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### Wheel of the Sangha NEWSLETTER

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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*

Friday, May 3  
Saturday, May 4  
Sunday, May 5

Sunday, May 19  
Sunday, May 26  
Monday, May 27

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Scholarship Awards Service 10:00AM  
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**OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

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## Betsuin Events for May 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

**WEDNESDAYS as listed \*\*10:30 am DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP with Meditation at 1441 S Main St.**

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

#### May 5

8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children:

Adult: Rev. Warrick

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:30 am SBBWA New Member's Service  
 12:30 pm SBBWA New Member's Luncheon  
 1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Elliott Zimmerman)

#### May 12

8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE by Dharma School

Dads

Japanese Program

DX: TBD

#### May 19

8:00 – 9:45 SBBWA Fundraiser Breakfast

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am GOTAN-SE SERVICE

Family: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: TBD

12:00 pm Karuna Award Class (Rinban Castro)

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Elliott Zimmerman)

#### May 26

8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SERVICE

Japanese Program

DX: TBD

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

### MONDAYS

May 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

10:00 am Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery

### TUESDAYS

#### May 28

10:30 am Keiro Service

**Bishop Kodo Umezu to Visit  
 Seattle Betsuin on  
 Saturday, October 5  
 Sunday, October 6**

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

#### May 22

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

May 29 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

10:30 am Dharma Support Group

### THURSDAYS

#### May 2

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

May 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly

Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

### FRIDAYS

#### May 3

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting

7:00 pm English Public Lecture by Dr. Nobuo

Haneda from the Maida Center of Buddhism

May 31 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

### SATURDAYS

#### May 18

9:30 – 12:30 am Buddhist Study Group –

*Currents of Change: American Buddhist Women*

*Speak Out on Jodo Shinshu* by Rev. Patricia Usuki

### June 2013: Major Events of Interest

Sunday, June 2 All Sangha Memorial Service  
 Sunday, June 9 Awards & Recognition Service;  
 last day of Dharma School  
 Saturday, June 23 Bishops'/Rinbans' Memorial Service

Mon. – Fri., June 24 – 28:  
 KSP (Kids' Summer Program)

**JUNE Newsletter Deadline:  
 Tuesday, May 7, 2013  
 8:00 pm**

**Women in Buddhism Conference  
 at Seattle Betsuin  
 Saturday, October 19, 2013**

Speakers: Rev Patti Usuki, Rev Mariko Nishiyama,  
 Assistant Professor Naomi Kusumi,  
 Dept of Fine Arts Seattle University



# Wheel of the Sangha

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## Welcoming Dr. Haneda By Rinban Don Castro

For those of you unfamiliar with Dr. Nobuo Haneda, he is a frequent and very popular lecturer in our area and will be speaking in English at our temple on Friday, May 3, at 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Chapel. His last trip to Seattle was April 2011 when he was our Hanamatsuri speaker. At that time, he conducted a Japanese seminar on Saturday as he will at White River Buddhist Church this year on May 4 (10am-4pm). Dr. Haneda received his Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies from the University of Wisconsin and is the director of the Maida Center of Buddhism in Berkeley, CA. He is the translator and author of several books in English and lectured on his recently published "Dharma Breeze" when he last spoke here.

Dr. Haneda's approach to Shin Buddhism is based upon a school of interpretation that arose in the East Hongwanji branch of Jodo Shinshu (our temple belongs to the West Hongwanji branch). Even within the single tradition of Buddhism known as Jodo Shinshu, there exist various schools of interpretation. I enjoy studying various viewpoints, each viewpoint being like seeing the various facets of a jewel as you turn it. Another way of looking at interpretation is the analogy of the finger and the moon. True teachings are like fingers pointing to the moon. If you get stuck on the finger, you will never see the moon. This is not to say that all fingers are pointing to the moon, that all teachings are true, but there can be many fingers pointing to the moon.

