

## Account of A-Bomb by Ms. Ritsuko Kawahara, Hiroshima A-Bomb Survivor

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

### The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-Bomb.

2025 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-Bombings. Together, with the Seattle Hiroshima Club, I will introduce the account of A-Bomb *Hibakusha* survivor who has a connection to Seattle. On this occasion, we learn from the tragedy which happened 80 years ago and think about “Peace”. Ritsuko lived with her family at Yano-cho which is 5 miles southeast of the hypocetner.



Hiroshima, Japan, before and after the bombing.

We did radio exercise every morning during summer break. Every student had their own attendance card and hung it from their neck. We gathered in the schoolyard. In front of us, the teacher stood on a platform. I think it was a little after 8am because the students came from various districts. Mr. Katsuya, the teacher on the platform, said “Salute!”

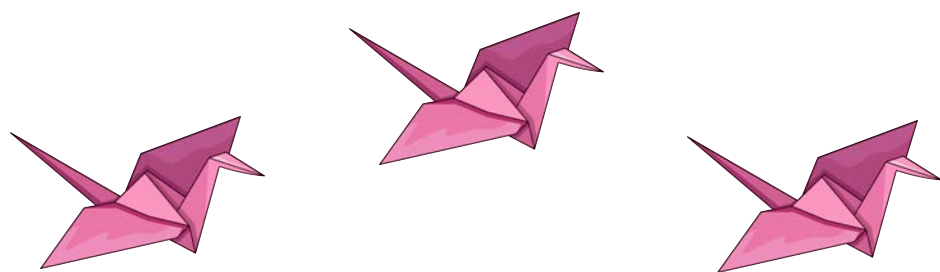


Hiroshima before the war. (Photo from the Hiroshima City Archives featured in Dive Hiroshima website)

When we saluted, we saw an airplane circling around the sky. When we followed the airplane with our eyes, Mr. Katsuya yelled “Don’t look at it!” Just then, I saw the strong flash (Pika!) followed by the big boom noise (Don!). From our elementary school, we could see Hiroshima city beyond the sea. A gigantic cloud was rising from the direction of Hiroshima city. We couldn’t figure out what happened and panicked. The teacher shouted, “Go back to your homes immediately!” So, I ran back home frantically. Fortunately, my house was close to the school.

After a while, I didn’t know where that news came from, but I heard that the A-bomb victims would be carried to my town. Alongside a big street, my friend’s mother ran a noodle house. I went to her house and gawked at the street from the external corridor. After about half an hour, a lot of A-Bomb victims came; some came by bicycle, some by bicycle trailer, some by man-pulled car. Every victim was carried to the school. Although a Buddhist temple was nearby, nobody was carried there. Every victim was laid down on a student desk. My mother was a member of the Women’s Club. Our town was small, so was the Women’s Club, but each member took care of the victims in turns. There were only a few things we could do for the victims, though. My brother and I also took care of the victims. I will never forget that the victims asked me for water then. When I was about to give them water, I was told not to do so. The victims asked for water and cried, “Mom. Mom...” The poor victims.

After 65 years, even though I have forgotten other things, I can never forget their pitiful situation. I cannot stop crying whenever I remember it. I don’t know what happened to them thereafter. I think most of them died.





Kusunoki, continued

The smaller crematory in our town was beyond its capacity. We dug holes and cremated their bodies there. The families of the victims searched everywhere, because they didn't know where their loved ones were taken. I clearly remember such scenes.

After the summer break ended, we couldn't study. Skin was stuck to our desks because every victim was laid down on their back on the top of the desk. Several classrooms were used for the victims' treatment. We couldn't study in those classrooms. There was a tiny stream at the back of the school. We brought our desks there to clean. We didn't have any soap then. We scrubbed down the skins with ropes and sand. I clearly remember such events. Their skin stuck all over the desks because the desks weren't covered with cloth. School began soon after the A-Bombing. There was no time to clean up the desks. I cannot forget it.

