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October/November 2008 Special Events

- HATSUMAIRI October 5 10:00 AM see p. 9
- CHILDREN'S SERVICE IN CHAPEL: OCTOBER 12 10:00 AM
- SBWA MEMORIAL SERVICE OCTOBER 26 10:00 AM
GUEST SPEAKER REVEREND TETSUO UNNO
- ABA'S HAWAIIAN BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 2 8:30 AM
- FALL ENGLISH SEMINAR NOVEMBER 8 9:30 – 4:00 PM

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SUNDAYS**October 5**

10:00 am **FAMILY SERVICE- HATSUMAIRI**
 Children: Rev. Julie Hanada
 Adult: Rev. Julie Hanada
 Japanese: Rinban Matsubayashi
 DX: Rev. Castro

October 12

10 am **FAMILY SERVICE**
 Karuna/Sangha Award Class (Rev. Castro)

October 19

8 am Yakima Eitaikyo Service (Rinban Matsubayashi)

October 19

10 am **FAMILY SERVICE**
 Children: Joe Schwab
 Adult: Rev. Castro
 Japanese: None
 DX: Rev. Jim Warrick
 Spokane Service (Rev. Castro)

3 pm

October 26**October 26**

10 am **FAMILY SERVICE – Guest Speaker**
 Children: Rev. Tetsuo Unno
 Adult: Rev. Tetsuo Unno
 Japanese: Rev. Tetsuo Unno
 1 pm SBWA Memorial Service – Rev. Tetsuo Unno
 1 pm Karuna/Sangha Award Class

MONDAYS

October 6 Rinban Matsubayashi (Day off)

October 13 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation →14th)

October 27 Rinban Matsubayashi (Day off)

TUESDAYS

October 7 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

October 28

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Matsubayashi)

New Office Hours:
 Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Monday - Saturday

November 2008: Major Events of Interest

November 2, (Sunday) ABA Hawaiian Breakfast

November 8, (Saturday) Fall Seminar – Rev.
 Taitetsu Unno, Guest Speaker

November 9, (Sunday) Eitaikyo – Muen Hoyo
 Service – Rev. Taitetsu Unno, Guest Speaker

WEDNESDAYS**October 1**

7:00 pm Shoshinge Class (Rev. Warrick)
 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting
 (Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)
October 8 Rev. Castro travel to Jodo Shinshu
 Center Meeting

October 15

2 pm Ministers Meeting (Rinban
 Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)
 7 pm Shoshinge Class (Rev. Castro)

October 22

8:30 am - 3 pm NW Ministers Association Meeting

October 29

7:30 pm Shoshinge Class (Rev. Castro)

THURSDAYS**October 2**

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

October 9

7:30 pm Religious Dept. Meeting (Rinban Matsubayashi)

October 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial
 (Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban
 Matsubayashi)

6:30 pm Ministers Affairs Meeting (Rinban
 Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

October 23

7:30 pm Betsuin Board Meeting

October 30

Rev. Castro (Vacation)

FRIDAYS**October 3**

12:00 pm GOJIKAI SERVICE & MEETING
 (Rinban Matsubayashi)

October 10 Rinban Matsubayashi goes to
 Oakland for FBWA Meeting
 Rev. Castro Day off – On-Call

October 17 Rev. Castro (Day off)
 SEMINAR –Berkeley, Rev. Castro in Berkeley

October 24 Rev. Castro (Day off)

October 31 Rev. Castro (Day off)

SATURDAYS**October 4**

9:30 am – 4:00 pm NW Dharma Assoc. (Rev. Castro)

October 18 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

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TWO WONDERFUL LADIES OF SHINRAN'S FAMILY -ESHINNI-KO AND KAKUSHINNI-KO-

by Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.



Eshinni-ko is the wife of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. In the history of Buddhism, Shinran was the first Buddhist priest to lead an ordinary family life. He referred to himself as "Neither Monk nor Layperson." He declared that the Compassion of Amida Buddha is extended to everyone regardless of whether the person is a priest or a layperson.

