



My Hope for the Future

by Rinban Don Castro

I sometimes tell our older Dharma School students, "It's almost impossible to NOT be a Buddhist because all Buddhism is about is getting in touch with reality." No one wants to be out of touch with reality because that can cause suffering and distress. No matter what words you use to talk about your experience, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, as Shakespeare wrote. One tool that we use to see what is really going on is science, both as an investigative method and science as the findings or laws resulting from the investigation; laws that are testable and reproducible.

Last week at our Dharma Exchange session, the Sunday following the presidential election, there was a lot of discussion about the relationship between religion and politics and people voiced their concerns about the incoming administration. This week (Nov. 19), we are seeing the beginning of appointments to posts and reactions from the international community. As most of you know, I have a particular concern with the issue of climate change and its impact on future generations. The same concern was voiced by Ban Ki-moon, the U N Secretary General who made the following statement, "I hope the President-elect Trump will really see the reality, will consult with his senior advisers and world leaders and take wise and correct decisions for their future involvement in world affairs." He urged President-elect Trump to "really work for humanity."

Too often, especially among religious fundamentalists, religious beliefs negate reality and there is great suspicion among them of the scientific community. Consequently, we see many fundamentalist climate change deniers. Appointing these people to policy making positions is truly injecting religion into politics at a very critical time for staving off environ

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2016 November 20, Retirement Party

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ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We would like to “thank” the following regular members, for contributing their annual Sustaining membership dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This completes the list of those recently paid members for the fiscal year of 2016.

Michele Anciaux-Aoki, JoAnn Kosai-Eng, Lori Hoshino, Pat Kubota, Charlene Shen, Susan Shinoda, Paul & Mabel Tomita, Robert Umeda, Jeff & Susie Yamane

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David Gibbs & Tara Anne Tamaribuchi; Cynthia Hinds; Tomio Moriguchi; Nancy Okawa; Phillip Robbins & Penne Lee; Thomas Smith; Lori Tanaka; Henry & Christy Watanabe; and Josie Watanabe

We'd like to 'welcome' Josie Watanabe as a new member of our Sangha

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)

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On the occasion of the retirement of
Rinban Don Castro

Sunday, November 20, 2016
Seattle Buddhist Temple

Photos by Tomi Zumoto



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mental disaster. Stressing that "time is not on our side," Secretary of State John Kerry declared, "At some point even the strongest skeptic has to acknowledge that something disturbing is happening." Secretary Kerry also said, "No one has a right to make decisions that affect billions based solely on ideology or without proper input."

When it comes to issues requiring scientific evidence, politicians need to set aside their religious beliefs and look at the best evidence we have available; evidence that is testable and reproducible. If we are to err, let us err on the side of caution since there is so much at stake. My hope is that President-elect Trump will be in touch with reality and, as Ban Ki-moon urged "really work for humanity." If he can do that, I would say he is in some way a good Buddhist.

Religious Education Events

Book Study Group The next meeting of the Buddhist Study Group will take place on Saturday, December 3. We will discuss Pure Land Haiku: The Art of Priest Issa: Revised Second Print Edition by David Lanoue. This is available through your favorite online book and merchandise retailer. There is also a very inexpensive (2.99) electronic- book version available. 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. - Leonora Clarke



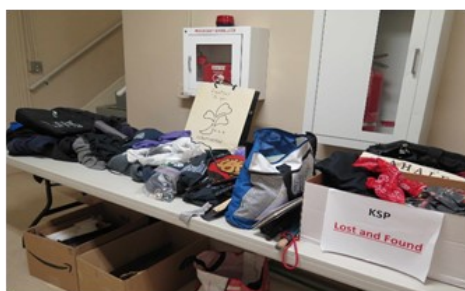
Ho'onko Service was held November 13, 2016 with Ochigo Procession

Photos by Sat Ichikawa



Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo to be held January 29, 2017

**Thank You, Volunteers, for Temple Cleanup on
Sunday, November 6, 2016** - IHG Photos by Sat Ichikawa



Dharma School News and Bodhi Day Potluck

On November 13, Dharma School students dressed as celestial beings for the Ho-onko service Ochigo procession. Thank you to the well behaved participants, their parents for bringing the eager children on time, and the activity coordinators. They did a great job!

Dharma School would like to invite all of the Sangha to attend the Bodhi Day Potluck on December 4 at 11:45AM. We hope to see everybody there. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

We would like to express our tremendous gratitude to Rimban Castro for his many years of guidance and caring of the Dharma School Sangha. Multiple generations of have benefited from his wisdom and compassion. We wish him all the best in his upcoming retirement.

Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K The Pre-K/K class observed Hoonko by listening to a story about the life of Shinran Shonin and discussing the important significance of this Jodo Shinshu holiday. The students paid tribute to Shinran by making a picture of him to take home. The children have also been preparing for Reverend Castro's retirement party. They discussed what it will mean when they do not see him at temple every Sunday, and also shared all the different things he will be able to do after he retires. We took photos of each child holding a letter that spelled "T-H-A-N-K-S" and put together a picture that was presented to him at his retirement party. The children also made a card that illustrated drawings of what he can do during his retirement.



Photo by Tomi Zumoto



First/Second Grade We enjoyed some Fall fun by listening to the story "The Glow Within" about the goodness in all of us including pumpkins, decorating a paper one and, playing some ghost bingo with Right Conduct. We read the story of Shinran Shonin's life and made a scroll of him on Hoonko. We also created pictures of Rimban Castro that were incorporated onto his apron retirement gift along with some cards to wish him well.

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Photo by Corey Murata

Camp Fire News - Potluck Bake Sale, Hats/Toiletry Drive

On December 4 during the Bodhi Day potluck, Camp Fire will be having a bake sale. Proceeds are used to defray maintenance costs for the outdoor property used by Camp Fire and Boy Scouts. **Donations of baked goods are gladly accepted!** Please stop by and check out the goodies. Submitted by May

Hi everyone. For part of a Camp Fire service project, I am going to be holding an item drive for at-risk youth. We are looking for items such as **unused hats, socks, or gloves, or travel-sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo or conditioner.** We will be giving all of these things to the Coast Guard for them to put into stockings for homeless youth in the winter. We will have two donation boxes: one by the front door and one by Memorial Hall until **mid-December.** So if you have anything you would be able to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. - Shanti K. (from the Rainbows).

SBBWA News

We are closing 2016 year activities and wish to thank all the BWA members for the support we received throughout the year. We have made mistakes and learned many things, thank you for being patient with us. We couldn't have done any of the activities without your participation and generous support. Hope you will continue to help us and enjoy the friendship together.

October/November were busy months for the SBBWA/Fujinkai:

Annual Memorial Service for our past members ; 769 members were honored. Thank you for all those involved in this day of remembrance. Rinban Castro's message of past members' memory touched many members. We are fortunate to touch each other's lives and leave fond memories. Special thank you for the generous donation at the memorial service. Appreciate your support.

General meeting/Irokai, Board appreciation lunch: November 27, was attended by **over 50** members and Senseis

Hoonko Service:

BWA ladies made Otoki/refreshment for the sangha for this special service. Thank you to Food committee members under guidance of: Michi, Gail and Ritsuko. We all enjoyed it.

If you would like to become an honorary member of the SBBWA/Fujinkai, please make a written request to membership committee.



New Year's Party: 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/](http://astrologyclub.org/chinese-horoscope/2017-year-rooster/)

Scout Troop 252 News

Dear Seattle Buddhist Church, This month has been a rather short for troop 252. We've only had 2 meetings due to the party on the 20th. During the first meeting we primarily focused on marching, as recently we noticed the first-years were a bit lacking in that department. During the second meeting we focused on our individual patrols. We named these patrols Mountain 9 and the Sriracha Squad. We also created flag concepts for our patrols and are planning to make them on a later date. — Alex T

Rinban Castro's retirement luncheon was held and the number of guests filled the gym. It was heartwarming to see so many friends past and present at this special occasion to honor our sensei Castro. Thank you to all of our BWA members that attended and participated in the planning as well as food preparation, decorations and goody bags.

We are always looking for new members to join this important organization for Buddhist women.

Our mission statement: *to cultivate religious awareness as Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Women and promote fellowship among its members, to serve and support the Seattle Betsuin and contribute service to the welfare of community.*

We have lost longtime member/past president Mrs. Yoshiye Iwamura. Condolences to her family and friends. She has served as president from 1989-90 and 1995.

At the November board meeting, we chose 5 organizations (Mary's Place, Denise Louie Educational Center, ACRS, Wheel of Dharma, Children's Hospital) as SBBWA year-end donation recipients.

Nina Tomita-Kato,
Machiko Wada,
Co-Chairs

Photo by Tomi Zumoto,
co-chairs
presenting gift at
Rinban's retirement party



Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges Donations

October - November 2016

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Cherie Tsubota – 7 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 1,000.00	Charlene & Curtis Nakayama
Sayeko Aoyama – 1 st Year Memorial Service	\$ 400.00	Masatoshi Aoyama
Masao Yamaguchi – In Memory of	\$ 250.00	Marvin Yamaguchi
Sumiko Yamaguchi – In Memory of	\$ 250.00	Marvin Yamaguchi

Given by:

In Memory of:

Given by:

Jim Akizuki	Ellen Hale; Mark & Joni Nakagawa; Mabel Nishizaki; Glenn & Carol Takagi; Fumiye Taniguchi
Hanako Aramaki	Sanaye & Ernest Nagai
Fumi Alice Bunya	anonymous
John Litz	Dennis Shibata
Mineko Sakamoto	Norigiku Horikawa; Daisy Kuramoto; Gayle Sordetto
Noboru Taki	Yaeko Nakano; Pauline Sakuma

General Donations:

For:

Katsumi & Terrie Tanino	In honor of Dr. Tetsuden Kashima's retirement from the University of Washington Department of Asian Studies
Jeffrey Hattori	Appreciation of BWA / BCA FBWA Conference
Hung Fun Yee	Appreciation for Temple Visitation
Takako Kogita	Appreciation for Onenju repair
San Jose Temple Member	Appreciation for Temple Visitation
Steven Doi	Donation for book "Mukashi, Mukashi"
Charlotte Ramsey	General Donation
JoAnn & Pat Eng	Use of Facility for SASC CPR/First Aid Training
Jim Prescott	Use of Facility for Contemplative Caregiving Workshop
Nichiren Buddhist Church	Contribution for Wreath presented at NVC ceremony

**NOTICE: There will be No *Mochi* Sales This Year
at Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
This includes *Okasane***

- HL

Notes on Dharma Exchange, an after-service discussion

October 23 - Rev. Jim Warrick asked for questions or comments. A participant was prompted by Sensei's wearing a baseball cap in the Hondo to suggest we all wear a baseball cap on a given Sunday. . . Sensei read that in China a gold box was found near a temple in China with a skull purported to be that of Shakyamuni [Ed. note: I googled this comment and found it informative]. . . There are those who believe Shakyamuni never existed. Many feel that is unimportant and that the Dharma is of the most important. . . Sensei talked about faith/belief. He asked, "Is it faith or belief if we think the Sun will come up in the morning?" . . . Peace of mind at death comes from Shinran who said we will all be embraced by Amida Buddha. . . A participant said a friend told her she approves of Buddhism because it helps us not be so awful.



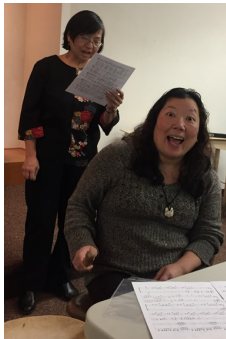
In gassho, Pat Bobrow

Chair of Rimban's Retirement Party, "Thank You."

A line we chant from the Ti-Sarana -- "I go the Sangha for guidance"-- aptly describes the beginning of Rinban's retirement party planning. But members of the Sangha quickly moved beyond offering guidance to providing an extraordinary amount of support.

The danger of naming individuals is that some might accidentally be left out, but not to try would mean ignoring the work of those below.

Nourishing us: Janet Baba, Judy Nakamura, and the SBBWA bakers, led by Leanne Nishi-Wong, who produced three cookies for each guest to take home. Ritsuko Kawahara and her team for sekihan (red



azuki bean rice). The Morikubo family for handling children's meals. Also Dharma School parents and SBBWA volunteers for serving tea and ice water. **Entertaining us:** Bishop Umezu, Reverends Warrick and Sekiya, MA Leonora Clark, Sensei Irene Goto, Ron Hamakawa, Alan Hoshino. **Setting up and taking down the gym:** Eric Nakashima, Rob Hamatani and the rest of the Friday night basketball group; YBA volunteers. Most of the Sangha. **Providing ongoing advice and counsel:** Alan Hoshino, Alex Sakamoto, Leanne Nishi-Wong, and Joan Nakano.

Setting up and operating AV equipment: Cyrus Honmyo.

Decorating the tables: Leanne Nishi-Wong

Creating Rev. Castro's new apron: Dharma school students, teachers, parents; Yukio and Karen Morikubo, Rona Warrick. **Publicity:** Yukio Morikubo. **Registration:** Machiko Wada and Karen Morikubo **Day of event support:** Paul Mori, Kanako Kashima, Janie Okawa, Nina Tomita-Kato, Gail Kaminishi, Ron Hamakawa, Alex Sakamoto, Steph Ojima, Tomi Zumoto, Janet Baba, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Jason Yokoyama, Harrison Chinn and high school/YBA members. **Cleaning up and recycling:** Corey Murata, Scouts and their parents. **Producing video that made us smile, laugh and cry:** Alex Sakamoto **Presenting the singalong:** Kemi Nakabayashi **For doing some of everything:** Joan Nakano **Best dog of the day:** Sparky, who entertained both children and adults. To all those who worked hard to honor Rinban on this special day as guests or workers...



Tomi Zumoto: **Photographer**



Gassho, Ann Oxrieder

Celebrating Reverend Castro's Ministry by Alan Hoshino



In December of 1985 then BCA Bishop Seigen Yamaoka and the late Aizo "Buster" Kosai who was the chairperson of the Betsuin's Board of Directors sealed a deal to assign Rev. Don to our temple in January of 1986. In 1985 our temple supported three ministers, Rinban Sadamaro Ouchi, Rev. Toshikazu Nakagaki and, because Ouchi and Nakagaki senseis primarily spoke Japanese, an English speaking third minister.

Earlier in 1985 Bishop had transferred Rev. Dennis Shinseki from our temple to White River and his English-speaking replacement, Rev. Shigeru Terakawa, was assigned to us but unexpectedly passed away leaving us in need of a minister to see to the needs of our English speaking Sangha. Fortunately for us Bishop Yamaoka was able to transfer Rev. Castro to us from the Enmanji Buddhist Temple and Rev. Don, Linda, Quincy

and Ted moved to Seattle to start a new chapter of their lives with us.

Sensei had almost nine years of experience from Enmanji and his initial assignment at the San Francisco Buddhist Church and brought a vibrant, youthful and new approach to the Betsuin. Rev. Don says that Rinban Ouchi took him under his wing yet gave him wide latitude and freedom to develop his ministry. Being a Jodo Shinshu minister who wasn't of Japanese ancestry presented both challenges and opportunities. Sensei would be retiring a rich man if he had a dollar for each time he heard or dealt with the Japanese word "hakuji" (literally white person). Obviously, sensei applied good old fashioned

"gaman" (Japanese for patience, endurance, perseverance, tolerance, self-control, self-denial) which we've all benefited from. The effect of his ministry in Seattle is clear and unmistakable. From his development of the Eco-Sangha concept and its implementation by the Betsuin that included investing in compostable containers and flatware so our Bon Odori festival's waste could be changed from landfill bound garbage to earth friendly compost, to his impact upon the ethnic diversity of our members and ministerial assistants, sensei has made the temple a better place for all.



The impact he's had on our members was clearly visible on November 20 when a packed hondo overflowed into the temple entry foyer for the Sunday service that preceded Sensei's retirement luncheon. It was the largest Sunday service turn-out I can remember at our temple. What followed was even more exciting. Over 430 well-wishers packed the temple's auditorium for sensei's retirement luncheon easily making it the best attended event other than Bon Odori held at the temple in decades.

At the end of this month Rev. Don will be retiring from his position as Rinban of our temple and beginning a new chapter in his ministry's story. He and Shuri plan to remain in Seattle and be temple members.

Sensei often ends his funeral service Dharma message with the phrase "a life well lived." I'm not trying to bury you yet sensei, but I'm going to steal that tagline and say - Thank you sensei for a ministry well lived!

Have a wonderful retirement!





Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to the many musicians who participated in the Autumn Family Music Service and retirement celebration for Rinban Castro on November 20. One year in the planning and working each week this fall in particular to prepare the surprise music presentation, I could not have asked for more from our sangha to pull together for the special day. Special thanks to Ann Oxrieder and Donna Zumoto for the story of Rinban Castro told through the tune of *Linus and Lucy* led by Mark Taylor conducting our



Seattle Betsuin Jazz Collective band: Hieu, Aaron, Allison, Alina, Kayla, Evan, Emily K., and Emi with Donna keeping the beat! Including Linda Castro's gatha *Ganjin's Journey* by our Ukulele Band and *Shall I Dream a Dream* which Linda had chosen for the Betsuin Choir to learn decades ago added to reminiscing along with our celebratory adaptation of *Buddha Loves You*.

November was also a special month with Hoonko service with ochigo procession and gagaku music made more "alive" with Sala Sensei's talent and expertise. As we look to the new year, any suggestions regarding music programming is welcome. I hope to include as many youth instrumentalists as possible through the year, either during children's service or as part of future music services, so keep on practicing!

JR YBA held a 1-day conference on November 5.

The theme of the conference was "Amida, you and : Together as One". There were 22 members who attended. Reverends Castro, Sala, and Warrick participated. The planning committee included Alex, Jason, Marissa, Amanda, and Steph. Workshops included traditional Hongwanji services with gagaku music, as well as a discussion with Rev. Warrick about the future direction of Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, and our responsibilities as youth to take over one day. Services were led by Youth MA, and included Dharma messages by ministers, as well as chanting of Shoshin Nembutsu ge. This was a great retreat to get the youth to know each other as well as kick off the YBA year. Thanks to Marie, Leanne, Rick, Madeline, and Gary for providing delicious meals! Our older and younger members became closer, and here are some reflections from the day by the participants:

"One of the most meaningful things that happened to me was becoming closer to other YBA members. The group activities helped us learn more about each other and as a person. The most meaningful workshop was when Rev. Warrick spoke with us and we had a group discussion on what Jodo Shinshu teachings mean for us and our future. One key thing that I took from this was that WE are the future of Jodo Shinshu. Overall, this has been a really fun retreat with great friends, activities, and food."

"One of the most interesting things I learned today was the workshop on Gagaku. It's cool that the different architecture of a place of worship reflects its music of worship. The most important thing I learned was that part of Buddhism (especially Jodo Shinshu Buddhism) is about recognizing that we are different and then find ways we can help one another. Not build walls between all of us. Walls may keep people from being hurt themselves, but they also make enemies. I especially thought this was important for the

2016 election season. There are so many different people in our country but we try to separate and ignore/do nothing of the problems that come with different people. With the teachings of Buddhism, I hope that I can bring people together and help each other rather than building walls and taking sides. Recognizing different people would be crucial for the future of the United States.

