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throughout the world*

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### Seattle Betsuin Vision

*Embrace true and  
real life*

*in Nembutsu*



### Seattle Betsuin Mission

*Promote, protect, and  
share the Buddha,  
Dharma and Sangha*

## October 2009 Special Services/Events

**HATSUMAIRI (infant presentation) Service:** Oct 10 -10:00 AM

**ESSENTIALS OF JODO SHINSHU in Japanese:** Oct 6, 20, 27 - 7:00 PM

All welcome for Shoshin-ge Chanting at 6:30 PM

**Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service & DHARMA SUPPORT GROUP:**

Wednesdays 10:30 AM - Noon

**CHILDREN'S Service in Chapel:** Oct 11 - 10:00 AM

**Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service – BEC House:** Sundays 8:45-9:30 AM

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## October Events 2009

### **SUNDAYS**

#### October 4

10:00 am HATSUMAIRI SERVICE

Children: Rev. Castro

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese: Rinban Matsubayashi

DX: Joe Schwab

11:30 am SBBWA Board Meeting (Rinban Matsubayashi)

#### October 11

10:00 am Children's Service: MA

Youth: MA

Adult: Rev. Castro

DX: Dr. Tetsuden Kashima

October 18 FAMILY SERVICE – Guest Speaker, Rev. John Iwohara – Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

10:00 am Children: Rev. Iwohara

Adult: Rev. Iwohara

Japanese: Rev. Iwohara

DX: Rev. Castro & MA

1:00 pm SBBWA MEMORIAL SERVICE – (Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

Guest Speaker - Rev. John Iwohara

#### October 25 FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 am Children's: MA

Adult: Rev. Castro

DX: Rev. Castro & MA

Rinban Matsubayashi to Yakima Eitaikyo

11:30 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

### **MONDAYS**

October 12, 19, 26 Rinban Matsubayashi (Days off)  
Rev. Castro to Berkley - October 26

### **TUESDAYS**

October 6 Rev. Castro (Day off)

6:30 pm "Shoshin-ge" Chanting (Rinban Matsubayashi)

7:00 pm "The Essentials of Jodo Shinshu"  
Class (Rinban Matsubayashi)

October 13 Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

October 20 Rev. Castro (Day off)

6:30 pm "Shoshin-ge" Chanting (Rinban Matsubayashi)

7:00 pm "The Essentials of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism"  
Class (Rinban Matsubayashi)

October 27 Minister's Training & Development  
Committee Meeting – Jodo Shinshu Center  
(Rev. Castro)

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Matsubayashi)

### **WEDNESDAYS**

#### October 7

10:30 am

7:30 pm

Dharma Support Group (Rev. Castro)

Dharma School Board Meeting  
(Rev. Castro)

#### October 14

10:30 am

Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

Dharma Support Group (Rev. Castro)

#### October 21

10:30 am

1:00 pm

Dharma Support Group (Rev. Castro)

Ministers' Meeting (Rinban  
Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

#### October 28

10:30 am

1:00 pm

Dharma Support Group (Rev. Castro)

NW Ministers' Meeting (Rinban  
Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

### **THURSDAYS**

#### October 1

11:00 am

Ministers' Meeting (Rinban  
Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

1:30 pm

Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban  
Matsubayashi)

#### October 8

7:30 pm

Rinban Matsubayashi (Day off)

Religious Dept. Meeting (Rev. Castro)

#### October 15

1:30 pm

Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)

Nikkei Manor Service (Rev. Castro)

7:30 pm

Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (Rev. Castro)

#### October 22

7:30 pm

Betsuin Board of Directors Meeting  
(Rinban Matsubayashi & Rev. Castro)

### **FRIDAYS**

#### October 9-11

BCA FBWA Conference –  
Sacramento (Rinban Matsubayashi)

#### October 16

10:00 am

Rinban Matsubayashi (Vacation)  
Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial  
Service (Rev. Castro)

### **SATURDAYS** October 17, 31 Rev. Castro (Days off)

### **November 2009: Major Events of Interest**

**November 7 Saturday** see page 9

Fall English Seminar, guest speaker –

Rev. Grant Ikuta, Steveston Buddhist Temple,  
Richmond, B.C. Canada

### **November 8 Sunday**

Eitaikyo & Muen Hoyo Service

(Ochigo Procession) – Rev. Grant Ikuta

### **Newsletter Deadline:**

**October 19 – 8:00 PM Print: October 23**



# Wheel of the Sangha

Volume 28 Issue 9 SEATTLE BETSUIN NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2009



“KISG! Keep It Simple, Graduates!”

And

“KISB! Keep It Simple, Buddhists!”

Rinban Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, Ed.D.

One of the most unforgettable keynote speeches in my life was the keynote speech at my son's college graduation ceremony. My oldest son graduated from the College of Engineering of the University of California at Berkeley on May 23, 1987. The ceremony was held at the Hearst Greek Theatre with over 10,000 people in attendance, including professors, graduates, and guests. It was a day before the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Golden Gate Bridge, which was built in May 1937.

The keynote speaker was Professor John R. Whinnery of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. Prof. Whinnery graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1937 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He was awarded the campus' highest scholastic honor, the University Medal, presented to Berkeley's top graduating senior. He became a microwave and laser expert and received the National Medal of Science from President George Bush in June 1992.

The title of his speech was “KISG: The Poetry of Einstein, Maxwell, and Joseph Strauss.” He explained that “The Poetry” is like a Japanese Haiku poem, the shortest and simplest poem. I asked my second son, who was sitting next to me at the ceremony, “What is KISG?” He told me that it came from “KISS” and it means “Keep It Simple, Graduates!” I learned that Prof. Whinnery was encouraging the graduates to use the vast knowledge they had acquired at the University to achieve simple designs and to avoid unnecessary complexity.

Albert Einstein was the greatest scientist in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Einstein's discovery of the Mass Energy Equation, “energy equals mass times the velocity of light squared,” became the foundation

stone in the development of atomic energy.

James Clark Maxwell discovered the basic equations of electromagnetism. Joseph Strauss was Chief Engineer of the famous Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and he was the man who built the bridge that many people thought was impossible to build. The Golden Gate Bridge faces the Pacific Ocean and he had to consider wind patterns, currents, gravity, and other numerous conditions before he designed the Bridge.

Prof. Whinnery praised Mass Energy Equation, the equations of electromagnetism, and the Golden Gate Bridge as the poetry of Einstein, Maxwell, and Joseph Strauss. These achievements were the result of simplicity from vast knowledge.

After I heard Prof. Whinnery's keynote speech, I came up my own understanding of the teaching of Shinran Shonin's Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. “KISB: The Poetry of Shinran Shonin.” That is “Keep It Simple, Buddhists! The Poetry of Shinran Shonin.” Shinran's equation theory is “Namo = Amida Butsu.” We are equal with the Infinite Light and Life of Amida Buddha when we are awakened to the great compassion and wisdom of Amida Buddha.

It is said that Shakyamuni Buddha taught 84,000 different teachings according to the need of the people who want to attain enlightenment. After Shinran Shonin studied numerous teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha and seven masters in India, China, and Japan, he discovered that only the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, is the true way to attain enlightenment for ordinary people.

Shinran's equation theory of the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, will assure us to become the Buddha, Enlightened One. Gassho



## Dharma School October 2009 submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Welcome back everyone!! The first day of Dharma School got us all off to a wonderful start with the hondo and halls filled with lots of excited children. We look forward to a terrific year. Thanks to everyone who came and registered their children.

The Dharma School will be starting a new Toban program this year where groups of parents will be responsible for each month's activities. We hope that this helps to bring the families closer and maintain our ability to continue with all of our special events throughout the year. We look forward to your participation and want you to know that it is greatly appreciated.

We are looking for some individuals who would like to organize the Ochigo event next month. If you are interested or have questions please let your Dharma School teacher know.

### Classroom reports

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade: We've started off the first two Sundays with about 20 very enthusiastic, bright kids. We

began by introducing ourselves, learning each other's birthdays and some of our favorite snack foods. Yum! Next we read Yoko and discussed good rules to have for the rest of the year so we can all be safe, considerate of each other and have fun. After a lively discussion we have agreed on the ones we like and will be signing our class contract soon.

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade : This class will have many teachers this Dharma School Year; Paul Mori, Michael Aoki Kramer, Angela Sato, Lica Wada & Nina Tomita Kato. We plan on having a fun, thought provoking year full of great memories. Parents will be providing snacks throughout the year & we thank them ahead of time for planning this. Although we hope to make our class a fun one, we expect students to be respectful of each other & to the teachers as well. We are confident that all students will practice the "Golden Chain" of being kind & gentle to every living thing. If there are any concerns please feel free to contact one of us.

## ABA Fundraising Breakfast and Film Showing submitted by Gail Kaminishi

Please join us for ABA's second annual Hawaiian breakfast to support the ACRS food bank and the Maitreya (Mongolia) Charities.

**ABA Hawaiian Breakfast  
November 1, Sunday  
8-9:30 AM at Dining room  
Adults \$10,  
\$5 for children 12 and under**

Breakfast includes:

Portuguese sausage and eggs, rice, tsukemono, miso soup, fruit, coffee and tea (juice for children.)

Aloha-wear welcomed!



Dennis S, Cathy G, Karry, Paul, Shizue, Gail K)

Tickets will be sold at the temple on Sundays in October and in the office. If you would like to help us with the fundraiser, contact any ABA cabinet member (Machiko,



Thanks to the filmmaker and to Dave Atcheson, ABA will be showing the wonderful film,

### **"The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill" on**

**Sunday October 25 at 11:30-1:00**

This is a documentary about a man who notices a number of parrots who converge on the area near his home. He learns about their personalities and needs and becomes their caretaker. There are many Buddhist themes in this amazing film. Rated G. Donations of \$5 and up will benefit the Mongolia Project (Maitreya Charities.)

Please look for posters at the temple to note any changes to this announcement.

## Are We Evil? By Rev. Don Castro

At our annual BCA Ministerial Assoc. summer study session, the guest lecturer was Dr. Mark Blum, Associate Professor in the Dept. of East Asian Studies, State Univ. of New York, Albany. One of his areas of expertise is Pure Land Buddhism and I really enjoyed his lectures. The title of his seminar was “Karmic Evil Today” focusing on Shinran’s use of the word “evil” and its use in Western philosophy and psychology. Essentially, Dr. Blum said the use of the word “evil” in the Western tradition is very problematic at best, and in psychology the word has nearly been dropped. A psychologist, Dr. Blum observed, would never tell a prison inmate, “You are evil!”

Dr. Blum extensively examined Shinran’s use of the word “*aku*” which is invariably translated “evil” in “The Collected Works of Shinran” (CWS). In the glossary of the CWS, under “Evil, Karmic Evil” (vol. II, page 184), it states, “The essential meaning of the term evil is a person’s inability to perform any religious practice whatever – any act to bring him or herself to the attainment of Buddhahood – because of the deeply harbored blind passions that motivate all his acts.”

In her “Invitation Message” inviting the BCA ministers to the Berkeley study session, Rev. Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi challenged us, “...let’s examine if ‘karmic evil’ is an effective message for the propagation of Jodo Shin teachings in American society today.” In other words, is it effective to tell everyone they are evil? In Christianity, the sinful

nature of man is taught but evil, however you define it, characterizes only the most dreadful of sins. There are many other degrees of severity under the category of sin. The crucial division of sin is between venial and mortal sins; venial capable of being forgiven by God and mortal resulting in eternal damnation. In Buddhism, by contrast, there is no God to either punish or forgive us. Amida is the limitless power of the Truth whose every thought and activity is to bring us to enlightenment.

I returned from the study sessions wishing I could find a word like “sin” that is inclusive of many degrees of gravity. I don’t like the word “sin” because of its Christian associations (for the same reason I don’t like the word faith). However, many Christians define sin as “alienation from God.” This sense of alienation I find more compatible with Shinran’s teaching of “self power” but I don’t think it solves the problem of translating “*aku*.” Dr. Blum observed that Shinran used the word “*aku*” in referring to hunters and fishermen. Who would say hunters and fishermen are evil – unless you are the one being hunted? Whatever word we choose to translate “*aku*” must, I believe, include a broad range of meanings from evil at one extreme to self-preoccupied and conniving at the other. Maybe the best solution to the issue of translation is to really study what is meant by evil in a Jodo Shinshu context. I don’t know, however, if this is the best propagational tool. What do you think?

## Message to Our Members

by President Mas Tahara

To Our Members,

After bidding farewell to unusually hot summer days, we are already in full swing with a very busy schedule.

The first Sunday of October will have us witness the families bringing their infants and young children for the Hatsumairi service and celebration. Then on October 18 we will welcome Rev. John Iwohara of Venice Buddhist Church as the Sunday Family Service guest minister at 10:00 AM and for the Seattle Betsuin Women’s Association’s Annual Memorial Service at 1:00 PM. As you know, Rev. Iwohara served our church from 1998 through 2002.

Rinban Matsubayashi’s lecture series titled, “The Essentials of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism” started on Sept. 22 and goes every Tuesday evening 7:00 PM-8:30 PM until December 1. There will be no lecture on October 13. The text we will use is written in English and in Japanese so we would like to encourage as many members to attend.

Prior to the lecture, we will practice chanting of Sho Shin Nembutsu Ge (Shoshinge) as it will be used for the Commemoration of Shinran Shonin’s 750<sup>th</sup> Memorial Observance. Hope many members will participate in the sessions on Tuesdays at 6:30-7:00 PM.

In Gassho, Mas Tahara

## 100th Birthday Celebration – March 28



Camp Fire USA

This upcoming year, Camp Fire turns 100! All past and current Camp Fire members and leaders, mark your calendars for a Camp Fire birthday celebration on March 28, 2010.

We are looking for uniforms and ceremonial attire from past members for a fashion show. If you have attire (vest, hat, scarf, gown, etc) you would be willing to share that day, please contact Lisa at [ltamekuni@hotmail.com](mailto:ltamekuni@hotmail.com).

**Adventure 4-5** by *Dana Nakashima* Summer went by very quickly. Many of the girls participated at Bon Odori – helping make and sell Baked Goods, dancing, AND working in the Kori booth.

On August 29, seven girls, plus families, drove to Leavenworth to go tubing down the Wenatchee River. Some families drove up Friday and stayed overnight. The rest drove up Saturday morning. For many, it was their first tubing experience – and they had a GREAT time. The weather was sunny and warm. And, the river was lazy, with a few just-bumpy-enough patches to make it interesting. Even those who didn't swim were able to ride. The trip downriver took about two hours. About halfway, we stopped so the kids could play in the water and have a snack. It was a very fun-filled day.

September 13 we held our first post-Summer meeting. The girls created shrinky-dink pins, illustrating some of their most memorable summertime activities. It was nice to hear what the girls did over Summer vacation.

**Hummingbirds News** by L. Carpenter After a fun summer, the Hummingbirds are back in the saddle of school, church and Camp Fire! The Fall Officers are: Co-Presidents Kayla & Koki; Secretary Emily; and Treasurer Kristy. The group is focused on our annual Starflight Carnival, which will be held on Nov. 15th. The officers have finalized the plan, and the whole group will start working on all the to-do's at our October meetings.

compiled and submitted by Lisa Butler

**Look Who's Blogging!** Rinban Matsubayashi and Reverend Castro, Reverend Jim Warrick, and EcoSangha! Join in, and post your comments. Rinban is blogging in English and Japanese.

<http://revmatsubayashi.blogspot.com/>

<http://revcastro.blogspot.com/>

<http://revwarrick.blogspot.com/>

<http://ecosangha-seattle.blogspot.com/>

submitted by Alan Hoshino

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## On behalf of the SBC Membership Committee...

We would like to “thank” the following regular members, for contributing at least the minimum annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is a list of those paid members that have posted dues since our last month's posting: *Mary Akada, Janet Baba, Patrick Eng & Joann Kosai-Eng, Gwen Florence, George & Toshi Fukeda, Irene Goto, John & Lynda Hamakami, Jane Hamatani, Nelson Harano, Steve Hasegawa, Tom Hasegawa, Sachiko Hayami, Norigiku Horikawa, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Sharyl Kamihara, Mitsu Kato, Bill & Beth Kawahara, Sanaye Kawamura, Yoshiko Kihara, Frances Kobayashi, Aizo & June Kosai, Kris & Keiko Kosugi, Art & Lori Kozai, Kimiko Helen Kubo, Carolyn Kunihiro, John Litz, Teruo Maruko, Duane & Ann Mayeda, Kevin, Nagai, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Ryan & Stacy Nakata, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Dorothy Nishimura, Mabel & Akio Nishizaki, Donna Nobuyama, Michiye Nomura, Fred & Steph Ojima, Nobuko Otsuji, Ann Oxrieder, Sono Sakaguchi, Kengo Sakamoto, Dave Scattergood & Joyce Tsuji, Masako Shibuya, Shirley Shimada, Ben & Etsu Shimbo, Teresa Shimizu, Leslie Sumida, Judy Suto, Susan Taketa, Mas & Frances Tamekuni, Calvin & Yvette Terada, Gary & Julianne Tosaya, Tak & Florence Tsuchida, Michiko Yanagimoto, Takako Yorita, Ronald & Kiyoko Yoshida*

*We'd like to 'welcome' Kengo Sakamoto as a new member to our Sangha.*

The deadline to be counted as a member of the Seattle Betsuin for 2009 is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Any payments received after September 30<sup>th</sup> will be applied towards membership for 2010. Next month's posting will be the last for 2009, as we prepare our list for the BCA. **THANK YOU SO MUCH**, to those who have paid their 2009 dues. Your membership contributions are just one way with which we are able to operate and maintain our Temple. We hope for your continued support and efforts as we move into the next fiscal year.

# Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

## Message from President Terrie Tanino:

SBBWA members and friends send their deepest condolences to the families of the late Kimiye Sako and Martha Imabori.

Thanks to the following ladies that participated in the August kitchen clean up: Joan Seko, Darlene Shimizu, Irene Mano, Sumie Yokota, Mary Shigaya, Kiyoko Takashima, Joan Nakano, Marian Asaba, Miyoko Yamazaki, Peggy Hanada and Fran Shintaku.

## Treasurer Report by Mabel Nishizaki:

Eshinni-Ko/Kakushinni-Ko Service 8/23/09  
M. Aoki, R. Aoki, S. Aoyama, H. Aramaki, Y. Arinobu, M. Asaba, J. Baba, M. Deguchi, Y. Desaki, Y. Dodobara, T. Enomoto, M. Faught, A. Fujii, S. Fujino, F. Fujita, L. Fujita, M. Fukuhara, M. Furuta, I. Goto, F. Groves, F. Habu, F. Hanada, M. Hanada, P. Hanada, R. Hara, S. Harada, H. Hasegawa, A. Hirasawa, Y. Hiroo, L. Hori, M. Ikawa, D. Ikegami, T. Isomura, Y. Ito, S. Kaku, K. Kashima, M. Katayama, J. Kato, N.T- Kato, M. Kawaguchi, R. Kawahara, M. Kawamoto, M. Kido, S. Kikuchi, E. Kitashima, H. Kobuki, T. Kogita, Y. Kosai, Y. Kozai, M. Kubo, C. Kunihiro, D. Kuramoto, K. Kuwahara, H. Mamiya, I. Mano, M. Mano, R. Masuda, M. Matsui, J. Mayeda,

T. Miyauchi, H. Mizuki, S. Mizumori, K. Morikubo, Y. Nakagawa, J. Nakamura, R. Nakamura, K. Nakanishi, J. Nakano, J. Nakano, T. Nakashima, M. Nishizaki, S. Noshio, M. Ohtani, M. Okada, M. Okamura, T. Okano, M. Osaki, Y. Osako, N. Otsuji, Y. Ouchi, P. Oye, S. Oye, T. Platnick, M. Sakamoto, A. Sakoda, M. Shigaya, T. Shigaya, S. Shimada, E. Shimbo, D. Shimizu, H. Shimizu, K. Shimizu, F. Shintaku, G. Sordetto, A. Tahara, K. Takamura, K. Takashima, S. Takeda, F. Tamekuni, N. Tanaka, R. Tanaka, A. Taniguchi, F. Taniguchi, M. Taniguchi, T. Tanino, M. Tazuma, H. Terada, S. Terada, D. Tokunaga, S. Yahata, S. Yamane, F. Yamasaki, M. Yanagimoto, R. Yasui, S. Yokota, F. Yoshida, I. Yoshihara, M. Yoshimura, & T. Zumoto

## Calendar:

- Oct. 4 SBBWA Board Meeting
  - 9-11 BCA Federation of BWA Convention  
Sacramento, CA
  - 18 SBBWA Memorial Service  
Rev. John Iwohara
  - 25 SBBWA Cabinet Meeting
- Submitted by Deanna Ikegami

## SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SBBWA)

**CENTENNIAL ALBUMS ARE FOR SALE** The centennial albums are available for purchase to members, family, and friends. It will be sold at the SBBWA Memorial Service on Sunday, October 18. The beautiful album contains many colored photos including photos of members and a memorial to all deceased SBBWA members. The album is a reminder of the significant memorial to all the members and a legacy to the history of the organization for the last 100 years. The albums are also available with a call to Irene Mano or Kiyoko Takashima via the temple office at 206.329-0800.

Karen Morikubo, Yukio Morikubo, Fumiko Groves at  
*Aki Matsuri*, September 12, 2009



submitted by Dale Kaku



## Onenju

Pauline Sakuma has lovingly restored and restrung heirloom and modern beads and tassels into beautiful, new onenju (or ojuzu). They are available for purchase from the bookstore on October 4 (see page 10).

## Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – August – September 2009

<u>Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>	
	Martha Imabori – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Victor Ikeda
	Martha Imabori - Eitaikyo	\$ 1,000	Mitsuo Imabori
	Yoshio Oono – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000	Toyoko Oono
	Yuki Nakamura – 7 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 1,000	Yuki Nakamura Family
	Kimiye Sako – Funeral Service	\$ 500	Loreen Sako
	George Yamamoto – Funeral Service	\$ 500	Machiko Yamamoto
	Minoru Tsubota – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 500	Cherrie Tsubota
	Ricky Isomura – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial	\$ 300	Toshiko Isomura
	George Koyama (7 <sup>th</sup> Year) & Miyoko Koyama (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	\$ 300	TLFR Koyama
	Frank Kubo – 7 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Kimiko Kubo
	Satoshi Masuda – Memorial Service	\$ 300	Rose Masuda
	Hisako Kato – 49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial	\$ 100	Kato Family
	Ryoto Yabuki – In Memory	\$ 100	Hidemi & Keiko Tsuboi
	Nokotsudo	\$ 100	Amy Inokoji Johnson
	Hiroyuki Suganuma – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Memorial Service	\$ 180	Aiko Suganuma

### Remembrances for:

### Given by:

Atom Bomb Memorial Service	Masako Kubo
Osa Edamura	Mack & Setsu Harada
Kiyoshi Fukai	Marian Creer; Janet Seo
Martha Imabori	Tak & Ruth Aoki; Gerald Arai; Sue Fujino; Mary Hikida; Amy Hirasawa; Hal Ise; Roy Kirita; John Kitagawa; Haruko Kobuki; Daisy Kuramoto; Rose Masuda; Jack Matsui; Marianne Osaki; Masako Shibuya; Nobue Shimizu; Rikuko Tanaka; Lois & Toshio Taniguchi; Mrs. Terrance Toda; Fumiko Yamaguchi
Ricky Isomura	Paula Isomura; Yoko Isomura
Hisako Kato	May Harada; Kazue Kato; Orin Kato; Yoshi Mamiya; Paul & Teresa Mori; Pete Tsuchikawa
Tsutomu Kanzaki	Gloria Yoshino
M/M George Koyama	Harumi; Chieko Koyama; J. Aoyzma Rosales
June Ono	Mitsuko Fukuhara
Satoshi & Roger Masuda	Gloria Yoshino
Fujimatsu, Sadako & Lovett Moriguchi	Beth Kawahara
Minoru Tsubota	Dolly Ito; James Zumoto
George Yamamoto	Helen Kubo
Kenjiro & Lilian Yoshino	Gloria Yoshino
Mr. Yuasa	M/M H. Ray Nakanishi

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Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple's

Fall English Seminar

9:30 – 4:00 PM

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

Speaker: Reverend Grant Masami Ikuta  
Steveston Buddhist Temple, Richmond, BC, Canada



Tentative Theme: ***Paradigm Shift: Modern Thought to Buddhist Thought to Shinran's Thought***

*It has been just over a year since my family and I moved to the West Coast from Toronto, Ontario and we are all enjoying life here so far. This past summer, we even visited Seattle for a couple of days for a family holiday and were very impressed with your beautiful city. Since it was a family holiday, we did not get the chance to visit the Betsuin then, so I am looking forward to meeting everyone when I go down in November.*

**Born:** September 1, 1964, Vancouver, B.C.

**Post Secondary Education:** University of Alberta Bachelor of Science, Biology major graduated 1987, went to Japan in fall of 1987; attended a year of Ryukoku University Bekka (Foreign Student) program; received Tokudo Ordination in fall of 1988; enrolled at Central Buddhist Academy (Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin) in April, 1989; graduated from Central Buddhist Academy Honka level (Primary level) 1990; entered Ryukoku University Post Graduate studies April 1990; received Kyoshi Ordination May 1990; February 1992, completed the Masters Program in Shinshu Studies at Ryukoku University.

**Work Experience:** assigned to Canada as Kaikyoshi on September 1, 1992; after spending three weeks at the BCC Headquarters for orientation was assigned as minister to the Toronto Buddhist Church on October 1, 1992; became the first Canadian Sansei and third generation minister to serve within the BCC; 1992 – 1996 spent just over three years as Associate Minister to the Toronto Temple; 1996 – 2008 spent as senior minister at Toronto Buddhist Church; February 2000 led a Pilgrimage of 20 individuals from Canada to the Sacred sites of Sakyamuni Buddha in India and Nepal; 2000 – 2005 major project of building new temple in Toronto; August 20, 2005 Grand opening of new temple in Toronto; during close to 16 years in Toronto, served as Buddhist Chaplain at the University of Toronto, Served as on-call Buddhist Contact (Volunteer) to several of the hospitals in Toronto, served as the Chairperson for the Ministerial Association for two terms; July, 2008 Transferred to Steveston Buddhist Temple to serve as the resident minister here; presently also involved as an instructor for the English Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course.

**Personal Life:** spent parts of childhood growing up in Vancouver, Kyoto, and Calgary; married in 1992. Wife, Noriko was also a student at the Central Buddhist Academy; have four children: Arthur Masaaki (17), Dylan Shingo (14), Courtney Ayano (6), Erin Akane (5); hobbies include: sports in general (both playing and watching), avid basketball and hockey fan; favourite teams: Toronto Raptors (basketball), Calgary Flames (hockey); love eating and enjoy cooking... *for developing details, see Fumiko Groves or Irene Goto.*

**Registration - 2009 Fall English Seminar with Rev Grant Ikuta at Seattle Betsuin Nov. 7, 2009**

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**Onenju.** Pauline Sakuma has lovingly restored and restrung heirloom and modern beads and tassels into beautiful, new onenju (or ojuzu). They are available for purchase at the bookstore sale on October 4.

Submitted by Irene Goto

## Large And Small Things You Can Do to Save Our



Planet by Gail Kaminishi Instead of buying books you don't really want, try the library. Or a used book store. This is reusing at its best.

PBS aired a documentary about the bicycle rideshare program in Paris. This idea is being promoted through Europe. Users take the bikes, which are locked into stands on the streets. Since Seattle is so big on bicycling, it seems like a good fit for us. Douglas Cox at the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board said that such a program is being watched by Seattle but the starting costs are very high. If anyone has used a city's bike rental, we'd love to hear from you about your experience.

Plastic is everywhere, including cosmetics. Exfoliating skin soaps that do not use natural products can contain minute plastic beads instead. Even minute plastic pieces cause problems when they end up in the ocean. Plastic does irreparable harm to marine animals and should be kept out of the water cycle. If you have such a scrub, please discard in the trash.

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