

The 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

This year 2023 is the year of the 850th anniversary of our founder Shinran Shonin's Birth. Also, next year 2024 is the 800th anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu teaching. At our mother temple, Hongwanji in Kyoto Japan, the joint services to celebrate these two anniversaries are held from March to May this year. The Seattle Betsuin Japan Tour itinerary includes joining the celebration service.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1173 (*Jo'an* 3). There is no record of what his childhood name was. His childhood name is often referred to as "Matsuwakamaru (松若丸)". 松 (*matsu*) is a pine tree. 若 (*waka*) means young. 丸 (*maru*) means round and is often use for a title for boy. So, "Matsuwakamaru" means "young boy *matsu*". The kanji character *matsu* 松 consist of "木 (*ki*)" and "公 (*ko*)". "木 (*ki*)" means tree and could be separated as "十, ten" and "八, eight" which implies Amida Buddha's eighteenth vow (primal vow). The kanji character "公 (*ko*)" means prince. Shinran Shonin revealed Amida Buddha's teaching (Primal vow) for us to be born into Amida Buddha's Pure Land and attain enlightenment. Therefore, later, someone called him *Matsuwakamaru* (松若丸) as his childhood name with respect.



Rimban Kusunoki: Buddhist symbols on April 2, '23, Hanamatsuri Service

It is certain that he was born in 1173 but, again, there is no record of his date and place of birth. In the *Edo* era (1603-1868), Shinran Shonin's date of birth was set on April 1st on the lunar calendar which is recognized as May 21st in the western calendar. It is said that Shinran Shonin was born in *Hino, Kyoto*, present *Fushimi-ku* in *Kyoto*. Shinran Shonin's father's family, *Hino* family, used to live there. And there is a Buddhist temple, *Hokkaiji* temple in *Hino*. The temple has an Amida hall which was built in 1051. Shinran Shonin might have sat there and paid reverence to the Amida Buddha's statue when he was a child. To recognize his birthplace, our sect, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, built a temple right next to *Hokkaiji* temple in 1828. It is the current *Hino Tanjo-in* temple. Please visit *Hokkaiji* temple and *Hino Tanjo-in* temple when you have chance.

Gotan'e service (Service for Shinran Shonin's Birth) has been observed since 1874 at our mother temple Hongwanji. Students and young adults conducted the celebration gathering of his birth in 1887. Around that time the local temples in Japan also started conducting *Gotan'e* service. Currently on the morning of May 21st, students attending Jōdo Shinshū affiliated schools take part in the musical/choral chanting service.

Fifty years ago, the joint celebration of the 800th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 750th anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu teaching was held. At that time, a Music service, "*Gohonden saho*" ritual, was established. *Gohonden* (lit. 'Major Scripture'), refers to Shinran Shonin's main work, *Kyogyoshinsho*, or *The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way*. The then religious leader (Shonyo Gomonshu) gathered young adults and students and conducted the music service.

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In 2023, the New *Gohonden Saho* ritual was established in which all the verses in this new ritual were selected from *Kyogyoshinsho*. The melody was composed blending traditional Tendai Buddhist choral-style chanting and chanting that developed among the general public, hopefully making it approachable for everyone.

There are two variations to the new liturgy: Style I, melody blending Tendai Buddhist choral-style chanting with chanting that developed among the general public and Style II, the *Junirai* melody that we have been long familiar with.

I am not sure which style is going to be used for the service when Seattle Betsuin's Tour group will attend on May 10th. Whichever the style is conducted, I look forward to listening and joining the new ritual. I hope we can chant the new style of Shoshinge at the Seattle Betsuin one day.

For more details or to download the audio source of "New *Gohonden saho*", please go to the website below. (In Japanese only) <https://www.hongwanji.or.jp/850800houyou/news/001815.html>

Dharma School News

submitted by Joan Nakano

We thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful reunion of community and celebrating Hanamatsuri together this month! So many hands went into planning this festive event and Ron and the committee prepared a delicious meal that we all enjoyed! Thank you! The following week Kodomo no Basketball restarted and will continue through May 7. Some of our temple groups will be hosting fundraising lunches during the basketball sessions, so thank you for supporting our youth groups! It was also nice to welcome back the Earth Day/Music service, with singing our sutra and enjoying live music from the Bodhi Ensemble. We received a message from Castro Sensei, who reminds us that as Buddhists, we are also ecologists, and that we all must do our part to protect our Mother Earth.

