

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, A Shin Buddhist Temple  
Jodo Shinshu Nishi Hongwanji-ha

An online monthly newsletter of Seattle Buddhist Church

## Account of A-Bomb, Part II – Rev. Tetsuya Ecchu

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

“Account of A-Bomb – Rev. *Tetsuya Ecchu* (the latter part of his article)”

Rev. *Tetsuya Ecchu* is my uncle who entered the Pure Land on September 25, 2021. He was a famous local historian in *Nagasaki* City, and everyone fondly called him “*Ecchu Sensei*”. When the A-Bomb was dropped on *Nagasaki* on August 9, 1945, he was serving in the military at the age of 23. Today, I would like to continue to introduce his account of *Nagasaki*’s A-Bomb which was written in 1994 (see the July 2024 Newsletter for the previous part).

### Reviving Sunday Service and *Fukuda Sensei* \**Yakushi-kai*

I think it was around New Year’s Day in 1946 (Showa 21), when there was still unrest in the wake of the A-Bomb. Mr. *Iwane Matsuo* (a member of Rev. *Tetsuya Ecchu*’s family’s temple, *Kogenji*) and Mr. *Miyoji Matsuoka* told me my friend, Sensei *Minoru Fukuda*, resumed Sunday School, “*Yakushi-kai*”, at his house. “*Yakushi-kai*” was originally established to provide social education for youth. I had a close relationship with Sensei *Fukuda* as he had a similar job working for the Regional Legal Affairs Bureau in *Nagasaki*. It was the first step to revive youth education in *Nagasaki* after the war.

Right after the war ended, the United States Occupation Forces’ Administrative Officers came to *Nagasaki* as well as other cities in Japan. Mr. Winfield P. Niblo was assigned as the Commissioner for Cultural Affairs. His advisor was Professor *Baiten Hori* of *Keio* University. Before the war, Professor *Hori* received a Degree of Psychology from a Univer-

sity in the United States. Professor *Hori* had a calm personality and always spoke gently to the youth group. He listened to our concerns and mediated between us and the United States Occupation Forces.

### Forming a Youth Association in *Nagasaki*

At that time, because of my new sense of life after being demobilized and from being youthful, I put most of my energy to advancing democratic education. I was involved with local youth group activities, helped to revitalize *Kogenji* Temple’s Sunday School (*Hikari Kodomo Kai*), engaged in various supporting programs for war orphans, and more. Now, I feel that it was not like me at all to do such things.

If I remember correctly, Mr. *Akiyama* (I do not remember his first name) was the one who organized the *Nagasaki* Youth Group’s Representatives Conference. Mr. *Akiyama* was a civil servant for *Nagasaki City*. Many youths attended this conference from various districts. I still remember Mr. *Taguchi*, Mr. *Mine*, Mr. *Iwanaga*, Mr. *Yamaguchi*, Mr. *Takemoto*, Mr. *Uchino*, Mr. *Matsunaga*, and more who lived near *Kogenji* Temple also attended.

The post war reconstruction \*\**Bon Odori* (*Bon* dance) festival in *Nagasaki* was brilliantly held at the *Motodaiku-machi* city ground (the current site of the *Nagasaki* City Hall). One of the *Bon Odori* song’s lyrics was “*Bonda Bondayo Manmaru Tsukini---* (Obon, Obon, perfect round moon---)”. I hear this song is still sung today and is being used as an Obon Dance somewhere.

### Obon in 1946, lonesome \*\*\**Shoro-bune*

It was time for *Hatsu-bon* (first *Obon*) for the Atomic Bomb victims on July 15, 1946. Although we were running short on all materials and foods, our

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...Account of A-Bomb... continued

district (*Irayayashi* 1 District) decided to make the *Shoro-bune* for our loved ones. People donated nails, colored papers, and whatever they had. We went to get some straw and bamboo and made *Irayayashi*'s traditional "Moyai-style" boat. It started raining in the early morning because it was the rainy season. Fortunately, the rain stopped before 9:00 PM when the *Shoro-bune* was launched. All the younger people carried the boat to the *Nagasaki* Port.

