

Obon and Cemetery Visit

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Obon season has come. There are various *Obon* traditions and customs. One of them is to visit our ancestors' gravesite. Seattle Betsuin scheduled the *Obon* cemetery services at five different locations on Sat. and Sun. July 8th and 9th. Please find the details on the July Newsletter, the temple website, and the *Obon/Hatsubon* letter.

We went to Japan in May as a group tour. There was one free day in Tokyo. I had one thing in my wish list. It is to visit the late Rev. Masanori Watanabe's gravesite. I contacted Rev. Watanabe's parents ahead of time, and we were able to visit his gravesite together. We talked and shared our memories of Rev. Watanabe during the cemetery visit.



Rev. Watanabe was assigned to Oxnard Buddhist Temple and Santa Barbara Buddhist Temple as *Kaikyoshi* minister in 2013. He had full of passion and sincere heart to propagate Jodo Shinshi teaching. He made huge effort to make the Oxnard Buddhist Temple's centennial service happened in 2018. He started having his health issue in 2017 and diagnosed as pancreatic cancer in 2018. He took special treat-

ment and tried his best to cure his illness. After his family and he had given careful consideration on his condition, he decided moving back to Japan in April 2020. He again took special treatment in Japan. He lived his full life until the very last moment. On November 26, 2021, his life ended, and he was born into the Amida Buddha's Pure Land.

I became *Kaikyoshi* minister only three years prior to him, and he was four years older than I am. Our age and the timing to become *Kaikyoshi* minister were close so, we used to exchange our honest feelings and opinions on how we serve as *Kaikyoshi* minister and how we propagate the Nembutsu teaching in US. He was also an artist. He sometimes talked about art and animated films. I always learned something new because he had special knowledge and unique experience.

He did his best serving as resident minister even after his health condition became not well. One of his accomplishments is that he taught youth group how to ring *Kansho*, lead sutra chanting, and deliver Dharma Talk. A couple months before he left for Japan, he told me, "*Kusunoki Sensei*, our youth members now can conduct a regular Sunday Service by themselves without me!" He was proud of the temple's youth group, also he was feeling relieved because Nembutsu teaching was going to be carried on at the Oxnard Buddhist Temple after he left.

Even after he moved back to Japan, he did not stop learning the Nembutsu teaching. One day, his mother and he drove to Hongwanji, Kyoto, to take a test to get the "*Fukyoshi*" license (license to become a Dharma Talk specialist). The test is very difficult. It is almost impossible to pass the test on the first try. As expected, he did not pass it. His father told us that he was truly frustrated at that time. His frustration came from his passion to learn Jodo Shinshu. I take off my hat and bow my head to his passion to seek

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the Nembutsu path.

One day he had to be hospitalized because his condition got worse. When his mother visited him, he told her his wish. He asked her to chant *Shoshinge* (Hymn of True Entrusting Heart and the Nembutsu) together. He must know that his life is nearly end. After a while, he passed away and it became his pillow service. When his parents told me the end of his life, tears welled up in my eyes. At the same time, I thought that's just like him. I felt relieved because he was able to chant

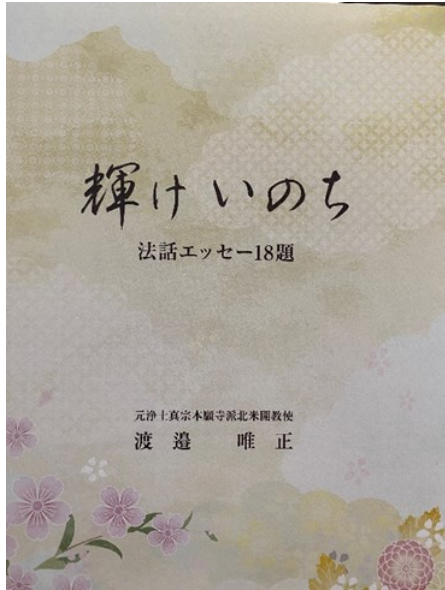
aloud and listen to his favorite and the most cherished words written by Shinran Shonin just before he was born into the Pure Land. He left a will to his parents. It was to compile his Dharma Talks and publish it. Eighteen Dharma talks

were chosen for it. The book is titled "Kagayake Inochi" (lit. brilliant life). His dharma talks struck me a lot. I could feel his strong passion for Jodo Shinshu teaching from each word. Let me introduce a few words from his last Dharma Talk.