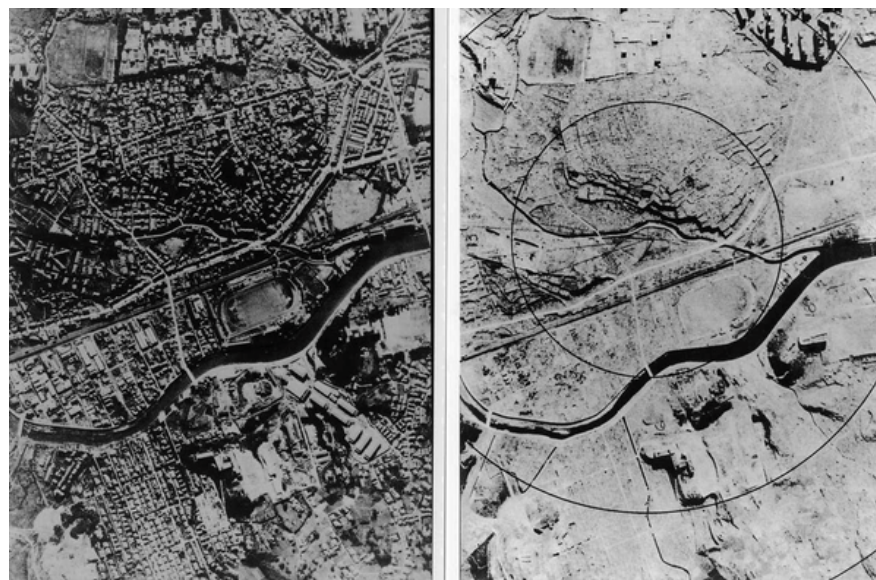
I worry about the prognosis of the victims. Nearly all of them might have died. My mother visited Hiroshima city soon after the A-bombing, to search for relatives and a friend's son. She stayed there for several days. I don't know whether she found them. Later she received genbaku-techou (the A-bomb survivor's certificate). And my brother came back from Kure to Hiroshima city. I don't know how many days after the A-bombing, but anyway, he went to school and cleaned up everything. He commuted to Hiroshima city everyday to study in temporary buildings.

Soon after that, black market stalls were open in front of Hiroshima station. Those who traded actively earned a lot of money. Also, many war orphans wandered around Hiroshima city. Their families were killed during the war. They begged for food. It was very pitiful. Such chaos lasted for a substantial period of time.

I guess I must have been exposed to some extent. I didn't have any health issues. However, I think my brother might have suffered from some radiation-related disorder because he commuted to Hiroshima city soon after the A-bombing. He was not physically strong. He suffered from tuberculosis after having a cold. He tried several methods to maintain his health. Currently, his health is much better.

As I said before, my mother received genbaku-techou (the A-bomb survivor's certificate). My second eldest brother hasn't received it even though he is eligible. According to my sister-in-law, if my brother had a genbaku-techou, marriage would have been more difficult because it was well known then that A-bomb survivors are more likely to suffer from leukemia. Women would not marry a man who might become ill. I haven't heard the reason directly from him, though.

I am strongly against the A-bomb and war. Only those who actually saw the miserable situation of the A-bomb truly know the devastation caused by the A-bomb. Seeing the pictures is not enough. Only those who were there at the A-bombing truly understand the real situation. I am utterly opposed to the A-Bomb and war. I would like to appeal to everyone. (The original interview was taken by the Seattle Hiroshima Club in 2010.)



Nagasaki, Japan, before and after the bombing. Atomicarchive.com

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## June Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

Growing up attending Temple and Dharma School, I have memories of being given money by my parents to place in the offertory (Osaisen, お賽銭) collection basket when I went up to offer incense. On special services, I remember greeters at a table in the temple lobby accepting white envelopes from members walking in for service. I never gave either of these practices much thought until I became temple President.

Osaisen and Special Service donations are forms of Dāna (Sanskrit: दान), generosity. Dāna, or fuse (布施) in Japanese, is the first of the Six Paramitas or Perfections. While Dāna may be considered a donation or charity, I also consider it an expression of gratitude and support for the temple that gathers the Sangha, where the Buddha Dharma is shared.

Like Sustaining Membership, donations help with the general maintenance and operations of the temple. These acts of Dāna ensure that the temple will continue to share the Buddha Dharma for generations to come. The Seattle Betsuin is grateful for every donation, regardless of the amount.

Now that I am a parent, I am the one giving my children Osaisen money and filling out the special services envelopes so that one day my children may bring their children to temple.

Lastly, it is with deep sadness that I share the passing of Sangha member Michele K, who entered the Pure Land on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Michele joined the Seattle Betsuin from Senshin Buddhist Temple when she moved to Bellingham. She will be missed.

