



## **Spring Thoughts** *By Rinban Don Castro*

With March comes spring and, in springtime, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of...the Dharma, or at least they should! Shinran Shonin has warned us that our spiritual life is that matter of first importance. This is not to say our spiritual life is only about sickness, old age and death. However, as the Buddha showed us, by truly understanding and appreciating the nature of impermanence and interdependence, we are given a compass to guide us through our life. This is why we need to settle our spiritual issues at the earliest possible age.

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## **President's Message**

*By Yukio Morikubo*

Our upcoming Salmon Dinner is a perfect opportunity to bring our broader circle of friends and family to the Betsuin. Yes, it is a fundraiser. But more importantly, it is an event that allows us to open our doors and to welcome back to the Betsuin those with an affinity for our history, our mission and our role in our community. The good food is just our way of showing our "aloha" and for those who come to show it in return. It is a great "arigatai" moment.

We had an overwhelming response last year. Thanks to Howard Luke and his committee, we were able to launch this event very successfully. The community supported us wholeheartedly.

The event will be even better than last year. The menu will remain the same; we received many compliments on the food. Howard and his committee have made some improvements on our ability to serve the meals. Last year experienced some delays during intense periods of high demand. People endured those waits very politely but our goal is to avoid them all together. Howard and his committee deserve many thanks for their dedication and ingenuity.

Please take the opportunity to participate, and to support our Salmon Dinner event. By helping with the food preparation, or selling tickets, or buying tickets and coming to enjoy the food and friendship, you're doing your part to support the Betsuin both financially and spiritually. Good food and warm "aloha" does wonders to help smooth over *dukkha*. E komo mai! Irraishaimase! Welcome!

## **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:

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**New Year's Day / New Year's Eve:** Kosai, Hiroko Janet; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Tsuboi, Hidemi & Keiko (Mem of Ryota Yabuki); Vogeley, Bill;

**Hatsumairi:** Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko

**Ohigan – Fall:** Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka

## **SPRING SALMON DINNER FUNDRAISER – March 22, 2014**

The Salmon Dinner Fundraiser will be held on March 22, 2014. To help resolve some issues last year we will be having the take-out/drive thru time start earlier to relieve congestion. Please see below for times.

Dinner will include miso soup, salad, tsukemono, salmon, vegetables and rice. Dessert items and baked goods will be available for purchase. For those that choose not to eat salmon or cannot, there will be limited quantities of a pork alternative on a first-come, first-served basis. There will not be any kid's meals this year due to lack of demand from last year. Tickets for the adult meal are \$15.00, non-refundable, each. Pop and water will be available for sale.

Tickets were mailed out in early February. **Please help make the event successful by selling these tickets to family and friends who do not attend the Betsuin. Please contact the office for additional tickets for yourself and others that attend the Betsuin. If you cannot sell all the ticket received, please return any unused tickets to the office by March 15.** If you are purchasing the tickets, please send your payment in my March 15. We are using the ticket count to help determine the amount of food ingredients to purchase and minimize any excess. We are accounting for some walk-up participants but we are trying to minimize any surplus amount of the main entrées due to the cost. **Please make checks payable to "Seattle Buddhist Church".**

Hours: Dine in: 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
Take-out: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Drive-thru: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

For those using the drive-thru option, please come down (go west toward the water) Main Street and turn into the alley. This will help with the congestion on 14<sup>th</sup> & Jackson St.

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

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

I believe, and maybe it is a truism, that the more difficult our life is the more we turn to religion for answers and guidance. Certainly the Issei pioneers experienced a compelling spiritual need when they petitioned the Hongwanji in 1898 to send missionaries to America. Part of the petition reads, "In the eight directions are non-Buddhist forces surrounding the Japanese Buddhists, and we cannot be at ease. It is as if we were sitting on the point of a pin; no matter how we move, we will be pricked. Our burning desire to hear the Teachings is about to explode from every pore in our body..."

This need for religion in difficult times is well documented in recent times. I immediately think of the role of the church in the collapse of the Soviet Union and the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. Of course, in difficult times there is always the danger people will cling to fanatical religious views and use religious differences as a pretext for war. Isn't it odd that in times of prosperity and peace people tend to drift away from religion? When our life is most pleasurable, we often forget the true nature of life.

This month we observe the third anniversary of the March 11, 2011 Japan Tohoku Disaster. We will observe this tragedy as part of our Campfire Birthday Celebration on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (happiness and sadness mutually arising as always). I have been asking various ministers their impression of how the recent disasters in Japan have affected the spiritual life of the country. I have no answer to give you but I'm sure there are studies being done. Please let me know your impressions and information.

