

April Newsletter

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

<Peace>

A war broke out in Iran. Many people have died and been injured from the war. Numerous people are both physically and mentally suffering, having pain, and experiencing their deep sorrow. People's suffering, pain, and sorrow could turn into anger and hatred. These would become the cause of another conflict.



Shakyamuni Buddha said, "Seeing that others are like you. You should not kill others or cause others to kill." In Buddhism, there is a precept against taking life. Our founder, Shinran Shonin, said in his letter, "May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's teaching spread." We need to make friends rather than make enemies. Each one of us has to make effort to make this world a peaceful one.

Temple is a place for people to seek peace apart from politics, economy, and human power struggles. A torch of peace in our heart and mind never becomes lighter even after we share it with others. I strongly wish that all wars stop right away and everyone lives in peace.

<Hondo ~ main hall~>

There is a room called "Hon (本) Dō (堂) at the Buddhist temple. "Hon" means main. "Dō" means building/hall. "Hon Dō" means main building or main hall. When I visit a college campus, there is a building called "Main Campus". Main Campus is the biggest building where the main office is located. At a hospital, there is a "main building" which is also the biggest building and the administrative office is located.

At Buddhist temple, there is a specific reason that the hall/building is called "Hon Dō (Main Hall)". It could be the biggest building, and also where the main office could be located. But these are not the reasons why it is called "Hon Dō". "Hon Dō" is the sacred space where our Buddha, Amida Buddha, is enshrined. There is also a Buddha's teaching (Dharma) there. Moreover, the Buddhist followers (Sangha) get together to listen to the Dharma in the Hon Dō. "Hon Dō" is the place where Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, the Three Treasures, exist. It is the most important space among the Buddhist communities.

Two years and four months have passed since the arson fire which occurred on December 31, 2023. Finally, we were able to have our first Sunday Service in the Hon Dō on Sunday, March 8, 2026. We all eagerly looked forward to having a service there. People who attended the service on March 8th looked around the refurbished Najin altar and deeply thought about the karmic conditions to be able to get together there. We lighted the candle, burned incense, and offered flowers to the Buddha's altar. The voice of Sutra chanting and Nembutsu echoed throughout the Hon Dō. We all listen to the Buddha Dharma there. All Three treasures were completely there after a long time. It was a historical moment at Seattle Betsuin. I really felt that Seattle Betsuin was brought back to life on that day. Although the temple is still partially open, we resumed having Sunday Service in the Hon Dō. Please come to join our Sunday Service to see the restored Hon Dō.

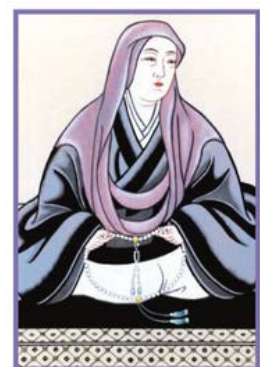
Gassho,



Lady Eshinni



Shinran Shonin



Lady Kakushinni

April 2026 Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

“Happy Spring!

At the Annual Membership meeting in March, I presented the 2026 Budget for the temple, which included a revenue shortfall of approximately \$140,000. Although we are fortunate enough to have reserve funds to cover this deficit, moving forward this is not sustainable. While the Betsuin Board of Directors works to address this budget issue, one way Sangha members can support the temple is to hold a memorial service for family members.



A family memorial service (hōji, 法事) is not only an opportunity to remember and honor a family member who has come before us, but also a chance to connect with family and friends. Last December my family held a hōji for several family members, including grandparents, uncles, aunts, and my mother. Reverend Kusunoki gave a personalized Dharma message where he explained the Buddhist name (hōmyō, 法名) of each relative. It was a wonderful opportunity for our family to gather and express our gratitude to those who came before us. It was also an opportunity to support the temple and Rev. Kusunoki by offering honorariums (orei) in appreciation.

