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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*

May 2010: Major Events of Interest

May 2, Sunday SBBWA New Member Service/Luncheon

May 16, Sunday Gotan-e Service

May 23, Sunday Scholarship Awards Presentation

May 29, Saturday Retirement Luncheon for Rimban & Mrs.

Matsubayashi at Maplewood Greens (Renton)

May 31, Monday 10AM Memorial Day Service Lakeview Cemetery

Temple Office Closed

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Betsuin Events for May 2010

EVERY SUNDAY All are invited:

- 8:45 am MEDITATION SERVICE, with Rev. Castro, held at 1441 S. Main St; includes Sutra Chanting, 20-minute meditation and discussion.
- 10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk
- 11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE - questions and discussion with minister and ministers assistants; takes place in Dining Room downstairs

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with meditation at 1441 S Main St for All.

SUNDAYS

May 2

- 10:00 am Children's Service: Joe Schwab
Youth: Rev. Castro
Adult: Rev. Warrick DX: Joe Schwab
- 11:30 am SBBWA New Membership Installation Service & Luncheon (Rimban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

May 9

- 10:00 pm FAMILY SERVICE
Children: Rev. Warrick or Youth MA
Adult: Rev. Castro
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi
DX: Rev. Castro
- 12:00 pm Religious Department Meeting

May 16

- 10:00 am GOTAN-E SERVICE
Children: Rev. Warrick
Adult: Rev. Castro
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi
DX: Rev. Castro
- 10:45 am Dharma School Visit to Keiro

May 23 SCHOLARSHIP

- 10:00 am PRESENTATION SERVICE
Children: Rev. Castro
Adult: Scholarship Recipient Essays
Japanese: Rimban Matsubayashi
DX: Joe Schwab
- 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting
- 3:00 pm Rev. Castro in Spokane

May 30

- 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Children: Socho Koshin Ogui
Adult: Socho Koshin Ogui
Japanese: Socho Koshin Ogui
DX: Rev. Castro
- 12:00 pm Dharma School Teachers' Mtg (Rev. Castro)

MONDAYS

May 3

Rev. Castro (Vacation)
Rimban Matsubayashi (On Call)

May 17, 24

Rimban Matsubayashi (Days off)

May 31 Memorial Day – Temple Closed

- 10:00 am Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery (Rimban Matsubayashi and Rev. Castro)

TUESDAYS

May 4, 18, 25

Rev. Castro (Days off)

May 11

Rimban Matsubayashi (Day off)

May 25 10:30

Keiro Service (Rimban Matsubayashi)

**May Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, May 17 - 8:00 pm Print: May 21, 2010**

WEDNESDAYS

May 5

Rev. Castro (Vacation)

10:30 am

Dharma Support Group (Joe Schwab)

7:30 pm

Dharma School Board Meeting
(Rimban Matsubayashi)

May 12, 19, 26

Rimban Matsubayashi (Study Days off)

THURSDAYS

May 6

Rev. Castro (Study Day off)

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service (Rimban Matsubayashi)

May 13

Rev. Castro (Study Day off)

May 20

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service (Rev. Castro)

7:30 pm

Betsuin Cabinet Meeting
(Rimban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

May 27 7:30 pm

Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting
(Rimban Matsubayashi and Rev. Castro)

FRIDAYS

May 7

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Meeting

May 28

3:00 pm NW Ministerial Assoc. Meeting
(Rimban Matsubayashi and Rev. Castro)

SATURDAYS

May 1

9:30 am – 12:30 pm Class: D.T. Suzuki & Shinshu
10:30 am NW District Council Meeting at Yakima Buddhist Church (Rimban Matsubayashi)

May 15, 22

Rev. Castro (Day off & Study Day off)

May 29

11:30 am Retirement Party for Rimban at Maplewood Greens Golf Course in Renton

JUNE: Major Events of Interest

- Sunday June 6: All Sangha Memorial Service
- Sunday June 13: Awards and Recognition Service
Retirement Tea for Rimban Matsubayashi
- Sunday June 27: Bishops'/Rimbans' Memorial Service
- June 28 – July 2: Kids Summer Program



An Introduction to the Jodo Shinshu Buddhism – (4)

Rimban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D

On the Tathagata, the Buddha

1. The Buddha and the Tathagata

In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, the term Tathagata is used as a synonym for the Buddha (the Enlightened One). The term Tathagata can be defined two ways: Tathagata, which means “to come from suchness,” or Tathagata, which means “to have gone to suchness.” Shinran Shonin often used Amida Tathagata or Shakyamuni Tathagata along with Amida Buddha or Shakyamuni Buddha in his writings. The doctrine of the Buddha/Tathagata became one of the principal teachings in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism because the function of Amida Buddha/Tathagata is the essence of the Primal Vow.

