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Seattle Betsuin Mission

*Promote, protect, and
share the Buddha,
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July 2008 Special Events

- Fourth of July Holiday **Office Closed**
- Bon Odori Practice July 7 – 11, 14 & 15 7:30 pm – 9:00 Gym
- Obon Cemetary Services: July 12 noon Queen Anne, 1:00 Washington, 2:30 Lakeview; July 13 10:00 am Sunset Hills, 1:00 pm Washelli; Obon & Hatsubon Service: 3:00 pm Temple
- Obon (Ullambana) Festival July 19th (5:30 service), 20th (4:30 service)
- **NorthWest Young Buddhists Association Retreat** July 25, 26, 27
- Service with Shoshinge July 27 10:00 am Hondo

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Betsuin Events for July 2008

SUNDAYS

July 6

10:00 am

FAMILY SERVICE

English Rinban
Japanese Rinban
DX Rev. Castro

July 13

10:00 am
1:00 pm
3:00 pm

OBON CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunset Hills Cemetery (Rev. Castro)
Washelli (Rinban)
Obon and Hatsubon Services (M & C)

July 20

11:15 am

4:30 pm

5:00 pm

BETSUIN OBON FESTIVAL

Rev. Castro to White River Temple as Guest Speaker
Obon Dance Service (M & C)
Dharma Talk: Rinban
Dancing Gassho: Rev. Castro
OBON DANCE

July 27

10:00 am

Rinban – Vacation, **N.W. YBA Retreat w/ Peter Inokoji Kim & Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**
FAMILY SERVICE
In lieu of Japanese: Shoshinge
English: Rev. Castro

MONDAYS

July 7

5:30 pm
7:30 pm

Obon Odori Leaders Practice @ Gym
Obon Odori Dancer's Practice @ Gym

July 14

7:30 pm

Rinban – Day Off
Obon Odori Dancer's Practice @ Gym

July 21

July 28

Rinban – Day Off

TUESDAYS

July 1

10:30 am
5:30 pm

Minister's Meeting (M & C)
Obon Odori Leaders Practice @ Gym

July 8

7:30 pm

Obon Odori Dancer's Practice @ Gym

July 15

7:30 pm

Obon Odori Dancer's Practice @ Gym

July 22

10:30 am

Keiro Service (Rev. Castro)

July 29

Rinban - Vacation

WEDNESDAYS

July 2

7:30 pm

Dharma School BOD Meeting (Rev. Castro)

July 9

7:30 pm

Obon Odori Dancer's Practice @ Gym

July 16

10:00 am
11:00 am

Shinran Shonin Memorial (M & C)
Minister's Meeting (M & C)

-continued Wednesdays

July 23

July 30

Rinban – Vacation

THURSDAYS

July 3

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service (Rev. Castro)

July 10

7:30 pm

Obon Odori Dancer's Practice @ Gym
Religious Dept. Meeting (M & C)

7:30 pm

July 17

6:30 pm

Ministerial Affairs Meeting (M & C)

7:30 pm

Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (M & C)

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban)

July 24

7:30 pm

Rinban – Day Off

Betsuin BOD Meeting

July 31

Rinban – Vacation

FRIDAYS

July 4

HOLIDAY – Office Closed.

July 11

8:00 am

SBWA Trip to Mt. Rainier (Rinban)

7:30 pm

Obon Odori Dancer's Practice @ Gym

July 18

July 25

1:30 pm

(Rev. Castro)

Rinban – Vacation, **N.W. YBA Retreat w/ Peter Inokoji Kim & Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**
SBWA Centennial Meeting

SATURDAYS

July 5

July 12

12:00 pm

1:00 pm

2:30 pm

Rev. Castro – Day off (7/4)

OBON CEMETERY SERVICES:

Queen Ann Cemetery (Rinban)
Washington Memorial (Rinban)
Lakeview Cemetery (Rev. Castro)

July 19

5:30 pm

BETSUIN OBON FESTIVAL

Obon Dance Service (M & C)

Dharma Talk: Rev. Castro

Dancing Gassho: Rinban

OBON DANCE

Rinban – Vacation, **N.W. YBA Retreat w/ Peter Inokoji Kim & Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**

Look Ahead For...

