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February 2008 Special Events

- Scout Sunday
Sunday, February 3 - 10:00 a.m.
- Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial
Sunday, February 10 - 10:00 a.m.
Potluck Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.
- NW District (BCA) Convention*
February 15 – 17
No Service at Temple
- New Children's Service
Sunday, February 24 10:00 a.m. Chapel
- President's Day Holiday – Office Closed
Monday, February 18

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Nirvana With A Residue & Nirvana Without A Residue

Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.



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BWA January & July

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Scouts, Campfire, Taiko*
March & September

YBA, Dharma School
April & October

ABA
May & November*

Ijikai June & December

*duty has been switched as of July '07

Sakyamuni Buddha entered into **Pari (Great)-Nirvana** on February 15th over 2500 years ago under the Sala tree at Kushinagara in India at the age of 80. This Nirvana is called Nirvana without his residue. Mahayana Buddhists observe the Nirvana Day Service on this day in the month of February.

After Prince Siddhartha renounced his royal life, he meditated under the Bodhi tree and attained the state of Nirvana at the age of 35 and became the Enlightened One, the Buddha. This Nirvana is called Nirvana with a residue or his physical body. Whoever attained this state of Nirvana is called the Buddha, the Enlightened One. As the Buddha, Shakyamuni began to propagate the Buddha Dharma for the next forty five years. His first Dharma Talk at the Deer Park after his enlightenment is called “the Wheel of the Dharma in Motion for the First Time.” Mahayana Buddhists celebrate this day as the Bodhi Day, the Day of Enlightenment, on December 8th.

According to Monier-Williams’ **A Sanskrit-English Dictionary**, Nirvana means “blown or put out, extinguished...” Prince Siddhartha was able to extinguish or destroy all his evil passions (Klesa) to attain the state of Nirvana.

When Shakyamuni Buddha was near death after forty five years of propagation of the Buddha Dharma, he addressed to his disciples as the last teaching as follows:

It may be that some of you will think, ‘The word of The Teacher is a thing of the past; we now have no teacher.’ But that is not the correct view. The Dharma which I have taught and enjoyed upon you is to be your teacher when I am gone. Make of yourself a light. Rely upon yourself. Make the Dharma your light. Rely upon the Dharma.

Thus, he advised his followers that “Make of oneself a light (Ji-tomyo)” and “Make the Dharma one’s light (Ho-tomyo)” when he entered into the Pari-Nirvana.

Shinran Shonin, founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, reminded us that Shakyamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha are trying to lead us to enlightenment. He praised Shakyamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha in his book, **The Hymns on the Patriarchs**, as follows:

*Shakyamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha are Compassion’s parents;
Using all means they skillfully lead us
And in us the supreme Faith
Do they awaken.*

And also, he taught us how difficult it is to awaken to the Compassionate Light of Amida Buddha even though Amida Buddha’s Compassionate Light is shining on us always, in the same book as follows:

*Although our eyes, blinded by passions,
Do not see the brilliant light which embraces us,
The Great Compassion never tires,
Always casting light upon us.*

Nirvana of Shakyamuni Buddha does not dwell in quiescence, but it actively works for the benefit of all sentient beings. Nirvana is the ultimate goal for the Buddhists, but it is also a beginning of its function as the Enlightened One, the Buddha. It is stated that “To understand the Buddha is to awaken to the Great Compassionate Heart.”

On this Nirvana Day, by listening to the Buddha Dharma, let’s make ourselves guiding light and let’s make the Dharma our guiding light. Gassho

Camp Fire Group News

Submitted by Dana Nakashima

Thank you to Pam H. and family, Lori C., Howard L., Michael and Miye A-K, the Morikubo family, and Greg K. for taking down all the holiday decorations at Wisteria View Manor on January 5. (Plus a special thanks to the many other Camp Fire families who were prepared to work, if the first crew didn't finish so quickly!) Also thank you to Lori K. for her assistance at Wisteria View Manor.



family, Kris and Erin, Connie and Sela, Amanda and family, Lauren and family, and Emily and family for helping out.