(Nowadays, most *Shoro-bune* have wheels, but people actually carried the boat back then. People started installing wheels on *Shoro-bune* around 1960. Obon was moved to August from July in 1952. Reference from Nagasaki Broadcasting Company.)

The *Soban* bell (*Sho* style bell for *Shoro-bune*) sounded sad. There were no fireworks and less candle light. I could only see a few lanterns. It was a totally different scene from today's *Obon* and *Shoro-bune*. It was my memories of *Obon* after the War.

[*Nagasaki* History and Culture Association "Nagasaki no sora (Sky in Nagasaki)" issued on July 20, 1994]

\**Yakushi*=Bhaisajyaguru Buddha or *Yakushi* Nyorai, the Buddha of healing and medicine  
\*\**bon/Obon*=one of Buddhist holiday and major services. It is also an occasion to remember our loved ones. Generally, people believe that our loved ones come back to this world during *obon*. To learn more about *Obon*, please read the July 2022 issued article, [2022-July-issue-4-web-ig.pdf](#) ([seattlebetsuin.com](#))  
\*\*\**Shoro-bune*: floating boat. It is the *Nagasaki*'s *Obon* tradition to send our loved ones off at the end of *Obon* season.  
Gassho,

<https://www.youtube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple>



Mind of Minister | Episode 3

## BonOdori Wisteria Park View

# Bon Odori Hospitality



A. Fujii, R. Kawahara & J. Nakano

**Committee** ...gratefully acknowledges Betsuin members Ritsuko Kawahara, Aiko Fujii and Junko Nakano for the meals they prepared for guest ministers attending Bon Odori. These volunteers cooked an assortment of delicious Japanese dishes and artfully arranged them for the Saturday sit down dinner and Sunday bento boxes. We also thank the Kusunoki family for hosting the guests in their home Saturday evening.



Saturday dinner

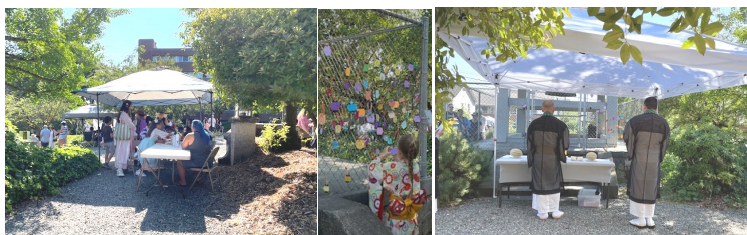


Sunday bento box

Thank you for volunteering!

## July Sunday Service Toban

Howard Luke, Paul Mori, Susie Taketa, Josh McKinney, Calvin Terada and Nina Tomita-Kato. Please sign up at [Set-up and Clean up: Sunday Service Toban](#) ([signupgenius.com](#))







*we observe the passing of all who have come before us...*

I am writing this article on Sunday night, having just returned

home from our 92nd Bon Odori. What a wonderful event! Thank you so much to Bon Odori committee chair, Ron Hamakawa, and everyone on the committee for pulling together Bon Odori. While some things were missing or different, it was still a Kangi-e (歓喜会), gathering of joy. Special thank you to all the volunteers who made the event possible. *Otsu-karesama deshita*. I truly learned the meaning of Obon when I accompanied Rimban Kusunoki to conduct cemetery Obon services the week before. Our first stop was Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Queen Anne. There we conducted a service at a small monument dedicated to 23 Japanese railroad workers who were killed in a train accident in 1909. As I chanted the Juseige, I thought, “why are we conducting a service for people who probably don’t even have any family in Seattle?” Later that day at Lake View Cemetery Rimban Kusunoki gave a Dharma message where he told the story of his uncle in Japan conducting the first Hatsubon service after the Atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Only the ministers were in attendance because whole families had perished in the bombing and there were no relatives alive to mourn the loss of their loved ones. At that moment I learned the significance of our Obon service; we observe the passing of all who have come before us, not just our loved ones. It was then that I understood why we should always hold an Obon service at Mt. Pleasant, even if there is no one else there. *Namo Amida Butsu Gassho*, Tyler Moriguchi, Chairperson, Seattle Betsuin



