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NEWSLETTER

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Bon Odori Dance Practices: July 9 - 12, 16, 17, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Obon Cemetery Services: Saturday, July 14

12Noon Mt. Pleasant, 1PM Washington Memorial, 3PM Lake View

Obon/Hatsubon Services: Sunday, July 15, 10AM at Seattle Betsuin,

1PM at Evergreen Washelli, 3PM at Sunset Hills Memorial Park

Bon Odori Set-up: Thursday, July 19 & Friday, July 20, 6:30PM

SEATTLE BON ODORI: Sat., July 21, 4 - 10PM; Sun., July 22, 3 - 8PM
July 27 – 29 NWYBL Retreat

September 29, 2012 – “Being Buddhist in a Christian Society – focus on women”

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Betsuin Events for July 2012

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 WEEKLY except July 4

SUNDAYS *8:45 am Meditation Service Weekly!

July 1 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program: yes

DX: Rev. Warrick

July 8 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program: yes

DX: Rev. Warrick

July 15 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am **OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE at the Temple**

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program: yes

DX: Rinban Castro

1:00 pm **Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli**

Cemetery (Northgate)

3:00 pm **Obon Service at Sunset Hills**

Memorial Park (Bellevue)

July 22 3:00 – 8:00 pm BON ODORI

July 29 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto, Idaho-

Oregon Buddhist Temple

Japanese Program: yes

DX: MA Irene Goto

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

MONDAYS

July 9 (also July 10- 12, 16 – 17)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori Dance Practice in Gym

July 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial

Service (Rinban Castro)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori Dance Practice in Gym

TUESDAYS

7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori Dance Practice in Gym

July 17

7:00 – 8:30 pm Third Tuesday Dharma

Study Group (Rinban Castro)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori Dance Practice in Gym

July 24 10:30 am Keiro Service

WEDNESDAYS

July 4 Independence Day Holiday – Office Closed

July 11

10:30 am **Dharma Support Group

7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori Dance Practice in Gym

July 18, 25

10:30 am **Dharma Support Group

THURSDAYS

July 5 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

July 12 7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori Dance Practice in Gym

July 19

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

6:30 pm **Bon Odori Set-up**

FRIDAYS

July 7 9:30 am – 12:30 pm First Saturday Study

Group – Discuss 2nd half of “Ocean: An

Introduction to Jodo-Shinsu Buddhism in

America” by Kenneth Tanaka

July 20 6:30 pm **Bon Odori Set-up**

SATURDAYS

July 14 **Obon Services**

12:00 pm at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Queen Anne)

1:00 pm at Washington Memorial Park (Sea-Tac)

3:30 pm at Lake View Cemetery (Capitol Hill)

July 21 4:00 – 10:00 pm BON ODORI

July 27 – 29 (Fri.-Sun.) NWYBL Summer Retreat

August 2012: Major Event of Interest

Sunday, August 5

Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, September 29, 2012

“Being Buddhist in a Christian Society
– focus on women” a seminar at Seattle Betsuin
with Sharon Suh, PhD, Shoyo Taniguchi, PhD,
Reverend Patti Oshita

2012 Newsletter Deadlines – 8:00 PM on:

Monday, July 16, for August Issue
Monday, August 20, for September Issue



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Rinban's Message

The Bride in the Cemetery By Rev. Don Castro

Several years ago, after conducting Obon services at a local cemetery, I witnessed an event that, while probably not Buddhist, expressed the spirit that lies at the very heart of Obon.

As I started in the direction of the cemetery exit, I turned a corner and saw a young woman in her stunning white bridal gown walking across the grass while carrying her bridal bouquet. About twenty yards behind her was a formally dressed man leaning against a black limousine. The contrast between celebration and mourning, life and death, and beauty and dust was so stark that I literally felt a mental jolt and it took my mind a few moments to process this seeming apparition.

When I realized what was happening, I felt like an intruder witnessing a sacred ceremony. I could be wrong but this is how I read the scene: The bride had just married the man leaning against the limo and they were on their way to the reception site.



However, one of her parents had passed away and the first thing the bride chose to do following the wedding ceremony was to place her bridal bouquet on her loving parent's grave. What a wonderfully deep relationship they must have had and what a tender gesture! In witnessing this sacred moment, while I felt like an intruder, I also felt very fortunate.

