



Reverend Dr. Taitetsu Unno

A Memorial Tribute by Rinban Don Castro

Seattle Betsuin will host a Memorial Tribute to Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno who passed away December 13, 2014 at the age of 85. The funeral service was held at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple on January 3, 2015 and along with Seattle, trailing memorial services were held or will be held at Senshin Temple in L.A., New York City and Honolulu.

The public is invited and welcome to attend Seattle Betsuin's Memorial Tribute to Dr. Taitetsu Unno on February 7, 2015 at 2pm. Dr. Mark Unno will represent the Unno family. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that friends and colleagues may make donations to Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church.

Dr. Unno's obituary can be found on the internet but I want to share some remembrances of his more recent trips to Seattle and the wonderful Dharma Retreats hosted by Drs. Taitetsu and Mark Unno and their wives in Eugene, Oregon. I'm sure all who attended Dr. Tai's last seminar at Seattle Betsuin on Nov. 8, 2008 will never forget the loving and mirthful interplay of Unno sensei and his wife Alice who accompanied him. At that time, I believe, Dr. Tai was feeling his age and had health issues. He was concerned not to repeat himself and Alice not only helped keep him on track but couldn't resist a bit of teasing which, of course, evoked a playful response from her husband. Their interplay was a delight to us all.

Previous to 2008, Dr. Unno conducted a seminar in Seattle on April 9, 2001 when he was physically and academically vital having just published River of Fire,

River of Water in 1998 and just prior to his book Shin Buddhism: Bits of Rubble Turned into Gold in 2002. Cleaning my office as a part of my New Year's resolution, I uncovered a wonderful photo of a vibrant Dr. Unno with Kats and Terrie Tanino and me on the Tanino's deck overlooking the Ship Canal. I cannot help contrast Dr. Unno in this photo with Dr. Unno who hosted the Dharma Retreat in Eugene, Oregon along with his son Mark in June 2013. Dr. Tai was in fragile health and very quiet but mentally engaged. Mark would draw his father out and ask him for his comments.

At this point in his life, Dr. Tai's academic pursuits were a thing of the past. He had accomplished his goals academically and was simply floating in the great compassionate ocean of the Nembutsu. In response to Mark's urging, his father would frequently reply simply "Namo Amida Butsu". I remember thinking during the retreat of Shinran Shonin's statement that in this world which is a burning house of impermanence, all things are false and empty. The nembutsu alone is true and real. Dr. Unno was truly *a man of the nembutsu* (nembutsu-sha). See page 12 for his biography.

President's Message

I hope you'll make it to the 68th Northwest District (NWD) Convention in Bellevue! It will be held February 13 to 15, 2015.

Many members have worked for over a year to make sure that we are good hosts to our friends from across the Northwest, Canada and from temples elsewhere in the BCA. Members from no less than 15 BCA and Canadian temples will be at the convention. It promises to be a fun, well-attended event.

Our planning committee, headed by co-chairs Lynne Goodrich and Karen Morikubo, has made a real effort to

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energize the event starting with the theme – *Everyday Rhythm of the Nembutsu*. Underscoring this theme, under the direction of our own Kemi Nakabayashi, music will infuse the services, workshops and banquet throughout this convention.

The convention's keynote speaker, Rev. Harry Bridge of the Buddhist Church of Oakland, is himself an accomplished musician. He will arrive, bass guitar in hand, to participate in the event. Rev. Bridge's energy is infectious and will resonate well with our youth and adults alike.

All of the NWD ministers will participate also, as will Bishop Umezu who will be visiting us from the Bay Area. We are fortunate to have a fun-loving group of ministers in our district, and Bishop Umezu is always good for a laugh or two. So their participation will also enliven the event.

I must thank all of our members and friends for the incredible outpouring of support you have extended for

the convention. Through ad sales, countless hours of volunteer labor, and booster donations from our Sangha, we have been able to pull together the resources to put on a "doozy" of a convention. *Arigatou* to all who are making this convention a reality.

By the time you read this newsletter, the registration deadline will have passed. If you have registered, congratulations, you're in for a fun event (second only possibly to this year's Super Bowl this month). If you haven't, you might check if the meals have already been ordered. If not, it might still be possible to register.

Even if you can't register, you're welcome to come out for Sunday service on February 15 at the Westin Bellevue at 10 am. The BCA Bookstore and Hoseki Designs will be there also, so you will have the opportunity to peruse the Buddhist and Jodo Shinshu books and onenju for sale.

See you there!

Gassho, Yukio.