Shinran's Buddhist learning started at Mt. Hiei at the age of 9. For 20 years he studied Buddhism, but he gave up his studies at the age of 29 after realizing that "Since I am incapable in fulfilling any Buddhist practices, hell would be definitely my destiny!" Then, he became a disciple of Honen Shonin who was teaching a way of enlightenment with the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu.

In 1207, when Shinran was 35, he was exiled to Echigo, presently in the Niigata Prefecture in the northern part of Japan, because of the prohibition of the Nembutsu teaching by the Japanese Government. The Nembutsu, which teaches the Great Compassion and Wisdom of Amida Buddha for everyone to attain enlightenment, was not acceptable for the traditional Buddhist denominations.

Shinran married Eshinni a few years after he was exiled to Echigo and established his family with Eshinni. Although Shinran was pardoned four years later in 1211 at the age of 39, he decided to continue to propagate the Nembutsu teaching to ordinary people in the remote areas in northern Japan without returning to Kyoto.

In 2006, I visited Kotagahama Beach in Niigata Prefecture with my wife, where Shinran landed when he was exiled. The Japan Sea is very rough at that beach. By the beach, there is the Kokubu Betsuin of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and the Betsuin is now preserving the historical sites of Shinran.

There was a model shack on the premises of the temple, where Shinran was supposed to have lived when he was exiled. When I looked at the inside of the wooden shack, I could not help but recall the internees' tents in New Denver in British Columbia, Canada, in the deep Rocky Mountains. Some Buddhist families are still living there, so I used to visit there as the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of Canada. I also participated in the Dedication Ceremony of the Nikkei Internment Memorial Center in New Denver. In the Memorial Center, there was a Buddhist

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THE TIMELESS SPIRIT OF AMIDA BUDDHA

by Reverend Don Castro

"My wish is that those who have been born (in the Pure Land) will lead those who come after, and those who come after will follow their predecessors. Thus, may they follow one-after-another, endlessly and uninterruptedly, until this boundless sea of birth-and-death is exhausted."
Shinran Shonin

As I get older, I have greater hindsight. I realize how many peoples' lives have been and continue to be a part of my own. In my spare time, I have been copying and preserving old Dharma talks and television programs onto CD and DVD. As I listen and watch, I think about the Dharma teachers and friends from long ago who have physically passed away. Even as I write this, I am salvaging an old local television program featuring the late Bishop Kenryu Tsuji and the late Rinban Shojo Oi. On the same fragile VHS tape (probably recorded by Ham Koba) is a segment featuring the late Rev. Dennis Yoshikawa explaining Bon Odori to a local television interviewer in 1979. All these Sensei seem so fresh in my memory and yet they are no longer physically with us. In Shinshu Buddhism we say, "They have become one with Amida Buddha." Another way of looking at it is that, in their life, they gave Amida Buddha a voice. They pointed us in the

right direction. As we experience Amida Buddha (the boundless and timeless force of Truth) in our life we discover the same timeless spirit they did and find our common identity with them; which is not to take away from the unique character of each of our past Sensei.

This month, we have our annual BWA Memorial Service on October 26. How moving it is to hear all the names of our deceased members read at the service. The names of so many of your friends and family being read at one time must be overwhelming to many of you. All we can do is to honor their memory by the life we lead. Our guest speaker for the service will be Rev. Tetsuo Unno who served here as his first ministerial assignment in 1961-1962. Ironically, I recently found recordings of some of his first sermons here in Seattle and Ardith Beitel copied them to CD for me. I sent copies of them to Unno Sensei but have not heard back from him yet. Maybe I should have sent him a note requesting him not to give the same sermon he gave 47 years ago. But then, why shouldn't he give the same sermon? It's the same Amida Buddha. And besides, I'm sure he would give the sermon with a much more mature voice. After all, like the rest of us, he's that much closer to Amida Buddha.

Notes from Dharma Exchange - August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2008

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

Castro Sensei reported that 57% of a random survey believed that "divine intervention" can save a dying patient. Many participants shared stories of loved ones facing death. Since there is no one to judge us [Buddhists] Amida's admonition "Come as you are" is a sustaining thought for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, according to Sensei. He also felt that those who did not fear death were most able to face it. • He related the story of a mother who was being taken off life support, and Sensei was asked to be there. She awakened and was surprised and irritated as she had made provisions for no life support through a legal document her doctor hadn't noted. Her daughter and son were at odds. Finally, reason prevailed.