With the reopening of the Hondo, I encourage Sangha members to schedule a memorial service by contacting the temple office. More information can also be found on the temple website at: <https://seattlebetsuin.org/services/>

In Gassho,
Tyler Moriguchi

125th Anniversary

Mukashi, Mukashi...

In honor of the Seattle Betsuin's upcoming 125th anniversary in November, we will be featuring excerpts from *Mukashi Mukashi, long long ago, The First Century of the Seattle Buddhist Church*, written by Ronald E. Magden, Ph.D. to commemorate the temple's 100th anniversary in 2001.

“On November 1, 1901, [Reverend] Kakuryo Nishijima came to Seattle from San Francisco to establish a Pacific Northwest Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) branch. Nishijima immediately began spending his evenings in a room above Tsukono's Chinese noodle shop, conferring with the nine founders*. They chose November 15 as the formal starting date for YMBA. At that session the Seattle Buddhists adapted the San Francisco YMBA constitution and bylaws to meet situation in Seattle. The Northwest YMBA Preamble announced the general goals: spread the teachings of Buddha and promote goodwill among citizens of both Japan and the United States.” (Magden, p. 13)

* The nine recognized founders of the Seattle mission are: Tatsujiro Akiyoshi, Reverend Shodo Hatano, Jiro Iwamura, Chojiro Fujii, Mataichi Kinomoto, Yasutaro Masuda, Konai Miyamoto, Ushitaro Ota, and Toyojiro Otani. (Magden, p. 12)

Explore more events within the BCA and the Jodo Shinshu Community →



The screenshot shows the BCA website header with the logo 'BCA Life of Gratitude' and navigation links. Below the header is an 'Events' section with a photo of a man speaking at a podium. The text in the Events section reads: 'Discover our virtual and in-person events for all ages and interests! Throughout the year, we offer a variety of Buddhist education seminars, conferences, yoga retreats, festivals, youth programs, and more. Many of our programs are organized by BCA sponsored or affiliated organization and temples, and supported by your generosity.'

Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

April is here, and we continue to work to embrace the temple facility to plan Hanamatsuri Service on April 5 and Earth Day Music Service on April 19.



Please mark the dates to attend in person and encourage your friends and family to join in the festivities!



The Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band has been practicing in-person, online, and individually to lead gathas for both services (think “sakura, chira chira”!) We hope that some of you attended Donna Sasaki’s “Gathas: Hear and Now” workshop at convention to review “Precious Earth” as our temple instrumentalists also plan to present it for this year’s Earth Day Music Service using a new arrangement. In the meantime, the gatha video of “Precious Earth” can be reviewed on the Seattle Betsuin YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5pjtETAhSw&list=PLN-W5PUbhUr-Ny8e99IGa6YfwWNZxAIuT&index=15>



Book Study Group

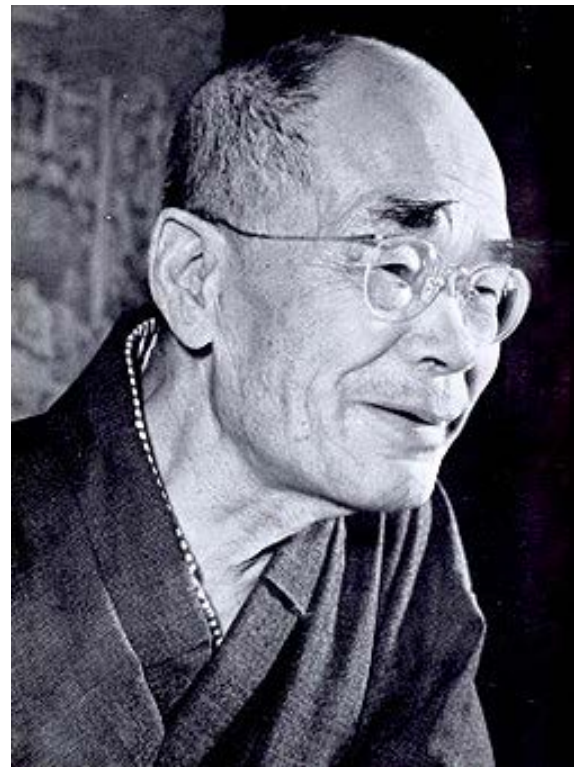
The April book study group meeting will be on Saturday, April 4 from 9:30-11. The location is TBD and will be announced in the weekly online newsletter.

