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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*

July 2010: Major Events of Interest

Study Group Saturday, July 3 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

5th of July Temple closed for **Fourth of July** holiday

Obon Cemetery Services Saturday July 10: Queen Anne 12:00 pm;

Washington Memorial 1:00 pm; Lakeview 3:00 pm

Sunday, July 11: Washelli 1:00 pm; Sunset Hills 3:30 pm

Obon & Hatsubon Service: Sunday July 11 @ 10:00 am – new time

Seattle Betsuin's Bon Odori – July 17, 18 Please sign up to work!

NWYBL Retreat at Betsuin Friday – Sunday, July 23 - 25

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Betsuin Events for July 2010

EVERY SUNDAY All are invited.

- 8:45 am MEDITATION SERVICE, 1441 S. Main St; Sutra Chanting, meditation & discussion
10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk
11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – questions/discussion/refreshments in Dining Room downstairs

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP for all with meditation, 1441 S Main St

EACH FIRST SATURDAY 9:30am – 12:30pm Buddhist Study Group & Social - bring your own lunch

SUNDAYS EVENTS in addition to above

July 4 FAMILY SERVICE Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

- 10:00 am Adult: Rev. Castro
DX: Rev. Castro

July 11 OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE

- 10:00 am Rinban Matsubayashi and Rev. Castro
DX: Rev. Castro

1:00 pm Washelli Cemetery Obon Service
Rinban Matsubayashi

3:30 pm Sunset Hills Cemetery Obon Service
Rev. Castro

July 18

3:00-8:30 pm SEATTLE BETSUIN BON ODORI

July 25 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

8:45 am Meditation Service (Rev. Castro)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Castro

DX: Joe Schwab

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

MONDAYS

July 5 Temple closed for July 4th Holiday

July 12 Rev. Castro (Vacation)
Rinban Matsubayashi (Day off – on call)

July 19 Rev. Castro (Vacation)

July 26 Rinban Matsubayashi (Day off)

TUESDAYS

July 6 Rinban Matsubayashi (Day Off)
Rev. Castro (Day off – On call)

July 13 Rev. Castro (Day off)

July 20 Rinban Matsubayashi (Day off)
Rev. Castro (Day off – on call)

July 27 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rev. Castro)

WEDNESDAYS Rinban Matsubayashi (Study Days off)

July 7

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting Rev. Castro

THURSDAYS

July 1 Rev. Castro (Travel day in Berkeley)

9:30 am – 3:00 pm Kids Summer Program

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service - Rinban Matsubayashi

July 8 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

July 15 Rev. Castro (Study Day off)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Matsubayashi)

July 22, 29 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

July 29 – August 7 Dharma School Trip to Japan

FRIDAYS

July 2 Rinban Matsubayashi (Day Off)

9:30 am – 3:00 pm Kids Summer Program

July 9, 30 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

July 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service
Rinban Matsubayashi and Rev. Castro

5:00 – 7:00 pm Orion Center Community Service

July 23 – 25 Fri-Sun NWYBL Retreat at the Betsuin

SATURDAYS

July 3 Rinban Matsubayashi (Study Day off)

9:30 am-12:30 pm Betsuin Buddhist Study Group

July 10

12:00 pm Queen Anne Cemetery Obon Service
Rev. Castro

1:00 pm Washington Memorial Cemetery Obon
Service Rev. Castro

3:00 pm Lakeview Cemetery Obon Service
Rinban Matsubayashi

July 17

4:00-10:30 pm SEATTLE BETSUIN BON ODORI

July 24, 31 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

11:00 am Obon Service in Yakima (Rev. Castro)

AUGUST 2010: Major Events of Interest

August 1 Sunday Atomic Bomb Victims'
Memorial Service

August 22 Sunday SBBWA Eshinni-ko &
Kakushinni-ko Service

**July Newsletter Deadline: Monday,
July 19, 2010 - 8:00 pm
Print: July 23, 2010**



“Aloha” with the Nembutsu Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

One of the eight kinds of suffering in Buddhist teaching is: “separation from a loved one.” The sentiment of this suffering was expressed in my favorite Japanese popular song, “Wakare no Isochidori (Departure of Beach Plovers).” The song is about separation from a loved one in Hawaii. A line from the song is “Although I know the meeting is the beginning of the separation, the memory remains cherished in my heart...”

