



“A memorial service for my grandfather” by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Before I came to the US, I had a memorial service for my grandfather. My grandfather is my mother's father. That memorial service was for the 16th years memorial service. That was a small service. Just My parents, my aunt, my grandmother and me, 5 of us gathered and had the service privately and casually.

My parents and I stopped at my grandmother's house on the way to Kyoto. It was my first visit in ten years. I thought my father who is also Buddhist minister would conduct just a short service, and then we would leave to go to Kyoto. I was already thinking about traveling to Kyoto. That was my thought. But my father told me, **“Katsu! You lead this service.”**

In my mind, I thought, “Do I conduct this service? Father, you should do this!”

I accepted what he said on that day. I started chanting Amida Sutra. At the end of the Sutra chanting, I hit the bell three times. I was relieved because I thought my job was done.

When I turned around, I was surprised, **“Katsu, Say something.”** My father told me without warning. I didn't expect this command. I had no idea what to say. I just talked about my memory of my grandfather.

“When I was in high school, I remember I once visited my grandfather. It was in April. When it was time for me to go back home and he drove me to the station. Five months later, in September, my grandfather passed away. I didn't know that visit and that ride to the station would be my last chance to see him.”

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“New Year's Greeting”

Happy New Year! At the beginning of the New Year, I would like to extend my warm regards to you all.

As in previous years, many people throughout the world have been affected by natural disasters, including earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to normalcy.

In addition to the continuing Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, armed conflict in the Middle East since October 2023 has intensified, putting a toll on civilians. As Buddhists, let us embrace the words of Sakyamuni Buddha that “Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill.”

We, as human beings who have received life in this world, shall have our human rights equally guaranteed regardless of reason, and must never have our lives threatened. However in reality, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists as well as Nembutsu followers who aspire to achieve peace, we must keep seriously in our hearts the words of Sakyamuni Buddha as well as Shinran Shonin who



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No one said anything.

Then my father said, “**Next Okasan (mother)**”. He asked my mother to say something. She also didn’t expect this. There was silence, and then she started talking.

“**About 40 years ago, I went to Kyoto by train for a university’s entrance examination. He came with me. That was the first and the last trip that we ever took... just the two of us.**” Before she could finish talking, she started crying.

And then, my father said, “**Next Hitomi-chan**”. Hitomi-chan is my mother’s younger sister. When she started talking, she too was crying. Her tears were pouring. She could barely speak.

She said, “**My father told me that he would always help me anytime and in every way, but now that he is gone, I no longer have my father to help me.**” (He has never helped me since he has gone.)

My father asked my grandmother, “**Do you want to say anything?**”

She said, “**No, I don’t have anything to say.**”

At the end, my father told us, “**Ii gohouji yatta ne! (This memorial service was meaningful.)**”

I was surprised because my mother and aunt started crying. I didn’t see my mother crying at my grandfather’s funeral, or at other memorial services we had. We have talked about my grandfather many times after he passed away. But my mother has never cried. I thought then that my mother doesn’t feel sad or lonely anymore. But this was not true. Deep inside of her, she had so many, many loving thoughts and memories of her father. They were deep inside of her mind and her heart. She has never forgotten for one moment of her father. Her loving thoughts for him had never disappeared. They always stayed in her mind. She has kept her thoughts and feelings of her father to herself.

She could no longer see his physical form; she could no longer touch his face and see him smile at her. She could no longer hear his voice calling her name. But, always deep in her mind and heart, she could feel his love for her still.

I think this is one important significance of Buddhist memorial services. During the service,

aspired for a peaceful world in pursuing our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

Through the Jodo Shinshu teaching, we are guided to appreciate Amida Buddha’s working that enables us to become aware of our true self. Being caught up in our self-centered thinking and desires, we are unable to accept the Universal Truth of dependent origination and impermanence, and that is why we constantly suffer from our human desires. Unable to leave us in such a state, Amida Buddha continuously works to lead us to the Dharma. By regarding each individual as a fellow traveler following the same path being guided and embraced by Amida Buddha, we are enabled to respect and help each other while courageously coping with difficult social issues. Let us continue listening and appreciating Amida Buddha’s working as Buddhist followers while cherishing each and every day.

