



## Baby Yuiya and an old rookie Papa - part 1

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

My first son, is “Yui Ya” (結也) was born in September, 2016. “Yui” means, “tie” and “bond”. I wish he would make a lot of bonds of friends. I also wish he would tie one person to another person. “Ya” means “being”. In the Kusunoki family, my father and my brothers, all men have the name of “Ya”. I wanted him to carry on the name of “Ya”. I would like to share my memory when he was born last year.

My wife's waters broke on Sunday, September 18 early in the morning. I took her to the hospital at 6:00 AM. She didn't feel any pain at that point. She was smiling. A nurse said that it would take a long time to have a baby. Therefore, I went to the Buddhist Church of Lodi because it was on Sunday for the fall Ohigan service.

I set up the altar, explained the situation to our sangha, and asked our guest speaker, Rev. Brian Nagata to officiate the fall Ohigan service. Then, I went back to the hospital. She was still smiling and had no pain yet. Nothing happened for a while. So, at the lunchtime, I went home once to eat lunch and take a shower. Ayano's sister came from Japan a few weeks ago to support Ayano. She cooked lunch for me. I told her Ayano was fine and smiling. Then, again, I went back to the hospital. Around 6:00 PM, she started feeling



pain. She struggled with her pain, so she decided to use an epidural anesthesia. We waited until her cervix opened enough to deliver a baby. Around 1:30 AM on Monday, September 19, a nurse said that Ayano was ready to deliver a baby. The nurse asked me an unexpected question. “Do you want to hold one of her legs?” At first, I could not understand what she asked me. But, in the room, there were only the nurse, Ayano, and I. There was no choice. I just said, “yes”. Let me skip several events that happened during the next one hour. At 2:50 AM, she eventually delivered our baby, Yuiya. I cut the cord and Ayano held Yuiya on her chest. At that time I felt relieved, rather than happy. I also felt that the baby looked somehow like my father who died in March, 2016.

In November 2015, we went back to Japan to see our family. That was the last time I was able to see my father. It was the last time to hear my father's dharma talk.

The last dharma talk, which I heard from, my father was following:

“Before we were born, we were told 4 rules (understandings) to live in this world.

**You have only one life. You cannot have two or more lives. You cannot repeat your life.**

**You live your life alone. You are born alone and die alone. You cannot live another's life. Nobody can live your life. Nobody can take over your life. You have to live your life.**

**Your life will end someday. Your life has an end. You cannot live forever.**

**You cannot know when your life will end. You may live your life for more than one hundred years. You may live your life for less than a year or less than a day. Nobody knows how long you will live.**

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## Given by:

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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.

*Janet Baba, Jane Hamatani, Steve Hasegawa, Mary Hikida, Ritsuko Kawahara, Esther Kojima, Hiroko Janet Kosai, Kris & Keiko Kosugi, Kenneth & Jean Moriyama, Stephanie Ojima, Yasuko Jean Takano, Naomi Takemura, Mitsuo Yamamura, Norio & Miyoko Yamazaki, Ruby Yasui*

**\*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](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com).  
(compiled by HL, PS, JN, & SO)

## New Sunday Schedule Begins September

Please make a note of the new Sunday Service schedule beginning on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

- 9:00-9:40 - **\*new time/location\*** Meditation Service in Memorial Hall Chapel
- 10:00-10:35 - Sunday Service
- 10:35-10:45 - Oshoko Incense offering and Sangha Gathering. Sangha members are invited to greet ministerial staff and fellow Sangha members. Dharma School children will offer incense first so that they can proceed to Dharma School classes.
- 10:50-11:30:
  - Dharma School classes
  - Dharma Exchange in Dining Hall
  - Dharma School Parents' Dharma Exchange in Memorial Hall Chapel
  - Japanese Dharma Talk in the Hondo
- **\*new\*** Temple tour for visitors

# Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

submitted by Machiko Wada

A thank you to all of our members for their help during the Bon Odori event. The Craft Table was a huge success and Yaki Soba sold out. Thank you also to the donors to the craft booth.

We will be having a fund raiser on September 10, selling Oyako Donburi. Tickets are being sold on Sundays.

Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko Service will be held on September 24. Rimban Kusunoki will be our speaker for this special tribute for two special women in our Jodo Shinshu religion. In conjunction to this special day, we are holding a "Feminine Products" drive. This will be held until the first week of October. A box will be available in the lobby of the temple.

We are planning an outing for our special women on September 30. We plan on visiting Bloedel Reserve and the Bainbridge Memorial Wall on Bainbridge Island. We hope to carpool for this event. It will cost approximately \$50.00 per person which includes the entrance fee to the reserve, ferry ticket, and lunch. If interested, please sign up in the lobby of the temple by September 15.

If you would like to be on the SBBWA board election nominee, please contact one of the current board members, we are a wonderful group of Buddhist Women and would love to have new faces and ideas for the coming 2 years.

## Dates to save:

SBBWA Memorial Service - October 29

Membership Drive - more information will be coming your way

SBBWA expresses our sympathy to the families of the late Helen Adachi.

## Scout Troop 252 News

On June 11 the troop held the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Tegan Yuasa and Nathan Sheffield. We were fortunate that Mr. Bob Kurimoto, Troop 252's very first Eagle Scout, could join us to celebrate. From August 6 -12, the troop went to summer camp at Fire Mountain Scout Camp in Mt. Vernon for the first time. Led by newly elected SPL, Sam Sakaguchi, the camp was successful, and all scouts had fun. We enjoyed catching fish, zip-lining, and camp fires. In the Lake Relay Challenge at summer camp our troop took 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 21 patrols. On Saturday, September 2, we will conduct flag ceremony at the 75<sup>th</sup> Remembrance of Puyallup Assembly Center, "Camp Harmony."

Troop 252 will resume our regular meeting on September 10.

Daniel S

## ... Rinban's Message continued from p. 1

And then, we are asked: "Do you understand these rules (understanding) of your life?" After we said, "Yes, I agree." then, we were born in this world and cried. My father introduced this parable at a funeral service when a family lost their small child. My son, Yuiya, also agreed to the four rules and was born in this world as our family. I really appreciated that Yuiya was born to us. (To be continued)

Gassho,

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

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Mineko Sakamoto	Irwin Yoshimura
Gayle Sordetto	Connie Ozeki-Chinn; Steve Hasegawa; Susan Hori; Edward & Joyce Kato; Jack Matsui; Fuyo Yoshida
Hiroyuki Suganuma	Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata
Joe Terada	Miyoko Kaneta
Ryoto Yabuki	Hidemi & Keiko Tsuboi
Frank Yamasaki	Aiko Fujii; Jack Matsui
Richard (Dick) Yamasaki	Wayne Kuramoto

**General Donations:**

**For:**

Hiroshima Club

Appreciation for use of facilities

**General Donations (con't):**

**For:**

June Kosai

In Honor of Miyoko Tazuma's 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Yuriko Kamada & Janet Masuo

General Donation

Uwajimaya

Appreciation for Obon dance lessons for Natsu Matsuri

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Buddhist Churches of America

Dana Program donation 50/50 split with local Temple

Mark Yuasa

Appreciation for use of facilities for Eagle Court of Honor

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# Musical Notes

submitted by  
Kemi Nakabayashi



Reverend Yoshio Iwanaga

Thank you for the help with summer service music coverage from Keiko Namekata, Tara Tamaribuchi, Mas Tamekuni and the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band as well as youth participation with Emi agreeing to cover on the NWYBL retreat Sunday service day. I

also appreciate the Sangha Singers leading the singing of *Sen no Kaze* with Steve Yamasaki on clarinet along with me on piano for the Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial service last month.

Along our drive back from California to Seattle last month, my husband Jim Norton and I stopped in Portland. We were happy to have the opportunity to visit the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center and see the special exhibit *American Obon: Dancing in Joy and Remembrance*. Curated by Dr. Wynn Kiyama, our Dharma friend from Oregon Buddhist Temple and ethnomusicologist at Portland State University, the exhibit features archival photographs, audio and rare video footage. *American Obon* explores the roots of obon, its unique character in the continental United States, obon dancing, and the enduring legacy of Reverend Yoshio Iwanaga. If you are able to get to Portland this fall, please consider seeing this exhibit which runs through October 15, 2017. (On the first Thursday, September 7 from 4-7 pm, the museum admission is free.) For more information, please go to: <http://www.oregonnikkei.org/exhibits.htm> Photographs are also on the Portland State University Library website as a digital exhibit with narrative: <https://exhibits.library.pdx.edu/exhibits/show/obondancing/overview> Please also mark your calendars for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual autumn music service on Sunday, November 19. Any children or adults interested in participating, please contact me as we start planning and finalizing the program this month.

# September Buddhist Book Study Group



The Book Study Group will meet on Saturday, September 9, to discuss a work by Shunryu Suzuki called *Zen Mind, Beginners Mind: Informal Talks on Zen Meditation and Practice*. This book is widely available at the online retailer or used book stores.

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

## 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



## SBC vs TBT

On Sunday, August 20, Rev. Kakihara, resident minister of Tacoma Buddhist Temple gave his last Dharma talk at the Seattle Betsuin before returning to his family temple in Hiroshima, Japan. After service his Tacoma team and Rev. Kusunoki's Seattle Betsuin team played slow pitch softball at Aubrey Davis Field on Mercer Island as their respective sangha members



watched the rivalry go down. Two games were played 1:00pm for children and 2:30 for adults. It seems that Team Rev. Kojo came out on top. See photos of this memorable event in this newsletter. Rev. Ka-



kahara served as our interim minister earlier this year when Betsuin was "in between" ministers. Tacoma and Seattle will miss him and his family and we wish them well. See Dharma Exchange Notes of this issue for parting comments from Rev. Kakihara. Submitted by Irene Goto

## Dharma Exchange Notes - an after-service discussion

**July 30, 2017** - Matt May MA recalled that Shinran Shonin composed the Shoshinge as well as Ondokusan, and was a prolific writer. If anyone wants to know what Jodo Shinshu is, they would be well advised to read the Shoshinge. It is frequently chanted at the Betsuin for this very reason. A participant asked,

What is a wasan? It is a devotional reading, and there are 144 Jodo Shinshu wasans.

Matt indicated that the first 30 seconds of the Amida Kyo lists the attendees. A participant thought it a good idea for the chairperson of the service to offer a short explanation of the sutra we are about to chant. . . The sensei and the M.As. wanted to know how the participants felt about changing the format of the DX. They suggested one group socialize from 11:00am to 11:30am. At the same time, a second group would view a Dharma message by film in a different room. . . Rinban Kusunoki would like set topics for the month. He also wants to offer temple tours and history to newcomers. A participant requested we return to a divided dining room wherein each half is facing the other half with the speaker's podium in the center. As the room is configured now, many attendees are too far away from the speaker and participants to hear clearly. .

. Sensei indicated the glassed-in waiting room will be turned into an information center for visitors as well as temple members. Sensei wants the temple to be a vibrant sangha. A participant suggested we all become "ambassadors" to newcomers by engaging them in conversation. [Suggestion: I introduce myself, and ask where they are from and what brings them to this temple. Don't panic if they ask a difficult question because the visitor can be easily referred to a minister or MA. PatWB] . . Jim Sensei posed the idea of how to apply Jodo Shinshu in our daily life. Stay tuned for a Dharma-thon consisting of three short presentations of ideas.

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## Dharma School News

We hope everyone had a great summer vacation!!

We are looking forward to seeing all of the new and returning Dharma School students and their families on September 10. We will be having student registration in the Memorial Hall on the first two Sundays during class time. Come by and take this opportunity to catch up with each other over coffee and snacks. Also, a reminder that Dharma School will take place from 10:50-11:30 AM this year.

Again we would like to express lots of gratitude to all who helped out to make Obon such a successful event. It is the major fundraiser for the church so we really appreciate all your efforts.

Hatsumairi, or a child's first visit to the temple will be observed on October 15. 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 8. There is a form on p. 11 of this newsletter and additional copies will be available in the foyer.

- submitted by Joyce Tsuji

## **2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30**

**If you have yet to pay your minimum suggested dues**, the basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations is \$250 for those over 70 years of age and \$300 for those under 70 years old. **Due date is September 30.**

**If you have been making installment payments, your balance is due by September 30.** All 2017 members will be reported to the BCA and to the NW District for our Betsuin's membership count. **(\$134 of each members' contribution goes towards the Temple's assessment to the NW District & the BCA)**

Should you have any questions about your membership status, please contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com)

**“THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT”** (H.L/S.O./P.S./J.N)



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October 21, 2017**

**6-9 pm**

**Dharma Talk**

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## **New: Wednesday Morning Service**

Beginning in September, a morning service to include sutra chanting and readings from the Gobunsho will be held on most Wednesdays from 10 – 10:30 AM in the hondo.

Please check the calendar in the Betsuin newsletter or on the Betsuin website or call the office at (206) 329-0800 to confirm the morning service dates.

- JN

**Wednesday,  
September 16, 2016  
10:30am**

**Rev. Mas Kodani  
Will give the Dharma Talk.  
All are welcome to attend.**



# White River Buddhist Temple to host seminars & classes in 2017.

A partial listing is below. Please see our website for registration forms, deadlines and more information [www.wrbt.org](http://www.wrbt.org). Click on the hot links from our home page or seminars tab for the registration form and brief bios. Check out the calendar page for quick reference of dates. Registration deadline is one week before the seminars.

Saturday, September 16, 9:00-12:00 - Body and Mind Seminar with Dr. Susan Gilkey & Rev. Koshin Ogui. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Murakami or contact the Buddhist Education Committee at [BEC@wrbt.org](mailto:BEC@wrbt.org).



**Rev. Carol Himaka**

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

## Buddhist Paths: Women's Choices

presented by and at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple  
Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 9:30 3:30



**Kyoko Tokuno, Ph.D.**  
**Salvation by Proxy:  
Buddhist Nun's Sūtra  
Burial at Mt. Kōya in Heian Japan**



**Rev. Candice Shibata**

**Transformation through  
Love, Loss, and  
the Buddha-Dharma**

**Register online at [SeattleBetsuin.org](http://SeattleBetsuin.org) by credit card or check or by mail with check payable to Seattle Buddhist Church along with completed form; mail to Seattle Buddhist Church by **Sept 16**.**

**Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple 1427 S. Main St. Seattle, WA 98144**

**Office: 206-329-0800, Registration inquiries: [Leonora.clarke3@gmail.com](mailto:Leonora.clarke3@gmail.com)**

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee\* (*includes Bento lunch*) Adult \$45, Student wit I.D. \$30 \*work scholarship available

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2017 WiB Conference September 23, 2017 Seattle Buddhist Church

## ...Notes from Dharma Exchange continued from p. 7

**August 6** - Rev. Jim Warrick showed some pictures of his earlier trip to Hiroshima including the skeleton of the City Hall to be left standing. He visited the statue of Sadako, a young girl who began folding 1,000 cranes in the hope she would not die of leukemia but only reached 644. Not only was she weak, but paper was scarce and her friends were able to find some and continued folding to 1,000. The young kids traveling with Sensei began singing Sadako's song as they placed the cranes they made at her statue. Each kid received an album of pictures of this trip. . . In a few weeks videos of Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka who wrote "Ocean" and "Buddhism on Air" will be shown during Dharma Exchange. He has explored Buddhism all over the world in his latest book. . . John displayed his artwork of the Buddhist flag combined with the Pride flag that receive a lot of comment during the Pride Parade. Miyo was concerned the Buddhist flag was painted on the street near Broadway. Later, she learned it was a Pride flag. . . [See p. 3] for some changes to the Sunday format at the Betsuin beginning Sep. 1

**August 13** - Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki expressed his appreciation for the words of Shinran, Honen and Rennyo regarding the need for eliminating greed, anger and ignorance from our lives in order to attain Enlightenment. He went on to say the Buddha Dharma should be central in our life, and we should recognize what is in our minds. Sensei was amazed that Shinran spent 20 years on Mt. Hiei trying to reach Enlightenment. Honen taught the mastery of the mind was through the Nembutsu.

The Japanese focus is on gratitude, and we are interdependent. We are living our life because of the lives of others. We say *itadakimasu* before a meal, and many say thank you when they wake up in the morning. We should appreciate whatever we eat and the flowers we use to adorn our houses. Sensei feels vegetables are sentient beings. . . Sensei asked for the difference between appreciation and gratitude, and there were several answers. A member feels the word appreciation seems to have a lesser feeling than the word gratitude. Sensei talked about the original meaning of *arigatō* and illustrated on the white board that "ari" means having and "gata" means difficulties. It can apply to the giver or receiver in different circumstances. He talked about going to a restaurant and paying money for the food, but how many people were involved in providing that meal? When Sensei was 10 years old he went for a fishing trip on a friend's boat and caught 30 fish. When he returned home with the fish his father sent him daily for 30 days to the temple to express his gratitude. His father

expressed to him that each life is precious.

**August 20** - Rev. Kojo Kakihara of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple gave the Dharma talk in the Hondo as well as held forth for Dharma Exchange. As the eldest son of a temple family he will return to Japan soon with his wife and two children. His father is a 15th generation sensei. In Japan, the eldest son taking over applies to business as well as to temple families. . . A participant asked that Sensei explain the differences among the three ordinations: tokudo, kyoshi and kakiyoshi. Tokudo is the first ordination; Kyoshi, the second, and they are expected to teach the tokudo aspirants; and kaikyoshi are those ministers who work abroad. A participant asked what has been his biggest learning experience in Seattle. Sensei hopes to take back to Japan what he learned here, in terms of offering members of the family temple the opportunity to know each other by meeting at the temple for more than weddings and funerals; starting a Dharma School; and doing more outreach to acquaint the community with the Buddha Dharma. He cautioned that these ideas will take time to come into fruition. A participant asked Sensei what has been his biggest surprise. He said he thought he understood English, but when he came to the U.S. it all seemed different from what he was taught. A participant asked if he had any recommendations for Betsuin temple members. He replied, if you think you are Japanese and a Buddhist you should learn how to welcome warmly newcomers and non-Japanese. In gassho, Pat Bobrow



Baseball brings out the huggers in us all!



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**New Time/Place for Meditation at Seattle Betsuin**  
**Before Sunday Morning Service - 9:00am - 9:40am**  
**Beginning September 3, 2017**  
**In Memorial Hall Chapel - NOTE: NEW LOCATION!**

**Hatsumairi**

**Hatsumairi or “First Visit”** is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the child’s first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony to be held during the 10:00 a.m. Family Service on October 15, 2017. 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 contact the temple office by **October 8, 2017**. 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 the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**2017 Hatsumairi Registration**

Child’s Name

Male / Female

Month/Day/Year of Birth

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Parent’s Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip Code

Phone\_\_\_\_\_E-mail\_\_\_\_\_



## CBE's Pacific Seminar emphasizes inclusiveness.

Four speakers from 4 corners of the globe spoke on August 18 - 20 to about 60 attendees and staff at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA. The speakers are shown in the photo below from left: Ms. Thais Campos on *Shin Buddhism in Brazil*; Rev. John Paraskevopoulos on *Shin Buddhism: Current Challenges and Future Prospects*; Rev. Ashma Uma Lama Ghising on *Shin Buddhism in Nepal*; and Mr. David Quirke-Thronton on *Shin Buddhism in the UK*. Rev. Paraskevopoulos was pleased to be among Shin sangha in Berkeley; whereas he feels quite isolated as a Shin Buddhist in Australia. Ms. Campos was attracted to the Shin temple in her home in Brasilia by lively Bon Odori music and dance. Rev. Ashma comes from Kathmandu-Hongwanji in Nepal where Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia is founder and head priest. Japanese language class is taught there and is an attraction because Japanese is valuable in the tourism industry of Nepal. - submitted by I. Goto



**BCA's Center for Buddhist Education is coming to Seattle November 18 - See flyer on next page.**

### More Soft Ball...

Photos courtesy of Corey Murata, Danilo Murata and Tina Ko



# RAINBOW OF INFINITE LIGHT

# LGBTQ IN SHIN BUDDHISM SEMINAR



Presented by

*Buddhist Churches of America Center for Buddhist Education  
Seattle Buddhist Temple*

*Authors, Two Spirits, One Heart*

**MARSHA & AIDEN AIZUMI**

Our Journeys to Acceptance and Love

*Author, Buddhism of the Heart*

**REV. DR. JEFF WILSON**

A Queer History of Buddhism

## **NATURALNESS - BECOMING OUR AUTHENTIC SELVES**

Moderator: Sensei Elaine Donlin, Buddhist Church of San Francisco

**SATURDAY  
NOV. 18 2017  
10AM-4PM**

**TICKETS** \$40 Adults  
\$20 Students

Register by Nov. 8 at

<http://seattlebetsuin.org>





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**Softball: Seattle Betsuin vs Tacoma Buddhist Temple:** Tacoma came out on top. But it was a lot of fun and good bonding happened. **Photos:** Courtesy of Corey Murata and Danilo Murata and Tina Ko. - IG

# Betsuin Events for September 2017 - New!

**MOST SUNDAYS** – confirm at [www.SeattleBetsuin.org](http://www.SeattleBetsuin.org). “coming events” listing, or call the temple office

**9:15 am - 9:40 Meditation \*New Time/Location\*- Memorial Hall Chapel**

**10:00 am - 10:35 SERVICE** - in *hondo* (main hall) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk

**10:35 am - 10:45 Sangha Gathering** - offer incense, “meet and greet” after service in *hondo*, Main Hall

**10:50 am - 11:30** Children’s Dharma School; school year starts Sept. 10 for all grades

**DHARMA EXCHANGE** – in dining room; a mix of discussions and educational programming; topics will be posted in newsletters in advance

**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

**TEMPLE TOURS** - to welcome newcomers!

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## SUNDAYS 9:00 am Meditation \*New Time\*

September 3

9:00 am Meditation in Memorial Hall Chapel

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Kusunoki

Japanese: Video Message

DX: Rev. Kusunoki and Dharma-thon

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

September 10 Rinban Kusunoki in Spokane for Fall Ohigan

9:00 am Meditation in Memorial Hall Chapel

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE – 1st day of Dharma School

Youth/Adult: Rev. Don Castro

Japanese: Video Message

DX: Rev. Don Castro

September 17

9:00 am Meditation in Memorial Hall Chapel

10:00 am FALL OHIGAN SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Masao Kodani, guest speaker

Japanese, DX, DSDX: combined in Hondo

September 24

9:00 am Meditation in Memorial Hall Chapel

10:00 am ESHINNI-KO AND KAKUSHINNI-KO SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rinban Kusunoki

Japanese: Rinban Kusunoki

DX: MA

DSDX: MA

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

## MONDAYS

September 4 Office closed for Labor Day holiday

September 11, 18, 25 Rinban Kusunoki days off

## TUESDAYS

September 26

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Kusunoki)

**WEDNESDAYS** 10:00 am Morning Service, usually

September 6, 13, 27 Morning service 10:00 am

September 20 NW District Ministers’ meeting in Portland

## THURSDAYS

September 7

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Kusunoki)

September 21

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

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

## FRIDAYS

September 1

12:00 pm Gojikai Service and luncheon meeting

## SATURDAYS

September 9

9:30 – 11:30 am Book Study Group – Zen Mind, Beginner’s Mind by Shunryu Suzuki

September 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service followed by

**10:30 am** Dharma talk and discussion with Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Ministers Emeritus

September 23 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Women in Buddhism Conference with Rev. Carol Himaka, Rev. Candice Shibata and Professor Kyoko Tokuno

## October 2017: Major Events

October 15 Hatsumairi Ceremony service

October 29 SBBWA Memorial Service

**October Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Monday, September 18, 2017 8pm**

**Rev. Masao Kodani, BCA Ministers Emeritus, will give dharma talks on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 at Shinran Shonin’s Monthly Memorial Service at 10:00am and September 17 at Fall Ohigan Service, at 10:00am. Join us for some lively discussion. - IG**

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### **September Major Events of Interest**

**Sunday**

**September 10:** First Day of Dharma School - new and returning students grades PreK - 12, Welcome!

**Saturday**

**September 16:** 10:00am Monthly Shinran Shonin Service  
10:30am **Dharma Talk/Discussion with  
Rev. Mas Kodani**

**Sunday**

**September 17:** 10:00 am Fall Ohigan Service with guest speaker,  
**Rev. Mas Kodani, BCA Minister Emeritus**

**Saturday**

**September 23:** 9:30 - 3:30pm Women in Buddhism Conference see p. 9  
**Please register by September 16.**

**Sunday**

**September 24:** 10:00am Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Service

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