

Account of A-Bomb by Teruko Nakamichi

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

The 80th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-Bomb.

2025 is the 80th 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”. Teruko Nakamichi was age 18 at the A-bombing. After graduating high school, Teruko worked at the army armory as a member of the girls’ volunteer corps (*joshi-tenshintai*).



In August 1945, we evacuated to the house of a famous athlete, Mikio Oda, because the armory itself might be attacked by the enemy. We used the second floor of his house as the office of the army armory. I was involved in office work there. At 8:15am on Aug 6, I just came out of the entrance of the house with my friends. A strong orange light struck our eyes. We were very surprised and ran into the house again. Unfortunately, the house collapsed, and we were buried under the house. The bomb blast smashed the



Nagasaki, Japan, After the bombing.

(Image from: <https://jacobin.com/2018/01/hiroshima-nagasaki-atomic-bomb-wwii>)

house. We crawled out of the collapsed house and wondered if it had been hit by an earthquake. We were stunned. I injured my right shoulder.

In order to figure out what happened, we went to the cave nearby where other friends went to get documents. The friends who were in the cave were hit by the bomb blast, and their *monpe* (work pants) were tattered. No one knew what happened and came out of the cave. A soldier came and said, “**Don’t go out of the cave.**” He guided us to an air-raid shelter in the cave. The soldier said, “**A disaster occurred outside. You must not go out of this shelter.**” In the early afternoon, the army provided meals of rice balls to everybody. Around 5pm, we were told that “**It’s getting a little calmer outside and you can go home now if you like.**” I commuted by Geibi-line. If the train stopped, I couldn’t go home. My friend who lived in Onaga said, “**If the train stops, you can stay at my place.**” Then, we decided to leave the shelter anyway. We couldn’t go to Hiroshima station. Navy soldiers deployed from Kure and controlled traffic. We took a detour and reached Yaga station, the next stop from the Hiroshima station in Geibi line. When we arrived there, we saw a train emitting steam. I said, “**Wow, the train is running!**” and that was the first train on that day. When I got on the train at Yaga station, the coaches were full of the victims who were burnt black, so I stood in the vestibule, between coaches. By the time the train arrived at the next stop, Hesaka station, I got sick because the sore skin of the victims touched my arms and chest. When I insisted on getting off the train, a lady said, “**Your stop is next. Stay on the train. Think how terribly your parents worry about you.**” I decided to stay on the train until my stop, Yaguchi. From Yaguchi, I had to take a ferry to get



Photograph of a nuclear explosion on Nevada Test Site, 1957.
(Image from Picryl.com, <https://picryl.com/media/operation-plumbbob-boltzmann-2cb59f>)



Kusunoki, continued

to my home in Kawauchi. My house was on the banks of the river. When I arrived at the ferry station of Yaguchi, I saw a lot of people standing along the river. When I wondered what they were doing, they started clapping and said, “**She’s back!**” They were waiting for me. My mother and other family were frantic with joy. Everybody hugged and cried.

I still could not sleep at ease after I got home on that day. The victims were continuously evacuated to my town from Hiroshima all night because Kawauchi is relatively close to Hiroshima. If the victims knew of someone related to Kawauchi, they would come. Every victim was burned.

My aunt lived in Yokogawa, Hiroshima city. On the morning of Aug 6, she was nursing her child. She was sitting behind the fence and keeping an eye on her child playing. Then the A-bomb dropped, and the fence fell down on her. She was killed. My father went to her place to carry her body. According to my father, only her arms were outside the fence. Her trunk was under the fence and only her arms were burned. My father carried her body by cart and cremated it at the riverbank. That’s what happened to my aunt.

I guess that it took half a year to live a normal life. During that time, I broke out in an itchy rash all over my legs. Immediately after the A-bombing, I only had a rash on my legs. Everybody said that radiation is poisonous. After decades, the doctors in Hiroshima started to visit Seattle to see the A-bomb survivors every two years. They diagnosed that I had a cataract and thyroid disorder.

Finally, I don’t want the younger generations to experience such a disaster. However, it may happen again considering the present situation in which many countries possess nuclear weapons. I hope this may never happen again. Only those who were actually involved in the A-bombing really know the devastation caused by it. It’s horrific. Even though I condemn the A-bomb for the devastation it caused, people cannot really understand until they actually experience it. I think so. (The original interview was taken by the Seattle Hiroshima Club in 2010).



Southward view from Yokogawa Station, Hiroshima, Japan
https://hpmuseum.jp/virtual/VirtualMuseum_e/exhibit_e/exh0802_e/exh080202_e.html



Inside the Hiroshima Train Station after the atomic bomb.
https://hpmuseum.jp/virtual/VirtualMuseum_e/exhibit_e/exh0802_e/exh080202_e.html

July Chair’s Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi



“Dancing together in a big circle,
It is a Bon Odori night!
Ah~ Ah~, with countless Nembutsu friends,
let us all join together and dance, Hongwanji”

-Lyrics from Oyama Ondo (Song of Hongwanji) lyrics by
Rev. Masayoshi Sugimoto, translated by Rev. Kusunoki

Growing up, Bon Odori was a time to eat kakigori (shaved ice) and somen, play taiko, and dance around the yagura. In high school I was scolded by dance instructor Kiki Hagimori for dancing a little too enthusiastically, maybe recklessly. A few years later she introduced me as the newest Bon Odori dance instructor- I don’t know if she ever realized that I was the same person that she had once told “if you’re not going to do the dance right, don’t do it at all!” To me, Bon Odori was all about food and fun.

After my mother passed away during my first week of college, Bon Odori was different- the story of Mokuren had more meaning, the idea that our ancestors come to visit was comforting. While the food and music were the same, I was no longer dancing for fun, but for Joy and Remembrance. After hearing the Dharma for so many years, I was finally ready to truly listen and receive the words of Shinran Shonin and the call of Amida Buddha.

Thanks to the work and support of so many who came before me, the Seattle Betsuin was there when I needed it. It is my responsibility, and of those of us today, to make sure that the Betsuin is here for others in the future.

This Obon season, my thoughts are with all Hatsubon families, especially those of my uncle, Toshi M., and our Sangha members: Suteko F., Yoshiko K., and Michele K.

I hope you will be able to join us on July 19th and 20th for our 93rd Seattle Bon Odori and our cemetery services and Hatsubon service the following weekend. Thank you to the Bon Odori planning committee and all the volunteers who make it possible to put on Bon Odori every year.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Tyler Moriguchi
chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org

Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Song and dance filled the gym during Dharma Exchange in June. On June 1, we sang “Shinshu Shuka,” “Seiya,” “Compassionate Vow,” “Nori no Miyama” with the English translation “Deep in the Woods of Dharma” and also reviewed a new gatha “Peace and Harmony” by Debbie and Colin Kubota, which had been presented to the Dharma School students in March. Debbie Kubota’s gatha “Living Gratefully” also allowed an introduction of music for the newer ukulele players who are meeting with Greg and Ann Oxrieder to get the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band going again. The next ukulele practice is planned for Sunday, July 27.



Bon Odori practice with Munehisa Y. and Rev. K.

The Bon Odori Taiko subcommittee of BCA Music Committee has organized a webinar “Songs & Dances of Resilience, Gratitude, Joy, and Hope” on Wednesday evening, July 23 at 6 pm PDT. PJ Hirabayashi, Nobuko Miyamoto, and Tiffany Tamaribuchi are the workshop presenters. Registration is free, though donations are appreciated. Please see the flyer for details for this timely presentation and Zoom conversation. The July issue of the BCA Music Newsletter also can be found on the BCA Music webpage:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music>



Bon Odori practice “Tanko Bushi” June 22, 2025

On June 22, Tina Ko and team organized an Introduction to Bon Odori Dharma Exchange. What a great turnout and fun review as we prepare for Seattle Betsuin bon odori weekend on July 19 and 20! Tyler with Gail and Nicole led “Mikokoro Ondo,” “Oyama Ondo,” “Tanko Bushi,” and “Gōshū Ondo.”



Bon Odori practice June 22, 2025



Bon Odori practice Suzanne F.



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.



June 1, 2025

Rev. Matt May gave the dharma message at the 10:00AM Service regarding Buddha-Nature and AI (Artificial Intelligence). Dharma School's last day was held at North Bend.