Above Rev. Kusunoki explaining, to Tyler Moriguchi, *Kuyo Issho* inscribed on gravestone of 23 railroad workers killed in a train accident in 1909.

**WEEKLY DHARMA MESSAGES AVAILABLE ON SEATTLE BETSUIN YOUTUBE AND SPOTIFY**

White River Buddhist Temple, Seattle Betsuin, and Tacoma Buddhist Temple Present:

**2024 TRI-TEMPLE**  
**SOFTBALL**  
**TOURNAMENT**

**August 10, 2024**  
 Brannan Park, Field 1 | Auburn, WA



**Rev. Dr. T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki**

a president and founder of the Heiwa Peace and Reconciliation Foundation of New York, [About\(heiwafoundation.org\)](http://About(heiwafoundation.org)), will be guest speaker at Seattle Betsuin’s Atomic Bomb Victims’ Memorial Service on Sunday, August 4, 2024. The service will take place at Densho’s community room at 10:00am and will also be live-streamed on [YouTube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple](https://www.youtube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple).



# Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi  
Hope everyone is enjoying the obon season. As a reminder, the BCA website has an "Obon: Gathering of Joy" webpage:

[Obon: Gathering of Joy | BCA](#)

Check it out for many bon odori audio recordings available for free download!

In addition, the BCA Music question of the month in the BCA Wheel of Dharma is about the bon odori song and dance "Tanko Bushi" which is one of the recordings generously offered by Isaku Kageyama to the BCA Obon webpage. If you haven't yet viewed the webpage referenced in the Wheel of Dharma from Isaku Kageyama's website, here it is: <https://isakukageyama.com/online-taiko-lesson-tanko-bushi/>

Two more Zoom singing sessions continue this month on Monday evenings August 12 and August 29 at 7 pm. Anyone interested is welcome to join us as we review the *Shuso Sango Saho (Music Service Shoshinge) Wasan* and *Nembutsu* which will be presented at the Northwest District convention Sunday service on September 15. We are also learning some newly composed gathas and viewing selected music videos together. There is no prerequisite to join! A recurring Zoom link is now available to share:  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85123479158?pwd=1aFmIbxyqLQgCypYkqUfgs4ZDC3nEt.1>  
Meeting ID: 851 2347 9158  
Passcode: 662871  
Please contact the temple office for more information or questions.

The BCA Music Committee has posted a July newsletter to the BCA Music Committee webpage. <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music>  
If you are planning to be down in the San Francisco area, please note the publicity announcements for the American Bon Odori historical exhibit at the National Japanese American Historical Society Peace Gallery running from July 1 – September 30 and the Public Bon Dance on Sunday afternoon, September 8. This Bon Odori event will be at Yerba Buena Gardens with featured artists Bonbu Stories, Nobuko Miyamoto, PJ Hirabayashi and members of San Jose Taiko, and the Ensohza Folk Music Ensemble.



*Dancing in Joy and Remembrance*  
**AMERICAN BON DANCING**  
Sunday, September 8, 2024, 1 – 3 pm  
Yerba Buena Gardens - Great Lawn  
Mission Street between 3rd & 4th Streets, San Francisco

Join the Bon dance circle – no experience needed! Obon (A Gathering of Joy) invites us to "just dance," as we remember those who have passed and enjoy the present together.

Celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Buddhist Churches of America with new dances commissioned by the BCA Music Committee:

"Kangie" (Gathering of Joy) by **Nobuko Miyamoto**  
"Lantern Song" by **Bonbu Stories**  
Miharu Okamura, Sydney Shiroyama, Miko Shudo, Kendall Tani, Vicky Zhang, and Emily (Yoshihara) Imazumi

Plus, New and Traditional Works:  
"Ei Ja Nai Ka" by **PJ Hirabayashi/TaikoPeace**  
San Jose Taiko  
**Ensohza Folk Music Ensemble**  
Bon Dance Coordinator: **Reiko Iwanaga (Hanayagi Reimichi)**

Presented in partnership with Yerba Buena Gardens Festival  
For details, scan the QR code, call (415) 543-1718 or visit: [ybgfestival.org/event/american-bon-dancing-2024](http://ybgfestival.org/event/american-bon-dancing-2024)

Presented by American Bon Consortium in partnership with Yerba Buena Gardens Festival, NAAHS, BCA Music and Archive Committees, and CATS  
Funding made possible by The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and San Francisco Japantown Foundation

*BCAMsicouTchanegathaplaylist:* [https://www.youtube.com-watch?v=euBGc2PMfVc&list=PLUP6bBfcX20CkMYqa3iew-I-s0RBjnvW0&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euBGc2PMfVc&list=PLUP6bBfcX20CkMYqa3iew-I-s0RBjnvW0&index=1)

Note: See more from BCA's Music Committee at [Buddhist Churches Of America Music - YouTube](#)



[EverydayBuddhist.teachable.com](http://EverydayBuddhist.teachable.com)

[EverydayBuddhist.org](http://EverydayBuddhist.org) has over one hundred hours of Shin Buddhist education and Dharma content which is available 24/7. Our response to this crisis is to provide:

- More free content for everyone
- Frequent blog posts
- Livestream "How To" courses and Q&A offerings



Submitted by Kayla Butler

Human beings, as everyone knows, have two hands to take and grasp things that they want or need. However, strange to say, "LIFE" has only one hand. Therefore, if "LIFE" wants more, he has to open his hand to get what he wants. It's clear for "LIFE" that gaining is losing. Unfortunately nobody knows that losing (opening the hand) is obtaining something great.

We, human beings, have a lot of desires; there are many things which we hope for. But "LIFE" can always take only one thing by his hand, because "LIFE" is living and dying in the moment of breathing.

Human beings want many things - higher positions, honors, fame, credit, a beautiful home, a new car, beautiful clothes and so on. Especially money!! Because it's very useful and one of the most exchangeable things in this world. "Everyone has his own price" is an old saying. Everyone has a weak spot with money, most people seek for money as their end. So they are living and dying in the dark.

Life is not studying Buddhism as knowledge. Life is not to earn and save money as their end. Life is opening one's hand.

When we open our hands in life, we will notice what life is, that is, the new world and another world that we have not been able to notice and see for a long time.

Open your hand to shut out the dark life!  
Leave your finite self to attain the Great Self!

Gassho,  
Reverend Eijiro Doei Fuiii  
Seattle Buddhist Church



# Temple Restoration Update

For the week July 15 - 22, 2024

Work resumes on the gym walls and basement.

Thank you to the Bon Odori Committee and all the volunteers who made the 92nd annual Bon Odori a success. *Osukaresama deshita.*

Submitted by:

**Tyler Moriguchi,**  
Seattle Betsuin Chairperson



## ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “**thank**” the following for contributing their **2024** sustaining membership dues - the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations and programs (i.e. – Live Streaming of Sunday services and Special Services, seminars, the book club).

