



## **Gassho to Pets** *By Rinban Don Castro*

On Sunday, February 16, we will observe Nirvana Day and Pet's Memorial Service. Why do we connect these two themes – the physical death of the Buddha and the death of a special pet or pets? From the early days of Buddhism in India, animals were depicted as drawn to the Buddha by the power of his profound kindness and compassion. One famous Buddhist story of which early Buddhist sculptures exist relates how the Buddha calmed a raging elephant. This close relation between the Buddha and animals is naturally carried all the way to Japan. I particularly love how the Buddha is depicted on his death bed in Japanese scroll paintings. The Buddha disciples are shown mourning the loss of their master while the bodhisattvas and heavenly beings are calm in their knowledge of his entering Parinirvana. On the periphery of the mourning humans are various kinds of animals also mourning; birds, lions, crabs, cats, etc.

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## **President's Message**

*By Yukio Morikubo*

What do you want to accomplish in, say, the next two years? As your Betsuin board and cabinet embark on our new terms, this will be an important question to answer.

Some things are clear – We will continue our focus on delivering solid religious programming and maintaining our Dharma School and youth programs. We will maintain regular fundraising events, including our annual Salmon Dinner and Obon fundraiser-celebrations. We will host the National Council meeting at the end of February this year and the NW Convention next year. For these things, we ask for your continued support.

Other things are less clear – What can we do that's new? What can we afford to invest in, and what must we postpone or forego? How do we remain relevant and true to our mission?

Here, we, as leaders, need to guard against allowing these ongoing discussions to paralyze us. We are at an important juncture, and there is simply too much to do. Now is the time for the Seattle Besuin to chart a clearer course for the future.

We are fortunate; we have many advantages. We live in a vibrant, progressive city. We have good facilities and resources thanks to those who preceded us. And, we still have solid support from our Sangha and the community at large.

But we also have challenges, of course. We rely on too few to do too much. We need to practice inclusion and keep our insular tendencies in check. And we need to find a better way to relate the ancient wisdom of the Buddha Dharma to our modern, American lives.

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Animals have various kinds of intelligence according to their nature and their intelligence is different from that of human beings but I don't believe the issue is as simple as humans having a soul and animals not, as Christians believe. A Catholic priest actually said to me, "We don't have to apologize to animals for eating them because God put them here for us to eat." I am convinced this distinction of soul and non-soul has led to a devaluing of animals resulting in a terrible mistreatment of them. In Buddhist mythology, the animal realm is one of the six realms of existence. Although it is only from the human realm that one can attain enlightenment, it is possible through the course of lifetime after lifetime that an animal can become a human. The popular Jataka Tales of ancient Buddhist India relate many stories of the Buddha as a heroic animal in one of his previous lives.

Maybe we can add a modern Jataka tale to the ancient collection. A few weeks ago in December of 2013, a blind man named Cecil Williams fell off a train platform onto the tracks at a Manhattan station. With an oncoming train approaching, Mr. Williams' guide dog Orlando captivated the attention and admiration of the world by jumping down and trying to save his master by "kissing" and licking his face. The oncoming train could not stop in time and ran over both Mr. Williams and his dog who were amazingly unharmed because they were low and between the rails. There is a beautiful photo of Mr. Williams and his dog in the Seattle Times from Dec. 18. At eleven years old, Orlando is at the end of his life as a service dog and Mr. Williams didn't think he could afford to keep Orlando when he received a new dog. After Orlando's loyal and heroic story was publicized, so many people sent donations that Orlando will securely be taken care of for the rest of his life. Could it be that Orlando will become a Buddha in his future life? I think the reason animals are so devoted to the Buddha is because he saves **all** sentient beings, not just humans. If you had a pet that displayed wonderful

qualities like Orlando, wouldn't you hold a memorial service for him after he died? ###

**Dharma School** Dharma school invites everyone to the Nirvana day vegetarian potluck on February 16. The pet memorial service will be held the same day.

Dharma school will also host a bake sale on Nirvana Day, all are welcome to make donations which will be much appreciated.

We hope everyone enjoyed the horse/candy centerpieces at the New Year's Party made by the 3/4/5 class.

### **Classroom Reports**

Pre-K/K Class Happy 2014! To celebrate the New Year, the children read the book "Why Cats Chase Mice, A Story of the Twelve Zodiac Signs" and learned that it is the Year of the Horse. They made horses out of toilet paper rolls and filled them with candy.

