



## April Showers...May Showers...June Showers

Rinban Don Castro

Welcome to spring in Seattle. As we say here, "April showers bring May showers." Now, this might seem like a complaint, and the rain does get old and I do complain, but all I have to do is talk with my sister who lives near Fresno to realize how fortunate we are to have so much water. When I talk with her on the phone and tell her about our "rain problem" it sounds like I'm bragging; it's like having too much money. As you must know, California (especially the southern Central Valley) is in a drought.

I was thinking about my predisposition to gripe. I think it's hardwired into our brain. Over 500 years ago, our Eighth Patriarch Rennyo Shonin was well aware of this predisposition for gripe and gossip and dealt with it frequently and bluntly in his writings. Please enjoy a few

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Newsletter deadline is the third Monday of each month at 8PM.

## President's Message

By Yukio Morikubo

Wow, it's been a busy time at the Seattle Betsuin! Two recent events have underscored for me the "can do" attitude of our *sangha*.

First, our members piled into two vans in February to trek down to icy Portland for the Northwest District (NWD) convention. The Portland *sangha* did an amazing job planning a great event but Mother Nature threw all of us a curve ball with the weather. Snow and ice storms made travel to Portland "iffy." Even while Rinban Castro, Janet Baba, Paul Mori and I were going back and forth about whether or not to make the trip (knowing that other, undoubtedly smarter, folks decided not to out of safety concerns) most of the members who signed up for our buses showed up for the ride -- bags in hand, with *onigiris* and *okazu*! The phrase "more guts than brains" came to mind, but we went, slip sliding our way down and back, and had a great time.

Also in February, the Northwest District (NWD) hosted the Buddhist Churches of America's (BCA's) Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting in Bellevue. It was a large undertaking that involved several years of planning and preparation on many fronts ranging from negotiating contracts, booking rooms, planning menus, registering attendees, organizing hospitality rooms and activities, and transporting minister and delegates.

The event went off without a hitch and got many favorable reviews from the attendees thanks to many of our members and others from across the NWD. Our own Paul Mori chaired the entire event. He did a great job and worked tirelessly to pull off the event.

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quotes from his writings:

*"If one gazes critically upon others and forgets to look into himself, he will bring tragedy upon himself."*

*"The faults of others are easy to see but the faults of our own are difficult to recognize. If one sees that he has a fault, he must realize that the fault must be very grave indeed for him to recognize it himself; thus, he must take steps to correct his fault. Because it is difficult for us to see many of our faults, we should listen to the advice of others."*

*"The average person will not tell you unpleasant facts about you to your face but will repeat them behind your back, yet he will become angry should unpleasant things be said behind his back. I do not believe this should be so. If it should be difficult to say something bad to my face, say it behind my back. Say something unpleasant about me. Then I shall learn of my faults and correct them."*

Has human nature changed at all in the last 500 years? I don't think so, but how many of us can invite others to say bad things about us behind our back. It takes a spiritually poised and confident person, and a very humble person, to invite such criticism. ###

### **Meals for Orion Center's Homeless Youths by Mike Teramoto**

Volunteers and Meal Coordinators are needed to provide a fresh hot meal to Seattle area homeless youths. We have been supporting YouthCare's Orion Center by providing a fresh cooked dinner once a month for over 4 years, and we need your support to keep this program going! Thank you to all of you that have helped support this project. But, we need more of you to volunteer. Each month, a group of 6 – 8 people are needed to plan, purchase, prepare, serve and clean-up a meal for roughly 50 homeless youths. It's really not that large of a challenge, as those that have participated can attest to. Just think what kind of challenges these homeless youths face every day that they are out on our streets. Can't you spare just a few hours? We'd love to have you join in supporting this

great community service project. Please volunteer! You can participate as part of a group, with friends & family, or on your own. We cover the cost of the food. But, we need you to make it happen!

Volunteers and coordinators are needed for the upcoming months of: April, May, June, Sept – Dec. We serve dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 6 pm.

Thank you to the following meal coordinators for recent months: Dec - Sam Umeda and the 252 Crew, Jan - Irene Goto and friends, Feb - Shizue Yahata and SBBWA, March - Leonora Clark and friends. Please contact Mike Teramoto (email: [mteramoto@yahoo.com](mailto:mteramoto@yahoo.com) or phone: 206-369-5986) to volunteer or for more information.

### **APRIL BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP**

The Buddhist Study Group will forgo their meeting in April and encourage members to attend a special seminar entitled "The Future of Buddhism in America: Insight, Practice and Sectarianism." on April 12 featuring Dr. Mark Unno and Dr. Jason Wirth (professor of philosophy at Seattle University). The seminar will be held from 9:30am to 12:30pm. **Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.** (see p. 3 of this newsletter.)

Please note there will also be an event held at Seattle University campus from 7 - 9pm on Friday, April 11, entitled "Shinran and Dogen Today". This will be a public dialogue between Dr. Mark Unno and Dr. Jason Wirth held in Bannan Auditorium.

**Upcoming Event** Dr. Haneda is coming to town in the first weekend of May and might be able to visit with our study group on that Friday evening. The book selection, as you might have guessed, will be his *Dharma Breeze*.

submitted by Leonora Clarke

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**Betsuin Scholarship application deadline  
is April 7, 2014 - 2:30PM.  
Contact the Betsuin Office.**

# **THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN BUDDHISM**

## ***Insight, Practice and Sectarian Identity***

With

Dr. Mark Unno, University of Oregon and

Dr. Jason M. Wirth of Seattle University

Moderated by Rev. Don Castro

Are all Buddhists united by common insights? How do various forms of Buddhism relate and cooperate? What is considered “practice” in Buddhism and do Jodo Shinshu Buddhists have a practice? Insight Meditation is a popular movement in America, but do their insights speak to the needs of all Buddhists? How do various insights help us to live? Is Japanese Buddhism unique and, if so, what are the positives and negatives of this uniqueness? This seminar is a rare and wonderful opportunity to address these and other issues in an open forum with two astute Buddhist teachers of our Northwest region.

Dr. Mark Unno is Head of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon and Associate Professor of Japanese Buddhism.

Dr. Jason Wirth is Professor of Philosophy at Seattle University teaching (among other subjects) Comparative Philosophy with an emphasis on Mahayana Buddhist Philosophy. He is co-founder of EcoSangha at Seattle University.

Find out more about each of our speakers by entering their name and university in a search engine.

**Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9:30am - 12:30pm**

**Seattle Betsuin Memorial Hall Chapel**

Bring a sack lunch if you would like to stay for an informal gathering following.

**This program is free and open to the public.**

*submitted by Reverend Castro*

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**President's Message** *continued from page 1*

There are too many Seattle Betsuin members to recognize individually, but let me give you a sampling of those involved. Pauline Sakuma spent many hours planning the event and coordinating the hospitality suite. Donna Zumoto oversaw the complex task of registration. Joan Nakano and the moms of our teens worked with Rev. Patti Oshita to take care of feeding all of the young people who participated in the Youth Leadership Training event that coincided with the BCA meeting. Valerie Chun and Jason Yokoyama managed the banquet, including arranging a very entertaining talent show (Rinban, say “day-o!”). Very early on, Susie Taketa worked with Paul Mori and Karry Sakamoto to negotiate our arrangement with the Westin Bellevue. And, over 30 of our members drove more than 60 car trips between SeaTac and the Bellevue Westin transporting representatives and ministers. ###

## JR.YBA Spring Retreat

Seattle Buddhist Church JR YBA held a Spring Retreat on March 8-9, at the Temple. The purpose of the retreat was to 'bond' and get to know each other better plus get to know others from neighboring Temples. The participants were from Seattle and Tacoma. During the retreat, we played BINGO with the Wisteria View residents, played icebreaker games, and played a lot of volleyball and basketball. We even had a creative "Buddhist craft" session and watched a movie. Thanks to Ron, Steph, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Taketa, and Mrs. Tosaya for helping cook and for staying the night. - Submitted by Alex S and SO



## Dharma School submitted by Joyce Tsuji

The Dharma school would like to thank all the families and friends who helped out with the Salmon Dinner Spring Fundraiser for the Betsuin.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Our students are always thinking, and full of good ideas.