"Having knowledge of Buddhism is not the essence of Dharma. Instead, we live in the Dharma and Listen to it.

"How appreciative I am! Now, I was able to encounter the teaching of 'Attaining Buddhahood through the nembutsu'. How grateful I am! I am able to live my life in Jodo Shinshu teaching."

As he said, he listened to the Dharma and lived his life in the Dharma. He walked the nembutsu path and attained Buddhahood. His life now brilliantly shines as Buddha and guides us. It is my great honor to be able to work together as Kaikyoshi minister in Buddhist Churches of America. As one of his Nembutsu friends, I put my hands in Gassho and recite Nembutsu, Namoamidabutsu. Gassho,



Dharma School News

submitted by Joan Nakano

Thank you to Rimban Kusunoki, Chairperson Leanne Nishi-Wong, Seattle Board and sangha for supporting another successful DS year at Seattle Betsuin! We ended the school year by thanking our dedicated DS teachers and specially recognizing Connie (17 years), Marie (23 years) and Joan and Kari Ann, who taught for 26 years! Thank you very much for your dana to DS all these years! Teachers and DS Board recognized the 80%+ attendance students and thanked parents who helped make it happen. We were grateful to have started and finished the entire school year in-



2022-23 Dharma School Teachers

person. After the last day in the DS classes, we enjoyed a fun lunch and BINGO planned by the DS Board. Thank you to the DS Board for helping plan and carry out many DS activities throughout the year. Please share new ideas, as we



Attendance award recipients welcome our parents to join the DS Board.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the in-person return to Obon! Please take a look at the Obon sign-up sheets, as your help is appreciated!



The first day of DS for the 2023-2024 school year is Sunday, September 10! Have a great summer!

Gassho, Yvette Terada & Claire Murata
Dharma School Superintendents

See more Dharma School News on p. 9...

GETTING DOWN TO BED ROCK

There comes a time in our lives when we find it necessary to get right down to the basics, right down to bed rock. So many times we play around the edges of life, making no real decisions on our own. We are being lulled into a state of relying on the opinion of commentators, writers, and fluent speakers.

One reason for this is our speed of daily living. Another is that many adults have not really given their children the chance to start thinking and making decisions on their own. Its been "don't do as I do, just do as I say"! Children have been expected to simply keep still and conform. Therefore when they suddenly leave to find their own ways, they waver and end up wandering around, with no real capacity or technique of thinking things out, of getting down to bed rock in their thoughts and actions.

Right now, most big decisions are being made by a limited few individuals and when one considered the many millions living in the world at this time it is amazing that the mass of humanity plays little part in thinking things out, or making decisions, which affect the lives of all of us.

We rarely take time to reflect and make truly worthwhile decisions.

For example, am I able to make even small decisions that are consistent with the Teachings of Buddha?

Do I waver back and forth like a reed in the wind?

Am I actually relying wholeheartedly upon Amida Buddha?

What is the most important thing to me?

When was the last time I sat down alone and reflected upon the important things of my life?

Shinran Shonin got down to bed rock when he spent the one hundred days at the Rokkaku-do Temple and then went straight to Honen Shonin and embraced the Pathway of Faith.

Jien said - "Go and search wherever you will and you will find the flower of the Law (Buddhism) the only true flower".

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LISTEN to the Teaching. LISTEN to the Voice of Amida as HE speaks to our hearts.
If we do this sincerely, all else will follow.

G. MC.

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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.

Our organization wanted to acknowledge and wish Mrs. Sue Fujino a very happy 104th birthday on June 20th! She has been a long-standing member/honorary member of SBBWA Board of Directors and Cabinet member.

SBBWA had a relatively quiet month of activities to report. Here are a couple of pictures from the New/All Member Luncheon in April that were not in the past issues:



Aiko F., Shirley S., Kinue K. and Kiyo T. will be 88 this year.



Mabel N., Julie M., and Irene M. will be or are 90+ this year!

On Sunday, June 4th, SBBWA members helped set-up the snack table with drinks and snacks. With the help of a few parents, also cut and served cake for the 5th year anniversary party of the Otera de Asobou Play Group run by Ayano Kusunoki.