As for the Campfire celebration, we will present the Karuna Award as part of the service. This award is part of the Buddhist component of the Campfire program. In the classes I've taught to the girls, I've tried to inform them of courageous Buddhist women such as Lady Takeko Kujo and the Burmese leader

Aung San Suu Kyi who, like the Issei pioneers, have been inspired by the Dharma to overcome great adversity. Our challenge today is to remember that we are always treading on thin ice (just think of climate change) and to maintain the dynamic spirit of the Dharma. ###

**Dharma School** We hope everyone enjoyed the Nirvana Day vegetarian potluck, bake sale and pet memorial service. Big thanks to all who helped with these events, contributed baked goods, yummy dishes and to those who supported the Dharma school by buying goodies.

### **Classroom Reports**

Pre-K/K We were fortunate to have a guest student help teach our class in January. At the end of the month, the children learned about the Chinese Horoscope and all of the animals that are a part of this. They made dragons out of paper plates and egg cartons to recognize one of the Chinese Zodiac animals. The following week the class discussed the book Amida's ABCs by Rev. Diane Johnson and started illustrating their own ABC books. The children then learned about the Eightfold Path and the significance of the Dharma Wheel. They made Dharma Wheels out of ice pop craft sticks. We will be practicing all of the teachings of the Eightfold Path throughout the remainder of Dharma School.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade We played a matching game with cards depicting various Buddhist symbols and talked about what the images were. After that we had a rousing game of Buddhist hangman. We discussed Ho-onko and Shinran Shonin. We celebrated Nirvana day by putting together a puzzle of the Buddha surrounded by a bunch of animals in mourning. We then discussed President's day and colored a picture of Mt Rushmore. In the past we have compared these famous statesmen, Washington and Lincoln, with the important figures of Shin Buddhism Shakamuni Buddha and Shinran Shonin. ###

**MARCH BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP** In February our Buddhist Study group discussed Rev. Ronald Y. Nakasone's book, Ethics of Enlightenment, which most of us found very readable and clear. We welcome you to join the group in learning about karma, and about Nakasone's "provocative attempt to integrate doctrine with practice." We will meet on March 8 to continue our discussion of this book. "The idea of an interdependent world is the guiding ethical Buddhist principle," he says. -In other words, if we are connected with every other living thing, their suffering becomes our suffering and we must work to alleviate it. The Buddhist Study Group will meet on Saturday, March 8 at 9:30-11:30am in the Memorial Hall Chapel. We will continue to discuss "Ethics of Enlightenment" by Ronald Y. Nakasone. If you do not have a copy of the book, you can either 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 Shirley Shimada and Leonora Clarke

## 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).

**MUSICAL NOTES** by Kemi Nakabayashi, Terrie Tanino Last month for Scouts Sunday, Aaron R led the sangha on viola for the singing of the gathas. Curtis Y provided the fine piano music during the incense offering by representatives. In addition, thank you to Emi N for playing piano for Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service. We look forward to Camp Fire Sunday this month for more talented youth musician participation.

Fumi Groves, Ron Hamakawa, Kanako Kashima, Paul Mori, Akiko Taniguchi and Terrie Tanino joined the NWD Choir and sang at the Opening Service of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual NW Buddhist Convention held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. Choir sang "*May Peace Prevail*", directed by Donna Sasaki of Tacoma and Accompanist was Wynn Kiyama from Portland. Approximately twenty district members participated.

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

Michael Higa	
In Memory of Hatsumi Higa	\$1,500.00
Terry Shigaya	
In Memory of Harry Shigaya	\$ 500.00
Michi Vaart - Donation	\$ 50.00
Karen Akira - Donation	\$ 50.00
Nina Tomita-Kato - Scholarship Fund	\$ 30.00
Nori Suguro - Donation	\$3,000.00
Carolyn Kunihiro & Family – In Memory of Deceased Family Members	\$ 385.00

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



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

**NW Convention:** Twenty SBBWA members attended the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention, held February 7-9, in Portland, Oregon. Its theme, "Honor the Past, Live the Present, Build the Future," resounded throughout the convention weekend in services, meetings, workshops, and activities. We planned and accomplished business with other NWD BWA members, which was valuable. Snow and inclement weather played a part of the convention, but otherwise it proved to be a successful and meaningful weekend.

Our BWA Federation Officers were elected at the NW District BWA General Membership meeting and will be installed in October at the FBWA Conference in Irvine, in Southern California. Seattle's Shizue Yahata was elected FBWA President and Fran Shintaku was elected FBWA Vice President. The other FBWA officers were from the other NW Chapters. Our SBBWA Cabinet was installed as the NW District Cabinet for 2014-2015. We are definitely working in the present and looking toward the future. We would like to thank Yukio Morikubo and Paul Mori for driving the rental vans to transport our members to the Portland Convention in the snowy, weather conditions. We appreciated their help very much.



**New Membership Drive:** We are currently seeking new members to join our organization. This would be a great opportunity to meet our members, give service to our Sangha and Temple, as well as to our local community. SBBWA is affiliated and works closely with other NW District Chapters, and

also on a National and World BWA level. Our Membership Service and Luncheon will be held on April 27, 2014. Please see Kiyo Takashima or Joan Nakano in our office for information.

**World Convention:** The 15<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention, "Embraced by the Oneness of Life," will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on May 30-31, 2015. Registration and Tour information is now available. Final registration is due in mid-November, 2014. Members from Japan, BCA, Hawaii, Brazil, & Canada will be attending next year. More information can be obtained by contacting Joyce Kato, Machiko Wada, or Janet Baba.

**Dana Day Donation:** Our 2014 Dana Day Donation Drive, a local drive, was held last month by our members. This drive was to raise funds to donate to worthy causes. Last year, our donation dollars were given to ACRS, Japanese Cultural Center & Community Center, Medic One, Nikkei Concerns, Seattle Children's Hospital, and the "Wheel of Dharma." If anyone would like to make a donation, please see Joan in our temple office.

**Women's Seminar:** Save the Date for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women in Buddhism Conference to be held on Sat., Sept. 20, 2014 with Rev. Carol GanSho O'Dowd from Longmont Buddhist Temple in Longmont, CO and Rev. Midori Kondo of Hilo Hongwanji Mission, retired. This popular seminar is open to women, men, friends and families. Additional information will be forthcoming.

### **Calendar:** *Submitted by Kanako Kashima*

SBBWA Board Meeting	Mar. 2
Spring Ohigan Service	Mar. 16
Salmon Dinner	Mar. 22
Cabinet Meeting	Mar. 23
Onaijin Omigaki	Mar. 31 ###



**The Oregon Buddhist Temple hosted the 67<sup>th</sup> annual Northwest Buddhist Convention on February 7 - 9, 2014 in Portland, Oregon.** Their keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson. OBT also celebrated their 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their temple. Below are convention photos provided by Sat Ichikawa.



**Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial** was observed at Seattle Betsuin on Sunday, February 16, 2014 with vegetarian potluck and family service. Photos courtesy of Sat Ichikawa.



## The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations December 2013 – January 2014

### **Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:**

### **Given by:**

Sae Akada – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 500.00	Estate of Sae Akada
Kaminishi Family – Memorial Service	\$ 400.00	Gail Kaminishi
Aizo 'Buster' Kosai – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	June Kosai
Helen Kimi Kubo – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Frances & Harry Nishimoto
Chieko Sugihara – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 200.00	Pamela & Justin Kindred
Nokotsudo for Masayoshi Honmyo	\$ 200.00	Crystal Yoshimi
Sumiko Yamaguchi – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Masao Yamaguchi

### **Remembrances for:**

### **Given by:**

Linda Castro	Marion Dumont
Aya Demise	Jay Demise
Jim Demise	Jay Demise
James Hasegawa	Connie Ozeki-Chinn
Masayoshi Honmyo	Connie Ozeki-Chinn
Thai Hunyh	Miyoko Kaneta
Albert Shintaku	Emiko Taniguchi
Masako Tomita	Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Sanaye Kawamura
Ryoto Yabuki	Hidemi & Keiko Tsuboi



### **Temple Supervision:**

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

### **New Year Service:**

Janet Kosai; Paul & Teresa Mori; Bill Vogeley

### **General Donations:**

Rev. & Mrs. Yoshiaki Takemura	Appreciation for New Year Party
Debbie & Michael Akiyama	General Donation
Miyoko Kaneta	Appreciation for New Year Party
Emiko Okada	General Donation
Tamio & Takako Uchida	Appreciation for Newsletter
Marion Dumont	Endowment – Kaneko Music Fund



## Notes on Dharma Exchange

**Jan 26, 2014** - Rev. Jim Warrick reported on attending the opening ceremony for the new meditation facility at Seattle Koyasan Buddhist Temple. There were about 40 temple and community representatives at the celebration on Jan. 20 including Rinban Castro and Warrick sensei. The resident minister Rev. Taijo Imanaka indicated the new facility is primarily for meditation practice, as well as for tea ceremony, flower arranging, poetry reading, yoga and dance. Later a luncheon was served. . . A participant noted that on the Big Island of Hawaii, Pele is considered powerful to some people, and they are admonished not to remove stones from the island or bad things could happen. Many people mail the stones back to the Forest Service.

