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Thoughts at Bodhi Day

Rev. Kojo Kakihara
Supervising Minister

Showing its back, showing its front, maple leaves fall by Ryōkan

December 8th is Bodhi Day, considered as the day Siddhartha Gautama attained Enlightenment and became the Buddha. Just before he attained enlightenment, he meditated with his eyes half-opened under the Bodhi tree for several days. These “half-opened eyes” means that he faced both external threats and the internal seduction of his egoistic desires, and overcame both without being attached to or controlled by them. Sakyamuni Buddha teaches that our life and death are not different but should be recognized as different aspects of one “Life”.

The poem that I introduced in the beginning is by Ryōkan, a Zen priest in the 1800s. He was also a poet who left many poems concerning Buddhist teachings. Maple leaves falling while showing its back and its front is like living life naturally, just as it is without attachment or a calculating mind.

We, humans have our back and front, or two sides. We have love and hatred, good and bad, right and wrong, but we tend to want to show only our “front” which is convenient for us and hide our “back” which is not convenient for us. Or we may tend to compare and judge people and things looking at only their “front.” However, the essence is originally one. We just say “I like him,” “I hate her,” “We are right,” or “They are wrong” based on our own standard or our own convenience. We all have the “front” and the “back.” But like the front and the back of a paper, because there is “front,” there is “back” and vice versa. Both “front” and “back” are originally one and make “I.” Buddha Dharma teaches that it is important to realize the whole existence of “I” including both “front” and “back”, just as I am. And Buddha Dharma also teaches that every life is precious just as it is.

As the end of this year has been approaching, I thank you for your support and kindness, and I wish all of you have a happy New Year.

Gassho,



President's column

Cathy Yarne, OBT President

Hello Sangha,

"The past, the present and the future are really one - they are all today."

For me, this quote sums up the 50th anniversary of our temple building. When I contemplate about OBT, there is a "oneness" that includes the past, the present and the future. I feel very grateful (and old) to say I have a long personal history with the temple. OBT remains an important part of my life today and it's infused in my future.

"Even though the future seems far away, it is actually beginning right now."

If this is true, based on our temple today, our future looks really good! I'm so proud of our temple today. For almost two years, our supervising ministers, (Rev. Fujimoto and now Rev. Kakihara), Minister's Assistants, and Sangha members have committed themselves to teaching and learning the Dharma while sustaining a warm, welcoming and giving community.

As a member of the Board of Directors, it is my responsibility to focus on the present and help shape our future. In looking ahead to the future, two important elements are needed: financial stability and a resident minister. Financial stability needs to be taken into consideration in our planning and all the decisions and actions we make to ensure our future. As for a resident minister, there is hope! Based on communications with Bishop Umezu we should have a resident minister next year. I'm looking forward to having a full time minister that can join in on what OBT is today, help us grow in our knowledge of the Dharma, and strengthen our future.

I cannot end this message without a heartfelt THANK YOU to the members of the 50th Anniversary committee: Kim Kono, Jean Matsumoto, Al Ono, Amy Peterson, Stan Shiigi and Phaedra Urban.

Gassho,
Cathy

"The purpose of the Oregon Buddhist Temple is to ensure 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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December Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of December. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the December 11 Sunday service at 10 am.

Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

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, incorrect, or prior to 1930, please notify Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Anderson, Douglas William 12/4/2011	Kimura, Harue 12/8/1993 *	Sasaki, Kosaku 12/21/1983
Ando, Bob Minoru 12/26/1998	Kinoshita, Eugene Hiroshi 12/5/1974	Sasaki, Tsunetaro 12/12/1966
Ando, Frank Susumu 12/5/1988	Kobayashi, Nobuo 12/21/1978	Sarusaka, Shige 12/19/1950
Aoki, Kotaro 12/31/1968	Komoto, Umeno 12/10/1937	Shibuya, Shokichi 12/9/1942
Azuma, Teikichi 12/14/1965	Kristiansen, Tomie Fujita 12/27/2001	Shigeno, Koji 12/24/1938
Endo, Shige 12/9/1950	Liebowitz, Daniel 12/8/2007	Shigi, Rekizo 12/5/1960
Fujii, James 12/3/2013	Maeda, Yuiichi 12/29/1935 (Tadaichi)	Shiraishi, Setsuko 12/23/1973
Fujii, Sekitaro 12/5/1967	Masuda, Juntaro 12/6/1936	Shitasa, Fumi, 12/4/1986
Funatake, Mary 12/17/1932	Masuoka, Baiichi 12/12/1952	Sono, Bunta 12/28/1931
Furuya, Genpei 12/8/1935	Matsuda, Shizuo 12/4/1932	Stumpf Junko Irene 12/12/2001
Giese, Hiroko 12/4/2004	Matsueda, Shizu 12/4/1932	Tachibana, Genpei 12/14/1962
Hayashi, Irene 12/28/2004 *	Melore, Barbara 12/8/1952	Takashima, Bentaro 12/25/1933
Hayashi, Jitaro 12/25/1945	Migaki, Minozo 12/8/1933	Takeda, Satoko 12/28/2000 *
Hirai, Shijiro 12/12/1956	Minami, Nobuichi 12/11/1982	Takeuchi, Melvin Susumu 12/3/2011
Hiramatsu, Otokichi 12/2/1930	Minatoya, Kaoru 12/9/1935	Takeuchi, Robert 12/25/2016
Hirata, Hisako 12/1/1938 (Suga)	Miura, Rin 12/4/2005 *	Tamiyasu, Ikuma 12/7/1984 *
Hirose, Seigo 12/29/1948	Miyoshi, Mary Tokiko 12/6/2005 *	Tateishi, Toshimasa 12/16/1960
Hirota, Shizuko 12/27/1994	Naito, Kimi 12/14/2004	Tomohiro, Risuke 12/30/1961 (Yoshimae)
Hirota, Toshiko 12/27/1938	Nakagawa, Shigejiro 12/23/1932	Tsuji, Haru 12/13/1984 *
Ichikawa, Yasashi 12/29/1999 *	Nishikawa, Matsujiro 12/23/1941	Uyeda, Chiyono 12/2/1959 *
Ikeda, Kaneo 12/31/2000	Nishimoto, Hatsumi 12/27/1999	Uyeda, Matsuo 12/10/2007
Inouye, Grace Yoshiko 12/20/1992*	Nishino, Aya 12/18/1978 *	Uyetake, Yoshiko 12/21/1941
Inuzuka, Ko 12/24/1959 (Takashi)	Nunotani, Harumi 12/6/1932 *	Woodworth, Eugene 12/21/2013
Ishibashi, Akiyoshi 12/25/1935	Okabe, Sayo 12/27/1976	Yabuki, Kameji 12/18/1953
Ito, Tomishige 12/29/1935	Okita, George 12/23/2011	Yamada, Aki 12/12/1931
Iwai, Yoshiro James 12/3/1998	Okita, Matoichi 12/13/1956 (Yasuichi)	Yano, Miyakichi Miyo 12/10/1935
Iwashita, Kasuga 12/21/1973 *	Okita, Chiho 12/25/2015	Yasutome, Sadayo 12/24/1974 *
Kato, Tony 12/16/1998	Okubo, Shizu 12/28/1962 *	Yoshida, Kumakichi 12/12/1958
Kayama, Giichi 12/30/1979	Onchi, George 12/20/1990	Yuzuriha, Zoichi 12/13/1975
Kikuchi, Seiroku 12/1/1936	Ouchida, Jack 12/1/2000	

*obwa member



OBT Temples 50th Anniversary thoughts

Ted Tamaki (*Mr. Tamaki is a former OBT President. He and his family spent many years at OBT and contributed in countless ways to the growth of OBT. He and wife Martha are now members of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple where Ted originally grew up.*)

The old Temple building on NW 10th and Everett was a narrow three story building with limited facilities and a fire trap of a basement that had just a narrow wooden staircase out and located adjacent to a small cooking area. We couldn't help but wonder and worry how the Dharma School children would be able to escape up those narrow steps if a fire broke up down there. I also recall seeing cute twin sisters having lunch down there one Sunday and hoping that they would never get caught in that fire trap.

These thoughts prompted Herb Osaki to suggest to the temple board that perhaps it was time to consider building a new temple. This suggestion was soundly rejected as being fool-hardy, baka, aho, kichigai (stupid-crazy), etc., etc. This rejection carried on during our ride home from the meeting since Herb had offered the temple Fujinkai president a ride home. Then about the time I was feeling sorry for Herb, she turned to me in the back seat and gave me the same verbal thrashing, etc., etc., etc.!

It is important to remember that this was over 50 years ago and the members of the Japanese community were just barely getting situated again after the war years during which time they were forced into evacuation from their homes and businesses and lost most everything that they owned. Times were still hard.

Fortunately Herb's suggestion wasn't totally dismissed. There was a follow up by Ben Ishida a month or two later who took the matter back to the board and asked the board members, "isn't it better that we tried and failed than not to have tried at all!?"

With this remark added to Herb's earlier presentation the Board agreed to surveying locations of membership residences, property availability, estimated cost, etc., etc., etc. We even checked out couple of old vacant church buildings.

The initial plans and fund raising started.

A newly graduated, not yet-licensed architect, George Okamoto, drew up the building plans which had to be reviewed and approved and "signed off" by a licensed architect. Total cost was estimated, the Board approved, Jim Onchi was selected as the builder, everyone pitched in and helped, and construction of the building started.

Then every weekend, and there were many, throughout the entire construction of the building a crew of Nisei volunteers, led by Herb Osaki, were there to assist in the construction in whatever way they could, and I vividly recall when the construction of the building was finally completed, Ben Tano who was standing on the tip of the roof after securing the final roofing material, held his hammer high and yelled at the top of his voice for all to hear, "This building will never fall apart!", and when asked why, he responded happily by saying with so many, non-skilled volunteered workers who pounded so many crooked nails in the construction of this building, the building wouldn't know which way to fall!

This exemplified the spirit of the volunteers whose dedication meant so much in the building of this temple. I shall forever remember those meaningful words.