January 1, 2025

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

during the chanting, we remember again what we feel deep within. We recall our memories. We awaken our deep Karmic relationship. We call this “En 縁” or “Goen 縁” in Japanese. Buddhist memorial service is a precious occasion to listen to the Buddha Dharma and reflect upon our lives and our loved one’s life. I hope more people have chance to schedule and attend their loved one’s memorial service. Please feel free to contact the office to schedule a memorial service and to ask any questions.

“Hymns of the Pure Land written by Shinran Shonin”
Those who reach the Pure Land of happiness
Return to this evil world of the five defilements
Where, like the Buddha Sakyamuni
They benefit sentient beings without limit.

Gratitude for our past and a vision for the future

January Chair's Letter

by Tyler Moriguchi

New Years is one of my favorite times of the year. No New Years Day is complete without some Ozoni soup and kuri kinton. One of my favorite New Years memories is the one I spent in Tokyo and visited a temple to hear the ringing of the Bonsho bell before going to eat toshikoshi soba.

Many exciting things will be happening at the temple this year- first with the reopening of the Hondo followed by the completion of Memorial Hall towards the end of the year. In addition to reopening the temple, we will begin preparations for hosting a joint BCA National Council Meeting/Northwest District meeting and the 125th anniversary of the Seattle Betsuin in 2026.

I hope you will be able to join us in January for our Hoonko observances with guest speaker Dr. Reverend Takashi Miyaji. I look forward to welcoming Miyaji Sensei back to the Northwest.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the temple through this difficult and challenging year. I wish you all a healthy, prosperous Year of the Snake.

In Gratitude,

Tyler Moriguchi

*Due to ongoing construction and exposed electrical wiring, other areas **besides** the temple gym, dining room, kitchen, basement restrooms, and Scout meeting room are OFF limits.

*Gratitude for our past and
a vision for the future*

Scholarship Applications Due February 2, 2025

On behalf of the Seattle Betsuin Scholarship Committee, we want to announce the applications for the Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship, for those graduating from high school in 2025 and the Shimokon Scholarship Grant, for those in college in their second year or higher, and pursuing a science degree, are available on-line on the temple's website, <https://seattlebetsuin.org/scholarship/>. Qualification details and the themes for the essays are available via the website. The submissions will be on-line, with submissions due by February 2, 2025, 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

Gassho, SBC Scholarship Committee

**JOYA-E
(NEW YEAR'S EVE)
SERVICE &
BELL-RINGING
12:00pm
NOON**



Tuesday, December 31, 2024
SeattleBetsuin.org/joya-e-2024 Joya-e (New Year's Eve) service
refreshments following service

Location: Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple gym
*Parking is available on the street,
or in the Temple parking lot on the corner of
16th Ave S. & S. Main St.*

This is a free event and all are welcome to attend!

Temple Schedule Sunday, December 29, 2024

- Sunday Service at 10:00 am
Location: Gym and [Livestream via YouTube](#)
*Please enter through the small gym door on the far left side of the gym in the front or through the kitchen door along the back alley.
- Dharma Exchange at 11:00 am Location: Gym
- NO Dharma School Classes (Pre-K - High School)

Pack 252

Submitted by Mitsue Giuletti

Dec 8, 2024: The Pack held a bake sale in conjunction with the Bodhi Day Luncheon. Thank you for supporting our Pack! And regular pack meeting at Temple gym



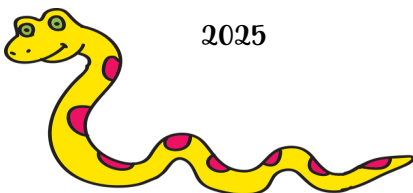
Dharma School News

submitted by Joan Nakano

The Dharma School celebrated the holidays with an event where the kids decorated gingerbread houses. The return to service in the gym has enabled us to re-focus on the Dharma School as a community. We look forward to the new year!

Gassho,

Claire and Yvette



2025

Thank you for volunteering!

2024 December Sunday Service Toban

Steph Ojima, Alex Sakamoto, Mas Tahara, Marissa Wong, Leanne Nishi-Wong, and Rick Wong

2024 December mailings

Shizue Kaku, Joan Nakano, Steph Ojima

SEATTLE BETSUIN SANGHA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Below are current volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact the Temple Office.

