



The Buddha and Matsutake

By Rinban Don Castro

Matsutake mushroom season is upon us and the “matsutake van” is already parking across the street from the temple on Sunday mornings. Did you know that the Buddha never once ate matsutake – that is, after he became enlightened? When he was a child in the castle living a luxurious existence as a prince, he ate lots of matsutake and he loved it! Once he became a Buddha, however, out of selfless compassion, he always gave his matsutake away to someone who really enjoyed it but couldn’t get it on their own.

Do you know why we are not Buddhas in this life? It is because we don’t give our matsutake away. Oh, we may give a little away as long as we have enough for ourself. (Please don’t think I am criticizing anyone. I am talking to myself here and it’s not just

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President’s Message

I go to the Dharma for guidance...

Providing Buddhist, and specifically Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, education is one of the key elements of our mission at the Seattle Betsuin. Our “educators” (i.e., ministers, ministers’ assistants, Religious Committee members, Dharma School teachers and other volunteers at the Seattle Betsuin) take this charge seriously. They work hard, most without compensation, to share the Dharma so each of us can empower ourselves to live happier lives, and gain the insights that will lead to greater wisdom and compassion. Please take a moment this month to recognize their efforts.

The Dharma is not easy to teach or to learn. In order to understand and internalize it, the speaker needs to use the right words, the right analogies, and the right delivery to communicate it, and the listener needs to be ready to hear it. And this needs to happen at the right time, or in a way that is so memorable that the listener can recall it when he or she is ready to internalize it.

It takes an amazing amount of work and dedication to create that spark. But when it happens, the spark can ignite insights that will help lessen someone’s pain or improve someone’s appreciation of life. So, our educators persevere.

And perseverance is the key. The Seattle Betsuin provides a constant flow of educational

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...Minister's Message continued from p. 1 matsutake I am talking about). Some years ago, I was told by a staff member at Keiro or Nikkei Manor, "There is so much matsutake this year that people are bringing it to Keiro." That statement set me to wondering. What about the lean matsutake years? Is there a person out there who says to himself in a sincere and heartfelt way, "There is so little matsutake this year that I will give it all away to Keiro so they can enjoy it at least one last time."? If there is such a person, he/she must truly comprehend the intent of Amida's Primal Vow. As for the rest of us, how shameful yet how grateful at the same time! I wonder if our founder, the foolish, bald-headed Shinran, loved matsutake. I wonder if he gave it away.

*For those who find this article strange, please study the issue of "Twofold is the Profound Conviction" (*Nishu Jinshin* in Japanese).

... President's Message continued from p. 1 opportunities and resources to you, our Sangha, so it's there whenever you are ready for it or need it. Sermons are written, classes are planned, seminars are organized, Japanese sermons are recorded, newsletters are compiled and published. Our educators do an amazing amount with our finite resources of time and money. I commend them all for their work in advancing our educational mission.

If you have not had the chance to participate recently of any of our seminars, services, or other religious or educational events, I urge you to do so. We offer opportunities that run the gamut from small and intimate book group discussions and meditation services to larger events like our recent Women in Buddhism Conference and our upcoming Northwest District Convention in February 2015.

Even as you read this newsletter, please take a moment to appreciate the efforts of those who put it together, month in and month out.

These efforts provide you with your opportunity to "go to the Dharma for guidance..." They allow you to benefit from ancient wisdom that would be much harder to encounter if the Seattle Betsuin didn't exist. And it is here for you anytime you are ready.

Gassho, Yukio.

Workshop with Rev. Akinori Imai (IBS-CBE Speaking Tour) at Seattle Betsuin was attended by 20 members on Sunday, September 7, 2014 *photos by Sat Ichikawa and Irene Goto*



SBBWA by Machiko Wada, *I am writing this article for Janet Baba who is away on a trip.*

The Kato Family Reception Our vice president Joyce Kato and her family moved to California toward the end of September. On September 14, our Betsuin members had a chance to say goodbye and thank the



family for their tremendous contributions for the Temple. Joyce served as our BWA vice president over the last several years. Her husband Ed helped on many occasions – most significantly: editing our first photo display of the BWA deceased members for the annual memorial service. He spent many hours entering 700+ names and over 70 pictures. Thank you Joyce and Ed for all you have done!

Looking for Yarn If you have any yarn sitting around in your closet, please consider donating it to a good cause. BWA member Mrs. Toyoshima has been knitting hats for homeless people for some time, and she would be very appreciative to receive extra yarn. She enjoys knitting and her hats that will keep many people warm this winter. Please contact the front office for details.

Hospitality Committee We have many committees working hard for the BWA and the Temple. In recent months, the hospitality committee cleaned the lounge and served tea for visiting ministers and other guests. Thank you for all the work you have done!

Safe Driving Class We are planning to have a Safe Driving class at the Temple. Fred Sakura is an experienced instructor also teaches for the Nikkei Horizon classes.

Classes are scheduled for Wed., Oct.22, and Fri., Oct. 24. It is a 2 day course.

If you are an AARP member, the cost is \$15. If you are not a member, it is \$20. Minimum of 8 students are needed. The times are 10am – 3pm, with a 30 minute lunch break on each day. Bring your own lunch. Contact the Temple office for details.

Recent Donations Received from:

Setsuko Harada,
in memory of Ume Terao and Mitsuyo Harada
Kinue Kuwahara to SBBWA
Nina Tomita-Kato, in memory of Masako Tomita
Sumie Yokota, in memory of Michiye Nomura

Calendar

Oct. 5 SBBWA Board meeting
Oct. 10–12 FBWA Conference- Irvine, CA
Oct. 26 SBBWA Memorial Service

Listening assistance devices (hearing aids) are available upon request for memorial services, weddings or other specially scheduled services held at the Betsuin. Please call the Betsuin office at (206) 329-0800 or e-mail office@seattlebetsuin.com with your requests.

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION TO OUR TEMPLE

Our Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple is a very complicated place with a wide variety of activities. As a newcomer, it is challenging to get the “big picture” and figure out how you can best benefit from our programs and to understand the expectations that go along with temple membership; in other words, how you can fit in.

As a minister, it is frustrating for me to see new faces on Sunday and not have the opportunity to get to know newcomers and answer their questions (Sunday is a very busy time).

As a way of offering the opportunity to have your questions answered and to get to know the minister(s), I have set aside one Saturday morning every month from 10am to noon for interested newcomers to orient themselves to the Buddhist teachings, temple activities (including rituals) and remarkable history of our temple. Of course, I am happy to meet with you at other times during the week by prior appointment. If you would like to meet, either on a Saturday or another time during the week, please call our office at (206) 329-0800. On the pre-scheduled Saturday orientation, you do not have to be here for the entire two hours and we can arrange for a 30 minute or one hour session. Orientation dates for the next three months are: Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13.

Thank you, in gassho, Rev. Don Castro, Rinban

Dharma School Welcome back everyone!! The first day of Dharma School got us all off to a wonderful start with the hondo and halls filled with lots of excited children. We look forward to a terrific year. Thanks to everyone who came, registered their children and provided refreshments.



Photo by Sat Ichikawa

All Dharma school parents are welcome in the Memorial hall chapel for parent's meetings and Dharma exchanges this year during class time.

Hatsumairi, or a child's first visit to the temple will be observed on October 19. In this special service children are presented to the sangha and parents pledge to raise them with the dharma. If you are or know of a family with an infant/child who you would like to participate in this event please fill out a registration form and return it to the temple by October 12. There is a form in this newsletter and additional copies will be available in the foyer.

Calling All Children Interested In The Upcoming Ochigo Procession Sunday, November 2, 2013! If you have a child who is interested in participating in this memorable event coinciding with the Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo service, please pick up a participation form in the foyer and return to the Betsuin office by Sunday, October 19. You may also contact the Betsuin office for more information at [\(206\) 329-0800](tel:2063290800).

Classroom Reports

Pre-K & Kindergarten: The Pre-K/K teachers welcomed their new and returning students on the first day of Dharma School. After talking about the Buddha being "as wise as an owl" the students discussed how they can strive to be wise. Classroom/temple behavior and manners were outlined. The following week each student made a personalized onenju after listening to a story about an onenju and discussing how to care for it. The teachers look forward to a fun and exciting year exploring the Dharma with their students and families.

1st/2nd grade: We've started off the first two Sundays with about 10 very enthusiastic, bright kids including several new students. We began by introducing ourselves, learning each other's birthdays and some of our favorite snack foods. Yum! Next we read a couple stories about Yoko's classroom and classmates, some who have trouble following rules at school and discussed good rules to have for the rest of the year so we can all be safe, considerate of each other and have fun. We have agreed on the ones we like for our class contract.

-submitted by Joyce Tsuji

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... We would like to "thank" the following regular members, for contributing their annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is the list of those paid members for the fiscal year of 2014, since the last posting.

Eric & Carol Ashihara; Jim Akizuki; Ed & Jenni Chin; Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Leonora Clarke; Helen Gota; Robert Hamatani; Peggy Hanada; Steve Hasegawa; Mary Hikida; Mickey & Yoshi Hiroo; Steven & Cathleen Hokoda; Norigiku Horikawa; Hal Ise; Sharyl Kamihara; Nina Tomita-Kato; Noboru & Hats Kawada; Frances Kobayashi; Taka Kogita; June Kosai; Takiko Miyauchi; Yoshiko Miyauchi; Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham; Ken & Jean Moriyama; Fumiko Nakamura; Craig & Joan Nakano; Curtis & Charlene Nakayama; Nancy Okawa; Sachiko Ozeki; Louise Sakuma; Dave & Joyce Tsuji Scattergood; Nori Suguro; Paul Suguro; Kazue Tagami; Naomi Takemura; Susie Taketa; Masao & Frances Tamekuni; Ruby Yasui; Ken & Anna Tamura Yocom

We'd like to 'welcome' Ken Yocum and Anna Tamura Yocum new members to our Sangha.

OCTOBER BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP submitted by Leonora Clarke

The Buddhist Study Group will meet on Saturday, October 4 at 9:30-11:30am in the Memorial Hall Chapel. We will discuss the book *Grasped by the Buddha's Vow*, a translation and commentary on Tannisho by Toshikazu Arai. It is available online for \$16.95 from a major online vendor. If you have another version of the Tannisho, it is fine to read that one as well. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

Reverend Rev. Koyo S. Kubose, Bright Dawn Center, will be guest speaker

on Sunday, October 5, 2014 at the 10:00 a.m. service in English

and at the 10:45 a.m. Japanese service in Japanese.

He will also participate in a special combined Dharma Exchange with

Dharma School parents. – IHG



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 19, 2014. 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 Temple, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144** or call the temple office by **October 12, 2014**. 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 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

2014 Hatsumairi Registration

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

Parent’s Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City State Zip Code

Phone _____ E-mail _____

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations September - October 2014

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Ray Okamura – Funeral Service	\$ 500.00	Trisha Morton
Correction: Asako Okubo – Funeral Service	\$ 350.00	Estate of Asako Okubo
Mary S. Akada – 1 st Year Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Estate of Mary S. Akada
Nokotsudo for Dick Hara	\$ 300.00	Reiko Hara
Joe Wakazuru - In Memory of	\$ 300.00	Barbara Wakazuru
Toshiko Enomoto – In Memory of	\$ 200.00	Miyoko Yoshikawa
Patrick Shimizu – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu
Sengo Shimizu – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Roy & Kazumi Shimizu

Given by:

Remembrances for:

Given by:

Mary S. Akada	Larry Yoshioka
Katsumi Aoyama	Yvonne Edamura; Setsuko Harada; Ayako (Ruby) Yasui
Michael Higa	Jane Hamatani
Gayle Hoshino	Connie Ozeki-Chinn
Shao-Chen Hung	Warren & Kathleen Ligan; Lily Jeng; Minh Ta; Lauren Uyeda
Richard Ishikawa	Anonymous
Mineko Okamura	Irene Akada; Carol Shinbo
Ray Okamura	Alan Kato; Kazue (Katie) Kato; Marilyn Kato; Daisy Kuramoto; Joe Matsuzaki; Trisha Morton; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Akiko Narusawa; Steve & Elizabeth Okamura; Meri Shimada; Florence Tsuchida; Sam & Masako Uchida
Kozo Yamaguchi	Akiko Narusawa

