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Seattle Betsuin Vision

*Embrace true and
real life
in Nembutsu*



Seattle Betsuin Mission

*Promote, protect, and
share the Buddha,
Dharma and Sangha*

November/December 2008 Special Events

- ABA'S HAWAIIAN BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 2 8:30 AM
- FALL ENGLISH SEMINAR NOVEMBER 8 9:30 AM
- EITAIKYO/MUENHOYO SERVICE NOVEMBER 9 10:00 AM
- CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERVICE NOVEMBER 16 10:00 AM
- BODHI DAY SERVICE, POTLUCK DECEMBER 7 11:30 AM
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SEATTLE BETSUIN's *New Year's Party*: January 11, 2009

Betsuin Events for November 2008

SUNDAYS

November 2

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Children: MA Joe Schwab
Adult: Rev. Warrick
Japanese: Rinban Matsubayashi
DX: Rev. Castro

11:30 am SBWA Board Meeting

November 9

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE - Guest Rev. Dr
Taitetsu Unno
Children: Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno
Adult: Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno
Japanese: Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno
DX: Rev. Castro

1:00 pm Karuna/Sangha Award Class
(Rev. Castro)

November 16

10:00 am CHILDREN'S SERVICE: Rev. Castro
Adults: Rev. Warrick
Japanese: Rinban Matsubayashi
DX: Rev. Warrick

12:00 pm Rev. Castro to Yakima

3:00 pm MA Joe Schwab at Spokane

November 23

10 am FAMILY SERVICE
Children: Minister's Assistant
Adult: Rev. Castro
Japanese: Rinban Matsubayashi
DX: Minister's Assistant

1:00 pm Karuna/Sangha Award Class
(Rev. Castro)

Rev. Castro (Vacation)

November 30

10 am FAMILY SERVICE
Children: Minister's Assistant
Adult: Rinban Matsubayashi
Japanese: Rinban Matsubayashi
DX: Minister's Assistant

MONDAYS

November 3 2:15 - 2:50 pm Temple Visitation by
Seattle Waldorf School (Rev. Castro)

November 3, 10, 17, 24

Rinban Matsubayashi (Days off)

TUESDAYS

November 4 Rev. Castro (Day off)

November 11 Veteran's Day – Rev. Castro on Duty

November 18 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

November 25 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rev. Castro)
SBWA Visitation

WEDNESDAYS

November 5

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting
(Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting
(Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

November 12

7:00 pm Shoshinge Class #4 (Rev. Castro)

November 19

7:30 pm Shoshinge Class #5 (Rev. Castro)

November 26 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

THURSDAYS

November 6

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

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

November 13

10:00 am Visitation – Seattle University
Students (Rev. Castro)

November 20th (Thursday)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban
Matsubayashi)

7:30 pm Betsuin Board Meeting (Rinban
Matsubayashi, Rev. Castro & Rev. Warrick)

November 27 THANKSGIVING – TEMPLE CLOSED

FRIDAYS

November 7

12:00 noon Gojikai Service & Meeting (Rinban
Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

November 14

November 21

November 28 Rev. Castro (Day off)

SATURDAYS

November 1 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

November 8 9:30 am – 4:00 pm FALL SEMINAR
(English) – Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno

November 15 Rev. Castro (Day off)

November 22 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

November 29 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

December 2008 Major Events

December 7, (Sunday) Bodhi Day Service & Potluck

December 14, (Sunday) Betsuin Annual Meeting

New Office Hours:
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
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Monday - Saturday

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Print on November 21, 2008



Month of Eitaikyo and Muen Hoyo “Come Home to the Nembutsu”

Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

November is the month of Eitaikyo and Muen Hoyo. Eitaikyo is the Perpetual Memorial Service for the deceased and Muen Hoyo is the service for the deceased who no longer have any family members in this community. This is our annual observance to reflect the dedicated lives of the deceased and express our appreciation to them in the Nembutsu. During these services, it is natural to think about such questions as “Where do we go after we die?” or, “What will happen after death?”

The Seattle Betsuin Sangha started its mission in 2008 with the theme of the Northwest District Buddhist Convention, “Come Home to the Nembutsu,” or “Nembutsu ni Kaeru” in Japanese. The Japanese word “Kaeru” has two meanings -- one is “come home” and the other is “a frog.” So, a frog was chosen as the logo for the convention.

I do not know who submitted this theme originally, but when I first learned about it, I was extremely impressed. It was heartwarming and it represented the essence of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism very well.

The author of this theme stated in the note, “how wonderful to be able to say that our temple, Sangha, & the Nembutsu are like home, where we can always come home.” I thought that the author had a wonderful understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with a sense of humor. I truly admire the author who was able to say that the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, is my home where I will always return.

Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, stated in his main writing, *Kyo Gyo Shin Sho* or *Teaching, Practice, Awakening Faith, and Enlightenment*, as follows:

**Reverently contemplating the true essence
of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, I see that**

**Amida Buddha’s directing of virtue to
sentient beings has two aspects: the
aspect for our going forth to the Pure Land
of Amida Buddha and the aspect for our
returning to this world.**

Shinran Shonin also expressed these aspects of coming and going in the statement of his final day that:

**Even though I go to the Pure Land after my
earthly life ended, I will go back and forth
to this world to spread the compassion of
Amida Buddha just like the high waves that
constantly flow back and forth in the Bay
of Waka.**

We find that Shinran’s going to the Pure Land when he died was also his coming home to the Pure Land. The author of the 2008 convention theme understood Shinran’s teaching and stated “Coming Home to the Nembutsu.” Then, some of the readers will ask, “Is the Nembutsu the Pure Land?” For this answer, I wish to quote a famous Buddhist scholar, Dr. Daisetz Suzuki. He stated that there are two approaches in order to understand the Pure Land of Amida Buddha: one is to understand the original purpose of the Pure Land and the other is to understand the function of the original purpose of the Pure Land. The original purpose of the Pure Land is nothing but to show the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha whose essence is compassion. When we are awakened to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, we find the function of the compassion in the Nembutsu. It is wonderful to know that the author of the theme reminds us that the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, is the compassion of the Pure Land where we all can come as our home.

Gassho

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Notes from Dharma Exchange – September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 2008

This will be the last installment, for the time being, in the temple newsletter of articles on Dharma Exchange. However, it will be available on the Internet at www.seattlebetsuin.com starting in December.

Nagoya, Japan, is the home town of Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi who spoke at the SBWA Centennial luncheon; gave the Dharma talk on Sunday, September 21, followed by Dharma Exchange. She explained how we know so much about our bodies -- weight, blood pressure, etc. -- but don't understand how upset we are. By examining our stress it often goes away, but may return. Buddhism looked at mental aspects of people, not physical, because mental is more powerful. Mental action is more important than physical because at the moment of sight, hearing, taste we react immediately. ***

On Sun., Sept. 28, Rev. Castro was thanked for his interesting input in the temple newsletter. Sensei explained that the first editor of the *American Buddhist*, which preceded *The Wheel of Dharma*, was Robert Jackson. He also touched upon the Japanese view of what is beauty, harmony and sustainability.

Sensei talked about Greg Mortenson who went to Pakistan to climb K2 and failed. He ended up building over 50 schools for girls in the mountainous region between Pakistan and Afghanistan. When he built a bridge he became fearful of the repercussions because of the politics of the area. A wonderful adventure story illustrating what one person can do to change the world.

Elmer exclaimed that he finally understood his grandfather -- he had an unusual sense of humor and no one understood him. ***

Sun, Oct. 5, was the 20th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Julie Hanada, who handled the Dharma Exchange. She was questioned about her current position (chaplain program) at the UW Medical School and Harborview Medical Center. She said in the Catholic Church teachings are outlined, set. Her role is to help people "hear" self better, acknowledge beliefs; help identify what is going on with the person. She asks few questions, and does

not give answers, allowing the person to express self and come to their own conclusions. When she approaches a new patient she will say, "I am here to help with spiritual needs." The patient talks and she listens (chaplain), but does not offer therapy or advice.***

On Sun, Oct 12, Rev Castro talked about the current economic "Bubble Crash". He likens the bubble to Indra's Net -- many faceted and all interconnected. His question: "If one doesn't know he does wrong, does he do wrong?" Someone answered, "They knew". Sensei touched on the origin of investment clubs; during Rennyō Shōnin's time *ko* or cells met for discussing the Dharma; they eventually became financial clubs, as well. Another question was: "What is the Jodo Shinshu view of justice for those who did wrong and knew it?" One view was that the tendency to take legal action and to accept personal responsibility is strong. Another view was, rather than asking, 'who is to blame', but 'what is my part?' is the Jodo Shinshu question. Rev Castro noted the incident in Minamoto Bay; everyone blamed the company for contaminating the bay, but what about those who purchased the products made by the company? He said we are doing the same by buying plastics.
- by I. Goto

On Sun, Oct 19, Warrick Sensei related interesting points the monshu made in the Oct. Wheel of Dharma; i.e., to paraphrase, it would be impossible to be alive without desires. We all want to live.

Several answers ensued when sensei posed the question, "How do we stop war?" One attendee suggested we follow Rick Steves' advice of simply visiting Iraq, where he felt totally safe for two weeks. Elmer concluded not to get into a war we know we can't win -- much like sports. ***

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

Support Matsuri Taiko submitted by Donna Zumoto

Hello! Seattle Buddhist Matsuri Taiko group is currently raising funds to help support activities, including equipment, workshops with master artists, and travel costs to performances. Please support Matsuri Taiko by purchasing a book of coupons for discounts and promotions to help improve the quality of your life. Contact Donna Zumoto at 206-229-6141 OR Gayle Sordetto at 425-825-0154 or email her at gss755@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

BUBBLES, DEWDROPS AND BALLOONS

by Rev. Don Castro

*"...those who depart before us are as countless as the drops of dew."
Rennyo Shonin's "Epistle on the White Ashes"*

*"I'm forever blowing bubbles, / Pretty bubbles in the air,
They fly so high, / Nearly reach the sky, / Then like my dreams
They fade and die. / Fortune's always hiding, / I've looked everywhere
I'm forever blowing bubbles, / Pretty bubbles in the air."
Jaan Kenbrovin "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"**

Economic hard times seem to be upon us ...once again. Of course, some of us have never personally known good times and others were "born with a silver spoon in their mouth," as my mother would say. I am writing about the economy in general and how accurately the economy mirrors our fragile, temporal existence. As it says in the Heart Sutra, form (money, my body, etc.) is not different from emptiness. The Buddha teaches that all conditioned existence is subject to change. Without comprehending this truth of impermanence, we can hardly call ourself a Buddhist.**

As in Rennyo Shonin's epistle "On the White Ashes," we constantly hear expressions such as "this dewdrop of a life." Consequently, it is no wonder that it was the Japanese who coined the phrase "bubble economy" to refer to their financial collapse of the 1990's. They've heard about dewdrops their whole life; at least every time they attended a funeral and heard the "White Ashes" read.

Now, besides dewdrops and bubbles, there are also balloons. Let us hope we have a balloon economy. Right now, as everyone knows, our economic balloon is quite deflated (as are a lot of egos). Let's hope it doesn't become any more deflated. There's certainly enough leaders full of hot

air trying to reinflate it – and there's the rub. Hyperinflation simply turns the balloon into another empty bubble. This leads us to a lot of talk about avoiding deflation and inflation (of the economy by politicians and of our ego by ministers). Can Buddhism lead us toward a middle path?

It seems to me the "Middle Path" solution to our boom/bust cycles (also known as birth-and-death in Buddhism) is to live according to the fifth of the Noble Eightfold Path of Buddhism, Right Livelihood. I guess this would seem obvious to a Buddhist but, then, if it's obvious why are we in such a mess? Right Livelihood is a life motivated by, ideally, selfless service to others rather than by making oneself rich at the expense of others. An appropriate dictum is, "Live simply so that others can simply live." Through simplicity and humility we touch what is truly important in life, both economically and personally.

*In searching the internet for the lyrics to "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles," I discovered that the song has been adopted in England as a soccer chant by the Green Street Hooligans. I guess they are forever blowing bubbles too.

**We could also examine the economic crisis from the point of view of the Buddhist teaching of interdependence.

**ABA'S HAWAIIAN BREAKFAST:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008**

**8:00 - 9:30 A.M.
IN THE GYMNASIUM**

**ADULTS: \$10 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER: \$5
PROCEEDS BENEFIT MONGOLIAN PROJECT**



Adventure 3/4

We held our first group meeting on Sunday, September 14th. The girls are hosting a Halloween Party for the Starflight Pre-K/Kindergarten group on Oct. 26th. They discussed decoration, game and food ideas, and began hand-tying fleece blankets for Humane Society animals. On Saturday, September 20th, Kayla, Tiffany, Lauren, Erin and Emi, with their families, attended the Outdoor Skills Day at the North Bend property. Despite the wet weather, all enjoyed lots of good food and fun.

On Sunday, September 21st, Emily and Tina organized a tour of Eastside Humane Society. The girls presented the Humane Society with their pet blankets, and our group donation check. We saw the food donation storage area, the doggy dorm, where dogs awaiting adoption stay, and even a doggy dryer! We were amazed to hear over 8000 animals are brought to the Humane Society each year. The girls ended by seeing rabbits, a guinea pig, and playing with some cats and kittens. Following the tour, Tiffany and Alison led a bike ride along Lake Washington. Marli, Tiffany, Kayla, Sela, Emi and families enjoyed the last Bicycle Sunday of the season.

We also sent our final candy sale group donation to the Locks of Love foundation. Thanks to Emi for writing a card that we sent along with our donation.

Last weekend, Amanda, Brook, Emi and their Dads participated in the Woodland Park Zoo overnight outing. They took an "after-dark" tour of the zoo, participated in a "Mission Impossible" game and slept overnight in the zoo auditorium. The next morning, after a late night and an early wake-up, the girls and Dads explored the rest of the zoo. They had a great time.

Fall Highlights for the Hummingbirds (5/6th graders)

- Our special activities included: 1) Kristy and Kayla attended the Mom-Kid weekend at Camp Niwana (Port Orchard) in mid-Sept. They enjoyed canoeing, archery, Fairy Forest, and even put on a short skit. 2) Several students did a sleepover at church in early Sept! 3) Many families attended an outdoor cooking day at North Bend on a rainy day in mid-Sept. We made delicious meatloaf in box ovens, an upside down pineapple cake in a dutch oven, pie irons, foil packs, and stick food. We also learned about different stoves. Special thanks to Dave, Cyrus and May for organizing the event.
- Led by the Helping Hands Team (Kayla, Koki and Emma), the Hummingbirds have been working hard at meetings, preparing for the Nov. 11th Starflight Carnival. This is a community service event for the church and area Starflight groups. The girls have created the plan, made decisions, and are doing all the prep work.
- Our fall officers are Pres. Koki, VP Kristy, Sec. Samantha and Treas. Tedi. They are doing a super job running the meetings, successfully making the transition from parent-led to student-led meetings. This is quite a milestone in the Camp Fire curriculum. The theme of their term is "Tomodachi – Building Friendships", and at the end of each meeting, one of the officers leads a social activity.

Submitted by Dana Nakashima

2008 Seattle Betsuin Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the H.N. & Yoshiko Tsujihara family Memorial scholarships: Mariko Keltner, daughter of Jan and Marc Keltner, (grandparents Ruby and the late Jim Nakamura); Blair Sordetto, daughter of Gayle and John Sordetto, (grandparents Louise and Jim Akizuki); and Sara Umeda, daughter of Tracey and Robert Umeda, (grandparents the late Isamu and Kazuko Umeda). Recipient of the Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant is Thomas Hoshino, son

of Lori and Alan Hoshino, (grandparents are the late Akio and Chiyeko Hoshino).

Each student was very involved with activities and leadership within the temple, their school and community. They read their thoughtful and original essays at the Dharma School awards service in June. We wish Mariko, Blair, Sara and Thomas the best as they continue their education and hope they will hold the Seattle Betsuin close to their hearts. We are very proud of all of you!

Submitted by Tina Ko

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2008 Report to the Seattle Betsuin Board & Cabinet by Mas Tahara

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Convention in Canada I

attended the 53rd Annual Buddhist Convention sponsored by B.C. Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches Federation held at Vancouver Buddhist Temple Sept. 26-28. It was the first time for me to participate in the convention north side of the border, but I came away with a wonderfully warm feeling and fond memories, due mostly of the treatment I received from the people with welcoming smiles and willingness to accept me as a fellow Nembutsu follower. The lectures and workshops with the theme of "**Many Faces of Buddha**", given by BCA Socho Koshin Ogui, Rev. Kosho Yukawa of Tacoma, BCC Socho Orai Fujikawa, Rev. Dr. Leslie Kawamura, Rev. Yasuhiro Miyakawa, Rev. Grant Ikuta and Rev. Tatsuya Aoki were all interesting and quite educational. The lectures in "Buddhism in India and Tibet", "Buddhism in China" and "Buddhism in Japan/Jodo Shinshu" were presented both in English and Japanese and the Workshop was "Chanting Sutras". Since many of the members of the BC temples regularly participate in the Northwest District conventions, I hope many of our members would join in their annual event.

A letter from Socho Ogui BCA Socho Koshin Ogui sent a letter of appreciation to the members of the Seattle Betsuin for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him and Mrs. Ogui during their visit to mark the Centennial Celebration of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association.

NW District Council Meeting of the Northwest District Council Teleconference was held Saturday, Oct. 11. The Members who gathered in the Betsuin Library were: Karry Sakamoto and Mas Tahara (SBC reps), Pauline Sakuma (District Advisor and BCA Secretary), Kari-Ann Yokoyama (NW Dharma School Teachers' League), Steph Ojima

(SBC Board Recording Secretary), Nelson Harano (SBC Board Treasurer), Julianne Tosaya (SBC Board Correspondence Secretary) and Rev. Don Castro (SBC/Spokane BT) carrying the proxies of Rinban Matsubayashi (SBC/Yakima BT). We were well represented in this meeting; the fact was so noted by Ron Murakami who suggested other temples to follow our example of sharing the experience and information firsthand.

The Ministers' report was made by Rev. Dennis Fujimoto (District Kyoku-cho) including the NW YBA Retreat held July 25-27 at the Seattle Betsuin and Ministers Association meeting on Oct. 22 with Socho Ogui participating.

The **2009 NWD Calendar** of events will be put together by Rev. Kakei Nakagawa of White River Buddhist Temple after receiving the reports from all the temples at the end of November.

Upcoming NWD Buddhist Convention schedule was confirmed: **2009** (Feb. 13-15) at Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland, - NW District will observe Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial observance, **2010** at Idaho Oregon BT in Ontario, OR, **2011** at Tacoma BT, **2012** at Spokane, **2013** at White River BT, **2014** at Seattle Betsuin.

The Seattle Betsuin's temple report was prepared by Alan Hoshino on the subject of "Review and Planning" sessions our Board has been doing the past few months.

Highlights of the BCA National Board meeting on June 7 was presented by Charles Natsuhara, Ron Murakami and Joe Wahl in a 6-page written report. I'll list and summarize those that are of interest to us all:

Hongwanji has set the following dates for **Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial observances for overseas districts**: 1) 5/16/11 Memorial Service at Hongwanji with

evening reception, 2) 5/17/11 World Buddhist Women's Convention 3) 5/18/11 Tour of Hongwanji-related historical sites around Kyoto (optional).

BCA includes 60 temples, 6 fellowships, 55 resident ministers, 1 kaikyoshi Certification, 2 new ministers, 2 resignations, 2 part-time ministers, 48 Minister's Assistants, 11 Kyoshi Certifications, 3 Honorary Minister's Assistants and 7 ministers involved in chaplaincy or pastoral education. Within the next ten years it is anticipated over one-third of the current ministers will have retired. A broader base of support from resident ministers to nurture ministerial candidates is vital for the MAP to succeed. Support for future Jodo Shinshu Center and Center for Buddhist Studies funding is predicated on the vision of turning around the downward trends of temple membership and expanding the Shin Buddhist Sangha in

America through more effective propagation to more diverse community.

Setting up of **Ministerial Training and Development Committee** is being planned to oversee all aspects of the ministerial training and work process.

Ad Hoc Committee on JCS Financing and Campaign BCA – 21st Century reported that the BCA Executive Committee approved use of \$1 million from the campaign and \$1.2 million from Endowment Foundation's new loan to pay down the California Bank & Trust 2nd mortgage, leaving a 2nd mortgage balance of ~\$600K. Minimum required monthly payments on the 2nd mortgage were reduced from \$22,061 to \$4,767.

President 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. This is also the last posting for the 2008 fiscal year.

Michael & Carol Aoki-Kramer, David & Penny Atcheson, Kazumi Janice Gosho, Ellen Hale, John & Linda Hamakami, Ron Hamakawa, Robert Hamatani, Mary Hikida, Hatsumi Higa, Cyrus & May Honmyo, Ken & Pam Horn, Alan Hoshino, Larry Imamura, Toshiko Imanishi, Art & Sally Kawaguchi, Richard Kawaguchi, Yoshiko Kihara, Paul & Janet Knutzen, David Lee & Dianne Kosai Lee, John Litz, Howard Luke & Marie Kosai Luke, Tetsuo & Linda Miyata, Ken & Jean Moriyama, Kevin Nagai, Fumiko Nakamura, Junko Nakano, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Ryan & Stacy Nakata, Jack & Yasuko Natsuhara, Donna Nobuyama, Nancy Okawa, Yasuko Ouchi, Nobuko Otsuji, Sachiko Ozeki, George & Karen Sakamoto, Sato Shimizu, Leslie Sumida, Judy Suto, Gail Suzaka, Kazue Tagami, Ken Takemura & Jill Williams, Susie Taketa, Mas & Frances Tamekuni, Allan & Kayoko Terada, Calvin Terada, Florence Terumi, Nori Suguro, Paul & Mabel Tomita, Tak & Florence Tsuchida, Robert Umeda, Takako Yoda, Isoko Yoshihara, Mark Yuasa

(Correction to the October list of paid member – should read Ronald and Kiyoko Yoshida)

We now **"thank"** the following for contributing at least the minimum annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations) for the new fiscal year, **2009**:

Ardith Beitel, Richard Chinn & Jennifer Habu, David Ichikawa, Mieko Gilmore, George & Kayoko Kakiuchi, Miyo Kaneta, Yoshi Mamiya, Hugh Matsubayashi and Ivy Chen, Joe Matsuzaki, Tyler Moriguchi, Ross Muramoto, Ruby Nakamura, Gerry Nakata, Barry Onouye, Victor Shinoda, Paul Suguro, Kiyo Takashima, Fuyo Yoshida

We'd like to 'welcome' David Ichikawa, Hugh Matsubayashi & Ivy Chen, Tyler Moriguchi, and Ross Muramoto as new members to our Sangha.

LARGE AND SMALL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE OUR PLANET

by Gail Kaminishi

- Did you know that there is a Green channel on cable TV with lots of programs?
- Do your hands really need 2-4 paper towels to be dry at public restrooms? Take a lesson from the Japanese, who carry handkerchiefs to wipe their hands.
- I think many of us “re-gift,” using new, unwanted gifts and re-use gift bags, ribbon. It keeps them out of landfills or recycling!
- Kirkland Library (main library) has a container for recycling batteries. The city pays for this service.



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

OKESA ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN DECEMBER 7, 14 ... by Irene Goto during regular Sunday hours. Photos of choices will be displayed in the foyer the last 2 Sundays of November.
Seattle Buddhist Women's Association

Message by President, Terrie Tanino:

The Seattle Betsuin BWA celebrated its Centennial Anniversary with a Service and Luncheon on September 20, 2008 at the Maplewood Greens Golf Course. The Service began with a Welcome message from President, Terrie Tanino and a Congratulatory message from BCA Socho Koshin Ogui. The program included our Japanese keynote guest speaker, Mrs. Mayumi Ogui and Reverend Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi, English keynote guest speaker.

For the Sunday event, Yoshie Hiroo chaired the Family Service, Socho Ogui greeted the Dharma School children and Rev. Taniguchi gave the English Dharma message. Socho Ogui also gave the Japanese Dharma message. BWA ladies hosted a lunch for all attendees.

In commemoration of the Centennial, BWA donated and installed new pew cushions and provided access for two wheelchairs in the hondo. As a side note, three (3) of our members, Mrs. Marian Kurosu, Florence Mitsu Kato and Shizuka La Grange are centenarians. With the aid of family members, Shizuka La Grange at age 105 is the eldest of the three and represented her piers for Oshoko.

The Centennial Co-Chairs, Irene Mano and Kiyoko Takashima orchestrated the entire events superbly.

I thank Irene, Kiyoko and all the BWA members that made the successful celebration a meaningful and a memorable event.

Treasurer's Report by Mabel Nishizaki

Donations received for Centennial Celebration:

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Activities Report by Darlene Shimizu
Long Term Care – SHIBA HelpLine Advice

Do you need help figuring out your long-term care options? Do you need to make a plan to take care of yourself and family? Learn what Medicare covers and does not cover. Please join us on:

November 19, 2008
Instructor: Cho Shimizu
9:30 am – noon

If you would like to sign up, please call Setsu Harada or Darlene Shimizu via the Betsuin office.

Calendar

11/02 SBBWA BOD meeting
11/09 Eitaikyo & Muen Hoyo Service
(Rev. Taitetsu Unno, OR)

Dharma School hosted the Hatsumairi celebration on October 5th. Welcome to all the participants and their families! Thank you for participating in the Hatsumairi ceremony. Also thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with the festivities, including picture taking, service program, certificates, and refreshments.

Infant/Toddler class-teacher Connie Ozeki-Chinn
It's been a great start to the new school year. We have a few returning students from last year and some new ones too. Activities so far have included making onenju's and halloween magnets. The class also participated in the fire drill and did an excellent job of staying calm.

Pre-K/Kindergarten-teachers Joyce Kato, Marie Kosai-Luke, Joan Nakano, and Kari Ann Yokoyama
The Pre-K and Kindergarten class has had a great start to the Dharma School year. There are over 20 students this year, so we look forward to a very fun and active time with the children. We started the year by reviewing and agreeing on our classroom rules. Each child signed these rules as agreement for proper etiquette both within the classroom and around the temple. We talked about all the things to be thankful for at the temple and about saying thank you before and after eating. The children made placemats that will remind them to say Itadakimasu and Gochisosama during meals. The past 2 weeks have been spent discussing the proper way to handle

11/16 General Membership meeting (Sokai)
followed by an appreciation luncheon for the
Board of Directors (Irokai)
11/25 Tuesday Keiro Visitation (by BWA/Betsuin)
@ 10:00 AM followed by monthly service at 10:30 AM
11/30 SBBWA December Board meeting
Submitted by Deanna Ikegami

Order A Centennial Group Photo Akico Taniguchi will be taking orders for the Centennial group photo that was taken at the luncheon at Maplewood Greens. The cost of the photo is \$5 and it will be available for you to see on Sunday, Nov. 2 following the SBBWA Board meeting; on Sunday, Nov. 16 at the General Meeting; and on Sunday, Nov. 30 at the Board meeting. The picture will also be included in the Centennial Album which we are hoping to have available for sale at the temple New Year party next January.
Submitted by Irene Mano

Dharma School Report

their onenjus. We read a story about the red and white onenju and then each child made their own onenju with their name on it. The following week they made onenju bags so that they could keep these in a safe place and remember to bring these to Dharma School every Sunday. We are continuing our lessons on gratitude and compassion. We recently made bird feeders and provided bird seeds to each child so they could feed the birds around their home. Our classroom is now decorated with self-portraits of the children, so please stop by to see their artwork.

First/second grade- teachers Dave Scattergood and Joyce Tsuji
We welcomed 17 students to our class this year. We have been getting to know each other by introducing ourselves, talking about our favorite snacks, colors, movies, animals etc. Take a look at the "me" books they made of their favorites in our classroom. They also colored peace posters after we a discussion about the dharma school theme of "Peace through Compassion". We decided on rules we would follow and made up a classroom contract that we all signed. The students decorated their own "thank you" books where they have begun writing things they are thankful for. We can already tell that we are in for an exciting year filled with wonderful discussions from a great group of energetic kids.

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

**Family Fun Night
Saturday, November 8, 2008
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Memorial Hall**

Bring your family and your favorite board or card games to share and play. (No electronic games, please). All ages welcome including middle schoolers. Pizza and drink provided with \$5 donation. Stay after the Fall Seminar to unwind with dinner and fun games. Hosted by Dharma School parents. RSVP with number of family members attending to Lynne at goodrich_yas@msn.com

**Betsuin Bodhi Day Potluck
Sunday, December 7, 2008
After Service and Dharma School
In the Gymnasium**

Celebrate this special day by bringing your favorite entrée or side dish to share with your fellow SANGHA members!

Just drop your dish off in the gym before service. Domo arigatoo!

**THANK YOU!
LESLIE SUMIDA**

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...Many religions can share in most of the ethical values for living in the world. An example of such ethical value is the Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities issued by the Inter-Action Council, which is an International association comprised of former presidents and prime ministers of various countries. It was founded on the suggestion made after his retirement by the late Japanese Prime-minister Takeo Fukuda... Gomonsu references <http://www.interactioncouncil.org>.

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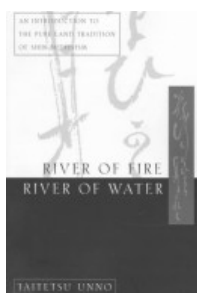
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New Year's Party
January 11, 2009

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FALL ENGLISH SEMINAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
OPENING SERVICE AT 9:30 AM
AT THE
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WITH
REVEREND TAITETSU UNNO
ON HIS BOOK



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