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*Embrace true and
 real life
 in Nembutsu*



Seattle Betsuin Mission
*Promote, protect, and
 share the Buddha,
 Dharma and Sangha*

August/September 2009 Special Services/Events

Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service: AUG 2 10:00 AM

SBBWA Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Service: AUG 23 10:00 AM

Overview of Buddhism Class: Sundays 12:00 -1:30

Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service: Sundays 8:45-9:30 AM

Fall Ohigan Service & First Day of Dharma School: Sept 13

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Betsuin Events for August 2009

SUNDAYS

August 2

8:45 am YBA Retreat
Meditation Service (Rev. Castro)
10:00 am ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS'
MEMORIAL SERVICE
Adult: Rev. Warrick

DX:

11:30 am SBBWA Board Meeting
12:00 pm Class - "Overview of Buddhism"

August 9

8:45 am Meditation Service (Rev. Castro)
10:00 pm FAMILY SERVICE
Adult: Rinban Matsubayashi

DX:

12:00 pm Class - "Overview of Buddhism" (Rev. Castro)

August 16

8:45 am Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)
Meditation Service (Rev. Castro)
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Castro

DX: Rev. Castro

12:00 pm Class - "Overview of Buddhism" (Rev. Castro)

August 23

10:00 am Buddhist Sunday Service at Boy Scout WA Jam 2009 (Rev. Castro)

10:00 am SBBWA Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko Service

DX:

12:00 pm Class - "Overview of Buddhism" (Rev. Warrick & Joe Schwab)

August 30

FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Castro

DX:

11:30 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting
12:00 pm Class - "Overview of Buddhism" (Rev. Castro)

MONDAYS

August 3, 17, 24, 31 Rinban Matsubayashi (Days off)

August 10 Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro travel to California for Summer Fuken

TUESDAYS

August 4, 18, 25 Rev. Castro (Days off)

August 11-13 BCA Ministers' Association Summer Fuken at Jodo Shinshu Center (T- Th)

August 25 Rev. Castro (Day off)
10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Matsubayashi)

WEDNESDAYS

August 5

2:00 pm Ministers' Meeting (Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

August 12

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting
August 26 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

THURSDAYS

August 6

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

August 13

7:30 pm Religious Department Meeting

August 20

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Matsubayashi)
7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

August 27 Rev. Castro (Vacation)
7:30 pm Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAYS

August 14

Matsubayashi (Day off)

Rev. Castro (Day off)

August 21 - 22 (Fri & Sat)

9:00 am - 5 pm Boy Scout Washington Jam 2009 at Fort Lewis (Rev. Castro)

August 28

Rev. Castro (Vacation)

SATURDAYS

August 1

8:30 am All Day YBA Retreat

Rev. Castro to Quincy, Warden, and Moses Lake for Obon

3:00 pm Rev. Castro to Yakima for Obon

August 15 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

10:30 am Rev. Castro to Spokane for Memorial Service

August 29 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

SEPTEMBER: Major Events of Interest

Sunday, September 13

- **Fall Ohigan Service** - Guest Speaker - Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple

- **First Day of Dharma School**

Saturday, September 19

- **NW Dharma School Teachers' League Fall Workshop** at Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple

Newsletter Deadline: August 17 - 8:00 PM

Print: August 21



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In What Kind of World Do You Live?

By Rev. Hideaki Koike*

Teacher of Kyoto Women's Jr. & Sr. High School

Ichiro's Summit of 3085 Hits

On April 16, 2009, Ichiro, a Major League Baseball player in the United States, set a new record of the most hits in the history of Japanese professional baseball by breaking the record of 3085 hits of Isao Harimoto.

During the interview Ichiro said, "I always wanted to see the scenery of the summit of the most hits, 3085, in the history of Japanese professional baseball. It was truly bright..." His statement was very impressive.

I felt very strongly that Ichiro, a famous baseball player, is living in a different world and is looking at a different scenery from us.

Now, in what kind of world are you living? It is said that if you live in love, your world turns to a world with the color of roses. Are you living in a rose-colored world right now? Even though you live in a rose-colored world now, the world will probably change its color eventually. Then, unfortunately, you will find that the rose color was an illusion.

Listen to Shakyamuni Buddha!