Namo Amida Butsu,  
Tyler Moriguchi  
chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org



## Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Have you noticed that the series of articles by Wynn Kiyama “50+ Years in the Dance Circle” has resumed this year in the BCA Wheel of Dharma with an article on page 8 in the May issue on Seattle Betsuin’s Kikue “Kiki” Hagimori?. If you haven’t seen it, you can access the online issue on the BCA website:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/wheel-of-dharma>



Kikue “Kiki” Frances Yamamoto at age 6, in 1921. (Photo from BCA Wheel of the Dharma)

In addition, the BCA Music Committee question of the month in the May issue recognized Reiko Iwanaga, professional dance name Reimichi Hanayagi, recently named as a 2025 National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellow for her lifelong work as a bon odori dancer, teacher, and choreographer.

<https://www.arts.gov/honors/heritage/adrienne-reiko-iwanaga>

(Photo from National Endowment for the Arts)



Miharu Okamura and Miko Shudo (Photo from Instagram)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSCH4uLXP9A>

The June issue of the Wheel of Dharma includes a feature article by Dennis Akizuki on Iwanaga’s prestigious honor. The Music Committee question in the June issue alerts readers to the new video posted on the KO-HA YouTube channel of “June Bloom” from the live performance at Seattle Betsuin by Miko Shudo and Miharu Okamura:



Mark Izu, 1954-2025  
(Photo from SFSFF Performances Website)

I was recently in the Bay Area to attend the Celebration of Life for Mark Izu, a remarkable multimedia production at Herbst Theater in San Francisco. BCA Music Committee was well-represented in attendance there, including dii Lewis and his family from Berkeley Buddhist Temple participating with chanting of the “Junirai.” As you will learn by watching the YouTube live-stream recording

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjhDNHUbS1A>

Izu was an early visionary in the Asian-American music scene. He helped start the Northern California Gagaku group and was the sho player enlisted by Nobuko Miyamoto for the recording of her bon odori song “Kangie.”



On Sunday, June 1, the Dharma Exchange for service in the gym will be gatha singing as the alternative for those not attending the last day of Dharma School in North Bend.

Are you interested in learning or practicing ukulele? See Ann Oxrieder’s announcements with next in-person practice scheduled for June 22 after Dharma Exchange. Contact [communications@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:communications@seattlebetsuin.org) if you would like to participate.



# Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Dharma Exchange takes place after Sunday Service from 11:00AM to 11:30AM, currently meeting in the gym. After enjoying coffee and tea together, we hear, and discuss various aspects of the Dharma, usually led by a minister. All are invited to participate.



Ann O.



**April 27, 2025**  
Chairperson of the Communications Committee, Ann Oxrieder, and Janice Deguchi led an interactive mini-

workshop to gauge how those in attendance felt about adopting a new Betsuin mission statement. Ann explained that the goal of creating a more inviting and welcoming website and sangha for Seattle Betsuin was the impetus for reviewing the temple's mission statement, "to promote, protect and share the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha." They also asked, what brings them to temple or why they come to temple. Individuals' feedback was posted and results will be compiled and brought to the Board.

(Eshinni and Kakushinni Memorial Service, viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt9ZXu1CysE>)



Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda

## May 4, 2025

Dharma Exchange was hosted by Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda. He responded to questions after delivering his dharma talk at Sunday Service. One question pertained to the difference between attaining birth in the Pure Land after death and attainment in this present life. Another question pertained to the influence of social media on people today, especially on youth.



## May 11, 2025

Mothers' Day and Rennyō Shōnin Memorial Service. In lieu of Dharma Exchange attendees stayed for networking, catching up with friends and enjoying tea. (Service is viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUuk7Qz3uMg>)



## May 18, 2025

Assistant Professor of Art History at the University of Washington, Miriam Chusid, gave us a hint of her specialty in Japanese art and visual culture that pertain to Jōdo Shinshū. Ancient examples of artwork of the Western Pure Land



Professor Miriam Chusid

and the story of Queen Vaidehi were of particular interest; of note was that woven pieces were done by women and painted pieces were done by men. She generously stayed to chat with individuals after her presentation. Thank you to Leonora Clarke for inviting Professor Chusid.