2. The Buddha and the Tathagata are expressed in negative forms

The perfect characteristic of the Buddha and the Tathagata is often described in negative forms since it is impossible to explain those terms in human words. Therefore, Shinran Shonin states that the Buddha/Tathagata of Inconceivable Light is inexpressible, inexplicable, and inconceivable, etc.

3. The Buddha and the Tathagata are expressed in personified forms

Shinran Shonin attributed Amida Buddha with a personality and called the “Vow Power,” “Great Compassionate Mind,” and “One who has the Great Wisdom.” With the personification, we are able to understand the activities of Amida Buddha in our daily lives.

4. Three Bodies of the Buddha

In general Buddhism, the Buddha has been divided into three bodies: The Essential Body (Dharma-kaya), the Fulfilled Body (Sambhoga-kaya), and the Transformed Body (Nirmana-kaya). The Dharma Body of the Buddha is suchness. The Buddha as suchness is colorless, formless, and invisible. Amida Buddha is the Fulfilled Body and Shakyamuni Buddha is the Transformed Body.

5. The Appearance of Amida Buddha

In order to provide a historical perspective on Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin expounded that the attainment of Amida Buddha was in the infinite past and in order to explain the perfection of Amida Buddha in quality, he addressed Amida Buddha as the Dharma Body as compassionate means.

Shinran Shonin praised that Amida Buddha appeared countless ages ago in his *Jodo Wasan* (The Hymns on the Pure Land) as follows:

It is taught that ten kalpas have now passed since Amida became a Buddha.

But he seems a Buddha more ancient than kalpas countless particles.

6. The Perfection of Amida Buddha in Quality

There is a critic about the quality of Amida Buddha since Amida is neither the Dharma Body as suchness nor a historical Buddha like Shakyamuni Buddha. In order to assure the perfection of Amida Buddha in quality, Shinran Shonin clarified the Dharma Body as suchness and the manifestation of the Dharma Body as compassionate means in his *Notes on ‘Essentials of Faith Alone’* as follows:

There are two kinds of the Dharma-kaya in regard to the Buddha. The first is called the Dharma Body as suchness and the second, Dharma Body as compassionate means. The Dharma Body as suchness has neither color nor form: thus, the mind cannot grasp it nor words describe it. From this oneness form was manifested; this form is called the Dharma Body as compassionate means.

Thus, Shinran Shonin expounded that Amida Buddha, the Dharma Body as compassionate means, manifested as a form and its name, Namo Amida Butsu, since the Dharma Body as suchness is inconceivable for sentient beings and these two are not separate, the quality of Amida Buddha was one with the Dharma Body as suchness.

7. Amida Buddha’s Infinite Light (Wisdom) and Life (Compassion)

In Sanskrit, Amida Buddha has two meanings, Amitabha (Infinite Light) and Amitayus (Infinite Life). Therefore, the meaning of Amida Buddha is the Buddha of Infinite Light and Life. Shinran Shonin expounded that the true Buddha is the Buddha of inconceivable light and the true Pure Land of Amida Buddha is the land of immeasurable light in his *Kyo Gyo Shin Sho* (Teaching, Practice, Awakening, and Enlightenment).

In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Amida Buddha’s infinite life and light are bases for the activities of Amida Buddha’s great compassion and wisdom. Awakening of such activities of Amida Buddha is called “*Shinjin*,” the mind of awakening faith. (To be continued.)

Dharma School submitted by Joyce Tsuji

2010 Graduates If you know of a temple member that will be graduating from either High School or College this Spring and think they would like to receive a certificate of congratulations from BCA, please let us know. Contact the temple office at (206) 329-0800 or email office@seattlebetsuin.com and provide the following information: Student's Full Name, College/High School/Institution, Parent's Name, Phone Number. Submissions must be provided by Sunday, May 9th in order to allow time to receive these. Thanks.

Many thanks to Elliott and his crew for coordinating and decorating the beautiful hanamido.

Also special thanks goes to Marie, Joan and Ron for organizing the delicious luncheon and to all their helpers.

Classroom Reports

Pre-K/Kindergarten The Pre-K/K students celebrated Spring Ohigan by decorating a cherry tree with blossoms. They talked about the harmony of nature and achieving harmony in their lives. The middle school students read stories and discussed the lessons learned with the Pre-K/K class. We thank the middle school class for treating the students to this special activity. Students learned about the Buddha's birthday and made flower basket centerpieces for the Hanamatsuri Luncheon. During the past 2 weeks, the students practiced the Golden Chain and colored a picture of the world and attached a small golden chain that they linked together by themselves. To celebrate Hanamatsuri, the children decorated their own Hanamido.

3/4/5 grade Hanamatsuri pens to celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha's birth were made by our students, and given to attendees at the beautiful celebration in the gym. The paper flowers represented the flowers in Lumbini garden as well as the impermanence of our lives and the uniqueness of situations. Those of you who expressed gratitude for the useful pen, and appreciation for the hard work of our 7-10 year olds helped them feel glad to be a part of the big celebration. Our students are very active at the temple and that day some helped pass out programs, wished folks "Happy Hanamatsuri!" as they entered, decorated the Hanamido the day before, helped prepare the lunch with their parents and many stayed to clean up. Last month you may have seen us racing through Wisteria park and around the temple on our "The Amazing Race: Seattle Betsuin" scavenger hunt to explore

interesting places at temple, work as a team and solve the puzzle questions that Donna Z. devised.

The Dharma School Japan 2010

group would like to wholeheartedly thank the sangha who donated goods to our Hidden Treasures garage sale! It was a very successful fundraiser! Our thanks to the following for their contributions: Arlene Yamada, Brian Finley, Carolyn Kunihiro, Char Sharatsuni, Dave Scattergood/Joyce Tsuji, Dennis Shibata, Doris Aoyama, Ed Kato, Grace & Sat Ichikawa, Gwen Florence, Hamatani family, Irene Goto, Jack Matsui, Jane Hamatani, Jean Nishi, Joe Hamanaka, Karry Sakamoto, Kemi Nakabayashi, Kino Noji, Kiyoshi & Ruby Yasui, Laura Ichikawa, Laurie Nakamichi, Laverne Imori, Lenora Clark, Louise Takizaki, Mae Ikawa, Malcolm Kanemoto, Marion Asaba, Martha Taniguchi, Mas Koba, Minako & Tay Okamura, Miyoko Kaneta, Momoko Kido, Nancy Okawa, Rev. Julie Hanada, Richard Kelley, Shizue Kaku, Shirley Shimada, Sue Mueller, Susie Yamane, Tak Matsui, Tish Oye, Todd Natsuhara, Tomi Okano, Trisha Morton, Valerie & Steve Yamasaki, Arlene Mueller, Gaylen Akira, Yoshie Iwamura, Rev. Castro. We apologize if we missed your name in this list. Our humblest thanks! Namu Amida Butsu. submitted by Mae Yamasaki

Camp Fire Boys and Girls

submitted by Debbie Shibata

Mark Your Calendar – Council Fire June 6th from 11:30-1pm in the gym All are welcome to attend Camp Fire's end-of-year awards and fly-up ceremony. Contact: Lani Carpenter.

Starflight – Kindergarten Submitted by G. Tazuma

In March, the girls were busy working towards completing the Family & Community Trail Project. Their last meeting plan for this trail was to learn about the United States Flag. The girls each made a small beaded flag and talked about what the flag symbolizes as well as what the stars and stripes represent.

Starflight – 1/2 Submitted by D. Shibata In February and March, the girls enjoyed a wide variety of activities. A boisterous meeting on the topic of "Goal Setting" was lead by the Teramotos. It nicely wrapped up the group's candy sales. The girls and their fathers attended the annual "Dad and Kid" weekend at the beginning of March at Camp Sealth.

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A NEW STUDY AND SOCIAL GROUP FORMING

By Rev. Don Castro

In another section of this month's Betsuin newsletter is an announcement of a new SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP. Over the years, I have taught many classes here at the Betsuin but have felt the need for a group that would be devoted to both social events and studying the Dharma. Historically, a vital part of the Jodo Shinshu sangha was a group called in Japanese "ko" which I believe functions in many ways like both a "support group" and an "encounter group." I would like to form our new group based on these two functions. As we come together to study, it is important as a sangha to support each other in our quest for understanding and living the principles of our Jodo Shinshu path (support group). But, as friends and fellow travelers, we need to respectfully challenge and encourage each other to make sure we are on the right path (encounter group).