We will read Prof James Dobbins' article on D.T. Suzuki. Prof Dobbins will be speaking at the Betsuin in June, so we are reading one of his recent topics of research in preparation for his visit.



Rev. Castro will provide the Dharma talk and lead the Dharma Exchange on April 19. Don't miss out on these special events!

The next “Singing, Strumming, and Sharing” Zoom will be on Monday, April 13 as we try switching to the second Monday of the month, still at 7 pm. Please contact the temple office if you wish to be added to the email for the updated Zoom link. We will continue to recruit anyone interested in learning ukulele and announce in-person practice dates and times soon.



D.T. Suzuki, 1953
Source: Wikipedia:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D._T._Suzuki

All are welcome.

If you would like to be added to the Book Study Group email list please let the temple office know.
--Submitted by Gail K.

Sunday Service and Sunday

Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Sunday Services have resumed in the Hondo (main hall) at 10:00AM, in person, after over two years of restoration from the fire. However, live-stream of Sunday service will likely be somewhat interrupted until technical issues are perfected. Please sign up for Seattle Betsuin's weekly e-news (newsletter) at www.SeattleBetsuin.org and receive live-stream updates and other news via e-mail. Dharma Exchange takes place after Sunday Service from 10:50AM to 11:30AM, currently mainly in the Hondo, and is in-person only. Coffee and tea, hopefully, will be available as we hear and discuss various aspects of the Dharma, usually led by a minister. All are invited to join. Recorded Sunday Dharma Messages, and occasional Dharma Exchanges, are available at <https://www.youtube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple>



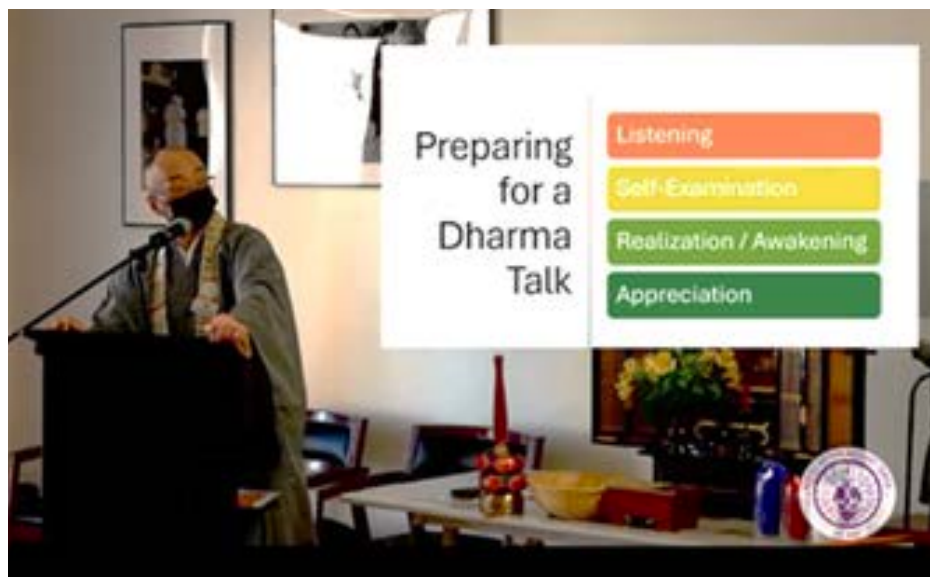
March 1, 2026

Dharma Message

[CAMP FIRE SERVICE | 2026-03-01](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8BOgBTTVSA) or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8BOgBTTVSA>

Camp Fire Karuna Award presentations. Karuna means compassion; 2020 was 70th CF Anniversary.