One facet of Dr. Haneda's interpretation of Shinshu that I particularly like is "studentship" which I think is a good antidote to part of the ills afflicting Buddhism. There is too much emphasis on the teacher as a "Master", one who has found the Dharma and dispenses it. I remember Dr. Haneda once saying that if you find someone who sets himself up as a teacher run the other way. He advised looking for someone who says, "Let's study together." According to Dr. Haneda, "In order to restore the universal basis of Buddhahood, the 'humble and dynamic spirit,' Mahayanists created the symbol of Amida (or Dharmakara). Amida symbolizes a human spirit that keeps on advancing without being complacent with whatever it has attained." (*Dharma Breeze*, p. 29) So, let's study together on May 3 with this wonderful opportunity to hear Dr. Haneda.

## President's Message By Yukio Morikubo

It has been an eventful few months since I last submitted a president's message.

In late February, past president, Paul Mori, Rinban Castro and I attended the Buddhist Churches of America National Council meeting. This year it was held in San Mateo, California. It is the annual meeting at which proposals for national policy changes are considered and voted upon by representatives of the 65 or so temples that comprise the BCA.

The meeting was a good opportunity for temple representatives to meet and discuss the various proposals that were slated for consideration. If you are interested in what was discussed at the meeting, please come find me after service on any Sunday and I'd be happy to brief you. It was excellently planned and executed by members of the Bay District Council. They set a high bar for us; the Seattle Betsuin and the Northwest District Council will host the meeting in 2014.

In mid-March, we also had our first annual Salm-on Fundraising Dinner. The response from our

Sangha, other temples and the community at large was overwhelming -- and heart-warming. As an inaugural event, there were some logistical issues that we will certainly work on improving next year. But overall the event was hugely successful. Everyone seemed to like the food very much, and it was a great opportunity for old friends and past members to reconnect and support the Betsuin. Many thanks to committee chairman, Howard Luke, and his entire committee for undertaking this effort. [See Howard's article on page ]

Finally, also in March, we observed the passing of past president, Karry Sakamoto. Karry was a beloved father, brother and friend. For me, he was a steadfast, comforting presence at the Betsuin -- a role model for how to weather life's trials with grace. I want to express my gratitude for Karry's dedicated service to the Betsuin. Gokuroosama and arigatoo, Karry -- keep smiling.

Gassho, Yukio

## Reverend Dr. Nobuo Haneda to visit White River and Seattle by Irene Goto

- Friday May 3 Reverend Dr. Nobuo Haneda will give an English lecture at Seattle Betsuin Memorial Hall from 7PM – 9PM. The public is invited; donation is greatly appreciated; no registration is required.
- Saturday May 4 Seminar 9:30-4:00 – Seminar in JAPANESE at White River 真宗とは何か：歎異抄第二節 - What Is Shin Buddhism? : Chap. 2 of the Tannisho.) *Your generous gift offering is appreciated*; White River Buddhist Temple, 3625 Auburn Way North, Auburn, WA 98002; Phone: (253) 833-1442; <http://www.whiteriverbuddhistmpl.org/>, contact Karen Murakami at [wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net](mailto:wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net). *Registration Deadline – Sunday, April 28, 2013.*
- Sunday May 5 Dharma Talk at the White River Sunday Service
- Monday May 6 Wisteria View Manor (directly across the street from Seattle Betsuin) 10AM to 2PM Lecture (morning)/QA (afternoon); donation is appreciated;

no registration is required; please bring a brown bag lunch; contact Junko Nakano for more information.

**Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda** was born in Nagano City, Japan in 1946. Director, Maida Center of Buddhism, Berkeley, CA, 1997 to present. Publications: *December Fan; Evil Person; Heard By Me; Dharma Breeze*. Married and currently lives in Berkeley, CA.