**Feb. 2, 2014** - Rev. Warrick announced there will be a regular service on Sunday, Feb. 9 while other temple members attend the NW Buddhist Convention in Portland. A participant praised the Scouts' service today for being very well done. While speaking to the young Scouts, Rinban Castro told them the most important thing to remember for the rest of their life about Buddhism is, "Out of the mud grows the lotus." A participant recalled we all need time for ourselves to relieve stress. Time magazine had an article on stress and how it affects our society. Jodo Shinshu refers to "quiet sitting," which means following the breath, rather than a structured meditation in the lotus position. Jim sensei noted that many of the groups within the Betsuin have arranged to present a Sunday service - Scouts, Dharma School parents and others. Sensei thought it would be a good idea for those over 60 to organize a service. Three volunteers at Dharma Exchange came forth; Sensei said we need about six more to make it work.

**Feb. 9, 2014** NW Convention in Portland and snow in Seattle!

**Feb. 16, 2014** - Rinban Castro continued the theme from his Dharma talk, Nirvana Day/Pets' Memorial Service, by asking for comments about the talk. A participant said she and her husband inherited a dog from her sister who died. Being unaware of the feelings dogs have, they dressed the dog in clothing and a hat and began laughing. The dog responded by walking away with head down and tail between its legs. Sensei reminded us we all live interdependently; hence, the mantra "May all beings be happy. . ." Rev. Warrick recommended a book by Hal Herzog, "Some we Love, Some we Hate, Some we Eat. Why it's so Hard to Think Straight about Animals." In the film, "Seven Years in Tibet," the Dalai Lama wanted a theater to be built. When workmen began breaking ground the people watching screamed, "You're killing the animals!" Some observers saved a bunch of earthworms and transferred them to a safe place. Rosalie asked if pets went to the Pure Land when they die. Castro sensei replied that in some Buddhist sects the pets would undergo transformations and ultimately become human beings who would go to the Pure Land.

In Gassho, Pat Bobrow

2014		Events Announcements from Center for Buddhist Education
March 22	Spring Pacific Seminar	<a href="#">So. Calif. at Gardena Buddhist Temple - "The Benefits of a Life of Shinjin"</a> with Rev. Nobuhiro Fukagawa, presented by IBS and CBE 9:00AM – 4:00PM
April 26	Coast Dist. Mtn. View Temple	<a href="#">FDSTL 2014 Conference</a> - Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference: "Shinran's Journey, My Journey, Our Journey"

## Betsuin Events for March 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

March 2 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: MA Rosalie Town

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Irene Goto DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

March 9 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 pm **CAMP FIRE SUNDAY & JAPAN  
EARTHQUAKE DISASTER REMEMBRANCE**

Family: Camp Fire Members

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Rosalie Town DX: Rinban

11:30am Camp Fire Reception in gym

March 16 Rinban Castro to Portland

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE

Family: MA Irene Goto

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Rosalie Town DX: MA Irene Goto

March 23 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Jeffrey Soga, Honpa

Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin

Japanese: Rinban Jeffrey Soga

DSDX: Rosalie Town DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

March 30 8:45 am Meditation Service

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

Children: MA Jason Yokoyama

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

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**MONDAYS** March 3 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

March 31 1:00 pm Omigaki - Shrine Cleaning

#### **TUESDAYS**

March 4, 11, 18 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

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

**WEDNESDAYS** \*\* 10:30am - call office to confirm

March 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30am Dharma Support Group

#### **THURSDAYS**

March 6 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban)

March 20 7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

March 27 7:30 pm Betsuin Board Meeting

#### **FRIDAYS**

March 7 Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting

#### **SATURDAYS**

March 8 Book Study Group 9:30am

March 15 Rinban Castro to Portland

March 22 BETSUIN SALMON DINNER

FUNDRAISER

2:00 – 7:00 pm Take out or drive-thru

4:00 – 7:30 pm Dine In

March 29 Rinban Castro to Portland

### **APRIL 2014: Major Events of Interest**

Sunday, April 6 Hanamatsuri Service and Luncheon

Monday, April 7 Hanamatsuri Service at Keiro with

Koyasan and Nichiren Temples

Saturday, April 12 Seminar with Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

– Investigating the Relationship between

Jodo Shinshu and Zen Buddhism

April 20 Earth Day Service

**2014 April Newsletter Deadline:**

**Monday, March 17, 2014 8:00 pm**

### **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).

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*Embrace true and real life in Nembutsu*



**Seattle Betsuin Mission**

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

**Saturday, March 22 Salmon Dinner Betsuin Fundraiser: 2:00 – 7:30 PM**

**Sunday, March 23 8:45 am Meditation Service at 1441 S Main St.**

**10:00 AM FAMILY SERVICE with Rinban Jeffrey Soga, Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin**

**11:00 AM Japanese Service: Rinban Jeffrey Soga**

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