



A Happy New Year!!

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Time flies so fast. The year of 2017 ends and we welcome the New Year. I still think that I just arrived in Seattle, but I have already been here for nine months. It reminds me that it is important to cherish each moment. The year of 2017 was the big turning point in my life because I was reassigned to Seattle Betsuin from Buddhist Church of Lodi. In 2018, I would like to root myself firmly here at the Seattle Betsuin and work on propagating the Jodo Shinshu teaching.

I always make my New Year's resolutions. I would like to introduce my 2018 New Year's resolutions to begin my second year in Seattle.

1. Remember the Betsuin's members' names and faces.
2. Keep the Betsuin clean and organized.
3. Launch a study class
4. Do exercise three days a week
5. Go to a café once a month

I am going to track how well I achieve these resolutions on our monthly newsletter. On this occasion, please think about your New Year's resolution.

By the way, how many times are you planning to attend our service in 2018? Our 8th Gomonshu, Rennyō Shonin, said,

"Listen to the Buddha Dharma by making time in your secular life. It is

wrong to assume that you can listen to the Dharma when you have time. There is no tomorrow in the Buddha Dharma."

Thinking of our daily life, school kids are busy with their studies, sports activities, and various kinds of lessons. Adults are busy with their job, family business and leisure activities. People have no time to listen to the Buddha Dharma, or as one person said, "I am still too young to listen to the Buddha Dharma." People set aside the Buddha Dharma because of their age, studies, sports activities, job, leisure activities, and more. They seem to feel that there is no benefit for them and their life to listen to the Buddha Dharma. They would not think to set aside their sports activities and leisure activities to listen to the Buddha dharma unless they feel that Buddhism gives their life peace, tranquility and joy.

Nowadays, people, including me, have become too busy and hurried to seriously reflect upon our life. Therefore, we say that there is no time to listen to the Buddha Dharma. Buddhism is not only for Buddhist monks, retired people, and people who are interested in India, Tibet, and Japan. Buddhism is for all of us who are living here now. We all are living different lives. No one else can live our life. We can only reflect upon our own life. If we really understand that we have a responsibility for our life, we have to seriously think about how to live here and now. Buddha Dharma teaches us to pay attention to our lives just as they are in this moment. Therefore, Rennyō Shonin said that there is no tomorrow in the Buddha Dharma. Do not wait until tomorrow; please start listening to the Buddha Dharma right now.

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The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations November - December 2017

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Given by:

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Given By:

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Visitation to Martha Taniguchi	
Donation by Greenbaum Furniture for	Yoshio & Judith Nakamura
Purchase of recliner	

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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 recent paid members for the fiscal year of 2018.

Don Castro, Gary and Sandee Hamatani, Reiko Hara, Norigiku Horikawa, Michele Kämmerer, Zachary Semke & Ann Ishimaru, Frances Shintaku

We'd like to ‘welcome’ *Michele Kämmerer* as a new member of our Sangha.

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

Wednesday Morning Service 10:00AM-10:30AM

Service includes sutra chanting and readings from the Gobunsho on **most Wednesdays** in the hondo. Please check the Betsuin newsletter or website at SeattleBesuin.com or call the office at (206) 329-0800 to **confirm** the morning service dates. - JN

Meditation at Seattle Betsuin: Before Sunday Morning Service - 9:00am - 9:40am In Memorial Hall Chapel



BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting

Together in Gassho

DoubleTree Inn by Hilton - Sacramento, CA
February 21-25, 2018

Registration Materials were sent to temples in October

Scout Troop 252 News

On December 17, Troop 252 held the Court of Honor with Oscar as the MC. The troop then held elections to replace leadership positions for the upcoming year. The new Senior Patrol Leader is Brent. The troop also decided to make a few changes to the way the troop is run for the upcoming year. The patrol leaders will now have a bigger role in leading the meetings. The troop also plans to give a bigger role to the troop guide by having him be a leader for the new scouts joining in April. Meetings will be resumed on January 14, 2018. - KB

Book Study Group

On Saturday, January 13, 2018, the Book Study Group will continue our discussion of the Larger Sutra. We will be working from the translation by Hisao Inagaki. We will be reading from page 290 to the end of the sutra. If you are looking for additional reading, please continue on with the introductory part of this book up to page 57. The meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall from 9:30-11:30am.



There will be a brown bag lunch afterwards. There is no cost to attend. Questions: contact Leonora Clarke

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

submitted by Machiko Wada

Happy New Year! We wish you a happy and healthy 2018. Thank you for your support for 2017 and looking forward to working with you in 2018.

Our board members are delivering small gift and **visiting members** who are presently at care facilities. Thank you social service committee for leading and organizing the year-end visits.

Activity committee is always planning new crafts and other classes, if you like to join the fun, contact Janet Baba. Her contact number is in your BWA directory. January 17 from 9:30 – noon cooking class led by Mrs. Kawahara and a "How to Make a Scrubbie" on January 31 from 9:30 – Noon.

NW convention is coming up in February 16-18, 2018 in Spokane. You can register online until January 10. If you need help registering, please contact Janie Okawa or Karen Morikubo. BWA subsidies will be available for any member, please contact Janie or Karen. Please sign up to ride the bus in the lobby. Be sure to make your hotel reservations soon.

Some SBBWA Members attended the **"We Can Bank the Bomb" celebration** of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, and their win of the Nobel Peace Prize. Sensei Kusunoki and Ritsuko Kawahara were recognized at this event.

BWA officers for 2018/2019 Election of the officers were held on December 10:

Co-chair: Nina Tomita-Kato & Machiko Wada
VP: Janie Okawa (E) & Kanako Kashima (J)
Rec. Secretary: Leanne Nishi-Wong
Cor. Secretary: Sanaye Nagai
Treasurer: Karen Morikubo (E) & Lauren Asaba (J)
Auditors: Tina Ko & Gail Suzaka

Donation for November, gratefully appreciated:

Yvette Terada: In appreciation of Women's Conference

Anne Moriyasu: Recognition of Mariko Mano's 100th Birthday

Sandee & Gary Hamatani: In appreciation of SBBWA representatives' visit with Martha Taniguchi

Memorial service donations Terie Akada, Colleen and Irene Akada, Bev Akada, Irene Akada, Karen Akira, George Aoyama, Yuki Arinobu, Lauren Asaba, Marian Asaba, Carol Asahara, Patricia Bobrow, Judy Ching, Jean Deguchi, Mae Deguchi, Kenny and Yoshie Dodobara, Sue Fujino, Florence Fujita, Florence Fujita, Toshiko Fukeda, Michael Fukuma, Kazumi Goshō, Helen Gota, Margaret Gotchy, Yoko Hamanaka, Miyuki Hanada, Peggy Hanada, Reiko Hara, Setsuko Harada, Kathy Hasegawa, Janet Hata, Kikue Muramoto, Tsugi Akada, Shina Muramoto, Suna Shirasago, Mary Hikida, Michi Hirata, Crystal Honmyo-Yoshimi, Susan Hori, Jamie Huh, Grace Ichikawa, Victor Ikeda, Lynnette Ikuta, Iwako Iseri, Yaeko Ito, Shizue Kaku, Kanako Kashima, Mary Katayama, Ritsuko Kawahara, Masako Kawamoto, Hannah Kishi, Kyoko Koda, Taka Kogita, Yoshie Kosai, Masako Kubo, Masako Kubo, Julie Kubota, Carolyn Kunihiro, Wayne Kuramoto, Kinue Kuwahara, Irene Mano, Mariko Mano, Patti Mastrude, Julie Mayeda, Gerald Minato, Marilyn Minato, Linda Miyata, Sheri Mizumori, Yoneko Mochizuki, Karen Morikubo, Anne Moriyasu, Trisha Morton, Trisha Morton, Martha Murakami, Sunnie Nagai, Kemi Nakabayashi, Yoshie Nakagawa and Richard Yamamoto, Judith Nakamura, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Joan Nakano, Junko Nakano, Kazuko Nakao, Joy Nakata, Charlene Nakayama, Ethel Nayematsu, Frances Nishimoto, Leanne Nishi-Wong and Marissa Wong, Mabel Nishizaki, Joe Ohashi, Michiye Ohtani, Janie Okawa, Sono Sakaguchi, Carolyn Sakai, Family of Mineko Sakamoto, Lillian Sako, Pauline Sakuma, Tazue Kiyono Sasaki, Reiko Sato, Robert Seko, Susanna Seno, Ken Shigaya, Teruko Shigaya, Etsu Shimbo, Kazumi Shimizu, Franklin



Shinoda, Fran Shintaku, Sally Shoji, Terry Suzaka, Anna Tahara, Kiyoko Takashima, Kiyoko Takashima, Carolyn Takei, Naomi Takemura, Sonoe Taketa, Sachiko Tanagi, Rikuko Tanaka, Peggy Tanemura-Hana, Ted and Akiko Taniguchi, Emiko Taniguchi, Fumie Taniguchi, Miyoko Tazuma, Kayoko Terada, Suzuko Terada, Mayumi Terada, Margaret Teramoto, Shokichi Tokita, Dolly Tokunaga, Kay Tokunaga, Nina Tomita-Kato, Michiko Toyoshima, Reiko Tsubota, Mary Jane Tsukamoto, Masako Uchida, Machiko Wada, Betty Williamson, Shizue Yahata, Susie Yamane, Fujie Yamasaki, Sumie Yokota, Fuyo Yoshida, Mary Yoshifuji, Tomiko Zumoto, Tina Zumoto-Ko.

On Behalf of BCA's Center for Buddhist Education and Seattle Betsuin, "thank you" to the following donors for supporting the 2017 Rainbow of Infinite Light Seminar

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Others: Joe & Margaret Gotchy (printing services), Miyo Kaneta, Lisa Kumasaka, Lynn Miyauchi, Charlene Nakayama, Kyle Norris, Shirley Shimada, Akiko Yabuki



Tetsuden Kashima receives Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette

On November 3, 2017 the Government of Japan announced that Dr. Tetsuden Kashima, Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington, was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, in recognition of his contributions to furthering the understanding of Japanese American sociology and history and to the advancement of Japanese and Japanese Americans in the United States. Dr. Kashima, a long-time member of the Betsuin, has been recognized internationally and nationally as a pioneer in Asian American Studies. His scholarly work on Japanese American incarceration during WWII, Buddhism in America, and the Japanese immigrant experience

has contributed significantly to the understanding of Asian American history. His published works include *Buddhism in America: The Social Organization of an Ethnic Religious Institution* and *Judgment Without Trial: Japanese American Imprisonment During World War II*.

In addition to his academic achievements, Dr. Kashima has made major contributions to the local Japanese and Japanese American communities. In 1997 he established the annual *Day of Remembrance* at the University of Washington to reflect upon the signing of Executive Order 9066 during WWII that sent law abiding people of Japanese ancestry into American incarceration camps. He played a crucial role in organizing the *Long Journey Home* event in 2008, during which honorary degrees were bestowed upon 449 Japanese American former UW students who were unable to complete their studies as a result of their incarceration, and the 2014 celebration at the UW to commemorate the centennial of Japan gifting cherry blossom trees to the United States as a symbol of friendship.

Through his many years of service to academia and the Japanese American community, Dr. Kashima has brought much-needed attention to, and recognition of, important events and individuals in American history, and made an invaluable and lasting impact on US-Japan relations.

submitted by Alan Hoshino

Dharma School Encourages You to Attend NW Buddhist Convention February 16 - 18, 2018

A delicious Bodhi day potluck was chaired by Dharma School parents. We would like to express our gratitude to all who made contributions to this event.

Please attend the 71st NW Buddhist Convention on February 16-18, 2018

at the Hotel RL Spokane at the Park

The keynote speaker will be Rev. Henry Adams

There will be a subsidy for Dharma School students who attend

Classroom Reports

PreK/Kindergarten Class The Pre-K/K class learned about the elements which make up the naijin shrine and worked on a coloring book illustrating these elements. To celebrate Bodhi Day, the children learned about the life of Buddha and how he attained Enlightenment while sitting under the Bodhi tree. They made door hangers illustrating the Buddha sitting under a tree that they glued Bodhi leaves to. The class learned about the different foods prepared for Japanese New Year and the significance of each. They made sushi from cereal bars, fish shape candy and fruit strips. The Pre-K/K teachers thank our students and parents for supporting our Dharma School in 2017 and we look forward to sharing the Dharma in 2018.

1st/2nd Grade The students expressed their gratitude to the Middle School class' generosity in putting on the Halloween party by writing cards and giving them a basket of treats. Then for Bodhi Day we read about the life of Siddhartha including his Enlightenment. The class colored a Bodhi leaf with him seated on it. We laminated it and added a string so they could hang it up. We read the book "Santa Mouse" about a mouse who lives alone and saves a piece of cheese all year then decides to give it to Santa. We discussed how this illustrated the Dana Paramita of selfless giving. Santa takes the mouse with him to help with his deliveries. We made a felt mouse with a candy cane tail to remind us of the Dana of the mouse in the story.

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

2018 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, family memorial services are held on designated anniversaries to express gratitude and recall cherished memories of our loved ones. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service in 2018:

Year of Death

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

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

-JN

Musical Notes

Our Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band has been very busy lately. The group joined Camp Fire at Wisteria Manor on November 29 to spread holiday cheer, introduced the *Thanksgiving* gatha from Hawaii for hondo service in December and practiced music for the New Year's party entertainment. The youth musicians are also actively participating. Thank you to Jared for providing service music with me for Bodhi Day and at the children's service in December. We also appreciate Kristy and Lani Carpenter organizing youth musicians to perform the customary gathas *Yube no Uta* and *Ondokusan II* for the New Year's Eve service. How nice to see the founding Bodhi Ensemble members back from college during their holiday break!

Members of the Seattle Betsuin Gagaku Group trekked to Tacoma to practice on December 9 with Rev. Kakihara before he departs for Japan. Rinban Kusunoki reviewed chanting of *Ojo Raisan*. We then tried to put it all together with the gagaku introduction and closing music, a lovely opportunity to join together with our Dharma friends in Tacoma.



Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi
 Photos by Tomi Zumoto, Kemi Nakabayashi and Irene Goto



Dharma Exchange Notes

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

Nov. 27, 2017 - Doug McLean MA briefly touched upon Buddhism 101 before commencing with Buddhism 102. He reviewed the two branches of Buddhism -- Mahayana in Tibet, China, Korea Japan, Zen, Pure Land and esoteric schools such as Koyasan. The Scholastic schools are gone but they influenced esoteric Buddhism. Theravada is found in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. Doug indicated all things are impermanent and they arise from other things. Causes & Conditions make other things arise. And what we do impacts others. Nirvana is the only lasting refuge. He indicated Samsara is characterized by a cycle of aimless wandering. We all ultimately face birth, old age, illness and death. . . After the Buddha died Buddhism spread to all parts of India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Merv, an ancient city in Asia, in Iran. Mahayana was an amalgamation of many schools that no longer exist. The Silk Road is a trade route for both goods and ideas. There are few remaining Buddhist in India because of invasions. However, there is a new movement today. A participant asked, how many early texts and translations exist? Impossible to answer as there are thousands. Magadhi was spoken by the Buddha, and later Pali was used to write. Sanskrit came later and was used to write the sutras. We now read old Chinese characters into Chinese, then Japanese, then English. The Third Migration of Buddhism went to Tibet in the 8th C. . . Doug explained what Mahayana teaches: 1 - emptiness and interdependency, 2 - Universal potential, 3 - Other Buddhists, 4 - Expedient means being flexible, - 5- The decline of Buddhism.

Dec. 3 - Bree Grim, a student at Olympic college in Bremerton, addressed the DX. She became interested in the research surrounding the J. Yance Village site where an early, simple Buddhist temple was founded. Some second sons from Japan came to work at the sawmill at Pt. Blakely and then returned to Japan. There were 300 residents from 1880 to 1920 in Nihonmachi with two religious centers and Japanese baths. Pt. Blakely's Buddhist community consisted of 20 acres under cultivation, but after WWII the gardens were in disrepair and it now consists of five acres. The Buddhist Temple was known as a Community Center where plays, events, baseball, and memorials occurred. Most families were Buddhist but sent their children to the Baptist Church. Once a month Rev. Fuji from the

Nishi Hongwanji visited the temple as told by Ron Magaden in his book "Mukashi Mukashi." Many Japanese ministers came over a period of time and taught at both centers. . . In 1901 the Seattle Betsuin began and Rev. Hoshin Fuji was the minister from 1908-1922. He founded the Reliance Hospital for Japanese people, and officiated at 700 "picture bride" weddings. A participant asked if there are artifacts from Pt. Blakely. Yes, in a museum in Hansville, WA.

Dec 17 - Irene Goto Sensei and Leonora Clark MA conducted the DX. Leonora confessed that the concept of non-attachment has always baffled her. This concept is at the core of Buddhist teaching. And everything must change, and we can't modify that. She recalled Issa's sorrow in a poem about his baby daughter's death. It makes one acknowledge the relationship with a permanent, abiding entity that we refer to as Amida Buddha. . . Shinjin reflects the certainty that Amida will be here for all time. Irene Sensei read the Jodo Shinshu Creed in Japanese and shared her understanding. She also read from the Collected Works of Shinran. Sensei can still recall her parents' influence on her, and she still experiences their presence in their guidance of her. She has a personal relationship with Amida Buddha and is thankful for that. She read a passage from the Shoshinge in English and Japanese. A participant recalled the stroke his wife suffered and how quickly the first responders arrived to take her to the hospital. Rev. Castro mentioned the book, "My Stroke of Insight," in which the woman protagonist took seven years to recover. Rev. Jim Warrick feels we all see people differently. He said a Bodhisattva is a being that leads us to Enlightenment. Everyone could be a Bodhisattva depending on how it affects one in the moment. A Participant recalled that being with people on the same path is rewarding. . . Castro Sensei noted that through memorial services the loved one becomes one with the Buddha. When he first came to the Betsuin about 250 memorial services were done yearly. Only 40 services were done in the year he retired. He also felt it is all right to do such a service at home. . . Margaret and Joe were in Japan for three weeks, and were involved in three memorial services quite by accident. On another matter, Joe said the large collection of books at the temple will be available in January when shelving becomes organized.

In gassho
Pat Bobrow



Message from Chairperson Alan Hoshino



Happy New Year! Thank you for all your kind help during the past year. I hope the temple can look forward to your continued support this year. On behalf of the Seattle Betsuin I wish you all good health in 2018. 昨年は大変お世話になりありがとうございました。本年もどうぞよろしく申し上げます。皆様のご健康をお念じ申し上げます。

2017 was a wonderful year for the temple. First and foremost it brought us Rev. Katsu, Ayano and Yuiya who together have instilled a new energy and enthusiasm in our Sangha. 2017 also marked an awakening to an emphasis on “socially engaged Buddhism”. One year ago a handful of temple members marched in the Women’s March to advocate women’s rights, human rights and a whole host of other issues facing us today. It was the largest single day protest in Seattle and US history. The interest and excitement of that experience sparked conversations which turned into planning and resulted in the temple sponsoring an entry in Seattle’s Pride Parade where over 100 temple members marched proudly behind a Seattle Buddhist Temple banner. That led to a collaborative venture with the Center for Buddhist Education to sponsor a seminar titled Rainbow of Infinite Light – LGBTQ in Shin Buddhism. [Its planning committee



is pictured above.] It was CBE’s largest LGBTQ seminar ever drawing more than 90 participants, more than double the number who attended previous seminars at the Jodo Shinshu Center and other BCA temples and more importantly it drew many first time visitors to our temple.

Once again it’s January and the 2018 Women’s March is just a couple weeks away. What will we do this year? I’m confident the energy and excitement will continue to build with new events and programs. Why you may ask? The reason is simple. Engaged Buddhism, while sounding new to us, has been around since Thich Nhat Hanh coined the term during the Vietnam War. According to Wikipedia it traces its roots to Humanistic Buddhism that was practiced in China integrating Bud-

dhist practices into everyday life and shifting the focus of ritual from the dead to the living.

But that’s not all. Members of our temple have been **socially engaged** for over 30 years and in 2017 their efforts played a part in sharing the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize! For decades several of our members have participated in **From Hiroshima to Hope**, the annual lantern floating ceremony held at Green Lake honoring victims of the atomic bomb-



ings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and all victims of war. The current chairperson of *From Hiroshima to Hope* is our own Shirley Shimada. She, along with several temple members, have been helping out at the event for decades with logistics and helping participants with their Japanese calligraphy. This year’s Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) for their work to bring forward the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. ICAN was founded by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). Their Washington branch is Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility of which *From Hiroshima to Hope* is a coalition member. We’ve been socially engaged for decades!



In 2018 please join us in continuing to be socially engaged Buddhists, integrating our Buddhist practices into our everyday life. Thank you for your support in 2017 and I ask for your continued support of the temple in 2018. Happy New Year!



Announcements from Weekly All Sangha News

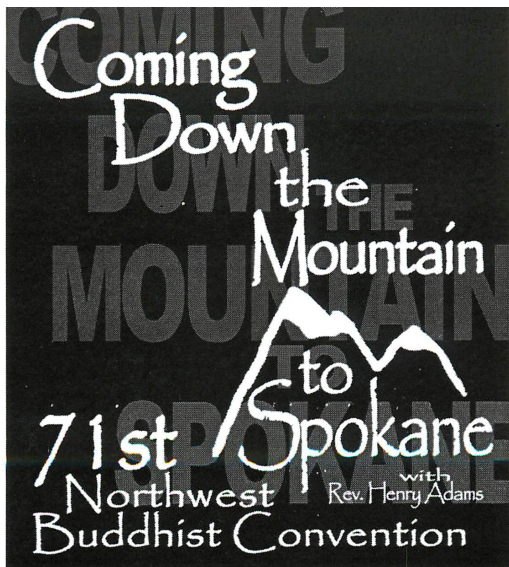
Contact the temple office to be added to the distribution list! Check out the newsletter's new calendar format and some of the coming events below.

Sundays, December 24 and 31, 2017: No Dharma School, A Combined Dharma Exchanges will be held in the hondo (main hall). Kemi and Rinban Kusunoki will lead musical chanting.

Sundays, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2017: Regular Sunday morning service; join us again in the evening at **7:00 PM for New Year's Eve service.** After the service Sangha members will be invited to ring the Bonsho to welcome the new year.

Monday, January 1, 2018: New Year's Day Morning Service 10 PM.

Sunday, January 7: 2018 New Year's Shinnenkai will be held in the auditorium starting at noon. Tickets are available from the temple office.



February 16-18, 2018

www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org

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NW BUDDHIST CONVENTION at the Hotel RL Spokane At The Park

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Henry Adams

Registration Deadline: January 10, 2018

Register on-line at: www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org

Adults \$125, Students \$90, Children \$40-\$50

Deadline for the hotel is January 16, 2018

Hotel rates: \$109 single/double, \$119 triple/quad

Hotel Registration: Call 1-800-Red Lion or book on line at www.Redlion.com/reservations

Use Group Code _____



Charter Bus departs from the Betsuin at 11AM Friday. 48 seats - first come, first served. Sign up list is in the temple lobby. Make your \$85 check made payable to the "Seattle Buddhist Church".