To observe Ho-onko, high school student, Matthew L., related the story about Shinran Shonin and his disciples meditating in the snow; the class made tealight jars depicting that scene. Matthew also taught the class about Buddhist symbols and the students made booklets with pictures and descriptions of these symbols. They discussed the significance of each symbol as they mounted them in their booklets.

First/second Grade listened to the story about how rat came to be the first in the zodiac cycle and ox second. We colored "year of the horse" calendars, and did a horse maze. The students have begun illustrating their own copy of the book, "Amida's ABCs" written and published by Rev. Diane Johnson. They are very creative and have done a beautiful job with their A is for Amida and B is for Bodhi tree pages. These books will be taken to convention to be bound and the kids will make covers for them. ###

### **SINGING AULD LANG SYNE AT NY PARTY**



**SIMPLE THINGS:** Be mindful of your daily activities. Things like the recent power outage helped us be more mindful of what we really need power for. Even with a generator, you may not need to have all lights and devices on.

Water will likely be a big concern this year. Start now by researching topics like rain water collection. A friend in California is putting in a rain water collection system and they don't even get that much rain!

Use it once, wash it once. When you cut something like cheese, fruit, even cake or pie cut the whole thing. That way you only wash the knife or cutting board once. If you do it every day you are spending more soap and water to do it over and over. ###

**FEBRUARY BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP** will meet

on Saturday, February 1 at 9:30-11:30am in the Memorial Hall Chapel. We will discuss "Ethics of Enlightenment" by Ronald Y. Nakasone. If you do not have a copy of the book, you can order it online; [keywords=ethics+of+enlightenment+nakasone](#) Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

submitted by Leonora Clarke

**MUSICAL NOTES**

The Betsuin choir thanks Kayla B. for her performing flute with us for Ho-Onko Service. For anyone attending the Northwest District convention in Portland, please contact Kemi Nakabayashi if you are interested in singing *May Peace Prevail* for opening service with singers from other temples. The mass choir group will be led by Donna Sasaki from Tacoma and will practice before opening service on Saturday, February 8.

Gassho, Kemi

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE**

for flower arrangement, composing newsletter, video technology, leading programs and services. Please contact the office at 206 329-0800 for details.

submitted by Irene Goto

What can you do to help overcome our challenges? Take action -- even small action. -- this year. Get to know a member you don't already know. Thank one of our many volunteers who you think is under appreciated. Help fund a pet project. Volunteer.

The Betsuin is worthy of your time and support. We console and counsel. We educate, and shelter. And we maintain a community where inquisitive, introspective people like you can learn and practice the Buddha Dharma, maintain friendships and instill important values in our youth. With your help, we can continue to enrich the lives of our members for the lives of our children and grandchildren, and beyond. Without your help, that effort may prove unsustainable. *Onegaishimasu.*

Gassho, Yukio

**SAFETY REMINDER** In the past few months, the neighborhood around the Betsuin has experienced an uptick in theft and property crime, particularly car prowls and break-ins. These incidents have occurred throughout the day. We are working with our neighbors and the East Precinct of the Seattle Police Department to address the problem, but you can help also.

Please exercise reasonable precautions when coming to the Betsuin. Park in well-lit areas and lock your car. Do not leave valuables in plain sight. And report suspicious conduct to 911. For additional information about car prowling, see the May 2013 SPD newsletter on the topic at:

[www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/newsletter/CPTnewsletter121.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/newsletter/CPTnewsletter121.pdf)

Gassho, Yukio

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## **TOWELS NEEDED!!!**

- The Auditorium Management Board is in dire need of old **"usable"** towels. (Please consider this an ongoing, not a one-time only request.) The towels are used to spot clean our gym floor. Because we use a special cleaning solution, the towels are disposed of when we have exhausted their use. There is a box in the stairwell, where the dust mops and brooms are kept. Please leave your generous donations in the marked box. Much **"thanks"** in advance, for helping us to keep our floor in great shape!

- **Dish towels for 'drying' are also needed.** Those of us, who have done kitchen duty, know that we go through so many dish towels when drying the pots, pans, utensils, cutting boards, trays, dishes, that are washed for any event. Many of our generous ladies take the used towels home for washing and drying; but in the interim, the cupboard is often bare to dry the next batch of washed equipment. Again, much **"thanks"** in advance, for helping us fill our cupboard of drying towels (first top cabinet, left side of the pantry). *Submitted by SO*

ANNUAL BETSUIN NEW YEAR PARTY JANUARY 5,  
2014 BRINGS OLD FRIENDS TOGETHER.