Sunday Service Toban (setup, service greeters, cleanup, etc.) - [SIGN UP LINK](#)

Joya-e (New Year's Eve service) - [SIGN UP LINK](#)

GUEST SPEAKER



Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji

IBS Dean
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Buddhist Temple

HO-ONKO ENGLISH SEMINAR

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF THE PURE LAND

Saturday January 11, 2025

Japanese Seminar
10am-12pm

English Seminar
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location:
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
1427 S Main St,
Seattle, WA 98144-2034

Suggested donation \$10

Scan the QR code to sign up on our website



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Paul Mori along with Hieu and Drew who played “The Bodhi Tree” with me for Bodhi Day Service. Not to be missed, please note in advance on your calendar the Earth Day Music Service on Sunday, April 20. Rev. Harry Bridge from Buddhist Church of Oakland will be our guest minister (& musician). Who remembers his epic keynote address at the Northwest District Buddhist Convention 2015? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-crnlRW5MA> Thanks to Dennis Asato from White River Buddhist Temple, much of that convention was videotaped!



music. I encourage you to read Cynthia Mee’s article about the interesting history of taiko at Midwest Buddhist Temple in Chicago through the early introduction by BCA Emeritus ministers Rev. Mas Kodani and Rev. Ron Miyamura. Amy Peterson from Oregon Buddhist Temple and Donna Sasaki from Tacoma Buddhist Temple also wrote about our Northwest District Convention in September and highlighted the new gatha videos which premiered this past fall.

We held the Seattle Betsuin Zoom Music holiday gathering on December 16 and will continue in 2025 on the first and third Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join for the combination of social connection, singing (muted to others on Zoom!), and watching music videos together. Please contact the temple office if you would like the Zoom link to join as your time permits (No commitment is required!)

BCA Music Committee posted a December issue of the BCA Music newsletter on the BCA Music webpage <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>

Seattle Betsuin Nokotsudo Survey

シアトル別院納骨堂サーベイ

The Seattle Betsuin is considering offering a permanent Nokotsudo (Columbarium) to store cremated remains (cremains). We are trying to determine if there is interest from the Sangha. Please take a minute to answer the questions regarding a permanent Nokotsudo at the temple.

シアトル別院ではご遺骨が収められる、永続的な納骨堂（コランバリウム）を提供する計画があります。永続的な納骨堂の設置はサンガの皆様のご関心があるかで決められることとなります。ここにあります質問にお答えください。よろしく願いいたします。

Thank you, Nokotsudo Committee / 納骨堂コミティー



View Past Services

<https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

Calendar: p.12 and at SeattleBetsuin.com/calendar



Watch BCA’s 125th Anniversary
Telethon Event at
[Buddhist Churches of America -
YouTube](#)

**Seattle Betsuin
Dharma Exchange**
11:00AM in-person
Sundays after Service

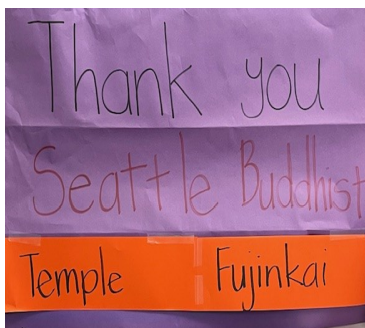
**WEEKLY DHARMA MESSAGES
AVAILABLE ON SEATTLE BETSUIN
YOUTUBE AND SPOTIFY**
[SEATTLE BETSUIN ON YOUTUBE](#)
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SBBWA Submitted by Lauren Asaba

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.

Community service:

SBBWA has formed a very nice connection with Beacon Hill Elementary School; at the start of the school year, many of our members assisted in setting up classrooms which was much appreciated by staff. With the busy holiday season approaching, it was decided to spread some holiday cheer by bringing lunch and treats for the staff. Fol-



From the staff at Beacon Hill Elementary School



Tina Z-K, Nina T-K, Susie T, Lori K, Josh M

lowing the lunch, we received many kind messages of gratitude from the staff.

On a non-rainy day in December, members of SBBWA (Nina T-K, Lori K, Tina Z-K, Susie T with extra manpower from Josh M) provided yummy Jimmy John's sandwiches (yes, that delicious bread -- but included gluten free items too) along with snacks and beverages and took them to Beacon Hill Elementary to treat the staff to lunch. From the minute you walk into the school, friendly faces greet you -- and if you bring food and drinks for 60 people, they look at you in awe and amazement! Everyone was SO appreciative and said we put "smiles on their tummies!" It's tough to be an educator and it just felt nice to be able to do something as simple as lunch to let them know they are appreciated. Submitted by Susie T.

