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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*

Wednesday, January **New Year's Day Service** at 10:00am;
OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, January 5 Betsuin New Year's **Party & Installation**
of New Officers 12:00Noon

Saturday, January 11 Book Study Group - Ven. Hozen
Seki's **The Great Natural Way**, 9:30am

Sunday, January 12 **Ho-onko** Service 10:00am

Thursday, January 16 Shinran Shonin Monthly
Memorial Service 10:00am

Sunday, January 26 **CHILDREN'S SERVICE** - Chapel 10:00am

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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 – call office to confirm

SUNDAYS * 8:45 am Meditation Service

January 5

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: MA Matt May

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: MA Rosalie Town

12:00 pm Betsuin New Year's Party and
Installation of New Officers

January 12

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am HOONKO SERVICE

Family: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Irene Goto

DX: MA Leonora Clarke

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Rinban Castro)

January 19

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: MA Irene Goto

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Rosalie Town

DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Rinban Castro)

January 26 Rinban Castro in Palo Alto

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND FAMILY
SERVICE

Children: Youth Minister's Assistants

Youth/Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Rosalie Town

DX: Rev. Warrick

MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

January 28 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)



Flying Swallow Horse, Han Dynasty bronze -
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horse_in_Chinese_mythology

Happy New Year of the Horse 2014!

WEDNESDAYS ** 10:30 am

January 1 (Office Closed)

10:00 am New Year's Day Service

January 8

10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

January 15

10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

January 22

10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

January 29

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

THURSDAYS

January 2 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

January 16

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

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

January 23

January 30

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

7:30 pm Betsuin Board of Directors
Meeting

FRIDAYS

January 3

January 24

Rinban Castro (Day Off)

Rinban Castro to Palo Alto

SATURDAYS

January 11

9:30 am Book Study Group - Ven. Hozen
Seki's *The Great Natural Way*.

January 25

Rinban Castro in Palo Alto

February 2014: Major Events of Interest

Sunday, February 2 Boy Scout Sunday Service

February 7th – 9th (Fri. – Sun.) NW District Buddhist
Convention in Portland

Sunday, February 16 Nirvana Day & Pets' Memorial
Service

February 27 – March 2 BCA Minister's Association
& National Council Meeting in Bellevue

2014 February Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, January 20, 2014
8:00 pm



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A New Year's Greeting for 2014

By Rinban Don Castro

Happy New Year! Please note the exclamation mark at the end of the last sentence. If I had finished my greeting with a period instead of an exclamation mark, there would have been something missing, somewhat like a 2014 BCA theme "Take refuge in the light." We need zest in our life. Zest or vitality is one of the six paramitas (virya in Sanskrit). The true 2014 BCA theme is "Take refuge in the **Light of Joy**" which is a line from one of Shinran Shonin's poems. Joy is the exclamation mark to Happy New Year! May you have joy this year!

Over and over again in Shinran's poems he urges us to take refuge in the light – the "true and real light", "the liberating wheel of light", etc. The last line of one poem reads, "Take refuge in Amida, the ultimate shelter." We all try to create safe places for ourselves; sturdy houses, secure investments, healthy bodies, etc. but all these refuges are relative and depend on circumstances. When circumstances change, any or all of these relative refuges can collapse like a house of cards. Our "**ultimate**" shelter is Amida Buddha and our ultimate challenge is to understand and appreciate what Amida Buddha and the Nembutsu are, both intellectually and in terms of our life (your minister is always here if you have any questions).

Each of us will have our unique circumstances in the new year. Some of us might not even make it through the entire year and others might become wealthy. There will be sadness and happiness that touch each of our lives but, if we take refuge in the ultimate shelter, we will receive the light of joy which transcends the relative ups and downs of this fragile but precious life. Happy New Year! (minister exits tossing confetti)

President's Message

On behalf of the Seattle Betsuin, I wish you a Happy New Year! I hope that 2014 will be a prosperous, healthy year for you and your family.