TED TANIGUCHI & HIRO NISHIMURA



Photo by Irene Goto

## **ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

**COMMITTEE...** We would like to **"thank"** the following regular members, for contributing their annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is the list of those paid members for the fiscal year of 2014. ***Sarah Aoki; Jennifer Habu-Chinn; Mark Fordham; Gary & Sandee Hamatani; Michael Hernandez; Kathy Hasegawa; Mae Ikawa; Makiko Imada; George & Kayoko Kakiuchi; Ken Kubota; Carlo Manaois; Andrea Mano; Jack Matsui; Lynn Miyauchi; Tomio Moriguchi; Eiichi & Ruth Shigeko Morimoto; Mary Osaki; Philip & Penny Robbins; Zachary & Ann Ishimaru Semke; Shirley Shimada; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Mark & Erin Taylor; Sam Umeda; Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki.***

***We'd like to 'welcome' Michael Hernandez, Kathy Hasegawa, Makiko Imada; Carlo Manaois, Philip & Penny Robbins, and Mark Taylor as new members to our Sangha.***

**\*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, 2014. If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com. (compiled by HL, SO, & PS)

Camp Fire  
Girls and  
Ukelele Band  
performing  
together at NY  
Party



Photo by IHG

## **SBBWA President's Report** by Janet Baba

**New Year & Food:** Thoughts of food preparation were on our minds during the closing of 2013 and beginning of 2014. In planning for our Betsuin New Year Party, our Food Committee leader, Ritsuko Kawahara quickly saw traditional foods missing from our *Osechibento*. *Kuromame*, or black beans was one. *Mame*, is a homonym for health. Also

missing was *kimpira*, or burdock, signifying long life or stability. Ritsuko and Kinue Kuwahara made *Kuromame*, or actually pinto beans this year. Our members prepared *kimpira*. (insert pictures, attached)

### **Hoonko:**

Continuing with the food theme, we served *nigome*, a vegetarian Hiroshima or Kyoto dish made of various cooked vegetables, traditionally made for Hoonko. *Zenzai*, baked mochi in a sauce of sweet beans, a traditional New Year or winter food, was also served. Needless to say, special occasions and food are a good pairing. We thank our Food Committee and members for their help in making our treats available for our Sangha.



*Ritsuko Kawahara, Nina Tomita-Kato, Sunnie Nagai*



*Sunnie Nagai, Patty Hiroo, Shizu Kaku*



*Masako Kawamoto, Kiyoko Nakanishi*

**NW BWA at Convention:** 24 of our members and Minister Advisor Rimban Castro have registered to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention, February 7-9 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. We have a NW BWA delegates' meeting on Saturday morning and a General BWA meeting on Sunday morning. We look forward to meeting with other NW BWA Chapters. Our members are planning on collecting donation items for a Japanese Food & Kitchen Raffle Basket for the convention.

**Team Caring for our Naijin:** Sonoe and Haruso Taketa has been caring for our Temple's *Naijin* for over seven years. They have been cleaning on a weekly basis, traveling from their Kent home. They dust, polish brass candleholders & glass plates, remove spilled candle wax & vacuum carpets. Additionally, they clean the adjacent *Nokotsudo*, where urns are kept. Due to health reasons, they will be retiring soon and we are seeking individuals who will take over this important job.

**Annual Dues:** Our member dues are now being collected for 2014. Please send in your \$10 dues, payable to SBBWA. We are also seeking new members to join us. Our New Membership Service and Luncheon will take place on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

We look forward to a busy, productive year. I thank our members for their work last year, and ask for continued support in 2014.

In Gassho, Janet

### **Calendar:**

SBBWA Board Mtg.	Feb. 2
NW Convention	Feb. 7- 9
Dana Day Donation	Feb. 16
Cabinet Mtg.	Feb. 23
Nat'l Council Mtg.	Feb. 24 - 26