## Seattle Buddhist Temple Book Study

**Group** will meet on Saturday, May 4 to discuss *Currents of Change: American Buddhist Women Speak Out on Jodo Shinshu* by Rev. Patricia Kanaya Usuki. The book can be purchased from the BCA Bookstore for \$10.00 (free shipping) at <http://stores.homestead.com/BCABookstore/Detail.book?no=48>. 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. Submitted by Leonora Clarke

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

**SBBWA President's Message** submitted by Janet Baba **Hanamatsuri at Keiro:** Rev. Castro conducted a service with our colorful Hanamido for Keiro residents with chanting, singing and a Dharma message by Rev. Taijo Imanaka from the Koyasan Temple. SBBWA members assisted with the wheel chairs for residents to pour sweet tea over the baby Buddha. A happy Hanamatsuri celebration!

shifts. This new fundraiser took new ideas and extra effort to pull the dinner together. Preliminary reports were mainly positive with some suggestions and details for improvement. SBBWA members will fill out a survey for feedback and comments.



Packaging barazushi for the Salmon Dinner Fundraiser



Rinban Castro and Reverend Taijo Imanaka from Seattle Koyasan Buddhist Temple at Keiro Hanamatsuri Service

**Salmon Dinner Fundraiser:** A big thank you to the Salmon Dinner Committee for planning this new venture and for all who participated in filling the work

**New Membership Service & Luncheon:** We are planning a service and luncheon to initiate our new members into our association this May 5. We hope all members will join us in welcoming our new members and join in for our fellowship obento luncheon.  
**SBBWA Breakfast Fundraiser:** We are having a fundraiser on Sunday, May 19 from 8:00-9:30am, before the Gotan-e Day Service. Tickets will be on sale in the temple foyer each Sunday prior to the break-



fast. Join us for pancakes, waffles, sausage, eggs, miso shiru, rice and tsukemono, all for \$10. Tickets for children 5 yrs. and under are \$5.

**Reminder of Aging Workshop:** Everyone is invited to join us in a workshop on Aging Issues of "Talking to Family about End of Life Preparations" on May 20 at 7:00 pm. Cho Shimizu and Ed Wong will give this workshop which will include checklists of things to know and updating financial forms to avoid probate. A signup sheet will be posted the hallway across from the temple office.

**Photos of Past Members:** We are seeking photos of deceased SBBWA members for a slideshow to present at our Annual Memorial Service on October 27, 2013. Please send any photograph of your family member in black and white or color with full name and date of birth and death, if known, to the temple office. Forward your questions to Machiko Wada through the temple office at (206) 329-0800. In Gassho, Janet

**Donations** - Submitted by Treasurer Shizue Kaku

**2013 Dana Day Donations** Sayeko Aoyama, Hanako Aramaki, Yuki Arinobu, Marian Asaba, Janet Baba, Clara Beard, Mae Deguchi, Yasuko Desaki, Yoshie Dobobara, Kelly Enstrom, Machiko Faught, Gwen Florence, Aiko Fujii, Sue Fujino, Sachiko Fujita, Mitsuko Fukuhara, Mary Furuta, Helen Gota, Eileen Hamamoto, Yoko Hamanaka, Miyuki Hanada, Peggy Hanada, Setsuko Harada, Deanna Ikegami, Yoko Isomura, Toshiko Isomura, Shizu Kaku, Midori Kamimae, Eileen Kanemoto, Kanako Kashima, Joyce Kato, Miyoko Kawaguchi, Masako Kawamoto, Sanaye Kawamura, Momoko Kido, Shizue Kikuchi, Evelyn Kitashima, Haruko Kobuki, Taka Kogita, Yoshiko Kozai, Masako Kubo, Carolyn Kunihiro, Daisy Kuramoto, Kinue Kuwahara, Irene Mano, Mariko Mano, Julie Mayeda, Yoshie Mikami, Takiko Miyauchi, Sheri Mizumori, Karen Morikubo, Sunnie Nagai, Yoshie Nakagawa, Judith Nakamura, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Junko Nakano, Joan Nakano, Nobuko Nakayama, Charlene Nakayama, Yasuko Natsuhara, Sadako Nishimura, Dorothy Nishimura, Mabel Nishizaki, Shizuko Nose, Marlene Okada, Mineko Okamura, Tomi Okano, Janie Okawa, Nobuko Otsuji, Sunkie Oye, Irene Saito, Mary Shigaya, Terry Shigaya, Etsu Shimbo, Kazumi Shimizu, Darlene Shimizu, Shigeko Sudo, Nori Suguro, Gail Suzaka, Anna Tahara, Kuniko Takamura, Jean Takano, Kiyo Takashima, Naomi Takemura, Sonoe Taketa, Frances Tamekuni, Rikuko Tanaka, Fumie Taniguchi, Martha Taniguchi, Terrie Tanino, Miyoko Tazuma, Suzuko Terada, Kayoko Terada, Dolly Tokunaga, Michi Vaart, Shizue Yahata, Susie Yamane, Fujie Yamasaki, Miyoko Yamazaki, Michiko Yanagimoto, Ruby Yasui, Fukuyo Yee, Sumie Yokota, Charlene Yoritsune, Mary Yoshida, Fuyo Yoshida, Isoko Yoshihara, Tomi Zumoto and Tina Zumoto-Ko.

