



A Book Recommendation

By Rinban Don Castro

In February at the BCA National Council meeting in San Diego, Mrs. Karen Akahoshi and I presented an EcoSangha Resolution that contained the Japanese expression "mottai-nai." You can read about the resolution and expression in the April issue of Wheel of Dharma. In the course of the National Council meetings, there were a number of workshops. Karen and I were invited to present one on implementing the EcoSangha Resolution. The inclusion of a Japanese expression in the resolution worried us, "each BCA temple...promote ecologically friendly behavior in the spirit of 'mottai-nai.'"

It was actually the BCA Ministers' Association that inserted the wording "mottai-nai." It was not in the original resolution that was passed by the NW Ministers' Association. At first I thought, "No one is going to understand the resolution. This is a bad idea to have a Japanese expression!" On further reflection I changed my mind and now see it as an excellent teaching opportunity. If you search the internet for mottai-nai, there is a lot of very interesting information including the Mottai-nai Campaign in Japan which is trying to make mottai-nai an internationally understood and appreciated expression. At the top of the page on their English language website it says, "Mottai-nai. It is the message from Japan to the world."

The best article I've read on mottai-nai from a Shinshu perspective is contained in the book, "Thank You, Namo Amida Butsu" by Rev. Chijun Yakumo which is a collection of his writings published after his death by his wife Kazuko in 1995 to honor his memory. I wanted to use his article on mottai-nai for our National Council workshop so I telephoned Mrs. Yakumo to request permission to reprint it. She very graciously gave permission but wondered if people would be interested in something published so long ago. Her answer put me in mind of another Japanese word, "enryo" which is often translated "modesty" or "reserve." I assured Mrs. Yakumo that it is a wonderful book and I particularly like Yakumo sensei's explanation of a number of everyday Japanese expressions from a Buddhist perspective; expressions such as "arigatai," "itadakimasu" and "okagesama." The section on "Myokonin," the devoutly pure Jodo Shinshu followers, is also an excellent

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President's Message

I am grateful. Let me list* (some) of the reasons why...

1. Thank you for making our annual Salmon Dinner fundraiser a big success - again. A dedicated committee guided us through the undertaking - enabling us to deliver yet another delicious meal with an extra helping of Aloha. Special thanks to Howard and Marie Luke, Ron Hamakawa, Steph Ojima, Suzie Taketa, Kris Kosugi and Craig Nakano, along with the scores of others who helped prepare the food. And thanks our members, who made the effort to sell tickets and the many more who came to enjoy the meal. We very much appreciate your help.

2. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Hanamatsuri celebration a flowery, festive event. As usual, the Dharma School, played a central role in helping to prepare the Hanamido, and carried a laboring oar in making the overall event a real celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's birth. The service was enlivened by our ukulele band and our ministerial staff. And many from the BWA, Dharma School and other Sangha members prepared a delicious, abundant brunch buffet. Thanks to all who helped on Sunday as well as the following day when we took the Hanamido to Keiro for a special Hanamatsuri service. It was heartwarming to see how appreciative the Keiro residents were for the opportunity to pour *amacha* over the Baby Buddha. *Arigatoo.*

3. Thank you to our maintenance committee for their ongoing efforts to make our facilities better and more productive. Our small parsonage has been undergoing a top-to-bottom renovation over the past few months. Continued thanks to Cyrus Homyo and the small, dedicated team of Sangha members who have helped maintain all of our other facilities and to create "emptiness" in our overflowing storage areas. Your efforts are often under-the-radar, but we really do appreciate your dedication and *dana*.

4. Thank you to everyone who makes our Japanese services happen week-in, week-out. Recently, a Sangha member who has been very active on that front, Maki Imada, returned to Japan with her

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contribution to this important area of Shinshu culture. The second half of the book is in Japanese.

Mrs. Yakumo had distributed the books free to all BCA temples in 1995. She told me she only had one box left so I (somewhat reluctantly) asked if she could send 15 copies to Seattle Betsuin. She expressed her happiness that the book she worked on 20 years ago is still being appreciated. Since this wonderful book is out of print, I would like to retain the 15 copies for our temple library to be used for future book groups. However, our library copies are available to lend. Please direct your request to me.

Wheel of the Sangha Newsletter Update

by Irene Goto It is with sadness that we announce the passing of three of our past newsletter printing team.

Alan Brown Groves lived most of his life on Bainbridge Island, was stationed in the Philippines and Japan during WWII and received the Bronze Star for his services. Post-war he graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Zoology, worked for NOAA as a marine biologist for 35 years and was a member of the American Institute of Fisheries Research Biologists.

As a long-time member of the Seattle Buddhist Church Alan often worked behind the scenes e.g., taking down and re-hanging the bronze lanterns in the *naijin* for yearly polishing, in addition to his lead role on the newsletter printing team and other various temple tasks. He studied art, history, Japanese language and everything about Japan and enjoyed visits to Japan, especially to Hiroshima. Woodcarving was his hobby. Alan died peacefully on March 30, 2015, 10 days short of his 89th birthday.

Elmer Shizuto Tazuma moved from Kure, Japan to Seattle at the age of 2 years in 1918. He graduated from Franklin H.S., earned his AA from Seattle Community College, helped run the Tazuma 10-Cent Store, hotels and apartments; he retired into the watch repair business; won oratory contests, played harmonica, wrote poetry, baked, made furniture. In addition to his role on the newsletter printing team, many of us will remember him for playing the harmonica at dharma exchange and sharing bits of his life. His brother, Yukio, describes him as an eternal optimist. Elmer passed away weeks shy of his 99th birthday on February 5, 2015.

Harry Shigeru Shigaya was born in Auburn, Washington, passed away on December 10, 2012 at the age

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daughter to take a new job. Imada-san brought real energy to our Japanese program. I appreciate her efforts and wish her and her daughter all the best. And I appreciate even more the work of Alan Hoshino, Machiko Wada and others in helping our Japanese speaking Sangha members have a meaningful experience each Sunday. *Gokuroosama*.

5. Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank the many Sangha members who expressed their condolences on the recent passing of my mother, Michiko Morikubo, in Honolulu. My mother was a devout Jodo Shinshu follower. I hear her voice each time I recite the *Seikatsu Shinjo* (Jodo Shinshu pledge) or sing *Ondokusan*. Your kind words have reminded me that my family continue to be embraced by Amida, and for that I am truly grateful.

Gassho, Yukio.

*Please excuse any inadvertent mistakes or omissions.

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of 86 years. He was a devoted volunteer for Seattle Betsuin and, very much so, for the newsletter printing team.

We are indebted to these team members, as well as, to Jim Akizuki and Mickey Hiroo for the production of this newsletter every Friday for many years.

The production is now largely done by automation on our hi-tech copying machine and by office staff, Joan Nakano and volunteer Pauline Sakuma. Volunteer Shizu Kaku continues to deliver the copies to the post office for delivery to our homes. Of course, production starts with our many devoted volunteer contributors who submit their articles and photos each month.

In addition to the newsletter we are now using electronic mail. Thanks to Calvin Terada, many of us are receiving temple news electronically, on a weekly basis since the beginning of the year. Anyone is invited to receive the weekly e-mail – temple friends and relatives, too. Just contact Calvin at CalTerada@comcast.net. "Thank you," to everyone, for your dedication to The Wheel of the Sangha and Seattle Betsuin.

Our condolences to the families of our friends, Alan, Elmer and Harry.

Gassho, Irene Goto and Machiko Wada
Wheel of the Sangha Editors

SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SBBWA) Submitted by Janet Baba

Hanamatsuri: A large number of temple members and guests attended our Hanamatsuri Service on April 12 which was held in the auditorium. Dharma School members and families decorated the Hanamido with fresh flowers and greens. Sweet tea was offered to pour over the statue of the Baby Buddha, as well as a tea to sip for all attending. Dharma School teachers and members prepared a delicious brunch. We are thankful for all the details taken to share this "Flower Festival," together.

A Hanamatsuri Service was also held at the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home the following day. The decorated Hanamido was transported to Keiro for this Spring Observance. Rev. Castro and Sensei Irene Goto, along with ministers from the Koyasan Temple and the Nichiren Church conducted a service for Keiro residents. The residents were able to pour sweet tea over the statute of the infant Buddha.

Social Service Committee: Our committee members serve our SBBWA members by sending, "get well" and sympathy cards, making yearly visits to Keiro Nursing Home, and offering each resident a box of facial tissue. They are also distributed to Nikkei Manor residents and residents of other assisted living facilities and adult family homes. The members of this committee are Shizue

Yahata, Fran Shintaku, Sunnie Nagai, and Patty Mastrude Hiroo.

Breakfast at Lunch: Our third annual fundraiser, Breakfast at Lunch, will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 am, following the Gotan-e Day Service. The tickets are \$10.00 each, and will be on sale each Sunday, prior the morning service. Our breakfast offerings will be sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, waffles, miso shiru, tsukemono, rice, fruit, juice, and coffee. Join our temple members for a lunchtime visit and enjoy our delicious breakfast!

World Convention-Calgary CN: Travel plans have been made for our 18 members attending the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary from May 29-31, 2015. A wide array of workshops, under the convention theme, "Embraced by the Oneness of Life," have been announced. Participants from Japan, South America, Hawaii, and the continental U.S. will be attending this world convention.

Calendar:

SBBWA Board Meeting	May 3
Gotan-e Day	May 17
SBBWA Breakfast Fundraiser	May 17
World BWA Convention-Calgary	May 30-31



At Hanamatsuri Kinue Kawahara & Haruko Shimizu; Social Service Committee



Members,
← Shizue
Yahata, Patty
Mastrude Hiroo,
Sunnie Nagai, &
Fran Shintaku;
Mayumi, Haru, →
Jamie, Erin, &
Yvette



Attendees at
Hanamatsuri
Service at
Keiro Nursing
Home



CUB SCOUTS - Camping, Busing, Touring and Climbing! Submitted by Michael Teramoto

The Cub Scouts from Pack 252 have had a very busy month! It started with a total of 29 Cubs and dads spending a weekend at Camp Sheppard near Crystal Mountain for our annual Winter Camp. Well, there wasn't much snow this year, none to be exact, but the kids had a great time enjoying the outdoors and learning about outdoor cooking, pocketknife safety, hiking, archery, plants and so much more. Of course, the kids had a blast, literally, with the Nerf gun battle in the cabin, and performing skits at the evening camp fire was fun, too!

The day after helping to bus the tables during the annual Spring Salmon dinner fundraiser, the boys and their families enjoyed a tour of Seattle Fire Department Station #10 in the International District. The firefighters explained what they do as firefighters and the tour was highlighted with checking out the fire trucks, their equipment and getting to shoot water from the fire hoses!! A huge THANK YOU to the firefighters of Station #10 that help to keep our community safe and hosted us for a fantastic tour!!

The Thunderbird District Camporee at Camp Edward was next on our list of adventures with a weekend of exploring the fort complex, BB guns, building a fire and best of all the climbing wall! The weather was cold and wet, but that didn't diminish the amount of fun the boys had spending time at camp.

SCOUTS - At Camporee, last weekend on April 10 - 12, we participated in a series of competitions against other troops and the troop with the most points would win. One of the events was that we had to answer first aid questions, and demonstrate scout skills, and we had gotten almost every question correctly. Another event was where we had to throw newspaper balls into a trash can and switch every time we made it in. Though we didn't have the best aim, our team work got us a fair amount of points. For the bb gun target shoot I had to shoot an egg off a pedestal while lying down. I shot it with one pellet just fine. In the end, we tied with Troop 222 for first place, so kudos to troop 222 and our own troop 252 for making it so far! Our venture crew also came out to help out with the Scout Skills competition and they had cooked us a great lunch and dinner for our troop to advance in their cooking merit badge. ~Bryan Y

CAMP FIRE DOLPHINS 5TH GRADE – submitted by Grace Tazuma



On a beautiful warm and sunny Sunday afternoon in late April, the Dolphins hosted the annual outdoor cooking skills event at the Temple's North Bend shelter. The girls spent a fun afternoon learning about fire safety and how to cook various types of camp food using fire as well as a paper-box oven. They enjoyed a delicious lunch of pie-iron pizzas, foil packs and hot dogs. After lunch, they hiked down to the river to explore and enjoy the scenery. They finished off the afternoon making s'mores and eating the yummy brownies baked from the box oven.



MINISTER'S ASSISTANTS COMPLETE JODO SHINSHU CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.

At the April 5 Sunday service Rimban Castro presented Rosalie May and Matt May with Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course certificates of completion. Rimban also mentioned past recipients: Richard Kelly, Laverne Imori, Leonora Clarke and Irene Goto. Congratulations, Matt and Rosalie! For information go to <http://jscc.cbe-bca.org/front-page/course-information>. This is a 2-year computer-based course to gain basic knowledge of **Jodo Shinshu** and Buddhism in general. - IHG

DHARMA SCHOOL submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Many thanks to the Dharma school families for coordinating and decorating the beautiful hanamido. Also special thanks go to Ron, Marie, and Joan for organizing the delicious Hanamatsuri luncheon and to all their helpers.

Classroom Reports

Pre K/K class To celebrate the beginning of Spring the Pre K/Kindergarten students listened to the story "Planting a Rainbow". It was about a family who planted different colors of flowers and once they bloomed it looked like a rainbow. The children then made their own rainbow out of paper flowers. The children also heard about the Life of Buddha and made the centerpieces for the Hanamatsuri luncheon. To celebrate Hanamatsuri, the class made their own Hanamidots with tissue paper flowers and flower stickers. The class observed Earth Day by listening to the story 10 things I can do to help my world. The students discussed ways they could improve the world then colored and decorated a picture of the EcoSangha logo.



First/second grade For Ohigan we reviewed the story of the 3 bears to talk about the Middle path and why we celebrate this holiday at the equinox. The students completed a bear word search afterwards. For Hanamatsuri we decorated a hanamido with tissue paper flowers and colored a baby Buddha to put in the center of it. To celebrate Earth Day we read a book which talked about ways to reduce, reuse and recycle to help the Earth. They then colored posters and did word searches to remind us of these important points.

High School class The HS class has been working on composing a Gatha with a temporary name of "Road to Shinran". While it is still a work in progress, the current "Stretch" goal is to complete the Gatha by Gotanye and perform it for the Sangha on this year's Gotanye service. We'll see how that works out. If it doesn't, we'll perform it at a later opportunity. Stay tuned!

ABA PING PONG submitted by Gail Kaminishi

All adults, (18 and up) are welcomed to join us to play ping pong on Sunday, May 24, on the gym stage. We will go from noon until 2pm. Get ready to play!



ORION CENTER MONTHLY MEALS PROJECT NEEDS YOU! Where did you sleep last night? Do you appreciate the warmth and comfort of your bed? In Seattle, it is estimated that there are between 700 - 1000 youths with no safe place to sleep each night. Youthcare's Orion Center provides youths with the critical services that homeless youth's need including shelter, counseling, showers, clothes, and hot meals. On the third Friday of each month, volunteers from the Seattle Buddhist Church have been preparing a hot meal for between 30 - 60 homeless youths. I am asking for your help with this truly worthwhile project. Be a part of something special, and together, we CAN make a difference.

Thank you to recent meal coordinators Nina Tomita-Kato & SBBWA for January, Taryn Umeda for February, and the Terada family

and friends, pictured here, for April.

Please contact Mike Teramoto (mteramoto@yahoo.com) or the Temple office for more information or to volunteer.

BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP The Buddhist Study Group will forego our May meeting, but we are excited to announce that coming up on June 6 Reverend Kurt Rye from Ekoji Temple will be leading our discussion. This will take place on Saturday, June 6 at 9:30-12:00noon (later ending time than usual) in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Please join us for this special event!

The book for June is *The 12 Life Principles of Morita Therapy* by Dr. Brian Ogawa. It is available online both in a paperback and electronic editions.

Everyone is encouraged to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

THE SEATTLE BETSUIN GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

FEBRUARY – APRIL 2015

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Luisa Ozaki – Memorial Service	\$ 1,200.00	Clifford Ozaki
Elsie Tokita – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000.00	Shokichi Tokita
Rev. Taitetsu Unno – Memorial	\$ 1,000.00	Alice Unno; Mark & Megumi Unno
Elmer Tazuma – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000.00	Frances Hamanishi
Ricky Hara – 13 th Year Memorial	\$ 700.00	Reiko Hara
Harry Imamura – Funeral Service	\$ 500.00	Jeanne Fujii
Rev. Kiyoshi Yamashita – 49 th Day Memorial	\$ 300.00	Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki
Betty Suetsugu – In Memory of	\$ 300.00	George Suetsugu, Jr.
Nokotsudo for Ricky Hara	\$ 300.00	Reiko Hara
William Yokota – 25 th Year Memorial	\$ 250.00	Sumie Yokota
Katsumi Aoyama – Memorial Service	\$ 250.00	Anne Moriyasu
June Yamada – Memorial Service	\$ 250.00	Anne Moriyasu
Tomiko Okano – In Memory of	\$ 250.00	Kimiko Calhoun
	\$ 150.00	Pamela Okano
Kikue Suganuma – Memorial	\$ 100.00	Aiko Suganuma
Takako Seki – Memorial	\$ 100.00	Aiko Suganuma
Hatsuji Hanada – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Peggy Hanada
Fred Mayeda – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Julie Mayeda
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LOST AND FOUND Please check the lost and found box on the gym stage for any items you are missing – umbrellas, hats, jackets, glasses, etc. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity in June. Please check with the office if you are missing an okesa and/or its case. - JN

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 2015.

Lani Carpenter, Helen Gota, Yoko Hamanaka, Roy & Deanna Ikegami, Laverne Imori, Iwako Iseri, Sunkie Oye, Shizue Kikuchi, Akira & Chiyoko Saito, George Shimizu, Frank Shinoda, Mary Yoshida

***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, 2015. If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com.
(compiled by HL, PS, JN, & SO)

RELAY FOR LIFE 2015 JR.YBA is participating in the 2015 Relay for Life of Green Lake on June 6, 2015 from 10AM until Midnight. JR.YBA Participates in this event to honor those who have been diagnosed with cancer. We would appreciate your support by making donations toward our team, which go toward the American Cancer society to help support cancer research. Donations can be made outside the foyer before Sunday service. YBA is also selling luminaria lanterns for you to decorate in honor of a family member, or friend. They are \$5 each and can be decorated any way. YBA will line them up along the track at 9PM during the Luminaria ceremony. During the luminaria ceremony, participants walk around the track honoring cancer fighters, survivors, and those who passed away. Thank you for your support.- AS



Special Event:
Reverend Kurt Rye of Ekoji Temple
will be joining us for a book discussion on
by Dr. Brian Ogawa

Saturday, June 6, 2015
9:30am- 12noon in the Memorial Hall Chapel

This book is available online both in a paperback and electronic editions. Don't worry if you haven't read the book! Come and learn about it. You may want to read the book after the discussion. Everyone is encouraged to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

- LC

SALMON DINNER FUNDRAISER OF MARCH 28 THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who came to the fundraiser dinner and submitted their payment for the tickets that were distributed. This was the 3rd year for the Salmon Dinner Fundraiser and by all accounts it was another successful year. This year it seemed like there was a larger crowd that dined-in instead of using the Drive-thru or Take-out options. While we didn't run into issues with individuals waiting for tables to open up, it seemed like an opportune time for friends to catch up with others who they have not seen in a while.

There were many involved in the planning for this third time event as it still takes a bit of planning to put on this event. It would be difficult to list out everyone who helped organize the event as various organizations from the Temple were represented, e.g. SBBWA, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Sr. YBA, Matsuri Taiko, Camp Fire, Troop 252 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, etc.. There are some though that took on significant roles on the committee and thank you to their efforts to host another successful event, Kris Kosuji, Ron Hamakawa, Susie Taketa, Craig Nakano and Steph Ojima.

Thank you also to the individuals who took it upon themselves to sell additional tickets beyond the ones that they may have rec'd aside from the mailing. Assisting in this effort outside of the Temple included Mrs. Mitsuko Terada and Mr. Jeff Hattori. This is an area that needs everyone's participation to help make this a more successful event for the community and not just for Temple members. - HL

ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE - *SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO*

Sunday, June 7, 2015 Service at 10:00 AM

The annual **ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2015, at 10AM**. This important service is dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of members and friends of the temple who have gone before us.

Guest speaker for this service will be Rev. Kurt Rye of the Ekoji Temple in Virginia. Rev. Rye began his ministerial studies here in Seattle in the 1990's so please come out and welcome him home. Rev. Rye will also conduct a seminar in the chapel on Saturday, June 6, 2015, from 9:30 am to noon on Morita Therapy and its Twelve Principles of Living.

During the All Sangha Memorial Service, photos of those being remembered will be displayed on a screen in the hondo. We invite families of the deceased to submit the name and a photo of their loved one to office@seattlebetsuin.com. Please limit the file size of photographs to 100KB and include your name and telephone number in your e-mail message. If you submitted a photo for previous years' services and want it displayed again during this year's service you do not have to do anything. If you want to remove or replace a photo please send the appropriate instructions by email to office@seattlebetsuin.com.

If you do not have a digital photo available you may bring a color or black and white photograph to the Betsuin office and the office staff will scan it for you. If no photo is available you may submit just the person's name to the same e-mail address and it will appear on the screen during the service. You may also complete the form below and submit it to the Betsuin Office.

The deadline for submission of photos and names is Sunday, May 31. We cannot guarantee that photos/names received after the deadline will be included.

In Gassho, *Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 329-0800*

Name of Deceased

Submitted by: _____ Phone #: _____

The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special services. 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 and also for the delay in acknowledging the donations and apologies for the delay in the listing of special services prior to April:

Hanamatsuri

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MUSICAL NOTES submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to all participants of the Earth Day Family Music Service on April 19, including Donna Zumoto and her taiko team, our regular bonsho ringer Ben Dodobara, and the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band with Mark Taylor for the rousing rendition of *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*. With the guidance and support of Rinban Castro, the Bodhi Ensemble led the premiere of the new Earth Day gatha *Precious Earth*. How gratifying it was for me to see my original composition from decades ago transformed with youth involvement! I appreciate the special effort from the high school Dharma School class with Alex, Matt and Brandt helping Rinban Castro and me with the lyrics for *Precious Earth* and also Emi, Alina, Kayla, Kristy, Emily and Allison for their added rehearsal time.

Did anyone notice that the words for *In Lumbini's Garden* at Hanamatsuri were not all the same as in recent years? We used the lyrics from Sacramento and Tacoma Buddhist Temple this time as we review the content of the new service book. New music from Tacoma will be introduced in May also as an ongoing effort to keep things fun and interesting. Informal Sunday singing continues from 9 am for anyone interested.

Ukelele Band plays "Sing" and "Say NamoAmidaButsu" on March 29, 2015 service. Greg Oxrieder, Ann Oxrieder, Rona Warrick, Sat Ichikawa, Mas Tamekuni, Mary Shigaya, Dolly Tokunaga, Marlene Okada, and Tomi Zumoto.



DHARMA EXCHANGE is an open discussion led by one of the ministerial staff following Sunday Service. It takes place in the dining room downstairs. All are welcome to attend.

March 22, 2015 - Rinban Castro celebrated the Spring Ohigan, and during the DX a participant asked, "As a Buddhist can one ever be truly happy?" Another participant replied to the effect that acceptance plays a role in happiness, and not to worry about the future. Be in the present moment. . . Sensei recalled a pillow service where the friends of the deceased laid out sashimi and liquor on the side tables -- the way they socialized when he was alive, and then they poured two drinks into the deceased. They placed his ashes in the water near "Salty's. Sensei remarked it was a unique service. . . Happiness is relative and different for younger and older people. Some Samurai wish to go at the height of their prowess, much like cherry blossoms drop when they are most beautiful. It is more cultural than Buddhistic.

March 29 - During his Dharma talk Rinban Castro asked, "Why care about other people?" And, what is the starting point of Buddhism? He described dukkha as fear, anxiety, doubt, being upset, unease and why am I not happy? Science says we are all wired to be compassionate, and refers to "mirror neurons." Irene Goto Sensei recently attended a conference at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. A child of 2 is happy playing with Lego. She related that patience = forgiveness and being insightful about pain. She raised the question, has Buddhism changed your life? A participant responded there are different ways in Buddhism. At a "certain age" we have had more experience and therefore more understanding. Another participant thought we were more self-aware when we are being selfish. Rev. Jim Warrick was in the Dharma School today and reported we are more forgiving later in life. His wife Rona responded, "You are just getting older." He suggested being here and now and living this life to the fullest. Sensei said a very young girl in DS today described "Monkey Mind" accurately. A participant from the Spokane Buddhist Temple asked, "What is Buddhism?" His answer: understanding life as it changes -- a lifelong journey. A participant raised in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Japan felt as a child he was the center of everything. Now, he feels humble. Irene Sensei said the physical body is improved when happy.

April 5 Irene attended Dharma School's Dharma Exchange. The topic there was, "How to make newcomers feel more welcome," as entertained by Yukio Morikubo. After many suggestions were given, Tyler M volunteered to design an informational pamphlet to give to newcomers. Irene will attempt to re-write the service scripts to make them more inviting to newcomers. During Dharma Exchange in the dining room the discussion was about distinguishing Shintoism from Buddhism. Reverend Castro asked that care be taken not to mix the two together. Miyo noted in Japan someone asking for a Shinto blessing on a new car; Mas noted that Buddhism does not rely on superstition. - IHG

April 12 - Castro Sensei mentioned an old article in The Seattle Times that inaccurately described a statue, as well as a very old statue at the temple of unknown origin. . . Sensei said parinirvana is beyond the realms of duality. On asking his son to do the dishes, his son replied, "I didn't choose to be born." Sensei replied, "Oh yes you did." He mentioned there are many realms, but the human realm is the best one from which to become enlightened. He suggested we can go in any direction and we will still be impermanent. A participant asked Sensei to expand on the Buddha's seeming arrogant remark. If one is Enlightened, it is OK to say as the Buddha reportedly said, "I am the World's most honored one." If not, it sounds arrogant. Sensei said, "We don't really know what the Buddha said, but who cares?" The Zen approach is "What would you do? Work out your own way to Enlightenment". The Jodo Shinshu approach is to rely on the power of truth through Amida Buddha -- I am embraced by Other Power. Sensei quoted Prof. Duncan Williams' response on how to attain insight. "Forgetting the self is like the centipede -- Which leg goes forward first?"

April 19 - Earth Day's Dharma Exchange speaker was Tom Watson, project manager for King County's Recycling and Environmental Services. He conducted a lively session in the Hondo and opened by answering many immediate questions from the group. He went into detail about how to handle food and yard waste, and other pertinent recycling questions. A participant asked if Seattle is a model for recycling. Yes, and so are Portland and San Francisco. We can phone him for more information 206.477.4481. In gassho, Pat Bobrow



Tom Watson

BCA News & Events

The Jodo Shinshu Center – Fifth Anniversary Milestone



By Glenn Kameda, JSC Facility Manager

The Jodo Shinshu Center will mark five years in operation (8/3/2006 – 8/3/2011) this August. Five years is not a long time line, but I guess it depends on your point of reference. For me five years ago was a turning point from retirement to active retired.

Today, the BCA greatly benefits from active retired kaikyoshi ministers; so why shouldn't I join the ranks of active retired in the capacity of "Interim Facility Manager" of the Jodo Shinshu Center.

Five years ago the JSC was in the midst of final preparations to receive the "ondobo – ondogyo" (fellow travelers – fellow seekers) of the dharma. Yes, Richard Endo and I did our daily shopping for blankets, pillows, comforters, order linen, towels, buy soap, shampoos, pots and pans, utensils, plates and on and on. Richard also set up a computer format to log hotel/dorm reservations, install a Master Activity Calendar, and whatever else was needed to operate, log, and maintain records of operation. I on the other hand set up a facility operations management plan that included support services for routine and periodic maintenance. It's hard to believe that all this was five years ago and we both are still at it, although Richard got elected as BCA treasurer and left me for a more challenging task.

I believe that the Jodo Shinshu Center as a Learning and Training Center for Buddhist Churches of America's Center for Buddhist Education and Institute of Buddhist Studies graduate school has exceeded our expectations. The Center for Buddhist Education has provided programs on and off site for Youths, Dharma School Teachers, Young Buddhist Association members, adults of all ages, Youth Advocacy Committee's Youth Ministry program, Ministers Assistant Program currently there are over 80 certified Assistants, and Ministers Continuing Education sessions. Each year the participation numbers have increased, the Jodo Shinshu Center programs has become a "spiritual awakening" for "ondobo – ondogyo" in so many ways. The Institute of Buddhist Studies school enrollment has multiplied several folds and they continue to add new programs; the latest a graduate studies in Buddhist Chaplaincy.

The JSC has also provided opportunities and a home base for Hongwanji's two programs, the International Ministry Orientation Program and the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course on Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. The Jodo Shinshu Center is now home for the Buddhist Churches of America's Bookstore (formerly located at BCA Headquarters in San Francisco). The Bookstore with its web site has gained much visibility, as well as sales and has supported the many CBE programs on and off site. And last but not least Ryukoku University has established a western shore base at the JSC. The acronym RUBeC (Ryukoku University Berkeley Center) was chosen for its new operation center within the JSC. The RUBeC program provides its University students an opportunity to study English language and American culture. Throughout the year, groups of 25 to 30 are here for a semester and/or between semester programs. They live off site as home-stay and/or at the YMCA or University of California campus facility.

Several organizations, religious and nonreligious, have inquired about leasing and/or holding their events at the JSC. For the past two years the Northern California Zen group has hosted its Sat/Sun twice a year workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center. The Zen group has found the setting and accommodations to exceed any place it has met.

Today the JSC is operating at 85% capacity during the daytime, 40% nighttime, and 70% during the weekends. Routinely, classes, events, seminars, retreats, and other activities begin in earnest first of February and not let up until mid-December. The JSC has been hosting more individual temple group visits for a day and/or for the weekend, and

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district groups such as Jr. YBA. The Youth of today have found the JSC a special place for their meeting site, a place to plan their own activities, renew friendships, to study, share a moment in their lives, and to plan and look forward to their next gathering. The activities and opportunities encourage some “young folks” to consider a Jodo Shinshu ministry as a career choice.

The JSC financial operation is unique within the BCA. It operates financially independent of the BCA’s general operating budget. How can that be—and yet, it is the membership who benefits from the Learning and Training Center. The JSC has managed to operate financially independent because its tenants share in the operating cost. To date, all of the financial challenges have been met. The JSC operational cost is financed through a formula of square-footage cost to operate and allocating percentage shares to tenants. Hotel lodging and direct donations add to the income source. Please be aware that the JSC mortgage has not been inclusive in the operational cost.

The BCA Bookstore is in its fourth year of operation at the JSC. Sales have steadily grown but not yet self-sustaining the original target for self-sustaining operation was and still is five years of operation.

Being in the midst of the day to- day operation of the JSC and its learning and training activities and events, as well as hosting visitors, liaison role between tenants, as well as hosting most of the BCA National Board, Executive Committee and affiliated organization meetings has given me a rare experience. I have gained much insight into the BCA operation, and have seen the awareness and awakening to the dharma by students of all ages. I have been moved by the sincerity and dedication by the MAP, YAC, MCE, TechnoBuddha, Baby- Boomers, Temple Leaders, IBS students, and the countless *ondobo ondogyo*.

My personal thought is that the JSC site, activities, events, classes, and training, are priceless. I believe the BCA membership and its many dharma friends with their helping hands, their encouragement, and their spiritual guide have made the JSC and its offerings immeasurably priceless.

The JSC will commemorate its first five year of operation and accomplishments with a special event on Sunday, Dec. 4, following the BCA Ministers Association and the National Board meeting of Dec. 2 and 3 respectively. You are all welcome to attend. Schedule of event details will be announced later this year.

Thank you for allowing me to have received so much this past five years, and yes, I even had many moments of pleasure commuting one hundred thousand miles to the JSC during the five years. No speeding ticket, no accident, and an average of three hours per day coming and going, or is it going and coming — I lost track. *Posted by: admin -IHG*

CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION
presents A FREE PUBLIC LECTURE:
FROM SHINJIN TO SHINSHU: Organizing and Disciplining the dogyo
Guest Speaker: Dr. Neil McMullin
Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm
At the Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

This lecture will examine the birth and early development of Shinshu in the three centuries following the death of Shinran. It will focus on “the establishment of moral codes in the emerging Shin tradition in that period, and the ways in which the school related with the political (“secular”) authorities of that time.”

Join us for this insightful and informative look into the history and development of Shinshu.

Open and free to the public. All are welcome!

Dr. Neil McMullin, scholar and author on Buddhist studies and Japanese religions, has served on the faculty departments of religion at the University of Rochester, Sweet Briar College and the University of Toronto. His publications include, *Buddhism and the State in Sixteenth –Century Japan* (Princeton University Press) and “Historical and Historiographical Issues in the Study of Pre-modern Japanese Religions,” (*Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*.) Dr. McMullin has worked as General Editor for the “Numata Series in Buddhist Studies” and has edited publications for the University of Toronto, UC Berkeley and Princeton University. The lecture is being offered as part of the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course August Workshop. For information, please call 415.809.1460 or email: admin@cbe-bca.org ... **Posted by: admin -IHG**

Betsuin Events for May 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 8:45am Meditation Service*

May 3 8:45am Meditation Service*

10:00am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: Irene Goto Sensei

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DSDX: Irene Goto Sensei

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45am SBBWA Board Meeting

May 10 8:45am Meditation Service*

10:00am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: Irene Goto Sensei

DX: Rinban Castro

May 17 8:45am Meditation Service*

10:00am GOTAN-E SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: Irene Goto Sensei

DX: Rinban Castro

May 24 8:45am Meditation Service*

10:00am SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SERVICE

Scholarship recipients will read essays

Japanese Program

DSDX: Irene Goto Sensei

DX: Rinban Castro

11:45am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

May 31 8:45am Meditation Service*

10:00am FAMILY SERVICE and
CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: Minister's Assistant

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: Minister's Assistant

DX: Rinban Castro

MONDAYS

May 4, 18 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

May 25 Office closed for Memorial Day

10:00 am Memorial Day Service at
Lakeview Cemetery

TUESDAYS

May 19 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

May 26 10:30am Keiro Service (Rinban
Castro)

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

May 6 10:30am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

May 13 10:30am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

May 27 10:30am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

THURSDAYS

May 7 1:30pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

May 14 7:30pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

May 21

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

7:30pm Betsuin Board Meeting

May 28 7:30pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

FRIDAYS

May 1 12:00pm Gojikai Service & Luncheon
Meeting (Irene Goto Sensei)

May 8 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

May 29 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

SATURDAYS

May 9

10:00am NW District Council/ NWBWA Mtg, Yakima

May 16 1:00pm Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial
Service (Rinban Castro)

May 23 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

May 30 – 31 (Sat-Sun) World Buddhist Women's
Convention in Calgary

June 2015: Major Events of Interest

June 6 Book discussion with Rev. Kurt Rye, Ekoji
Temple on *The 12 Life Principles of Morita Therapy*
by Dr. Brian Ogawa

June 7 All Sangha Memorial Service with Guest
Speaker, Rev. Kurt Rye, Ekoji Temple

June 14 Awards & Recognition Service, last day of
Dharma School for 2014-2015 session

June 22 – 26 KSP (Kids Summer Program)

June 28 Bishops'/Rinbans' Memorial Service

**2015 June Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, May 18, 2015 - 8:00 pm**

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**4th Annual Women in Buddhism Conference
at Seattle Betsuin**

Saturday, October 3, 2015

9:30am – 3:30pm

Rev. Patti Nakai & Linda Anderson Krech

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2015 May Events at Seattle Betsuin

Sunday, May 17 Gotan-e Service

Sunday, May 24 Scholarship Awards Service

Monday, May 25 Office closed, Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery

Sat.-Sun., May 30 – 31 World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary

Saturday, June 6, 2015 Book Study with Reverend Kurt see page 8

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