The aim of our new group (we need to find a good Buddhistic name) is social-educational. As we study

together, I know many friendships will develop. I envision trips to the Asian Art Museum, other temples and churches, Buddhist related film viewing and discussion, guest speakers, book discussions, etc. For now, we are starting small by meeting from 9:30-12:30 pm on the first Saturday of the month. There is no cost but participants should bring a bag lunch. The first session on May 1 will include viewing the excellent film "A Zen Life," a documentary on the extraordinary life of D.T. Suzuki. We will follow the film with a discussion, meditation service and lunch. This first meeting will lead up to a Book Study on June 5 where we will discuss D.T. Suzuki's introductory book on Jodo Shinshu "Buddha of Infinite Light" which is available on-line, used, for under \$10 including shipping or you can order a new copy from the BCA Bookstore by calling (510) 809-1435 or email manager@bcabookstore.com No preparation is necessary for our first meeting. Just come as you are! For our second meeting on June 5, we will discuss the book and look at some of Suzuki's other writings on Jodo Shinshu and Zen.

Appreciation, by President Paul Mori

On behalf of the Betsuin Board of Directors, many thanks must go to the following members: Howard Luke, chair of the Spring bazaar, Irene Goto, coordinator of the English seminar, Ron Hamakawa and Fumi Groves, coordinators of the 2010 Hanamatsuri observance, Marie Kosai-Luke and Joan Nakano coordinators for the luncheon, and Elliot Zimmerman coordinator of the Hanamido flower application. As I have shared in the past, if you see them at temple show them your appreciation by thanking them and offer your assistance in future Betsuin activities. Don't be afraid to move out of your comfort zone. They did, now we are benefiting from their action. gassho, paul mori

Betsuin Archives Committee is seeking members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces It isn't too early to think about Obon season and that means that the Betsuin Archives Committee wants photos of members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and in reserves.

We've currently some 95 photos and are looking for more. This display always attracts attention each year. We'd like to continue to honor those members who have served our country. Please submit photos to the Betsuin office: Attn: Betsuin Archives Committee - Sat Ichikawa or Nobue Shimizu.

Thank you. Sat

ABA Dinner and Casino Night

Thank You submitted by Machiko Wada

Thank you all for attending ABA Dinner at Muckleshoot Casino. We had over 50 members attending a fun filled night. Thank you for Gail and Terry Suzaka, Nina Kato, Lauren Asaba, Doug Hanada, Donna Zumoto and ABA Council members for donating your time and goods.

White River Buddhist Temple to host

English discussions with Dr. Nobuo

Haneda on Friday, May 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and on Monday, May 17, 10:00 - 2:00; Topic: "Deep Understanding of the Self"; No charge for either discussion session; Monday's lunch is "on your own". See p. 9.

2010 Spring Bazaar We're still accepting payments for the Spring Bazaar script tickets that were mailed out even though Spring Bazaar was in March. If you would like to make a donation or if you have forgotten to pay for the Bazaar tickets, you may send them to the Temple's address. We can check for you to see if you had paid for the tickets or returned them as we have a list of who received tickets from our mailing. Please contact the Temple office and leave a message.

Final financial results are not available but it is hoped that it would minimally do as well as last year when about \$13K was raised. There were a few comments about it seeming busier this year with attendees over the prior year which would help with increased gross receipts but that's offset by other areas the Bazaar committee has noted with costs, targeted quantities for items to be sold, etc.

The menu was basically not changed for this year's offerings. While offering variety to attendees, we also wanted to offer the items that people have looked forward to purchasing and having items that do not overburden the volunteers with preparation. There were many favorable comments about the items so this is a continued success and testimony to the reputation earned by the Temple's volunteers that worked on the food prep. As always, there were a few need improvement comments, primarily the temperature of one served dish and those are just as welcomed. Without all opinions we never know that there is another side to look at improvements if warranted or continue the successful aspects. We also offered a raffle this year with 2 prizes and winning tickets as drawn by Rimban were Michael Yokoyama (TV) and Cecelia Hanada (Netbook).

