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

### September 2011: Major Events of Interest

- Sun., Sept. 4 Dharma School Kick-off and Betsuin Picnic at the Temple
- Sat., Sept. 10 NW Dharma School Teachers' Fall Workshop in Spokane
- Sun., Sept. 11 First Day of Dharma School
- Sat., Sept 17 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara Japanese Seminar
- Sun., Sept 18 Fall Ohigan Service with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
- Fri. – Sun., Sept. 23 – 25 Rev. Kenji Akahoshi Retreat "Practicing No Practice"

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## Betsuin Events for September 2011

### **EVERY SUNDAY** All are invited:

- 8:45 am \*MEDITATION SERVICE at 1441 S. Main St; Sutra Chanting, 20-minute meditation, discussion.  
10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk  
11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, Q/A, dialogue with minister and ministers assistants

### **EVERY WEDNESDAY** \*\*10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with Meditation

#### **SUNDAYS \*8:45 am Meditation Service**

##### September 4

- 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE  
Youth: Rinban Castro  
Adult: Rev. Warrick  
Japanese: Program  
BETSUIN PICNIC at the Temple Following Service

##### September 11 FAMILY SERVICE

- 10:00 am + FIRST DAY OF DHARMA SCHOOL  
Youth: Rinban Castro  
Adult: Rinban Castro  
Japanese Program  
DX: Rev. Warrick  
11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Religious Department Meeting

##### September 18

- 10:00 am FALL OHIGAN SERVICE with Rev.  
Kiyonobu Kuwahara  
Family Dharma Talk: Rev. Kuwahara  
Japanese: Rev. Kuwahara  
Dharma School DX: Rinban Castro  
DX: Rev. Warrick

##### September 25 FAMILY SERVICE

- 10:00 am +CHILDREN'S SERVICE  
Children: Joe Schwab  
Adult: Rev. Warrick  
Japanese: Program  
DX: Rev. Warrick  
11:30 am Chibichan Basketball Starts  
11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

#### **MONDAYS**

- September 5 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday  
September 12 Rinban Castro in California

#### **TUESDAYS**

- September 6, 20 Rinban Castro (Day Off + Study Day Off)  
September 13 Rinban Castro in California  
September 20  
7:00 – 9:00 pm Tuesday Night Dharma Group  
September 27  
10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

#### **WEDNESDAYS \*\*10:30 am Dharma Support Weekly**

##### September 7

- 7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting (Rinban Castro)  
September 14 Rinban Castro in California

#### **THURSDAYS**

- September 1 Rinban Castro (Vacation)  
1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Irene Goto)  
September 8 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)  
September 15  
1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)  
September 22 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

#### **FRIDAYS**

- September 2 Rinban Castro (1/2 Study Day Off)  
12:00 pm Gojikai Service & Luncheon Meeting  
September 9 Rinban Castro to Spokane  
September 16  
10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial  
Service (Rinban Castro)

#### **SATURDAYS**

- September 3 9:30 am -11:30 pm First Saturday  
Study Group –  
*The Year of My Life by Kobayashi Issa*  
September 10 NW Dharma School Teachers' Fall  
Workshop in Spokane (Rinban Castro)  
September 17 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Japanese  
Seminar with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara,  
Program Coordinator at the Jodo Shinshu Center  
September 23 – 25 Retreat "Practicing No  
Practice" with Rev. Kenji Akahoshi at Bastyr  
University Campus

### **October 2011: Major Events of Interest**

- Sunday, October 16 Hatsumairi Service  
Sunday, October 23 SBBWA Memorial Service with  
Rev. Akio Miyaji as Guest Speaker

Newsletter Deadline  
Monday, **September 19, 2011** 8:00 pm  
Printing on September 23, 2011



