



## “Japanese Jodo Shinshu” and “American Jodo Shinshu”

Rev. Kojo Kakihara

As we have had more sunny days recently, I have had more chances to golf. I started golf when I was in Los Angeles. When I went to a golf course in Japan for the first time, I was a little puzzled with some different things like being given a locker key in checking-in, or a power cart for four persons with a remote-control. But, **basically**, their golf itself is the same. Professionals might adjust their way of swing or which clubs to use depending on differences of grasses or weather. But in any country golf is the same -- people hit a stopped ball with a golf club and hole in. If you throw the ball with your hand, that is not golf anymore.

Our Jodo Shinshu tradition began in 1224 with Shinran Shonin as the founder. And more than 100 years has passed since it was introduced into this country. Here I sometimes hear a term, “American Jodo Shinshu.” It is very important and necessary for new or different ways of conveying the teachings or different ways of services to be grasped so that Jodo Shinshu is conveyed in this country and received well by American people who have a different language and culture from Japanese people. However, it is also true in this stream that there are self-centered ideas or misunderstandings—that we do not have to necessarily follow the traditional teachings because tradition is something outdated or old-fashioned; and that it is okay to interpret the teachings more freely, in a unique way, to suit our own preference because this is not Japan, but the country of freedom.

It is, indeed, that old ways of conveying the teachings and old rituals which are not fit for the times should be improved. Buddhist ministers in Japan, too, have been trying and developing new ways of conveying; for example, using internet, opening a Bozu (Buddhist priest) bar, or singing rap music about Buddhism to meet new generations’ ways of thinking and life. However, the essence of Jodo Shinshu teachings is one and the same in any country and in any time. Therefore, in its teachings there are no such things like “American Jodo Shinshu,” or “Japanese Jodo Shinshu.” If there were such separate things, we would need things like “Canadian Jodo Shinshu,” or “Belgian Jodo Shinshu,” “Caucasian Jodo Shinshu” or “Rev. Kakihara’s Jodo Shinshu”, as well. Each person may have different taste or appreciation of the teachings, but the teachings itself does not change.

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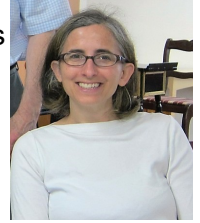
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**April Book Study Group** will meet on Saturday, April 1, to discuss a work by Hiromichi Mukaibo called *A Life Resurrected*. This is a story of a man who, due to an accident in his youth, lost the use of his body from the neck down. After years of struggle, he went on to become a great teacher of Jodo Shinshu.



This book is not widely available; so if you need a copy, please contact Shirley Shimada or Leonora Clarke.

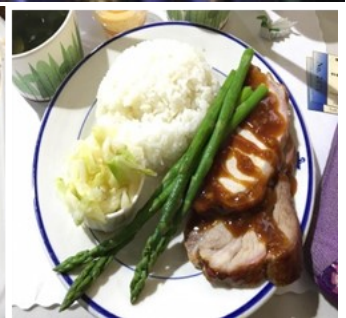
We will meet from 9:30-Noon in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is encouraged to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. Gassho, Leonora

**Salmon Dinner Fundraiser:** We just celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of having the Salmon Dinner Fundraiser which has been a successful event each of the years for a number of reasons since replacing the Spring Bazaar. While there were many things to look forward to at the Spring Bazaar, the amount of effort to make it a continued success was not sustainable in the long term. Thinking outside the box for other alternatives, the Salmon Dinner fundraiser was selected as the replacement.

Over the past 5 years, it has become an event that has slowly grown in popularity and looked forward to. It has been more successful financially to the Temple as a result of the volunteers for the event. It takes the contributions of many to make this event successful, so for those that did help with their volunteerism, a huge **THANK YOU** for your time and effort with food prep, gym set-up, cooking, serving, clean-up etc.. Volunteers not only came from the Sangha but we had members from 2 youth groups of the Seattle Asian Sports Club who volunteered their time at a community event as way to give back to the community.



