



## Elevator Pitch

By Rinban Don Castro

I was asked to give a sixty second "elevator pitch" to be recorded and put on our website along with a number of other short recordings by my fellow Seattle area ministers and assistants. In an elevator pitch, you have to imagine you are riding in an elevator with someone and you have just the sixty seconds it takes to get to their floor in order to promote your product. This is supposed to pique their interest so they will come back for more.

I actually have experience with short pitches since I have several times been asked by strangers who have just seen me do a wedding, "So, what do Buddhists believe?" There I am standing in the reception line with my plate full of delicious food, anticipating a delicious meal, and I'm asked to explain Buddhism. I actually tried to go into detail once or twice and then I hit on an idea. I replied, "Buddhists don't believe anything." You should have seen the look on the questioner's face! Their expression conveyed, "What a flaky religion!" Isn't it interesting that people in the Judeo-Christian world generally equate religion with a belief system. When I was raised Catholic, I was required to memorize the Apostles Creed in order to be confirmed: "I believe in God the Father Almighty,

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## President's Message:

*Are you making the world a better place?*

As the school year winds to a close, please join me in thanking the many volunteer leaders, advisors, teachers and board members whose *dana* makes our many youth programs possible. Their generous and dedicated commitment of time and resources is a valuable gift to our children, one that will make their lives richer, and the world better.

Our youth programs offer our young people, and their parents, an array of fun activities and practical ways in which to build relationships, to learn the Buddha Dharma as well as Japanese and Japanese American history and culture, and to be part of the multi-generational community that is our *sangha*. They include Dharma School, Campfire, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Matsuri Taiko, Kids' Summer Program, Chibichan Basketball, YBA and programs for teens that are conducted nationally or regionally like the Youth Advocacy Council (YAC) and Youth Leadership Training (YLT). We are able to offer an impressive range of programs thanks to our dedicated adult volunteers.

But do these programs matter? Do they really make an impact? Are they worth the considerable time and effort it takes to keep them going?

Yes, yes and yes! Children grow amazingly fast, especially today. The time during which we can influence their view of the world, and of their place in it, is surprisingly short. During that time, parents need to do what they can to instill in their children a sense of safety and security, confidence, resilience, responsibility, humility, empathy, compassion and wisdom. They also need to help their children create a personal morality – one that is meaningful to them and that will serve as their compass in life, one that acknowledges the truths of interdependence and impermanence. Imagine how much more difficult that would be without our youth programs.

We are a village. On behalf of the Betsuin, a huge "Thank You!" to those who teach and guide our young. You are making a difference, one child, one mind, one heart at a time. Thank you for your *dana*.  
*Gokuroosama.*

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creator of heaven and earth", etc. I realized I was no longer a Christian when I stopped believing.

Buddhists are very skeptical of beliefs because it is very easy to believe in things that don't really exist. For a Buddhist, believing in the Dharma is like believing in gravity. It doesn't matter whether you believe in it or not but you had better know how it operates so that you don't hurt yourself. Also, if you have a very good understanding of gravity, you can put a manned spacecraft on the moon safely. To prevent harm and to cultivate noble and sublime qualities is what the Buddha-Dharma is about.

"Ground floor, everyone out."

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## **Dharma School** submitted by Joyce Tsuji.

Please join us for the last day of dharma school on June 8th for attendance awards, and high school and college graduate recognition. DS will be hosting a luncheon to celebrate this day and ask that you consider bringing your favorite salad or dessert. We will have some fun activities for the kids. Please come and enjoy this final all Sangha event of our school year!!

Six DS teachers were able to attend the recent Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference in California where our Angela Sato was acknowledged for her 25 years of teaching. Congratulations Angela what an accomplishment!

The DS students conducted a service for Keiro Nursing home residents on Gotane. The service was led by the high school class and included chanting, a gatha, incense offering and gifts for the attendees. This year there was also a special performance by the Seattle Betsuin Bodhi ensemble featuring Kristy C on piano and Emily K on violin.

## **Classroom Reports**

**The Pre-K/K** class talked about the Three Treasures and how they are interconnected. Following the discussion, the students made a treasure box and filled it with pictures representing the Three Treasures. For Mother's Day, the children made a gift for their Mom's by filling whisks with Hugs and Kisses chocolate, "whisking" them a Happy Mother's Day. For their annual visit to Keiro, the students made little gifts to hand out to the residents. They wrapped sample size lotions with origami paper and an origami crane was attached to the bottle.

