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11:45 SBVA Board Meeting

### May 2008 Special Events

- **Dr. Nobuo Haneda Lecture** May 9 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm Memorial Hall
- **Children's Service** May 11 10:00 am Memorial Hall Chapel
- **Sr. YBA Retreat** May 16 -18
- **GOTAN-E SERVICE** May 18 10:00 am Family Service
- **MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED** Monday May 26

Looking ahead...

**Seattle Betsuin Obon Festival** July 19, 20

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### Betsuin Events for May 2008

#### **SUNDAYS**

May 4 (Federation of Dharma School Teachers League Conference –San Mateo); Rev. Castro – Vacation

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Children: Jim Warrick Sensei  
English: Rinban  
Japanese: Rinban  
DX: Joe Schwab, Minister's Asst.

11:45 am SBWA Board Meeting (Rinban)

1:00 pm Karuna/Sangha Award Class (Travis/Jason)

May 11

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE (Choir will sing)

Youth: Joe Schwab, M.A.  
Children: Rinban  
English: Rev. Castro  
Japanese: Rinban  
DX: Jim Warrick Sensei

May 18 Sr. YBA Retreat-All Day

10:00 am GOTAN-E SERVICE

Children: Rev. Castro  
English: Rinban  
Japanese: Rinban  
DX: Joe Schwab, M.A.  
Dharma School to Keiro to hold service

1:00 pm Karuna/Sangha Award Class (Jim)

3:00 pm Rev. Castro to Spokane

May 25 Joe to Yakima for Memorial Day Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Children: Jim Warrick Sensei  
English: Rev. Castro  
Japanese: Rinban  
DX: Rev. Castro

10:00 am NVC Lakeview Memorial Day Ceremony

#### **MONDAYS**

May 5 Rev. Castro – Vacation; Rinban Day Off/On Standby

12:20 pm Visitation by Woodward Middle School (Joe)

May 12 Rinban Day Off

May 19 Rinban Day Off

May 26 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am NVC Lakeview Memorial Day Ceremony

#### **TUESDAYS**

May 6 Rev. Castro – Vacation

May 13

May 20

May 27 Rinban Day Off

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rev. Castro)

### WEDNESDAYS

May 7 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting (Rinban)

May 14 1:30 pm SBWA Centennial Meeting (Rinban)

May 21

May 28 1:45 pm Visitation: Seattle University (Rinban)

### THURSDAYS

May 1 Rev. Castro – Vacation

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban)

May 8 Rev. Castro @ BCA for MAP meeting

7:30 pm Religious Dept. Meeting (Rinban)

May 15

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rev. Castro)

3:00 pm Minister's Meeting

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

May 22

2:00 pm N.W. Minister's Association Meeting

7:30 pm Seattle Betsuin BOD Meeting

May 29

### FRIDAYS

May 2 FDSTL Conference –San Mateo, Rev. Castro Day Off

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Meeting (Rinban)

May 9 Rev. Castro – Day Off (in CA)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dharma Lecture: Dr. Nobuo Haneda

May 16 Rev. Castro Day Off, Sr. YBA Retreat

10:00 am Shinran Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban)

May 23, May 30 Rev. Castro Days Off



### SATURDAYS

May 3 FDSTL Conference –San Mateo, Rev. Castro Vacation

May 10

May 17 Sr. YBA Retreat-All Day

10:30 am NW Council Meeting in Yakima (Rinban)

11:00 am Wedding Ceremony @ Queen Anne (Rev. Castro)

4:00 pm Rev Castro at Banquet for Japanese Americans of UW during WWII @Blaine Methodist Church

5:00 pm - 9:30 pm Dharma School Family Fun Night

May 24 (Gym in use all day)

May 31 10:30 am Minister's Meeting



### Upcoming 2008 Events:

June 1 All Sangha Memorial Service see p.13

June 8 Last Day of Dharma School – Awards, Recognition & Scholarships

June 15 Betsuin Picnic

June 17 -19 FUKEN in New York, NY

June 22 Bishop/Rinban Memorial Service

June 23 - 27 Kids Summer Program 2008

July 19, 20 Seattle Obon Festival

July 25 – 27 NW District Youth Retreat



## SHINRAN'S WAY TO BECOME BUDDHAS

Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

In general Buddhism the purpose of the Buddhist practice is to attain the state of enlightenment by self power. However, the Pure Land Buddhism teaches that sentient beings born into the Pure Land with the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha attain Buddhas, Enlightened One. The development of Pure Land Buddhism by Shinran Shonin (1173 – 1262) can be traced in the historical development of three types of learning in Buddhism: **Precept (sila), Meditation (dhyana), and Wisdom (prajna).**

The practicing of the precepts, meditation, and gaining of wisdom form a cycle of learning. The Pure Land Buddhism of Shinran Shonin developed primarily from wisdom (prajna), the last step in the cycle listed above. The method of obtaining wisdom also has three steps: hearing, thinking, and practicing. We listen to the teaching of the Buddha, think about what was heard, and practice the teaching in our daily lives. This is the process of obtaining the Buddhist wisdom/compassion.