Bonnie Dussler, Marc & Jan Keltner, Joanne Kimura, Kenneth Moriyama, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Gary & Debbie Shibata, Peggy Tanemura

\*\*If you have yet to submit your sustaining membership dues for 2024, don't forget to submit them by September 30, 2024. Thank in advance for your continued support \*\*

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

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**Northwest District Buddhist Convention**





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## Connections: Building for Tomorrow


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Muckleshoot Casino Resort  
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[www.nwdconvention.org](http://www.nwdconvention.org)

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### Featured Speakers



Rev. Candice Shibata  
Keynote Speaker



Lon Inaba  
Yakima Buddhist Temple



Judge Kimberly Walden  
Municipal Court of Tukwila

Northwest District Buddhist Convention  
([nwdconvention.org](http://nwdconvention.org))

# Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

We are coming off of a wonderful reunion of sorts from our 92nd Annual Seattle Bon Odori. 92 years of connecting with each other, the extended community and remembering those before us is such a gift! A big thank you to Ron and the Bon Odori committee who had an arduous task in planning in the midst of the restoration of our temple after the fires. We also want to thank our DS community and friends for working so hard in the Kori Booth and elsewhere during the busy weekend with smiles and fun. We appreciate all of our attendees, donors and supporters, and pictured above is a “Thank you” to Creative Ice for their generous ice/truck donation for this weekend! Seattle DS now looks forward to supporting and attending White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori on July 27 and Tacoma Buddhist Temple Bon Odori on August 3. See you there!



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We are now gearing up for the upcoming DS School Year, which kicks off on September 10. Please also don't forget to register for the NW District Convention that will be held from September 15-17, hosted by White River Buddhist Temple.

Gassho, Claire and Yvette

## Seattle Betsuin Dharma School Peace Japan Tour Information Meeting Wednesday, August 21, 2024: Register here



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Zoom Tour Information meeting

When: Aug 21, 2024 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register?JlIc-GarI8jHNFnF4jo2zmf3bGOEGYJedI>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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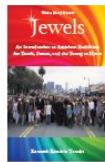


# 2024-2025 Fireside Chat Sessions on Buddhism in the West and Beyond



Photo by Don Faas

<b>Description:</b>	This course is designed to provide the basics of Buddhism for those seeking a religious/spiritual foundation through the Dharma.
<b>Dates:</b>	10 sessions on the first Saturday of the month September 7, 2024 – June 7, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	5:00 – 6:30 pm (Pacific Time)
<b>For Detailed Information:</b>	Please see click <a href="#">here</a>
<b>The Topics:</b>	<p><b>September 7:</b> <i>Three Kinds of Jewels</i></p> <p><b>October 5:</b> <i>Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p><b>November 2:</b> <i>Life of the Buddha</i></p> <p><b>December 7:</b> <i>How Buddhism Spread Through Asia</i> <i>Brief History of Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p><b>January 4:</b> <i>Four Noble Truths: The Big Framework</i></p> <p><b>February 1:</b> <i>Karma and the Eightfold Noble Path: How to Act</i></p> <p><b>March 1:</b> <i>Four Marks of Life: How to See Life to Reduce Suffering</i></p> <p><b>April 5:</b> <i>Popular Passages, Metaphors, and Stories</i></p> <p><b>May 3:</b> <i>Issues and Problems in Daily Life</i></p> <p><b>June 7:</b> <i>Questions on Buddhism, Humor as Teaching, Epilogue, and Appendices</i></p>
<b>Instructor and Moderator:</b>	<b>Kenneth K. Tanaka</b> , Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo. Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley.
<b>Register for the Course:</b>	Please apply <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Donation:</b>	Suggested amount \$50 – \$100. (In Japan, ¥6,000)
<b>Textbook:</b>	Tanaka, Kenneth. <i>Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart</i> . BDK America, 2020. Can be downloaded free of charge. Please click <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Contact email:</b>	<a href="mailto:shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com">shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com</a>



Submitted by Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

For Detailed Information [here](#):

[2024 Course Description.docx - Google Docs](#)

Register for the Course [here](#):

<https://forms.gle/YFApcTqs2wS88sPw5>

Textbook [here](#) :

<https://www.bdkamerica.org/book/jewels-introduction-buddhism-youth-scouts-and-young-heart>

can be downloaded free of charge



# CONNECTIONS

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



## September 13-15, 2024

MUCKLESHOOT CASINO RESORT

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Call: 1-800-804-4544 to stay September 13-15. Reference the "2024 Buddhist Conference"

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## Support the event by becoming a Convention Booster!

