



## Account of A-Bomb by Hachiya Momoe

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.” Hachiya Momoe was aged 15 at the A-bombing. An interview with Hachiya Momoe and the Seattle Hiroshima Club can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlfmUjCP46w>



Before the A-bombing, I lived in a dormitory of the Japan Red Cross Hospital. The dorm was in Minami Senta machi. I was a student at the nursing school. I was doing demonstrations or something like that. I never thought the bombing would come. I heard air-raid alarms many times, though. We had many firebomb attacks in Hiroshima before then, but our dorm was not damaged until Aug. 6. It suddenly happened on the morning of Aug. 6.

In the morning of August 6, 1945, some of the nurses at the Red Cross Hospital had diarrhea, caused by malnutrition. We ate only soybean rice or kaoliang [sorghum] rice. Many nurses were infected with dysentery. The dorm became like a dysentery ward.

I was in charge of sterilizing dishes. Outside, three of us sterilized dishes over fire. At the time of the bombing, we were resting under the eaves. It was so hot, and we needed a rest. Because of this, we didn’t get burned. Otherwise, we would definitely have gotten severe burns. Because we used a fire for sterilization, if we had stayed near the fire, we could have been killed. Because I was hiding behind the building, I didn’t even get burned.



Photograph of the Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital after the A-Bomb, 1945.  
(Image from the Japanese Red Cross Society. [https://www.hiroshima-med.jrc.or.jp/english/atomic\\_bomb-en/](https://www.hiroshima-med.jrc.or.jp/english/atomic_bomb-en/))

The dorm was made of wood, so it completely collapsed. Many nurses were trapped under the collapsed dorm. Probably Tanaka-san, too. We rushed away from the damaged building. I did not have any burns. I was lucky.

After the bombing, the head nurse was rescued from the dorm. She felt responsible for the damage, and said to the non-injured nurses “Work, work...” So, we gathered at the entrance of the hospital from outside. This is the picture of the Japan Red Cross Hospital before World War II. This photo was taken when I entered the Japan Red Cross Hospital before World War II.



Photograph of the Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital before the A-Bomb. (Image from *Newsweek* Aug. 6, 2020, <https://www.newsweek.com/grandfather-mother-survived-atomic-bomb-1522620>)



This photo was taken when I left the hospital in 1950.



Red Cross Hospital 1947. (Image from Radiation Effects Research Foundation: [https://www.rerf.or.jp/en/about/history\\_e/album\\_e/list\\_e/](https://www.rerf.or.jp/en/about/history_e/album_e/list_e/))

Atomic bomb victims were coming to the entrance. Their numbers gradually increased. We, non-injured, were engaged in relief activities. The entrance to the hospital was full of those victims. Everybody laid down, cried for water; gee, it was such a miserable scene. Seeing such disastrous conditions of A-bomb victims, I deeply appreciated my good luck. I took care of the victims every day. “Work, work, you non-injured fellows...”



Victims of the A-Bomb at Red Cross Hospital Hiroshima. (Image from Japanese Red Cross Society, [https://www.hiroshima-med.jrc.or.jp/english/atomic\\_bomb-en/](https://www.hiroshima-med.jrc.or.jp/english/atomic_bomb-en/))

For about a month... moving from place to place, we helped doctors who were engaged in treatments. I can't remember how I managed to get food. There was no place to eat except the basement of the hospital. The dorm was totally collapsed.

After that, the head nurse gave me permission to go outside in October. My parents' house at Misasa was entirely burnt down. With no place to go, I visited my uncle at Yamaguchi prefecture for a few days. That's it. We were not allowed to move about freely. Even though my younger brother died, I couldn't go home to find him without the head nurse's permission. Head nurses had much authority.

My grandmother and younger brother died from the bomb. My grandma was on volunteer labor, called “Kaoku-sokai,” which made fire breaks to stop fires, by destroying some houses. She went to Koami-cho which is very close to the hypocenter. Everything was destroyed near the hypocenter. There was no way to find her. The same with my younger brother; on his way home from school, the school building fell down upon him. There was no way to find him. I couldn't even ask the head nurse to go out. I stayed in the hospital and took care of the victims.