Sunday Service: February 15, 2015
at Seattle Betsuin/Buddhist Church
is cancelled

Please attend service at
Northwest District Convention

<http://www.dharmarealm.com>

at

The Westin Bellevue Hotel

600 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

10:00AM

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Harry Bridge
Oakland Buddhist Church

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IBS & CBE present the 2015
Winter Pacific Seminar

at Seattle Betsuin

Saturday, March 7, 2015

**"Life of Awakening:
True Teaching"**



REVEREND TOMOYASU NAITO

Professor Emeritus, Ryukoku University

Keynote Speaker:
Professor Tomoyasu Naito
Kangaku – Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Registration: \$30 (includes lunch) Send name of registrant, address and email or phone with a check payable to "Seattle Betsuin," with a check - memo: "Winter Pacific Seminar." Mail to Seattle Betsuin, 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144, Attn: Winter Pacific Seminar. Email: office@seattlebetsuin.com or phone: (206) 329-0800.

Registration deadline is February 23. Online registration will be available in February.

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This year, for the first time, the Institute for Buddhist Studies and the BCA Center for Buddhist Education, will be presenting the Winter Pacific Seminar here in the Northwest. Prof. Tomoyasu Naito, Kangaku, (the highest academic rank within the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha), and Professor Emeritus of Shinshu Studies at Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan, will be the keynote speaker at this one-day seminar at the Seattle Buddhist Temple Betsuin, 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, Washington, on Saturday, March 7, 2015, from 9 am – 4 pm. Rev. Naito will present the keynote message, “Life of Awakening: True Teaching” in Japanese with an English translation provided by Rev. Mutsumi Wondra of Orange County Buddhist Church. The afternoon sessions will include a lecture in English by Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, CBE Co-director and Coordinator of the Hongwanji Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course; in addition to a Japanese lecture by Prof. Naito. *See registration details preceding this article.*

Born in Osaka Prefecture in 1945, Prof. Naito is a graduate of Ryukoku University and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Shugakuin. He is a Professor Emeritus of Shinshu Studies at Ryukoku University, a member of the Hongwanji Kangaku Committee of Special Advisors to the Gomonshu, and a Resident Minister of Kakujoji Temple in Fukui, Japan. Widely recognized for his orthodox interpretation of the Jodo Shinshu doctrine, his published works in Japanese include, *Lectures on Daochuo's Anrakushu*; *An Easily Understandable Guide to the Well-known Sayings of Shinran Shonin* (co-written with Sokusui Murakami); *Studying “Topics for Discussion Regarding the Settled Mind;”* and *Scripture Seminar: Shinran Shonin's “Notes on Once-Calling and Many Calling.”*

The Pacific Seminar - 21st Century program seeks to carry on the tradition of a lifelong pursuit of the dharma, begun in the 1950s at the Berkeley Buddhist Studies Center. Since the completion of the Jodo Shinshu Center, five years ago, a 2-day summer session has been hosted annually in Berkeley featuring international scholars and teachers including the late Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno, Rev. Tetsuo Unno, Rev.

Dr. Mark Unno, Prof. Nobuhiro Fukagawa (Kangaku), Dr. Mark Blum, Prof. Keiko Toro, and the late Dr. Takamaro Shigaraki. Three years ago, a winter/spring one-day session was added, hosted at Southern California temples to share this program beyond the Bay Area. This year continues the effort to share the Pacific Seminar beyond the Jodo Shinshu Center.

In addition to the Winter Pacific Seminar, Prof. Naito will speak at BCA temples on the West Coast. Please see the dates and venues at

www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org.

“We really appreciate Prof. Naito’s great enthusiasm for sharing the Dharma with our BCA sangha. Considering last year’s visit by Prof. Nobuhiro Fukagawa, also a Hongwanji Kangaku, and CBE’s many Skype lectures with Rev. Tokunaga, Kangaku, we are very lucky to listen to and interact with the top Jodo Shinshu scholars of our day, right here in our own temples. I encourage all to participate in these special learning sessions.” - Rev. Marvin Harada, CBE Co-Director.

‘SCHOLARSHIPS’ for High School Seniors and 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 2015.

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 6, 2015 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.

4th Women in Buddhism Conference - SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, October 3

This conference has been well attended in the last 3 years by women and men from Northwest temples and their friends and families. This year we hope to attract even greater attendance with Linda Anderson Krech from the ToDo Institute. ToDo Institute promotes Naikan and Morita therapies for developing gratitude in ourselves, in our everyday lives and in our relationships. Stay tuned for more announcements of speakers.

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SPRING SALMON DINNER - SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, March 28, 2015

Save the date for this year's Salmon Dinner Fundraiser which will be held on March 28, 2015. As with prior years, we'll have an alternative as an entrée option instead of salmon. We'll be asking for your assistance in getting the word out this year and selling tickets the tickets you'll be receiving in the mail to your family and friends instead of returning them to the Temple. We'll have more tickets for your personal use that we can send to you. This event is one of two major fundraisers for the Temple and helps to support its religious or operational expenses.