As we say goodbye to 2013 and hello to 2014, I would like to express my sincere thanks and humility to the many who make the Seattle Betsuin what it is – a vibrant center for Jodo Shinshu learning and practice in this city and the Pacific Northwest. Your individual contributions enable us to continue the legacy of the bold Isseis and Nisseis who established the Betsuin and made a commitment to sharing the Buddha Dharma to all in Seattle.

To our ministers and ministerial staff; our cabinet and Board; our Dharma school teachers, board and parents; our organizational leaders and members; the many volunteers and friends who help staff our programs and events; and especially to our loyal *ijikai* members, thank you very much for your continued support and dedication. It takes an incredible amount of work for us -- the pale, sun-deprived followers of Shinran Shonin in this corner of the world – to create a community where we can share the Buddha Dharma. But we have one, thanks to you. *Makoto ni arigatoo gozaimasu.*

As we embark on yet another year in the long, distinguished history of the Seattle Betsuin, I hope that we can continue to count on your support. Our children and grandchildren will live lives that are even faster and busier than our own. We must continue to make available to them the opportunity to get to know themselves through the Buddha Dharma. *Kotoshi mo mata yoroshiku onegai itashimasu.*

Gassho,
Yukio

TEMPLE CLEAN-UP

Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1, 2013

Thank you, Cyrus Hommyo!



Photos courtesy of Sat Ichikawa

'SCHOLARSHIPS' - High School Seniors / College Students

HIGH SCHOOL: The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant and Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant are offering scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2014.

COLLEGE: If you are a student currently enrolled and completed one year of college, the Masaru & Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant is offering scholarships for careers as nurse practitioner, medical doctor, registered nurse, engineer, or computer science. Other fields in the technical, math and science programs may also be considered. This is a one-time only grant.

All high school and college applicants or their parent(s) must be a member of good standing of the Seattle Buddhist Church.

The **deadline** to submit applications is Monday, April 7, 2014 before or by 2:30pm to the temple office. For applications and/or questions, please contact Shizue Kaku via the temple office 206-329-0800 or email: office@seattlebetsuin.com.

- JN

CLARIFICATION: The documentary “Streams of Light,” the history of the BCA, which was shown at the temple on November 17, is available by going to www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org.

Musical Notes submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



The 5th annual Autumn Family Music Service was held on November 24. Thank you to Rinban Castro and the ministerial staff for supporting the adapted format, including practicing the music service version of *Sanbutsuge* ahead of time with the choir. Over 30 musicians participated in this service with Paul Sawyer ably serving as chairperson. Thank you to Donna Zumoto for opening the service with taiko, and to Jason Yokoyama, Dennis Yamashita and Leonora Clarke for leading the recitations. We greatly appreciated having Steve Yamasaki on saxophone to support the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band and Choir for *Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'*, *Imagine*, and *Sen no Kaze*. For those who were unable to attend, you missed Rinban Castro singing *We Gather Here Together*, the theme song of the Kodaly movement around the world and appropriately embracing the Thanksgiving theme with his dharma message. The Bodhi Ensemble (Emily, Aaron, Alina, Kayla, Mikio and Kristy) led us in the singing of the Golden Chain and also introduced *Amida's Guiding Light* from the Tacoma gatha book. How nice it is that the Bodhi Ensemble has also made a tradition of providing New Year's Eve service music!

Anyone interested in participating in the singing of *May Peace Prevail* with the mass choir planned for opening service at the Northwest District convention in Portland in February may continue to review this gatha with the choir in January after the next choir performance on January 12 for Ho-Onko service. We look forward to another music-filled year with our many talented youth musicians participating. In addition, we are always open to new ideas (and new participants!) for service music. The next designated Family Music Service will be in May for Gotan-E since we have expanded to a twice a year goal.