I once heard the following story. Two gentlemen were traveling together. After they passed through a forest, a beautiful castle could be seen in the distance.

One man said to the other, "It's a beautiful red Castle!" But, other man responded, "What are you talking about. That is a beautiful blue castle."

"It's a red castle!"

"No, it's a blue castle!"

They did not agree with each other. Eventually, they began to argue, even though they had previously been traveling happily together.

After a while, they saw that Shakyamuni Buddha was walking toward them. The two men decided to ask Shakyamuni Buddha who was right. "Shakyamuni Buddha! The castle that we see ahead is red, isn't it?" "No, No! That is a blue castle, isn't it?" Both asked.

Then, Shakyamuni Buddha said, "That castle is neither red nor blue. That is a white castle. Since each of you are wearing red or blue eyeglasses, you were each seeing the white castle as a red or a blue castle.

The two men took off their colored glasses immediately and they saw a bright white castle. Afterward, they became friendly again.

Every Life Is Shining!

This episode reminds us that we always view everything through our own colored glasses. Shakyamuni Buddha, an enlightened person, lived by looking at the bright and peaceful world without colored glasses. However, all of us see the world with ego-centric eyeglasses and are unable to see the true and real world of enlightenment.

A Japanese high school student whose only goal in life is to enter a prestigious university will be so disappointed if he fails the entrance examination of the university that he may feel that his life is over.

A few years ago in Japan, people were divided conceptually into two groups - a winning group and a losing group. It was difficult for people who always wanted to be in the winning group. Also, people who think the purpose of this world is to fulfill their own desires will not realize how wonderful it is to live for the benefit of others.

In our human life, we create our own ego-centric world and are thereby bound by this world to suffering. Therefore, it is important to be freed from the ego-centric world and be enlightened.

In the world of enlightenment, everything is bright and every life shines brightly (which means every life has meaning). I hope that we can all look forward to seeing the bright and peaceful scenery of Nirvana as we live in the world of Samsara.

Rev. Koike is a nephew of Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi and the Dharma message was published in the **Hongwanji Shinpo, May 10, 2009. His Japanese Dharma message was translated into English by Rinban Matsubayashi.*

August 2009 Newsletter Article

Hummingbirds

Submitted by Lani C

The Hummingbirds are loving summer! In early July, we had a surprise party to welcome back the Owens Family from Beijing. A few families went to North Bend on The Fourth for the annual Camp Fire picnic. On July 5 we had our 3rd annual summer recital at Nikkei Manor. Thanks to Sam for emceeing, Kayla for



making the program and coordinating the event, and to Kristy for organizing the post-recital activity. The Owens also hosted a fun swim party/potluck in mid-July.

Obon acknowledgements: Thank you to the families who contributed to the Odori bake sale, and to Emily, Kristy, Kayla, Tedi and parents Dave, Ann, Elaine and Lani for working a bake sale shift. Many Hummingbirds and parents worked a few shifts on Obon weekend too, which we greatly appreciate.



“Capsizing Canoes” By Brandon Yee, Boy Scout

Read about Brandon’s adventure in canoeing; go to the on-line version of this newsletter, p.11. Apologies, Brandon, for omitting your article in the July issue. I.H.G.

Notes on Dharma Exchange – June 28, July 5, 2009 *These summaries of Dharma Exchange are intended for those who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange - Dharma School parents, Japanese service attendees, committee members, etc.*

June 28, 2009. Youth Ministerial Assistant Jason Yokoyama gave an illuminating presentation of his trip to Kyoto and Osaka and illustrated his talk with colored slides. The purpose of his trip was to delineate the many differences between Jodo Shinshu in Japan and the US. He illustrated with some examples: In Kyoto at the Honganji-ha there are three services a day. The San-butsu-gei is chanted first in the Amida-do and then the Shoshinge in the Goeido, without a text. In Japan the service is traditional with the same service daily at the Hongwanji. The style in the US is adapted, often in converted buildings that serve as community centers as well. Japanese temples were built for that purpose and one sits on the floor, and there is no dining room or gym as in the US. In Japan the minister visits the member’s house to conduct a service; in the US we all go to the temple on Sunday. In conclusion, Jason felt there are many differences that are still developing and changing in Jodo Shinshu in the US and Japan and he was most grateful for the opportunity to explore them.