## The Tenth Anniversary of 9/11

By Rinban Don Castro


This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center that killed almost 3,000 people. As I write this article almost a month in advance of the anniversary date, I have heard very little about the planned commemoration. I know that President Obama and former President G.W. Bush will be at the World Trade Center site in New York City and CBS is planning to broadcast a documentary. All will be looking to draw lessons from the past decade. We each have our own historical and political perspectives as we contemplate the past decade but I find it personally most useful and meaningful to apply a Buddhist perspective. What comes to mind first is a quote from the Dhammapada:

*“He abused me, he hurt me, he defeated me, he robbed me,” - in those who harbor such thoughts hatred will never cease...For hatred is never conquered by hate: hate is conquered by love. This is an eternal law.*

My mind asks, however, if hatred is the crucial issue here. Those who perpetrated the countless acts of violence in the U.S., Iraq, Pakistan and

Afghanistan mostly thought they were doing right. Brainwashed children became suicide bombers. Soldiers on both sides believed God was on their side. My first teacher of Buddhism once said, “Man is a concept-secreting animal.” Beliefs are like slime that we secrete like a slug. If you get a person to believe something, no matter how absurd that belief is, they are likely to do anything.

Buddhism is a questioning religion; we are always questioning our assumptions and beliefs. We never declare that we have the true religion but that we have a true religion; which is not to say that all religions are true. Consequently, a true Buddhist does not impose their religion on another. The unanswered challenge of the post 9/11 decade, in fact the perennial challenge of humanity, is how to prevent concept-secreting slugs (who emit enormous quantities of carbon dioxide) from destroying our garden. Beer has limited effect.

All humor aside, our fervent hope as Buddhists is that humanity will engage in an active tolerance to address the tremendous social issues that face our world today. May peace and harmony prevail. 

## JSC (Jodo Shinshu Center): the Return

The return, what return? I didn't receive anything in the mail or in my account from the JSC. The true return is visible in the training received by our new Minister's Assistants (MA) Irene Goto and Laverne Imori. This program provides the focus to stem the shortage we are experiencing in BCA. It is a real experience throughout the temple system. It is all about the programs and the enhancement our JSC give to all the MA's at all levels of practice. We even have the Youth Minister's who share their training with us in our services which was learned in the JSC facility. To see this Return, seek those who have benefited from your generosity in establishing the JSC. Please join us in retiring the loan the California Bank and Trust so that even more BCA sponsored programs can evolve from our own center of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is America.



Gassho, paul

### SAVE THE DATE: Seattle Betsuin Picnic – September 4, 2011

The Sangha is invited to the Seattle Betsuin Picnic hosted by the Dharma School on Sunday, September 4, after Sunday service at the temple.

- activities for the children ●share our summer experiences

The picnic is POTLUCK, unless you want to order a bento for \$10.

The sign up sheet for the bento is with the temple office and the deadline is August 28.

## **Camp Fire USA** submitted by Grace Tazuma

**Adventure 6/7 by Emily K.** This summer Sela, Meghan, Amanda, Emi and I went to Nembutsu Camporee at Camp Waskowitz which Seattle hosted and it was so fun! We slept in a cabin with our friends and leaders and even my auntie and cousin from OCBC. We had service by lanterns at night and then in the rain under the Wheel of Dharma with Socho Ogui. My favorite things were the Amazing Race scavenger hunt because we got to run all over the camp and do games plus learning a "Mottainai" Obon dance and making a purse using plastic bags..and singing karaoke and eating musubi and s'mores. We met new friends and Sela and I met our friend Elizabeth again from the last Camporee.

**Starlights** submitted by Gayle Teramoto This summer the Starlights and their families enjoyed some fun in the sun at our year-end picnic at the Newcastle Beach Park. We made tie-dyed t-shirts, ate lots of food and played games.

Emily S, Miya N, Allison, Sarah, Annalise, Miya T & Kellie also enjoyed the day camp at Camporee this year. The experience and fun will always be remembered.

## **Dharma School** submitted by Joyce Tsuji

**SAVE THE DATE**—The first day of Dharma School is September 11. Registration for both new and returning students will take place the first 2 Sundays. Come, enjoy some refreshments and catch up with friends. We look forward to seeing you there!!