**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.

**Donald & Karen Akira; Gaylen Akira; Michael & Carol Aoki-Kramer; Lani Carpenter; Mae Deguchi; Minoru & Aiko Fujii; Sue Fujino; Jack & Fumi Habu; Amy Hirasawa; George & Kayoko Kakiyama; Sharyl Kamihara; Daisy Kuramoto; Peter Kusakabe; Kelly Kuwahara; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura; Mary Osaki; Robert & Amy Seko; Shirley Shimada; Franklin Shinoda; Lori Tanaka; Sam & Masako Uchida; Fukuyo Yee; Sumie Yokota; Elliot Zimmerman**

**\*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)

Family of the late Karry Sakamoto - In Appreciation for Memorial Service Help

Peggy Hanada - In Appreciation for Album

**Calendar:**

May 5 New Membership Service and Luncheon

May 19 SBBWA Fundraiser Breakfast and

Gotan-e Service

May 26 SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

**SBBWA Fundraiser Breakfast**

**May 19, 2013**

**8:00 AM - 9:45 AM Dining Room**

**\$10.00 per ticket (5 and under \$5)**

**Rice, Miso Soup, Sausage, Eggs,  
Tsukemono, Pancakes, Waffles.**

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## March – April 2013

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

### Given by:

Michiko Kawauchi – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Scott Kawauchi
Mary Tsunehara – Funeral Service	\$ 700	Ron Tsunehara
Sae Akada – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 500	Estate of Sae Akada
Sam Taniguchi – In Memory of	\$ 500	Fumiye Taniguchi
Masaye May Nitta – Funeral Service	\$ 400	Linda & Frank SanChez, Jr.
Toshiko Enomoto – In Memory of 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	\$ 100	Kayako & Robert Hinz, Jr.
Nokotsudo for Hiroko Hasegawa	\$ 50	James Hasegawa

### Remembrances for:

### Given by:

Imo Castro	Mitsuko Fukuhara
Hiroko Hasegawa	Anonymous; Kenny & Yoshie Dodobara; Mitsuko Fukuhara; Takiko Miyauchi; Stanley and Connie Ozeki-Chinn
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Harry Shigaya	Mitsuko Fukuhara; Stanley and Connie Ozeki-Chinn
Susumu Shimokon	Tsuyako Chadwick
Mary Tsunehara	Gail Kaminishi
Misao Yoshimura	Frances Kobayashi; Linda Shimizu

**Japan Tsunami 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Service:** Anonymous; Aiko Fujii; Janet Baba; Miyo Kaneta; Kinue Kuwahara; Florence Sumida; Naomi Takemura; Seattle Koyasan Buddhist Church;