Watch for tickets to be mailed out by early March. There will be a date suggested in the mailing for receipt of payment on the tickets or requests for additional tickets. This earlier date in advance of the event will assist the Temple with estimating the amount of salmon that we need to order. The date will be specified in the letter accompanying the tickets. Watch for more news in the next newsletter, the Betsuin website or in your mail.

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Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations October - November 2014

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Given by:

Kimiko Mori – Funeral Service	\$ 1,200.00	Estate of Kimiko Mori
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Mary Osaki – In Memory of	\$ 500.00	Carl Osaki
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Nokotsudo for James & Ayako Demise	\$ 250.00	Douglas & Janice Handa
Hiroshi Takashima – In Memory of	\$ 250.00	Kiyoko Takashima
Kozo Yamaguchi – In Memory of	\$ 250.00	Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17
Yuriko Kamada – 1 st Year Memorial	\$ 200.00	Janet Masuo
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Tsuruhiko Yanagimoto – In Memory of	\$ 200.00	Michiko Yanagimoto

Remembrances for:

Given by:

Katsumi Aoyama	Washin & C. Kathleen Murakami; Junior & Janice Nagaki
George Fukeda	Joe & Hideko Terada
Hatsumi Higa	Mae Deguchi
Michael Higa	Mae Deguchi
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Fumiko Nishimura	Hiro & Dorothy Nishimura
Mary Osaki	Sue Fujino; Suyeko Fujikado; Toshiko Isomura; Mariko Mano; Julie Mayeda; Tetsuo & Linda Miyata; Hiroshi Nakagawara; Pacific Northwest Exposure, Inc., c/o Shirley Tsuchida; Fred & Amy Sato; Joyce Suzuki; Florence Tsuchida; →

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Albert Shintaku	Katsumi & Terrie Tanino
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	Yakima Buddhist Temple	\$ 100.00
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<u>General Donations:</u>	<u>For:</u>
Kiyo Takashima	In Honor of Ed Kato Family
Katsumi & Terrie Tanino	In Honor of James Doi's 88 th Birthday
Joe & Carolyn Schwab	Endowment
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<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
Evelyn Kitashima – In Memory of	\$ 1,000.00	Stan Kitashima
Nokotsudo for Joyce / Alan Nakamura	\$ 1,000.00	Ted Nakamura
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Nokotsudo for Albert Shintaku	\$ 200.00	Frances Shintaku
Nokotsudo for Gladys & Grace Hamano	\$ 200.00	Terry Nakano
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Kimiko Mori	Kenneth & Barbara Brown
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Judy Suto	Mae Deguchi; Peggy Hanada; Stephen Hasegawa; Taka Kogita; Dr. Michael & Margaret Mizumoto;
Hidetomi Terao	Victoria Terao
Masako Tomita	Fred & Deanna Kawahara
Takako Yoda	Margaret Teramoto
Jerry Yuasa	Don & Karen Akira
Nokotsudo	Anonymous

Temple Supervision:

Spokane Buddhist Temple	\$100.00
Yakima Buddhist Temple	\$100.00

General Donations:**For:**

Dennis & Eileen Hamamoto	General Donation
Nikkei Concerns Kokorokai Volunteers	General Donation
First Hill Lions Club	General Donation
Shuzo & Alica Takeuchi	General Donation
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Nikkei Concerns	General Donation
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Kuniko Takamura	General Donation
Kazuko Yakumo	Appreciation for Newsletter
Katherine Kato	General Donation
Larry & June Iwafuchi	New Year's Eve Service
Howard & Marie Kosai-Luke	General Donation
Anonymous	General Donation
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SBBWA Submitted by Janet Baba

New Year Party: Our Betsuin New Year Party chaired by Kiana Luke and Jason Yokoyama was held at the Temple Auditorium on January 11. Rin-ban Castro led the Installation of Temple Officers who took an oath to carry out the duties of their office. Jack Matsui gave a New Year toast. 340 members and guests enjoyed the Obento luncheon. Ritsuko Kawahara & Kinue Kuwahara prepared *mame*, for good health, to accompany the obento. Ritsuko Kawahara, Aiko Fujii, Shirley Shimada, Sunnie Nagai, Michi Vaart, and Miyoko Yamazaki prepared Kimpira, or burdock root, which represents stability. Entertainment was provided by temple members, which included Minyo Dancing, performed by Sunkie Oye, leader, Eileen Kanemoto, Irene Mano, Machiko Wada, Shizue Yahata, Tomi Zumoto, Gail Kaminishi, and Janet Baba.