A small group of us participated in the annual ACRS Walk for Rice on Saturday, June 17th. The course returned to Seward Park for a nice, but slightly chilly 3-mile walk. There were a lot of eagles flying or resting on the tree canopy along



the Lake Washington walk. L-R:Tina Z-K., Lauren A., holding our group mascot, Roxy, Ann H., Nina T-K., Donna Z, Kanako K., and Suzanne F.

Submitted by Kanako Kashima



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



The music for the June 11 service was a remarkable culmination of the effort since the first children's service last October after the intervening years since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the course of the Seattle Betsuin Dharma School 2022-2023 year, the current group of Bodhi Ensemble youth musicians are comprised of new participants since last fall along with more advanced youth instrumentalists, organized by Ann Ishimaru and Zack Semke. We thank DS co-superintendents Yvette Terada and Claire Murata and the DS board chairperson Erin Taylor for their leadership and support. From learning just the single simple melody line of "Buddha Loves You" with different instrumentalists representing the different animals in the gatha, this group has progressed to learn more difficult gatha arrangements. Thank you to violinists Hieu, Maia N., and Kai; cellist Aki; flutist Mika; and trombonist Drew for presenting Donna Sasaki's gatha "We Are One" with me for the last service of the Dharma School year. In addition, recall Ami, Kira, and Ava's participation for Camp Fire Service. The new gatha video prepared by Scout alumni, vocalist Gabe Shen and produced by Alex Sakamoto, also really added to the variety of music presented this Dharma School year.

The BCA Music webpage <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music> has obon gatha audio recordings featured as well as a new gatha video of "Season of Obon" as a hatsubon tribute to the late Rev. Hiroshi Abiko. We look forward to the Seattle bon odori returning live this month on July 15 and 16.



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

[Seattle Betsuin YouTube Channel](#)

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.

Art & Lori Kozai, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Barry & Marlene Okada, Alex Sakamoto, Frank Shinoda, Keiko Watanabe, Steve & Valerie Yamasaki

We would like to 'WELCOME'
Keiko Watanabe
as a returning member of our Sangha.

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



View Sunday services virtually

<https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

JrYBA Junior Young Buddhist Association

submitted by Kaya T

Happy June! This month, the board members will be planning the exciting details for the Jr. YBA retreat this summer! The planning will consist of finalizing a retreat theme, fun activities, service projects, and ways our members can benefit the Sangha. This month, Jr. YBA will also be having elections for a new board to prepare for the 2023-2024 Dharma School year. During the summer months, members will not be having meetings; however, we will hopefully see each other at Temple activities like the summer retreat, Obon, and KSP! Have a great summer!



Troop 252 Update submitted by Ileene T

On May 27th, the Pack and Troop 252 scouts placed flags with the Nisei Veterans at the Evergreen Washelli Cemetery. On Memorial Day, Troop 252 participated as the Color Guards in the Annual Nisei Veteran's Memorial service at Lake View Cemetery. Court of Honor was held on June 11th. Scouts received their rank advancements and merit badges. Congratulations to our Scout Master, Corey Murata for receiving the Unit Leader Award of Merit from the Chief Seattle Council.



Pack 252 & Troop 252 Placing Flags at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery for Memorial Day



Troop 252 Color Guards – Lake View Cemetery for Nisei Veteran's Memorial Day Service



Court of Honor

Cub Master Katherine Brownlee and Cub Master Rob Ketcherside attended the Chief Seattle Council Roundtable on June 8th. Pack 252 and Scout leaders received the awards below. Con-



gratulations Pack 252, Cub Master Rob Ketcherside and Cub Master Katherine Brownlee!

1. Janet Nakano Award - Rob Ketcherside (Cub Master)
2. Scooters Training Award - Rob Ketcherside (Cub Master)
3. Den Leader Training Award - Katherine Brownlee (Cub Master)
4. Unit Leader Award of Merit - Corey Murata (Scout Master)
5. Unit of the year - Pack 252
6. Dori Ogami Training Award - Pack 252



Seattle Betsuin Upcoming Events

The Ninety-First
**SEATTLE
BON ODORI**



Saturday, July 15 2023
Sunday, July 16 2023
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
1427 South Main Street
Seattle, WA 98144

Japanese-folk dancing in the street
Introduction to Buddhism sessions
Great food
Beer Garden featuring Two Story Zori
Taiko performances & interactive demonstrations
Cultural displays and demonstrations
Bachan's Closet - Grandmother's thrift store

seattlebetsuin.org/2023-bon-odori/



Events Schedule




The Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

**CELEBRATING 23 YEARS OF
KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM (KSP)**

"Passport to Japan"

A week-long day camp featuring Japanese American ("Nikkei") cultural activities, such as Taiko Drumming, Martial Arts, Odori Dancing, Crafts, and more!

