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“Gotanye” Reverend Yuki Sugahara

“How joyous I am, Gutoku Shinran, disciple of Śākyamuni! Rare is it to come upon the sacred scriptures from the westward land of India and the commentaries of the masters of China and

Japan, but now I have been able to encounter them. Rare is it to hear them, but already I have been able to hear. Reverently entrusting myself to the teaching, practice, and realization that are the true essence of the Pure Land way, I am especially aware of the profundity of the Tathagata’s benevolence. Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol what I have attained.”

- The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way, Preface, Collected Works of Shinran, p.4

HBSS! May 21 is the birthday of the founder of Shin Buddhism/Jōdo Shinshū, Shinran Shōnin. Gotanye is the service during which we celebrate Shinran's birthday. So, I just wanted to say “Happy Birthday Shinran Shōnin!”

Since I was born as a son of a temple family, I had no chance to receive gifts from my parents on Christmas day. I wished Gotanye was like Christmas when I was a child, giving presents to each other and eating cake. However, because it is not a Western culture tradition, we do not give presents to each other or eat cake on Gotanye (I hear we do at OBT).

We just go to the temple and listen to the Buddha Dharma, the teaching of Nembutsu that Shinran Shōnin espoused.

Shinran Shōnin was born in 1173, the son of Lord Arinori Hino. Shinran's childhood name was Matsuwaka. When he was 9 years old, he received Tokudo ordination from the Tendai school priest, Jien. When Matsuwaka approached Jien about ordination, it was late at night. Jien's response to this late night request was to do it tomorrow. Disappointed by this delay, Matsuwaka composed and read the following poem to Jien:

“明日(Asu)あり(ari)と(to)思(omou)う(omou)心(Kokoro)の
(no)仇(Ada)桜(zakura) 夜半(Yowa)に(ni)嵐(Arashi)の(no)
吹かぬ(Fukanu)ものかわ(monokawa)/ We may think that the
cherry blossoms are blooming tomorrow too. However, a

storm may come and the cherry blossom may be gone by tomorrow.” Simply saying, this poem simply means, “take nothing for granted.” We may die today or tomorrow. We never know what is going to happen in the future.

Jien was so impressed by Matsuwaka's words that he gave Matsuwaka Tokudo ordination that night. Tokudo's literal meaning is to “get (toku)” and “to cross (do)” so it means that “to get to cross (the ocean of birth-and-death)”. Tokudo recipients are considered to be disciples of Shakyamuni Buddha. They will live their lives following the teachings of Buddha.

When I think about something I always try to find the root of it. It may seem silly to ask “what if...” about historical events. but what if Shinran Shōnin did not decide to become a Buddhist priest? What if Shinran Shōnin did not meet his lifetime teacher Hōnen? What if Shinran did not quit practicing at Enryakuji temple in Mt. Hiei? What if Shinran Shōnin was not born? If even one of these events did not occur, the world we live in would be totally different. We would not be congregating here at the Oregon Buddhist Temple because the Oregon Buddhist Temple would not exist.

We often tend to be selfish and start sentences with “I”. But, when we realize the numerous causes and conditions that brought us here today, we start to realize that we are living here and now because of the past. And, because of what lies ahead, we should always concentrate and put our efforts into our future and our children's future. How incredible is it to be here with you, how wonderful is it to live here and now with you. This is how I feel when I think about the numerous causes and conditions of our lives.

Some might say Shinran Shōnin is not our family member so why should we celebrate his birthday? However, when we think about “here and now”, Shinran Shōnin's efforts to propagate Nembutsu teaching is the reason why we are here and now, with our families spending peace and tranquil time together at Oregon Buddhist Temple. This is a great reason to celebrate his birthday.

Once again HBSS! Happy Birthday Shinran Shōnin! Thank you very much for the teaching of Nembutsu that brought us to be here with wonderful companionship.

Namo Amida Butsu.

“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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OBT Welcome party & potluck for the Sugahara family, Sunday June 4 after service

Kim Kono

Join us in warmly welcoming Rev. Yuki Sugahara, Mrs. Namiko Sugahara, and their children, Aoi and Hikaru to Oregon Buddhist Temple.

Sunday, June 4th, following service, we'll gather for a potluck meal at OBT. Bring a dish to share and come get acquainted with the Sugahara Family.