Aug 3 – Sept 7 Sundays at Noon "Essential Buddhism" Class by Jim Warrick and Joe Schwab

August 10 Atomic Bomb Memorial Service

August 24 SBWA Eshini-ko & Kakushini-ko Memorial

September 13 Japanese Mompo Seminar see p. 10

September 14 Dharma School Resumes

September 20 SBWA Centennial & Banquet

October 5 Hatsumairi

November 8 English Seminar, Rev Taitestu Unno

December 14 General Membership Meeting





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SEATTLE BETSUIN NEWSLETTER

July 2008

GLOBAL OBON, IT'S FESTIVAL DAY!

Rimban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

One day, I was invited to the Otoki dinner at a Chinese Restaurant after the memorial service. As usual, fortune cookies were served at the end of the meal. I took one and opened it to read a saying. It stated:

“Mothers are the only goddesses in whom the whole world believes.”

When I read this saying, I realized that people around the whole world respect and love their mothers. The Obon season has come again. The origin of Obon is based on the *Ullambana Sutra*. The *Ullambana Sutra* describes the beautiful thought of Moggallana, one of the ten great disciples of Shakyamuni Buddha, and his mother.

The story of Obon tells us about an affectionate son, Moggallana, who saved his mother from the realm of suffering. This story was well accepted in China, Japan as well as the United States and elsewhere in the world, because it describes the warmth of a mother's love and its relation to the child. I could not help myself to recall Obon story when I read the above fortune cookie's saying.

When Moggallana asked Shakyamuni Buddha how to save his mother from the realm of suffering, Shakyamuni Buddha advised Moggallana to practice the unselfish giving (pure dana). When Moggallana followed Shakyamuni Buddha's advice, his mother was relieved from the realm of suffering. As Moggallana saw this, he danced around joyously. This became the origin of Bon Dance.

It is true that mother is the first and foremost person to take care of one's life and to whom we all, as human beings, love and respect. The *Ullambana Sutra* also reminds us to recollect in gratitude to our departed parents and ancestors who laid down the foundation of our lives.

On October 1, 2004, when Ichiro Suzuki of Seattle Mariners set the major-league record for hits in a season with 258, breaking George Sisler's 84-year-old mark at Safeco Field, a reporter of Mainichi Shinbun in Japan went to see Ichiro's father and asked about the great achievement of his son Ichiro. Mr. Nobuyuki Suzuki, Ichiro's father, replied:

“I wish to thank my ancestors for giving me Ichiro!”

When I read the response of Ichiro's father in the Mainichi Shinbun internet on October 3, 2004 in California, I thought how wonderful Ichiro's father was to appreciate his ancestors for his happiness.

According to Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, Obon is also called “Kangi-e” or “A Gathering of Joy.” The word “Kangi” consists of two Chinese characters both mean “Joy/Happiness.” Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, explained this term in his main writing, *Kyo Gyo Shin Sho*, that “Kangi expresses joy and happiness in body and mind.”

Obon is a great opportunity to reflect upon our ancestors, the roots of our family trees, and to meet with loved ones in joy and happiness. The Buddhist Obon observance is truly a global festival day! Namo Amida Butsu



NEWSLETTER

NEXT DEADLINE

July 21, 2008

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SBWA

**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

Council Fire On June 1st, Camp Fire held our annual end of the year Council Fire. We were honored to have as special guests Jane White Vulliet - CEO of Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council, Karen Aoyama – Central Puget Sound Program Director and Janelle Kitson North Branch Program Manager.

We held ceremonial fly-ups for Eva, who is moving from Discovery to Horizon group, and for Koki, Samantha, Laila, Lauren, and Marisa, who are moving from Adventure to Discovery Group. We welcomed our new Starflight group and their leaders, Teresa and Bev. Each group gave a summary of their accomplishments and activities for 2007-2008.

We would like to thank Howard Luke - Chairperson, David Lee - Treasurer, Mas Tahara - Temple Advisor, all the leaders, and parents for all their support throughout the year. A special thank-you to the Discovery/Horizon leaders and parents for organizing the Council Fire.



Adventure 2/3: On May 18th, our girls decided they each will create their own Camp Fire Name. This is a name by which each girl will be called during meetings, in correspondence and at special ceremonies.