Bodhi Day:

with the gradual re-opening of the temple, Bodhi Day Service was held in the gym followed by a delicious chili/rice lunch prepared by Ron H. and his capable crew. This event also was the first time the new electric rice cookers were put to use. The new cookers were in good hands with long time Gohan preparers Janet B and Nina T-K who prepared perfect rice. Thank you to the many helping hands who made this an enjoyable event.



Marie K-L, Ron H, Joan N, Susie T, Jason Y



Dharma school students serving Bodhi Day

Membership: Elections for the 2025-2026 SBBWA Board were held in November with five current SBBWA officers (Suzanne Fujinari, Lori Kozai, Nori Suguro, Susie Taketa and Tina Zumoto-Ko) automatically re-elected to the Board to complete their Cabinet term. The following 19 members were elected for the 2025-2026 term: Lauren Asaba, Margaret Gotchy, Haru Hirota, Ann Ishimaru, Marie Kosai-Luke, Sheri Mizumori, Karen Morikubo, Joan Nakano, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Stephanie Ojima, Ann Oxrieder, Fran Shintaku, Leslie Sumida, Anna Tamura, Ileene Tanabe, Mayumi Terada, Yvette Terada, Nina Tomita-Kato and Sharyl Yamamoto.

Janet Baba, Sunnie Nagai, Judith Nakamura, Marlene Okada, Darlene Shimizu and Tomi Zumoto will be placed on the SBBWA Honorary Board of Directors. We thank them for their many years of service on the Board.

We conclude 2024 with much gratitude and promise for the future. We look forward to gathering for Joya-E New Year's Eve Service held at 12 PM.



2024 Buddhist Churches of America Virtual Art Exhibit



Tessa Asato

White River Buddhist Temple

Sangha members Bon Dancing away!



Gretchen V. Hansen -White River

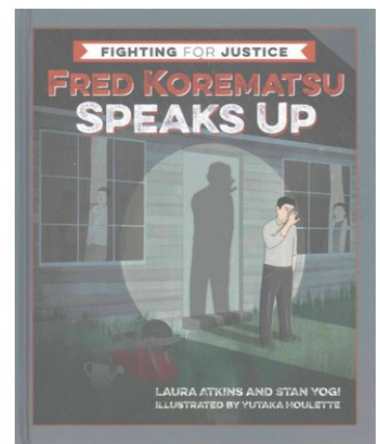
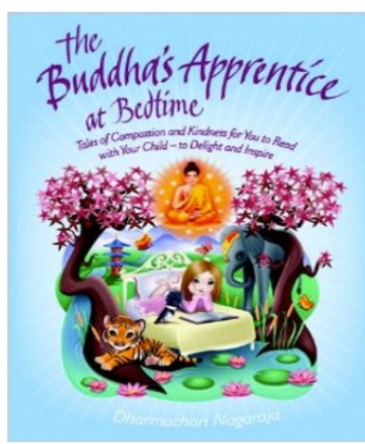
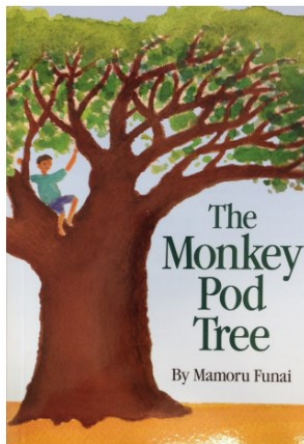
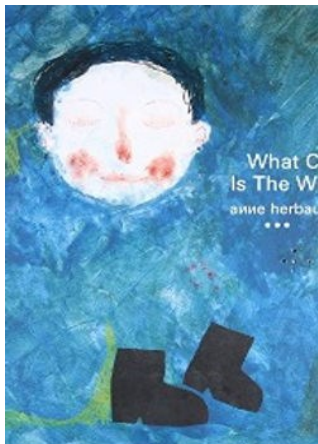
*We Hang The Bodhi Leaf Lights
to Dispel the Darkness.*

Buddhism for Kids | BCA

Available at BCA Bookstore

Visit the Online BCA Bookstore for details...and more...

The following picture books are very flexible. Their dharma message(s) can be interpreted at many **levels** of complexity, from simple enjoyment for little ones to “aha” moments and reflective conversation for older ones. They reveal the dharma as real and relevant in our lives.