July 31st – August 4th, 2023
9:30 am – 3:00 pm

- Open to all children entering 1st-8th grade in Fall 2023
- Registration begins February 5th for Temple and BCA members
- Open Registration - February 19th for non-members
- Class size is limited

\$250.00/child for Temple or BCA Members
\$350.00/child for Non-Members
Sibling Discount Available

For registration and additional information please email: chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org

Invitation to the 78th Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service at Seattle



Betsuin Buddhist Temple on August 6.

Seattle Hiroshima Club and Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple will co-host the 78th Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service at Betsuin Temple on August 6, 2023; the service will start at 10am. It is important to remind us of the enormous tragedy caused by A-bombs dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to pay our respects to many victims of our club's relatives and more than 210,000 victims in both cities. Betsuin temple is located in 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144. Submitted by Tsukasa Namekata



Salmon Dinner Fundraiser

Submitted by Howard L

The Seattle Betsuin's 2023 Salmon Dinner fundraiser will be held September 23rd this year. This has been a favorite based on past favorable reviews on the taste and value of this fundraiser. It will be offered as a combination of Drive-Thru and Dine-in options as we emerge from pandemic restrictions. We will be offering a salmon filet along with rice, salad, tsukemono, corn on the cob and a dessert with the purchase of a ticket. There will be a pork loin option in limited quantities as an alternative. This will be a presale, by ticket only. There will not be day-of-sales. More information will be available in the next Wheel of the Sangha edition along with posters that will be available around the Temple. Tickets will be available for purchase starting in mid-July and will be priced at \$23.00 for each meal. Please let your family/friends know about this fundraiser to make this a success and one they won't miss out.



The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from 2023 May - June

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Susan Toyoji – 49 th Day Service	\$300.00	Kenny & Susan Toyoji
Fred Goto – Memorial	\$300.00	Irene Goto
Kenso Teramoto – Memorial	\$100.00	Margaret Teramoto

Given by:

In Memory of:

Marian Asaba

Frances Kobayashi

Teruko Shigaya

James Takano

Toshio & Dolly Tokunaga

Theodore Tomita

Susan Toyoji

Given by:

Donald & Karen Akira, Grace Watanabe Erickson,

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Japanese Play Group 5th Year Anniversary

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Japanese Play Group 5th Year Anniversary

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General Donation and appreciation for use of facilities

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Special Services:

All Sangha Memorial:

Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima, M. Carolyn Kunihiro, Kinue Kuwahara, Howard Luke & Marie Kosai-Luke (in memory of Masayoshi Kosai), Sheri Mizumori (in memory of George, Lillian & Nancy Mizumori), Jim Norton & Kemi Nakabayashi, Shirley Shimada, Terry & Gail Suzaka (in memory of John Suzaka & Jack Matsui), Kiyoko Takashima, Rick Wong & Leanne Nishi-Wong

Gotan-ye:

Donald & Karen Akira, Janet Baba, Patricia Bobrow, Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Tami Echigoshima, Aiko Fujii, Suteko (Sue) Fujino, Kazumi (Janice) Goshō, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, Reiko Hara, Setsuko Harada, Michiko Hirata, Jamie Huh, Yaeko Ito, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima, Ann Kashiwa, Nina Tomita-Kato, Ritsuko Kawahara, Marc & Janice Keltner, Jeffrey Ko & Tina Zumoto-Ko, Art & Lori Kozai, Lisa Kumasaka, M. Carolyn Kunihiro, Wayne Kuramoto, Kinue Kuwahara, Irene Mano, Duane & Ann Mayeda, Sheri Mizumori, Paul and Teresa Mori, Ernest and Sanaye Nagai, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Kiyoko Nakaniishi, Joan Nakano, Junko Nakano, Mabel Nishizaki, Jim Norton & Kemi Nakabayashi, Henry Nose, Stephanie Ojima, Barry & Marlene Okada, Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada, Pauline Sakuma, Dennis Shibata, Gary & Deborah Shibata, Nicole Shimizu & Maia Nguyen, Roy & Kazumi Shimizu, Sato & Darlene Shimizu, Frances Shintaku, Esther Sugai, Gail Suzaka, Masaru & Anna Tahara, Kiyoko Takashima, Sonoe Taketa, Susan Taketa, Masao & Frances Tamekuni, Peggy Tanemura, Kevin Tanemura, Miyoko Tazuma, Calvin & Yvette Terada, Margaret Teramoto (in memory of Kenso, Shin, Ichi and Aya Teramoto), Stuart Teramoto, Paul & Mabel Tomita, Sam & Masako Uchida, Sam Umeda, Tazuko Uyenishi, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Akiko Yabuki, Victor Yagi, Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki, Yoko Yanari, Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama, James & Tomiko Zumoto



Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.

Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Coming Events

BCA Center for Buddhist Education
Living The Dharma (Formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



**THE BENEFITS OF A LIFE OF GRATITUDE: Benefits of Shin Buddhism
PART 2**
Saturday, July 15, 2023 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speakers: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Jean Paul deGuzman, Sydney Shiroyama, Teresa Shimogawa



Rev. Dr. Akahoshi served as the resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego for 8 years and recently retired. He received a master's degree from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto and a Masters of Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies of Berkeley, CA. He originated (1993) and continues to conduct annual Shin Buddhist Retreats in California, Washington, and Hawaii.



Jean-Paul deGuzman is a minister's assistant at the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and a ministerial aspirant. His writing on Buddhism in America appears in *Lion's Roar*, *The Wheel of Dharma*, *Everyday Buddhist*, and *Religion in Los Angeles: Religious Activism, Innovation, and Diversity in the Global City*. He teaches at Windward School and UCLA where he earned the Distinguished Teaching Award.




Sydney Shiroyama (she/her) is a multiracial yonsei who grew up attending the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple (PABT), where she currently serves as a Certified Minister's Assistant, Dharma School Teacher, and board member. She works as a pediatric occupational therapist and is completing the Masters of Buddhist Studies program at Institute of Buddhist Studies. Sydney designs and facilitates taiko sessions for special education classrooms and self-advocates with Down Syndrome.



Teresa Shimogawa is a minister's assistant at Orange County Buddhist Church. She teaches government at a public school in Orange County, CA and stays busy raising her three young children. She is also a writer.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada
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CBE/IBS/JSIO
SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR
**WOMEN
LIBERATING
BUDDHISM**
AUG 5, 2023
IN PERSON & VIRTUAL (9am - 3pm)
Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley 94704



DR. PAULA ARAI

Paula Arai (Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies, Harvard University) authored *The Little Book of Zen Healing* (2023), *Painting Enlightenment* (2019), *Bringing Zen Home* (2011), and *Women Living Zen* (1999). She is the Eshinni & Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

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

Classroom Reports

To celebrate Shinran Shonin’s birthday, the 1st-3rd grade students learned a little about his life. They made a windsock and decorated it with cherry blossoms, and a poem that Shinran wrote at the age of 9 was attached to the windsock. The next week, the class listened to the story Amida’s ABCs and discussed each letter of the alphabet based on Buddhist Teachings. On the last day of Dharma School, the students made Father’s Day gifts to honor their dads. Congratulations to Tyden who achieved the 80% attendance award in our class. The 1st-3rd grade teachers thank all their students for attending class this year and hope they will continue to pursue the Dharma.

4th/5th grade. We were happy to have such sweet and bright students to work with throughout the year. Thank you to our parents for bringing the students, when possible, as our class has many talents and hobbies. Ami received 80%+ attendance award and a few others were soooo close! We wish our 5th graders well as they move up to the middle school class next year. We have a few students returning to the class and look forward to meeting those who are moving up. We look forward to seeing our students at Obon and the July 31-August 4th Kids Summer Program! Have a wonderful summer!

CPR Training Workshop 2023

Submitted by Ava T.

