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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

February 2017



OBT's New Minister Cathy Yarne, Past OBT President

Rev. Yuki Sugahara will become our minister beginning June 1st. Until then, he will be our supervising minister as of Feb. 5th. (This means he will come one weekend a month until June)



Reverend Yuki Sugahara

Reverend Yuki Sugahara is from a temple family called Kōrinji (father's side) and Gokurakuji (mother's side) in Shimane Prefecture located just north of Hiroshima. He received his Tokudo Ordination in 1996 when he was a freshman in high school. He spent his junior year of high school in Rochester, New York as a Rotary Club exchange student.

Reverend Sugahara has a B.A. in Human Studies (major in Buddhist Studies) from Musashino University and currently is enrolled in a graduate school program, majoring in Buddhist Studies with Musashino University. He received his Kyoshi Certification in 2002. In 2009 Reverend Yuki came to the United States to attend the International Ministerial Orientation Program at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. Since July 2011 he has been the resident minister at the Buddhist Church of Florin.

One of Reverend Yuki's hobbies is playing the bass guitar, which he is known to play for the Sangha. Reverend Yuki and his wife Namiko have a 4 year old daughter, Aoi, and a son Hikaru who was born at the end of October.

Rev. Sugahara's first service at OBT will be Feb. 5th. Following service you'll have an opportunity to get to know Reverend during a special "Coffee Hour". The annual General Meeting will be immediately after this event at 12:00.

During the next few months the Sugahara's will be focusing on finding home. If you know of a house for rent or selling a home within the Portland Public School district please let Cathy Yarne know as soon as possible.

Join us in giving Rev Sugahara a warm OBT welcome on Feb 5th!



Join us in Welcoming
Reverend Sugahara
Feb. 5th @ 10:00am Service
followed by a Meet and Greet Coffee Hour



Nirvana Day Rev. Kojo Kakihara Supervising Minister



It is said that Sakyamuni Buddha passed away on February 15th at the age of 80 about 2,500 years ago. We call this day Nirvana Day. Nirvana means the ultimate state of enlightenment in which all egos have disappeared, and it expresses that Sakyamuni Buddha who became enlightened at 35 years old, attained the perfect enlightenment by losing his body which is a cause of ego. Sakyamuni Buddha in his life time, left many various teachings to teach Truths. There is a story called "A poor woman's light" as follows.

One day, a king prepared lots of lanterns and lighted these as offerings to Sakyamuni Buddha. There was a very poor woman living near the castle. She was very devout and wanted to offer something to Sakyamuni Buddha too. But she had no money or anything to offer. So she begged money from people walking on the street. When she was given just a little money, she bought a little oil, and offered one small light for Sakyamuni Buddha. That night, being fanned by the strong winds, lanterns offered by the king all went out. However, one small light offered by the poor woman kept burning all night. Then Sakyamuni Buddha said; "This is the light offered by a poor woman. This light cannot be put out by anyone. Even if you poured a great quantity of water from the ocean, this light would keep burning. That's because this light has been offered from her truly pure and sincere heart which is more boundless than the ocean, wishing to shine in the darkness of all people's

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"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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heart and mind.” The king just lighted lots of lanterns by using his financial muscle, but the small light offered by the poor woman was her sincere and pure heart itself.

This story tells us that it does not matter if you can make lots of offerings or a little, but it does matter how sincerely you accept and appreciate the teachings of Buddha, and what kind of mind the offering comes from. We tend to put importance only on something visible such as acts and results. But we should be aware that all of our acts arise from our heart and mind. When our mind is vacillating, our act will vacillate. When we have attachment or self-centeredness in our mind, our acts coming from our minds will become selfish and full of attachments. When the light of Buddha Dharma is lit in our mind, the light will keep shining in our life and show the path to walk without being put out, and keep giving warmth of peace and harmony to people around us.

As you may know, my duty as the supervising minister will end this month. Thank you for your support and an enjoyable time. It is sad that I will not see you monthly, but I will see you at various events. But it is fortunate that my position will be taken over by Reverend Sugahara who will eventually come to Portland as the resident minister. Whoever your Sensei is, I hope we all live our present lives with gratitude and the light of Buddha Dharma in our minds.

Gassho (with palms together)



President's column Judy Hittle, OBT President

Happy New Year, OBT Sangha!

January is quickly coming to a close; I hope you have had a good running start in 2017.

As you have learned by now, I'm the new President of the OBT Board. Fortunately for me, my predecessor, Cathy, will be my mentor from her position as our Vice President. (Thank you, Cathy.)