Bento Box with a Twist will be a traditional Bento Box with one extra item that is a surprise and a regional item. Our Bento Boxes will be made by Sangha member, chef owner at Hill's Restaurant in Spokane, Dave Hill. The "twist" is just an *extra tasty item* that is his specialty. "I eat there frequently and he is famous for his pot stickers, pulled pork, and homemade ice cream."

Tentative Schedule of Events is available in the Betsuin office.

JANUARY 2018 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day Office closed 10 am New Yr Svc	2 Holiday for Rinban	3 10am Morning Service	4 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban)	5	6
	MA = Minister's Assistant DX = Dharma Exchange, downstairs Dining Room DSDX = Dharma School Dharma Exchange in MH Chapel MH = Memorial Hall, east end of building Rinban = Rev Katsuya Kusunoki DVD = Video						
7	9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke / Rev Castro) 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX "Buddhism 103" (MA Doug McLean) DSDX (Rev Rosalie May) Japanese (Rinban) Noon Betsuin New Year's party / installation of officers	8 Rinban's day off	9	10 10 am Morning Service NW Convention registration deadline	11	12	13 9:30-11:30 am Book Study "Larger Sutra" cont.
14	9:00 am Meditation (Rev Irene Goto) 10:00 am HOONKO SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX "Buddhism on Air" (Rev Warrick) DSDX (Rev Rosalie May) Japanese (Rinban) 12-1 pm Sutra chanting hour - Ojoraisan 1:00 pm Metta class #8 (MA Jason Yokoyama) 1:30 pm Sangha Award class #8 (Rinban)	15 ML King Day Office Closed Rinban's day off 8 pm Newsletter deadline	16 10 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Svc	17 10 am Morning Service	18 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rev Irene Goto) 7:00 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting	19	20
21	Rinban in Yakima for Hoonko 9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke / Rev Castro) 10:00 am CHILDREN'S SERVICE (Rev Irene Goto) SUNDAY SERVICE (Rev. Castro) 10:50 am DX Darmathon (Revs Matt & Rosalie May) DSDX (Rev Irene Goto) Japanese (DVD)	22 Rinban's day off	23 10:30 am Keiro Service	24 10 am Morning Service	25 11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton visit (Rev Castro) 7:00 pm Betsuin BoD meeting	26	27
28	8:30 am Ministerial staff meeting 9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke / Rev Castro) 10:00 am LADY TAKEKO KUJO SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 11:00 am 2018 Betsuin Annual General Meeting (no after service programs) 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet meeting 1:30 pm Sangha Award class #9 (Rinban & MA Jason Y)	29 Rinban's day off	30	31 10 am Morning Service	February 2018: Major Events February 4 Scout Sunday Service February 11 Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial Service & Vegetarian potluck Feb 16-18 NW District Buddhist Convention in Spokane		

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What we offer on most Sundays... Please confirm at
www.SeattleBetsuin.org “coming events” listing, or call the temple office

- 9:00 am - 9:40 MEDITATION** in Memorial Hall Chapel east wing
10:00 am - 10:35 SERVICE - in *hondo* (main hall) includes Sutra Chanting,
singing, and Dharma message
10:35 am - 10:45 SANGHA GATHERING - offer incense, “meet and greet”
newcomers, friends, family and ministers directly after Service in *hondo*,
Main Hall
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
in dining room downstairs; see calendar for topics on reverse
PARENTS’ DHARMA EXCHANGE in Memorial Hall Chapel - discussion
among parents of Dharma School children while children are in class; a
minister or minister’s assistant attends
TEMPLE TOURS - to welcome newcomers, ask questions, check us out!
11:30 - 12:00 REFRESHMENTS in dining room downstairs for all

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