On June 1st, the girls attended the Temple-wide Council Fire. Each wrote a summary of one of our group activities and presented it to the audience. We added a new member, Brook, and helped “fly-in” the new Starflight group. We will adopt this group in the coming year, hoping to plan fun activities for both groups to enjoy.

On June 22nd, we will hold our End of Year Party at the Family Fun Center in Tukwila. The girls can see each other once more before we break for Summer. We expect a fun time for all!

Hummingbirds: Congratulations to the following 5th grade Hummingbirds who flew up to Discovery at the 6/1 Council Fire: Koki, Laila, Lauren, Samantha and Marisa.

NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE – May 25 and June 1, 2008

The purpose of this column is to inform members who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange -- DS parents, committee members, and spiritual seekers who access the Internet.

On Sun, May 25, Castro sensei informed us that Nalanda University in India, one of the oldest universities in the world, was founded in 427 BC. In the 7th Century, 10,000 monks studied there. Sensei commented that political despots, i.e., Nazis and Khmer Rouge in Cambodia controlled the population by immediately taking over information sources, i.e., radio, television, schools, libraries, etc. In Cambodia people who wore glasses were considered educated and therefore a threat. Many Christian organizations helped the Cambodians, who in turn felt obligated and therefore asked Bhante Seelawimala of the IBS, "Should we become Christian?" Kiyō visited the "Killing Fields" in Cambodia and mentioned a museum of interest, "Killing Fields" in West Seattle.

Elmer recently returned from L.A. and determined, "We are living in two worlds -- no, actually three."

A former Tendai priest and friend of Sensei is involved in a translation project at the UW, "Early Buddhist Manuscripts Project. (Visit the EBMP web site at <http://depts.washington.edu/ebmp>). So far

seven text have been published with more in progress.

A participant noted that both presses in Seattle recently addressed the issue of people searching for spiritual meaning in their lives. A participant raised the question of how to welcome new visitors to the Betsuin in a meaningful way. * * *

On Sun, June 1, Castro sensei quoted Rev. Nakagawa of White River temple, "Why is rice placed on the naijin?" Further, he wondered why not a slice of bread. Rice is a universal food and therefore a better choice for offering to a special guest in the household. Rev. Philipp K. Eidmann, Castro sensei's teacher, jokingly recommended "Snow Balls" made by the Hostess Company.

A participant recommended the book, *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, remarkable adventure stories.

Grace McLeod, who was active at the Betsuin during her long life, established numerous elementary schools for Tibetans in India.

Long-time Betsuin member Ellen Hale and her daughter Becky were welcomed at Dharma Exchange this Sunday. * * *

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF BUDDHISM?

Part I

By Rev. Don Castro

"To avoid all evil, to do good, to purify one's mind; this is the teaching of all the Buddhas." (Dhammapada, XIV, 5)

From my experience, the above quote from the Theravada Buddhist scriptures is most often cited as being the heart of the Buddha's teaching. One Theravada website preceeds the above quote with, "In a nutshell, this is the core of Buddhism." I have even heard BCA ministers affirm this. However, if we adopt a Jodo Shi;nshu perspective, I don't think we could cite this passage as essential or even true since Amida Buddha exists to offer enlightenment to the evil person. All the Theravada Buddhists I know rail at the idea of enlightenment for the evil person. There are some issues of semantics that contribute to this misunderstanding but these are not the focus of this article.

Shinran Shonin talks a lot about good and evil. To me, his most memorable passage relating to the above passage is in the Epilogue to the Tannisho, *"In reality, all of us, including myself, talk only about what*



is good and evil without realizing the Tathagata's benevolence. According to the master, he said, 'I do not know what the two, good and evil, really mean. I could say that I know what good is, if I knew good as thoroughly and completely as the Tathagata; and I could say I know what evil is, if I knew evil as thoroughly and completely as the

Tathagata. But in this foolish being filled with blind passion, living in this impermanent world of burning house, all things are empty and vain; therefore, untrue. Only the nembutsu is true, real, and sincere." (Tannisho, A Shin Buddhist Classic, Dr. Taitetsu Unno, page 36)

From a Shinshu point of view, then, what would be the essence of the Buddha's teaching? In the Shoshinge, Shinran writes, "Shakyamuni Tathagata appeared in this world solely to teach the ocean-like Primal Vow of Amida." Consequently, understanding the nature and meaning of the Primal Vow is the essence of the Jodo Shinshu experience. But, does this preclude any other statement regarding the essence of Buddhism and/or Jodo Shinshu Buddhism? I will address this issue in next month's newsletter.

MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS by President Mas Tahara

The Directors of Seattle Betsuin Board elected by our members are very active and contributing their time, talent and energy in supporting various temple-affiliated organizations and programs. However, they must be informed and knowledgeable **in all aspects** of our temple in order to make proper decisions that not only affect the day-to-day operations but determine the direction we would head in future of our temple. My hope is each member of the Board of Directors becomes the leader in true sense so the Board is unified to lead us to the right direction.

With help from the members of the Seattle Betsuin Cabinet, we started sessions on **"Review & Planning"** during the regular Board meeting sessions. The idea is to give the Directors opportunities to learn what the key committees of the temple have been doing by listening to Religious Department, Membership Committee, Maintenance Committee, Dharma School, Auditorium, Finance and Fund Management Committee, Fund Raising Programs and others and to give support by giving suggestions on how each committee can improve on what it's doing.

As an integral part of becoming a good leader each of us needs to listen to our members. I personally encourage you to contact me on any subject matter that concerns you.

Mas Tahara

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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:

Shin & Helen Adachi, Karen Akira, Gene Akutsu, Marilyn Akutsu, Michele Anciaux- Aoki, Lance & Lisa Barr, David & Micha Boneham, Lisa Butler, Jim Canfield & Sheri Mizumori, Sandra Cross, Yasuko Desaki, James & Mary Doi, Patrick & JoAnn Kosai Eng, Kelly Enstrom, Minoru & Aiko Fujii, Suzanne Fujinari, Tad & Florence Fujita, Mary Furuta, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, Frances Hamanishi, Reiko Hara, Jim & Hiroko Hasegawa, Hajime & Michiko Hirata, Edward Hiroo, Hal Ise, Jean Ishii, Yaeko Ito, Yoshiye Iwamura, Ed & Joyce Kato, Gary & Madeline Kato, Kazue Kato, Sanaye Kawamura, Momoko Kido, Hiroko Kitano, Evelyn Kitashima, Greg Koba, George Kodama, Tom Kodama, Frank Komoto, Miyoko Kondo, Aizo & June Kosai, Janet Kosai, Art & Lori Kozai, Yoshiko Kozai, Betty Kubota, Janet Kubota, Shogo & Fusako Kusumi, Doug & Masayo McLean, Seiko Masumoto, Dyanne, Middaugh, Yoshiko Miyauchi, Yukio & Karen Morikubo, Jean Muneta, Fumiko Nakamura, Ted Nakamura, Craig & Joan Nakano, Akira Nakashima, Terrie Natsuhara, Ai Nishimura, Shinako Noritake, Setsuno Nosho, Michi Ohtani, Barry & Marlene Okada, Tomiko Okano, Barry Onouye, Marianne Osaki, Irene Saito, Sono Sakaguchi, Tom & Bev Sakamoto, Harry & Teruko Shigaya, Ken Shigaya, Ben & Etsu Shimbo, George Shimizu, Gayle Sordetto, Aiko Suganuma, Florence Sumida, Jean Taketa, Noboru & Takako Taki, Tom Tanaka, Ted & Akico Taniguchi, Ron & Suzuko Terada, Victoria Terao, Elsie Tokita, Min & Cherrie Tsubota, Pat Tsurukawa, Jim Warrick, Shizue Yahata, Fumiko Yamaguchi, Steve & Valerie Yamasaki, Michiko Yanagimoto, Dennis & Lynne Yasukochi, Eileen Hamamoto Yee, Fuyo Yoshida, Takako Yorita, James & Tomi Zumoto

We'd like to 'welcome' Kelly Enstrom, Masayo McLean, Dyanne Middaugh, & Barry Onouye as new members 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.** If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Howard Luke or Steph Ojima by way of the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com

