

“Seattle is so nice. It is so cool” submitted by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

My mother, sister-in-law, and nieces came to visit Seattle from Japan. After they arrived, they all said, “Seattle is so nice. It is so cool.”

It is so hot and muggy in summer in Japan. It is getting worse every year. They told us that they could not go out during the day because it was not just hot, it was so dangerous. On the other hand, Summer in Seattle is nice and cool. They might feel that Japan was just like hell where it is red-hot and Seattle was just like the Pure Land (*Gokuraku*) where it is comfortable.

People in Japan occasionally use an expression “*Gokuraku, Gokuraku*” when they feel comfortable and relaxed such as taking a hot spring. What does the Pure Land “*Gokuraku*” look like? Let me introduce one passage from the Larger Sutra which tells an aspect of Pure Land.

“In addition, the four seasons -- spring, autumn, winter, and summer -- do not exist; it is neither cold nor hot, but instead it is always moderate and comfortable.”

Bodhisattva Dharmakara became Amida Buddha and created the Pure Land which is also called the land of perfect bliss (*Gokuraku*). In Pure Land, there is no hot summer or cold winter. There is no natural disaster, and everyone can live in peace and harmony. When I think about this World, all of us are encountering global warming and numerous natural disasters. We have many concerns and worries about living in this World. In addition, when I think about our human (*Bonbu*, ordinary beings) mind, it is not steady either. Flames of three poisons (Greed, Anger, Stupidity) are raging and a storm of self-centered mind (ego) blow frequently. Even if our mind is not calm and steady, we look away from it and live our life.

The Pure Land, the land of perfect bliss was prepared for *Bonbu* (ordinary being) like me who has

many concerns living in this world and full of three poisons. It is the realm of Enlightenment. Each aspect of the Pure Land is representing Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion. The Sutra told us that it is neither cold nor hot, but instead always moderate and comfortable. I appreciate this passage as Amida Buddha’s kind words to me, “No need to worry about red-hot summer and wave of cold weather. There is no hurricane and typhoon. Do not worry and just come to the land of bliss, the Pure Land.” In the Larger Sutra, it describes the aspect of the Pure Land in detail. These are the Buddha’s responses to each one of human beings’ concerns and sufferings. Amida Buddha contained Buddha’s messages into each existence in the Pure Land. The message is like, “You don’t need to worry about anything in the Pure Land. Just come as you are. Then, you will attain enlightenment and become Buddha here.” Amida Buddha also contained these messages into the six Kanji character of

“*Namoamidabutsu*南無阿弥陀仏 (I take refuge in Amida Buddha.)” which we always recite. I am so grateful that “*Namuamidabutsu*” comes out from our mouths because it tells us that Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion has surely reached us now.

The aspect and teaching of the Pure Land is the mirror to show me who I am just as I am. Setting the Pure Land as my destination and walking the Path to the Pure Land means that I always reflect upon myself using the mirror. Through walking the path, I realize that I am a person who has hundreds of thousands of egos, and three poisons, and the path gradually nurtures me to refrain from using the words based on Three Poisons and ego-centered action. It opens the path that we, as *Bonbu* (ordinary beings), set our self-centered minds (ego) aside and help each other and live together in this World. It is interesting to learn the aspects of the Pure Land. What of Buddha’s messages do you receive from them? Please carefully listen to the messages from the Pure Land. Gassho



Recruitment for the Board of Directors has begun

Being a board member is a vital role that helps shape the strategic direction and governance of our temple. We are looking for dedicated individuals who are dues-paying temple members and have a genuine interest in guiding the temple into the future.

We have many challenges ahead, such as maintaining a welcoming environment for a diverse Sangha while ensuring the preservation of our aging facility with its historical significance.

The election for the Board of Directors will take place in late November, and the term is for three years. We encourage people of all ages and talents to consider applying. If you have any questions or are interested in applying, please reach out to Ann Oxrieder or Grace Tazuma through the temple office at office@seattlebetsuin.org.



Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Welcome back to Dharma School! We welcomed back our families and students on Sunday, September 10th for the first day of Dharma School. While our classes got to know each other, adults gathered in the dining room downstairs to register and hear more about DS activities and other temple youth organizations. We take DS registrations on a rolling basis so if your family or friends are interested, it is not ever too late. The 76th Northwest District Buddhist Convention, “from Chaos to Compassion,” hosted by the Tacoma Buddhist Temple was held from September 15-17. It was a wonderful opportunity to listen to the dharma together. We agree with an out of state visitor who commented that this is a very special annual event for our multi-generational sanghas across the Northwest to gather. Seattle had representation at various age levels, and we hope that all of our families will consider and be able to attend next year’s convention, “Connections— Building for Tomorrow,” hosted by White River Buddhist Temple from September 13-15, 2024!

Children’s Service will be held in the gym on October 1, followed by Pizza in the gym for families and

teachers to mingle and sign up for opportunities to volunteer for upcoming DS events. We have an extra Children’s service on October 29, followed by Trunk or Treat. We invite our entire sangha to participate in this fun tradition.

Please think about how you would like to decorate your trunk this year!

Gassho, Claire and Yvette

We enjoyed getting to meet our new students in the 3/4/5 DS class by playing a game and decorating a coat of arms to artistically express different aspects of ourselves. Both Ileene and I enjoyed meeting other DS teachers from the different temples in the Northwest District, and look forward to the opportunities where our students can meet, too! We will be making onenjus in class, as well as a personal obutsudan. We invite our parents and other sangha members to join us in class any time this year!

Gassho, Ileene and Yvette



Notice for October Newsletter

The Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women’s Association (SBBWA) will hold its annual Memorial Service on Sunday, October 22nd, during the 10am service to honor its deceased members. The names and photos of those SBBWA members being remembered will be displayed during the service. If you have not already submitted a photo of your loved one for past SBBWA Memorial Services, you can submit one to office@seattlebetsuin.org. **Please submit your photo by Monday, October 16th.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Temple office at (206) 329-0800. Submitted by Joan Nakano



Troop 252 Update

Submitted by Ileene T.

Troop 252 started the year on Sunday, September 10th. They will be meeting on Sundays from noon till 1:30 pm. Scouts started planning the activities for the upcoming year.



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

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

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. Submitted by Kanako Kashima

SBBWA had a very busy month supporting various aspects of the Temple.

On September 12th several members helped Rimban Kusunoki with the annual Omigaki (cleaning of the onajin). The work was completed in about 2 1/2 hours. Snacks and lunch were prepared by Janet B., Nina T-K and Machiko W. Photos by Machiko W.



Shizu K & Janet B



Tina Z, Patti H, Paul M



Rimban Kusunoki and Dennis S

Seattle Betsuin Dharma Exchange

11:00AM in-person
Sundays in the dining room downstairs
 after 10:00AM Service
An opportunity to ask and discuss.

On September 15th, members helped with chopping and preparing many heads of cabbage to make tsuke-mono for the upcoming Salmon Dinner on September 23rd. Photos by Janie O.



Fran S & Char Y



Sunnie N, Patti H,
 Kiyoko N &
 Kimiko Y



Shizu K, Ritsuko K & Aiko F

We will also be helping out with making the miso salad dressing, manju, ohagi, dorayaki and other

bake sale goods for the Salmon Dinner. Pictures for it will appear next month, as the event is after this newsletter deadline.

The Northwest District Convention occurred from September 15-17 at the Southcenter Double Tree Suites. There were many attendees from the Seattle Betsuin. Thanks to Tomi Z., a picture was taken of some of the SBBWA members at the Saturday evening banquet.



Front L-R: Tetsu and Kanako K
 Machiko W
 Back L-R: Janie O, Tomi Z &
 Marlene O

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SBBWA members at the Saturday banquet.

Finally, SBBWA donated funds to purchase new furniture for the foyer and lounge. Thank you to Tina Z-K and Susie T.