*Submitted by Kanako Kashima*

## **MINYO DANCERS AND MATSURI TAIKO WELCOME THE YEAR OF THE HORSE**



**The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations November - December 2013**

**Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:**

**Given by:**

Benjamin Matsumoto – Funeral Service	\$1,500.00	Guardians for Benjamin Matsumoto
Thai Huynh – Funeral Service	\$1,200.00	Cam Huynh
Takashi Hori – In Memory of	\$1,000.00	Susan Hori
Nokotsudo for Joyce Nakamura and Alan Nakamura	\$1,000.00	Ted Nakamura
Marie Honmyo – 17 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 700.00	Estate of Masayoshi Honmyo
Masayoshi Honmyo – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial	\$ 700.00	Estate of Masayoshi Honmyo
Hisako Feragen – Funeral Service	\$ 600.00	Estate of Hisako Fergen
Harry Shigaya – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 500.00	Terrie Shigaya
Fusaye Shibata – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 500.00	Dennis Shibata
Yuriko Kamada – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 400.00	Estate of Yuriko Kamada
Hiroko Hasegawa – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Stephen Hasegawa
Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Komura – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Estate of Elizabeth Komura
Jane Tochiura – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Barbara Tochiura
Hatsumi Higa – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Michael Higa
Linda Quintua – In Memory of	\$ 125.00	Gerald Quintua
Karry Sakamoto – In Memory of	\$ 125.00	Gerald Quintua
	\$ 100.00	Kengo Sakamoto
Miyoko Sakamoto – In Memory of	\$ 125.00	Gerald Quintua
Saburo Sakamoto – In Memory of	\$ 125.00	Gerald Quintua
Seiichi Deguchi – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Mae Deguchi
Jim Coulson – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Megumi Okada
Harry Shigaya – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Ken Shigaya
Masako Tomita – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Paul & Mabel Tomita
Ruth Aoki – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 50.00	Estate of Ruth Aoki
Takao Aoki – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 50.00	Estate of Ruth Aoki

**Remembrances for:**

**Given by:**

Ruth Aoki	Dennis Yamashita
Takao Aoki	Dennis Yamashita
Linda Castro	Satoru & Grace Ichikawa; Dorothy & Hiro Nishimura; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Florence Sumida
Hiroko Hasegawa	Nina Tomita-Kato
Hatsumi Higa	Don & Karen Akira; Mae Deguchi; Sue Fujino; Jane Hamatani; Nancy Hasegawa; Tom Hasegawa; Michiko Hirata; Mickey & Yoshie Hiroo; Yoshi Kanemori; Karen Kato; Janet Kosai; Brad & Gayle Miyake; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Craig & Joan Nakano; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Steph Ojima (2); Ray & Mineko Okamura; Sunako Oye; Masako Sako; Louise Sakuma; Pauline Sakuma (2); Ken Shigaya; Mary S. Shigaya; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Fran Shintaku; Nori Suguro; Judy Suto; Margaret Teramoto; Samuel & Matsue Watanabe

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Masayoshi Honmyo  
Shizuka LaGrange  
Harry Shigaya  
Albert Shintaku  
Masako Tomita

Arleen Nomura  
George & Irene Mano  
Mary S. Shigaya  
Don & Karen Akira



Don & Karen Akira (to Endowment); Reiko Hara; Robert & Susan Hori; George & Irene Mano; Craig & Joan Nakano; Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Nori Suguro; Margaret Teramoto; Peter & Eileen Tomita; Jeffrey & Susan Yamane

**Temple Supervision:**

Spokane Buddhist Church	\$ 100.00
Yakima Buddhist Church	\$ 100.00

**General Donations:**

Florence Sumida	Onenju repair
Nikkei Concerns	Appreciation for use of facilities for Takuwan making
Kazuko Yakumo	Appreciation for Wheel of the Sangha newsletter
Michael & Debbie Akiyama	General Donation
Hisako Feragen (Estate)	Donation for onenju
Anonymous	Donation for onenju
Sachiko Hayami	General Donation
Hidemi & Keiko Tsuboi	General Donation
Anonymous	General Donation
Robert Ehrie	General Donation
Katharine Kato	General Donation
Christy Ahn	Donation for Sodan Meeting
Miyoko Tazuma	Appreciation for facility use
Nobuo Yutani	General Donation
Eiichi and Ruth Morimoto	General Donation
Seiichi Morimoto	General Donation
Howard & Marie Kosai-Luke	General Donation
Alvin & Mitsuko Terada	General Donation
Anonymous	General Donation
SBBWA	Appreciation for support by Pauline Sakuma
SBBWA	Appreciation for Temple's support
Don & Karen Akira	Donation to Endowment in Appreciation for Cyrus Honmyo



**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](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com) one-time only grant.

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## Notes on Dharma Exchange

**12.22.13** - Matt May MA passed some research material on driving, stress, and traffic...Linda Castro, who conducted the temple choir, composed the words and music of "Gangin's Journey," which we sang today in her honor. She died recently... Florence indicated Ondokusan I was more easily played on the organ and Ondokusan II was better on the piano... Matt talked about the psychology of driving and how really stressful it is. He lived in Texas for a while and said people not only double parked in high-traffic areas but also quadruple parked their Humvees near a super market.

**12.29.13** - Rinban Castro gave a most compelling and great Dharma talk today. However, he had the

idea that he rambled, which was dispelled by a number of DX participants... Rev. Baba of Japan, who visited the temple recently with several other young ministers made a deep impression on Castro Sensei. Rev. Baba, in his talk at the temple, said we should listen to the Dharma as though it were our first opportunity to hear it; and conversely, to listen to the Dharma as if it were our last opportunity, since life is unpredictable. [The Wheel of Dharma, January 2014, "How to Listen with the Heart" by Rev. Marvin Harada, indicates there is a Japanese temple with these admonitions on the wall.]

**1-5-14** Rosalie Town conducted the DX and asked if any of us made New Year's resolutions. Many had and failed in the past. Ann O. had a remedy that might work if one starts small; i.e. a person resolved to do but one pushup each time he visited the bathroom for a year. In not too long, he was up to 50 pushups. A participant felt it sounded like the 12 Step Program. It was asked who started the custom of resolutions. Possibly the ancient Babylonians, as a way to appease the gods, according to the Internet ... Rosalie asked for ways to accomplish being kinder and gentler in the new year. One example was to pay for the beverage of the person behind you in the coffee line... Google today had a story on research in Lumbini Gardens that may indicate the Buddha was born there possibly two centuries earlier according to several archaeologists who excavated the area. Other scientists are skeptical of the research. *In gassho, Pat Bobrow*

**1/12/14** Following Ho On Ko service MA Leonora Clarke led a discussion with a translation of a portion of the Shoshinge relating to "light". She related her answer to her son when his little sister was born - that there was no limit to love and reassured him she would love him and his sister equally. He was consoled. -IHG

**1/19/14** Reverend Castro commented on a news article relating to religious restrictions on health care in some hospitals. -IHG



## BODHI ENSEMBLE PERFORMING AT NY PARTY



## Betsuin Events for February 2014

**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

February 2

8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am BOY SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE

Family: Boy Scout  
 Japanese Program  
 DSDX: Rinban Castro  
 DX: MA Rosalie Town

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

February 7th – 9th NW District Buddhist  
 Convention in Portland

February 9

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

Family: MA Irene Goto  
 Japanese Program  
 DX: MA Irene Goto

February 16

8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am NIRVANA DAY & PETS' MEMORIAL  
 SERVICE

Youth: MA Irene Goto  
 Adult: RinbanCastro  
 Japanese Program  
 DSDX: MA Irene Goto/MA Matt May  
 DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am Vegetarian Potluck hosted by Dharma  
 School

February 23

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

Children: Youth MA  
 Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro  
 Japanese Program  
 DSDX: MA Matt May  
 DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am SBBWA BoD Meeting

**MONDAYS** February 17 Office Closed for  
 Presidents' Day Holiday

**TUESDAYS**

February 4 Rinban Castro (Day Off)  
February 11 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

February 18 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

February 25 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

**WEDNESDAYS** \*\* 10:30 am

February 5 10:30 am Dharma Support Group

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

**THURSDAYS**

February 6

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

February 13 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

February 20 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

**FRIDAYS**

February 14

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting

February 27 - March 1 BCA Ministers' Association &  
 National Council Meeting in Bellevue

**SATURDAYS**

February 1 9:30 – 11:30 am Book Study Group:

*Ethics of Enlightenment by Ronald Nakasone*

February 7 – 9 NW District (BCA) Buddhist  
 Convention in Portland

February 27 - March 1 BCA Ministers' Association &  
 National Council Meeting in Bellevue

**March 2014: Major Events of Interest**

March 9 Camp Fire Sunday Service and Japan  
 Earthquake Disaster Remembrance

March 16 Spring Ohigan Service

March 22 Betsuin Salmon Fundraiser Dinner

**2014 March Newsletter Deadline:  
 Monday, February 17, 2014  
 8:00 pm**

**Save the Date!**

**Salmon Dinner  
 Betsuin Fundraiser  
 March 22, 2014  
 4:00PM**

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life in Nembutsu

**Seattle Betsuin Mission** Promote, protect, and  
share the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha



**FEBRUARY 2014: MAJOR EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 2, 10:00AM**

**NW DISTRICT (BCA) BUDDHIST CONVENTION IN PORTLAND FEBRUARY 7 – 9 (FRI. – SUN.)**

**NIRVANA DAY & PETS' MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 10:00AM**

**BCA MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION & NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN BELLEVUE FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 2 (THU. – SUN.)**

Ministers: Rimban Don Castro 24 hours: (206) 779 -2214 and Reverend Jim Warrick  
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