Thank you to the volunteers that helped to put on the Temple's Spring Bazaar in March. This fundraiser wouldn't happen without the generous support of those volunteering their time for the many tasks involved. To those that understand the level of commitment needed to have a successful event and take on one or more of the thankless tasks, please do not underestimate the appreciation expressed. I hear the "thank you" for a job well done but I know it is from the efforts of many to make this a success and it is not just because of one person. On behalf of the Temple, the Spring Bazaar Committee and I, please accept a "THANK YOU" to volunteers for their efforts and contributions, especially to those that take on more than a single task year after year or take on unplanned tasks because of an unforeseen event. Your contributions are very much appreciated as it is the collective efforts of all that help to make this event a success.

To keep the article to a manageable length, names of individuals donating items and volunteers is being excluded. The information from the sign-up sheets will be kept for future reference in helping to determine workloads and to have a record of the donors and volunteers. Please know that your contributions are valued even if not listed individually.

In Gassho, 2010 Spring Bazaar Chairperson

2010 Spring English Seminar Thank You submitted by Irene Goto "Confidence and Clarity: Realizing Shinjin," an all day seminar lead by Dr. Richard K Payne, Dean and Yehan Numata Professor of Japanese Buddhist Studies, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, California, on April 10, 2010 was attended by 32 registrants, Reverend and Mrs. Matsubayashi and Reverend Castro. Thank you, Laverne Imori, Joyce Tsuji, Terrie and Kats Tanino, Ben and Etsu Shimbo, Alan Hoshino, Gail Kaminishi, Kazumi Shimizu, Kinue Kuwahara, Ron Hamakawa, Rimban and Mrs. Matsubayashi, the RD Programs Sub-committee and YOU, the members of the Seattle Betsuin, for making this seminar possible.



Fund Management by Craig Nakano

The Seattle Buddhist Temple Endowment Fund wishes to extend our appreciation for the following contributions:

Donor	Amount	Comments
Joe & Carolyn Schwab	\$300.00	
Seattle Buddhist Church Women's Assn.	\$20,000.00	SBWA Centennial Fund
Carolyn Kawabata	\$200.00	In Memory of Smith & Teruko Morimoto
Sue A. Ouchi	\$2,500.00	In Memory of Rimban Sadamaro Ouchi
Haruso & Sonoe Taketa	\$250.00	
Allan & Kayoko Terada	\$2,000.00	
Fumie Taniguchi	\$500.00	

Your generous gifts will help the Betsuin continue to spread the teachings of Jodo Shinshu traditions set forth by our predecessors.

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations February 2010 – April 2010

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
	Lily Yuri Hori – Funeral and 49 th Day Memorial Services	\$ 5,000	Takashi Hori
	<i>Correction:</i> Walter Hirasawa – 13 th Year Memorial	\$ 2,000	Amy Hirasawa
	Katsumi Frank Nakamichi – Funeral Service	\$ 750	Lauri Nakamichi
	Kiyono Yamada – Funeral Service	\$ 750	Ester Kojima
	William Kusakabe - 1 st Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Kishiko Kusakabe
	Miyoko Sakamoto – 7 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Ichiro B. Sakamoto
	Charley Terada – Memorial Service	\$ 100	Jimmie & Yoshimi Yamamoto
	Harry Kawahara – Memorial Service	\$ 100	Ritsuko Kawahara
	Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Kuniko Takamura

<u>Remembrances for:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
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Temple Supervision: Yakima Buddhist Church - \$100;
Spokane (correction) \$100 for Feb and \$200 for 2009

Donations for Onenju Repair: May Deguchi; Harry & Teruko Shigaya; Susie Taketa McKinney

General Donations:

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Assn. \$1,500

PLEASE READ: CHANGE IN NOTIFICATION OF DONATIONS

NOTE: Receipts for donations received during the 1st quarter of 2010 are available in the office. Please stop by and pick up your receipt to help minimize postage expense.

As all have experienced the rising costs in today's world, the same can be said for the Temple as many of the similar expenses have risen as well. As with the households of the Sangha members, the Temple has looked at its own operations in ways to eliminate waste and minimize costs. This is an ever evolving process that does not end. As you have noticed, postage rates have increased the past few years and the Temple incurs a significant expense in sending receipts for donations that have been received. To help reduce the cost of postage, the Temple changed its process of sending a receipt for every donation to sending a summarized listing quarterly. The mailing will be made at the end of each calendar quarter for January through December. We will not be using the Temple's fiscal year quarter. This change will be effective as of January 2010.