(Gotan-e Service viewable at [SEATTLE BETSUIN GOTAN-E SERVICE | 2025-05-18](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt9ZXu1CysE))



Rev. Kusunoki

## May 25, 2025

Rev. Kusunoki shared his experience of holding pillow service, the traditional and immediate last service upon one's passing. Others in attendance shared their experience of pillow service for their loved ones, noting that the service gave the survivors of those who passed into the Pure Land peace of mind. Sensei emphasized the importance of saying the Name, Namo Amida Butsu, also known as the Nembutsu, the call of Amida and one's hearing that call. Gassho.

(All-Sangha Memorial Service, viewable at [SEATTLE BETSUIN ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE | 2025-05-25](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt9ZXu1CysE))



# Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano



As the 2024-2025 school year comes to an end, we would like to thank Rinban Kusunoki, our Seattle Board and the sangha for your support

of Dharma School at Seattle Betsuin. Throughout the year, Dharma School activities were spearheaded by our Dharma School Board - Erin, Kathy, Betty, Connie, Victor, Akiko, Nicole, Ayano, Katherine, Claire and Yvette, with topping off the end of the school year event at the North Bend property. Thank you also to our teachers, Mae, Ayano, Katherine, Marissa, Sharyl, Janay, Yvette, Claire, Tara, Ron, Jason and Harrison for their time and dedication to our students, as we transitioned back to weekly classes.

During the month of May, we enjoyed meeting and listening to our special guest speaker, Nobuo Haneda, remembering Rennyo Shonin and our



Field trip to Kodomo No Hi at JCCW

past sangha members during their memorial services, and celebrating our mothers and Gotan-e, Shinran Shonin's 852nd birthday. On May 4, our primary class took a walking field trip to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington to participate in the Kodomo No Hi event. Thank you to our Scouts and Camp Fire groups for hosting a craft booth and sharing information about our temple, youth programs and our upcoming Obon, July 19 and 20.



Dharma School will be on summer break until September, but we encourage students and families to continue to attend Sunday services! Please keep an eye out for Obon sign-ups. We have many volunteer opportunities for the kori booth, a fun and busy booth to work in! Thank you!  
Gassho, Claire and Yvette



Obon (photo from Lonite' <https://www.lonite.fr/edu/japanese-culture-obon-festival>)



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 fellow-ship among its members; to serve and support the Seattle Betsuin, and contribute services to the welfare of the community.

It has been a busy, activity filled month for the SBBWA; a special thanks to our Religious Committee Chairs for planning the Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko service, our VPs and Membership Committee that coordinated the New Member Lunch and Historian Andrea M who photographs our activities and organizes them in SharePoint for all to view. Submitted by Susie T.



Janice D., Kemii N., Ileene T.



Rev. Irene, Kate W.

The SBBWA New Member Luncheon was held in the Betsuin dining room on Sunday, April 27. We had over 50 people attend to welcome our new members. We have six new members for SBBWA. They are Gaylen A, Lisa L, Susan M, Bev S and Kate W. Susan and Kate were able to attend and were welcome by the group.



Joan N., Susan M, Susie Y., Sheri M.



Aiko F., Ritsuko K., Kayoko T.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating this Special Birthday Year for Julie M and Francis T.



Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Julie M!



Happy 88<sup>th</sup> Francis T!

Daifuku Mochi Making Fundraiser

Submitted by Susie Yamane

Wow! Arigatoo!

We are so grateful to you all for your help!

SBBWA members made over 400 daifuku mochi on Saturday, and sold out by Sunday afternoon. Please pass along our thank yous to the following members that made this happen. We couldn't have done this without the many helping hands!

I do not have everyone's email addresses, so , let me know if we missed anyone's name please!

Lori C, Tish O, Sheri M, Gail S, Suzanne F, Machiko W, Nicole S, Lisa B, Debbie S, Ritsuko K, Kimiko O, Keiko W, Kayoko T, Junko N, Kiyoko N, Deanna I, Ileene T, Carol A-K, Nina T-K, Bonnie D, Loraine J, Fran S, Mae Y, Elaine A, Darlene S, Mai K, Susan M, Pam H, Steph O, Shizue K, Marissa W, Joan N, Marie K-L, Janay L, Susie Y, Tina Z-K, Judith N.



Ileene T., Marissa W., Susie Y.







Judith N., Mae Y., Darlene S., Deanaa I., Bonnie D.



Kayoko T., Kiyoko N., Ritsuko K., Keiko W. Junko N.

Save the date for our plans to make daifuku mochi for Obon on Saturday, July 5th!

