

# Spokane Buddhist Temple

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## Calendar of Events

March 2019

- Mar 3rd Sun      10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School  
                          11:45 am All Sangha Meeting on "Fundraising"
- Mar 10th Sun      (*Daylight Savings*) 10:30 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service  
                          & Dharma School  
                          12:00 pm Board Meeting  
                          12:00 pm **Introduction To Shin Buddhism Class** - see below
- Mar 15th Fri      4:45 pm Odyssey Dinner (See Page 5)
- Mar 16th Sat      5:00 pm All Sangha **Pizza Party** - Benniditos Brewpub (Pg 2)
- Mar 17th Sun      9:00 am Shoshinge Chanting Practice  
                          10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School  
                          12:00 pm **Introduction To Shin Buddhism Class** - see below
- Mar 24th Sun      10:30 am **Ohigan Service with Rinban Kusunoki** (Pg 3)  
                          & Dharma School  
                          \*\*\*Potluck After Service\*\*\*
- Mar 31st Sun      10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School  
                          12:00 pm **Introduction To Shin Buddhism Class** - see below



Sunday - March 10, 17, 31  
Introduction To Shin Buddhism

12 Noon - 1:30 pm

By Sensei Paul Vielle & MA Eric Kerkove

Continue your study of Buddhism with a 3-week course about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. This general lecture, at the Spokane Buddhist Temple, is followed by a question and answer time. This follows the 10:30 am Sangha Service and everyone is invited to both the service and the lecture.

**March 10:** Shin Buddhism/Shinran Shonin - Historical Context

**March 17:** Introduction to The Larger Sutra and Amida Buddha

**March 31:** The Nembutsu and Shin Buddhism in Everyday Life

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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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www.facebook.com/SpokaneBuddhistTemple
- ◆ 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.

**No Dharma Exchange In March**  
(formerly called Dharmalogue)  
Come to the Introduction To Shin Buddhism Classes  
on March 10, 17 & 31

**ALL SANGHA PIZZA PARTY**  
March 16th - 5:00 pm

**BENNIDITOS BREW PUB**  
1909 E Sprague  
Spokane



No Host Party - They have lots of low cost options  
All Ages Welcome

**RSVP REQUIRED - send the number going to SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com by March 10th**

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team  
-Supervising Minister-  
Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki  
Seattle Betsuin



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Have questions? Contact Board  
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# Ohigan Service

Sunday - March 24, 2019 - 10:30 AM

**Guest Speaker: Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki**  
From the Seattle Betsuin



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.

Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki is the Head Minister of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple and Rinban of the Northwest Buddhist Temples. He is the supervising minister for the Spokane Buddhist Temple, Yakima Buddhist Church and the Columbia Basin Sangha.

Sensei was born in Nagasaki, Japan, the second son of a temple family. Today his older brother Naoya is the 17th generation of their family to serve their family temple. Sensei is a graduate of Miyazaki University where he majored in primary education and his hobby is to watch and play baseball and softball. While a college student he took a break and spent almost two and a half years in a Japanese volunteer program similar to the Peace Corps in America coaching baseball in Zimbabwe before returning to Japan to complete his studies. After graduating he spent three years teaching 3rd and 6th grade classes before deciding to become a minister.

Sensei's advanced training includes the Hongwanji-ha Rituals course for leaders (Gonshiki). He is a Hongwanji-ha certified Special Rituals Minister, a certificate only he and our former minister Rev. Sala Sekiya hold within the Buddhist Churches of America. Sensei's first assignment in America was to the Lodi Buddhist Temple in 2010 and he was transferred to Seattle in April of 2017. Sensei and his wife Ayano have a son, Yuiya, who was born in September 2016.



\*\*\*POTLUCK\*\*\*  
AFTER  
SERVICE



### *Shotsuki-Hoyo*

The March Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on Mar. 10th. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 21 people have passed away in the month of March of their respective year.

Eileen Kiyoko Tanaka  
Marceline Burdett  
Iku Horiuchi  
Shoichi Kayahara  
(Mrs.) Asano Kirihara  
Charlie Nakanishi  
(Mrs.) Kiuyo Osumi  
Yoshito Norisada  
(Mrs.) Marguerite Peterson  
Joe Takeshita  
Kuhei Tschida  
Toshiko Uyeno  
Kana Yamamoto  
Bruce Jerial Waters  
George Heyamoto  
Robert Cole Pierce

Jeffrey Lee Pierce  
Fumi Hara  
Gracye Hattori  
Kengo Kato  
(Mrs) Tayeko Kayahara



## JANUARY & FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The following Board Members were elected as officers:

Celeste Sterrett - President  
Becca Opel - Vice President  
Lisa Geiss - Treasurer  
Shawn Boltz - Secretary

New Board Members Curtis Cooley & Trisha Ohashi were welcomed.

The tree at the southeast corner of the property was removed & the sprinklers were blown out. The Board is working on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Temple, setting up Amazon Smile, buying a new computer, making permanent name tags & removing the organ from the Hondo. The Hospitality Committee is planning fun events for the Sangha.

### Other Groups Renting Space at the Spokane Buddhist Temple

#### Passage Meditation Group

Tuesday evenings. We are focusing on Sri Easwaran's form of passage meditation and his 8-Point Program for daily living. This form of meditation fits with our Buddhist as well as any spiritual path. Passage meditation was designed specifically for the Western "monkey mind." It is a very disciplined approach to slowing down and focusing. It is difficult, but very rewarding! We are currently studying Easwaran's book, Essence of the Upanishads. Please read Sri Easwaran's book - Passage Meditation - that can be found on the web at easwaran.org - then practice meditating for a month before joining our group. More information: call Mary Naber: 509-570-6876. Also, "Learn to Meditate" on the web: <http://www.easwaran.org/introductory-passage-meditation-course-introduction.html>

**Keiko Von Holt & Sumi-E** Keiko teaches the Japanese watercolor art of Sumi-E at our temple. Please contact her if you are interested in her classes. Email: keikossumie@aol.com.

Hi Sangha! We have the ability to use the Square charge iPad for pledges and donation payments, as well as for bookstore purchases.

Ask Lisa Geiss, Becca Opel or the Minister Assistants to help you with your purchase or donation.

\*\*\* Charge \*\*\*



DHARMA SCHOOL  
will be available **Every Sunday!**



*Thank you Aiko, Jacqui, Marji  
& Nanami*

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**We have "adopted" the Odyssey Youth Center  
once a month, by providing a nutritious and fun dinner  
to the teens & young adults at the  
Odyssey Youth Center (in our neighborhood)  
This month it is on Friday March 15th**

**Meet by 4:45 PM at the Temple** with a main dish, dessert, salad, etc. in a disposable container. Make a card showing the main ingredients (allergens, meat, dairy, etc.) We will walk the food up to the center.

Odyssey Youth Center is a youth-led, adult-supported organization committed to creating, sustaining, and advocating for safe and affirming programs, policies, and services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth community.



Contact Susan or Kathy to participate:  
naturalke@gmail.com or susanhales2015@gmail.com

Sunday, April 7th

**ANNUAL *TERIYAKI FEST*  
JAPANESE SPRING  
FOOD FESTIVAL**

*Mark  
your  
Calendar*

Teriyaki or Tofu Chicken Dinners  
& other goodies