Since January 2006, my wife and I as your Rinban have been living in this great city of Seattle, supported by our wonderful members and friends. But now I have to say sadly “Aloha” to you upon my retirement from the Seattle Betsuin and the Buddhist Churches of America after over 50 years service as a minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, the Buddhist Churches of Canada, and the Buddhist Churches of America as of July 31, 2010. As I reflect upon the past four and a half years of my assignment at the Seattle Betsuin, my wife and I have had many cherished memories and feel a deep gratitude to many individuals. There are so many individuals who have contributed their time and effort to maintain the teaching of the Nembutsu and operate our Betsuin Sangha. For all of this, I am truly grateful.

As you know my father was a minister in Hawaii. He was one of the resident ministers at the Hawaii Betsuin in Honolulu when Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese Imperial Navy on Sunday, December 7, 1941. One of his Dharma Talks that I still remember clearly discusses the meanings of “Aloha” and “the Nembutsu.” Aloha is a greeting. The people of Hawaii use to greet others warmly when meeting them for the first time. When the time comes to depart Hawaii, they also say “Aloha.” The word “Aloha” can be expressed in both happy and sad occasions

Like Aloha, we recite the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, in any occasion, happy and difficult occasions. This is because the Nembutsu is our awakening and acknowledgement that we are embraced and encouraged by the infinite compassion and wisdom of Amida Buddha. When we are happy, we can increase our enjoyment with the Nembutsu in gratitude. When we are sorry, we recite the Nembutsu, and the Nembutsu will encourage us like our beloved parents to overcome hardship to carry on our lives. Therefore, a life of the Nembutsu is expressed as “An Impeded Single Path” in the **Tannisho**.

It is very difficult for my wife and me to depart from the many wonderful friends with whom we have associated in the past four and a half years at the Seattle Betsuin, but we have to say “Aloha” with the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu. However, no matter where we go, the Nembutsu remains a vital guide in our journey of human life.

July is the month of Obon. Obon observance reminds us that we have a way to meet our loved ones through the compassion and wisdom of Amida Buddha. I wish to share with you the following **Obon** song which was written by our member Miyoko Kaneta, a retired school teacher, with her permission:

OBON – It’s Time to Meet Our Loved Ones Again!

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| <p>1. Lit by colorful lanterns, The Obon festival, On summer’s night In July</p> <p>2. The pulsating beat Of the Taiko, Ta-ka Ta-ka DON-DON Ta-ka Ta-ka DON-DON</p> | <p>3. And in rhythm, Yukata-clad dancers Young and old, ‘Round in circles go.</p> <p>4. We dance for joy In reverence, For our loved ones, Now gone, Whose Spirits visit Their</p> | <p>earthly home, This special night In July</p> <p>5. The Lanterns flicker One by one, The drums are stilled Once more, As we escort Our loved ones Back to</p> | <p>Amida’s Pure Land.</p> <p>6. With Amida’s Eternal Light And Compassion to guide us, we will once again Dance for joy, On a summer’s night In July</p> |
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Finally, my wife and I wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of our Sangha for their warm friendship and support extended to us over the past four and a half years. May you all continue to enjoy the wonderful teaching of the Nembutsu until we all meet again in the world of compassion and wisdom.

“Aloha” with the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu

ONENJU ARE 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



Dharma School submitted by Joyce Tsuji
The Dharma school would like to thank everyone who donated items and their service for the Rinban's celebration potluck. It was definitely a team effort. There were many delicious dishes to sample and taste. Many thanks go to the BWA and Betsuin for their contributions, also. It looked like a good time was had by all, including some very excited bingo players and callers.