Gratitude for our past and a vision for the future

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from Nov. – Dec. 2024

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Peter & Eileen Tokita

Derek Wertz

General Donation

In honor of Marissa Wong and mother – “for being such kind and wonderful people!”

Special Services:

All Sangha Memorial: Stephanie Ojima

Bodhi Day: Lauren Asaba, Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Steve & Lori Chisholm, Aiko Fujii, Suzanne Fujinari, Irene Goto, Chris Grabowski & Janice Deguchi, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, Steve Hamai, Reiko Hara, Michiko Hirata, Jamie Huh, Yaeko Ito, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Gail Kaminishi, Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima, Ann Kashiwa, Nina Tomita-Kato, Ritsuko Kawahara, Marc & Janice Keltner, Jeffrey Ko & Tina Zumoto-Ko, Art & Lori Kozai,

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Fall Ohigan: Ron Hamakawa

Hatsubon/Obon: Susan Wallace

Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.

**Evening Study Session
Tuesday, Zoom 6:30 pm**

**January 14, 2025
live with**

**Rev Katsuya Kusunoki
office@seattlebetsuin.org**



Mind of Minister - Episode 7

Rev. Katsuya and Jason are back! Tune in as they explore new questions about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism submitted by listeners.

[Listen on Spotify](#)

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Have a question for Sensei? Submit them [here!](#)