Rev. Kusunoki presented the Karuna Award to Ami Y and Leona C and to Kira N, who is not pictured. Rev. Kusunoki explained how a dharma talk is prepared in his dharma talk during service. The Karuna Award recipients presented their dharma talks, a requirement for the award, at Dharma Exchange.

March 8, 2026 [SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-03-08,](https://www.youtube.com/live/hhQ1_5LzHAY)
https://www.youtube.com/live/hhQ1_5LzHAY

This service marked the soft re-opening of the Hondo since the arson fire of December 31, 2023. There is no sound on the video because new technology, as well as other incidental details are still being fine-tuned. Rev Kusunoki's dharma message acknowledges the Hondo as the main hall that is the gathering place of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha together. The Hondo is the Main Hall where we can be with Amida Buddha. He explained that all the articles in the Naijin are the same as before the fire, but they are now refurbished and polished.

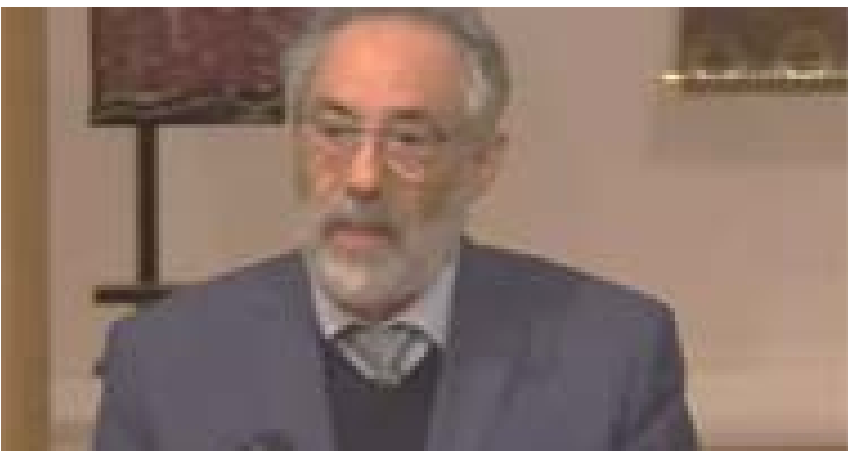
Dharma Exchange. In lieu of Dharma Exchange, the General Meeting of the Seattle Betsuin's membership took place, with Chairperson Tyler Moriguchi presiding. Since there was no 2026 New Year's Party, the new Board of Directors was installed prior to the meeting. After the meeting many volunteers helped move boxes of stored items to their pre-fire locations. More moving and cleaning are planned for future Sundays.

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued.

March 15, 2026 [Anātman, Identity, and Change | Dr. Mark Blum | Dharma Message | 2026-03-15](#) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OR4hy7fcUFs>



Invited guest speaker, Mark L. Blum, professor of Buddhist Studies and Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair in Japanese Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and a research fellow at the Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies at Harvard University, the Shinshū Comprehensive Research Institute at Otani University in Kyoto, and the Jodo Shu Research Institute in Tokyo, shared his understanding of anatman/non-self during Sunday Service. He teaches courses on Japanese Buddhism, Japanese Religion, Classical Japanese, and Bioethics in Asia.



Dharma Exchange

Dr. Blum described and displayed ways “NamoAmidaButsu,” Nembutsu, is depicted variously in the arts -- in music, dance, scrolls and statues, as well as in greetings in other Buddhist cultures.



Dharma Exchange

Those in attendance helped carry boxes of items stored during fire restoration to their newly refurbished, assigned rooms. Items were preliminarily sorted and evaluated. Items were also

re-arranged to host the Ireizo project, (ireizo.org), which takes place at Seattle Betsuin on March 26, 2026.



Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Our DS teachers and students were thrilled to return to our bright, shiny and beautiful hondo and classrooms this month, and we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this possible, under the leadership and guidance of Rinban Kusunoki, Tyler, Leanne, Gary and Grace. We also welcomed our Spring Ohigan guest speaker, Dr. Mark Blum, and appreciate all who supported Dharma School by enjoying a light lunch snack after the service.