Temple Supervision:

Spokane Buddhist Temple \$ 100.00

General Donations:

For:

Sunkie Oye	In honor of Anna Tahara's 80 th Birthday
Connie Ozeki-Chinn	General Donation
Shirley Shimada	Donation for Altar Accessories
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa	General Donation
Joe & Carolyn Schwab	Endowment
Rev. Koran Okahashi	Offertory
Anonymous	General Donation
Alvin & Mitsuko Terada	General Donation
Steven & Stacey Shigaya	General Donation

- submitted by Pauline Sakuma

Buddhist Churches of America Center for Buddhist Education Programs

Visit the BCA Website bcasites.net for online registration and program updates

October 10 - 12, 2014: Sharing Our Lives as Buddhists, Irvine, CA



Fall Japanese Seminar

Saturday, October 25, 2014 10 am - 3 pm



Speakers will include five ministers from Japan participating in the International Ministerial Orientation Program (IMOP) giving Dharma messages, plus two ministers from the Tsukiji Hongwanji giving presentations about the Tsukiji Hongwanji. This program will be in Japanese.

Rev. Joshin Kamuro: No Discrimination between the Inside and the Outside of the Ocean
かむろ じょうしん うみ うちと
禿 定心 : 「海の内外のへだてなく」

Rev. Makoto Ichiwa: I and Buddhism 一羽 諒 : 「私と仏教」
いちわ まこと わたし ぶっきょう

Rev. Nariaki Hayashi: The Power of Amida Buddha 林 斉昭 : 「阿弥陀様の力」
はやし なりあき あみださま ちから

Rev. Shinji Ouchi: I Who Work Hard and I Who Do Not Work Hard
おおうち しんじ がんば わたし がんば わたし
大内 深生 : 「頑張れる私と頑張れない私」

Rev. Kohei Ishimaru: The White Path and I 石丸 恒平 : 「二河白道と私」
いしまる こうへい にがびやくどう わたし

Free (includes lunch) Contact: Rev. Kiyo Kuwahara (510) 230-8439 Email: kkuwahara@bcahq.org

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

May 30 - 31, 2015: World BWA Conference: Embraced by the Oneness of Life

Calgary, CANADA

Registration now open

Contact Information: BCA Center for Buddhist Education (510) 809-1460; email: cbe@bcahq.org

Scout Troop 252 After a great summer for Troop 252, Camp Fife being the highlight, we are starting to have Sunday meetings again. Our first meeting was on September 7. Currently we are prepping for a camp-oree at Frontier Park, Graham, WA (near Puyallup) called Survivor camp from the 19th to the 21st of September. At the camp we are doing challenges in five different categories physical, mental, leadership, technology, and Food. After Survivor camp we have a Court of Honor on September 28. This is when all the scouts will receive the awards they have earned. Next we have a camp from the 18th and 19th of October at Lake Olallie. Lake Olallie is in Skamania County, which is located in southern Washington and borders Oregon.

Respectfully, Chase

Interested in Cub Scouts? Pack 252 just kicked off another year of Cub Scouting! Cub Scouts is open to boys 1st through 5th grade. The year will be filled with fun activities including Pinewood Derby, snow tubing, police and fire station tours, hiking and so much more.

- Meetings are generally only twice a month.
- Contact Mike Teramoto, Cub Master - Pack 252, Cell - [206-369-5986](tel:206-369-5986) for more information.

Musical Notes Now that Dharma School is back in session, we are happy to have more youth participation in temple music again. Thank you to the members of the Bodhi Ensemble for sharing your talent for Fall O-Higan service. Any interested musicians are encouraged to contact Lani Carpenter or me to participate in any capacity. Helping out with service music at children's service is a fun way to start. This fall and winter we will all be learning new music together, including compositions that I have received through contacts in the Bay Area and Hawaii. Slightly modified time schedules for services will allow us to have some dedicated time for everyone to participate as we prepare for Family Music Service on November 23 and the Northwest District Convention in February.

