



THANK YOU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Rinban Emeritus Don Castro

Happy New Year and thank you to each of you for all your encouragement and support these past 31 years. My first official day at Seattle Betsuin was Jan. 1, 1986 and my last official day was December 31, 2016. During those years, we have been through a lot together! Over the past few months, as my retirement drew near, I found myself reflecting on all the wonderful people and events I have been privileged to encounter and witness. I have tried to share some of them with you but I find more and more memories come to mind. I look forward to going back over all the sermons I have saved from 31 years to see what I may have forgotten although we are making memories all the time. What is most important is that we have the eternal Dharma to inspire and guide us. However, it is wonderful to see that Dharma manifested in the actions of family and friends. As Shinran Shonin wrote, "May those who come before lead those who come after, and those who come after, may they follow their predecessors; thus following, one after another, until this boundless sea of birth-and-death is exhausted."

I began my BCA ministerial career at the San Francisco Buddhist Church in early 1977. Without thinking about the significance of dates, I accepted an invitation to speak back at San Francisco in mid-January 2017, almost exactly 40 years after I started there – full circle. I look back at my 29 year old self as a new minister and I wonder, "What was I telling people?!" What a journey each of us goes through as we (hopefully) mature in body and spirit.

I have been asked what I plan to do in my retirement. I keep answering, "I don't plan to go anywhere." I plan to be here most Sundays with the exception that now I can say, "No, I won't be here this Sunday." Since I am not going anywhere, I thought my retirement party would be very low key. I was overwhelmed, gratified and

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Photo by Sat Ichikawa

2016 December 4, Bodhi Day Service

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The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations November - December 2016

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Given by:

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| William Yoshida – Funeral Service | \$ 200.00 | Mary Yoshida |
| Setsuko Janet Anthony – Memorial Service | \$ 100.00 | Sheri & James Moore |
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| Nokotsudo | \$ 100.00 | Miyoko Tazuma |
| Nokotsudo | \$ 100.00 | Grace Tazuma |

In Memory of:

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| Setsuko Janet Anthony | Anonymous |
| Sayeko Aoyama | Tina Koyama & Gregory Mullin |
| Hanako Aramaki | Kinue Kuwahara |
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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). These are the most recent paid members for the fiscal year of 2017.

Joe & Margaret Gotchy; Gary & Sandee Hamatani; Joseph & Jane Okawa Naemura; Zachary Semke & Ann Ishimaru; Mas & Anna Tahara

***AS A REMINDER:** The minimum for basic dues towards the Temple 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, 2017, for this fiscal year.** 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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| Yayeko Pat Kihara | Melissa Kihara |
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For:

In honor of Tetsuden Kashima's retirement from the University of Washington
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Appreciation for Onenju
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New Year Greetings from Sala Sensei

Happy New Year to all our Sangha members and families! May you have a joyful and meaningful 2017!

I like new year's days. I feel very warm in my heart on these days, welcoming the new year, despite the cold winter. It is probably because I sense the hope people hold for the new year. Greeting each other, "Happy New Year," showing beautiful smiles, is wonderful giving ("dana").

In the ancient Asian zodiac, 2017 is the year of the Rooster. It is said



that the Rooster stepped in between Monkey and Dog as they kept fighting, thus received the 10th position of the 12-year cycle, between the two who don't get along. [graphics from http://astrologyclub.org/chinese-horoscope/2017-year-rooster/](http://astrologyclub.org/chinese-horoscope/2017-year-rooster/)



What is important between people or relationships are kind words and smiles or peaceful face expressions. It is not easy to truly do this but this year, hopefully, I can try to do at least a little more, trying to copy the faces and words of Buddha. This reminds me of our Sangha Gathering time. I was very pleasantly surprised to feel so much closer to you by having the chance to see each of you directly and, through shaking hands, to have felt the warmth of each of you.

I look very much forward to seeing and talking with you this year.