Again congratulations and best wishes, Rinban on your retirement and service to the BCA. We are all very grateful for it.

We hope all the DS students and their families enjoy a wonderful summer. See you in the fall and at Obon!

Pre-K/K Classroom Report

The Pre-K/Kindergarten class has been very busy these past couple of months. In April, the Northwest Temples' Dharma School was taught the same lesson. It was in conjunction with Earth Day. They learned about keeping the planet green. They heard

a story about what could happen if we do not take care of our planet and they made paper flowers out of recycled magazine pages. They also made Mother's Day gifts for their Mom – an arrangement of flowers in a pot with miniature candy bars with labels expressing their love and thanks to their Moms. The Pre-K/K class participated in the Dharma School service at Keiro Nursing Home on May 16th. Our class gave out butterflies for the residents to hang in their rooms. The Pre-K/K class talked about change and the word "impermanence". They played a concentration game matching pictures showing different kinds of changes that take place. The students listened to a story about doing things with dad and talked about the things they like to do with their own dads. Then they decorated Father's Day frames and inserted a special message. The students also made cards for their dads. The Pre-K/K class decorated several pages for the Dharma School scrapbook presented to Rev. Matsubayashi at the June 13th retirement luncheon. Our class wishes Rev. and Mrs. Matsubayashi all the best!

Orion Center Service Project

"Thank you," to all who made another meal at Orion Center possible. On June 13, 2010 many of you donated \$140 for the June 18 meal, and other individuals volunteered their time to shop for, prepare, and serve dinner.

Those who contributed to the \$140 donation are: Hatsuye Mizuno, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Rikuko Tanaka, Masako, Kawamoto, Yoshie, Dodobara, Junko Nakano, Char Yoritsune, May Honmyo, Madeline and Gary Kato, Sayeko Aoyama, Aiko Fujii, Margaret Teramoto, Camp Fire, Tomiko Okano, Tomi Nakashima, Sunkie Oye, Evelyn Kitashima, Kiyoko Takashima, Hatsue Higa, Reiko Hara, Mary Shigaya, Elliott Zimmermann. Those who shopped for, prepared, and served the meal were: Mamoru Okita, Mas Koba, Rev. Julie Hanada, Elliott Zimmermann, Ora Zimmermann, Azaad Zimmermann, and Irene Goto. For future dinners, other volunteers are Leonora Clarke, Dawn Kelly, Michael Jacobs, John Sordetto, Brandi San Agustin, Char Yoritsune, and YBA. With the \$140 donation 60 spaghetti dinners were served along with fresh fruit, salad, bread, milk and juice. Elliott and Azaad



Zimmermann donated and prepared 20 peanut butter sandwiches for the street outreach program. The next meal will be served on Friday, July 16, 2010. (Preparations for Bon Odori will be happening also). Six people are needed from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Several groups including Dharma School, Camp Fire, and Jr.YBA, as well as individual families from Seattle Betsuin have been making, serving, and donating dinner on the third Friday of each month since November, 2009. At the May 27, 2010 meeting of the Seattle Betsuin Board of Directors a resolution to sanction this community service was passed. With that, other individuals and groups are welcomed to participate in this *dana* for homeless Seattle youth on behalf of Seattle Betsuin. Are you interested in helping or donating food or dollars? Contact Elliott Zimmermann or Irene Goto. To learn more go to www.YouthCare.org/index.php/services/orion or read the article on page 5 of the 2010 June issue of *The Wheel of the Sangha*.

- by Irene Goto

Reverend Dr Hoshu Matsubayashi, Rinban of Seattle Betsuin

It has been four and one half years since Matsubayashi sensei began his assignment as our Rinban. In that time I have had the pleasure of planning our service and education programs with him as a member of the Religious Department. Now as the Chairman, I can truly appreciate his contribution to our temple's strength in the sharing of the Buddha/Dharma.