If you wish to make a gift or share a welcome message with the Sugahara's, we have created a special Dana Tree with envelopes into which you can tuck your gift or note. The Dana Tree will be at the temple each Sunday. Any kind of "gift" is welcome and appreciated. This could be a monetary gift, a gift certificate to buy a household item, a certificate to a restaurant or cafe, or passes or tickets to local attractions or movies, for example.

Other ideas include writing a personal note of welcome, sharing ideas on family activities in Portland or the Pacific Northwest, or inviting the family to join you for coffee or a meal. For questions, contact Cathy Yarne (yarnfamily@gmail.com) or Kim Kono (kim_kono@yahoo.com). Thank you for your consideration.

Interested in Japan Trip in 2018?

Reverend Yuki Sugahara

Gomonshu (at that time) Koshin Otani visited my home temple, Kōrinji, to commemorate the 350 years of establishment in 1988. At that time, we buried time-capsule and decided to open in June, 2018. That is happened to be next year... and since my family couldn't gather for my mom's 17th year memorial service this year, I need to go to Japan next year.

So, I was wondering how many people of OBT are interested in going to Japan with me to visit Shimane prefecture, my home, and some other places like Kyoto, Namiko's home town, Hiroshima, Tokyo and Hokkaido. I'm thinking about two week trip and the tentative schedule I have in my mind is like this:

1. Leave Portland, arrive to Tokyo, and stay for a night (Airplane)
2. Move to Kyoto, stay for four nights (Bullet Train)
3. Move to Hiroshima, stay for a night (Bullet Train)
4. Move to Shimane, stay for two nights (Bus)
5. Move to Hokkaido, stay for four nights (Airplane)
6. Move to Tokyo, stay for a night (Airplane)
7. Back to Portland (Airplane)

Florin's members want to join the trip already if we are going. I usually use Kintetsu International. I used them twice to take Florin's group and we enjoyed travelling with them. The cost of the trip was around \$5,000 (including airfare) for fifteen day trip.

Please let me know if you are interested in going... my email address is:

vsobtportland06012017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

Thank you!



President's column Judy Hittle, OBT President

"OBT welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation."

The Board has adopted this statement as OBT's welcome message. We are anticipating that members of OBT will agree with this statement and will not only read it, but will embrace it. We welcome all who come to our Temple. All visitors, as well as all Sangha members, should feel at-ease at OBT. Won't you be a part of this endeavor?

Well, the Spring Bazaar is over for this year and it seems to have been a success. It was so reassuring to see so many Sangha members and friends show up to help in the preparation process, as well as at the Bazaar itself. I know the work can sometimes be daunting, but you'll have to admit, there's also fun in the process. It always amazes me at how tirelessly many of you work to be sure that all tasks are completed.

I hope all of you enjoyed the delicious food offerings, plus all of the dessert items sold by the Dharma School. Did you have a chance to see the Omiyage Shop items and the OBWA craft shop? There were plants for sale, as well. There was something for everyone. If you missed any of these items, watch for them at our next event.

As for the Raffle, some of us aren't as lucky to win, but I'm sure there were some very happy people whose tickets were drawn.

Thank you everyone for your participation and support. It's the Sangha learning, working, eating, and playing together that makes all the difference. Let us know what you thought of the "Take-Out Only" option.

Congratulations, Jenna and Adam. You and your team did an awesome job!

Did you join us at the Hanamatsuri celebration today? The Hanamido, offering of sweet tea, the presentations by the Dharma School and the debut of our Youth Choir all added to the joy of the day. Let's not forget the delicious meal prepared by the OBWA women with the help of the April Toban.

The coming month of May holds other wonderful happenings. Rev. Sugahara will be here on the 7th of May, for his last visit as our Supervising Minister. He will be our Resident Minister as of the 1st of June. A welcome celebration is planned for Rev. Sugahara and his family on the 4th of June (see Kim Kono's article on this page).

May 7th will also be a day when we will celebrate OBT's high school graduates, Kirt Achterman and Michi Stoeller. There's a luncheon, organized by the Japanese American Community, which will be held at the Monarch Hotel & Conference Center in Clackamas.

We will celebrate Shinran Shonin's birthday, Gotan-e, on May 14th. We will also celebrate Hatsumairi for new OBT

members as well as for newborns.