Gassho, Rev. Sala Sekiya

Religious Education Events

February Book Study Group The Buddhist Study Group will forego their meeting in January. On Saturday, February 4, we will discuss "*A Two-Headed Bird, One Life*" by Mitsuko Ando. This book is available for purchase from your favorite online book retailer. We will meet from 9:30 - Noon in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is encouraged to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend. - Leonora



December 3, 2016
Mrs. Eidmann,
pictured in center,
accompanied
Rev. Castro to-
Buddhist Book
Study Group
while visiting him
on the occasion
of his retirement.
- IHG



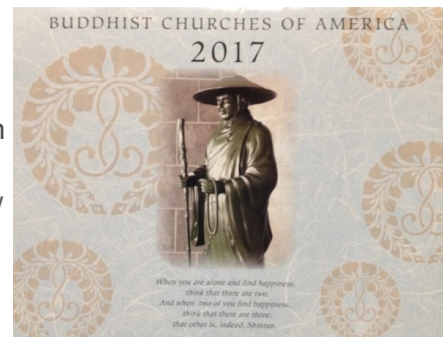
Bodhi Day at Seattle Betsuin December 4, 2016

Photos by Sat Ichikawa



Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo will be held January 29, 2017

2017 BCA calendars are available in the office for \$5. The calendars feature sites and activities of some of the BCA sanghas. In addition, national as well as Buddhist holidays are listed each month.



This official calendar of the Buddhist Churches of America contains a New Year's message from Reverend Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America and from Ken Tanimoto, President of the BCA.

For members of the BCA, the most important places for us to gather are the churches and temples for it is here that we are able to hear and receive the teachings of the Buddha and Shinran Shonin. Contact information for BCA Headquarters, Jodo Shinshu Center, temples, and sanghas/fellowships are also provided in the calendar.— JN/BCA

Camp Fire News In late November, the Camp Fire Organization brought holiday cheer to the residents of Wisteria View Manor, just across the street from the temple. The girls decorated two Christmas trees, hung wreaths on each of the residents' doors and handed out gift bags.

They also sang Christmas carols, led by Emily Ko on the ukulele and served baked goods and tea. The residents were so appreciative of our visit and the girls always have a good time during this community service event and interacting with the residents. submitted by Grace Tazuma



Also, A Thank You, from Shanti: *Thank you so much to everyone who brought donations for the toiletry/item drive! We collected 6 large bags of items, all of which will go to homeless youth between the ages of 1 and 17 through the U. S. Coast Guard. We really appreciate everything donated! - Shanti K. [Shanti is a member of the Rainbows group.]*

SBBWA News Happy New Year to all of our members and future members.

It has been a year full of ups and downs, but we have survived. Thanks to the dedicated membership who have shown patience, understanding, and guidance throughout this past year. We thank you. We hope that this new year will bring you joy and peace. *Akematshite omedeto gozaimasu.*

We look forward to adding more members to our organization; please invite friends and relatives to join Fujinkai. The only stipulation is that all of our members be temple members, which is key towards the upkeep and existence of our temple. Please notify us if you know of those that are interested.

We'd like to welcome our new board members: Mayumi Terada, Yvette Terada, Marlene Okada, and Pat Borrow.

Since last newsletter we have decided to donate monetarily toward skidless socks for Keiro home residents. We hope to have more activities this year. If you have an idea, please let us know.

NW convention is February 17-19, 2017 at Doubletree Suites, Southcenter. Janie Okawa and Kanako Kashima are taking our registrations; let them know if you need assistance. Please make your check to SBBWA. Our **deadline is January 10.**

Hard copy is available at the temple or you can request PDF copy via email. Please call the office.

Thank you for your generous donations in 2016.
2016 Donor List

(General donations from 2015 Nov.1—2016 Oct. 30)

Karen Akira
Aoyama Family—Sayeko Aoyama's Memorial service
Sue Fujino—Irokai
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Julie Mayeda—in memory of Sayeko Aoyama
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Yasuko Natsuhara—in memory of Florence Tsuchida
Leanne Nishi-Wong
Mineko Sakamoto Family—appreciation of Floral Spray
Mineko Sakamoto
Seattle Buddhist Church Campfire
Terrie Tanino
Machiko Wada
Tina Zumoto-Ko—in memory of Mrs. Aoyama

Nina Tomita-Kato, Machiko Wada, Co-Chairs

Minister's Assistants Attend Winter MAP*



Minister's Assistants Leonora Clarke and Irene Goto are pictured at Jodo Shinshu Center on December 10, 2016 with fellow Minister's Assistants from Orange Co., Vista, IBS, San Diego, Florin, Tri-State/Denver, Enmanji, Berkeley and Midwest for training and education. Co-coordinators on far left and far right, respectively, are Rev. Marvin Harada and Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara. Instructors included Rev. Harry Bridge on Liturgy, Prof. John Nelson (University of San Francisco) on Adaptation and Experimentation for Religious Institutions, Rev. Ron Kobata on Ten Reasons Buddhism is for the Spiritual-But-Not-Religious, Rev. Heng Sure on his Berkeley Buddhist Monastery, Rev. David Matsumoto on Tannisho and Rev. Harada on Dharma Talks. Photo by Yumi Hata, Jodo Shinshu Center. - submitted by MA Irene Goto

* MAP is Minister's Assistant Program



WINTER PACIFIC SEMINAR -21ST CENTURY

Presented by the Institute of Buddhist Studies,
BCA Center for Buddhist Education & Shinshu Center of America



EAST MEETS WEST

Dharmathon with Higashi and Nishi Ministers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017 9AM-4:30PM

REGISTRATION: \$40 (Includes lunch) Deadline: January 19, 2017

For registration information contact Rev. Koho Takata at NishiDharmaCenter@gmail.com or call (213) 680-9130

This second Pacific Seminar focusing on “East Meets West” will feature a **DHARMATHON—A SERIES OF DHARMA MESSAGES: IN ENGLISH** Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America Rev. Noriaki Ito, Bishop, Higashi Honganji North American District; Rev. Kenji Akahoshi Rev. Fredrick Brenion Rev. Bill Briones Rev. Greg Gibbs Rev. Marvin Harada Rev. Peter Hata Rev. John Iwohara Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi Rev. Kory Quon Rev. Jon Turner Rev. Fumiaki Usuki Rev. Patti Usuki; **IN JAPANESE** Rev. Masashi Fujii Rev. Ryuta Furumoto Rev. Tomoyuki Hasegawa Rev. Nobuo Miyaji Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji Rev. Kazuaki Nakata Rev. Ryoko Osa Rev. Koho Takata Rev. Masanori Watanabe Rev. Mutsumi Wondra. A downloadable registration form is available on www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org.

The Winter Pacific Seminar – 21st Century continues a Shin Buddhist educational tradition, the Pacific Seminar, which began in Berkeley in the early 1950s and continued through the late 1980s. In 2008, with the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) and the BCA Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) revived the tradition as the “Pacific Seminar – 21st Century,” with the goal of creating exciting new opportunities for all interested in sharing the dharma: laypersons from all backgrounds and generations, scholars and clergy alike, and deepening the appreciation and dialogue on the historical and doctrinal roots of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America. - IHG

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Rinban delivering his last official dharma talk
at Seattle Betsuin on December 11, 2016.
Photo by Sat Ichikawa

humbled at the number of people who came. Thank you all so much! I may spend my retirement just sending out thank you cards. It's going to take a long time but I will get them all sent out eventually. A number of retirement cards said, “Come back and see us.” Since I am not going anywhere, I will take this opportunity to wish us all (together) a very happy, healthy and meaningful 2017 in the spirit of the Nembutsu.

Let me conclude with a poem in the spirit of a haiku if not quite 5-7-5 syllables:

*January first,
Day one of retirement,
My office, clean at last!*

Notes on Dharma Exchange, an after-service discussion

A happy and healthy New Year 2017 to everyone!

Nov 13, 2016 Ho-Onko

Rev. Castro started with a story of a Living Treasure in Japan. She was noted for making indigo dye, using a creek running in her yard and the knowledge she acquired from her forebears. We all need to appreciate what we have been given from our families and the Sangha. He reminded us not to forget that Shinran said, "When you say the nembutsu, know I am there. You are not alone."

What do we do now after the election results in which we have a president elect who asked during a national security meeting, "Why can't we use our nuclear weapons?" We were assured that the President's power is limited because of our governing structure. Still questions arose about the kind of climate our grandchildren will face in the future. Concern about who will be selected for the Supreme Court and how long-lasting that choice will affect us. - Shirley S

Dec 4, 2016 - Rinban Castro held forth with comments about Vajrayana being based on Mahayana, but coming later. The Fire Ceremony takes place yearly at the Koyasan Temple on 16th S. and S. Washington Street. He spoke of Ganjin's Temple as being of the 8th C and has a feeling of ancientness. . . A participant asked if there is a way to achieve Enlightenment. Sensei said it is not possible by our own efforts. He went on to say Bodhisattvas include all beings in their quest for Enlightenment.

Dec 18, 2016 - Rev. Sala Sekiya commented she had not attended DX for quite a while, but was able and willing to participate. Ann O. asked for some idea of the role of Buddhists when people lose their civil rights as she suspects could happen in the US. Sala Sensei noted that in Japan we try to avoid extremes and ponder what is happening with us? How would Shinran see things? Try to study what is the best way. Sensei said as a younger person she tried to study what Buddhists see and to learn more before we take action. Participant expressed a concern for the environment, and another participant suggested joining an environmental organization for a bigger impact.

A participant recommended that we decide for ourselves what is most important and give money and time to work on it. A participant who worked 20 years in Civil Rights suggested working on reality and determining direction to take. Tetsuo said all Catholics and Buddhists should not forget the concentration camps of WWII. We must make sure the National Park Service sees that these camps are preserved. He strongly recommended speaking up as we have the voice. Causes and condition affect us all and are not in our control. Irene Sensei said young children are now concerned about being put away in a concentration camp. Kemi said her family is split on the political side of issues, and she and her husband do not become involved, but try to find a way to move forward. A participant said the current generation of Buddhist scholars are Socialists, whereas they were Communists earlier. [documentation?] A participant asked that with the retirement of Castro Sensei will we remain a Betsuin? Yes, Sala Sensei feels we will remain a Betsuin. . . A reminder: The New Year's Eve service will be conducted at 7pm. There will be no service on Dec. 25. Kanako K. had registration forms for the Feb. 17-19 NW Buddhist Convention hosted by the Tacoma Buddhist Temple at the Doubletree Suites (Southcenter).



In gassho,
Pat Bobrow



Chairperson's Message

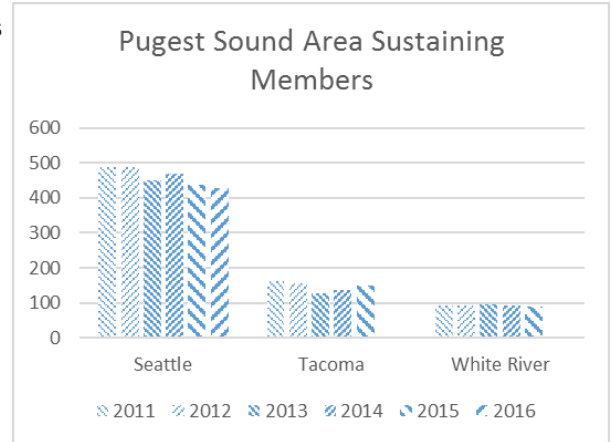
Happy New Year! 2016 was another exciting and meaningful year for the temple and we have high hopes that 2017 will be so too. Our focus continues to be shifting our mindset from doing things because "that's the way we've always done it" to making decisions based on laying the groundwork for a vibrant and strong temple in the future. Targeting improvements in four key areas: membership, communications, programs and facilities we accomplished much in 2016 and plan to do so again this year.