July 5, 2009. Rev. Castro described his meeting at a picnic with a Lutheran minister who stressed the importance of an ethnic church for Lutherans. There are many Chinese in his group.

We observe Memorial Day for those killed in wars; whereas, Obon is for everyone. * * *

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

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WWW.SEATTLEBETSUIN.COM Contact the temple office at 206-329-0800 or email Newsletter@SeattleBetsuin.com to have your name removed from the mailing list and jump online! Thank you!

Pickleball Club Buddhist Church Auditorium submitted by Karry Sakamoto

Nikkei Horizons Pickleball Club meets on Tuesday & Thursday from 9 to 11:30 AM. Low impact, great exercise, beginner’s welcome. If you’ve played tennis or ping pong you can play pickleball. The rules are similar, the court size is smaller than tennis and we play doubles. Haruso Taketa is the coordinator of the program. Free with Nikkei Horizons annual membership.

Dharma School August 2009 submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Dear Dharma School Families,

Thanks, again, to all who attended the Betsuin Picnic and were instrumental in making it happen!

In Gassho, Connie Ozeki-Chinn DS Co-Chair

“The Atomic Bomb Memorial”

by Reverend Don Castro

On August 2 we observe our annual Atomic Bomb Memorial Service. People will always debate whether dropping the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the “right” thing to do. My former father-in-law was an American soldier in Europe when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. He told me he was relieved because his company was preparing to ship out to fight in Asia. My mother-in-law is a survivor of the Hiroshima blast and still gets some compensation from the Japanese government. Such different experiences of the bomb reminds me of a famous quote from Prince Shotoku, the father of Japanese Buddhism, “Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong...How can anyone lay down a rule by which to distinguish right from wrong? For, we are all one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring which has no end.”

In 1976 when I was studying in Japan, I happened to be staying at a friend's temple in a mid-sized city in Fukushima Prefecture. As it happened, he invited me to attend the city's annual Atomic Bomb Memorial Service at the Civic Auditorium. Buddhist priests of various denominations and Shinto priests all participated. I was even introduced to the mayor. I'm pretty sure I was the only American, or even foreigner, who attended the service.



When we returned to my friend's temple, he showed me an article from the English-language newspaper and asked me what I thought. The article described how, at a Texas air show, Paul W. Tibbets Jr., who had piloted the Enola Gay, reenacted the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Mr. Tibbets Jr. and his supporters went so far as to fly a restored B-29 and to drop a miniature atomic bomb complete with a little mushroom cloud. The newspaper article reported that the air show crowd cheered when the simulated bomb hit and the mushroom cloud arose. The reenactment prompted a protest from Japan. According to a Nov. 2, 2007 obituary of Mr. Tibbets Jr. in the Los Angeles Times, “Tibbets called the Japanese reaction ‘ridiculous,’ but U.S. government officials apologized.”

Every year at this time, I remember my friend asking what I thought of the newspaper article. I don't even remember what I said but I can't imagine celebrating another's tragedy. My former father-in-law's relief, I can understand but I also hope I would feel deep sorrow for now I know who was considered the enemy - my mother-in-law and so many like her. What a profound and solemn event is our Atomic Bomb Memorial. We who in different lives and circumstances might have killed each other, put our hands together in gassho and say the nembutsu with one voice and pray for world peace.

Message to Our Members

by President Mas Tahara

Obon Festival

Wouldn't you agree that we just had a most wonderful Obon Festival? Weather was perfect, the food, music and dancing were enjoyed by hundreds and thousands of people of all ages and colors. When Paul Mori, our temple vice president, looking at the bronze statue of our Founder across the street, commented, “I wonder how Shinran Shonin thinks about this gathering of all the people here enjoying themselves.” I said, wow, what great insight you have! Just think what Shinran Shonin would think about our gathering - listening to the music and observing the dances that praise our Founder for his achievements in his life, some 750 years ago. Obon is the time of the year more than any other time to reflect upon our own ancestors and departed dear ones and give appreciation to the gifts we received



from them. But it is also the time to celebrate the living. We give appreciation to everyone of our members and friends who so diligently and selflessly worked many days and hours to make our annual Obon Festival a great success.