The victims had very severe burns. It was different from normal burns. Their heads behind the ears were full of maggots because it was hot in the summer. And their faces -- half of their faces were burnt. And their hair -- if they had had on black hats, they went bald. Their situation was so pitiful. When I saw them, I realized my good luck. Their presence itself was pitiful rather than horrifying. Such victims came into the entrance of the hospital. Everybody laid down there. That's all.

Many of them died. There were not enough crematories for them. We put their bodies on tin plates, bodies unidentified, then lit pieces of wood on them and cremated them. Otherwise, these bodies would soon decay.

Some people had burns covering their entire backs. Kikkawa-san who was well-known as the first A-Bomb victim, came to our dermatology department. He was burnt all over his back, the entire back, indeed, along with his head. I can't find words to describe his misery.

Unless all nuclear weapons in the world are eliminated, someone might use them. I would like to make people aware of how horribly the use of A-bombs can affect mankind, because only those who are actually involved in A-bombings really know the devastation caused by it. I would like to appeal for the ultimate elimination of all nuclear weapons in the world.



## September Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

Happy September! As summer draws to a close and children return to school, I am ready for cooler weather, and yes, the return of the rain



to water our gardens (and wash my car). After an eventful summer with a successful Bon Odori weekend and substantial progress towards fully reopening the temple, I look forward to the start of Dharma School on September 7<sup>th</sup> (and my boys being out of the house!).

Fall is not only the start of our Dharma School but Scouting and Camp Fire programs as well. Thank you to the Dharma School board and all the teachers who give so generously of their time and expertise to help build a strong foundation for the youngest members of our Sangha. I am extremely grateful to the Dharma School for teaching my two sons about Buddhism, and their Japanese American culture and heritage. Please help us spread the word to any families who you think might be interested in joining our Dharma School, Scouting, and Camp Fire programs.

I hope you will be able to join us for our Salmon Bento fundraiser on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and Fall Ohigan service on the following day. Ohigan is one of our 6 major services that marks the fall equinox, a time of balance and reflection. Our Salmon Bento fundraiser helps support temple operations.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that the deadline for 2025 Sustaining Membership (ijikai) dues is September 31<sup>st</sup>. Sustaining membership not only supports programs like Dharma School, but also the maintenance and upkeep of our temple, assuring that the Buddha Dharma will be available for anyone who wishes to hear and receive it for generations to come.

In Gratitude,  
Tyler



### Thank You for Your Generosity

Submitted by Mai Ketcherside

A Scout troop from Hyogo, Japan that comes to the US every few years to attend Camp Parsons (a Scouting camp in Brinnon, WA) contacted me out of the blue in July urgently seeking help to find homestays for their 15 Scouts. With no prior experience in finding homestays, I decided to turn to the Sangha for help. Thanks to the swift actions of the leaders of Dharma School, Camp Fire, and Pack & Troop 252, I was able to find enough host families for all the Scouts. A special thanks goes to the Kusunoki family for hosting the 4 adult leaders in their home.

The Japanese Scouts and their adult leaders were invited to the temple on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for luncheon hosted by Troop 252. The event began with Rev. Kusunoki's introduction to the Betsuin history and the words of itadakimasu, and after the meal the Scouts enjoyed a craft activity and a dodgeball. Thank you Alex Sakamoto and Harrison Chin (both Troop 252 Eagle Scout alumni) and Alan Hoshino (Troop 252 Eagle Scout and former Scoutmaster) for joining us on this special occasion.

After a week at Camp Parsons the Japanese troop returned home safely and the leaders sent me their best regards.



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## Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi  
Rev. Kusunoki, Rev. Tadao Koyama,  
Esther Sugai and I returned from a  
meaningful weekend at Senshin Buddhist  
Temple August 23 and 24 for the first



BCA Gagaku Group retreat that included members of our Seattle Gagaku Group, joining the host group Kinnara Gagaku and Northern California Gagaku members traveling from Berkeley. Rev. Naoki Hirano from Kelowna, BC and Rev. Hikaru Sugiura from Toronto were able to join also with our guest Rev. Ryosuke Fukami from Japan. The gagaku musicians practiced as a group and in breakout sections of the gagaku instruments (hichiriki, ryuteki, and sho) before reconvening Saturday afternoon to rehearse the three pieces for the Sunday afternoon performance. Rev. Mas Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus, provided the commentary about “Etenraku”, “Bairo”, and “Goshoraku” for the audience and added meaning to our learning experience as well. The Southern District Buddhist Education Committee organized a special chanting session on Saturday evening with a catered Mexican dinner afterwards. Led by Rev. Kusunoki, a total of nine ministers participated in chanting “Ojo Raisan” in the Senshin hondo as some Southern District temple ministers also joined with the lay participants.