Classroom Reports

The 1st/2nd/3rd grade class learned about the six paramitas and made a collage of the six paramitas. For Hanamatsuri, the students completed 2 different puzzles – one with the baby Buddha and an elephant, and another with children pouring sweet tea over the Han-

amido. They then decorated Hanamatsuri door hangers to celebrate Buddha's birthday. The next week, the class talked about each of the Three Treasures and how they are interdependent and cannot exist without each other. They also discussed what it means to take refuge in the Three Treasures, and they made a diagram to show each treasure and the interconnection among them. We also discussed Earth Day and why it's important to recycle and what we can do to save the earth. The students then made an Earth Day crown which showed a few things that they can do to save the earth.

The 4th/5th grade class hopes that the sangha enjoyed and will use the flower pens that we made as favors for Hanamatsuri! During the month of April we learned more about Hanamatsuri and the hana-mido. We made individual hanamidōs using recycled materials, and talked about ways that we can help protect our environment, reusing, reducing and recycling. We also joined the middle school class one Sunday and enjoyed playing trivia with the older students.

2023 Seattle Betsuin Scholarship Awards

Submitted by Lori Chisholm



Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki, Brent Nakashima, Macy Hirota, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Tomi Zumoto (daughter of Harold N. and Yoshiko Tsujihara)

The Betsuin scholarships, awarded through generous donations from the Shimokon and Tsujihara families, recognize Betsuin high school and college students. The selection criteria includes leadership and participation in the temple, BCA, school and the community,

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along with scholastic achievement and a commitment to stay involved in the temple. The applicants also submit an essay to show their understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. This year's essay featured two stories from the book, Jewels written by Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka. High school students were asked to relate to the story of Indra's Net and college students were asked to relate to the story of the Two-Headed Bird.

The Harold N. & Yoshiko Tsujihara Memorial High School Scholarship recipient:

Macy Hirota (Kentwood High School) is currently the President of the Seattle Betsuin Young Buddhist Association. She has held the leadership positions of treasurer and religious chair. She has earned the Sangha Award, which involved a 2-year study of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. At her high school, Macy has been awarded multiple awards through her choir and has been involved in Key Club and National Honor Society.

The Masaru and Mitsuma Shimokon College Scholarships recipient:

Brent Nakashima (Cal Poly State University) is studying Computer Science. At Cal Poly, Brent is involved in the Nikkei Student Union as the Cultural Chair. He led the group in organizing the Day of Remembrance, an event remembering the Japanese internment during World War II. He is also a member of the Systems Optimizations Club, which involved working as a project member of the J&M data analytics project.

A big congratulations to Macy and Brent!

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their **2023** sustaining membership dues - the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations (i.e. - fix the roof, remodel of the Memorial Hall) and programs (i.e. – Live Streaming of Sunday services and Special Services, seminars, and book club).

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. Deadline for membership contributions is September 30th.

Marian Asaba, Lauren Asaba, Lisa Butler, Lani Carpenter, JoAnn Kosai-Eng, Sue Fujino, Richard Furukawa, Jennifer Habu, Reiko Hara, Ann Kashiwa, Wayne Kuramoto, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Pauline Sakuma, Chiaki Schomer, Dennis Shibata, Gary & Debbie Shibata, Theodore Tomita, Gary & Julianne Tosaya, Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki, Donna Zumoto We would like to **‘WELCOME’ Richard Furukawa and Theodore Tomita** as new members, and **Gary Tosaya** as a returning member of our Sangha.

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

Yakima's 60th Suki-yaki Dinner

May 7, 2023
Doors Open at 11:00 AM

212 W Second Street
Wapato, WA



A better, safer, experience for the community

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Sunday, May 7, 2023
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Yakima Buddhist Temple's Buddhist Hall

Tickets available through friends, family, community.

Tickets are \$25/meal and will include authentic homestyle Suki-yaki from a special long-time recipe, cucumber salad, Japanese sticky rice, green tea, a fortune cookie, and a smile. Everything will be in to-go packaging. Tables will be available.

Shop at our Suki-yaki store • Visit the Yakima Buddhist Temple's Main Hall
<https://www.yakimabuddhistchurch.org>

[Jodo Shinshu | Yakima Buddhist Church | Wapato](#)

Temple Office Hours NOTICE:

May 8 - 19, 2023 by appointment only.