May is the month we will also honor those who have passed on before us to express our gratitude. There will be cemetery services towards the end of the month. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Remember that supporting our Temple can be done in many ways – by attending services and Dharma Exchanges; making your pledge donations; supporting our fundraisers; participating in our various activities; and giving your helpful suggestions which can only strengthen our Sangha and our Temple. Please consider being an active member of our Sangha.

Contact me if you have any questions or comments, or if you have a need to express your views about our Temple or activities. I can be reached at president@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

Board members can be reached at board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

OBT Board of Directors

Term Ending 2019: Chris Dart, Jerry Sumoge, Amy Peterson, Charles Reneau”

Term Ending 2018: Ken Garner (Secretary), Shinya Ichikawa, Kim Kono, Mie McGraw

Term Ending 2017: Katie Tamiyasu, Judy Hittle (President), Phaedra Urban, Cathy Yarne (Vice-President)

Highlights of April 2, 2017 OBT Board meeting Ken Garner, Secretary



ERRATA: In last month’s article, the money placed in the 50th Building Anniversary Fund was referred to as “left over” funds. This was incorrect and the

words “left over” will be deleted.

AUDIT REPORT: The annual audit was completed on March 30, 2017 and the audit report was submitted on the same day. The audit team findings states: OBT’s financial and accounting system is in good order. Records are kept well-organized, paper-trails are easy to track, bills are paid, donations and receipts are recorded promptly, and financial reports are made regularly. All members involved should be commended for the time and dedication they donate to OBT to perform these tasks

MINISTER’S CONTRACT: Cathy Yarne explained the details of Rev. Sugahara’s compensation package. The board recognizes the work performed by Scott Grannan. He spent

many hours working with BCA and Rev Sugahara completing the compensation package.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Ray Fukunaga has requested and is evaluating bids to repair the soffit and eaves around the temple. This will need to be addressed this year.

OBT WELCOMING/INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT: The Board approved the following statement during the March 5, 2017 Board meeting: “OBT welcomes all people, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation.” The board discussed how and where this statement should be displayed. Initially this statement will be displayed in the newsletter (Shinya Ichikawa), website (Ken Garner), Facebook (Ken Garner). The Board will further seek places to display the statement around the temple.

BUDDHIST DAY IN THE PARK: The 14th Buddhist Festival in the Park will be held on Saturday, June 3rd At Colonel Summers Park off SE Belmont Street. The board authorized a donation for this beneficial ecumenical Buddhist event. The board also authorized lending the following items for the event: Chairs, Wooden Tables, and Canopy

WELCOME EVENT FOR REVEREND YUKI SUGAHARA AND FAMILY: June 4, 2017 will be Rev Sugahara’s 1st official Sunday as our resident minister. We will hold a potluck after Dharma Exchange and Dharma School.

PARTITION IN MABEL BOGGS ROOM: The board is looking into getting a folding partition in the Mabel Boggs room so it will be possible to divide the 1 room into 2 rooms as needed. This will allow the room to be used by 2 groups and the same time. We have a need for this as we have limited meeting space. A partition would allow the Dharma School use one side of the room for classes and a minister use the other for changing. This would also be useful for changing during Obon. Cathy Yarne will research the types of partitions available, installation requirements, and cost.

RECORDING OBT EVENTS: Ken Garner proposed that we begin recording the Dharma Talks and other events at OBT and make them available on-line. He has done some preliminary research on equipment, process, and volunteer needs. The board approved continuing the research and planning on doing this. Ken will present a plan at the next board meeting.

The next OBT Board meeting will be May 21, 2017 at 12:15 p.m. OBT members are welcome to attend. Complete minutes and submitted reports for every board meeting are available in the temple office in the annex or by contacting the OBT Secretary.

May Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of April. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the May 7 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.