With Hanamatsuri just around the corner, excitement is building. There have been a lot of moving boxes and cleaning so we can use all our renewed spaces. Our primary class has been hard at work creating favors, and the Hanamido committee, with a special thank you to Steve Hasegawa, is delighted to share the newly reconstructed and beautifully redesigned Hanamido. Let's invite our friends and family to celebrate Hanamatsuri in the gym on Sunday, April 5. Please join us for a meaningful and special service to celebrate Buddha's birthday and stay afterward for a continental breakfast with the sangha.

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette

Photo source:
<https://higashihonganjiusa.org/2022/04/06/this-week-hanamatsuri-buddhas-birthday/>

HANAMIDOS FROM OTHER TEMPLES



Pasadena CA Temple



Jodo-Shu Rinkaian, Tama City, Japan



Oregon Buddhist Temple

SBBWA

Submitted by Ileene Tanabe

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association SBBWA's Mission is to cultivate religious awareness as Jodo Shinshu Buddhist women and promote fellowship among its members; to serve and support the Seattle Betsuin, and contribute services to the welfare of the community.

An update from the SBBWA Membership Committee:

Paper copies of the 2026 SBBWA Directory were distributed at the Annual Meeting in February.

Extra copies were made and are available on Sundays.

All SBBWA members are encouraged to recruit new members. Membership application forms and informational pamphlets can be found on the table in the gym.

New members will be installed at a luncheon on **April 26th.**

The Religious committee update:

Please mark your calendars with upcoming important dates:

April 5th is Hanamatsuri service. It will be held in the gym and tours of the Hondo will follow the service.

April 19th is the Spring Music Service.



SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder

March 19, 2026



Guest Rob Ketcherside updated the board Troop 252's intention to convert to a Family Troop, a move that will allow for boys and girls to participate in the same troop. The board encouraged Troop 252 leadership to move forward on adopting this new organizational structure and address potential challenges involved as they emerge.



The Board received an update from Treasurer Gayle Teramoto on her introduction to QuickBooks.



The board heard updates from Connie, Grace, and Gary on construction and related expenses and work yet to be done before the temple facility is fully open, which is likely to be around June.



The board discussed identifying a board member with real estate experience to advise a committee being formed to assess temple property and evaluate options for such property in the future.



The board discussed joining the Judkins Park Business Improvement Association and decided to seek more information.



The board had a brief discussion on sustaining member dues in light of rising operating expenses and increased BCA assessments.



Have questions for the Board?
Send an email to the temple main office:
office@SeattleBetsuin.org

Upcoming Events

The Integrated Advantage: Wealth, Tax, and Estate Planning Strategies

Join us for this free community seminar offered as part of our Legacy Education Series.

Featured speakers:

Bo Lee, Senior Wealth Advisor and Partner at Beacon Pointe
Clair Chow, Tax Accountant and Partner at Greenwood Ohlund
Nancy Lu, Estate Attorney at Chang Law Group

May 1, 2026, 1:30-3:30 PM at Nikkei Manor Please register in advance at

[This link](#)

Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival and Japanese Cultural Festival

April 10-12, 2026, 11AM-5PM at Seattle Center in The Armory Food & Event Hall, Fisher Pavilion, and Exhibition Hall (Exhibition Hall will only be open on Saturday)



[Submit here](#)

Do you have an event or program you would like to have included in the Weekly E-News newsletter? You can submit using the button to the left.

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Felix Kordich and Darla DeFrance



In the month of March the Scouts of Troop 252 celebrated a crossover and had six new people join the Troop. Crossover is when a group of Arrow of Light scouts “crosses over” to join the Troop, who tutor them to get better at life skills and help other people. It is often accompanied by a ceremony where scouts cross over a bridge made of rope, and then celebrate with cake and sweets. This crossover was one of the very largest in the past 5 years, with an extreme influx of Scouts causing the Troop to almost double in size. Now, every one of the Scouts will have to work very hard.