As in past years, your canceled check can also be used for purposes of proof of donation. This is a change from how things have been done in the past but the Temple must adapt to new challenges. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the change, please feel free to contact the Temple either via e-mail to the Temple office, mailing in your comments/questions or dropping it off at the Temple office. Please note, the Temple office staff is not responsible for the change in policy and is only collecting any comments/questions that may be received. The Temple hopes that you understand the need for the change.

In Gassho, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church Treasurer

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Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata

- Thank you to the Jan., Feb. and March Toban groups who held kitchen clean-up on Friday, March 26, 2010. The following are those who helped: Fuyo Yoshida, Tomi Zumoto, Yasuko Desaki, Suzuko Terada, Kinue Kuwahara, Michi Vaart, Mabel Nishizaki, Ruby Nakamura, Yoshi Hiroo, Karry Sakamoto and Akio Nishizaki.
- Under the direction of Machiko Wada, Janet Baba and Fran Shintaku, plans are being made for a SBBWA retirement dinner for Rimban and Mrs. Matsubayashi, which will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010.
- SBBWA will have a group participating in the Walk for Rice on Sat., June 19, 2010

SBBWA Activity Report Submitted by Marian Asaba A onetime only Decorated Ball Ornament class will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Mrs. Shimizu will be conducting Mizuhiki Classes every Wednesday during the month of May beginning May 5 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the dining room. All participants are welcome, including new attendees. Sign-up sheets for these classes are posted on the bulletin board in front of the office.

Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Fumie Taniguchi – In Memory of Lily Hori
Machiko Wada – In Memory of Mitsue Matsui

Calendar

Sunday, May 2nd SBBWA New Member Installation Service and Luncheon
Sunday, May 23rd SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

A Japanese Seminar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda will be held on Saturday, May 15 - "The Evil Person Is the First to Be Liberated" (Informal Discussion in English) at White River Buddhist Temple. Contact the Betsuin office at (206) 329.0800. **English discussions** on Friday evening 7 – 9 and Monday mid-day 10 – 2; lunch is "on your own". -AH

Submitted by Joan Nakano

ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE - *SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO* Sunday, June 6, 2010 Service at 10:00 AM

The annual **ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday, June 6, 2010, at 10:00 AM**. This important service is dedicated to honoring the contributions and lives of all those who were members and friends of the Seattle Betsuin or one of its affiliated organizations.

We invite families of these members to submit your loved ones' names to be read during the service and we ask that you attend in their honor. **Please fill out the section below and return the entire form to the Betsuin office by Sunday, May 30, 2010.** We cannot guarantee that names received after the deadline will be read. The names will be called in the order received.

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

Name of Deceased

Date of Death

Submitted by: _____ Phone #: _____

Sunday 10AM service chairpersons

needed by Alan Hoshino. The temple's religious department is recruiting volunteers to be Sunday 10AM service chairpersons. It's an enjoyable way to actively participate in our services. A script is available and you may choose your own readings. Dates currently open are: June 13th, June 20th, July 4th, July 18th and July 25th. To volunteer for one or more dates please e-mail religiousdepartment@seattlebetsuin.com with the date(s) you are available.

Please join the new Seattle Betsuin

Buddhist Study Group! by Leonora Clarke
This group is open to anyone who would like to come. It will offer activities such as book discussions, speakers, field trips, etc. We will meet on the first Saturday morning of each month. Please come to our first meeting on Saturday, May 1st from 9:30-12:30. Admission is free. "A Zen Life" - a documentary on the life of D.T. Suzuki (a renowned Buddhist scholar) will be shown, followed by a short meditation service. Attendees will meet in the Hondo and are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. We will follow up on June 5th with a discussion on D.T. Suzuki's book on Shin Buddhism called "Buddha of Infinite Light".

ONENJUS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE Onenju for children, women, and men are now available for purchase in the temple office. Heirloom and modern beads have been restrung by Pauline Sakuma into beautiful new onenju. Please visit the office to see the variety of styles available. Proceeds go to Seattle Betsuin. – jn

GO PAPERLESS! This newsletter is now onLINE at 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!