NW District Convention: Plans are well on its way for a music filled weekend for an exciting Convention, to be held on February 13-15, at the Bellevue Westin Hotel. "Everyday Rhythm of the Nembutsu," with Reverend Harry Bridge as keynote speaker, will include a variety of workshops, in both English and Japanese.

NWD BWA will hold a Representatives' Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 AM and a General Membership Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 8:00 AM. Plans for the FBWA Representatives' Meeting and the 2016 FBWA Conference will be reported at the General Membership Meeting. All NWD BWA members are invited to attend this meeting.

Mailing Committee: Our SBBWA Mailing Committee, led by Irene Mano has worked quietly and consistently over the years handling our mailing to our



members. Other Mailing Committee members are

Marian Asaba, Yoko Hamanaka, Ruby Nakamura, Sunkie Oye, and Mary Shigaya. We appreciate and give thanks to our dedicated Mailing Committee members who work behind-the scenes.

Cap Knitting Member: Our one -person knitting company has been making dozens and dozens of knitted caps for winter wear.

Michiko Toyoshima has been knitting hats in all colors, since she joined our organization.

The caps have been donated to the Orion Center, Union Gospel Mission, and holiday bags for the Coal Creek YMCA's teenage and homeless women's program. We appreciate her hours of work. If anyone has yarn to donate for this project, please give them to Carolyn Kunihiro or Darlene Shimizu.

Orion Center: The Cooking Team led by Nina Tomita-Kato served a full balance dinner for homeless youths at the Orion Center on January 16. Lauren Asaba, Paul Mori, Trisha Mori, & Shizue Yahata joined the team to prepare dinner. Knitted hats were taken to pass out to youths, aged 18-24 years. If anyone would like to help with this project, please inform us. Our next time at the Orion Center will be on June 19. We have a menu plan that can be used, or you can plan your own menu to serve. The sales of the 2015 Entertainment Books, funds this program for homeless youths.

In Gassho, Janet



Members preparing for Hoonko refreshments.

Calendar:

SBBWA Board Meeting	Feb. 1
Nirvana Day & Dana Day Donation	Feb. 8
NWD Buddhist Convention	Feb. 13-15
SBBWA Cabinet Meeting	Feb. 22

Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

The 6th annual Fall Family Music Service on November 23 was a great preview to the Northwest District Convention this month. A belated thank you to chairman Ron Hamakawa, Rev. Warrick for the music-inspired dharma message, Rosalie and Matt May for their service participation and to all the musicians. Special thanks to Michael Garnett (acoustic bass), Merwin Kato (drums), Donna Zumoto (taiko) and to my husband Jim Norton (tenor sax) for jamming with Emi and Emily, our youth musicians on keyboard and trombone, and leading the sangha in a rousing rendition of the convention theme song *Everyday Rhythm of the Nembutsu*. The Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band and Bodhi Ensemble continue to delight us with their musical contributions along with our core group of choir singers leading the sangha. The convention committee has been preparing some music theme workshops, activities and other special music to share with our district Dharma friends and are pleased to learn that people from Canada and California have also registered. Rev. Bridge's keynote message for convention will be *Rhythm and Blues of the Nembutsu*, proposing "As part of a continuing effort to reexamine our Gatha tradition, I would like to consider some genres and rhythms such as Jazz and Rhythm and Blues that have not traditionally been incorporated."

Dharma School by Joyce Tsuji. We will be observing Nirvana Day this month. This will include a pet memorial service and a vegetarian potluck. We invite the Sangha to participate in these activities.

We also look forward to seeing many of you at the NW District Convention we are hosting in Bellevue.

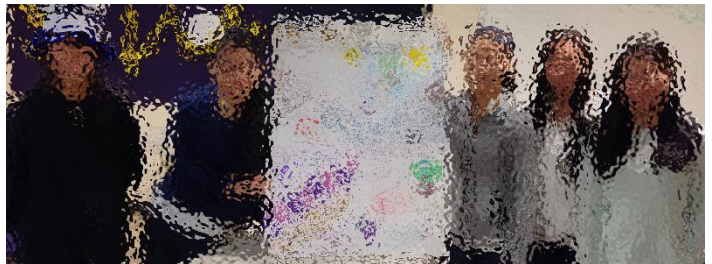
Classroom Reports

PreK/K Class. Happy New Year! The PreK-Kindergarten class discussed the significance of cel-

ebrating the New Year and traditions observed by different cultures. After talking about making goals for the year but most importantly, trying to be kinder and more compassionate, the students made a New Year's card. To also celebrate the New Year, the class learned about the Chinese Zodiac. They listened to the story, "Why Cats Chase Mice" and discovered the 12 animals that make up the zodiac. They then made a picture of a sheep using cotton balls to recognize the Year of the Sheep.

