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*The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter*

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## **Minister's Corner Rev. Dennis Fujimoto GOTANYE in Portland**



I sit here smiling as we are all surprised and shocked that it is already time for a new article, a new bulletin, a new month, and a new special service. May is upon us. ALREADY?? We are all surprised that time has gone

by so quickly, but the same thing happened last month and last year. What's the most surprising is how surprised we are each time! Next month, I predict shock and surprise that it will be June.

Each May we look forward to the Gotanye Service. Gotanye is the birthday of Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Shin Buddhist tradition. Gotanye is translated as sect-founder birthday. Each Japanese school of Buddhism would have a different Gotanye date for a different sect founder. Our Gotanye for our founder Shinran Shonin is generally considered to be May 21. Here at OBT, we will hold our service May 24 at 10:00AM.

It is at the Gotanye Service that we are able to learn about or recall the life path of Shinran Shonin. As we go over the conditions and concerns that Shinran faced during his life, we come to admire his steadfast dedication and focus. When he received attention or reward for his studies, his own reflections would reveal the conflict he felt within. To be proud of his accomplishments would be a mirror showing that his ego was completely intact and that he was no further along in his spiritual development than when he first started.

His questions and doubts about the Nembutsu teachings that he struggled with under Master Honen would be reflected in our own questions and doubts as we try to make sense of this path. The concerns and misunderstandings that his followers struggled with also mirror our own. Their difficulties with the Nembutsu teachings as they were revealed in

theTannisho are many of our own difficulties in understanding or accepting the truths of Shin Buddhism.

It is as if our own evolution in resolving life and truth have already been lived and documented. The difficult questions where no one seems to have an answer and where we decide to stop asking, have been considered and asked before. Shinran and the masters before him have found such answers and have shared them in written record.

The answers that resolved Shinran's personal predicament became proof to him that the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha to assist all beings was truly working. His own efforts to resolve the questions kept leading back to the depth of his ego-centered nature. Confronted with this futility, he was able to see beyond himself ... to the possibility, the potential, and the truth of Amida. Compassion is an active and ongoing characteristic of reality, able to touch each of us just as it did Honen, Shinran, and the Nembutsu followers thereafter.

This amazing story of struggle and discovery, despair and awakening, is not only the story of Shinran Shonin. It is the story of each of us. We are asked to recite the Nembutsu without doubt, but that is the most difficult thing to do. "What do you mean recite the Nembutsu without doubt? Of course I have doubt. Who's going to believe that mumbo-jumbo? How's that going to help anybody??" Natural reaction. Natural ego-based, self-centered reaction. If we just said "OK", the ego would have nowhere to stand and nowhere to be. What then?

This is where the story gets interesting, but it's too scary for most of us ... too uncomfortable ... too big ... I like my ego-centered world and my ego-centered self ... leave me alone. Break it open or let it go and find the real you. We'll see you at the temple.

Rev. D

**Ed. Note: Both Gotanye and Gotan-e are used within the BCA and NW Dist. Please ask Rev. Dennis why about the difference. I could not find one on the web. AP**

*"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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## President's message



Dear Sangha Members,  
**"Alone we can do so little,  
 together we can do so  
 much!"**

This quote by Helen Keller sums up all the hard work that went into the Salmon-Sushi Dinner. Whether you volunteered one hour or twenty, thank you for your time and efforts to help make this a

successful event. Also, we are very grateful to everyone who made donations to help cover the expenses for this event. We plan to make this an annual fundraising event. Hats off to Marilyn Achterman who did an exceptional job of organizing and chairing this event.

On June 14, our temple will have its first monthly memorial service - Shotsuki Hoyo. (See the article by Etsu Osaki.) This will be incorporated into our regular services, once a month. Each newsletter will include a list of former members and Dharma friends who passed away during the upcoming month. This newsletter will include those who passed away in the month of June. Every June, hereafter, we'll recognize these same individuals, making Shotsuki Hoyo an annual opportunity to remember and honor your loved ones who've passed away.

Rev. Fujimoto, our supervising minister, is participating in services once a month. Fortunately we are able to have regular Sunday services and Dharma Exchange every Sunday. With the exception of Sundays when there are special events, OBT is able to do this thanks to the dedication and commitment of our Minister's Assistants, Brenda Fugate and Etsu Osaki and a few lay speakers. Personally, I'm finding the Dharma talks and follow up discussions at Dharma Exchange informative, stimulating and enjoyable. Don't miss out on this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Dharma and get to know other Sangha members too.

In Gassho,  
 Cathy

## Safety and Security

If you see someone "camping out" on the temple property/grounds, please contact the Portland Police via their non-emergency phone number, (503) 823-3333. This call is important because we want the Police to be aware of every incident to establish the "need" to encourage them to conduct frequent checks.

The non-emergency police contact information is posted on the front, back and annex doors, as well as by the telephone in the kitchen. Please let me know if you do contact the police so we can monitor the situation.

Although it has not been a constant issue, there have been a few incidents in the past. The Board is exploring 3 possible options to address this problem. Thank you for your help.

Cathy Yarne



### Person to mow the lawn:

We need a volunteer(s) who can cut the grass on a regular basis. We have the equipment.

Wanted: Gently used or new **Kimono's and Yukatas**

A few wishes have been fulfilled! Thank you for donating your keyboard and **desk chair mat**.

Please contact Cathy Yarne if you are able to fulfill our "wishes."

### Rev. Fujimoto / OBWA Schedule preview

July 18 & 19	OBON SERVICE
August 8 & 9	
Sept 12 & 13	Fall Ohigan DS Service in the Park
Sept. 27	Ohigan Service/Ohagi served
Oct 11	
Nov. 21 & 22	
Dec 19 & 20	

Please contact temple President Cathy Yarne to arrange a family member visit, funeral or memorial service by Rev. Fujimoto

### Memorial Day Cemetery service schedule: May 25, Monday.

9:00 OBT Nokotsudo: Columbarium -MA Brenda  
 10:30 Gresham Forest Lawn MA -Etsu  
 12 noon OBT at Rose City-Etsu,  
 Flower presentation to the Wakabayashi and Terakawa graves by representative Janice Okamoto.  
 1:00 Community Service at Rose City (Konko Church in charge),  
 2:30 Lone Fir Cemetery

### Sahomi Tachibana Student Recital – Saturday, June 6, 7pm

Please join the Sahomi Tachibana students as they present classical and traditional dances of Japan at their annual student recital. The students include Angela K., and Akemi, Ann S., Hazuki and Yoshiko K., Joy Y., Kimi K., and Wynn K. Please enter through the back doors, and in the dining room. Admission is free and there will be refreshments afterwards when you can meet with the performers, family and friends.

## Shotsuki Hoyo

**This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of June. We will have our first Shotsuki Hoyo on June 14<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto. It will be held at 10 am during our regular Sunday Service.**

**In the past, families were notified by mail regarding a service for a deceased family member. However, with this plan, no letters will be sent. It will be one special service for all families who lost a loved one in the month of June.**

**Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1930. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.**

1930.20	Shiozaki, Suye	1955.28	Uyeda, Mariko	1984.08	Suzuki, Kagi
1930.26	Muramatsu, Noboru	1956.05	Matsuda, Denishiro	1987.09	Miyoshi, Toku
1931.05	Morihiro, Hikaru	1956.06	Kinoshita, Teddy	1987.24	Ota, Hajime
1932.15	Yoshikawa, Toyotarō	1959.03	Nitta, Kiyokichi	1989.07	Kinoshita, Kise
1933.14	Fukuhara, Fujie	1959.03	Nishioka, Kiyokichi	1993.07	Kanno, Makoto
1935.10	Matsuura, Sumako	1959.03	Shinoka, Kiyokichi	1995.06	Honma, Ed
1935.12	Yoshitomi, Sukezo	1959.29	Oguri, Kuni	1996.27	Sumino, George Yoshio
1936.18	Okamoto, Kou	1961.17	Mishima, Charlotte Ann	1997.04	Okamoto, Misuyo
1937.06	Kanemoto, Ganjiro	1963.25	Asawu, ____ko	1997.17	Naganuma, Frank Yoshiharu
1937.26	Okamoto, Osamu	1963.25	Aso, Benzo	1997.25	Takeuchi, "Tad" Tadashi
1938.19	Nakajima, Matsutarō	1963.25	Fuii, Saichi	1999.09	Shiogi, Chiyo
1943.12	Yamaguchi, Rikizo	1963.25	Fujii, Shizu	2000.15	Shido, Mary Miyeko
1944.12	Kanaya, Masanobu	1964.05	Ikata, Yone	2001.07	Kawasaki, Corky Tokuyoshi
1944.20	____da, Torakichi	1967.12	Akiyama, Uhichi	2001.13	Kagawa, John Masaaki
1944.23	Iwai, Ishiro	1967.12	Asai, Matsu	2001.30	Tamiyasu, Eric M.
1944.27	Takemoto, Tami?	1967.30	Hasuike, Torazo	2004.12	Gekko, Harry Hare
1945.22	Itami, Sukaemon	1972.16	Ninomura, Yukiyo	2004.26	Hondo, Mas
1946.16	Okabe, Tami	1972.01	Hamada, Tokuichi	2005.16	Harada, Kimie
1948.06	Fukuyama, Ryohei	1973.26	Mayeda, Soichi	2006.02	Onishi, Shiz
1948.21	Asari, Otajiro	1975.12	Sato Yoshio Joe	2006.10	Yada, Yoneko
1953.01	Hanning, Adolph	1978.18	Okawa, Misu	2010.23	Mishima, John
1953.13	Hasegawa, Tsune	1979.10	Nishikawa, Kiyoshi	2013.29	Yasui, Shizue
1955.24	Kaga, Mura	1983.07	Mishima, Aster	2014.28	King, Hugh

## Lotus Circle – June 2015 by Jean Matsumoto



Deep appreciation to members of the Lotus Circle who, with their generous donations of \$35, allow our Flower Toban members to purchase the beautiful flowers which they arrange on the altar and around our temple each week. Thank you for remembering your loved ones by this means. This month the donors are:

- June 7 – Amy Peterson in memory of (imo) mother Aster, brother John and sister Charlotte Mishima, and grandfathers Katsumi Mishima and Hachiro Takao; Susan Lilly imo former husband John
- June 14 – Julie Kagawa imo husband John
- June 21 – Jerry Koike imo grandparents Yosaku and Sueko Aono
- June 28 – Anonymous imo Corky and Yuriko Kawasaki

Appreciation is also extended to Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) for setting up a webpage for us to share memories of loved ones. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact me at 503-280-2463 or [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).

## Summary May 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

by Angie Hughes



The board commends Ray Fukunaga for all his hard work in maintaining the temple.

When possible, please notify Phaedra Urban in advance about topics for upcoming services and Dharma Exchanges so that she is able to advertise these on the

website. This might boost attendance. (This can be sent to [Board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:Board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com))

As of March 31, 2015, OBT has a net income. Facility Use income is up 141%. Special Donations are down 45% compared to last year.

Jean Matsumoto is continuing to work on projects associated with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the temple building. The gakuden (shrine housing) has been secured so that it no longer moves around. Thanks Kats Amasuga and Richard Koyama.

The board continues to seek out volunteers to take on projects identified in the past few years as a result of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary donation campaign. Please seek out a board member for further details if you are interested in heading a project at OBT.

The board has identified the annex HVAC as a priority for replacement. Ray Fukunaga has received a \$6000 estimate.

Al Ono reports that there are 92 paid and pledged members as of 5/8/15.

There have been some trespassing issues at the temple recently, with people sleeping in the back and on the front steps of the building. The board discussed various methods for helping to keep the temple secure.

Cameras, fences, and lights were mentioned as possible solutions. For now, Ray will speak with an electrician about the possibility of getting brighter lights installed at the back of the building. All suggestions are welcome.

There will be a cooking class held at OBT, with details to follow. This will allow us to use up some of our remaining freezer food. This class will mostly likely be held on a Saturday or a Sunday after Dharma Exchange.

The Salmon&SushiFest went well and Marilyn Achterman and the board thank everyone for their generous support and hours of volunteer work to help make the event successful. The board discussed some of the pros and cons of the event but overall, it is a positive addition and we will continue to host it next year. The board commends Marilyn for all her hard work on this fundraiser.

Reverend Fujimoto's visits continue to be a welcome addition to OBT's services and he will participate as his schedule allows.

The board recognizes the terrible devastation in Nepal and encourages temple members and friends to donate to their chosen relief funds as they are able. (See message from the Bishop)



### OBWA News

by June Shiigi

Gentle Yoga by Susan Lilly was a nice way to center and align our bodies in a relaxful way during our Aging Wisely event in May. Susan has been a professional yoga instructor for many years at Lewis & Clark College so we

were thankful to have her be our teacher again.

We sold dorayaki and mochi manju to many school children, family and friends at the Richmond Elementary School Spring Festival. The children also loved the origami mini-boxes and candies from Japan donated by Atsuko Richards and Kiyomi Dickinson.

Thank you to all who attended the OBWA sponsored Rennyō Shōnin Commemorative Service officiated by Minister's Assistant Brenda Fugate. We are fortunate to learn more about the Rennyō Shōnin's role in the spreading of Jōdo Shinshū.

Rev. Fujimoto's article in this month's newsletter and his Gotanye Dharma Talk on May 24 in commemoration of Shinran Shōnin's birthday reminded us how lucky we are to hear about our Jōdo Shinshū teachings. Following the service Udon Otoki was served. Preparations were chaired by Etsu Osaki, Stan Shiigi, June Shiigi and the May Toban. Thank you to all who helped.

Katie Tamiyasu has reserved Super King Buffet where we can select our favorite dishes for our annual OBWA birthday luncheon at 12 noon on June 20 following our OBWA meeting. This year Pat Hokama will be organizing some fun entertainment for us as we celebrate all of our birthdays. For reservations, please contact Katie at 503-244-6299 by June 17. Also, please bring small packaged food or canned food donations to fit in backpacks for our annual Backpack School project for needy school children.

**DONATIONS WANTED:** Used Kimono, Yukata and accessories to sell after our OBWA meeting on July 18 and at our August 1 Obonfest. Please drop them off at OBT on Sundays between 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For more information contact: Yasuko Fields at [yasuko@raf.us](mailto:yasuko@raf.us) or June Shiigi at [juneshiigi@gmail.com](mailto:juneshiigi@gmail.com).

Please consider joining the OBWA. If transportation is needed to attend any of our activities, please contact June Shiigi at 503-997-3742 or Jayne Ichikawa at 503-639-0067. Contact June Shiigi at [obwa@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:obwa@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) or Jayne Ichikawa at [jayneichi@gmail.com](mailto:jayneichi@gmail.com) or phone 503-639-0067 for questions or interest.

## Dharma School News



**Hanamatsuri:** On Apr. 19, the Dharma School students presented a skit, "The Prince Buddha", a version of the life of Siddhartha Buddha. This version, embellished by a grandfather to his sick grandchild, has a few similarities to the story, "The Princess Bride". When

Siddhartha said "as you wish", which is like when we say "Namu Amida Butsu", we remind ourselves that there is a deep connectedness that we share. For the finale, the younger students sang, "In Lumbini's Garden".

Thank you to the following for Hanamatsuri service help: Miya A. and Mika W. for the "presentation of flowers"; Marilyn A., Terri and Midori C., Etsu O., Amy P., Ann, Scott and Mika W., and Elaine and Joy Y. for the flowers, set-up and take down of the flower shrine (Hanamido); the cast of "The Prince Buddha" of Kirt A., Miya and Emi A., Dylan B., Aaron C., Mayu G., Avery H., Alyssa O., Dr. Al O., Mika W., Joy Y. and Jeremy; supporting crew of Marilyn A., Terri C., Amy P., Ann S., and Elaine Y.; Amy P. for bringing the cakes; and Elaine Y. for bringing goodie bags.

**Girl Scout Cookie Sales a Success:** The temple sponsored Girl Scout troop sold over 1,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, making over \$750. Midori sold the most, having sold over half our inventory! Thank you for your purchases and support! We plan to use this for our Girl Scout program, making charitable donations, and for a trip to the coast. (insert fuzzy mother's day cookie photo here from Terri).

**Plant Sale Thank You:** The students also helped with a successful plant sale at the SalmonSushi Fest on April. 26. Thank you to the following students, parents and adults: Denille and Jeremy, Ann and Mika W., Mayu G., Terri and Midori C., Abby B., Avery H., Mark S., and Brian Y. The following adults and parents participated by supervising students, prepping for the sale, and otherwise being a welcoming face to those attending our event: Duane W., Cathy S., Amy P., Marilyn A., and Phillip K.

**Mother's Day:** The Dharma School students made Post-It pads for the "moms" at the temple, and also served a fancy dessert tray to the women during refreshments. Thank you to Amy, Elaine, Ann, and Marilyn for bringing desserts, and to Alyssa, Kirt,

Joy, Midori, Mika, Brian, Jeremy, and Brighton for the flowers and for serving our ladies. (There were enough for the men, too.)

### Official End of Dharma School Year June 14

Sunday June 14 will be the official end of our DS year. We will recognize Justin Kwong and Madison Rosen who will be graduating this spring. We will still have activities for students during Dharma Exchange led by teachers and volunteers throughout the summer.

**Father's Day:** Remember to join us on June 21, to help celebrate the men in our lives.

## OBONFEST IS APPROACHING



### Bon dance practices

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm, July 14-30  
To prepare for Obonfest on Saturday, Aug. 1, Sahomi Tachibana will be leading our summer Bon odori (dance) practices, Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting July 14, and

ending July 30, 7:00pm-9:00pm. A practice session for the instructors will take place on Monday, July 13, 7:00pm

### OBONFEST Set up.

Please join us Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> as we set up the Yagura (bandstand tower), food booths, and seating. Set up will start at 9 am. Also on Friday and Saturday, the OBWA will be preparing food for sale during the Obonfest. Any time that you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

If you aren't on a volunteer list for Saturday, please contact Obonfest volunteer coordinator June Shiigi at [juneshiigi@gmail.com](mailto:juneshiigi@gmail.com) to let us know when you're available. Bring your friends and family to help.

Tear down is Sunday morning starting at 10 am. (We don't have service on Sunday following Obonfest.)

Links to past Obonfest fun:

<http://youtu.be/hneqMxlvZX4?hd%E2%80%8B=1>  
[http://oregonbuddhisttemple.com/photo\\_gallery/Obon/Obon2008PhotoGallery/index.html](http://oregonbuddhisttemple.com/photo_gallery/Obon/Obon2008PhotoGallery/index.html)

## FDSTL Conference

by Amy Peterson

While the rest of the family and temple members were busy with the SalmonSushiFest, I was on a plane to LA, editing the temple handbook on Funeral, to attend The Federation of Dharma School Teacher's League (FDSTL) conference in LA. The theme was "Let go... of everything you're afraid to lose ... Rev. Mas Kodani (retired) was the keynote speaker and his talk on how Jodo Shinshu followers deal with death, is more in tune with the Buddha's. Although Rev. Kodani is very traditional in his approach to Buddhist Funerals, the discussion group was more focused on the individual and immediate family.

Traditions originally used to help families with the transitory nature of death, to help them remember their loved one, and to check in with the family after time has passed (49 days) are still available to families, but the current costs, combined with distances of families have made some of these traditions almost obsolete.

What can we as Dharma School teachers, temple members and family friends do to prepare our friends? The consensus in my group was to not necessarily teach death, but be open for the opportunity to help our students identify and validate their individual feelings in a particular situation. Rev. Kodani years ago asked a group of YBA (middle school- high school) what was the best part of a funeral they attended. Almost unanimously it was at that time "China Meshi". For those that didn't grow up in the Japanese community or who were born after the 1980's, that was the meal after the funeral. Here is where people had a chance to loosen their ties, sit with their buddies, say what they really felt about the person, and eat Chinese food. To Rev. Kodani this was not disrespectful, but to be honest about the good and bad experiences and make that person "real". He felt that in the US, eulogies (meaning saying only nice things) and celebrations of life, don't give the families and friends a true remembrance of the deceased. If we only remember the good things, are we disrespecting the real and true person? Didn't we love them with all their quirks, like Buddha, just as they were?

In the discussions that followed, whether or not someone cries was discussed. Each person in their own time and space will deal with the loss and who are we to judge how and when that is to be. Sometimes it's not until all the legal and paperwork is done that their loss can be felt. Other times it's after the burial or funeral when reality hits. Regardless, the memorial system was developed to help people through all these times.

A newer minister explained how he helps families with how long to mourn and do memorial services (anything

is OK). Jodo Shinshu is not here to tell you how to do this, but to help and prepare you for life's realities. Also at the conference the posters from the districts were posted for viewing. One of the hostesses remembered Mayu's name from when she won an FDSTL poster contest when she was 3 or 4! Needless to say she was happy that Mayu had entered and won. Next year there will be a poetry contest for the 6<sup>th</sup> and older students to go into a book with copies of the posters.

I was in several workshops with the Bishops wife Janet Umezu and father-in-law, George. The results of our "craft video" will be on YouTube or on the DS Wiki site.

It was nice to have some melodic chanting of the Shoshinge wasans (Buddhist hymns of praise) in groups. A young minister from Hawaii reminded us to pronounce all words completely.

I hope to share a lot of the lesson plans I saw or heard and hope we can produce the same quality for our NW District. Also the Federation is helping fund teacher workshops between general meeting conferences and we hope to benefit from that funding and help.

Lastly but not least is the gift of books we received. Thanks to the FBWA donation to purchase books for our Dharma schools. This is funded by all the Buddhist Women's Associations including our own. This year we received two copies of **Buddhist Origami**. One will be available in the children's library and one in the adult library.



### JAPANESE COOKING CLASS

Saturday, June 27th, 10:00 am

Sign up now for the OBT, Japanese Cooking Class with Hiroji Obayashi. Chef Obayashi has a well established and

successful career as a Japanese Chef in California. He was a chef at the prestigious Imperial Gardens and the Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar at Caesar's Palace. Eventually, he opened his own restaurant Hirozen Gourmet Restaurant, which received the designation of "Excellent" from Gourmet Magazine.

Now retired and living in Portland, we are fortunate to host a Japanese cooking class with Chef Obayashi.

Using many of the frozen foods donated by Hiro and Janie Matsushima, we'll learn how to make several Japanese dishes!

Class size is limited, however if there is enough interest, we will create a second class at a later time/date. Cost for lesson and lunch is \$20.

To sign up contact Cathy @ 503 319-7071 or yarnefamily@gmail.com.

## BCA UPDATE



**In May Susan Lilly stopped by to help the Garden Tobancho Stan Shiigi after temple service.**

### Team 3 - JUNE 2015 TOBAN

Carrollo, Teri-Ann	Dart, Chris
Hollander, David	Ishikawa, Grace
Kagawa, Julie	Katsuno, Daniela
Kollas, Phillip	Lilly, Susan
Oh-Keith, Douglas	Oh-Keith, Kathy
Osaki, Etsuko	Osaki, Herb
Saiget, Carol	Wahl, Joe
Wahl, Lora	Yamauchi, Sandie
Yarne, Cathy	

*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*



#### **Earthquake in Nepal** April 28, 2015

Bishop Umezu provided an update and forwarded the request for assistance from Nepal's Jodo Shinshu Mission.

#### **NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND**

*BCA members like you can help victims of this earthquake by giving to the BCA Endowment Foundation with a special contribution. All of your funds will be sent directly to the Kathmandu Hongwanji to assist Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia and his members in their relief efforts.*

*"Please help Nepal and the Katmandu community in our time of suffering. The funds raised will be used to help all without regard to religion or ethnicity, since we are all part of the world community and feel strongly that we must help each other in times of need. Please be assured that all funds will be used for the restoration of the affected areas in Nepal and for only these purposes."*

- **Reverend Sonam Wangdi Bhutia**

Your gift, big or small, will make a lasting impact on those who need it most. You can send donations in the following ways:

1. Give directly to the Buddhist Churches of America by mail. Send a check payable to the \*Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation

Please note NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF in the memo section of your check.

**BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA  
ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION  
1710 OCTAVIA STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109**

2. Give through the BCA website: Visit <http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org> and use your credit card, debit card, or PayPal account to send a secure donation.

Please send in your donations by JUNE 1, 2015. We thank you in advance for your support and Dana.

P.S. For status updates about Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia and the Kathmandu Hongwanji's relief efforts, please visit the BCA website at [www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org](http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org) or join BCA's Facebook group [facebook.com/buddhistchurchesofamerica](https://facebook.com/buddhistchurchesofamerica). If you have any questions regarding this relief effort, please send inquiries to [donate@bcahq.org](mailto:donate@bcahq.org).

## Oregon Buddhist Temple Donations

### Donations Received in April 2015

#### In Memory of Frances Yamada

Jean McCormick & Family  
Herb & Etsu Osaki  
Katie & Ed Tamiyasu  
Amy Peterson

#### In Memory of Ben Ishida

Ed & Amy Kwan  
Kazuko Sunamoto  
Susan Endecott

#### In Memory of Roy Tsugio Amano

Hazelynn Amano

#### In Memory of Sonoe Muraoka

June & Stan Shiigi

#### Lotus Circle

Ronald Shiraishi  
Kazuko Sunamoto  
Miyeko Yagi

#### Special Donations

Matt Muramatsu (elevator repair)  
Stan Mayfield (DS)  
Karl Hagele  
Gary Higashi  
Anonymous

#### Spring Bazaar Donations

Alice Sumida  
June & Stan Shiigi  
Roberta Ando  
Alfred Ono  
Randy & Dana Kunisaki  
Carolyn J. Saiget  
Craig & Lisa Yanase  
Traci & Wynn Kiyama  
Connie Masuoka  
Yoshi & Tomoko Ono  
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## New Books in the Library

by Etsu Osaki

**Light of the Dharma** by Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, American Buddhist Study Center, New York: 2014, 74 pages, \$15.

This is a very easy-to-read book that brings Buddhism down to everyday life. The author is a retired BCA minister/scholar having served in various temples including Canada and Hawaii. He explains the importance of the special observances throughout the year. Of special interest are the chapters on the Gold Medalist ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi and Astronaut Ellison Onizuka, both Jodoshinshu Buddhists.

An interesting quote by Albert Einstein on page 70 goes as follows, "If there is any religion that could cope with modern scientific needs, it would be Buddhism."

Some copies are in the library for purchase.

**The Buddha's Gift to the World: Tranquility for a Turbulent Planet** by Monshu Koshin Ohtani, American Buddhist Study Center Press, New York: 2014, 53 pages, \$10.

This is the third in a series by the Gomonshu. The others were **The Buddha's Wish for the World** and **The Buddha's Call to Awaken**.

"The Gomonshu begins with a firm declaration of the Jodo Shinshu position on the Buddha's teaching. We are an "Other Power" religion. As such, we can never adopt the position of telling anyone else how to approach, or interpret the Buddha's teaching, as they seek to manifest their connection to it in their daily lives. We can only foster and encourage each person's relationship with Amida Buddha, as we earnestly seek to deepen our own."

Comments by Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

Some copies will be ordered for purchase in our library.

## NEW CD'S IN OBT LIBRARY

These CD's by Todd Milne of the Spokane Buddhist Temple are good for meditation.

**Moksha, Deeply Live**, by Todd Milne (Bamboo flutes, electronic winds, guitar, loop station), Ellicia Milne, (harp, hammer dulcimer, handsonic), Aron Mark (table, frame drum, wavedrum) By Milne Sounds, 2012

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| 1. Deeply   | 2. Softly | 3. Dark Ride | 4. Equal |
| 5. The Veil | 6. Softly | 7. Deeply    |          |



**Prana** by Todd Milne, Prana, HealingPeacefulMusic, 2006

1. Lydian: bansuri (East Indian transverse bamboo flute)
2. Hijaz: Kirvani transverse (Milne-made bamboo flute)
3. Yo: Shakuhachi
4. Kirvani: Kirvani transverse (Milne-made bamboo flute)

Prana is the Sanskrit word for "life force"--the universal principle of energy or force, responsible for the body's life.

**Metta**, by Imee Ooi, producer,composer,arranger, vocals. Malaysia 1999.

1. The Chant of Metta (Pali chanting)
2. The Chant of Metta (English)

Metta is a Pali word meaning loving-kindness. Metta chanting is the radiation of loving-kindness towards all beings. May they all be happy, peaceful and sound. It is chanting that is soothing, uplifting, joyful and a great healing for the world, pervading it with waves after waves of love. Truly, may all beings be happy. May they live always in peace and harmony.

**Justin Kono Kwon** attends Cleveland High School and will be graduating this year. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, he has cultural roots in the Japanese and Chinese-American communities. Since kindergarten, he has studied Chinese language in Portland Public School's Mandarin Immersion Program. He maintains a 3.88 GPA while taking five International Baccalaureate (IB) HL courses. This fall 2015 Justin will attend OSU Honors College, to study engineering. Justin swam on Cleveland's swim team; this year he served as team co-captain and was named the team's "most inspirational swimmer." Other extracurricular activities include singing on Cleveland's award-winning A-Choir (First Place 2015 Portland Interscholastic League 6A), teaching summer swimming, and tutoring children in math and Chinese. This past fall Justin volunteered as a Student Leader for the Outdoor School. In 2013, he travelled for four weeks to Yunnan, China to study Chinese language, culture, and history, while doing community service at an orphanage, a migrant school, and in rural mountain villages. He participates in activities of JACL's Unite People youth group and OBT with his family. Spending time with his Dharma School pals, helping at OBT events, and being a member of the OBT Sangha have all had a lasting impact on his life. Justin's mom Kim Kono and step-dad Randy Choy are very proud of him, and thank everyone at OBT for their support of Justin as he begins his college career. CONGRATULATIONS JUSTIN!

**Madison Rosen** daughter of proud mother Bettina Ishimaru and step-dad Robert Ishimaru is graduating from Grant High School. Prior to high school she went through the Japanese immersion programs at Richmond Elementary School and Mt. Tabor Middle School, and continued studying Japanese language at Grant High School. She will be attending Mount Holyoke as an engineering major and was recruited to play for their tennis team. Madison has been playing tennis competitively for many years. She also has assisted her parents with the many Shotokan Karate demonstrations at our Obonfest. CONGRATULATIONS MADISON!

#### ANNUAL BUDDHIST DAY IN THE PARK

Please join our Minister's Assistants Brenda Fugate and Etsuko Osaki and our temple members lead by Charlie Reneau for Buddhist Day in the Park on Saturday, June 13 from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm at Colonel Summers Park at SE 17th and Taylor. OBT has participated in this event for over 10 years. Many Buddhist denominations in the Portland area will be represented. We will need more assistants to help in setting up tables, chairs and canopies. If you are interested, please contact Charlie at [board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com).

#### OBT READER'S CLUB RE-LAUNCH

After a half-year hiatus, we are re-starting the OBT Readers' Club. We will meet at the Lucky Lab Brew Pub, located at 915 SE Hawthorne, Portland, OR on Wednesday June 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We will determine our regular meeting dates, times, and location as well as the books and other materials we will want to read. Please come with your calendars and a couple of possible books, fiction and/or non-fiction, that you think would be interesting to discuss at future meetings. All are welcome (minors are permitted until 9:00 pm). Join us for a beer or other beverage.

#### OBONFEST LANTERNS

Now is the time to dig out your Obon Lanterns if you want them re-hung at OBONFEST August 1<sup>st</sup>. You need to complete an order form and send it with payment to the Temple. If the Temple has been storing your lantern, please complete and order form indicating we have the lantern and send or drop it off with your payment.



If you would like to order a new lantern, there are Red commemorative lanterns for your business, favorite sports team, or your family.

White memorial lanterns are done with the deceased's name and date of death.

Please pick up an order form at the Temple or next newsletter.

Purchased lanterns can be picked up Sunday following the Obonfest.

More information to follow on the website:

**Check out our previous Obonfest information at**

**<http://oregonbuddhisttemple.com/events/2015/obonfest2015.htm>**