On January 6, at the Betsuin New Year's Party, the girls performed their dance routine to "We're All In This Together" from the High School Musical soundtrack. The girls dressed in red and white and wore super pony holders, made by Erin's Mom. The girls planned the dance choreography and practiced many times over. They had a great time performing, and it showed!

On January 13 the girls watched their High School Musical Dance performance on DVD, then began designing scrapbook pages, using pictures taken from the prior week's dance performance. At our next meeting, the girls will continue to work on scrapbook pages and prepare for an encore dance performance at the Northwest Convention.

Candy Sale Happening NOW!! Please support Camp Fire USA and the church group by buying mints, almond roca or caramel clusters from your favorite Camp Fire student. Each box of candy costs \$5. Candy makes a great gift for Valentine's Day, too! Thank you for supporting our group, and local Camp Fire USA programs.

Invitation! Annual Camp Fire Birthday Service - March 2

We cordially invite all families and Camp Fire alumni to attend our special service to celebrate Camp Fire USA. The service is being coordinated by the Hummingbirds (Adventure 4/5), with participation from all church groups.

Rainbows: December was an exciting month as the Rainbows practiced hard for the Scottish folk dance routine they performed at the Betsuin New Year's dinner. Hummingbirds member Koki choreographed and directed the routine. The Rainbows had an explosive good time making volcanoes and learning about chemical reactions during a meeting focusing on science.

Adventure 2/3: We had a great turnout for Mochi Making, on December 29th. Thanks to Pam and Meghan, Kayla and

Hummingbirds: Our 2nd term officers are: Co-Presidents - Meghan and Alder; Secretary - Emma; Treasurer - Samantha; Sgt. at Arms - Miye; and Bead Banker - Tedi. In January, we focused on the candy sale. In February, we'll still be selling candy! We'll also be organizing and practicing for the birthday service.

Discovery/Horizon: As a Camp Fire project, the Discovery/Horizon group decorated clay pots with paint. After the pots dried, we filled them with plants. These pots were used for the annual Wisteria View Manor New Year's Party held on January 12. They were placed on the tables as centerpieces. After dinner, the pots were raffled off to the tenants of Wisteria View Manor.

Notes from Dharma Exchange - January 13, 20, 2008

NOTE: *The purpose of this column is to inform members who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange - parents, committee meetings, and spiritual seekers who access the Internet.* Jim Warrick returned to the Betsuin wearing splendid new robes in keeping with his position after Kyoshi ordination in Kyoto, Japan. At Dharma Exchange he described various features of the robes and their meaning. Castro sensei indicated Jim was a pioneer in that he went through a new and different procedure to attain Kyoshi status as outlined by the BCA in Japan. Q. What should we call you now? A. "My friends call me Jim." Castro sensei stated he can now be called *sensei*.

Joe Schwab, MA, reported on comments

by presidential candidates; i.e. The Constitution should be changed to conform to the teachings of the Bible *vis a vis* abortion and same sex marriage. (loosely quoted.) Major Christian denominations are decreasing in size; and the pope thinks Buddhism is the greatest threat to Christianity. In order for Buddhism to thrive in the US, it must be inclusive of all ethnicities. Q. Are all Buddhists atheists? A. No, some believe in God and others do not -- an individual and personal matter.

It was reported that the CNN website has displayed a dating service for Buddhist singles. Is mainstream far behind?

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

DON'T BE PRESUMPTUOUS !

by Rev. Don Castro

Part 2

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about Shinran Shonin's admonition not to presume upon Amida's Primal Vow. I was citing Chapter 13 of the Tannisho where Shinran warns us not to take poison just because there's an antidote. This admonition was in response to a heresy usually referred to as "licensed evil"; the belief that, since Amida's Primal Vow is for the evil person, we can do evil with impunity.

I think there is an assumption in Shinran's teaching that we normal people are going to try our best to be good Buddhists and fail. In fact, this is the path Shinran himself took. In this regard, I believe the depth of our appreciation of the Primal Vow is directly related to the extent we try

and fail to be good Buddhists. This is very different from licensed evil where we try to fail.

Appreciation is related to the nature and value of something. For instance, my appreciation of the basketball star Kobe Bryant is directly related to my understanding and practice of basketball. I can go to a game and watch but, if my understanding of the game is shallow my appreciation of the game will also be shallow.

