



## “Nice to meet you!”

by Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki

I left Rev. Kakihara's house in Tacoma in the morning on Tuesday, April 11, and drove to Seattle. It was fine day. I could clearly see the white Mt. Rainer. It was as if Mt. Rainer would welcome me to Seattle. I have been in Seattle five times before. However, I had never had a chance to speak at a Sunday Service at the Seattle Betsuin. So, I think that I have not seen most of you before.

My name is Katsuya Kusunoki. People usually call me Katsu. My wife is Ayano. We are both from Nagasaki, Japan. We both were born in 1977. We have known each other since we were 10 years old. Our first son was born on September 19, 2016. His name is Yuiya. We call him “Yui-chan”. The Kanji character “結”(Yui) means “ties” or “bonds”. I hope that he makes a lot of bonds of friendship and builds bridges between people. My wife and Yuiya are still in Japan. They are going to come to Seattle on May 23. I appreciate you very much because you took me in as a minister. It is my pleasure to be assigned this temple. We look forward to getting to know you.

My hometown, Nagasaki and Lodi, CA where I used to be were both warm places. I had seldom seen snow. On the other hand, I saw snow on the way to Seattle from California. From around here I can see a mountain covered by snow.

Let me introduce you to a story about snow. “One day, an elementary school teacher asked a question to his students. ‘After the snow melts, what will happen?’ This school was located in a heavy snowfall area, so the students were used to snow. Most of the students answered his question that snow becomes water! The teacher looked around the classroom. One student was looking outside. The teacher asked the question to him. And he answered, ‘After the snow melts, spring comes.’”

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# The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations March - April 2017

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## June 2017 Book Study Group Announcement

We are canceling our May meeting since it falls on the same weekend that Rev. Haneda will be speaking at the Seattle Betsuin. His English talk will take place on Friday, May 5, at 7pm.

The next meeting of the Buddhist Study Group will take place on Saturday, June 10. We will discuss the *Myokonin O-Karu and her poems of Shinjin* – by Hoyu Ishida. This book is out of print, so I will distribute an electronic copy.

The book selection for our July 1 meeting will be *Kaikyo* by Jane Imamura.

The meetings 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.



submitted by Leonora Clarke

# Sustaining Membership Drive and All-Sangha Dinner Friday, May 26, 2017

The Membership Committee will be organizing a Sustaining Member membership drive during the month of May. Sustaining (formerly "Ijikai") Members help support the operations and maintenance of the temple through the payment of yearly dues. The minimum suggested donation for members is \$300 per year, \$250 for members over 70 years of age. Committee members will be available in the foyer before and after Sunday services during the month of May to accept membership forms.

The committee will also be organizing an All-Sangha dinner on Friday, May 26, 2017. Sangha members are invited to share their skills or knowledge with others by leading discussions or classes. Examples include: **cooking demonstrations, sake tasting, tea ceremony, nenju construction and repair etc.** Contact Tyler Moriguchi at [communications@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:communications@seattlebetsuin.com) if you have something you would like to share. Thank You!

**Salmon Dinner Fundraiser, Extra:** Still working on the financial results for the 2017 version of the Salmon Dinner fundraiser, but the expectation is that it would have at least netted what was in the Betsuin's fiscal year budget amount of \$22K, net. From a rough and unofficial count, it appears we did exceed the number of tickets sold from the prior year by less than 100 tickets. Hoping that the next year we will be able to exceed this year's total of just about 1,800 meals.



Thank You to the Betsuin's SBBWA organization for making the manju and ohagi for sale at the event. These are looked forward to by attendees and continue as a hold-over from the days when the Spring fundraiser was the Bazaar. Thanks are also in order to those that contributed baked items to the bake sale:

Betty Nakashima, Cyndi Watanabe, Debbie Shibata, Ellen Mori, Fran Shintaku, Joann Kosai-Eng, Kiyo Takashima, Margaret Teramoto, Suzanne Fujinari, Tyler Moriguchi, Yvette Terada (only names written down by those providing donations of baked goods).