We discussed the Eightfold path and how it might be useful at the Olympics for both athletes and spectators. How Right Conduct, Right Speech, Right View basically most of them could all be used to create a wonderful event for everyone present. Then we made our own Olympic torch mosaic from paper. We celebrated girl's day by discussing the many traditions associated with it and making doll bookmark/magnets. We continued our Eightfold path discussion by reading the book Petey the Peanut Man about a guy trying to find his way to a job that would be the best fit, or Right Livelihood. Finally as we observed the Ohigan holiday we talked about the Dana Paramita and how we can give without having to use money, like smiles, hugs, or help. ###



Jr YBA Retreat Photos

## 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, since the last posting.

*Hanako Aramaki, Lani Carpenter, Tsuyako Chadwick, Suzanne Fujinari, Lutes Fujita, Ellen Hale, Amy Hirasawa, Ken & Pam Horn, Sat & Grace Ichikawa, Laverne Imori, Iwako Iseri, Shizue Kikuchi, Haruko Kobuki, Peter Kusakabe, Kelly Kuwahara, Randy & Susan LaVigne, Mariko Mano, Helen Mizuki, Kevin Nagai, Yoshie Nakagawa, Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura, Akio & Mabel Nishizaki, Emiko Okada, Tish Oye-Shahbaghlian, Pauline Sakuma, Ben & Etsu Shimbo, Fran Shintaku, Mas & Anna Tahara, Kuniko Takamura, Jean Taketa, Rikuko Tanaka, Fumiye Taniguchi, Martha Taniguchi, Michiko Toyoshima, John & Arlene Yamada, Fujie Yamasaki, Sadie Yamasaki, Fukuyo Yee, Sumie Yokota, Nobuo Yutani, Elliott Zimmerman*

**\*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)



## **SBBWA** Submitted by Janet Baba

**Much appreciation** to all members who gave assistance to the Nat'l Buddhist Council Meeting. We provided refreshments of rice specialties, manju, mochi, and appetizers, transportation for the guests, and worked the registration table during the four day meeting. Your support has been very much acknowledged by our meeting organizers, ministers, and temple heads. We are grateful for Ritsuko Kawahara, Kinue Kuwahara, and Shizue Yahata for their skilled leadership.



Florence Sumida, Aiko Fujii, Michi Vaart, & Ritsuko Kawahara preparing refreshments for Hospitality Room.

**New Membership Service & Luncheon:** Each year at this time, we seek new members to join our organization, as we plan for our New Membership Installation Service to be held on April 27. New members would be beneficial as we have many exciting events, goals, and responsibilities in the next few years, on a local, NW District, and Federation BWA level.

We look forward to a FBWA Representatives' Meeting in 2015, and a FBWA Conference, the NW District BWA is hosting in 2016. We can work and learn together as we carry out our objectives. Our goal is to accomplish our goals while making new friendships.

**Breakfast for Lunch Fundraiser:** Our second annual breakfast will be served during lunch on Sunday, May 18. Eggs, sausages, waffles, pancakes, miso shiru, tsukemono and more are on the menu. The tickets are \$10.00 and will be on sale soon. Join us for Breakfast for Lunch following the Gotan-e Service.

**World BWA Convention:** The registration process for the World Convention to be held on May 30-31, 2015 in Calgary Alberta, Canada has started. The Preliminary Survey was due last month. Final registration and hotel

reservations are due before November 15, 2014, a year prior to the convention. Canadian tours to accompany the convention are available. Another informational World Convention meeting will be announced soon. For information and registration paperwork, see Machiko Wada and Joyce Kato.

**Omigaki:** Ten temple members polished and learned the art of Omigaki on March 31. Sonoe and Haruso Taketa, who have been caring of the shiny objects for many years, taught the polishing of brass objects in the najjin. It was nice to see the beautiful items newly polished for another year.

### **Calendar:**

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| Hanamatsuri Svc.           | April 6  |
| SBBWA Board Mtg.           | April 13 |
| Cabinet Mtg.               | April 20 |
| New Member Svc. & Luncheon | April 27 |

*Submitted by Kanako Kashima*



Kinue Kuwahara sorting manju for Hospitality Room

## **Save the Dates for Dr. Haneda's Seminars**

English Seminar: Friday, May 2, 7:00pm

Japanese Seminar: Saturday, May 3, 10:00am - 4:00pm followed by Potluck Dinner

Japanese Seminar :Monday, May 5, 10:00am – 2:00pm

submitted by Junko Nakano

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

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Haruno Morishima – In Memory of  
Nokotsudo