Let us not be dismissive about our quest for spiritual life. Shinran calls it "that matter of first importance." To be dismissive is to try to fail. Let us try our best and, if we fail (or when we fail), how much greater will be our appreciation of the safety net of the Primal Vow.

Temple President's Message

With great pleasure I make this first monthly report to you as your temple president.

As I said at the Betsuin New Year's Party, I have learned a great deal from the past six presidents under whom I served as a cabinet member for the past twelve years. Together with my experience of serving as the temple board member over twenty years, several terms as the Seattle Betsuin Housing and Wisteria Housing member and the Religious Department member, I have gained much insight on the management and operations of our temple.

But most of all, I have gained many friends in Dharma who taught me how to serve our Sangha members without being told or to ask anything in return. I'll try my best to follow their examples and hope someday to reach the high level of devotion and dedication many of my friends in Dharma have attained.

I'd like to express my sincere appreciation and admiration to all the people who worked so hard to make the Betsuin New Year's Party a tremendous success. It certainly gave us a great head start for the New Year.

The Hoonko Service on January 13 was quite memorable with Rinban Matsubayashi showing the Kami-Shibai, the paper stage play, of the life of Shinran Shonin.

Coming up in February will be Scout Sunday on the 3rd and Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial/Potluck on the 10th.

We must remind you that Seattle Betsuin will be the host temple to conduct the 61st Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention and the District Ministers and Council Meeting at DoubleTree Guest Suites at Southcenter Parkway. The registration/check-in and the Ministers meeting start late afternoon on Friday, February 15, followed by the District Meeting that evening. On Saturday, February 16, a full day of sessions is scheduled along with the Banquet. Convention concludes on Sunday, February 17 at noon. We hope most of our members and friends will participate in the sessions and workshops. The Betsuin office will be closed and there is no Sunday service at the temple.

In Gassho, Mas Tahara

Congratulations, Jim Sensei! submitted by Gail Kaminishi

Jim took an unconventional route to attain his kyoshi ordination. It is a method that Socho Ogui developed in which the person starts out as a temple member for a few years, becomes a minister's assistant for 4 years, is recommended for tokudo (the first level of ordination), studies and takes a written exam. This method takes around 12 years to reach kyoshi. Most ministers get their college degrees, then go to I.B.S. for a master's degree in Buddhism. Or they can go to a Japanese university or training center for their kyoshi ordination. These paths take 2-3 years.

2008 NORTHWEST BUDDHIST CONVENTION

The committee for the 2008 Northwest Buddhist Convention is busy finalizing plans for this 61st annual event to be held on February 15-17th at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Tukwila.

Registration on Friday night will take place from 4:00-9:00pm. Bring your hapi coats for Bon Odori dancing which will be held from 7:30-9:00pm. The dance choreographed last year for the Seattle Betsuin and other Obon favorites will be taught. Renew old friendships and make new acquaintances with other NW District members in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Jr. and Sr. YBA will meet for their own social activities from 7:00pm. Buddhist books and other items will be sold at the Bookstore on Friday night as well as Saturday.

Registration will continue Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00am. Opening service will begin at 9:30am and



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COMING HOME TO THE NEMBUTSU...

includes a keynote address by Reverend Midori Kondo from the Lihue Hongwanji Mission. Childcare, Dharma School activities, and workshops will also take place on Saturday. Rev. Kondo will speak at the banquet that evening which will be followed by the entertainment program. Jr. and Sr. YBA will have their own dance as well as other social activities.

Reverend Dean Koyama from Mountain View Temple will give the keynote address at the closing service on Sunday which starts at 10:00am. This will bring the 2008 convention to a close until next year.

The Convention Committee is looking forward to welcoming and hosting registrants. See you there!

Joyce Kato and Joan Nakano
2008 Convention Co-Chairs

2008 TEMPLE SPRING BAZAAR

**The Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
Annual Bazaar**
will be held on

Sunday, March 16, 2008
in the temple auditorium.