The Eightfold Path is one of the basic teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha. It is also practiced closely together with the three types of learning. Right View teaches the learning of wisdom; Right Thought (mind practice), Right Speech (verbal practice), Right Conduct (physical practice), and Right Livelihood (physical, verbal, and mind practices) teach the learning of precept; Right Effort teaches all three types of learning; Right Mindfulness and Right Meditation teach the learning of meditation.

By practicing the three types of the Buddhist learning, ordinary people gradually realize how hard it is to fulfill the Buddhist learning. From this difficulty arose Mahayana Buddhism to provide more guidance in the path of enlightenment. The word "Mahayana" means "larger vehicle" and Mahayana Buddhism can carry more people to the state of enlightenment.

The Bodhisattva ideal became an important characteristic of Mahayana Buddhism, because Bodhisattvas work primarily for the enlightenment of others as one's own benefit. Bodhisattva Dharmakara (Hozo Bosatsu) become Amida Buddha, who has the great wisdom and compassion. Shinran Shonin taught that Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion lead us to the state of enlightenment. He encourages us to awaken Amida Buddha's compassionate light which leads us to the state of enlightenment in his writing, **Shoshin-ge**, that "**The Great Compassion of Amida Buddha always shines upon us untiringly.**" He also pointed out that it is not easy to realize such great compassion of Amida Buddha in his Hymn as follows:

***Although my eyes, blinded by passion,  
Do not see the shining light which embraces me,  
The Great Compassion never tires, Always casting light upon me.***

The Dalai Lama XIV visited Seattle to participate in the Seeds of Compassion festivity on April 11, 2008 for five days. On April 12 he spoke of compassion to over 50,000 people at Qwest Field and reminded us how important it is to practice compassion in our lives.

Shinran Shonin reminded us that we are embraced by the compassionate light of Amida Buddha and our compassionate acts are the expressions of our gratitude. Pure Land Buddhism is the teaching for ordinary people who realize the limitation in their ability to become Buddhas. In the realization of such limitation we will be awakened to Amida Buddha's great compassion which assures us to become Buddhas. Awakening faith in Amida Buddha's compassion leads us to the recitation of the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," in gratitude. **Happy Gotan-e!** Gassho

## NEWSLETTER NEXT DEADLINE

May 19, 2008

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ABA

**Newsletter Sealing and Labeling  
Schedule for the current month,  
not for the issue Month:**

BWA January & July

Gojikai February & August

Scouts, Campfire, Taiko\*  
March & September

YBA, Dharma School  
April & October

ABA  
May & November\*

Ijikai June & December

\*duty has been switched as of July '07

## Camp Fire Group News

submitted by Dana Nakashima

### Camp Fire Council Fire – Sunday, June 1

Dear Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire Alumni, Friends, and Family: The Camp Fire group invites you to attend this year's Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire – Council Fire. This event will take place on June 1st, **11:45 AM – 1:00 PM in the gym**. We will be celebrating our accomplishments for the 2007-2008 year, and preparing for next year with ceremonial fly-ups for all those members moving up to the next group level. We hope you can join us!

**Adventure 2/3:** A special "Thank You" to Lynda for coordinating this year's Camp Fire Bake Sale, held during the March 16<sup>th</sup> Spring Bazaar. Thanks, as well, to everyone who worked in the Bake Sale booth, and to those who contributed items to the sale.

**By Amanda** -- At March 23<sup>rd</sup>'s meeting, we made a list of what we were going to do for the end of the year party. Then we make a list of what we were going to do with the money we earned for the candy sale. After that we had an Easter egg hunt! It was fun!

Our group will be hosting the 27<sup>th</sup> Camp Fire Open House. The Open House is being held to introduce parents



and prospective new members to the variety of activities Camp Fire can offer. The girls are planning the activities and food for the Open House.

**Hummingbirds:** In March, many of our students attended the annual Dad-Kid weekend at Camp Sealth. For some families, this was their 5th time at camp! At our March and April meetings, we practiced our decision-making skills. As a group, we decided how to spend money earned from candy sale donations and last year's prize money. After a thorough discussion and series of votes, we decided to go on a shopping field trip this summer. We are currently deciding if we'll be shopping for a local charity in addition to finding a special treat for ourselves.