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



Thank you to those of you who attended the “Gathas in the Northwest District: Past, Present, and Future” workshop that Donna Sasaki and I presented at the Northwest District Convention last month. There were so many interesting workshop topics that it was difficult to choose which one to attend. For the October Dharma Exchange on October 8, I will present again Donna’s new composition “Hear the Ringing Temple Bell”. Donna taught it at the workshop and also presented the gatha video with vocalists and instrumentalists from across our district for the banquet entertainment. We also appreciate Ron Hamakawa’s participation in our workshop to present the honorable mention prize-winning lyrics “Buddha’s Light” submitted for the BCA 125th anniversary gatha lyric contest from the Seattle Betsuin High School Dharma School class. He described the creative process of selecting a wasan of Shinran Shonin for inspiration. Donna will work with the class to complete the gatha this Dharma School year. Darlene Bagshaw from Buddhist Church of Stockton also attended the Northwest District Convention to represent the BCA executive team and the BCA Social Welfare Committee. Darlene was responsible for collecting the youth category lyrics and removing the contestant information to provide to the judging panel: Rev. Michael Endo, Rev. Yuki Sugahara, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki, Dennis Yamashita, Donna and me. Darlene wrote an article on the youth lyric contest winner Skylar Lam from Buddhist Church of Florin which appeared in the September issue of the BCA Wheel of Dharma

Children’s services will resume in the gym this month on October 1 and October 29. We hope to have youth musicians and singers participate in the 15th Annual Autumn Music Service on November 19. Please save the date!

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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’

Brandt Tosaya as a new member of our Sangha and **Dennis Yee** as a returning member.

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

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS THROUGH MID-OCTOBER (renewals and balance on installment payments for 2023). THANK YOU!!



HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

Sunday, October 15, 2023

10:00 am

Hatsumairi or "First Visit" is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the child's first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi Ceremony will be held in person on **Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 10:00 am**. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this ceremony, please e-mail the following information to office@seattlebetsuin.org:

- Child's Name
- Month / Day / Year of Birth
- Parent's Name(s)
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- E-mail Address

The deadline to register is October 8, 2022. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details after you register. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800. Donations made to Seattle Betsuin is greatly appreciated.



FRIENDLY REMINDER REGARDING 2023 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER**

A portion of each sustaining membership collected is paid by the Betsuin to the BCA and the BCA Northwest District Council, an umbrella organization for BCA temples in the Pacific Northwest. Our 2022 membership count is reported to the BCA and to the NW District for our Betsuin's assessment count.

Any questions regarding your 2023 membership status, please contact the temple office.

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT"
(Sustaining membership committee)



A HOLLOW BAMBOO

Two ancients were talking, and one asked the other: "What is the swiftest of all things?" His companion said: "Thoughts—for they can travel to the ends of the earth in seconds."

We sometimes wonder if our own racing thoughts which come and go so swiftly are experienced by all others. If so, we feel sorry for them. Or are some minds more like an empty or hollow Bamboo? Now, a hollow bamboo has many uses - you can whistle through it, fill it, use it as a water pipe and so on. Its emptiness comes in handy.

There are those who say they wish they could drive away all thoughts and not think - period. There are those who are intrigued by their own busy thoughts. There are those who dreamaway their lives. Or connive - Or plot. Or joke their way through everything. Or complain constantly. And then there are those few beautiful ones who devote their hearts and thoughts to seeking to know of their oneness with Amida Buddha. Or who spend their lives making every effort to live the Bodhisattva ideal.

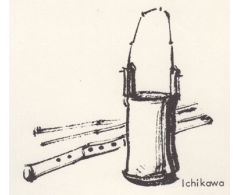
Through the long meditation Prince Siddhartha came to know his thoughts—to know life—to see it straight—and in time he became a perfect man, a Buddha. He had observed his thoughts and life.

How do we get to know ourselves? Just as we are, without fluffing up the picture. The Buddha said: "We are our thoughts. We become like them. All that we are is a result of how we have thought. A controlled mind is conducive to happiness". We start by OBSERVING OUR THOUGHTS and noting the general way our thoughts are functioning. No one can study every thought; there isn't time, nor a computer made, that can accomplish that, as yet. But we can stop and observe ourselves in action. If we would do this quite consistently for a while, without a doubt a sincere person would be more than happy to let go of them and turn to repeating the Nembutsu. Then we would appreciate the words of Shinran Shonin who said:

THE CROSSWISE LEAP IS TO THINK OF THE VOW AND ABANDON THE MIND OF THE SELF POWER. .. ONE MINDED, EXCLUSIVE WE TRUST HIM".

