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Wheel of the Sangha NEWSLETTER

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April 7 Sun. Hanamatsuri Service in gym; Sweet Tea offered from 9:15; Service at 10:00 am and Luncheon at 11:45 am
April 13 Sat. Book Study Group – *A Life of Awakening: The Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path* by T. Shigaraki (Part 2) 9:30 am
April 14 Sun. Camp Fire Sunday Service 10:00 am
April 17 Wed. “Mottainai” Bon Odori special dance instruction session by Nobuko Miyamoto – all are invited 7:30 – 8:30 pm
April 21 Sun. Earth Day Service Service 10:00 am

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Bishop Umezu’s Visit: October 5, 6; Women in Buddhism Conference: Sat., October 19, 2013

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Betsuin Events for April 2013

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

April 7

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
9:15 am Sweet Tea Offering (In Auditorium)
10:00 am HANAMATSURI SERVICE
(In Auditorium)

Family: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: Rinban Castro

- 11:45 am Hanamatsuri Luncheon hosted by
Dharma School

April 14

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am CAMP FIRE SUNDAY SERVICE

Family: Youth Minister Assistant

Japanese Program

DSDX: MA Irene Goto

DX: Rinban Castro

- 11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting
11:45 am Camp Fire Reception in Gym
1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Rinban Castro)

April 21

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am EARTH DAY SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DSDX: Rinban Castro

DX: Rev. Warrick

- 12:00 PM Karuna Award Class (Rinban Castro)

April 28

- 8:45 am Meditation Service
10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE (No Dharma
School)

Family: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

- 11:45am SBBWA Board Meeting
1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Elliott Zimmer-
man)

MONDAYS

April 8

- 10:30 am Hanamatsuri Service at Keiro with
Koyasan and Nichiren Temples
2:30 pm Betsuin Scholarship Application
Deadline

TUESDAYS

April 2 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

April 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service

April 23 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am Dharma Support Weekly

April 3 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

April 10 10:30 am Dharma Support Group

April 17

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

7:30 pm Nobuko Miyamoto "Mottainai" Bon Odori
special dance instruction – all are invited

April 24 10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban Castro)

THURSDAYS

April 4 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

April 18

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

April 25 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

FRIDAYS

April 5 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting

April 19 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

SATURDAYS

April 6 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

April 13 Book Study Group – *A Life of Awakening:
The Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path* by Takamaro
Shigariki (Part 2) 9:30 – 11:30

MAY 2013: Major Events of Interest

Sunday, May 5

SBBWA New Member's Service and Luncheon

Sunday, May 19 Gotan-E Service

Sunday, May 26 Scholarship Awards Service

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Service at
Lakeview Cemetery

MAY Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, April 15, 2013

8:00 pm



Environmental Bon Odori ?

By Rev. Don Castro

On March 10, many of us had the opportunity to meet Nobuko Miyamoto at our Sunday Dharma Exchange and view three of her wonderful environmental music videos which I urge you to view on You Tube: BYO CHOPSTIX – MOTTAINAI – CYCLES OF CHANGE. Nobuko is a professional singer, dancer and dance instructor who, among other things, has worked with Rev. Mas Kodani at Senshin Buddhist Temple in L.A. to create English Bon Odori. Her arts organization is called Great Leap.

Before coming to Seattle where she was honored at the “Women Who Rock” (UN)CONFERENCE AND FILM FESTIVAL, Nobuko wrote to me, “When I performed for the World Parliament of Religions in Melbourne, Australia in 2009, the message of the indigenous people from round the world was ‘Do something about the environment!’ That started me on a journey. In 2010 we started creating our first Eco-Vids, environmental music video, which are distributed through YouTube.”

In addition to her “Mottainai” video, Nobuko has created a “Mottainai” Bon Odori dance “which has been done at the last 2 Obons by all the temples in the Southern District, maybe 10,000 people. We are pleased that children like the song and now know its meaning and talk to elders about it.” Fortunately for us in the Seattle area, Nobuko will be returning to Seattle for another event and, during her time here, she has made available the evening of Wednesday, April 17, to come to the temple and teach the Mottainai Bon Odori dance to anyone who is interested. The time for the instruction will be 7:30pm at the temple. The room location is still to be worked out.