The Convention is not possible without the generous support of our community! You can help defray the costs of hosting our convention by making a donation towards the event as a Convention Booster! Your name will be listed along with other Convention Boosters on a special page in the program booklet and website.

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# Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Thanks You for Your Donations

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Gassho



## TACOMA BON ODORI

Saturday August 3rd, 2024  
4 p.m - 8 p.m

Traditional Dance | Japanese Food | Taiko Drumming  
Beer Garden | Candlelight Memorial

**Dance Lessons**  
Temple Social Hall  
July 16th - 18th  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Tacoma Buddhist Temple**  
1717 Fawcett Avenue, Tacoma, WA  
(Located 3 blocks up from the UW Tacoma)

Credit card and checks preferred  
tacomabon.org

## MARINERS VS GIANTS

@ T-MOBILE PARK  
1250 1ST AVE S  
SEATTLE, WA 98134

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024  
AT 1:10 PM

Support the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple  
Raise money for the Arson Restoration & Building Fund and fulfill Rev. Kusunoki's dream of pitching at a Mariner's game!  
600 tickets must be sold for Rev. Kusunoki to achieve his dream.  
Get tickets, spread the word, and create fun-filled memories!

Purchase Tickets with the QR Code!

Purchase Deadline: August 25, 2024 at 11:10 AM

01 SEPTEMBER, 2024

# BCA 125th CELEBRATION

COMMEMORATION SERVICE @ 10:00AM

Celebrating BCA's 125th Anniversary, 800 years of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching, and 850 years since Shinran Shonin's birth. The service will be televised from the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

VIRTUAL TELETHON @ 11:30AM

a special online 125th anniversary Telethon featuring BCA temples, ministers, and talents. Deepen your love of sangha!

Join us online @  
[YouTube.com/@BuddhistChurchesofAmerica/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@BuddhistChurchesofAmerica/streams)

Sunday, September 1, 2024:

## BCA 125th Celebration

Join online via YouTube

## Celebrating WOMEN OF THE BCA Seminar

all are welcome!

### PATHS IN JODO SHINSHU

Women have long played an important supportive and largely "behind the scenes" role in the expansion of the Dharma and of BCA. Today we have many opportunities to grow in leadership, engage in our Sanghas, and share the Dharma.

**SEPT. 28, 2024, SAT**  
9:30AM-5:00PM  
optional activity Friday & Saturday evenings

*Keynote Speakers*

**REV. CANDICE SHIBATA & REV. MELISSA OPEL**

Come be inspired to forge your own path!  
**Jodo Shinshu Center**  
2140 Durant Ave. Berkeley 94704 - and parts online -  
Register by Sept. 15, 2024 at <https://www.seattlebetsuin.org/2024/09/01/paths-in-jodo-shinshu/>  
\$50 Registration & Meals, Register for online Free!  
Some rooms available to stay overnight at the JSC

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View services virtually any time on  
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**Calendar:** p.12 and at  
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# SBBWA 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 Susie Yamane

SBBWA is continuing to find ways to gather together. Our end of June Board of Directors' meeting was held in person at the Densho Building Community Room, with a delicious potluck. Many turned out and this may



become a regular addition to some of our meetings.

ACRS Walk for Rice fundraiser update - Thank you for all of the support given to the June fundraiser. SBBWA was able to achieve our goal of raising \$2000 towards providing vital services to underserved community members.