Here in Seattle Obon is observed over two weekends. On the first weekend there are the solemn Obon-Hatsubon Service and the cemetery services where we recognize and appreciate the fragile nature of life and, at the same time, the causes and relationships that enable us to live meaningful lives. Our festive Bon Odori on the second weekend draws a far larger crowd. Bon Odori reaffirms the value and joy of our present life through dance. To have a complete experience of the spirit of Obon, we need to experience both weekends since life is both joyous and sad.

President's Message

By Yukio Morikubo

Why are you a member of the Seattle Betsuin? That is a complicated question, I know. But it is an important one for the leadership of the Seattle Betsuin to answer because it tells us how the Betsuin should serve you today, and how the Betsuin will need to serve our members in the future.

The simple answer is the obvious one: you find truth in the Buddha Dharma, as interpreted by Shinran Shonin, and you want to be a part of a Sangha committed to furthering those teachings. That answer is probably true for most of us, as far as it goes.

But, the real answer goes beyond the obvious. It goes to the complicated mix of emotions, preferences, beliefs and life experiences that result in you valuing the Seattle Betsuin enough to become a member, to contribute your time and money to it, to leave your home on Sunday mornings to listen to the Buddha Dharma.

There is interesting research out there about why some people become active church goers as



adults, and why others do not. The research points to a number of reasons -- everything from age (church goers tend to be older), to gender (women generally outnumber men), to nationality (44% of Americans say they attend church vs. 3% in Japan), to generational (Baby Boomers attend church less than the generations before and after). One study

posits that your father's attitude toward church attendance heavily influences your decision. Another, that whether or not you were involved in church youth activities at 16 affects your choice.

It would be impossible for the Seattle Betsuin leadership to take this research and make decisions based on it -- it's too complicated and the time frames for influencing church attendance are too long. However, we can ask ourselves some basic questions based on it.

- Do we have the right resources and programs to enable all of our members to connect with the

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Buddha Dharma -- be they 8 or 80, male or female, English or Japanese speaking?

- Do we welcome everyone, and do our members feel valued and connected?
- Are our facilities suitable, attractive and well maintained?
- Are we supporting families and engaging our youth?

- Are we striking the right balance between tradition and change?

- Are we communicating well?

As leaders, we don't always get things right, and since we rely on volunteers, it is easy to ignore important issues. But for me, I hope to make enough progress in the next 18 months to be able to answer each of these questions with a solid "Yes!" Do you want that too? Will you help?



SBC Camp Fire & YBA have a solution to plastic bags as their fundraiser

Beginning July 1, 2012 Seattle retail stores are banned from providing the single use plastic bags to customers. This includes the compostable type as well. Reusable bags are the alternative as the ban takes effect. The Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire and YBA organizations are selling reusable tote bags as a fundraiser and to help keep the environment green rather than having the bags thrown into landfills. Buzzle.com indicates that 100 BILLION bags are used annually in the United States alone. These reusable tote bags are 14" X 17" and come with a plastic bottom insert. They are black with the sagarifuji design in gold and "SEATTLE" in gold lettering. The bags sell 1 bag for \$3.00 or 2 bags for \$5.00. Bags can be purchased at the Temple office during regular office hours or on Sunday's after the service. They will also be sold during the Obon dance practices and the event itself on July 21, 22. Howard

Study Groups at Seattle Buddhist Temple

The First Saturday Buddhist Study group will meet on Saturday, July 7, to discuss the second half of Kenneth Tanaka's [Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo-Shinshu Buddhism in America](#). We discussed the first part (which focusses on General Buddhism) in June. The 2nd -4th parts focus on Jodo Shinshu. We have one Betsuin library copy and there are copies for purchase for \$14.00 (no tax). See Joe Schwab, Irene Goto, or Rev. Jim Warrick for details. Checks can be made out to the Seattle Buddhist Church. It can also be purchased online at <http://stores.buddhistbookstore.com/Categories.bok>.

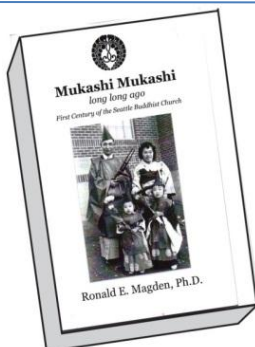
The Study Group meets from 9:30-11:30 in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. – Submitted by Leonora Clarke

Third Tuesday Study Group: Please contact the office at 206 329.0800 for up-to-date information. - IHG

Adult Buddhist Association

ABA gratefully accepts a generous donation from Donna and Steve Nobuyama in memory of Buster Kosai.