Rev. Matt May

Watch June 1st Sunday Service here:

[SEATTLE BETSUIN ALL SUNDAY SERVICE | 2025-06-01](#)

At Dharma Exchange, Kemi N. lead attendees in rehearsing gathas that might be sung at the 2026 Northwest Convention. See her Musical Notes article for more information.

June 8, 2025

Bishops and Seattle Betsuin's Rinbans Memorial Service was held; Rev. John Iwohara of Gardena Buddhist Temple gave the dharma message. Rev. Iwohara had also presented the Nembutsu Seminar on Rennyo Shonin's



Rev. John Iwohara

Hakkotusu no Sho/On the White Ashes, one of the letters of Rennyo's Gobunsho, the previous day.

Watch the Bishops' & Rimfans' Memorial Service here:

[SEATTLE BETSUIN BISHOPS' & RIMBANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE | 2025-06-08](#)

At Dharma Exchange Joe Gotchy explained how the soon-to-be republished Seattle Betsuin translation of Gobunsho came about. Joe and Margaret Gotchy key-stroked the entire document electronically and made conventional corrections to Seattle Betsuin Religious Department's translation of the Gobunsho. The original



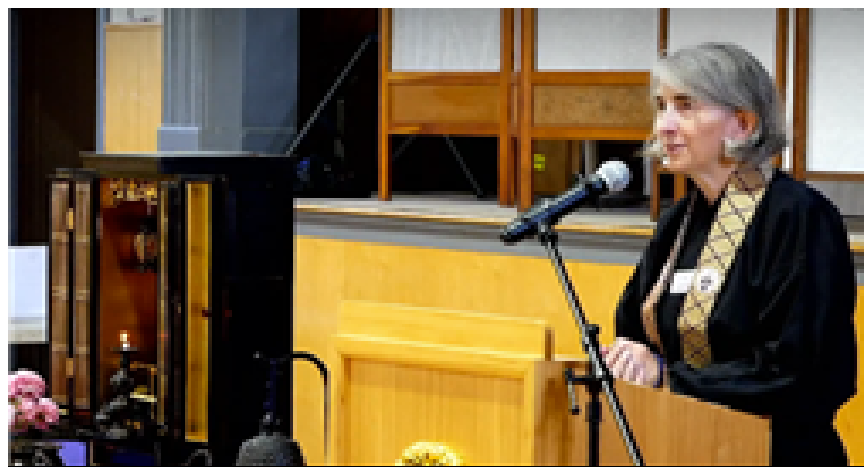
Margaret and Joe G.

publication was written by typewriter, mimeographed and completed in 1976 after about 30 years of work by many devoted committee members. The re-publication will be available soon.

June 15, 2025, Father's Day.

Rev. Kusunoki's dharma talk for the day's Service was about his unrest about the current world and domestic events. He turned to reciting the Nembutsu for peace of mind. Watch the service here:

[SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2025-06-15](#)



Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke

Leonara Clarke asked attendees to discuss their reactions to current events of the day. She quoted Ken Lin, in part, "I would try to interpret our anxiety not as something to be stamped out, but a calling to engage with each other on what kind of world would be a better place for all." The twenty, or so, attendees formed three groups; they discussed their emotions and opinions about civil unrest and political demonstrations happening; one person from each group reported what was discussed.

June 22, 2025

The dharma talk at Sunday Service was given by Minister's Assistant Jason Yokoyama. He encouraged each of us to find a Buddhist message in each day of our lives, whether it be a good day or not.



Jason Yokoyama, Tyler Moriguchi, Tina Ko

Watch Yokoyama's service here:

[SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2025-06-22](#)

Bon Odori -- Get Ready, Set, Go! was the focus of Dharma Exchange. SBBWA's Tina Ko lead an informative, interactive, and fun program to inspire us to observe Obon and participate in Bon Odori to be held July 19, 20. Explanation of Obon's origin, (Ullambana Sutra), a fashion parade featuring Bon Odori attire, and Tyler Moriguchi leading some 80 attendees in four Bon Odori dances. See SBBWA article for more information.