Scout Troop 252 This November - December our troop has been busy. One of our 1st year scouts have already got their second class! (the rank after Scout and Tenderfoot) And many of our first years have achieved the rank of Tenderfoot. On December 8 we helped clean up after the potluck in the gym. On the 15th of December, we had our troop elections for picking our new senior patrol leader and other important roles in our troop such as scribe and troop guide. We also had a Court of Honor where we passed out achievements to scouts which included ranks and merit badges. Our troop will be taking a break from meetings from December 22 to January 5. - Drake

Hey Everyone, I wanted to share a story about the Pacific Buddhist Academy and Bodhi Day that was on local TV news in Hawaii. Koki Atcheson, daughter of Dave and Penny Atcheson from Seattle, is interviewed in the piece. The Hongwanji shown in the piece is Moiliili Hongwanji, not the PBA campus. Moiliili is where Eric Matsumoto was head minister before being named Bishop, and the temple my family attends. That *otera* is where Karen and I were married. Gassho, Yukio

<http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/local-students-observe-bodhi-day/-/8905354/23404364/-/uf1smuz/-/index.html#.UqdzHCMFaQI.email>

The Buddhist Study Group will meet on Saturday, January 11 at 9:30-11:30am in the Memorial Hall Chapel. We will discuss Ven. Hozen Seki's *The Great Natural Way*. If you do not have a copy of the book, there are copies available at the library, or via www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend. – Leonora Clarke

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

SBBWA President's Message submitted by Janet

Baba We wish our SBBWA members and Temple Sangha a very Happy New Year and wish much health and happiness in 2014. We look forward to a full year with SBBWA, NWBWA and FBWA activities and conferences ahead this year.

Gift of Tissue: SBBWA members continue to visit our members in nursing homes, retirement centers, and Family Group Homes who no longer can come to the temple for services and activities. The Seattle Betsuin and SBBWA together distribute boxes of facial tissue while making our visits. If anyone would like to pay a visit to a member who is unable to come to the temple, please ask our Social Service Committee members, Fran Shintaku, Shizue Yahata, or Sunnie Nagai for a labeled box to take with you on your next visit.

Barazushi for Potluck: Our food committee arrived early on Dec. 8 to make barazushi to contribute to the Bodhi Day Potluck. The barazushi was added to the large array of dishes brought by temple members for the delicious potluck event. We thank our Food Committee for their early morning cooking session as well as all the wonderful cooks who contributed a dish to observe Bodhi Day.

NW Convention: The 67th Annual Northwest Convention with the theme, "honor the past, live the present, build our future," will be held on February 7-9, 2014 in Portland, Oregon at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. If anyone misses the BWA deadline (Dec. 22.) they can register with Marie Kosai-Luke prior to Dec. 31, but the check will then be payable to the Betsuin. After that you will be responsible for sending in your own registration and a late fee of \$20 will be added. Please sign the list posted on the bulletin board across from the office if you would like to ride the bus to the convention. The coach is leaving on Friday, midday, and more details will be forthcoming. Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. Our Japanese Kitchen Raffle Basket items are being collected for the Convention at our next board meeting on January 19. All proceeds from our basket will be donated to the Seattle Betsuin.

World BWA Conference: The 2015 World Buddhist Women's Convention titled "Embraced by the One-

ness of Life" will be held in Calgary, Alberta Canada and is still over a year away but the registration is due in early May 2014. The conference registration is being handled by a couple of travel agencies. Takashi Ochiai, travel agent, will be at our January 19 Board Meeting to present conference, hotel and travel tour information. He will answer any of your convention questions.

Polymer Clay Class: Our second polymer clay class was held in November to prepare for our Craft Table sales at next summer's Bon Odori Festival. Instructor, Leanne Nishi-Wong taught the art of clay figures to be made into necklaces and bracelets. Look for the child-like figures at our Obon table.

Donations - Submitted by Treasurer Shizue Kaku
Sue Fujino - Irokai
Yoshi Hiroo - Irokai
Family of the Late Masako Tomita - In Memory of Masako

Calendar:

January 5	Installation of Officers and Betsuin New Year Party
January 12	Hoonko – Nigome by SBBWA SBBWA Cabinet Meeting, 12:00 noon
January 19	SBBWA Board Meeting at 11:45 am 2015 World Convention Information at 1:00 pm

Leanne Nishi-Wong
with polymer clay figure



Shizue Yahata and Suzuko Terada
distributing tissue

2014 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Traditionally, family memorial services are held for loved ones on designated anniversaries. These are precious occasions to honor the treasured memories of our family members and to realize how fortunate we are to be embraced by Amida Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Life of Compassion. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service.