ABA Mahjong dates for July: Sundays, July 8 after ukulele class, July 15 at 11:30, July 29 at 11:30
Submitted by Gail Kaminishi



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Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

President's Message by Janet Baba Successful Chow Mein Take out:

We appreciate all the support we received from

our temple members for

our May 20 fundraiser. We sold 225 chow mein bentos in addition to manju, mochi, Japanese foods & baked goods. Ritsuko Kawahara, our lead chef, quality-tested the chow mein until it was just right. A manju making class was taught to some members in preparation to this sale. Many of our members made assorted manju & mochi for a mixed mochigashi plate.

Other members made a large variety of baked items, Japanese beans, & okara. We appreciate the effort of all our members to make this event a success. An invitation for a speaker for our Eshinni-ko/ Kakushinni-ko seminar & service this fall is one activity this fundraiser will support. More information on the seminar to be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012 will follow. Thank you all for your support and generosity.

Japanese Cooking Class: A Nimono and Chawan mushi cooking class was taught by Miyoko Tazuma in June.



Darlene, Michi, Fran, & Shizu.

SBBWA Cooking Class: So many of our members have culinary talents to share. We are fortunate to learn these skills to share with our own families and friends. A fall cooking class to be taught by Norigiku Horikawa will be announced at a later date.

Tillicum Village/Argosy Cruise: Our Activities Committee is planning an August 13 trip to Blake Island for a Puget Sound cruise and salmon bake for members, family, & friends. Please join us and make your reservation with Joan Nakano in the temple office by July 23. Call for reservation information at 206.329.0080. Contact Gwen Florence for transportation information.

Federation BWA Conference: "*Diversity in Oneness, Oneness in Diversity*," is the theme of our October 12-14, 2012 conference to be held in San Jose, CA. Keynote speakers are Rev. Masumi Kikuchi in Japanese and Prof. Evelyn Nakano Glenn in English. At our July 1 Convention Meeting assistance with registration and travel will be given. Registration packets can now be obtained in the temple office. Contact Joyce Kato for registration; Machiko Wada for travel information.

In Gassho, Janet Baba

Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer

Shizue Kaku Ruby Yasui - Thank You

Hal Ise - In Memory of Miyo Ise

SBBWA Calendar

Sunday, July 1	11:45 am	FBWA
		San Jose Conference Meeting
Tuesday, July 24	10:30 am	Monthly
		Service at Keiro
Sunday, July 29	11:45 am	SBBWA
		Cabinet Meeting

Submitted by Joan Nakano



SBBWA Cooking Class

Orion YouthCare Meals Program

Individuals or groups are needed to help plan, prepare, and serve meals to Seattle area homeless youth at YouthCare's Orion Center. On the 3rd Friday of each month, various temple groups, individuals and families have been participating in this monthly service project for the past 3 years and have found it to be hugely rewarding. Volunteers are needed for the months of August – December. Also, a huge thank you goes to the SBBWA and Meal Chair Nina Tomita-Kato and team for handling the June meal responsibilities. If you would more information or to sign up to help participate in one of these meals, please contact Mike Teramoto at 206-369-5986 or mteramoto@yahoo.com.



JR YBA: RELAY FOR LIFE, *Shinran Steppers*, Stepped Up

Last month Alex S. (7th grade, JR YBA member) submitted an informational article & meter indicating that our JR YBA had plans to participate in the Relay for Life at Greenlake on June 16. Our goal was to raise \$900, as determined by our team captain, Connor M. As of June 18, our team raised **\$2,193.40**.



Special 'thanks' to those who

contributed & helped our team to

surpass our goal: Alex S.; Tom & Bev Sakamoto; Kari Ann Yokoyama; Jason Y.; Susie Taketa; Clara Beard; Steve & Lori Chisholm; Michael McKinney; Mike Griffith; Lynn & Marilyn Shimada; Harry Taketa; Vicki Forte; Tina Ko; Jim & Tomi Zumoto; Ed Muneta; Dave Fujita; Jeff & Susie Yamane; Brian, Stephen & Keiji Yamasaki; Steph; Jim Warrick; Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Kelly Enstrom; Pauline Sakuma; Miyoko Kaneta; Janet Baba; Shirley Shimada; Grace Tazuma; Shizue Yahata; Steve Nobuyama; Nina Tomita-Kato; Gwen Kawabata-Florence; Paul Tomita; Howard Luke; Charlene Yoritsune; Hajime & Michi Hirata; Sets Harada; Sat & Grace Ichikawa, Bacon Family Foundation, Alana A, Ron Hamakawa.