Dharma School Notes

Submitted by Joan Nakano

On June 1st, Dharma School had our end of the year party at the North Bend property. It was great timing and weather as Reese and volunteers had been working so hard all weekend, beautifying the grounds for his Eagle Scout project. Tacoma Buddhist Temple Dharma School joined us for the 10:00 service and after acknowledgments and awards, we enjoyed a walking tour of the area. Grilled hot dogs, shared sides, s'mores and games were ready upon our return and enjoyed by all! We look forward to this annual event! Dharma School is off for the summer, but we still hope to see you at Sunday service. Please don't forget that Seattle's Obon is July 19 and 20, and you can sign up for shifts on Sign Up Genius! Let's also support White River's Obon on July 26 and Tacoma's Obon on August 2. First Day of Dharma School will be Sunday, September 7. Have a wonderful summer!



Thank you, Dharma School students and families!

Acknowledgement and Award Recipients-

Sangha Awards- Maia, Misa, Drew, Reese

Attendance Awards- Miya, Yuiya

Federated Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) 10 years of Service- Claire, Mae, Tara

Senior Acknowledgments- Kenzo, Tulip

Teacher Thank Yous- Mae, Ayano, Katherine, Marissa, Janae, Sharyl, Yvette, Claire, Tara, Ron, Jason, Harrison

Thank you to our Dharma School Board- Erin, Connie, Kathy, Victor, Nicole, Betty, Akiko, Katherine and Ayano for your preparation and planning for the Dharma School program throughout the year.

Gassho,

Claire and Yvette



Thank you, Dharma School teachers!

Dharma School Notes
Continued



Dharma School year end party fun at North Bend

PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mitsue Giulietti

June 8th: 2025 Blue and Gold @Wisteria Park

Celebrates the achievements of the school year, advancement of their new rank, den skits, thanking volunteers, and friends of scouting.



June 20th: Pack 252 Outdoor Fun Day
@North Bend Property



PACK 252 UPDATE



In the month of May 2025, Troop 252 did many activities and had a lot of fun!

On the weekend of May 10-11, we went on a 30-mile bike ride from Snoqualmie pass to North Bend where Troop 252 partnered up with Troop 60 and biked together. To start the ride, we rode through a pitch-black abandoned railroad tunnel. It was very dark and cold in the tunnel. After the ride, we ate ice cream and camped at the temple's property in North Bend. The next weekend, May 16-18, we had Camporee at Camp Pigott.

Camp Piggott is a scout camp that is right next door to Camp Edwards which is a cub scout camp. It rained very hard all day during our stay at Camp Piggott. But the activities were very fun such as buddy skis and cooking in camp. We even ate elk burgers!

On Saturday, May 24th we did flag planting at Evergreen Washelli, where we paid our respects to veterans including to the 442nd Japanese soldiers who fought in World War II and served our country, by planting flags on their graves.

On Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day), many Troop 252 scouts performed a flag service as part of the Nisei Veteran's ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery.

At the end of May, many scouts were involved in Reese T's Eagle Scout project which helped restore some campsites at the Temple's property in North Bend. We also had a court of honor on June 8th where many scouts received new rank and merit badges. In conclusion, we had a great year at Troop 252!



Letter to the Sangha from Reese T.

Dear Sangha,

Thank you for all of your support on my Eagle Project! The day started off sunny and we saw a little bit of rain later in the day, but we ended with it being bright and clear! We cleaned up all three campsites and mulched the whole first campsite. We built two picnic tables to replace a rotten one in campsite three, and put a new one in campsite one. In total we hauled away over a half ton of blackberry bushes. The fallen trees were cleared and any weeds sticking out were removed.

We had an amazing lunch and dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers and plenty of other fruits and drinks to replenish us throughout the whole day.

Total funds raised through my food sale and donations was around \$1800. It covered all the expenses and the extra will be donated back to the temple. The temple Sangha support really came through and helped me carry out this project.

A total of 31 people came to support my project and worked a total of over 200 hours.

Thank you for everyone that showed up and helped! The best part about it was how Troop 252 got to use the beautified campsite that same day to camp overnight! We had our first campfire, and roasted rice crispy treats over it in celebration.

Thanks,
Reese T



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.

Arigato to everyone who contributed to the success of SBBWA's daifuku fundraiser. It was a great teaching and learning opportunity for the group and a real confidence booster for our big production event on July 5th. A net total of \$806 was raised and will be donated to the Pasadena Buddhist Temple Fire Fund.



The weekend of June 7-8, the Sangha was fortunate to have former Seattle Betsuin minister, Rev Iwohara conduct a Saturday workshop and service for the Bishop's and Rimban's Memorial Service. Many of our members were able to catch up with him at a potluck dinner on Saturday and at Sunday's Dharma Exchange.

