



Arigatō, Roy-san

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Rev. Roy Mayhugh who was the Minister's Assistant of the Walnut Grove Buddhist Church, passed away on October 19, 2017. I offer my deepest sympathies to his family and friends on this sad occasion.

There is a Japanese Samurai drama entitled "*Mitokomon*". *Mitokomon* is the retired feudal lord of the *Mito* domain. In the drama, he travels all over Japan accompanied by two attendants, *Suke-san* and *Kaku-san*. *Suke-san* and *Kaku-san* protect *Mitokomon* with all their might when he is in danger. He is able to travel safely because of their devoted support.

In January 2010, I was assigned to the Buddhist Church of Lodi as Resident Minister and Walnut Grove Buddhist Church as Supervising Minister. At those temples I had my own *Suke-san* and *Kaku-san* in Rev. Tom Okamoto, Minister's Assistant for Buddhist Church of Lodi, and Rev. Roy Mayhugh. While they were both were my parents' age, they treated me with respect as their Resident Minister. I sometimes compare them with *Mitokomon's* *Suke-san* and *Kaku-san*. I have been able to walk the path of a Kaikyoshi Minister because of the support of these two men who were big, strong, sentimental, gentle and warm.

The English language is one of the greatest challenges I face as a minister here in the United States. I am not confident in my English language ability and before I was assigned to Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, I always asked Roy-san to proofread my Dharma Talks and articles. Whenever I was asked to give a lecture at a high school, I asked Roy-san to

come with me because I was unsure of my ability to give a lecture on my own. On the drive home after the lectures, we would discuss how the talks had gone. One day, he told me "*Sensei*, you don't have to speak English smoothly and fluently. Students paid attention to what you said. They got what you wanted to deliver. Your lecture was fine. *Daijobu. Daijobu.*" He knew I was worried about my English and supported me with these warm and encouraging words.



In 2012, Roy-san was taking the training for *Kyoshi* certification. During the training, I served as an instructor for *Hongwanji* ritual and sutra chanting. We had the last training at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley just before the *Kyoshi* certification candidates were leaving for Japan. On the last day of the training, Roy-san looked downcast. He was worried because he was clumsy with his hands, could not move as quickly as the younger people, and did not feel confident that he would be able to pass all of the requirements and tests. He came to me and said, "*Sensei*, I may give up on going to Japan to receive *Kyoshi* certification. I will cause trouble for the others. I don't think that I have enough confidence..."

I said, "It is up to you, Roy-san. You have to decide what you want to do. I cannot make this decision for you."

He bent his head and went back to his room. My wife saw him going back to his room and was so wor-

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ried about him. She came and told me to talk to him again. When I visited his room, he hunched his back and was sobbing. I put my hand on his back and said, "I know there are some things you cannot do. You cannot move as quickly as the others. However, please remember that I wrote your recommendation letter and send it to Bishop because I believe that you can be a good *Obosan* (Buddhist minister). I still think so. *Daijobu*. Do your best. *Daijobu*."

Those are the words I recall saying to him that day. As he had expected, he had hard time during the Kyoshi training in Japan. Nevertheless, he successfully completed the training and received Kyoshi certification.

About three years ago, I took a vacation to visit my family in Japan. A few days before my wife and I left for Japan, Roy-san came to us and said, "Sensei, *kore dozo!* (Here you are!)" He gave us frog ornament necklaces. A frog is called *kaeru* in Japanese. *Kaeru* has another meaning which is to return. He said, "Please come home safely. You may have your home in Japan. But, this is also your home. Don't forget that we all are waiting for you. Don't lose it, keep it with you, and come back safely."

He only knew a few Japanese words. I didn't expect him to give us the "*Kaeru*" necklaces. After that, wherever we planned to go, he always told us, "Don't forget to take the 'Kaeru' necklace with you. Come home safely!"

I was reassigned to Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple in April 2017. Even after I moved to Seattle, I sometimes called him when I had questions or matters I wanted to ask his advice on. One month before he passed away, I called him up. I was working on translating the Hongwanji Ritual Guidebook into English. I asked him to correct my translation. One week before he passed away, he called me back and said, "Sensei, there are too many Japanese technical words in your translation. No Americans will be able to understand it. I found 103 words that I don't understand in your translation. I can correct your English, but I am not happy with the translation. It is useless." I was grateful to him for giving me his honest opinion. I relied on him until the very end of his life. At the end

of our conversation, we promised to get together for lunch or dinner together when my family and I go to Sacramento to attend the BCA National Council Meeting in February, 2018. One week later, he returned to the Pure Land before we could make good on that promise.

Our founder, Shinran Shonin, composed the following hymn:

*Those who reach the Pure Land of happiness
Return to this evil world of the five defilements,
Where, like the Buddha Sakyamuni,
They benefit sentient beings without limit.*

Roy-san has now become Buddha who wishes for my safe return to the Pure Land. Although Roy-san is always wishing for my benefit, I feel sad and lonely because I, as a Bonbu (ordinary person), cannot see his figure nor hear his voice. However, if I am attentive, I can see his wishes and the boundless life he has realized in many aspects of my life. He is still living in my Dharma Talks that he corrected. He is still living in the Walnut Grove Buddhist Temple where he served. He is still living in our recitation of the Nembutsu that we recited together. Roy-san's life as a human being has ended and now he lives with us as a Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

2018 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 2018:

Year of Death

2017	1 st year memorial
2016	3 rd year memorial
2012	7 th year memorial
2006	13 th year memorial
2002	17 th year memorial
1994	25 th year memorial
1986	33 rd year memorial
1969	50 th year memorial

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

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 **2018**.

Don & Karen Akira, Galen Akira, Cynthia Hinds, Dr. Peter Kusakabe, Rick Mamiya, Yoshiko Mamiya, Julie Mayeda, Kemi Nakabayashi, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Emiko Okada, Chiaki Schomer, Roy & Kazumi Shimizu, Thomas Smith, Masaru & Anna Tahara, Ileene Tanabe, Lori Tanaka, Katsumi & Terrie Tanino, Michiko Toyoshima, and Sumie Yokota

We'd like to 'welcome' Ileene Tanabe as a new member of our Sangha.

(compiled by HL, PS, JN, & SO)

'SCHOLARSHIPS' - High School Seniors / 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 2018.

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 Betsuin Buddhist Temple.

The **deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 9, 2018 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

Scout Troop 252 News

As the new year continues, the troop has been getting prepared for the new scouts coming into the troop in April. This month, the troop also went to Olympia for the Day of Remembrance ceremony. The color guard that was there was Josh, Evan, Gabe, Kota, Sam, Danilo and Adlai. The troop was glad to make a contribution to the ceremony and was glad to have a part in the ceremony. - KB

Book Study Group

submitted by Leonora Clarke

Our next book study group will take place from 9:30 -11:30am on Saturday, March 3, in Memorial Hall Chapel. We will continue with Naturalness by Kenryo Kanamatsu. Please ask Leonora Clarke or Shirley Shimada how to obtain this book. Everyone is invited to attend and there is no charge.



Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

submitted by Machiko Wada and Nina Tomita-Kato

Lady Kujo Memorial service: held on January 29. This very special service started this year, result of FBWA resolution. Rinban Kusunoki's memorable message of her life achievements touched many members. Co-founded Fujinkai; Buddhist women's association was one of them. She spent her life helping people in need, founder of Asoka hospital, volunteered after Great Kanto earthquake and so many more.

Board meeting topic: NW convention ad was placed. Leanne designed the ad.

Donation items were collected to make a basket for silent auction from BWA. Also we took some of the knit caps and scarves to Spokane. Those are hand knitted by Mrs. Toyoshima. Salmon dinner planning started. Please sign up to volunteer if you can. If you would like to volunteer with us at St. Mary's food bank or Orion center, contact us for more details. We volunteer once a month for each place. Seeking new members: membership luncheon is scheduled for April 29. If you know some who would like to join, let us know.

Distributing 2018 BWA directory: If you have not received it, please call church office.

NW convention: Feb. 16-18, 2018 in Spokane.



20 BWA members who attended enjoyed warm hospitality and well organized programs thanks to small but mighty community. Sensei Henry Adams was the keynote speaker who gave an inspiration-

al message full of insight and humor during his talk, he spoke of his personal journey which was similar in many ways to Shinran's "Coming down the mountain." Mrs. Umezu, during NW BWA General meeting, reminded us of "importance of the BWA of the temples" encouraged us to continue to support our communities and temple but urged us to be open to new ideas. A weekend to reconnect with old friends, make new ones and the opportunity to hear Shinran's teachings through many different lenses.

New member installation and fellowship luncheon will be April 29 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!

If you don't drive, please encourage a family member or friend to bring you - we would love for them to stay & join in the celebration. The cost of their obento is \$15.

Federation BWA conference: 2018 at Visalia, CA on September 14-16. Registration has not yet started but let us know if you'd like to go. We will contact you when it's time to register.

Pot Scrubber Class



Orion Center Dinner



Musical Notes

Among the books discovered while re-organizing the Betsuin library is Standard Buddhist Gathas and Services, a 1939 publication of the "Bureau of Buddhist Books, Honpa Honganji, Kyoto". The daughters of our late organist Florence Sumida also found a copy of this book while going through Florence's belongings. Using this book and other gatha publications as references, I have continued the dialogue with Francis Okano of the Hawaii Music Committee and Donna Sasaki and Rev. and Mrs. Yukawa from Tacoma. Alan Hoshino, Dennis Yamashita, Rinban Kusunoki and I are working actively again on the Seattle Tacoma gatha book project. Rinban Kusunoki has re-approached the Hongwanji Music Research Department in Kyoto to assist in the work needed to complete the publication.

Francis Okano also advised that the biennial Hawaii Choral-fest 2018 will be held in Honolulu on September 29-30. In addition, Dave Atcheson alerted us to the very nice Mission of Hawaii website music page <http://hongwanjihawaii.com/music/> where additional information on the Choral-fest can be found.

Scout Sunday service music was provided again by Jared including lovely background music for incense offering. Thank you also to Emi for providing service music on February 18. In addition, Rinban Katsu has asked the Seattle Gagaku Group to practice and participate regularly for special services, so *gagaku* music was explained and featured again for Nirvana Day service.

submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service with Fruit and Flower Offering by Dharma School Students and music by Seattle Gagaku Group

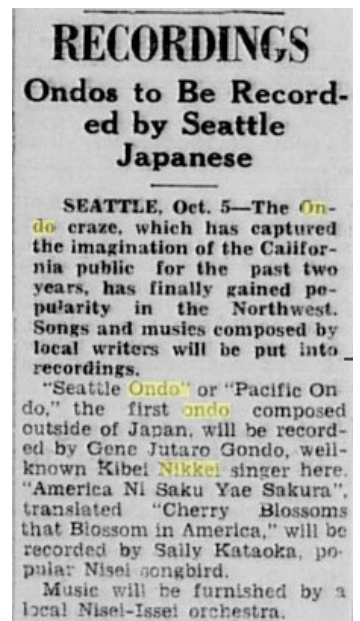
LOOKING FOR 78 RPM RECORDS! Dr.

Wynn Kiyama (Oregon Buddhist Temple) is searching for two 78 rpm records related to Japanese American obon festivals: "Seattle Ondo" or "Pacific Ondo," sung by Gene Jutarō Gondo (ca. 1935) and "Nisei Ondo," written by Ryoichi Hatori and recorded by Tak Shindo (1949). If you have records stored away and a long family history in Seattle, please check your collection!

In the past three years, Dr. Kiyama has produced an online photography exhibit, CD, and museum exhibit devoted to obon traditions in the United States. He can be reached at wynn@pdx.edu or (503) 288-2456.

Submitted by

Wynn Kiyama
Portland State University
Director, PSU Taiko Ensemble



Dharma Exchange Notes

Dharma Exchange is a mix of discussions and educational programming that takes place in the dining room downstairs. Join us — we enjoy coffee and donuts almost every Sunday.



January 21, 2018 - The Darmathon was conducted by Rosalie & Matt May". The amount of evil one has committed is not considered. No one will be discriminated against." This passage from Shinran was a revolutionary idea in his time. . . Matt found a book, "Stranger," at his grandmother's house when he came to Seattle in 2011 and went to his first convention. He was encouraged to learn Arabic in that book to meet people. Rosalie also studied Arabic and met Matt who took her to the Betsuin.

When Matt dropped his nenju, Castro Sensei gave him 5 boxes of broken nenju. Out of this collection he has made about 100 nenju. Less than 1/2 abided by the rules. However they all mean something to the wearer. Shinran wrote a letter about nenju. . . A participant commented that Bead World is located at Roosevelt and 96th St.

Q: Could Trump be a Buddha? A: The dharma is real all the time. Therefore, we can learn Buddhist lessons from the application of what he espouses. Another A: Democracy will become stronger from having survived Mr. Trump, but we all have to do something for this to happen. . . Rev. Castro told a story related by Kusada Sensei who practiced aikido, which teaches one to redirect the other person's energy. Each time he was thrown, the master said, "I'm sorry." Second story: A man on a train was accosted by another. However, a person engaged the assailant thereby diffused the situation. Hence, the soft approach. . . Rev. Jim Warrick feels the Bodhisattva state takes me to Enlightenment, and I may not be a Buddha to someone else. . . Matt noted that democracy was not prevalent during the time of the Buddha. . . Castro Sensei said the Dalai Lama sees the Buddha in everyone. Castro Sensei said in the hospital where he worked he noted the women who were pretty, and that is was embarrassing when he became aware of it. That changed his life. . . Rosalie said Rev Kusunoki participated in the Women's March and we will hear his views later.

February 4 - Rev. Kusunoki plans to explain the Wasan in his Dharma talk. During Dharma Ex-

change he distributed copies of "The Teaching of the Buddha" to everyone attending. [Editor's note: more copies are available.] Sensei spoke of Shakyamuni Buddha's life as written in the book, how he lived and died. He asked everyone to read the last teaching of Buddha (P. 10) giving his final advice to his followers. Buddha asked that they cherish the teaching, not his human body. . . Prime Minister Nehru donated Buddha's ashes to temples in Japan, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki. Kusunoki Sensei's father was president of _____ at the time and kept the ashes in his safe, and later they were sent to the Peace Park.

February 11 - Rev. Jim Warrick presented a video of the 4th installment of "Buddhism on Air," by Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka who explained some differences in American Buddhism:

- 1 - There are more women in groups and in top leadership positions
- 2 - Celibacy is no longer practiced
- 3- Relationship to psychology and psychotherapy
- 4 - Humor entered

Tanaka Sensei interviewed David R. Loy, who studied psychology in college and writes on Buddhist topics. Among his many titles are "A Buddhist History of the West," and "The Great Awakening: A Buddhist Social Theory." He became Buddhist in the early 70s. Mr. Loy said many think socially engaged Buddhism should not be part of Buddhism. How can we not be involved in engaged Buddhism when poverty and homelessness are pressing issues? Hatred is never ended by hatred. We know that to be true personally, why not worldly? His final thoughts included how to end suffering; how to address institutional greed, hate and anger. A participant never heard the word "Institutional" used in that way. A participant asked if such ills are related to capitalism. A: Castro Sensei offered that capitalism can be based on greed if it functions without social responsibility and ethics. . . Sensei referred to Rinban's talk last week about Buddha's ashes being distributed to various temples. He said In 1898 a stupa (pagoda) in Thailand was opened and was full of relics of the Buddha and two disciples. In 1985, Thailand presented some relics to the San Francisco Buddhist Temple where they are today and can be seen by the public.



Gassho, Pat Bobrow

Salmon Dinner Fundraiser

submitted by HL

Tickets for this major Temple Fundraiser were mailed out the last Friday of February to the Temple's Ijikai/Sustaining Membership members/families or non-member individuals/families that participate in the Temple's organizations. 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 15, 2018**. 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, are nuts, gluten, etc.
- As food is prepared and served at 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 it to the Temple office.
- Sign-up sheets for help in putting on this event will be posted outside the dining room hallway and you will also be 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.

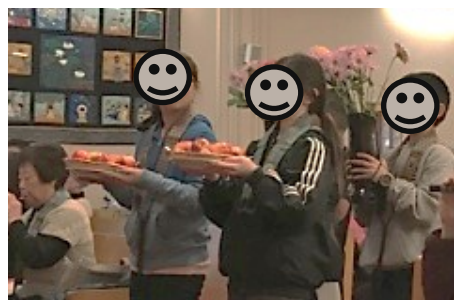
Dharma School News

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

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 and to those who supported the Dharma school by buying goodies.

We also hope that everyone enjoyed the NW district convention. Many DS families attended this special event.

Classroom Report: 1st/2nd grade To celebrate the New Year we made Daruma dolls out of plastic eggs. Some of the kids made multiple ones for their numerous goals for 2018. We discussed Right Speech and Right Conduct by reading a Jataka tale of a patient bull and a mischievous monkey who would always tease him. We made monkeys out of pipe cleaners to remind us of the kindness showed to him from the Buddha bull. Finally we observed Nirvana day by reading stories of the day and coloring a picture of the event. We also made a jigsaw puzzle showing both the people and the animals that came on that day to honor Sakyamuni Buddha.



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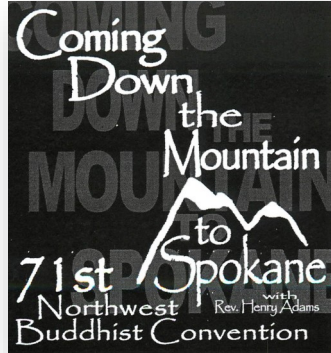
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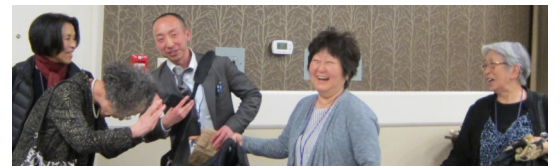
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Ito, Yaeko; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Suganuma, Aiko; Umeda, Susanne;

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Akira, Donald & Karen; Arinobu, Gene & Yuki; Baba, Janet; Bobrow, Patricia; Chinn, Connie Ozeki -; Deguchi, Mae; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Driscoll, Irene Goto -; Fujii, Aiko; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fukeda, Toshiko; Gotchy, Joseph & Margaret; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Hamakami, John & Lynda; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Hara, Reiko; Harada, Setsuko; Hasegawa, Kathy; Hinds, Cynthia; Hirata, Michiko; Hoshino, Alan A. & Lori; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Isomura, Toshiko; Ito, Yaeko; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaneta, Miyoko; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Katayama, Mary K.; Kawaguchi, Harold; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kawamoto, Masako; Keltner, Marc & Janice; Kobayashi, Frances; Kogita, Takako; Kojima, Esther; Kubo, Masako; Kumasaka, Lisa; Kunihiro, M. Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko (estate of); Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Mayeda, Duane & Ann; Mayeda, Julie; Mizumori, Sheri; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa; Nagai, Ernest & Sanaye (Sunnie); Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Junko; Nishizaki, Mabel; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Barry & Marlene; O'Shields, Dean; Oxrieder, Gregory & Catherine Ann; Parke, Troy & Mayumi Terada -; Quintua, Gerald; Sakuma, Pauline; Seko, Robert; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shibata, Gary & Deborah; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Teruko (Terrie); Shimada, Shirley; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takamura, Kuniko; Takashima, Kiyoko; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanemura, Kevin; Tanemura, Peggy; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Theodore & Akiko; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Toyoshima, Michiko; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yahata, Shizue; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis & Elaine Aoki -; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Fusae; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoritsune, Charlene M.; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshimi, Crystal; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko;

Ho' Onko (November 2017 Special Service):

Groves, Fumiko; Kumasaka, Lisa; Nishimura, Hiro & Dorothy; Shintaku, Frances;

Northwest District of the Buddhist Churches of America held its 71st Convention in Spokane, WA on February 16 - 18, 2018

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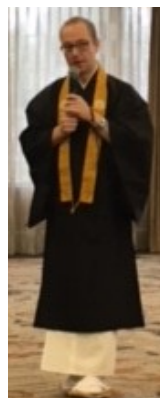


Some seventy members from White River, Tacoma, Vancouver BC, and Seattle Buddhist Temples traveled on 2 buses to Spokane. The earlier bus encountered snow on the pass and arrived in Spokane about the same time as the later bus. Returning was smooth travels until we reached the I-90 bridge which was closed due to high winds. Our expert driver detoured to I-405S at Factoria and merged onto I-5N in the HOV lanes. We arrived back at the temple on schedule at 5:30. Rev. Kusunoki was already back at the temple waiting for us in blizzard-like conditions. He flew back. All told, there were 202 registered for the Convention.



Rev. Henry Adams gave an enlightening and enlivened keynote address about Shinran Shonin's experience on Mt. Hiei and his own mountain experience at a Zen temple in Japan. Then he related an experience at an Oxnard Buddhist Temple funeral when he saw a mother lifting her toddler to look inside the open casket. He went on to relate his father's experience of his mother's death whose funeral he did not attend. A 50 year memorial service was eventually attended by the whole family, reconciling them. He concluded that the light of the Buddha shines on all the mountain.

In his closing message Rev. Adams said the most often heard question he heard during the Convention was, "What happens when I die?" He related his experience of encountering Rev. Tano who experienced Pearl Harbor; he chose the Pure Land rather than choose one country. Rev. Adams thinks of him as a bodhisattva at San Mateo Buddhist Temple. Rev. Adams quoted, *'The lotus does not grow in the solid ground of lofty plateaus, but in the muddy ponds of the lowland marshes.'* *This is an analogy meaning that foolish beings live in the mud of blind passions, but awakened and guided by bodhisattvas, they are able to put forth the blossoms of the Buddha's perfect enlightenment.* (Collected Works of Shinran, pg. 163)



Congratulations, Spokane! Thank you for a successful, and final (for now), Convention. See you at White River next year!



11TH ANNUAL TECHNOBUDDHA CONFERENCE:

SYMPATHY & EMPATHY

(ages 21—39)

Keynote: Rev. Candice Shibata

MARCH 9 - 11, 2018

AT THE JODO SHINSHU CENTER, BERKELEY, CA

Institute of Buddhist Studies

Spring 2018 Ryukoku Lectures

Guest Speaker: Prof. Yoshiyuki Inoue

"Shin Buddhism Doctrinal Structure:

Entrusting Heart and Mind and Nembutsu; Realization and Liberation

March 13 & 15, 2018, 6-9pm

At the Jodo Shinshu Center

2140 Durant Ave. Berkeley, CA

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April 2018: Major Events				1	2	3
April 8	Hanamatsuri Service and Luncheon				1:30 pm Nikkei	12 noon	9:30-11:30 am
April 9	Hanamatsuri Svc at Keiro w/Koyasan & Nichiren				Manor Service	Gojikai Svc &	Book Study
April 22	Earth Day Music Service				(Rinban)	lunch meeting	"Naturalness"
April 29	SBBWA New Member Installation & Lunch						
4		5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am	Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke)	Rinban leaves for Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan
10 am	CAMP FIRE SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki)						
10:50 am	DX (Rinban Kusunoki)						
	DSDX (Revs Matt & Rosalie May)						
	Japanese (Rev. Takemura)						
11:45 am	SBBWA BoD meeting						
11		12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 am	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban in Japan	Rinban returns from Japan	
10:00 am	Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke)				1:30 pm Nikkei	10 am Shinran	
10:00 am	CHILDREN'S SERVICE (YMA Josh McKinney)				Manor Service	Shonin Monthly	
10:00 am	SUNDAY SERVICE (Rev Castro)				(Rev Irene Goto)	Memorial Svc	
10:50 am	DX "Buddhism on Air" (Rev Warrick)				7 pm Betsuin	(Rev Irene Goto)	
	DSDX (Rev Rosalie May); Japanese (DVD) Leonora				Cabinet mtng		
1:00 pm	Metta class #12 [Last] (MA Jason Yokoyama)						
18		19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 am	Gagaku practice	Rinban's day off		10 am Morning Service	11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton visit (Rev Castro)		SALMON
9:00 am	Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke)				7 pm Betsuin		DINNER FUND-RAISER
10:00 am	SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE (Rev Ogui, White River)	8 pm Newsletter deadline			BoD mtng		2-7pm Takeout
10:50 am	Combined DX, DSDX & Japanese program in Hondo with Rev Ogui						4-7:30p Dine-in
25		26	27	28	29	30	31
8:30 am	Monthly ministerial staff meeting	Rinban's day off	10:30 am Keiro Service	10 am Morning Service	Rinban at JSC	Rinban at JSC	
9:00 am	Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke)						
10:00 am	SUNDAY SERVICE (Rev Katsu)						
10:50 am	DX "Buddhism 103 Cont." (MA Doug McLean)						
	DSDX (Revs Matt & Rosalie); Japanese (Rev Katsu)						
11:45 am	SBBWA Cabinet meeting						
11:45 pm	Religious Dept meeting						
1:30 pm	Japan tour meeting in dining room						

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“Peace and Harmony” when we encounter the Dharma

Sundays... Please confirm at www.SeattleBetsuin.org “coming events” or
call the temple office 206.329.0800

9:00 am - 9:40 MEDITATION in Memorial Hall Chapel east wing

10:00 am - 10:35 SERVICE - in *hondo* (main hall)

10:35 am - 10:45 SANGHA GATHERING - offer incense, “meet and greet”

10:50 am - 11:30

CHILDREN’S DHARMA SCHOOL classes during the public school year
JAPANESE PROGRAM in hondo (main hall) with a message in Japanese
DHARMA EXCHANGE – a mix of discussion and educational programing;
downstairs dining room

PARENTS’ DHARMA EXCHANGE in Memorial Hall Chapel - discussion
among young adults and parents while children are in class.

TEMPLE TOUR

11:30 - 12:00 REFRESHMENTS and Social in dining room downstairs

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