

## “The Core of Buddhist Service”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

My son is now taking ice-skating lessons. The lessons are held at the Kraken Community Iceplex. It is such a wonderful facility! First, he learned how to stand up and walk. Then, he gradually learned how to ice skate. Each class is only thirty-minutes long. In this short period of time the instructors have the children practice various activities, one after another. They must make lesson plans to keep the children interested while learning ice-skating skills. As I watch the lesson, I am reminded of our temple's programs and how they are planned.

Let me share my thinking about our Sunday program. I consider the time between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM as one window. In this ninety-minute window, various programs (Dharma School, Dharma Exchange, Parent's Dharma Exchange, Japanese Service, and Temple Tour) are scheduled. The programs in the second half are planned and organized according to attendees' interests.

In the first half, all Sangha members gather in the *hondo* (main hall of the venerable image) to attend the Buddhist service. In the service program, there is Sutra chanting, Dharma message, Gatha, reading of a Buddhist passage, and incense offering. Sutra chanting and ritual takes approximately 15 minutes, Dharma Talk takes 15 minutes, and other segments take 15 minutes. Using this limited time, we try to provide a meaningful program.

To decide on the service program, it is important to have the core. Because it is a service program at the Buddhist temple, Buddha Dharma is the core. Because Seattle Betsuin is a Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism, the True Essence of Pure Land Buddhist Teaching) temple, Amida Buddha's Guidance and Nembutsu teach-



Rimban Kusunoki  
*Buddha's Heart -  
Food in the Pure Land  
on March 12, 2023*

ing is the core. As long as we keep the core, we can do a variety of programs at the temple. It is one of Jodo Shinshu temples' uniquenesses and strengths.

In our service, we chant the sutra in which Amida Buddha's wish (vow) is written. Ministers and Minister's Assistants deliver and share their appreciation of Amida Buddha's heart (wisdom and compassion). We sit facing the altar which is the embodiment of Amida Buddha's Pure Land. We offer incense with gratitude to Amida Buddha, our founder, and masters. Through these rituals and programs, we put our self (ego)-centered mind aside and set Amida Buddha's view and heart in the center of ourselves. Our ego-centered mind comes back right away as we leave the *hondo*. So, we keep attending the Buddhist services and practicing them. The temple's *hondo* is the precious religious space to absorb ourselves in the Buddha Dharma. To keep the *hondo* as a precious religious space, Buddhist ministers clean the altar and make offerings in a proper way. Buddhist ministers wear appropriate robes to conduct services. The *hondo* should always be ready for Sangha to come and set the Buddha Dharma in the center of themselves.

The Standard and Tradition of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha describes the Buddhist service as follows. .

**“Buddhist religious services are opportunities to bow in veneration and pay respect to the Buddha and Masters, read aloud the sutras and scriptures, and praise the virtue of Amida Buddha, expressing with utmost sincerity our indebtedness and gratitude.”**

Master Shan-tao (613-681 CE) explained the five right practices for the followers of the Pure Land.

### 1) chanting the Sutras

Chanting the Sutra which teaches us Amida Buddha's wish (Wisdom and Compassion)

### 2) meditating/contemplating on Amida Buddha

...**Core** continued from p. 1...

### **and his land**

Sitting and facing the Altar in the hondo is one way to contemplate Amida Buddha and his land.

### **3) worshipping Amida Buddha**

In our tradition, we *Gassho* (put palms together) and *Raihai* (bow).

### **4) reciting the nembutsu (Namo Amidabutsu, I take refuge in Amida Buddha)**

It is the act of true settlement which directly assures birth in the Pure Land

### **5) praising and making offerings to Amida Buddha**

Offering incense, candlelight, and flowers, listening to Dharma Talks, singing Gatha, etc

Based on the definition of the Buddhist service and the five right practices, we Buddhist ministers think about the service program. Nowadays, people can take classes to study Buddhism at various colleges and universities. There are also many online Buddhist education classes. People can study Buddhism scholarly by taking these educational classes. On the other hand, people can learn and receive Buddha Dharma with their heart, mind, and all their senses through the service, ritual, and programs at the temple. Buddhist services/programs at the temple are not only for having more Buddhist knowledge but also for nurturing a Buddhist view and heart which is wide, sincere, and flexible.

Seattle Betsuin has an excellent *hondo* and wonderful Sangha members who can practice proper and meaningful “Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhist)” services and programs. In addition, there are many fun social activities. It is my great honor to serve the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. I look forward to organizing and participating in the Buddhist services and temple activities with you.