Kinue Kuwahara making manju. - KN



The day started out very rainy and cleared up with sunny skies just in time for the start of the event. There were about 1,500 ticket pre-sales and these tickets along with those individuals that paid for their tickets at the door or individuals didn't have tickets contributed to another well attended event. Along with the dinner there was a variety of desserts, apple, cherry, peach, lemon meringue pies, carrot and chocolate cakes, manju, ohagi and other baked goods to choose from for purchase. Too early to tell how successful the event did financially but it can be considered a successful event from the attendance. - HL

# ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “**thank**” the following regular members, for contributing their minimum 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.

*Clara Beard; Lani Carpenter; Helen Gota; Steven & Cathleen Hokoda; Dale & Shizue Kaku; Kinue Kuwahara; Julie Mayeda; Iso & Ai Nishimura; Terrie Shigaya; Leslie Sumida; Frank Shinoda; Ryomi Tanino; Harry Yoshimura*

**\*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)

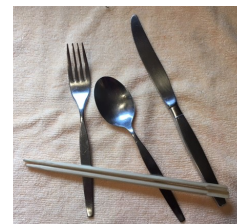
## Dharma School News

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Thank you everyone for making the Betsuin Salmon Dinner Fundraiser a success! Your hard work is much appreciated. Looked like everybody had a good community time there, diners and workers.

### Classroom Activity Reports

Pre-K/K class The Pre-K/K class learned about the Eightfold Path and the significance of the Wheel of Dharma. The students colored and labeled a kids Wheel of Dharma to remind them to practice the Eightfold Path in their everyday lives. We continued discussing the topic of the Eightfold Path by focusing on Right Thought. The children then made a mobile with several examples of Right Thoughts. During the following week, the children read the book “Spoon” about how a spoon wished it was a fork, knife or chop sticks, until it learned to appreciate all of the things it could do that the other utensils could not. The children decorated their own wooden spoons including a sign about acceptance and to appreciate all the qualities that they have. Finally, the class talked about the Golden Chain. They made a golden chain with names of friends and family on each of the links and also colored a Golden Chain Book.



1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade class We began the month of March celebrating girl's day by making cards and eating kompeito, the spiky ball sugar candy. We learned about how it is made with a very labor intensive, time consuming process to grow the balls from tiny specks of rice introduced by the Portuguese. We then discussed the Three Refuges by reading the Three Pigs in Alaska story. In it the smartest pig's house was an igloo made of ice blocks! The kids then drew pictures of refuges for them like their room. We also talked about the Wheel of Dharma and Shakyamuni's First Sermon, where he reveals the Eightfold Path. Finally we read the Six Blind Men and the Elephant where blind men try to describe an elephant after touching just one part. A terrible argument ensues because they do not have the “Right View”. The students tried it as well by touching one part of a stuffed elephant and trying to guess what it was. We ended off by playing a game matching pairs of cards with pictures of Buddhist items on them.



Middle School class The middle school class has completed its interviews with Castro Sensei, Mrs. Irene Mano, and Mr. Sat Ichikawa for the video we are making about temple history. It was enjoyable to see several grandkids interviewing their grandparents! We are so grateful for the generous donation of time and stories.

# Chairperson's Message by Alan Hoshino



Please join me in extending a big thank you to Rev. Kojo Kakihara for being our acting Rinban and providing ministerial services to our members during our transition between resident ministers. Wouldn't you know it, while Kakihara-sensei was covering us we were busier than normal and we ran sensei ragged taking care of two temples. Thank you sensei for doing a fantastic job!

This month we welcome our new resident minister, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, to Seattle. Sensei's first service will be our Hanamatsuri service on April 16 when we celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha. Please mark the date on your calendars, come out to celebrate Hanamatsuri and meet Rev. Kusunoki. There will be a luncheon, so come join the festivities.



**Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki**

During the first week of March Betsuin 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson Calvin Terada and I travelled to the San Jose Betsuin to attend the Buddhist Churches of America's annual national council meeting. Before we arrived we received a little "light reading", the 262 page 2016 Annual Report of the BCA. If you are interested in viewing the documents, please see me and I'll make copies available to you. Highlights from the meeting include the following:

- BCA membership now stands at 13,544 members. This number is in decline and is a major concern of the organization.
- A Dharmathon (series of short Dharma talks) was held and the only Youth Minister's Assistant selected to give a talk was Seattle's very own Alex Sakamoto. Alex did a wonderful job! Hopefully his talk along with all the other messages will be put up on the BCA website soon for all to see and enjoy.
- A 2017-2018 budget was approved which calls for \$1.8M in dues assessments to the BCA membership. The initial budget proposal was for \$1.9M in assessments. This works out to \$134/member, up from last year's \$114/member.
- The national council voted to approve a transition from the BCA's underfunded defined benefit ministerial pension plan to a 403(b) plan "freezing" the old plan on 9/30/17. This stops creating new liabilities. More work needs to be done to address the old plan's liabilities.
- 16 of the 46 BCA Kaikyoshi ministers will be eligible for retirement in the next few years.

Much of the meeting was administrative but the real benefit to our temple for sending representatives to such meetings is the opportunity it presents for us to meet with ministers and other lay leaders. In doing so we develop a network of contacts and share a wealth of information. The challenge of what to do about the decline in membership is a common issue among the BCA temples and the few who seem to be successfully addressing the challenge focus on educational classes and active programs. Here in Seattle our Board of Directors recognizes this need to improve our programming and we have designated a cabinet officer, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (Calvin), to oversee the temple's programming. Our Dharma School parents also have been pushing for new programs and recently have shown great interest in the "Engaged Buddhism" movement. It's a cross denominational movement to reduce social suffering and oppression through political and social reform.

A group of temple members participated in the Women's March earlier this year that drew an estimated 120,000 participants who stood up for reproductive, immigrants and LGBTQ rights. The energy from that march became a topic of discussion in both of our Dharma Exchange programs. In the Dharma School parents' Dharma Exchange it sparked interest in participating in this summer's Pride March for LGBTQ rights and in sponsoring a LGBTQ seminar at the temple. While in California for the national council meeting Calvin and I met with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, co-director of the Center for Buddhist Education. The CBE has sponsored three LGBTQ seminars in recent years including having actor George Takei as a speaker. We secured Rev. Kuwahara's support for a seminar in Seattle and though he's not promising

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# SBBWA April message

We have 20 BWA members and the families who left for Japan to attend the Dento Hokoku Hoyo in Kyoto on March 28. They will meet with Rev. Sala Sekiya for the Hoyo and side trip.

We are excited to welcome our new minister Rev. Kusunoki on April 16 at the Hanamatsuri Service; a welcome lunch will follow. Hope everyone will come to meet our new sensei.

We serve meals at Orion House for homeless youth, 4 times a year. It's on Friday afternoon. If you are interested in joining BWA members, please let Nina or Machiko know. We will let you know which dates are planned.

Thank you for all your work for Salmon dinner on March 18. We made 200-6 packs, 33-3 packs, 25-3 packs, 20-3 packs and 8-2 packs Ukushima, totaling 1450 pieces of Manju and 200 Ohagi, and we helped with Miso soup preparation, salad dressing, tsukemeno and other chores. We also sold many extra tickets.

We are planning a fundraiser in May. Tickets will be sold in the foyer on Sundays. Please support us with purchasing tickets or let us know if you are available to help with cooking/serving.

Kitchen cleanup was held following the Salmon dinner on March 22. We mainly cleaned the pantry and a few other areas. Thank you so much for January, February, March toban members who came out to clean. We clean quarterly and hope that you will be able to come help during your Toban month cleanup.

It's time for SBBWA membership dues; \$15.00 per person. Thank you for supporting another great year for our organization.

## Condolences:

We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Helen Adachi who passed away in February; Rev. Kakiyama officiated the service.

## Donation List, we appreciate your generosity.

General donations:

Anonymous \$5.00

Karen Akira \$25.00

Jamie Huh \$20.00

## Dana Day donation:

Anonymous, Lauren Asaba, Marian Asaba, Janet Baba, Mae Deguchi, Yasuko Desaki, Aiko Fujii, Sue Fujino, Florence Fujita, Helen Gota, Margaret Gotchy, Fumiko Groves, Lori Hamamoto, Peggy Hanada, Setsuko Harada, Norigiku Horikawa, Jamie Huh, Deanna Ikegami, Iwako Iseri, Toshiko Isomura, Yaeko Ito, Shizue Kaku, Miyoko Kaneta, Kanako Kashima, Mary Katayama, Ritsuko Kawahara, Shi-

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Taketa, Anna Tamura, Rikuko Tanaka, Fumie Taniguchi, Martha Taniguchi, Miyoko Tazuma, Kayoko Terada, Mayumi Terada, Suzuko Terada, Dolly Tokunaga, Nina Tomita-Kato, Michiko Toyoshima, Machiko Wada, Shizue Yahata, Fujie Yamasaki, Michiko Yanagimoto, Fusae Yokoyama, Charlene Yoritune, Fuyo Yoshida, Mary Yoshida, and Tomiko Zumoto.

*Photos of Salmon Dinner and Manju Making*



# SCHOLARSHIPS for High School Seniors and College Students

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](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com) - Shizu Kaku

## Musical Notes

Thank you to Alina for participating as flute soloist for Camp Fire service last month. I also greatly appreciated Hieu's willingness to help on violin as we introduced *The Other Shore* at the March children's service in advance of the O-Higan service on March 26. The Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band will enliven our upcoming special services again this month for the Hanamatsuri service on April 16 and the Earth Day music service on April 23.

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



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If we understand and interpret the teachings selfishly as it suits own convenience without learning or by ignoring the essence of Nembutsu conveyed by Shinran Shonin and the tradition which was born from the essence, that would not be Jodo Shinshu anymore; but that would be just a religion of self-convenience. Rev. Daien Fugen, one of the highest authorities in Nishi Hongwanji, states about this as follows:

*It has been traditionally common to talk about Inheritance and Interpretation in Jodo Shinshu. "Inheritance" is "Tradition," and "Interpretation" is "Originality." When we ignore "Inheritance" and take only to "Originality," we will fall into dogmatism. Also when we ignore "Originality" and take only to "Inheritance," we will fall into blind obedience. There is no life as a religion in dogmatism and blind obedience. Just in harmony between "Inheritance" and "Interpretation," true teaching is born and true religion is born. It was Shinran Shonin who kept this more thoroughly than anyone else. The more we long for the growth and improvement of the teachings, the more we should not neglect the traditional teachings...*

*Recently people have emphasized "the modern teachings." But the teachings should always be "the modern teachings." However, what is important in establishing the modern teachings, is that we should not teach or understand "Jodo Shinshu" which is not really Jodo Shinshu while ignoring the traditional teachings because of trying too much to adapt it to self-convenience or modern society. I really hope that we should establish the teachings which is fit to modern society while standing on the tradition.*

May we not understand the teachings and spirit as it follows our convenience or our way of life centering Self, but may we be able to understand and appreciate the teachings as they are, and aim for the way of living as it follows the teachings, putting ego-self aside. Our BCA is an organization of Jodo Shinshu, and the founder of Jodo Shinshu is Shinran Shonin.

Rev. Kusunoki will come to Seattle Betsuin in April. I hope you continue to learn and appreciate Jodo Shinshu and its way of life under Rev. Kusunoki.

Namoamidabutsu



# Notes on Dharma Exchange, an after-service discussion

**March 5, 2017** MA Rosalie May led Dharma Exchange after her dharma talk at Sunday Service. Her talk was on gratitude. One illustration she gave was in asking the children where their shoes come from. She explained that there are many people behind our ability to have shoes and to be grateful to them.

**March 12, 2017.** Minister's Assistant Matt May led the Dharma Exchange session on March 12. The discussion centered on finding a way to integrate the idea of disability into Jodo Shinshu thought. Tetsu Kashima mentioned that he appreciated Matt's criticism of the line from the Golden Chain that reads, "protect all those that are weaker than myself". Matt's argument was that disability is not an indication of weakness and that we are all fellow travelers, none more strong or weak than another.

Matt spoke at length about a conference that he regularly attends where many of the attendees are disabled. He described many instances where he witnessed small considerate actions to ease the way for these attendees that were done unconsciously. He ultimately ended by handing out onenju to several of the participants that he felt exemplified Shinran's principle of uncontrived kindness.

Communication was another topic that was introduced and Miyoko related a couple of stories about children communicating through artwork, or the clasp of a hand. – LC

**March 19, 2017** MA Leonora Clarke gave the dharma message during Sunday Service, but MA Irene Goto led DX. There was some discussion on Leonora's talk on "joy" and how her daughter taught her to enjoy the moment. Her talk grew out of Shinran Shonin's reply to Yuien on his lamenting (Tannisho) that he does not feel joy although he says the nembutsu; Shinran experienced the same. One participant said she wished she knew when she was a young mother what she knows now about raising children, now that she has grown grandchildren. Another said he appreciated Leonora's well written talk. Irene read the verse from the Shoshinge where "joy" is mentioned.

Many said they enjoyed the previous day's Salmon Dinner Fundraiser which appeared to have been well-attended and that the food was delicious.

Irene also talked about her understanding of the Nembutsu. She said she interprets "namo" as "bowing". "Bowing Amida Buddha" is the Name, in her understanding according to Tamakaro Shigaraki's explanation in A Life of Awakening: The Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path. She read a few passages from his text.

Participants enjoyed miso shiro and bought salad dressing left over from the previous day's Salmon dinner.

- IHG

## Look for Rev. Nobuo Haneda's lectures May 5 -8



# HANAMATSURI LUNCHEON and WELCOME RECEPTION

Sunday, April 16, 2017

11:45 AM

All Betsuin families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Hanamatsuri luncheon and welcome reception for our new minister, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, on Sunday, April 16, at 11:45 AM in the gym.



Dharma School will be preparing and hosting this complimentary luncheon. Please join us for this festive occasion to celebrate the Buddha's birthday and also to meet and welcome our new resident minister. - JN



## Simple things you can do

I am so grateful to Rinban Castro for his many years of compassionate teaching. He is a great advocate of Eco Sangha. [Go to <http://northwestdharma.org/2016/12/a-day-of-exploring-contemplative-caregiving/#post-13217> for a related article on Rev. Castro. - IHG]

If our government is removing environmental protection laws it is even more important for us to do simple and not so simple things. There's a Japanese writer who is currently well known in America who echoes Sensei's sentiment of thanking items we have used before recycling/discarding them. Value things by choosing wisely and then letting go of them. Rather than throw away the tons of unwearable clothing, shoes and worn out linens, which go into landfill, we can threadcycle. Think of the way monks wore their robes until they were full of holes. Then they would use the tattered robes as rags, then eventually stuffing, and so on. This is what threadcycling can do now. Here's very helpful website:

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/ecoconsumer/threadcycle.asp>

- Gail Kaminishi

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anything yet the CBE staff is reaching out to Mr. Takei to see if there's a chance he would entertain coming to Seattle. We also met with Rev. Ron Kobata who told us about the San Francisco temple's LGBTQ efforts. He put us in contact with his minister's assistant, Elaine Donlin. Elaine was a CBE seminar speaker and she spearheads the SF temple's LGBTQ offerings. We also discovered through Rev. Kakiyama that his minister's assistant, Fred Pelger, was a CBE LGBTQ seminar speaker as well and he welcomed us to reach out to him. Armed with this new information we returned to Seattle and passed along the info to our Dharma School parents' group which is moving forward with what looks like a three pronged LGBTQ program plan starting with a Sunday service Dharma talk followed by temple participation in the Pride March this June and then a seminar in the fall or winter.

Also at the BCA meeting Calvin and I met with Laurie Rubin and Jenny Taira, co-writers of the musical "Peace On Your Wings". The musical is inspired by the life of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese girl who at the age of two became a survivor of the Hiroshima atom bomb and in the three months prior to her death at age 12 folded one thousand origami cranes. "Peace On Your Wings" will be playing in Seattle in late September. Laurie and Jenny serve on the Hawaiian Kyodan's (Jodo Shinshu Buddhist temples of Hawaii) music committee. They are looking for support for their Seattle visit and were put in touch with us through our own music committee chair Kemi Nakabayashi. We have a follow up meeting with them in Seattle that will occur by the time you read this article. Expect more info in the coming months.

Becoming engaged and bringing interesting programs and classes to the temple are part of our plan to attract new members to the temple. If you have an idea you'd like to pursue at the temple please pull me aside on any Sunday and bend my ear. You can also e-mail ideas to [chairperson@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:chairperson@seattlebetsuin.com).

With palms together, Alan.

## Betsuin Events for April 2017

**MOST SUNDAYS** –All are invited to Service and after-service programs from 11:00 – 11:30.

10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (Main Hall) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk

11:00 am **DHARMA EXCHANGE (DX)** – in dining room downstairs, dialogue with minister and ministers assistants;  
**Dharma School Dharma Exchange (DSDX, discussion among Gen X and Y adults), MEDITATION\*** - meets in foyer waiting room, adjourns at 11:30; 15-20 minute meditation.

**\*WEDNESDAY DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP** with Meditation – **has been suspended until further notice.**

### SUNDAYS

April 2

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE plus CHILDREN'S  
 SERVICE in Memorial Hall Chapel

Children: MA Leonora Clarke

Youth/Adult:

Japanese Program:

DX: DSDX: MA

Meditation: MA

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

April 9

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth/Adult:

Japanese Program:

DX: DSDX:

Meditation: MA

April 16 HANAMATSURI (Buddha's Birthday)

9:15 am Sweet Tea Offering (in auditorium)

10:00 am SERVICE (in auditorium)

Youth/Adult: Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

Japanese:

DX: MA DSDX:

Meditation: MA

11:45 am Hanamatsuri Luncheon and Welcome  
 Reception for Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

1:30 pm Sangha Award class

April 23 April 21 – 23 BCA FDSTL  
 (teachers) Conference  
 (Fresno Dharma Center)

10:00 am EARTH DAY MUSIC SERVICE

Youth/Adult:

Japanese:

DX: DSDX:

Meditation: MA

Dharma School gym day (teachers at FDSTL)

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

1:30 pm Sangha Award class

April 30

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth/Adult:

Japanese:

DX:

Meditation: MA

Dharma School field trip to

Tacoma Buddhist Temple

11:30 am SBBWA New Member Service  
 and luncheon

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class

### MONDAYS

April 3

2:30 pm Betsuin scholarship  
 application deadline

April 17

10:30 am

Hanamatsuri service at Keiro with  
 Seattle Koyasan Buddhist Temple and  
 Seattle Nichiren Buddhist Church  
 Scholarship Committee meeting

7:00 pm

### TUESDAYS

April 25

10:30 am Keiro Service

### WEDNESDAYS

### THURSDAYS

April 6

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

April 20

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service, MA Irene

### FRIDAYS

April 7

12:00 pm Gojikai Service & Luncheon Meeting

April 21 – 23

BCA FDSTL Conference, Fresno, CA

### SATURDAYS

April 1

9:30 – Noon Book Study Group -

*A Life Resurrected* by Hiromichi Mukaibo

April 21 – 23

BCA FDSTL (teachers) Conference  
 (Fresno Dharma Center)

### May 2017: Major Events of Interest

May 5 – 8

Seminars by Dr. Nobuo Haneda  
 (exact dates and times TBD)

May 14

Rennyō Shōnin Memorial Service

May 21

Gotan-e Service

May 26

All Sangha evening event

May 28

Scholarship Awards Service and

Reception and Welcome Reception for Mrs.

Ayano Kusunoki, and Master Yuiya Kusunoki

May 29

Nisei Veterans Memorial Day  
 Service at Lakeview Cemetery

**2017 May Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Third Monday, April 17, 2017**  
**8:00 pm**

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### **Major Events of Interest at Seattle Betsuin**

April 1 Saturday, 9:30am—Noon Memorial Hall Chapel  
Book Study Group: *A Life Resurrected* by Hiromichi Mukaibo

April 3 Monday Betsuin Scholarship Application deadline at 2:30 pm

April 16 Sunday 9:15am Sweet Tea Offering in Gym  
10:00am Hanamatsuri Service in Gym  
11:45am Hanamatsuri Luncheon in Gym &  
Welcome Reception for Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

April 17 Monday 10:30AM Hanamatsuri Service at Keiro with  
Koyasan Buddhist Temple and Nichiren Buddhist Church

April 23 Sunday 10:00am Earth Day Music Service

April 30 Sunday 11:30 All **SBBWA Member** Service and Luncheon

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