G.Mce.

Seattle Buddhist Church Research - 1427 So. Main St.
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The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from 2023 August - September

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Sitting in Gratitude Meditation

meets each Sunday morning in person at 1439 S Main St from 9:00AM -9:45AM. We open with SanBujo, sit for 20 minutes, chant Nembutsu and close with discussion. Join virtually, email: newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial (monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple) in-person only; next takes place **Wednesday, October 4, 2023** at 10:00AM. The names of those loved-ones remembered are listed on page 12.

Wednesday Services with Rev. Katsu

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

Usually on first Wednesday of each month, he will hold a memorial service (Shotsuki) followed by "Ojoraisan" chanting workshop.

Wednesday services begin at 10:00am and are open to any who would like to attend. *See calendar on p. 14 for October services.*

Buddhist Book Study group decided to move in a new direction for the coming year — a series of visits to local Buddhist Temples. We will start by visiting our neighbor Koyasan on **Sunday, September 24th for the Goma Fire Ceremony at 12:00noon** and branch out from there.

For each event, Wayne and I will send out a brief article to read that will help us prepare for our visit. (Optional: coffee/tea gathering after the service to discuss).

This is a little more ambitious than our usual plan, but we are excited to expand our horizons together.

Gassho, Leonora and Wayne

Submitted by Irene Goto

For details, email newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org



COLLEGE WELCOME DINNER
SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 5-8:30 PM

Open to all 17-29-year-olds
Please-please-please RSVP for dinner!

Wondering what the Seattle Buddhist temple is about?
Looking for a Buddhist temple away from home?
Or even, might this be a good time to check out the SBBT as a young adult?
Come check us out at the Welcome Dinner and meet other young adults, Rev. Kusunoki, have dinner and learn the basics of hanafuda, a Japanese card game, in a quick meet up!

Please RSVP to office@seattlebetsuin.org

Saturday
October 7, 2023
5-8:30 pm

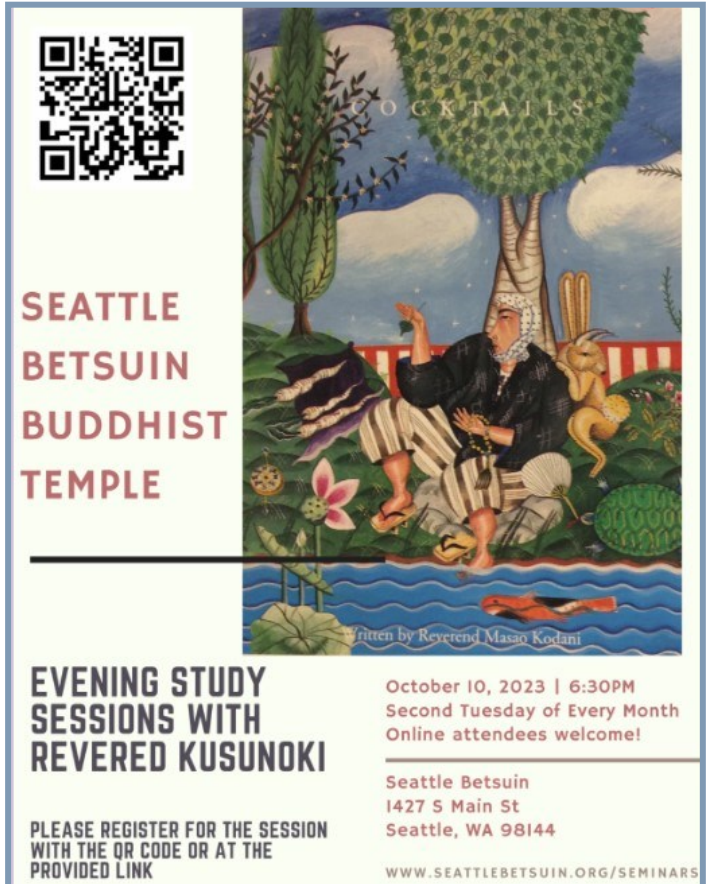
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Meet Rev. Kusunoki!