A participant wondered about Buddhist prayer. Sensei indicated Jodo Shinshu Buddhists engage in prayers of thanksgiving [not those of petition]. * * *

On August 31, Castro Sensei reported that Warrick Sensei is in FL visiting his brother who is a deacon in his mega-church. It is geared to young people (TV monitors all around -- elaborate). Music was Rock & Roll, a band of 15 and a small choir of 8. The minister said we live in the natural world, and Christianity is supernatural. He also said, "To not be a Christian is very difficult." Q. Why the big draw at mega-churches? A. Services are dynamic, and young people participate in the service. A. Further, they attract young people in clubs, raves, and leadership roles in the church, which makes an attractive package. They arrange their culture within

a culture we already have. Our young people feel smothered and uncomfortable at the temple. • The intent of meditation is to slow down the mind. To breathe in/out counting to 10 is the first of many kinds of Buddhist meditation. • The "prodigal son" parable -- coming home -- is common to Christianity and Buddhism. • A participant indicated the high school class will lead more services. Can they change the service in some ways? "Skillful" means should lead to something positive. • Elmer remembered early oratorical contests at the temple were meant to make the participants more fluent in English. • A visitor felt it important to bond young people to the temple before they leave for college. She suggested using a TV monitor in the *hondo* to list pages for chants, gathas, etc. • An archive had pictures of people a participant re-met many years later. His own son said, "There is no reason to come to the temple." He now comes for basketball. • Castro Sensei said the temple of the future will be more diverse. Early on, the Japanese ministers related to the Fujinkai (SBWA), not to younger people. Whereas, Rev. Bob Oshita teaches young people to chant and they love it. Education and social issues must be the thrust of the temple. • The largest membership is in the Orange County temple, Anaheim, where meditation is taught. • Camp Houston retreats were remembered, and the Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) is re-starting and planning for all age groups, 18 and up. See online or in lobby. * * *

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Camp Fire *Submitted by Dana Nakashima*

Starflight Pre-K/Kindergarten The Starflight Pre-K/Kindergarten group will hold its first meeting on Sunday, September 21st from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in the PreK/Kindergarten Dharma School classroom. If you are interested in joining, please attend. **Adventure 3/4** On Sunday, September 7th, many of the girls and family members met on the Seattle Waterfront, for a tour of the Waterfront Fire Station (Engine No. 5) and Fireboat. Firefighters allowed us to view the Engine, up close. The girls climbed into the engine, sat in the cab, and saw the GPS system. After seeing the engine, the girls went out behind the station to the dock, and toured the Fire Department Fireboat.

After the Fire Station tour, we stopped in at the Olde Curiosity Shop, then, headed over to West Seattle, aboard the Elliott Bay Water Taxi. Along the way, we saw some huge cruise ships, cranes, and beautiful views of the Seattle downtown skyline. We docked on the West Seattle side, ate a quick lunch, then returned to Seattle aboard the Water Taxi. It was a great way to start out our Camp Fire year.

Our first group meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th.

MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

From President Mas Tahara

SBWA Centennial. First and foremost, I'd like to express my sincere wish of "Omedeto Gozaimasu" to the members of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association for having their 100th Anniversary this year. It is indeed a great moment in the illustrious history of SBWA when they gather at the Maplewood Greens on September 20 with BCA Socho and Mrs. Koshin Ogui and Rev. Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi as the invited guests for this auspicious occasion.

As it is true for many of the BCA Churches and Temples, Buddhist Women's Associations are the core groups that gather together to support the temples at various levels. They show us daily the real examples of volunteerism and the strength nurtured by their devotion and dedication to the path of the Nembutsu. The theme of this Centennial Celebration, "Together in Nembutsu – 100 Years", really speaks for itself.

Many affiliated organizations come and go, but Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association has endured and survived many years of hardship and togetherness and is

still standing firmly, and as active as ever, contributing to the Seattle Betsuin's wellbeing. Congratulations, SBWA! Please continue to give us your guidance and support.

"Review and Planning" – Update. Seattle Betsuin Board of Directors have had presentations by three groups, namely, Religious Department, Membership Committee and Maintenance/Facilities Committee as the "Review and Planning" process continues in order to really understand what we do now and what we should do in our future. It is quite a revealing process in finding what our strength and weakness are, what can be done and how to carry on. There are many questions and just as many answers, - some we may not know right now for sure. Whatever the changes we the directors may come up with, we plan to share the findings with all of our members. Please be assured that you will not be in the dark whenever and whatever any vital decisions are made because the changes are made for the benefit of our church and for all of us.

- Rinban's Message continued from p. 3

shrine that was hand-built by the Nembutsu followers, who were relocated in the New Denver Internment Camp. The Nikkei Internment Memorial Center really reminds us of how the Nikkei citizens were treated during the war.

In the United States, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, which ordered the evacuation of over 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast during the war. After August 15, 1945, they were finally able to return to their homes. On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Regan signed the Civil Liberties Act, which awarded a national apology and redress to the surviving Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. Recently, the 20th Anniversary was held at the University of Washington.

Similarly, Shinran was exiled to the northern part of Japan in 1207 at 35 and he was pardoned 4 years later in 1211 at 39. Shinran continued to propagate the Nembutsu teaching to ordinary people in remote northern Japan with his wife Eshinni from Echgo to Hitachi and Kanto areas. In 1877, 615 years after Shinran's death, the Emperor Meiji honored Shinran with the title of "Kenshin Daishi," which means "Great Teacher who has revealed the Truth." The life of Shinran was very difficult like the Nembutsu followers of Japanese and Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in Camps during World War II. Yet the Nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu, gave great hope to live no matter what the circumstances might be. The Nembutsu followers were always embraced with the Compassion of Amida Buddha.

Even in the hardship, Eshinni, a faithful follower of the Nembutsu teaching, supported Shinran's propagation, respecting him as a reincarnation of Kannon Bosatsu, Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara. On the other hand, Shinran also looked at Eshinni as a reincarnation of Kannon Bosatsu, Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara. Both respected each other as a Compassionate Bodhisattva.

While Shinran was propagating the Nembutsu teaching in the remote countries, he completed his main writing of *Kyo Gyo Shin Sho, Teaching, Practice, Faith, and Enlightenment*, which created the foundation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. It is clear that without Eshinni's support and dedication, Shinran would not be able to carry on his Nembutsu propagation nor to complete his main writing of *Kyo Gyo Shin Sho*.

Kakushinni was the youngest daughter of Shinran and Eshinni. After Shinran's family returned to Kyoto, Kakushinni took care of her father Shinran until he died. After Shinran's death, Kakushinni donated the estate of her late husband for establishing the Ancestral Hall to preserve Shinran's ashes and teaching. Her original Ancestral Hall developed into a great Hongwanji organization and became one of the largest Buddhist Temples in Japan today. With deep gratitude and admiration, we revere this wonderful lady Kakushinni.

As we reflect upon the dedicated lives of two wonderful ladies of Shinran's family, Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko, let us all try to follow in their footsteps as the Nembutsu followers and enjoy the Compassionate Heart of Amida Buddha. Namu Amida Butsu

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:

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Seattle Buddhist Women’s Association

Treasurer’s Report by Mabel Nishizaki

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Eshinni-Ko/Kakushinni-sama Service 8/24/08

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9/7/08: Y. Dodobara, E. Imanishi, R. Masuda, K. Matsubayashi, T. Miyauchi, and Y. Miyauchi. and N. Suguro.

SBWA OCTOBER CLASS BY Darlene Shimizu

Join us for Craft ideas for the Holidays!
Gift Tags, Photo Mementos and More, for the Upcoming Gift Giving Season!

OCTOBER 15, 2008

Instructors: Lilly Tokita, Kay Hirai & Janet Baba
9:30 - 12:00 Limit 12

Material fee: \$7.00 Supplies: Scissors & Photos of yourself, family or pets. To sign up, please contact: Setsu Harada or Darlene Shimizu via the temple office at 206 329.0800

October Calendar

10/5 SBWA BOD (Hatsumairi)
10/11 FBWA Federation Delegates’ Meeting in Oakland, CA
10/26 SBWA Memorial Service (Rev. Tetsuo Unno)

Submitted by Deanna Ikegami



LARGE AND SMALL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE OUR PLANET

Please send any of your ideas to newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com or send by mail to the office.

