

## Lady Takeko Kujo Receives the Noble Peace Prize

by Rinban Don Castro

Thank you to all the hardworking NWBWA volunteers and other volunteers who produced such a wonderful FBWA National Conference October 7-9. This was the first FBWA conference I have attended where Lady Takeko Kujo (1887-1928), the co-founder of the BWA in Japan, was so prominently featured. I attended Dr. Carrie Mori's excellent workshop "Linking Past and Future: Lady Kujo and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century BWA" with a vital presentation on the Buddhist values of Lady Kujo and how various BWA chapters can and often are applying these values to their outreach and social

At the FBWA Representatives meeting on Friday evening, a resolution was introduced and passed which recommended each BWA chapter observe an annual memorial service for Lady Kujo and "Follow Lady Kujo's spirit of Dana and practice Dana as 'Day of Dana." In my sermon at the closing service on Sunday, I observed that I was unable to find a reference to Lady Kujo in any of my English language books; books such as "Buddhist Women" Across Cultures" by Karma Lekshe Tsomo,ed or "Recreating Japanese Women, 1600-1945 by Gail Lee Bernstein, ed. or other scholarly books and the internet outside of Jodo Shinshu sites. Basically, the non-Japanese speaking world knows little or nothing of one of the great world humanitarians of the first half of the 20th century.

In my sermon, I asserted that Lady Kujo deserved to receive the Nobel Peace Prize which, ironically, was presented to Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos on the very Friday we started our conference. There was no Nobel Peace Prize awarded in either 1923 or 1924 the very years Lady Kujo was wholeheartedly involved in helping the victims of the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. It might be said that the Nobel Peace Prize, which was first awarded in 1901, was essentially Western oriented until 1989 when the first Asian, the Dalai Lama, received it. When I look at the names of other Nobel Peace Prize recipients, I feel Lady Kujo contributed at least as much as most of them even though she died continued on p. 3



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JR YBA had our first fundraiser on October 16, a healthy gyoza lunch with homemade "Seahawk" takuwan, orange slices, gyoza and rice. "Thank you everyone for supporting us."

November 5 will be a new one-day YBA Conference at SBC from 10:00 a.m-9:30 pm. Workshops will be led by Rev Sekiya, Games and Dessert Making. Volleyball and Karaoke and lunch and dinner are included. Cost is \$10. Registration deadline: October 23, 2016.

Clothes for the Cause: Alex Sakamoto is in charge of ordering Air Mattresses that YBA is donating for the temple to use from the money we raised. These will be used for any overnight events. **Thank you** again for all the donations!

The 2016 Summer Retreat was another well-attended success! We had 29 attendees from Seattle, White River and Portland. We went to Keiro on Friday and helped the residents play bingo and we all enjoyed getting together. The weekend was filled with workshops. Delicious food was organized by Marie and Howard Luke and parent helpers, yummy! The highlight was traveling to White River's Bon Odori, attending the service, dancing, watching taiko and eating tasty food together. Our recent YAC attendees helped with Sunday service. Rev. Kakihara and Rev. Sala were our advisors and we really liked getting to know them better.

- Emily K



On the occasion of the retirement of

## Rinban Don Castro

You're Invited to Rev. Castro's Retirement Party! Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple • November 20, 2016

For more information go to <u>www.seattlebetsuin.com</u>

You're invited to celebrate the retirement of Rinban Don Castro on Sunday, Nov. 20. The program will start with a 10 a.m. music service. Lunch and a program with Bishop Kodo Umezu in attendance will follow. Cost is \$15 for an adult meal and \$5 for a children's "Happy Meal." The event planning committee suggests a gift to supplement Sensei's BCA retirement. Please address any envelope gifts to Reverend Castro personally. There will be an opportunity to present them to him at the luncheon. Submitted by AO

Please register at http://seattlebetsuin.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/retirement-form.pdf.

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from blood poisoning at the young age of 40 while working in the slums of Tokyo, using her own money to help the destitute. In a prophetic passage from her book "Muyuge," Lady Kujo wrote, "When we practice righteousness, and others do also, righteousness will never perish. Those who love the teachings of that good person (the Buddha), and who enjoy his path of enlightenment, must be willing to sacrifice themselves for that good teaching and protect the sacred gate of the dharma."