What a great success! Our SBBWA members were busy assisting with our Obon festival! Along with helping in various the temple Obon booths, and participating in Taiko performances, we also hosted a "Bachan's Closet" booth with lots of new and gently used kimonos, yukatas and *happi* coats, as well as accessories and additional Asian crafts made by our members.

Thank you to our members who donated gently used items, helped create beautiful craft items, design and sew pet yukatas, and with pricing, set up, and working the booth. Your continued support reminds us of how important our members are as we strive to get our temple services and activities back in place.



Many SBBWA members in Matsuri Taiko!

## 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.*

Akada, Riyoichi	Iwamoto, Shigeru	Nagasugi, Hiroto	Shimomura, Tsuru
Akada, Shizuye	Kajimura, Hareo	Nakagawa, Yoshie	Shirakata, Toshiko
Akizuki, George	Kajita, Kinichi	Nakamura, Jutaro	Suganuma, Hiroyuki
Aramaki, Shigeto	Kaku, George	Nakamura, Take	Sunahara, Margaret
Aratani, Uta	Kaneko, Jiro	Nakamura, Yuki	Suzuki, James
Aoyama, Masatoshi Martin	Kato, Kazuo	Nakanishi, Toshio	Suzuki, Tazu
Dodobara, Megumi	Kato, Tom	Nakano, Minnie	Tachiyama, Toshiko
Erie, Toshiko	Kawabata, Yoshikazu	Nakano, Sono	Takeuchi, Shigeo
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Harada, Sadako	Kubota, Betty	Osaki, Take	Watanabe, Kazuo
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Hiroo, Terami	MacNealy, Denny	Sakai, Tama	Yahagi, Hiroshi
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Holcombe, Noriko	Mano, Kasumi	Sakai, Yoshiko	Yamagiwa, Robert
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Hoshino, Shizuye	Matsuzaki, Kiku	Sakoda, Toshio	Yamamoto, Mitsue
Hung, Shao-Chen	McLeod, Grace	Sakuma, Lindsay	Yamamoto, Tatsuya
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## SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

*The September Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of September.*

Abe, Shizu	Imanaka, Yaeko	Masumi, Denichi	Shiigi, Aileen
Akada, Shigeo	Imoto, Yoshitada	Masumoto, Masako	Shimabukuro, Mitzi
Akutsu, Aimee	Inouye, Towa	Miyake, Kinsaburo	Shimizu, Mary
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Bobrow, Mort	Isomura, Rikio	Miyamoto, Shoichi	Shimokon, Masaru
Chigusa, Suye	Iwami, Sachiko	Miyamoto, Shoichi	Shimokon, Mitsuma
De Silva, Krisanthi	Kakishita, Nagisa	Miyauchi, Etsuro	Shinbo, Hirokichi
Demise, James	Kakiuchi, Kayoko	Mori, Masumi	Sumida, Go-Ichi
Fujioka, Kenneth	Kakutani, Juzo	Moriguchi, Lovett	Sumida, John
Fujita, Atsushi	Kamikawa, Joe	Morinaga, Kumie	Sumita, Yoshiko
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Funai, Hisako	Kano, Tom	Nagaishi, Chiseko	Suzaka, John
Furuta, Herb	Katayama, Takeo	Nagamatsu, Komatsu	Suzuki, Yoshiko
Furuta, Hideyo	Kawaguchi, Masashi	Nakamura, Eitaro	Takada, Yoshiyuki
Gosho, Tatsuo	Kawahara, Frank	Nakamura, Suma	Takaishi, Seiji
Goto, Takashi	Kawamoto, Mitsuo	Nakamura, Yoshiye	Takehara, Tadashi
Gunasekara. Mrs. H.D.E.	Kawamoto, Yuki	Nakano, Toshikatsu	Tamai, Yoshitaka
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Hagimori, Kikue	Kawasumi, Masuemon	Nishi, Eizo	Tanabe, Kameyo
Hama, Miya	Kawata, Hatsu	Nishi, Miyeko	Tanabe, Shigeo
Hamada, Hanako	Kihara, Saki	Nishimoto, Tsuruyo	Tanigawa, Kame
Hamanaka, Joseph	Kimura, Mitsuyo	Nishimura, Ai	Taniguchi, Takeo
Hamasaki, Kiyo	Kitano, Kimi	Nishio, Mitsu	Taniguchi, Yohachi
Hara, Dick	Kobuki, Frank	Nomura, George	Terada, Masato
Harada, Hatsumi	Kobuki, James	Ohashi, Isa	Terada, Matsuko
Hata, Jimmy	Kodama, Namiji	Oiye, Shoji	Tomoguchi, Tomoji
Hayashida, Nobuko	Komura, James	Okada, Karoku	Toyaji, Kimie
Hibino, Bungo	Kondo, Yuzuru	Okamura, Mumeyo	Uchida, Akira
Higashi, Teru	Kosai, Masayoshi	Omura, George	Unno, Enryo
Hirai, Riyo	Koyama, George	Ono, Takamura	Utsunomiya, Fumihisa
Honmyo, Marie	Koyano, Naohide	Osaki, Mary	Uyeda, Kiyomi
Horike, Tsuyoshi	Kurokawa, Taro	Osako, Masami	Watanabe, Yozo
Hoshino, Momo	Kuwahara, George	Painter, Hal	Yasui, Sachiko
Hynes, Morie	Litz, John	Quasius, Chiyoko	Yorioka, Kengo
Idesaki, Katsusaga	Locklear, Milo	Saito, Kay	Yoshida, Koma
Ideta, Yukiko	Lu, Akiyo	Sakai, Hiroko	Yoshida, Mitsuji
Imamura, Fumiye	Masuda, Satoshi	Sakai, Ryuzo	

