



# PureLand Path

The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

January 2015

## HAPPY NEW YEAR of the Ram

### Rev. Gibbs Farewell Luncheon *Al Ono*

The farewell luncheon for Rev Gibbs was held on December 7. It was well attended by over 80 people including OBT members and some of the local leaders from other Japanese organizations.



Gifts were presented to Rev Gibbs from our Oregon Buddhist Temple as a thank you for all he has done for the Temple and the community for 13 years. The Oregon Buddhist Women's Association (OBWA) also

presented gifts to Rev Gibbs. In addition, a gift from OBWA was given to his wife, Kyoko, to thank her for the knowledge and skills that she has given to the Temple and members.

Many were able to talk personally to Rev Gibbs and gave him their fond farewells.

We wish him and his family best of luck in their future.

### January Highlights

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| Jan 1  | New Year Service, Ozoni served           | 10 am        |
| Jan 4  | New Year's Luncheon Pre-ordered and paid |              |
|        | No host lunch catered after service      |              |
| Jan 9  | Board Meeting                            | 7 pm         |
| Jan 10 | Ho On Ko Retreat                         | 10 am - 4 pm |
| Jan 11 | Ho On Ko Special Service                 | 10 am        |
|        | Followed by Otoki                        |              |
| Jan 25 | Japanese Community Mochitsuki            | Noon-3pm     |
|        | Smith Memorial Student Union PSU         |              |
| Jan 31 | OBWA Meeting & New Year Party            | 10 am        |
|        | Holladay Park Plaza                      |              |

## President's message

Scott Winner, OBT President

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the OBT Craft fair, patrons and volunteers! The Craft Fair is a really great fundraising opportunity for our temple. The best part is that we can run it with a fairly small volunteer staff, compared to our other major fundraising events. We are hoping that we will be able to come up with some other fundraising opportunities that utilize the fantastic space that we have at the temple without multi-day food preparation activities. We're not getting any younger after all.



Also thank you to everyone who turned out for our Mochitsuki. It was really great to see so many new people who it was their very first Mochitsuki. Hope you had fun, I sure did. Marilyn (our fantastic chair) says we sold just about all but 40 pounds of the 800 pounds we made. Another fantastic fundraising activity.

I would also like to welcome our new members to the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of directors; Judy Hittle, Phaedra Urban, Katie Tamiyasu and Cathy Yarne.

Thank you for your service to our exiting Board members Ken Garner, Yoshi Ono and David Wright. Next year our temple President will be Cathy Yarne and Charles Reneau will continue his role as Vice President. It is going to be an exciting year and we are in really good hands.

I will also be coming off the board. Thank you for your hard work and support this year and I hope you all have a very happy new year.

In Gassho,  
Scott Winner



Judy



Phaedra

*"The purpose of the Oregon Buddhist Temple is to insure that the Jodo Shinshu Sangha have the facilities, resident minister and other resources they need to share the Buddha Dharma in their daily lives and during their major life events."*

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Katie



Cathy

### **OBWA News by June Shiigi**

Happy New Year! Shinen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu. We look forward to a wonderful new year as our 2015 OBWA officers serve the Oregon Buddhist Temple.



Co-presidents: June Shiigi and Jayne Ichikawa

Vice President: Pat Hokama

Recording Secretaries: Ann Shintani (English) and Kiyomi Dickinson (Japanese)

Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Kajitsu and Katie Tamiyasu

(English), Yasuko Fields (Japanese)

Treasurer: Marilyn Achterman

At the OBT Holiday Craft Sale OBWA sold kariko (Etsu Osaki), nylon scrubbies (Jean Takashima), and artistic wands (Bobbi Jones). Thanks to Jayne Ichikawa and all members who helped sell these items.

OBWA would like to express our deepest gratitude to Rev. Gibbs for many years of being our ministerial advisor for OBWA meetings, services, events and to Mrs. Kyoko Gibbs, our temple Okusan, for being an excellent role model for OBWA. Their family will be greatly missed.

#### **Join us for the following:**

- New Year's Eve service and toshi-koshi soba
- New Year Day Service and ozoni, January 1, 2015
- OBT New Year Party on January 4:  
free bentos for members 80 years and older
- January 10-11, Hoonko Seminar & Service  
With Rev. Jim Warrick
- January 25 Mochitsuki: OBWA to sell dorayaki
- January 31, OBWA New Year Party at Holladay Park Plaza; 10am

OBWA Members: to register for the 2015 NW Buddhist Convention, February 13-15 at the Westin Bellevue Hotel in Washington, contact June Shiigi at [juneshiigi@gmail.com](mailto:juneshiigi@gmail.com) or Jayne Ichikawa at [jayneichi@gmail.com](mailto:jayneichi@gmail.com). Bus will be provided. Cost to be determined.



### **RESERVATIONS DUE**

**OBWA New Year Party  
Saturday, January 31, 2014  
10 am to 2 pm at  
Holladay Park Plaza**

**Bring donations of canned food  
and toiletries.**

**Also bring White Elephant gifts  
for BINGO prizes.**

**RSVP by January 26 to June Shiigi  
at [juneshiigi@gmail.com](mailto:juneshiigi@gmail.com) or Jayne  
Ichikawa at [jayneichi@gmail.com](mailto:jayneichi@gmail.com).**

### **Temple security**

*Amy Peterson, Security Coordinator*

We are sad to report there has been some vandalism at the Temple at night. If you are at or by the Temple and you see anything unusual, you should call the local Non-Emergency number 503-823-3333. If it is a crime in progress call 911! You can call me and we can report it to our Neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist

Also if you are closing or helping close the Temple, the elevator needs to be turned off at the Hondo level for it to be secure and prevent damage to the mechanisms.

All doors, especially to the back of the Onaijin and Hondo needed to be locked. If you are not sure how to lock and unlock the Hondo, please contact Amy. We need to assure the protection of the temple.

### Dharma School News

November the students were learning about gratitude which included Gratitude Turkeys, Eitaikyo and open classroom Stone Soup where students brought things to go into the stone soups prepared with the help of Marilyn Achterman and Elaine Yuzuriha. Additionally the Sangha got to participate in Tai Chi with Rev. Gibbs, Ukulele jamming with Kelsey Wahl, and Nenju repair and making. (Apologies from the Nenju leader for lack of dexterity and speed.)

We have some wonderful cooks at our temple as evidenced by the wonderful potluck to start off our Bodhi Day activities. Thanks to Marilyn Achterman and the impromptu OBT players for the great Bodhi Day Service. A special thanks to Etsu Osaki who set up our Bodhi tree and leaves but especially because she made the wonderful Okesa we presented to the students who helped portray the Enlightenment of the Buddha. Afterward we had to postpone the start of the Evening Nembutsu chanting for a Tea Ceremony by Yasuko Fields with help from Brenda Fugate and another friend.

It was really nice to see so many DS students Maya, Lauren, Brian, Aja, Mika, Kirt, Alyssa, Joy. Alyssa, Ally (Alyssa's friend), Lauren and Kirt were very helpful and productive. We were really short staffed and they helped with Mochitsuki, learning how to momu the rice into mochi rounds and to use the mochi cutter with help from Wendy-Lin Peterson.

### 2015 Northwest District Convention

Hosted by Seattle Buddhist Temple  
Bellevue Westin Hotel, Washington

#### "Everyday Rhythm of the Nembutsu"

Keynote presenter Rev. Harry Bridge  
Experience the Dharma through music

\*Programs and activities just for kids and Jr/Sr YBA \*A chance to re-connect with old friends and make new ones \*Interesting and original workshop choices from excellent guest presenters \*An introduction to pieces from the new song book \*An opportunity to jam with musicians from around the region (bring your instruments).

More information and registration forms available at [www.seattlebetsuin.org](http://www.seattlebetsuin.org)

Link to video "trailer" at <http://vimeo.com/87551322>.

\$25 discount if registered and paid by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Girl Scout News

GS Troop #43720 has been busy working on badges and Journeys. They are busy goal setting for the upcoming **GS Cookie pre-sale Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** (not one day sooner). Girls will be at the Temple taking orders on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for delivery in mid-February.

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Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Elaine Yuzuriha whose mother passed away Sat. Dec. 13. She and her husband were so friendly to the DS and Girl Scouts and letting us stay when we were traveling through for activities.

### Oregon Buddhist Temple

#### Ho-onko Seminar

#### "Religion – What Good Is It?"

Rev. James Hozen Warrick

Seattle Betsuin

January 10, 2015

Saturday

**Save the date: April 26, 2015**  
**OBT Salmon Dinner Fundraiser**

### 2015 OBT Board of Directors

#### Congratulations Term Ending 2017:

Katie Tamiyasu, Judy Hittle, Phaedra Urban,  
and Cathy Yarne (President)

**Term Ending 2016:** Susan Endecott, Al Ono,  
Amy Peterson, Charles Reneau (Vice President)

**Term Ending 2015:** Marilyn Achterman, Angie  
Hughes (Recording Secretary), Craig Yanase,  
Ray Fukunaga (Maintenance)

## JUST A FEW YEAR-END KUDOS

(contributed by temple mouse)

We appreciate the following temple members for their year-round dedication to our temple:

Minister's Assistant Brenda Fugate for the many years of leading Dharma Exchange.

Minister's Assistant Etsu Osaki for organizing the Obupan (rice offering) Toban and we also acknowledge the members of this group: Kiyomi Dickinson, Kyoko Gibbs, Kay Inoue and Etsu.

Our organists: Wynn Kiyama, Etsu Osaki, Ann Shintani-Winner and Elaine Yuzuriha.

Brenda Fugate and Etsu Osaki for the children's stories during Sunday services.

Michael Ishii for making sure we always have detergent for our commercial dishwasher and for our shiny basement floors.

Edna and Richard Koyama who provide reams of paper for our printing needs, including our newsletter.

Anonymous pseudo office manager taking care of side things and making sure all contributions to our temple are accounted for in the correct category.

Alice Ando and Janice Ishii for making sure all temple bills are appropriately paid.

(Ed. Note: Etsu also organizes , Flower Toban, Organist Toban, Choir, Archives and Buddhist Education Committee (BEC))

*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*

### JANUARY TOBAN

Judy Hittle	Paul Hittle
Pat Hokama	Tom Hokama
Chip Larouche	Setsy Larouche
Janice Okamoto	Al Ono
Tomoko Ono	Yoshi Ono
Cathy Shikitani	Willem Stoeller
Bill Tanaka	Linda Tanaka
Craig Yanase	Lisa Yanase
Elaine Yuzuriha	Todd Yuzuriha

Ed. Note: Please feel free to help the Toban by providing refreshments, helping with food preparation, set up for special events, and clean up. Just pitch in and help. ;o) The Sangha is everyone and every effort is appreciated. Filling TP in the restrooms, learning to use the dishwasher, organizing the books in the pews, etc.

## Lotus Circle December 2014

Jean Matsumoto



Where did the year go? As the end of the year approaches, we would like to express gratitude to the generous donors who contributed in our effort to always have fresh beautiful flowers on our Onaijin (altar). Thank you to all the people who have joined us this year and to those who

have been contributing annually since this project began in January 2007. We wouldn't have the amazing arrangements without members of the Flower Toban (Susan Endecott, Yasuko Fields, Kyoko Gibbs, Jayne Ichikawa, Janice Okamoto, Etsu Osaki, June Shiigi, Miho Weinstein and Judy Yamauchi). Their dedication cannot be acknowledged enough. Thank you also to Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) for setting up a webpage for the Lotus Circle). On November 2, the altar flowers were purchased by a donation by Elsie Onishi in memory of her parents, Chieto and Yachiyo Morita. This month's donors are:

- December 7 – Ernie Takeda in memory of (imo) parents, George and Satoko
- December 14 – Al Ono imo parents, George and Masaye, sister, Myrleen, and sister, Phyllis Kimitch
- December 21 – Susan Endecott imo husband, Ron, and brother, Ken Tanaka
- December 28 – Michi Stoeller imo her grandmothers, Helena Stoeller and Kikuko Hikida Shikatani

For further information about the Lotus Circle and questions about joining us, please contact me at 503-280-2463 or [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).

### Lotus Circle – January 2015

The Lotus Circle goes round and round, so here we are in the new year looking forward to our 8<sup>th</sup> year.

Starting off the year are the following members:

- January 4 – June Shiigi in memory of (imo) her mother, Sonoe Muraoka; Takako Ishida imo parents, Seiichi and Tomiye Takahashi; Jean Matsumoto imo mother, Mikiye
- January 11 – Ben Ishida imo parents, Suetaro and Tomeka; Chris Dart imo brother, Dale Hoverson
- January 18 – Angie Nakashima imo father, Harry Okita; Kathie Sato imo husband, Nobu
- January 25 – Alice Sumida imo parents, Tameji and Take Eto

Thank you to all the above generous donors, and to the flower toban, and Ken Garner all who help to keep this program rolling.



## ***Oregon Buddhist Temple November Donations***

### ***In memory of Hiroshi Yamauchi***

Judith Yamauchi  
Mie & Nicole McGraw  
Kim Kono  
Susan Endecott  
Atsuko Richards  
Jean Matsumoto  
Janice Okamoto  
Yoshie Kagawa

### ***In memory of John Ota & with great appreciation to Rev. Gibbs***

Jeremy K. Ota

### ***Lotus Circle***

Kiyomi Dickinson  
Alice Ando  
Jean Matsumoto

### ***In honor of Sensei Greg Gibbs***

Katie Bretsch

### ***Special donations***

Alice Sumida (*temple tree trimming*)  
  
Kenneth Yasutome  
Tyler Kristensen  
Anonymous (*United Way*)  
Craig Yanase (*Oya No Kai facility use*)  
Connie Masuoka (*Youth Activities fund*)  
Alice Sumida (*osonaе*)  
Barbara Uyesugi (*Nokotsudo*)

### ***Eitaikyo***

Anonymous (3)  
Ayako Minamishin  
Richard & Kumiko Mishima  
Ben & Sumie Ishida  
Shoun & Grace Ishikawa  
Ami Kinoshita  
Lily Meiners  
Jean Takashima  
Sahomi Tachibana  
Toshiko Hayashi

Kimiko Iwamoto

May Kasahara  
Jean Matsumoto  
Nami Sasaki

Teruko Nishikawa  
Randy & Dana Kunisaki

Fumi Saito

Chiyo Okita

Kaoru Hori

Misao Minagi

Herb & Etsu Osaki

Pat & Tom Hokama

Ann Shintani & Scott Winner

Kiyomi Dickinson

Yoshie Kagawa

Fusako Ouchida

Dana Kakishita

Robert & Kathleen

Matsunaga

Janice Okamoto

Nobuko Masuoka

### ***Eitaikyo***

Katie & Ed Tamiyasu  
Yoshi & Tomoko Ono  
Alfred Ono  
June & Stan Shiigi  
Kim Kono  
Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha  
Carolyn Saiget  
Ray & Lori Fukunaga  
Susan Endecott  
Henry & Eulia Mishima

### ***2015 Membership donations***

Kenneth Yasutome

### ***Member pledge donations***

Takako Maeda  
Jean Matsumoto  
Kiyo Endecott

*Acknowledgements are mailed*

*to individuals for donations of \$250 or more, to donors not on*

*the OBT mailing list, and to any donor upon request.*

*Please inform us of any*

*significant errors or omissions.*

*Susan Endecott*

*Email: [sjendecott@gmail.com](mailto:sjendecott@gmail.com)*

## ***Thank You for Your Donations by Envelopes and PayPal***

*Envelope donations are greatly appreciated.*

*PayPal donations can also be made by following a link to the OBT donate page at:*

<http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/donate/paypal.html>

*There are several links on this page, which goes directly to OBT's PayPal account and can be used by anybody to make a donation to OBT – they do not need to have a PayPal account. Follow simple instructions for donation designations.*

## ***Exploring Their Roots***

*Jean Matsumoto*

Early in September this year, Etsu Osaki and I, as members of OBT's archives committee, had the privilege of entertaining two women who wished to find their roots to Portland. Judy Terao Uyema from California is the daughter of Mary Sasaki, a Portlander, and Reverend William Terao who served the Spokane Buddhist Temple. Harumi Yamagawa Yee of Colorado donated a picture of her parent's wedding in 1937 at the old Oregon Buddhist Church with all the people in the picture later identified for us by Misa Kodama. Named in the picture were the bride, Harue Fujimura, and groom, Hidejiro Yamagawa, married by Reverend Seikaku Mizutani (my first OBC minister). Some of the faces in the picture familiar to me were: Mr. and Mrs. Shinichi Minami, Chiyo Minami, Mary Niiyama, Kimi Kiyohiro, Mr. and Mrs. Fujinaka, and the Takabayashi's. Judy Uyema brought pictures of her mother taken in Portland (some identified by Misao Minagi) which Etsu copied for our files before sharing them with the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. Judy also brought a copy of her mother's memoirs which we thought would be of interest to our members and friends and so it is being published in this issue. Incidentally, the Sasaki family lived in block 37 in camp in the next barrack to where the Matsumoto's lived.

### **MEMOIRS OF MARY TSUGIE SASAKI TERAO (5/20/20 - 12/27/91)**

I was born in a little town named Aurora, Oregon on May 17, 1920. When I was a month old, my father was kicked by a horse and was laid up in a hospital for 1 ½ years. After that, my mother went weeding at a neighborhood farm to pay for my father's hospital bill.

We were so poor that we finally moved into one room in a hotel owned by a relative who treated us very badly. Being so poor and with our father an invalid, our relative decided to deport us to Japan.

That's when my mother, with my five year old brother, went to work on a farm. My father on his crutches and I stayed in town. My dad was so poor he didn't even have a nickel to buy me candy. After a year and a half of hard labor on the farm, my mother brought back enough money to start a store blocking hats - a trade my father learned at a storefront as he babysat me in Portland - we went to watch this man block hats in the show window every day.

After opening this new store, my folks worked really hard and took in any kind of work that was brought in. At the store's first anniversary, they invited so many people to a Chinese restaurant and had a big celebration.

Life after that was not exactly smooth sailing but my folks worked hard and sent my brother through Oregon State and me through McDowell School of Fashion Design in Portland, Seattle and another design school in New York City. During the period between 1936-1939, The Oregon Buddhist Temple had a tax bill of \$3,000. that they owed to the city. The city was talking of taking over the building if the church was unable to pay their bill. My father, Shunji Sasaki, then volunteered his services to be the treasurer for the church. Our family did not have a care but he donated a car to the church for \$500.00. Money was hard to come by so people laughed at my dad for even suggesting he could collect enough money in three years to pay the debt.

After that, my dad and Rev. Mizutani took off about three times a week to drive all over the neighborhood farms and towns asking for donations. Through their undying efforts, at the end of three years, they collected enough money to pay the debt off and the Oregon Buddhist Church was saved from losing their building.

Then World War II came and we practically lost everything. At the time of the evacuation, my folks had a hotel and two dry goods stores. Since my father was interned with the rest of the upper echelon men right after the war started and my brother was drafted, my mother and I were left to dispose of our property. I sold the hotel for only \$1,000. and the two stores for \$125.00 each. My mom and I left all of our belongings and left with one suitcase apiece to Minidoka Concentration Camp. In the camp, we tried to make life as pleasant as possible. I waited until my father came back to the camp we were in - about a year and half later. After that, my father sent me out to NYC to attend a design school. We didn't have the money for me to go to school so my folks sewed leather cowboy jackets that were brought into camp by a lady who owned a store in Twin Falls, Idaho. They sewed these beautiful fringed and beaded leather cowboy jackets for \$7.50 each. They sewed enough jackets in a month so they could send me \$200.00/month so I could attend school in NYC.

After the war, we relocated from Minidoka Camp back to Portland. My truly rewarding experience in the Concentration Camp was that I met my future brother-in-law and sister-in-law (Rev. Hideo Eiyu and Joyce Terao) who introduced me to their brother who was in the 442<sup>nd</sup> Combat Regimental Unit and had served in Europe. . I got married in June, 1946, to my husband, Rev. William Shigeo Terao and had one daughter, Judy in April of 1947.

After getting married, we helped our brother-in-law build a Buddhist church from scratch in Spokane, Wash. It was a very hard struggle, but with gratitude, to this day, there is still a Buddhist Church in Spokane. The strong religious ties of my family saved us from wallowing in depression and made us grateful for our religion and what we had.

In my later years, meditation and my religion saved me as I spent nine months in a hospital in Torrance, CA. At the same time, my husband was confined in another hospital in Long Beach, CA. I went through six operations in eight months - intestinal gangrene, below-knee left leg amputation and cancer. My thoughts during this time were to look at things through an open door instead of looking at myself in a mirror. During my time spent in physical therapy, I found so many people with far worse problems than myself. I felt there and then that I should not look at myself but to strengthen my religious beliefs and try to set an example for anyone who was going through what I was...I strove to practice my meditation for at least 30 minutes each day.

I am so greatly appreciative of all of the blessings and comfort I have received from my religion for which I shall be grateful for the rest of my life. I wear my ojuzu (rosary) always which makes me feel my husband Bill is always with me still though he passed on December 7, 1990.

Namu Amida Butsu

MEMOIRS OF MARY TSUGIE SASAKI TERA0

### In Memory of Taitetsu Unno

Oregon Buddhist Temple expresses condolence to the family of Dr. Reverend Taitetsu Unno who passed away December 13, 2014

A local memorial service was held on Sunday, December 21. The funeral is scheduled on Saturday, January 3, at 11am, at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple (2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA). And, a memorial service is scheduled on Sunday, January 11, at 1:30pm, at the Senshin Buddhist Temple (1311 W 37th St, Los Angeles, CA). Trailing memorial services will also occur in New York City and Honolulu.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that friends and colleagues may make donations to the Institute for Buddhist Studies, addressed to the attention of Richard K. Payne, Dean (2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA, 94704, USA).

### **For full obituary**

**<http://www.lionsroar.com/remembering-buddhist-scholar-taitetsu-unno-1929-2014/>**

Namu Amida Butsu.



### Fumiko Okubo

Fumiko Okubo was born Oct. 5, 1923 in Oregon. Having spent their formative years in Hiroshima, Fumi and her siblings returned to their birthplace on one of the last ships from Japan in June of 1941 before the onset of World War II. Following their wartime internment in Minidoka, Idaho the Okubos returned to settle permanently in Portland.

Fumi was a productive member of our community who met life's challenges with quiet dignity. She loved music, studied piano and rarely missed a performance of the Oregon Symphony. An avid Blazer fan, she attended games in earlier times and even kept tabs on the players. After retiring, she enjoyed meeting new friends and participating in our Fujinkai activities. She was a kind and true friend, always willing to lend a hand to those in need, once cooking Sukiyaki to exhaustion.

Fumi was very generous with her time and money, donating to local Japanese community groups. Fumi followed the Okubo family's devotion to the Nembutsu and commitment to the support of our Temple through a significant bequest to OBT as the last of her family here. The temple gratefully acknowledges Fumi's kindness and generosity. On top of that she donated many items for the DS Rummage sale and Omiyage shops. She will be missed and remembered.

### MEMBERSHIP

Alfred Ono (chairman)



HAPPY NEW YEAR- well almost.

2015 will soon start at Oregon Buddhist Temple (OBT). The new board is in place being led by our new President- Cathy Yarne. We will be under the ministerial supervision of Rev. Dennis Fujimoto of the Oregon –Idaho Buddhist Temple in Ontario, Oregon. Many fun, exciting events are in the plans for 2015. We are even planning the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oregon Buddhist Temple in 2016.

In order to do all of this we need members to show support of the Temple. The most important role is the spiritual aspect of OBT. By membership we support of the Temple itself, the ministers, leaders and teachers. We also show support of the place where we can worship, chant, hear the Dharma and have fellowship with others followers and friends.

By becoming a member of Oregon Buddhist Temple, you can show your support of the Temple and its mission. Moreover, for many of the new attendees and some of the older members, membership shows us and even the National Buddhist Churches of America that we are an active, thriving Temple.

The form for the membership is in the newsletter or at the entrance table. It needs to be filled out and dropped off, mailed or even E-mailed to Oregon Buddhist Temple. Also, we will be at the New Year's party at the Temple on January 4 to register your membership. The \$250.00 dues can be submitted at the time of registration. You can also break the dues into divided payments, If this is still a burden, come talk to the president-Cathy Yarne or me. Last year our membership was about 130 plus members. Let's see if we can increase this number.

**Happy Holidays Al**

## 2015 Oregon Buddhist Temple Membership Dues

New or Renewal Registration

- Membership donation is \$250 per individual adult, \$500 per family  
Silver level is \$500/member, Gold level is \$1000/member
- Optional pledge payments of \$25/mo or \$75/qtr for individual or  
\$50/mo or \$150/qtr for families
- A limited number of subsidized memberships are available.  
Please indicate here to be contacted by membership committee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership allows voting privileges, a subscription to the Wheel of Dharma newsletter from the BCA, subscription to Pureland Path newsletter, and most importantly, demonstrates your support of the Temple.

Please mail this form with check to:  
Oregon Buddhist Temple  
3720 SE 34th Ave  
Portland, OR 97202

Enclosed membership fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Help subsidize other members: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*if you wish to encourage membership and participation by helping those unable to make dues payments.*

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