To quote an often-used phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child", similarly, it takes the entire Sangha to run a Temple. We just celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Temple building. To continue for another fifty years and longer, it's not just the job of the Board or our Reverend, but it's the job of everyone in the Sangha. Remember, it's OUR Temple. We are so fortunate that those before us, built this Temple for us so we would have a place to gather, to learn more about Jodo Shinshu, to share Buddha's teachings with each other and with those in our community who are seeking to learn more.

As we all know, maintaining a building has its costs and many, many obstacles. That is why we need to do our part. How? First, we make a commitment to support our Temple by signing up with our Pledge Donations. We attend services and events to also show our support and we may learn something too. Next, attend the Annual General Meeting on February 5th (in the Hondo), and also regularly read the Board minutes in the newsletter. Then, say "yes", when someone asks for our help with any of our events. Better yet, don't wait to be asked, just volunteer. Remember that we are all volunteers.

We can also help by making positive suggestions as to

how we can improve, or share new ideas we may have. We can contact the Board by email: board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com, or speak to them in person.

Let us look forward to a good year.

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)



Board meeting summary Kim Kono and Susan Endecott, Board Co-Secretary

OBT Board Meeting Summary
Sunday, December 11, 2016 in the Temple Annex

Board Members Present: Susan Endecott, Ken Garner, Judy Hittle, Shinya Ichikawa, Kim Kono, Amy Peterson, Katie Tamiyasu, Cathy Yarne. Absent: Mie McGraw, Al Ono, Charles Reneau, Phaedra Urban, Elaine Yuzuriha (CFO).

Guests: Marilyn Achterman, Rev. Kakihara

Incoming 2017 Elected Board Members present: Chris Dart, Gerry Sumoge

50th Building Anniversary Report – Kim Kono shared a final written report on the Committee's projects and accomplishments. This included facility renovations and improvements. There were many repairs made to the Hondo and Onaijin, as well as the completion of three larger projects: (1) granite sign at the temple entrance; (2) professional cleaning of the kitchen; (3) painting of the kitchen. Next steps include the Anniversary Committee drafting a Fund Description that has language for the purpose of the fund, source, use of funds and investment policy, and proposed process for approving expenditures. This will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Craft Fair Update: Angie Hughes submitted a written report. Overall, the craft fair was very successful. Some vendors reported that it was their best fair for sales. Foot traffic was steady throughout the day. We had 24 paid vendors. This seemed to be the perfect number of vendors; it never got too crowded and we had plenty of room for dining, shopping, and space for the additional set-up that some vendors need. The lunch menu was well-received with chicken bowls being the most purchased item. Angie submitted several suggestions for improving the fair next year.

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February Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of February. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the February 12th 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.

Ando, Denny Masaru 2/2/2004	Kiyomoto, Ichiro 2/11/1946	Saito, Kane 2/28/1946
Asai, Sagoro 2/18/1969	Kobayashi, Sakae 2/7/1966	Saito, Toshi 2/4/1945
Dorman, Bob 2/2009	Koida, Tsuta 2/3/1931	Saito, Tsukasa 2/4/1945
Ebihara, Sumie 2/1/1957 *	Kurauchi, Kamekichi 2/19/1932	Sakamoto, Soburo 2/2/1939
Egashira, Kikuno 2/7/1997	Maekawa, Seizo 2/26/1940	Sakurai, Sakiyo 2/17/1958
Egashira, Reisaku 2/16/1978 *	Maekawa, Shozo 2/17/1990	Sasegawa, Umeo 2/7/1935
Fujii, Hiroshi Hyde 2/26/2005	Mishima, Hisa 2/3/1966 *	Shiraishi, Sayo 2/23/1952
Fujii, Kichitaro 2/23/1936	Miura, Tamuro 2/13/1966	Sugahiro, Atsutaro 2/19/1932
Fujii, Yonezo Fred 2/21/1973	Miyoshi, Jimmy 2/2/1984	Sugihara, Seigo 2/24/2003
Fujii, Yoshino 2/16/1963 *	Mori, Kiyoshi 2/5/1938	Sumida, Mary 2/20/1934
Fujii, Yoshitaro 2/23/1936	Morishita, Orga Fusae Junie 2/27/1997	Sumida, Shigeru 2/17/1933
Fujiwara, George S 2/6/2016	Morishita, Seikichi 2/28/1938	Sunamoto, Sen 2/4/1967 *
Hamada, Masaki 2/26/1936	Morita, Bessie Shinobu 2/4/2012	Tadasumi, Mary 2/23/1954
Hasegawa, Itoyo 2/23/1937	Nagamoto, Kumaishi 2/2/1945	Takao, Baby 2/26/1940
Hasegawa, Umeo 2/7/1935	Nakamura, Kanesuki 2/22/1956	Takao, Kiyoko 2/7/1940
Hayashida, Masako 2/3/2004	Nakamura, Saya 2/21/1987 *	Takeda, George Takeo 2/27/1992
Hearing, Sachie Yuki 2/2/1989	Niemi, Isao 2/26/1962	Takeda, Ishi 2/6/1951 *
Hironaka, Shigeru 2/15/2005	Nishii, Matsutaro 2/4/1932	Takemoto, Takichi 2/19/1954
Hirose, Ichiro 2/7/1943	Nishimura, Shikaichi 2/7/ 1945	Takeuchi, Thomas 2/20/1990
Honma, Ira 2/27/1988	Ochikubo, Mika 2/7/1936 *	Tanabe, Gennosuke 2/3/1938
Ikata, Sueo Buddy 2/27/1992	Ogawa, Kumataro 2/28/1933	Tanabe, Hiroshi 2/26/1937
Ikeda, Masaharu 2/21/1975	Oguri, Yasutaro 2/1/1961	Toyooka, Koichi 2/28/1943
Imada, Toyoshiro 2/18/1949	Ohashi, Tora 2/3/1930	Tsuboi, Hatsuko 2/27/1932
Ishida, Nobuko 2/11/1973 *	Oji, Torakichi 2/29/1937	Tsujimura, Tomi 2/25/1983 *
Ishii, James Kentaro 2/27/2010	Okita, Tatsu 2/23/1967 *	Uyetake, Chise 2/7/1956 *
Ishizaka, Sanji 2/1/1947	Okubo, Haru 2/7/2006	Watanabe, Seinosuke 2/9/1932
Ito, Yoshizo 2/1/1995	Okubo, Zitsutaro 2/3/1930	Yamaguchi, Shizuo 2/21/1988*
Kajiwara, George 2/8/2016	Onishi, Kyusuke 2/25/1942	Yoneda, Kometsugu 2/8/1936
Kanai, Tamakichi 2/24/1930	Ono, Uichi 2/13/1942	Yoshida, Nobuko 2/1973 *
Kasubuchi, Mary W 2/24/2010 *	Osaki, Tome 2/1974 *	Yoshida, Shina 2/8/1944 *
Kato, Yoshitsuya 2/9/1932	Parks, Kayoko 2/3/1992	Yoshihara, Shuichi 2/7/1962
Katsuro, Mine 2/23/1955	Saheki, Hachiro 2/25/1931	Yuasa, Otomatsu 2/11
Kiyohiro, Masaaki 2/23/1939		

* OBWA MEMBER



Thank You OBT 50th Building Anniversary Donors

Kim Kono, Committee Member

Contributions for the 50th Anniversary Building Fund continue to arrive, bringing total gifts over the \$50,000 mark! The OBT Board and Anniversary Committee gratefully acknowledge and thank all the following individuals for their thoughtful and generous gifts, which will be dedicated to caring for our beautiful temple. Our hope is to continue to grow this fund, along with OBT's new "Wisteria Circle" (bequests). Look for more communication in future newsletters on how your "Dana" is making a difference at OBT. Thank you!

The Oregon Buddhist Temple Board and the 50th Building Anniversary Committee extend our deepest gratitude to the following donors who have contributed gifts to OBT's 50th Building Anniversary Fund from April 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Thank you!