Team Bodhi (comprised of Meghan, Miye, Emma, Kristy and Shawn) is responsible for special interests and learning. As their project, they organized a Spring book club, and created a "Hummingbirds' Recommending Reading List". We chose the *Deltora Quest* series for our book club to read. At our 4/20 meeting, we had a tea party and snacks and discussed *Deltora Quest*. Other fun activities included a book exchange and learning how to play *hanafuda* (Japanese card game). In May, we will elect officers for next year, plan for the summer and next school year, and prepare for the June 1st Council Fire.

### NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE – MARCH 30, APRIL 6, 13, 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.*

On March 30 Jim Warrick sensei talked about people who celebrate holidays not of their particular religion; i.e. Christmas, Easter, Obon, etc. Castro sensei referred to it as "sympathetic joy" and found nothing wrong with participating.

Rev. Julie Hanada Lee suggested that in weddings between a Buddhist and a Christian who wishes to emphasize his/her religion in the ceremony, the Buddhist is more likely to "let it go" because s/he is comfortable with self as Buddhist.

The question, "What do you feel about God?" was posed to Warrick sensei. He responded, "There is no way of knowing."

The elder Kubose sensei (deceased) of Chicago would not allow a man to join his temple because there are "too many bad things about Christianity."

The Dalai Lama visited Seattle for five days in April to promote compassion, not to convert.

On April 6 a discussion ensued on good/evil, and Warrick sensei indicated "good" can be defined as living in accordance with the Dharma. A participant commented that "good" is subjective. Also, dualistic thinking is common to "evil" in not seeing things as they are. Often a well-intended person might commit evil unintentionally; i.e. feeding hummingbirds in the winter, causing them to remain in cold climes rather than flying south.

Warrick sensei reminded us: "*All true happiness derives from making others happy; all suffering derives from making oneself happy.*" - Shantideva

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

On April 13 Rev Briones of LA Betsuin talked about how he became a Jodo Shinshu minister. His Dharma talk regarding the difference between Amida and Shakyamuni was also discussed. - IG

## The Dharma Treasure House

Archived Historical Recordings

*"I will open the Dharma-Storehouse  
And bestow upon all the treasure of my virtues."  
-Juseige portion of the  
"Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life"*



It is with the greatest pleasure that we bring you a treasure house of Dharma lectures and sermons that were nearly lost to history. They have been rescued due to modern technology and the devoted efforts of Ms. Ardith Beitel who has spent hours and hours transferring and enhancing aging cassette tapes to digital format for inclusion on our web site. I can't thank her enough.

For decades, I have recorded and collected hundreds of Dharma talks on cassette tape. I transferred the oldest recordings from reel-to-reel tape to cassette in the 1970's and 80's. They dated from the late 1950's. As the cassette tapes got older (some of them as old as 33 years), I worried they would be lost. I showed the large collection to Ardith and expressed my concerns. At that moment, as Ardith later told me, the tapes literally talked to her and she resolved to preserve something of the Dharma lives of these dedicated teachers. I thank her from the bottom of my heart for undertaking this arduous task!

Like myself, many of you knew or know these teachers and listening to these talks will be like visiting an old

friend. For those of you who had no chance to encounter these sensei, believe me, this is a great gift. Their voices convey more than their writings and their message is just as fresh today as when it was given.

We will present quite a few teachers who have passed on, such as Prof. Ryukyo Fujimoto who died in 1977, but who had great influence on the present generation of active ministers. The sound quality of the recordings is surprisingly good and I will add a written introduction to each talk as best I can. It's not always easy to get as much information on the speaker as I would like. The recordings will be added gradually so there will be something new to look forward to for many months. Our first addition to the collection is a wonderful talk given by the late Rev. Ruth Tabrah when she visited Seattle Betsuin in 1982. She is very well known in Hawaii where she passed away on April 8, 2004 at the age of 83.

*"May the merit-virtue (of these recordings)  
Be shared equally with all beings.  
May we together awaken the Bodhi Mind,  
And be born in the realm of Serenity and Joy."*

In gassho,  
Rev. Don Castro

### TEMPLE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the first half of April the Seattle area has been the focus of world-wide news coverage regarding the visit of the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama. During his visit the local newspapers had the front page coverage of the speeches with photos. The theme of the 5-day event, "Seeds of Compassion" seemed to be the topic of everyone's conversation everywhere. Time after time Dalai Lama emphasized "Compassion and Wisdom," the two very basic teachings of the Buddhism that are the keys to solving many problems we all face globally. It was reassuring for those of us who have heard numerous Sunday sermons, dharma talks, etc., to hear the same words spoken in front of tens and thousands of people. [I] hope some of those will visit our temple soon so we may share the time together to learn the teachings.

At the BCA National Council meeting held in Portland, Oregon on March 1, 2008, Eric Ishii of New York challenged all attendees to donate the \$600 (the economic stimulus incentive that the US government will be issuing) to the Campaign. Many attendees immediately stood up to respond to his challenge; I was one of them.

President, states in the latest *Wheel of Dharma* in his message, "*there is currently a disconnect between our desire to keep the Jodo Shinshu Center and our willingness to sacrifice for it. "There is no magic; we must work together to pay off the debt."* Seattle Betsuin members have been often mentioned by Socho Koshin Ogui as one of the best temples that have shown great dedication for the BCA and the Campaign. But lately other temples of similar membership size have surpassed us and we are barely in the top ten in the participation rate. Please be reminded that those families donating \$5,000 or more will have their names permanently placed on the donor wall in the lobby of the Jodo Shinshu Center. As of February 12, 2008 there are 33 Seattle Betsuin families and organizations on the donor wall. We ask those who have contributed already to consider increasing your gifts so that your families' names can be added to the donor wall. While almost 59%

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The idea is that if all 16,000 BCA members responded to the challenge, almost \$10M would be raised and the debt could be paid off. As Dr. Billy Saeki, the new BCA

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of Betsuin- members have contributed to the 21st Century Campaign, we ask those who have not yet donated to the Campaign to please consider giving today. Pauline Sakuma, our past president and currently the BCA National Board Secretary, is also a BCA Endowment Foundation Director. The Endowment Foundation set a goal of \$1M and has tasked each of the Directors to raise \$67,000 to

meet that goal. It would be very helpful if those who decide to contribute to BCA Campaign to attach a short memo saying that the "donation is in support of Pauline Sakuma's effort on behalf of the Endowment Foundation." If you have any questions, please contact me. - Mas Tahara



**ON BEHALF OF THE SBC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... 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 last month's posting:

Harry Akizuki, Hanako Aramaki, Clara Beard, Pat Bobrow, Lani Carpenter, Ayako Demise, William Dussler, Toshiko Enomoto, Harumi Fujioka, Helen Gota, Yoko Hamanaka, Peggy Hanada, Mickey & Yoshie Hiroo, Steven & Cathleen Hokoda, Toshiko Isomura, Scott Jofuku, Isako Kajimura, Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima, Miyoko Kawaguchi, Dawn Keeley, Betty Komura, Shizuka La Grange, Rick Mamiya, George & Irene Mano, Yoshie Nakagawa, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Tokuzo & Mari Okumura, Mary Osaki, Robert & Amy Seko, Dennis Shibata, Franklin Shinoda, Lori Tanaka, Kats & Terrie Tanino, Ryomi & Etsuko Tanino, Miyoko Tazuma, Sam & Masako Uchida, Joe & Barbara Wakazuru, Tatsuya Yamamoto, Furuyo Yee, Nobuo Yutani

We'd like to 'welcome' Franklin Shinoda 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. Payments are due by September 30, 2008.

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**LARGE AND SMALL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE OUR PLANET** by Gail

Kaminishi

There are tips in our newspapers, on websites, magazines, etc. every day. Look for the hydrogen car, being developed by a "Bavarian" auto manufacturer in the future. Eco Sangha Seattle University students thought about ways to help the environment, including keeping a pea patch garden and seeking permission from the University to start a rooftop garden. Joe Schwab gave a lecture at SU about the environment and how resources such as water are being consumed at a high level in the cattle industry. Producing a 1/4 pound of beef requires 616 gallons of water. This information is from the book, Stuff: The Secret Life of Everyday Things. If you drastically cut down on your consumption of beef, you will be healthier and you will be helping the animals and the environment. Some dot com travel groups and major airline companies detail their efforts to help the earth. Look for options on offsetting your carbon footprint by donating to various nonprofits. This information is not easy to access, though. After you book through a particular dot com travel group, you will see the information. What good ideas do you have? Please send your ideas or news to Gail Kaminishi via [www.newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:www.newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com).



# SEATTLE BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

submitted by Deanna Ikegami

## **B**WA President's Report

A floral arrangement was sent and I represented the BWA at the Memorial Service for Ruth Ayako Sumida on March 22th.

The new pew cushions were delivered and installed on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members removed the foam from the old cushions, packed the fabric covering for storage and cleaned the wooden pews. We thank the ladies that came out on short notice to work on this project under the supervision of Irene Mano and Kiyo Takashima.

Kinue Kuwahara and Yoshie Hiroo prepared the Sweet Tea for Hanamatsuri. Ladies from the April toban that served the tea were: Suzuko Terada, Lori Kozai, Norigiku Horikawa and Jean Taketa.

On Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Paul Mori and Mas Tahara transported the hanamido to Keiro for the 10:30 AM Butsuren Hanamatsuri Service. BWA members attended the service and assisted the residents with the kambutsu. Officiants were Rinban Hoshu Matsubayashi and Rev. Don Castro. The floral decorations on the hanamido were removed and cleaned by Paul Mori, Mas and Anna Tahara, Kiyo Takashima, Fumi Yamaguchi, Yoshie Hiroo, Kinue Kuwahara, Kazumi Shimizu, Akico Taniguchi and Terrie Tanino.