### **Betsuin Tea Talk - April 2023**

## **April at the Betsuin**

A little over three years ago, the world abruptly stopped and re-adjusted – now, we are adapting to a new post-pandemic normal, where Covid is in the endemic stage. Some of us continue to stay home, safely distance and wear masks when out in public. Others are

cautiously venturing out, and some are celebrating the end of the pandemic with open arms. Mask protocols for healthcare facilities will be lifted on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, ending the mask mandates issued by the State of Washington. However, as the safety of the Betsuin employees, volunteers, and attendees is paramount in creating a welcoming and comfortable environment for all, the Seattle Betsuin will continue to require masks in the facilities – the only exceptions will be when snacking or eating in the classrooms, gym, and dining room. When not actively eating or drinking, masks are still required in the temple areas previously highlighted. Mask requirements will be re-examined in June, at the end of the Dharma School year.

### **Some upcoming events at the Betsuin:**

**Hanamatsuri** will be celebrated on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please invite your family and friends to commemorate the birth of Siddhartha Gautama with us. Ron H and his dedicated crew have a culinary surprise for attendees.

**Earth Day Service** with Rev. Emeritus Don Castro will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Castro’s leadership of ecologically mindful Buddhism and his vision for an environmentally sustained life led Professor Jason Wirth to identify his movement as “EcoSangha.” The Betsuin’s annual Earth Day Service celebrates the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth’s natural resources for future generations.

**Earth Day & Eco-Sangha Seminar** presented by Seattle Betsuin will take place on Saturday, April 22nd. Please see the temple website for additional information and to register for this discussion.

**Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Memorial Service** hosted by the SBBWA is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Eshinni-ko was Shinran Shonin’s wife, and Kakushinni-ko, their daughter, was instrumental in establishing what is now the Nishi Hongwanji (head Jodo Shinshu temple) in Kyoto.

The Betsuin welcomes and encourages all to attend the services and visit the many programs offered at the temple.

May you be touched by Buddha’s wisdom and compassion.

In Gassho,

Leanne, chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org



# Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

It was nice to start the month off with Camp Fire service, when many of our Dharma School friends returned. DS students made a Hinamatsuri craft led by the older Camp Fire girls and all were able to view the beautiful Hinamatsuri displays around the gym. Thank you to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association for hosting a fun event. Families enjoyed viewing and learning about Hinamatsuri and the opportunity to purchase the cute dressed-up Beanie Babies and yummy foods. Springing forward on March 12, was hard to wake up, but those who were able to enjoyed the Spring Ohigan Service and delicious ohagi afterwards. We are grateful to the parents and students involved in Children's Service, especially our Bodhi Ensemble who participate. They sound great! We are looking forward to a fun reunion with friends and family who we may not have seen since the pandemic at our in-person Hanamatsuri and lunch afterwards! Kodomo-no-Basketball is back too....Along with the various food fundraisers!

## Classroom Reports

The 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class observed Nirvana Day by completing a puzzle of the Buddha when he reached Nirvana at the age of 80. We celebrated Hinamatsuri (Girls Day) by learning the significance of Hinamatsuri as well as the traditions of this special day. The students then went down to the gym to see all the different Hinamatsuri doll displays. They even saw one from the Pre-War days! The students also did a Girls Day project. Thank you to the Camp Fire groups who led the Girls Day project for our students. The students celebrated Spring Ohigan by first learning about the many things that change in the Spring. They then listened to the story about Shinran Shonin going through his Tokudo ordination and his poem that he wrote. It reads "Cherry Blossoms that are felt to last till the morrow, may blow away tonight." They learned how things are impermanent and changing all the time, just like the cherry blossoms. To remember this, they made a cherry tree using pink tissue paper for the cherry blossoms. The class re-

viewed the meaning of the Eightfold Path and Wheel of Dharma. They made a spinner wheel to remind them of the eight practices the Buddha taught to like ourselves and to be liked by others.

The 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade class enjoyed viewing the beautiful Hinamatsuri dolls and making the craft during BWA's Hinamatsuri. In preparation of Hanamatsuri, we are finishing the favors that we had started in March of 2020! So, these favors are 3 years in the making! We hope that everybody enjoys them when they come to Hanamatsuri on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are also making our own personal Hanamidōs in class!

## ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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We would like to 'WELCOME' **Nicole Le, Brian McKinney and Josh McKinney** as new members of our Sangha,

(Compiled by Howard, Ileene, Joan, Pauline)



# Unforgettable...The Lotus Skyliners Story

Submitted by Janet Baba



For the past two years, a dedicated group of volunteers, many of whom are members of the affiliated Buddhist Churches of America, have been actively involved in compiling a book about the Lotus Skyliners. The Lotus Skyliners was a swing band that was popular in the greater Seattle area and up and down the West Coast in the 1950s and 1960s. All of the band members were in their teens when their families returned from being imprisoned in concentration camps and the group was formed.

The book will be entitled “How a Big Band Lifts Up a Small Community”, and will be available for sale at book signing events and through online sellers like Amazon. The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience is the fiscal sponsor and Chin Music Press is the publisher.

The initial book signing and meet and greet event will be held at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, located at 1427 South Main Street in Seattle, on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Former members of the Lotus Skyliners will attend and big band music will be provided by the Rich Hirano quartet. Light refreshments will be provided at this free event. The publication of this book was made possible by a large group of Jump Start donors and generous grants from the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and 4Culture of King County.

Randy Tada,  
Writer, Editor

*Editor's Note: This book will be the topic of discussion at Dharma Exchange on May 28, 2023. -IG*

Buddhist Churches of America  
Northwest District Ministers Association Presents  
April 14, 2023

**Americanization of Buddhism**  
- Definition and Prediction -

A Lecture by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka  
7-9pm, April 14, 2023 REGISTER FOR THE LECTURE HERE!! →

OR at [Americanization of Buddhism - Definition and Prediction - \(google.com\)](#) OR at [Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple - Practicing in the Jodo Shinshu Tradition](#)

## Seeking volunteers for PrideFest 2023, June 24



Seattle Betsuin at Pride Parade 2017  
Seattle, WA

PrideFest is an annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, celebration in Seattle, encompassing several events happening in the city throughout the month of June. It concludes with two big events, PrideFest Capitol Hill and PrideFest Seattle Center.

The Betsuin will host an information table at the Capitol Hill event on Saturday, June 24 from noon to 8pm. The purpose is to share with others our appreciation for the Buddha Dharma and demonstrate the Jodo Shinshu teaching of inclusion.

Volunteers are needed to engage at the table with participants interested in Buddhism. There will be two shifts to choose from: **noon - 3:00pm** and **3:00pm - 6:00pm**. Even if you can only offer an hour or two, you are welcome to join also! The more the merrier!

To volunteer, contact Dean O'Shields through Seattle Betsuin's office at [office@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.org).



# The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from February - March 2023

## Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Isako Kajimura – Funeral Service	\$1,200.00	Estate of Isako Kajimura
Isako Kajimura – Burial Service	\$200.00	Estate of Isako Kajimura
Alan Kishi -in memory of	\$100.00	Rose Kishi
Kyoko Sasaki – 13 <sup>th</sup> yr. memorial	\$300.00	Kimiko Kodagoda
Reverend Tatsuya Kusunoki	\$150.00	Katsuya & Ayano Kusunoki
Tsugio Jack Matsui – 5 <sup>th</sup> yr. memorial	\$400.00	Terry & Gail Suzaka
Mari Ohara – Funeral Service	\$500.00	Estate of Mari Ohara
Mari Ohara – in memory of	\$200.00	Liane Tsubota
Teruko Shigaya – Funeral Service	\$800.00	Estate of Teruko Shigaya
Teruko Shigaya – Burial Service	\$400.00	Estate of Teruko Shigaya
Aya Teramoto – Shotsuki Hoyo	\$300.00	Margaret Teramoto
Mary Yoshida – Funeral Service	\$500.00	Gary Yoshida

## Given by:

## In Memory of:

Osa Edamura	Setsuko Harada
Isako Kajimura	Kazuko Kajimura, Lisa Kajimura, Paula Kajimura, Tina Kajimura,
Paula Oki	Mabel Nishizaki
Nobuko Otsuji	Donald Castro, Peggy Tanemura
Teruko Shigaya	Wayne Kuramoto, Mabel Nishizaki, Peggy Tanemura
Sumie Yokota	Sonoe Taketa
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## Given by:

## Endowment:

Nicholas & Clarynne Blanchard (Gatha Books)

## General Donations:

<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
Jeanette Arakawa & Skylar Arakawa-Pamphilon	General Donation
Donald Castro	General Donation
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Akemi Ishida	General Donation
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Katsuya & Ayano Kusunoki  
Kelly Kuwahara  
Akiko Payne  
Midori Takagi  
Machiko Wada  
Henry & Christy Watanabe  
Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama  
Lynn Yoshimoto

