

Rainy Days and Sunny Days

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

In Japan, June is called “水無月 *minazuki*”. “水 *mizu*” means water. “無 *na*” means nothing or empty. “月 *tsuki*” means month. “*Minazuki*” means the month of no water. June is the rainy season, and it rains every day. There is no water in the heavens. So, it is called “*Minazuki* (the month of no water). Another said that June in the western calendar is recognized as July in the Lunar calendar. It is already a hot summer in the Lunar Calendar. Because of the hot weather, water in the earth dries up. It is why June is called “*Minazuki*”. I also heard that “*Minazuki*” originally means “The month of Water”. It is the season to draw water into rice fields. It is interesting that there are various origins of the name of the month.

When I was in Japan, (especially when I was a child), I disliked the rainy season. The humidity was so high in my hometown, Nagasaki. It rained every day. There were always many puddles in the fields. I loved playing baseball, but I could not play it in June. A table and a corridor in a school were wet from humidity of the rains. I needed to wipe the tables when I got to school. I was always complaining, “Too much rain! I need a blue sky! No more rain, please!!”

In the rainy season, my father used to recite a poem in his Dharma Talk.

“When it rains, do not complain to the sky. When it is raining, we must live with the rain, naturally just as it is.

When it is a nice day, do not complain to the sky. When it is fine, we must live with the sunny days, naturally just as it is.”

I often remember this poem even after I became an adult. When I was a child, I wanted a nice day all the time. I really did not care about the poem which my father recited. But now I realize that the poem shows me how I am living and how I should live my life.

When it was raining, I complained to the sky “Stop raining”. When it was a nice day, I complained



Image of Kogenji, Nagasaki from n-kougenji.jp

to the sun, “It is too hot!” When I was a child, I was eager to become an adult soon. After I became an adult, I envied childhood. When I was fine, I envied someone who was sick because they could be absent from school. When I got sick, I stamped my feet in frustration because I could not go out to play with my friends. When some inconvenient things happened to me, I was always frustrated and complained about it. In honesty, my mind and view have not changed even after I became an adult.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught us that “Our life is suffering” which means that our life does not go as we want.” I understand this logic, but I cannot adapt it to my daily life. Therefore, I should pay heed to the poem. When it rains, I should be one with the reality of rain. I should just live in the moment of this rainy day. When it is a fine day, I should just live in the moment of a nice day.

In the same way, I should just live in the moment of being a young person. I should just live in the moment as my age. I should just live in the moment as a sick patient. I should just live in the moment when I feel happy, sad, fulfilled or in pain. I should just live in the moment today just as it is today. Before I complain about something, I should remember this poem. I may be able to change my mind and view. To live in the moment means to be with whatever that moment brings -- be it rain, hot sun, sickness or old age, without judgment. I just live and appreciate my life as it is. Gassho,



Dharma School News

submitted by Joan Nakano

Classroom Reports

The 1st-3rd grade students welcomed the students from the Pre-K/K class while their teachers attended the FDSTL Conference. The class listened to a pop-up story of the Japanese folk tale, Momotaro and applied the Buddhist teachings of teamwork, peace, compassion and love for all living beings. They decorated a paper peach and added a picture of Momotaro and his friends.

The students are grateful for their Moms. To thank them, they inserted Hershey chocolate Hugs and Kisses into a kitchen whisk, “Whisking them hugs and kisses on Mother’s Day.” They also made a special Mother’s Day card to recognize their mom. They continued their practice of gratitude by learning about being grateful and recognizing things they are thankful for. They learned about the Four Gratuities and then colored pictures of things they are grateful for and put them in a “Gratitude Box.” This will be a reminder to be thankful for all that was, all that is, and all that will be.



In May, the 4/5 grade class made Mother’s Day tea-cup candle gifts and cards. Thank you to Akiko Y. for helping in the classroom. We also enjoyed an all-Dharma School gym day. Our class also joined the middle school class for a Sunday. Thank you middle school for having us.

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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.