On May 21, 2023, a CPR Training workshop took place inside the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple gym. With nearly 20 people in attendance, Ren Hauptman and Alyssa Aungst from the Seattle Fire Department were the training instructors. The two trainers provided an introductory session about what to do in an emergency, explained the differences between a heart attack and cardiac arrest, demonstrated and trained the attendees on Hands-Only CPR including chest compressions and the proper technique on how to use the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), and answered the many engaging questions of the attendees.

The attendees received hands-on experience practicing CPR chest compressions and using the

AED on CPR mannequins. It was quickly realized how much of a workout performing chest compressions is, and created a new sense of appreciation for the CPR process.

At the end of the workshop, certificate of completion cards were given to the attendees. It was a very successful workshop and everyone agreed it was valuable training and were grateful for what they had learned. Ren and Alyssa graciously stayed after the training was complete for attendees to ask additional questions and enjoy some light refreshments. Overall, it was time well-spent!

Camp Fire Gift Card Drive for YouthCare

Submitted by Corrina T.

The Lemonades Camp Fire group is collecting gift cards for YouthCare. YouthCare is a nonprofit organization that focuses on supporting and empowering homeless youth, with the belief that every teen should have the opportunity to a stable living environment. YouthCare collects gift cards to provide youth with the opportunity to choose and have flexibility when having to buy certain necessities like hard-to-find sizes, specific work attire, and needed items for their apartments. Our goal is to collect 20 gift cards of \$20 or more from June 25th through July 10th. To learn more about YouthCare please visit their website

youth-care.org.

The gift cards will be collected on Sundays out in the foyer or in a box that will be in the temple office on weekdays.

Thank you for your support!

YOUTHCARE



DONATE



GIFT CARD DRIVE



A GIFT OF GIVING
Give homeless youth in Seattle the opportunity to pick out their own necessities.

June 25th - July 10th 2023

YouthCare is a nonprofit organization striving to end youth homelessness and empower & value the young people in our community. The Camp Fire Lemonades group is hosting a drive to send YouthCare Orion Center in Seattle, gift cards to provide to their youth in need. Our goal is to collect 20 gift cards of \$20 or more by the 10th. Please scan the QR code above for more information about YouthCare. The gift cards will be collected on Sundays out in the foyer or in a box that will be in the office on weekdays.

Thank you for your support!

Seattle Betsuin Programs

2023 OBON MEMORIAL SERVICES

Saturday, July 8

12 pm Obon service at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Queen Anne)

1 pm Obon service at Washington Memorial Park (Sea-Tac)

3:30 pm Obon service at Lake View Cemetery (Capitol Hill)

Sunday, July 9

10 am OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE at Seattle Betsuin with Rimban Kusunoki

11 am Obon Nokotsudo Service at Seattle Betsuin

1 pm Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery (Northgate)

3 pm Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue)

July 15 & 16 Seattle Bon Odori 2:00 - 8:00PM

Please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800 for information.

Meditation

meets each Sunday morning in person
9:00AM -9:45AM

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

Join virtually email: newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

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 Dharma Exchange to receive the Link. - IG

Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial

(monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple)
in-person only; next takes place

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023 for both
July and August Shōtsuki Memorials** at
10:00AM.

The names of those loved-ones to remember are listed on pages 11, 12.

Wednesday Services with Rev. Katsu

Rev. Katsu is holding in-person service every Wednesday at the Seattle Betsuin for any who wishes to attend! Services will primarily focus on the chanting and discussion of the Three Pure Land Sutras.

On the first Wednesday of each month, he will hold a memorial service (Shōtsuki) followed by an "Ojoraisan" chanting workshop

All services begin at 10:00am on Wednesday and are open to any who would like to attend

SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION

BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER



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 Wednesday, July 5th, at 10AM.

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, Kozo	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	Yamasaki, Fujie
Higa, Michael	Miyahara, Kiyomi	Sakamoto, Alyce	Yamashita, Henry
Hino, Ryusho	Miyauchi, Tsuru	Sakamoto, Mineko	Yasunobu, Seiji
Hirai, Mikiye	Mizuki, Tomoko	Sako, Yoshiaki	Yoshida, Nobuko
Hirano, Tokino	Mizumori, Nancy	Seko, Roy	Yoshida, Seiichi
Hirata, Hajime	Mizuno, Hatsue	Shimbo, Sakayeko	Yoshimura, Dick
Hirata, Osamu	Mori, Kerry	Shinoda, Ronald	Yoshino, Minoru
Hiroo, Edward	Moriguchi, Sadako	Shintaku, Albert	Yuki, Motoitsu

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 Wednesday, July 5th at 10AM.