I will miss his presence on our travels to conventions as he kept the trip fun and light by telling stories and singing songs. His energy and enthusiasm was the driving force in the



success of our 750th Commemorative celebration of Shinran Shonin's Memorial. Sensei's knowledge of Jodo Shinshu gave us the wonderful services which we have come to appreciate.

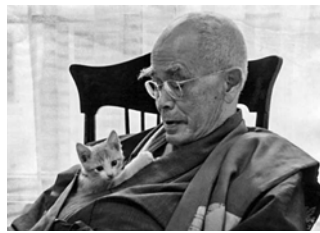
Yes, Matsubayashi Sensei, it has been a wonderful path to walk with you. Now as we continue our separate journeys please remember what we did for the Betsuin and Sangha. Much success to you, Kyoko, and to your family, from the Seattle Betsuin as you enjoy retirement life.

Gassho, Paul Mori

D.T. Suzuki and Shin Buddhism By Reverend Don Castro

Over the past two months, our Buddhist Book Group has been concentrating primarily on the Pure Land writings of the late D.T. Suzuki who is generally regarded as a great Zen scholar who introduced Zen Buddhism to the West. In his later years, however, Dr. Suzuki devoted a large part of his scholarship to researching, translating and promoting Jodo Shinshu. In fact, he is credited with introducing the Shinshu "myokonin" devotees to the West. In a sense, the myokonin are to Jodo Shinshu what the Zen master personality is to Zen; each embodies the essential spirit of their sect. Dr. Suzuki relates and comments on many stories of these Shin pietists that give the fragrance of their wonderful personalities.

It has been very interesting to revisit Dr. Suzuki's Shin writings. I had assumed his interpretation of Pure Land Buddhism was determined by his Zen orientation, much like that of the Vietnamese Zen teacher Thich Nhat Hanh who has written "Here is the Pure Land/The Pure Land is Here..." as part of the opening poem in his book "Finding Our True Home: Living in the Pure Land Here and Now." The belief that we can realize this world as the Pure Land is quite contrary to the teachings of Shinran Shonin and Rennyo Shonin who always teach birth in the Pure Land at the time of death. Dr. Suzuki fully understands and presents a traditional Jodo Shinshu



understanding of Birth in the Pure Land at the time of death and of living with the "conviction" of our Birth but Dr. Suzuki makes the following interesting comment,

"Although the conviction or assurance they may have while here that they will be reborn in the Pure Land is to all intents and purposes the same as their already being there in the presence of Amida, the Jodo (Pure Land) teaching, as far as it is popularly interpreted, emphasizes a life after death in the Pure Land. Whatever this be, their being assured of the rebirth is their satori; at least this is the way Zen followers sometimes would like to interpret the rebirth-assurance. They would equate the Nembutsu with the koan and often compare the efficacy of each method as an aid to the realization of satori."

If you are interested in learning more about D.T. Suzuki's Jodo Shinshu writings, you are welcomed to come to our Buddhist Book Study Group on Saturday morning, July 3, from 10:30 to 12:30 in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Bring a bag lunch. In case you need more incentive, contemplate the following statement by Dr. Suzuki, "The fact is undeniable that there are more genuine and practically-working cases of satori among lay-devotees of Shin than in Zen circles."

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – May - June 2010

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
	CORRECTION: Lily Hori – In Memory of	\$ 1,000	Takashi Hori
	Yoshiaki Ikeda – In Memory of	\$ 500	Tsuyako Chadwick
	Susumu Shimokon – In Memory of	\$ 500	Tsuyako Chadwick
	Masako Dodobara – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Kenny Dodobara
	Mitsue Matsui – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Takashi Matsui
	Shizue Tanaka – 33 rd Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Tom Tanaka
	Nokotsudo	\$ 300	Janet Kosai
	Mitsuko Osaki – Funeral Service	\$ 250	Joyce Lea Osaki
	Richard Ishikawa – 1 st Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Lisaye Ishikawa
	Nokotsudo	\$ 200	Alan Kato
	Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Takashi Oba
	Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Kinue Kuwahara
	Grace McLeod – In Memory of	\$ 100	Rosalie Jacobson
	M/M Kajiro Taki – In Memory of	\$ 100	Noboru & Takako Taki
	Kimie Toyoji – 27 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 50	Kenny Toyoji
	Toshio Toyoji – 13 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 50	Kenny Toyoji
	Nokotsudo	\$ 25	James & Michi Wakagawa