A special thank you to Mrs. K and her crew who made a delicious and beautiful bento lunch for sensei to eat before returning home.



Bento lunch for Rev. Iwohara

It's the final countdown until Obon 2025 and were treated to a very fun and informative Dharma Exchange on June 22nd: Ready, Set Go! It was nice to reflect on the meaning of songs related to Jodo Shinshu teachings, and of all the people that come together to make Obon happen. So please invite your family, friends and community to this very fun and meaningful cultural event. If you're able, please sign up to help and consider staying a little extra on Sunday evening to help us dismantle the festival so temple construction can resume the following day.



Ready Set Go!

SBBWA will be having their Bachan Closet sale in the gym during Obon. We are collecting gently used Japanese wear such as yukata, kimono, obi etc. Please look through your closets and consider donating to a future odori dancer.

From Hiroshima to Hope- August 6th at Green Lake, 6 pm

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In these critical times it is very important to remember the victims of war and violence.

Lantern preparations and pre-program performances begin at 6 pm, a family program at 7 pm and the lantern ceremony at 8 pm.

As in past years, SBBWA will provide donor and volunteer support.

If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at www.fromhiroshimatohope.org and click on the Volunteer tab. Please also invite your friends and relatives to volunteer and/or attend. We need each and every one of you!

Site location: South of the Bathhouse Theater at West Green Lake Drive North and Stone Ave North
Free and Open to the Public.

Upcoming Activities

Daifuku Mochi Making- July 5th @ 9 am, dining room

Oneijin set-up lunch help- July 7-8

Bachan Closet Donations accepted from July 15th

Obon July 19 & 20, sign up to help:

2025 Obon Sign here: www.signupgenius.com

Inter-church softball game- August 9th hosted by

Tacoma Buddhist Temple, more details to come

Pickleball- **No dates scheduled for July.**

August dates: 8/2, 8/16

SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder



June 26, 2025



The board heard requests for more volunteers: July 12,13 to staff a booth at the Japan Fair in Bellevue; July 14 ,15 at Bon Odori dance practice; July 19, 20 at Bon Odori, especially second shifts on both days



The board heard plans for welcoming newcomers in person and via the website.



The board heard a report from the Nokotsudo Committee based on the architectural firm’s analysis of available space in the building;

Committee seeks families of individuals housed in Nokotsudo

Last year, the Nokotsudo Committee was formed to explore converting the temple’s Nokotsudo (Columbarium) from a temporary storage location of cremains to a permanent Nokotsudo. As part of the committee’s work, we are attempting to locate family contacts for the approximately 300 individuals currently housed in the Nokotsudo. If you have a family member in the Nokotsudo, please contact the temple office at office@seattlebetsuin.org.

Also, if you would be interested in a niche in the permanent Nokotsudo, please contact the temple office.

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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 **Religious programs** i.e., (Live Streaming of Sunday services, Special Services, seminars with guest speakers, Sensei’s podcast and even our book club).



Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Harrison Chinn,
Sela Chinn,
Irene Goto, Ellen Hale, Grace Ichikawa, Sally
Kawaguchi, Rose Kishi, Hiroko Janet Kosai,
Art & Lori Kozai,
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Esther Sugai,
Midori Takagi, Sam Umeda, Rick Wong, Akiko
Yabuki, Dennis Yee & Eileen Hamamoto,
Donna Zumoto

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

We would like to ‘**WELCOME**’
Tosh Shahbaghlian & Rick Wong
as new members of our Sangha.

Call for Volunteers: Help Us Support And Increase Membership!

The Seattle Buddhist Temple is forming a Membership Experience Work Group and we’re looking for dedicated volunteers! This group will focus on creating a warm, inclusive experience for first-time visitors, new members, and longtime sangha members alike. From outreach efforts to hospitality and connection-building, your contributions will help us foster a truly welcoming community. If you're passionate about deepening sangha engagement and sharing all the temple has to offer, we’d love to have you join us! Contact Dean O’Shields, deanoshields@gmail.com.

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

Thank you, Joan Nakano, Steph Ojima and
Shiz Kaku for helping with the bulk mailing.