CUB SCOUT PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mitsue Giulletti



March 1st : Crossover

An inspirational crossover ceremony for Arrow of Light Scouts joining a Scouts BSA troop. 6 cubs moved up to a new level of Scouting.



CUB SCOUT PACK 252 UPDATE

Continued

Submitted by Mitsue Giulietti



March 15th : Pinewood Derby Car Race





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.





**ON BEHALF OF THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their 2026 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).



Lisa Butler, Aiko Fujii,
Joe & Margaret Gotchy,
Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki,
Ron Hamakawa,
Richard Hardy & Ellen Sugita,
Dale & Shizue Kaku,
Frank Kiuchi, Susan Moriguchi,
Ryan & Stacy Nagata,
Nori Nakamura-Suguro, Tsukasa &
Keiko Namekata, Dean O’Shields,
Irene Saito, Masaru & Anna Tahara,
Machiko Wada

Compiled by Howard, Joan, & Steph



**We would like to ‘WELCOME’ Richard Hardy &
Ellen SUGITA as new members and
‘WELCOME BACK’ Ryan & Stacy Nagata to our
Sangha.**



APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Arlin, Lillian	Ito, Tsune	Masunaga, Fumiye	Saiki, Ululani
Aoyama, George	Iwamura, Katsuzo	Matsui, Melvin	Sakamoto, Leah
Asaba, Joanne	Jinka, Noboru	Matsui, Mitsue	Sakuma, Cedric
Asaba, Larry	Kanegae, Roy	Matsumoto, Thomas	Sakuma, Katherine
Asaba, Marian	Kano, Nobuyoshi	Matsuno, George	Santon, Tamiko
Asakura, Ume	Kano, Shigeo	Mikami, Takumi	Sasame, Teru Kan
Baba, Sadao	Katayama, Akira	Mitchell, Peggy	Shibata, Tom
Baba, Yuriko	Katayama, Chima	Miyake, Yukiko	Shigaya, Mary
Clem, Cora	Kato, Hisako	Mizokawa, Shigeyo	Shinbo, George
Dodobara, Masako	Kato, Kuniye	Mizuhata, Michiko	Shinoda, Kimi
Ekinaka, Fumiko	Kato, Mitsu	Mizuhata, Sueko	Shintaku, Tomeko
Emata, Hideji	Kawada, Noboru	Mizuta, George	Sudo, Eiko
Fujii, Ernest	Kawahara, Makie	Mizuta, Kimi	Sudo, Mamoru
Fujii, Minoru	Kawanishi, Teikichi	Mochizuki, Yoneko	Suetsugu, Etsuko
Fujii, Yoshito	Kawasaki, Victor	Morisaki, Harry	Suzuki, Tohachi
Fujioka, Chikayo	Kido, Edward	Moritani, Shigeru	Takashima, Sadamu
Fukuhara, Tadashi	Kihara, Yayeko	Nagai, Tamotsu	Takemoto, Kazuo
Glass, Nadine	Kimura, Haruyo	Nagamatsu, Kimiko	Takemoto, Misako
Groves, Fumiko	Kimura, Kikuno	Nagata, Inori	Takenaga, Shige
Hagimori, Kaoru	Kishida, Yaso	Nakamura, Alan	Takeshita, Kazuko
Hagimoto, Shuichi	Kitashima, Richard	Nakanishi, Shizuichi	Tamura, Tokio
Hanada, Iwao	Kogita, Marion	Nakano (Infant)	Tanaka, Masaye
Hanada, Seiji	Kondo, Keiji	Nakano, Haruko	Tanemura, Masao
Hara, Ricky	Kondo, Teruko	Nakano, Krista	Toyaji, Susan
Harada, Toshio	Kondo, Yo	Nakashima, Hidehiro	Tsubokawa, Terumi
Haraguchi, Mitsuru	Konishi, Tom	Nakashima, Masao	Tsukamaki, Asako
Harrison, Mitsue	Kubo, Kazuo	Nakashima, Masato	Tsutsui, Komatsu
Harui, Norio	Kubo, Masayoshi	Nakashima, Yoshiko	Usui, Chise
Hata, Carmen	Kubo, Tomi	Nishimoto, Masao	Uyeda, Nobukazu
Hayashida, Tani	Kuramoto, Amy	Nitta, Bobby	Wittshirik, Hiromi
Higashi, Hatsune	Kurita, Mio	Nitta, Yoshiko	Yabuki, Ryoto
Hoshino, Gayle	Kuwada, Kazuo	Ogami, Tayeko	Yamada, Asaichi
Ikemura, Terunobu	Lee, Toh	Ohashi, Mokichi	Yamaguchi, Moto
Imabori, Teruo	Mack Harada	Okamoto, Masao	Yamamoto, Kay
Inouye, Hajime	Maeshiro, Asamitsu	Okamura, Mineko	Yamane, Shizue
Ito, Itsuko	Masuhara, Ichiyo	Okuma, Linda	Yamazaki, Hitoshi
Ito, Nami	Masumoto, Henry	Okumura, Yoshiko	Yorita, Teruo
		Quiett, Kathleen	Yoshihara, Fujiko



