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A Happy New Year in Gratitude

Rimban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

As we welcome the year of 2008, my family and I wish to extend our sincere greeting to you for a prosperous, healthy, and happy new year. My wife and I welcomed the second New Year after I became your Rimban at the Seattle Betsuin under the guiding light of Amida Buddha. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to your kind support and warm friendship extended to us throughout the past year.

In the last year, Mrs. Fusako Kusumi of the Seattle Betsuin member won an honorable mention in the All Japan Mannyō Tanka Contest with the following poem:

**In the island of Maui,
The graveyard of Japanese immigrants
spread over the sand hill;
All of the tombstones face to the West!**



When I read her Tanka, I immediately recalled the graveyard of Japanese immigrants in Kona, Hawaii, where I used to conduct the services in the early 1960s.

The West is the direction of the sunset and the Pure Land of Amida Buddha. It is also the direction of Japan. Whenever I conducted the services there, I could not help but have very special feelings for the early Japanese immigrants who were thinking about their family members in Japan when they died.

Rennyō Shonin, the Eighth Abbot of the Hongwanji, admonished his disciple Junsei, who came to express year-end gratitude to Rennyō Shonin, in Article 17 of *Record of Rennyō Shonin's Words*, that "For the expression of year-end gratitude, you should be awakened to the true faith in Amida Buddha."

Rennyō Shonin also stated in his *Epistle* or *Gobunsho*, Volume I, No. 3, that "As long as we live, we should recite the Nembutsu with gratitude. These people are called the followers of true faith, who have established peaceful minds." He was severe with his disciple and followers about a way of the sincere Nembutsu life.

The Seattle Betsuin has existed in this city for over 107 years and many Japanese American religious institutions have existed for many years in this community. As we celebrate a Happy New Year, let us all reflect upon the dedicated lives of the early Japanese immigrants to this country who laid down the foundation for our present lives.

With this feeling of gratitude, we are able to live our daily lives just like the following poem of Dr. Ko Hirasawa, former President of Kyoto University and a Nembutsu follower himself:

**Today is wonderful; tomorrow will be wonderful,
and also a day after tomorrow;
Everyday is wonderful in gratitude, wonderful,
wonderful, and wonderful!**

A Happy New Year in Gassho



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submitted by Nelson Harano



Jodo Shinshu Center

Through the activities of the Jodo Shinshu Center, we seek to develop and nurture our human resources, while at the same time working for the betterment of all peoples and society. - Socho Koshin Ogui

2008 NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM REVEREND CASTRO

On behalf of my entire family, I wish you all a happy and healthy 2008 in the boundless spirit of Amida Buddha. In greeting the new year, I can only join my voice with that of the famous Jodo Shinshu haiku poet Issa, "I will leave all to Amida, and though the path ahead be difficult and steep, like a snow-covered road winding through the mountains, I welcome the New Year – even as I am." I hope life will be good to all of us but take a lesson from your cat: Relax but be wary. Take affection when you can

and give affection where you can. If you seem aloof, it's only because you are adorable and, yes, you are gorgeous! Now, let's humanize this with a good dose of humility and gratitude and I think we've got a pretty good year.

Gassho,
Rev. Don Castro and family

P.S. Be careful with your teeth and claws and stay out of the street!



DON'T BE PRESUMPTUOUS !

by Rev. Don Castro

Part I

Two of my recent sermons were based on Chapter 13 of the Tannisho (see The Collected Works of Shinran, pages 670-72). The title of the chapter is also a synopsis of it: "On the assertion: People who are unafraid of committing evil because of the inconceivable working of the Primal Vow are in fact impudently presuming upon the Vow and therefore will not attain birth."

This chapter has many facets but gaining a clear understanding of "presuming upon the Primal Vow" set me to thinking. I know what it's like to presume upon my children: "Hey, you owe me. I'm your father. The least you can do is pick me up from the airport at 11:30 pm." Is this presumptuousness or just a plain old guilt trip? Maybe it's presumptuousness morphing into a guilt trip. Anyhow, what does it mean to be presumptuous regarding the Primal Vow?

The original Japanese is "*Hongan-bokori*." Regarding this expression the Ryukoku Translation Series Tannisho says (page 48), "*Bokori* is a phonetical transformation of *hokori*, or 'pride', 'boast'. *Hongan-bokori* means 'excessive reliance or dependence on the Vow' or 'presuming upon the Vow'. It refers to the state of being

proud and not humble with respect to Amida's Vow of salvation." One way this presumptuousness manifests itself in me is when I excuse or dismiss my faults saying something like, "Oh, I'm Jodo Shinshu. That's why I'm so _____ (fill in the blank with words like "stupid", "judgmental", "selfish", etc.)."

In this chapter, Shinran admonishes us not to take a liking to poison just because there is an antidote. This admonition is something like saying, "Don't take advantage of your parents just because you know they will continue to love you." Implied is the challenge, "Have you no shame you ungrateful, spoiled child?" When we awaken to our parents love, our own shameful behavior becomes transformed into gratitude as rubble is transformed into gold. In fact, without a failure on our part, there would be no transformation (no gratitude). So, following this logic, I say, "Come on, let's try and fail!" Let's turn back to Shinran's words, "Since you have even a heart that presumes upon the Primal Vow, the mind of entrusting yourself to Other Power becomes all the more firmly settled." Oh well, I tried to find a way out (how shameful) but it all comes back to "how grateful." Gassho,

Temple President's Message Dec/Jan 2007-2008

I hope all of you had a pleasant time celebrating winter break, vacations, Christmas and New Years. It's a wonderful time of year getting together with family and friends and sharing our experiences this past year.



New Years "good eats," and watching endless number of college football games.

My official duties as Chairman will end at the Betsuin New Years Party on January 6, 2008 with the installation of all the Temple Organization Officers and the newly Elected Cabinet Officers.

May year 2008 be a fruitful and prosperous year for us. It is with deepest gratitude, I thank you for supporting our Temple.

On January 1, 2008 we usher in the "Year of the Rat." Joy-e Service takes place on December 31st at 7:00 PM with the ringing of the Bonsho; New Years Day Service will be at 10:00 AM in the Hondo.

Many of you, me included, will be making the rounds visiting family and friends, and eating endless amount of

In Gassho **M. Karry Sakamoto**

Camp Fire Group News

Submitted by Dana Nakashima



Thank you to all families for contributing to our bake sale on 12/2. Funds were raised for upcoming Camporee events (Japan '08 and SoCal '09). Special thanks to Lani Carpenter for organizing, and to Koki, Penny, Dave, Lani, Kristy, Miye, Emily and Samantha for working the bake sale.

Annual Camp Fire Candy Sale! Our members will be selling candy from Jan. 25-Feb. 18, 2008. Choose from almond roca, caramel clusters or the traditional creamy mints at \$5/box. All proceeds go toward local CF USA programs, with a small % going back to the church group. We will have a site sale in the hondo lobby on Jan. 27th, otherwise you can purchase from your favorite Camp Fire student. Thanks!

Adventure 2/3: On November 18th, our group attended a Basketball Clinic, led by Emily's, Amanda's and Emi's Dads. The girls learned the story of Basketball, practiced and learned a few skills, and ended with a short scrimmage. On November 25th, the girls and their families, met to help decorate Wisteria View Manor. Our group decorated the entry room, the laundry room and the meeting room. The girls and their families did a wonderful job, decorating two trees, hanging ornaments (some homemade by the girls), and stringing banners. The end result was both festive and colorful. We ended by sharing tasty treats provided by Tiffany's and Emily's Moms.

On December 9th we gathered to watch High School Musical 2 and practice for our New Year's Party dance performance.

Hummingbirds: A belated thank you to Steve and Emma, Ann and Tedi for all their hard work in decorating Wisteria View Manor on 11/25. Steve was the human ladder -- lifting up the kids so they could reach the high places! On 12/9, we had a short awards ceremonial, and then discussed the US Presidential Volunteer Service award. We also worked on cards for US Veterans. Thank you to the many families that helped with mochi-making on 12/29.

Discovery/Horizon: On November 25, the entire Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire Group helped to get the holiday season started for the residents of the Wisteria View Manor. The Rainbow Group and the Discovery/Horizon Group were responsible for bringing in cookies and each Camp Fire member was also responsible for bringing in two boxes of Kleenex so that each resident would receive a plate of cookies and a box of Kleenex.

On the morning of November 25, the Discovery/Horizon group packaged cookies and labeled each plate and a box of Kleenex with a holiday greeting from Camp Fire. The Adventure groups took on the duties of decorating the entire Wisteria View from the lobby to each resident receiving a wreath on their door. It looked so festive when they were done!

Thank you to each member of the Rainbows group and the Discovery/Horizon group for bringing cookies and to the entire Camp Fire group for bringing in the Kleenex. Residents of the Wisteria View Manor were very happy to receive their gift from us.

Newsletter Volunteer Help Wanted

For **Photocopying:** An able-bodied volunteer or 2 is wanted to learn the operation of photocopying, stapling, troubleshooting, and folding of the newsletter and to step-in when needed. If interested, show up on January 25, 2008 at the temple office between 9 a.m. and noon to learn how you can help. **For Japanese Section:** A volunteer to translate articles from Japanese into English. E-mail Japanese editor at newsletter-jpn@seattlebetsuin.com to inquire.

Scholarship for High School Seniors

Applications for the Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant are now available by calling Shizue Kaku via the Betsuin office at 206.329.0800. Deadline to submit applications is **Friday, April 25, 2008**. If you are a graduating senior in the class of 2008, affiliated with the Seattle Betsuin, and plan to attend an institution of higher learning, please apply for this scholarship.

Recycle Your Buddhist Books

Please donate your **new or slightly used Buddhist books** to sell at the February 15 -18, 2008 Convention. A box is available in the foyer throughout the month of **January**. No cookbooks, nor books unrelated to Buddhism, please. Book donations will not be accepted at Convention. Books collected will become the property of Seattle Betsuin bookstore and proceeds will go back into the Seattle Betsuin bookstore. - submitted by Irene Goto

February 15-17, 2008
“Coming Home to the
Nembutsu”
at the
2008
Northwest District
Convention
Double Tree Guest Suites,
Tukwila



“ONEMBUTSU NI KAETTE KURU”
 COMING HOME TO THE NEMBUTSU...

Saturday and include Buddhist discussions, music, arts, and crafts. Childcare will be provided during workshop hours. Saturday night’s schedule includes a banquet and entertainment. Convention attendees will be responsible for making their own hotel accommodations with the DoubleTree at (206) 575-8220. Please be sure to mention that you are attending the NW Buddhist Convention when making your reservations to receive the discounted group rate. The final registration and room reservation date is January 24, 2008. Questions regarding convention registration can be sent directly to the following e-mail address: convention-registration@seattlebetsuin.com. Don’t miss this last chance to register!

Joyce Kato and Joan Nakano
 2008 Convention Co-Chairs

The 2008 NW Buddhist Convention is just around the corner, February 15-17, 2008 at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Tukwila. “Coming Home to the Nembutsu,” the theme of our Convention will be addressed by keynote speaker, Reverend Midori Kondo from Lihue Hongwanji Mission. Reverend Dean Koyama from Mountain View Temple will be our guest speaker. Social activities for adults and YBA will take place Friday night. Workshops in both English and Japanese have been planned for

Northwest District Convention – Boosters

The 2008 Northwest District Convention Committee is seeking Sangha members to support the upcoming Convention in February 2008. Your participation in becoming a booster will help to defray the costs for holding the convention where other Jodo Shinshu Buddhists can come together from the Northwest District and from British Columbia to hear the Dharma message from guest speakers. For a minimum donation of \$20.00 per individual or per couple, your name(s) will be listed in the 2008 program booklet as a Booster for attending delegates to see that you support the 61st Annual Buddhist Convention.

To become a Booster, please complete the below requested information and return to the Temple Office by January 13, 2008 along with your donation. Please mark the outside of the envelope with “Convention Booster” and drop off in the payment mail slot. Checks should be made payable to: **“Seattle Buddhist Church 2008 NWD Convention”**. You may also sign-up to be a Booster as donations will also be taken in person in the Hondo foyer prior to and after Sunday Services.

Please help support the 2008 NWD Convention hosted by the Seattle Buddhist Church. Your consideration and support is appreciated. If you have any questions, please e-mail the convention co-chairs, Joyce K. or Joan N. at conventionandseattlebetsuin.com or please contact the Temple office with your name and a contact number.

2008 Northwest District Convention Booster

Name: _____

Please Print Name(s). This will be how the name(s) will be reflected in the program booklet.

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Dharma School News for January 2008

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Beginning this month this newsletter will be available online. If you wish further information about Dharma school and youth activities please visit www.seattlebetsuin.com

Classroom Reports

PreK/Kindergarten In November, the PreK/Kindergarten students learned about *dana* from the 6th/7th grade Dharma School students, who hosted a "Thanksgiving Bash" for them. The younger students were treated to a very creative arts & crafts project, doughnut-eating game, and a running race. Heartfelt thanks goes to the 6th/7th grade students for planning such a fun event! Continuing with the theme of *dana*, the kids made a "Box of Thanks" for their parents in appreciation for everything they do. In December, the students listened to a story about how Prince Siddhartha attained enlightenment and created a picture to commemorate Bodhi Day. To complete the holiday celebration, the children made a model of an *okasane*, which is offered to the *obutsudan* at New Years.

1st/2nd Grade: The 1st/2nd grade class listened to the story of Bodhi day when Prince Siddhartha became enlightened and then decorated a snowflake with jewels to represent the shining eastern star that rose that morning. We also made Bodhi Day cards and worked on centerpieces for the Temple New Year's party.

3rd Grade: November and December: crazy schedules, school vacations, cold weather, end of the year, shopping panic, stress...opportunities to give thanks, show gratitude, remember priorities, reconnect with family and friends,

Namu Amida Butsu. We celebrated Thanksgiving and Bodhi Day in the past few weeks. Our class worked on a Four Gratuities project -- Gratitude to Parents, All living things, Country, and Three Treasures (PACT). We made votive candles for the Thanksgiving table while discussing the symbolism of light in Buddhism and in the onajin. Sparkly, golden Bodhi Trees were created with shrinky-dink bodhi leaves, Wheels of Dharma, lotus flowers, sagarifuji, and tiny onenju. Our current project is to make the centerpieces for the temple's New Year party. Look for rats at lunchtime!

The 4th/5th Grade class would like to 'thank you' for being so generous with your **donations of children's books and puzzles**. We hope it gave you the 'warm, fuzzy feeling' for giving.

We want to give a special 'thanks' to Emily K. for having her friends give books instead of birthday presents for our drive. 'Thank you, Emily.'

- submitted by Steph Ojima

Game On! All-Ages Dharma School Family Fun Night - January 12th We had such a good time in December, that we're doing it again! Please join us for another family game night on Saturday, Jan. 12th. It will be from 4:30-9pm (come and go as you please). A pizza and drinks dinner will be available for a nominal fee to cover costs. Families are asked to supplement with fruit and desserts. Bring your favorite games to share. All ages welcome! RSVP by 12/31 to Lynne Goodrich or Lani Carpenter via email to dharmaschoolandseattlebetsuin.com to ensure that we order enough food.

- submitted by Lani Carpenter

January 20th Children's Service takes place in Memorial Hall Chapel promptly at 10:00 a.m. Children's service is a more informal setting; messages will be appropriate for young school ages. Hondo sermons on these days will be geared toward a middle school level on up. Families are encouraged to select whichever setting fits their needs. **Oshoko (incense offering) will be from 9:45 – 10:00.** (Memorial Hall Chapel is in use as a classroom immediately following the service.)

Are you ready to go paperless? The newsletter is going to www.SeattleBetsuin.com

The "Wheel of the Sangha" newsletter will be posted monthly on the Betsuin website (www.seattlebetsuin.com) beginning with this January issue. Members are encouraged to end their paper subscriptions for the electronic version. If you are currently receiving a paper copy by US mail and would like to discontinue for the online version, please let us know. Simply contact the temple office at 206-329-0800 or email NewsletterandSeattleBetsuin.com to have your name removed from the mailing list and jump online! **Note: This is a voluntary option only. No one's subscription will be cancelled unless it is requested. No action is required to keep receiving your paper copy in the mail. Stay tuned for the online Japanese version.**

SEATTLE BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President's Message by Fran Shintaku

SBWA wishes to thank all the temple members for their kind and generous support of our endeavors this past year. It has been very much appreciated. Happy 2008!

The SBWA has sent its first of 3 annual donations in support of the Federation BWA's Resolution. It will assist in funding of the Center for Buddhist Education at the Jodo Shinshu Center under Rev. Umezu.

Thanks to Ritsuko Kawahara and the Food committee for making barasushi and niku jaga for the Bodhi Day potluck.

SBWA January Activities

- January 9th -- Year of the Rat
Instructor: Rikuko Tanaka
9:30 am – please bring sack lunch
- January 16th – Year of the Rat
Instructor: Rikuko Tanaka
9:30 am – please bring sack lunch

Sign up sheets are posted across from the office, or you may contact the Activities Committee:
Setsu Harada, Darlene Shimizu, Frances Tamekuni & Elsie Tokita.

The new pew cushions, in celebration of the SBWA centennial have been chosen and accommodation of wheel chairs in the hondo is being finalized.

The kitchen cleanup was held on Saturday the 8th. Thanks to Paul Mori, Mas Tahara and Nori Yamazaki for their energetic and muscled help. The stoves were cleaned in record time.

SBWA officers for 2008-2010 are as follows:

President:	Terrie Tanino		
Vice president:	(E) Janet Baba	(J) Machiko Wada	
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Emiko Taniguchi and Martha Murakami

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January Calendar:

Jan. 1	New Year Service
Jan. 6	Betsuin New Year Party
Jan. 13	Hoonko Service & BOD Meeting

Submitted by Janet B.

Notes from Dharma Exchange - November 11, 18, and 25, 2007

 by Pat Bobrow

Note: The purpose of this column is to inform members who are unable to attend Dharma Exchange because of conflicts-- those who attend the Japanese service, Dharma School parents, various committee meetings, spiritual seekers who access the Internet, etc. - PB

On Nov 18 Castro sensei discussed the impact of Global Warming in a societal way -- "social chaos" and even war resulting from shortages of water, food, land, everything we take for granted. He noted that Rev. Dr. Mark Unno of the University of Oregon reported there will be an inter-faith conference of clergy in 2009 to deal with the above problems.

Arigato literally means "difficult to be," according to Castro sensei. The term recognizes the difficulty of all we receive.

He talked about Wangari Maathai, the first East African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. She began a reforestation project (30 million trees). He cautioned that we practice mindfulness at a personal level in all our actions; i.e. we must curtail waste. An

accumulation of plastic bags the size of a continent is in the ocean currently impacting sea life. * * *

Ministerial Assistant Bill Hirsch told the story of the Little Red Hen and how it relates to Amida Buddha. In other words, we will be embraced by Amida Buddha regardless of how much we fail. Bill reminded us that we should all be grateful.

Q. What is the role of Karma? A. We are able to overcome Karmic consequences through the Vow because the universe was created through Karmic action, not a creative god.

He indicated Seattle U hosts meetings of the Eco-Sangha on Mondays, 8:30pm, St. Ignatius Hall. Buddhism and ecology are addressed one Monday each month. Qwest Field is hosting the Dalai Lama in April. For details go to www.seedsofcompassion.com. Free.

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – November/December 2007

<u>Funeral / Memorial Services:</u>	<u>For:</u>		<u>Given by:</u>
	Kenny Nakatani – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Eileen Tokita
	Masu Kojima – Inurnment/Burial Service	\$ 400	Harumi Guiberson
	Ray Ishii – 6 th Month Memorial Service	\$ 300	Michika Ishii
	Rikio Isomura – 49 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Toshiko Isomura
	Sachi Yasui – 35 th Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Kenneth Yasui
	Martha Honda – 3 rd Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Louise Doyle & Janice Shea
	Aileen Shiigi – Memorial	\$ 300	Ardith Beitel
	Ben Deguchi – 7 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Jene Deguchi
	Mary Haruta – 7 th Year Memorial Service	\$ 100	George & Jean Nishi
	Grace McLeod – 1 Year Memorial	\$ 100	Rosalie Jacobson
	Kojiro Taki – Memorial Service	\$ 100	Taki Family
	Mr. & Mrs. Gonnojo Tamura; Bobby Ohashi; Yoshi & Tom Tamura	\$ 50	Robert T. Ohashi

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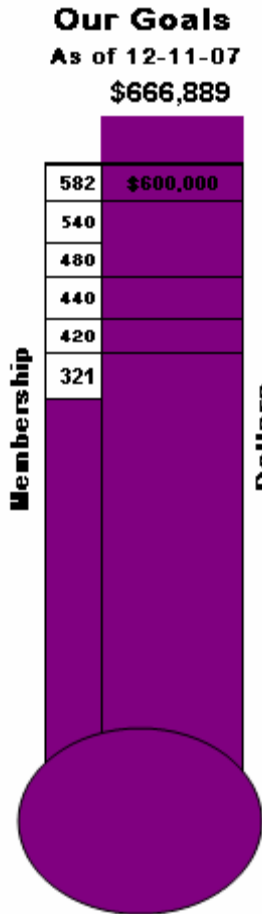
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	B-W Memorial Corp.	Butsudan Storage
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	Fumi Uyeji	Newsletter Appreciation
	Rev. Mark T. Unno	Dana

Campaign BCA – the 21st Century January 2008

submitted by
Kevin
Yokoyama

Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu Happy New Year Everyone!! I am pleased to present an update of support by our temple to the BCA Campaign. As of December 11, 2007, about 321 members, 20 organizations and 1 anonymous have submitted \$666,889 in donations/ pledges to the BCA Campaign. The campaign continues and any contribution big or small is greatly appreciated.

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