Rev. Kusunoki leading the Ojo Raisan chanting session at Senshin (photo by Kemi)

With Rev. Fukami, the semi-professional hichiriki player visiting us in Seattle, we are focusing on presenting also some “modern” pieces for first day of Dharma School Sunday, September 7 service. Rev. Fukami gave the chanting session attendees a brief opportunity to hear him play solo at Senshin. We are fortunate to be able to showcase his talent further in Seattle with our musicians.



Southern District ministers Revs. deGuzman, Himeji, and Furumoto and Rev. Sugiura (Toronto), Rev. \_\_\_\_\_, Rev. Tadao Koyama, Rev. Kusunoki, Rev. Fukami, Rev. Naoki Hirano (Kelowna, BC) and Rev. Murakami (LA Nishi Betsuin) at the Ojo Raisan chanting session (photo courtesy of Esther Sugai)

If you missed the Bon Odori Taiko subcommittee webinar on July 23 “Songs & Dances of Resilience, Gratitude, Joy, and Hope”, the video is now posted on the BCA Music YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqLJ77vpmYEPJ> Hirabayashi, Tiffany Tamaribuchi, and Nobuko Miyamoto were excellent presenters with timely discussion. The detailed description includes references with links to other videos and websites that were mentioned in the webinar.

The Seattle Betsuin Ukulele sessions continue with planned after service practice on September 7 and 21. For any questions or additional information, please contact Ann Oxrieder through the temple office.



Rev. Tadao Koyama leading ryuteki practice (photo courtesy of Joyce Onishi)



Gagaku Retreat Group photo at Senshin Buddhist Temple with BCA Minister Emeritus Rev. Mas Kodani (photo courtesy of Glen Tao)



# 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.



July 26, 2025

July 27, 2025

Pictured are Cemetery Visits in lieu of Sunday’s Dharma Exchange.



Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, Seattle, WA



Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Bellevue, WA



Rimban Kusunoki with Calvin Terada at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Queen Anne Hill, Seattle, WA



Washington Memorial Park Cemetery, SeaTac, WA



Lake View Cemetery at the Nisei War Memorial Monument, Capital Hill, Seattle, WA [The Nisei War Memorial Monument](#) | [The American Legion](#)

July 27, 2025

Obon Service is viewable at [SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2025-07-27](#)



Obon Dancers. Image from <https://www.tippsysake.com/blogs/post/what-is-obon-and-how-is-it-celebrated>

# Dharma Exchange Notes

## Continued

### August 3, 2025

Some 85 in attendance enjoyed refreshments provided by Hiroshima Club and Seattle Betsuin and fellowship in lieu of Dharma Exchange. The morning's Sunday Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Victims' Interfaith Memorial Service, "Reflection on Peace," can be viewed at [SEATTLE BETSUIN 80TH ANNIVERSARY ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SERVICE | 2025-07-27](#)