Akiyama, Yoshio 5/31/1940	Masumoto, Yasujiro 5/19/1947	Osada, Rise 5/16/1945
Asakawa, Kikuno 5/5/1962 *	Matsunaga, Jean 5/15/2006	Ozaki, Fukuo 5/30/1953
Egimoto, Kanichi 5/11/1950	Miller, Cruz T 5/26/2014	Sakamoto, Hisano 5/29/1993*
Fujinaka, Shuichi 5/20/1961	Mimatsu, Keitaro 5/17/1939	Sakamoto, Kenji 5/27/1943
Fukushima, Isamu 5/15/1944	Minami, Akira 5/5/1932	Sakauye, Michio (Mich) 5/3/1995
Funatake, Yoshichiro 5/15/1986	Minami, Asoye 5/5/1977 *	Sasaki, Kenjiro 5/3/1989
Greenwood, Donald, 5/4/2010	Minami, Kiyomatsu 5/7/1980	Sasaki, Riye 5/1/1987 *
Hasegawa, Shigeko 5/7/1932	Misen, Zentaro 5/8/1941	Shido, George 5/22/1993
Hashi, Sumie Kazue 5/8/1930	Mishima, Katsumi 5/23/1963	Shimizu, Matsuji 5/15/1954
Hasuike, Mitsuko 5/7/2016 *	Miura, Takuyo 5/2/1980	Shiraishi, Kaoru 5/16/1948 *
Hayami, Yoshihei 5/4/1944	Mizuno, Sadao 5/30/1948	Tabuchi, Minoru 5/29/1930
Hayashi, Jinnosuke 5/10/1944	Mori, Kura Masako 5/30/1980 *	Tajima, Yayoi 5/24/1965 *
Heyamoto, Yukichi 5/9/1930	Mukaida, Kow 5/30/1977	Takano, Unosuke 5/3/1956
Hooraku, Asaji 5/29/1952	Muramatsu, Kuno 5/21/1936	Takashima, Richard Kiyoshi 5/31/2001
Ishii, Kiyoshi 5/4/1950	Myers, Susanne Mineko 5/10/2006	Takeuchi, Mary Natsuko 5/26/2001*
Iwamoto Isamu Sam 5/29/1996	Nagano, Saneharu 5/17/1965	Takeuchi, Tomiye 5/27/1984
Kanda, Susako 5/26/1942	Nagata, Rise 5/16/1945	Tamiyasu, Mitsugi (Mits) 5/13/2011
Katayama, Hiromasu 5/8/1930	Nakagawa, Denzo 5/8/1963	Tanada, Shime 5/30/1960 *
Kato, Hiroshi 5/16/1944	Nakamatsu, Akiko 5/31/1983	Terachi, Asano 5/17/1941
Kato, Takeno 5/20/1946	Nakamura, Hiroshi 5/11/1978	Toyooka, Nobuyoshi 5/13/1996
Kawachi, Akimi 5/10/1981	Nakamura, Sally Mew Lin 5/26/2014	Ichihori, Baby 5/10/1940
Kawamoto, Ito 5/18/1950 *	Nakano, Yukiye 5/23/1990	Tsubouchi, Ikutaro 5/5/1952
Kawasaki, Suekichi 5/19/1961	Nakashima, Masao 5/4/1983	Ueno, Tasuke 5/21/1947
Kawata, Kinzi 5/13/1930	Niiyama, Tadao 5/30/1939	Uetake, Juichi 5/16/1944
Kishimoto ___ 5/19/1930	Nishikawa, Shotaro 5/6/1964	Wakayama, Seiichi 5/19/1954
Kobuchi, Shin 5/11/1959	Obuchi, Shin 5/11/1959	Yasutome, Yoshiko 5/27/2012*
Koida, Norikazu 5/30/1944	Oda, Tokumatsu 5/27/1941	Yazeki, Baby 5/12/1943
Maehara, Kiyoko 5/4/1939	Okabe, Mataroku 5/1/1955	Yoneyama, Yoneko 5/29/1996 *
Maehara, Martha Masako 5/18/1990*	Okamoto, Dorothy Hanae 5/18/1984*	Yoshida, Kojiro 5/12/1973
Maetani, Toshio 5/15/1975	Okino, Chiyono 5/7/1952 *	Yoshihara, Fusano 5/23/1934
Masuda, Royji 5/15/1944	Onishi, Masuko 5/2/1963	Yoshiro, Akira 5/11/1997

*OBWA MEMBER



Spring bazaar 2017

Jenna Yokoyama
Spring Bazaar organizer

This year's return of the Spring Bazaar was a great success thanks to everyone's support and efforts. A special thanks to our chairs Robbi A., Judy Y., Amy P., Etsu O, and Scott W. for preparing and overseeing the food; Terri C. and Elaine Y. for purchasing; Dharma School for the baked goods, OBWA for the craft sale, Traci Kiyama for the raffle ticket sales, Susan E., Brenda F. and Cathy S for the omiyage shop; Cathy S. and Jean M. for the plant sale; Ken G., Phaedra U., and Yoshi O. for the promotion and online sales; treasurers Elaine Y. and Jerry K.; and everyone who volunteered. Thank you also to those Sangha members who sponsored the bazaar. And of course, thank you very, very much to everyone to ordered food and made our bazaar a lively event! This was my first time organizing a fundraiser for OBTA and I'm glad to have had the chance to work with everyone. Thank you, OBTA, for the opportunity to chair the Spring Bazaar!

Gassho,
Jenna Y.



OBWA news

Marillyn Achterman

The temple women's association is a group of caring ladies that care for one another, care for members of the temple and care for members in our greater community.

They care for one another by being a part of our 'caring teams' and visiting our homebound members. They care for one another by delivering and visiting our homebound members with a delicious Hanamatsuri lunch. They care for members of our temple by preparing two meaningful services honoring significant women in our history: Ladies Kujo, Ohtani, Eshinni and Kakushinni. They care for our members by preparing a delicious lunch for our Hanamatsuri service. They care for our members by helping at our spring bazaar fundraiser. They care for our members by honoring our high school graduates.

OBWA ladies care for members of our community by joining with an area high school and providing hygiene products. They care for members of our community by volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank providing for families.

When OBWA ladies gather, there is laughter and camaraderie. OBWA ladies are followers of the Buddha's teachings and a vital part of our Sangha.



Please sign-up

Roberta Ando



The Oregon Buddhist Women's Association is pleased to once again organize an opportunity for the Oregon Buddhist Temple and other Buddhist sanghas to offer service as community **volunteers**. **Please join us at the Oregon Food Bank.**

WHERE, WHEN, WHAT AND WHO:

Oregon Food Bank Headquarters
7900 NE 33rd Drive (off of Columbia Blvd.)
Portland, OR 97211

Saturday, June 24 at 12:45 to 3:30 pm

We will be packing bulk foods again. Last year all ages, (grade school kids, teenagers, young adults and those of us who have a few more years) had a great time. Those ages 6 and up are welcome, but adults must accompany volunteers under 16.

HOW TO SIGN-UP: Every volunteer, regardless of age, needs to register no later than Tuesday, June 20. To secure a spot please use this web address to get to our allocation of slots.

bit.ly/OFB2017

If you need assistance registering or need transportation to the Food Bank, please contact Robbi Ando at rchando@comcast.net or 503.329.6682

Hope to see you at the Food Bank!

Our life is filled with warmth in sharing life with others. In personal life, it means to act by placing ourselves in the position of another, and in community life, it means to give service with joy and gratitude for the betterment of all. The practice of making others happy is based upon the clear understanding of life that is Oneness. In deep gratitude, let us realize this Oneness of all life, the heart of which is Compassion. – Rennyō Shonin



Dharma school

Ann Shintani

Thank you! To those who took part in our Hanamatsuri service. Our students had been rehearsing for weeks! We have many people to thank for the Hanamido (flower) display, the ingenious flower presentation, and the first performance of our Dharma School Choir. Our student participants were Avery, Claire, Daniel, Hazel, Kirt, Marley, Mayu, Midori, Mika, Thomas, and Wally. Thank you to Ministers Assistants Etsu Osaki and Brenda Fugate for, again, providing us with a meaningful service. The Dharma School program included a performance of Temple Bells, and an OBT Hanamatsuri Game Show. Thank you to Marilyn (flower presentation); Ken Garner (Dharma School Choir); Elaine Yuzuriha (Dharma School program and treats); Terri Carollo and Etsu Osaki (fresh flowers); Ann Shintani, Elaine, and Marilyn (paper flower corsages); Kim Kono (chairperson); and Wynn Kiyama (pianist).



Lumbini class song. Hazel, Claire and Daniel -- from left to right



DS Choir. From left to right, Mayu, Hazel (little one), Marley, Avery, Mika and Kirt

Hatsumairi is the time where we welcome newborns and others who wish to be recognized into our Buddhist tradition and Sangha. This recognition will take place during our Sunday Service on May 14th. "Hatsumairi" means "first Buddhist service" and was typically for parents to bring their infants and dedicate themselves in raising their child within the Three Treasures – walking the path to enlightenment, and seeking wisdom and harmony. At the Oregon Buddhist Temple, we will also recognize new adults and youth who wish learn about Buddhism, listen to the teachings, and become part of our Sangha community. Please notify Ann Shintani (ann@hoonko.com) that you wish to have your child or grandchild, or yourself, participate so we may send out invitations, and make other arrangements.

Here is a photo of a Hatsumairi service from several (actually, many) years ago. Can you identify any of the participants?



Snack Bar Thank you to the Dharma School families and friends who contributed to our Spring Bazaar bake sale on April 9. We had mochi cake, Samurai peanuts, apple cakes, pies, inarizushi (tofu sushi), and matsutake gohan (mushroom rice), among other goodies. Our donors were Amy P., Ann S., Clara P., Craig Y., Ken G., Elaine Y., Etsu O., Jean M., Terri C., and Traci K. Our volunteers were Angie H. and Avery; Ann S. and Mika; Bryan Y.; Cathy S.; Julie, Peter, and Hazel; Terri C. and Midori; and Traci K. and Daniel.



Lotus circle – May

Jean Matsumoto

Merry month of May, tra la, tra la. As you read this month's lotus circle article, I hope you will remember how beautiful a day it was when it was written: Saturday, April 15, 2017, the day before Hanamatsuri, the celebration of the baby Siddhartha Buddha's birth. At the temple, the Dharma School teachers and children were decorating the hanamido with beautiful flowers. Outside by the parking lot, the cherry trees are just starting to blossom. And now, camellias, daffodils and tulips and other colorful flowers will be expected to adorn the altar arranged by OBT's flower toban each week in May. In April, Masa

Okita remembered her cousin, Alan Kasubuchi who passed away on 4/26/2014. The Temple is grateful for the generous donations from the following members who chose to remember their loved ones and remind us of what we owe them.

- May 7 – Anonymous in memory of (imo) Donald and Merrie Greenwood
- May 14 – Chisao Hata imo her uncle and aunt, Mitsugi and Jean Tamiyasu; Jim Yoshida imo his parents, Kojiro and Nobuko Yoshida
- May 21 – Kiyomi Dickinson imo mother, Toshiko Kitagawa; anonymous imo George and Mary Shido
- May 28 – Colin Nakamura imo his wife, Sally Mew Lin; Katie Tamiyasu imo her father, Isamu Sam Iwamoto; Sumie Ishida imo parents, Yoshikiyo and Hisayo Yamamoto

We want to thank Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) for establishing a webpage for the Lotus Circle to share memories of loved ones and hope you will take advantage of it. For information about us, please call me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

Support OBT

Complete the pledge form found at the below OBT website and mail it in to Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 SE 34th Avenue Portland, OR 97202
<http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/documents/pledge/2017pledge.pdf>

Thank you

May Toban

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

From the archives

Jean Matsumoto

A hand-written note addressed to “Oregon Buddhist Women’s Society, dated March 19, 1942, Missoula, Mont.”, with circular stamp: U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, inside circle FORT (unintelligible) MISSOULA.”

“Dear Mesdames:

Please accept our many thanks for the delicious oranges you had sent us. We distributed all of three boxes among the members in our dormitory #25 where Portland folks are living together with those from Wapato.

The fruits are so precious for us that we cannot find any words to express our hearty gratitude for your greatest kindness.

All are in good health even though they are much worrying about their families – a great anxiety as to their families’ evacuation.

However, you entirely put trust in and on mercy of Uncle Sam.

Thanking you again and hoping an earliest restoration of the World Peace.

Bunno Sakaino and members of Dormitory #25.

Gotan-e and Hatsumairi 2017

Gotan-e, celebrating our founder Shinran Shonin’s birthday, will be observed at Oregon Buddhist Temple on Sunday, May 14, at 10:00 am. We, at OBT, also celebrate Hatsumairi, a service welcoming newborn babies, new dharma school students, and new members of our Temple. If your child was born in the past year and you would like him/her to meet the Buddha, please call the Temple (503-234-9456) and leave your name and how to reach you for information about the child. Thank you.



New book in the library

Etsu Osaki

Demythologizing Pure Land Buddhism: Yasuda Rijin and the Shin Buddhist Tradition by Paul B. Watt, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Univ. of Hawaii Press, 2016, 181 pages.

This book “introduces the thought and selected writings of Yasuda Rijin (1909-1982), a modern Shin Buddhist thinker affiliated with the Otani, or Higashi Honganji, branch of Shin

Buddhism. Yasuda sought to restate the teachings of Shinran within a modern tradition that began with the work of Kiyozawa Manshi (1863-1903) and extended through the writings of Yasuda's teachers Kaneko Daiei (1881-1976) and Soga Ryojin (1875-1971).



History of the Japanese American Graduation Banquet in Portland

Elaine Yuzuriha

In 1948, only a few years after the internment which disrupted the Japanese American community in Portland, Misao Hayashi, wife of Reverend Francis Hayashi of the Epworth United Methodist Church, had a reception for the local Japanese American graduates at the Broadway Theater where the students watched the movie "Go For Broke" with Van Johnson. Charles Shimomura was the first master of ceremony at the event where the Oregon Nisei Veterans honored the outstanding athletes. Subsequently, the purpose of the reception was broadened to honor the outstanding high school graduates for their achievements in the Portland metropolitan area and scholarships were offered by the eleven sponsoring organizations that continue this tradition to this their 70th Banquet.

Come and celebrate this tradition on May 7th, at 1 p.m. at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, OR. This year Oregon Buddhist Temple is organizing the event, and we will celebrate our banquet with an assortment of programs from past years to see how the event has evolved yet stayed the same. OBT member Todd Yuzuriha, who attended the banquet in 1978 as a graduate, will be the master of ceremony. We will be honoring seniors Kirt Achterman and Michi Stoeller. Our keynote speaker will be attorney Elisa Dozono, who attended her Japanese American Graduation Banquet in 1988, and who is recognized by her peers as one of the top 25 women "Oregon Super Lawyers" by Law & Politics. Contact Elaine Yuzuriha for more information and tickets.



Eat, celebrate, and support Portland Taiko!

Wynn Kiyama

Portland Taiko will hold its annual Benefit Banquet on Thursday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. at Wong's King Seafood Restaurant. There will be a hosted wine and beer reception followed by a delicious, eight-course, vegetarian-friendly Cantonese dinner. The program will include taiko performances, mystery origami leis, a live auction and paddle raise, honored guests, and the reveal of our Portland Festival Yatai (festival cart). Tickets are available through our website (www.portlandtaiko.org) or through Wynn Kiyama.

Lost and Found

Amy Peterson

If you are missing some onenjus, a White River Shikisho (Okesa) and a beautiful cover (shown below), please contact the temple and make arrangements to get it back. If you recognize these shown below and know the owner, please contact us as well. info@oregonbuddhisttemple.com



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Created by Chisao Hata & Nikki Nojima Louis

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Saturday 5/27 2pm and Sunday 5/28 7pm

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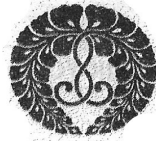
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Thank you for your donations!

Please read the letter below from the BCA regarding our new Gomonsu. We may not be able to meet their deadline of May 1st, however, if you're interested in making a donation, please send it to OBT clearly indicating that it's for the Gomonsu, and we'll send all donations to BCA, from the OBT Sangha. Let's do this no later than May 15th. As is stated in the letter, "any amount without limitations will be graciously accepted . . ."

Thank you for your consideration.



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March 15, 2017

CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW GOMONSHU

Dear Sangha Member,

On June 6, 2014, Sokunyo Monshu Koshin Ohtani, 24th generation Monshu of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, retired. The Jodo Shinshu Tradition was transmitted to his eldest son, Sennyō Monshu Kojun Ohtani, who succeeded to the position of *Jushoku*, resident head priest of the Hongwanji, and 25th Monshu of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha institution. Sennyō Monshu follows in the footsteps of his predecessors to share the Nembutsu teaching with all people.

Services to mark the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition began at the Hongwanji in Kyoto on October 1, 2016 and will conclude in May 2017. As part of this wonderful event, the Buddhist Churches of America would like to present a celebratory gift to our new Monshu, Kojun Ohtani, as an expression of our joy and gratitude for the transfer of the Dharma torch and Shinran Shonin's legacy to the next generation.

To support this celebratory gift, we are requesting a minimum individual contribution of \$25, or \$50 per family that will be personally presented to Gomonsu-sama by Bishop Umezu during the upcoming trip to Kyoto in late May 2017. Of course, any amount without limitation will be graciously accepted and presented to Gomonsu-sama.

We request that your celebratory gift be submitted and made payable to your local temple/church by May 1, 2017.

Thank you very much for your support and participation in celebrating this momentous occasion of the accession of our new Gomonsu.

Gassho,

Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America

Ken Tanimoto, President
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