Betsuin Tea Talk

May 2023

Are You Buddhist?

March 30th, the Betsuin’s seminar series featured Rev. Anne Spencer from the Idaho/Oregon Buddhist Temple, and her presentation, “Are you Buddhist? Am I a Buddhist? And Does what We Call Ourselves Matter?” The discussion evolved into questions about why some participants considered themselves Buddhists, while a few others self-labeled as somewhat Buddhist. All expressed their appreciation for the Buddha Dharma teachings, but each individual experienced different emotions when describing their affiliation with the religion. Whether you are Buddhist, almost Buddhist or just beginning your journey with the dharma teachings, each person is on a different path and in different stages of their lives. One insight that resonated with me, regarding Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, is that Buddhism does not require you to register with an organization, attend confirmation classes or declare your affiliation with the religion. There is no deity that oversees everyday life and everyone is welcome to listen, read and study Buddha’s teachings.

The Seattle Betsuin is currently reaching out to attract new members. Jodo Shinshu teachings are available to you without joining the temple. If membership affiliation makes you uncomfortable, and you enjoy attending the temple’s events, please consider being a friend of the Betsuin. The temple is grateful for donations that enable the Betsuin to continue offering services, programs and special events. Whether you are a member or a friend, the sangha community benefits from your participation.

As previously stated, each individual is on their own path of life. “Are you a Buddhist?” can only be answered by you.

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

In Gassho,
Leanne
chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org

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Join us on Sunday’s for our weekly online services! All are welcome to attend and participate. Consider joining one of our weekday live streams as well with chanting and messages from Rinban Kusunoki

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The Lotus Skyliners Story - A Big Band Lifts Up a Small Community

Submitted by Janet Baba

Imagine this. A group of twenty-two teenage boys - all wearing identical baby blue sport jackets and many sporting black, slicked-back hair - accompanied by a female vocalist and a Caucasian band leader. Their next step would be onto the auditorium stage of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple for the first time. It was 1953 and this group was a swing band known as the **Lotus Skyliners**. Within this group were Japanese American teenagers who were among the youngest incarcerated in concentration camps during World War II. Following the War, they and their families had returned to reside in the Seattle area, many in the vicinity of the Seattle Temple.

Recognizing an urgent need within this community, leaders of the Seattle Betsuin Temple rolled up their sleeves and helped nurture this band. It quickly became a community favorite and commanded the stage at many dances, school proms, private parties, weddings, and even a bar mitzvah. Over nine years, they also toured up and down the West Coast of Washington, Oregon, and California and played at temples in Spokane, Ontario, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, Berkley, San Jose, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Portland.

One of those stops was at the Civic Auditorium in San Jose, sandwiched in between the night after Ella Fitzgerald sang and the day before Louis Armstrong played! For those who were around during this time, you may recall former band members Akira Ichikawa, the piano player, and Shinya Ichikawa, the trombone player, who were sons of former Rinban Tatsuya Ichikawa.

Over the last three years, a volunteer committee of five former Lotus Skyliners and four volunteers diligently joined forces to document the band's story. But they weren't alone. Much initial support came from Kemi Nakabayashi and the BCA Music History Subcommittee, and Andrea Mano and Dana



Nakashima of the Seattle Betsuin's Archives Committee. Early on, Reverend Irene Goto and the Dharma Exchange hosted an announcement of the Lotus Skyliners project with book committee members Janet Baba and Shinya Ichikawa. Bishop Reverend Marvin Harada made a donation from BCA's Expansion Fund and Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki wrote an endorsement for the book. We are very grateful for their assistance.

This book was generously funded by a host of former Lotus Skyliners and their friends, and was accompanied by equally generous grants from the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and 4Culture of King County. Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience is the fiscal sponsor and Chin Music Press is the publisher.

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE FIRST IN PERSON BOOK SIGNING EVENT:

“UNFORGETTABLE – THE LOTUS SKY- LINERS STORY”

Meet former Lotus Skyliners band members, purchase a book, and have it signed. Live music will be performed by the Pat & Rich2 Quartet.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
1427 S. Main St, Seattle, WA. 98144

Sunday, June 11, 2023 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

More information at: www.lotusskyliners.com

Volunteer for PrideFest 2023, June 24



Seattle Betsuin at
Pride Parade 2017

Volunteers are needed to engage at the information table with participants on Buddhism at the Capitol Hill event on Saturday, June 24. There will be two shifts: **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.

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

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Yasuko Desaki – Funeral Service	\$600.00
Hatsuye Kawada – Funeral Service	\$800.00
Tomiko Nakama – Funeral Service	\$1,200.00
Fumiko & Karoku Okada – Nokotsudo	\$200.00

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George Sadao Suetsugu – 17 th Year	\$200.00
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George Suetsugu, Jr.

In Memory of:

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Teruko Shigaya

Fukuyo Yee
Sumie Yokota

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Spokane Buddhist Church - \$100 (April 2023)

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Appreciation for opening of gym for pickle ball
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Appreciation to entire Seattle Sangha for support while attending
college in Seattle for 4 years

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Special Services:

Hoonko:

Ron Hamakawa

Nirvana Day:

Ron Hamakawa

Spring Ohigan:

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CLIQUES Today, the world seems made up of cliques, on a major scale. One strong faction within a given country, against a second or third faction, within other countries, playing extremely dangerous, pitiful "games", with the lives of their peoples.

Then, within a given country, one powerful group conniving against another. It continues on and on, not as well known generally, but still with its dragnets. It filters down into churches, clubs, schools or to handfuls of individuals forming cliques against various individuals. It is a cruel thing, which isolates some from friendship, help, compassion and participation as full members of a group. It often leaves permanent damage to the lives and spirits of the ones on the receiving end of this tremendously petty pastime, and discriminate.

There may not be any immediate dramatic answers available to the world . . . that it is willing or capable of following, at this stage of humanity. But there are many things that can be done on the immediate scene, with which we are most familiar . . . and this is where things start.

First, at home, where attitudes commence. Avoid petty dislikes and jealousies. Be friends not just relatives. Remember the world is forever crying for understanding and brotherhood.

If we cannot appreciate, understand or forgive our own family members, we aren't apt to do it on a larger scale. The Buddha said we are all brothers and sisters, tied together in a vast net of humanity, with responsibility towards all. The destiny of one is tied up with the destiny of all. No one fully knows what is going on in the heart of another, we don't know our own hearts. Share - take turns - talk things out quietly.

We cannot remain indifferent to the problems of others, regardless of who or what they may be. To pick and choose is very small . . . of existing. To leave one member of a group or one faction, isolated, ignored, teased or treated unkindly, is to prove that we are blind, lacking in compassion and courage. The young adults of today seem to be much more aware of the feelings of others, and are trying to gain an appreciation of the cultures and religions of their fellow men . . . this is a step forward.

The Buddhist way would be to treat all as our much loved mothers and fathers. All are on the long journey of discovering their oneness with Amida . . . lend them a courageous, compassionate and helping hand.

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Seattle Buddhist Church Research - 1427 So. Main
St. Seattle, Wash. 98144 Submitted by Kayla B.

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.

April has been a more low-key month compared to the first quarter of the year.



Those BWA members attending the World Buddhist Women's Convention had an omiyage/card making class on April 9.



The Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Memorial Service was on April 23. Right after the service,



the SBBWA had their New/All Member luncheon reception held in the dining room. Twelve new members have joined our group. The new members are as follows: Lisa Butler, Lori Chisholm, Mai Ketcherside, Janet Knutsen, Kimiko Kodagoda, Joann Kosai-Eng, Ayn



Quan, Nicole Shimizu, Megumi Soga, Akiko Yabuki, and Sharyl Yamamoto. We welcome you to our wonderful organization!

EVENTS BY BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA

CROSSING OVER

CBE Seminar Registration: "CROSSING
OVER" 05/26/23 - 05/27/23

IN-PERSON: JODO SHINSHU CENTER, BERKELEY, CA 94704

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Rev. David Quirke-Thornton is a member of the Shin Buddhist Fellowship UK. Formerly a Franciscan friar, he trained as a Buddhist Chaplain at The Buddhist Society in London and has served as chaplain to the police. In 2019, he received Tokudo ordination from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto. Rev. Quirke-Thornton went through Zen and Tibetan Buddhism after leaving the Franciscan order and is now ordained as a Jodo Shinshu Priest. He is planning on receiving his Kyoshi ordination this year. He works as the strategic director for Children's and Adult Services in London.

Rev. Dr. Carmela Javellana-Hirano is the assistant minister of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. She was raised in the Philippines in a devout Catholic family. Her older brother was a Catholic priest and older sister a Catholic nun. After a personal spiritual crisis, she became interested in Zen Buddhism and in 1999 moved into the Salt Lake Zen Center, intending to become a Zen priest. She then met Rev. Hirano and heard about Jodo Shinshu and began her formal studies through IBS. She has a private practice as Adult and Child Psychiatrist. She received her residency and both board certifications at Ohio State University.

Rev. Melissa Opel is the Assistant minister of the Spokane Buddhist Temple and will soon become the resident minister of the San Francisco Buddhist Temple. Rev. Opel was very active as an Evangelical minister, until she and her wife Becca were asked to leave her church because they were gay. She found



SHINJIN
PART 4

Rev Dr David Mat

Online Seminar

CBE Online Seminar Register Below | **Saturday May 6, 2023 11am - 1pm (PT)**

About

Rev Dr. David Matsumoto is the president of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He will continue his series about the meaning of Shinjin. This is part 4 of his 4 part online series. Parts 1-3 are on the CBE Youtube Channel if you wish to view them.

[CBE Seminar Registration: "SHINJIN & LIBERATION" 05/06/23 @ 11am - 1pm \(PT\) \(google.com\)](#)

the Spokane Buddhist Temple as a safe and welcoming place and began studying Buddhism at IBS. She received her Master's Degree in Buddhist Studies from and took part in the first group to receive their Kyoshi certification last year at the Jodo Shinshu Center.

Rev. J.K. Hirano is the supervising minister of the Salt Lake, Ogden, Honeyville, Utah and Idaho Oregon Buddhist Temples. He has been a full time Kaikyoshi since 1987. He received his M.A. from IBS in 1984 and went on to study in Kyoto at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin for three years. He is also the director of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education. Born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, as a child and young man, he had attended many of the services and activities at the local Mormon Church and as a result has studied the Mormon religion. He will present a short talk on the Mormons and Buddhism and why he considers interfaith involvement so important in this day and age. [CBE Seminar Registration: "CROSSING OVER" 05/26/23 - 05/27/23 \(google.com\)](#)



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:

<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.

Dharma Exchange
meets each Sunday morning

11:00AM –11:30AM

We enjoy refreshments and discussion in the dining room or the Main Hall/*Hondo* after Sunday service.

Please join us **either in person or on Zoom**. E-mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com and specify Meditation or Dharma Exchange to receive more information and the Link. - IG

SEATTLE BETSUIN SPRING SEMINAR



REV. DR. NOBUO HANEDA

"SHAKYAMUNI AND SHINRAN:
BUDDHISM AS A TEACHING OF
SELF-EXAMINATION"

SATURDAY,
APRIL 29TH
10:00AM

REGISTRATION:

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Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial

(monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple)

in-person only; takes place

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Wednesday, June 2, 2023

at 10:00AM.

The names of those loved-ones who will be remembered are listed on pages 12, 13.

Virtual Groups:

Dharma Exchange *see p.15* **Meditation** *see p. 10*

To join these groups, e-mail

webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com or

newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

for Links - specify the group in the subject line



Troop 252 Update

Submitted by Reese T.

In March, Troop 252 participated in Scouting for Food. They chose ACRS as the place to donate. We would like to thank SBBWA, Dharma School and Sangha members for their generous donations.

Scouts started the month of April with a camp-out at North Bend. They were happy to camp at one of the three campsites that the scout parents cleared. They enjoyed getting back outdoors but could have done without the hail, rain and cold.

Pictured: Sebastian K, Reese T., Theo K., Alex B., Danilo M.




Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

For Hanamatsuri service last month, Matsuri Taiko presented a delightful opening call. Many were eager to sing the “sakura chira chira” refrain of “Happy Buddha Day” again in-person for the featured gatha. We hope online viewers also enjoyed singing at home to the recording prepared by Mas Tamekuni, vocals and ukulele, with Seattle Singers represented by Amy Shimbo Finnigan, Paul Mori, Kemi Nakabayashi, Keiko Namekata, and Darlene Shimizu. Thank you also to Hieu for joining me for the background music for Hanamatsuri service.

We are also grateful that we could finally hold Earth Day Music Service in-person for the first time in four years. Alex Sakamoto created a beautiful video for

the *Precious Earth* from the recording prepared by Gabe Shen to my piano accompaniment which had originally premiered at the Scout Sunday Service in February. How wonderful it was to be able to offer the new gatha video to in-person as well as online viewers! Thank you to Rev. Don Castro officiating and sharing a meaningful Dharma message. *Golden Chain* by Donna Sasaki was presented this time by Maia N. and Ava T with me in the hondo. Online viewers were treated to a new collaborative recording led by Donna on vocals and piano for her composition along with Amy Shimbo Finnigan, Loraine Jacobs, Kanako Kashima, Darlene Shimizu, Dennis Yamashita singing with me.



BCA Music Committee

GATHA LYRIC WRITING CONTEST

In commemoration of the
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the *BCA Music Committee* & the
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are sponsoring a *Gatha lyric-writing contest*.

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

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Deadline: June 4

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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, 2023 at 10 AM .

Akizuki, Harry	Izumi, Kosumi	Nishizaki, Elaine	Teramae, Isao
Aramaki, Towa	Kadoguchi, Misano	Noritake, Cyrus	Tomota, Yaeko
Asaba, Iku	Kamimae, Misue	Nosho, Setsuno	Toyaji, 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, Shigeo	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, Mitsu
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	

JUNE SHOTSUKI HOYO

The June Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of June. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 10 AM.

Adachi, Shinsaburo	Hiraga, Noboru	Matsuoka, Toru	Shinagawa, Chieko
Aiko Shimizu	Hoshino, Akio	Mihara, Minoru	Shinbo, Tamio
Akada, Same	Hyde, Jane	Minato, Kagei	Shiota, Shiro
Akada, Shizue	Ichikawa, Satoru	Miyahara, Kiyoko	Song, Linyu
Akutsu, Mary	Ideta, Henry	Miyamoto, Sumio	Sumida, Hiroyuki
Amabe, Hisano	Iguchi, Roy	Miyao, Ume	Suto, Bessie
Aoyama, Katsumi	Imanishi, Yoshio	Mizuki, Hisato	Suyematsu, Mitsuo
Baba, James	Inaba, Kenkichi	Mizumoto, Fukiko	Suzaka, Frank
Doi, James	Inaba, Shigeo	Mizumoto, Nobuo	Tai, Hisano
Dumont, Marion	Ishibashi, Isao	Murakami, Tamae	Takei, Toshiko
Eguchi, Otome	Ishikawa, Kimiyo	Nagamatsu, Toshiko	Taketa, Arlene
Endo, Suzuko	Isomura, Mary	Nagasugi, Tokuye	Tamura, Mary
Eng, Shee	Iwasaki, Sachiko	Nakagawa, Itsuyo	Tanabe, Riso
Esuye, Hisako	Iwata, Nochi	Nakagawa, Kazuo	Tanaka, Yoshimi
Fudetani, Yoshio	Kajimura, Gary	Nakanishi, Misuno	Tani, Nobuko
Fujii, Yukiko	Kajimura, Hiroshi	Nakashima, Suyeko	Taniguchi, Kuma
Fujikawa, Nobuko	Kanaya, Toshiji	Ninomura, Sue	Tazuma, Masako
Fujimoto, Kiyoko	Kanegae, Toshie	Nishimura, Iso	Tazuma, Noboru
Fujino, Mitsutaro	Kato, Michio	Nokichi, Miwa	Terada, Kakichi
Fujioka, Harumi	Kawahara, Kiyoko	Obata, Rose	Terada, Yayeko
Fujioka, Momoko	Kawahara, Yoshisuke	Ohara, Masato	Teramoto, Kenso
Fujita, Kinu	Kawamoto, Masao	Ohara, Rinzo	Terao, Fred
Furukawa, Shizuye	Kawasaki, Tokuyoshi	Ohmiya, Masasue	Tsuchikawa, Chiyo
Furuta, Roy	Kianzon, Tatsu	Oiye, Nobuko	Tsuji, Kitaro
Furuta, Terumasa	Kido, Haruko	Okada, Sadaye	Tsukamoto, Umekichi
Hamano, Grace	Kiuchi, Janice	Okamura, Ray	Tsuruyama, Miyo
Hamasaki, Satoko	Kobata, Kay	Okawa, Archie	Uyeji, Kamekichi (Kam)
Hanada, Ronald	Kosai, Wesley	Ōmura, Kimi	Watanabe, Shoji
Hara, Don	Kuramoto, Daisy	Pawloski, Junko	Wataoka, Linda
Harada, Charles	Kurimoto, Aki	Platnick, Tamiko	Yamaguchi, Iwao
Harui, Zenhichi	Kurosaki, Tsuyano	Saito, Koshige	Yamaguchi, Mamoru
Hasegawa, Yoriko	Maruko, Sadami	Sawa, Ayako	Yamamoto, Gary
Hayashi, Roger	Matsuba, Fude	Shibayama, Kamekichi	Yamamoto, Mineyo
Higashi, Shōzō	Matsubu, Shigeo	Shimizu, Haruko	Yokoyama, Hideyo
Higo, Seki	Matsumoto, Nobuko	Shimizu, Patrick	Yoshimi, Aiko
Hirabayashi, Tomonobu	Matsumoto, Patricia	Shimooka, Kazue	Yoshinaka, Catherine

May 2023 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 8th - 19th	Office hours will be by appointment only	1 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	2	3 10 am Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service In person 11 am Chanting Wksp Ojoraisan-In person <i>Rimban's half day off</i>	4 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service 7 pm Religious Dept meeting	5	6 3 pm Gagaku practice
7		8 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	9	10	11	12	13
9 am	Meditation - Hybrid						
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rimban) Japanese Language service (video) Dharma Exchange						
11 am	Naijin Tour & Intro to Buddhism						
11:45am							
14		15 <i>Mother's Day</i>	16 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	17	18	19	20
9 am	Meditation - Hybrid						
10 am	RENNYO SHONIN MEMORIAL SERVICE/ CHILDREN'S SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rev. Matt May) No Japanese Language service Dharma Exchange				1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting		
11 am							
21		22 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	23 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	24 10 am Morning Svc In person 11 am Merrill Gardens Renton Svc <i>Rimban's half day off</i>	25	26	27
9 am	Meditation - Hybrid						
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (MA Jason Yokoyama) No Japanese Language service Dharma Exchange on Zoom						
11 am		8 pm Newsletter deadline					
28		29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	31 10 am Morning Svc In person <i>Rimban's half day off</i>	JUNE 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS June 4 All Sangha Memorial Service June 11 Last day of 2022-2023 Dharma School session June 25 Bishops' / Rinbans' Memorial Service		
9 am	Meditation on Zoom						
10 am	GOTAN-E (SHINRAN SHONIN'S BIRTHDAY) SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rimban) Japanese Language service (Rimban) Dharma Exchange						
11 am		10 am Nisei Vets Memorial Day Svc at Lakeview					

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2023 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>2007</u> 17th year memorial	
<u>1999</u> 25th year memorial	
<u>1991</u> 33rd year memorial	
<u>1974</u> 50th year memorial	
<u>2022</u> 1st year memorial	
<u>2021</u> 3rd year memorial	Please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800 to schedule a service.
<u>2017</u> 7th year memorial	- JN
<u>2011</u> 13th year memorial	See explanation on p. 9

Dharma Gatherings, *HOWAKAI*:
Nikkei Manor 1st & 3rd Thursdays
1:30PM

Merrill Gardens, Renton
4th Wednesdays at 11:00AM
please consult the facility for visitation guidelines

Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service will
take place in-person on Wednesday,
May 3, 2023 and June 7, at 10:00AM;
passed loved-ones will be remembered.
See pages 12, 13.

Seattle Betsuin's BOOK STUDY Group now meets monthly in-person one Saturday
morning each month! For details email newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

2023 RELIGIOUS SERVICES Sundays

9:00AM Meditation, in-person & via
Zoom

10:00AM SERVICE In-Person and Live-
Streamed at [https://youtube.com/
seattlebuddhistemple](https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhistemple)

Wednesdays

Canceled May 10, 17; in-person only

10:00AM Sutra Chanting & Monthly Joint
Memorial with Shotsuki Hoyo*

11:00 AM Dialogue on sutra

* SEE pp. 12, 13 FOR DATES & LISTINGS

Dharma Exchange
Sundays after Service
11:00AM in-person
temple dining room

Also by Zoom Link
at

[https://
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8:00 PM

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