I got to meet so many new people today! I had a lot of fun. My school has a lot of Asians but YBA is a group of people like me that I can connect with. Thank you!" - Alex S



Betsuin Events for December 2016

SUNDAYS: MEDITATION 10:55-11:30am

Convenes in Temple Foyer

December 4 Rev. Sekiya at Sacramento

10:00 am BODHI DAY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro; Japanese: Video

DX: Rinban Castro; **DSDX:** MA;

Meditation: MA

11:45 am **Bodhi Day Potluck** hosted by
Dharma School

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (MA Jason Yokoyama)

December 11

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

No Japanese Program, DX, DSDX or Meditation

11:00 am Betsuin Annual General Meeting
in Hondo

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (MA Jason Yokoyama)

December 18 Rinban Castro at Spokane
Buddhist Temple

Youth/Adult: Rev. Sekiya; Japanese: Video

DX: Rev. Sekiya; **DSDX:** MA; **Meditation:** MA

December 25 Temple closed for Christmas holiday –
no Sunday Service, no programs

MONDAYS:

December 5 Rinban Castro (day off – on call),
Rev. Sekiya (travel day)

December 12 Rinban Castro (day off – on call),
Rev. Sekiya (day off)

December 19 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

December 26 Office closed, Rinban Castro (day off),
Rev. Sala (day off – on call)

TUESDAYS:

December 6 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

10:00 am Keiro Bodhi Day Service

December 13 Rev. Castro (day off – on call), Rev.
Sekiya (day off)

December 20 Rev. Castro (day off – on call),
Rev. Sekiya at JSC (Jodo Shinshu Center)

December 27 Rinban Castro (day off),
Rev. Sekiya (day off – on call)

10:00 am Keiro Service

WEDNESDAYS:

December 7 Rinban Castro (day off – on call),
Rev. Sekiya (vacation)

December 14 Rinban Castro (vacation – on call),
Rev. Sekiya (vacation)

December 21 Rinban Castro (day off – on call),
Rev. Sekiya at JSC

December 28 Rinban Castro (vacation), Rev. Sekiya
(day off – on call)

THURSDAYS:

December 1 Rinban Castro (vacation – on call),
Rev. Sekiya (day off)

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

December 8 Rev. Sekiya (day off)

7:00 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

December 15 Rev. Sekiya (vacation)

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

7:00 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

December 22 Rinban Castro (vacation – on call),
Rev. Sekiya at JSC

December 29 Rinban Castro (vacation)

FRIDAYS:

December 2 Rev. Sekiya (travel day)

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

December 9 2:00 pm NW District Ministers Meeting

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

December 23 Rinban Castro (vacation), Rev. Sekiya
(travel day – on call)

December 30 Rinban Castro (vacation)

SATURDAYS:

December 3 Rev. Sekiya at Florin Buddhist Temple
9:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Study Group – *Pure
Land Haiku* by David Lanoue

December 17 Rinban Castro to Spokane

December 24 Rinban Castro (vacation),
Rev. Sekiya (day off)

December 31 Rinban Castro (vacation)
7:00 pm New Year's Eve Service

2017 January

Major Events of Interest

January 1 Sunday, New Year's Day Service
10:00am, no after-service programs

January 8 Betsuin New Year's Party and
installation of officers

January 29 Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo Service 10:00am

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DECEMBER 2016 Major Events of Interest

Saturday, December 3 Book Study Group,
Pure Land Haiku by David Lanoue

Sunday, December 4 Bodhi Day Service 10:00am and
Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, December 11 Service 10:00am no after-service
programs, Betsuin Annual General Meeting 11:00am;

Sunday, December 25 **Temple Closed** - no service/programs

December 31 New Year's Eve Service (Joya-e) 7:00pm

January 1, 2017 New Year's Day Service 10:00am
No after-service programs

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