Akada, Riyoichi	Kajimura, Hareo	Nakamura, Jutaro	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	Kurimoto, Yoichi	Saito, Kenneth	Wataoka, Takayo
Hiroo, Terami	Kuwahara, Susie	Sakai, Tama	Wheeler, Robert
Hiroo, Terami	MacNealy, Denny	Sakai, Yoshi	Yahagi, Hiroshi
Hiroo, Yoshie	Mamiya, Yoshiko	Sakai, Yoshiko	Yahagi, Takano
Holcombe, Noriko	Mano, Kasumi	Sakamoto, Saburo	Yamagiwa, Robert
Honmyo, Masayoshi	Matsumoto, Ayako	Sako, Kimiye	Yamaguchi, Shiro
Hoshino, Chieko	Matsuura, Robert	Sakoda, Toshio	Yamamoto, George
Hoshino, Shizuye	Matsuzaki, Kiku	Sakuma, Lindsay	Yamamoto, Mitsue
Hung, Shao-Chen	McLeod, Grace	Sakurai, Shinji	Yamamoto, Tatsuya
Ikuta, Carol	Mitchell, Raymond	Sasaki, Sachiyo	Yamasaki, Kazuo
Imabori, Martha	Miyatake, Sumiko	Seto, Kazuko	Yamashita, Kiyoshi
Imanaka, Ted	Mochizuki, Kiyoto	Seto, Tatsuji	Yoshida, Elmer
Imanishi, Takeo	Morimoto, Eichi	Shigihara, Takeshi	Yoshida, Keisuke
Ishida, Nobu	Moriyasu, Rekiichi	Shimada, Michelle	Yoshizawa, Lucy
Ishikawa, Shigeto	Muromoto, Masu	Shimamoto, Fumi	Yukawa, Ayame
Itakura, Akiko	Nagasugi, Hiroto	Shimomura, Tsuru	Yutani, Alice
Iwamoto, Shigeru	Nakagawa, Yoshie		

July 2023 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>To view all services, please visit</i> http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple AUGUST 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS July 31 - August 4 KSP August 6 Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service</p>						
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 am Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	(observed)	10 am July & August	10:30 am Japanese		12 pm Obon svc
9:10 am Japanese Language Service			Shotsuki/Joint	Playgroup		at Mt. Pleasant
10 am SUNDAY SERVICE			Memorial Service			1 pm Obon svc
English Dharma Talk (Rimban)						at WA Memorial Park
11 am Dharma Exchange (Hondo)			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>	1:30 pm Nikkei		3:30 pm Obon svc
				Manor Svc		at Lake View
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 am Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>		10:30 am Japanese			SEATTLE BETSUIN
10 am OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE			Playgroup			BON ODORI
English Dharma Talk (Rimban)						
11 am Obon Nokotsudo Service			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
1 pm Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery						
3 pm Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
NO SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>			10:30 am Japanese		
SEATTLE BETSUIN				Playgroup		
BON ODORI						
2:30 pm Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>	1:30 pm Nikkei		
				Manor Svc		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 am Meditation on Zoom		<i>Rimban's day off</i>	10:30 am Japanese	Gagaku Summer		
9:10 am Japanese Language Service			Playgroup	Retreat		
10 am SUNDAY SERVICE	8 pm Newsletter		11 am Merrill			
English Dharma Talk (Rimban)	deadline		Gardens Renton Svc			
11 am Naijin Tour & Intro to Buddhism			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
30	31					
9 am Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					
10 am SUNDAY SERVICE						
English Dharma Talk (MA Matt May)						

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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,
July 5, at 10:00AM for the months of
July and August; see pages 11, 12.

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 at 1439 S Main St

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

Wednesdays
in-person only

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

Chanting of Ojoraisan
Dharma Discussion

* SEE pp. 11, 12 FOR DATES & LISTINGS

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

Also by Zoom Link
at
[https://
us02web.zoom.us/
meeting/register/
tZEvd-
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