The hours are scheduled to be from
11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

There will be food items for dining in or take out and baked goods for sale. The annual bazaar is one of the Temple's major fundraisers to help fund operations and maintenance of the facility. Donations of handcrafted items and baked goods will be greatly appreciated the day of the bazaar. Please tell your family and friends to come and enjoy this event.

Spring Bazaar tickets will be mailed out in February. Please look for them and remit payment back to the Temple through the mail or drop off in-person into the remittance box by the office.



To make this event a success, please help by signing up and assisting with the many tasks that need to be undertaken. Organization representatives should be contacting you or sign-up sheets will be posted in the hallway outside the downstairs dining room within the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions, please leave a message with the Temple office and someone from the Bazaar committee will get back in touch with you. Thank you in advance for your support.

submitted by Howard Luke

GO PAPERLESS! THIS NEWSLETTER IS NOW ON WWW.SEATTLEBETSUIN.COM

The "Wheel of the Sangha" newsletter is now posted monthly on the Betsuin website (www.seattlebetsuin.com). Members are encouraged to end their paper subscriptions for the electronic version. If you are currently receiving a paper copy by US mail and would like to discontinue for the online version, please let us know. Simply contact the temple office at 206-329-0800 or email Newsletter@SeattleBetsuin.com to have your name removed from the mailing list and jump online! **Note: This is a voluntary option only. No one's subscription will be cancelled unless it is requested. No action is required to keep receiving your paper copy in the mail. The Japanese version is also online now!**

Seattle Buddhist Women's Association

President's Message by Terrie Tanino

- The temple Maintenance Committee headed by Cyrus Honmyo, Alan Hoshino, Ken Kubota and Steve Hasegawa transferred all the furniture to a new room dedicated to the SBWA. Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who was involved.
- Under the direction of the Food Committee Chair, Ritsuko Kawahara, BWA ladies prepared 525 obento containing traditional Japanese New Years dishes ("Osechi ryori").
- On January 13th, Ritsuko Kawahara and the food committee prepared "Ozenzai" and "Nigome", traditional dishes that are served after the Ho-Onko service. Thank you, Ritsuko, her committee, and the toban members.
- At the January Board of Director's Meeting, Frances Shintaku and Elsie Tokita were elected

(E) Co-Recording Secretaries and Deanna Ikegami, (E) Corresponding Secretary.

SBWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

General Donation:

Terrie Tanino

Kokorokai donated to SBWA for the use of the kitchen for the November Arts and Craft Fair/s food preparation.

SBWA's February Calendar:

Feb. 3rd BOD Meeting in Hondo-11:45 a.m.

Feb. 10th Dana Day, Nirvana Day, & Pet Memorial Service.

Feb. 15-17th NW District Convention-Double Tree Suites at Tukwila

submitted by Janet

Dharma School Report

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

New Year's Party

Thanks to the 30+ students (preK - 6th grade) who performed at the annual New Year's lunch. All the practicing paid off -- you all did a terrific job! Special thanks to Lani Carpenter, June Iwafuchi, Mae Yamasaki and Dennis Yamashita for running practices and managing the performance.

We hope all who attended the party enjoyed the year of the rat centerpieces made by the 1st-5th grade Dharma school students and teachers.

A special thanks goes to the 4th and 5th grade boys who swept the entryway to the gym before the party. Please mark your calendars for the Nirvana day pet memorial service and vegetarian potluck to be held on February 10th.

There will be a Children's service on February 24th in Memorial Hall. The Dharma school would like to thank the Chisholm family for the new Children's service sign (featuring Hamtaro), which will be displayed on service days.

Classroom Reports

Infant/toddler class (teachers Ann Hasegawa and Connie Ozeki-Chinn) The infant/toddler class would like to express thanks to the Ko family for the play-set! It is again the most popular toy in the room. Activities the past few months included decorating of Bodhi Balls, participating with church clean up, styrofoam snowmen and cotton ball snowmen.

Grade 6-7

The girls of our class were very fortunate to have a class session with Reverend Julie Hanada. The girls will try to meet with Reverend Julie to share the Dharma as her time permits. We as a class will prepare for a "Quiz Down" with other grades in the Dharma School. Stay tuned for more details?!

Nirvana Day Potluck - Sunday, February 10 after services and class. Get together with your fellow Sangha members and show your compassion towards all beings at our Nirvana Day Potluck! Bring your favorite non-meat main or side dish to the gym before service. Beverages will be provided. Help setting up tables and chairs before service (~9:30 am) will be greatly appreciated.

Bodhi Day Potluck. Many thanks to everyone who made the Bodhi Day Potluck a success! The variety of dishes was amazing and very tasty to boot. Special kudos go to the BWA for the barazushi and yummy stew, Haruso Taketa and Ardith Beitel for starting the beverages, Cyrus Honmyo for taking care of the microphone, the Kato family for coming extra early to help out, and everyone for helping with set-up, take-down, washing up and everything else that it takes to make this work. Apologies to anyone whose name was left off. Arigato!

-Leslie Sumida

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the Following Donations –December 2007/January 2008

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
	Yoshito Iwamoto Funeral & Burial Service	\$ 1,500	Gary & Nancy Iwamoto
	Alan Nakamura and Joyce Nakamura – Nokotsudo	\$ 1,000	Ted Nakamura
	Kinzuchi Shigeno Family and Shohei Tanaka Family – Nokotsudo	\$ 500	Shizue Shigeno
	Shiro & Teruko Fujihira Memorial	\$ 400	Joy Fujihira
	Kenny Nakatani – 49 th Day Memorial	\$ 400	Eileen Tokita
	Mary H. Shigaya – Inurnment Service	\$ 250	Ken Shigaya
	Kimi Shigeno – 25 th Year Memorial	\$ 200	Shizue Shigeno
	Hiroyuki Suganuma – In Memory	\$ 180	Aiko Suganuma
	Lindy Kumagai – In Memory	\$ 100	Penny Atcheson
	Hanako Nakagawa – Funeral Service	\$ 100	Lisa & Tom Evans
	Hanako Nakata – 3 rd Year Memorial	\$ 100	Gerald Nakata
	Taichi Nogami – 40+ Years Hamano Nogami – 10+ Years	\$ 100	Grace Kasahara
	Michisuke Harada	\$ 50	Mack & Setsu Harada
	Mrs. Kimi Shigeno - 25 th Year Memorial	\$ 50	Shizue Shigeno

<u>Remembrances for:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Ben Deguchi	Mary Furuta; Helen Nishimura
Kiki Hagimori	Shizue Watanabe
Rikio Isomura	Jerry & Olivia Uyeda
Aico Kajita	Mary S. Shigaya
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Kenny Nakatani	Mitsuko Fukuhara; Peggy Hanada; Mary Hikida; Amy Hirasawa; Joseph Matsuzaki; Minoru Tsubota
Mary Shigaya	M/M Ben Ikeda; Harry & Terrie Shigaya; Mary S. Shigaya

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New Years Donation: Ron Hamakawa; Harold Hayashi; Janet Kosai; Norimi Kusanagi; Paul Mori; Shizuko Norton; Pauline Sakuma; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Bill Voageley; Munehisa Yabuki

2008 New Years' Party: Seattle Japanese Community Service; Mariko Mano; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Isoko Yoshihara;

<u>Other Gifts:</u>	<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
	Nisei Veterans Committee	Appreciation for Facility Use (\$2,000)
	Seattle Betsuin BWA	General Facility Use (\$ 1,500)
	Seattle Betsuin Gojikai	General Facility Use (\$ 300)
	Stephanie Ojima	Appreciation for Ojuzo
	Ted Oye	Hospital Visitation
	Shizue Watanabe	Yosh Kawabata – Appreciation of
	Kazuko Yakumo	Appreciation for Wheel of Dharma
	Tamio Uchida	Appreciation for Newsletter

<u>Temple Supervision:</u>	Spokane Buddhist Church (Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$ 300
	Yakima Buddhist Church - Orei (Nov, Dec)	\$ 200

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“Introduction to the *Shoshinge*” Course
With Reverend Don Castro
Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2008 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



This 8 week course will present both an introduction to the meaning and practice in chanting the Shoshin Nembutsu Ge or “Gatha on the True Faith in the Nembutsu.” This gatha serves as an outline of Shinran’s teaching and is one of only two of the chants in our service book with the actual writing of Shinran Shonin. Each of the eight weeks, we will explore the meaning of the text and practice chanting and conducting a simple service. This course is intended to lead up to a new Sunday morning service beginning in May. This service will be held from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. most Sundays and will be modeled after a very successful service Orange County Buddhist Church as initiated. A background of Jodo Shinshu is recommended.

