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Live a Real Life

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Embrace true and real life in Nembutsu. Promote, protect, and share the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

Ganjin Lives

Part 2 - Ganjin In America by Rinban Don Castro

Last month, I wrote a very brief sketch of Ganjin's great journey from China to Japan in response to a Japanese request for a precepts and meditation master.

Some time probably just prior or after Ganjin's death, a statue was made of Ganjin depicting him in seated meditation posture. Today, the hollow dry laquer statue is a National Treasure. The Toshodaiji tourist booklet states, "...we are impressed with Ganjin's sturdy build. He is surprisingly big-boned and appears to be in the prime of life. It was this robust body that made possible the indomitable spirit manifested in his accomplishments."

The first time I became aware of Ganjin's presence in America was in the early 1990's when I was contacted by a young mother in her early 40's who was dying of cancer. She wanted the strength and inspiration to face the end of her life with courage and insight. She also wanted to make her loss as easy as possible on her family. I told her Ganjin's story and gave her a picture of Ganjin's exquisite statue with its courageous and peaceful countenance. I said to her, "You don't have a choice. Your terminal illness happened to you. Ganjin had a choice. He didn't have to make the perilous journey to Japan at the very real risk of his life. He did it for each one of us for countless generations to come." His was the Noble Life the Buddha taught. When I visited this young mother a few days before her death at home, she had the picture of Ganjin on the wall above her hospital bed where she could always see it.

I was so impressed with Ganjin's wonderful effect on this young mother that I started using Ganjin's story and picture whenever



http://classconnection.s3.amazonaws.com/802/flashcards/4599802/png/the_priest_ganjin_color1362698162656-144190D9F7372A928F8.png

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Cub Scout Pack 252 has kicked off another year of fun, adventure and learning! We started off the month by helping to cheer on the Huskies as they faced Utah at Husky Stadium.

The Webelos hiked the Denny Creek Trail near Snoqualmie Pass, taking care of one of the requirements for earning their Arrow of Light. They also learned knots with the help from some of the Boy Scouts from

Troop 252 as they finish up the requirements to earn their Outdoorsman Activity Badge. →

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possible. In time, I started putting a small image of Amida Buddha in the lower right corner of Ganjin's picture with the explanation, "Courage is important. It is in our own self-interest. If you truly have courage, you don't need compassion. But, if you in any way experience doubts, fears or regrets, remember Amida Buddha's boundless compassion always embraces us just as we are."

I remember how Ganjin helped a young army veteran in his 40's who was dying of AIDS, before effective medications had been developed. In the army, he had been a medic in Vietnam, one of the most dangerous jobs. He had been wounded and awarded the Purple Heart. A few weeks before he died, I talked with him about Ganjin and courage. I said, "You've risked your life to save others. If anyone can understand Ganjin's courage it is you."

Next month: "The Gatha 'Ganjin's Journey'"

NOTES ON DHARMA EXCHANGE

Oct. 24 - Rosalie May MA indicated Rinban Castro told the kids that words are tricky or they can be treats, which led into his discussion of Right Speech. Rosalie said saying, "I didn't do it." is not helpful to anyone. Our words do affect others, and how we say them is more important than the actual word. . . Castro Sensei told the kids that eventually there will be someone, who upon learning they are Buddhist, will advise them that they will go to Hell for not being Christian. Sensei suggested they say, "Is that so?" as a way to end the conversation without arguing. . . A participant was touched by Rev. Sala Sekiya's story of her visit to a temple member in the hospital shortly before she died. She hoped the temple might offer a listing of those who passed away on a regular basis.

Nov. 1 - Irene Goto Sensei offered some ideas to revise the toban procedures to make it simpler; i.e., (1) Use paper recyclable paper cups, (2) Order smaller donuts (no cutting involved,) and served from original boxes. (3) Find a bakery that delivers. (4) Have only hot water on hand with tea

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All of the Cub Scouts were excited to receive their Pinewood Derby Car kit at our most recent meeting. Each Cub Scout will be designing, carving, shaping and decorating their own Pinewood Derby Car from a block of wood, and the Pack will be having our annual Pinewood Derby Race next month. We also helped to clean the temple as part of Temple Clean Up Day.

Thank you to everyone that supported our recent Popcorn fundraiser!

Submitted by Cubmaster
Mike Teramoto

Troop 252 had a busy month; we worked on the collection merit badge for a couple of weeks. Also during our meetings we learned skills needed when camping. On November 14 some of us took part in the Junior Leadership Training (JLT) and developed skills on how to become a leader. We had the opportunity to bond with other scouts from different troops.

-Jacob

DO YOU THINK THE BETSUIN'S BEST DAYS ARE IN THE PAST?

Last Sunday, I walked through our small parsonage, a house that over the past few years had become unusable as a place in which to house ministers and guests. It had become mainly a storage facility. Thanks to the hard work of our facilities committee – really a handful of dedicated members who gave up their nights and weekends to reclaim the house --it is now on the verge of being habitable again by guest ministers and others while they share the Dharma with us. With a few finishing touches, we will be able to use the space for its highest and best use, and I couldn't be more grateful.

I recount this not just to express my thanks to all who worked so hard to renovate our parsonage, but also to underscore why I believe our best days are ahead. Clearly, advancing our programs and our mission is hard work and requires dedication. But our small parsonage is proof that when our Sangha is motivated, we can do great things. And that gives me great hope for the future.

It is easy to fall into the dire narrative that churches and temples, like the Betsuin, are anachronistic institutions destined to decline and fade in our increasingly busy, but comfortable lives. But we need to resist that "flabby" perspective.

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Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo and Ochigo Procession was held on November 1

The Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo is a memorial service in which we honor all the deceased members of the churches, whether known and unknown, who dedicated themselves for our spiritual welfare which does not necessarily mean to keep the beautiful sanctuary of the church. Rather I would like you to have an understanding that the sanctuary where we all sit and listen to the sermons of the ministers was born as a place which came from the heartfelt adoration of the church members who found their basis of spiritual strength in the teaching of the Nembutsu of Shinran Shonin.

—Rev. Taitsu Imai

Reverend Sala Sekiya plays gagaku music for Ochigo Procession, Eitaikyo Service



Gagaku, literally meaning "elegant music," is the oldest surviving music in Japan. It was established in the court around 1,200 years ago, and has been preserved ever since at the Imperial court and in some shrines and temples.

<http://iha-gagaku.com/english/gagaku.html>.

Photo by Kemi Nakabayashi

Ochigo are children who participate in Buddhist processions. From the Kamakura Period on, well-to-do families sent their children to temples for their education and participated in major celebrations



dressed to represent heavenly beings. They wore the *karinginu*, a robe with long, wide sleeves worn over a *hakamai* a culotte-like skirt. *This is the hunting costume of the Heian nobility, which later became an official costume of the government. Boys wear a stiff hat of lacquered gauze called the eboshi. Girls wear a crown with a phoenix bird and bright metal pendants called tankan. Both boys and girls wear the ancient make-up of the nobility called kugemayu, which consists of two black dots just above the space between the eyebrows.*



Dharma School Ochigo, Guests Rev Yugo Fujita, Rev Chikako Tsuyama and Rev. Kuwahara with Seattle Betsuin ministers Rev Sala Sekiya, Rinban Don Castro and Irene Goto Sensei on November 1, Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo (Service).



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bags and instant coffee. (5) Participants pick up/return their own zabutan. . . Rev. Chikaku Tsuyama from IMOP displayed the "happy memories" illustrated cards from the kids that were designed in the Hondo. The Sangha sang The Golden Chain. The cards were all linked together and displayed during DX. At DX Irene M. described her happy memory of going fishing with friends, and how pleased her mother was with the catch.

Nov. 15 - Rinban Castro remarked that people noted the terrorist action in Paris, but not much commentary about what is happening all over the world. He opined that it is likely we react to what is most like us. It is a daily event and we become desensitized. As Buddhist we rely on the Dharma. Many people are like a boat without a rudder because of a lack of focus in our lives. . . Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka's new book, "Buddhism on Air" was introduced. There are links on the internet for a view. . . Also, see "the Buddha of Oakland." A couple in Oakland had garbage and crime in their neighborhood. They cleaned up the garbage and placed a statue of the Buddha in the lot across the street from their house. Soon people brought flowers and it turned into a beautiful shrine. A participant noted a comment on the internet that the solution worked because the Buddha is a "neutral dude." . . A participant voiced appreciation for the DX at the Betsuin because it is warm and welcoming, and offers the opportunity to talk and share with everyone. While attending the UW she felt like an outsider. She found smiling and saying "hello" to other students broke the ice. Matt May MA advised newcomers how to respond when a stranger introduces himself and says, "see you again sometime." Matt suggested the response of, "Yes, let's do something together" was the key to getting together. . . At the next DX, Sensei would like to focus attention on ways to change and improve the DX.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

**Ochigo circumambulating the Amida Shrine during
Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo (Service) November 1.**



...PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued from p. 3

Our situation is different than that of most churches – if there is one philosophy that can enrich the lives of sophisticated, smart people today, it is the Buddha Dharma, particularly Jodo Shinshu. The Betsuin gives ordinary people like us access to the profound, common-sense wisdom of the Buddha Dharma. It lays before us the wisdom of millennia, wisdom that coexists easily with the many scientific and technological advances we learn about every day. And no matter how comfortable we might be superficially, human nature is no different today than it was during Shakyamuni's or Shinran's times. We still need, from time to time, to be shown how to cope, reflect and grow inside. The Buddha Dharma gives us all that.

So, as I (happily) surrender the president's post to my successor, please join me in recommitting to doing what we can to ensure that the Betsuin thrives well into the future. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, it is important that we continue the struggle, that we not give up, that we continue to honor the sacrifice of those who came before us, and that we carry forward our mission to help ordinary people like ourselves to live happier and more peaceful lives than we would have without the Buddha Dharma and the Betsuin.

Onegaishimasu! And arigatoo gozaimashita.

Submitted by Yukio Morikubo

**Bodhi Day
Potluck**

Hosted by
Dharma School
Sunday,
December 6, 2015
11:45 AM

**Sangha Member
of November!**

Meet Julie Maeda, aka Temple Photographer. Julie started coming to the Temple in 1930 and her claim to fame is that she is the sec-



ond longest attending Temple member! While born in the United States, she lived in Hiroshima, Japan during World War II. She remembers the bombing every night in Hiroshima. In 1950, she came back to Seattle and received her high school diploma. At 89 years young, Julie has four children and three grandchildren.

Extracted from Weekly All Sangha E-News Contact Calvin Terada at calterada@comcast.net or office@seattlebetsuin.com to have other family members added to the All Sangha E-News distribution list!

Mochi and Okasane **What are they?**

Mochi are glutenous sweet rice cakes, steamed, pounded and shaped into sticky and delicious, usually round, treats both for savory and sweet eating.

Okasane are usually larger mochi, stacked, with an orange on top, offered to Amida Buddha in our shrines on New Year's Day.

– Irene

**Dharma School
Boo Buddhist
Bash! Too much
fun!**

Mochi and Okasane for New Years:

Tickets for mochi will be available for sale starting in mid-November. Sales will be on Sundays in the Hondo foyer prior to Service or can also be purchased at the Temple office during regular business hours. Mochi will be made on December 19 and will be available for **pick-up on December 19 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and on December 20 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. After those two dates, mochi can be picked up during regular office hours. Mochi sales are primarily through ticket sales. Ticket sales are used to determine how much mochi will be made. Cash sales on December 19 and 20 are on an as-available basis and first-come, first-served.

Please bring your own bag at pick-up. Seattle Buddhist Church is following City of Seattle guidelines for plastic bags issuance.

For those wishing to reserve an Okasane for use to celebrate New Year's, there is an order-book in the Hondo foyer.

Prices are: Plain Mochi - \$4.00 (dozen) Okasane - \$5.00 each.

In addition, we are tentatively planning to have Chi-Chi mochi for sale on a first come - first served basis until supplies run out. These are not on a pre-order basis.

Thank you for your support as net proceeds will benefit Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Matsuri Taiko and other youth groups as appropriate.

Submitted by HL

Learn to Play the Ukulele?

Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band is seeking additional members. If you've got a ukulele gathering dust in your closet, it's time to pull it out and join us.

Current or former guitar players also welcome. We rehearse on Sundays from 11:45 to about 1:00PM.

Guaranteed fun. We're all beginners. Need more information? Contact [Mas Tamekuni](#)

Join Jr. YBA at the Betsuin!

The Seattle Betsuin Jr. YBA is recruiting new members for the upcoming school year! Anyone entering the 7-12th grade is welcome to join this organization. The purpose of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA) is to listen to the Buddha Dharma through different social and religious activities. Some activities include:

- **Summer weekend Retreat • Spring Overnight retreat • Bowling**
- **Family fun center • Volleyball • Helping at temple functions**
- **Dinner and discussion with ministers**

Registration forms can be obtained in the Temple office, or by contacting [Steph Ojima](#), or [Alex Sakamoto](#). Our meetings are held first Sunday each month in the HS room at 10:30AM.

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges Donations, October – November 2015

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Fumiko Okada; Karoku Okada; Mamo Okada Sadaye Okada, Toru Okada	\$ 500.00	Megumi Okada
Sakai Family – In Memory of	\$ 500.00	Seiji Sakai
Rise Otani – In Memory of	\$ 250.00	Kunio Otani

Given by:

In Memory of:

Ruth & Takao Aoki	Paul & Michelle Anciaux-Aoki; Michael & Carol Aoki-Kramer; Sara Aoki; Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki
Harumi "Marge" Fujioka	Betty Hirano

Correction to Oct. 2015 Donation List:

Harumi "Marge" Fujioka *Nita Hoines; Cheryl Furukawa; Henry & Tomi Hirano; James & Suwako Maeda;*

Fumiye Taniguchi; Merrily Taniguchi

Alan Groves	Daisy Kuramoto; Shirley Shimada; Fusae Yokoyama
Esther Shizuko Matsuda	Joseph & Margaret Gotchy; Susanne Umeda
Kiyoshi Matsuda	Joseph & Margaret Gotchy
Fumiko Nakashima	Fusae Yokoyama
Masato Ohara	Fusae Yokoyama
Haruko Shimizu	Fusae Yokoyama

General Donations:

For:

Margaret Gotchy	Appreciation for Onenju repair
John & Lynda Hamakami	General Donation
Jamie Huh	General Donation
Janet Baba	General Donation
Yaeko Ito	General Donation

Celebrate New Year 2016 - Reserve your bento now!

The Betsuin New Year's Party will be held on January 10, 2016 from 12:00- 3:00 P.M. Tickets for adult and children's bentos will be sold in the foyer on Sundays or you may purchase your tickets by contacting the temple office. **Adult bentos will be \$15.00 and complimentary bentos are available for regular Ijikai members who are 80 and over** and will have seating at a reserved table. A sign-up list will be available for those who would like one. **Children bentos (American style) will be available for \$7.00 and complimentary children's bentos will be available for Dharma School children 5 and under, tickets are still required.**

Submitted by K.L.



Temple Cleanup Day a Success!

Annual Temple Clean-up took place on November 8, 2015.

Thank you to all who helped to clean up on Sunday! The Sangha came out in full force: cleaning, sweeping, mopping, painting, dusting, changing



light bulbs, washing garbage cans, fixing leaks and doors.

The Maintenance Committee is truly



December Buddhist Study Group

The next meeting of the Buddhist Study Group will take place on December 5. There will be no book reading for this month. We will be watching a video of a lecture given by Rev. David Matsumoto on the Tannisho at a recent Buddhist Education meeting at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley.

The meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall from 9:30-11:30am. There will be a brown bag lunch afterwards. There is no cost to attend.

We will be serving popcorn and hot apple cider. Please join us!

Submitted by Leonora Clarke

Seattle Buddhist Temple Camp Fire Group #699

- Our Temple Camp Fire group, affiliated with the Central Puget Sound Council of Camp Fire USA, is the oldest continuously operating Camp Fire group in the United States.
- We are 35 members strong, with members ranging from grades Kindergarten through High School.
- Groups participate in a variety of self development, community service, outdoor, and Temple-related activities.
- Meetings are usually held on Sundays, according to a schedule set by each group.
- Our goal is to provide fun, engaging activities for kids and families.

Groups are open to everyone, without regard to race, gender, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, economic status, or mental or physical disabilities.

For more information, please visit our webpage at [Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire](http://SeattleBetsuinCampFire.com), or call the Temple Office at (206) 329-0800.

Extracted from Weekly All Sangha News of November 9, 2015.
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SBBWA News by Nina Tomita Kato

The SBBWA elections were held for the 2016-2017 years and our cabinet consists of:

Co Presidents - Machiko Wada/Nina Tomita Kato
Vice Presidents - Kanako Kashima/ Janie Okawa
Recording Secretaries -
(Engl.) Leanne Nishi -Wong/(Japn.) Suzuko Terada
Corresponding Secretary - Sanaye Nagai
Treasurers - Karen Morikubo/ Lauren Asaba
Auditors - Tina Zumoto-Ko/ Suzanne Fujinari



Craft Class Members: Shizu Kaku, Akiko Taniguchi, Darlene Shimizu, Carolyn Kunihiro, Tomi Zumoto, Judith Nakamura, & Mae Deguchi.

If you are not a SBBWA member, please join us. We are a community of Buddhist Women whose main goals are to assist within the temple, provide support to our Sangha community when needed, take part in service activities or assistance outside of the temple (community service), and to provide opportunities that are social in nature as well as educational.



SBBWA Cabinet: Suzuko Terada, Kanako Kashima, Janie Okawa, Nina Tomita-Kato, Janet Baba, Machiko Wada, Junko Nakano, Aiko Fujii, & Kazumi Shimizu. Missing are Darlene Shimizu & Gail Suzaka.



Women in Buddhism Conference: Terrie Tanino, Tomi Zumoto, Katsumi Tanino, Akiko Taniguchi, Sachiko Kusachi, Sunkie Oye, & Linda Anderson Krech.

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 final list of those paid members for our **fiscal year of 2015**.

Steve Aisaka; Doris Aoyama; Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Patrick & JoAnn Kosai-Eng; Mitsuko Fukuhara; John & Lynda Hamakami; Nelson Harano; Mark & Haru Hirota; Cyrus Honmyo & May Chin-Honmyo; Alan Hoshino; Gail Kaminishi; Nina Tomita-Kato; Arthur & Sally Kawaguchi; Richard & Karina Kawaguchi; Paul & Janet Knutzen; George Kodama; David & Dianne Kosai-Lee; Howard Luke & Marie Kosai-Luke; Matthew May & Rosalie Towne; Paul & Teresa Mori; Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham; Corey & Claire Murata; Fumiko Nakamura; Junko Nakano; Ryan & Stacy Nakata; Stephanie Ojima; Tokuzo & Mari Okumura; Sachiko Ozeki; Gerald Quintua; Gail Suzaka; Susan Taketa; Mark & Erin Taylor; Robert Umeda; Nancy Vu; De An Yamaura; Jeffrey & Susie Yamane; Mark Yuasa; Donna Zumoto

***We'd like to 'welcome' Haru Hirota, Nancy Vu, and De An Yamaura
as new members to our Sangha.***

**“THANK YOU” TO ALL OUR 2015 ‘REGULAR MEMBERS’ AND ‘ASSOCIATE MEMBERS’
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

(Compiled by H.L., P.S., J.N., S.O)

Photo exhibit - Rev. Iwanaga and bon odori

The summertime obon festival is an eagerly anticipated event within Japanese American communities. People come for the food, games, camaraderie, and memorial observance, but perhaps the most iconic element of the obon festival occurs when participants gather in a circle for the *bon odori* (obon dancing). Reverend Yoshio Iwanaga introduced this tradition to numerous North American Nikkei communities in the 1930s, and now, his pioneering activities are being celebrated in an online photo exhibit.

Reverend Iwanaga established bon odori as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist practice using music and dance from across Japan. He taught bon odori in California, Oregon, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia in the 1930s, and led two large performances of bon odori in the 1940s at the International Exposition on Treasure Island and the fiftieth anniversary of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). He and his wife, Helen Chizuko Iwanaga, were appointed the directors of the Music and Recording Department of the BCA and completed a collection of *gatha* (Buddhist hymn) records just months before he passed away in 1950.

In the late 1980s, UCLA graduate student Linda Akiyama interviewed Mrs. Iwanaga for a thesis on Reverend Iwanaga and acquired a collection of family photos. In 2014, Akiyama gave these photos to Wynn Kiyama (Portland State University), who collaborated with Reiko Iwanaga (daughter-in-law of Rev. Iwanaga) and Cristine Paschild (PSU Library, Special Collections) to make these photos available to the general public. This exhibit, *Obon Dancing in America: Reverend Yoshio Iwanaga Photo Album* can be viewed online at: <http://exhibits.library.pdx.edu/exhibits/show/obondancing>. Submitted by Wynn Kiyama

AUTHOR: Wynn Kiyama, holds a Ph.D. in musicology from New York University and has taught at Westminster Choir College, Columbia University, Colby College, and Portland State University (PSU). He currently leads the PSU Taiko Ensemble and is the Executive Director of Portland Taiko.



“Iwanaga dancing at an obon festival, late 940s.,” *Portland State University*, accessed November 17, 2015,

We are looking forward to the Northwest Convention and have a lot of great things in store for you. With the participation of our Northwest ministers, our MAP staff, Bishop Umezū, Dr. Mark Blum, all those involved with our workshop offerings, our art project, and all the committees who help to plan, we hope that this will be a convention from which you take home lots of great memories.

- Mike Iseri



69th Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention

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“Seeking the True and Real”

DEADLINE: January 15, 2016 Individual Registration Forms are available at the temple (one form per person), includes: first name, last name, address, city/state/zip, phone: email, option for VEGETARIAN meal.

NOTE: registration includes Friday welcome, Saturday lunch and dinner.

Adult registration \$110.00

Student/Youth registration \$80.00

K - grade 5 registration \$60.00

age 3 - preschool \$45.00

Bento Box (Sunday) \$12.00 banquet only \$50.00

NOTE: Registrants under 18 must complete the consent and code of ethics forms.

Please note special needs (diet, transportation, etc).

Return with your payment to your temple convention representative who will submit to: Mary Ann Shimojima Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple PO Box 397 Ontario OR 97914

Friday, February 12, 4PM - 9PM, registration formalities and hospitality will take place at the Temple, 286 SE 4th St.

Saturday, February 13, 8AM, registration open at Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave.