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Akira, Donald	Iguchi, Chieko	Nosho, Setsuno	Tatsumi, Hanako
Akizuki, Harry	Imada, Dick	Oba, Sayoko	Terakawa, Shigeru
Aramaki, Towa	Izumi, Kosumi	Ogata, Fred	Teramae, Isao
Asaba, Iku	Kadoguchi, Misano	Ogohara, Yoshitami	Tomita, Theodore
Baba, James	Kamimae, Misue	Okabe, Fuku	Tomota, Yaeko
Barda, Clifford	Kawaguchi, Sadaye	Okada, Hiroshi	Toyoji, Toshio
Deguchi, Jene	Kihara, Jane	Okano, Albert	Tsubota, Tsuyoshi
Demizu, Kosumi	Kihara, Koichi	Okasaki, Gin	Tsuchida, Takeshi
Edamura, Fusa	Kihara, Yoshito	Okubo, Asako	Tsurukawa, Fujio
Fujii, Hisato	Kubo, George	Osaki, Mitsuko	Ueki, Hisayoshi
Fujimoto, Mitsuyo	Kubota, Yoshiko	Ouchi, Sadamaro	Uno, Hikoichi
Fujishima, Craig	Kumasaka, Henry	Sakaguchi, Naoki	Uno, Miyeko
Fujita, Kayo	Kumata, Kenryū	Sakai, Grace	Uno, Riichi
Fujita, Shizuko	Kuramoto, Tetsuo	Sakai, Sumi	Urakawa, Masaye
Fujitomi, Hajime	Kusakabe, John	Sakata, Howard	Uyeji, Toshio
Fujiwara, Teruko	Livanas, Ramona	Sakuma, Katsu Louise	Uyetsuka, Hajime
Funakubo, Tei	Mamiya, Ron	Sakuma, Kazuo	Watanabe, Aimie
Goto, Shizue	Matsui, George	Shimada, Masayuki	Watanabe, Kazumi
Habu, Toki	Matsui, Tsugio Jack	Shimbo, Shizuko	Yamada, John
Hada, Maki	Miyahara, Hiromu	Shirakata, Kiku	Yamada, Masako
Hamasaki, Jolene	Nagamatsu, Shoji	Sudo, Shigeko	Yamamoto, Sadako
Hamasaki, Tokiya	Nagamatsu, Sumio	Sueda, Ella	Yamamoto, Yaeko
Hara, Lisa Shizuko	Nagano, Makoto	Suetsugu, George	Yamane, Jim
Harris, Nga	Naito, Richard	Suto, Fred	Yamasaki, Fujie
Hasama, Yoshimi	Nakagaki, Daisen	Tachiyama, Jack	Yamasaki, Rise
Hasegawa, James	Nakamoto, Satoru	Takano, Shigeo	Yamashita, Akino
Hattori, Hideo	Nakamura, Joyce	Taketa, Shimano	Yasui, Kiyoshi
Hayashi, Harold	Nakano, Sawako	Tamaki, Akiko	Yoneyama, Isamu
Hikida, Robert "Bob"	Nakayashiki, Satono	Tameno, George	Yoneyama, Mitsu
Hikida, Torazo	Nikaitani, Kenjiro	Tanaka, Bill	Yoshida, Sakae
Hikoyama, Taka	Ninomura, Taisuke	Tanaka, Misao	Yoshida, Yoshiko
Hiraoka, Willy	Nishizaki, Akio	Tanaka, Norio	Yoshimi, Frank
Hori, Ross	Nishizaki, Elaine	Tanaka, Rikuko	Yoshitake, Taro
Ideta, May	Noritake, Cyrus	Taniguchi, Harry	Yuasa, Sharon
			Yutani, Kazue