Notes from Cub Scouts – Bear (3rd grade) Den

My favorite thing in cub scouts this year was racing the space rockets. I like it because it was fun racing. Also I liked when we went innertubing. I liked it because we went in Kobe's innertube that went really fast, and went jumping. Also at Winter Camp what was fun was playing in the snow, doing a "Spy Play". That was fun about it. Also I went to Taylan's move to Boy Scouts. What was fun about it is we went to the pond that was very clear and we played lots of games. Also at Lake Tyee what was the funniest part was fishing, going to the pool, and the hot tub and setting up the tent with my dad. - **Matthew K.**



landed in the road and we played in the snow. I also liked Winter Camp. We learned how to carve with pocket knives, and we got to take a hike in the woods, and tie-dying a shirt. Then another fun thing was baking. We made brownies and cakes. They were really good. I liked going to the Crossover. We played in the woods and sports. - **Alex S.**

My favorite activity to do in Cub Scouts is baking. I baked brownies. They were awesome. I also baked banana bread with the whole Den. Everything was great! Another thing is Winter Camp. We played hide-and-go-seek. I hid in the snow. They stopped playing and I was still hiding! - **Aaron R.**

My favorite thing we did in Cub Scouts was going sledding. We went in a big innertube and almost

Seattle Buddhist Women's Association

July 2008 SBWA Betsuin Newsletter Article submitted by Terrie Tanino Ritsuko Kawhara, Food Committee Chair, organized a successful "Food Sale" on June 8th. This event was held to utilize our surplus supplies before the Betsuin Obon Festival in July. 100 plates of Ohagi were prepared by Sayeko Aoyama, Rikuko Tanaka and assisted by many volunteers including the mixing of azuki "an" by Kinue Kuwahara. 100 plates of Inarizushi were prepared by Miyoko Tazuma, Suzuko Terada and many volunteers. Shizu Kaku and Frances Tamekuni collected the tickets and distributed the food items. Work assignments were organized by each section leaders and assisted by Machiko Wada as general facilitator. Despite the full temple schedule of events over the weekend, BWA members utilized every space and time to get their work done. A special THANK YOU to rice cookers, Mas and Anna Tahara and Kenny Dodobara for assisting the ohagi staff. We gratefully acknowledge their arrival at 4:30 AM to begin their shift. To Ritsuko Kawahara for her leadership and those that volunteered, ARIGATO! Machiko Wada will have a final report on this "Food Sale" for the next SBWA Board of Director's Meeting.

SBWA Toban members for the month of April, May, June, Alan Groves and Karry Sakamoto, thank you for cleaning the kitchen on June 7th.

New member luncheon donation 4/20/08: Ruth Aoki, Hiroko Hasegawa, Lily Hori, Norigiku Horikawa, Ed Kato, Momoko Kido, Haruko Kobuki, Lori Kozai, Kishiko Kusakabe, Takiko Miyauchi, Karen Morikubo, Joan Nakano, Fran Shintaku, Nori Suguro, Mas & Anna Tahara, Nami Tanaka, Kats & Terrie Tanino, Jackie Uyeji, Machiko Wada. Yasuko Natsuhara, Susanne Umeda, Anonymous, Tina Ko, Gwen Florence

Centennial Celebration donation: Nobuko Nakayama, Rev. John Iwohara Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki

Activities submitted by Darlene Shimizu & Setsu Harada

SBWA Wednesday Classes:

July 2, 2008

Chiffon Cake Class

Instructor: Kiyoko Takashima

9:30 - noon

No limit

Please note: this class will be held in the Church kitchen

The Activity Committee extends thanks and appreciation to Mr. Jim Hasegawa for all the work he

has put into shaping a plain kamaboko board into a form we were able to make our pencil holder.

July Calendar

7/12 Obon Cemetery Services

7/13 Obon Cemetery Services, Obon/Hatsubon Service at the temple

7/19-20 Seattle Betsuin Bon Odori Festival

Submitted by Deanna Ikegami

2008 OBON (ULLAMBANA) FESTIVAL & ODORI: SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 19 - 20

submitted by Ron Hamakawa

Summer time will be here soon and so will Obon season!

- New and veteran Sangha members, **we need you!** The sign-up sheets for all shifts are posted in the downstairs hallway, next to the dining room.

- Please commit to at least one set-up/food prep shift on Wed. 16th, Thurs. 17th or Fri. 18th, **PLUS** at least one shift per day on Sat. 19th and Sun. 20th.