<u>Remembrances for:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Amy Kuramoto	Mae Deguchi; Jame & Hiroko Hasegawa; Takeo & Mary K. Katayama; Noboru & Hatsuye Kawada
Mitsuko Osaki	Mickey & Yoshie Hiroo; Akio & Mabel Nishizaki; Aiko Shimizu; Ronal & Suzuko Terada; Mary Yoshijima
Dorothy Suto	Masako Shibuya
Kimie & Toshio Toyoji	Douglas Inouye; Edward & Irene Kiga-Toyoji; Franklin Yap

<u>Temple Supervision:</u>	Spokane Buddhist Temple	\$ 100
	Yakima Buddhist Temple	\$ 100
<u>Hatsumairi:</u>	Masumi Simpson	\$ 125

General Donations:

Edward & Irene Kiga-Toyoji	\$ 100
Suzanne Fujinari	\$ 100
Alan & Rose Kishi	\$ 20
Stacy & Ryan Nakata	\$ 20

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.

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 is effective as of January 2010.

As in past years, your canceled check can also be used for purposes of proof of donation. The Temple office staff is collecting comments/questions that may be received, but staff is not responsible for the change in policy and The Temple hopes that you understand the need for the change.

In gassho, Treasurer
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata

- Kitchen clean-up by April, May & June Toban. Those who helped were: Joyce Kato, Peggy Hanada, Hatsue Mizuno, Ann Oxreider, Kiyoko Takashima, Sonoe Taketa, Aki Taniguchi, and Martha Taniguchi. Also thanks to Haruso Taketa. Terrie Tanino organized the group, thank you Terrie.
- Thank you to Sonoe Taketa, Miyoko Yamazaki, Ritsuko Kawahara, Masako Kubo, Fujie Yamasaki and Florence Sumida for preparing the SBBWA contribution for the Potluck lunch for Rinban and Mrs. Matsubayashi's retirement reception.
- On June 22, 2010, 39 SBBWA ladies, three gentlemen, Rinban and Mrs. Matsubayashi will enjoy an outing to Chuckanut Drive.

SBBWA Activity Report Submitted by Marian Asaba

A jewelry beading class taught by Fumi Yamaguchi was held on Tuesday, June 2.

On June 9th an overwhelming number of ladies responded to the happi coats cutting, sewing and serging class. They were: Yoshie Hiroo, Mae Deguchi, Judith Nakamura, Miyoko Yamazaki, Fumi

Yamaguchi, Toshiko Isomura, Ritsuko Kawahara, May Yamasaki, Masako Kubo, Masako Kawamoto, Kazumi Shimizu, Fran Shintaku, Darlene Shimizu, Fukuyo Yee, Taka Kogita, Peggy Hanada, Rikuko Tanaka, Rona Warrick, Haruko Mamiya, and Sonoe Taketa. Also, Elsie Tokita and Helen Gota took kits to be sewn at home. The beautiful array of Japanese print materials to make these happi coats was donated by Miyoko Tazuma. Mrs. Ritsuko Kawahara, with the assistance of others, made the lunch for the many volunteers.

Elsie Tokita led a class on Dried Flowers for cards on Tuesday, June 15th.

Many of these items will be sold during the Bon Odori event on July 17 and 18.