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Written by Reverend Masao Kodani



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The non-essential self as community in a hyper-individualistic society: opposing worldviews to promote mutual care
September 24, 2023




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Gifts from Buddha: how Buddhist teachings transform our lives
November 12th, 2023



CATHERINE SHAW
What is a Buddhist? What do Buddhists do and why? Ethics, practice, and worldviews
October 29, 2023

Final wrap-up session: review, discussion, and Q&A with all speakers
December 10, 2023

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1pm after Sunday Service
390 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA
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The 3rd Annual BCA Art Exhibit is now available for viewing. Thanks to all of our BCA Sangha participants for sharing their art for all of us to enjoy. Click the link below to view the exhibit, or go to [BCA Art Exhibit 2023 | BCA \(buddhistchurchesofamerica.org\)](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org)



BCA VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT

Please share your art in this wonderful exhibit showcasing the talent of our BCA Sangha community

SEPT 17, 2023
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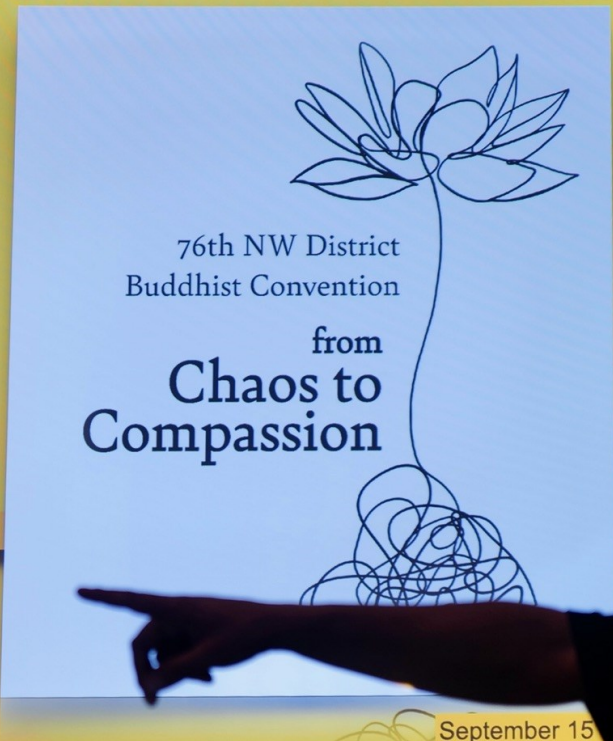
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Less me, More we

The Dharma Talk on October 15, 2023

Submitted by Irene Goto

Dr. Charles Johnson will give the dharma talk at Sunday Service on October 15 and will also speak at Dharma Exchange following the service. Charles R. Johnson - Dhamma Wiki: **Charles Richard Johnson, Ph.D.** (born April 23, 1948) is a black American scholar and the author of novels, short stories, screen and teleplays, and essays, most often with a philosophical orientation. Johnson has directly addressed the issues of black life in America in novels such as Dreamer and Middle Passage.



In 1976, he was hired to teach at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. He received early tenure in three years at UW, then early full professorship after another three years, following the publication of his second novel, Oxherding Tale (1982), a slave narrative steeped in Eastern thought, and referring to the classic "10 Oxherding Pictures" of 16th-century artist Kakuan Shien. A student of Buddhism

and Eastern thought all his life, as well as a student of Sanskrit since 1998, Johnson took on November 14, 2007 formal vows in the Soto Zen tradition (the 10 Precepts) with mendicant monk Claude AnShin Thomas, author At Hell's Gate: A Soldier's Journey From War to Peace (2004). Johnson is a contributing writer for Tricycle: The Buddhist Review, and publishes regularly in Shambhala Sun, Buddhadharma: The Practitioner's Quarterly, and has contributed to Turning Wheel: The Journal; of Socially Engaged Buddhism. A collection of these writings appeared in Turning the Wheel: Essays on Buddhism and Writing (Scribner, 2003), and will be followed by a sequel, The Joy of Being Buddhist: Dharma Essays and Stories from Shambhala Press. In summing up his aesthetic and spiritual positions, Johnson often calls himself, "a phenomenological Buddhist."