APRIL 2026 BETSUIN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS May 2-4 Spring Nembutsu Seminar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda May 10 Rennyō Shōnin Memorial Service May 17 Gotan-e (Shinran Shōnin's Birthday) May 31 All Sangha Memorial Service			1 <i>Office closed</i>	2 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	3	4 <i>Office closed</i>
5 10 am HANAMATSURI SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School Hanamatsuri Continental Breakfast	6 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	7	8 <i>Office closed</i>	9	10 12 pm Gojikai Meeting	11 <i>Office closed</i>
12 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Temple Reopening Preparation Dharma School	13 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	14 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	15 <i>Office closed</i>	16 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	17	18 <i>Office closed</i>
19 10 am EARTH DAY FAMILY MUSIC SERVICE Dharma Message: Rev. Don Castro 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	20 <i>Rimban's day off</i> 8 pm Newsletter deadline	21 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	22 <i>Office closed</i> 11 am Merrill Gardens Service	23 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting	24	25 <i>Office closed</i>
26 10 am ESHINNI-KO & KAKUSHINNI-KO MEMORIAL SERVICE Guest speaker: Rev. Sara Perrot, White River Buddhist Temple 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School 11:30 SBBWA All / New Member Luncheon	27 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	28 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	29 <i>Office closed</i>	30	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.	

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EXPERIENCE THE LEGACY OF NISEI SOLDIERS -
WHO FOUGHT ABROAD AND AT HOME DURING WWII



April 11, 6pm

Defining Courage Documentary

For the first time in the Northwest, Defining Courage, a documentary collaboration with the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) about the Nisei soldiers of World War II, will be presented in the UW Meany Hall. Defining Courage is a unique performance combining historical video, original live music, and storytelling by LA news anchor David Ono.

Please see link below to view program trailer and ticket purchase link to the performance on April 11, 2026, 6 PM, at UW Meany Hall.

For info and tickets: [Defining Courage/](#)

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**2026 APRIL
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A MONTHLY
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2026 SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICES

- April 5
 - 10 am **HANAMATSURI SERVICE**
 - 10:50 am Dharma Exchange
 - Dharma School
 - Hanamatsuri Continental Breakfast
- April 12
 - 10 am **Sunday Service**
 - 10:50 am Temple Reopening Preparation
 - Dharma School
- April 19
 - 10 am **EARTH DAY FAMILY MUSIC SERVICE**
 - Dharma Message: Rev. Don Castro**
 - 10:50 am Dharma Exchange
 - Dharma School
- April 26
 - 10 am **ESHINNI-KO & KAKUSHINNI-KO**
 - MEMORIAL: Guest Speaker Rev. Sara Perrot,**
 - White River Buddhist Temple**
 - 10:50 am Dharma Exchange
 - Dharma School
 - 11:30 SBBWA All/New Member Luncheon

**DHARMA EXCHANGE
AFTER SERVICE
10:50 AM
IN-PERSON**

**5-Minute
Dharma
Message**



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