On behalf of the Dharma School, Kori and Niku Don booth chairs we would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped out with this year's Obon. We really appreciate all your hard work. Obon is a very important event for our church and your participation makes it a success!

**2011 CHIBICHAN BASKETBALL** Join us for the 18th season of our basketball clinic! Sponsored by the Seattle Betsuin Dharma School, this program is open to all girls and boys ages 4 –10 years old. Participate in a non-competitive setting where the emphasis is on skill development, sportsmanship, participation and having fun! Team photo and coach's gift are included with registration. Please refer to the Betsuin website for more details as well as the registration form. Deadline for registration is September 16, 2011. Submitted by Grace Tazuma



**ABA news** We have held two mahjong lessons and our players are catching on quickly so it's fun! We'll teach/play again on Sunday Sept 11 at noon on the Memorial Hall side. Anyone is welcomed to join us. It helps if we know how many want to come so that we have enough sets to accomodate everyone. Please let Gail or Machiko know if you want to join in.

**Eco news** As you may know, our Recycling Chairperson, Dave A. has moved so now it is up to all of us to continue his good work.

He did the lion's share of the work on that committee. Thanks so much for your dedication, Dave!



Canadian scientist David Suzuki's website offers information and suggestions on environmental concerns. [www.davidsuzuki.org](http://www.davidsuzuki.org)

**Troop 252** Many members of the troop went to Nembutsu Camporee on the weekend of the 5th of August. We all had a great time and made friends with members of other Pacific Coast temples. We would like to thank the planning committee, especially Mrs. Ozeki-Chinn, the chair of the committee. Submitted by Mikio H.

**Help Wanted** to record dharma talks and presentations for broadcast from our website and for screenings at the temple. Instruction and equipment are available; all that is needed is your time. Please see Alan Hoshino for details. -Irene Goto

## Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple submitted by Laverne Imori

**First Saturday Study Group** will meet on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 until 11:30 in Memorial Hall Chapel and then break for lunch, (bring your own, please), and conversation afterward. We are reading The Year of My Life, a translation by Nobuyuki Yuasa of Issa's *Oraga Haru*. This is an autobiography of the renowned Jodo Shinshu haiku poet, Issa. Here is an example of one of his most poignant poems, composed on the occasion of his daughter's death.

The world of dew  
Is the world of dew,  
And yet . . .  
And yet . . .

A new study group will meet on Tuesday evenings in Memorial Hall Chapel between 7 and 9 p.m. The **Tuesday Dharma Study Group** will begin by meeting weekly for five weeks, starting on September 20<sup>th</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup>. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss "Gratitude: Its Source and Power" by Reverend Dr. Taitetsu Unno. Rinban Castro will lead the discussion. Please contact Laverne Imori at 425.890.0551 or at [limori@comcast.net](mailto:limori@comcast.net) for a free copy of this publication.

Everyone is invited to participate in the study groups. No registration is required. For further information, please contact Rinban Castro or Laverne Imori. We hope you will join us.

## CAMP FIRE and JR. YBA FUNDRAISER

The Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire and YBA organizations are selling reusable tote bags as a fundraiser and to help keep the environment green. As the plastic grocery bags become more unpopular, reusable bags are an alternative.

These reusable tote bags are 14" X 17" and come with a plastic bottom insert. They are black with the sagarifujii design in gold and sell as 1 bag for \$3.00 or 2 bags for \$5.00. Bags can be purchased in the foyer on Sundays when Dharma School starts or at the Temple office during regular office hours.



## Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

### President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata

Thank you to all the members who came out to help peel, cut, slice and dice all the vegetables, etc. to make the barazushi and yakisoba for Bon Odori. Again, a big thank you to Mrs. Ritsuko Kawahara for taking the lead. A special thank you to the men who cooked the yakisoba - Karry Sakamoto, Steve Aisaka, Dale Kaku, Garrett Little, Tim Franklin and Daniel Aisaka.