**For:**

In celebration of Yuiya Kusunoki's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Boeing Employees YourCause  
Appreciation for Japanese Dharma Discussion  
In kind donation of New Year Party snacks  
General Donation  
Benevity  
In kind donation of pickle ball net set  
General Donation

**Special Services:**

**Spring Ohigan:**

Donald & Karen Akira, Janet Baba, Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Aiko Fujii, Suzanne Fujinari, Sue Fujino, Toshiko Fukeda, Irene Goto, Yaeko Ito, Loraine Jacobs, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Gail Kaminishi, Malcolm & Eileen Kanemoto, Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima, Ann Kashiwa, Ritsuko Kawahara, Masako Kawamoto, Marc & Janice Keltner, Jeffrey Ko & Tina Zumoto-Ko, Kimiko Kodagoda, Art & Lori Kozai, Carolyn Kunihiro, Wayne Kuramoto, Irene Mano, Hugh Matsubayashi & Ivy Chen, Paul & Teresa Mori, Yukio & Karen Morikubo, Joseph Naemura & Janie Okawa, Ernest & Sanaye Nagai, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Joan Nakano, Junko Nakano, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Mabel Nishizaki, Jim Norton & Kemi Nakabayashi, Barry & Marlene Okada, Tokuzo & Mari Okumura, Dean O'Shields, Pauline Sakuma, Dennis Shibata, Sato & Darlene Shimizu, Frances Shintaku, Masaru & Anna Tahara, Kiyoko Takashima, Yoshiaki & Naomi Takemura, Sonoe Taketa, Susan Taketa, Masao & Frances Tamekuni, Kevin Tanemura, Peggy Tanemura, Miyoko Tazuma, Calvin & Yvette Terada, Ronald & Suzuko Terada, Margaret Teramoto, Stuart Teramoto, Sam & Masako Uchida, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Machiko Wada, Jeffrey & Susan Yamane, Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki, Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama, Fuyo Yoshida, James & Tomiko Zumoto



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

**View Sunday services virtually and Dharma Talks any time on**  
<https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

**Calendar: p.13 and at [SeattleBetsuin.com/calendar](http://SeattleBetsuin.com/calendar)**

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# Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

Submitted by Kanako Kashima

*SBBWA's 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.*

The months of March/April has been filled with many activities.

The Hinamatsuri Food and Bake Sale on March 5, was co-sponsored by SBBWA's Food Committee co-chaired by Shizue Kaku and Gail Suzaka with help from Marlene O, Darlene S, Fran S, Gail S, Kiyo T, Susie T, Ilene T, Nina T-K, Machiko W, Leanne N-W, Mae Y, Charlene Y, Donna Z.

Volunteers that helped out at the Beanie sewing workshops and/or sewed at home: (CF) Camp Fire, (S) Sewed Fran S (S), Margaret G, Judith N, Karen A, Tomiko



Z (S), Tina Z-K, Kira N (CF), Betty N (CF), Remy M (CF) Kiyo T, Ami Y (CF), Akiko Y (CF), Leona C (CF), Yuko U(CF), Kaylee S (CF), Angela S (CF), Lorraine J (S), Andrea M (S), Charlene M (S), Karen M (S), Corrina T (S), Suzanne F (S), Nina T-K, Lauren A, Joan N (S)  
 Donated Beanies: Leanne N-W (approx. 50), Suzanne F (approx. 75), Patty H-M (6), Sunnie N, plus others. Fabric to sew *hapi's* was donated. Footballs, *uchiwa*, taiko, *bachi* and some fabric donated



by Suzanne.



300 Ohagi for Spring Ohigan were made. This was led by Mrs. Ritsuko K, with support from: Aiko F. Ilene T. Masako K, Kayoko, Junko N, Nori S, Lori K, Kiyoko N, Fran S, Ann H, Nicole and Maria N, Nina T-K, Gail S, Kimiko K, Char Y, Lorraine J and Marie K-L.

Upcoming events lead by the SBBWA for April are the Esshini/Kakushini-ko Memorial Service and the New/All Member luncheon on April 23.

# EVENTS BY BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA



**BCA Music Committee**

**GATHA LYRIC WRITING CONTEST**

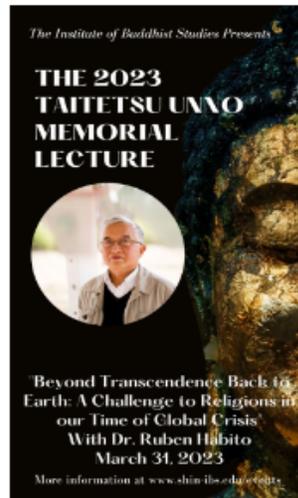
In commemoration of the **125th Anniversary of Buddhist Churches of America®** the **BCA Music Committee** & the **Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League** are sponsoring a **Gatha lyric-writing contest**.

- Two categories: youth & adult
- Cash prizes for winning entries
- Deadline for entries is June 4, 2023

*For details*  
<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music>

## 2023 Taitetsu Unno Memorial Lecture

**March 31 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**2023 Taitetsu Unno Memorial Lecture**  
**(shin-ibs.edu) in-person and online**



The 2023 Taitetsu Unno Memorial Lecture will be held in person at the Jodo Shinshu Center on Friday March 31, as well as virtually.

Dr Ruben Habito will deliver a talk entitled "Beyond Transcendence Back to Earth: A Challenge to Religions in our Time of Global Crisis."

Our global community today is in a critical moment of our history, with impending ecological destruction, violent conflicts between sectors of our human family that needlessly destroy many lives, a yawning gap between the multitudes of those living in poverty and the very few who are able to live in luxury. There is also an increasing sense of a loss of meaning and hope for the future among the youth. In the face of all this, Religion may offer a source of solace and security, with its doctrines of transcendence, including the promise of a better afterlife, thus tending to veer the attention of their adherents from the urgent tasks of our Earth community. This lecture will explore how Religion, specifically Buddhism and Christianity, in dialogue with one another, may offer a vision and empowerment for healing our wounded selves and our wounded world.



## YOGA, BUDDHISM

And A Healthy Lifestyle

### June 9 -11, 2023: Jodo Shinshu Center 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley CA, 94704 35 spaces available.

Yoga does not only involve being flexible and doing poses alone! Please join us as we explore the relationship of Yoga and Buddhism, participants may be of any age or physical condition. It will be a long weekend of fun, relaxation, friendships and stimulating discussions along with gourmet vegetarian food, massages and other events. Sponsored by the Buddhist Churches of America's Center for Buddhist Education. Presenters: Hitomi Kuwahara author of "Nantonaku Wakaru Yoga", Bob Matsueda, Bishop Harada, Rev. Patti Oshita & Rick Kawamura; massage opportunity, vegetarian lunch with Alan Hirahara, Yoga Nidra, Karma Yoga, Indian Dance Performance.

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# Seattle Betsuin Events

## 2023 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICES

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, family memorial services are held on designated anniversaries to express gratitude and recall cherished memories of our loved ones while listening to the Buddha Dharma. During this Covid-19 pandemic, at your request, Rinban Kusunoki will conduct a memorial service in person, on Zoom or read your loved one's name during the Joint Memorial Services on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to hold a memorial service in 2023:

### SCHEDULE

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2022	1st year memorial
2021	3rd year memorial
2017	7th year memorial
2011	13th year memorial
2007	17th year memorial
1999	25th year memorial
1991	33rd year memorial
1974	50th year memorial

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



## Meditation

meets each Sunday morning

**9:00AM -9:45AM**

We open with SanBujo, Sit in Gratitude Meditation for 20 minutes, chant Nembutsu and close with discussion.

Please join us **either in person or on Zoom**. E-mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com and specify SBC Meditation to receive more information and the Link.  
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**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

## Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Speaker Series



**Rev. Anne Spencer**

“Are you Buddhist? Am I a Buddhist?  
And Does What We Call Ourselves  
Matter?”

Thursday, March 30, 2023  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

This is a Zoom seminar only. Zoom registration is available via the QR code or online at the link below

You can register for this series or learn more by visiting: [seattlebetsuin.org/seminars](http://seattlebetsuin.org/seminars)



**Saturday, April 22, 2023**



Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple  
Earth Day & EcoSangha Seminar  
Saturday, April 22, 2023 • 10 am – 1 pm  
Vegetarian *Shojin Ryori* Luncheon included



SPEAKER: Dr. Jason M. Wirth, Professor of Philosophy,  
*Seattle University*, and Soto Zen priest

PRESENTATION: “Earth Day Reflections on Kubota Garden”



SPEAKER: Rev. Don Castro, Reverend Emeritus,  
*Seattle Betsuin*, Founder of Seattle EcoSangha™

PRESENTATION: “EcoSangha Today”



SPEAKER: Rev. Imanaka, *Seattle Koyasan Temple*

PRESENTATION: “Ecology and a Vegetarian Diet”

*Shojin Ryori:*



For details: [seattlebetsuin.org/ecosangha](http://seattlebetsuin.org/ecosangha)

## Troop 252 News Submitted by Ileene T.

In February and March, scouts continued to work on their rank advancements and are working towards their canoeing merit badge. They also are continuing to collect food for Scouting for Food. Donations are going to ACRS in the CID. Scouts are preparing for an upcoming hike and camping trip in North Bend. Thank you to Scoutmaster Corey Murata and Troop parents, Brian Kaku, Hugh Matsubayashi and Steven Tanabe for cleaning up the campsite in North Bend.

## Jr Young Buddhist Association

Submitted by Kaya T.

Happy April! During the month of March, Jr. YBA planned activities for the Hanamatsuri celebration. We plan on playing games and preparing crafts for the Dharma School students while families eat their lunch. Members also discussed our upcoming Jr. YBA retreat during White River's Obon weekend! We are extremely excited to host and plan a fun filled weekend especially because an overnight retreat hasn't been held since before COVID. After the meeting, members gathered towards the Memorial Hall to plant flowers on the dirt covered rocks. Hopefully the flowers will be in bloom by the time Seattle gets more sunlight. It was a great bonding experience and fun activity to start off the spring season!

## Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Ami, Kira, and Ava for providing service music for the Camp Fire Service on March 5. Hieu, Maia N., and Aki with Ann Ishimaru joined me to offer "Ondokusan II" for the children's service on March 19. How wonderful it is to be able to feature our youth instrumentalists!

Please consider inviting your extended family and friends to join us this month for the Hanamatsuri Service on April 2 and the Earth Day Music Service on April 16 when we plan special musical offerings again.

### Seattle Betsuin Dharma Exchange

**11:00AM in-person and via Zoom (see p. 14)  
Sundays in the dining room downstairs  
after 10:00AM Service  
An opportunity to ask and discuss.**

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## *Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial*

(monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple)

in-person only; takes place

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

at 10:00AM.

The names of those loved-ones who will be remembered are listed on pages 11, 12.

## Virtual Groups:

**Dharma Exchange** *see p.14* **Meditation** *see p. 9*

To join these groups, e-mail  
webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com or  
newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

for Links - specify the group in the subject line

## APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO

*The April Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of April. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Wednesday, April 5th, at 10AM in-person only.*

Arlin, Lillian	Jinka, Noboru	Masumoto, Henry	Saiki, Ululani
Asaba, Joanne	Kanegae, Roy	Matsui, Melvin	Sakamoto, Leah
Asaba, Larry	Kano, Nobuyoshi	Matsui, Mitsue	Sakuma, Cedric
Asakura, Ume	Kano, Shigeo	Matsumoto, Thomas	Sakuma, Katherine
Baba, Sadao	Katayama, Akira	Matsumura, Toshio	Santon, Tamiko
Baba, Yuriko	Katayama, Chima	Matsuno, George	Sasame, Teru Kan
Clem, Cora	Kato, Hisako	Mikami, Takumi	Shibata, Tom
Dodobara, Masako	Kato, Kuniye	Mitchell, Peggy	Shigaya, Mary
Ekinaka, Fumiko	Kato, Mitsue	Miyake, Yukiko	Shinbo, George
Emata, Hideji	Kawada, Noboru	Mizokawa, Shigeo	Shinoda, Kimi
Fujii, Ernest	Kawahara, Makie	Mizuhata, Michiko	Shintaku, Tomeko
Fujii, Kozaburo	Kawanishi, Teikichi	Mizuhata, Sueko	Sudo, Eiko
Fujii, Minoru	Kawasaki, Victor	Mizuta, George	Sudo, Mamoru
Fujii, Yoshito	Kido, Edward	Mizuta, Kimi	Suetsugu, Etsuko
Fujioka, Chikayo	Kihara, Yayeko	Mochizuki, Yoneko	Suzuki, Tohachi
Fukuhara, Tadashi	Kimura, Haruyo	Morisaki, Harry	Takashima, Sadamu
Glass, Nadine	Kimura, Kikuno	Moritani, Shigeru	Takemoto, Kazuo
Gojio, Shōtaro	Kishida, Yaso	Nagai, Tamotsu	Takemoto, Misako
Groves, Fumiko	Kitashima, Richard	Nagamatsu, Kimiko	Takenaga, Shige
Hagimori, Kaoru	Kogita, Marion	Nagata, Inori	Takeshita, Kazuko
Hagimoto, Shuichi	Kolby, Chin	Nakamura, Alan	Tamura, Tokio
Hanada, Iwao	Komatsu, Hisakichi	Nakanishi, Shizuichi	Tanaka, Masaye
Hanada, Seiji	Komorita, Kaga	Nakano (Infant)	Tanemura, Masao
Hara, Ricky	Kondo, Keiji	Nakano, Haruko	Tsubokawa, Terumi
Harada, Toshio	Kondo, Teruko	Nakano, Krista	Tsukamaki, Asako
Haraguchi, Mitsuru	Kondo, Yo	Nakashima, Hidehiro	Tsutsui, Komatsu
Harrison, Mitsue	Konishi, Tom	Nakashima, Masao	Usui, Chise
Harui, Norio	Kono, Asano	Nakashima, Masato	Uyeda, Nobukazu
Hata, Carmen	Kubo, Kazuo	Nakashima, Yoshiko	Wittshirik, Hiromi
Hayashida, Tani	Kubo, Masayoshi	Nishimoto, Masao	Yabuki, Ryoto
Higashi, Hatsune	Kubo, Tomi	Nitta, Bobby	Yamada, Asaichi
Hoshino, Gayle	Kuramoto, Amy	Nitta, Yoshiko	Yamaguchi, Moto
Ikemura, Terunobu	Kurita, Mio	Ogami, Tayeko	Yamamoto, Kay
Imabori, Teruo	Kuwada, Kazuo	Ohashi, Mokichi	Yamane, Shizue
Inouye, Hajime	Lee, Toh	Okamoto, Masao	Yamazaki, Hitoshi
Ito, Itsuko	Mack Harada	Okamura, Mineko	Yanagawa, Shigeto
Ito, Nami	Maeshiro, Asamitsu	Okuma, Linda	Yorita, Teruo
Ito, Tsune	Masuhara, Ichiyo	Okumura, Yoshiko	Yoshihara, Fujiko
Iwamura, Katsuzo	Masuhara, Kenichi	Quiett, Kathleen	Yoshijima, Yoshihisa

## MAY SHOTSUKI HOYO

*The May Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of May. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 3, at 10 AM and will be in-person, only.*

Akizuki, Harry	Izumi, Kosumi	Nishizaki, Elaine	Teramae, Isao
Aramaki, Towa	Kadoguchi, Misano	Noritake, Cyrus	Tomota, Yaeko
Asaba, Iku	Kamimae, Misue	Nosho, Setsuno	Toyoji, Toshio
Baba, James	Kawaguchi, Sadaye	Oba, Sayoko	Tsubota, Tsuyoshi
Barda, Clifford	Kihara, Jane	Ogata, Fred	Tsuchida, Takeshi
Deguchi, Jene	Kihara, Koichi	Ogohara, Yoshitami	Tsuji, Shohichi
Demizu, Kosumi	Kihara, Yoshito	Okabe, Fuku	Tsurukawa, Fujio
Edamura, Fusa	Koga, Hiroshi	Okada, Hiroshi	Ueki, Hisayoshi
Fujii, Hisato	Kono, Kazuye	Okano, Albert	Uno, Hikoichi
Fujimoto, Mitsuyo	Kubo, George	Okasaki, Gin	Uno, Miyeko
Fujishima, Craig	Kubo, Taiko	Okubo, Asako	Uno, Riichi
Fujita, Kayo	Kubota, Yoshiko	Osaki, Mitsuko	Urakawa, Masaye
Fujita, Shizuko	Kumasaka, Henry	Ouchi, Sadamaro	Uyeji, Toshio
Fujitomi, Hajime	Kumata, Kenryū	Sakaguchi, Naoki	Uyetsuka, Hajime
Fujiwara, Teruko	Kuramoto, Tetsuo	Sakai, Grace	Watanabe, Aimie
Funakubo, Tei	Kusakabe, John	Sakai, Sumi	Watanabe, Kazumi
Furukawa, Kano	Livanas, Ramona	Sakata, Howard	Watanabe, Taki
Goto, Shizue	Mamiya, Ron	Sakuma, Kazuo	Yamada, John
Habu, Toki	Matsui, George	Shimada, Masayuki	Yamada, Masako
Hada, Maki	Matsui, Tsugio Jack	Shimbo, Shizuko	Yamagishi, Fude
Hamasaki, Jolene	Matsumoto, Suma	Shirakata, Kiku	Yamamoto, Sadako
Hamasaki, Tokiya	Miyahara, Hiromu	Sudo, Shigeko	Yamamoto, Yaeko
Hara, Lisa Shizuko	Nagamatsu, Shoji	Sueda, Ella	Yamane, Jim
Harris, Nga	Nagamatsu, Sumio	Suetsugu, George	Yamasaki, Fujie
Hasama, Yoshimi	Nagano, Makoto	Suto, Fred	Yamasaki, Rise
Hasegawa, James	Naito, Richard	Tachiyama, Jack	Yamashita, Akino
Hattori, Hideo	Nakagaki, Daisen	Takano, Shigeo	Yasui, Kiyoshi
Hayashi, Harold	Nakamoto, Satoru	Taketa, Shimano	Yoneyama, Isamu
Hikida, Robert "Bob"	Nakamura, Joyce	Tamaki, Akiko	Yoneyama, Mitsuo
Hikida, Torazo	Nakano, Sawako	Tameno, George	Yoshida, Sakae
Hikoyama, Taka	Nakauchi, Kazuma	Tanaka, Bill	Yoshida, Yoshiko
Hiraoka, Willy	Nakayashiki, Satono	Tanaka, Misao	Yoshimi, Frank
Hori, Ross	Nguyen, Nhan	Tanaka, Norio	Yoshitake, Taro
Ideta, May	Nikaitani, Kenjiro	Taniguchi, Harry	Yuasa, Sharon
Iguchi, Chieko	Ninomura, Taisuke	Tatsumi, Hanako	Yutani, Kazue
Imada, Dick	Nishizaki, Akio	Terakawa, Shigeru	

# April 2023 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10 am Gagaku - Hybrid
2 9 am Meditation - Hybrid 10 am <b>HANAMATSURI SUNDAY SERVICE</b> (Gym) English Dharma Talk (Rimban)	3 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	4 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	5 10 am Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service In person	6 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	7 11 am Gojikai Service on Zoom	8
11 am Japanese Language Service/Dharma Exchange(Hondo) 11:30 am HANAMATSURI LUNCHEON			11 am Chanting Wksp Ojoraisan-in person <i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
9 9 am Meditation - Hybrid 10 am <b>SUNDAY SERVICE / CHILDREN'S SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (Rev. Irene Goto) Japanese Dharma Talk (video)	10 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	11	12 10 am Morning Svc In person	13	14 11 am Gojikai Service on Zoom	15
11 am Dharma Exchange - Hybrid 11:30 am KODOMO BASKETBALL starts (Registration required)	17 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	18 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	19 10 am Morning Svc In person	20	21 7 pm Dr. Tanaka Seminar (Zoom)	22 10 am Earth Day Seminar - In person
16 9 am Meditation - Hybrid 10 am <b>EARTH DAY &amp; MUSIC SUNDAY SERVICE / SHINRAN SHONIN MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (Rev. Don Castro) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rimban)	8 pm Newsletter deadline			1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
11 am Dharma Exchange -Hybrid (Rev. Castro) 11:30 am KODOMO BASKETBALL (Registration required) 11:45 am Najjin Tour & Introduction to Buddhism	24 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	25 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	26 10 am Morning Svc In person	27	28 10 am Spring Nembutsu Seminar (Japanese) on Zoom	29 10 am Spring Nembutsu Seminar (English) on Zoom
23 9 am Meditation - Hybrid 10 am <b>ESHINNI-KO &amp; KAKUSHINNI-KO MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (Rev. Irene Goto) Japanese Dharma Talk (video)			11 am Merrill Gardens Renton <i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
11 am Dharma Exchange -Hybrid (Rimban) 11:30 am KODOMO BASKETBALL (Registration required)						
30 9 am Meditation - Hybrid 10 am <b>SUNDAY SERVICE / CHILDREN'S SERVICE</b> English Dharma Talk (Rimban) Dharma Exchange / Japanese Language Service(Hondo) 11:30 am KODOMO BASKETBALL starts (Registration required)			<b>MAY 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS</b> May 8 - 21 Seattle Betsuin WBWC Japan Trip May 14 Rennyō Shonin Memorial Service / Children's Service May 28 Gotan-e Service			