In the meantime, the Issei members recognizing the efforts and dedication of the Nisei volunteers, they too increased their fund-raising efforts. Assigned "Block Leaders" canvassed their assigned area, going house to house with their donation books in hand; asking the Issei temple member and friends to dig deeply into their pockets for their new temple donations, stating that the proposed new temple was for "kodomonotame", the new temple is for their children and grandchildren. The Issei members dug deeply into their pockets to assure that there would be a temple for their children and grandchildren.

This combined efforts of the Issei and the Nisei members and non-members resulted in the completion of the construction of this Temple building fully paid for with no mortgage and some money in the bank!

So it is with these fond memories, and there are many, starting with Herb Osaki's dream of a new temple building for the coming generations and his gutsy request to the temple board of 50 plus years ago, resulting in the combined efforts and dedication of all the members young and old that brought this Temple building to fruition. With these grateful thoughts and memories in mind, please allow me to join you in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to all, as we begin this memorial/celebration service this morning with the recitation of the Onembutsu.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Thank You!



50th Building Anniversary service & celebration

AI Ono

Fifty years ago on November 6, 1966, the Oregon Buddhist Temple on S.E. 34th Ave was dedicated. Remarkably and exactly to that same day, on November 6, 2016, OBT members and friends marked the 50th Building Anniversary with gratitude, in style and with much joy.

The celebratory day commenced with a service at the temple presided by Reverend Kakihara. Ted Tamaki, a former OBT member and one of several who helped to spearhead the building project 50 years ago, delivered an

eye-opening talk on the project from concept and dream, to the construction and grand opening. Ted now lives in Tacoma with his wife.

Later that afternoon, a 50th Anniversary Luncheon was held at the Multnomah Athletic Club. After Wynn Kiyama's rousing taiko riff to get things started, the program began with a nostalgic slideshow of temple members from the 1960's through the 1990's. Historic photos revealed familiar faces that were younger, with less grey hair. Likewise, smiling faces of Dharma School children, now grown adults, appeared on the screen. There were lots of comments, such as "hey, look at that!", or "who is that?"

After a delicious lunch, OBT President Cathy Yarne shared a stirring presentation of the building project--and the significant financial resources--that went into bringing the temple building to fruition. Putting the dollars raised from that period into today's terms, it was indeed a substantial amount. It certainly made us think, as well as feel gratitude, for the passion of the young OBT members who led the building project, raised contributions, and even pitched in manual labor to build our temple. We also felt deep appreciation to the OBT families who responded to the call for support. The luncheon's highlight was an oral history video presentation produced by OBT board member, Phaedra Urban, on the temple's fifty-year history, as told by members who were present during our building's founding and dedication. From their interviews and accompanying images, we were brought back in time to that very special and touching day.

It was evident that all attendees at the service and luncheon had an enjoyable time, seeing the history, meeting old and new friends, and together more firmly setting in their minds the importance of maintaining this Oregon Buddhist Temple building. Many thanks to everyone who participated in honoring our 50th Anniversary Building Celebration.

In Gassho,

Alfred Ono, on behalf of the 50th Anniversary Building Committee

Jean Matsumoto (Chair), Amy Peterson, Stan Shiigi, Phaedra Urban, and Kim Kono

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50th Temple Building Anniversary



OBT Nokotsudo

Cathy Yarne

Did you know that our temple has a Nokotsudo? Similar to a columbarium at a funeral home, there is a special room behind the hondo where urns are kept. It occurred to me that there might be family members who are unaware that a loved one's urn is in our Nokotsudo. There are remains dating back to the early 1900's but unfortunately there are no records beyond a name. OBT now has a Nokotsudo Agreement, which includes personal information about the deceased as well as contact information for the next of kin. If you are considering placing an urn in the Nokotsudo, the agreement includes information that is necessary for this arrangement.

If you like to inquire about a deceased individual or set up an appointment for a Nokotsudo visitation, please contact the temple.

“Wake Up!” - NW District Convention, February 18th & 19th, 2017

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple is hosting the 2017 convention at the Double Tree Hotel in Tukwila, Washington. For first time attendees, the convention is a weekend filled with opportunities to learn about the Dharma and socialize with other Sangha members from Oregon and Washington. There will be activities for all ages. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Marvin Harada of the Orange County Buddhist Church. Look for more details and registration information in mid-December.



Board meeting summary Susan Endecott, Board Co-Secretary

October 16, 2016, 12:20 pm, Temple Annex
Members attending: Cathy Yarne, Susan Endecott, Ken Garner, Judy Hittle, Shinya Ichikawa, Kim Kono, Mie McGraw, Katie Tamiyasu, Al Ono, Amy Peterson, Charles

Reneau, Phaedra Urban Elaine Yuzuriha (CFO). Members absent: Marilyn Achterman (OBWA). Guests attending: Ryan Davis and Angie Hughes

Maintenance: Cathy: Maintenance Chair, Ray Fukunaga, submitted a written report recommending replacement of the furnace in the Annex. Charles Reneau discovered a leak in the kitchen cabinet adjacent to the walk-in. We need to have contractors specializing in water management come in to look at the situation and get recommendations to make corrections.

Water Update (Annex and Temple drinking fountains): Cathy: All faucets and sinks have passed the running water test for lead. However, all faucets and drinking fountains should be run for a few minutes if the faucet/fountain hasn't been run for several days.

Sukiyaki Bazaar Update: Mie McGraw: Mie expressed thanks; encouraged current event leads to mentor and train a

partner or buddy for future support, so we have a volunteer pipeline. We discussed the volunteer shift assignments, communicating this more effectively to ensure everyone is informed on their assignments.

Mabel Boggs Room - Baseboard heaters, partition & floors: Partitioning has been suggested, perhaps with accordion doors, that space could offer a private changing area. Replacing floor and baseboard heaters would be addressed before partitioning work.

Nominations for Board: Candidates, timeline. Deadline Nov. 1st for nominations. 5 candidates are on the list: Other possible candidates were discussed. Shinya will create the ballot, and mailing is scheduled for Nov. 7th.

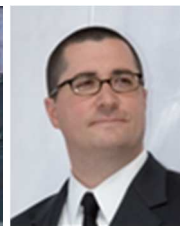
Security - We don't have alarm contacts on every door, including the main front doors. Hence it's critical for all doors to be checked for being locked before alarming and leaving the temple. Improvements to our alarm system should be added to our upgrade list for security purposes.

Craft fair: Angie & Ryan are coordinating. 30-35 vendors are expected; Face Book promotion made; website is up and running; press releases targeted to newspapers, e.g. Oregonian, Willamette Week etc. Robbie and Al are helping to cook the food; Terri Carrollo is handling apple and pear sales.

Membership proposal - Al Ono: Al encouraged a discussion on how we might restructure our membership rates to encourage new members, and sustain current members. He shared the membership structure for Idaho-Oregon's Temple, which allows for a lower entry rate for membership, along with opportunities to pay at higher rates. We discussed what "entry rate" qualifies as a full membership, and what is reported to BCA as a full membership. We do not have the infrastructure for setting up monthly deductions toward membership, but we will encourage those interested to set up automatic monthly payments.

Minister Update: Work continues to prepare for the time when a minister might be secured for OBT.

Submitted by Susan Endecott, Co-Secretary



4th annual craft fair

Angie Hughes and Ryan Davis

The 4th Annual Craft Fair was a great success and we couldn't have done it without the help and participation of so many of our Sangha friends.

Thank you to all who assisted with set up the day before. This included moving pews, cleaning and organizing, prepping food, and a variety of other necessary tasks. A big thanks to everyone who participated the day of the fair, whether you had a booth, worked in the kitchen, made sure vendors had their meals, greeted guests, or helped fill the temple with shoppers for our crafters, we appreciate your efforts very much.

We would especially like to thank Robbi Ando and Al Ono for their amazing work on the menu, providing dishes that

received rave reviews, and assembling a crew that worked efficiently throughout the day. Also, to Terri Corrolo, we are thankful for her tireless efforts in bringing the apple and pear sale together. We hope you all have enjoyed your orders from Kiyokawa Family Orchards!

Finally, we are grateful to our temple President, Cathy Yarne, for assisting us whenever needed and to Carol Saiget, for guiding us along the way as we relearned the ins and outs of bringing the fair together. As we gear up for the 2017 Craft Fair, we would love your feedback. How can we make it better? What are some challenges we face and what is working well? We welcome the opportunity to grow this event and get more people in the door and interested in our community.



New books in the library

Etsu Osaki

An Outline of Shoshinge by Rennyō, translated by Zuio H. Inagaki, Horai Assoc. International, 2015, 72 pages.

Shoshinge “is a 60-line Chinese verse which Shinran placed at the end of the chapter of his masterpiece, **Kyogyoshinsho (Teaching, Practice, Faith and Enlightenment)** which laid the foundation of Shin Buddhism.”

There are photos and also a good biography of Rennyō. It is a summary of the sutra. The original Japanese text is included

Buddhism in America by Scott A. Mitchell, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, London & New York, 2016, 302 pages.

This book includes:

A short introduction to Buddhism

A historical survey from the 19th Century to the present

Coverage of contemporary US Buddhist communities, including Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana

Being Well (even when you're sick) by Elana Rosenbaum, Shambhala Publications, Inc., Boston, 2012, 150 pages.

“Speaking directly from her life experience, the author offers a rich variety of practical and compassionate mindfulness teachings and practices—wisdom particularly tailored to those who find themselves facing life threatening illness”

Embraced by the Oneness of Life, 15th World Buddhist Women’s Convention, Calgary, Canada, May30-31, 2015.

This publication has messages by the Gomonshu, Lady Ruzumi Ohtani, Bishop of Canada Tatsuya Aoki, Nana Yanase, the guest speaker, and Rev. Patricia Usuki. They are written in English, Japanese and Portuguese. Many colorful photos. It includes a DVD.

Children’s Books

What a Wonderful World illustrated by Tim Hopgood, Henry Holt & Co, New York, 2014

These words are from the song sung by Louis Armstrong. Illustrations are great.

Can I Play Too? By Mo Willems, Hyperion Books for Children, New York, 2010, 57 pages.

Gerald, the elephant, and Piggie meet a new friend, Snake, who

wants to join in a game of catch. See what happens.

The Thankful Book by Todd Parr, Little Brown & C, New York, 2012

The author says, “There are lots of things to be thankful for. Try to remember some of them every day.”

New Audio-Visuals

Joy, Remembrance, Death: Obon Music for North America (CD), Southern District Dharma School Teachers League, Los Angeles, 2016.

This CD has 20 obon dances and an introduction by Wynn Kiyama in the accompanying leaflet.

Stars across the Ocean (CD) by Akira Tana & Otonowa, “...a catalog of original compositions and new arrangements of traditional Japanese melodies.” Tana is a son of the late BCA minister, Rev Daisho Tana, who served in Palo Alto and San Mateo in the early 50’s. This mostly jazz CD features “Nembutsu” at the end. Donated by Kemi Nakabayashi of Seattle.

Streams of Light: Shin Buddhism in America (DVD), produced in cooperation with BCA, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Ryukoku University, and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji ha. This DVD presents “a concise and informative history of BCA and its struggle to transform an essentially ethnic faith of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to a universal world religion.”

2015 World Buddhist Women’s Convention (DVD) Messages by speakers.

From the archives

Someone donated a souvenir dish with the following words to our archives. We will have it on display in the basement.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICAL 9.16.1899 TUE

Missionaries of the Buddhist Faith

2 representatives of the Ancient Creed are in San Francisco to Proselytize

Dr. Shuye Sonodo Rev Kakuryo Nishijima

Dr. Shuye Sonoda and Rev Kakuryo Nishijima, two Buddhist priests who are sons of Buddhist priests of Japan have come here to establish a Buddhist mission at 807 Polk St and are converting Japanese and later Americans to the ancient Buddhist faith. They will teach that and God is not the Creator, but the created; not a real existence but a figment of the human imagination and that pure Buddhism is a better moral guide than Christianity.

Their priestly robes are as interesting as the lessons that they would present. As they pose before the camera in the hallway near their room in the Occidental Hotel yesterday they were the wonderment of all the Japanese employees who could assemble for a glimpse of the sacred garb.

Someone has donated an old school graduation booklet from Japan and we would like to return it to the family since it has nothing to do with Buddhism. The booklet is dated Showa 13 or 1938. It’s a middle school with photos of teachers, and 6th to 8th graders. The name of the school is Gien Koto Shogakko. Please contact OBT, Jean Matsumoto or Etsu Osaki.



Lotus circle – December

Jean Matsumoto

Lotus Circle – December 2016

Jean Matsumoto

As Bodhi Day approaches, Buddhists celebrate December, too, along with our Christian and Jewish friends. Again, we are grateful to members of OBT's Lotus Circle for the donations which allow our Flower Toban to purchase seasonal flowers so that altar flowers can be beautifully arranged for our services each Sunday. Those who lost family in December and are making donations in memory of their loved ones are:

- December 4 – Al Ono in memory of (imo) parents, George and Masaye, and sisters, Myrleen, and Phyllis Kimitch
- December 11 – Michi Stoeller imo her grandmothers, Helene Stoeller and Kikuko Hikida Shikatani; anonymous imo Haru Tsuji
- December 18 – Susan Endecott imo her husband, Ron, and brother, Ken Tanaka
- December 25 – Masa and Bette Okita imo their parents, George and Chiho Okita; Mary Ann Ikata imo her parents, George and Sachi Onchi; Ernie Takeda imo parents, George and Satoko Takeda

We are grateful that Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) has set up a Lotus Circle webpage for us to share information about loved ones. For information about us, please feel free to call me at 503-280-2463, or e-mail: jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

At this thanksgiving time of the year, OBT is grateful for those who make our Sunday services special: Rev. Kojo Kakihara, Supervising Minister; Minister Assistant Etsu Osaki and Brenda Fugate; Honorary M.A. Alice Ando; Youth M.A. Kirt Achterman; Joy Yuzuriha and Kristi Fukunaga: Flower Toban: Susan Endecott, Yasuko Fields, Jayne Ichikawa, Janice Okamoto, Etsu Osaki, June Shiigi, Judy Yamauchi; Obuppan (rice offering) Toban: Kiyomi Dickinson, Kay Inouye, Etsu Osaki; Organists: Wynn Kiyama, Brenda Niebert, Etsu Osaki, Ann Shintani-Winner, Elaine Yuzuriha. A sincere THANK YOU to all!

Condolences

Oregon Buddhist Temple has been notified by BCA that Reverend Ikuo Nishimura, resident minister of OBT from 1963 to 1966, during the period our building on 34th Avenue was constructed, passed away on November 11, 2016 at the age of 84. Services will be held at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin on November 22 at 7:00 pm. OBT will be represented at his service by President Cathy Yarne. Condolences can be sent to: Mrs. Tomie Nishimura, 1730 Winston Street, San Jose, CA, 95131, and sons, Masahiko (Jenny) and Art (Marisa Chow).

Condolences are extended to Kim Kono's family on the recent loss of her father, Hitoshi Kono, in Pacific Grove, California

December Toban

Endecott, Kiyo	Endecott, Susan
Fukunaga, Lori	Fukunaga, Ray
Ishii, Janice	Ishii, Michael
Kawazoe, Ken	Kawazoe, Katie
Kiyama, Traci	Kiyama, Wynn
Koyama, Edna	Koyama, Richard
Peterson, Amy	Takeda, Ernest
Tanada, Anna	Ward, Adam
Watari, Duane	Yokoyama, Jenna

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

The monthly Toban list through December 2017 is on page 12. Please view this list so that you are informed well in advance of your assigned month. Thank you.



OBT readers' club

Ken Garner

The next Readers' Club meeting will be Wednesday, December 21, 2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Lucky Lab Brewpub 915 SE Hawthorne, Portland. We will be discussing *The Blue Fox: A Novel* by Sjon. Set against the stark backdrop of the Icelandic winter, an elusive, enigmatic fox leads a hunter on a transformative quest. At the edge of the hunter's territory, a naturalist struggles to build a life for his charge, a young woman with Down syndrome whom he had rescued from a shipwreck years before. By the end of Sjon's slender, spellbinding fable of a novel, none of their lives will be the same. Winner of the 2005 Nordic Council Literature Prize—the Nordic world's highest literary honor—*The Blue Fox* is part mystery, part fairy tale, and the perfect introduction to a mind-bending, world-class literary talent.

Please join us for a beverage, fellowship, and interesting conversation on this and other topics.

Scrip makes gift giving easy

As we near the gift giving season, remember that scrip gift cards make great gifts. Gift cards ship well and guarantee that recipients will get a gift they want. You can also use scrip to make gift purchases. The proceeds support our temple at no

additional cost to you. And as the tax year comes to an end, it is good to know that donations OBT receives as a result of scrip purchases are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. For example, if you buy a \$25 Macy's card (currently 10% contribution), \$2.50 goes to OBT and you can claim a \$2.50 tax deduction. So you get full value for your scrip card, OBT benefits from your purchase, and you get a tax deduction. The more you buy, the more deductions you can claim. These tax deductions add up quickly and all at NO NET COST TO YOU. We are tracking purchases by family and at year end will have your tax deductible amount calculated and available at your request. There are over 700 vendors who participate in the scrip program so chances are good that you will find scrip for someplace where you normally shop. See Ken Garner for a list of vendors and to order your cards. He will gladly answer any questions about the program you may have. You can also send an email to him at scrip@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

Hoonko 2017

Alfred Ono,
Buddhist Educational Committee member

On January 21 and January 22, we will be having our annual Hoonko seminar and service, respectively. Our guest minister will be Bishop Noriaki Ito, Bishop of the Higashi Honganji of North America and resident Rinban of the Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles. He has a long experience as a minister in several California Temples. He has been here at OBT twice, the last being in year 2000 to many rave reviews.

His topic for the seminar will be "Modern Interpretation of Shin Buddhism". Keep the dates for the Hoonko seminar and service, January 21, 22 open on your calendars. I know you will find it very enlightening.



OBWA News Jayne Ichikawa

OBT board president, Cathy wrote in her July article about many people in our Sangha who perform many acts of Dana without expectation of recognition or reimbursement. She wrote that it is impossible to recognize all these people. As the OBWA reporter this month, I agree wholeheartedly with Cathy and feel the same about our OBWA members who are always supportive and exhibit so many acts of Dana. Helping and connecting with other Sangha members, cooking/preparing food in the kitchen, cleaning and caring for the temple often as a toban participant, remembering our homebound members, helping with temple services, fundraisers and other activities are many ways OBWA has actively supported OBT and the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. How fortunate we are! We are always seeking new members and are hopeful that it is an organization that is meaningful for you.

OBWA participated in the OBT craft fair on November 12 by selling many homemade items. Thank you to June, Yasuko, Chiz, Janice, Etsu, and Naomi Masuoka for working/selling at the OBWA craft table.

Cathy Yarne, Carol Saiget, Mark/Marilyn Achterman, and Shinya/Jayne Ichikawa will attend the special service and retirement gathering for Rinban Castro on November 20 at the Seattle Betsuin Temple.

Finally I want to mention that at the OBWA December meeting, high school students will be attending to help package toiletries and hygienic products for donation. Please join us on December 17.

Oregon Buddhist Temple October 2016 Donations

In memory of Kazumi Shintani

Richard & Edna Koyama
Shoun & Grace Ishikawa
Janice Okamoto
Misako Kodama
Yoshie Kagawa
Sharon Takahashi
Michael & Janice Ishii
Jean Matsumoto
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa
Ray & Lori Fukunaga
Ami Kinoshita

In memory of Nobuko Uyetake

Jean Matsumoto
Janice Okamoto

SHOTSUKI HOYO

In memory of Yachiyo Kinoshita
Duane Watari
May Watari

In memory of Alfred, Masaki & Mae Ando

Diane Ando Harder
In memory of Tom Nobuo Nakano
Alice Tano
In memory of Mae Nakano
Alice Tano
In memory of Masao Tamiyasu
Katie & Ed Tamiyasu
In memory of Satoru Kodama
Misako Kodama
Linda & Steve Okazaki
In memory of Kinu Kagawa
Yoshie Kagawa
In memory of Fumiye Yuzuriha
Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha
In memory of Fumiko Kida
Alice Kida
Lew & Jean Tomita
In memory of Tomo Saito
Carolyn J. Saiget
In memory of Bessie Matsuda
Shoun & Grace Ishikawa

Lotus Circle

Shoun & Grace Ishikawa
Grace Aoki
Misao Minagi
Carolyn J. Saiget

Sukiyaki Bazaar donations

Sho & Loen Dozono
Ota Family Tofu

Special donations

Herb & Etsu Osaki
(Hishinuma Fund)
NHEM
BCA FBWA Conference
(Minister's Assistant Program)
Atsuko Richards
United Way

2016 Membership

May Kasahara

Member pledge donations

Tony Clinton & family
Takako Maeda
Laura Maeda
Diane Ando Harder
Jean Matsumoto
Susan M. Lilly
Carol Cohen

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. Thank you.

Susan Endecott
sjendecott@gmail.com

OBT New Year's Service & Party
Sunday, January 8, 2017
Come celebrate the New Year
10:00 a.m. Service & 11:30 a.m. Party

Bento Lunch by Chef Yoshio Matsuzaki
\$20 per person
MEMBERS 80 years and over receive a complimentary lunch.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their grandparents, children, and friends young and old.
An alternative lunch will be provided for children not ordering the bento.

Please use the form below for ALL Orders. Deadline: December 20, 2016.

OBT New Year's Bento Order Form

Participant's name (please print)	Check if 80 and over	Participant's name (please print)	Check if 80 and over
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____ x \$20 = _____	_____	_____ # Complimentary Meals	_____
# of Bentos	\$ Enclosed		
Number of children not ordering bento _____		Donations Appreciated \$ _____	

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202

Make check payable to the OBT. Mail above form and payment by December 20, 2016.
For questions please contact Katie Tamiyasu, 503-244-6299.

Mochi Rice Cakes



for Making, Selling and Eating
on
Sunday, December 18th

Thank You for your Order. Please Drop off or Mail to the Temple by December 16th.
Orders may be Picked up, after 12:00 noon on Sunday the 18th.

Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
of lbs at \$3.50 per pound: _____

Mail orders with checks to:
Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202

Rice Cake Steaming, Pounding, Shaping, Bagging, Selling and EATING
 Sunday, December 18th, 2016

Shift 1 (9:00am-11:00am)

Achterman Family
 Carrollo Faily
 Cohen, Carol
 Dart, Chris
 Davis Hughes Family
 Hittle, Paul & Judy
 Ichikawa, Shinya & Jayne
 Inoue, Kay & Family
 Ishii, Mike & Janice
 Kinoshita, Ken
 Lilly, Susan
 Maeda, Laura
 Matsumoto, Jean
 Ouchida, Fusako
 Reneau, Charles
 Saiget, Carol
 Stoeller Family
 Tanaka, Bill & Linda
 Wahl Family
 Watari, Duane
 Wiper, David
 Winner Family
 Tanada, Anna
 Tano, Alice
 Wyant, Wendy
 Yamasaki Family

Shift 2 (11:00am-1:00pm)

Amasuga, Kats
 Asakawa, Carol
 Chambers, Chiz
 Fugate Family
 Hollander, David
 Ishikawa, Grace
 Kagawa, Julie
 Kajitsu, Nancy
 Kakishita, Dana
 Koyama, Richard & Edna
 Kwong Family
 Larouche, Chip & Setsy
 Leedham, Susan
 Long, Amy
 Masuoka, Connie
 Matsushima, Hiroshi & Janie
 Moro, Marlene
 Oh-Keith Family
 Okamoto, Janice
 Ono, Al
 Osaki, Herb & Etsu
 Osaki, Amy & Family
 Tamiyasu, Katie
 Urban, Phaedra
 Yamauchi, Dennis & Sandie
 Yamauchi, Judy
 Yoshinaga Family

Shift 3 (1:00pm-3:00pm)

Anderson, Lisa & Family
 Armstrong Family
 Clayton, Nancy
 Clinton Family
 Endecott, Susan & Kiyu
 Fields, Ray & Yasuko
 Guenther Family
 Harder Family
 Hondo, Craig
 Kawazoe, Ken & Katie
 Kennedy, Karol
 Kiyama, Wynn and Traci
 Kobata, Mindy
 Koike, Jerry
 Kurishige Family
 Mattson Family
 Nakashima, Glenn & Angie
 Nakashima, James & Judith
 Niedert Family
 Osaka, Gordon
 Richards, Atsuko
 Shigii, Stan & June
 Shiraishi, Rick
 Sumoge, Jerry & JoAnn
 Yagi Family
 Young, Minnie
 Yarne Family

Shift 4 (3:00pm-5:00pm)

Ando, Roberta
 Demise, Darlene
 Dickinson, Kiyomi
 Fukunaga, Ray & Lori
 Garner Family
 Grannan, Scott & Lynn
 Grisham, Marilyn
 Hearn, Hideko
 Hokama, Tom & Pat
 Huh, Jae & Marilyn
 Kollas, Philip
 Kono, Kim, Randy Choy
 Kunisaki, Randy and Dana
 Lunzman, Casey
 Masuoka, Naomi
 McGraw, Mie and Nicole
 Monas, Tsuyako
 Nhem Family
 Nishi-Stratner, Mark & Linda
 Nguyen, Angela & Vincent
 Nomoto Family
 Pawlowski, Steve & Clara
 Ono, Yoshi & Tomoko
 Peterson Family
 Takeda, Ernie
 Ward, Adam & Jenna
 Wong Family
 Yanase Family
 Yuzuriha Family

Rice Cookers:

Scott Winner
 Mark Achterman
Rice Cookers. Shift 1
 Kinoshita, Ken
 Reneau, Charles
 Tanaka, Bill
 Watari, Duane
Rice Cookers. Shift 2
 Amasuga, Kats
 Koyama, Richard
 Osaki, Herb
 Yamauchi, Dennis
Rice Cookers. Shift 3
 Hondo, Craig
 Koike, Jerry
 Osaka, Gordon
 Sumoge, Jerry
Rice Cookers. Shift 4
 Garner, Ken
 Fukunaga, Ray
 Pawlowski, Steve
 Ono, Yoshi
Cashiers:
Shift 2 (11:00-1:00)
 Saiget, Carol
 Dart, Chris
Shift 3 (1:00-3:00)
 Yarne, Cathy
 Kiyama, Traci
Shift 4 (3:00-5:00)
 Dana Kunisaki

Thank you for your participation. We ask that helpers be middle school age or older and that they wear a hair net and gloves. Lunch and snacks will be served. Name listed or not, please join us.

Kim Kono

2016-2017 TOBAN TEAMS

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E	Team F
Endecott, Kiyo	Anderson, Lisa	Dart, Chris	Grisham, Marilyn	Achterman, Marilyn	Ando, Roberta
Endecott, Susan	Carrollo, Teri-Ann	Hardee, John	Hittle, Judy	Achterman, Mark	Chambers, Chiz
Fukunaga, Lori	Demise, Darlene	Honma, Hannah	Hittle, Paul	Clinton, Tony	Choy, Randy
Fukunaga, Ray	Hollander, David	Ishikawa, Grace	Hokama, Pat	Davis, Ryan	Fields, Ray
Ishii, Janice	Long, Amy	Kagawa, Julie	Larouche, Chip	Dickinson, Kiyomi	Fields, Yasuko
Ishii, Michael	Masuoka, Connie	Kollas, Phillip	Larouche, Setsy	Garner, Ken	Fugate, Brenda
Kawazoe, Katie	Matsushima, Janie	Kunisaki, Dana	Leedham, Susan	Garner, Maho	Fugate, Jerry
Kawazoe, Ken	Mattson, Denille	Kunisaki, Randy	Oh-Keith, Douglas	Hill-Nomoto, Enshane	Harder, Diane
Kiyama, Traci	McGraw, Mie	Lilly, Susan	Oh-Keith, Kathy	Hughes-Davis, Angie	Ichikawa, Jayne
Kiyama, Wynn	Moro, Marlene	Osaki, Amy	Ono, Yoshi	Inoue, Kay	Ichikawa, Shinya
Koyama, Edna	Richards, Atsuko	Osaki, Etsu	Shikatani, Cathy	Kajitsu, Nancy	Kono, Kim
Koyama, Richard	Shiigi, June	Reneau, Charles	Stoeller, Willem	McCormack, Tom	Kwong, Chiki
Peterson, Amy	Shiigi, Stan	Saiget, Carol	Tanaka, Bill	Nguyen, Angela	Nakashima, Angie
Takeda, Ernest	Sumoge, Jerry	Wahl, Joe	Tanaka, Linda	Okamoto, Janice	Nakashima, Glenn
Tanada, Anna	Sumoge, JoAnn	Wahl, Lora	Yanase, Craig	Ono, Ai	Pawlowski, Clara
Ward, Adam	Tano, Alice	Wyant, Wendy	Yanase, Lisa	Ouchida, Fusako	Pawlowski, Steve
Watari, Duane	Urban, Phaedra	Yamauchi, Sandie	Yuzuriha, Elaine	Shiraishi, Rick	Shintani-Winner, Ann
Yokoyama, Jenna	Yamauchi, Judy	Yarne, Cathy	Yuzuriha, Todd	Tamiyasu, Katie	Winner, Scott

TOBAN SCHEDULE:

Nov. 2016 - Team F	Mar. 2017 - Team E	July 2017 - Team C	Nov. 2017 - Team A
Dec. 2016 - Team A	Apr. 2017 - Team F	Aug. 2017 - Team D	Dec. 2017 - Team B
Jan. 2017 - Team C	May 2017 - Team A	Sep. 2017 - Team E	
Feb. 2017 - Team D	June 2017 - Team B	Oct. 2017 - Team F	

If you are able to participate in Toban and do not see your name on the list, please leave a message on the Temple voicemail or email.

Thank you!

10/27/2016