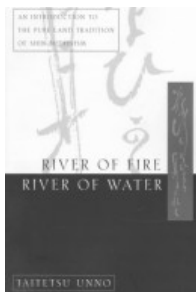
Dharma School Report, October 2008 by Joyce Tsuji

The first day of Dharma school got us all off to a wonderful start with the hondo and halls filled with lots of excited children. We look forward to a terrific year. Thanks to everyone who came and registered their children.

Northwest Dharma School Teachers League Workshop (NWDSTL)

Five Dharma School teachers (Michael Aoki-Kramer, Joan Nakano, Susie Taketa, Julianne Tosaya and Kari Ann Yokoyama) attended the annual NW District Dharma School Teachers League workshop on September 6th hosted by the Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland. We were finally able to put faces with email addresses as we met teachers from other NW temples. The focus of this year's workshop was "Teaching Strategies" where we learned about BCA curriculum (much of which was developed in Seattle by the Research Dept.), multiple intelligences, interactive read aloud books, active participation techniques, classroom management, games/crafts, and lesson plans. Our facilitators were former Dharma School teachers who are also certified teachers. Because the majority of our Seattle teachers are volunteers without teaching backgrounds, we all felt it was a very productive, energizing experience. Thank you to OBT for an enlightening workshop!

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FALL ENGLISH SEMINAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008
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AT THE
SEATTLE BETSUIN TEMPLE
WITH
REVEREND TAITETSU UNNO
ON HIS BOOK



River of Fire, River of Water - An Introduction to the Pure Land Tradition of Shin Buddhism

From his book: "The person who chooses the Shin path devotes hours, days, and years to the interior practice of deep hearing.... This initial stage of deep hearing is like mastering the theory. But this must be followed by the saying of nembutsu, the practice equivalent to mastering technique in **dance**. After that everything must be forgotten and the person must "just live," but now live with awareness, sensitivity, and grace." From Gwendolyn Cuizon: "*River of Fire, River of Water* is the first introduction to the practice of Pure Land Buddhism from a trade publisher and is intended for readers even those without prior knowledge about it."

Please register by November 2, 2008

Registration Form for 2008 Fall English Seminar with Reverend Taitetsu Unno:

name(s): _____

address: _____

city state zip

phone: _____ temple affiliation: _____

\$20.00/BCA Member \$_____ \$30.00/non-BCA Member \$_____ Fee includes lunch. Mail or submit registration and payment to: Seattle Betsuin, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144, note *Fall English Seminar*. Registrar: Irene Goto via Seattle Betsuin Office at 206 329.0800.

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	Helpers at Minoru Tsubota's Service	\$ 480	Cherrie Tsubota
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Wedding

\$ 250

Hatsumairi or "First Visit" is a Jodo Shinshu tradition to acknowledge the baby's first visit to the temple. It is the parents' announcement before Buddha and the sangha of the birth of their child, and is an expression of their gratitude. Parents resolve to nurture the newborn child as a potential Buddha, and to reflect upon the causes and conditions in their lives.

Hatsumairi ceremony will be held during the 10:00 a.m. service of October 5, 2008. Although this ceremony identifies the presentee as infants, children of all ages are welcome. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this happy occasion, please return the completed registration form below and **return it to Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 by October 2, 2008**. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details. If you have questions, please direct them to the office at (206) 329-0800 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

2008 Hatsumairi Registration

Child's Name

(B)oy/(G)irl Month/Day/Year of Birth

Child's Name

(B)oy/(G)irl Month/Day/Year of Birth

Parents Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fund Management Report By Craig Nakano

Did you know our temple has an endowment fund to support its ongoing operations?