- Don't worry if you are not a part of any specific Temple organization, this is a great way to meet and work with others.



Bon Odori Practice

7:30 - 9:00 PM in the Gym

Monday – Friday, July 7 - 11

Monday & Tuesday, July 14 & 15

Many of you will remember that we introduced two new dances for our 75th Anniversary of Bon Odori in Seattle last year. One of which was **Hibiki**, written and performed by Okahashi Sensei from Osaka.

Okahashi Sensei was also a visitor last year and was so moved by the enthusiasm we showed with his many songs, that he composed a new Odori in honor of our Betsuin. Please come to learn the steps and movements to his incomparable gift.

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following 2008 All-Sangha Memorial Service Donations From:

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Lily Hori	Mary Osaki	Fusae Yokoyama
Hal Ise	Marianne Osaki	

Submitted by Nelson Harano

NIKKEI STUDENTS HONORED WITH SPECIAL DEGREE submitted by Irene Mano

"The Long Journey Home" to the University of Washington was made on May 18, 2008 by 449 pre-war Nikkei students or their representatives and conferred special honorary baccalaureate degrees "nunc pro tunc" (now for then) by UW President Mark Emmert. Over 800 people from every section of mainland US, Hawaii and Canada attended this very emotional ceremony to honor the students, (about 50 percent deceased), who were enrolled at the University in 1941-42 but had their college careers interrupted by the mass evacuation due to WWII.

The impressive program featured keynote speaker former US Transportation Secretary Norman Muneta, Betsuin member Prof. Tetsuden Kashima of the American Ethnic Studies Dept. who petitioned the Regents for the degree with Assoc. Prof. Gail Nomura, and Chiyo Nakata Horiuchi who represented the honorees. Video-taped interviews of some of the



former students including Betsuin member Hiro Nishimura were shown. Other Betsuin members who received degrees are Miki Hiroo, Mary Shigaya, Takako Yoda, Takashi Matsui, & Rev. Kiyoshi Yamashita, father of Dennis Yamashita. Deceased Betsuin members represented by family members were Jim Akutsu, Seiichi Deguchi, John Kusakabe, George Mamiya, Grace Sakai, Maryo Haag and Noboru Shimizu.

The movement for honoring the students was initiated by a two-part series, "The Stolen Years" in Dec. 2005 and Mar. 2006 in the alumni magazine, the Columns which listed the students who were being sought. UW Nikkei Alumni Association trustees Ken Sato, Beth Kawahara and Irene Mano worked with many community members including Yoshi Mamiya and John Litz for two years to locate them. In addition to the formal ceremony, more than 350 people enjoyed a special potluck dinner held the previous day at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church hosted by the total Nikkei community.]

Jodo Shinshu Center Offers Correspondence Course

The following is extracted from www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org:

Course Overview This is a 2-year computer-based correspondence course, allowing students to gain basic knowledge of Jodo Shinshu and Buddhism in general. Students will download text materials, submit assignments and receive feedback from instructors. Students will deepen their understanding through correspondence with instructors as well as benefit from reference materials such as video lectures, Dharma Talks and sutra chanting. Students can also enjoy free discussion with other participants through the course chat room. In addition, we will offer an optional workshop every summer so that students may have the opportunity to communicate in person as well as through the internet.

On the first of every month, text material for the course, approximately 30 – 40 pages worth of



reading, will be available to download. An assignment, requiring a 500 – 800 word essay, will be included in the downloaded material and due at the end of each month. In summary, each student will have one month to download, read, write and submit the assignment. Some of the course reading will be based on the text used at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin, a well-known Jodo Shinshu Institute in Japan. Other text reading will be supplied by our own course instructors. All program materials will be in English.

This course is non-accredited and is offered as a new and developing program without academic regulations. A certificate will be issued upon completion of all subjects.

Go to www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org for complete information, fees, and application process. Deadline to register for this course is August 15, 2008.

ABA – Adult Buddhist Association

Submitted by Gail Kaminishi

Several ABA members met on June 8 to reactivate ABA from its current state. We have rethought our mission statement to include the following:

- More social service - Assist elderly members with household/yard issues as needed
- Continue to plan social activities so that the sangha can become closer.
- Support and promote activities for young adults (our twentysomethings.)
- Continue with fundraisers to support Buddhist work being done in Mongolia.

