



My Father's Reminiscence of the A-bomb....

continued from July issue by Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki



The first A-bomb was dropped on Hiroshima city on 8:15 AM, August 6, 1945, and the second one was dropped on Nagasaki city on 11:02 AM, August 9, 1945. About one-third of each city's population were instantly killed; about one hundred and forty thousand people in Hiroshima and seventy thousand

people in Nagasaki. My father, the late Rev. Tatsuya Kusunoki, who was a survivor of the Nagasaki's A-bomb, was 6 years old at that time. He was unceasing in his desire to share his experience and his wish for peace with others. I would like to introduce the local newsletter articles of my father's reminiscence of the A-bomb written in 2013.

"BAKATARE (stupid!)" ~The Voice That Saved His Life~ What was going to happen to me if a man didn't say "BAKATARE (stupid!)" to me? Rev. T. Kusunoki reflects upon the person who said, "BAKATARE (stupid!)" and put his hands together.

The day when the atomic bomb was dropped was during the summer vacation. He was in the first grade at that time. After the air-raid warning was called off in the morning, he went out of the bomb shelter and started to catch a cicada in the temple's courtyard. He climbed the tree and poked the cicada with a bamboo stick. He faintly heard a sound of a bomber, but he didn't pay attention because he was frantically trying to catch the cicada. At that moment, someone shout-

ed, "BAKATARE (stupid!), run away!" The voice was like the rumble of thunder. He was thunderstruck and jumped out from the tree and ran into the temple building. It was at 11:02 AM when the A-bomb was dropped. The explosion and the bomb blast hit the temple. The wall and roof crumbled. He ran into the bomb-shelter in panic. He didn't have any injuries, but was frightened very much. So much so that he had wet himself, and cried out loud. Raindrops were dropping from the ceiling. Centipedes were moving on the wall and flies were also flying in there. The bomb-shelter was filled with disgusting smell.

Kōgenji became a clearing hospital Rev. Tatsuya Kusunoki was alone in a bomb shelter and crying loudly. After a while, his mother, Yame came into the shelter. She was holding his brother, Isamu who was still a baby. His mother's face was bloodstained and his brother's hair got scorched and frizzy. His father was supposed to visit a temple member's house and his two sisters were supposed to work at an arms factory near the ground zero. However, they had changed their schedule because of their health problems and some other reasons. Therefore, the family members were all alive.

The sky was covered with dark clouds. It was dingy outside as if it were night. He could see the fire around downtown Nagasaki near the city hall. At about midnight, Onigiri (rice ball) was delivered from the neighbor city, Isahaya city. All family members stayed overnight in the shelter on that day.

Next day, a lot of injured people were carried into the Hondo (main hall). There was no room to stand. These injured people moaned in pain. He couldn't go into the Hondo because he was scared to see them. His parents put some antiseptic on wounds in their

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mouths. However, after a few days, the mouth wounds were full of maggots. Many people suffered from their injuries and died. The bodies were sent to an elementary school, which was near the temple, and were cremated there. At late afternoon, the smoke and smell flowed out and reached the temple.

An exciting impression on fruit juice and snacks

It was an unforgettable day on August 15, 1945. The Nagasaki newspaper publishing company was using the Kōngenji's temple as their temporary office. A staff of 40 sat in the Hondo to listen to the radio broadcast given by the Japanese emperor. As a child, Rev. Tatsuya Kusunoki also sat there but he couldn't understand what was going on. One man started crying aloud. Somebody told him that Japan had lost the war.

Japanese people, including him, used to call the Americans and the British brutes and savages, but after the war ended, his impression of the Americans and the British completely changed. He enjoyed visiting the base of the US forces in Japan after dinner. His purpose for visiting there was to get some chocolate and chewing gum. If he said "Hallo", the US soldiers scattered some sweets. His two brothers worked for the US forces in Japan as interpreters. A lot of US soldiers visited the Kōngenji temple. They wound up a phonograph, played western music, and danced a folk dance on a tatami mat. They gave some of us white bread. It was a great delicacy (Gochisō) for young Tatsuya Kusunoki.

When he was the 3rd grade the school children were served a cup of juice. It was very sweet and had a fruity taste. He had never tasted such a delicious juice before. He covered the cup by hand and took it home for his family to taste it.

(To be continued)

Gassho,

Musical Notes

submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Emi N., Tara Tamaribuchi-Gibbs, Keiko Namekata, Mas Tamekuni and the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band, and Emily K. and other YBL participants for coordinating and providing summer service music. Also special kudos to the Bon Odori committee, dance instructors and participants, in particular for honoring dear Jack Matsui with "Jiichan Ondo".



Photo by Jameson Florence

For the music planned for the Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service on August 5, the Sangha Singers with Steve Yamasaki and Kemi Nakabayashi will lead the sangha. For other future Sundays, we look forward to introducing the sangha to some new service music and reviewing some gathas which we have not sung in some time. As we start preparing for the 10th annual Autumn Family Music service on November 18, we welcome adult and youth musician participants. We also welcome more of the sangha to be involved with service music for regular Sunday hondo services or children's services once Dharma School begins again in September.

Book Study Group is taking **August** off. Enjoy the summer! -IHG

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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 recently paid members for the fiscal year of **2018**.

Steve Hasegawa, Sue Hatai, Mary Hikida, Laura Ichikawa, Gary Kato, Sanaye Kawamura, Chieko Kubota, Lisa Kumasaka, Hugh Matsubayashi, Michiye Ohtani, Masako Sako, Stuart Teramoto, and Fuyo Yoshida

We would like to ‘welcome back’ Laura Ichikawa as a member of our Sangha

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SBBWA Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association submitted by Machiko Wada

The day was a little chilly but 6 SBBWA Members plus helpers to our organization; Dennis Shibata and Dean O'Shields joined us for the Walk for Rice. A huge surprise was that Kuwahara Sensei from the BCA and 3 IMOP Sensei's plus our own Kusunoki Sensei joined us on this walk. The Sensei's were the best dressed participants in their suits and dress shoes and thanks to Kusunoki Sensei who lent them

jackets for the occasion.

A huge thank you to all that were able to help us out with the Bon Odori responsibilities. The Merchandise Table took a great deal of prep work and the table looked appealing. The Yaki Soba booth preparation on Friday with the chopping, noodle boiling and the Special Yaki Soba Secret Sauce made by Mrs. Kawahara. Thank you all for your assistance; without your help our booths and table would not be possible. It's a great deal of fun working with new and old friends for this event.

We hope that you were able to take a look at the display in honor of SBBWA made by Karen Morikubo and Yukio Morikubo. Yukio made an oil painting of Lady Kujo. Thank you for this tribute!

SBBWA 2018 Dues: a friendly reminder to please renew your membership. Your membership is appreciated and we thank you. SBBWA membership \$15.

Donations: gratefully acknowledged

- SBC Dharma School - donation for KSP Cooking Supplies



Scouts Troop 252 Submitted by Gabe

Even though regular Scout meetings do not take place during the summer, our Troop has still been fairly active the past month. From July 1st to the 7th, we had summer camp this year at Camp Parsons for their 100th year anniversary. 10 Scouts attended and our Troop was awarded Honor Troop and won the relay race called the Hulabaloo when tag teaming with Troop 222. From the 9th to the 17th our troop sold kori at the church during Obon dance practice to raise money for the Troop and Venture Crew. Scouts also helped out at Bon Odori as runners and helpers in the chicken booth in addition to helping with other various jobs at other booths.



Special Guest Speakers

Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Seattle Betsuin, Hondo

Rev. Takashi Miyaji, Resident Minister, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
will give Dharma Messages in English and Japanese at Services

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Reknowned Jodo Shinshu scholar and author
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

will give a seminar on *The Heart of Shin Buddhism:
A Path of Meaning and Happiness within an Anxious Life and World*
1:00 - 4:30PM (introductory, intermediate, advanced)

Please register at office@seattlebetsuin.com or 206.329.0800



...for a day of listening, mindfulness, movement and sangha,

September 22, 2018

“Tools for Spiritual Wellness”

6th Women in Buddhism Conference at Seattle Betsuin

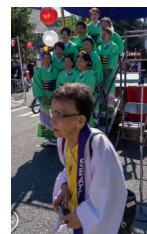
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Sunday's BonOdori Photos by Jameson Florence





AUGUST 2018 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2018: Major Events September 9 First day of Dharma School September 16 Tomoshie performances September 22 Women in Buddhism Conference September 23 Fall Ohigan / Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko service with guest speaker, Asst Minister Dr. Carmela Javellana-Hirano, Salt Lake				1 10 am Morning Service	2 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban) 7 pm Betsuin BoD mtng	3 11 am-2 pm Japanese play group	4 No Book Study this month
5 9:00 am Meditation (Asst Leonora Clarke) 10 am A-BOMB VICTIMS MEMORIAL SVC (Rinban) 10:50 am DX (Rinban Kusunoki) Japanese (Video - Asst Leonora Clarke) Temple Tour (Asst Minister Irene Goto) 11:45 am SBBWA BoD meeting	6 Rinban's day off 6-9 pm "From Hiroshima to Hope" at Green Lake	7 Rinban at BCA Ministers' Summer Seminar in Portland	8 Rinban at BCA Ministers' Summer Seminar in Portland	9 Rinban at BCA Ministers' Summer Seminar in Portland	10 Rinban at BCA Ministers' Summer Seminar in Portland	11	
12 9:00 am Meditation (Rev Castro / Asst Leonora Clarke) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Asst Leonora Clarke) 10:50 am DX (Video "Core Kyoto-Buddha's Altar" - Irene) Japanese (Rinban Kusunoki) Temple Tour (Asst Leonora Clarke)	13 Rinban's day off	14	15 10 am Morning Service	16 10 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Svc 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Irene Goto)	17 10am-noon Gagaku practice	18	
19 9:00 am Meditation (Rev Castro / Asst Leonora Clarke) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rev Imanaka, Koyasan Temple) 10:50 am Dharmathon (Youth Assistants) Japanese (Video - Asst Leonora Clarke) Temple Tour (Asst Minister Irene Goto)	20 Rinban's day off 8 pm Newsletter deadline	21	22 10 am Morning Service	23	24 11 am-2 pm Japanese play group	25	
26 <i>Ministerial staff meeting cancelled this month</i> 9:00 am Meditation (Rev Castro / Asst Leonora Clarke) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rev Takashi Miyaji, Tacoma) 10:50 am DX "Brief History of Buddhism 3" (Doug McLean) Japanese (Rev Takashi Miyaji, Tacoma) 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet meeting 1:00 pm Special Lecture (introductory): Rev Dr Ken Tanaka 2:15pm Special Lecture (intermediate): Rev Dr Ken Tanaka 3:30 pm Special Lecture (advanced): Rev Dr Ken Tanaka	27 Rinban's day off	28 10:30 am Keiro Service	29 10 am Morning Service	30 11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton visit (Rev Castro)	31		

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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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