Donations – Submitted by Joan Nakano

Yarn and paper goods – Takashi Matsui and Kazue Nakahara

Two food slicers – Takashi Hori

Japanese craft paper – Jim and Hiroko Hasegawa

SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, July 25

SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Rinban Hoshu Matsubayashi Honored At Retirement Event

Rinban Hoshu Matsubayashi's 50 years with the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Hawaii, Canada, and the Buddhist Churches of America was honored with a retirement event on May 29, 2010 at the Maplewood Greens in Renton, Washington.

Sensei served many temples including the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, as Bishop of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, and the Southern Alameda County/Sacramento/Salina Buddhist Temples. His last assignment has been with the Seattle Betsuin for 4 ½ years.

The attendees enjoyed the joyous celebration with tributes, a slide show, messages, a toast, entertainment, and fellowship with Rinban Matsubayashi and his family. We were honored to have in attendance, Socho and Mrs. Koshin Ogui, and ministers and sangha from the Northwest temples. Rinban Matsubayashi was given presentations from Socho Ogui, the Northwest



District Council, the Seattle Betsuin, and the Mayor of Seattle.

In addition, on June 13 Rinban Matsubayashi was honored with a retirement reception at the Seattle Betsuin. The Matsuri Taiko composed and performed special numbers for Sensei, and organizations and the Sangha made presentations. The Dharma School sponsored a potluck lunch for attendees and Bingo was the final activity to end Sensei's reception.

Upon his official retirement on July 31, 2010, Rinban Matsubayashi will undertake an assignment from Socho Ogui. We extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Rinban and Mrs. Matsubayashi for their untiring support and guidance during his tenure at the Seattle Betsuin. Our warmest best wishes and congratulations on the retirement for both Rinban and Mrs. Matsubayashi. Their absence will be duly felt.

Submitted by Kiyoko Takashima

Wednesday Dharma Support Group & Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service with Rev Castro takes place from 10:30 to Noon at 1441 S Main St **Wednesdays**. All are invited; no fee.

Betsuin Archives Committee wants photos of members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and in reserves, to display at Bon Odori. Submit photos to the Betsuin office: Attn: Betsuin Archives Committee - Sat Ichikawa or Nobue Shimizu. Thank you. Sat

Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service at Buddhist Education House: 1441 S Main St Sundays 8:45 - 9:30 AM

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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

Camp Fire USA

Starlights 1/2- Submitted by D. Shibata
The girls and their parents participated in Council Fire and thanked leaders Teresa Shimizu and Bev Sakamoto for guiding the group through another great year.

Some of the girls had great interest in continuing to support A.C.R.S's fundraising and participated (with parent support) in A.C.R.S's annual "Walk for Rice."

Adventure 4/5 – Submitted by D. Nakashima
At the June 6 Council Fire, the girls "flew up" to the Discovery level of Camp Fire. Each girl's family

member presented her with a symbolic emblem which signified her completion of Adventure and entry into Discovery.

On June 13, we all headed to Vertical World, in Redmond, for some indoor rock climbing! This is where the group chose to celebrate their last year as an Adventure group. Each girl climbed a variety of rock-climbing walls – from straight up-and-down, to slanted, to some with corners and outcroppings. We were impressed how skillfully they climbed to the top of the walls. It was a great way to close out another fun-filled year. *Submitted by Debbie Shibata*

Altar Flower Arrangement Lessons for the Betsuin

Norigiku Horikawa (Instructor) started Altar (Onaijin) flower arrangement lessons on June 4, 2010. The lessons are held every Friday from 10a.m. to 12 noon, except there are no lessons on July 9, August 20, and October 22, 2010.

The following people have signed up for the lessons: Lisa Butler, Kelly Enstrom, Janet Knutzen, Ellen Mori, Tish Oye and Rev. and Mrs. Warrick. They have arranged Altar flowers for past three weekends already. They have done a wonderful job. Thank you very much.

We need more volunteers including **male people** to do flowers. Flower vases and tree branches are very heavy to handle; therefore, we need male people as volunteers, also.