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We would like to
‘WELCOME’

Christine Quianzon

as a new member of our Sangha.

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

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!

View Seattle Betsuin Calendar:
p.14 and at SeattleBetsuin.com/calendar

'Yasashii' and 'Kibishii': In Memory of Rev. Tetsunen Hirota

by Bishop Marvin Harada



We recently lost one of our veteran retired ministers, Rev. Tetsunen Hirota. Allow me to share my message that I gave at his funeral.

I have a special connection to Rev. Hirota, as he served as a minister at my home temple, the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple in Ontario, Oregon. Rev. Hirota served there when I was a teenager in my high school years. My parents were good friends with the Hirotas, and had dinner at their home on many occasions.

After spending five years in Japan studying Buddhism for the ministry, I came to have a real appreciation for the ministers who came from Japan to serve in America. They had to give sermons in English, leave their motherland, and work with both Japanese-speaking and English-speaking members. When I was younger, I was more critical of the broken English of the ministers from Japan.

But after I went to Japan to study for the ministry, I had a new appreciation for our Issei ministers and ministers who came from Japan. I could not read Japanese, write Japanese, or speak Japanese. I felt like a complete idiot. In my first two years in Japan, I was basically totally lost. I thought, "How did the Issei ministers do it?" Giving sermons in English every Sunday, going to meetings, talking with members — "How did they do it?" I realized that Issei ministers, like Rev. Hirota, even with their broken English, had a much higher command of English than I had of the Japanese language.

I have no memories of Sensei's sermons in Japanese when I was growing up because I didn't understand Japanese at all when I was young, but after studying in Japan, and becoming a minister at Orange County Buddhist Church, Rev. Hirota once gave a sermon in Japanese as a guest speaker that I have never forgotten.

Sensei talked about these two terms in Japanese — "yasashii" and "kibishii." They are contrasting terms. "Yasashii" means to be gentle or to be lenient. "Kibishii" is the opposite. It means to be stern, to be tough, to be

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

from
DHARMA SCHOOL
SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

by Kathy Hasegawa

End of Year Celebration
Sun, June 11, 2023
All Sangha are invited.
Bring your friends too!
Temple Gym

Mandatory Mask mandate will be lifted
JUNE 12, 2023
However, you may continue to wear a mask
to help keep our sangha members safe.

OBON IS BACK!
(in person at Temple)
SAVE THE DATE
July 15 and 16, 2023
(Sat AND Sun)

SAVE THE DATE
Seattle Betsuin at PrideFest 2023!
Sat June 24, 2023
See article on p. 5

6th annual BCA Youth Retreat (BYR6)
June 25 - July 1, 2023
Jodo Shinshu Center
See flyer on p. 6

KidsSummerProgram
Passport to Japan
July 31 - August 4, 2023
See flyer on p. 10



FOOD FOR THOUGHT *Vimalakirti and Manjusri were two famous and illustrious disciples of the Buddha. Both were exceedingly brilliant, wise, learned and most compassionate men. They held discourses, in which others stood in awe.*

At one time Manjusri said:

"If you desire this life, you are not really a spiritual person.

If you desire the rounds of worldly existences, you have not any real conviction about life and its true purpose.

If you desire an awakening just for yourself, this is not real understanding.

If you grasp at things, you have not the right view about life".

In other words, Manjusri saw the necessity of overcoming fierce desires, which keep us doing, saying, thinking in foolish and harmful ways. As long as we live we can't be totally desireless, but we can try to extinguish the blaze of the most fiery desires (of greed, etc.).

He saw how our conviction can waver and how we drastically need a steadfast heart—an unwavering and sincere heart. (We rely upon Amida to guide us in this respect).

He saw that if we selfishly think only of ourselves and our own goal, we have no real understanding about life. Someone wrote that if we cared only for our own salvation, it was far away. One needs to genuinely care. (A little bit more and more).

Something has to give in ones lives, somethings given up. It is necessary to eventually see life as a bubble, a mirage, all things subject to change.