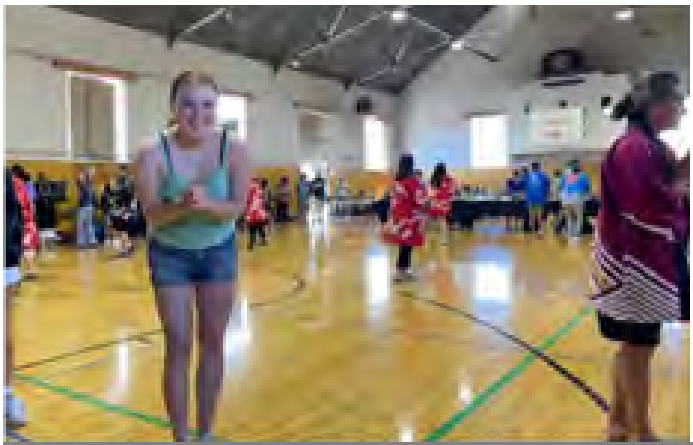
Attendees at August 3 Memorial Service



Rev. Robert Giulette of Konkō Church offering the closing prayer

### August 10, 2025

Rev. Matt May's dharma talk at Sunday Service was about Maudgalyayana who, in the Ullambana Sutra, implores Shakyamuni Buddha's advice asking how to release his mother from the realm of hungry ghosts. This story brings us to Obon's dancing for joy. Rev. May said the fact that Maudgalyayana is mentioned only second after Sariputra in the Amida Sutra signifies Shakyamuni Buddha's great respect for him. The story also emphasizes *sangha*, community cooperation. Rev. May's dharma talk is viewable at [Seattle Betsuin Sunday Dharma Message | 2025-08-10](#). Potluck and Sangha Bon Odori followed in lieu of Dharma Exchange.



Noemi Weinsheimer at sangha bonodori, dancing to Oyama Ondo.

### August 17, 2025

Dharma Exchange: Rev. Irene Goto gathered about thirty attendees in a circle to discuss a topic that Chairperson Tyler Moriguchi suggested. He asked for suggestions for a commemorative project for Seattle Betsuin's 125th anniversary which will be November 15, 2026. After being reminded of the 50th, 75th, and 100th, anniversaries as recorded in Mukashi Mukashi – long, long, ago, The First Century of the Seattle Buddhist Church, the idea of telling stories of our members was the topic most discussed; the most favored mode of conveying the stories seemed to be video presentation.



# Dharma Exchange Notes

## Continued

August 17, 2025

The morning's Sunday Service is viewable at [The Motherly Ghost Dharma Message - Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki](#). Rimban's dharma talk is about the sacrifice of a mother ghost to spend 6 *mon* to buy candy for her child who represents each of us ordinary/*bonbu* people. The mother represents Amida Buddha.



*Ugume no yure*, mother ghost, enshrined at Kogenji, Nagasaki



MA Leonora Clarke on August 24, 2025

August 24, 2025

Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke delivered the dharma message at the morning's Sunday Service; she described her understanding of "NaMoAmidaButsu," the Name, in Jodo Shinshu. She found the inspiration for this topic in Rev. Nobuo Haneda at his summer retreat in July. The Sunday Service is viewable at [SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2025-08-24](#)

Following Service, MA Leonora Clarke led Dharma Exchange asking those in attendance to form 2 groups and share their experiences of making negative experiences into positives. Her dharma talk explained that, according to Rev. Haneda, minus values are as much use to us as our positive ones; both make us human.



Seattle Betsuin Hondo pre-fire. Image from <https://seattlebetsuin.org/sunday-services/>

# Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano



## Welcome Back to Dharma School!

We hope you had a joyful and restful summer and are feeling refreshed for the start of the 2025–2026 Dharma School year. On Sunday, September 7, we'll be introducing our Dharma School teachers during service, followed by a brief meet-and-greet in the back of the gym. Students and families are invited to enjoy a special Hichiriki performance by Reverend Ryosuke Fukami.

Please feel free to invite friends to join us for this beautiful performance, as well as our weekly Dharma School classes (Toddler-12th grade) that start after family service and end at 11:30. Throughout the year, our volunteer board and teachers will be organizing events to enrich our experiences, and we encourage our families participate and help support these programs and activities.

Thank you to our sangha for your continued support and dedication to Dharma School. We're looking forward to a memorable and meaningful year together!

Gassho,  
Claire and Yvette

# Seattle Betsuin Dharma School Event

**10:00 - 10:45 am Sunday Service**  
**10:45 - 11:30 am Dharma School**



**9/7/2025**

**Gagaku concert & meet with DS teachers  
& registration**

**9/14/2025**

**Pizza & registration**

**9/21/2025**

**First day of DS : intro & icebreaker**

**9/28/2025**

**Buddhist etiquette & special holidays**



<https://seattlebetsuin.com/>





# 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.

With summer winding down and Obon season behind us (or ahead of us), our members stayed busy with community and temple activities.

This past August 6th marked the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. **From Hiroshima to Hope**, the event that commemorates the victims of the bombings, brings together people from many communities with hope for peace. As you can imagine, it takes the effort of many to put on this community event. **H to H** Board member Suzanne F is the volunteer coordinator for the whole event! A special thank you to Suzanne F who dedicates many hours throughout the year, and to our SBBWA members that made nigiri and sandwiches for the volunteers, performers and speakers, and to our members that expertly personalized the lanterns with calligraphy messages.



Image from **From Hiroshima to Hope** <https://fromhiroshimatohope.org/>

The **Temple Obon** was such a well deserved treat for the Sangha! A chance to visit with friends, dance to one's favorite songs and share a leisurely meal together. Arigato to the Obon Committee and a special thanks to our dedicated and talented odori dance instructors who are also called upon to perform at other community events throughout the year.



Left-Tets K, Kanako K, Tina Z-K, Sensei Right-Judith N, Fran S, Machiko W, Kate W



Junko N, Suzanne F, Ritsuko K, Kiyoko N

Many of our members participated in a Sangha-wide volunteer effort to assist educators at **Beacon Hill Elementary School** in getting their classrooms ready to welcome students back to school. A lunch prepared by the volunteers and lots of organizational skills were much appreciated by the staff. Thank you Ann O and Nina T-K for setting up this collaboration with a neighborhood school. More details and photos follow on the next page!

# SBBWA continued

Submitted by Lauren Asaba



Kanako K, Tina Z-K

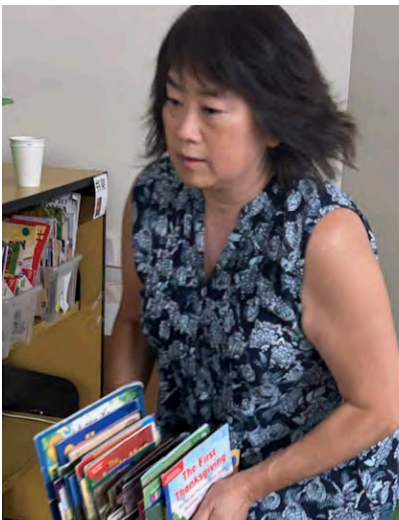


Char Y, Fran S, Rev. Irene

## Community Volunteering

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder

On August 19, 15 temple members helped wipe clean, move and assemble furniture; put bar codes on library books; sharpened pencils and carried out whatever other assignments teachers from Beacon Hill International Elementary School gave them. And before they even began work, they were treated to a luscious breakfast.



Tuesday was the second year of this community volunteer effort. The school was chosen because Nina Tomita Kato once taught there and had contacts. Also, Susie Yamane and her twin, Kathy Hasegawa, attended school there.

The teachers involved were delighted, including Sheila, who said, “Your group did an amazing job! Couldn’t believe we got everything done. The teachers would not be able to do this without all your help.”





## Community Volunteering continued



All the volunteers!



The event wasn't only good for teachers. Rev. Irene Goto said, "It was a fun way to get to know each other better," and Char Yoritsune added, "It was a pleasure to assist the librarian catalogue new books."

### Upcoming Activities

**9/6 & 9/13 & 9/27:** Pickleball in gym 10 am to 12 pm.

**9/7:** Rev. Ryosuke Fukami will be coming to Seattle as our guest. He is a Semi-professional Hichiriki (one of Gagaku instrument) player. He will be performing during service and DX on September 7th. He plays J-Pop, Anime songs, American songs as well as traditional Gagaku songs.

**9/5 & 9/7:** Seattle Betsuin ARP benefit concert @ Terry's Kitchen by Tokyo Groove Jyoshi. See flyer for details and ticket information.

**9/14:** SBBWA potluck & Board meeting 12 pm

**9/20:** Seattle Betsuin SALMON DINNER drive-thru **SAVE THE DATE!**

**9/21:** Fall Ohigan (equinox) service and AM ohagi making

**9/27:** Seattle Mariners vs Shohei Ohtani and the LA Dodgers- great opportunity to cheer on your favorite team (or player) with your temple friends. A block of tickets has been reserved, if you're interested in attending please contact Leanne at: [leanne@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:leanne@seattlebetsuin.org)



# SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder



August 28, 2025



Chairperson Tyler Announced that Seattle Betsuin won the Tri-Temple Softball Tournament for the second consecutive year.



