



Amida's Zoo by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

My family had a lot of animals when I was child. At one time, we had three dogs, ten chickens, cats, gold fish, carp (Koi), squirrels, hamsters, and more. I remember our family also had a rabbit and a crow. It was like a small zoo. After my father woke up, the first thing he would do was to conduct morning service at the Hondo (main hall of the temple). After that, he fed the animals and cleaned "Kusunoki's Zoo". Their feces, hair, and feathers were all over the yard. It was hard work to clean and wash them away every morning. Sometimes I helped him with the clean up. One good memory was that once in a while, our family was able to get some fresh eggs. I used to put the raw fresh egg onto hot rice and add a little bit of soy sauce. I mixed them and ate it. I really loved the dish "Tamago Gohan"! In my memory, every morning, my father would ring the bell then chant a sutra in the Hondo and the dogs and chickens would be yelling and calling to get breakfast. It was very lively each morning.

There are, in fact, many animal ornaments in the Buddha's Altar (Onaijin). Let me introduce you the animal ornaments that I found in the Seattle Betsuin. There are a lion and two dragons on the incense burner that people use to offer incense (Oshoko) at a service. There are two cranes and a turtle on the candle stand. There is also a dragon on a flower vase. There are birds on the tables in the Altar area. I also found some elephants, fish, and shrimp in the Onaijin. I have heard that some temples' Onaijin also have a tiger, a cat, an octopus, a squirrel, a heron, a turban shell, a frog, a monkey, and an ogre. I learned that the Onaijin is the embodiment of the Amida Buddha's Pure Land. I thought that the Pure Land is quiet but it might be lively a realm!

According to the Amida Sutra, there are six kinds of birds in the Pure Land. Let me introduce them briefly.

- White swans have elegant white bodies and are well known as a symbol of long life.
- Peacocks have very beautiful long tail feathers and eat poisonous animals.
- Parrots have a feather crown on their heads, a short tail, and a thick curved bill. They are said to be able to speak the human language.
- Sarikas are a mythical bird resembling a bush warbler. They also are able to speak the human language.
- Kalavinkas another mythical bird has a woman's face and

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Nokotsudo	\$ 100.00	Kinue Kuwahara

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Shizuko Nose	Takiko Miyauchi
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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.

Michael & Carol Aoki-Kramer, Lance & Lisa Barr, Patricia Bobrow, Lisa Butler, Harrison Chinn, Sandra Cross, Diane Deaver, Jean Deguchi, Mae Deguchi, Jimmy Eng & Alicia Taniguchi, Mary Furuta, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, Jack & Fumi Habu, Mark & Haru Hirota, Ken & Pam Horn, Jamie Huh, Yaeko Ito, Larry & June Iwafuchi, Ann Kashiwa, William & Beth Kawahara, Jeff & Tina Ko, Takako Kogita, Masako Kubo, Chieko Kubota, Peter Kusakabe, George & Irene Mano, Hugh Matsubayashi, Yukio & Karen Morikubo, Ted Nakamura, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Barry & Marlene Okada, Gregory and Ann Oxrieder, Sunkie Oye, Sachiko Ozeki, Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada, Dave Scattergood & Joyce Tsuji, Dennis Shibata, Ken Shigaya, Mary Shigaya, Gayle Sakuma-Sordetto, Masao & Frances Tamekuni, Kevin Tanemura, Kats & Terrie Tanino, Mark & Erin Taylor, Grace Tazuma, Ronald & Suzuko Terada, Machiko Wada, Jim & Rona Warrick, Shizue Yahata, Jeff & Susie Yamane, Sadie Yamasaki, Fuyo Yoshida

We'd like to 'welcome' Harrison Chin, Diane Deaver as new members 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)

2017 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, family memorial services are held on designated anniversaries to express gratitude and recall cherished memories of our loved ones. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service in 2017:

Year of Death

2016	1st year memorial
2015	3rd year memorial
2011	7th year memorial
2005	13th year memorial
2001	17th year memorial
1993	25th year memorial
1985	33rd year memorial
1968	50th year memorial

Please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800 to schedule a service.

- JN

July 2017 Buddhist Book Study Group

The next meeting of the Buddhist Study Group will take place on July 1. The book for this month is Jane Imamura's *Kaikyo*. 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. - Leonora Clarke

Please Help! Volunteer for Bon Odori!



Contact Marie Kosai-Luke
to sign-up online

July 13, 14 Bon Odori set-up
July 15, 16 Seattle Bon Odori
Sat.: 4-10pm; Sun.: 3-8pm
Betsuin Office: 206.329-0800
office@SeattleBetsuin.com

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

submitted by Machiko Wada

We hope you are well and enjoying the warm weather.

Bon Odori: BWA is assigned to Yakisoba and craft booth. We need your help with cutting vegetable (Friday 9 am), selling Yakisoba (Saturday & Sunday), packaging Yakisoba (Saturday & Sunday), working at craft booth. Please sign up what you can help with. Thank you.

BWA Fundraiser: Will be on September 10. Oyako Donburi (chicken, egg on rice). Tickets will be available to \$6.00. They will be sold on Sundays at a later date.

Walk for Rice: We have raised over \$1000 from our members and friends. Thank you!! Members enjoyed walking at Seward Park and some did bike from Mercer Island to the park, way to go!

BWA Receipt: Board decided to accumulate your donation and send a receipt at the end of the

year. Howard, Betsuin treasurer, generously offered to send it with Betsuin receipts. If you have any questions, please contact Nina or Machiko.

July Board Meeting is cancelled.

Health Card: If you are planning to help at food booth at Obon, please apply for King County food handler's card. It is very important to have one when you work with food. It's good for 2 years and cost \$10. Be aware that you need to go to the correct web site. <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/food-safety/food-worker-card.aspx>. You see a green button that says, (how to get a card online); when you receive one, send a copy to Joan for filing.

Summer Outing: We are still researching an outing for the members. We will let you know when we make a plan.

Passing: deepest condolences to her family and friends. Daisy Kuramoto, 97, long time active member passed away on June 2, 2017.

We have received generous donation from Bruce Brundige and Grace Tazuma. Thank you.

All-Sangha Memorial Service



The annual All-Sangha Memorial Service was held June 4, 2017 to remember and honor our Betsuin members, families, and friends who have passed on before us. Loved-ones' names and photos were displayed during service. - IHG *Photos courtesy of Sat Ichikawa*

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sings in the sweetest voice.

- Jivam-Jivakas known as the mythical "life and life" bird with one body and two human heads. There is a famous Buddhist story of Jivam-Jivakas.

In Pure Land, these birds gather and sing together with their beautiful voices six times a day. Their voices are gracefully harmonized and create a beautiful melody. The beautiful melody is their recitation of Buddha's teaching. Whoever listens to this melody are mindful of three treasures; Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

Please carefully look at our temple's Altar (Onaijin) the next time and find these animals. Let me know if you find an animal, which I did not introduce in this article.

Gassho,

Lahaina Hongwanji Mission Altar photo by I. Goto



Nearly 100 attended All Sangha Night-In Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first "Sangha Night-In" event on Friday, May 26. Close to 100 people joined us for a night of community and sharing. Special thanks to our workshop leaders who gave of their time and energy to share their knowledge with others. Stay tuned for information for our next event. Please contact communications@seattlebetsuin.com if you would like to help plan the next event or would be interested in leading a workshop. In Gassho, Tyler Moriguchi, Membership Committee

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Wedding: Private Ceremony for Miribel Perkins and Belinda Escott

General Donations:

For:

Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa	General Donation
Michiko & Alvin Terada	General Donation
Yaeko Ito	General Donation
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Connie Ozeki-Chinn	Appreciation for Scholarship to Sela Chinn
Kenneth & Pam Horn	Appreciation for Scholarship to Meghan Horn
Satoru & Grace Ichikawa	Appreciation for Scholarship to Emi Nakashima
Keiro Northwest	Appreciation for Use of Facilities

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Gotan-Ye: Arinobu, Gene & Yuki; Asaba, Marian; Beard, Clara; Bobrow, Patricia; Carpenter, Lani; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fukeda, Toshiko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Goshō, Kazumi (Janice); Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Hamakami, John & Lynda; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Harada, Setsuko; Hasegawa, Kathy; Hirata, Michiko; Horn, Kenneth & Pam; Hoshino, Alan A. & Lori; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Isomura, Toshiko; Ito, Yaeko; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Katayama, Mary K.; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Keltner, Marc & Janice; Ko, Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto -; Kogita, Takako; Kojima, Esther; Kubo, Masako; Kunihiro, M. Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kusakabe, Peter; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Masunaga, Fumiye; Matsui, Tsugio Jack; Mayeda, Julie; Miyauchi, Takiko; Mizumori, Sheri; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Junko; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishimura, Hiro & Dorothy; Nishizaki, Mabel; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okada, Emiko; Oxrieder, Gregory & Catherine Ann; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Ozanich, Kiyomi Taketa -; Parke, Troy & Mayumi Terada -; Sako, Masako; Sakuma, Pauline; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shibata, Gary & Deborah; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shigaya, Teruko (Terrie); Shimada, Shirley; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Suguro, Nori; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takashima, Kiyoko; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanemura, Kevin; Tanemura, Peggy; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Theodore & Akiko; Tanino, Katsumi & Teruyo (Terrie); Tazuma, Grace; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Toyoshima, Michiko; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wada, Machiko; Yahata, Shizue; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis & Elaine Aoki -; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshimi, Crystal; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko;

Hanamatsuri: Asaba, Marian; Driscoll, Irene Goto -; Goshō, Kazumi (Janice); Habu, Jack & Fumi; Harada, Setsuko; Hinds, Cynthia; Hoshino, Alan A. & Lori; Kubota, Kenneth; Miyata, Tetsuo & Linda; Miyauchi, Yoshiko; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakano, Junko; Ramsey, Charlotte; Seko, Robert; Shimada, Shirley; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanemura, Kevin; Tanino, Katsumi & Teruyo (Terrie); Tomita, Paul & Mabel; Yoshimura, Harry;

Ohigan - Spring: Beard, Clara; Kaminishi, Gail; Nishimura, Hiro & Dorothy; Tanino, Katsumi & Teruyo (Terrie); Wada, Machiko;

DS and Betsuin welcomed Ayano and Yuiya, June 11, 2017



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The Dolphins had a busy weekend hosting an outdoor cooking/skills event on June 3rd & 4th at North Bend for 9 CF girls and their families. We baked pizza in box ovens, roasted hot dogs & crescent rolls in the fire, made foil packs, pie irons and a peach cobbler in a dutch oven for lunch. That evening we baked meatloaf in box ovens, made an apple crisp in the dutch oven and had spaghetti, rice and broccoli for dinner. In the morning we'd experimented cooking bacon several ways...over a fire, on top of coal, in a skillet and on a griddle. The griddle worked the best. We also had pancakes and eggs for breakfast along with all the other food the families brought.

The weather was perfect...overcast/sunny and not too hot. Thank you scouts for sharing your weekend with us as you did your maintenance and scout activities. It was impressive to watch Cy, Craig and Corey cut down a couple of dead trees we were amazed at how it exploded when it hit the ground. Cy taught us how to split wood and the older girls set up a tent, blew up air mattresses, and lead a hike to look at the river (it was high). The younger girls had fun with the water pump, helped cook, picked flowers and we all enjoyed each other's company.

The Memorial Day service at Lake View Cemetery was attended by many.



Photos by Sat Ichikawa

Our Boy Scout Troop 252 presented the colors. Rinban Castro, Rinban Kusunoki our Seattle Betsuin and Rev. Imanaka of Koyasan Temple chanted the sutra. Lt. Gen. Gary Volesky, Commanding General of Joint Base Lewis-McChord gave the keynote speech. The Nisei Veterans Committee and NVC Foundation sponsors this program every year.

Gassho, Sat



2017 High School Scholarship Awards

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Congratulations to Sela, Amanda, Meghan, Matthew, Emi, Aaron and Alex!!! They each received \$1,500 scholarship grants at the May 28 Sunday service which are awarded to students who have displayed strong leadership and participation at the Betsuin, in their school and community. During the service they all read their essays. Along with the grants they received glass awards made and donated by Tish Oye and Steve Shahbaghlian of Glassworks, Inc. and ribbon leis of their school colors made and donated by Mae Yamasaki. Thank you Tish, Steve and Mae!

A reception was held after the service for the recipients and their families in the high school classroom. A special treat of candy leis were made by Susie Taketa's 3rd-4th-5th grade class and given to the awardees at the reception. Thank you Susie! Also, thank you to the high school students for helping with the reception.

Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant:

Amanda H. – daughter of John and Lynda, granddaughter of John Hamakami, Sr., graduate of Ken-tridge HS, plans to attend the University of Portland, majoring in nursing.

Meghan H. – daughter of Ken and Pam, granddaughter of Sato and Darlene Shimizu, Skyline HS graduate, selected Gonzaga University with a nursing major.

Emi N. – daughter of Craig and Dana, granddaughter of Sat and Grace Ichikawa, graduate of Meadowdale HS, chose the University of Washington and will major in biochemistry.

Aaron R. – son of Andrea, grandson of George and Irene Mano, graduate of Edmonds Woodway HS, will attend the University of Washington majoring in pre-engineering.

Alex S. – son of Tom and Bev, Skyline HS graduate, will attend Washington State University majoring in business.

Seattle Betsuin Continuing Education Grant

Sela C. – daughter of Stanley and Connie, granddaughter of Sachiko Ozeki, Lake Washington HS graduate, will attend San Diego State University majoring in kinesiology/ nursing.

Matthew K. – son of Kris and Keiko, grandson of Mary Kosugi, Newport HS graduate, selected Washington State University with a major in athletic training.

We want to congratulate and thank all our recipients for their dedication to the Betsuin and having such supportive parents! We wish them the very best. - Shiz Kaku

Pride Parade Committee welcomed Rev. Elaine Donlin as guest speaker on June 18

Elaine Donlin, Minister's Assistant from the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, shared her experience and learning about Engaged Buddhism, LGBTQIA and Shin Buddhism with us on Sunday, June 18. She gave a Dharma Talk at service and then participated in Dharma Exchange. See the June 18 Notes on Dharma Exchange, page 10, in this newsletter.



— IHG

Photo by Sat Ichikawa

Join us for
Seattle Betsuin's 5th Women in Buddhism Conference
"Buddhist Paths: Women's Choices"
a day to gain understanding of the connection between Buddhism and women's everyday lives
Saturday, September 23, 2017
Seattle Buddhist Church

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Speakers



Rev. Carol Himaka
 Resident Minister
 Southern Alameda County
 Buddhist Church

**The 35th Vow of
 Dharmakara/Amida Buddha
 and its meaning
 to women today**



Kyoko Tokuno, Ph.D.
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 at Mt. Kōya in Heian Japan today**



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Submitted by Irene Goto

Seeking Kimono and Yukata SBBWA's Activity & Craft Committee is asking for donations of gently used kimono, yukata, zori, tabi, ornamental hair pieces, etc. to sell at their Bon Odori Craft Table. Please donate your clean garments, and bring to the temple office with your names and contact information. We thank you for your donation.



**Documentary
 film previews of
 "Three Jewels –
 Buddhism in
 Brazil"**

Rev. Kentaro Sugao introduced his film in Japanese and English on Tuesday, June 13, at Seattle Betsuin. Approximately 25 people attended each session.— IHG



Photo by Irene Goto

Dharma Exchange Notes - an after-service discussion

May 21 - Rev. Castro recommended highly a book by Richard Sakakida called, "A Spy in Their Midst." During World War II he was captured and tortured, and felt that being Buddhist aided him in enduring the torture and not breaking. His bi-lingual abilities helped him send information to American forces. A Japanese general saw the execution order and when he learned that Sakakida was from Hiroshima he over-rode it as he, too, was from Hiroshima. Sakakida hid in the jungle and did not know that the war had ended. Later the rage he felt toward his captors subsided as the war came to an end. He was presented a sword by the Japanese general because of the valor he demonstrated. . . The major online retailer has the book.

May 30 - Our two ministerial assistants, Leonora Clarke and Matt May, shared Dharma Exchange duties. Dr. Suh at Seattle University has written a book, "Buddhism, Race, Gender and Sexuality." She feels Buddhism is a way to treat social ills in the U.S.

Further, we live a mundane life, not the monastic way. There is a different way of meditation to help cure social ills that affect some people because of race, gender and sexuality. Studies have shown how the brain changes during meditation. . . A participant added that bits of Buddhism are put forth in American life; i.e. meditation and compassion while ignoring the full Buddhist way. . . Historically, Buddhism had a problem with marriage, but Shinran later said it did not matter. The Buddha, himself, ordained women; and the Sangha meant men and women. . . Rev. Castro's wife, a chaplain, quoted her boss as saying, "It is what it is," and Sensei felt that idea was so Buddhistic. . . Members Margaret and Joe spent a total of 67 years teaching, and their hope is that the high school students return to the temple after college.

June 4 - Irene Sensei visited the Lahaina Hongwanji, an historic site. Rev. Ai Hironaka gave Sensei a lesson on how to conduct Dharma talks. . . She related the story of the piano playing chicken who plays "America the Beautiful," and will go on to compete. . .



There are 48 vows of Dharmakara, and Rev. Castro saw the 35th vow as "sour grapes" on women in the Pure Land. He described the practice of corpse meditation whereby monks watch the process of decomposition on a daily basis. . . According to Sensei men are welcome to join

the SBWA per a resolution that was passed. . . Manuka honey, which has medicinal properties, is available at some grocers. . . On Memorial Day weekend the 17 members of the Yakima Buddhist Church invited a Jodo Shinshu minister to officiate. Their membership is comprised of Hispanics, 4th generation (yonsei) Japanese Americans and Caucasians. They are building a Japanese garden with a Torii gate made of railroad ties. . . Irene Sensei asked what sort of programs the Dharma Exchange group would like to consider.

June 11 - Matt May MA held a picture of Amida Buddha and Kannon pulling an uninformed person by the neck with a rope to Enlightenment. Matt reminded us that all Buddhist art reflects an attempt to inform us of the Buddha Dharma. . . Through his work Matt teaches people about disabilities. Matt asked, "Are we doing things beneficial to others? He said we build things that people don't understand, and it's not all about "me." The question of Right Livelihood arises.

June 18 - Elaine Donlin MA recalled there are countless ways to share the teaching of Shin Buddhism. A participant asked a question about meditation. Elaine said meditation is not the main focus of Jodo Shinshu, and there is a variety of meditations from various Buddhist disciplines. . . The Monto Shikisho, [aka okesa], worn by Elaine was made by a member of her temple for her and the minister of her temple. The Smithsonian Institute has one on display. . . Elaine said calling any of the LGBTQ group "queer" is no longer a pejorative comment and is used with frequency. She described temple al-



lies as people in the temple who understand being gay and are forthright in standing up for gay members. A participant asked how to embrace people who are first time visitors to the temple. Some thought we welcomed people well and others did not agree. Elaine said we have a lot of work to do in making youth welcome at the temple.

She said she attended an event for Gays, and some young people, not wishing to be recognized as gay, said, "I'm not here." . . . Elaine thought it a good idea to have different temple groups welcoming people at the door. . . A participant asked, "What is the most important thing that happens from having been in a pride parade?" Elaine said that young people came out as a result.

In Gassho, Pat Bobrow

Betsuin Events for July 2017

MOST SUNDAYS – confirm at www.SeattleBetsuin.org. “coming events” listing

10:00 am - 10:45 SERVICE - in Hondo (main hall) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk

10:45 - 10:55 “Sangha Gathering” - offer incense, “meet and greet” after service in the Main Hall (*hondo*)

10:55 am - 11:30 Children’s Dharma School from 10:45 - 11:30; on Seattle Public Schools’ schedule*

DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, Q/A, dialogue with minister and minister’s assistants;

PARENTS’ DHARMA EXCHANGE in Memorial Hall Chapel - discussion among parents of Dharma School children while children are in class; a minister or minister’s assistant attends*

SITTING IN GRATITUDE MEDITATION - meets in foyer, ends at 1441 S. Main St; 20-minute sit.**

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SUNDAYS 10:55am Meditation**

July 2 Rinban Kusunoki at Yakima Obon Service

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Jim Warrick

Japanese Program: Video (MA Leonora)

DX: Rev. Jim Warrick

Meditation: MA Irene Goto

July 9 10:00 am OBON/HATSUBON SERVICE

Adult: Rinban Kusunoki

Japanese: Rinban Kusunoki

DX: MA Irene Goto

Meditation: MA Rosalie May

1:00 pm Obon Service at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery (Northgate), Rinban Kusunoki

3:00 pm Obon Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue), Rinban Kusunoki

July 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban Kusunoki)

3:00 – 8:00 pm Seattle Bon Odori Festival

July 23 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rinban Kusunoki and YBL

Japanese: Video (Matt May)

DX: Rinban Kusunoki

Meditation: Rev. Jim Warrick

July 30 8:30 am Betsuin Ministerial Staff meeting

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rinban Kusunoki

Japanese: Rinban Kusunoki

DX: MA Matt May

Meditation: MA Leonora Clarke

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

MONDAYS

July 3, 10, 24, 31 Rinban Kusunoki (days off)

July 10 7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori dance practice

TUESDAYS

July 4 Independence Day Holiday (office closed)

July 11, 18 Rinban Kusunoki (days off)

July 11 7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori dance practice

July 25 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Kusunoki)

WEDNESDAYS

July 5 7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori dance practice

THURSDAYS

July 6

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Kusunoki)

7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori dance practice

July 13

6:00 pm Set-up for Bon Odori

July 20

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

7:00 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

July 27

7:00 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting

FRIDAYS

July 7 7:30 – 9:00 pm Bon Odori dance practice

July 14 6:00 pm Set-up for Bon Odori

July 21 – 23 NWYBL Retreat

SATURDAYS

July 1 Rinban Kusunoki to Yakima

9:30 – noon Book Study Group - *Kaikyo* by Jane Imamura

July 8

12:00 pm Obon Service at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Queen Anne, MA Irene Goto

1:00 pm Obon Service at Washington Memorial Park, Sea-Tac, Rev. Castro

3:30 pm Obon Service at Lake View Cemetery, Capitol Hill, Rinban Kusunoki

July 15

4:00 – 10:00 pm Seattle Bon Odori Festival

August 2017: Major Events of Interest

August 6 Sunday

- 10:00am Atomic Bomb Victims’ Memorial Service at Seattle Betsuin.
- “From Hiroshima to Hope” event at Greenlake

August 20 Sunday

- **Baseball Game:** Seattle Betsuin vs Tacoma Buddhist Temple at Noon; location TBD

August Newsletter Deadline:

→ **4th Monday, July 24, 2017**
8:00pm

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July 5-7, 10, 11 Bon Odori dance practices 7:30 – 9 pm
July 8, Saturday Obon Cemetery Services
12:00 Noon Mt. Pleasant, 700 W Raye St, Queen Anne Hill
1:00 pm Washington Memorial Park, 16445 Intn'tl Blvd S
3:00 pm Lake View Cemetery, 1554 15th Ave E, Capitol Hill
July 9, Sunday Obon Services
10:00 am Obon/Hatsubon at Seattle Betsuin
1:00 pm Obon Cemetery Service at Washelli
3:00 pm Obon Cemetery Service/Sunset Hills
July 13, 14 Bon Odori set-up
July 15, 16 Seattle Bon Odori Festival; Sat.: 4-10pm; Sun.: 3-8pm
July 21 - 23 NWYBL Retreat

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