### WALK FOR RICE: June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon at Seward Park

This important event supports the ACRS Food Bank and their nutrition programs which provide culturally familiar food items to around 5,000 people annually. Please join “Team SBBWA” as we walk together to raise awareness of food insecurity in our community. Our goal is to raise \$4,000!

If you'd like to make a donation please go directly to: <https://give.acrs.org/team/.657702>.



#### Upcoming Activities and Announcements:

- June 8: BOD Meeting-12:00 in the dining room
- June 14: Pickleball, 10am to noon
- June 21: Pickleball, 10 am to noon
- June 28: Walk for Rice, 9am to noon, Seward Park
- July 5: Daifuku making



# SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder



April 24, 2025



The board voted to cover costs for thirteen years, including back pay, for care and maintenance of a niche in a nokotsudo in Japan.



The board began a conversation that will continue next month on how to respond to declining membership accompanied by rising expenses.



Bon Odori volunteers were urged to get food handler permits before Bon Odori.



The salmon dinner – take-out only – is September 20.



Ten volunteers are needed on both July 7 - 9 to unpack and move objects returning from Japan for the najjin.

May 22, 2025



Board Chair Tyler began by thanking Midori Takagi for taking over the Wheel of the Sangha newsletter.



He then made note that Sangha member Michele Kaemmerer passed away this week.



The board approved the purchase of a new reach-in freezer. Kids Summer Program funds will cover the costs.