Year of Death

2013.....	1 st annual memorial.....	1 year from date of death
2012.....	3 rd anniversary memorial.....	2 full years from date of death
2008.....	7 th anniversary memorial.....	6 full years from date of death
2002.....	13 th anniversary memorial.....	12 full years from date of death
1998.....	17 th anniversary memorial.....	16 full years from date of death
1990.....	25 th anniversary memorial.....	24 full years from date of death
1982.....	33 rd anniversary memorial.....	32 full years from date of death
1965.....	50 th anniversary memorial.....	49 full years from date of death

Please call the temple office at (206) 329-0800 to schedule a service.

- JN

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations: Nov/Dec 2013

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Given by:

Kiyoe Yamada Fifer – Funeral Service	\$1,500.00	Marthy Fifer-Adekoya
Masako Tomita – 35 th Day Memorial Service	\$1,050.00	Nina Tomita-Kato
Corey Wada – Funeral Service	\$ 500.00	Cami Wada
Taverna Silahis – 5 th Year Memorial	\$ 100.00	Odette Polintan & David Della
Kazuo Yokoyama – 17 th Year Memorial	\$ 100.00	Fusae Yokoyama
Grace McLeod – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Rosalie Jacobson
Yasu Taki – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Taki Properties Ltd Partnership
Nokotsudo	\$ 100.00	Daisuke Nakashima
Nokotsudo	\$ 100.00	Evangeline Nakano (Estate of)

Remembrances for:

Given by:

Mary Akada	Irene Akada; Daisy Kuramoto; Fran Shintaku; Fusae Yokoyama
Gene Fugita	Daisy Kuramoto
James Hasegawa	Frank Komoto
Hatsumi Higa	Arthur & Sally Kawaguchi; Mariko Mano; Joseph & Dolly Matsuzaki; John & Arlene Yamada; Nobuo Yutani
Hajime Hirata	Fusae Yokoyama
Takashi Hori	Jean and George Nishi
Nami Ito	Paul & Mary Hosoda
Yuriko Kamada	Sue Fujino
Shizuka Taniguchi LaGrange	Arthur & Sally Kawaguchi; Kinue Kuwahara; Frances Shintaku; Emiko Taniguchi; Martha Taniguchi; Margaret Teramoto →

Tomi Terao

Setsuko Harada

Bessie Tomita

George & Jean Nishi

Masako Tomita

Marian Asaba; John & E. Lisa Duff; James & Hiroko Hasegawa (Estate of); Stephen Hasegawa; Mas Honmyo (Estate of); Ross Hori; Akira; & Lorita Ichikawa; Kazue Kato; Ritsuko Kawahara; Frances Kobayashi; Paul & Takako Kogita; Janet Kosai; Daisy Kuramoto; William & Aimee Lew; T. Jack Matsui; Yoshie Mikami; Irene Saito; Pauline Sakuma; Patricia Oye-Shahbaghlian; Ellen Shigeno; Frances Shintaku; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Fumiye Taniguchi; Martha Taniguchi; Merrily Taniguchi; Janet Terada; Michiko Vaart; Leanne Nishi-Richard Wong; Sueko Yamaguchi; Ruby Yasui; Fusae Yokoyama; Mark Yuasa

Temple Supervision:

Spokane Buddhist Church \$ 200

Yakima Buddhist Church \$ 100

Nikkei Horizons**Pickleball Players:**

Seiichi Aso; Don Chikuma; Ling Chinn; Etsuko Fujishima; Sachiko Fitzpatrick; Peggy Hanada; Tom Hasegawa; Satoru & Grace Ichikawa; Noboru & Hatsuye Kawada; Takaka & Paul Kogita; George & Irene Mano; Joe Matsudaira; Tak Miyabe; Yuriko Miyake; Sunkie Oye; Akira Sato; Franklin Shinoda; Kenji Tachibana; Haruso & Sonoe Taketa; Sue Tanaka; Kiyo Toda; Michiko Vaart

Nikkei Concerns:

Donation in appreciation for use of Kitchen/Pantry for pie making

General Donations:

Joe & Carolyn Schwab

Endowment

Doris Aoyama

General Donation

SBBWA

Appreciation for Support of Memorial Service

Lisa Kaster

Onenju donations

Mike Higa

Onenju donation

Anonymous

General Donation

Kazuya & Fusako Ichikawa

General Donation

Michiko Yanagimoto

Appreciation for Affirmation Service

Kazumi Goshō

Appreciation for Affirmation Service

Michiko Yanagimoto

Appreciation for Affirmation Service

Anonymous

Appreciation for Affirmation Service

Miyo Kaneta

Appreciation for Affirmation Service

Kiyoko Nakanishi

General Donation

Gayle Sordetto

General Donation

Gwen Florence

Obon Aprons

Daisy Kuramoto

Hatsumairi

Pauline Yoshida

Appreciation for Onenju repair

Gary & Madeline Kato

Onenju Donation

General CF News submitted by JoAnn Kosai-Eng Camp Fire's annual Candy Sale is coming up soon. The sale officially begins on January 24 and runs through February 17, so start counting down the days! We would like to thank you in advance for your support of Camp Fire.



On December 1, 2013 the Camp Fire girls of the Seattle Buddhist Church hosted a holiday event for the residents of Wisteria View Manor. The girls decorated the main floor and put mini wreaths on every resident's door. Afterwards, the girls entertained the residents with some Christmas songs that they learned and the Snowflakes, Lemonades, and Dolphins performed a few hula dances for the residents. To conclude, the residents enjoyed refreshments and gifts from the Camp Fire girls.

Dolphins (Adventure 4th Grade) and Lemonades (Adventure 3rd Grade) In late November the 3rd grade Lemonades and 4th grade Dolphins worked together to make gift bags for the Wisteria View Manor residents. The girls packed, stapled, stamped and glued 85 packages. The residents were presented with the gifts at the annual holiday party hosted by the Betsuin Camp Fire.



Starlights Group submitted by Gayle Teramoto The Starlights have been learning about "The Gift of Giving". As part of their service project they made a trip down to Children's Hospital and brought bags full of new toys for the kids. The hospital staff member gave a short presentation about the importance of their services and the needs of families that are there. Thank you Starlight parents for your support in this project.

At the Bodhi Day potluck, Camp Fire continued its tradition of holding a bake sale, this time to help raise funds needed to maintain the Temple's North Bend property used both by Scouts and Camp Fire. Camp Fire is grateful to the many Sangha members, who supported the bake sale, which raised approximately \$350. In addition, we would like to thank the Camp Fire families, individuals, and groups for staffing the bake sale table and/or donating items: Ellen Mori, Chisholms, Horizon 12, Allison & Debbie Shibata, Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Emi & Dana Nakashima, Editha Akiyama, Sakamotos, Honmyos, Clarkes, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Butlers, and Gayle & Kellie Teramoto. Thanks also to Michi Vaart of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association (SBBWA), SBBWA President Janet Baba, and Margaret Teramoto for their individual contributions of baked items. Finally, we thank Rinban Castro's wife, Shuri Saigusa, for her donation of Bodhi leaf-shaped shortbread cookies.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS submitted by Joyce Tsuji A successful Bodhi day potluck was chaired by Dharma School parents. We would like to express our gratitude to all who made contributions to this event.

"Welcome," to new Dharma School Board member Kathy H and welcome back, Kelly E and Claire M.