The ukulele group is slated for service music on October 19. In addition, mark October 26 on your calendar to get to temple early for a very special opportunity to hear shakuhachi starting at 9:45 a.m. Rinban Castro invited Todd Milne to share the type of ambience that sets the mood for services in Spokane for us to hear before 10 a.m. service. Todd will also provide the musical prelude before the BWA memorial service, starting at 12:45 p.m. *submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi*

**The Third Annual Women in Buddhism Conference,
To Think of the Buddha is to be Thought of by the Buddha, at Seattle
Betsuin brought together 95 participants on Saturday, September 20,
2014 from Oregon, Washington and Canada.** *submitted by Irene Goto*

Photos by Irene Goto, Sat Ichikawa and Akiko Taniguchi



Participants enjoying lunch and getting re-acquainted



**Rev. Carol O'Dowd,
Longmont Buddhist Temple**



**Sierra Lee-Brenner,
Art Therapist**



Rosalie May moderated Q/A Panel



Rev. Midori Kondo, Hilo Hawaii

Betsuin Events for October 2014

MOST SUNDAYS – confirm Sundays listed below. 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

MOST WEDNESDAYS **10:30 am **DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP** with Meditation – **call office to confirm**

SUNDAYS

October 5 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Guest Speaker, Rev. Koyo S. Kubose,
Bright Dawn Center

Japanese: Program

Combined DSDX and DX: Rev. Koyo S.
Kubose

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

October 12 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: MA Matt May

Adult: MA Irene Goto

Japanese: Program

DSDX: MA Matt May & MA Rosalie May

DX: MA Irene Goto

October 19 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am HATSUMAIRI SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese: Program

DSDX: MA Irene Goto

DX: Rinban Castro

October 26 8:45 am Meditation Service

10:00 am CHILDREN'S SERVICE in Chapel

FAMILY SERVICE in Hondo

Children: MA Rosalie May

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese: Program

DSDX: MA Rosalie May

DX: MA Irene Goto

1:00 pm SBBWA Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

MONDAYS

October 13 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

TUESDAYS

October 7 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

October 14 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

October 28

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

October 21 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

WEDNESDAYS ** 10:30 am - call office to confirm

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

10:30 am Dharma Support Group (Rinban
Castro)

THURSDAYS

October 2 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

October 9 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off)

October 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial
Service (Rinban Castro)

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

October 23

7:30 pm Betsuin Board Meeting

FRIDAYS

October 3

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon
Meeting (Rinban Castro)

October 10 – 12 Rinban Castro in Irvine, CA for
FBWA Conference

SATURDAYS

October 4 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Study Group –
Grasped by the Buddha's Vow; a translation and
commentary on Tannisho by Toshikazu Arai

12:30 pm Rinban Castro to Spokane

October 18 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Newcomer Orien-
tation to our Temple (Rinban Castro)

October 2014: Major Events of Interest

November 2 (Sunday) Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo Service
with Ochigo

November 15 (Saturday) Newcomer Orientation to
our Temple

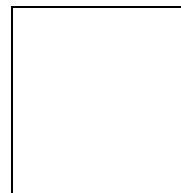
November 23 (Sunday) Family Music Service

November 30 (Sunday) Temple Clean-up

2014 November Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, October 20, 2014
8:00 pm

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October at Seattle Betsuin

Saturday, October 4 9:30 AM– 12:30 pm Book Study Group – *Grasped by the Buddha's Vow*, p.5

Sunday, October 5 10:00AM SERVICE Guest Speaker, Rev. Koyo S. Kubose, Bright Dawn Center

Saturday, October 18 Newcomer Orientation by Rinban Castro 10:00AM - Noon see p. 3

Sunday, October 19 Hatsumairi Service 10:00AM registration form on p. 5

Sunday, October 26 SBBWA Memorial Service 1:00PM

Sundays, October 5, 12, 19, 26 Sitting in Gratitude Meditation 8:45am – 9:45am at 1441 S Main St

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Dharma Support /Meditation 10:30am – 12N at 1441 S Main St

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