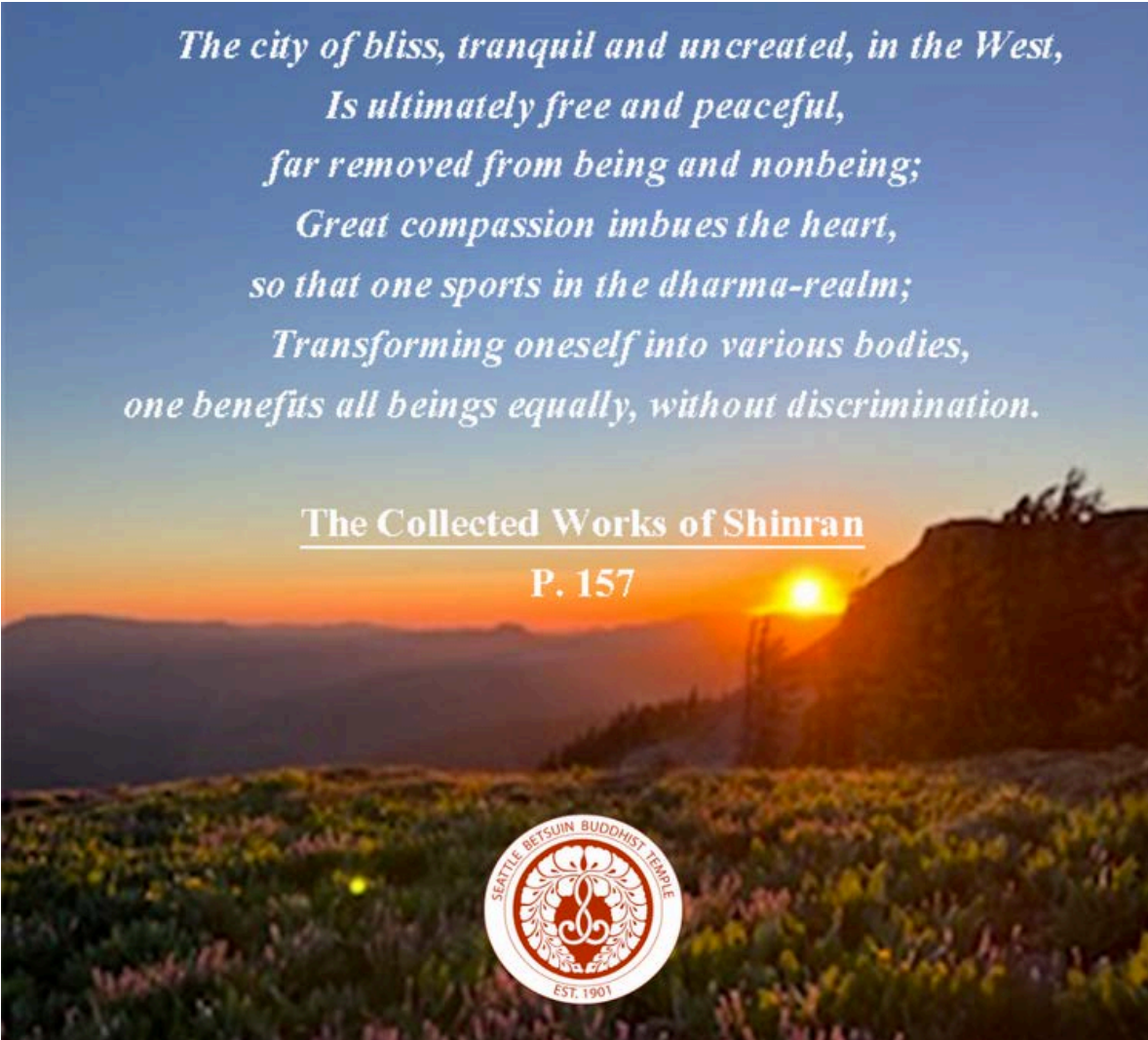


Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the pro's and con's of renting parking space to staff of the Odessa Brown Clinic, which is new to the neighborhood. The board encouraged Tyler to continue discussing a potential contract with Seattle Children's Hospital including monthly fees.



The board then saw data representing membership loss over the years and discussed options for increasing revenue.

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PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mitsue Giulietti



Photo from Zokirushi Food & Culture Blog

May 4<sup>th</sup> Children’s Day Event at JCCCW

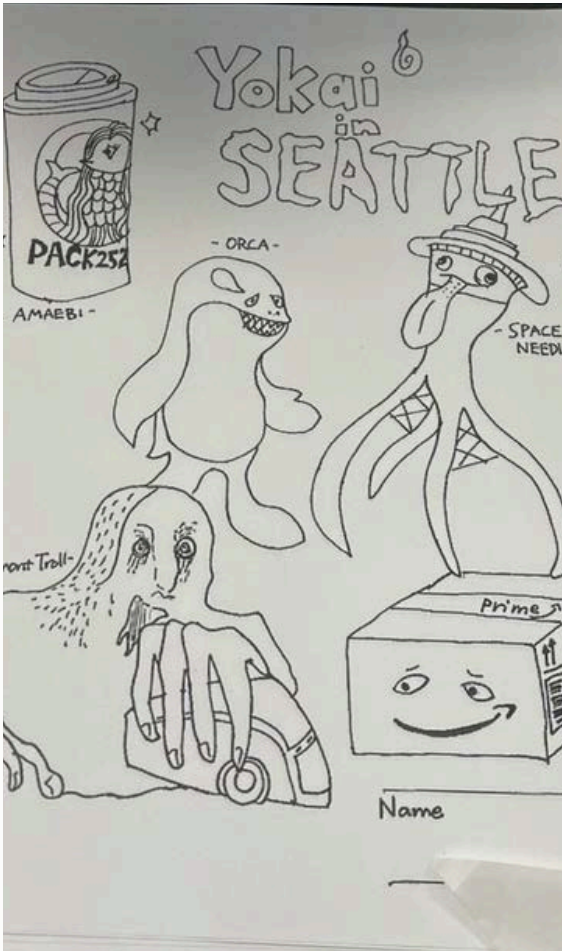
Our Pack hosted an activity booth at the Children's Day Event along with the temple's Campfire, Scouts, Dharma School and Japanese play group. Our booth participated in the stamp passport program in addition to the following activities: Yokai coloring pages, Yokai search game and Origami Hat making.



May 4th and 18th:  
Rocket making @Temple,  
Rocket Launch @Sixty acres park



Image from The Japan Society





# Wedding Announcement

Submitted by Mae Yamasaki

May 12, 2025

On beautiful morning on May 12th, 2025, Rimban Kusunoki officiated the wedding of Mark Girdler and Jennifer Wilhoit from Montana. They were married on the bridge in Wisteria Park.

The groom, Mark, is a Jodo Shinshu follower and Jennifer's father is also Buddhist. She is excited to start learning more about Jodo Shinshu teachings.

Congratulations and best wishes from the temple to the newly married couple! They are also excited that our services can be streamed online. In gassho, Mae Yamasaki







## ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We would like to **“thank”** the following for contributing their 2025 sustaining membership dues - the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations (i.e. security-a high priority, staffing, up-to-date tech equipment/maintenance) plus Live Streaming of Sunday services, Special Services, seminars with guest speakers, and even our book club).