*Thinking all of this over, where to start? Perhaps we should start towards our goal by **LISTENING**.*

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.

The month of May was busy with preparations for those attending the Women's World Buddhist Conference in Kyoto, Japan with Rimban Kusunoki and family. Approximately 57 people including spouses/partners of SBBWA and the Betsuin, went on this 2-week trip. They left on May 8. Many attended the 3-day conference honoring Rennyō Shōnin's 850th celebration of his life at the Nishi Hongwanji Mother Temple. After this special conference, the group left to go to northern Japan to the area where Eshinni and Kakushinni lived after Shinran Shōnin's exile. About 3 days before returning to Seattle, a part of the group went to Nagasaki to visit Kogenji, Rimban Kusunoki's family temple and do a little sight seeing before reuniting with the rest of the group in Tokyo. Those that did not go onto Nagasaki had free time in Tokyo. Some pictures will follow in the next newsletter.

Pickleball continued despite the smaller numbers.

For those of us who did not attend, it was a quiet month.

Editor's Note: Please see recently arrived photos of the Women's World Buddhist Conference trip to Japan on p. 8 of this issue. They were submitted by SBBWA Co-chair Janie Okawa.



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

Submitted by Janet Baba

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More information at: www.lotusskyliners.com

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](#)

Betsuin to Participate in PrideFest Saturday, June 24 —

from 12Noon to 6:00pm on Broadway Avenue in Capitol Hill neighborhood. Specific booth location and information will follow in early June. Participants will receive a sheet with information regarding public transportation options and best practices on engaging with the community. Additional volunteers are welcome to join! Information about attending will be shared with the BWA members and Dharma School. Participants should prepare for warm weather, bring your water bottle, hats and sunscreen.



Pride Parade 2017

Please contact Dean O'Shields with questions, at: office@SeattleBetsuin.org. This will be a great opportunity to share what we appreciate about the temple and the Buddha Dharma with others.



View Sunday services virtually
<https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

Seattle Betsuin
Buddhist Speaker Series

Rev Matt Hamasaki
Resident Minister, Interim
Rimban at Buddhist
Church of Sacramento

June 28, 2023
7:00PM – 8:00PM
Via
Zoom

You can register for this series or learn more
by visiting: seattlebetsuin.org/seminars

Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Coming Events

BYR 6
BCA Summer Youth Retreat



High School Age Youth





JUN 25 - JUL 1, 2023

REG & MORE INFO HERE:
<https://tinyurl.com/BYR2023>

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 (1998) 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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harsh. For example, growing up, maybe your mother was more lenient on you, but your father was more strict or tough. Or, maybe it was the other way around. Maybe mom was more “kibishii” and dad was more “yasashii.”

Rev. Hirota explained Shinran Shonin's character and spirituality in a manner that I had never heard before, using these two terms.

Sensei said that Shinran Shonin was a person who was “yasashii,” or gentle and easy on others, but was very “kibishii,” harsh or strict on himself. Sensei also explained that we are the opposite. We are harsh on others, but we are easy on ourselves. We are quick to criticize others, to blame others, especially when things go wrong, but when it comes to ourselves, we think, “It wasn't my fault. I didn't do anything wrong. It was that person's fault.” Shinran Shonin, however, was most critical of himself. His writings are a reflection of his deep self-introspection and self-reflection.

I had never heard Shinran Shonin characterized in this manner and so Sensei's message really struck me. It made me think about how many times in my life I have been “kibishii” with others and “yasashii” on myself. I should be harder on myself and easier on others. That is the spirit and character of Shinran Shonin.

It was an honor and privilege to officiate the funeral of a minister who had given over 40 years of his life to share the Dharma, to share the teachings in this country. I will never forget that wonderful message from Rev. Hirota on Shinran Shonin and how he was hardest on himself and was easy on others as opposed to being harder on others and easy on himself.

['Yasashii' and 'Kibishii': In Memory of Rev. Tetsunen Hirota \(buddhistchurchesofamerica.org\)](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org) May 5, 2023

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Fukuyo Yee – Funeral Service	\$800.00

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<u>Earth Day:</u>	Anonymous
<u>Hanamatsuri:</u>	Yaeko Ito, Ilene Kawahara-Tanabe, Nori Suguro
<u>Spring Ohigan:</u>	Ilene Kawahara-Tanabe, Nori Suguro

Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.



2023 Women's World Buddhist Conference Trip to Japan



EVENTS BY BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA

Musical Notes

submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Ann Ishimaru and Zack Semke for coordinating the service music for children's service on May 11.



Northwest District participants for the stage performance and premiere of the "Gassho from the Heart" video prepared for the World Buddhist Women's conference in Kyoto were Andrea Mano and Marissa M. Wong providing sign language and Amy Peterson and Ann Shintani from Oregon Buddhist Temple joining Kemi Nakabayashi among the singers representing all eight BCA districts. We received many positive comments from both BCA members and others in the audience from the host Japan and overseas kyodans. Peggy Okabayashi, the BCA FBWA secretary general who also participated as a singer representing the Northern California district, remarked after our performance "We will all remember this experience. This is in line with the 17th WBWC theme 'Life of Nembutsu enables us to appreciate every encounter.'" Please look for a more detailed article on the FBWA Music Project and World Buddhist Women's Conference performance in the June issue of the [BCA Wheel of Dharma](#).



BCA FBWA president Janice Doi announces the BCA stage performance to Lady Noriko Ohtani and others in the audience at the WBWC in Kyoto (photo courtesy of Steve Terusaki)



The "With Gassho from the Heart" video premiere at the WBWC with BCA stage performers (photo courtesy of Steve Terusaki)

Editor's Note: Kemi Nakabayashi is chair of the BCA Music Committee. The following is an excerpt from the Music Committee's January 2023 issue of their newsletter:

Two Years in the Life of the BCA Music Committee By Cynthia S Mee, Midwest Buddhist Temple
In garden adorn'd, by Asoka trees abloom As we all know.... time flies. This saying is evident in the life of BCA's Music Committee. In summer 2020, Rev. Marvin Harada outlined his vision of music organization in BCA churches/temples and, as bishop, created a BCA Music Committee. Despite all the complications of COVID, since then so much has been achieved by the Music Committee Executive Board and all the Music subcommittee members under the leadership of Kemi Nakabayashi, BCA Music Committee chair. Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki (Seattle Betsuin) and Rev. Yuki Sugahara (Oregon Buddhist Temple) accepted Bishop Harada's request to supervise this large new BCA Committee. Rev. Tadao Koyama (Tacoma Buddhist Temple) has since been selected to relieve Rev. Sugahara of this official duty.

The newsletter in its entirety is here: [458b11_55069d8179b74017a29ffe2647873661.pdf](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/458b11_55069d8179b74017a29ffe2647873661.pdf) ([buddhistchurchesofamerica.org](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org))

The Music Committee is the largest committee of the BCA, engaging many active subcommittees and participants. However, we seek new contributors with new ideas to share, suggest, and develop a broader spectrum of music within BCA.



Seattle Betsuin Programs

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

Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial

(monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple)

in-person only; takes place

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Wednesday, July 5, 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

Wednesday Services with Rev. Katsu

Rev. Katsu is holding in-person service every Wednesday at the Seattle Betsuin for any that wish 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 (Shotsuki) followed by an "Ojoraisan" chanting workshop

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

chairpersons@seattlebetsuin.org'."/>

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
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• Registration begins February 5th for Temple and BCA members
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For registration and additional information please email: chairpersons@seattlebetsuin.org

Troop 252 Update

Troop 252 finished April with Crossover in North Bend. They welcomed 3 Weeblos to the Troop, Ansel K., Max M., and Sean W.. They enjoyed the warm weather and camping in tents.