\$ 300.00  
\$ 100.00

### Given by:

Joan Seko  
Kuniko Takamura

### Remembrances for:

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| Hatsumi Higa               | Seattle Buddhist Church Scout Troop 252                                  |
| Masayoshi Honmyo           | Seattle Buddhist Church Scout Troop 252                                  |
| Charles Kanda              | Janet Baba   |
| Toshiyuki Kawaguchi        | Lutes Fujita   |
| Shizuka Taniguchi LaGrange | Ellen Hale; Jack T. Matsui; Sadie Yamasaki                               |
| Hatsuno Morishima          | Teruko Watanabe  |
| George Taketa              | Jack T. Matsui; Seattle Buddhist Church Scout Troop 252; Harry Yoshimura |
| Takako Taki                | Paul & Taka Kogita; Mutual Fish Company, Inc.; Harry Yoshimura           |

### Given by:

### General Donations:

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| Sunako Sunkie Oye          | In Honor of Rev. Yoshiaki Takemura's 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday |
| Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki | General Donation   |
| Kathy Nakata               | Endowment  |

### **Special "Town Hall" Dharma Exchange**

by Leonora Clarke March 9 - President Yukio Morikubo was the guest speaker at a special "town hall meeting" Dharma Exchange to discuss the future of our Temple. He gave an inspiring presentation emphasizing the following points;

1. Our facilities and membership are aging. Now is the time for action - to plan for the future.
2. Priorities (followed by lead)
  - a. Create a sustainable staffing/volunteer model - Yukio Morikubo
  - b. Modernize communications/membership - Calvin Terada and Tyler Moriguchi
  - c. Provide great programming and educational opportunities- Alan Hoshino
  - d. Update our facilities - Art Kozai/Craig Nakano/Kevin Yokoyama
  - e. Secure our financial future - Howard Luke and Mike Teramoto

3. The planning group is looking for quick wins and member participation, so please let Yukio know of your ideas.

This meeting was just the beginning of the process. At this point, they are working on fact finding and

diagnosis. Eventually, they hope to develop a plan for the next few years as well as solidify our long term goals. In the coming months keep your eyes open for a series of "town hall meetings" which will be held to gather input from members and give updates on how things are progressing.  
*EDITOR'S NOTE: NEXT TOWN HALL IS APRIL 20, 11:00am.*

**Musical Notes** My apologies for the error in the March newsletter: Trevor Y was the pianist for Scout Sunday with Aaron R. On March 9, Camp Fire musician were flutists Michelle M-L and Alina B, Taryn C on saxophone and Kayla B on piano. Nice job Scouts and Camp Fire girls!

For opening service of the BCA national council meeting in Bellevue on February 28, 11 members of the Seattle Betsuin choir joined singers and taiko players from the NW district to participate in Rev. Dennis Fujimoto's Gatha Project with Donna Sasaki from Tacoma on keyboard. The following afternoon for closing service, Rosie Y (violin) and I were fortunate to have Rev. Harry Bridge from Oakland Buddhist Church join us on bass guitar for Ondokusan II for closing service. Thank you to Donna Zumoto for coordinating taiko instruments and evening performance also.

The Betsuin choir will sing before Hanamatsuri service during kambutsu (offering of sweet tea). The Bodhi Ensemble will provide service music for Earth Day on April 20. Thank you also to Mas Tamekuni for helping to cover services this spring with ukulele accompaniment. – Kemi N

## Notes on Dharma Exchange

**2/23/14** - The discussion concerned the crow population in Tokyo specifically and in other areas. The mission of the crow patrol in Tokyo is to destroy the nests. However, the crows are so smart they build an easy to find nest as well as one they will use. Crows are known to drop bones on streets to be run over by cars. They also drop clams that break on impact. A participant commented that some bears in Canada know how to open car doors. . .Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson was the keynote speaker at the NW Buddhist Convention, and Rosalie asked about Shingon. Sensei said to "relax, trust and thank" as being the Jodo Shinshu way of living. His book, "Buddhism of the Heart" admonishes us to be comfortable in uncomfortable situations. Tetsu summed it up with "Sono mama," which means "come as you are." Rev. Kenneth Tanaka's book, "Ocean," is relevant to those of high school age. . .Irene M. was happy to see so many young people at the Northwest Buddhist Convention. She suggested changing the date of the NW Buddhist Convention to be in compliance with the weather in the Northwest so that more Northwesterners might attend. Kats recommended presenting the idea to the upcoming National Council meeting. . . It was recommended that we consider participating in the informal Book Study Group at the Betsuin, which has been meeting for a few years on Sat., 9:30am. Irene G. said it was not necessary to buy or even to read the book in order to attend. Some books to consider: "The Monk's Wife" by Ruth Tabrah, concerning Shinran's wife, "Dharma Breeze" by Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda, "The Heart of Understanding" by Thich Nat Hanh, "Ethics of Enlightenment" by Rev. Ronald Y. Nakasone, and "Anshu - Dark Sorrow" by Juliet Kono.

**3/2/14** Rev. Jim Warrick headed the DX, and indicated the business part of the National Council meeting addressing the budget was probably the most important aspect of the meeting. . . We discussed Arinomama (anomama is more colloquial) which is described as the idea of suchness. . .At

the National Council meeting in Bellevue the minister's robes were of different colors -- green, brown, etc., not necessarily basic black. . .Some of the ministers remained in the area after the meeting and attended today's service and DX at the Betsuin. Jim sensei asked Rev. Akahoshi for comments. Sensei said he had been a lay speaker for many years before Tokudo and Kyoshi ordination. Also, until a new minister was in place at a given temple he substituted. As a Sansei he feels he is Japanese American; he considers his sons to be "American Japanese," due to their cultural exposure. Sensei feels we need to "Americanize" Jodo Shinshu for everyone by using a more inclusive language for the benefit of Japanese Americans, American Japanese and others on a spiritual path. The turnouts for retreats in his San Diego temple were an indication to him that people are responsive to such an idea. He commented that the Issei were satisfied with what they had and did not complain about what they did not have. Sensei said, "As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists we receive not achieve."

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

**3/9/14** President Yukio Morikubo and Communications Director Calvin Terada presented a video/slide presentation on the history of the Seattle Buddhist Church. They explained future challenges and encouraged feedback and volunteerism. Their goal is to create better communication. Attendees appreciated their presentation. See "Town Hall" by Leonora Clarke on page 6. -IHG

**3/16/14** Minister's Assistants Irene Goto and Leonora Clarke led. There was some discussion about the on-going Malaysian Air 370 ordeal. Irene related her observation of someone struggling against dying and feelings of abandonment. Irene announced that she is pursuing tokudo ordination. Yuki Amano, a student from Sendai hosted by the Kashimas, explained her mission to become a nurse and organizer to help those in need after experiencing the disaster in nearby Fukushima on 3.11.11. -IHG

## HANAMATSURI LUNCHEON

**Sunday, April 6, 2014  
11:45 AM**

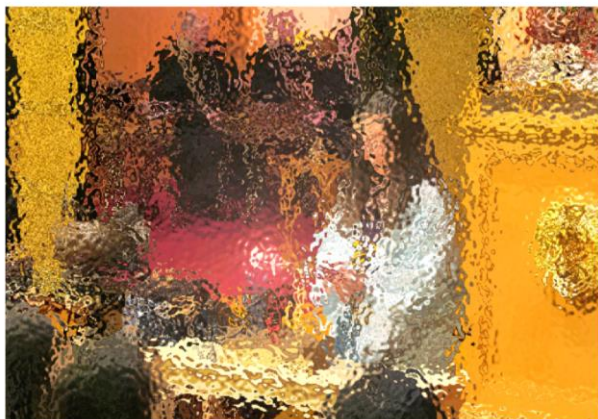
All Betsuin families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Hanamatsuri Luncheon on Sunday, April 6, at 11:45 AM in the gym. Dharma School will prepare and host

this complimentary luncheon. Please join us in celebrating the Buddha's birthday and enjoying the fellowship of our Sangha on this joyous occasion.