JSCC POSTER CONTEST The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is looking for a graphic designer to create an original poster for online course by September 15. For project details, please contact: JSCC@cbe-bca.org. Selected designer to receive \$300.00. JSCC Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704 Tel: 510-809-1441.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR BCA Center for Buddhist Education Email: director@cbe-bca.org
www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org Ph: (510) 809-1460. More details and forms are online. Unless noted, events are presented at the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

May 21 (Fri) (6-8pm): SHINRAN'S BIRTHDAY (Gotan-E) Service, simple dinner and "mochi maki" (mochi toss). Free.

May 29 (Sat) 1 - 5 pm New! 2 FILMS: HOSHI NO KUNI KARA MAGO FUTARI (Gift of the Gifted); and ROSHIN (Aging Parents). Drama. Japanese with English subtitles. Heartwarming tales addressing autism; gender roles and aging. Writer Haruko Kadono will be present.

Reverend Koyo Kubose is on YouTube

View two 10-minute video Dharma Talks entitled, "Buddhist Hell" and "OK-ness". Have a look! - KS

Wednesday Dharma Support Group & Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service

takes place from 10:30 to Noon at 1441 S Main St every Wednesday with Rev. Castro. Try it out!

13TH ANNUAL SEATTLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM

(aka KSP) "Exploring the Regions of Japan" takes place June 28 - July 2, 2010 9:30 am - 3:00 pm for kids entering 1st – 8th grade in Fall 2010. Forms are available on website www.seattlebetsuin.com. Parents/guardians are encouraged to volunteer. Sponsored by the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Dharma School Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S Main St Seattle, WA 98144 (206-329-0800).

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The girls and their parents also assisted with Spring Bazaar pie prep and pie assembly! And at their most recent meeting, lead by the Uyeji's, the girls delved into the subject of "Family."

Adventure 4/5 Submitted by D. Nakashima In the past month, cheerleaders, nerds, greasers and classic cars were seen in meeting rooms of Keiro on March 21st and Nikkei Manor on April 11th. The girls performed their "We Go Together" dance routine for the residents. They enjoyed performing at both locations and then spent time introducing themselves to and conversing with the residents. At Nikkei Manor after performing twice, they stayed to enjoy an ice cream social.

Centennial Celebration a Great Success! Submitted by L. Carpenter and H. Luke Thank you to all alumni and current families and friends for participating in the special centennial celebration of Camp Fire USA. After the morning service hosted by the Hummingbirds, we had a delicious lunch and birthday cake. The program was emceed by Lindsay A., and included a group wide singing performance, fashion show produced by Pam and Erica H., slide show produced by Grace Tazuma, and messages from Kiyoko Takashima (CF alumni), Karen Aoyama (CF USA Council), and Emily K. We'd like to thank event chair Lisa Butler, and the many parents and students who contributed their time and energy to make the celebration a great success! In commemoration of the event, the following individuals have made donations to the Betsuin's Camp Fire group. We appreciate their generous donation and the continued support of Camp Fire. The Temple's group has been involved for a majority Camp Fire USA's 100 years and contributions by past and current benefactors help the Temple's group continue the tradition.

Aoki, Takao & Ruth; Deguchi, Mae; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujinari, Suzanne; Fujino, Suteko; Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Hiroo, Mickey & Yoshie; Isomura, Toshiko; Kawahara, Yasunori & Ritsuko; Kobuki, Haruko; Kogita, Paul & Taka; Kosai, Aizo & Yoshie; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mano, Andrea; Mano, George & Irene; Mayeda, Julie; Nagai, Ernest & Sanaye; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nishimura, Hiro; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Okada, Marlene; Sakuma, Pauline; Shimbo, Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shintaku, Al & Fran; Sugihara, Martyn & Gwynn; Sumida, Florence; Tahara, Mas & Anna; Takashima, Kiyoko (including on behalf of Ayn Takashima-Quan, Lori Takashima-Lau & Debbie Takashima-Wittenbrink); Taketa, Haruso &

Sonoe; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Taniguchi, Martha; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Yahata, Shizue; Zumoto, James & Tomiko;

Candy Sale 2010 Results: Submitted by L. Carpenter

Congratulations to the church CF group for another outstanding annual Camp Fire candy sale! Fifty students participated and sold a record 6,194 units which earned over \$2,100. The top seller was Alina B. who sold 1,944 units!! Most likely, Alina will be a top seller at the Council and National level. Kayla B. and Chiyo AK were 2nd and 3rd in sales with 825 and 225 units respectively. Fourteen students achieved the 120+ seller level, which is a record for the group: Kellie T., Sarah C., Annalise C., Emily S., Miya N., Alina B., Chiyo AK, Michelle ML, Janay L, Kristen E, Emi N, Tiffany Y, Emily K. and Kayla B.