Janet Baba, Lisa Barr, Kayla Butler, Lisa Butler, Rev. Don Castro, Steve & Lori Chisholm, Sandra Cross, Janice Deguchi, Jean Deguchi, Florence Fujita, Lori Hamamoto, Reiko Hara, Kathy Hasegawa, Susan Hatai, Mary Hikida, Michiko Hirata, Jamie Huh, Roy & Deanna Ikegami, Marc & Jan Keltner, Rob & Mai Ketcherside, Kimiko Kadagoda, Janet Kubota, Patricia Kubota, Fusako Kusumi, Andrea Mano, Patty Mastrude, Hugh Matsubayashi, Brian McKinney & Susie Taketa, Connor McKinney, Josh McKinney, Shari Mizumori, Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham, Junko Nakano, Curtis & Charlene Nakayama, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Mabel Nishizaki, Henry Nose, Barry & Marlene Okada, Joel Ortiz, Irene Saito, Pauline Sakuma, Dennis Shibata, Shirley Shimada, Hiro Shin, Wayne Suyenaga, Masao & Frances Tamekuni, Akico Taniguchi, Ronald & Suzuko Terada, Stuart Teramoto, Michiko Wada, Victor Yagi, Sharyl Yamamoto, Steve & Valerie Yamasaki, Yoko Yanari, Dennis Yasukochi & Lynne Goodrich, Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama

Compiled by Howard L, Ileene T., Joan N., & Steph O.

Thank you for volunteering!  
May 2025 Sunday Service Toban  
Steph Ojima  
Alex Sakamoto  
Paul Mori  
Marissa Wong

Thank you, Dennis Shibata for the weekly cleaning of the temple grounds.  
Thank you, Howard Luke and Alex Sakamoto for helping with janitorial duties.  
Thank you, Gary Shibata and Craig Nakashima for removing the dead pine tree and Corey Murata for taking the wood to the North Bend property for the scouts to use.

Thank you to the May maintenance work party:  
Gary Shibata, Craig Nakashima, Corey Murata, and Dennis Shibata.  
Thank you to Joan Nakano, Steph Ojima and Shiz Kaku for helping with the Membership and Gotan-e letter mailing.

Thank you, Kevin Nagai, Corey Murata and Rob Ketcherside for mowing the North Bend property.  
Thank you, Jr. YBA for helping with the recycling of boxes and packing materials.  
Thank you, Sam Umeda and Tyler Moriguchi for helping unload the yagura delivery.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Interested in helping out during services?  
Whether it's setting up, greeting, or tackling cleanup, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Sign up using the link below!

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**The Seattle Betsuin**  
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James & Ayako Demise – Nokotsudo

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**Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.**







## 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

Adachi, Shinsaburo	Hiraga, Noboru	Matsumoto, Patricia	Shimooka, Kazue
Aiko Shimizu	Hoshino, Akio	Matsuoka, Toru	Shinagawa, Chieko
Akada, Same	Hyde, Jane	Mihara, Minoru	Shinbo, Tamio
Akada, Shizue	Ichikawa, Satoru	Minato, Kagei	Shiota, Shiro
Akutsu, Mary	Ideta, Henry	Miyahara, Kiyoko	Song, Linyu
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Fujii, Yukiko	Kajimura, Hiroshi	Nakanishi, Misuno	Taniguchi, Kuma
Fujikawa, Nobuko	Kanaya, Toshiji	Nakashima, Suyeko	Tazuma, Masako
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Fujioka, Momoko	Kawahara, Yoshisuke	Obata, Rose	Teramoto, Kenso
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Hirabayashi, Tomonobu	Matsumoto, Nobuko	Shimizu, Patrick	Yoshinaka, Catherine