From 8:30AM, on the 16th, our team was represented by Connor, Josh, Alex, Jason, Alana, Susie, & Steph, to set up our area with the canopy, tent, chairs, plus our 'Shinran Steppers' sign (Thanks, Susie). They participated in the opening ceremonies & cheered for those participating in the 'survivor's' lap. Then they joined in, doing laps for the team.



We appreciate the support of those who came & joined our team

members, doing laps around the track: Brian M., Jeff & Susie Y., Kathy Y. & Zoe, Donna Z., Jeff K. & Emily, & Madison.

Our team was well represented & participated in the various team events: the whiffle ball game (although we lost our game by 2 points, our youth team of 5 competed against an adult team of 8); Connor & Evan came in 2nd in the relay challenge race; Shinran Steppers

came in 4th in the trivia challenge. We also participated in the heart-felt luminaria lighting ceremony.

THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO THE CANCER SOCIETY; & TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED & PROVIDED US WITH ENCOURAGEMENT.

We're so pumped with enthusiasm that there are plans to participate next year. **The team:** Connor, Josh, Alex, Tyler, Alana, Brandon, Susie, Steph, Ron, Evan, Tina, Julianne, Brandt, Howard, Marie, Janay, Kayli, Kiana, Jason, Alissa, Rosie, & Lindsey.

DHARMA SCHOOL Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Thank you to all the Ministers, Teachers, Parents, and students who made this past year so successful. We appreciate all you do to make it happen.

We hope everyone enjoyed the last day of Dharma school festivities. Big thanks to all who helped out with that event.

Congratulations to all the attendance awards winners and our graduating seniors! Have a terrific summer!

Classroom Reports

The Pre-K/K class had a lesson on sharing and its benefits. We read the book The Rainbow Fish and created rainbow fish out of paper plates and crepe paper. The class listened to a story and discussed the many roles of a father and made cards and gifts to give to their dads on Father's Day. The Pre-K/K teachers have enjoyed sharing the Dharma with the

students in their class and thank the families for their support throughout the Dharma School year. We hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing the returning students in the Fall. **1st/2nd Grade** Our year wrapped up with more discussion of the Four Gratuities, specifically pertaining to country. Some of the students were easily remembering the acronym for them - Parents, All Life, Country, Three Treasures or PACT. For Memorial Day we made American flags from construction paper and discussed the meaning of the day. For Father's day we decorated magnets with pictures of the students in them! We say goodbye to our second graders and good luck. We will miss you. We look forward to seeing our new first graders and returning second graders in the fall!

Boy Scout Troop 252 On May 26 Boy Scout Troop 252 assisted Nisei Vets in placing American flags at Washelli Cemetery for Memorial Day Weekend. On May 27, Troop 252 went to the Nisei Vet's Hall and got a great presentation from Mr. Sat Ichikawa about the internment camps. Mr. Rian Ebesugawa taught us about some of the heroic stories about the Nisei Vets. On May 28, we were honored to provide color guard at the Nisei Veteran's Memorial Day Service at Lakeside Cemetery, which was an honor.

Thank you to the Akiyama and Hamamoto-Yee families for their generous donations. We purchased two Coleman stoves, two Coleman lanterns, pots-pans and other much needed gear. In Gassho, Chase HC

Buddhist Church Boy Scouts visit Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) Hall

On a rare sunny afternoon in May, the Scouts from the Seattle Buddhist Church hiked the short distance from the temple to the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) Hall. The Scouts have a long history with NVC and each year provide the color guard at our Memorial Day service at Lake View Cemetery.



Sat's experience moving to and living at Minidoka relocation camp during the War. His family was separated from his father, who as a Buddhist Church minister was considered a security risk and was sent to another prison camp in Montana.