The expression “mottainai” has a lot of layers of meaning but the best explanation I’ve seen is contained in the book “Namo Amida Butsu” by the late Rev. Chijun Yakumo who served Seattle Betsuin from 1970-1977. A deep appreciation of the expression can’t help but lead us to Jodo Shinshu for, as Yakumo sensei wrote, “...we are allowed to live solely because of the sacrifices of other living things...For me, there is no way to truly appreciate the lives I consumed other than to devote myself to becoming a Buddha; otherwise, my living this life sustained by their sacrificed lives would truly be *mottai-nai*.”

P.S. Since my newsletter article this month is so short, I want to share with you something I read this week that, remarkably, coincided with the selection of a new pope for the Catholic church: Pope Francis (named after St. Francis of Assisi). The Christian gesture of the hands in prayer is borrowed from the Indian “Anjali” or “Gassho.” Until the time of St. Francis of Assisi, the gesture of Christian worship was the hands outstretched to the sides as you see many charismatics do. St. Francis is said to have adopted the Gassho upon seeing it in use in the Holy Land among religious groups influenced by Indian Buddhism.

STUDY GROUP at Seattle Buddhist Temple This is a reminder that the Buddhist Study group will meet on Saturday, April 13, to discuss the second half of *A Life of Awakening: The Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path* by Takamaro Shigaraki. Reverend Castro has copies of the book for sale or loan. Checks can be made out to the Seattle Buddhist Church Bookstore.

We will meet from 9:30-11:30 in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

Wayne has sent a funny video on Mottainai as a follow-up to our discussion on February 16. The link is <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrMLqbxL0E0>.

Submitted by Leonora Clarke

SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION *Submitted by Joan Nakano*

SBBWA President's Message - New Members are Welcomed: We are seeking new members who are interested in Buddhist religion, seminars, temple and community service, meeting new members and learning new skills. We are a local association as well as NW District and Federation organization. Please see Kiyo Takashima or Joan Nakano in the temple office for joining information. **Friend of SBBWA:** We were very sad to lose a faithful supporter of SBBWA, Karry Sakamoto. Whether assisting us in cleaning the kitchen or helping our members with temple bazaars and Bon Odori, Karry Sakamoto was available to lend a helpful hand. Former Betsuin Temple President, he was giving with time and generosity. We will miss



Carolyn Kunihiro & Karry Sakamoto at Wisteria Park helping KSP Class

Karry's smile and his kindness very much. **Aging Workshop:** We are planning a workshop on Aging Issues on May 20 at 7:00 pm. This is a topic on our minds as we age,

as well as our family members. "Talking to Family about End of Life Preparations," is the name of the workshop put on by Cho Shimizu and Ed Wong. Cho Shimizu conducted a workshop for us last year on Medicare Updates. Topics such as updating financial forms to avoid probate, checklist of things to know, choosing an attorney, funeral issues and record of important information will be covered at this informative class. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hall-hallway next to the temple office.

Continuous Education Classes: SBBWA's chef, Ritsuko Kawahara, taught a delicious and healthy cooking class. We were very fortunate to have lessons of our culture demonstrated. The class members prepared Asari Iri Okara, Shira-ae, and Daikon leaf, Shirazu Boshi Rice. Chef Ritsuko served

the dishes on individual lacquered trays which made a beautiful presentation. We were in for a treat for our eyes and taste, accompanied with homemade tsukemono. Rikuko Tanaka taught an art craft class on Hanging Ornaments. Girl and boy dolls have been demonstrated in several styles. We are fortunate for having talented artists among our membership.

In gassho, Janet Baba



Rikuko Tanaka and doll ornament class

Donations - by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku

Janet Baba - In Memory of Tatsuko Tsunehara
 Julie Kataoka - In Memory of Yoshiko Kataoka
 Linda Harvey - For Mary Tsunehara's Funeral
 Shizue Yahata, Kanako Kashima, & Ann Oxreider - General Fund

Calendar:

April 7	Hanamatsuri Service	10:00 am
	Hanamatsuri Luncheon	11:45 am
April 14	SBBWA Board Meeting	11:45 am
April 28	SBBWA May Board Meeting	11:45 am

**All are Welcome to
 SBBWA's Fundraiser Breakfast**
 Sunday, May 19, 2013
 8:00 am – 9:45 am
 \$10.00
 sausage eggs rice
 miso soup tsukemono
 pancake waffle

Tickets on sale from mid-April.
 Thank you for your support.

ON BEHALF OF THE 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 paid for the 2013 fiscal year.

Hanako Aramaki; David & Micha Boneham; Tsuyako Chadwick; Jennifer Habu-Chinn; Sandra Cross; Yasuko Desaki; Kenny & Yoshie Dodobara; Lutes Fujita; Ellen Hale; Gary & Sandee Hamatani; Satoru & Grace Ichikawa; Laverne Imori; Iwako Iseri; Dale & Shizue Kaku; Kimio & Midori Kamimae; Mary Katayama; Patricia Kihara; Shizue Kikuchi; Masao Koba; Haruo Kobuki; Randy & Susan Lavigne; Andrea Mano; Jack Matsui; Joseph Matsuzaki; Helen Mizuki; Eiichi & Ruth Shigeko Morimoto; Yoshie Nakagawa; Iso & Ai Nishimura; Emiko Okada; Tokuzo & Mari Okumura; Zachary & Ann Ishimaru-Semke; Tiosh Oye-Shabaghlian; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Susan Shinoda; Victor Shinoda; Masaru & Anna Tahara; Kiyoko Takashima; Ken & Jill Williams-Takemura; Haruso & Sonoe Taketa; Rikuko Tanaka; Fumie Taniguchi; Erin Taylor; John & Arlene Yamada; Fujie Yamasaki; Sadie Yamasaki; Dennis & Elaine Aoki-Yamashita

We'd like to 'welcome' Masao Koba and Erin Taylor as new members to our Sangha.

***AS A REMINDER:** The **minimum** for 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, 2013.* If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com. (compiled by HL & SO)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 252 On March 9-10 Troop 252 had a crossover ceremony. After the ceremony the new “first year” scouts learned scout skills with the help of our guide, Henry Bates. The troop is going to do Scouting for Food, delivering door hangars on 3/23 and picking up the food on 3/30 in Mercer Island High School neighborhood. The troop is looking forward to the next razor clam digging campout with Troop 254 on April 27 -28. Gassho, Nathan S.

CAMP FIRE NEWS



Thank you to all the Camp Fire members, parents and everyone else who has supported our candy sale. In total we sold 6,949 units of candy. We are especially proud of all

the members who set their selling goals at the beginning of the sale and worked hard towards meeting them. Also a big congratulations to our high sellers: Kellie, Allison, Alina, Michelle, Brianne and Lacey.

Discovery 7/8 Submitted by Dana Nakashima

Group members are continuing Karuna Award activities. On January 23, Rinban Castro showed the girls a slideshow of many Buddhist artifacts.

February 3 the girls made onenjus. Tina provided some background history on Onenjus. The girls made some to keep and some to donate.

February 24 our group made mochi! Tina and Pam brought their mochi-making machines. The girls formed the hot mochi into individual pieces and added an (red bean) to some of them. The best part was tasting them!

March 3 we were invited to Mrs. Naomi Takemura's for a Japanese Tea Ceremony demonstration. Mrs. Takemura and three of her students showed our group different tools and utensils used in Tea Ceremony, then presented Tea and tasty treats to each of us. We learned the proper way to greet our hostesses, receive tea and drink tea. It was a great learning experience for us all.

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – January – March 2013

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Harry S. Shigaya – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 500	Terrie Shigaya
Toshio Taniguchi – Funeral service	\$ 250	Brenda Matsudaira
Mitsu Shigaya – 25 th Year Memorial	\$ 200	Mary Shigaya
Jinsei Takamura – 13 th Year Memorial	\$ 300	Kuniko Takamura
Nokotsudo for Jinsei Takamura	\$ 100	Marsha Takamura

Given by:

Remembrances for:

Given by:

Sae Akada	Janet Baba; Sue Fujino; Pauline Sakuma; Teruko Watanabe
Hiroko Hasegawa	Aiko & Minoru Fujii; Massie Tomita; Ayako Yasui
Takeo Katayama	Reiko Hara
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Aizo 'Buster' Kosai	Fred & Darlene Furukawa
Masaye May Nitta	Ronald & Judy Anderson
Harry Shigaya	Reiko Hara; Mary Shigaya
Sumiko Yamaguchi	Daisy Kuramoto
Dick Yoshimura	Fusae Yokoyama
Misao Yoshimura	Reiko Hara; Isako Kajimura; Fusae Yokoyama
In Memory of Unnamed	Denison & Sandra Parker, Jr. (Mililani, HI)



Temple Supervision:

Spokane Buddhist Church	\$ 200
Yakima Buddhist Church	\$ 100

Wedding: Janie & Joseph Naemura for wedding of son Jeff Naemura to Ashley Tange \$ 300

Other Donations:

Donor:

Spokane Buddhist Temple
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Robert Hamatani
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New Year's Day Service - Kosai, Hiroko Janet; Sakuma, Pauline; Shahbaghlian, Patricia Oye -; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Vogeley, Bill; Yamashita, Barry & Leslie;

New Year's Eve Service - Sakuma, Pauline; Suganuma, Aiko;

Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial - Brundige, Grace Tazuma -; Chinn, Connie Ozeki -; Hamakawa, Ron; Knutzen, Paul & Janet; Parke, Troy & Mayumi Terada -; Shibata, Gary & Deborah;

Tsunami / Earthquake - 3rd Anniversary - Anonymous; Baba, Janet; Kaneta, Miyoko; Kuwahara, Kinue; Seattle Koyosan Buddhist Church, ; Sumida, Florence;

Ohigan - Fall - Beard, Clara

DHARMA SCHOOL Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

All Betsuin families and friends are cordially invited to attend the

HANAMATSURI LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 7 at 11:45 AM

In the Auditorium/Gym

Dharma School will be preparing and hosting this complimentary luncheon. Please join us in celebrating the Buddha's birthday and enjoying the fellowship of our Sangha on this joyous occasion.

The Dharma school would like to thank all the families and friends who helped out with the Salmon Dinner Spring Fundraiser for the Betsuin.

Find Dharma School's amazing "Classroom Reports" online at SeattleBetsuin.com/newsletter, page 9.



2013 APRIL DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSROOM REPORTS

PreK/K The children have been learning to be thankful and to appreciate their differences. We read the story about Spoon and how he compared himself to a fork, knife and chopsticks, and felt they were more fortunate than him. He then realized all of the things he could do that they could not and was grateful for being who he is. The children then made a picture montage of all of the things they are thankful for by cutting out pictures from a magazine.

To prepare for the Pet Memorial Service, the students listened to the story about the swan shot by Siddhartha's cousin, Devadatta. The class talked about honoring the lives of animals and other living things. The students also discussed the significance of Nirvana Day and started coloring a book about the life of Buddha.

To celebrate Valentine's Day the students listened to a story about Fluffy the classroom pet who did not like Valentine's Day because he was being ignored while the children were preparing for Valentine's Day. In the end Fluffy loved Valentine's Day because the students made special Valentines for him. The students

then decorated cupcakes and made a special tag to give to their Valentine.

The Pre-K/K class discussed the love of Amida Buddha which surrounds us all. The students made a spiral craft and decorated it with stickers to represent this love.

On March 3, we celebrated Girl's Day. The children talked about the significance of the holiday and how it is observed in Japan. They made their own dolls from toilet tissue rolls by coloring and decorating them with origami paper. The dolls were then stuffed with candy.

Spring Ohigan was observed by talking about the spring equinox and the changes that occur in the spring. The children listened to the story A Nest Full of Eggs and made a picture of a robin and its nest of eggs.

6/7/8 grade The Middle School class has researched questions about Shinran and Honen that were used in a "Jeopardy" competition between each other. The remainder of the month, we watched the "Happy" DVD and practiced for our future Children's service that we are in charge of. Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE

March 10, 2013 - At Dharma Exchange we were treated to three short films by Nobuko Miyamoto, a professional dancer/singer who is from Los Angeles. Nobuko is the founder of greatleap.org. She explained her mission: helping all people realize how wasteful we are and how to stop it. Her films were informative, edgy, and filled with humor, all the while making the important point of wastefulness. The films are "B.Y.O Chopsticks," "Mottainai" and "Cycles of Change," all of which can be seen on YouTube at greatleap.org. Linda Ando of Seattle accompanied her to the Betsuin.

Nobuko will visit Cambodia soon on an outreach mission. She will return to Seattle April 17 to teach our Obon dance instructors her new dance, "Mottainai," which has been performed at 16 Southern CA temples at Bon Odori.

March 17, 2013 - Rev. Jim Warrick presided at Dharma Exchange and addressed questions and comments concerning O-Higan. A participant asked if O-Higan is particularly meaningful to those who are involved in the agricultural community because the focus is on spring and fall, planting and harvesting times. And further, Jodo Shinshu followers are generally the common people. Another participant mentioned that the Nichiren Temple performs cemetery visits during both spring and fall O-Higan. They go from grave to grave for each past member.

Sensei just returned from Southern CA and noted the people there seemed happier, and wondered if it's because the weather is always sunny. He experienced the same attitude in Seattle when the sun shines.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow