



## A place where we put hands together

Rev. Kojo Kakihara



There is a custom in Japan that we, Buddhist ministers visit each Sangha members' house and have a service together with the family in front of Obutsudan, a small Buddhist shrine during seasons of Hoonko in January or Obon in August. My home temple is in the countryside in Hiroshima, Japan, and there are still many old-style Japanese houses. People used to build their houses centering their faith. At most of members' houses, they put a gorgeous Obutsudan at a best place in their house, and Amida Buddha is enshrined in it. There are some members who have a really big Obutsudan which is almost as gorgeous as Buddhist Temple's altar. Anyway, there is always Amida Buddha in the center of the place where family gathers or guest comes like a living room.

Traditional Jodo Shinshu followers used to offer the first cooked rice to Amida Buddha and have a morning service when they wake up every morning. And then, they have breakfast and go to work. In the evening, they used to gassho, put their hands together and bow to the Buddha when they come back home from their work. However, such a custom has been disappearing and there are many houses that have no Obutsudan in their houses because of their situation of house layout.

Then, what is Obutsudan like originally? In Japan, many people think that Obutsudan is a place to be dedicated to their deceased family members. So they think that they would put Obutsudan when a family member passes away. However, Obutsudan is a place to enshrine Buddha. In our tradition, Obutsudan is a place where we enshrine Amida Buddha and gassho toward. Although we may put pictures and Homyo cards of deceased ones in Obutsudan, the center of Obutsudan shrine should be Amida Buddha and there is no others but Amida Buddha to worship. It is very important for us to live our lives centering Amida Buddha and its teachings. Also Obutsudan is not only the place where we put hands together and bow to Buddha, but also the place where we are able to face ourselves quietly.

Although our lives have got much more convenient, it seems that it has got busier and it has become harder to find even a moment to stop, face, and reflect upon self. Even a short time, having a place and time where we put our hand together and face ourselves... A time to thank Amida Buddha, people who gave you peace of mind, and your given life of the day... A time when we reflect upon ourselves who complained or got angry with others... I think it's necessary to have such a time and a place for us who live in this busy society.

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# The March Book Study Group

On Saturday, March 11, we will have a discussion on *Memoirs of Buddhist Woman Missionary* by Shigeo Kikuchi.

We will meet from 9:30-Noon in the Memorial Hall Chapel. Everyone is encouraged to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. - LC



## Hanamatsuri Luncheon and Welcome Reception

Sunday, April 16, 2017

11:45 AM

All Betsuin families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Hanamatsuri luncheon and welcome reception for our new resident minister on Sunday, April 16, at 11:45 AM in the gym. Dharma School will be preparing and hosting this complimentary luncheon. Please join us for this festive occasion to celebrate the Buddha's birthday and to welcome Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki from Lodi, CA. - JN

**Salmon Dinner Fundraiser:** Tickets have been mailed out to individuals/families on the Temple's Ijikai/Sustaining Membership list that have paid their dues as of September 30, 2016 or recently for the 2017 fiscal year. For those that do not receive the mailing, tickets will be available for purchase from the Temple office as well as from Temple organizations. We also have made the tickets available on the Temple website for payment by credit card for those that did not receive tickets or need additional tickets. Tickets will be mailed on credit card purchases

We **need the Sangha** to sell tickets to friends and family members to make this a financial success and purchase additional tickets their own use. It is strongly encouraged to purchase the tickets or sell to family/friends and not return them to the Temple. As long as we know tickets have been sold, we will order sufficient quantities of salmon and pork to meet demand. Pre-sales will help to determine the amount of salmon and pork to order so **it is very important to return payment by March 10, 2017**. If ticket payment or returned tickets are not made by the specified date, sufficient quantities to match ticket sales may not be ordered. It is critical to follow the requested instructions for payment or ticket returns for this event to have sufficient quantity as well as not having excess left over which is an increased expense.

Additionally:

We are soliciting voluntary donations of baked goods to sell at the event. We will have some deserts similar to last year but are in need to donations that can be dropped off before the event starts. Please label donations that may cause allergic reactions that potentially could be life threatening, examples but not limited to nuts, gluten, etc.

As food is prepared and served as this event, we are asking those who will be involved to get their food handlers permit issued by the King County Department of Health if they don't already have one. The permit is good for an initial period of 2 years and with Obon coming up later this year, another opportunity to know safe food handling procedures. You can take the examination on-line and pay a small \$10.00 fee. The exam can be accessed at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/food-safety/food-worker-card.aspx>. Once you get your permit, please make a copy and provide to the Temple office.



Sign-up sheets for help in putting on this event will be posted outside the dining room hallway and also being contacted by Temple organizations you may be affiliated with. Please consider helping out where you can at this event which is one of two major fundraisers for the Temple. - HL

# ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “**thank**” the following regular members, for contributing their minimum annual Sustaining Membership dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). These are the most recent paid members for the fiscal year of 2017.

*Suzanne Fujinari; Norigiku Horikawa; Toshiko Isomura; Daisy Kuramoto; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Todd Natsuhara; Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura; Pauline Sakuma; Chiaki Ito Schomer; Shirley Shimada; Ben & Etsu Shimbo; Paul Suguro; Martha Taniguchi; Fujie Yamasaki; Fukuyo Yee*

*We'd like to 'welcome' Chiaki Ito Schomer as a new member of our Sangha*

**\*AS A REMINDER:** The **minimum** for basic dues towards the Temple 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, 2017, for this fiscal year.** If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com. (compiled by HL, PS, JN, & SO)

## Dharma School News

submitted by Joyce Tsuji



Photo by Sat Ichikawa

We hope everyone enjoyed the Nirvana Day vegetarian potluck, bake sale and pet memorial service. Big thanks to all who helped with these events, contributed baked goods, yummy dishes, donations and to those who supported the Dharma school by buying goodies.

The Dharma School would also like to wish Rev. Sala all the best as she moves on to the Gardena Buddhist Temple in California. Arigato, Sensei!

### Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K The Pre K/Kindergarten class welcomed in the New Year by making roosters out of paper plates to celebrate the Year of the Rooster. We read the book, “Why Cats Chase Mice” and learned about all of the Chinese Zodiac signs. They also learned about Dana and why giving is so important. We read the book “The Giving Tree” and then filled boxes with candy to give to someone special. They colored a picture about Dana and learned that it is better to give than to receive. The students talked about the Three Treasures and how they are interconnected. Following the discussion, the students made a treasure box and filled it with pictures representing the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha. The class made thank you cards to present with a gift to Rev. Sala at her going away party. We will miss her and wish her well in her new assignment.

We also talked about the different Buddhist symbols and the meaning of each symbol. The students then made a book of Buddhist symbols and their meaning. To celebrate Valentine's Day the children made flowers with a chocolate center; the first one they made was for Rev. Sala that was then put into a vase and given to her at her farewell party. The ones made after that were given to those that they loved.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Our class began the New Year by making paper daruma-sans to remind us of goals and wishes for the year. We were also fortunate to have a couple of brave Dads, Alex and Dave, come teach our class. We colored a calendar and filled in important dates for 2017. Thank you, Dads! We then made cards and signed a Seattle teacup for Rev Sala to remind her of the friends she leaves behind here and how thankful we are to have met her.

6/7/8<sup>th</sup> grade The middle school class has decided to make a stop-motion animation film based on interviews they conduct with people at the temple. Our middle school students want to learn more about the history of the temple. They read short excerpts from Mukashi Mukashi, the book about our temple's history. We are looking forward to their great work!



**The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special services. If your name is not listed, the donation may have been received after the deadline for this newsletter and will be listed in the next edition. Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent misspelling of names:**

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## **Farewell to Rev. Sekiya by SBBWA on Feb. 21,2017**



## SBBWA March message

Sad to see Rev. Sekiya leave our temple for her new assignment in Gardena Temple. We thank her for her unwavering support and advice to BWA. We send her off with our best wishes to Gardena.

Temple president Alan Hoshino announced last month that our new Sensei will be arriving next month and we look forward to his arrival. His last assignment was Lodi, California though is originally from Japan and comes from a long line of ministers. His brother represents the 17th generation from his family to serve as a minister of the Buddhist church in Nagasaki.

More than 50 members attended the NW convention last month hosted by Tacoma temple. Guest speaker was Reverend Marvin Harada from Orange County Buddhist Temple.

BWA members' directory is ready and toban heads are trying to deliver the directories. If you have not received yours, please contact Nina, Machiko or Kiyo.

One of our major temple fund raisers, the Salmon dinner is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup>. You can help our temple by selling tickets to your family and

friends. Many jobs are still in need of helpers, please consider signing up.

April will be our fellowship luncheon welcoming new members we hope you will join us. This is the time to meet our next generation of members, get reacquainted with old friends, and a time to have fun!

We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Nami Tanaka, Shizuko Nose.



Farewell lunch for Rev. Sala with Japanese speaking members, March 21.

Nina Tomita-Kato, Machiko Wada, Co-Chairs

## Hanamatsuri rescheduled to: April 16, 2017

## SCHOLARSHIPS for High School Seniors and College Students

HIGH SCHOOL: The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant and Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant are offering scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2016.

COLLEGE: If you are a student currently enrolled and completed one year of college, the Masaru & Mitsuma Shimokon Scholarship Grant is offering scholarships for careers as nurse practitioner, medical doctor, registered nurse, engineer, or computer science. Other fields in the technical, math and science programs may also be considered. This is a one-time only grant.

All high school and college applicants or their parent(s) must be a member of good standing of the Seattle Buddhist Church.

The **deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 3, 2017 before or by 2:30pm** to the temple office. For applications and/or questions, please contact Shizue Kaku via the temple office 206-329-0800 or email: [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com)

Shizu Kaku





# Musical Notes

It is always a pleasure to be able to feature our youth musicians. Thank you to Alina as our flute soloist for the Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo service performing *Nem-but* with the Sangha Singers and to Jared for providing piano accompaniment for Scout Sunday. We look forward to more youth effort this spring for Camp Fire Sunday and as we prepare for the Earth Day music service on April 23. Please contact Allison and Debbie Shibata or me if you wish to participate.

Much appreciation also to all the Seattle Betsuin singers leading the singing of *Wake Up!* and ukulele musicians (youth and older adults!) who participated in the NW district convention banquet entertainment. Donna Sasaki and I hope you all enjoyed learning the *Wake Up!* theme music. The Seattle

Betsuin Ukulele Band will also provide special music this month for the Spring O-Higan service on March 26, 2017.

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

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We hold Sunday services on Sundays and have a time to gassho (put hand together and bow) to Amida Buddha at the Temple. This is also a time for us to face self quietly. I want you to have such time in your daily life as well...Gassho to Buddha, to your loved ones who passed away, and to yourself who are given Life of the day... Buddhism is the teachings that teach us our true self. Although for us to attain the Enlightenment is by the working of Amida Buddha, we need to make efforts to live everyday life better for others and ourselves. Let us think of living everyday centering Buddha.

Gassho with palms together,

*Photos by Sat Ichikawa*

***At right,  
Rev. Kakihara and  
Fred the Frog give  
Dharma Talk at Nirvana  
and Pet Memorial  
Service on February 12.***

***Afterwards, a luncheon  
and farewell tribute to  
Rev. Sekiya was held  
with many going-away/  
thank you gifts, below.***



# Notes on Dharma Exchange, an after-service discussion

Jan 29, 2017 - Rosalie May MA informed us that Rev. Sala Sekiya will leave the Betsuin and serve at the Gardena Buddhist Temple Beginning March 1, 2017. Rosalie expressed gratitude for the training and ritual practice she received from Sala Sensei. Everyone expressed surprise and a feeling of loss at her departure. And many expressed their gratitude for all she has brought to this temple since she came in September 2015. One of Sala Sensei's plans for the temple was to introduce changes slowly to avoid causing anyone difficulties. A participant had hoped for a course in chanting, and since Sala Sensei said she had that in mind as well, the participant urged her to start a class. Sensei went on to say it is important to listen to the teaching and that it must be the right teaching. Currently, she is in a translation project with the BCA. Rosalie remarked that in Hawaii the Shoshinge has been translated into English.

A participant reminded us there will be a three-part program, "The Holocaust and Japanese American Connections" as follows:

Feb 18 UW Kane Hall, 1-3pm. "How Could Concentration Camps Happen?"

Apr 9 Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 2-4pm. "Conspiracy of Kindness: 'You've Given Me Life'"

Apr 30 Nisei Veterans Hall, 2-4pm. "Japanese American Soldiers and the Liberation of Dachau."

(See flyers posted at the temple for further details. A web page is forthcoming.)

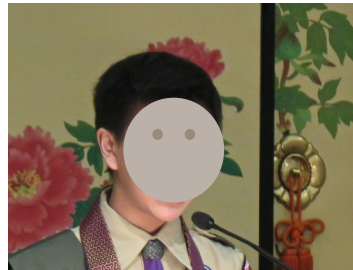
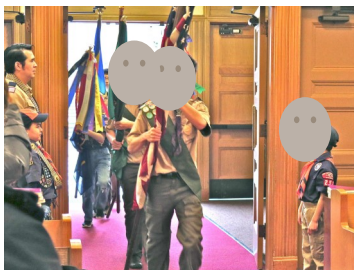
Feb 5 - Matt May MA complimented the Boy Scouts on their service today. . . Rinban Kujo Kakihara from Tacoma will soon visit and perform services more formal than what are done at the Betsuin. . . A participant commented on three different bells that are rung. Matt identified and explained each one. . . In studying the Betsuin's history, Matt encountered many groups. He said the various groups reflect what the temple communicates. He said the greatest activity took place by groups during WWII, and they reflected a common voice. Matt's concern is how to encourage younger temple members to express their voice. A participant who is an educator sees the need to emphasize inclusiveness and welcoming toward Muslims -- they are today's targets. Irene Sensei would like to see more inclusiveness toward everyone, not just Muslims. A participant: "Come as you are" comes to mind. A participant asked, when something damaging occurs at a mosque, do we say something publicly? . . . Matt said the buildings at MIT are structured in such a way as to eliminate 90 degree angles, thereby causing students to pass through and experience multi-disciplinary areas in order to reach their destination. Three Middle School students visited Dharma Exchange and said they wish to interview members next week at the temple for a temple history video they are planning. . . Terrie Natsuhara passed away recently and her son Todd said the service would be Feb 11 at 4:30pm with a reception following. Margaret T. provided a sign-up sheet for food contributions.



Feb 12 - No DX today due to potluck; Feb 20 - NW Convention In Gassho, Pat Bobrow

Feb 26 - MA Irene Goto led the exchange after presenting a dharma talk at the day's service on saying the *nembutsu* out loud. However, discussion began with comments on the success of the past weekend's 70th NW Convention in Tukwila. One participant attended the Camp Harmony workshop at Convention while others attended Day of Remembrance activities in Seattle. The discussion then turned toward more Remembrance events (listed under Jan 29 entry) and the importance of distinguishing between the meaning of the words, internment, relocation, and concentration camps. One participant brought up the large, important issue of mental illness and that it should be taken more seriously because it affects many people and is the cause of many problems in our society, such as suicide. - IHG

## Scouts Conduct Service on Sunday, February 5.





# Chairperson's Message

Spring is just around the corner and not a moment too soon after the late snow and cold weather that marked the end of February. It's a time for rejuvenation and renewal and this spring brings with it a wonderful new gift for us, the appointment of Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki to our temple. Sensei is scheduled to arrive sometime during the second week of April, just in time for our Hanamatsuri service that has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 16.



If you're wondering if Kusunoki Sensei will have the title of Rinban when he arrives that's a good question. Bishop Umezu of the Buddhist Churches of America explained that a Betsuin is a branch temple of our mother temple, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha (aka Nishi Hongwanji) in Kyoto Ja-

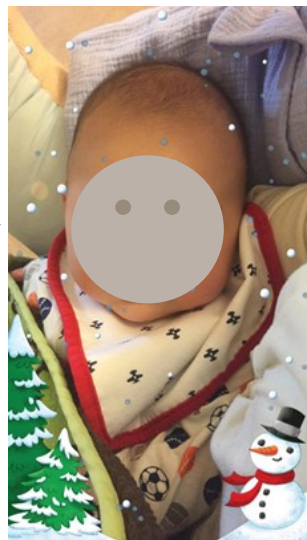
pan and a Betsuin's head minister can only be given the title Rinban by the Hongwanji's head priest, the Monshu. Rev. Kusunoki's assignment as resident minister of the Seattle Betsuin has been reported by the Buddhist Churches of America to his Eminence Shaku Sennyō, Kojun Ohtani, Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and we are awaiting word from him.

Rev. Kusunoki was born in 1977 in Nagasaki, Japan, the second son of a temple family. Today his older brother Naoya is the 17<sup>th</sup> generation of their family to serve their family temple. Sensei is a graduate of Miyazaki University where he majored in primary education and his hobby is to watch and play baseball and softball. While a college student he took a break and spent almost two and a half years in a Japanese volunteer program similar to the Peace Corps in America coaching baseball in Zimbabwe before returning to Japan to complete his studies. After graduating he spent three years teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes before deciding to become a minister. He studied Buddhism for another two and a half years including finishing the Hongwanji-ha Rituals course for leaders (Gonshiki) and is a Hongwanji-ha certified Special Rituals Minister, a certificate only he and our former minister Rev. Sala Sekiya hold within the BCA.



**Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki**

Sensei comes to us from the Buddhist Church of Lodi where he was first assigned in 2010. He and his **wife Ayano** became parents in September of last year with the birth of their **son Yuiya**. Sensei is taking his family to Japan at the end of this month to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> year memorial service for his father after which sensei will return and drive the family car to Seattle. Lucky Ayano and Yuiya get to stay in Japan on vacation while sensei gets their household moved. They will return and join sensei in Seattle in late May.

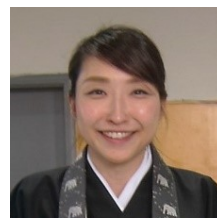


Spring is on its way and with it the start of a new era for our temple. The future looks bright!

With palms together, Alan.

**UPDATE:** *Rev. Sala is currently in San Jose at the National Council Meeting. She drove down to California, leaving on Saturday morning and arriving in Gardena on Monday. She had to drive through snow and rain, but made it without incident. Her things from Seattle arrived on Tuesday and the next day she had to fly to San Jose. She has been extremely busy. A few of us will see her again at the end of March when we will be headed to Japan.*

- LNW Wednesday, March 1, 2017



# 70th Annual NW Convention of BCA Memories



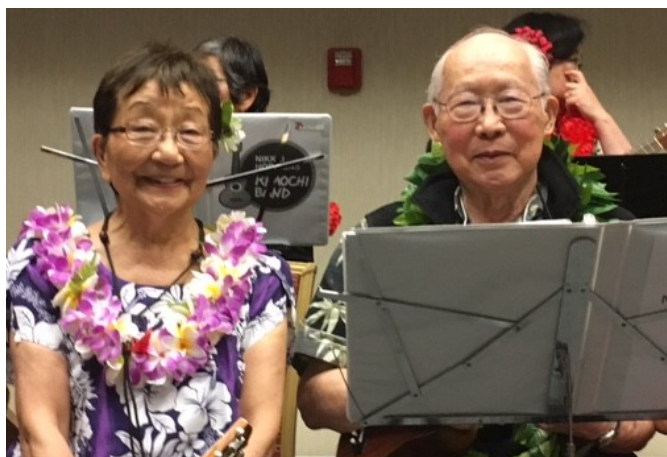
**Feb. 17 -19, 2017** BCA Ministers from left: Rev. Sala Sekiya, Seattle; Rev. Jerry Hirano, Salt Lake; Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America; Rev. Kosho Yukawa, Tacoma; Rev. Koshin Ogui, White River, Auburn, WA; Rev. Marvin Harada, Orange County, Rev. Kojo Kakhara, Tacoma. Upper right, Rev. Harada and Rev. Hirano in ping-pong tournament. Photos courtesy of June Akita

## **Ukelele Band Members:**

Right, Tomi Zumoto and  
Sat Ichikawa

Below, Elsie  
Leilani Taniguchi and  
Sunkie Oye.