In his report he announced that Ireicho, a book of approximately 25,000 names of Japanese Americans incarcerated in World War II, will be coming to the Betsuin on March 26, 2026. For more details about the Ireicho see: <https://www.janm.org/exhibits/ireicho/venues>



The main topic for discussion was the gap of approximately \$3.125 million between projected expenses for capital projects such as a new HVAC system and what the insurance company will pay. The board approved a motion to allow the use of up to \$1.6 million in unrestricted endowment funds. The topic of the budget will be the focus of the next board meeting.

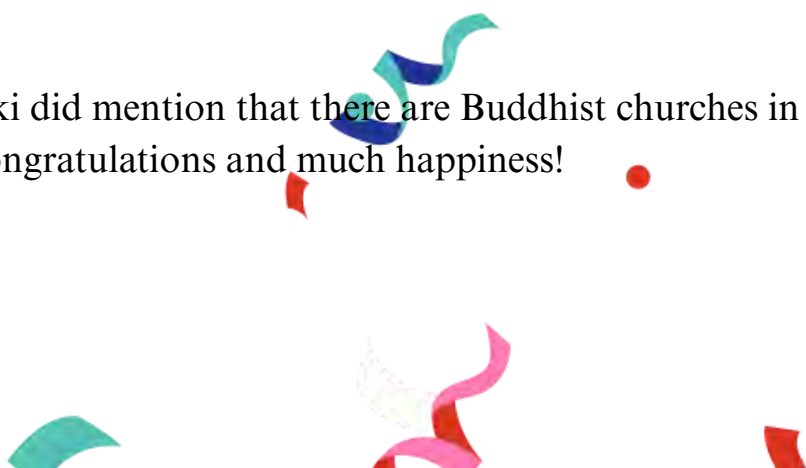


The Seattle Betsuin would like to announce the wedding of Elina P. and Eric C. on a beautiful summer day in Wisteria Park, on August 28th. They were engaged during our Obon Odori in July in Wisteria Park. Elina considers the wedding an anniversary of their engagement.

They will be moving to England to reside in and care for the house of Eric's grandparent.

Rinban Kusunoki did mention that there are Buddhist churches in England. We wish them congratulations and much happiness!

In gassho,  
Mae Yamasaki





# PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mark Henley and Jasper H.,  
Scouting America, Troop 252



During the month of August 2025, Troop 252 went to Camp Meriwether for our Scouting America summer camp. We had many great experiences such as the opening and closing campfires and the polar bear plunge! For the plunge, many scouts got up at 5:30 am to prepare for it as it started at 6:00 am. We ran to the sandy beach and into the Pacific Ocean saltwater. It was cold like how the polar bears like it! After the plunge, the lifeguards handed out patches to reward our bravery! During the daytime, scouts went to merit badge classes such as bird study, pioneering, oceanography and chess. I enjoyed learning and earning first aid merit badge because it was fun and is an important life skill. Besides merit badge classes, other certifications such as taking the totin’ chip and firem’n chit were available. The totin’ chip teaches you how to carry and use a knife safely and properly. The firem’n chit allows you to make a fire and extinguish one properly. And we were able to have great meals thanks to the wonderful kitchen staff. Most important, there were times that we will never forget like how Ansel and Resse completed the wilderness survival merit badge where they had to survive one night sleeping outside without a tent or a sleeping bag but only on a tarp. All and all we had a wonderful week at Camp Meriwether, and we wonder what adventures we will have next year!





# PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mitsue Giulietti



July 19-20: Betsuin Temple Obon  
The scouts helped to pick up garbage as their duties.







## **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](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.org).

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





## 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).



Gaylen Akira, Michele Aoki, Leonora Clarke, Kelly Enstrom, Mark Fordham, Kazumi Janice Goshō, Steve Hsegawa, Erin Hoffman-John, Chiaki Ito-Schomer, Bill & Beth Kawahara, Ritsuko Kawahara, Jeff & Tina Ko, Carolyn Kunihiro, Sybil Mar, Joan Nakano, Quinn Nakano, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Phillip Robbins & Penne Lee, Fran Shintaku, Koshin Soga, Robert Taki, Steven Uyenishi, Jeff & Susie Yamane, Ken Yocom & Anna Tamura, Jim & Tomi Zumoto

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

The sustaining membership committee would like to welcome  
**Koshin Soga**  
as a new member 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](mailto:deanoshields@gmail.com).