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Rev. Don Castro’s “Introduction to the Shoshinge” Tuesdays, March 4 – April 22, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Please submit this registration form with fee by Sunday, March 3, 2008. Fee: \$20.00 BCA & BCC Member* \$30.00 Non-member. Please make check payable to Seattle Betsuin Religious Department. Mail to Seattle Buddhist Church, Religious Department, 1427 South Main Street Seattle, WA 98144 or drop it off at the Seattle Buddhist Temple office. Contact Persons: Reverend Castro or Irene Goto. Use one application form for each person.

Name: _____ Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

*BCA & BCC members are those who belong to the churches and temples affiliated with the Buddhist Churches of America (www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org), and the Buddhist Churches of Canada.

On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee...submitted by Steph Ojima

We would like to “thank” the following **regular members**, for contributing at least the minimum annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is a list of those paid members that have posted dues since our December article:

Ardith Beital, Bonnie Dussler, Tsuyuako Chadwick, Lutes Fujita, Gary & Sandee Hamatani, Mack & Setsuko Harada, Takashi & Lilly Hori, Haruko Mamiya, Mariko Mano, Jack Matsui, Joe Matsuzaki, Takiko Miyauchi, Helen Mizuki, Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura, Ted & Sunkie Oye, Shirley Shimada, Roy & Kazumi Shimizu, Masaru & Anna Tahara, Kiyoko Takashima, Rikuko Tanaka, Martha Taniguchi, Laurie Tazuma, Margaret Teramoto, Eric Uyeji, John & Arlene Yamada, Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki

We'd like to 'welcome'

Ardith Beital

as a new member to our Sangha.

***As a reminder:** The basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations, is \$250 for those over 70 years of age and \$300 for those under 70 years old.

Reservations, Please

Betsuin Event Chairpersons: Please remember to reserve temple facilities for your scheduled events - especially the gym, dining room and kitchen - as soon as your event is planned, by contacting the Betsuin office at 206.329.0800. This will help to avoid conflicts in scheduling and last-minute, embarrassing cancellations. Thank you for your cooperation.



-Ted Yorita

February 24th Children's Service takes place in Memorial Hall Chapel promptly at 10:00 a.m. Children's service is a more informal setting; messages will be appropriate for young school ages. Hondo sermons on these days will be geared toward a middle school level on up. Families are encouraged to select whichever setting fits their needs. **Oshoko (incense offering) will be from 9:45 – 10:00.** (Memorial Hall Chapel is in use as a classroom immediately following the service.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May the Year of the Rat bring with it many moments of meaning and joy to each and every one of you. **Reflections:** *We all want to feel and believe that the New Year will bring us hope and success. It may, but what is more important is the meaning*



On behalf of the Religious Department...submitted by Paul Mori

We received a letter with no return name/address, having \$300.00 in cash, stating, “This fund is donated for (by) late Mr. Xia Fy Ning (夏福寧) of Taiwan, Republic of China. Please use it for the purpose of printing mantra or sutra. Please pray for his soul.” The envelope had Sacramento CA 95727 Dec 2007 PM4 T. It was recommended that we input this into the Newsletter for recognition.

Also, a very generous donation was received in the amount of \$500 from Kinue Kuwahara for the RD wish list. Kinue is an integral member of the department. Thank you very much for supporting the Dharma activities which benefit our Sangha.

The Religious Department received notice that Bill Hirsch, Minister's Assistant, has resigned from the post which he worked hard to fulfill. It has been our pleasure to have him serve in this capacity. He wished the temple well and hopes that in the future our Dharma paths will cross again. Thank you, Bill.

found in each moment that we live.

