

## The Origin of Obon

Submitted by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

*Obon* season has come. “*Obon*” is an abbreviation of “*Urabon*”.

There are three theories about the origin of “*Urabon*”.

- *ullambana* or *avalambana* (Sanskrit) which means “hanging upside down”
- *urvan* (ancient Iranian, Avestan) which means “spirit”.
- “*Ura*” came from *odana* or *olaha* (Sanskrit) rice / food. “*bon*” means tray. “*Urabon*” originally means “a tray to serve food/ rice to monks”.

The first view has become standard explanation for a long time. Research on the origin of “*Urabon*” has been making progress and now there are three theories. I feel all three theories could be right. What do you think? To learn about the origin and meaning of “*Urabon*”, we need to learn from *Ullambana Sutra*.

The Sutra tells a story when Sakyamuni Buddha lived in India about 2500 years ago. One of Buddha’s disciple’s whose name is Moggallana (*Mokuren*) was a chief master of supranormal power. One day he used his supranormal power to visualize the whereabouts of his mother who died. Searching all the realms, from the highest of the heavens to the lowest of the hells, he was surprised and horrified to find his mother suffering the torments of the realm of Hungry Ghosts. A being who is jealous and greedy is sent there. There, no one can eat and drink anything because food and drink turn into fire before they eat. So hungry ghosts are always skinny, and their stomachs are swollen. Moggallana also tried to give some food to his mother but, again, the food turned into fire and became carbonized. Finding himself helpless in aiding his mother, he ran to the Buddha seeking help. The Buddha told him, “Your mother was a greedy and envious person. You cannot save her by yourself. You need the combined help of all the monks to help your mother. Many monks are in summer retreat now. Bring them offerings of food and bedding.”

As the Buddha said, he offered food and bedding and his mother was freed from the realm of Hungry Ghosts and she was relieved of her suffering. He was overjoyed. He clapped his hands and danced for joy. This is said to have been the beginning of the Bon Odori.

I have listened to this *Obon* story every year. I feel relieved that



Rimban Kusunoki on June 5, 2022  
All Sangha Memorial Service  
*Impermanence and the Importance of Shin Traditions*

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### JULY SCHEDULE

Streamed and in-person 10:00AM  
Services: Every Sunday  
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Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial see p. 11

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Moggallana's mother was saved. At the same time, I also have some questions about this story. Why didn't Sakyamuni Buddha directly save his mother? Why did Sakyamuni Buddha give such a roundabout way of saving Moggallana's mother by making offerings to the monks? Were there any direct ways to save his mother? To think about these questions, I re-read the story and understand it from a different perspective.

It is called "Dana (*fuse*)" to make offerings to monks. Dana is one of the Six Paramitas which is the Bodhisattva's practice to attain enlightenment. This means that a practitioner receives virtue as result of practicing Dana. Dana is a precious and important Buddhist deed. Dana is a deed to make offerings to others. But we have to know that the practitioner receives benefit and virtue from practicing Dana. Through practicing Dana, and he cultivates Wisdom and Compassion. In this story Moggallana is the one who practiced Dana. He performed dana to save his mother, and he is the one who received virtue from Dana. When I deeply think about this story, I realize that his mother showed her suffering the torments of the realm of Hungry Ghost because she wanted his son to practice Dana. It was her love and compassionate act for Moggallana to receive virtue. Sakyamuni Buddha understood her thoughts and advised Moggallana to make offerings to the monks. She must be a Bodhisattva who lead Moggallana to walk the Buddhist Path even after she died. When I understand this story in this way, this story is not only talking about Moggallana's mother being saved, but also talks about Moggallana's mother giving him an opportunity to practice Dana and accumulate virtues to attain enlightenment. We can also learn the importance and preciousness of Dana from this story.

In general, people understand that *Obon* is the time when our ancestors come back to this world. There are a variety of *obon* traditions and customs. During *Obon* people offer fruit, *somen* noodles, and food to offer to their ancestors' gravesite and their home altar (*obutsudan*). People also visit temples to attend *Obon/Hatsubon* service. Many people understood that these traditions and customs are the opportunity to make offerings to their ancestors (*urvan*). Our understanding of *Obon* was totally upside-down (*ullambana* or *avalambana*). Our ancestors are giving

us the opportunity to practice Dana (*odana* or *olaha*) and to observe Buddhist practice. They are leading us to walk the Buddhist path. It is how I appreciate the story of *Obon/Urabon*.

Seattle Betsuin is going have *Obon* cemetery service (in-person), *Obon/Hatsubon* service at the temple (in-person) and *Obon* dancing (virtual only). You can find the details in the *obon* letter, website, and in the July Newsletter. Please join these services and virtual *obon* dancing with your family and friends. I am planning to have a Sunday Service **in the gym on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** where the Yagura stage is set for *Obon* dancing. Please wear your Yukata and happi coat when you attend the service on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

As part of the after-service activities on June 12 for the last day of Dharma School, we were treated to a performance by the UW Taiko Kai. Alina was performance director, and Souma was practice director for UW Taiko Kai this past year. How great that they are continuing with collegiate level taiko! Donna Zumoto then gave anyone else who desired the opportunity to try taiko rhythms. Thank you to our Seattle Betsuin taiko leaders!

For the Bishops and Rimban Memorial Service on June 19, the gatha *Lord Buddha Speaks to Me* was featured again. Vocalists representing the Seattle Betsuin Sangha Singers prepared the new collaborative recording as a tribute to Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa, the first rimban of Seattle Betsuin. We understand Rev. Ichikawa particularly liked this gatha, so it had



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previously been chosen for this service before we embarked on Covid pandemic pre-recorded services. Thank you to Amy Shimbo Finnigan, Loraine Jacobs, Paul Mori, Keiko Namekata, Darlene Shimizu, Naomi Takemura, Mas Tamekuni, and Dennis Yamashita for preparing this recording with me so we could include this gatha again for both in-temple attendees as well as for those joining online. Seattle Sangha Singers will be featured again for the Obon/Hatsubon service on July 10. Please come to temple or join online to hear *Obon no Uta* in 4-part harmony!



**Walk for Rice**  
A huge Thank You for the 25+ members of the Sangha who supported our team and Walk for Rice! At this moment, team SBBWA raised over \$1500, and ACRS surpassed their goal of



Bonnie, Kanako, Nina, Janie, & Mae



UW Taiko Kai performs on the last day of Dharma School



Donna Zumoto gives others a quick taiko lesson too!



**BCA** Buddhist Churches of America  
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**VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT**  
CALLING ALL BCA ARTISTS  
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**2nd Annual BCA Virtual ART EXHIBIT** will be opening registration next month, August. The new edition of the Virtual ART EXHIBIT will begin September 18, during the Fall Ohigan. Contact Koichi Mizushima at [bkmizushima@bcahq.org](mailto:bkmizushima@bcahq.org) Submissions are due by August 15. - letter extract from Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto, July 1, 2022 - by Rev. Kusunoki



\$200,000. Pictured at right: Bonnie D, Kanako K, Nina T-K, Janie O and Mae Y bundled up for the uncertain weather and participated in the fun activities on June 18th from 9-12pm at Jefferson Park.

**“Omigaki”** SBBWA members, Rev. Kusunoki, and friends helped with the cleaning of the temple’s onajin. Sensei mentioned that it hadn’t been done for 3 years, and we could tell by looking at our rags! A special thank you Dennis S and Malcolm K for their help, along with members Nina T-K, Fran S, Judith N, Janet B, Kiyo T, Machiko W, Eileen K, & Janie O.



Fran T, Janet B, & Machiko

**“Bachan’s Closet”** - Please look through your closets for donations of Japanese clothes, yukatas, dishes, etc. for our sale on October 1st from 9-3pm. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

**From Hiroshima to Hope - August 6th.** If you can make musubi, or help out at the event at Green Lake, please let Janie know, or sign up on their website. [Eileen K, Machiko W, Nina T-K, & Judith N]

**Obon dancing is rescheduled for July 2nd** - SBBWA’s dance, Soran sushi at 3:15.



## Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women’s Association

*Mission is to cultivate religious awareness as Jodo Shinshu Buddhist women and promote fellowship among its members; to serve and support the Seattle Betsuin, and contribute services to the welfare of the community.*

Submitted by Janie Okawa

# Betsuin Tea Talk “Temple News”

July 2022

by Leanne Nishi-Wong



Obon Season begins this month at the Seattle Betsuin. Please see the Betsuin’s website, email newsblasts or FB site for information and event details.

Obon Odori commemorates loved ones who have passed away and celebrates their lives and spirits that continue to live within all of us. Annual Obon gatherings, reunite families who honor their ancestors, by setting out lanterns; visiting and cleaning gravesites; dancing in festivals and making offerings (ozen) to their family Obutsudans, temples, and gravesites.

The Seattle Betsuin’s Obon Odori is its largest fundraising event of the year. Please consider a donation, in memory of your loved one(s), to the Betsuin. Sponsorship and booster information is available on the **Obon website at [seattlebetsuin.com/vsbo2022](http://seattlebetsuin.com/vsbo2022)**. Your gift sustains the temple services, educational programming, facilities, and personnel. Please join the Betsuin’s Obon Odori events in honoring those who have touched our lives.

**All services and events will follow the same safety protocols. Masks, recommended vaccinations, and distanced interactions are encouraged.**

Thank you to the sangha members who cleaned the Onaijin last month. It looks beautiful and welcoming to those attending the in-person services.

The temple is grateful for your continued support of the Seattle Betsuin.

May you and yours be embraced by Amida Buddha’s wisdom and compassion.

In Gassho,  
Leanne



# Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

## Classroom Reports

**The PreK, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class** watched a book on video What not to Give your Mom on Mother’s Day. They honored their moms by making them cards.

After learning about the wisteria and its significance in Jodo Shinshu, the students decorated a picture of wisteria flowers and compared them to the Jodo Shinshu wisteria crest.

As the Temple slowly reopens, the students were given a quiz. They were given hints such as “This is used when you say ‘Namu Amida Butsu’” and they were given pictures of different items associated with the temple. They then matched the hints and the pictures. The students who turned in their quiz did get 100%!

To celebrate Gotan-e, the children learned about Shinran Shonin’s life. They made a collage with different pictures of Shinran Shonin to recognize his birthday.

Since we are nearing the end of Dharma School, the children did a review of some of the lessons that they learned during the year. Several of the questions centered around the different Buddhist holidays that we celebrated.

We also honored the students who received perfect attendance and outstanding attendance for the 2021-2022 Dharma School year. We are looking forward to when we will be able to teach the Dharma to the students in person.

**2/3/4/5 Class** We were excited to welcome students back in-person to our DS classroom in May. For the remainder of this school year, students have the option to join us online or in-person. This month we finished up our Earth Day chart to help us remember to keep up our good habits to help protect and preserve our Earth and limited resources. We also made a Mother’s Day gift to celebrate our moms and later in the month, a puzzle craft to celebrate Gotan-e and learn more about Shinran Shonin’s life.

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**Dharma School Superintendents' Message** DS summer break has officially started! On June 5, after the All Sangha Memorial service, DS held a hybrid ←Thank You and Recognition program to celebrate our high school seniors, teachers and students. Then on June 12 we finished the DS year with an All-DS event in the gym, inviting the sangha to enjoy the activities with us. UW Taiko Kai entertained us with a wonderful performance and then all were invited to participate in following Donna's joyous rhythms. Sangha could also make crafts, pedal through an obstacle course and try their luck at winning Bingo prizes. Thank you to the DS board for planning and leading this event and to the sangha for celebrating with us.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at Obon! Please stay up to date about DS and upcoming events through the DS newsletter.

Gassho,  
Claire and Yvette



## Troop 252 News On May 20-22, 2022



Camporee at Camp Edward

Troop 252 scouts attended Camporee at Camp Edward. The scouts participated in the Cast

Iron Chef competition. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for their cornbread and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their curry and apple cobbler. It was great to see them working together to assemble this meal.



On Monday, May 30, Troop 252 participated as color guards for the Nisei Veterans Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery.



Color Guards at Nisei Veterans Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery Pictured: Danilo M., Reese T., Theo K., Sebastien K., and Alexander B.



On Sunday, June 19, the scouts worked toward their canoeing merit badge on Lake Washington.



Canoeing on Lake Washington Pictured: Danilo M., Reese T., Sebastien K., and Alexander B.

They are looking forward to summer camp at Fire Mountain in August!

Submitted by Ileene K.

**MEDITATION continues Sunday morning 9:00AM -9:45AM both in person, at the house east of the temple at 1439 S. Main St. and on Zoom - e-mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org and specify SBC Meditation to receive the Link.**

**BUDDHIST BOOK STUDY GROUP is taking a summer break**

To receive updates, e-mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org and specify Book Study.

Submitted by Wayne Suyenaga and Irene Goto

**Seattle Betsuin  
2022 Dharma Exchange  
is taking a summer break  
July and August  
See you in September!**

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and friends to subscribe, too !**

# ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their **2022** sustaining membership dues - the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations (i.e.- fix the roof) and operations and programs (i.e. – Live Streaming of Sunday services and Special Services (i.e. All Sangha Memorial); Dharma School classes; seminars). The minimum for individual membership is \$400 (for under 70 years of age), \$350 (for 70 years of age and over), and \$200 (for those under 30 years of age). Installment payments can be made.

**Stefan Dittmar, Setsuko Harada, Mary Hikida, Ken & Pam Horn, Larry & June Iwafuchi, Yukio & Karen Morikubo, Quinn Nakano, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Frank Shinoda, Thomas & Beverly Sakamoto, Wayne Suyenaga, Masao & Frances Tamekuni, Sam Umeda, Tazuko Uyenishi, Sadie Yamasaki, Dennis Yasukochi & Lynne Goodrich, Fukuyo Yee**

We’ ‘Welcome’  
**STEFAN DITTMAR**

as a new member of our Sangha

(Compiled by Howard, Illeene, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

## Seattle Betsuin Membership

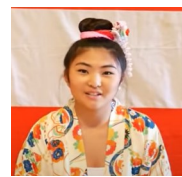
The basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations are \$400 for those under 70 years of age and \$350 for those over 70 years old.

[Online Membership Form](#)

## Here is this month’s Jr. YBA Update

Submitted by Kaya T.

On June 5, Jr. YBA held a meeting after service which consisted of our annual elections. Members voted, and we now have our board for the next Dharma School year. Congratulations to our upcoming Co-Presidents, Macy and Corrina! Jr. YBA is looking forward to helping out with the Obon video and is also planning to hold a retreat at the end of July. The retreat will include some neighboring Jr. YBA members from other temples, services, food, and enriching activities. We hope everyone has a great Obon season and a fun summer! [*below: from a past Obon*]



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SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

# REFLECTIONS ON THE PURELAND

AUGUST 5-6, 2022

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL

Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley 94704



**DR. AARON PROFFITT**

Dr. Proffitt received his PhD in Buddhist Studies from the University of Michigan, and works as an Assistant Professor of Japanese Studies at the University at Albany-SUNY. Dr. Proffitt has published in English and Japanese on East Asian Buddhism, Pure Land Buddhism, Esoteric Buddhism, and the Lotus Sutra.



**DR. MELISSA CURLEY**

Dr. Curley is associate professor in the Department of the Comparative Studies at Ohio State University and the author of Pure Land, Real World: Modern Buddhism, Japanese Leftists, and the Utopian Imagination. Her current research focuses on the body in twentieth-century Japanese Buddhism.

**Moderated by Reverend Dr. Takashi Miyaji**  
Institute of Buddhist Studies/Southern Alameda County Buddhist Temple

REGISTRATION & INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/PacificSeminar>

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# Celebrate Obon with New Bon Odori 'Kangie'

by Wynn Kiyama

Commissioned by the BCA Music Committee, artist and activist Nobuko Miyamoto has created the new bon odori, "Kangie" ("Gathering of Joy"), for use at temple Obon festivals.

The audio tracks were recorded this spring with a phenomenal roster of musicians including Nobuko Miyamoto, "Atomic" Nancy Sekizawa, and Helen Ota (vocals), Mark Izu (sho), Mike Penny (shamisen), Kaoru Watanabe (flute), Isaku Kageyama (taiko), and Kenny Endo (tsuzumi and percussion). Nobuko wrote the lyrics and co-composed the music with Derek Nakamoto.

The concept for the work was inspired by talks with Rev. Masao Kodani and the dance was choreographed by Nobuko Miyamoto, Elaine Fukumoto, and Rev. Kodani.

The audio recording is downloadable and accompanied by a dance instruction video on the BCA Music Committee's webpage: [www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music](http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music).

With gratitude to Nobuko Miyamoto and her many collaborators, we hope you enjoy the latest American bon odori.

*Wynn Kiyama is a member of the BCA Music Committee and Co-Chair of the Bon Odori-Taiko-Public Music Subcommittee.*

## SEATTLE BETSUIN OBON MEMORIAL SERVICES

**Saturday, July 9, 2022**

**Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Queen Anne 12:00 pm**

**Washington Memorial Park 1:00pm**

**Lake View Cemetery, Bellevue, WA 3:30pm**



**Sunday, July 10, 2022**

**Obon/Hatsubon at the Temple 10:00am**

**Nokotsudo at the Temple 11:00am**

**Evergreen Washelli Cemetery 1:00pm**

**Sunset Hills Memorial Park 3:00pm**

*Sunday Service, July 17th at 10:00 AM, will be in the gym; the Yagura stage will be set for Obon dancing. Please wear your Yukata and Happi coat when you attend the service on July 17th. - Rev. Katsu*

## 75th NW District Convention & 75th Anniversary of IOBT

Reflecting On The Past  
Looking To The Future

75th NW District Convention  
&  
75th Anniversary of IOBT

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Sept 16-18, 2022

Hosted by  
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## Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

## Given by:

George Mizumori Lillian Mizumori Nancy Mizumori	} Memorial Service	\$ 1,000.00	Sheri Mizumori
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Kishiko Kusakabe – Funeral Service		\$ 400.00	Richard Kusakabe
Sandra Li-Chung-wan Kusakabe – Funeral Service		\$ 400.00	Richard Kusakabe
Shimae Okido – Memorial Service		\$ 300.00	Masayuki Okido
Ron Hanada - In Memory of		\$ 100.00	Peggy Hanada
Nokotsudo		\$ 50.00	Sonia Yukie Kim-Swindells
Nokotsudo		\$ 50.00	David Johnson & Amy Inokoji-

## In Memory of:

## Given by:

Shizue Kikuchi	Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Pauline Sakuma
Kurt Kogita	Jeannie Yee; Sandra Yee
Chieko Kubota Joe Kubota Yone Kubota	} Steven Kubota, Judy, Tim, Kumiko, Midori Farmer
Tetsuo Kuramoto Daisy Toyoko Kuramoto Uichi Kuramoto Masayo Kuramoto	} Wayne Kuramoto
Kishiko Kusakabe	Aiko Fujii; Satoru & Grace Ichikawa; Ritsuko Kawahara
George Mano	Sue Fujino; Kinue Kuwahara; James & Elena Mano; Pauline Sakuma; Shizuoka Club
George Mizumori Lillian Mizumori Nancy Mizumori	} Anna & Masaru Tahara
Craig Nakano	Connie Ozeki-Chinn
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Fujie Yamasaki	Aiko Fujii; Ellen Hale; Michiko Hirata; Wayne Kuramoto; Robert Seko; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Jeannie Yee; Sandra Yee; David Yoshino
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**Betsuin Endowment Fund:** Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

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Tomoyo Kato Chiemi Ohashi Nahoko Chihara Katherine Brownlee Ai Morris Kazuyo Chu Madoka Arinaga	} Appreciation for Japanese Play Group	
Akemi Payne		Appreciation for Dharma Message Translation by Ayano Kusunoki

## Special Services: (IMO = In Memory of)

**All Sangha Memorial:** Janet Baba; Aiko Fujii; Joan & Arthur Habu (**IMO** Habu Family); Setsuko Harada; Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako Kashima; Ritsuko Kawahara; Jeffrey Ko & Tina Zumoto-; Kinue Kuwahara; Andrea Mano; Irene Mano (**IMO** George Mano); Stephanie Mano; Kemi Nakabayashi & Jim Norton (**IMO** Marion Dumont); Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata; Mabel Nishizaki (**IMO** Akio Nishizaki & Elaine Nishizaki); Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada-; Nori Suguro; Miyoko Tazuma; Ronald & Suzuko Terada.

**Bishop/Rimban Memorial:** Kinue Kuwahara; Offertory

**Bon Odori:** Wayne Suyenaga

**Gotan-E:** Janet Baba; Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Aiko Fujii; Suzanne Fujinari; Sue Fujino; Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki-; Peggy Hanada; Reiko Hara; Setsuko Harada; Michiko Hirata; Dale & Shizue Kaku; Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako Kashima; Nina Tomita-Kato; Masako Kawamoto; Marc & Janice Keltner; Jeffrey Ko & Tina Zumoto-; Art & Lori Kozai; Lisa Kumasaka; M. Carolyn Kunihiro; Wayne Kuramoto; Kinue Kuwahara; Irene Mano; Yukio & Karen Morikubo; Sheri Mizumori; Paul Bruce & Teresa Mori; Joseph Naemura & Janie Okawa-; Ernest & Sanaye (Sunnie) Nagai; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Kiyoko Nakanishi; Joan Nakano; Junko Nakano; Mabel Nishizaki; Jim Norton & Kemi Nakabayashi; Barry & Marlene Okada; Tokuzo & Mari Okumura; Gerald Quintua; Pauline Sakuma; Robert Seko; Dennis Shibata; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Frances Shintaku; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Yoshiaki & Naomi Takemura; Sonoe Taketa; Susan Taketa; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Ieene Kawahara-Tanabe; Miyoko Tazuma; Calvin J. & Yvette Terada; Ronald & Suzuko Terada; Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada-; Margaret Teramoto; Stuart Teramoto; Sam & Masako Uchida; Tazuko Uyenishi;

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## **Special Services** (con't): (IMO = In Memory of)

**Gotan-E** Henry & Christy Watanabe; Leanne Nishi-Wong; Akiko Yabuki; Madison Yamashita; Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama; Fuyo Yoshida; James & Tomiko Zumoto.

**Hanamatsuri**: Aiko Fujii; Masako Kawamoto; Yukio & Karen Morikubo; Kiyoko Nakanishi.

**Hatsubon/Obon**: Anonymous

**Ho-Onko**: Masako Kawamoto; Wayne Kuramoto; Yaeko Ito; Yukio & Karen Morikubo.

**Nirvana Day**: Yukio & Karen Morikubo

**Spring Ohigan**: Yukio & Karen Morikubo

**Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions**

***Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial*** (monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple) will be observed **July 2** at 10:00AM, live-streamed, at Saturday Joint Memorial Service. The names of those loved-ones who will be remembered are listed on p. 11. Log on to <http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple> to join virtually.

**Please note:** The *Shōtsuki* listing for **August** is on p. 12 and *will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Saturday, September 3, (not in August), at 10AM and will be livestreamed on the Betsuin YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>*

## **Seattle Betsuin Updates!**

- **All services and events, alike, will follow the same safety protocols. Masks, recommended vaccinations, and distanced interactions are encouraged.**
- **Dharma Exchange is suspended for July and August; resumes September 4, 2022**
- **VIRTUAL SEATTLE BON ODORI Saturday, July 16, 2022**
- **Please wear your Yukata and Happi coat when you attend the service on July 17th.**
- **New Seattle Betsuin Office Hours: 9:30AM–3:00 PM**
- **August Shōtsuki Hōyo will take place Saturday, September 3, 2022**
- **Wednesday morning service is suspended for July and August.**

## JULY SHOTSUKI HOYO

*The July Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of July. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Saturday, July 2nd, at 10AM and will be livestreamed on the Betsuin YouTube channel:*

<http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

Adachi, Elaine	Horike, Ayako	Morikawa, George	Tahara, Mitsuzo
Akada, Yoshio	Iboshi, Ralph	Morita, Fukutaro	Takahashi, Mary
Aoki, Ruth	Idaka, Totaro	Moriyama, Tamotsu	Taketa, Shikao
Asaba, Kimiko	Inaba, Frank	Muneta, Jean	Tamura, Tadashi
Chang, Wai Kam	Inaba, Miyoko	Muramoto, Raymond	Tanaka, Shizue
Chu-Chan, Mee	Inouye, Shizu	Nagaishi, Shigeo	Tanemura, Toshikazu
Demise, Ayako	Ishida, Kenichi	Nakagawa, Nami	Tanino, Katsumi (Kats)
Fugami, Irene	Ishii, Miyoko	Nakamura, Jimmie	Taylor, Fusako
Fujihira, Shiro	Kajimura, Tsutomu	Nakamura, Saiji	Terada, Kimi
Fujimoto, Asataro	Kajita, Aico	Nakashima, Fumiko	Terada, Minoru
Fujino, Paul	Kaku, Yoshi	Nakashima, Yoneko	Terada, Toshiko
Fujita, Aiko	Kanaya, Mary	Nakawawa, Katsuko	Terao, Sadao
Fujita, Jack	Katayama, Donna	Nakayama, Koza	Tokunaga, Joe
Fukai, Kiyoshi	Katayama, Yoshiko	Namba, Chieko	Tsuboi, Tamiye
Funai, Aubrey	Kato, Michiko	Nishi, Asako	Tsuchida, Tsune
Funamori, Yoneko	Kato, Sumiye	Nishimoto, Junzo	Tsujihara, Naoto
Furuta, Charles	Kawahara, Kikuno	Nitta, Sami	Tsujii, Janet
Furuta, Ikuno	Kawahara, Masano	Nogami, Hamano	Tsukui, Florence
Furuta, Isamu	Kawanishi, Fusa	Nomaguchi, Chiyokesa	Uchida, Yoshio
Gota, Helen	Kitano, Osamu	Ogohara, Kazue	Yabuki, Haru
Hamano, Kinuyo	Kiuchi, Kin	Okawa, Miye	Yamagiwa, Paul
Harada, Yoshito	Kiyonaga, Hideji	Okimura, Teimei	Yamaguchi, Atsumi
Haraguchi, Sadame	Koba, Tsutou	Omori, Aiko	Yamaguchi, Kozo
Harui, Margie	Koura, Hatsuko	Ono, Kiyoko	Yamamoto, Dawn
Hasegawa, Saburo	Kurata, Shin	Otani, Rise	Yamamoto, Ichiro
Hashimoto, Miyuki	Maruko, Teruo	Otsuji, Suye	Yamamoto, Kikuno
Hayashi, Kinko	Matsuhira, Ajiro	Otsuji, Takeo	Yamamura, Ito
Hayashi, Mitsui	Matsushita, Kan	Peck, Hideko	Yamane, Akio
Heyamoto, Fumiko	Mitoma, Jay	Saito, Yayoi	Yamashita, Henry
Higa, Michael	Miyahara, Kiyomi	Sakamoto, Alyce	Yasunobu, Seiji
Hino, Ryusho	Miyauchi, Tsuru	Sakamoto, Mineko	Yoshida, Nobuko
Hirai, Mikiye	Mizuki, Tomoko	Sako, Yoshiaki	Yoshida, Seiichi
Hirano, Tokino	Mizumori, Nancy	Seko, Roy	Yoshimura, Dick
Hirata, Hajime	Mizuno, Hatsue	Shimbo, Sakayeko	Yoshino, Minoru
Hirata, Osamu	Mori, Kerry	Shinoda, Ronald	Yuki, Motoitsu
Hiroo, Edward	Moriguchi, Sadako	Shintaku, Albert	



## AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO

*The August Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of August. **This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Saturday, September 3, at 10AM** and will be livestreamed on the Betsuin YouTube channel:*

<http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

Akada, Riyoichi	Kajimura, Hareo	Nakamura, Jutarō	Shirakata, Toshiko
Akada, Shizuye	Kajita, Kinichi	Nakamura, Take	Suganuma, Hiroyuki
Akizuki, George	Kaku, George	Nakamura, Yuki	Sunahara, Margaret
Aramaki, Shigeto	Kaneko, Jiro	Nakanishi, Toshio	Suzuki, James
Aratani, Uta	Kato, Kazuo	Nakano, Minnie	Suzuki, Tazu
Dodobara, Megumi	Kato, Tom	Nakano, Sono	Tachiyama, Toshiko
Erie, Toshiko	Kawabata, Yoshikazu	Nakano, Tsuruko	Takeuchi, Shigeo
Fuji, Yukiko	Kawahara, Yasunori	Narimatsu, Miyoko	Taki, Noboru
Fujimoto, Kaoru	Kawamoto, Takayuki	Niki, Tsutomu	Tanabe, Suehiko
Fujita, Kikumi	Kikuchi, Hiroshi	Nishi, Sadao	Taniguchi, Mitsuyo
Fukei, Naka	Kimoto, Gon	Nishikawa, Miyuki	Tashiro, Toshiro
Furukado, Masuichiro	Kinomoto, Oliver	Nishimoto, Eda	Tashiro, Yoshi
Furukawa, Yoshio	Kirihara, Tomoyoshi	Nishimura, Haruo	Terao, Ume
Goto, Tatsumi (T.R.)	Kiyonaga, Toshio	Niwa, Tami	Teraoka, Seisu
Habu, John	Kodama, Naoichi	Nogaki, Kenko	Toshi, Hisako
Habu, Richard	Kodama, Sadako	Nose, George	Tsubota, Minoru
Hamasaki	Kojima, Koichi	Ohta, Hideo	Tsuji, Tomi
Hamasaki, Sakae	Komine, Kiyoshi	Okada, George	Tsukada, Hatsumi
Hamasaki, Shimo	Koon, Ying	Okamoto, Grace	Ueki, Kikuno
Hanada, Matsu	Kozai, Masao	Oki, Kathleen	Uyeda, Masato
Harada, Kiyoko	Kubo, Chojiro	Oono, Yoshio	Wada, Corey
Harada, Mitsuyo	Kubo, Frank	Osaki, Take	Wakazuru, Joseph
Harada, Sadako	Kubota, Betty	Oye, Tetsuya	Watanabe, Kazuo
Hata, Sachiko	Kumata, Tazuko	Parker, Tomiko	Watanabe, Yuzuru
Hayashi, Sally	Kuwahara, Susie	Saito, Kenneth	Wataoka, Takayo
Hiroo, Terami	MacNealy, Denny	Sakai, Tama	Wheeler, Robert
Hiroo, Terami	Mamiya, Yoshiko	Sakai, Yoshi	Yahagi, Hiroshi
Hiroo, Yoshie	Mano, Kasumi	Sakai, Yoshiko	Yahagi, Takano
Holcombe, Noriko	Matsumoto, Ayako	Sakamoto, Saburo	Yamagiwa, Robert
Honmyo, Masayoshi	Matsuura, Robert	Sako, Kimiye	Yamaguchi, Shiro
Hoshino, Chieko	Matsuzaki, Kiku	Sakoda, Toshio	Yamamoto, George
Hoshino, Shizuye	McLeod, Grace	Sakuma, Lindsay	Yamamoto, Mitsue
Hung, Shao-Chen	Mitchell, Raymond	Sakurai, Shinji	Yamamoto, Tatsuya
Ikuta, Carol	Miyatake, Sumiko	Sasaki, Sachiyo	Yamasaki, Kazuo
Imabori, Martha	Mochizuki, Kiyoto	Seto, Kazuko	Yamashita, Kiyoshi
Imanaka, Ted	Morimoto, Eichi	Seto, Tatsuji	Yoshida, Elmer
Imanishi, Takeo	Moriyasu, Reikiichi	Shigihara, Takeshi	Yoshida, Keisuke
Ishida, Nobu	Muromoto, Masu	Shimada, Michelle	Yoshizawa, Lucy
Ishikawa, Shigeto	Nagasugi, Hiroto	Shimamoto, Fumi	Yukawa, Ayame
Itakura, Akiko	Nakagawa, Yoshie	Shimomura, Tsuru	Yutani, Alice
Iwamoto, Shigeru			

## July 2022 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><i>To view all services, please visit</i>  <a href="http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhistemple">http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhistemple</a></p> <p><b>AUGUST 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS</b>                      August 7 Atomic Bom Victims' Memorial Service</p>						
3		<b>4 Independence Day 5</b> (observed) <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
9 am	Meditation on Zoom					<b>10 am</b> Japanese Play Group	<b>12 pm</b> Obon svc at Mt. Pleasant
10 am	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (Rimban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rimban-pre-recorded)	<i>Rimban's day off</i>			<b>1:30 pm</b> Nikkei Manor Svc		<b>1 pm</b> Obon svc at WA Memorial Park
							<b>2 pm</b> Gagaku practice CANCELED
							<b>3:30 pm</b> Obon svc at Lake View
10		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
9 am	Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>			<b>10 am</b> Japanese Play Group	<b>5 pm VIRTUAL BON ODORI</b>
10 am	<b>OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (Rimban) Japanese (Rev. Yuika Hasebe, Hawaii Betsuin-pre-recorded)						
11 am	Obon Nokotsudo Service						
1:00 pm	Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery						
3:00 pm	Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park						
17		<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
9 am	Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>		<b>1:30 pm</b> Nikkei Manor Svc		
10 am	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE/SHINRAN SHONIN MEMORIAL</b> English Dharma Talk (Rimban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rimban-pre-recorded)				<b>7pm</b> Betsuin Cabinet meeting		
24		<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
9 am	Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>11 am</b> Merrill Gardens Renton Svc			
10 am	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (Rimban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rimban-pre-recorded)	<b>8 pm Newsletter deadline</b>			<b>7 pm</b> Betsuin BoD meeting		
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9 am	Meditation on Zoom						
10 am	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (MA Alex Sakamoto) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rimban-pre-recorded)						