## Yakima Buddhist Church held its 56th Annual Sukiyaki Dinner on March 5, 2017.

Every year on the first Sunday of March, this sangha of 17 members, (plus 9 from the Columbia Basin Sangha making 26), attracts a whole community of volunteers (200) and diners (1800) from, as near as Yakima Valley College, local high schools, and Boy Scout troop # 268 and their parents, to as far as, Japan and China. Local businesses are also a vital part in promoting this fundraiser whose proceeds go toward the maintenance of the hondo, adjoining parsonage, and gymnasium/meeting hall which are used for YBA, BWA and BCA meetings. This effort is "a true display of the interdependence and interconnectedness" as Lon Inaba and sister Diane Inaba attest in their thank you letter to the volunteer community.

submitted by Irene Goto



Four cooks pictured are from the left: Makoto Enokizono (in white chef's uniform), Rosa Velazquez, Jennifer Lee, and Phyllis Chang. All cooking Sukiyaki at our 2017 Sukiyaki Dinner in Wapato.

Photo courtesy of Diane Inaba



# 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.

***Yoko Hamanaka; Peggy Hanada; Michiko Hirata; Jean Ishii; Kenneth Kubota; Leanne Nishi-Wong; Mabel Nishizaki; Louise Sakuma; Kiyoko Takashima; Miyoko Tazuma; Florence Tera-mi; Sam & Masako Uchida; Michiko Yanagimoto; Sumie Yokota***

**\*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](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com).  
(compiled by HL, PS, JN, & SO)

## Dharma School News

Dharma school would like to welcome Rimban Katsu and his family to our temple! We look forward to meeting you all and sharing the Dharma.

Many thanks to the Dharma school families and Rinban Katsu for decorating the beautiful hanamido. Also, special thanks go to Ron, Marie, and Joan for organizing the delicious Hanamatsuri luncheon and to all their helpers.

### Classroom Reports

**Pre K/K Class** We listened to a story about the birth of Siddhartha Gautama. Following the story and discussion, they colored pictures of the baby Buddha and made centerpieces for the Hanamatsuri luncheon and welcome reception for Rinban Kusonoki. The class welcomes our new Rinban! On Hanamatsuri the children colored a picture of Dharma School children pouring sweet tea over the baby Buddha inside a Hanamido. They also added flower foam stickers to the picture to decorate their Hanamido. The class wishes Happy Hanamatsuri to everyone and Happy Birthday to Buddha.

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class** We looked at a picture book about the elements of the shrine and what they represent. After that we made a paper obutsudan that we could take home. We listened to a story about actions that we could take to help the Earth for Earth day then made handprints for a poster in the hallway. We wrote one helpful thing we could do on our handprint.

To celebrate Hanamatsuri we made tissue paper flowers to create a garden with the baby Buddha in the center. We also worked together to make a puzzle of a Hanamido with some children pouring tea over the baby Buddha statue.

submitted by Joyce Tsuji



## SAVE THE DATE!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Women in Buddhism Conference

at Seattle Betsuin 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

#### Speakers:

**Rev. Carol Myokei Himaka** Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church

**Rev. Candice Shibata** Berkeley Buddhist Temple

**Professor Kyoko Tokuno, PhD** Jackson School of International Studies, U of W



## ***This message was received from President, Alan Hoshino***

*and is being routed to the Board of Directors and my email list of Temple Reports recipients plus organizational leaders and Committee chairpersons. We want the word passed amongst the Sangha. Thank you.... Steph*

**Friday, April 14, 2017 12:20 pm**

***Betsuin officers and past chairpersons -***

***It's my pleasure to share some great news with you. Bishop Umezu announced today that Monshu Kojun Ohtani has appointed Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki as Rinban of the Seattle Betsuin. This weekend's Hanamatsuri service will be sensei's first Sunday service at the temple and he will be introduced to our members as "Rinban Kusunoki".***

***Spread the word!***

***With palms together, Alan***



**Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki**



**Photos  
Courtesy of  
Sat Ichikawa**



**Hanamatsuri  
Service and  
Luncheon**



Yvette Terada, Dharma School, Chairperson Ron Hamakawa, presenting cake to Rinban Kusunoki.



MA Leonora Clarke, MA Matt May, Rev. Jim Warrick, Rinban Kusunoki, Rinban Emeritus of Seattle Betsuin Rev. Don Castro, MA Rosalie May at Service in the gymnasium.



**Reese Morikubo, YABA**



# SBBWA May News

submitted by Machiko Wada  
Hope you are enjoying warmer weather.

We had a busy April with celebrating Hanamatsuri, new sensei, Rev. Kusunoki arriving and membership luncheon on April 30.

Twenty-one (21) church members (9 BWA members) attended Dento Hokoku Hoyo in Kyoto; trip was led by Rev. Sekiya. A trip full of memories with a group of travelers that were high spirited, easy to travel with and worked well together. We retraced footsteps of Shinran Shonin and visited many places that are connected to our Jodo Shinshu religion. Sala Sensei planned an itinerary packed full of places to visit that reflecting the history of our religion. We traveled from Tokyo, to Kyoto, to Hiroshima, Kumamoto, Kagoshima and Ibusuki. We give thanks to the Hongwanji for their support and to the many Sensei's that helped to make our trip a memorable one and to our members that were able to attend this mini pilgrimage.

Hanamatsuri was especially special this year with arrival of Rev. Kusunoki. Excitement was felt at the service in the auditorium. He is very personable and easy to talk to. Hope you will come to a service on

Sunday to meet him.

Thank you to Hospitality committee (Judith, Francis, Marlene and Karen) and others for cleaning the parsonage next door prior to Rev. Kusunoki's arrival. Betsuin maintenance committee has been renovating and they did a wonderful job.

Come join the SBBWA for a 2.5 mile walk at Seward Park on Saturday, June 24, 2017. our group name is SBBWA. This yearly event is to raise funds for the ACRS (Asian Counseling and Referral Service) food bank. Your donation supports the ACRS Food Bank. if you like more details please let Machiko or Nina know. Also, you can support ACRS by donating to our team by going to: [walkforrice.org](http://walkforrice.org) or mail-in your check, **payable to ACRS**, with SBBWA on the "for" line, or you can hand it to Machiko on Sunday and we will make sure your donation will get there. Please help us meet our (SBBWA) goal of \$500.

**March donation**, gratefully acknowledged  
General Donation  
Estate of Nami Tanaka  
Kanako Kashima  
Leanne Nishi-Wong  
Ann Oxrieder  
Louise Sakuma  
Anna Tamura



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When I first heard about this story, I felt that it is no big wonder that the snow becomes water after the snow melts. However, “The answer “After the snow melts, spring comes” shocked me because I had never thought of an answer like that, but this answer struck me very much. “After the snow melts, the snow becomes water.” This answer comes from a materialistic viewpoint. On the other hand, “After the snow melts, spring comes.” This answer comes from the student’s sensitivity.

Now, I want to ask you another question. “After a human being passes away, what will he/she become? If I think about this question using my materialistic viewpoint, the answer would be that a human being becomes ashes because the body is cremated.

However, Jodo Shinshu teaching teaches us that a human being becomes Buddha after a person passes away. We are walking the path to become a Buddha each single day. I appreciate that we can walk the Path to become Buddha together.

Gassho, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

## **The Annual ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE - SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO**

will be held on

**Sunday, June 4, 2017 Service at 10:00 AM**

This important service is dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of members and friends of the temple who have gone before us.

During the All Sangha Memorial Service, photos of those being remembered will be displayed on a screen in the hondo. We invite families of the deceased to submit the name and a photo of their loved one to [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com). Please limit the file size of photographs to 100KB and include your name and telephone number in your e-mail message. If you submitted a photo for previous years’ services and want it displayed again during this year’s service you do not have to do anything. If you want to remove or replace a photo please send the appropriate instructions by email to [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com).

If you do not have a digital photo available you may bring a color or black and white photograph to the Betsuin office and the office staff will scan it for you. If no photo is available you may submit just the person’s name to the same e-mail address and it will appear on the screen during the service. You may also complete the form below and submit it to the Betsuin Office.

The deadline for submission of photos and names is **Sunday, May 28**. We cannot guarantee that photos/ names received after the deadline will be included.

In Gassho, *Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 329-0800*

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Name of Deceased

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Notes on Dharma Exchange, an after-service discussion

March 26, 2017 - Alan Hoshino addressed the issue of Engaged Buddhism with an explanation of the salient points. Further, he said the Dharma School parents will join the LGBTQ Pride Parade on June 25 at 11am starting at 4th Ave. & Union Street. Rev. Kakihara said he will try to be there as well. Leonora Clark MA indicated this was an opportunity to learn what is important to us as Buddhists. . . Two other events on the subject: On Sunday, April 9 at Blaine Memorial, Council General Mr. Omura will attend at 2pm, and the subject is Socially Engaged Buddhism. On Sunday, April 30 the 442nd Regimental Battalion will be honored at NVC at 2pm, Sunday, April 30, for their part in rescuing prisoners at Dachau. . . Tetsu K. urged everyone to be alert to stopping attempts in the future to incarcerate foreigners.

April 2 - Rev. Jim Warrick engaged everyone with unique stories of his and Rona's 50 Day cruise. They enjoyed Carnival in Rio de Janeiro with 46K people in a "samba school." Some events took place in a venue that seated 65K people. Sensei said the Amazon River is over 4,000 miles long, and the Rio Negro empties into it, and the Amazon discharges into the ocean. Sensei explained we are all different, but we become the same when we go to the Pure Land, much the same as the Amazon and Rio Negro as they converge and empty into the ocean. They saw toucans, sloths, pink dolphins and other exotics. Sensei said the water of the Rio Negro seems black but is not. It is the plant life that makes it black. Dolphins are black or pink. A participant asked if anyone eats Piranhas. Sensei felt they do. [Yes, but the smell is horrible according to google.] A participant noted it is difficult to get a visa in Brazil, something that was experienced by the Warricks. Many trees are cut illegally in the Amazon forest. Sensei visited Devils Island where the 1973 movie "Papillon" was filmed. He said the cells of the prison are intact and are now used as small shops to sell trinkets and souvenirs. Fifteen million slaves were brought to Brazil for the sugar and rubber industry. Also, many Irish were held as slaves as well to handle less taxing jobs. Currently, more than 30M people are held in slavery, mainly in Brazil, and more than any time in history.

April 9 - Rev. Jim Warrick and Leanora Clarke MA welcomed the Dharma School parents who are planning on participating in the upcoming Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25. She recommended those who wish to participate may sign up at the temple. Mas said the parade was discussed at a recent Board meeting, and socially engaged Buddhism has been around for decades. . . The Religious Department will have a minister for the day long seminar, "Being gay and being Buddhist." Dennis posed the question of how to become more engaged in the larger world as Buddhists. He commented that some temple members do not fully embrace the idea of participating in the parade. He commented that it really is not necessary to be reflective of everyone in the temple. . . During WWII the American Friends Organization stood up for those in camp. . .



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## Camp Fire Council Fire & Wohelo Award Presentation to be held Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 11:45am to 1:30pm.



Camp Fire will hold its annual Council Fire in the Betsuin Gym. Camp Fire groups will present their awards to group members. In addition, Rick Taylor, Executive Director of Camp Fire, Central Puget Sound Council, will present the Wohelo Award (Camp Fire's highest award) to three members of our Temple's Horizon 11/12 Camp Fire group. Camp Fire members and families, and former Camp Fire Leaders, please join us for this celebration of Camp Fire members' activities and accomplishments!

Submitted by Dana Nakashima



**The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special services. If your name is not listed, the donation may have been received after the deadline for this newsletter and will be listed in the next edition. Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent misspelling of names:**

**Hanamatsuri:** Aisaka, Steven; Akira, Donald & Karen; Asaba, Lauren; Baba, Janet; Beard, Clara; Bobrow, Patricia; Clarke, Leonora; Deguchi, Mae; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Driscoll, Irene Goto -; Dykes, Burke C.; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujinari, Suzanne; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fukeda, Toshiko; Goshō, Kazumi (Janice); Groves, Fumiko; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Habu, Jack & Fumi; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Harada, Setsuko; Harano, Nelson; Hikida, Mary; Hinds, Cynthia; Hirata, Michiko; Hoshino, Alan A. & Lori; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Isomura, Toshiko; Ito, Yaeko; Iwafuchi, Larry & June; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaneta, Miyoko; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Katayama, Mary K.; Kato, Nina Tomita -; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Ko, Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto -; Kobayashi, Frances; Kogita, Takako; Kojima, Esther; Kubo, Masako; Kumasaka, Lisa; Kunihiro, M. Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kusachi, Sachiko; Kusakabe, Peter; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Masunaga, Fumiye; Matsui, Tsugio Jack; Mayeda, Duane & Ann; Mayeda, Julie; Miyata, Tetsuo & Linda; Miyauchi, Takiko; Mizumori, Sheri; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakashima, Craig & Dana; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Natsuhara, Terrie (estate of); Nishimura, Hisashi & Sadako; Nishizaki, Mabel; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okada, Emiko; Oxrieder, Gregory & Catherine Ann; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Ozanich, Kiyomi Taketa -; Parke, Troy & Mayumi Terada -; Ramsey, Charlotte; Sako, Masako; Sakuma, Pauline; Shahbaghlian, Patricia Oye -; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shibata, Gary & Deborah; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shigaya, Teruko (Terrie); Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Sordetto, Gayle; Suzaka, Gail; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takamura, Kuniko; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Taketa, Susan; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanemura, Peggy; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Tanino, Katsumi & Teruyo (Terrie); Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Terami, Florence; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Tosaya, Gary & Julianne; Toyoshima, Michiko; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wada, Machiko; Watanabe, Henry & Christy; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yahata, Shizue; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis & Elaine Aoki -; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yee, Fukuyo; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoritsu, Charlene M.; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshimi, Crystal; Yoshimura, Harry; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko;

**Ohigan - Spring:** Anonymous; Asaba, Marian; Baba, Janet; Beard, Clara; Bobrow, Patricia; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Driscoll, Irene Goto -; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fukeda, Toshiko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Gibbs, David & Tara Anne Tamaribuchi -; Goshō, Kazumi (Janice); Gotchy, Joseph & Margaret; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamanaka, Yoko; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Hara, Reiko; Harada, Setsuko; Hirata, Michiko; Hoshino, Alan A. & Lori; Huh, Jamie; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Isomura, Toshiko; Ito, Yaeko; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Katayama, Mary K.; Kawaguchi, Harold; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Keltner, Marc & Janice; Ko, Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto -; Kogita, Takako; Kojima, Esther; Kubo, Masako; Kunihiro, M. Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kusachi, Sachiko; Kusakabe, Peter; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, Andrea; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Matsui, Tsugio Jack; Mayeda, Julie; Miyauchi, Takiko; Mizumori, Sheri; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Ted; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Junko; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishimura, Hiro & Dorothy; Nishizaki, Mabel; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okada, Emiko; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Ozanich, Kiyomi Taketa -; Parke, Troy & Mayumi Terada -; Sako, Masako; Sakuma, Pauline; Seko, Robert; Shahbaghlian, Patricia Oye -; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shigaya, Teruko (Terrie); Shimada, Shirley; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Sordetto, Gayle; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takamura, Kuniko; Takashima, Kiyoko; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Taketa, Susan; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanemura, Kevin; Tanemura, Peggy; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Terami, Florence; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Tosaya, Gary & Julianne; Toyoshima, Michiko; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wada, Machiko; Watanabe, Henry & Christy; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis & Elaine Aoki -; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko; **Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo:** Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Kashiwa, Ann T. **Nirvana Day** Taketa, Susan; Teramoto, Margaret; Kaminishi, Gail;

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Janie was in the Walk for Rice and the Women's March and said it felt good being part of those organizations. . . The Seattle Public Schools last year encouraged young children to participate in the Gay Pride Parade.

April 16 - Rev. Jim Warrick explained that we do not have services in the dining room so therefore, there should not be a depiction of the Buddha in the room. . . Because today was Hanamatsuri, the DX was focused on the Buddha's birth. When the Buddha was born the story goes that he stood and pointed to the heavens and Earth and exclaimed that he was the "Most honored one." Actually, it was a humble statement and not an example of "bigheadedness," according to Sensei. Sensei felt he was conveying thankfulness that this was his last birth after having gone through so many. The seven steps he took refers to the Seven Stages of Suffering. . . Our new minister, Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki, gave his first Dharma talk today. He is certified in chanting and rituals, and is one of only two such ministers including Rev. Sala Sekiya.

In Gassho, Pat Bobrow

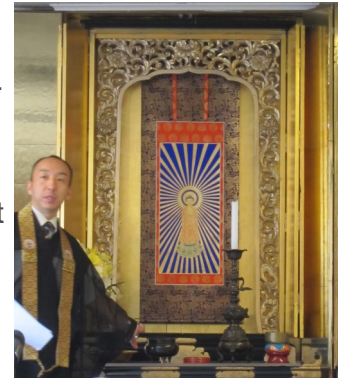


Photo of Butsudan in Dining Room on June 21, 2014 - IG

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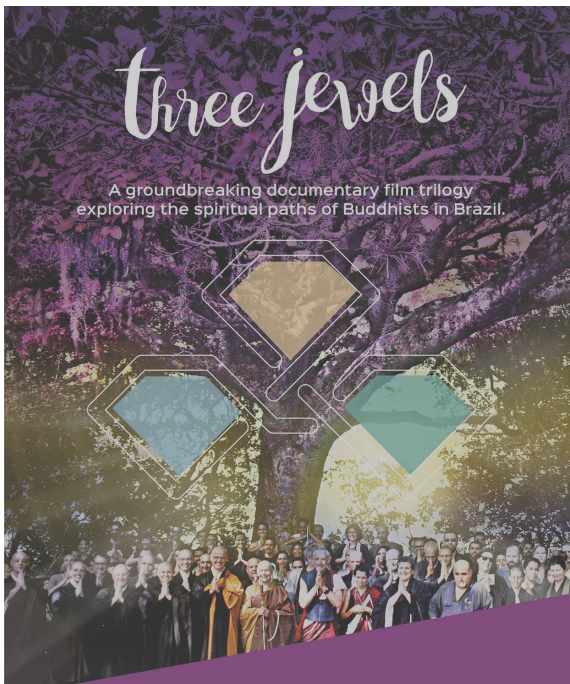
My faithful and tireless reporter for Dharma Exchange for over 10 years has been experiencing health issues the last several months. Pat Bobrow, a member of Seattle Betsuin for over 25 years, has also been our welcoming greeter for us for many years. Please join me in wishing her a quick recovery.

I also wish to thank Reverend Kojo Kakihara for his six-week term as "acting Rinban" during the interim while the assignment, of now Rinban Kusunoki, was being made official. Reverend Kakihara gave us several inspiring Dharma Talks in both English and Japanese with the help of his friend Fred the Frog to the delight of our youth and adults alike. He also attended Religious Department and Board Meetings, contributed newsletter articles, as well as, officiated memorial services and related meetings. Thank you, Sensei, for serving Seattle Betsuin. Gassho, MA Irene Goto



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# Betsuin Events for May 2017

**MOST SUNDAYS** – confirm at [www.SeattleBetsuin.org](http://www.SeattleBetsuin.org).

10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main hall) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk  
10:55 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, dialogue with minister and minister's assistants;  
Meditation convenes in foyer and proceeds to Meditation House; all conclude at 11:30.

**WEDNESDAYS** 10:30 am **DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP** has been **suspended until further notice**.

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

May 7 10:00 am REGULAR SERVICE and also  
CHILDREN'S SERVICE in Chapel

Children: Youth Minister's Assistants

Youth/Adult: Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda

Japanese: Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda

DX: Rev. Warrick

DSDX: Rev. Kusunoki

Meditation: MA

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

May 14 10:00 am RENNYO SHONIN MEMORIAL  
SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Kusunoki

Japanese: Rev. Kusunoki

DX: TBD Meditation: MA

May 15 – May 22 [Rev. Kusunoki Vacation](#)

May 21 10:00 am GOTAN-E SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Castro

Japanese: Video

DX: Rev. Castro Meditation: MA

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class

May 15 – May 22 [Rev. Kusunoki Vacation](#)

May 28 10:00 am SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SER-  
VICE with Scholarship essays

Japanese: Rev. Kusunoki

DX: TBD Meditation: MA

11:30 am Welcome reception for Rev. Kusunoki's  
wife, Ayano, and son, Yuiya, and reception to honor  
scholarship recipients

**MONDAYS**

May 8 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Japanese Seminar  
(Part 2) with Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda

May 15 – May 22 [Rev. Kusunoki Vacation](#)

May 29 Memorial Day (Office closed)

10:00 am Nisei Veterans Memorial Day Service  
at Lakeview Cemetery

**TUESDAYS**

May 15 – May 22 [Rev. Kusunoki Vacation](#)

May 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Me-  
morial Service (MA Irene Goto)

May 23 10:30 am Keiro Service ()

**WEDNESDAYS** *no events scheduled*

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**THURSDAYS**

May 4 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service  
(Rev. Kusunoki)

May 15 – May 22 [Rev. Kusunoki Vacation](#)

May 18

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

7:00 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

May 25 7:00 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

**FRIDAYS**

May 5

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting  
(Rev. Kusunoki)

7:00 pm English Seminar with Rev. Dr. Nobuo  
Haneda, Maida Center of Buddhism

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**Sangha Night**

**Friday, May 26, 2017 Time TBD**

(hosted by Seattle Betsuin Membership Committee)

**SATURDAYS**

May 6 Book Group cancelled. Please attend English  
with Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda, Maida  
Center of Buddhism on Friday, May 5.

May 6 Japanese Seminar (Part 1) with Rev. Dr. No-  
buo Haneda 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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**June 2017: Major Events of Interest**

June 4 (Sunday) All Sangha Memorial Service

June 10 (Saturday) Book Study Group – *Myokonin*  
*O-Karu* and her Poems of Shinjin by Hoyu  
Ishida

June 11 (Sunday) Awards & Recognition Service;  
last day of Dharma School

June 25 (Sunday)

Bishops'/Rinbans' Memorial Service

**2017 June Newsletter Deadline:  
Monday, May 15, 2017  
8:00 pm**



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May 5 – 8 May 7 Sunday Service 10am Dharma Message by Rev. Haneda,	Seminars by Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda: “Shakyamuni and Shinran—Buddhism as a Teaching of Self-Examination” English: Fri. 7pm; Japanese: Sat. & Mon. 10am; see Japanese section p.2 for registration
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