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Asaba, Kimiko	Inaba, Miyoko	Muramoto, Raymond	Tamura, Tadashi
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Demise, Ayako	Ishii, Miyoko	Nakamura, Jimmie	Tanino, Katsumi (Kats)
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Fujimoto, Asataro	Kaku, Yoshi	Nakashima, Yoneko	Terada, Minoru
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Fujita, Aiko	Katayama, Donna	Nakayama, Kozo	Terao, Sadao
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Funai, Aubrey	Kato, Sumiye	Nishimoto, Junzo	Tsuchida, Tsune
Funamori, Yoneko	Kawahara, Kikuno	Nitta, Sami	Tsujihara, Naoto
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Gota, Helen	Kiuchi, Kin	Ogohara, Kazue	Yabuki, Haru
Hamano, Kinuyo	Kiyonaga, Hideji	Okawa, Miye	Yamagiwa, Paul
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Haraguchi, Sadame	Koura, Hatsuko	Omori, Aiko	Yamaguchi, Kozo
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Hayashi, Kinko	Matsuhira, Ajiro	Otsuji, Takeo	Yamamura, Ito
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Hirano, Tokino	Mizumori, Nancy	Seko, Roy	Yoshida, Seiichi
Hirata, Hajime	Mizuno, Hatsue	Shimbo, Sakayeko	Yoshimura, Dick
Hirata, Osamu	Mori, Kerry	Shinoda, Ronald	Yoshino, Minoru
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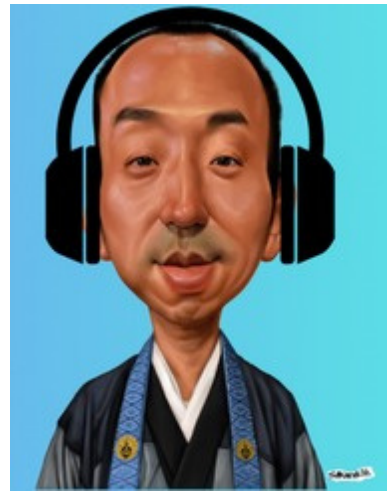
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10 am SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <b>10:50 am</b> Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service in dining room	<b>2</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>3</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>1:30 pm</b> Nikkei Manor Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10 am</b> Japanese Seminar  <b>2 pm</b> English Seminar: "On Rennyō Shōnin's Chapter on White Ashes" with guest Rev. John Iwōhara. At Betsuin.
<b>8</b> <b>10 am BISHOPS' / RIMBANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> Guest speaker - Rev. John Iwōhara Gardena Buddhist Temple <b>10:50 am</b> Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service in dining room	<b>9</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>10</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom <b>6:30 pm</b> Evening Study Session on Zoom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>12 pm</b> Gojikai meeting	<b>14</b>  <b>3 pm</b> Gagaku Practice
<b>15</b> <b>10 am SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <b>10:50 am</b> Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service in dining room	<b>16</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>17</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>1:30 pm</b> Nikkei Manor Service  <b>7 pm</b> Betsuin Cabinet meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10 am SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <b>10:50 am</b> Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service in dining room	<b>23</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>11 am</b> Merrill Gardens Renton  <b>7 pm</b> Betsuin Board meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10 am SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <b>10:50 am</b> Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service in dining room	<b>30</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>JULY 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS</b> July 19-20 SEATTLE BON ODORI July 26 Obon Service at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Queen Anne) July 26 Obon Service at Washington Memorial Park (Sea-Tac) July 26 Obon service at Lake View Cemetery (Capitol Hill) July 27 HATSUBON / OBON SERVICE July 27 Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery (Northgate) July 27 Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue)				<b>To view all services, please visit</b> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple">http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple</a>  Please call ahead to make an appointment with the Seattle Betsuin office at 206-329-0800.  <b>Visits by appointment only.</b>



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**Saturday, July 26**

**Mt Pleasant Cemetery, 700 W Raye St, Queen Anne Hill, 12:00 Noon**

**Washington Memorial Park Cemetery, 16445 International Boulevard, Sea-Tac, 1:00 PM**

**Lake View Cemetery, 1554 15 Ave E, Capitol Hill, 3:30 PM**

**Sunday, July 27**

**Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Obon/Hatsubon Service: Sunday 10:00 AM**

**Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, 11111 Aurora Ave. N., Northgate, 1:00 PM**

**Sunset Hills Memorial Park, 1575 145<sup>th</sup> Pl SE, Bellevue, 3:00 PM**

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Topic: Learning Japanese Buddhist Technical Terms  
Textbook: Cocktail

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Time: 6:30 – 7:30 PM PST/PDT

Contact: [rev.kusunoki@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:rev.kusunoki@seattlebetsuin.org)

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Topic: Various

When: Second Wednesday of the Month

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM PST/PDT

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Topic: 証巻を読んでみよう！

Textbook: 教行信証現代語版

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**June 1      Sunday Service  
Dharma Exchange**  
**June 8      Bishops'/Rimbans' Memorial  
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Iwohara**  
**June 15     Sunday Service  
Dharma Exchange**  
**June 22     Sunday Service  
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