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November 2023

November Service Schedule


11/5	10:30 am	Sangha Service followed by Dharma Discussion
	11:45 am	Intro To Buddhism
11/12	10:30 am	Shotsukihoyo Sangha Service
	11:45 am	Intro To Buddhism
11/19	10:30 am	Sangha Service
11/26	10:30 am	Sangha Service followed by Study Group (see below)
	10:30 am	Dharma School for Ages 4-11

BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

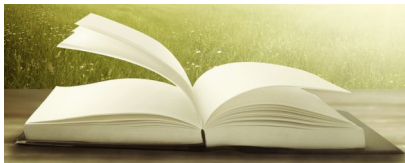
Our Sandwichmakers for the Homeless will present a Bingo party after Service on November 19. Free admission and All are invited to participate. We'll have prizes and refreshments, of course!

It is time to **Pledge** Your Support for the Temple for 2024

Dues and Donations make up a third of our income. This keeps the doors open at the Temple and helps us to spread the Dharma

DONOR 

Pick up a pledge form at the Temple or see Pgs 6 & 7



New: After Service Buddhist Study Group

Join Minister Assistant Eric Kerkove on **Sunday Nov. 26th @ 11:45 am**
 After Service
 New or Not New To Buddhism? - All Are Welcome
 We will be reading a short article followed by open discussion.

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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



Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

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Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin

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Reverend Paul Vielle (ret.)

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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/

Two of our Sangha members have passed:



Barbara (Barb) Braden. For those of you who have been long time members, you will remember Barb. She was a past Board Member of the Spokane Buddhist Temple and a long time supporter of the Temple. She passed away on November 1, 2023. This photo is from our 2017 Annual Picnic.

Eric Inaba, shown at right in the kitchen at a fundraiser, came to the Spokane Buddhist Temple in late 2016. He died



on November 1, 2023. We fondly remember how he loved to volunteer at the fundraisers, make us his special Udon noodle dish, and he always had a story to tell. A celebration of life is being scheduled for next Spring at the Temple.



Eric is at far right, with Jun and Justin in the photo above, and in his favorite Chicago Bears jacket at left.

November Shotsuki-Hoyo



On November 12th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 18 people passed away during the month of November of their respective year:

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

(Mrs.) Ine Furumasu
Hideo Ekinaka
George Kubota
Dick Shimizu
Roy Soejima
Max B. Taylor
Harold Tokunaga
Michio Yamagiwa
Eric Masaaki Inaba

Leslie Green
Chiyokoc Kiyabu
(Mrs.) Haruyo Oba
(Mrs.) Reiko Shimizu
James "Jim" Tamura
Rev. Eiyu Terao (Founder of SBT)
Hidejiro Yamagiwa
Caitlin Anne Packer
Barbara Braden

SEE THE BCA'S EVENT PAGE for info and links to the many workshops & learning opportunities: <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education>

Sangha Survey Results

A big shoutout to everyone who responded to the recent all-sangha survey! A total of 18 people shared their ideas on Temple programs and activities. Given the small size of the sangha, that's a really high response rate.

Two big themes stood out:

- First, there is strong interest in Buddhist education, for both adults and youth. The Religious Education Committee (REC) will be discussing how to address this need, bearing in mind the already significant time commitment of our minister's assistants (Amanda, Chad, and Eric) and Dharma school volunteer (Lena).
- In addition, a significant number of survey respondents would like more opportunities to share meals or conversation with others in the sangha. Be on the lookout for announcements about new activities.

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.

Dues & Donations received from 9/18/23—10/31/23

Kris Birdsell	Mary Naber
Wednesday Meditation Group	Tuesday Meditation Group
Stacy Carr	Eric Inaba
Paul & Karen Vielle	Izumi Pierce
Loren & Carolyn Nishimura	Chris Nerison
Lena & Curtis Cooley	
Edith Cabbage	Harumi Norasakkunkit

We are also grateful for the cash donations left on Sunday and bookstore purchases.



Kitchen Bear says
RAMENFEST
WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of the excellent volunteers who made this semi-annual fundraiser a big success. We served over 400 Ramen dinners, raised \$5600 for the Temple and had fun serving the community.

Vista Buddhist Temple 5th annual
BUDDHIST COMMUNITY GATHERING

**Cultivating The Spirit of
Well-Being Through The Dharma**

SATURDAY, NOV 11, 2023 1-3 PST

BISHOP MARVIN HARADA

Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, served as head minister at Orange County Buddhist Church for 33 years and supervising minister at Vista Buddhist Temple for 10 years



VALERIE BROWN

Author, ordained Buddhist-Quaker Dharma teacher in the Thich Nhat Hanh Plum Village Zen tradition, leadership coach focused on mindfulness, social equity, and inclusion

EDUARDO DURAN

(Apache/Tewa/Lakota) Psychologist in indigenous communities, involved in Buddhism and traditional Native practices, informed by the traditional Indigenous understanding of heart knowing



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BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN

BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

Monthly study series on how Buddhist teachings understand the world and provide us with guidance



REV. CJ DUNFORD

The non-essential self as community in a hyper-individualistic society: opposing worldviews to promote mutual care

September 24, 2023



**REV. KIYONOBU
KUWAHARA**

Gifts from Buddha: how Buddhist teachings transform our lives

November 12th, 2023



CATHERINE SHAW

What is a Buddhist? What do Buddhists do and why? Ethics, practice, and worldviews

October 29, 2023

Final wrap-up session: review, discussion, and Q&A with all speakers

December 10, 2023

Hosted by the
BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF MARIN

60-minute hybrid sessions
1pm after Sunday Service

390 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA
Walk-ins Welcome
Suggested donation: \$20



Scan for more info
or to register

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DIAL THE DHARMA

Call the toll free number - 800-817-7918 to hear Bishop Harada's message

Push "1" for English and "2" for Japanese

SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 MEMBERSHIP

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):

Mailing address:



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