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

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## March 23 Salmon Dinner Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who came to the fundraiser dinner and submitted their payment for the tickets that were distributed. By all accounts, while there were a couple of areas to focus on for improvement, our initial Salmon Dinner fundraiser was a success. For the positives, the Salmon Dinner fundraiser accomplished one of the goals of reducing the burden of work required of members as was needed for our Spring Bazaar. The Salmon Dinner did not require the many tasks that were required in the days leading up to the event, nor did it require some individuals to start showing up before 6:00 AM to work on food preparation. While the final financial results are still preliminary, the net proceeds from the Salmon Dinner event exceeded the net proceeds from the prior year's Bazaar and doubled the budgeted amount for the event.

A large consideration in changing the nature of the event was the enormous time and effort expended on holding a Bazaar by a dwindling Sangha population. The financial return from such an effort was also considered, seeking an alternative with similar return without the enormous effort.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we know there was a delay in guests receiving their meals in the restaurant and for take-out. The unexpected number individuals wanting take-out meals delayed our ability to keep up as soon as the doors opened. The actual number of tickets sold exceeded the count we had 1 week before as the walk up crowd was hard to estimate and not planned out. While we did want to encourage attendance to this fundraising event and to have a meal for them, we did not want to have excessive food left over. While we served the pork entrée from the start for those that chose pork, we ran out of the salmon entrée from the unexpected higher attendance, but we were still able to serve a pork entrée in place of salmon.

Many involved in the planning for this first time event had been on the former Spring Bazaar committee. Individuals attended multiple meetings during the past year to select an event; once it was decided, they worked on the detailed plans; various organizations throughout the Temple were

represented. It would be difficult to list everyone who helped as it was very busy during the event; everyone worked very hard for this initial event and some individuals stepped up to handle unforeseen bumps. I do want to call out a few individuals for their contributions:

Mr. Kris Kosugi, who prepared the salmon entrée and had provided the varying samples at the meetings before a decision was made on the recipe used at the fundraiser, Mr. Ron Hamakawa, who was the person in charge of procurement, licensing and permits and prepared the pork entrée, Mr. Dale Kaku, for reaching out to Jeff Hattori, CEO for Nikkei Concerns, Nissei Vets and Kawabe House to sell 45 tickets for the event, Mrs. Mitsuko Terada, a White River Buddhist Temple member who helped sell 65 tickets to the event as we asked that people reach out to family and friends to sell the tickets rather than returning unused tickets, and Mrs. Pauline Sakuma who sold approximately 30 additional tickets outside of the ones mailed to members.

We will be discussing the areas needing improvement to make this a better and more successful event in the future and asking for your continued support of the Temple's fundraiser. -HL

## Seattle Buddhist Church eScrip

**Program** Thank you to those of you that have signed up for the eScrip program from a local drug store. The Temple receives a percentage of your eligible purchases as a direct contribution from the vendor as their way to support non-profit organizations in the community with funds deposited directly into the Temple's bank account.

There is a special incentive running through May 31, 2013: With every 25 new registrations to the eScrip program our temple is entered into a drawing for a \$500 cash contribution by the local drug store. Please consider signing up to support the Temple by normally purchasing your usual items when you shop from the vendor.

Sign-up is easy and the Temple's group number can be found on the form in the Temple's foyer [and on [www.SeattleBetsuin.com](http://www.SeattleBetsuin.com)]. Please complete the form, take it to the store and start having a percentage of your eligible purchases contributed to the Temple. The contribution is from the store and is not an additional amount added to the cost of your purchases. (Note: Bulk mail rules prevent the use of the local drug store name but can be found on the form.)

-HL

Fundraiser Photo by Sat Ichikawa



## **NEW ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE - SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO**

**Sunday, June 2, 2013**

**Service at 10:00 AM**

This important, annual service is dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of members and friends of the temple who have gone before us.

This year **photos of those being remembered will be displayed on a screen** in the hondo during the service. We invite families of the deceased to submit the name and a photo of their loved one to [allsanghamemorial@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:allsanghamemorial@seattlebetsuin.com). Please limit the file size of photographs to 100KB. Please include your name and telephone number in your e-mail message.