# August 2024 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPTEMBER 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS</b>					1	2	3
September 1 <i>BCA 125th Anniversary</i>							
September 8 <i>1st Day of Dharma School</i>							
September 13-15 <i>NW District Convention at Muckleshoot</i>							
September 22 <i>Fall Ohigan Service</i>					1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		4 pm Tacoma BT Bon Odori
<i>To view all services, please visit</i> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple">http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple</a>							
<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
10 am	<b>ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					8 am Seattle / White River/ Tacoma Softball Tournament in Auburn
	Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenjitsu Nakagaki						
		4:15 pm Peace Bell Ringing for Hiroshima A-Bomb					
			6 pm "From Hiroshima to Hope" at Green Lake		7:02 pm Peace Bell Ringing for Nagasaki A- Bomb		
<b>11</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
10 am	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					
11 am	<b>Japanese Service</b>				1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
					7 pm Cabinet meeting		
<b>18</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
10 am	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					
11 am	<b>Japanese Service</b>						
		8 pm <b>Newsletter deadline</b>		7 pm DS Japan Tour meeting on Zoom	7 pm Board meeting		
<b>25</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
10 am	<b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b>	<i>Rimban's day off</i>		11 am Merrill Gardens Renton Service			
1:10 pm	<b>Mariner's Baseball Game</b>						
		8 pm <b>Newsletter deadline</b>					



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Washington as part of a program  
BCA leaders hope will not only  
spread the Dharma, but also develop  
a roadmap to reverse the long mem-  
bership decline among temples. *For  
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## 2024 SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00AM Meditation, via Zoom only

**Aug 4 10:00AM ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' ME-  
MORIAL SERVICE** at Densho; Rev. Dr. T.  
Kenjitsu Nakagaki, see p. 3 for details

**Aug 11 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00AM**  
Japanese Service 11:00AM both at Densho

**Aug 18 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00AM**  
Japanese Service 11:00AM both at Densho

**Aug 25 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00AM at**  
Densho. 1:10PM Mariners Baseball Game

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**Dharma Exchange**  
occasionally after Service  
11:00AM in-person  
Densho Building  
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