Gassho,

Seigen

Yamaoka

BCA



Youth(<http://www.bcayouth.org/News/news.htm>)

2008 YAC Youth Retreat Sacramento Betsuin will once again host the YAC Youth Retreat. The week-long program is set for July 7-13, 2008. More details to follow.

2008 YAC Summit The 2008 Summit will either be January 26-27, 2008 or February 22-23 at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple.

Scholarship for High School Seniors

Applications for the Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant are now available by contacting Shizue Kaku through the temple office at 206.329-0800. Deadline to submit applications is Friday, April 25, 2008. If you are a graduating senior in the class of 2008, affiliated with the Seattle Betsuin, and plan to attend an institution of higher learning, please apply for this scholarship.

Help Wanted for Newsletter To volunteer for photocopying, trouble-shooting, and folding, come to the temple office on February 22, 2008 at 9 a.m. **For Japanese Section:** To volunteer to translate articles from Japanese into English, e-mail Japanese editor at newsletter-jpn@seattlebetsuin.com.

Betsuin Events for February 2008

SUNDAYS

February 3 SCOUT SUNDAY Rev Castro to CA, JSC
10:00 am Family Service

Children's Message: Joe Schwab, MA
English: Jim Warrick, Assistant Minister
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi
DX: Joe Schwab, MA

February 10 NIRVANA DAY & Pet Memorial Service

10:00 am Family Nirvana Day Service
Children's Message: Rev Castro
English Message: Rimban Matsubayashi
Japanese Message: Rimban Matsubayashi
DX: Joe Schwab, MA

11:30 am Potluck Luncheon

February 17 NW District Convention, Tukwila

No services at Betsuin, Office Closed

February 24 Rimban - Vacation

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Children's Service: Joe Schwab, MA
Youth: Jim Warrick, Assistant Minister
English: Rev Castro
Japanese: none
DX: Rev Castro

MONDAYS

February 4 Rimban – Day Off

February 11

February 18 Presidents Day – Office Closed

February 25

TUESDAYS

February 5

February 12

10:00 am Visitation by Seattle University

February 19 Rimban – Day Off

February 26 BCA Ministers Assoc. Nat'l Council Mtg
in Portland, OR

10:30 am Keiro Service – Rev Castro



"ONEMBUTSU NI KAEETE KURU"

COMING HOME TO THE NEMBUTSU...

See you there!

WEDNESDAYS

February 6 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

February 13 Rev Castro – Day Off

February 20 Rimban – Vacation

February 27 BCA Ministers Assoc. Nat'l Council Mtg
in Portland, OR

THURSDAYS

February 7 Rev Castro to BCA for MapQuest Mtg

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rimban)

February 14

10:30 am Minister's Meeting

6:30 pm Religious Department Executive Meeting

7:30 pm Religious Department Meeting

February 21 Rimban – Vacation

February 28 BCA Ministers Assoc. Nat'l Council Mtg
in Portland, OR

FRIDAYS

February 1 Rev Castro to CA, Jodo Shinshu Center

7:30 pm Boy Scout Sunday Rehearsal (Rimban)

February 8 Rev Castro – Day Off

February 15 NW District Convention

3:00 pm NW Minister's Meeting

February 22 Rimban – Vacation, Rev Castro – Day Off

February 29 BCA Ministers Assoc. Nat'l Council Mtg
in Portland, OR

SATURDAYS

February 2 Rev Castro to CA, Jodo Shinshu Center

11:30 am Gojikai Service & NY Party (Rimban)

February 9

February 16 NW District Convention

February 23 Rimban – Day Off

Month of March 2008 Events of Interest:

March 1, 2 BCA Ministers Assoc. Nat'l Council Mtg
in Portland, OR

March 2 CampFireUSA Sunday

March 16 Betsuin Spring Bazaar (see page 6)

March 23 Spring Ohigan Service with Rev Tatsuya Aoki

Helpful Web Sites

www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org

links to BCA bookstore, BCA Campaign 21 Century,
Wheel of Dharma, Temples

www.BCAyouth.org

Okesa Are Ready for Pick-up

Okesa you ordered in December are in.

Please see

Irene Goto on Sundays,

February 3 & 10, at the Temple or
at NW District Convention in the Bookstore on
February 15 and 16, 2008