If you do not have a digital photo available you may bring a color or black and white photograph to the Betsuin office and the office staff will scan it for you. If no photo is available **you may submit just the person's name** to the same e-mail address and it will appear on the screen during the service.

The deadline for submission of photos and names is Monday, May 27. We cannot guarantee that photos/names received after the deadline will be included. The photos/names will be displayed in the order received.

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

### **HELP WANTED**

#### **• VOLUNTEER BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENER**

Margaret Teramoto has been offering her service to take blood pressure measurements for our members on the last Sunday of each month for the past 20 years. She was once a part of a team, but has been doing this solo for several years. It is time for her to pass on this important monthly service to someone else.

#### **• AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

**VOLUNTEERS** to set up equipment for seminars & special events.

If you are interested in offering either of these services, please notify the office at 206 329.0800 or at [Office@SeattleBetsuin.com](mailto:Office@SeattleBetsuin.com). Training is available. Submitted by Irene Goto

### **Professor Ryo Imamura of Evergreen State College gave a short lecture on Jodo Shin and Zen therapies**

and their success both in Japan and the US on February 23, 2013 at Seattle Betsuin from 12 to 4 pm after participants shared lunch together. These therapies feature fairness and ethics to which most people respond positively. His students took copious notes while the rest of us were given a better understanding of both Naikan and the Zen based therapies. This was followed by questions and answers and then small group discussions where his students and our Sangha members talked about our answers to the questions he had proposed. We were impressed with the Evergreen College students' thoughtfulness and understanding of Buddhism. According to Rev. Imamura his students were equally impressed with the Sangha members' openness in sharing our thoughts and experiences in Buddhism. He brought the discussion to a close even though it appeared that no one wanted to stop! Clean-up went quickly with the help of the students and Sangha! Thank you, Rev. Imamura and all 24 participants - Sangha members and 18 students! And special thank you to Karen Akira, Pat Bobrow, Lisa Kumasaka, Gail Kaminishi, Ed Kato, Tomi Okano, Mo Okita, Ben and Etsu Shimbo, Midori Takagi, Kevin Tanemura, Akico Taniguchi, and Tomi Zumoto! And we brought in \$256.00 from the registrants. Submitted by Shirley Shimada

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 252** On March 23, the troop distributed fliers for Scouting for Food around Mercer Island High School neighborhood. On the following Saturday we went back to pick up foods. Total of 22 bags of food were collected and donated to the food bank. We had an opportunity to help Salmon Dinner event that some scouts could earn part of their service hours. On April 26-28, some of our scouts went to a joint campout on the coast for a razor clam digging with Troop 254. On May 25, we plan to be at Washelli Cemetery to place flags; on May 26, we are going to visit NVC Hall; on May 27, we will conduct Color Guard for NVC Memorial Service at Lakeview. Gassho, Nathan

**DHARMA SCHOOL** Submitted by Joyce Tsuji  
Many thanks to Elliott and his crew of Dharma school families for coordinating and decorating the beautiful hanamido. Also special thanks go to Ron, Marie, and Joan for organizing the delicious Hanamatsuri luncheon and to all their helpers.

### Classroom Reports

First/second grade For Ohigan we reviewed the story of the 3 bears to talk about the Middle path and why we celebrate this holiday at the equinox. The students completed a bear word search afterwards. For girl's day we made origami dolls of the empress and emperor. The kids learned more about each other and themselves as they made "me" books

where they listed some personal facts and favorites. We practiced how to gassho and colored a picture of hands encircled by a nenju. Finally to celebrate Hanamatsuri we decorated cups and planted sunflower seeds in them.

6/7/8 Grade The middle school class spent many weeks with the high school class viewing "Happy" a documentary on happiness. Great conversations evolved from our wise and thoughtful dents. They are in a good place...families be proud. We are also preparing for our debut at the Children's service, we'll be in charge of the service in May.