Transportation

The nearest airport to Ontario is Boise, Idaho, about 55 miles away. For those arriving by plane, transportation to/from Ontario will be provided. Please make note on your registration and we will coordinate transportation for you. Rental cars are also available at the airport, advance reservations recommended. Your chartered buses typically will transport you between your hotel and Four Rivers Cultural Center. However, for transportation needs beyond their normal schedule or if you are otherwise without transportation, Idaho-Oregon will provide transportation between the convention site and your hotel for you. Transportation to your hotels will be provided for those attending Friday meetings whether they occur at the Temple or at Four Rivers Cultural Center.

Betsuin Events for December 2015

SUNDAYS 10:55am Meditation

December 6

10:00 am BODHI DAY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese: Rev. Sekiya

DX: Rinban Castro

Meditation: Irene Goto Sensei

**11:45 am Bodhi Day Potluck hosted by
Dharma School**

December 13 Rev. Sekiya at Midwest Buddhist

Temple Bodhi Day

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

No DX, Japanese or Meditation Service

11:00 am Betsuin Annual General Meeting

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

December 20 Rinban Castro in Japan

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: Irene Goto Sensei

Adult: Rev. Sekiya

Japanese Program/Service: TBD

DX: TBD

DSDX: TBD

Meditation: TBD

December 27 Rinban Castro (Vacation)

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE (No Dharma School)

Adult: Rev. Sekiya

Japanese: Rev. Sekiya

DX: MA

Meditation: MA

MONDAYS

December 7 Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

December 21 Rinban Castro in Japan

December 28 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

TUESDAYS

December 1, 8, 15 Rinban Castro (Day Off)

December 8, 15, 22, 29 Rinban Castro and

Rev. Sekiya (Days Off)

December 22 Rinban Castro in Japan

10:30 am Keiro Bodhi Day Service

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

December 2

10:30 am Dharma Support Group**
(MA Joe Schwab)

2:00 pm NW District Ministers' Meeting

December 9 Rev. Sekiya to Chicago

10:30 am Dharma Support Group
(Rinban Castro)

December 16

10:00 am Rinban Castro leaving for Japan
Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial
Service (Rev. Sekiya)

10:30 am Dharma Support Group**
(MA Joe Schwab)

December 23

Rinban Castro (Vacation)

Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

No Dharma Support Group

December 30

No Dharma Support Group

THURSDAYS

December 3

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

December 10

Rev. Sekiya at Midwest Buddhist
Temple

7:30 pm

Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

December 17

Rinban Castro in Japan

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service

7:30 pm

Betsuin BoD Meeting

December 24

Rinban Castro (Vacation)

Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

December 31

7:00 pm New Year's Eve Service

FRIDAYS

December 4

12:00 pm Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)
Gojikai Ho-onko Service and Lunch-
eon Meeting

December 11

Rev. Sekiya at Midwest Buddhist
Temple; Rinban Castro (Day Off)

December 18

Rinban Castro in Japan;

Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

December 25

Holiday – Office closed

SATURDAYS

December 5

Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

9:30 am – 12:00 pm Book Study Group

December 12

Rev. Sekiya at Midwest Buddhist
Temple

December 19

Rinban Castro in Japan

All-Day Mochi Making by Betsuin Youth Groups

December 26

Rinban Castro (Vacation)

January 2016 Major Events of Interest

January 1 (Friday) New Year's Day

Service 10:00 AM

January 10 (Sunday) Betsuin New Year's

Party & Installation of Officers

January 17 (Sunday) Hoonko Service

2016 January Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, December 21, 2015

8:00 pm

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December 2015: Major Events

Friday, December 4 Gojikai Hoonko Service 12N

Saturday, December 5 Book Study Group 9:30am
Video Lecture on Tannisho by Rev. David Matsumoto

Sunday, December 6 Bodhi Day Service 10:00am
POTLUCK at 11:45am

Sunday, December 13 Betsuin Annual
General Meeting 11:00am

Friday, December 25 Office Closed/Holiday

Thurs., December 31 New Year's Eve Service 7PM

MEDITATION: EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:55 - 11:30AM

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