Thank you Joan Nakano and Steph Ojima
for sorting temple inventory.

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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Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from May - June 2025

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Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.



JULY SHOTSUKI HOYO

The July Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the Month of July

Adachi, Elaine	Horike, Ayako	Morikawa, George	Tahara, Mitsuzo
Akada, Yoshio	Iboshi, Ralph	Morita, Fukutaro	Takahashi, Mary
Aoki, Ruth	Idaka, Totaro	Moriyama, Tamotsu	Takano, Tomi
Arinobu, Yuki	Inaba, Frank	Muneta, Jean	Taketa, Shikao
Asaba, Kimiko	Inaba, Miyoko	Muramoto, Raymond	Tamura, Tadashi
Chang, Wai Kam	Inouye, Shizu	Nagaishi, Shigeo	Tanaka, Shizue
Chu-Chan, Mee	Ishida, Kenichi	Nakagawa, Nami	Tanemura, Toshikazu
Demise, Ayako	Ishii, Miyoko	Nakamura, Jimmie	Tanino, Katsumi (Kats)
Fugami, Irene	Kajimura, Tsutomu	Nakamura, Saiji	Taylor, Fusako
Fujihira, Shiro	Kajita, Aico	Nakashima, Fumiko	Terada, Kimi
Fujimoto, Asataro	Kaku, Yoshi	Nakashima, Yoneko	Terada, Minoru
Fujino, Paul	Kanaya, Mary	Nakawawa, Katsuko	Terada, Toshiko
Fujita, Aiko	Katayama, Donna	Nakayama, Kozo	Terao, Sadao
Fujita, Jack	Katayama, Yoshiko	Namba, Chieko	Tokunaga, Joe
Fukai, Kiyoshi	Kato, Michiko	Nishi, Asako	Tsuboi, Tamiye
Funai, Aubrey	Kato, Sumiye	Nishimoto, Junzo	Tsuchida, Tsune
Funamori, Yoneko	Kawahara, Kikuno	Nitta, Sami	Tsujihara, Naoto
Furuta, Charles	Kawahara, Masano	Nogami, Hamano	Tsujii, Janet
Furuta, Ikuno	Kawanishi, Fusa	Nomaguchi, Chiyokesa	Tsukui, Florence
Furuta, Isamu	Kitano, Osamu	Ohara, Toshio	Uchida, Yoshio
Gota, Helen	Kiuchi, Kin	Ogohara, Kazue	Yabuki, Haru
Hamano, Kinuyo	Kiyonaga, Hideji	Okawa, Miye	Yamagiwa, Paul
Harada, Yoshito	Koba, Tsutou	Okimura, Teimei	Yamaguchi, Atsumi
Haraguchi, Sadame	Koura, Hatsuko	Omori, Aiko	Yamaguchi, Kozo
Harui, Margie	Kurata, Shin	Ono, Kiyoko	Yamamoto, Dawn
Hasegawa, Saburo	Kusumi, Shogo	Otani, Rise	Yamamoto, Ichiro
Hashimoto, Miyuki	Maruko, Teruo	Otsuji, Suye	Yamamoto, Kikuno
Hayashi, Kinko	Matsuhira, Ajiro	Otsuji, Takeo	Yamamura, Ito
Hayashi, Mitsui	Matsushita, Kan	Peck, Hideko	Yamane, Akio
Heyamoto, Fumiko	Mitoma, Jay	Saito, Yayoi	Yamasaki, Fujie H.
Higa, Michael	Miyahara, Kiyomi	Sakamoto, Alyce	Yamashita, Henry
Hino, Ryusho	Miyauchi, Tsuru	Sakamoto, Mineko	Yasunobu, Seiji
Hirai, Mikiye	Mizuki, Tomoko	Sako, Yoshiaki	Yoshida, Nobuko



JULY SHOTSUKI HOYO

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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
Hiroo, Edward	Moriguchi, Sadako	Shintaku, Albert	Yuki, Motoitsu

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
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Hamasaki, Sakae	Koon, Ying	Okada, George	Ueki, Kikuno
Hamasaki, Shimo	Kozai, Masao	Okamoto, Grace	Uyeda, Masato
Hanada, Matsu	Kubo, Chojiro	Oki, Kathleen	Wada, Corey
Harada, Kiyoko	Kubo, Frank	Oono, Yoshio	Wakazuru, Joseph