Photos by Irene Goto



Lon Inaba, left, Yakima Buddhist Church and Jun Yugawa, Spokane Buddhist Church, as Shinran Shonin;.Photo courtesy of Lon Inaba



At right,  
Kats and  
Terrie  
Tanino  
with BCA  
President  
Ken  
Tanimoto





# Betsuin Events for March 2017

## **MOST SUNDAYS** – confirm Sundays listed below. All are invited:

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE - in Hondo (main hall) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk  
11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, Q/A, dialogue with minister and ministers assistants  
meet in foyer waiting room, adjourns at 11:30; 15-20 minute meditation.

**WEDNESDAY DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP** with Meditation – **has been suspended until further notice.**

## **SUNDAYS**

March 1 – 5 Wed-Sun BCA Ministers' Meeting and National Council Meeting

### March 5 Sunday

10:00 am CAMP FIRE SUNDAY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: MA Rosalie May

Japanese: Video

DX: MA Rosalie May DSDX:

Meditation: MA

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

### March 12

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE and CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: MA

Youth/Adult: MA

Japanese:

DX: MA DSDX:

Meditation: MA

1:30 pm Sangha Award Class (Rev. Castro & MA Jason Yokoyama)

### March 19

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: MA Leonora Clarke

Japanese: Video

DX: MA Leonora Clarke DSDX:

Meditation: MA

### March 26

10:00 am SPRING OHIGAN

Youth/Adult: Rev. Kojo Kakihara

Japanese: Rev. Kojo Kakihara

DX: DSDX:

Meditation: MA

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

## **MONDAYS**

## **TUESDAYS**

March 14 9:30 am Omigaki (Naijin maintenance)

March 28 1 0:30 am Keiro Service (Rev. Kakihara)

## **WEDNESDAYS**

March 1 – 5 Wed-Sun BCA Ministers' Meeting and National Council Meeting

## **THURSDAYS**

March 1 – 5 Wed-Sun BCA Ministers' Meeting and National Council Meeting

### March 2

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (MA Irene Goto)

### March 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (MA Irene Goto, both)

7:00 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

March 23 7:00 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

## **FRIDAYS**

March 1 – 5 Wed-Sun BCA Ministers' Meeting and National Council Meeting

March 3, Friday 12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting (MA Irene Goto)

## **SATURDAY**

March 1 – 5 Wed-Sun BCA Ministers' Meeting and National Council Meeting

### March 11 Saturday

9:30 am – noon Book Study Group: *Memoirs of a Buddhist Woman Missionary in Hawaii* by Shigeo Kikuchi

March 18 Saturday SALMON DINNER FUNDRAISER

2:00 – 7:00 PM Take out or drive thru

4:00 – 7:30 pm Dine in

## **April 2017: Major Events of Interest**

April 1 Book Study Group:

*A Life Resurrected* by Hiromichi Mukaibo

April 3 Monday Betsuin Scholarship

Application deadline at 2:30 pm

April 16 Hanamatsuri Service followed by Hanamatsuri Luncheon & Welcome Reception for Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

April 17 10:30AM Hanamatsuri Service at Keiro with Koyasan Buddhist Temple and Nichiren Buddhist Church

April 21 – 23 FDSTL Conference in Fresno

April 23 Earth Day Music Service

April 30 SBBWA 11:30 All Member Service and Luncheon

**2017 April Newsletter Deadline:  
Third Monday, March 20, 2017  
8:00 pm**



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- March 5** 10:00am Camp Fire Sunday Service
- March 11** 9:30 - Noon Book Study Group: *Memoirs of a Buddhist Woman Missionary in Hawaii* by Shigeo Kikuchi
- March 18** Salmon Dinner Fundraiser  
2:00 – 7:00 PM Take out or drive thru  
4:00 – 7:30 pm Dine in
- March 26** 10:00am Spring Ohigan Service with Rev. Kojo Kakiyama, speaking (note, this is a change from March 19)

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