In May, a few scouts helped at the JCCCW Kodomo No Hi Festival booth. Thank you Mai K. and Katherine B. for setting up the Koi craft activity, coordinating the volunteers and creating the flyers for the Scouts/Cub Scouts information booth. Over the Mother's Day weekend, Alex B. collected food for an elementary school's food bank for his Eagle Scout project. Also, in May Troop 252 enjoyed Camporee at Camp Edward. The Gohan Patrol received a Sprit Award.



Kodomo No Hi Festival



Alex's Eagle Scout Project Pictured: Ervin N., Alex B., Sebastian K., and Reese T.



Rice donation for ACRS Food Bank - Pictured: Shaw C., Reese T., and Sebastian K



Camporee - Camp Edward



Crossover in North Bend – Pictured: Sean W., Theo K., Reese T., Sebastian K., Max M., and Ansel K.



Submitted by Ileene T.



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 7th 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
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Amabe, Hisano	Iguchi, Roy	Miyao, Ume	Suto, Bessie
Aoyama, Katsumi	Imanishi, Yoshio	Mizuki, Hisato	Suyematsu, Mitsuo
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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, Shigeko	Shimizu, Haruko	Yokoyama, Hideyo
Higo, Seki	Matsumoto, Nobuko	Shimizu, Patrick	Yoshimi, Aiko
Hirabayashi, Tomonobu	Matsumoto, Patricia	Shimooka, Kazue	Yoshinaka, Catherine

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

June 2023 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS						
July 8	Obon Service at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Queen Anne)				1	2
July 8	Obon service at Washington Memorial Park (Sea-Tac)					
July 8	Obon service at Lake View Cemetery (Capitol Hill)				1:30 pm Nikkei	
July 9	Obon/Hatsubon Service				Manor Svc	
July 9	Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery (Northgate)					
July 9	Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue)				7 pm Religious Dept	
July 15 & 16	Seattle Bon Odori				meeting	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 am	Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese	10 am Shotsuki/Joint		
10 am	ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE		Dharma Discussion	Memorial Service		11 am Gojikai
	English Dharma Talk (Rimban)		on Zoom	11 am Chanting Wksp		Service on Zoom
11 am	Japanese Dharma Talk (video)			Ojoraisan		
	Dharma Exchange		7 pm Dharma	<i>Rimban's half day off</i>		
			Renewal meeting			3 pm Gagaku practice
11	LAST DAY OF DHARMA SCHOOL	12	13	14	15	16
9 am	Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese	10 am Morning Svc		
10 am	DS AWARDS & RECOGNITION SUNDAY SERVICE		Dharma Discussion	& DX (Ojoraisan)		WALK FOR RICE
	English Dharma Talk (Rimban)		on Zoom			Seward Park
11 am	Japanese Dharma Talk (video)					
	DS Activity in gym					
	Dharma Exchange				1:30 pm Nikkei	
11:45 am	Naijin Tour & Intro to Buddhism				Manor Service	
12:30	Cub Scouts Blue & Gold			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>		
	Scouts Court of Honor					
	Camp Fire Council Fire					
3 pm	Skyliners Book Release					
18	<i>Father's Day</i>	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22	23
9 am	Meditation on Zoom	Office Closed	9:30 am Japanese	10 am Morning Svc		
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	Dharma Discussion	& DX (Ojoraisan)		SEATTLE PRIDE FEST
	English Dharma Talk (Rev. Matt May)		on Zoom			
11 am	Japanese Dharma Talk (video)					
	Dharma Exchange	8 pm Newsletter			7 pm Cabinet	
		deadline		<i>Rimban's half day off</i>	meeting	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9 am	Meditation on Zoom	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese	10 am Morning Svc		
10 am	BISHOPS'/RIMBANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE		Dharma Discussion	& DX (Ojoraisan)		
	English Dharma Talk (Rimban)		on Zoom	11 am Merrill		
11 am	Japanese Dharma Talk (Rimban)			Gardens Renton Svc	7 pm Board	
	Dharma Exchange			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>	meeting	

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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>Year of Death</u> Service	
<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. 10

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,
June 7, 2023 and July 5, 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 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. 12, 13 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-
uspjgpHt2AVr-
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