JANUARY SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Abe, Toshiko	Hiroshige, Yoshiko	Kurose, Kaemon	Okada, Tetsuo	Tatsukawa, Asako
Adachi, Misako	Hirota, Irene	Kusakabe, William	Okamoto, Sugie	Tatsukawa, Junko
Akada, Sae	Horita Tomio	Lindbloom, Marion	Okayama, Chiyoko	Tatsukawa, Mitsuo
Akada, Tatsuo	Ikeda, Tsuru	Mafune, Kura	Onodera, Michiko	Tatsukawa, Motoko
Akiyoshi, Jane	Ikemura, Tomoko	Mamiya, Masami	Onouye, Doris	Terada, Harry
Amano, Mitsusaburo	Imanishi, Umajiro	Mano, Mariko	Osaki, George	Tokita, Elsie
Aoki, Hideko	Inaba, Fumiko	Masunaga, Taki	Oshiro, Jean	Tokunaga, Dolly
Aoyama, Naojiro	Inoue, Masami	Matsuda, Kiyoshi	Otsuka, Jeanette	Tomita, Paul
Arai, Nobu	Ise, Hal	Matsuda, Tami	Piencykoski, Kazuye	Tomita, Theodore
Aramaki, Akira	Ishii, Michika	Matsudaira, Tsuneaki	Saito, Akira	Tsuji, Masao
Arita, Koichi	Ishikawa, Haruko	Matsui, Kame	Sakaguchi, Mieko	Tsukui, Jeanette
Asaba, Shuzo	Ishikawa, Randall	Matsumoto, Frank	Sakauchi, Yana	Tsunehara, Mary
Asayama, Sueo	Iwago, Steve	Matsumura, Kaoru	Sakuma, George	Uyeda, Ayako
Baer, Shizuko	Iwamoto, Kimiko	Mayeda, Tamo	Sakuma, Masao	Uyeminami, Kikuji
Fujikawa, Masao	Iwamoto, Toshiyuki	Meadows, Aurora	Seko, Amy	Wada, Guy
Fujino, Hiroshi	Iwamoto, Yasu	Minato, George	Senaga, Tsutomu	Wright, Sachiko
Fujino, Kiku	Jinka, Shinobu	Mito, Hiroshi	Sera, Kiyohiko	Yagi, Kiri
Fujioka, Russell	Kagimoto, Motonobu	Miyahara, Takashi (Tak)	Seto, Yoneko	Yamada, Akira
Fujita, Katherine	Kakimoto, Teshin	Mizuta, Yosaburo	Shigaya, Teruko (Terry)	Yamada, Chiyoko
Fujita, Kenneth	Kamimae, Kametaro	Morimoto, Toshiyuki	Shigihara, Yone	Yamada, Dan
Fujita, Sam	Kanzaki, Toshie	Morinaga, Taiji	Shimizu, Fusako	Yamada, Henry
Fujita, Tad	Kase, Tsurunosuke	Morishima, Haruno	Shimizu, Noboru	Yamaguchi, Manichi
Fujita, Taiko	Kato, Doris	Murakami, Shinayo	Soejima, Gregory	Yamaguchi, Tatsu
Gargiulo, Michiyo	Kawahara, Harry	Nagamatsu, Kenzo	Sumida, Wataru	Yamamura, Tatsuko
Haag, Maryo	Kawamura, Jyutarō	Nagata, Hana	Sumioka, Shigeo	Yasuda, Tetsu
Ham, Marshall	Kikuchi, Shizue	Nakano, Shiku	Tai, Henry	Yasunaga, Fred
Hamasaki, Toki	Kikuchi, Yuri	Nakashima, Hiroshi	Takato, Hideo	Yasunobu, Chiyono
Haraguchi, Kimie	Kinomoto, May	Nakata, Ohisa	Taketa, Fred	Yatagai, Chiyono
Hasegawa, Tom	Kinomoto, Suye	Nakauye, Kimiyo	Taketa, George	Yee, Fukuyo
Hashiguchi, Takako	Kodani, Natsumi	Natsuhara, Terrie	Taki, Takako	Yee / Ma, Kan
Hashimawari, Iseyo	Kokita, Someko	Nishi, George	Tamaki, Michiyo	Yoda, Yoshiji
Hata, Yoshio	Kosai, Aizō	Nishikawa, Noriko	Tamura, Kugayo	Yoneda, Yumi
Hattori, Agnes	Koyama, Miyoko	Nishimura, Hiroyuki	Tamura, Misako	Yoshida, Frank
Hayashi, Roy	Kozu, Fusa	Nishimura, Miyoshi	Tanabe, Daichi	Yoshida, Toshiye
Heyamoto, Asayo	Kubo, Helen	Nishiyori, Fuyo	Tanabe, Hatsuye	Yoshida, Yoso
Higashi, Michael	Kubo, Masami	Nitta, Masaru	Tanaka, Kuichi	Yoshimoto, Hanaye
Hino, Frank	Kubo, Sukesaku	Nitta, Masaye	Tanaka, Nami	Yoshinaka, Kazuo
Hirabayashi, Tsuneko	Kubota, Akira	Nogaki, Kenji	Taniguchi, Hitoshi	Yoshino, Kenjiro
Hirai, Shizuko	Kubota, Yone	Ogami, Kenneth	Tanino, Etsuko	Yutani, Nobuo
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FEBRUARY SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Adachi, Hisayo	Ishigai, Midori	Nagata, Katsumi	Tanino, Teruyo (Terrie)
Asakura, Masaaki	Ishikawa, Kevin	Nakagawa, Toshiko	Tatemichi, Kazuto
Asakura, Ryutaro	Ishikawa, Miye	Nakamichi, Katsumi	Tazuma, Elmer
Bacon, Douglas	Iwami, Kanichi	Nakamoto, Kiyoko	Tazuma, Sawano
Castro, Judy	Kajimura, Fugie	Nakamura, Joichi	Terada, Charles
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FEBRUARY 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS				1	2	3	4
February 2	Scout Sunday Service			10 am New Years' Day Service			
February 9	Lady Kujo & Lady Otani Memorial Service/ Dana Day/SBBWA General Meeting				1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
February 16	Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service Betsuin Annual General Meeting						
February 23	Seattle Betsuin New Year's Party						
5		6	7	8	9	10	11
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rimban Kusunoki)	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					10 am Hoonko Seminar (Japanese)
10:50 am	Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service Dharma School classes						2 pm Hoonko Seminar (English)
12	HOONKO SERVICE	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk - Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji, Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom		1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
10:50 am	Combined Dharma Exchange Dharma School classes		6:30 pm Evening Study Session on Zoom				
19		20	21	22	23	24	25
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <i>Office Closed</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	11 am Merrill Gardens Renton			
11 am	Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service (Video) Dharma School classes						
26		27	28	29	30	31	
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rev. Matt May)	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom				
11 am	Dharma Exchange No Dharma School classes						
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May we come to receive the teachings, the Nembutsu, and then transmit it, so that it lives on in somebody else.



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10:50AM DX, Japanese Language Service, Dharma School Classes

Jan 12 10:00AM HoOnKo SERVICE and
10:50AM combined DX Guest Speaker Rev Dr Takashi Miyaji, Dean, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Jan 19 10:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE Rimban
11:00 AM DX, Japanese Language Service Video, Dharma School Classes

Jan 26 10:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
Rev. Matt May, No Dharma School

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after Service
11:00 AM in-person



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