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

Harada, Mitsuyo	Kubota, Betty	Osaki, Take	Watanabe, Kazuo
Harada, Sadako	Kumata, Tazuko	Oye, Tetsuya	Watanabe, Yuzuru
Hata, Sachiko	Kurimoto, Yoichi	Parker, Tomiko	Wataoka, Takayo
Hayashi, Sally	Kuwahara, Susie	Saito, Kenneth	Wheeler, Robert
Hiroo, Terami	MacNealy, Denny	Sakai, Tama	Yahagi, Hiroshi
Hiroo, Yoshie	Mamiya, Yoshiko	Sakai, Yoshi	Yahagi, Takano
Holcombe, Noriko	Mano, Kasumi	Sakai, Yoshiko	Yamagiwa, Robert
Honmyo, Masayoshi	Matsumoto, Ayako	Sakamoto, Saburo	Yamaguchi, Shiro
Hoshino, Chieko	Matsuura, Robert	Sako, Kimiye	Yamamoto, George
Hoshino, Shizuye	Matsuzaki, Kiku	Sakoda, Toshio	Yamamoto, Mitsue
Hung, Shao-Chen	McLeod, Grace	Sakuma, Lindsay	Yamamoto, Tatsuya
Ikuta, Carol	Mitchell, Raymond	Sakurai, Shinji	Yamasaki, Kazuo
Imabori, Martha	Miyatake, Sumiko	Sasaki, Sachiyo	Yamashita, Kiyoshi
Imanaka, Ted	Mochizuki, Kiyoto	Seto, Kazuko	Yoshida, Elmer
Imanishi, Takeo	Morimoto, Eichi	Seto, Tatsuji	Yoshida, Keisuke
Ishida, Nobu	Moriyasu, Reikiichi	Shigihara, Takeshi	Yoshizawa, Lucy
Ishikawa, Shigeto	Muromoto, Masu	Shimada, Michelle	Yukawa, Ayame
Itakura, Akiko	Masumoto, Riye	Shimamoto, Fumi	Yutani, Alice



Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS August 3 Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service			1	2	3	4	5
						Independence Day	
					1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	(Office Closed)	
6		7	8	9	10	11	12
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					
10:50 am	Dharma Exchange						
	Japanese Language Service in dining room						
13		14	15	16	17	18	19
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					SEATTLE BON ODORI
10:50 am	Dharma Exchange						
	Japanese Language Service in dining room				1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
					7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting		
20		21	22	23	24	25	26
	NO SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>		<i>Rimban's vacation</i>	<i>Rimban's vacation</i>	<i>Rimban's vacation</i>	
	SEATTLE BETSUIN			11 am Merrill Gardens Renton			
	BON ODORI				7 pm Betsuin Board meeting		12 pm Obon Service at Mt. Pleasant
							1 pm Obon Service at WA Memorial Park
							3:30 pm Obon Service at Lake View
27	HATSUBON/OBON SERVICE	28	29	30	31		To view all services, please visit http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple Please call ahead to make an appointment with the Seattle Betsuin office at 206-329-0800. Visits by appointment only.
10 am	OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>					
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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 145th Pl SE, Bellevue, 3:00 PM



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Topic: Various

When: Second Wednesday of the Month

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Contact: revtadaok@gmail.com

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- July 6 Sunday Service
Dharma Exchange
Japanese Language Service in dining room**
- July 13 Sunday Service
Dharma Exchange
Japanese Language Service in dining room**
- July 20 No Sunday Service: Seattle Betsuin
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- July 27 Hatsubon/Obon Service**

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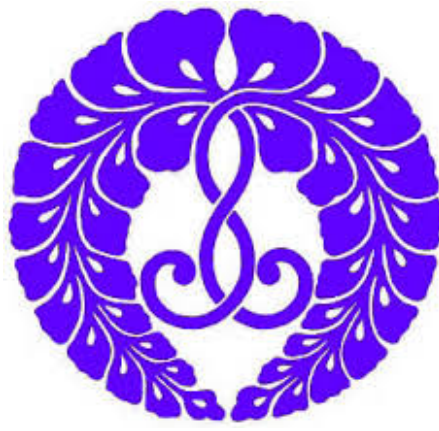
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