



Oregon Buddhist Temple  
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Sharing Memories and Gratitude on the Oregon...

# Pureland Path

The Oregon Buddhist Temple Newsletter

July 2014



## Loss and Yet Gratitude at Obon Season

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Soon we will be preparing for our Obon service and Obon festival. There is much to be grateful for this year. For one thing, this is the 13th

Obon service I have been honored to officiate, and it is the year in which we have lost the fewest number of members.

Of course, even the loss of one good friend within the Sangha is painful. As Buddhists sometimes put it, "we must not rush too quickly past that first truth of the Noble Ones." That truth is that, until the moment of thoroughgoing Enlightenment, our lives are shadowed by suffering. Everything might be fine right now, but, at any moment, the sources of joy in our lives could be swept away by the effects of global warming, by terrorism, or just by the long-term effects of aging.

How are we to live with security in this impermanent world? How can we be thankful for what we have when it may be taken away at any moment by a tempest, by a sharp downturn in the world financial markets, by disease? There are 84,000 Buddhist approaches to being secure in an impermanent world. Allow me, at this time, to reiterate Shinran Shonin's advice, albeit in my own words.

My summarization of Shinran's central message, in terms admittedly my own, would be: The Promise of Universal Liberation has emerged from the depths of Reality. This promise as realized in the Fundamental Vow of Amida Buddha has assured us all of the attainment of Buddhahood at the exact moment of death. While the Buddha's compassion surrounds and works to transform all living beings, it helps us to remember this if we say the nembutsu. Saying "Namo Amida Butsu" will educate your moral palate. That is, you will be drawn to the wisdom and kindness encountered in the Buddha's Vow, and you will be gradually drawn away from greed, hatred and foolishness.

Shinran, I sometimes remind you, spent 81 years studying the Dharma, 40 years writing scholarly presentations of the Dharma, mostly in Chinese, 20 years actively teaching the Dharma, predominantly to farm workers, and about six to eight years writing pastoral pieces for literate, but not highly educated audiences. This break down

in how he spent his time gives us much to reflect upon. How should we prioritize our own concerns regarding the Buddha-dharma? Perhaps dropping into one of the Buddhist study classes on Mondays or Fridays would help. Perhaps saying the Nembutsu aloud on occasion will help you to remember that kindness is flowing into your life from the Realm of Enlightenment, from the Buddha's Vow.

Will we see our deceased loved ones, in some sense, through the auspices of Amida Buddha's Pure Realm? I believe so. Even though I believe in life after death, I am saddened by the loss of my friends and family members. I lost my favorite cousin three years ago, my favorite auntie two years ago, and one of my most loyal study class attendees when Alan Kasubuchi passed away three months ago. I regret these losses. I regret that my parents did not live long enough to know my sons. I regret the death of so many people. Sometimes this makes me sad. However, I don't blame anybody. The cause of death is birth. Alan knew that. It was a Dharmic point we discussed on several occasions. I believe I will again see Alan Kasubuchi, Kan Yagi, Masako Hayashida, - all my friends who have passed in the last year. But I still miss them now. I regret that I did not know of Mrs. Hayashida's funeral, until after it had passed [She was my landlady 28 years ago]. I regret that I never let Kan Yagi know how much I appreciated his friendship. I regret that I didn't know what to do to encourage Alan properly. Believing in a reunion beyond the limits of the human condition does not take away my sadness at the loss of these friends. I regret my mother's passing 22 years ago. Yet, I am grateful that I had her as my mother. I am grateful that I had Alan and Kan as friends. I am grateful that I was able to rent a room from Masako san, who was a second mother to many a BCA minister as we studied at IBS. This is how it is for a normal human being. Our gratitude does not cancel our loss. But no loss will erase our gratitude for our family and for our true and real friends.

Gassho,  
Gregory Gibbs

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## President's Message

Scott Winner

As many of you know, we have a wonderful and beautiful temple building. It is currently 48 years old and we are getting close to kicking off

planning for our building's 50 year birthday in 2016. There will be more information on that in the coming months, Jean Matsumoto will plan on spearheading the event. In the mean time though, we do have a bit of a situation. You see, the heating and air conditioning units for the Hondo are in dire need of service and they might not make through the summer. The cost of the service is around \$1,400. Based on the Temple's current financial position, I was not comfortable authorizing the service. I am hoping that this month you will consider making a special "Maintenance" donation to help finance this service. I really hope that we can raise the \$1,400 over the next few week so we can schedule the service before the August heat. Donations can be dropped off or sent to the temple and please label them "Maintenance".

I would also like to thank Phaedra Urban for coordinating the OBT Paint Class FUNdraiser. People have told me that it was fantastic fun and I hope we do it again in the fall. The painting that my 6 year old daughter Mika worked on is proudly hanging in our living room. Absolutely beautiful.



## OBWA News

June Shiigi

The Oregon Buddhist Women's Association would like to thank Rev. Gibbs for conducting the Memorial Day services including a service at the Rose City Cemetery. We thank

everyone who attended and a special thank you to Janice Okamoto for taking care of the flowers.

We want to thank OBWA member Phaedra Urban for chairing the Art School Studio FUNdraising painting party. It was well organized and at the end we all completed our own creations of a wisteria still life with its beautiful hanging blossoms. This social gathering brought out our inner artistic talents. Although there were not quite enough people to bring in donations to the Dharma School, it was fun.

Congratulations to Kristi Fukunaga who has been selected as one of two NW students for the 2014 BCA FBWA Youth Exchange. Her parents are OBT members, Lori and Ray Fukunaga. Kristi and Rosie Yasukochi of Seattle Betsuin will leave for Japan on July 16 and will return on July 29. They will be hosted by the Hongwanji staff and the Japan BWA for a once in a lifetime experience to visit our Hongwanji in Kyoto and its historical sites, travel to Hiroshima for a Peace Study trip, travel to Hokkaido for a

homestay, take part in a two day All Japan YBA Conference, study in Kyoto and have an audience with Lady Ruzumi Ohtani. Kristi is a student at Willamette University and we hope will become a future OBWA member. In the summer of 2015, it will be the NWBWA's turn to host two students from the Japan. We look forward to making their visit in the Northwest a wonderful, memorable experience.

Thank you to Yasuko Fields, Fusako Ouchida and Misa Kodama for helping with the yukata sewing classes in May. Thank you also to Etsu Osaki for a demonstration of how to sew a happi coat and Yasuko Fields for teaching us how to prepare okonomiyaki and serving it for lunch on June 7.

After our June 21 OBWA meeting was our annual OBWA birthday luncheon at Super King Buffet arranged by Katie Tamiyasu and Nancy Kajitsu. We not only celebrated each others birthdays but also special birthdays for Sumi Ishida (88), Chiho Okita (99) and Alice Sumida (100). Happy Birthday Everyone! On that day we also collected "Backpack Project Food Donations for Needy Families" organized by Jayne Ichikawa for the Tigard-Tualatin School District. These donations will provide needy children with various kinds of food during the week which will be taken home on the previous Fridays in their backpacks. Our food donation will be stored during the summer and will be used in the Fall.

We are planning to prepare manju for our Obonfest in July. For anko and manju preparation dates, please contact June Shiigi at shiigisj@comcast.net or Jayne Ichikawa at jayneichi@gmail.com.

Bon Odori practice at the temple is from July 15 on Tuesdays and Thursday from 7 pm until Obonfest begins on August 2. If you have questions, please contact Edna Koyama or Lori Fukunaga to hang your lanterns or purchase new ones in memory of your loved ones. This year's Obon service somen otoki preparation is on Saturday, July 26 at 9 am and on Sunday, July 27 at 8 am.

Obonfest preparations will begin on Friday, August 1 at 9 am. We would appreciate everyone's help in preparing cold somen, Spam musubi, beef bowl, yaki soba, yaki niku (teriyaki beef on a stick) and BBQ chicken, working in booths and helping wherever needed. OBWA is in charge of cold somen noodles again which are delicious and refreshing for the summer weather. We sold all of our somen and manju last year!

Our next OBWA meeting is on July 19 from 9:30 am. Our annual Kimono/Yukata Sale will begin on Sunday, July 20 from noon - 3pm and will be sold during intermissions at bon odori practices and at Obonfest. Please donate your kimonos and accessories to OBT on Sundays for this fundraiser to benefit OBT.

If you are interested in joining the Oregon Buddhist Womens' Association, please contact Co-Presidents: June Shiigi (shiigisj@comcast.net) or Jayne Ichikawa (jayneichi@gmail.com).

## Bon Dance Practices and Bon Taiko

Our popular Bon dance classes, given by Madame Sahomi Tachibana, will again be held at the temple at 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 15th until Obonfest. These lessons are free and open to the public. Please use the back entry and join us in the basement.

We are planning ahead for taiko during Bon dances. To supplement the contributions from our community taiko artists, we are seeking a few community members to play our large taiko to accompany the bon dance music at our Obonfest on Aug. 2, 7pm to 9pm. We hope to have our new drummers accompany a Bon dance number or two, each. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please come to the organizing meeting/lesson from our own Wynn and Traci Kiyama after service on July 6th and/or 13th, at 11am. Volunteers may practice at one (of the six) Bon dance lessons. Each bon dance song is about 6 minutes long...can you play the drum that long in front of an audience, and stay on the beat? This is your chance to find out. Prior drum experience is a plus, but not necessary.

## July Book Club Meeting

Our next meeting is July 16 at the Lucky Lab on Hawthorn, 915 SE Hawthorn Blvd. PDX 7pm.

Our book selection is "Lord of Light" by Roger Zelazny.

This novel combines science fiction, fantasy, Buddhism and Hindu Mythology. Earth is dying. A group escapes to colonize an alien planet. In flash back form, the author writes a series of 7 tales describing their adventures. There are capricious Gods, reincarnations, demons, bazaar weapons and more. Described as a epic science fiction classic, real, valuable, funny, wise with a sense of wonder. Published in 1967, "Lord of Light" won the Hugo award for Best Novel.

It's a sad story of an alien. He has come to earth on an assignment and is writing home. He is very confused about our values and finds us quit primitive. It is a quick read and very well written. This book has a 5 star rating and was published July, 2013. Some words used to describe the book are delightful, funny, touching, hilarious, utterly wonderful, believable, silly, engrossing and it goes on.

Join us in October for a lively discussion on "The Humans".

Karol Kennedy  
Portland, Oregon

## Dharma School News

End of another Dharma School year: We finished our Dharma School year on June 8 with a pool party. Thank you to Wendy Peterson for providing lifeguard duties and playing time, and to Jean Matsumoto for providing the venue at Holladay Park Plaza. We all had a good time. Thank you to all the students and families for participating with Dharma School and youth services over the past year, including our teachers, teacher helpers, coordinator, treasurer, ministers' assistants and sensei: Marilyn Achterman, Terri Carrollo, Brenda Fugate, Lori Fukunaga, Rev. and Kyoko Gibbs, Tara Tamaribuchi Gibbs, Rev. Diane Johnson, Chiki Kwong, Etsu Osaki, Amy Peterson, Heatherann Price, Ann Shintani, Teresa Soto, and Elaine Yuzuriha. We won't have classes until September, but we hope to see you while we have a safe and fun Summer!

Rummage Sale: Susan Endecott and Nancy Kajitsu are our co-chairs for this event, which will be held on July 18-19 (Fri-Sat). Please join us in helping sorting, cleaning, pricing, and selling items.

Obonfest Children's Booth: Have you ever wondered how water yo-yo's are made? Are you great with assisting tiny hands on creating cute paper crafts? We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's childrens' activity, 3pm to 6pm.

## Kimono, Yukata and Accessories Donations

Please donate your yukatas, kimonos, obis, zoris, getas, etc. for our used Kimono Sale to be sold beginning noon to 3pm on July 20, at our 2014 Obonfest. Drop off at Oregon Buddhist Temple on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Yasuko Fields at 503-434-7940, yasuko@raf.us or June Shiigi at shiigisj@comcast.net. Thank you.

## Obonfest Omiyage (gift) Shop Donations

Do you have gently-used (or never-opened) Asian items that we could sell at the Omiyage booth this year? If you have items to donate, please leave them in the designated box in the temple lobby, or give them to one of the Omiyage Shop chairs (Brenda Fugate, Janice Ishii, Susan Endecott) no later than Sunday, July 27. Thank you!

## Dharma School Rummage Sale

Friday, July 18, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday, July 19, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Come and help. Come and SHOP!

We already have lots of stuff, but we can use more. Gently-used items and small furniture pieces ONLY please (we don't have much room). Please make your donations by July 6. Sign-up sheets to help sort, price, sell and clean up will be posted downstairs in the temple. For more information, contact Susan Endecott (sjendecott@gmail.com) or Nancy Kajitsu (nkajitsu@gmail.com).



## Garden Beautifying Help Needed

Your help is needed on June 28 and July 26. Once again I am hoping for a crew of helpers to work on cleaning and weeding the temple garden before our annual OBONfest on Aug. 2nd. If you have noticed, the weeds are taking over our garden! Work parties are scheduled for June 28 and July 26 from 8:30-12:00am. The main job will be weeding (no pruning)--experience not needed. New helpers are welcomed and the more help we have, the faster the work will be completed. It would be very helpful to let me know, if you are able to help either or both of these dates.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Jayne Ichikawa (jayneichi@gmail.com) or call me at 503-639-0067.



## Updated OBT Funeral Preparation Documents are Available on the OBT Website

A few weeks ago at Dharma Exchange, Amy Peterson presented important information regarding funeral preparation. She has kindly updated the documents to be inline with BCA and online at the OBT website. Please take a moment to look at these documents, print them off and discuss with your family and friends your wishes. Being prepared years ahead is the greatest gift you can give your family. You can find these documents here:

Funeral Document: [http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/documents/funeral/obt\\_funeral\\_document.pdf](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/documents/funeral/obt_funeral_document.pdf)

Directives Worksheet: [http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/documents/funeral/obt\\_funeral\\_directives\\_worksheet.pdf](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/documents/funeral/obt_funeral_directives_worksheet.pdf)

## New DVD in the OBT Library

**Secrets of the Dead: Bones of the Buddha**, In Northern India in 1898, twenty feet underground, some treasures were found. A jar appeared to say it contained remains of the Buddha. Was this true or was it a hoax? Watch today!

## July Highlights

- 7/6 (Bon Taiko 11am)
- 7/11 (OBT Board Meeting, 7pm)
- 7/13 (Bon Taiko 11am, Girl Scouts 12:15)
- 7/15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 (Bon Dance practice on Tue and Thu at 7pm)
- 7/18 (Dharma School Rummage Sale 10am-6pm)
- 7/19 (Dharma School Rummage Sale 9am-1pm)
- 7/19 (OBWA Meeting, 9:30am)
- 7/26 (Garden Beautifying Work Party 8:30-12am)
- 7/26 (Obon Services for interred, Rose City 9am, Gresham 10:30am, OBT Noon)
- 7/26 (Obon Service Otoki preparation 9am)
- 7/27 (Obon Service Otoki preparation 8am)
- 7/27 Obon Services, Japanese 9:30am, English with Hatsubon 10am)
- 7/27 (Girl Scouts 12:15)

## May 2014 Donations

***In memory of Alan Kasubuchi***

Ben Jr. Kasubuchi  
 Diane & Christie Kasubuchi  
 Chris & Gayle Ratliff  
 Gregory Gibbs  
 Yoshie Kagawa  
 Robert Kagawa  
 Herb & Etsu Osaki  
 Susan Endecott  
 Anonymous  
 Jean Matsumoto  
 Katie Tamiyasu  
 Kiyomi Dickinson  
 Roberta Ando

***In memory of John & Frances Ota***

Chris & Gayle Ratliff

***In memory of Marcy Muramatsu***

Matt Muramatsu

***In memory of Ayame Matsunaga***

Joyce McMahan

***In memory of Frank & Mae Furukawa,***

***Richard & Frank Furukawa,***

***Suetaro & Tameka Ishida***

Terry Wakabayashi Courter

***In memory of Seichi, Sumino  
and Toshimi Fujii***

Roberta Ando

***In memory of Howard Tanada***

Tony Tanada

***Mae & Frank Furukawa memorial***

Ben & Sumie Ishida  
 Nobuo & Takako Ishida  
 Toshio Ishida

***Lotus Circle***

Jerry Koike  
 Ruth Sono Watanabe  
 Anonymous

***Bishop Umezu visit/seminar***

Alice Sumida  
 Susan Endecott  
 Jean Matsumoto  
 Alice Ando  
 Fusako Ouchida  
 Beebee Tan-Beck  
 Amy Peterson

***Special donations***

Alice Sumida (tree trimming)  
 Jean Matsumoto (Father's birthday)  
 Connie Masuoka (Youth Activ Fund)  
 James & Judith Nakashima  
 Anonymous  
 Mary Hatori (Memorial Day)  
 Ben & Sumie Ishida (Memorial Day)  
 Alice Sumida (Osonae)  
 Isabel & Ruby  
 Scott Oldfield & Tracy Joy Babione  
 Beverly & Bobbie Aaby  
 Jay Mizuta  
 Phaedra Urban  
 Akiko Pinard  
 Philip L. Kollas

***Gotan-e***

Anonymous (2)  
 Miyeko Yagi  
 Fumi Saito  
 May Kasahara  
 Jean Matsumoto  
 Kimiko Iwamoto  
 Susan Endecott  
 Joseph & Lora Wahl  
 Mitsuko Hasuike  
 Randy & Dana Kunisaki  
 Toshiko Hayashi  
 George & Kashu Hamada  
 Teruko Nishikawa  
 Grace Aoki  
 Yoshi & Tomoko Ono  
 Yoshie Kagawa  
 Janice Okamoto

***Gotan-e (continued)***

Jean Tateishi  
 Robert & Kathleen Matsunaga  
 Susan Leedham  
 Nobuko Masuoka  
 Alice Ando  
 Benny & Alice Tano  
 Katie Tamiyasu  
 Tara Tamaribuchi-Gibbs  
 Grace & Katsuya Amasuga  
 Herb & Etsu Osaki  
 June & Stan Shiigi  
 Daphne Buxton  
 Ray & Lori Fukunaga  
 Alfred Ono  
 Beebee Tan-Beck  
 Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha  
 Dana Kakishita  
 Scott Oldfield  
 Tracy Joy Babione  
 Chiho Okita  
 Pat Hokama  
 Atsuko Richards  
 Amy Long  
 Takako Maeda  
 K. David Itamura  
 Kiyomi Dickinson

***2014 Membership***

Fumi Saito

***Member pledge donations***

Teresa Soto  
 Jean Matsumoto  
 Gary Higashi  
 Brenda Fugate  
 Alice Tano  
 Bettina & Bob Camden-Ishimaru  
 Diane Ando Harder  
 Kiyoko Endecott

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## July Toban

Achterman, Marilyn	Ishimaru, Robert
Achterman, Mark	Kajitsu, Nancy
Davis, Ryan	Kennedy, Karol
Dickinson, Kiyomi	Kwong, Chiki
Fujikawa, Frieda	Mundt, Michelle
Fujikawa, Shigeo	Shiraishi, Karen
Garner, Ken	Shiraishi, Rick
Garner, Maho	Tamiyasu, Katie
Hughes-Davis, Angie	
Ishimaru, Bettina	

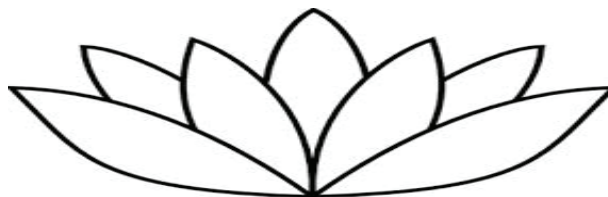
*Toban not only means "my turn" but "my chance" to show my appreciation to all the men and women whose monetary donations and hard work resulted in this beautiful place, our Temple to hear the Dharma.*

*---Words of Jean Matsumoto, 1995*

## 2014 Memorial Chart

Year of Passing	Memorial	Year of Passing	Memorial
2013	1 year	1998	17 year
2012	3 year	1990	25 year
2008	7 year	1982	33 year
2002	13 year	1965	50 year

If you would like to have a memorial service performed for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Gibbs as early as possible.



OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
MEMBERSHIP 2014  
NEW OR RENEWAL REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP DONATION:

INDIVIDUAL: MINIMUM \$250.00 PER INDIVIDUAL ADULT

FAMILY: MINIMUM \$500.00 PER FAMILY

SILVER: \$500.00 PER MEMBER

GOLD: \$1000.00 PER MEMBER

With Silver and Gold membership you receive our deep appreciation and your name will be listed in the newsletter as special donors, unless you request not to be listed.

Membership allows voting privileges, a subscription to **Wheel of Dharma** newsletter from Buddhist Churches of America, and most importantly, demonstrates your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

ENCLOSED MEMBERSHIP FEE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDITIONAL DONATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off this form and a check or mail both to:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE



## Lotus Circle

Jean Matsumoto

Thank you to members of OBT's Lotus Circle who provide donations with which the Flower Toban can purchase flowers of their choice to arrange on the temple altar each week. Contributions in the month of July are being made by:

July 6 – Ruth Watanabe and Francis Sono Gale in memory of (imo) their father, Bunta Sono; mother, Yone Murazen, and stepfather, Frank Murazen; Mitsuko Hasuike imo husband, James; Eric Ouchida imo mother, Rose, and grandparents, Matsutaro and Kyu Muramatsu

July 13 – Rose Ikata imo husband, Joe Hitoshi; Grace Ishikawa imo father, Joe Sadaji Tachibana

July 20 – Judy Murase imo husband, Robert

July 27 – Lily Meiners imo parents, Frank and Mary Kurihara; Jayne Ichikawa imo father, Kaz Kinoshita

Please don't forget to check out the webpage that Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) set up for Lotus Circle members to share stories, pictures, memories, etc. of loved ones. If you have any questions about joining the Lotus Circle or need information regarding us, please feel free to contact me by calling 503-280-2463, or e-mailing [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).

## TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

It is now June, half way through the year. It will soon be the beginning of summer and the days will start to get shorter with equal night and days at Fall Ohigan. With only a half a year left and if you have yet to sign up for membership-what are you waiting for?

For the 130 of you who have joined the membership and have paid or are paying your dues, we thank you. For you who have yet to join and pay the dues, please consider doing so.

This is not a new issue. Included is an article I wrote as temple president in 2002 when we had just over 200 members.

*I know some of you have said that you do not want to become a member because you could be elected to the board or asked to serve on a committee or that you only come occasionally or come only to an affiliated organization. You say you would donate the same amount to the Temple at special services but not pay the "dues". How presumptuous since both board and committee positions are optional. Moreover, if your attendance is limited, your membership support is important to insure that the Temple will be here when you want it. As I said, a part of membership is being on the Toban list, helping events and all together making things work so we can have Sunday services, have community events, and have a building to hold these gathers, and hear the Dharma from a resident minister. However, we can only call on members even if we sometimes get help from family and friends. Therefore your commitment as a member gives us the strength to carry on and not a feeling that a few people are doing the work, which soon can cause resentment and burnout. Your commitment as a member says that I am willing to help out financially and with some of my time because I want to maintain a resident minister; I want to have a Temple I am proud to worship in; I want my family and children to have a place in the future to hear the Dharma, and even I want a place for my ashes to reside. You cannot do this by standing on the sidelines.*

You see the issue and reason to join are still the same. The storm is over now and many have said they want to maintain the Temple and Sangha. By joining you can show your desire to make this happen. By the way, by being a member you can vote on issues and receive a copy of the national BCA newsletter, "Wheel of Dharma".

In this newsletter is a form for membership. Please consider filling this out and arrange to pay your dues. Obon and other events are coming up and we appreciate your help. However, membership states your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple this year and into the future.

Alfred Ono  
OBT membership committee

**Obonfest 2014**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Event co-chair: Non food	Stan Shiigi	Odori	Sahomi Tachibana
Event co-chair: Food	Scott Winner	T shirts	Marilyn Achtermann
Treasurer	Elaine Yuzuriha	Vendors	Susan Leedham
Emcee	Pat Hokama	Electrical	Charles Reneau
Purchaser	Ray Fields	Facility Set Up	Charles Reneau
Portable Toilet	Ray Fields	Children activities	Chiki Wong
Temple Talks	Rev Gibbs	Program Guide	Phaedra Urban
Garden Clean Up	Jayne Ichikawa	Signage	Etsuko Osaki
Kimono Sale	Yasuko Fields	Permits: Food, liquor	Joe Wahl
Lanterns	Edna Koyama	Audio	Robert Kagawa
	Lori Fukunaga	Yakisoba	Kim Kono
Webmaster	Ken Garner	Shave Ice	Ray Fukunaga
Design	Maho Gardner	Beer Garden	Mark Achtermann
Entertainment	Ann Shintani	Yakiniku	Gerry Sumoge
Omiyage Shop	Brenda Fugate	BBQ Chicken	Scott Winner
	Susan Endicott	Soft Drinks	Kurt Achtermann
Neighborhood Contact	Jake Hardman	Spam Musubi	Nancy Kajitsu
First Aid	Craig Yanase		Katie Tamiyasu
Information Booth	Jean Matsumoto	Manju, Cold Somen	OBWA, Coordinator of Volunteers, June Shiigi
Cash Counters	Jean Matsumoto	Beef Bowl	Amy Peterson

The above list of chairs is not complete. Several more need to be assigned.

The 2014 Obonfest will be on Saturday, August 2nd from 3 PM to 9 PM. Early information stated that the start time is 11 AM. THIS IS INCORRECT. If you see any of these early flyers, please change 11 AM to 3 PM. Information on the preparation/working days will be by announcements during the Sunday Dharma gatherings and on the OBT Website. Please reserve August 1, 2 and 3 for Obon preparation, execution and clean up.

On Saturday, June 28th we will have a Garden Clean-up Party to get the garden ready for Obon. If you are able, please come in your garden work clothes for a joyful time pulling weeds and cutting grass/shrubs. A second Garden Clean-Up Party will be scheduled for July 26th.

The deadline for ordering new or requesting hanging of already purchased lanterns is July 30th. You are encouraged to submit orders as soon as possible to keep our calligraphers smiling.

Thank you,  
Stan Shiigi, Event Co-Chair  
Obon 2014



## ORDER FORM FOR COMMEMORATIVE LANTERNS

### One Order Form for Each Lantern

ObonFest at the Oregon Buddhist Temple will again feature Commemorative Lanterns to celebrate our Kangi-e or "Gathering of Joy". The lanterns will be hung from lines radiating from the center of the dance area. The WHITE lanterns commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends, or even pets regardless of when they passed away. The RED lanterns honor a living person, organization or company. The names of the honored ones are beautifully written in English and kanji/katakana. You can re-hang a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance. The commemorative lantern order form is also available on the OBT website.

Calligraphers would like the lanterns by July 30, 2014; Re-hanging lantern order deadline: August 2, 9 am

#### WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Deceased's Name (English): \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Passing: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Name (English): \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): \_\_\_\_\_

#### RE-HANGING PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED LANTERN \$15 for the 1st order, \$10 each additional lantern

Name (English): \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple

3720 SE 34th Ave. & Powell Blvd.

Portland, OR 97202

Lanterns will be stored at the temple. Please call the temple if you want to pick up your lantern. OBT Phone: 503-234-9456