Okahashi Sensei

I was privileged to spend time with Rev. Koran Okahashi from the day he arrived in Seattle on July 16 to participate in our Obon Festival. This was his fourth visit to Seattle. As you know we use some of the music he composed in our Bon Odori repertoire, the latest being the “Seattle Bon Odori Samba” which he specifically composed for us. It was a great honor to have him participating in the dance and singing for two days. I must mention that he has given us a very generous donation as well. Hope to have him back many more times.

Temple Membership

On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee...

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: *Karen Akira, Jim & Louise Akizuki, Takao & Ruth Aoki, Pat Bobrow, Mae Deguchi, Nobuichi & Sachiko Fujita, Mary Furuta, Jean Ishii, Yoko Isomura, Yoshiye Iwamura, Esther Kojima, Shogo & Fusako Kusumi, Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham, Akira Nakashima, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Curtis & Charlene Nakayama, Marianne Osaki, Akira & Chiyoko Saito, Tom & Bev Sakamoto, Joyce Sato, Aiko Suganuma, Ken Takemura & Jill Williams, Lori Tanaka, Grace Tazuma, Allan & Kayoko Terada, Asako Teranishi, Fumiko Yamaguchi, Dennis Yasukochi & Lynne Goodrich, Fuyo Yoshida.*
We'd like to 'welcome' Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham 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, 2009. 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.

2009 BETSUIN MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30

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. The Temple pays an assessment to the BCA and to the Northwest District for each Temple regular member, about \$90 to both organizations combined. The remainder of your paid dues are used in the area of salaries and benefits plus the costs for maintenance, utilities, and insurance. You can see why it is important for everyone to pay their dues.

For those of you who have already paid your 2008 Ijikai membership dues, we say "THANK YOU" for your support. Your contributions have been helping us to maintain and operate the Temple during this fiscal year. Those of you who are making installment payments, we ask that your balance be paid by September 30. Those of you have yet to make any contribution for 2009, the deadline is September 30.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple's Fall English Seminar

Save This Date!

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Speaker: Reverend Grant Ikuta
Steveston Buddhist Temple, Richmond, BC, Canada

And This Date!

Mountain View Buddhist Temple's A.B.A. presents "Reunited"

A dance to benefit the BCA and CBE on Saturday, September 19, 2009

Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043

8:00pm-12:00am; 21 & up; Dressy Sport; Donation. ☺ *Remember holding up the walls - guys on one side, gals on the other? Remember live music? Even if you don't, join us in dancing to music from times gone by and reliving those moments to benefit the BCA / Center for Buddhist Education. Special guest performance by the original members of Somethin' Else, one of the biggest names at the dances of the '60s and '70s, playing the soulful sounds that made them famous. More info and easy online registration at: <http://sites.google.com/site/abadance> OR mail in the form below before September 12, 2009.*

Full name: _____
 Email or Phone #: _____
 Number of guests: _____
 List guest names below or on back:

Check #: _____ (Suggested donation of \$25 / \$35 @door)
Make checks payable to:
 Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA
"Send to: Mieko Nakano
 1280 Carmel Terrace, Los Altos, CA 94024

Reunited

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

August 2009 by President Terrie Tanino: In October 1921, Professor Washio Kyodo discovered in the archives of Nishi Hongwanji ten letters written by Eshinni that filled the gaps in Shinran's life at Mt. Hiei. With information from those letters, the World Buddhist Women's Federation adopted two resolutions. The first was: "To Pay Tribute to Eshinni-ko", which encouraged members to read *The Life of Eshinni, Wife of Shinran Shonin* by Lady Yoshiko Ohtani. This resolution was adopted in 1967. In 1978 the second resolution "To Establish Eshinni Day" was adopted.

In 2002, the World BWA Federation adopted a resolution to "Celebrate and Honor the life of Kakushinni-ko", who established the foundation of the future Hongwanji."

Since the two resolutions were adopted, each BWA chapter in Canada, Hawaii, Japan, South America and BCA observes a special service dedicated to the two Ladies.

The two Ladies not only performed their roles as wives and mothers but also made great contributions to support the temple and promote Jodo Shinshu. Presently in this century, our objectives continue to be focused on "to cultivate religious awareness as Jodo Shinshu women, promote fellowship amongst its members, serve and support Seattle Betsuin, and contribute services for the welfare of the community." Today, we also find many of our members who

balance family obligations, temple leadership and a career.