On December 18, 1967 the Seattle Buddhist Church Endowment Foundation was created by the Betsuin Board of Directors. With the goal of establishing a fund of \$500,000, donors were promised a 5% annual payment to the Betsuin for all donations of \$1,500 or more per individual which could be applied toward their Betsuin dues once the \$500,000 goal was met. The names of these donors who have made a donation of \$1500 or more are listed on the Endowment Plaque, displayed in the hallway between the ministers' offices.

The purpose of this fund is to promote, sponsor and encourage programs, projects and activities to further and encourage the creation of a dependable financial source for the Seattle Buddhist Church and its propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America.

The fund reached the \$500,000 goal in 1982 and funds have been transferred to the Betsuin's operating income each year since then. Since the inception of the fund through 2007, total donations of \$824,548.44 have been received. In 2007, donations of \$86,415.21 were received.

Through the end of 2007, the Betsuin has received \$1,195,152.96 from the endowment fund to provide for the operating needs of the Betsuin.

For the past several years our annual temple costs exceed revenues. In 2008, it is expected that costs will exceed revenue by \$150,000. To provide for this projected shortfall, as well as past and future deficits, the endowment fund is used to cover the shortages.

For 2008 we have received the following contributions toward the endowment fund:

Endowment Contributions

Month	Donor	Amount	Contribution
January 2008	Carolyn & Joe Schwab	\$ 100	Donation
	Kats & Terri Tanino	\$ 100	Memory of Chiseko Nagaishi
	Kats & Terri Tanino	\$ 100	Memory of G Eng
February 2008	Isako Kajimura	\$ 5,000	Memory of Kajimura's-Hareo, Tsutomu, Saburo
March 2008	Ben & Etsu Shimbo	\$ 500	Donation
April 2008	Dr. Steven & Cathleen Hokoda	\$ 500	Donation
May 2008	Kats & Terri Tanino	\$ 100	Celebration of Pat Kihara's 88th Birthday
July 2008	Karry Sakamoto	\$ 100	All Sangha Memorial
	Carolyn & Joe Schwab	\$ 100	Donation
	Sue Ouchi	\$ 3,000	13th Memorial for Rinban Ouchi
	Ben & Etsu Shimbo	\$1,000	Donation
	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu	\$1,000	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Karry Sakamoto	\$ 100	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Al & Francis Shintaku	\$ 100	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Ted & Akico Taniguchi	\$ 100	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Pauline Sakuma	\$ 100	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Mas & Frances Tamekuni	\$ 100	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Kats & Terri Tanino	\$ 150	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu's 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Kats & Terri Tanino	\$ 100	Memory of Akio Hoshino

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations from all past and present year donors.

If you are interested in learning more about our endowment or have any questions, please contact any fund committee member. The fund committee members include Art Kozai, Michael Teramoto, Kevin Yokoyama, Nelson Harano, Kats Tanino, Jack Matsui, Dale Kaku, Mas Tahara, Karry Sakamoto and Craig Nakano.

In Gassho, Craig Nakano, Fund Management Chairman

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Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges 2008 Obon Donations

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On Sept.7, Castro Sensei continued the discussion of Okakura's *The Book of Tea*. Q. He was asked, "Why are you a minister? A. I find it true. He feels if we are raised in the tradition we need to grow. Buddhism is about growth. • Q. What is the value of the present moment? A. Knit a long item [e.g. a muffler] on a trip and when you arrive, take it apart.

Buddhism contains a deep understanding of impermanence.

A visiting Nepalese priest, Prajwal R. Vajracharya, performed a beautiful dance that is 1,000 years old with mannered hand/arm movements. It illustrates the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. He began his studies when he was 8 years old and has been dancing for 30 years. * * *

On Sept. 14, Castro Sensei brought up how to handle a Christian friend's request for petitionary prayers since Buddhists do not customarily pray in that sense. He recommended talking about causes

and conditions; no guarantees; life is uncertain; to send out loving kindness; we don't expect miracles; and to wish that they may find peace in their travail.

Elmer read a poem encompassing the idea of "Where did all the time go when I wasn't looking."