Thank you for volunteering!  
August Sunday Service  
Steph Ojima, Kemi Nakabayashi, Alex Sakamoto, Paul Mori,  
Marissa Wong and Rick Wong

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Interested in helping out during services?  
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| Graveside Service for Mary Katayama                        | Daren Toshi                                  |
| Kusaba/Nitta Memorial Service                              | Anonymous                                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial for Tsugio Jack Matsui       | Terry & Gail Suzaka, Laverne Imori           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial for Toshio Ohara             | Masae Ohara                                  |
| Nokotsudo  | Frances Shintaku                             |
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| Akutsu, Aimee           | Inouye, Towa       | Miyake, Kinsaburo   | Shimabukuro, Mitzi   |
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| Hada, Masaji            | Kawasumi, Masuemon | Nishi, Eizo         | Tamura, Suma         |
| Hagimori, Kikue         | Kawata, Hatsu      | Nishi, Miyeko       | Tanabe, Kameyo       |
| Hama, Miya              | Kihara, Saki       | Nishimoto, Tsuruyo  | Tanabe, Shigeo       |
| Hamada, Hanako          | Kimura, Mitsuyo    | Nishimura, Ai       | Tanigawa, Kame       |
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| Harada, Hatsumi         | Kodama, Namiji     | Oiye, Shoji         | Terada, Matsuko      |
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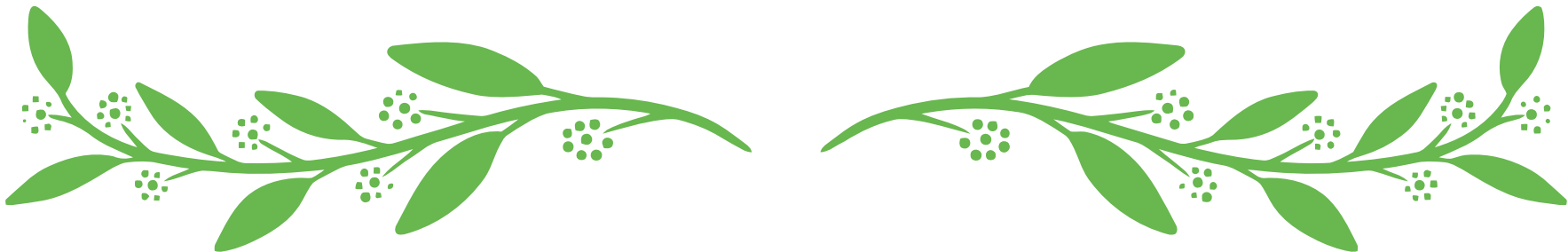
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| Hashikuni, Osao    | Kunimoto, Larry    | Sakata, Dorothy     | Watanabe, Arthur      |
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| Ideta, Sadako       | Matsumoto, Dairoku | Shimbo, Tokuo       | Yoshida, Ineko     |
| Ike, Joe            | Mihara, Setsuye    | Shimoyama, Juki     | Yoshida, Miyuki    |
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| Ishii, Keiko        | Mori, Kimiko       | Shiyoyama, Kamejiro | Yoshimura, Misao   |
| Ishii, Ray          | Moriguchi, Kame    | Sugita, Yasunori    | Yoshino, Keith     |
| Ishimori, Nao       | Morimoto, Tadao    | Sullivan, Kay       |                    |







### HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

Sunday, October 26, 2025

10:00 am

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

The Hatsumairi Ceremony will be held in person on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 10:00 am. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this ceremony, please e-mail the following information to [office@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.org):

- Child’s Name
- Month / Day / Year of Birth
- Parent’s Name(s)
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The deadline to register is October 19th. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details after you register. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800. Donations made to Seattle Betsuin is greatly appreciated.



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- Sept 14** Sunday Service  
Dharma Exchange  
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