**First/Second Grade** celebrated Children's/Boy's Day by making samurai hats out of newspaper. We read the story "Yoko" where her mother is so nice to her and then made flower pens as gifts for our Moms to show our gratitude for all they do for us. Finally we joined the rest of the DS in the service for the residents of Keiro on Gotane.

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## **HUMAN NATURE within BUDDHA NATURE - WAKING UP TO A PATH OF HARMONY** August 8-10, 2014

**The Quaker Center:** A beautiful, redwood retreat near Ben Lomond in the Santa Cruz mountains. [www.quakercenter.org](http://www.quakercenter.org)

**Facilitator:** Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi Shin Buddhist minister with a background in transpersonal psychology, wilderness vision quests, personal growth and body-mind-spirit disciplines.

**For Details and Registration,** please Email: [kenjiakahoshi@gmail.com](mailto:kenjiakahoshi@gmail.com) Phone: (619) 500-5002

submitted by IHG

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## **Musical Notes:** submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to all participants of the Gotan-E Family Music Service on May 18. Rev. Jim Warrick's Dharma messages nicely complemented the planned music, including the request to sing Happy Birthday to Shinran. Thank you to Steve Yamasaki who led us on clarinet in the celebratory singing along with Donna Zumoto on percussion! Steve also helped the Betsuin Ukulele Band, Betsuin Choir and sangha surprise Rinban Castro on Mother's Day with On the Sunny Side of the Street as opening gatha. It is the song that his mother sang, even late in life when she could no longer speak. The Bodhi Ensemble continues to impress us with youth talent. We appreciate their participation in the Gotan-E service, leading the sangha for the singing of Shinran's Family and Golden Chain, prior to the Dharma School service at Keiro. In addition, as mentioned, the Betsuin Choir wishes to thank Martha Taniguchi for providing us with the music for Okagesama to sing in gratitude of Shinran Shonin.

Preliminary details of the Seattle Betsuin-Tacoma service book project were shared at Japanese service and Dharma Exchange after Gotan-E service. Rinban Castro, Dennis Yamashita and Kemi Nakabayashi will continue to update the sangha periodically with directed input along the way for this ambitious undertaking. Most of the decisions regarding content will need to be made within the next month in order to keep on track for the goal of publication prior to Northwest District convention in February.

## ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following regular members, for contributing their annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is the list of those paid members for the fiscal year of 2014, since the last posting.

*Clara Beard; Nobie Kodama Chan; Mark Fordham; Bill & Beverly Glasser; Jack & Fumi Habu; Fumiyo Hanada; Reiko Hara; Laura Ichikawa; Scott Jofuku; Kim & Midori Kamimae; Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima; Kishiko Kusakabe; George & Irene Mano; Yukio & Karen Morikubo; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Janie Okawa; John & Reiko Sato; Joyce Sato; Joan Seko; Dennis Shibata; Teruko Shigaya; Victor Shinoda; George Suetsugu; Leslie Sumida; Ryomi Tanino; Miyoko Tazuma; Calvin & Yvette Terada; Margaret Teramoto; Tak & Florence Tsuchida; Michi Vaart; Michiko Yanagimoto; Dennis Yee & Eileen Hamamoto*

\*AS A REMINDER: The minimum for basic dues towards the Church 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, 2014.** If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com. (compiled by HL, SO, & PS)

**JUNE BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP** submitted by Leonora Clarke The Buddhist Study Group will meet on Saturday, June 7, at 9:30-11:30am in the Memorial Hall Chapel. We will discuss three readings. They are *Thich Nhat Hahn: Engaged Buddhist* by Thomas Merton, *Shinran's Gospel of Pure Grace* by Alfred Bloom, and *Buddha Nature: True self as action* by Sallie B. King. If you are interested in any of these readings, please email Leonora Clarke [clarkel@uw.edu](mailto:clarkel@uw.edu) to receive a pdf. Everyone is welcome to stay for brown bag lunch afterward. There is no cost to attend.