There is so much more to Lady Kujo's inspirational life than what I can write here and so much of her life and writing that needs to be translated into English. In my sermon, I urged FBWA to allocate money for the research, translation and publication of the life, writings and times of Lady Kujo with the necessary explanations to understand her cultural context and spiritual influences. While it is too late to award Lady Kujo with the Nobel Peace Prize, since it is not presented posthumously, I

would like to make another presentation – The **Noble** Peace Prize (based on The Four Noble Truths).

## **Religious Education Events**

**Book Study Group** The next meeting of the Buddhist Study Group will take place on Saturday, November 5. We will discuss <u>One Man's Journey</u> by Kazuo Miyamoto. The book is available through your favorite online book merchant.



The meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall from 9:30-11:30am. There will be a brown bag lunch afterwards. There is no cost to attend.

For your reading pleasure, a participant has written a short piece summarizing our October discussion of <u>Buddha and Man</u> by Eikichi Ikeyama, translated by Dr. Toshikazu Arai.

Buddha and Man by Eikichi Ikeyama, translated by Toshikazu Arai

There are many books and articles on Buddhism where the personality of the author is kept in the background. These works carefully present their arguments with well-reasoned supporting evidence. However, even the best of these works can be tedious to follow.

And then there are works in which the author's life and personality come to the forefront in waves of personal stories, imaginative viewpoints and creative scenes. Buddha and Man is such a book and Eikichi Ikeyama (with a skillful translation by Toshikazu Arai) is an author who brings his view of Buddhism to life. In his short book of essays, Ikeyama comments on many aspects of the Tannisho and Nembutsu.

Ikeyama's imagination blossoms when he recounts the events in chapter two of the Tannisho. He vividly describes the setting of the meeting between Shinran and his followers and the feelings of all the participants throughout the encounter. Basically, Ikeyama has transformed the Tannisho into a kind of screenplay which (members of our study group agreed) dramatically enhances ones understanding of it

In this book, Ikeyama also recounts his own personal crisis due to a serious illness and its effect on his understanding of "nembutsu-only". Ikeyama's deep feeling of connection with the nembutsu is inspiring to read about.

The consensus of the Book Study group was that <u>Buddha and Man</u> is a thought provoking and entertaining book.

Wayne Suyenaga

## Hō-onkō Service will be held November 13, 2016 with Ochigo Procession; message by Rinban Castro Japanese Language Program will include Shoshinge, Gyofu style; message by Rev. Sekiya

Please join us for this Dharma gathering acknowledging our indebtedness to our founder, Shinran Shonin, remembering and honoring him. 10:00AM

Dharma School All Dharma school parents are welcome in the Memorial hall chapel for parent's meetings and Dharma exchanges this year during class time. Have an idea for a discussion topic?? Let Rinban Castro know.



Dharma School hosted a Hatsumairi or "first visit to temple" ceremony on October 16.

A big welcome goes out to the participants and their families. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the festivities, including picture taking, service program, certificates, and refreshments.

Calling All Children Interested In The Upcoming Ochigo Procession Sunday, November 13, 2016! If you have a child between 4 and 10 years old who is interested in participating in this memorable event coinciding with the Ho-Onko service, please pick up a participation form in the fover and return to the Betsuin office by Sunday, November 5. . There are a limited number of costumes so participation will be determined on a first come first serve basis. You may also contact the Betsuin office for more information at (206) 329-0800.

#### **Classroom Reports**

Pre-K & Kindergarten The Pre-K/K class talked about our temple and Jodo Shinshu etiquette. After learning about the meaning of the word "dharma" and the significance of the onenju, they selected beads to make their own onenjus, incorporating beads with the letters spelling "Dharma." The following week the class listened to the story Mindful Monkey, Happy Panda and talked about bringing our attention to whatever we are doing in order to be happy and peaceful. Following the story, they made panda onenju cases to protect the new onenjus they made in class and to remind them to be mindful of the Buddha Dharma when using their onenjus. The children are also learning about gratitude and what it means to be thankful. They listened to a story called The Thankful Book and colored pictures of several things they are thankful for. They then cut out the pictures and put them in a "Gratitude Can" to remind them of the things they are grateful

1<sup>st</sup>/2nd grade Our class talked about temple etiquette and made frog puppets to demonstrate how we would act in church. We then decorated our thank you books in which we will write things we are thankful for during the year. We started a discussion about the "Golden Chain" by making foam kids (links) of ourselves and placing them on a poster around an image of the earth. Then we read the story "Be Nice to Spiders" to show us how to" be kind and gentle to every living thing." We made pom pom spiders as reminders of this. Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Troop 252 has been really busy this last month trying to get our new First Years to the rank Tenderfoot. On September 11 we worked on the First Years' physical fitness, which is one of the requirements that can take the longest. About half of the First Years managed to finish it. On September 18 we worked on their non-physical requirements like first aid and cooking, as well as finished the First Years' fitness for those who had trouble the weak before. One First Year was not able to finish it as he was injured. On the final week September 25 we played a game where we pitted two teams against each other to test our scouts' knowledge. After the competition we had a plc meeting where we discussed our camp trip later on, made camp tent assignments, and talked about how recent events transpired to hopefully improve our leadership skills.