## NOTES FROM DHARMA EXCHANGE

**March 24, 2013** - Rinban Castro answered a participant's question concerning reincarnation. He quoted from Shinran, who indicated we have had countless lives before our present life, and further commented on how to make sense of our present life. He said we never know reality totally. He illustrated his point by telling the story of the five blind men and their perceptions of an elephant. . .The question was posed, do Buddhist celebrate Christian holidays? Sensei said "sympathetic joy" is part of acknowledging our friend's happy celebrations. . .A participant thought some religious traditions "plundered" the tradition of other groups. . .Sensei talked about St. Francis of Assisi who introduced hands clasped together in what Japanese Buddhists call gassho. Also, the halos we see in religious paintings and the *nenju* Buddhists use were adapted from the Eastern religions St. Francis encountered in his travels to convert people to Roman Catholicism.

**March 31** - Rinban Castro indicated "comfort zones" that some hold are unreal, and that it often takes a disaster for them to realize they actually don't exist. "Dynamic ignorance" refers to people who do not wish to deal with things. They live their lives in their own comfort zones. . .A participant related his experiences in Viet Nam, which was a very poor country when he was there as an exchange student. The water quality caused him to be sick most of the time. Sensei commented that when that difficult period ends we come to realize how great life can be. . .Rosalie and Matt recently attended a MAPS conference in Berkeley at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. MAPS is part of their

studies toward becoming a certified ministerial assistant. Rev. Harry Bridge was a speaker, and they met people from New York, New Jersey and California, including a ministerial assistant who is a psychologist. Rev. Dr. Ryo Imamura of Evergreen State College founded and operated the East West Counseling Center in Berkley under the auspices of the Higashi Honganji during the 70s and 80s. Rosalie and Matt encountered many new ideas. . . A participant asked Sensei if he was ever bored. Sensei said there are too many things around for him to be bored. . . Another participant stated ignorance and stupidity are not the same -- ignorance means one *prefers* not to learn; whereas, stupidity means one has *no ability* to learn. . .White River Buddhist Temple will hold their annual Chicken Lunch on April 21, 11a to 3p, \$12.

**April 7** - Following the Hanamatsuri Service, Rinban Castro advised that we live at the expense of others. (Think oil wells, airplanes.) According to a Catholic priest, God put animals on Earth for us to eat. . .The Koyasan temple held a ceremony asking permission of animals for the ground-breaking necessary for an addition to the temple. . .The wishes of a person who files a Death with Dignity form must be respected. Irene felt that the family is being selfish at continuing to prolong life with suffering when all hope is gone. Sensei said we must be clear with family members on what we really want at the end of life. Further, he said the purpose of life is to embrace both birth and death, according to Buddhist teaching.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

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**April 14** by Ann Oxreider

Rinban Castro opened by reading lyrics from a song by Berkeley songwriter Malvina Reynolds. He said that from these we get a sense that "everything is empty of a permanent, unchanging essence -- or soul. When you couple the teaching of soullessness with impermanence you see that everything is flowing into everything else. This leads to a perfect sense of interdependence. These are the core teachings of Buddhism."

The discussion moved to the theme of today's Dharma message, namely paying attention to the little things in life. Photography, as shown by speaker Alissa Kato, is one way to pay attention to the big picture as well as the details. Sangha members talked about the power of moments when they or others were absorbed in quiet observation.

In a final discussion related to Rinban's Hanamatsuri Dharma talk about ants, he noted that even when we're killing insects that bite or sting, we must recognize that, "I live at the expense of other forms of life."

## 2013 Hanamatsuri Snap Shots

"I heard such good comments at the luncheon that I wanted to let you know how appreciated the Dharma parents' efforts are. Thank you to Ron Hamakawa and the Dharma parents for a very delicious luncheon on Hanamatsuri Sunday....Thank you very much." - Shirley Shimada

Photos by Irene Goto