On August 23, 2009, 10:00 AM, the family service will honor Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko. The offerings from this service will be used for the furtherance of Buddhist education for the youth at the Seattle Betsuin.

On behalf of the Seattle Betsuin BWA, we cordially invite members and friends of the Betsuin to attend the family service.

Donations submitted by Mabel Nishizaki:

Judy Kusakabe - Annual memorial service
Seattle Buddhist Church Dharma School - KSP orei

Activity Committed submitted by Judith Nakamura:

We are so fortunate to have such talented SBBWA ladies who took the time and worked so hard making beautiful items to sell at our obon festival. The Activity Committee thanks all of them. It is because of them that our obon will be successful. We thank all of them with our heartfelt gratitude.

Calendar:

- 8-02 SBBWA Board Meeting
(A- Bomb Victims' Memorial Service)
- 8-23 Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko Service
- 8-30 Cabinet Meeting

Submitted by Deanna Ikegami

Japanese Monpo Seminar: "The Essentials of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism"

By Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

Mondays, September 21 - November 30, 2009

(10 weeks; no Class on Monday, October 12)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

(6:30 PM Sutra Chanting: **Shoshin-ge** – Optional)

Sept 21 The Title and the Founder of
Jodo Shinshu

Sept 28 The Three Pure Land Sutras

Oct 5 Seven Pure Land Masters

Oct 12 No Class

Oct 19 Shinran Shonin's Writings

Oct 26 The Doctrine of Jodo Shinshu

Nov 11 Birth into the Pure Land by Amida
Buddha's Vow

Nov 9 On the Tathagata, the Buddha

Nov 16 On Human Nature

Nov 23 The Directing of Virtue of Amida
Buddha's Name, Namo Amida Butsu

Nov 30 Awakening of Faith or Shinjin in
Jodo Shinshu

REGISTRATION FEE
BCA Members: \$20.00
Non-BCA Members: \$30.00

Textbook is Rinban Matsubayashi's **The Essentials of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism**.

Registration Form For Japanese Monpo Seminar 9/21-11/30, 2009 at Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St. 98144

Name: _____ BCA Member: _____

Address: _____ Telephone No. _____

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<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
Shin Adachi – 1 Year Memorial Service		\$ 500	Helen Adachi
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		\$ 85	Kenzo & Carol Moriguchi
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		\$ 175	Kubota Family
Satoshi & Roger Masuda – In Memory of		\$ 100	Rose Masuda
Koichi Tanaka, George Tanaka, Yaneko Tanaka, Nobuichi Tanaka & Sandra Tanaka		\$ 150	Kimi Tanaka

<u>Remembrances for:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
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Teruo Ham Koba	Geroge Fukayama
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Fujimatsu & Sadako Moriguchi and Lovett Moriguchi	Toshiko & Toshikazu Okamoto
Kimi Omura	Miyoko Kondo
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\$ 100	Julia Fujimoto & Manabu Fujimoto	Quinn Nakano's Graduation & Eagle Scout Award
\$ 100	M/M Nobuichi Fujita	Sue Fujino - 90 th Birthday
\$ 83.68	Brian Kaku	General (Boeing Employees' Fund)
\$ 50	St. Andrews Episcopal Church	Visitation
\$ 30	Kunitoshi Kurose	Visitation (visitor, Hiroshima, Japan)
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\$ 20	Toshie Kawahara	General (visitor, Spokane, WA)

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Masaru & Anna Tahara Kaiki Iwai
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Jane Mitsuko Kihara
Akio & Mabel Nishizaki
In memory of Tosh Uyeji



“The Overview of Buddhism”

Sundays Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Sep. 6, 2009 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

2009 Buddhist Education and Outreach Program

SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST CHURCH - JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

1427 S. MAIN STREET, SEATTLE WA 98144 TELEPHONE (206) 329-0800



By Rev. Donald Castro, Rev. Jim Warrick, and Joe Schwab, Certified Minister's Assistants

Our program offers classes for people interested in a wide range of subjects relating to Buddhism and in particular **Jodo Shinshu Buddhism**. Courses will be taught by the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church ministers and the certified Minister's Assistants (MAs) who have attained deep knowledge in Buddhism, particularly in **Jodo Shinshu Buddhism** through special training and studies. The classes are open to the church members and members of the greater community who are seeking to learn the teachings of Buddha. The **Overview of Buddhism** course starts on Sunday, August 2, 2009 and the registration is now open. Please use the attached registration form below.