- Terrie Tanino

## **SBWA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

The new pew cushions in the Hondo were installed on April 3, a gift to the temple from the Seattle Buddhist Women's Association to commemorate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. An additional gift of space for handicapped seating has been provided in the front row for wheelchairs.

A special thanks to the Centennial Committee and Pat Bobrow (Interior Designer) for the combined planning and decision making tasks to complete the pew cushion and handicapped seating projects.

Thank you is also extended to the following for their response to removing the foam from the cushions, preparing the fabric covering for storage, and wiping down the wooden pews prior to installation: Yoshie Hiroo, Shizu Kaku, Kinue Kuwahara, Aaron Ramos, George Mano, Irene Mano, Kiyo Takashima, Sonoe Taketa, Suzuko Terada, Miyoko Tazuma, Miyoko Yamazaki, and Norio Yamazaki. Additional thanks to Miyoko Tazuma and

**Donations:** Marian Asaba, Bob & Doris Namba, Alan & Judy Fukuda – In memory of Hiro Nakashima; May Shigehara – In memory of Hiro Nakashima; Yoshie Nakagawa – In memory of Suye Kinomoto; Edward, Suzanne & Etsuo Yoshitome – In memory of Ritsuko Yoshitome; Ken Higashiyama & Asano Higashiyama – In memory of Suye Kinomoto; Mr. & Mrs. Joe McClain – In memory of Maryo Haag; Ken Shigaya – In memory of Mary H. Shigaya; Fran Shintaku – In appreciation

**Dana Offering:** Pat Bobrow and Yasuko Natsuhara

## **SBWA Wednesday Classes:**

May 14 & 21: Origami Octagon Box - Instructor, Rikuko Tanaka; May 28: Iris Eye – Instructor, Yoshi Hiroo; June 4, 11, 18 & 25: Mizuhiki, Instructor: Mrs. H. Shimizu

Thank you, ladies, for your generous donation for the Bazaar Merchandise Booth.

We are still collecting knitted scarves and hats for the needy. For those who like to sew, we also have lots of fabric. If you need more yarn or fabric, please contact Setsu Harada or Darlene Shimizu via the Betsuin office.

Yoshie Hiroo for preparing a delicious lunch for the hard working crew.

The old pew covers were not discarded as they remain in excellent condition. SBWA would like to offer the old pew covers to the Sangha. Please contact Centennial Celebration co-chairs, Irene Mano or Kiyo Takashima via the Betsuin office.

SBWA members and guests will be celebrating our centennial on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at which time Socho and Mrs. Ogui will be in attendance. Mrs. Mayumi Ogui and Rev. Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi, (Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church), will be the keynote speakers. A letter will be sent to SBWA members with further details and a reservation form for the luncheon. Rev. Taniguchi will also be guest speaker at the family service on Sunday, September 21, 2008.

**May Calendar:** May 4, 2008 BOD Meeting  
May 18, 2008 Gotan-E Service



## MARCH 29TH CLEAN-UP

The intentions were to continue our clean-up of Wisteria Park. However, 'mother nature' had other plans. But those 'smiling faces' and 'helping hands' that showed up or lent support accomplished quite a bit indoors instead (**Steve H, Cyrus H, Scott J, Dale K, Russell K, Ed K, Marie K-L, Ken K, Rob L, Howard L, Mrs. M, Paul M, Craig N, Fred O, Steph O, Dean O, Tom S, Alex S, Dennis S, Susie T, Terrie T, Kevin Y, Curtis Y, Trevor Y, and Mas T**).

### This is what we accomplished:

- Nursery garage clean and organized, hazardous material removed.
- Memorial hall - trim and walls painted
- Memorial Hall Garage - organized and more lights installed
- Halls and stairs - white hand rails painted and beige and white touched up through out main building.
- Gym - Curtains repaired and track hangers replace on all lower units; new ballast igniter installed in the gym high bay light and reflector reattached, lower old rear speakers, replaced brick work at back of stage, new PA speakers installed, activated new outlet on south side of stage.
- Outside - Bell tower clean and heavy debris removed

A very special "THANK YOU" to John Y and Wisteria View Manor for the delicious food and drinks. Thank you Pauline (making the scrumptious cookies), Mas (the *tsukemono*), Terrie, Mrs. Matsubayashi, Lori, and Steph for setting up lunch.

Things to note.....we got a lot done! Mike A-K is getting pretty good at installing lights; Ed is a pretty decent painter; Steve H is still good at heights; we have a good curtain man in Tom S; and we certainly have a lot of people with good organization and sorting skills. **Keep April 26th open, we will do it again!** -submitted by Steph Ojima

## Onaijin Omigaki, Hanamatsuri

For those Sangha members who attended our recent Hanamatsuri celebration, they were witness to an SRO (Standing Room Only) event. The ministers were dressed in their special robes for the day. Sensei Briones shared the special messages. Dharma school passed out the creative Sakura flowers to wear. Our Hanamido was brightly decorated and put front and center. But did anyone notice how wonderful the Onaijin looked as our service backdrop?

This task was accomplished through elbow grease and cleaning cloths by the following temple members: **Janet Baba, Fumiko Groves, Yoshie Hiroo, Norigiku Horikawa, Kinue Kuwahara, Joan Seko, Sonoe Taketa, Fumie Taniguchi, Suzuko Terada, Fumi Yamaguchi, Miyoko Yamazaki, Rinban Matsubayashi, Kenny Dodobara, Alan Groves, Mickey Hiroo, Karry Sakamoto, Haruso Taketa, Norio Yamazaki**. If you remember, please let them know that you appreciate their dedication to our Betsuin. - submitted by Paul Mori, Religious Department



### KSP 2008 – "Journey to Japan"

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Kids Summer Program will be held June 23-27 for students entering grades 1-8. Activities include *sumie, go, taiko, ikebana, and kendo*. Registration is now

open to the public and closes on May 5. Class size is limited, so register early - grades 1 and 4 are already filled. Forms can be found on the Temple website and the Dharma School bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Ko, June Iwafuchi, Marie Kosai-Luke, or Mae Yamasaki.

We'll also be recruiting teens to fill "sempai" jobs (aka Jr. Assistants). Applications are available and are due by May 18 to Lisa Hara.

### Betsuin Scout Leaders Honored

Each year the Boy Scout Thunderbird District selects its outstanding adult leaders. The Thunderbird District includes Boy and Cub Scouts from the central Seattle region covering Beacon Hill, Capital Hill, Mt. Baker, Seward Park and Rainier Valley. This year the district selected Gordon Habu, of the Buddhist Church Pack 252, as the most outstanding Cubmaster for 2007 and Sam Umeda, from Troop 252, as the Scoutmaster of the year. Both Gordon Habu and Sam Umeda were selected for their outstanding leadership, Scout programs and growth of the Buddhist Church Cubs and Scouts.



– submitted by Dale Kaku

## DHARMA SCHOOL - MAY 2008

**T**hank you to the following families for helping with the *hanamido*: Elliott & Azaad Z., Dennis & Emily Y., June, Randy and Scotty I., Steve and Emma H., Lani and Kristy C., and Dennis, Lynne and Rose G. Special thanks to Elliott for coordinating the work party, and to Rinban for supervising.

**Nitta Scholarship** If you are a graduating high school senior planning on going on to higher education and have been in the YBA for 2 years you can apply for this \$500 scholarship. For more info call the Betsuin office.

### Classroom reports

**Infant /toddler class-teachers Ann Hasegawa and Connie Ozeki-Chinn** In celebration of Hanamatsuri, the class decorated pens with flowers. The children also helped assemble the centerpieces for the Hanamatsuri brunch. Over the past few months, we have been welcoming a number of new and returning students to our class!

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-teachers Dave Scattergood and Joyce Tsuji** In the past couple of months we have reviewed the Golden Chain by making golden links with our names and the names of people connected to us. The chain is up in our classroom around our world. We also made spiders to remind us to be "kind and gentle to every living thing" even the icky ones.

The kids enjoyed making Hanamatsuri brunch centerpieces, planting seeds in honor of the flower festival and thinking of ways to help our earth on earth day. Please see our posters reminding us to recycle around the dharma school.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-teachers Susie Taketa and Julianne Tosaya** Our continuing lesson in Dana had us designing place mats for this year's Betsuin bazaar. We drew pictures that were photocopied onto placemats for those dining in at the bazaar. It was fun to see our designs adorning the dining room tables that day.

We then began making flower buttons for the Sangha for Hanamatsuri. We paper punched flowers, decorated them with paints and topped them off with a chocolate coin for the center of the flower. We passed them out to those who attended the Hanamatsuri service. We also made our own mini Hanamido to take home. We decorated a craft paper box with paper, with Baby Siddhartha inside. We got to fill the boxes with candy for each of us to enjoy.

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade-teachers Sheri Mizumori, Tina Ko, Steph Ojima, and Kelsey Ojima** During the past month, the

Grade 4/5 Dharma School class has been showing exactly how much they have learned about Buddhist customs, holidays, history and current events. Very impressive!! On one day, we talked about the significance of the Dalai Lama's visit to Seattle since many of the children were able to go and hear him speak.