Thank you's to the hardworking candy captains: May Honmyo, Gayle Teramoto, Lori Chisholm, Pam Horn, Lani & Lindsey and Susie Yamane. Big thank you's to Stacy Nakata for handling distribution to the younger groups and to Lani for handling overall church distribution. Lastly, thank you to all the parents who supported their children throughout the sales, arranged site sales and counted money.

Notes on Dharma Exchange by Pat Bobrow

The purpose of these notes is to inform those who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange because of conflicts -- meetings, Japanese service, Dharma School parents, etc.

March 28 - Rev. Castro introduced guests Dr. Kenji and Karen Akahoshi. Kenji, who is a dentist, has an MA in Transpersonal Psychology and is now realizing a long-held dream -- to become a Jodo Shinshu minister. He is attending the IBS and will be going into the ministry in October. Interesting sidelight, his grandfather received tokudo ordination. Kenji wants to promote ideas from the IBS, and for those who want to understand Shin on a deeper level the IBS has correspondence courses (not leading to a degree). He feels that each generation needs to interpret and present Shin in a different way. For example, Rev. Julie Haneda feels that what was learned as a child does not help deal with later life.

Participant: We have mixed families in the US. How can Shin reach out to them? Kenji suggested temples hosting various events for different interest groups, i.e. bonsai, judo, book club, etc.

Karen Akihoshi started an eco-sangha at the San Jose Betsuin (1100 members) after having seen Al

Gore's movie, "An Inconvenient Truth." She was inspired to visit Castro sensei, then composed a mission statement that was approved by the board. In one year there was no more bottled water at the San Jose Betsuin and members brought their own utensils to potlucks. They celebrate Earth Day each year, and Castro sensei attended their first.

April 4 - Rev. Castro read an article about Tiger Woods in the *Honolulu Advertiser* by Dr. Alfred Bloom. Currently sensei is going through a huge collection of books from his now-deceased former teacher, Rev. Eidmann. It was noted that the Betsuin received a \$500 award from Seafair for a successful recycling project, implemented by member Ron Hamakawa and his crew, during Bon Odori. Sensei feels the temple could be a model for what needs to be done at home.

A participant noted how enjoyable the comparison of Christianity and Buddhism was. Rev. Warrick reminded us of the many symbols in Buddhism.

Bhante Seelawimala, an IBS teacher, described the difficulties of meditation using the example of frog mind/monkey mind. A hen sits on an egg bringing it to life.

April 11 - Yesterday, Richard K. Payne, Ph.D. who is dean and Yehan Numata Professor of Japanese Buddhist Studies at the IBS, led the Spring Seminar at the temple. His subject was "Confidence and Clarity: Realizing Shinjin." Dr. Payne indicated everyone has the potential for awakening, and we are all connected and have ordinary, undefiled mind. Our own mind makes the divisions. Happiness and sadness come and go, but true happiness comes from the realization that happiness is fleeting. He made the distinction between the old interpretation of nirvana, a place with no distractions, and the Indian version, extinction of ignorance. His most recent book is *How much is Enough?*

A participant asked about the Three Poisons, Hatred, Greed and Ignorance. He wondered if boredom might be a fourth poison. Dr. Payne felt it would fall in the category of Ignorance.

Castro sensei gives wedding couples the choice of reciting "I take refuge in the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha," or, "I go to the Buddha, Dharma, Sangha for guidance." Most couples, mainly mixed, choose the latter.

April 18 - Earth Day. Rev. Castro suggested we all become active in the world to alleviate suffering. We

need to hold businesses and corporations accountable for their actions, i.e. too much sodium in foods, plastic vs. paper wrap on foods, etc. Biodegradable plastics are now available.

He observed that huge islands of plastic accumulate in the oceans and affect fish and ultimately, us. When species become extinct we are in trouble as well.

He offered the theory that the whole Universe was created because of desire from past universes. No desires exist in the realm of Nirvana.

In gassho,

Pat Bobrow