PreK/Kindergarten Class class focused on gratitude and thankfulness for the month of November. We read the book "Thanks – Learning to Appreciate Gratitude" to remind ourselves of all of the things to be grateful for every day. The children then colored pictures of things they were thankful for and put them in a "Gratitude Can". The students were also very fortunate to have a guest teacher – Matthew who is a Boy Scout at the Temple. He read the children a Thanksgiving story and taught them how to make a turkey out of oreo cookies and candy. Thank you, Matthew, for coming to our class. We hope you will come again soon.

In December, the class discussed the importance of taking part in helping to maintain the temple by keeping it clean and organized. They participated in the all temple clean up by cleaning and organizing their classroom.

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For Bodhi Day, the children read the story of the Life of Buddha and talked about how he sat under the Bodhi Tree and became enlightened. They made Bodhi Day door hangers to remind them of this special day.

The students were treated to a holiday party hosted by the middle school class. The Pre-K/K children delighted in making snowflakes, decorating cookies, pinning the nose on Rudolph, fishing and posing for holiday photos. We extend a big thanks to the middle school students and their teachers for all the fun filled activities.

1st/2nd Grade continued their discussion of gratitude by making a tree of thanks, which displayed leaves with things we are thankful for written on them. Then to express our thanks to the temple the students did a super job of cleaning the classroom along with the Sangha. We decorated foam "Bodhi day trees" in celebration of Bodhi day. Finally the kids enjoyed another wonderful party put on by the Middle Schoolers.

NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE submitted by Pat Bobrow

Nov 24, 2013 - Rosalie Town and Matt May conducted the DX, and thanked Kemi on the Music Service of today in the Hondo. . . Rinban Castro remarked that In Japan and other countries the Nembutsu is sung and danced during Obon, and he has the video. . . Rosalie commented that because Thanksgiving is coming up, let's talk about the things for which we are grateful. It is easy to be grateful for what makes one happy -- family, job, friends. Rosalie, herself, is happy for all who raise their hands during DX. A participant talked about the pain of lost love, and the happiness derived from memories. Another is grateful, in the long view, for career opportunities. Another participant commented that enemies tell you the truth about yourself. One participant was grateful for the temple, and the fact that after JFK was assassinated the Betsuin offered a memorial service. Lastly, a participant said we all don't hold sacred the same holidays. Matt said it was last year that he really felt the interconnectedness of all things. But now that Black Friday is pushing itself into October and stores open on Thanksgiving for Christmas shoppers, he plans to avoid shops this year. In gassho, Pat Bobrow

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Events Announcements from Center for Buddhist Education

January 18	Bay Dist. BDDSTL Palo Alto BT	<u>BDDSTL presents "Making the Dharma Connection through Literature & Media" with Kiyo Masuda 9:30AM – 2:00PM</u>
February 8	Bay Dist. San Mateo	<u>**Nembutsu Seminar**</u>
March 22	Spring Pacific Seminar	<u>in So. Calif. at Gardena Buddhist Temple - "The Benefits of a Life of Shinjin" with Rev. Nobuhiro Fukagawa, presented by IBS and CBE 9:00AM – 4:00PM</u>
April 26	Coast Dist. Mtn. View Temple	<u>FDSTL 2014 Conference - Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference: "Shinran's Journey, My Journey, Our Journey"</u>

Save the Date! PACIFIC SEMINAR 21st CENTURY

A Special Summer Session: ***Sea of Suffering, Ocean of Compassion***
"...Shin Buddhism in particular helps us to discover that, in the midst of deep suffering, there is the unfolding of the heart of great compassion." - Dr. Mark Unno

The Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Center for Buddhist Education will present a special summer session of Pacific Seminar 21st Century at the Jodo Shinshu Center on July 4-6, 2014 (4th of July weekend).

The keynote speakers are: Rev. Tetsuo Unno and Dr. Mark Unno. Additional speakers will be announced. Our honored guests for the weekend will be Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno and Mrs. Alice Unno.

Please note that this will take place at the Jodo Shinshu Center instead of the Asilomar Conference Center as previously announced. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Look for more program details and registration information in the coming months.