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Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church Buddhist Education & Outreach Program Registration Form

“The Overview of Buddhism”

Sundays Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Sept. 6, 2009 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

This is a discussion-oriented class about some of the essential threads that bind all Buddhists together. Topics to be covered are: the life of Siddhartha Gautama, brief history of Buddhism, the meaning of Karma, basics of wisdom and morality, and purposes of meditation. In addition, we will discuss the essential Buddhist concepts of emptiness, impermanence and interconnectedness. Registration fee: \$20 for BCA members \$30 for others (The session on August 2 is open to anyone without registration)*

Name: _____
Please Print

Address: _____
Street Address City Zip code

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to: **Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept.** Mail or bring this form with the payment to: **Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church Attn: Buddhist Class Registration 1427 S. Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144** * Discount rate of \$20 applies to the members of **BCA (Buddhist Churches of America)** and **BCC (Buddhist Churches of Canada) Temples.** See www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org.

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Submitted by Nelson Harano

“Capsizing Canoes”

By Brandon, Boy Scout

Camping is fun. Now that is a controversial phrase, one I may or may not agree with. You see I have had some “experience” with camping. From canoes to fires I’ve seen it all. Being a boy scout can help too. I have no idea what I hate more about it, sleeping on the ground in a cramped tent or dreading when you have to wake up at 6:00 and take down camp. Still it can be fun and exciting. You get to learn knife safety (which can be scary at times, leadership, how to use propane stoves (Now that is even scarier than knife safety) and much more. But better still you have those times where your friends and fellow scouts (who are probably your friends) get in a “situation”. These “situations” can be rather funny...or scary.

I might have mentioned canoeing above. This put us into one of those “situations” that at the time was scary but looking back I guess it actually was pretty funny. We were camping and there were these events held and we had to go canoeing next. We weren’t very worried about it but still we all came prepared. We all brought extra cloths just in case we got wet. We felt ready for anything. You can not imagine how wrong we were. Only about two people had any experience canoeing and the rest didn’t even know how to paddle. We got into the canoe and thought we were going to be fine when the instructor added a twist. She made us all put blindfolds on except one person!

This was horrible. We only had two people that had gone canoeing before and if we made one of them the leader then he couldn’t paddle. We had to choose one of the people who had canoed before so we would be going in the right direction. The launch into the water wasn’t as smooth as we had planned. While we were tilting back and forth one of the scouts panicked and threw one of the canoes off balance. The scout was freaking out and we had to tell him to be quiet and calm down. After a while the two

canoes settled down and the leader started giving orders. The very first direction he gave made us wonder if we should of picked him in the first place. His orders were something like “go over there” and paddle to where I’m pointing to”. I guess he forgot we were blindfolded because we couldn’t see were he was “pointing to”. After about 15 minutes of sitting in the water going no where he noticed that we were blindfolded and started giving out better orders like for certain people to paddle.

We thought we had everything under control when disaster struck. I have no idea what happened. One minute we were paddling just fine when I felt the boat rock. Someone shouted out and the canoe rolled over. We had capsized! I found myself in the water blindfolded and struggling to reach something. Everything was black. Was I losing conscious? No I didn’t feel weak. Oh right the blindfold. I ripped it off and saw the other canoe close by and struggled up into it. Everyone seemed safe but...where were the paddles. Oh no! They were floating in the water! I grabbed the closest one before it sank and tried to paddle back to shore. The others got the idea and soon everyone was paddling. We got to shore and pulled the canoe (and its sunken partner) back to land.

After this we got to be the only and I mean only troop to sink a canoe! It...was... AWESOME! But still it didn’t feel very good to be the only ones to not only fail the event but also get soaked at the same time. We had to review what we did wrong and what we could learn from our mistakes. One thing a scout pointed out is that we could have cooperated better and not have shouted at each other blaming it on other people. I learned a lot from that simple statement. It didn’t blame one person but rather said what we all could have improved in. Even if camping can be a pain it is also a fun and educational experience.