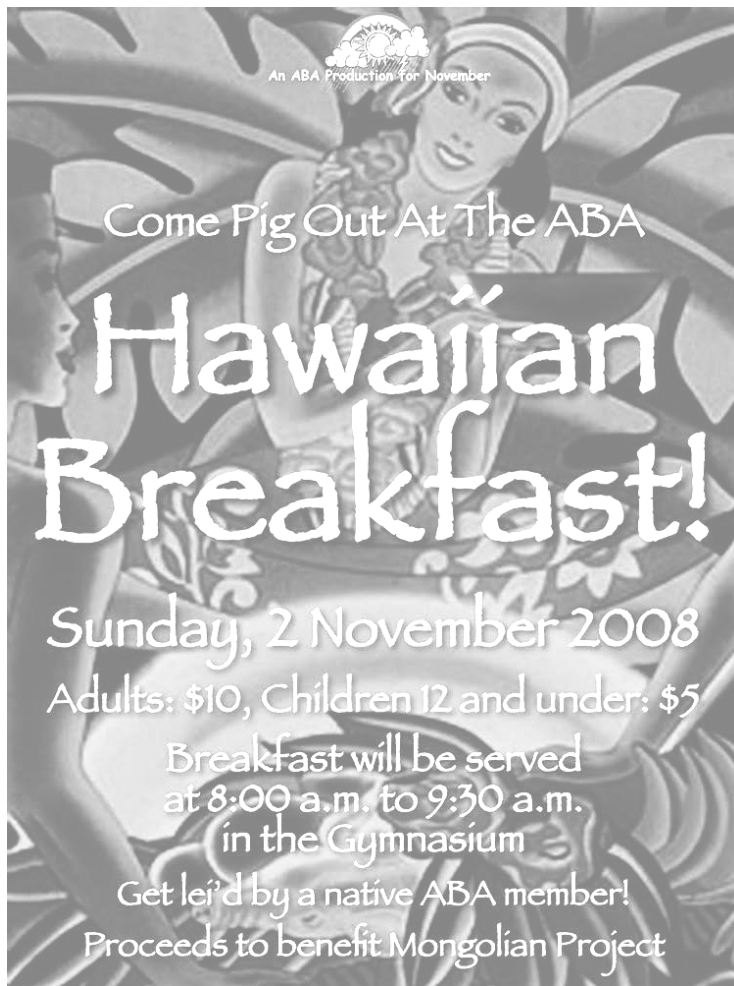
A guest commented that happiness/unhappiness exist together. Sensei pointed out that in WWII bombed out cities with very narrow streets were rebuilt to modern standards, an illustration of a good outcome from bad.

It was eye-opening to some that Martin Luther espoused anti-Semitic ideas in his writings.

The Dalai Lama claimed that matter and energy are inter-changeable.

Sensei stated that the two most important concepts in Buddhism are professing humility and professing gratitude.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow



An ABA Production for November

Come Pig Out At The ABA

Hawaiian Breakfast!

Sunday, 2 November 2008

Adults: \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Gymnasium

Get lei'd by a native ABA member!

Proceeds to benefit Mongolian Project

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Sr. and Jr. YBA Young Buddhist Associations (YBA) age ranges can vary from Middle School ages to College, and can take many forms including YBA, Sr. YBA, or Jr. YBA. • Most Chapter associations have formed District leagues which allow them to meet peers from across the US. • The YBA's provide experiences in which its members can generally expect to... **Deepen their understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism** YBA provides many activities for a youth to embrace the Buddhist experience. Along with Sunday Services, Religious activities can range from Conferences, Seminars, Retreats, and Study Classes. These activities provide outlets for youths to begin exploring Buddhism in an atmosphere that they feel comfortable in, while also being surrounded by many of their peers... **Have fun and meet new people in social activities** Social activities may include things like ski trips, dances, sports, amusement parks, camping, etc. Many times either the social or religious activities are done in conjunction with other YBA/Jr. YBA's in or out of the District. There are many opportunities to meet peers from all parts of California, or other states like Washington, Arizona, or Utah... **Develop Leadership skills** YBA groups are run by the youth members themselves, with adult 'Advisors' to guide and direct them. Youths can take leadership positions like President, Treasurer, or a Religious Chairperson. YBA's offer a person a chance to grow and become involved in Temple planning by developing their own 'For Youth-By Youth' programs. – www.bcayouth.org