- submitted by Alex T

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## SBBWA News We are enjoying the fall

colors, changing of the leaves. Hope you are well. FBWA Conference The Federation Buddhist Women's Association Conference was a total success. We came home inspired from the various workshops attended and from the newfound friends. Thank you ladies for all of your effort in making this a success and to all the non SBBWA members; men and women as well. It's inspiring to see Buddhist Women together, united, and open to new ideas, new thinking, and new experiences linked in the Nembutsu. The speakers reiterated various aspects of our religion such as: impermanence (change happens and change can be good - need to be open to it, give it a chance), our wholeness within our self and communityinterdependence, to be joyful, to be kind to each other -.....Thank you again for all those who were able to attend and were involved in this great event.

Please see "The" online social media page for many pictures members are posting; search BCA Buddhist Women Conference.

A few personal notes. Rev. Castro gave Dharma message at the closing service which was his last official appear-

ance at FBWA conference. He talked about Lady Kujo who established BWA with her sister-in-law then lady

Otani; she was 19 years old. He talked about her life and her dedication to poor and sick people. Ultimately that took her life; she became ill and passed away at 42.

We also heard from 2 young ladies from California who went to Japan as FBWA exchange students. They spoke remarkably well for 18 years old. They were touched by the experience— their host families, church members who took care of them there, the thrill of meeting Gomonshu and his wife, Lady Otani. We are so happy to see that the program is working and nurturing young people.

<u>Other Events</u> Eshinniko-Kakushinniko Service was held on September 25, thank you for your generous donation which will be donated to the Betsuin youth groups.

Thanks to Suzanne Fujinari for making Ohagi for Ohigan Service on September 18.

Rinban Castro's retirement party will be held on Nov. 20 at Betsuin. Tickets for the lunch are \$15. You can purchase tickets at Betsuin office; forms are on the foyer desk.

- Nina Tomita-Kato, Machiko Wada, Co-Chairs



## The Betsuin New Year's Party will be held on

January 8, 2017 from 12:00- 3:00 P.M. Tickets for adult and children's bento will be sold in the foyer on Sundays or you may purchase your tickets by contacting the temple office. Adult bento will be \$15.00 and complimentary bento are

available for regular Ijikai members who are 80 and over (these guest will have seating at a reserved table). A sign up list will be available in front of the office or at the ticket sales table for those who would like one. Children bento (American style) will be available for \$7.00 and complimentary children's bento will be available for Dharma School children 5 and under, tickets are still required.—Kiana L.



graphics from http://astrologyclub.org/chinese-horoscope/2017-year-rooster/

Still searching for photos, video clips, wedding pics, funeral pics, etc, with Rev. Castro in them. Please e-mail photos to:

revcastroretirement@seattlebetsuin.com.

Thank you! - Alex S

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## Notes on Dharma Exchange, an after-service discussion

September 25 - Rinban Castro recounted the sad story of a young man who wished to become a Zen master. His father was planning to retire and the young man was expected to take over the family temple in Japan. He pleaded that he didn't know how to manage a temple, and certainly did not wish to marry as it was contrary to being a Zen master. The father persisted and forced his son to marry and have children. As a result the young man was never able to realize his dream. . . Sensei reiterated his take on the "Platinum Rule," which says, Do unto others the way they want to be done unto" It is a contrast to the familiar Christian Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." . . A participant asked how did it come about that the bride and groom offer an envelope at the wedding ceremony. Sensei said it becomes the first generous deed in their married life together that they offered Dana. Sensei originated the idea. . . Sensei said that during the Meiji Restoration (1800s) Japanese art was not valued. It seems that the Japanese were more interested in Western art. Therefore many travelers bought Japanese treasures for a pittance as did the Boston Museum which has a prized collection... During the Meiji Restoration monks and nuns were advised to get married and shut down the temples. There was a huge backlash from the people. Sensei mentioned "The Book of Tea" by Kakuzo Okakura, written over 100 years ago, who made insightful as well as humorous remarks about the way flowers are used in the West. He also reported on the book, "Zen in the Art of Flower Arrangement" by Gustie Herrigel with a forward by D. T. Suzuki. [Ed. note: See Sensei's comments on these two books in the October "Wheel of the Sangha."]. . NOTICE: Hanako K. needs volunteers to sign up for Toban or there won't be coffee, tea and donuts at Dharma Exchange. Please sign the sheet in the dining room for future DXs.

October 2 - Rinban Castro repeated a short poem by Robert Frost, "Something There is That doesn't love a wall." Sensei said that to learn a poem at an early age that poem will last forever and can be a service to one. The Suzuki Method is based on the same principal. A Participant reported his deep connection to Dylan Thomas' poem of "Do not go gentle into that good night."." Sensei quoted from MacBeth's touching speech upon the death of his wife. . . On meditation, Dr. Suzuki of the San Francisco Zen Center said, "Open front and back door and let it all go. Participant recalled the recent tsunami victim who set up a phone booth for people to "talk" to those who lost their lives. Sensei learned on "This American Life" of a woman who opened the doors of her obutsudan and "spoke" to her deceased mother. A participant noted that she wrote poems early on about things that were bottled up. She suggested writing what's in your heart is difficult to do. . . Because it is a timely subject, Sensei talked about a Matsutake hunt that seemed to be fruitless what with rain, mud and no Matsutake. They searched for a long time to no avail. Finally, one member slipped into the creek flat on his back, and when he looked up -- Matsutake in the overhang! . . . Participant said there is no need to like someone or their views, just give them your respect.

**October 9** - Rev. Jim Warrick led the DX and commented that he liked his music really loud at home on a large number of speakers. His wife can attest to that as she can hear it down the street while driving home. . . The repressive situation in Burma (Myanmar) was addressed, with no solution in sight. . . A participant thought it a good idea to present Buddhist songs on YouTube as another form of outreach.

October 16 - Rev. Jim Warrick indicated Ann Oxrieder would relate some details for Rinban Castro's Retirement Party on Sunday, November 20. Ann provided sign-up sheets for the luncheon as well as Memory Sheets to be filled out during DX. She asked that we all write a memory that was meaningful to us concerning Castro Sensei. It can be short. The theme for the party is, "May your life be a story worth telling.". . . Jim Sensei talked about pain and that it can't be duplicated after

it has stopped. When Jim Sensei experienced much pain during meditation, the Zen master told Sensei to "go through the pain." Sensei said we put a lot of pain on ourselves, often in anticipation of pain. He asked if we had thought about the elements of pain. A participant said he accidentally cut himself with a knife and it was bleeding significantly. He suddenly had an exuberant feeling with a special appreciation for the trees, the Sun, and the sky. A participant felt language does not adequately convey the full intensity of physical pain.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

## 2016 FBWA Conference at Westin Bellevue Omoide









Photos by Tomi Zumoto October 9, 2016

# Rev. Mutsumi Wondra presented a Seminar on October 10, 2016 in Japanese:

Jodoshinshu and Women
Learning from the Lives of Shin Buddhist Women:
Lady Eshinni, Kakushinni,

Lady Takeko Kujo, and Mrs. Haru Matsuda



20 attendees enjoyed her power point presentation and a lovely home-cooked lunch prepared by SBBWA members. Pictured from left, Rev. Sala, Rev. Castro, Julie Mayeda, and Rev. Wondra. Submitted by Irene

Wheel of the Sangha

## Musical Notes Thank you to our youth

instrumentalists Emi, Hieu and Allison for providing service music in October and to the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band for leading us for gathas at the Hatsumairi service. Along with singers from Oregon Buddhist Temple, 10 of our women were part of "Voices of the Northwest" to lead the official gatha Asoka no Sono (Asoka Garden) for the opening service of the national FBWA conference in Bellevue on October 8. We were also pleased to introduce to the national participants Donna Sasaki's gatha Golden Chain and the English lyrics by Rev. Nakagaki and Dennis Yamashita of Seiya for the conference closing service. Dennis Asato from White River Buddhist Temple videotaped portions of the conference. See and







hear Golden Chain on your favorite internet videosharing site /watch?v=89y ELolirk. Please mark the date of Sunday, November 20, for the 8th annual Autumn Family Music Service and celebration in honor of Rinban Castro's retirement. The special service music

planned is not to be missed! - submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

## "Thank you!!" From SBBWA & NW District BWAs

Hi Everyone,



These past couple years, we, the SBBWA (and your NW District BWA's) have bothered, begged, and accepted your time, energy and financial support! The Federation Conference last weekend at the Westin was a wonderful success, and the compliments that our committee has received needs to be passed along to you! The great vibes at the airport, transportation, hotel, workshops, meetings and hospitality and meals, happened because of all of you.

We are in your debt, and thank you so very much!"

In conclusion, the Federation conference was well attended and a huge success. Thanks to the support of our SBBWA members, it proved to be an event that our fellow BWA "sisters" found enjoyable and memorable. Thank you SBBWA for all of your assistance.

Fran Shintaku, CoChair for 44th FBWA Conference Planning Committee

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## **Betsuin Events for November 2016**

SUNDAYS: MEDITATION 10:55-11:30am

Convenes in Temple Foyer

November 6 10:00 am **FAMILY SERVICE** followed by TEMPLE CLEAN-UP

Youth/Adult: Rev. Sekiya

No JAPANESE PROGRAM, DX, DSDX or **MEDITATION** 

SBBWA Board Meeting 11:45 am

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Rinban Castro) November 13

10:00 am HOONKO SERVICE with OCHIGO

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro Japanese: Rev. Sekiva DX: Rinban Castro

DSDX: MA Meditation: MA

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Rinban Castro)

November 20

10:00 am FAMILY MUSIC SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese:

DX: Rinban Castro

DSDX: MA Meditation: MA

11:30 am RINBAN CASTRO'S RETIREMENT

**PARTY** 

November 27 Rev. Sekiya at White River

FAMILY SERVICE and CHILDREN'S 10:00 am

**SERVICE** 

Children: MA Leonora Clarke

Youth: Rinban Castro Adult: Rinban Castro Japanese: Video DX: Rinban Castro

DSDX: MA Meditation: MA 11:45 am SBBWA Sokai/Irokai

#### **MONDAYS:**

November 7 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

November 14 Rinban Castro (day off – on call)

Rev. Sekiya (day off)

November 21 Rinban Castro (day off)

Rev. Sekiya (day off – on call)

November 28 Rinban Castro (day off)

#### **TUESDAYS:**

November 1 Rinban Castro (day off)

November 8 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

November 15 – 18 Rev. Sekiya at

Jodo Shinshu Center

November 22 Rinban Castro (day off)

Rev. Sekiya (1/2 day off pm – on call)

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rev. Sekiya)

November 29 Rinban Castro (day off)

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

Rinban Castro (days off) November 2, 9

10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro) November 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly

Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

November 23 Rinban Castro (vacation)

Rev. Sekiya (1/2 day off; pm: on call)

November 30 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

#### **THURSDAYS:**

November 3 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rev Castro)

November 10 Rinban Castro (day off)

November 17

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

7:00 pm **Betsuin Cabinet Meeting** 

November 24 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

Rev. Sekiya (on call)

#### **FRIDAYS:**

November 4

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon

Meeting (Rinban Castro)

November 11 Veterans Day Holiday - Office

closed Rev. Sekiya (On Call)

Rinban Castro (day off – on call) November 18 November 25

Day after Thanksgiving (office closed) Rev. Sekiya (on call)

#### **SATURDAYS:**

November 5

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Book Study Group -

One Man's Journey by Kazuo Miyamoto

YBA Fall Conference 10:00 am - 9:30 pm November 19 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

November 26 Rinban Castro (vacation)

Rev. Sekiya (on call)

#### 2016 December Major Events of Interest

Saturday, December 3 Book Study Group, Pure

Land Haiku by David Lanoue

Sunday, December 4 Bodhi Day Service and

Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, December 11 Betsuin Annual

General Meeting

December 31 New Year's Eve Service (Joya-e) 7pm

2016 December **Newsletter Deadline:** Monday, Nov. 21, 8pm

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### **NOVEMBER 2016** Major Events of Interest

November 5 Book Study Group – One Man's Journey by Kazuo Miyamoto, 9:30—11:30 a.m.

November 6 Temple clean-up after service

**November 13** Hoonko (Shinran Shonin's Memorial) Service with Ochigo

November 20 Family Music Service, Rinban Castro's Retirement Party/Luncheon at 11:30, Bishop Kodo Umezu will be in attendance

**November 24, 25** Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

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