### **Walk for Rice** Team Name: SBBWA

Team Leader: Shizue Yahata Date: Sat., June 28, 2014

Place: Seward Park, 2.5 miles walk/run

To register: Search on the internet for ACRS Walk for Rice, go to website; click on Registrar if you would like to participate or you can donate to SBBWA team; goal is \$500. In the past \$1,000 has been raised. Come join the SBBWA team; you do need to be an SBBWA member.

Submitted by Shizue

Yahata

**Save the Dates** Mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of three big upcoming 2014 and 2015 events:

- Bon Odori, July 19 and 20, 2014
- Third Annual Women and Buddhism conference, Saturday, September 20, 2014
- Northwest District Convention, February 13-15, 2015, Bellevue Westin Hotel; “Like” the convention on Facebook and receive updates as speakers and the program becomes more solidified:  
<https://www.facebook.com/buddhistconvention>

**Got an idea for a new religious, cultural or social program at the temple?** Throughout the month of June you can submit your ideas on-line at [seattlebetsuin.uservoice.com](http://seattlebetsuin.uservoice.com). The site allows everyone to make programming related suggestions, view all other suggestions and vote for the program ideas you like the best. Using a browser on your computer please visit the site, add your ideas and vote.

Your votes will help prioritize the best use of our precious volunteer time and funding. You get 10 votes which you can spread around or weight them giving up to 10 votes to a single idea. Yes, you can vote now and change your votes later if a more interesting idea appears. Check back often and make your final distribution of votes by July 1, 2014.

Remember, this site is only for religious, cultural or social programming with the goal of increasing participation and membership in the temple. Ideas for other areas of temple operations are also important but will not be counted. Thanks in advance for spending a few minutes checking out this site, sharing your ideas and voting. Submitted by Alan Hoshino

**SBBWA** Submitted by Janet Baba and Kanako Kashima  
**Meeting at Yakima Church:** 18 members of the NW District BWA, accompanied by our minister advisors, Rev.



Castro and Rev. Kakihara met on May 10. Representatives from Idaho-Oregon, Oregon, Tacoma, White River, Yakima, and Seattle Temples gathered to discuss the Youth Exchange Program, World Convention in Calgary, 2015 FBWA Representatives' Meeting, and the 2016 FBWA Convention. Since the 2015 meeting and the 2016 Convention will be held in the Northwest, we will be working together to accomplish our planning goals for the next two years. SBBWA members will have many areas of responsibility to fulfill.

**Breakfast at Lunch:** We thank all members who helped with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Breakfast fundraiser, held on May 18. We thank all the temple members who attended and supported our



Kiyoko Nakanishi, Joyce Kato, Machiko Wada, Tina Zumoto-Ko, Nancy Okawa

Marian Asaba, Nina Tomita-Kato & Ritsuko Kawahara event. We hope everyone enjoyed the breakfast food



Suzuko Terada, Akico Taniguchi, Mabel Nishizaki, & Darlene Shimizu

and a time to share a social hour together. Our fundraiser will help support this year's Fall Women's Seminar, to be held on September 20.

**World Convention:** Our initial application to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary, Canada,

has been submitted. There is still time for members, friends and family to attend the convention to be held on May 30-31, 2015. Official registration and payment is due in early November 2014. If anyone is interested in attending the convention, please ask for information in the temple office or contact Machiko Wada and Joyce Kato.

**New Members** are, left to right, Michiko Toyoshima, Yvette Terada, Mayumi Terada, Erin Taylor, Debbie Shibata, Sachiko Kusachi, Jamie Huh, and Haru Hirota. Not pictured is Lisa Morishige. In back row is, Rev. Castro, Rev. Warrick, and Minister Assistant, Irene Goto.



**Summer Outing:** An activity filled day is planned for our Annual Summer daytrip on June 18. An early lunch at Kona Kitchen, a visit to Sakuma Bros. Strawberry Farm & Market, and shopping trip to Seattle Premium Outlet or entertainment at Tulalip Casino is scheduled for the day. Everyone can relax and take in the day, as a charter coach has been ordered. The cost is \$40. For members, which includes lunch, transportation, and tip. Cost to non-members, including children is \$48. The sign-up sheet is posted in the temple hallway, near the office. Family and friends are invited take part in this fun-filled day.

**Newspaper Flower Class:** Nine members took the

recycled News-paper Flower craft class on May 14. The flowers were made of newsprint and glue, which was wrinkled, using a wooden dowel tool. This is an ecological way to recycle newsprint to make a flower pin, gift wrap ornament, or a flower table decoration. Cheryl Ohashi, Fran Tamekuni, Gail Kaminishi, and Janet Baba taught this class.



Front: Tomi Zumoto, Kazumi Shimizu, Fran Tamekuni Back: Darlene Shimizu, Mae Deguchi, Cheryl Ohashi, Judith Nakamura, Gail Kaminishi, & Florence Sumida

**Calendar:**

SBBWA Board Meeting	June 1
SBBWA Summer Outing	June 18
Kids Summer Program	June 23-27
Cabinet Meeting	June 29

## Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations February – April 2014

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Tomiko Okano – Funeral Service	\$ 750.00	Pamela Okano
Sou Chia Chen – Funeral Service	\$ 650.00	Estate of Sou Chia Chen
Richard Kitashima – 13 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 300.00	Evelyn Kitashima
Warren Koichi Suzuki – Inurnment Service	\$ 300.00	Kanemi Suzuki
Kimie Watanabe – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 300.00	Atsushi Watanabe
Nokotsudo for Ricky Hara	\$ 300.00	Reiko Hara
Hatsumi Higa – Inurnment Service	\$ 300.00	Michael Higa
Takako Taki - In Memory of	\$ 270.00	Noboru Taki
Karen Ann Fordham – 25 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 250.00	Mark Aoki-Fordham
Nokotsudo for Nobi Kano	\$ 100.00	Tamako Niwa

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Takako Taki	George & Toshi Fukeda
Masao Yamaguchi	Mutual Fish Co, Inc.; Seattle Hiroshima Club

### Temple Supervision:

Spokane Buddhist Temple	\$ 100.00
Yakima Buddhist Temple	\$ 100.00

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Takashi Matsui	80 <sup>th</sup> Kibei Anniversary Return to Seattle
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Takiko Miyauchi	General Donation
Anonymous	General Donation for Hanamatsuri Lunch
Satoru & Grace Ichikawa	General Donation for Hanamatsuri Lunch
David & Debbie Akiyama	General Donation for Hanamatsuri Lunch
Ashley Topacio	General Donation for Hanamatsuri Lunch

- submitted by Pauline Sakuma

# Betsuin Archives Committee is seeking members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces

It isn't too early to think about Obon season and that means that the Betsuin Archives Committee wants photos of members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and in reserves, in uniform.



Hiro Nishimura

We currently have 93 photos and are looking for more. This display always attracts attention each year. We'd like to continue to honor those members who have served our country. Please submit photos to the Betsuin church office by **July 6** so I can print it and mount them. Thanks. Gassho, Sat



**“Town Hall” Dharma Exchange** tentatively set for June 8, 2014 has been postponed. Please look for news of the next Town Hall in the next issue. – submitted by Irene Goto

## TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Submitted by AH  
As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will be having a fun golf tournament at **Meadow Park Golf Course** on **Saturday, August 9, 2014**. It will be a best ball four- person scramble.

**Tacoma Buddhist Temple 100th Anniversary Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, August 9, 2014**  
12:30 PM Tee off

**Meadow Park Golf Course**  
7108 Lakewood Dr. W., Tacoma, WA 98467  
(253) 473-3033



**Registration Fee: \$ 65**  
(includes green fee, cart, dinner from Miyabi at Tacoma Buddhist Temple)  
Best Ball Four-person Scramble

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, we will be having a fun golf tournament at Meadow Park Golf Course on Saturday, August 9, 2014 starting at 12:30 PM.  
After the tournament is over, we will meet back at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple for dinner, drinks, and great stories.

Please fill out the registration form and return it to Michael Shiogi with your check made out to him for \$ 65. Deadline is Tuesday, July 15, 2014. We have six (6) tee times or 24 spots. It will be first come first serve.

For any questions, please contact Jeff Hiroo (253)848-8970 or jhiroo@msn.com or Michael Shiogi (253)226-5812 or mshiogi@comcast.net

Tacoma Buddhist Temple  
1717 S. Fawcett Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402  
TEL: (253)627-1417  
WEB: www.tacomabt.org  
EMAIL: buddhisttemple@tacomabt.org

**Registration Fee: \$ 65**  
(includes golf fee, cart, dinner & drinks at Tacoma Buddhist Temple)

After the tournament is over, we will meet back at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple for food, drinks, and great stories. We plan on starting the first group at 12:30.