1st/2nd Grade We started the year off by making "Year of the Sheep" calendars decorated with cotton ball covered sheep and listening to the story of the 12 Zodiac animals and how they got in their order. Then we talked about Japanese New Year's traditions, including the Daruma doll. The student's each made one out of paper and chose a goal for this year. Finally we observed Ho-onko and went to look at all the statues of Shinran inside and outside the Betsuin, showing how important a person he was to us. We then made scrolls of Shinran which can be viewed in our classroom.

High School Class The HS class has focused on how we don't always get what we want, to realize the inter-dependency in our lives, and yet remembering there is also joy. This led to a deeper study of the Four Noble Truths. In the discussion, the class decided to make a poster of their interpretation of the Four Noble Truths.



YBA DESSERT MAKING & SPRING RETREAT

Jr. YBA made chocolate chip cookies, and *chi chi mochi* for the NY party Friday night. We also assisted in gym setup. YBA plans to hold a spring retreat on March 14-15, 2015 at the Betsuin. This retreat is a great opportunity to meet other youth Buddhists in the NW district, and have fun! Activities include volleyball, icebreakers, movies, and workshops. Registration is due February 22 and registration forms are available on the YBA wall across from the office. Submitted by Alex S



2015 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE Traditionally, family memorial services are held for the deceased on designated anniversaries. These are significant occasions to honor the memories of our loved ones while listening to the Buddha Dharma. If you have a family member who has passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service.

Year of Death:

2014.....	1st annual memorial.....	1 year from date of death
2013.....	3rd anniversary memorial.....	2 full years from date of death
2009.....	7th anniversary memorial.....	6 full years from date of death
2003.....	13th anniversary memorial.....	12 full years from date of death
1999.....	17th anniversary memorial.....	16 full years from date of death
1991.....	25th anniversary memorial.....	24 full years from date of death
1983.....	33rd anniversary memorial.....	32 full years from date of death
1966.....	50th anniversary memorial.....	49 full years from date of death

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

- JN

Notes on Dharma Exchange

December 21, 2014 - Rinban Castro opened the DX exhibiting his delight that today is the longest day of the year, and that means all the days from now on will be shorter and brighter. . . A participant liked Goto Sensei's Dharma talk today as she discussed some of the simple things in Jodo Shinshu that arose during her 10 days in Japan for Tokudo training. It also brought back the participant's memories of her trips to Japan in 2001 and last June. . . There was a discussion of how and when to wear house slippers and bathroom slippers. Irene Sensei indicated the training was very specific and left no room for errors. Castro sensei recalled that the spontaneous self is the real self -- when we engage in an act of kindness without thinking about it. . . Former Betsuin member Laverne Imori visited the temple today. She is now a member of the Ekoji Buddhist Temple and continues her service as MA. Former Betsuin member Kurt Rye is the resident minister at Ekoji. . . Castro Sensei related that Rev. Taitetsu Unno died recently and that the Betsuin, among other temples, will be doing a service in his honor - the date: Saturday, February 8, 2015.

December 28 - Irene Goto Sensei said it is hard to give back more than we receive, and she will give a workshop on the finger pointing to the moon at the NW Buddhist Convention. . . She told the story of a sad fourteen-year old boy who was leaving Japan. His mother told him to remember we are all looking at the same moon. . . A participant suggested to make a point of looking at the moon in Japan. Moon viewing is practiced in Japan and the Japanese Garden in Seattle. The moon represents Enlightenment, and all our words are represented by the finger. In both Japan and China we find the moon gate.

Jan. 4, 2015 - Rev. Jim Warrick conducted the DX. A participant commented that Irene Sensei's children's Dharma talk, "How many ways to say thank

you?" should be given at every first of the year service. She further said it's not important to do something "correctly;" the feeling in one's heart is the important part. . . Shin Buddhism teaches us to awaken to the world as it is, not what we want it to be. . . Buddhism is not the same as all religion, as many postulate, in that it is a philosophy, a psychology, and a religion. When people say, "I'm a spiritual person," it is hard to know what it means. Sensei suggested, "You have a home-grown religion." To paraphrase Einstein, Buddhism is a true religion for all people and all times. Sensei said there is a "wisdom flame" in all religions, but it becomes obscured because people pick and choose what they want to see. Buddhism teaches us to live in harmony with all things.

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Jan. 11, 2015 - Rinban Castro talked about the Eight-fold Path with responses from the sangha. . . Many variations are considered meditation and it can become confusing or absurd. . . A participant asked what happened to the 11-13 year old children in Cambodia who killed. Sensei said there is a film on that subject depicting their reactions to having committed murder. . . On his last trip to Japan, Sensei visited the Atomic Bomb Memorial out of Hiroshima. He noted his mother-in-law was badly injured by class shards that her father picked out with tweezers. He described that at a nearby bus stop "cutsie-pie" weddings take place. . . Mutual co-rising is being taught at temples in the US. . . A participant noted that in the Wheel of Dharma of January 2015, Bishop Umezu said there exists a second verse of Ondoku-

san composed by Shinran in praise of Prince Shoto-ku.

January 18 - Rinban Castro recounted a recent story in The Seattle Times of a five-year old boy who was mauled by two visiting Rottweilers. His mother threw herself on the boy and sustained serious bites as well as the boy who was in intensive care. . . Sensei commented that German Shepherds are no longer used as guide dogs because they are prone to fight. Dog stories ensued from participants, and Sensei ended the DX early so we could attend the New Year's party. . . Many thanks to Mrs. Kawahara and assistants who prepared a delicious New Year's repast for the DX consisting of *nishime* followed by *ozoni*.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

Helping with Dharma Exchange *Toban* can be a team effort . . .

Dharma Exchange takes place each Sunday immediately following regular family service from about 10:45 when coffee and tea are made available to enjoy with the discussion and Q/A period until 11:30; then the treats are served, usually donuts, to enjoy with the coffee and tea.

Peggy Hanada and her team signed up as a group to take care of Dharma Exchange duties for the month. That works out great for them, and everyone is encouraged to put together a team so that if a member of the team can't make it, there will be others who can pick up those responsibilities. Divide the tasks like some of us have done: Ukelele players put out the donuts and the tea and coffee about 9:00am before the service, and the rest of us stay to clean up after Dharma Exchange, finishing completely by noon. However, if you know you can help on specific Sundays, and you don't have a team, just show up and team-up with other people who have signed up for the month and work it out with them; it's a good way to learn the routine.

Donuts are the usual fare, but home-made pastries and fruit are also welcome. Costs for these items are reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt. A calendar of temple events is posted and a sign-up sheet is on a clip board in the dining room on the bulletin board for you to choose a convenient date to sign-up. Please help Dharma Exchange continue to be a warm welcome to newcomers and a treat for those who come each Sunday. Thank you. – SS and IG

**Mochi Tsuki
at Seattle Betsuin
by Youth
Organizations
December 27**
photos by IHG



Book Study Group The Buddhist Study Group will meet on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 9:30-11:30am in Memorial Hall Chapel. **PLEASE NOTE - this is a change - we had previously decided to meet on Feb. 7.** We will discuss *Muyuge: Flower without Sorrow* by Lady Kujo Takeko. This book is available through the BCA bookstore. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

Book Review The read on January 9, 2015 was from *The Ethics of Enlightenment* by Ronald Nakasone, Chapter 13, "Ethics of Ambiguity: A Buddhist Reflection on the Japanese Organ Transplant Law" (p. 291). This law states that "the decision to accept brain death is a personal family decision" when considering an organ transplant. Nakasone labels this decision "social death". His position is that social death is the "wild card" because layers of influences enter into the decision process at this point and a decision cannot be predicted. A family is allowed to void a prior directive by the deceased, and the physician can only act after the family's decision is made. This law "recognizes but does not condemn any view". He posits that this ambiguity contributes to the Japanese ambivalence toward organ transplants.

Nakasone outlines how this law conforms to the Buddhist posture that all things form an organic whole. He continues that ambiguity is a logical outcome of social interaction within this whole. Every

perception of truth is particular to each person and every decision has its own justification and logic. He includes the following quote from Thich Nhat Hanh:

The problem is whether we are determined to go in the direction of compassion or not.

. . . . I just want to go in that direction.

Nakasone concludes that this law affords the best working condition to minimize suffering. It is in harmony with the Buddhist experience that suggests that a "single act of kindness resonates" everywhere, always.

— Review by K. Anonymous



submitted by Irene Goto and Leonora Clarke

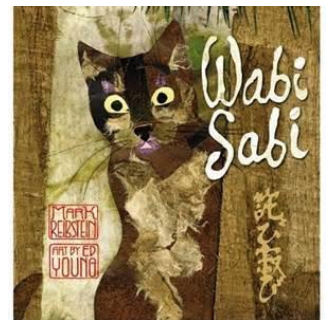
Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Bookstore News by Gayle Noguchi

My thanks to Sensei Elaine Donlin, Minister's Assistant for the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, for her 4-part series "Essentials of Buddhism" at the BCA Bookstore in January. Sensei Donlin created this excellent introduction to Buddhism and I'm happy we offered it in the East Bay for the first time!

We are bringing the BCA Bookstore to the Northwest District Convention February 13-15, 2015. The BCA Bookstore at the Jodo Shinshu Center will be closed during this time.

February 26 through March 1 the BCA Bookstore will be at the National Council Meeting being held this year in San Diego, CA (the store at the Jodo Shinshu Center will be closed during this time). This event is the one opportunity we have annually to see ministers and lay leaders from all our temples! We are dedicated to serving the needs of our sanghas throughout BCA and appreciate your warm, generous support.

New at the Bookstore: *Wabi Sabi* by Mark Reibstein with art by Ed Young. This is a delightful story of a little cat in Kyoto, Japan who embarks on an adventure to discover the meaning of her name and learns about finding beauty in unexpected places.



In Memory of Reverend Dr. Taitetsu Unno: 1929 – 2014

From <https://networks.hnet.org/node/6060/discussions/55465/passingobit-rev-dr-taitetsu-unno-payne>

Discussion published by Richard Payne on Sunday, December 14, 2014. Taitetsu's son Mark prepared the following short biography.

Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno completed his life journey on Saturday, Dec 13, 2014. To the very end, he was fully aware and at peace, saying, "Thank you for everything, Namu Amida Butsu," and when he could no longer speak, simply putting his palms together in *gassho*. His family and close friends who came to visit in his last days and hours experienced the deep joy of being with him and chanting together, immersed in the rhythms of boundless compassion. He received the remarkably good fortune, the great gift of the Dharma, of the life of Namu Amida Butsu, which he was able to share with so many.

He was born in Shoji temple in Kokura, in the city of Kita-Kyushu, February 5, 1929, the son of Rev. Enryo Unno and Mrs. Hana Unno, the first of five siblings. He arrived in the U.S. in 1935 at the age of six, went through the turbulent years of the Pacific War when he and his family were put into internment camps, first at Rohwer, Arkansas, then at Tule Lake, California. After the war, his family settled in California, where he eventually graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a bachelor's degree in English literature. Well into his eighties, he could recite Chaucer in the original Middle English. It was at the end of his career at Berkeley that he met D. T. Suzuki who encouraged him to study Buddhism in Japan, and Taitetsu Unno went on to receive his M.A. and Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies at Tokyo University in 1968.

For the next forty years, he taught in the field of Buddhist studies, first at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, then for the next thirty-seven years at Smith College, where he served as Department Chair, and was Jill Ker Conway Professor of World Religions. He was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and a Japanese Ministry of Education Fellow in Kyoto, Japan. He was the author, translator, and editor of numerous academic volumes and articles, but he is perhaps best known for his two works introducing Shin Buddhism to English-language audiences, *River of Fire, River of Water: An Introduction to the Pure Land Tradition of Shin Buddhism* (1998), and *Shin Buddhism: Bits of Rubble Turned into Gold* (2002), as well as his translation, *Tannisho: A Shin Buddhist Classic* (1996).

He was the recipient of the Ernest Pon Award of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, for his efforts to increase and retain Asian American faculty among the Five Colleges (1998), the Cultural Award for the Promotion of Buddhism, of the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism (Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai)(2006), and the inaugural President's Award of the Institute for Buddhist Studies (2014). In addition, he was also a fourth-degree black belt in Aikido, and was the translator and author of the "Foreword" for *The Spirit of Aikido* by Kisshomaru Ueshiba (1984).

Although prolific as a scholar, his passion was always in teaching and working with his students, many whose lives he helped to transform. Although passionate as a college professor, his calling was as a Buddhist minister, ordained in the tradition of Shin Buddhism at Nishi Hongwanji, as the thirteenth-generation Shin priest in his family. He devoted his career to working with Shin temples, Buddhist centers, and Buddhist groups in North America

and elsewhere, as much as he did to make contributions in academia. After retiring from Smith College, he and his wife Alice founded the Northampton Shin Buddhist Sangha in Northampton, Massachusetts, which they led until 2007.

For the last seven years of his life, he, his wife, and their beloved dog Metta, a Lhasa Apso, spent their lives with their son Mark and his wife Megumi in Eugene, Oregon, where they continued the work of the BuddhaDharma as a family, leading events in Hawaii, California, and Eugene. His last public appearance was at the Pacific Seminar, held at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple and the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California, in July 2014.

With a twinkle in his eye, sharp sense of humor, gentle spirit, and compassionate presence, he left an indelible impression on those who came to know him through his work in all arenas. He is survived by his wife Alice, a retired schoolteacher and Buddhist teacher in her own right; son Mark, the fourteenth-generation Shin minister in his family and also a scholar of Buddhism; daughter-in-law Megumi, a teacher of the Japanese Way of Tea in the Urasenke; and of course, dog Metta, who truly School embodies her Buddhist name, "Loving Kindness."

Submitted by IHG

Seattle Betsuin is trying out a weekly email newsletter. If you would like to receive the new weekly email newsletter, please contact Calvin at calterada@comcast.net or Joan at office@seattlebetsuin.com to request. Following is sample news from the week of January 19.

2015 NW Buddhist Convention February 13 – 15, 2015

A request from the Convention Committee related to Dharma School activities at the NW District Convention: Please leave them in the Church foyer. Thank you!

- Oatmeal Containers
- Coffee Tins
- Salt Containers

Ladies Night - Ochigo Costume Repair - Saturday, 31 January 2015 at Church

Calling all ladies needing a night out! Erin Taylor is organizing a Ladies Night Out as a get-to-know session and work party to repair Ochigo Costumes. Group dinner first and then work session. 5pm to 9pm at the Church. Please contact Erin Taylor eikegami@icloud.com

Nirvana Day - Pet Memorial Service on Sunday, 8 February 2015

If you would like to include your pet as part of this year's Pet Memorial Service, please send digital pictures to pets@seattlebetsuin.com

All Sangha vegetarian potluck luncheon to be served in the gym at 11:30AM following Dharma Exchange. See you there!

The Number 1 Health Booster in 2015!

According to a national magazine, learning mindfulness through mediation is the Number 1 Health Booster in 2015! Read this interesting article about how Buddhist principles are going mainstream to help people and organizations cope with stress, anxiety, and other such ailments. *You will receive the related link and article via the email newsletter.*



New Year 2015 - Party and Installation of Officers

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Betsuin Events for February 2015

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 1

10:00 am SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: Rinban Castro

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

February 8 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am NIRVANA DAY AND PET MEMORIAL SERVICE

SBBWA DANA DAY

Youth/Adult: Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

Japanese Language Service:

Rev. Dr. Mark Unno

DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am Vegetarian Potluck hosted by Dharma School

February 15 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE at the Bellevue Westin

February 22 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE and CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: Minister's Assistant

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: Sensei Irene Goto

DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

MONDAY

February 2, 9, 23 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

February 16 President's Day (Office Closed)

TUESDAYS

February 3, 10, 17 Rinban Castro (Study Day and Day Off)

February 24

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

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

February 4 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

February 11 10:30 am Dharma Support Group

February 18 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

February 25 Rinban Castro to San Diego

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

THURSDAYS

February 5

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

February 19

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Sensei Irene Goto)

February 25 & 26 BCA Minister's Association

Meeting in San Diego

FRIDAYS

February 6

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting (Sensei Irene Goto)

February 13 – 15 NW DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONVENTION – Bellevue Westin Hotel, "Everyday Rhythm of the Nembutsu" with keynote speaker, Rev. Harry Bridge (Oakland Buddhist Temple)

February 27 & 28 BCA National Council Meeting in San Diego

SATURDAYS

February 7 2:00 pm Memorial Service for the late Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno

February 13 – 15 NW DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONVENTION – Bellevue Westin Hotel

February 21 9:30 am – noon Book Study Group - Muyuge: Flower without Sorrow by Lady Takeko Kujo

February 27 & 28 BCA National Council Meeting in San Diego

March 2015: Major Events of Interest

Saturday, March 7 CBE Winter Pacific Seminar at the Seattle Betsuin with Professor Tomoyasu Naito

Sunday, March 8 Japanese Language Service guest speaker, Professor Naito

Sat., Sun., March 14 – 15 NWYBL Spring Retreat

Sunday, March 15 Camp Fire Sunday Service

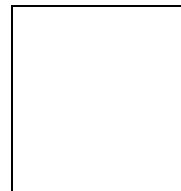
Sunday, March 22 Spring Ohigan Service

Saturday, March 28 Salmon Dinner Fundraiser

2015 March Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, February 16, 2015
8:00 pm

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2015 February at Seattle Betsuin

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Saturday, February 7
Sunday, February 8

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Sunday February 15

Scout Sunday Service 10:00AM
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Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service and Vegetarian Potluck
Guest Speaker, Reverend Dr. Mark Unno
NW DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONVENTION at
the Bellevue Westin Hotel – Rev. Harry Bridge, keynote speaker
No Service at Temple - please go to Bellevue Westin 10:00AM
see above NW District Buddhist Convention and p. 2 for address

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