They have also provided the color guard at our special events such as the rededication of the NVC Hall renovation and the presentation of the Memorial Wall. The Troop is the only remaining Nikkei sponsored Boy Scouts in the Northwest and it is always a pleasure to host them during their visits.

The Scouts, led by Scoutmaster Nelson Harano, annually visit NVC to learn about the legacy of the Nisei veterans and the World War II internment camps. Dale Kaku provided a short history of the Nisei veterans and the NVC Hall. He then introduced Sat Ichikawa who presented a slide show of his book, *Minidoka Story*. The book describes

Following the presentation by Sat Ichikawa, the Scouts were given a tour of the NVC Hall and museum. Rian Ebesugawa explained the history of the artifacts in the museum and additional stories about the veterans. After a short snack, the Scouts were shown the Memorial Wall before they departed back to the Buddhist Church.

The visit by the Scouts was organized by May Sasaki as a community outreach program for NVC Foundation. May was assisted by Frank Shinoda, Shelley Ebesugawa, and Shizu Kaku.

– Submitted by Dale Kaku

Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire Submitted by Lisa Butler & Grace Tazuma

On June 3, the Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire Organization held its yearend council fire. The Hummingbirds did an outstanding job organizing the celebration. Torch Bearer Badges and other emblems earned from trail work and candy sales were presented. Girls flying up to a new level were also presented with their new vests. Each group showcased their projects and accomplishments with unique displays throughout the gym. In addition, special presentations were made to Mrs. Margaret Teramoto for her contributions with pie making along with Mrs. Norigiku Horikawa for her contributions with helping the Hummingbirds with obi making. Gayle Teramoto was also recognized for her dedicated involvement with our candy sales. She received the special "I TAN A" award which was presented by Camp Fire Puget Sound Council Director, Mary Olsen.

The Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire group would like to thank all the Camp Fire parents and the Sangha for their support and enabling our organization to have another productive and successful year. zipseal bags. Please place your donations in the boxes at the temple. Thank you for your support.

Donate Your Used Books for Obon Book Sale Please drop your gently used, **inspirational, English language** books in the box in the foyer. Irene Goto

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations for May – June 2012

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Kiyoshi Yasui – Funeral Service	\$ 5,000	Ruby Yasui
	\$ 1,000	Kenneth & Joann Yasui
Aiko Yoshimi – Funeral Service	\$ 1,200	Mark & Crystal Yoshimi
Ken Teramoto – 7 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 600	Margaret Teramoto
Nokotsudo	\$ 300	Janet Kosai
Aurora Meadows – Graveside Service	\$ 300	Molly Hosner

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Remembrances for:

Imo Castro	Karen Akira
Aizo 'Buster' Kosai	Karen Akira
Grace McLeod	Rosalie Jacobson
Kazuko Nagai	Karen Akira
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Other:

Bodhi Day: Hori, Takashi
Etaikiyo Muen Hoyo:
Hori Takashi

Hanamatsuri: Hori, Takashi
Ho'Onko: Hori, Takashi;
Mamiya, Haruko

Ohigan – Spring:
Hori, Takashi, Mamiya, Haruko

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 2012 fiscal year since our last posting:

Clara Beard; Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Jene Deguchi; James Doi; Ron Hamakawa; Steve Harada; Ed Hiroo; Takashi Hori; Larry & June Iwafuchi; Harold Kawaguchi; June Kosai; Art & Lori Kozai; Yoshiko Kozai; Haruko Mamiya; Yoshiko Mamiya; Yukio & Karen Morikubo; Marianne Osaki; Sachiko Ozeki; Tom & Beverly Sakamoto; Harry & Terrie Shigaya; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Victor Shinoda; Gayle Sordetto; Margaret Teramoto; Fusae Yokoyama; Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama; Donna Zumoto;

***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, 2012. If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com
- Submitted by Steph Ojima