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

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

The October Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of October. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Wednesday, October 4th, at 10 AM.

Adachi, Teruo	Iwai, Shuei	Mukai, Minoru	Sugita, Yasunori
Aisaka, Jordan	Iwamoto, John	Nakama, Chutarō	Sullivan, Kay
Akutsu, Gene	Jeppeson, John	Nakamura, Ichiro	Suzaka, Toshiko
Aoyama, Sayeko	Jitodai, Hitomi	Nakamura, Kikutaro	Tachiyama, Takami
Asaba, Yetsuro	Kamada, Isao	Nakamura, Masako	Tagami, Takeji
Chikuse, Masaki	Kamada, Yuriko	Nakamura, Tsuruki	Takahashi, Mika
Deguchi, Tommy	Kaneta, Kito	Nakanishi, Toshito	Takano, Frank
Doi, Richard	Kano, Seiichi	Nakano, Masa	Takano, Richard
Emata, Etsuko	Kano, Terumitsu	Nakatani, Mihoko	Takao, Yanosuke
Endo, Koisa	Kawada, Hatsuye	Nishi, Robert	Takemoto, Saichi
Feng, Yun-Loong	Kawaguchi, Hatsume	Nishimura, Fumiko	Taketa, Haruso
Fujiki, Betty	Kawaguchi, Mitsue	Nomaguchi, Yuzaemon	Taniguchi, Manabu
Fujita, John	Kawahara, Seiichi	Noro, Ayako	Tanino, Matsu
Fukeda, George	Kayano, Yuji	Oda, Shizuko	Taverna
Fukuma, Sugiyo	Kido, Miyuki	Ohashi, Sumiye	Terada, Allan
Furukawa, Tomiko	Kimura, Haru	Ohtani, Hide	Teramae, Shigeru
Furumoto, Hideo	Kodama, Hosoe	Okamoto, Masao	Teranishi, Asako
Furuta, Mary	Kogita, Jay	Okamura, Masao	Terao, Hidetomi
Hada, Stanley	Kojima, Sute	Okawa, Kinpei	Tochiura, Jane
Hamada, Umeo	Konishi, Margaret	Okimura, Nashiyo	Tomita, Masako
Hanada, Stanley	Konishi, Tokio	Osaki, Torao	Toyaji, Haruye
Harada, Tadashi	Konishi, Wasa	Otomaru, Takeshi	Toyaji, Ted
Harada, Yukie	Kono, Mary	Quintua, Linda	Tsubota, Cherrie
Hasegawa, Shimayo	Kumata, Noboru	Saito, Chiyoko	Tsuchikawa, Chōsaburo
Hashikuni, Osao	Kumata, Sono	Sakai, Enjiro	Tsuye, George
Hashimoto, Tetsue	Kunimoto, Larry	Sakamoto, Takashi	Uchida, Masaharu
Hayami, Smith	Kuramoto, Ted	Sakata, Dorothy	Watanabe, Arthur
Higashi, Roy	LaGrange, Doreen	Sakoda, Aiko	Wataoka, Shoji
Hiroo, Kango	LaGrange, Shizuka	Sasaki, Yoshitsugu	Yamada, Frank
Hiroo, Kiyono	Ly, Tay	Scott, Masae	Yamamoto, Thomas
Hiroo, Mickey	Mamiya, George	Seko, Suye	Yamashita, Masaye
Honda, Martha	Maniwa, Chiyoko	Shah, Mieko	Yamauchi, Tsunehiko
Hori, Toshiaki	Maruoka, Chidori	Shibayama, George	Yanagimoto, Tsuruhiko
Horike, Tadashi	Masunaga, Shigeo	Shibuya, Kikue	Yasui, Hiroshi
Ideta, Sadako	Matsuhira, Matsuno	Shigaya, Mary	Yokota, Matsuyo
Ike, Joe	Matsumoto, Dairoku	Shimbo, Sherlock	Yoshida, Ineko
Imayanagita, Nobuko	Mihara, Setsuye	Shimbo, Tokuo	Yoshida, Miyuki
Iseri, Shima	Minato, Mary	Shimoyama, Juki	Yoshida, Jitsushi
Ishii, Keiko	Miyamoto, Toshimi	Shinbo, Mary	Yoshimoto, Richard
Ishii, Ray	Mori, Kimiko	Shiomi, Kikuo	Yoshimura, Misao
Ishimori, Nao	Moriguchi, Kame	Shiyoyama, Kamejiro	Yoshino, Keith
Isomura, Katsumi	Morimoto, Tadao		

NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

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Abe, Ricky Kunimitsu	Iwamura, Yoshiye	Morishima, Toshio	Takahashi, Minosaku
Akizuki, Kikuko	Jinka, Kinuko	Morita, Yonezo	Takano, William
Arinobu, Ginya	Jitodai, Ikuno	Mukai, Shizuko	Takao, Mineyo
Asaba, Kei	Kajioka, Mary	Muraoka, Toshie	Takashima, Hanayo
Asaba, Tamae	Kano, Osamu	Nagaye, George	Takayoshi, Raku
Asakura, Tomiko	Kariya, Masanobu	Nakagawa, Dorothy	Takehara, Fusae
Deguchi, Ben	Kataoka, Julie	Nakamura, Shikajiro	Takei, Rikizo
Deguchi, Mae	Katayama, Francis	Nakano, Hikotaro	Takemura, Mary
Feragen, Hisako	Katayama, Glenn	Nakano, James	Tamura, James "Jim"
Fifer, Kiyoe	Kato, Shizu	Nakano, Kazuo	Tanaka, Harue
Fujino, Haruo	Kawaguchi, Matahei	Nakano, Smith	Teranishi, Spencer
Fujita, Kaname	Kawamura, Thomas	Nakata, Gerald	Terao, Eiyu
Fujita, Sachiko	Kawase, Kirino	Nakatani, Kenny	Toyoji, Tadae
Fujiwara, Momoe	Kido, Tsuya	Nakawatase, Shiwo	Tsuchida, Kitaro
Fujiye, Yoneko	Kitajima, Hide	Natsuhara, Jack	Tsue, Yoshio
Fukuchi, Yoshio	Kitano, Hiroko	Nishi, Gentaro	Tsuji, Yasu
Fukuda, Hatsue	Koba, Teruo	Nishimori, Tsue	Tsujihara, Yoshiko
Furugori, Sen	Koga, Hisaye	Nishizawa-Martinez, Akiko	Tsutsumi, Kii
Furukawa, Kazuko	Komine, Masako	Oba, Michiko	Uyeda, Aiko
Furuta, Kiwa	Kono, Robert	Ogino, Kono	Uyeno, Lillian
Goto, Morita	Kubo, Chiyeno	Okada, Hisano	Watanabe, Atsushi
Green, Leslie	Kubota, Tadashi	Okada, John	Watanabe, Suna
Hamanaka, Yone	Kubota, Takemitsu	Okada, Mamoru	Yakushijin, Toshiko
Hamasaki, Kimiye	Kumasaka, Roy	Okada, Matsuno	Yamagiwa, Hidejiro
Hasegawa, Hiroko	Kuramoto, Sumi	Ondo, Mae	Yamagiwa, Michihiko
Hayakawa, Tatsuro	Kusakabe, Brian	Ono, Shigeo	Yamaguchi, Masao
Hayashi, Kiyomi	Kuwahara, Akio	Otsuka, Eiichi	Yamamoto, Harry
Higa, Hatsumi	Maruoka, Shuzo	Rhoades, Dixie	Yamamoto, Hiroshi
Higa, James	Masumoto, Tadashi	Saito, Sutejiro	Yamamoto, Kimie
Higa, Tsuyuko	Matsuda, Esther	Sakamoto, Shigecko	Yamasaki, Yasuo
Higashi, Mina	Matsui, Masuko	Sako, Masako	Yamato, Hisataro
Hiraoka, Rose	Matsumoto, Benjamin	Sakoda, Aya	Yamauchi, Howard
Horikawa, Hideyoshi	Mayed, Frank	Sanada, Seiichi	Yamazaki, Toshio
Hoshiba, Yasukichi	Mikami, Yoshie	Segimoto, Toshie	Yanagimoto, Shokichi
Iida, Bob	Mitoma, Mabel	Seino, Sueki	Yoda, Wayne
Ikeda, Robert	Miyauchi, Yoshiko	Shibuya, Masanari	Yokoyama, Kazuo
Ikeda, Taijiro	Mizuta, Sadano	Shimizu, Umetaro	Yokoyama, Lawrence
Imanishi, Toshiko	Mori, Harue	Shirasago, Suna	Yoshida, William
Inouye, Hisa	Morikawa, Akiye	Soejima, Roy	Yoshihara, Hide
Iseri, Isamu	Morimoto, Denichi	Suto, Judy	Yoshihara, Teruo
Isomura, Kiyou	Morimoto, Nobu	Suzuki, Yahachi	Yoshinaka, Hanako
Isomura, Nobuo	Morimoto, Ruth	Tabusa, Matsuyo	Yoshino, Lillian
Isomura, Toshiko		Taguchi, Miho	Yukawa, Shizuye

October 2023 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 am	Meditation	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Exchange	10 am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service	1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	10:30 am Japanese Playgroup	
10 am	CHILDREN'S SERVICE / SUNDAY SERVICE						
11 am	Dharma Exchange - Hondo Japanese Language Service (video)	Gym Closed	Gym Closed	Gym Closed	Gym Closed	Gym Closed	
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9 am	Meditation	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	10	10 am Wednesday Dharma Exchange	12	10:30 am Japanese Playgroup	14
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (MA Matt May)						
11 am	Combined Dharma Exchange & Japanese Language Service (Gatha Practice)		6:30 pm Dharma Exchange				
15							
9 am	Meditation	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	17	10 am Wednesday Dharma Exchange	19	10:30 am Japanese Playgroup	21
10 am	HATSUMAIRI / SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Dr. Charles Johnson)						
11 am	Dharma Exchange & Japanese Language Service (Dr. Charles Johnson)				1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	11 am Gojikai (Zoom)	3 pm Gagaku Practice (Hybrid)
22							
9 am	Meditation	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	24	10 am Wednesday Dharma Exchange	26	10:30 am Japanese Play group	28
10 am	SBBWA MEMORIAL SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rimban)						
11 am	Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service (Rimban Kusunoki)	8 pm Newsletter deadline	6 pm Gagaku Practice (Zoom)	11 am Merrill Gardens Renton			
29							
9 am	Meditation	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	31				
10 am	CHILDREN'S SERVICE / SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (MA Leonora Clarke)						

NOVEMBER 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

- November 5 Temple Clean-up (No after service programs)
- November 11 Eitaiyo Seminar (Japanese and English)
- November 12 Betsuin Anniversary & Eitaiyo & Muen Hoyo Service
- November 19 Autumn Music Service

To view all services, please visit
<http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

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2023 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Please call the Temple
office at (206) 329-0800
to schedule a service.
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NEW! RIMBAN REV. KUSUNOKI
WILL HOLD IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
EVENING STUDY SESSIONS
SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30pm
BEGINNING OCTOBER 10, 2023
TO REGISTER, SEE FLYER ON P. 8

**Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service will
take place in-person on Wednesday,
October 4, at 10:00AM
see page 12.**

Seattle Betsuin's **BOOK STUDY** Group will visit various Buddhist temples in the region!
For details see p. 8 and email newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

2023 RELIGIOUS SERVICES Sundays

9:00AM Meditation, in-person at
1439 S Main St & via Zoom

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

Wednesdays - 10:00AM

10:00AM Sutra Chanting & Monthly Joint
Memorial with Shotsuki Hoyo on October 4 *
Chanting of Ojoraisan
Dharma Discussion

* SEE p. 14 for calendar or online at
[https://seattlebetsuin.com/
calendar/](https://seattlebetsuin.com/calendar/)

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



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- Memorial Services
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- Home & Hospital Visits
- Funerals & Pillow Services

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