We had an added attraction this year at the barazushi booth, the "Dancing Sushi's" (Kanako Kashima & Shizu Kaku). It was fun to watch all who enjoyed the dancing of the two ladies.

### Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Sachie Saigusa  
KSP (Kids Summer Program)

### SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, September 11	11:45 am
SBBWA Board Meeting	
Sunday, September 25	11:45 am
SBBWA Cabinet Meeting	

*Submitted by Joan Nakano*



## Reverend Hirota's Busy Week In Seattle

**Dennis Hirota** addressed the BCA's Ministerial Fukuken at Southcenter, the Public on August 10, and the Seattle Betsuin on the relationship of the tea ceremony to Buddhism after participating in tea ceremony offered by Chado Urasenke Tankokai on Friday, August 12. On Saturday, August 13, he conducted an all-day seminar in Japanese on Shinran Shonin and attended the full moon tea ceremony at the Seattle arboretum. Thank

you to Chado Urasenke Tankokai Seattle Kyokai <http://enma.org/2011/pa/urasenketankokai.htm>, Naomi Takemura and Florence Sumida who hosted tea ceremony at Seattle Betsuin. - Irene Goto



## Musical Notes submitted by Lani Carpenter & Kemi Nakabayashi



ATTENTION Dharma School/YBA student musicians! If you're interested in playing in an ensemble for services, please contact Lani Carpenter or Kemi Nakabayashi. This opportunity is open to students who are at the intermediate level or higher (any age). All instruments are welcome. The group plays 2-3 times each school year (November 27 Family Music Service, December 31 New Year's Eve Service, and

April Earth Day Service). The time commitment is light, just a few practices before each performance. Student pianists are also welcome for assistance for opening gatha for the combined service or for children's service dates in 2011-2012.

The choir remained active this summer for our special services. In addition to leading the sangha for Obon service in July, the choir participated in both the Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service and the Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko Service in August. We were pleased to recruit Kanako Kashima and Paul Mori to support our core members for *Sen no Kaze* on August 7 when Socho Ogui was here as guest speaker. Thank you also to James Kashima for participating in the Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service, performing *Ondokusan I*. The oboe for that familiar melody was lovely! For the Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko Service, the choir learned new music brought back by Junko Nakano from Japan. She and Etsu Shimbo had visited the Kokuhu Betsuin in Niigata. The wife of the temple minister there Sawako Inouye wrote the lyrics for 4 pieces including *Watashi no Eshinnisama (My Eshinnisama)*. We plan to learn the other pieces for future services. We continue to encourage new members to join us particularly as we work on new music for the Family Music Service on November 27. Limited rehearsal commitment prior to special performances is possible for those who read music and can practice on their own.

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**Sarana Affirmation Service** An affirmation service, (kieshiki), was conducted at the Betsuin on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon officiated by Socho Koshin Ogui, the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America. Those who were present to receive their Buddhist names: William Glasser, Irene Goto, Haneul Groesbeck, Laverne Imori, Matthew May, Rosalie Town.



Photos courtesy of  
Mike Yamada



**Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony** took place on Sunday, August 7 following the sarana affirmation service. Socho Koshin Ogui conducted the ceremony certifying Laverne Imori and Irene Goto as Minister's Assistants.

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**Atomic Bomb Survivors Interviews at Dharma Exchange** On Sunday, August 7, Atomic Bomb Memorial Day was observed by Seattle Betsuin and Hiroshima Club. Those who attended Dharma Exchange were presented with a video produced by The Hiroshima Hibakusha Interview Committee of Seattle Hiroshima Club. Dale Kaku and Dr. Namekata presented an abbreviated version. The interviews are available on the internet; search for atomic bomb survivors interviews. Several of Seattle Betsuin members are among the interviewed survivors. Thank you to all who made this moving presentation possible. – Irene Goto



**Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Experience** - The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course sponsored its third annual summer retreat August 12 - 14 at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California. This two-year online course covers the basic history and teachings of Buddhism and Jodo. It is an excellent opportunity to broaden one's understanding and to connect with students and teachers from the U.S., Canada and Hawaii.

This was my first year attending the retreat, and I met fellow students who came from as far away as Maine and Japan. It was a truly rewarding experience to meet and share the Dharma with them. We were privileged to hear Dharma messages given by Reverend Gregory Gibbs (Portland Buddhist Temple, Portland, Oregon), Reverend Carol Himaka (Enmanji Temple, Sebastopol, California), Socho Grant Ikuta of the Buddhist Churches of Canada, Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara (JSCC Coordinator) and Reverend Kodo Umezu (Director, Center for Buddhist Education). We were also treated to a very thought-provoking lecture by Dr. George Tanabe (University of Hawaii, retired professor).

Whether you grew up in the temple or are new to Jodo Shinshu and want to learn more, I would encourage you to consider enrolling in the course. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Irene Goto or Rinban Castro.

The cost is \$360 per year, which breaks down to \$30 a month. For me, it was well worth foregoing a few lattes each month. The fall session is filled, but they are accepting applications for spring.

Gassho -- Laverne Shidou Imori



Photo by Yumi Hatta

For more information, please visit the course website at: [www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org) Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA Tel: 510-809-1441, email: [jsc@cb-bca.org](mailto:jsc@cb-bca.org)

## Hatsumairi

**Hatsumairi or "First Visit"** is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the baby's first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi ceremony will be held during the 10:00 a.m. Family Service on October 16, 2011. Although this ceremony identifies the presented as infants, children of all ages are welcome. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this joyous occasion, please complete the registration form below and **return it to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144** or call the temple office **by October 9, 2011**. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details. If you have any questions, please direct them to the temple office at (206) 329-0800 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### 2011 Hatsumairi Registration

Child's Name Boy/Girl Month/Day/Year of Birth

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Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – June - July 2011

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Kyoko Hayashi – Funeral Service	\$ 1,400	Eric Hayashi & Kristen Boeckmann
Shizue Susie Akada – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Akada Family
Harold Hayashi – In Memory of	\$ 550	Sally Hayashi
	\$ 100	Steven Hayashi & Carolyn Holeski
Charles Furuta – 17 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 300	Mary Y. Furuta
Ted Kunihiro – Memorial Service	\$ 300	Caroline Kunihiro
Tomiko Parker – In Memory Of	\$ 250	Steven Parker
Jean Muneta – In Memory of	\$ 200	Ed Muneta
	\$ 100	Julianne & Gary Tosaya
Dick Hara – In Memory of	\$ 100	Reiko Hara
Shigeo Kano – In Memory of	\$ 100	Satoko Kano
Yoshikazu Kawabata – In Memory of	\$ 100	Gwen Florence
Moritsuchi and Yoshi Murakami – In Memory of	\$ 100	Sue Fujikado
Gerald Nakata – In Memory of	\$ 100	Kathy Nakata
Saburo Sakamoto – In Memory of	\$ 100	Kengo Sakamoto
Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Nobuo Yutani
Nokotsudo	\$ 60	Betty Yoshida
Yoneko Nakashima – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 50	Sheri Nakashima
Nokotsudo	\$ 25	Setsuko Harada
Nokotsudo	\$ 25	James & Michi Wakagawa

### Given by:

### Remembrances for:

### Given by:

Shizue Susie Akada	Sue Fujino, Pauline Sakuma; Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Womens' Association
Harry Akizuki	Asako Teranishi
Takao Aoki	Ruth Aoki
Richard Doi	Makiko Doi
Irene Fugami	Anonymous; Gary & Kathy Matsuzaki; Joseph & Dolly Matsuzaki
Dick Hara	Patrick & Joann Kosai-Eng; Kim Hara; Gary & Madeline Kato
Mack Harada	Setsuko Harada; Jaimie Harada; Tad & Mary Harada; Frances Kobayashi; Sheryl and Tim Wright
Toru Matsuoka	Shizu Matsuoka
Kunie Nishiyama	Makiko Doi
Setsuno Nosho	James Nosho; Terry & Geraldine Nosho; Ed & Suzanne Yoshitome
Linda Okuma	Masatoshi & Sayeko Aoyama; Tony Okuma
Tamiko Platnick	Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Womens' Association
Saburo Sakamoto	Carolyn Kunihiro; Ben Sakamoto & Erika Somm; Gerald Quintua
Richard Kenji Seto	Scott Jofuku
Osao "Ossie" Tsuchikawa	Dick & Misao Yoshimura

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**The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special service** (please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions or misspelling of names):

**Atomic Bomb Memorial Service:** Groves, Alan & Fumiko; Hachiya, Momoe; Hamakawa, Ron; Jeffereis, Gail Kaminishi -; Kawamura, Sanaye; Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kusumi, Shogo & Fusako; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Yoshiko; Nakano, Terry; Otsuji, Nobuko; Sumida, Florence; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Tanaka, Rikuko; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Terada, Alvin & Mitsuko;

**Hatsubon / Obon:** Aoyama, Masatoshi M. & Sayeko; Beard, Clara; Canfield, James & Sheri Mizumori -; Deguchi, Mae; Goshu, Kazumi (Janice); Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Hamakawa, Ron; Harano, Nelson; Higa, Hatsumi; Jeffereis, Gail Kaminishi -; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kikuchi, Shizue; Kusunose, Kazuhiro & Akiko; Matsuoka, Shizu; Mitchell, Lisa Kumasaka -; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa -; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakano, Evangeline; Osako, Yasumi; Shigaya, Kenneth; Sordetto, Gayle; Suguro, Nori; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taniguchi, Elsie "Leilani"; Teramoto, Margaret; Uyeji, Cheryl; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yee, Fukuyo; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yorita, Takako; Yoritsune, Charlene M.;



**Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple**

1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144

presents a weekend retreat with

**Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi - *Practicing No Practice***

At the beautiful

**Bastyr University Campus in Kenmore**

14500 Juanita Dr. NE, Kenmore, WA 98028

**7pm Friday, September 23 until**

**1pm Sunday, September 25, 2011**

**\$175 before Sept 1; \$200 after Sept 1**

**Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast and lunch, dorm room\***

*Discover, clarify and share our experience of Shin Buddhism. Introspection, discussion and insightful activities will bring alive the relevancy and depth of Shin "practice." In a supportive and light-hearted environment, we move from a conceptual understanding to a personal experience. Dr. Akahoshi holds a Master's degree in transpersonal psychology and has a background in wilderness vision quests and personal growth disciplines. He is affiliated with the San Jose Betsuin Church.*

- Delicious vegetarian meals will be from Bastyr's own cafeteria.
- Donations for this workshop are gratefully accepted.
- **Payment must be received by: Wednesday, September 7, 2011**
- Questions? Contact the temple office at 206.329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin Attn - retreat.

**\*some single rooms available at an additional rate**

September 23, 24, 25, 2011 Retreat at Bastyr with Akahoshi Sensei Registration Form - *Please print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:**

Registration, room, meals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Single Room Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ + Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Send check payable to Seattle Betsuin Religious Dept with completed form to:

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 attn: retreat



## On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee...

We would like to “thank” the following regular members, for contributing at least the minimum annual Ijkai 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 2011 since the last newsletter posting:

*Gene Akutsu, Michele Anciaux-Aoki, Doris Aoyama, Masatoshi & Sayeko Aoyama, David & Penny Atcheson, Lance & Lisa Barr, Patricia Bobrow, Steve & Lori Chisholm, Burke Dykes, Florence Fujita, Jack & Fumi Habu, Setsuko Harada, Miki Heider, Mickey & Yoshie Hiroo, Hal Ise, Kimio & Midori Kamimae, Noboru & Hatsuye Kawada, Harold Kawaguchi, William & Beth Kawahara, Evelyn Kitashima, Esther Kojima, Frank Komoto, Chieko Kubota, Shogo & Fusako Kusumi, Haruko Mamiya, Andrea Mano, Fumiye Masunaga, Hatsue Mizuno, Joe Naemura & Janie Okawa, Yoshie Nakagawa, Ruby Nakamura, Ray & Mineko Okamura, Marianne Osaki, Nobuko Otsuji, Tom & Bev Sakamoto, Masako Sako, Pauline Sakuma, Joan Seko, Mary S. Shigaya, Sato &*

*Darlene Shimizu, Theodore & Akico Taniguchi, Barbara Wakazuru, Fuyo Yoshida*

**We'd like to 'welcome' Harold Kawaguchi as a new member to our Sangha**

### **2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**If you have yet to pay your minimum suggested dues**, 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. **Due date is September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you have been making installment payments, your balance is due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.** All 2011 members will be reported to the BCA for our Betsuin's membership count.

Should 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](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

## Upcoming Lecture at Jodo Shinshu Center - Exploring Jodo Shinshu

Please join us for this free lecture at the beautiful Jodo Shinshu Center located at 2140 Durant Avenue (between Shattuck and Fulton), in Berkeley, CA 94704. Parking is available adjacent to the building. Five blocks from the Downtown Berkeley BART station.

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Rev. Wayne Yokoyama

*Confessions of a D.T. Suzuki Researcher --  
Or, how I found the skeleton of  
D.T. Suzuki in the attic*

Reflecting on his life as a D. T. Suzuki researcher, Rev. Yokoyama describes the high point of his career: his discovery of the missing pages to D.T. Suzuki's Introduction to the Kyogyoshinsho that someone had literally hid in the attic of the D. T.

Suzuki Library. 'It was as if the head of the manuscript was in the file downstairs, while the rest of the body was hidden upstairs.' This is the 'skeleton' that he found in the attic. Aspects of D. T. Suzuki's Zen life in relation to Shin Buddhist studies will also be shared, presenting evidence of a new Buddhist paradigm emerging in today's world.

Rev. Wayne Yokoyama, based at the Nishi Hongwanji International Center in Kyoto, Japan, is the translator of *Coffinman* by Shinmon Aoki (Buddhist Education Center); and *The Buddha's Wish for the World* by Monshu Koshin Ohtani (American Buddhist Study Center, NY). He is a noted scholar of Dr. D.T. Suzuki's work and has been dedicated to cataloguing the private Matsuoka Bunka, Suzuki Library.

Co-sponsored by the American Buddhist Study Center.



## Obutsudan for Adoption at Seattle Betsuin

We have acquired many relinquished Obutsudan that need good Jodo Shinshu homes. They are old and need refurbishing. If you are interested in adopting an antique obutsudan for your home, ask for a viewing to see the sizes and shapes we have available. Irene is available most Sundays at noon to show them to you. Each obutsudan has a suggested donation amount for adoption starting at \$50.

– Irene Goto

- Donations continued from p. 8

Tsukiyo Takano	James Takano
George Yamamoto	Lillian Yamamoto
Helen Yamamoto	Lillian Yamamoto
Teruo Yorita	Takako Yorita
In Memory of "Ray"	Nancy Nitta

<b><u>Temple Supervision:</u></b>	Yakima Buddhist Church	\$ 100
	Spokane Buddhist Church	\$ 100

**Wedding:**

Christopher Pitre & Kim Ishida	\$ 600
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**General Donations:**

**Correction to August issue:  
Shogo & Fusako Kusumi**

Machiko Wada  
Craig & Joan Nakano  
Tadao & Miwako Yamashiro  
Vietnamese Pilgrimage Group  
KSP Summer Program  
Nikkei Concerns  
Raymond Kuwahara  
Kemi Nakabayashi  
Gayle Sordetto  
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Brian Kaku  
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Kelly Kuwahara  
Marilyn Akutsu  
Robert Hamatani

**For:**

General Donation  
General Donation – Appreciation for Onenju repair  
Appreciation for Krista's Graduation  
General Donation for Visitation  
General Donation for Visitation  
Appreciation for Facility Use (\$ 1,500)  
Facility Use (\$ 225)  
General Donation  
General Donation to Church Choir  
Donation to replace batteries for AED (defibrillator unit)  
General Donation (United Way Campaign)  
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Donations as of July 29, 2011

**A Memorable Workshop...** "If Life is a Nightmare, Wake Up To A Dream" was conducted by Reverend Kenji Akahoshi on July 30, 2011 at Seattle Betsuin. Sixteen participants were engaged throughout the day with interactive activities to discover, clarify and share our experience of Shin Buddhism. Introspection, discussion, and insightful activities brought alive the relevancy of Shin Buddhism in a supportive and light-hearted environment. In preparing our lunch and dinner meals together we moved from a conceptual



understanding to a personal experience. In other words, we got to know each other in a meaningful way. Thank you to all the sangha and to Gail for making this experience come to fruition. Another presentation by Reverend Akahoshi will take place in September. Please see page 9 of this newsletter.

– Irene Goto

**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 typically led by Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick, or Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab.*

**July 24, 2011** Joe Schwab, M.A. related his thoughts on the World Cup soccer *vis a vis* Buddhism and the Eight Fold Path. To him it was obvious that the Japanese would win because they were the most disciplined team he had ever seen, having played the game, coached, and refereed as well.

**July 31, 2011** Visiting sensei Rev. Akahoshi said things have changed drastically, so we are thinking of new metaphors to describe Shinshu Buddhism, i.e. *Mottainai*, meaning all is of value and wasting is a sign of a lack of gratitude. He cited *okagesama deh* on greeting someone suggests causes and conditions of all things. It is about all of us, not just me. Also, *gokuro sama* a sign of extraordinary work acknowledged. It is used by someone of a higher status to one of a lower status. He indicated there are five terms for "wife" in Japanese. Shin Buddhism saves one from self-deprecation in being accepted just as we are. He reminded us of the seminar at Bastyr University on Sep. 23 to 25. Signup sheets are in the foyer.

**August 7, 2011** Film clips were shown on the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Mr. Dale Kaku interviewed Dr. Namekata who outlined the extreme damage when the atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945, on Hiroshima. Virtually no buildings were left standing. Residents numbered 350 thousand and 119 thousand died. On August 9, 1945, 250 thousand lived in Nagasaki when the city suffered an atomic bomb, and 74 thousand died. It was interesting to see/hear interviews on video of Betsuin members who survived. Currently there are 20 thousand warheads throughout the world.

**August 14, 2011** Rev. Jim Warrick followed up on guest speaker Rev. Dennis Hirota's Dharma talk concerning two forms of Shinjin -- hearing/thinking about Enlightenment. What is taking refuge? Embrace, accept and understand the lineage. In Jodo Shinshu there is no practice except to hear and listen. A participant commented, the Issei had heartfelt feelings, but may not have had the intellectual background. To actually see experiential examples makes us realize Buddhism; whereas, reading intellectual tracts is not as effective with the common people. . .What does it mean to take refuge? The Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha. How to become a Buddha? The Three Treasures.

In Gassho. Pat Bobrow

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## BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents 5th Annual Baby Boomers' Seminar

**B.Y.O.B.- Bring Your Own Buddhism - Sharing Our Pathways**



Our guest speaker will be Rev. Jerry Hirano resident minister of Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

September 24, 2011 8:30 am - 8 pm

Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

Registration Fee: \$75

**Deadline: September 3, 2011** See details on [www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org](http://www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org) - click on CBE



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Thank you for your on-going encouragement, generosity and inspiration! -CBE Staff