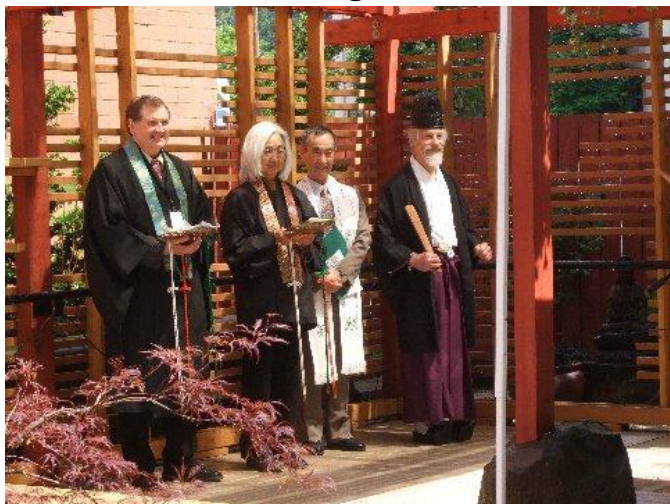
Yakima Buddhist Church observes Memorial Day Kathy Hata, Glenn Hata, Mary James, Lon Inaba, and Mas Seto along with Minister's Assistants Joe Schwab and Irene Goto laid peonies at gravesites of Nikkei in area cemeteries following a brief service at Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima on May 27, 2012.

Submitted by Irene Goto



JSCC Announces Poster Contest All temple members may enter The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course's contest to create a new poster for the on-line course. The poster will advertise the JSCC and the yearly enrollments that offered. The deadline to submit the entries by PDF file is September 15, 2012. A vote by the JSCC students and instructors will determine the winner who will receive a generous honorarium of \$300.00. The participant must follow specific instructions for the poster file. Contact the JSCC Office for further information: Lisa Mayeda, JSCC Program Assistant, Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704, Tel: 510-809-1441, Fax: 510-809-1459. Go to www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org.

Nikkei Manor's Ichigo Ichie Garden Courtyard dedicated Rimban Castro, MA Irene Goto,



Reverend Yukio Sakiyama of Japanese Baptist Church, Reverend Koichi Barrish of Tsubaki Grand Shrine of America offered their blessings at Nikkei Manor's Ichigo Ichie Garden Courtyard Dedication Service on Thursday, June 7 2012. The garden was designed by the students of the UW Landscape Architecture 2011-2012 Design-Build Program under the guidance of Daniel Winterbottom, Iain Robertson and Patrick McLeary. The students spoke about their experience in creating the garden and emotionally expressed their gratitude in being allowed to build the garden because of the residents of Nikkei Manor, Nikkei Concerns and the community. Photo is courtesy of Kiyo Takashima. Submitted by Irene Goto

Notes from Dharma Exchange

June 3, 2012 - Joe Schwab MA related how a total stranger stayed with a dying woman who was shot at random in Seattle recently. She comforted her and told her she was not alone. Joe felt it was an act of total compassion. . A participant thought the media hyped anything that happened that was bad, and Joe reminded us to employ the Buddhist practice of Right View when confronted with such stories. . . Joe presented five ideas about "life" and how we live it. A participant had talked to a Buddhist from Bhutan who told him Bhutan features happiness, and people there take it seriously. They extol the concept of Gross National Happiness (GNH). . . A participant thinks happy people are more "dumped on" than those who are grumpy because they are taken more seriously. The happy person is more often willing, compliant and agreeable.

June 10 - Rinban Castro and Rev. Warrick related how older people with Alzheimer's or dementia respond so well to music, and remember songs from their youth and sing them. . .Castro sensei advised not stopping while dancing even if you are lost. . . Northwest Airlines initially wanted a Shinto priest for a blessing at their dedication of a plane, but none were available at that time. So they invited Rinban Ouchi and Rev. Castro to perform a "blessing." Because blessings are not conferred in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Castro sensei simply said, "May all beings be happy." Ouchi sensei kept whispering excitedly to Castro sensei, "This is not a blessing, this is not a blessing". Finally he said, "If this plane goes down it won't be my fault.". . Nikkei Manor celebrated a garden dedication with a grand opening on June 7. The new garden is called Ichigo Ichie, "Treasure the Moment."

June 17 - Rinban Castro reported on the Meadows Cemetery in Ferndale, WA, and their alternative style of burial. The body is wrapped in a shroud and placed in the ground. A seedling is planted atop the grave. Sensei did not see any visible markers - thus, a different form of "reincarnation." He commented that a memorial service is a gift from our loved ones, not our gift to them. Also, he read that 95% of a typical tree is dead wood, and only 5% is actual living tissue. . .It is important to ask, "What is the nature and value of our life?" . . . Matter and energy are two aspects of the same thing, and according to the Dalai Lama, consciousness is a bridge between the two. Sensei feels such a belief raises concerns.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow