very important event for our church and your participation makes it a success!

Our annual Hatsumairi, or infant presentation service will be on October 13, 2013. This is the ceremony that celebrates the infant or child's first visit to the temple. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in this event please call the temple office (206) 329-0800. A registration form follows, and copies will be available in the foyer.

Hatsumairi

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 13, 2013. 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 Temple, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144** or call the temple office by **October 6, 2013**. 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.

2013 Hatsumairi Registration

Child's Name

Boy/Girl

Month/Day/Year of Birth

Parent's Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Camp Fire News It's the start of a new school year and Camp Fire! We are registering new and returning Camp Fire members now! Note that registering with Camp Fire requires TWO registrations: (1) with the Puget Sound Council, and, (2) with the Seattle Buddhist Temple's Group #699.

Returning members: "Council-level" registration forms were sent by mail last Spring/Summer. If not already done, please complete and return the form and registration fee to the Puget Sound Council Office. Group #699 forms are available at Church. Pick them up from your group leader. Complete and return the #699 registration form and fee to your leader or Lori Chisholm by October 31, 2013.

New or Prospective Members: "Council-level" and "Group #699" registration forms are available on the Temple website's Camp Fire webpage <http://seattlebetsuin.org/index.php/organizations/camp-fire/>.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

The Seattle Buddhist Church will be accepting credit cards as a method for individuals making a transaction for their Ijikai dues or other donations made to the Temple. This will be starting in early September 2013 and is a trial run to gauge how effective this alternative method of funds receipt, other than cash or check, is utilized by the Sangha.

At this time, there is no additional fee to using a credit card. This may change at a later time when the Temple evaluates the full cost for acceptance of credit cards. As we begin this trial for credit card acceptance:

- 1) Credit cards must be swiped. We will not at this time accept credit cards over the phone or by e-mail authorization.
- 2) Credit cards will be accepted Monday – Thursday during regular office hours and on Sundays from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
- 3) No paper receipt will be provided and will be listed on your credit card statement as "Seattle Buddhist Church". An electronic receipt can be e-mailed at the time of the transaction.
- 4) The Temple will have a signed paper form filled out by the individual which the Temple will use as a record to make the transaction. Donations will be included in your annual donation acknowledgement letter.
- 5) Accepted cards are Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover
- 6) The service will be provided through Flagship Merchant Services and is secure and encrypted to safeguard your credit card information.

There will only be 1 reader so your patience will be appreciated as transactions are made and as other questions/issues arise from trying out this new and alternative method for donations. A tentative start date for this will be September 8, 2013.

CBE newly announced public lecture: Monday, September 16, 2013

Guest Speaker: REV. WAYNE YOKOYAMA, Hongwanji International Center, Translator of Gomonshu Koshin Ohtani's Buddha's Wish for the World - "D.T. SUZUKI'S HISTORICAL MISSION IN A NUTSHELL: To Flip the Polarity of the Western Intellectual Work by Affirming the Infinitely Creative Urge at Work at the Center of the Buddhist Universe" 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE

July 28 - Rinban Castro commented on the Pacific Buddhist Academy in Hawaii. David A. and family moved there so his daughter, a junior in high school, could attend. It has been a good experience for his daughter, and David has been handling their website for the last two years. Taiko is required in a student's freshman year; peace studies are part of the curriculum; and visual arts are strong. Every Friday students serve in the Hondo. The students and ministers work together on school events, i.e. a walk fundraiser for the PBA.

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August 4 - Rev. Jim Warrick introduced Dr. Tsukasa Namekata (Clinical Associate Professor, Dept. of Health Services, UW and Director, Pacific Rim Disease Prevention Center). He discussed the victims of atomic radiation, and said in Dec 2009 scientists came to Seattle to coordinate seminars. Dr. Namekata said there was no problem with radiation in Fukushima. Miyo K. said people were picked up by station wagons and taken to a center. They were shunned by the populous. Dr. Namekata explained that the radiation from Three Mile Island and Chernobyl was low-level and not harmful to the population. He reported no increase in thyroid cancer. Miyo K. reported a relative went back to help and died three months later. Also she visited the Peace Park and never wants to go back. . .Tim W. of Columbus, OH, noted that in 1992 the City of Columbus celebrated the 500th anniversary of Columbus landing on the North American continent. A small group formed to note the negative actions and outcomes of the European invasion, and decided to include reminding everyone of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. The group has continued this annual remembrance to this day.

August 11 - Rev. Jim Warrick reminded us to live in harmony with all things, and that eliminating suffering is paramount in Buddhism. Further, Buddhism offers insights if one is unhappy, and Sensei reminded us that with our minds we create the world. A participant said if you understand quantum physics you will understand Buddhism (the reverse applies as well). . . The front page of The Seattle Times of August 11 printed an article on genetically modified food (GMO). . .Sensei approved of the sangha being like-minded and able to discuss various aspects of life.

August 18 – After giving the English dharma talk at service, Irene Goto, MA recounted some events from her four-week Japan trip. She was so impressed with the courtesy of the people and indicated some important aspects of Japanese life -- including gratitude, bowing, gift-giving, and contributing money at shrines and temples. It was the first time she had ever seen fireflies, which are special in Japan. . .It was a special treat to see Laverne back at the temple 8-18. She felt it showed a lot of courage on Irene's part to talk about money in the hondo, a rather shunned subject. She felt donations are instrumental in keeping the temples alive and able to serve. She indicated the new people on the East Coast where she lives don't understand the necessity of donations. Apparently no one has told them because of the discomfort of talking about money. It was suggested to allow how you feel (kimochi) and what you can afford be your guide. Rev. Jim Warrick said no matter the size of the sangha, it is worthwhile to keep the Wheel of Dharma turning. . . Irene visited the Hongwanji where she attended Gotan-e services. She stayed in their hotel, where a jazz band played and a minister chanted the Shoshinge to the beat of the Junirai, a bit discordant at times. . . The food was good and she ate lots of fish, rice, sashimi, loquats (biwa), fava beans, and pickled ume (plums). . . Irene indicated many Japanese nationals are losing their ability to sit on the floor and prefer chairs. Also, Western toilets are prevalent. . .Irene will show pictures of her trip at a later date during Dharma Exchange.

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