## Camp Fire Sunday Service March 9 Photos by Sat Ichikawa



**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:

### Ohigan - Spring

Anonymous ; Aoyama, Masatoshi M. & Sayeko; Arinobu, Gene & Yuki; Asaba, Marian; Baba, Janet; Canfield, James & Sheri Mizumori -; Chinn, Connie Ozeki -; Chisholm, Steve & Lori; Clarke, Leonora; Deguchi, Mae; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fukeda, George & Toshiko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Habu, Jack & Fumi; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamanaka, Yoko; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Fumiyo; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Hara, Reiko; Hayami, Sachiko; Hirasawa, Amy; Hirata, Michiko; Hiroo, Mickey & Yoshie; Hoshino, Alan A.; Ise, Haruo Hal; Isomura, Toshiko; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaminishi, Gail; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Katayama, Mary K.; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kato, Kazue (Katie); Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kawamoto, Masako; Keefe, Daniel; Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -; Kido, Momoko; Kikuchi, Shizue; Knutzen, Paul & Janet; Ko, Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto -; Kogita, Paul & Takako; Kojima, Esther; Komoto, Frank; Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Matsui, Jack T.; Miyauchi, Takiko; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Morimoto, Eiichi & Ruth Shigeko; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Junko; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishikawa, Noriko; Nishimura, Hisashi & Sadako; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okada, Emiko; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Sako, Masako; Sands, Crispin; Sawyer, Paul; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shimada, Shirley; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Sordetto, Gayle; Suganuma, Aiko; Suguro, Nori; Sumida, Florence; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takano, Yasuko Jean; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Taketa, Susan; Taki, Noboru & Takako; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanaka, Tom; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tazuma, Grace; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Joe & Hideko; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Tokunaga, Dolly; Toyoshima, Michiko; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wakazuru, Barbara; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yahata, Shizue; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yamashita, Dennis; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yasui, Ayako (Ruby); Yokota, Sumie; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshimi, Crystal; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko; **Ho'Onko** Beard, Clara; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; **Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial** Knutzen, Paul & Janet; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Sumida, Leslie; Taketa, Susan; Toyoshima, Michiko



## Betsuin Events for April 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

April 6 8:45 am Meditation (Rinban Castro)

9:15 am Sweet Tea Offering

10:00 pm HANAMATSURI SERVICE

Youth: Rev. Warrick

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese: Rev. Gimyo Takemura

DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am Hanamatsuri Luncheon hosted by Dharma School

April 13 8:45 am Meditation (Rinban Castro)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Family: Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

Japanese Language Service: TBD

DSDX: MA Leonora Clarke

DX: TBD

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

April 20

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am EARTH DAY SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Town Hall: "Communication & Membership"

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

April 27 8:45 am Meditation (Rinban Castro)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE (**No Dharma School**)

Family: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: MA Leonora Clarke

11:30 am SBBWA New Member Service and SBBWA New Member Luncheon

**MONDAYS**

April 7

10:30 am Hanamatsuri Service at Keiro with Koyasan Buddhist Temple and Nichiren Buddhist Church

2:30 pm Betsuin Scholarship application deadline

April 14, 28 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

**TUESDAYS** April 1 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

April 3 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

April 29 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

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

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 \*\*10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

April 8 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

April 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

**THURSDAYS**

April 4 12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting (Rinban Castro)

April 11 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Seattle University (Bannan Auditorium) - Seattle Betsuin/Seattle University EcoSangha /NW Zen Community Public Dialogue: "Shinran and Dōgen Today" – Rev. Dr. Mark Unno (University of Oregon) and Dr. Jason Wirth (Seattle University)

April 24 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

**FRIDAYS** April 25 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

**SATURDAYS**

April 12 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at Seattle Betsuin - "The Future of Buddhism in America: Insight, Practice and Sectarianism" Seminar - Rev. Dr. Mark Unno (University of Oregon) and Dr. Jason Wirth (Seattle University). Sack lunch.

**May 2014: Major Events of Interest**

Friday, May 2 English Seminar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda at 7 pm

Saturday, May 3 Japanese Seminar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda (10 am–4 pm) followed by a potluck dinner

Monday, May 5 Japanese Seminar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda (10 am–2 pm)

Sunday, May 18 Gotan-e Service and Music Service

Sunday, May 25 Scholarship Awards Service

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

Seattle Betsuin and SBBWA's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

**Women in Buddhism Conference with**

Reverend Carol O'Dowd, Reverend Midori Kondo, Sierra Lee-Brenner, Art Therapy

**2014 May Newsletter Deadline:**

**Monday, April 21, 2014**

**8:00 pm**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 6 10:00 PM HANAMATSURI SERVICE IN GYM; DHARMA EXCHANGE; 11:45 LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM** - "THE FUTURE OF BUDDHISM IN AMERICA: INSIGHT, PRACTICE AND SECTARIANISM" SEMINAR **PROFESSORS MARK UNNO AND JASON WIRTH** IN MEMORIAL HALL CHAPEL see p.3

**Sunday, April 20 10:00 AM EARTH DAY SERVICE&Town Hall: *Communication & Membership***

**Save the Dates for Dr. Nobuo Haneda's May Seminars**

English Seminar: Friday, May 2, 7:00pm; Japanese Seminar: Saturday, May 3, 10:00am - 4:00pm followed by Potluck Dinner; Japanese Seminar: Monday, May 5, 10:00am – 2:00pm

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