We also tested each other about our knowledge of the events surrounding the birth of Prince Siddhartha. The children's ability to recreate the key events was remarkable! In preparation for the match between the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade classes in Buddhist Jeopardy, our class spent some time creating sets of questions and answers that might stump their opponents, like how many 'happys' are in the Gatha Happy? The kids had a blast, and we thank Lani Carpenter and Mae Yamasaki for assisting with the actual Jeopardy game. Our class, overwhelmingly, defeated the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders!

-submitted by Joyce Tsuji

**May 11 - 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.)

**Reflections** submitted by FDSTL Historian Chizuko Kakiuchi

- We think that being lonely is a feeling for humans only. All living things feel lonely even if it is for just a moment.
- If we can flow with the flow of life there is much to experience; however, if we stop the flow for selfish reasons we create a dam which may overflow and cause harm.

Before entering Nirvana the Buddha instructed all who followed him to [go with] the flow of life in its natural form – a form that is ever changing and flowing, yet full of potential meaning. Then, we can experience the naturalness of what life is all about.

- It is hard to be natural when we are full of ourselves.

Gassho, Seigen Yamaoka

## 2008 SPRING BAZAAR

It's only been about a month but it seems like a while ago since the Sangha came together to put on the 2008 Spring Bazaar. I hope all were able to enjoy the various food items that were prepared for sale. While it is still a bit too early to say how the event was financially, all net proceeds do benefit the Temple operations and I would hazard to guess that results are probably in line with the prior year with a bit under \$13K transferred from the Bazaar's bank account to the Betsuin's general account. Details will be provided in the annual report that is published for the General Meeting this coming December. On behalf of the Seattle Betsuin and the 2008 Spring Bazaar committee, our thanks for your support and attendance at this fundraiser.



volunteer their time for the many tasks involved and the donations received. This is one of the two major fundraisers for the Temple and it somehow comes together in the end. To those that understand the level of commitment needed to have a successful event and take on one or more of the thankless tasks, please do not underestimate the appreciation expressed. I hear the "Thank you's" for a job well done but am not delusional in thinking it was all because of my efforts. On behalf of the Temple and myself, please accept a "THANK YOU" to individuals for their efforts and contributions, especially to those that take on more than a single task year after year. Your contributions are very much appreciated as it is the collective efforts of all that help to make this event a success.

Planning for this fundraiser started in late January as representatives for Temple organizations gather to plan the details in holding this event. These representatives, together with members of the Bazaar committee with specific duties, help to make this fundraiser a financial success to offset some of the Temple's operational and maintenance costs. Their time and effort into making this fundraiser a positive experience is greatly appreciated and a "Thank you" is extended to all. 2008 Spring Bazaar Committee members are: Steph Ojima (recorder/assistant), Susie Taketa (tickets), Ron Hamakawa (procurement), Craig Nakano (treasurer), Karry Sakamoto (advisor), Steve Chisholm, Doug Hanada, Art Kozai, Donna Nobuyama, Pauline Sakuma, Gayle Sordetto, Shizue Yahata, Mae Yamasaki and Donna Zumuto.,

Even with the planning, the actual fundraiser wouldn't happen without the generous support of those that

For a couple of reasons, i.e. keeping the newsletter to a manageable length and to keep names private as the newsletter is on the Betsuin website, I have decided to forego listing the names of donors for the baked goods and merchandise and also the many individuals that volunteered their time. The information from the sign-up sheets will be kept for future reference in helping to determine workloads and to have a record of the donors and volunteers. Please know that your contributions are valued even if not listed individually.

In Gassho,  
Howard Luke  
2008 Spring Bazaar Chairperson

### "YBA: HAVE IT YOUR WAY"

Sr.YBA will be hosting the 2008 Spring High School Leadership Retreat for N.W.Y.B.L. Registration is Open to CURRENT HS sophomores and juniors, no graduating Seniors. It will be held on May 16-18 at the Seattle Betsuin. Registration will be open from April 20th and can be picked up from the YBA bulletin board. Contact Travis Suzaka via the Betsuin office for questions.



### AN EVENING WITH DR. NOBUO HANEDA FROM MAIDA CENTER OF BUDDHISM

#### HUMAN WISDOM AND THE BUDDHA'S WISDOM

Friday, May 9, 2007  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Seattle Betsuin Memorial Hall Chapel  
1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144  
206-329-0800

No Registration Fee Required

If you have any question please contact Junko Nakano ( 206-767-7572) or Dennis Yamashita(206-709-4091)



**Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations  
March/April 2008**

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
Akiye Sanbo – Funeral Service		\$ 1,000	Jean Muramoto
Ritsuko Yoshitomi – Funeral Service		\$ 1,000	Etsuo Yoshitome
Ruth Ayako Sumida – Funeral Service		\$ 700	Sally Sumida
Sam Taniguchi – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial		\$ 500	Fumie Taniguchi
Miyoko Ise – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial		\$ 400	Hal H. Ise
Akiye Sanbo – Memorial Service		\$ 400	Jean Muramoto
Yoshito Enomoto – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service		\$ 300	Sachiyo Enomoto
Koshiko Dorothy Sumida – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service		\$ 300	Reiko Quallis
Nokotsudo		\$ 300	Reiko Hara
Toshio Yamazaki – Funeral Service		\$ 200	Mendy & Melisa Akai
Tanaka Family Memorial		\$ 150	Kimi Tanaka
Vernon Otani – Memorial Service		\$ 100	Lillian Otani

<u>Remembrances for:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Yoshito Enomoto	Yoko Isomura
Maryo Haag	Sue Fujino; Sachiko Fujita; George & Tomiko Iwasaki; Art & Lori Kozai; Pauline Sakuma; Kiyoko Takashima
Hatsuji Hanada	Peggy Hanada
Kiku Kusakabe	Mack & Setsu Harada
Hiroshi Nakashima	Paul & Sono Sakaguchi
Vernon Otani	Julie Y. Kubota
Akiye Sanbo	Hideyoshi & Norigiku Horikawa; Ritsuko Kawahara;
Bob Tanabe	Ruby Nakamura
Nobuichi Tanaka	Itsuko Tanaka
Sam Taniguchi	Sandee Hamatani; Jim & Hiroko Hasegawa; Ethel Nayematsu; Emiko Taniguchi; Martha Taniguchi; Merrily Taniguchi
Ritsuko Yoshitomi	Mary Doi; Aiko Fuji; Sue Fujino; Mitsuko Fukuhara; Mary Furuta; Lily Hori; Ross Hori; Yoshie Hiroo; Norigiku Horikawa; Ritsuko Kawahara; Mas & Anna Tahara; Martha Taniguchi; Hideko Terada

**General Donations:** Albertson's Employee; Lance Norman Barr; Fukuko K. Yee

**Temple Supervision:** Yakima Buddhist Church \$ 100

<u>Other Gifts:</u>	<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
	Takao & Ruth Aoki	Rev. Kiyoshi Yamashita's 88 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
	Rev. Hiroyuki Kusanagi, Kokenji Temple Hokkaido, Japan	Temple Visitation

## 2008 SPRING OHIGAN DONATIONS

submitted by Nelson Harano

Steve & Lori	Aisaka	Toshiko	Isomura	Kemi	Nakabayashi	Jean	
Mary	Akada	Yoshiye	Iwamura	Ruby	Nakamura	Haruso	Taketa
Takao & Ruth	Aoki	Dale & Shizue	Kaku	M/M Yoshio	Nakamura	Susan	Taketa
Sayeko	Aoyama	Gail/ Renan	Kamanishi/ Jeffereis	Joan	Nakano	Noboru	Taki
Marian	Asaba	Tetsuden &		Junko	Nakano	Mas & Francis	Tamekuni
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**A Peaceful Resolution to the Tibet Conflict** extracted from [www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org](http://www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org)

April 24, 2008

As leaders of the Buddhist Churches of America we support the efforts of the Dalai Lama to bring the recent conflicts between the people of Tibet and the Chinese authorities to a non-violent resolution. His stature as an internationally respected religious leader is widely acknowledged. We admire the patience and dedication that he has brought to his role as the societal and spiritual leader of the Tibetan people in maintaining a stance of peaceful diplomacy.

The use of violence in this conflict is unacceptable and we urge the Chinese authorities to quickly find a peaceful resolution. Justice and human rights are not realized through oppression and brutality.

With world attention directed to your country as you host the Olympic Games, we appeal to the Chinese government to demonstrate the character of a world leader that respects the basic rights of all people to live a free and safe existence. The teachings of the Buddha makes us realize that a true society exists where all people are mindful of the universal truth of their interdependence, appreciating things in common while aspiring to a harmony of differences.

Respectfully,

Koshin Ogui, Socho, Bishop BC  
Billy Saeki, President, BCA National Board of Directors

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ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE – *SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO*

Sunday June 1, 2008 Service at 10:00 AM

The deeply significant annual ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held this year on Sunday, June 3, 2007. This service is sponsored by the Seattle Betsuin to honor and remember the contributions and lives of all those who were members and friends of the Betsuin or one of its affiliated organizations.

We would like to invite the families of these members to submit the names of their loved ones to be read at the service, which you plan to attend. **Please complete and return the entire form to the Betsuin office by Sunday, May 25, 2008.** We cannot guarantee that names received after the deadline will be read. The names will be called in the order received.

In Gassho, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 329-0800

**PLEASE PRINT NAMES IN ENGLISH. INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM AND SUBMIT THE ENTIRE FORM, (do not cut), by May 25, 2008.**

If you wish the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be read at the **10:00 AM Service**, please fill out the section below:

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_