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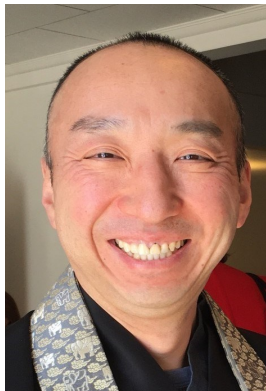
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March 2024

<u>March Service Schedule - 10:30 am</u>		
3/3	10:30 am	Sangha Service
3/10	10:30 am	Shotsukihoyo Sangha Service
3/17	9:30 am	Chanting Workshop with Reverend Kusunoki
	10:30 am	Spring Ohigan Service with Reverend Kusunoki
3/24	10:30 am	Sangha Service
	11:30 am	Game Day — see below
3/31	10:30 am	Sangha Service
	10:30 am	Dharma School for Ages 4-11



Spring Ohigan Service Sunday - March 17th - 10:30 AM With Rinban Kusunoki



Ohigan honors the Buddhist notion of crossing over to the Other Shore (i.e., Enlightenment), away from This Shore of impermanence, stress and dissatisfaction, and is traditionally observed during the Spring and Fall equinoxes.

Chanting Workshop with Rev.Kusunoki at 9:30 am on Sunday March 17th

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All Sangha Game Day March 24th - After Service - 11:30 am

Join your Sangha for a fun Game Day
Bring your favorite games, puzzles and crafts to share. Bring a snack to share.

(Please no glue or paints or other messy crafts)
Sponsored by the SBT Membership Committee

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Sangha Services— Our Sangha Service (Sangha is the Sanskrit word for Buddhist community) is a traditional Jodo Shinshu service with chanting led by a Doshi. Services are at 10:30 am on Sundays at the Temple. We meet after service for refreshments and sometimes a dharma discussion.

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- ◆ Visit the **Buddhist Churches of America** Website: www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org
There is a wealth of information, podcasts, and information about Shin Buddhism on this site.



Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister

Spokane Buddhist Temple
Minister Assistants Team:
Chad Donoho
Eric Kerkove
Amanda Goodwin



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Seattle Betsuin

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Chanting At Home

Follow these links to access recordings of the following:

- Juseige https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/001_juseige_chanting/
 Sanbutsuge https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/002_sanbutsuge_chanting/
 Junirai https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/003_junirai_chanting/
 Ondokusan https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/004_ondokusan_gatha/



Spring Ohigan Service

Sunday - March 17th - 10:30 AM
With special guest Rinban Kusunoki

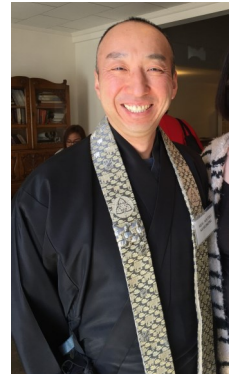
Ohigan honors the Buddhist notion of crossing over to the Other Shore (i.e., Enlightenment), away from This Shore of impermanence, stress and dissatisfaction, and is traditionally observed during the Spring and Fall equinoxes, because the weather is more pleasant and people have more time to rest and reflect.

Shakyamuni Buddha, the historical Buddha, was born in this world, on this shore of impermanence. Observing profoundly the sorrow of this world of illusion, he reached that distant shore of nirvana. He showed all humankind the means of crossing the ocean of darkness to the realm of light on that shore. These are called the Six Paramitas to nirvana. The Six Paramitas serve as a bridge spanning this wide ocean; they are Charity, Morality, Patience, Right Effort, Meditation, and Wisdom. These constitute the universal way for humans to attain ultimate peace, but it is not easy for us to keep them in mind and carry them out, because we are busy living and working everyday. For this reason, we set aside a special day twice a year, in Spring and Fall, so that we may reconsider these teachings, reflect upon ourselves, and pay respect to the innumerable people from the past to the present who have come into our lives and in some way or other influenced it to be better.

Chanting Workshop

Sunday - March 17th - 9:30 AM (before Service)
With Rinban Kusunoki

Sensei Kusunoki's advanced training includes the Hongwanji-ha Rituals course for leaders (Gonshiki). He is a Hongwanji-ha certified Special Rituals Minister. Come ask your questions about chanting.



MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS

for these upcoming Events & Buddhist Holidays at SBT

- 4/13 Eric Inaba's Celebration of Life (2 pm) at the Temple
- 4/14 Hanamatsuri Service with Reverend Melissa Opel
- 4/27 Ramenfest Prep
- 4/28 Ramenfest Fundraiser
- 7/28 Obon Festival
- 8/11 Hatsubon Cemetery Service
- 9/13-15 Northwest District Buddhist Convention in Auburn, WA

SBT Calendar link is: <https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org/calendar/>

March Shotsuki-Hoyo



On March 10th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 22 people passed away during the month of January of their respective year:

If you wish to have someone added to the Shotsukihoyo list, see one of our Minister Assistants.

Eileen Kiyoko Tanaka
Marceline Burdett
Iku Horiuchi
Shoichi Kayahara
(Mrs.) Asano Kirihara
Charlie Nakanishi
Yoshito Norisada
Joe Takeshita
Toshiko Uyeno
Robert "Bob" Hajime Ohashi
George Heyamoto

Jeffrey Lee Pierce
Fumi Hara
Gracye Hattori
Kengo Kato
(Mrs.) Tayeko Kayahara
(Mrs.) Kiuyo Osumi
(Mrs.) Marguerite Peterson
Kuhei Tschida
Kana Yamamoto
Bruce Jerial Waters
David Roy Soejima

Dues and Donations

We are grateful for your donations and dues, which offset our expenses. You are helping us keep the doors open at the Spokane Buddhist Temple and continue to spread the Dharma. To donate, either click on the Donation button on the website, or email a check to us. If you want 100% of your donation to go to the Temple, please send a check or do a BillPay transaction through your bank.

Donations and Dues received in February 2024:

Kris Birdsell
Wednesday Meditation Group
Chris Nerison
Ken and Jackie Endersbe
Karen & Paul Vielle
Ami Summerfield

Jennifer Mathews
Tuesday Meditation Group
Jun Yugawa
Stacey Carr
Loren & Caroline Nishimura

Paul & Karen Vielle in memory of Evelyn Beler Vielle and Alpha Clark



The February 2nd - Friday Night Spaghetti Feed was a success!

Thank you to the chefs, table decorators, servers and to you for coming to meet your Board of Directors and fellow Sangha members

OBON SEASON IS COMING

We're looking forward to Obon season. Our Obon Festival is on Sunday July 28th.

Here is a video and song commissioned by the Buddhist Churches of America Music Committee about Bon Odori dancing and Obon, called "Lantern Song" by Bonbu Stories.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZMJ39gNHU0>



Rev. Kusunoki's Tuesday evening study class will be starting March 19. The class will cover Rev. Masao Kodani's book, "Cocktails". This class is open to all and will be hosted via Zoom! Register online, at: <https://seattlebetsuin.org/seminars/>

This booklet is a collection of terms, bits of information, and historical facts - cocktail facts that might be of interest to Japanese-American Buddhist and Jodoshinshu Buddhists in particular who have often heard these terms but were never quite sure what they meant in English.

To get a pdf copy of the booklet

Email
SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com

Suggested donation \$10 via link on the registration page.



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**EVENING STUDY
SESSIONS WITH
REVEREND KUSUNOKI**

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE SESSION
WITH THE QR CODE OR VIA THE TEMPLE
WEBSITE

3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18 | 6:30PM
Third Tuesday of Every Month
via Zoom

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We are profoundly grateful for your interest in the Spokane Buddhist Temple. By joining or renewing your membership, you honor the legacy of those who founded this Temple in 1945 and help provide a broad and deep base of support to sustain the sangha far into the future. Your membership pledge is an acknowledgment of your commitment to bringing the Dharma to the Spokane area so that everyone interested can hear the teachings of the Buddha and learn about the rich heritage of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Your pledge is a concrete example of dana, or selfless giving. Dana is usually listed first among the Buddhist paramitas, or virtues to be cultivated. At the Spokane Buddhist Temple (SBT), this takes the form of pledges and monetary contributions, gifts in kind, and volunteer efforts to maintain the Temple and sustain the sangha.

Membership Levels and Benefits

Sustaining Members pledge \$300 per year or more.

Young Members are under 30 and pledge \$50 per year.

Both sustaining and young members are eligible to serve as Trustees and can vote in all Temple elections. They are members of our parent organization, the Buddhist Churches of America, and receive the Buddhist Churches of America's (BCA) monthly publication The Wheel of Dharma.

When To Pledge and How To Pay

Renewals are due in November. This facilitates our planning and budgeting for the upcoming year. New members who join earlier in the year can pledge a prorated amount of \$25 per month; please consult the SBT treasurer or bookkeeper.

Pledge payments can be made in the following ways:

check

credit card

e-check from your financial institution

cash

You can choose the number of separate payments you make:

annual (1 payment)

semi-annual (2 payments)

quarterly (4 payments)

monthly (12 payments)

Where Your Money Goes

Membership pledges and other cash donations from sangha members make up close to a third of SBT's annual revenue. Although as a religious nonprofit we do not pay property tax on the Temple, our expenses include utilities, insurance, building and grounds maintenance, security, travel and honoraria for visiting ministers, subsidies for ministers' education, and dues to the BCA and NW District. SBT spends a total of about \$60,000 each year to bring the Dharma to Spokane.

Tax Info

If you itemize your Federal income tax, you may be able to deduct your contributions to the Temple. If you take a Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement accounts, you may be able to designate those funds to go to SBT. Please consult a tax professional for details applicable to your situation.

What We Do With Your Information

We provide your name and mailing address to the Buddhist Churches of America. We do not share any information about sangha members with any other individuals or organizations.

SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 PLEDGE FORM

Amount pledged for Spokane Buddhist Temple membership for 2024: _____

Additional donation to support Temple activities in 2024: _____

Method of payment (check one): check _____; e-check _____; credit card _____; cash _____

Frequency of payment (check one): annually _____; semi-annually _____; quarterly _____; monthly _____

Please return your completed pledge form to the SBT office, and consult the SBT Treasurer for further details, if needed. Members will receive a summary of all pledges and contributions they made in 2024 in January 2025.

Name(s) (PRINTED):

Signatures(s):

Phone(s):

Email address(es):

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