Tailoring our offerings and programs and providing the necessary supporting facilities and resources is key to addressing our biggest challenge, Jodo Shinshu membership in Seattle, the Puget Sound region and in America. The Board of Directors was active last year making important decisions guiding our efforts. Most notable were the decisions to set a goal of obtaining 50 new sustaining members each year, to use some of our undesignated reserves to fund facilities improvements, to end uncertainty by deciding to remain in our existing buildings/facilities rather than move to newer facilities or build a new temple, and finally, a change in our endowment fund bylaws from the original income (interest and dividends) only model to a modern Unitrust.

While there were far too many volunteers and contributors who donated their time and labor to operate the temple to individually recognize in this article it must be pointed out that facilities wise 2016 was an extremely busy year. The maintenance team along with the renovation project teams went above and beyond to complete the remodeling of the small parsonage, replacement of the walk in freezer, remodeling the basement dining room and classrooms, upgrading to LED lighting, switching more of the temple's HVAC system over to modern heat pump technology, and repairs to the roof and it's downspout/drainage system. Thank you very much to all of our volunteers and contributors for taking such good care of our temple!

This January we find ourselves moving forward without the familiar support of Rev. Castro who is beginning the next phase of his life's journey and we wish him a long and healthy retirement. In 2017 much remains to be done to achieve our goal of making the temple vibrant and growing. To make this all happen we need you! Please jump in by picking an existing or suggesting a new program that piques your interest and volunteer your time and energy to make it fantastic. Thank you for your past support and I trust we can count on you again in this new year.

Submitted by Alan Hoshino



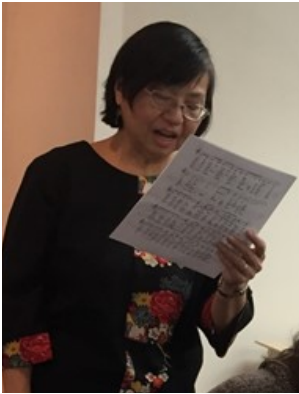
SCHOLARSHIPS - High School Seniors / College Students

HIGH SCHOOL: The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant and Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant are offering scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2016.

COLLEGE: If you are a student currently enrolled and completed one year of college, the Masaru & Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant is offering scholarships for careers as nurse practitioner, medical doctor, registered nurse, engineer, or computer science. Other fields in the technical, math and science programs may also be considered. This is a one-time only grant.

All high school and college applicants or their parent(s) must be a member of good standing of the Seattle Buddhist Church.

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 3, 2017 before or by 2:30pm to the temple office. For applications and/or questions, please contact Shizue Kaku via the temple office 206-329-0800 or email: office@seattlebetsuin.com



Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Lani Carpenter who coordinated youth musicians again with her daughter Kristy for New Year's Eve service. They have provided a lovely tradition over the years with the gathas *Yube no Uta* and *Ondokusan II* to compliment the ritual of ringing the bonsho after service.

On Sunday, January 22, Donna Sasaki's new gatha for the NW district convention *Wake Up!* will be introduced at children's service and hondo service. Debbie Shibata has agreed to support her daughter Allison to coordinate future youth musician involvement in service music this year. Any interested musicians (youth or adults) are welcome to contact Debbie and Allison or me as we plan special music programming for 2017.

DHARMA SCHOOL A successful Bodhi day potluck was chaired by Dharma School



parents. We would like to express our gratitude to all who made contributions to this event. In December, the Middle School class participated in a gym day during the general membership meeting, made holiday themed treats, and helped make the centerpieces for the New Year's Party. In addition, many middle school students participate in Jr. YBA. Connie, Tara, and Claire are looking forward to learning along with the kids in 2017.

Classroom Reports

PreK/Kindergarten Class The Pre-K/K class celebrated Bodhi Day by listening to a story of how Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment. The students made a picture of him meditating under the Bodhi tree and also made a candle holder and Bodhi Day card for their families. The Pre-K/K teachers extend a big thanks to the high school class and supervisor Ron for organizing activities and snacks in the gym for our students on December 11, allowing us to attend the Betsuin annual general meeting. We thank our Pre-K/K families for their support in 2016 and wish them all the best in 2017.

1st/2nd Grade For Thanksgiving we read the book "Thank you, Thanksgiving" about a girl walking to the store on Thanksgiving and thanking things on the way she is grateful for. Afterward we wrote what we were thankful for on strips of orange paper and assembled these into a pumpkin. The next week we cleaned our classroom windows, tables, chairs and cabinets. What good workers they were! Thank you to the parents who helped out with this. We then made handprint Bodhi trees which we decorated with green tissue paper and glued the seated Shakamuni Buddha underneath in honor of the day he was enlightened. Finally we made ornaments as gifts to our families and discussed dana and gratitude.

3rd-4th-5th Grade Here we are with our Bodhi Day projects



6th-7th-8th Grade The middle school class focused on gratitude during Dharma School after Thanksgiving by learning to make Spam musubi and chocolate pretzels! We notice that these kids are connecting, building bonds and having fun!



Betsuin Events for January 2017

SUNDAYS 10:55am Meditation*

January 1

10:00 am NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE
(No after service programs)

January 8

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Youth/Adult: Rev. Sala Sekiya
Japanese: Rev. Sala Sekiya
DX: MA Irene Goto
Meditation: MA

12:00 pm Betsuin New Year's Party and
Installation of Officers

January 15

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Youth/Adult: **Youth Minister's Assistants**
Japanese: Video Message
DX: Rev. Bob Oshita, BCA Minister Emeritus
Meditation: MA Irene Goto

January 22

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE and
CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: MA
Youth/Adult: Rev. Jim Warrick
Japanese: Rev. Sala Sekiya
DX: Rev. Jim Warrick
DSDX: MA
Meditation: MA

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class: Rev. Castro

January 29

10:00 am EITAIKYO MUEN HOYO SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Sala Sekiya
Japanese: Video Message
DX: MA
Meditation: MA Matt May

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class: MA Jason Yokoyama

MONDAYS

January 2 OFFICE CLOSED

January 9 – 21 Rev. Sekiya in Japan

January 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly
Memorial Service

TUESDAYS January 24 10:00 am Keiro Service

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

January 5 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

January 19

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

7:00 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

January 26 7:00 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

FRIDAY - MONDAY

January 13 – 16 BCA YAC (Youth Advocacy Committee) Reunion Retreat at the Betsuin

SATURDAYS

February 2017: Major Events of Interest

February 4 (Saturday) Book Study Group: *A Two Headed Bird: One Life* by Mitsuko Andō

February 5 (Sunday) Scout Sunday Service

February 12 (Sunday) Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial Service followed by vegetarian potluck and bake sale

February 17 – 19 (Friday – Sunday) NorthWest District Buddhist Convention at the DoubleTree SouthCenter (not SeaTac) hosted by Tacoma Buddhist Temple

**February Newsletter Deadline:
4th Monday, January 23, 2017 8pm**

2017 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Year of Death: ... years from date of death:

2016.....1st annual memorial.....1 year

2015.....3rd anniversary memorial, 2 full years

2011.....7th anniversary memorial, 6 full years

2005.....13th anniversary memorial, 12 full years

2001.....17th anniversary memorial, 16 full years

1993.....25th anniversary memorial, 24 full years

1985.....33rd anniversary memorial, 32 full years

1968.....50th anniversary memorial, 49 full years

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

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January 2017
Wheel of the Sangha
**A Monthly Newsletter of
Seattle Buddhist Church**

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Major Events of Interest at Seattle Betsuin

2016 December 31, New Year's Eve Service 7:00 PM

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

January 2 Monday, New Year's Day Holiday - Temple is closed

January 8 Sunday, Betsuin New Year's Party and
Installation of Officers, Noon - 3:00 pm

January 16 Monday, MLK Day, 10:00 am Monthly Shinran Shonin
Memorial Service

January 29 Sunday, Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo Service 10:00am

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