**Please fill out the portion below and return it to Michael Shiogi with your check made out to him for \$65.00. Deadline is Tuesday, July 15, 2014. We have six (6) tee times or 24 spots. It will be first come first serve.**

**Michael Shiogi, 4814 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98406**

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Hiroo (253) 848-8970 or [jhiroo@msn.com](mailto:jhiroo@msn.com) or Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812 or [mshiogi@comcast.net](mailto:mshiogi@comcast.net).  
Thanks for your support. Come out and have a good time!!!!

**Meadow Park Golf Course:**  
7108 Lakewood Dr. W., Tacoma, WA 98467 (253)473-3033  
**Tacoma Buddhist Temple:**  
1717 S. Fawcett Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402 (253)627-1417

*Detach below and mail:*

Registration for TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE Golf Tournament at Meadow Park Golf Course on Saturday, August 9, 2014

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_ (Or what do you shoot for 18 holes?) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE TURNED IN \_\_\_\_\_

**The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special service.**

If your name is not listed, the donation may have been received after the deadline for this newsletter and will be listed in the next edition. Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent misspelling of names: **Hanamatsuri:** Aisaka, Steven; Aoyama, Masatoshi M. & Sayeko; Arinobu, Gene & Yuki; Asaba, Marian; Baba, Janet; Beard, Clara; Bobrow, Patricia; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Driscoll, Irene Goto -; Fujimura, Kay; Fujinari, Suzanne; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fujita, Lutes; Fukeda, George & Toshiko; Furuta, Mary Y.; Glasser, Bill & Beverly; Gosho, Kazumi (Janice); Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hanada, Peggy; Hara, Reiko; Harada, Setsuko; Harano, Nelson; Hasegawa, Kathy; Hatai, Susan; Hayami, Sachiko; Hikida, Mary; Hirasawa, Amy; Hirata, Michiko; Huh, Jamie; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Ise, Haruo Hal; Isomura, Toshiko; Jofuku, Scott; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kanemoto, Malcom & Eileen; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Katayama, Mary K.; Kato, Edward & Joyce; Kato, Kazue (Katie); Kato, Nina Tomita -; Kawada, Noboru & Hatsuye; Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawaguchi, Miyoko; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kawamoto, Masako; Keefe, Dan; Keltner, Marc & Janice Nakamura -; Kido, Momoko; Kikuchi, Shizue; Kobuki, Haruko; Kogita, Paul & Takako; Kojima, Esther; Komoto, Frank; Kondo, Stan; Kosai, June (Yoshie); Kubo, Masayoshi & Masako; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Masunaga, Fumiye; Matsubayashi, Hugh & Ivy Chen -; Matsui, Jack T.; Mayeda, Julie; Mikami, Yoshie; Miyata, Tetsuo & Linda; Miyauchi, Takiko; Mizumori, Sheri; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Moriguchi, Tyler & Thy Pham; Morikubo, Yukio & Karen; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa -; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakagawa, Yoshie; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Junko; Nakashima, Craig & Dana; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishimura, Hisashi & Sadako; Nishizaki, Akio & Mabel; Nitta, Nancy; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okada, Emiko; Osaki, Mary; Otsuji, Nobuko; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Sako, Masako; Sands, Crispin; Shahbaghlian, Patricia Oye -; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shibuya, Amy; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shigaya, Teruko; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Sordetto, Gayle; Suguro, Nori; Sumida, Florence; Sumida, Leslie; Suzaka, Gail; tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takamura, Kuniko; Takano, Yasuko Jean; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Jean; Taki, Noboru; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Tazuma, Grace; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Janet; Terada, Joe & Hideko; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Tokunaga, Dolly; Tomita, Paul & Mabel; Toyoshima, Michiko; Tsuchida, Tak & Florence; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wada, Machiko; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yahata, Shizue; Yamane, Jeffrey & Susan; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis; Yanagimoto, Michiko; Yasui, Ayako (Ruby); Yee, Fukuyo; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoritsune, Charlene M.; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshida, Kiyoko; Yoshimi, Crystal; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko; **Ohigan – Spring:** Beard, Clara; Desaki, Yasuko; Gosho, Kazumi (Janice); Harada, Setsuko; Horn, Kenneth & Pam; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Kashima, Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako; Kawada, Noboru & Hatsuye; Kobuki, Haruko; Kozai, Art & Lori; Kozai, Yoshiko; Nakayama, Curtis & Charlene; Otsuji, Nobuko; Shigaya, Teruko (Terrie); Shimizu, Haruko; Sumida, Leslie; Takamura, Kuniko; Taniguchi, Theodore & Akico; Teranishi, Asako; Tomita, Paul & Mabel; Yamaguchi, Fumiko; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; **Bodhi Day:** Ko, Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto -

**Submitted By: Fund Management** The following names will be added to the Seattle Betsuin Endowment plaque for their generous contributions to the endowment funds:

**Nori Suguro**

**Don & Karen Akira**

**Honmyo Family**

With a minimum donation of \$1,500.00 per person to the endowment fund your name will be engraved onto the Seattle Betsuin Foundation plaque located in the hallway by the minister's offices. The goal of the Endowment fund is to continue to sustain the operations of the temple and the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. Anyone interested in contributing can contact members of the endowment committee: Michael Teramoto, Art Kosai, Dale Kaku, Kevin Yokoyama, Kats Tanino, Jack Matsui, Craig Nakano and Howard Luke.

In Gassho, Craig Nakano, Endowment Committee

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**Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki will visit Seattle Betsuin** with plans for him to conduct some chanting workshops Thursday, June 19 - Saturday, June 21. He will also be asked to

- advise on compiling and publishing a new service book
  - assist our local ministers and Minister's Assistants on chanting selected short chants and discuss how to include them in our liturgy
  - deliver 2 or more short (10-15 minute) Houwa (sermons) in Japanese for video-recording for the benefit of our Japanese speaking members who are not able to hear Japanese sermons on a regular basis.
  - conduct a Japanese seminar from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, June 21 followed by
  - lunch and conducting chanting workshop from 2pm to 4pm
- Other programs he will conduct will be announced.

Submitted by IHG & MW



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## Notes on Dharma Exchange

**April 27, 2014** - MA Leonora, during Dharma Exchange, said Rev. William Briones complained about the poor service he received in a restaurant. He reportedly felt worse after he complained. Leonora explained we hurt ourselves by hanging onto perceived slights. At some point in our life we come to the conclusion that all is well and we enjoy instant forgiveness from Amida Buddha. . . Shirley S. liked Rev. Castro's inspirational talk about motainai and eco-sangha. Another participant suggested acknowledging what is bothering us and then letting it go. A participant prefers the phrase "let it go" rather than "I forgive you." Another participant suggested rather than taking offense at another's mistake we can think, "That is the teaching."

**May 4** - Rev. Jim Warrick reported on Rev. Dr. Haneda's Dharma message. He said we all engage in dualistic thinking, and that "I take refuge in the Buddha" is an example of Wisdom. He commented that Shinran took the meditative path and later came back to the Nembutsu.

**May 11** - Rev. Jim Warrick mentioned that the enormous yacht that visited Seattle required \$400,000 worth of fuel to fill it, and spoofed he could not find a Dharma message in that fact. . . Sensei said there are those who postulate that Buddhism is a philosophy and not a religion; whereas Sensei stated Buddhism is a religion, a philosophy and a psychology. . . In Japan, memorial services are offered for a fee and include Buddhism, Shintoism and Christianity. He said the sons of a Buddhist temple family learn the rites and rituals plus the Dharma. They then take tokudo ordination and are qualified to conduct memorial services. . . We discussed offerings, usually rice, that Buddhists make at their home obutsudans. Some offer bread or tortillas, and on one occasion a huge fish was offered. A widower who did not know how to cook offered a cup of coffee. . . Sensei indicated Buddhism started in India where it is very hot, and by using incense the air was purified in a hot room full of people.

**May 18** - All the participants very much enjoyed the Gotan-e/Music Service to celebrate the birth of the founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect, Shinran Shonin. It was conducted by Rev. Jim Warrick. During the DX Sensei outlined some highlights of Shinran's life. (See Facebook) His parents sent him to Mt. Hiei at an early age, likely because political upheavals, wars and famine were occurring. He was ordained at age 9, and left Mt Hiei when he was 29. He changed his name frequently depending on events in his life, and was the first Jodo Shinshu monk to take a wife. Two recommended books -- "The Monk who Dared" by Ruth Tabrah, and several by Rev. Alfred Bloom, including "The Essential Shinran: A Buddhist Path of True Entrusting". . . Kemi talked about a project to publish Linda Castro's music and re-publish Tacoma temple's gathas.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow



**THE MAY ENGLISH SEMINAR with DR. NOBUO HANEDA** was attended by approximately 35 people who were able to ask Reverend Dr. Nobuo Haneda questions about Jodo Shinshu on Friday, May 2, 2014 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm. Thank you, Fumiko Groves for helping to plan his successful visit. -IHG



Registration for  
**The Third Annual Women in Buddhism Conference at Seattle Buddhist Temple**  
*a day to gain understanding of the connection between Buddhism and women's everyday lives*  
**“To think of the Buddha is to be thought of by the Buddha”**

**Saturday**

**September 20 2014**

**9:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Presenters:**



**Reverend  
Midori Kondo**

Associate minister at Honpa Hongwanji  
Hilo Betsuin, Resident Minister of Lihue  
Hongwanji Mission, Retired



**Sierra Lee-Brenner**

Licensed mental health counselor and  
board certified art therapist, Seattle &  
Bainbridge Is....*mandala as a  
contemplative expression with a focus  
on Buddhism...*



**Reverend  
Carol O'Dowd**

Resident Minister, Longmont Buddhist  
Temple, Longmont, CO, Mountain  
District, Buddhist Churches of America

**Registration** is required so that we can provide meals for participants: Cost: \$35 per person which includes lunch; you may choose vegetarian in registration form below. **Please register by Sunday, September 14, 2014** Questions: Contact the temple office at 206.329-0800 or email at [office@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.com). Send completed form & check payable to: Seattle Betsuin Religious Department , Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church, 1427 S Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144 Attention: Etsu Shimbo. *Thank you for registering. It will be a wonderful day!*

*Detach below and mail:*

September 20, 2014    Women in Buddhism Conference Registration Form - Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount enclosed: \$35 for conference and lunch: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check here for **vegetarian**:

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for your *dana*.

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check number: \_\_\_\_\_

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*"Take Refuge in the Light of Joy"*

Dear Friends -

Below are links to an exciting summer of dharma programs. Please note registration deadlines are approaching for seminars and space is also limited. Early registration is encouraged.

We look forward to seeing some of you in the coming months.

Gassho/Palms together, The CBE Staff

## **JUNE 2014**

**Sat. 6/28/14:**

### **"Being Gay, Being Buddhist"**

*The LGBTQ Community & Shin Buddhism*

*A Seminar for the Whole Sangha!*

Keynote Speaker: **George Takei**

*(George's attendance subject to professional conflicts)*

Guest Speakers: **Pieper & Lois Toyama** on  
*"Parenting Our LGBTQ Children"*

Presenters from sanghas across the nation:

**Hoshina Seki** (NY)

**Fred Pelger** (WA)

**Elaine Donlin** (CA)

Moderator:

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, CBE Co-Director

*Speakers will share personal stories, hear buddhist perspectives and continue the conversations begun at the 2013 seminar. Read about it in the Buddhadharma article "Is My Sangha Inclusive?" by Rev. Kuwahara.*

Limited seats. [Register early!](#)

**BCA Member rates available until 5/28**

## **JULY 2014**

**Fri. - Sun. 7/4 thru 7/6:**

### **Summer Pacific Seminar 21st Century**

#### ***"Sea of Suffering, Ocean of Compassion"***

Keynote Speakers: **Rev. Tetsuo Unno and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno**

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Harry Bridge**

Honored Guests:

**Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno & Mrs. Alice Unno**

Be part of this historic gathering and experience the dynamic continuum of the Jodo Shinshu tradition in America. Seats are limited.

**BCA member discount until 6/4.**

[Register online!](#) Presented by IBS & CBE

## **AUGUST 2014**

**Sat. 8/9: 1 - 4 pm**

### **CBE Public Lecture** presented in

*conjunction with the Jodo Shinshu*

*Correspondence Course August Workshop*

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Lori Meeks**

University of Southern California

***"Neither Nun nor Laywoman:  
Renunciation & the Female Lifecycle in  
Pre-Modern Japan"***

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## Betsuin Events for June 2014

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

- 8:45 am MEDITATION SERVICE at 1441 S. Main St; Sutra Chanting, 20-minute meditation, discussion.
- 10:00 am SERVICE - in Hondo (main sanctuary) includes Sutra Chanting, singing, and Dharma Talk
- 11:00 am DHARMA EXCHANGE – in dining room, Q/A, dialogue with minister and ministers assistants

**MOST WEDNESDAYS** 10:30 am **DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP** with Meditation – **call office to confirm**

**SUNDAYS** 8:45 am Meditation Service  
June 1 8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE  
 Youth: Rinban Castro  
 Adult: Rinban Castro  
 Japanese: Program  
 DSDX: MA Irene Goto  
 DX: Rinban Castro

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting  
 11:45 am Religious Dept. Meeting

June 8 8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am AWARDS & RECOGNITION SERVICE (Last day of Dharma School)  
 Family: Rinban Castro  
 Japanese: Program  
 DX: TBD  
 11:45 am Dharma School End of Year Party

June 15 8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE  
 Adult: Rev. Warrick  
 Japanese: Program  
 DX: Rev. Warrick

June 22 8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am BISHOPS'/RINBANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE  
 Adult: TBD  
 Japanese: Program  
 DX: TBD

June 29 8:45 am Meditation Service  
 10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE  
 Adult: Rev. Warrick  
 Japanese: Program  
 DX: TBD  
 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

**MONDAYS** KSP June 23 – 27 (Mon.-Fri.) 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
June 9 Rinban Castro (Day Off/Out of Town)  
June 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)  
June 30 – July 2 BCA Ministers' Fukuken at Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley

**TUESDAYS** June 23 – 27 (Mon.-Fri.) 9:30 am – 3:00 pm KSP  
June 30 – July 2 BCA Ministers' Fukuken at Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley  
June 3 Rinban Castro (Day Off)  
June 10 Rinban Castro (Study Day Off/Out of Town)  
June 24 10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro)

**WEDNESDAYS** 10:30 am – Dharma Support - call to confirm  
 KSP June 23 – 27 (Mon.-Fri.) 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
June 30 – July 2 BCA Ministers' Fukuken at Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley  
June 4 10:30 am Dharma Support (Rinban Castro)  
June 11 Rinban Castro (Vacation)  
 10:30 am Dharma Support Group  
 1:00 pm Betsuin Choir sing at Nikkei Manor  
June 18 10:30 am Dharma Support Group  
June 25 10:30 am “ (Rinban Castro)

**THURSDAYS** KSP June 23 – 27 (Mon.-Fri.) 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
June 5 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (MA Irene Goto)  
June 12 Rinban Castro (Vacation)  
June 19 Chanting with Rev. Kusunoki see p 8, 7pm

**FRIDAYS** KSP June 23 – 27 (Mon.-Fri.) 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
June 6 12:00 pm Gojikai Service and Luncheon Meeting (Rinban Castro)  
June 13 Rinban Castro (Vacation)  
June 20 Seminar with Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Buddhist Church of Lodi - Time TBD see p 8

**SATURDAYS**  
June 7 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Study Group (Rinban Castro)  
June 14 Rinban Castro (Vacation) see p 8  
June 21 Japanese Lecture/Chanting w/ Rev. Kusunoki

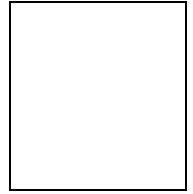
### **JULY 2014: Major Events of Interest**

July 4 – 6 (Fri.-Sun.) Pacific Seminar at Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley see p 10  
July 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15 **Bon Odori Practice** 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
July 12 (Sat.) Obon Cemetery Services at: Mt. Pleasant (12 pm); WA Memorial Park (1 pm); Lake View (3:30 pm)  
July 13 (Sun.) Obon/Hatsubon Service (10:00 am) at the Betsuin; Obon Cemetery Services at Evergreen Washelli (1 pm) and Sunset Hills (3 pm)  
July 17 & 18 (Th. & Fri.) Bon Odori Set Up  
July 19 & 20 SEATTLE BON ODORI  
July 25 – 27 (Fri.-Sun.) NWYBL Retreat

**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
 Monday, June 16, 2014  
 8:00 PM**

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<u>JUNE 23 – 27 (MON.-FRI.)</u>	<u>KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM (KSP) 9:30AM – 3:00PM</u>

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