



## ANNOUNCING THE END OF BON ODORI

By Rinban Don Castro

An article in the Seattle P.I. from July 12, 1908 (page 7) announced the end of Bon Odori:

*The great annual Buddhist festival of Bon-O-bon-odari, the All Saints' day of Japan, will be observed throughout the Mikado's domain commencing tomorrow and lasting until Wednesday night. This day corresponds with Memorial day in this country.*

*Local Japanese state that, as they are residents and citizens of this country, and many of them are Christians, they observe the American days, not the holidays of their native country and the feast days of the Buddhist religion. They decorated the graves of their dead on May 30 and so will not observe this festival.*

As we prepare to observe our 83<sup>rd</sup> Bon Odori (or should I say Bon-O-bon-odari?) I wonder what happened. I guess someone forgot to tell the Buddhists that Bon Odori is cancelled. Maybe someone will quote me out of context and say, "Rev. Castro wrote '...Bon Odori is cancelled.'"

I wonder who were the "Local Japanese" who were cited in this article. Later in the article, it is stated, "In the cities where the Western civilization and the Christian religion have penetrated, this custom is not nearly as widely observed as in the country." One can only surmise that no Buddhists were consulted in the writing of this article. I wonder what reaction there was to this article among our temple leaders back in 1908. Obviously, they did not go along with it. Certainly the fact that Buddhism has not only survived but thrived in the face of such discrimination should be part of the "festival of joy."

Another part of the article I find erroneous and misleading is the attempt to equate Obon and Memorial Day. According to Wikipedia (which I believe in this case is accurate), "Memorial Day is

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please join me in welcoming Rev. Miho Sekiya to the Seattle Betsuin. Rev. Sekiya will be assigned to our temple to share the Buddha Dharma alongside Rinban Castro, Rev. Jim Warwick, Sensei Irene Goto and our ministers' assistants.

Sekiya sensei has an impressive and unique background. Rev. Sekiya was born in Tokyo, Japan, where she received her early education. Her family then moved to Menlo Park and New York for her father's work during her later childhood and adolescence. Rev. Sekiya received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1999 from Boston University, after which time she returned to Tokyo and worked for a Japanese company. During this time, from 1999 to 2012, Rev. Sekiya studied Buddhism and practiced Zen.



To pursue her growing interest in Buddhism, Sekiya sensei moved to Kyoto to study Jodo Shinshu Buddhism at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin. She became a Kyoshi minister in 2013. Rev. Sekiya remained in Kyoto after her ministerial training to study Jodo Shinshu ritual, earning the special designation of Certified Tokubetsu Houmin (Special Rituals Minister).

Sekiya sensei comes highly recommended. Her deep knowledge of Buddhism, in general, and Jodo Shinshu in particular, her fluency in both English and Japanese, and her life experiences as a woman will complement our current ministerial staff's ability to share the Buddha Dharma. She will be just the second minister in the BCA with credentials as a Special Rituals Minister. As such, she will be a resource not just for us in the Pacific Northwest, but for the entire BCA. At the same time, she will learn first-hand about the fine work Rinban Castro, Rev. Warrick, Sensei Goto, and all our ministerial assistants

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a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces." I believe if **all** deceased are honored on Memorial Day, it is contrary to the intent of the holiday which is to recognize and honor the sacrifices of those who died **while serving** in the armed forces.

Fortunately for Buddhists, we have Obon for honoring all our deceased loved ones. If I were to equate Obon with a Christian holiday I would choose All Souls Day on November and the associated observance of Halloween and we have seen how adulterated it has become. I wonder if Memorial Day has become a day to honor all deceased loved ones because the three day Christian holiday of All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day (Oct. 31-Nov. 2) has lost its meaning.



**Seattle Betsuin's Troop 252** provided the color guards at Memorial Day observance on May 25 at Lake View Cemetery. Among those who attended were Seattle Mayor Ed Murray escorted by NVC Commander Yuzo Tokita.. — si →



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have put into establishing our training program as exemplary within the BCA.

Subject to the finalization of Rev. Sekiya's immigration application, we expect to see Rev. Sekiya in Seattle in late July or August. We will plan appropriate opportunities for our members to welcome Sekiya Sensei upon her arrival. Please look for those opportunities in the coming months.

I know our Sangha will welcome Sekiya Sensei warmly. Sekiya Sensei's interesting and unique life journey will allow her to offer an insightful perspective in her understanding of the Buddha Dharma. I can't wait to hear it!

Gassho, Yukio

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Buddhism Conference**  
at Seattle Betsuin  
**Saturday, October 3, 2015**  
**Speakers:**  
**Rev. Miho Sekiya**  
Seattle Betsuin  
**Rev. Patti Nakai**  
Buddhist Temple of Chicago  
**Linda Anderson Krech**  
Tōdō Institute

- IHG



← **Yakima Buddhist Church** placed hundreds of peonies at Japanese American gravesites in Yakima Valley cemeteries in Memorial Day Observance with the help of Kathy Hata, photo right. Takako and Tamio Uchida attended service. Irene Goto Sensei from Seattle Betsuin officiated. - IHG



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

**15<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention:** Over 2,000



women from the BCA, Canada, Hawaii, Japan, and South America, gathered together in Calgary, Alberta Canada, on May 30-31 for the 15<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention under the convention theme: "Embraced by the Oneness of Life." All were able to see the Gomonshu-sama, to hear stories from our Keynote Speakers, Rev. Nana Yanase from Japan, and Rev. Patricia Usuki from California. There were workshops, opportunities to meet women and men from different countries, and to share



experiences. Seventeen SBBWA members traveled to Calgary for this successful convention. It was wonderful to hear the chanting of the San Butsu Ge and Ju Sei Ge, in unison, by 2,000 voices. The next World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held in 2019 at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel in California.

**Hiroshima Guests:** 39 Buddhist Women and escorts, from Hiroshima's Bingo Kyoku District, arrived at the Betsuin on June 1, following the 15<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Convention in Calgary. Our guests wanted to visit the Seattle Betsuin and meet our BWA members. We began the day with a short service with Rinban Castro, Rev. Warrick, & Sensei Irene Goto, officiating. Rev. Kakiara, from Tacoma, who was originally from Hiroshima's Bingo Kyoku, was our service chair. Activities of the visit included a tour of our temple, a photo session, and a reception in the dining room. Many of our members are from Hiroshima and were very happy to meet and visit with the women. Numerous gifts were received from the

visitors, and our members gave a nice gift bag to them. Their short visit left many heartwarming memories. Our members came together to make the visit a joyous occasion. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of our members who came to make the visit of our guests a memorable one.



**New Membership Service:** We installed and welcomed seven new members on April 26 at our annual New Membership Service and Luncheon. Our new members are Leonora Clarke, Kathy Hasegawa, Kemi Nakabayashi, Thy Pham-Moriguchi, Tara Tamaribuchi-Gibbs, Anna Tamura, and Nancy Vu. We look forward to having them join us in giving service to our temple, Sangha, and Community. We are looking forward to make new friendships and connections. Welcome!

**Members Give Exemplary Service:** Ritsuko Kawahara and Kinue Kuwahara received a Certificate of Appreciation on April 26, at our New Membership luncheon. This certificate was given in appreciation for their endless dedication of service to our Buddhist Women's Association and to the Seattle Buddhist



Temple. Here are some examples of Ritsuko and Kinue's continued dedication to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association. Ritsuko has chaired the Food Committee for many years, and has offered her expertise to our temple and members. Kinue, our past association president, has greeted temple members each week, as she distributed our gatha books. In addition, she does the floral arrangements for the Onajin and Keiro services.

**Bon Odori Booth:** Our Activities Committee continues to collect kimono, yukata, happi, tenugui, geta, tabi, and →

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hair ornaments to sell at our Bon Odori booth. These items are popular, as many customers like to dress up for Obon and festive occasions. Our crafters have also been busy preparing items to sell in our booth. You'll see miniature purses, cards, bead bracelets, and more at our craft booth. Please visit our Clothing and Craft booth at our Obon Festival, on July 18 & 19. In Gassho, Janet

#### Future Events:

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Cabinet Meeting                    | July 26    |
| SBBWA Summer Outing                | July 29    |
| FBWA Youth Exchange                | Aug. 14-21 |
| Rennyō Shonin Service              | Aug. 16    |
| Women in Buddhism Conference       | Oct. 3     |
| Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Service | Oct. 4     |
| 2015 FBWA Representatives' Mtg.    | Oct. 10    |

Here are captions for pictures on page 2: # 1 left to right: Nancy Vu, Thy Pham-Moriguchi, Anna Tamura, Tara Tamaribuchi-Gibbs, Kathy Hasegawa, & Leonora Clarke. Missing in photo is Kemi Nakabayashi. #2 Guests from Bingo Kyoku District of Hiroshima visiting Seattle Betsuin. # 3 SBBWA Members attending World Buddhist Convention, Calgary, Canada. # 4 Ritsuko and Kinue with their Certificates of Appreciation from SBBWA

**DHARMA SCHOOL** submitted by Joyce Tsuji We hope everyone enjoyed our last day of Dharma school event. Lots of good food and fun!! Our appreciation goes out to all who helped with the potluck, bingo, bracelet making, bubble fun, set up and take down/clean up.

Congratulations again to our perfect attendance award winners, Nathan T, Kaya T and Hieu M and to all our fabulous attendance award winners!! Well done! Finally a big thank you goes to all the Ministers, teachers, parents, and students who made this past year so successful.

Special thanks go to Nina and Paul who will be retiring from Dharma School teaching. Generations of our Sangha have benefitted from their commitment to sharing the dharma. We wish them well in their future adventures. Have a terrific summer!

#### Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K The Pre-K/K class talked about remembering loved ones at Obon and the significance of the Bon Odori festival. The class made chochins or Japanese paper lanterns to take home and light up in preparation for Bon Odori.

The students listened to the story "Father's Day is for Special People" and talked about their fathers and the father figures in their lives that we can honor on Father's Day. They made gift for their favorite "pops."

On the last day of Dharma School, we discussed Living a Healthy Life in the Dharma. This was a joint topic

that all Dharma Schools in the NW district dedicated a class to teaching. We talked about the 5 ways to stay healthy and then worked on a coloring book where the children crossed out the unhealthy items, and colored the healthy activities and food to eat. We hope all of the children have a very safe and healthy summer and look forward to seeing them later in the year.



1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade We discussed the significance of Memorial Day and made our own construction paper US flags with the help of a couple of Dharma dads who pitched in. Thanks Tyler and Troy on a job well done. Then we discussed the theme of Living a Healthy life in the Dharma. We all then proceeded to make a fruit salad with gratitude and interdependence which we all shared. Yum! Finally the kids decorated coffee mugs for their Dads as Father's day gifts. They came out great and the kids filled them with treats.

**Dharma School Bulletin** The Dharma School Board, wishes to express their gratitude toward the parents for bringing your children to Seattle Betsuin and to support its mission, "to promote, protect and share the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha." Have a wonderful summer and please remember that although Dharma School will be out of session, there will still Sunday service throughout the summer!



May 24, 2015 group picture shows three scholarship awardees: Taylan, Samantha, and Kyle, and their parents. Stephanie Ojima represented the Betsuin. - si



**MUSICAL NOTES** Sunday morning singing from 9-9:45 am in the hondo will continue through the summer with a short break from bon odori weekend July 19-August 2, resuming on August 9. Anyone, young and old(er), is welcome to join in our informal review of old and new gathas. Youth and adult musicians who would like to help out with service music during the summer or in the fall for regular family services or children's services are welcome to contact Kemi Nakabayashi. submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

### 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.

*Michael & Carol Aoki-Kramer, Gene & Yuki Arinobu, Lauren Asaba, Marian Asaba, Lance & Lisa Barr, Clara Beard, Lisa Butler, Jenni Chin, Steve & Lori Chisholm, Jean Deguchi, Burke Dykes, Minoru & Aiko Fujii, Sue Fujino, Harumi Fujioka, Nobuichi Fujita, Mary Furuta, Fumiko Groves, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, Ellen Hale, Miyuki Hanada, Peggy Hanada, Reiko Hara, Tom Hasegawa, Sue Hatai, Sachiko Hayami, Edward Hiroo, Jean Ishii, Toshiko Isomura, Scott Jofuku, Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima, Kazue Kato, Momoko Kido, Tom Kodama, Janet Kosai, Masako Kubo, Chieko Kubota, Janet Kubota, Patricia Kubota, Kinue Kuwahara, Julie Mayeda, Sheri Mizumori, Lisa Morishige, Kemi Nakabayashi, Yoshie Nakagawa, Ted Nakamura, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Todd Natsuhara, Nancy Okawa, Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada, Ann Kawasaki Romero, Irene Saito, Tom & Bev Sakamoto, Joe & Carolyn Schwab, Robert Seko, Dennis Shibata, Frances Shintaku, George Suetsugu Jr., Nori Suguro, Kazue Tagami, Haruso & Sonoe Taketa, Noboru Taki, Rikuko Tanaka, Tom Tanaka, Ryomi Tanino, Grace Tazuma, Calvin & Yvette Terada, Ronald & Suzuko Terada, Michiko Toyoshima, Tazuko Uyenishi, Jim & Rona Warrick, Steve & Valerie Yamasaki, Michiko Yanagimoto, , Dennis Yee & Eileen Hamamoto, Fusae Yokoyama, Fuyo Yoshida, James & Tomiko Zumoto*

*We'd like to 'welcome'*

*Todd Natsuhara, Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada  
as new members of our Sangha.*

**\*AS A REMINDER:** The **minimum** for basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations, is \$250 for those over 70 years of age and \$300 for those under 70 years old. Payments are due by September 30, 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)

# THE SEATTLE BETSUIN GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

## May – June 2015

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

### Given by:

|   |             |                         |
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| Akio Nishizaki – Funeral Service                | \$ 1,000.00 | Mabel Nishizaki         |
| Amy Seko – Burial Service                       | \$ 500.00   | Robert Seko             |
| James Hasegawa – In Memory of                   | \$ 400.00   | Stephen Hasegawa        |
| Shimano Taketa – 13 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial | \$ 400.00   | Haruso & Sonoe Taketa   |
|   | \$ 200.00   | Mun Taketa              |
| Nokotsudo for Masayoshi Kosai                   | \$ 300.00   | Hiroko Janet Kosai      |
| Takeshi Tsuchida – In Memory of                 | \$ 300.00   | Florence Tsuchida       |
| Masayoshi Kubo – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial  | \$ 300.00   | Masako Kubo             |
| Daichi “Dan” Tanabe – Burial Service            | \$ 300.00   | Dawn & Robert Keeley    |
| Robert “Bob” Hikida – In Memory of              | \$ 200.00   | Mary Hikida             |
| Arlene Taketa – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Year Memorial  | \$ 200.00   | Mun Taketa              |
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| Shio Ohara – In Memory of                       | \$ 100.00   | Mari Ohara              |
| Nokotsudo – Jerry Yuasa                         | \$ 100.00   | Ryan & Stacy Nakata     |
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|   | \$ 100.00   | James & Ikuko Dodobara  |
|   | \$ 100.00   | Kenny & Yoshie Dodobara |
| Megumi Dodobara – In Memory of                  | \$ 100.00   | Douglas Dodobara        |
|   | \$ 100.00   | James & Ikuko Dodobara  |
|   | \$ 100.00   | Kenny & Yoshie Dodobara |

### Remembrances for:

### Given by:

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| Alan Groves           | Gene & Yuki Arinobu; Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Mae Deguchi; Sue Fujino; Satoru & Grace Ichikawa; Miyo Kaneta; Howard Luke & Marie Kosai; George & Irene Mano; Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Mabel Nishizaki; Stephanie Ojima; Peggy Tanemura; Theodore & Akiko Taniguchi; Miyoko Tazuma; Allan & Kayoko Terada; Sam & Masako Uchida; Michi Vaart  |
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| <b>Temple Supervisor:</b> | Spokane Buddhist Temple | \$ 100.00 |
|                           | Yakima Buddhist Temple  | \$ 100.00 |

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**For:**

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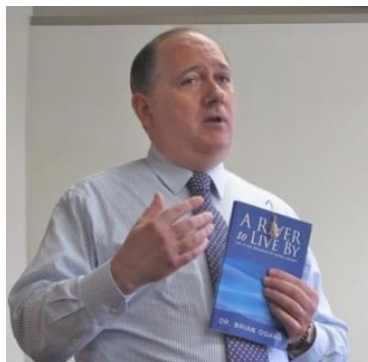
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**BUDDHIST BOOK STUDY** In this article a participant comments on the book, *A River to Live By: The 12 Principles of Morita Therapy*, by Dr. Brian Ogawa. On June 6 Rev. Kurt Rye talked about the book with 19 participants at Seattle Betsuin.

*A River to Live By*, Dr. Brian Ogawa, Xlibris/Random House, 2007.

*This text "describes the twelve life principles of Morita therapy." . . . "Originating in traditional Eastern philosophy and modern Japanese psychiatry . . ."*



*Rev. Kurt Rye, Ekoji Buddhist Temple, counselor and minister, treated book study members to his extensive, colorful and poignant teaching and experiences as they relate to Morita Therapy.*

*One principle addressed is emotions. We are emotional but we are to think of being "emotion ALL", that is, to embrace every emotion but to not secondarily judge emotions as "good" or "bad". We are able to then let them go and move on.* →

← *By extension, a participant asked how this might work with a death. Rev. Ryes's answer was that death is the ultimate separation. It is healthy to grieve. It is hoped that one eventually understands that the decedent is finally gone, and, when "we no longer have 'what ifs'", we have closure.*

*My favorite Zen saying from Ogawa's text is, "When you walk, walk. When you sit, sit. Don't wobble."*

Rev. Castro reports that a seminar with Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai is being planned between Saturday, August 1, through Wednesday, August 5. There will likely be several meetings with members both in Japanese and English. His English is excellent! He has lectured here before on the Tannisho and has published the translation and commentary on it.

Sept. 5 is scheduled for Book Study but no topic has been set yet. Submitted by Irene Goto

### **CAMP FIRE Hummingbirds 11th/12th grade**



Congratulations to Samantha H. and Kayla B. for earning the Camp Fire Wohelo Award. The Wohelo Award is the highest achievement that a youth can earn in Camp Fire, requiring a huge amount of time, effort and dedication. Youth who complete the

requirements for the Wohelo Award demonstrates leadership, organizational skills, respect for others and a

desire and ability to make a difference in the world. This is a special achievement as it has been 23 years since a temple member has received a Wohelo award.

Over the past 4 years, both girls completed the full high school Horizon curriculum, and in addition, each girl created, developed and completed 3 advocacy projects.

For 2 years, Samantha H. coordinated the holiday decorating and entertainment at Wisteria View Manor. She also planned, organized and led the "2015 Dad-Kid Weekend" held at Camp Sealh. Dad-Kid Weekend is by far our Camp Fire council's largest event and drew nearly 150 participants.

Kayla B. focused on promoting mathematics among youth and bringing entertainment to the elderly. She led her high school math team for 2 years and separately, worked with younger girls to make math fun. For her entertainment advocacy, Kayla scheduled and planned several shows, recruiting musicians and dancers to perform together with her at senior homes.

In addition, the girls worked together to form and co-lead a new Camp Fire group at our temple. There were no new Kindergarten groups, so Kayla and Samantha created a new group in order to keep Camp Fire going strong at our temple. The girls co-led this group for 2 years, planning meetings and teaching both the parents and youth about Camp Fire. Submitted by Lisa Butler



### **Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire Council Fire May 17, 2015 Seattle Betsuin**





**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:**

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**Ohgan - Spring** Suganuma, Aiko **Etaikyo Muen Hoyo** Nishizaki, Mabel

**18-19 July 2015**

**Seattle Bon Odori is Around the Corner!**

**Please sign-up to help support setup, booths, or provide shift coverage to make the 2015 Bon Odori successful!**

**Sign up sheets are posted downstairs  
outside of the dining room!**

## **Temple Membership Renewals**

Membership Renewal Time! If you have not renewed your Temple individual or family membership, please remit your payment as soon as possible. If you are new and interested in joining the Temple's membership, please click on this link for the [membership page](#) for more information. Thank you very much for dana and willingness to support the Temple!

## **Meditation Service - Starting on 31 May 2015**

Meditation Service will take place at a new time with a new format. We will meet in the waiting room (little room at the east end of the lobby) at 10:55am and walk up to the Meditation house from there. Meditation will end at 11:30am.

## **HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

### **Donate to Nepal Disaster Relief**

via Buddhist Churches of America and to the Kathmandu Hongwanji in Nepal. Go directly to the [BCA Disaster Relief](#) page or write a check in the amount of your choice addressed to Betsuin (with a note for Disaster Relief) who will then submit your donation to the BCA on your behalf. Please contact the [office](#) for questions. Thank you for your support and dana in assisting fellow Buddhists in need as a result of this terrible disaster!

## **Featured Sangha Member**

Meet "Mr. Bon Odori" aka Ron Hamakawa. Originally from Hilo, Hawaii, Ron has been a Temple Sangha member since college. Ron is a Dharma School teacher (High School Class), YBA/YBL Advisor, Temple Board Member, and Wisteria Board President. Ron is the District Manager for a Contract Food Service Company. He loves coming to the Temple because it's like being at home! Did you know that Ron was Mr. YBA in Hawaii? Well, for Seattle, he's Mr. Bon Odori! See him in action on 18-19 July 2015.



" Mr. Bon Odori" aka Ron Hamakawa

## **ALL SANGHA ALERT!**

### **FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND TEMPLE SAFETY!**

- **Do not leave anything visible in your car while parked.**
- **Do not leave the temple exit doors propped open and unattended.**
  - **Do not leave your belongings unattended.**

## **Everyone can receive Weekly Sangha email!**

If you would like to have additional members of your family to receive these weekly messages, please contact Calvin Terada at [calterada@comcast.net](mailto:calterada@comcast.net) or Joan Nakano at [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com)

## Betsuin Events for July 2015

**MOST SUNDAYS** – confirm Sundays listed below. All are invited:

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  
 MEDITATION\* - meet in foyer waiting room, adjourns at 11:30; 15-20 minute meditation.

**MOST WEDNESDAYS** \*\*10:30 am **DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP** with Meditation – **call office to confirm**

**SUNDAYS** 10:55am Meditation\*

July 5

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:00 am Meditation Service: Rinban Castro

July 12

10:00 am OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: Rinban Castro

11:00 am Meditation Service (Irene Goto Sensei)

1:00 pm Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery (Northgate)

3:00 pm Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue)

July 19 SEATTLE BON ODORI

3:00 – 8:00 *hondo*, food booths & displays open

4:30 pm Obon Service in *hondo*

4:50 – 8:00 pm Dancing

July 26 Rev. Warrick in Yakima for Obon Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: Rinban Castro

11:00 am Meditation Service: Irene Goto, Sensei

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

**MONDAYS**

July 13 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

July 27 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

**TUESDAYS**

July 14 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

July 28 Rinban Castro (Off)

10:30 am Keiro Service

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

July 1 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (CANCELLED)

July 8 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

July 15 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (CANCELLED)

July 22 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban)

July 29 Rinban Castro (Off)

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

**THURSDAYS**

July 2 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

July 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service

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

6:30 pm Bon Odori Construction/Set-up

July 30 Rinban Castro (Off)

**FRIDAYS**

July 3 Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

Rinban Castro (Day Off)

July 24 – 26 (Fri-Sun) NWYBL Retreat

July 17 6:30 pm Bon Odori Construction/Set-up

**SATURDAYS**

July 4 Independence Day Holiday (Temple closed)

July 11 Obon Cemetery Services

12:00 pm at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Queen Anne)

1:00 pm at Washington Memorial Park (Sea-Tac)

3:30 pm at Lake View Cemetery (Capitol Hill)

July 18 SEATTLE BON ODORI

4:00 – 10:00 pm *hondo*, food booths & displays open

5:30 pm Obon Service in *hondo*

5:50 – 10:00 pm dancing

July 24 – 26 (Fri-Sun) NWYBL Retreat

**BON ODORI DANCE PRACTICES:** July 6, 7, 8, 9,

13 & 14 7:30pm – 9:00pm in temple gymnasium

**SEATTLE BON ODORI**

**Set Up:** July 16 & 17 (Th. & Fri.)

**Bon Odori:** July 18<sup>th</sup> 4pm-10pm & July 19<sup>th</sup> 3pm-8pm

**August 2015: Major Events of Interest**

August 2 (Sunday) Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial

Service: Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai

August 3 – 5 M-W Lectures by Dr. Toshikazu Arai

August 10 – 12 BCA Ministers

Summer Meeting & Seminar

August 16 (Sunday) Reception for BWA Youth

Exchange students from Japan

**2015 August Newsletter Deadline:**

**Monday, July 20, 2015**

**8:00 pm**



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### 2015 July Events at Seattle Betsuin

**Bon Odori Dance Practices:** July 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 & 14

7:30pm – 9:00pm in temple gymnasium

**Obon Cemetery Services, Saturday, July 11**

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Park, QA Hill 12Noon,

Washington Memorial Park – SeaTac 1:00pm

Lake View Cemetery – Capitol Hill 3:30pm

**Obon/Hatsubon Services, Sunday July 12**

10:00am at Seattle Betsuin Temple

1:00pm at Evergreen Washelli - Seattle

3:00pm at Sunset Hill Memorial Park - Bellevue

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