Contact N. Horikawa to help.



We need evergreen tree branches in order to arrange Onaijin flowers. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for you to donate tree branches. Tree branches are needed every Friday (Please note that there are 52 weekends per year). The following describes necessary tree branches for each Friday.

- Tree branches should be **all evergreen**, (camellias, junipers, pines, firs, etc.).
 - one or two 3 1/2 foot long tree branches (preferably straight)
 - Three 2 1/2 foot long tree branches
 - Three 2 foot long tree branches
- Thank you for your kind support.

N. Horikawa

Contact Seattle Betsuin Office
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On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee...

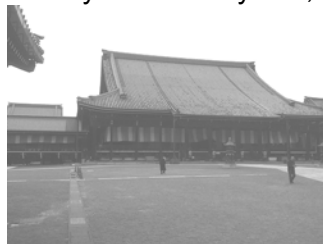
We would like to "thank" the following regular members, for contributing at least the minimum annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is a list of those paid members that have posted dues for the new fiscal year of 2010 since our last article:

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We'd like to 'welcome' Renaldo Dalmage as a new member 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, 2010.** 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

McLean family visited Nishi Hongwanji Temple in May and were fortunate to be given a tour by Rev. Sekiya of the International Hongwanji Center. While weather was poor, they were able to see buildings and structures once used by warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi, as well as gardens, and Noh theater. Pictures below



show the main altar of the Amida hall, the Amida Hall (阿弥陀堂) itself and the famous Karamon Gate (唐門) once used by the Emperor's messengers, respectively, and Daisy making a donation to the osaisen box.

Submitted by Doug McLean

Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course - 2010 Fall Enrollment

Applications Now Accepted The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is now accepting applications for their fall 2010 enrollment. The popular 2-year, computer-based program continues to offer online instruction in the origins and development of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin's life and teaching, sutras & masters of the Pure Land tradition and history of Jodo Shinshu.

An excellent opportunity for beginners or for those who have already studied Jodo Shinshu, the program reaches out to people all over the world. With over 100 students enrolled, the course has much to offer those interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. The course instructors consist of 14 ministers and professors who specialize in the subjects taught. An optional August Workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center is held every year.

For more information, please visit the course website at: www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org. Applications may be submitted online at course website. Deadline: August 15. Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA. Tel: 510-809-1441, email: jsc@ccbe-bca.org.

Study Group All are welcome to the July meeting of the new Buddhist Study Group. It will take place on Saturday, July 3rd from 9:30-12:30. We will meet in the Buddhist Education House (1441 Main St.) for a short meditation service. A discussion will follow focusing on a pamphlet called "Gratitude" by Taitetsu Unno. If you are interested, please ask Sensei Castro for a copy of the pamphlet. If you like, you can bring a brown bag lunch. - by Leonora Clarke

Notes on Dharma Exchange Dharma Exchange takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. after Sunday Service in the dining room. All are welcome to attend this opportunity for discussion and questions. Discussion is typically led by Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick, or Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab and often follows a theme that was presented in the Dharma Talk presented in the service immediately prior. These notes are intended for those who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange -- Dharma School parents, Japanese service attendees, committee members, etc.

May 30 - Castro sensei talked about Socho Ogui's experience with a woman whose child was dying. She begged Socho to do something so he told her to come to the temple. By doing that she finally came to the conclusion that nothing could be done.

Castro sensei learned so much from a family who lost an only son at 21. He recommended a support group and they found solace in that.

Socho is in the last year of his term, and has always called for energizing the BCA. He has vigorously supported the Ministers Assistant program, which has become quite successful throughout the BCA.

A new study group will start at the temple on the first Saturday of the month. Format: 9:30 - 10:30 meditation, 10:30-12:30 various activities including book discussion, guest speakers, films, museums, and discussion followed by brown bag lunch. No fee. [The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 3, in the Buddhist Education House 1441 S. Main St.]

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Gassho,
Pat Bobrow