We also discussed becoming involved with temple environmental issues, religious activities and remain open to other social and social service ideas. We welcome all adults to join us. And, if you are interested in helping us on the ABA council, we would love to hear from you. Karry Sakamoto is our Betsuin contact person. We meet again on Sunday, July 6, at 11:30. Look for news of our Hawaiian breakfast fundraiser to be held in September. SEATTLE BETSUIN ABA REGISTRATION LIST Dues are \$10 annually. Please mail checks to Seattle Betsuin 1427 S Main St Seattle, 98144 or place in metal office mail slot.

ABA REGISTRATION FORM:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ cell _____ Email address _____

We need your suggestions in order to serve you better. Please list any social activities that you are interested in attending _____

Please indicate which jobs you are willing to do:

- Household aid to senior temple members (garden jobs, moving, transportation, etc as needed)
- Phone tree/emailing

- Help with membership (collecting money, writing receipts at membership event)
- Help at our events
- Making membership roster

- Help with recycling at temple events
- General help as needed
- Other

Comments or suggestions _____

DHARMA SCHOOL - JULY 2008

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Classroom Reports

Infant /toddler class-teachers Ann Hasegawa and Connie Ozeki-Chinn We celebrated Mother's Day in May by presenting our moms flowers planted in ceramic pots, painted by the children. For Father's Day, the children painted their hand prints/foot prints onto T-Shirts to be worn by their dads. Our special thanks go out to the parents of the infant/toddler class who brought their children to class and helped with the various activities. It's been a pleasure having your children in the class!

PreK/K class-teachers Joyce Kato, Joan Nakano and KariAnn Yokoyama The Pre-K/Kindergarten class made colorful springtime gifts for the residents of Keiro who attended the service hosted by Dharma School in May. The students learned about the significance of Obon. Following a story about practicing the dances for this event, they decorated folding fans to use at Bon Odori. The class decorated plates and filled them with pancake mix and syrup. They honored their fathers with this special Father's Day gift. The students have been a joy to teach this year. Thank you parents for your support throughout the year!

1st/2nd Grade-teachers Dave Scattergood and Joyce Tsuji Our year wrapped up with more discussion of the Four Gratuities pertaining to

country on Memorial Day when we colored and played a patriotic game of bingo, and Father's day when we decorated cards with rubber stamps and fingerprints! Some of the students were easily remembering the acronym for them -Parents, All Life, Country, Three Treasures or PACT. We say goodbye to our second graders and good luck. We will miss you. We look forward to seeing our new first graders and returning second graders in the Fall!

3rd Grade-teachers Susie Taketa and Julianne Tosaya To catch up on the last couple of months, the 3rd graders visited Keiro on Gotan-e with the rest of Dharma School, participating in a service run by the high school class. Recycling the leftover, used onaijin candles, we melted down the wax and poured new candles for our Mother's Day gifts. For Father's Day, the students created personalized hanging remote-control holders to be used on dad's couch or bedside.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our third graders this past year. We love their openness, their smiles, and their stories. **Thank you to the parents for all of their efforts to bring the students each week. We were proud to present 4 outstanding attendance awards at the June 8th service, as well as the only perfect attendance award to Emi Ni!**

LARGE AND SMALL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE OUR PLANET

by Gail Kaminishi

While it is good that people are converting from standard light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (cfl), it is necessary to take used bulbs to hazardous waste centers. These light bulbs contain mercury and shouldn't be thrown out with the trash. See this Website for disposal: goto.seattlepi.com/339026



What about all those batteries we are using? They too should be saved and taken to hazardous waste collection sites. This could be a good ongoing project for Camp Fire or Scouts. Kudos to SBWA for exploring more earth friendly packaging of foods for obon. Speaking of obon, what if more people carpooled to it and what if we all picked out recyclable items from the trash and put them in our recycle bins. That would be great!

Save the Dates:

SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE
JAPANESE MOMPO SEMINAR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

WITH

REV. SHOUSEI HANAYAMA
RESIDENT MINISTER
WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE
ON **SHOTOKU TAISHI**



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Submitted by Nelson Harano