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Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple	May Kasahara	Oregon Buddhist Women's Assn.	Ted & Akiko Taniguchi
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Kiyomi Dickinson	Ami Kinoshita	Alfred Ono	Junko Iwao Toll
Susan Endecott	Ken Kinoshita & Family	Yoshi & Tomoko Ono	<i>In memory of William Toll</i>
Shigeo & Frieda Fujikawa	Bishop Zuigaku & Keiko Kodachi	Herb & Etsu Osaki	Lew & Jean Tomita
Frank & Janet Fujitani	Misako Kodama	Fusako Ouchida	Alice, Mark & Megumi Unno
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Jayne Furukawa	Philip Kollas	Amy Peterson	Barbara & Dick Uyesugi
Elaine F. Furumoto	Kim Kono & Randy Choy	Charles E. Reneau	Joseph & Lora Wahl
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Girl Scout Troop 43720	Michiko Kumashiro	Carolyn J. Saiget	Ruth Sono Watanabe
Scott Grannan	Setsy & Chip Larouche	<i>To honor parents, Fumi & Tomo Saito</i>	Duane Watari
Katherine T. Hand	Susan M. Lily	Carrie Saito	May Watari
Judy & Paul Hittle	Lynn Fuchigami Longfellow	Mary Fumi Saito	<i>In memory of Jack S. Watari</i>
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Shiz Inaba	Eleanor McClung	<i>In memory of Kazumi Shintani</i>	Cathlyn Yarne
<i>In memory of Seijiro & Haru Fujita</i>	Mie McGraw	Richard & Karen Shiraishi	Mike Yasui
Toshio Inahara	Misao Minagi	Cathy Shikatani & Willem Stoeller	Lance & Kathy Yokota
Lilly M. Irinaga	Henry & Eulia Mishima	William Y. & Ida T. Sugahiro	Jenna Yokoyama & Adam Ward
<i>In memory of Toru & Sakaye Kobayashi</i>	Richard & Kumiko Mishima	Kazuko Sunamoto	Shigeru & Yoko Yuzuriha
			Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

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Membership Proposal: Al Ono submitted a written report. Al has been working on updating membership giving with the goal of broadening giving participation and boosting revenue, as well as promoting a more positive view of OBT membership. He's been researching other temples and how they approach membership funding. Al would like the Board's input on taking a new approach in our membership solicitations. Rather than asking the OBT Sangha to become an official member for a set amount (\$250 individual member; \$500 family) we might instead ask everyone to make an annual "pledge or contribution", ideally before the end of the calendar year, to become a "Supporter" as they wish and are able, putting an emphasis on participation in giving. Anyone who makes a gift would be an "OBT Supporter." Individuals who make contributions of \$250 or

more will be recognized as supporters of OBT and BCA. This is a work in progress, with more refinement to come.

Kitchen and Foundation Leak: Cathy Yarne reported that the leak is still present; Cathy is getting an outside opinion on the foundation cracks and whether we need to repair the cracks.

Minister Update: The Board discussed options for providing a car for the new minister. Mark Achterman is looking into leasing options. Cathy will discuss this further with the new minister.

NW District Convention: Cathy made the motion to order a full-page ad in the 2017 Convention Program with the condition that the cost would be split with the OBWA. If OBWA chooses to not participate, then OBT will do a half-page ad. Ken Garner seconded the motion. Approved. Ann Shintani will lead registration.

BCA Leadership Workshop, Jan. 20, 2017: Cathy shared that BCA is inviting OBT to be part of the first group to

participate in a Leadership training held at the Jodo Shinshu Center. Cathy and Judy will attend, as approved by the Board.

By-Law Changes: As noted in the proposed By-Law Changes, each new elected board member starts their duties in January. A new sentence will be added to proposed change: "The director-elects for the board will have voting rights in the election of officers for the coming year. The director-elects for the board are eligible to be officers." Cathy motioned that this By-Laws update be presented at the Annual Meeting. Judy Hittle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elections: The Board conducted officer elections, as follows.

1. Judy Hittle was voted as President-Elect; motion made and approved.
2. Cathy Yarne was voted as Vice-President Elect; motion made and approved.
3. Ken Garner was voted as Secretary-Elect; motion made and approved.

OBWA: Marilyn Achterman reported that OBWA is unable to identify a new chair for the organization. At their last executive committee meeting they discussed whether the organization could run without a chair. Another option discussed is for OBWA to disband and have the temple assume the critical duties that OBWA has supported, such as member care and outreach. A discussion of this subject is scheduled for the next OBWA meeting.

Submitted by Kim Kono & Susan Endecott, OBT 2016 Co-Secretaries

will be a regular meeting as scheduled on February 11th. This will be an important planning meeting, so please attend if you can.

Sunday February 26th will be the annual memorial service for Lady Kujo, Founder of our Buddhist Women's Association (BWA), and Lady Ohtani, who worked hard to revive the BWA after WWII, we hope you can join us.

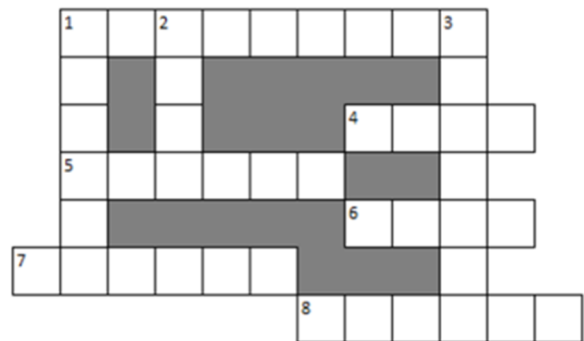
Next month's reporter will be Nancy Kajitsu.
In Gassho



Dharma school
Ann Shintani

Crossword puzzle

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Dec. 8 ornament | 1. Enlightened one |
| 4. Kermit | 2. Sanscrit for "giving" |
| 5. Teachings of Buddha | 3. Volunteers arrange these beautifully every week |
| 6. Name of Rev. Kakihara's pal | |
| 7. Group of people | |
| 8. Heard before service | |



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OBWA News
Katie Tamiyasu



First our heartfelt condolences to the family of Ami Kinoshita, who passed away peacefully on January 6th with her two daughters, Jayne Ichikawa and Cheryl Freeman, son Ken Kinoshita, and grandson David Ichikawa by her bedside. Ami was a longtime member and supporter of the temple and OBWA. At her request, there will be a private family memorial service officiated by Rev. Kakihara. NamoAmidaButsu.

Here is a good outreach story from our OBWA Caring team member, Grace Ishikawa. She visited the mother of Elaine Nishimura, who used to make similar visits as a BWA member of the temple in Ontario, and now is "on the receiving end - karma". This encapsulates how much it means to our elders to be thought of and visited. We received a very nice note from Elaine telling us how much this meant to her and her mother.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Year End donations from Fumi Saito, Darlene Demise, Sumie Ishida and Hiroko Nakagami. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Because of the temple New Year Party being postponed twice due to inclement weather, it has been decided to cancel the OBWA New Year's party at Holladay Park Plaza. There

70th Annual NW Buddhist Convention Feb. 17-19

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Marvin Harada and Freddie
The Tacoma Buddhist Temple has "a weekend full of activities planned to satisfy the interest of all ages. There will be a wide range of workshop topics, some to inspire and reflect, others fun and entertaining. Contact Ann Shintani for details and registration information.



Lotus circle – February

Jean Matsumoto

The view from my windows is of a winter wonderland. I hope you are all staying safe and warm. We certainly appreciate more than ever the colorful altar flowers arranged each week by our Flower

Toban purchased by the donations made by members of our Lotus Circle. This month our generous donors are:

- February 5 - Mariko Locke in memory of (imo) her aunt and uncle, Mary and Jim Miyoshi; anonymous imo Haru Okubo
- February 12 - Dan Miura imo his parents, Tamuro and Rin; Judy Hittle imo parents Joriu and Fumiko Asato
- February 19 – open
- February 26 – Dennis Sugihara imo parents Seigo and Shizue; Ron Ikata imo parents, Buddy Sueo and Sumiko Ikata; Michael Ishii imo father James Kentaro; Yasuko Fields imo father Ryo Maekawa

Thank you to all the February donors and to Ken Garner, webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com who has set up a webpage for Lotus Circle members to share memories of loved ones. Please contact me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail jamatsumoto@gmail.com for information about OBT's Lotus Circle.

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Grisham, Marilyn	Hittle, Judy
Hittle, Paul	Hokama, Pat
Larouche, Chip	Larouche, Setsy
Leedham, Susan	Oh-Keith, Douglas
Oh-Keith, Kathy	Ono, AI
Ono, Yoshi	Shikatani, Cathy
Stoeller, Willem	Tanaka, Bill
Tanaka, Linda	Yanase, Craig
Yanase, Lisa	Yuzuriha, Elaine
Yuzuriha, Todd	

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

Condolences

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Ami Kinoshita who passed away on January 6, 2017. A private family memorial service will be held at OBT on January 28.



Pledges

Alfred Ono, Membership Chair

What happened to "membership"? This has been a designation that you bought into by paying "dues": No money, no membership. I have discussed with people who support OBT but cannot afford the dues or are new to OBT and are still unsure if they want to invest in "dues" Both of these are supporters of OBT but are not counted on the membership lists.

Some do not pay the dues because it is too expensive. Some do not pay because they do not want some to go to BCA. Some do not pay because they do not want to be on a membership roster but they donate at least the amount equal to the dues or even more. We want to recognize all of these people .

Therefore, we are trying to find how large is the number of OBT supporters. As done by some other temples, we are asking for supporters to show their support by pledges or donation of an amount they feel they can afford. The pledges would be used to help with the Temple's day-to-day expenses.

For those of you who are strong supporter of OBT but find that you could not afford the former amount of the dues, pledge any amount that you feel you can give to show your support and help with the temple budget. If easier, you can send in a monthly amount.

For those of you who have the means, please pledge what you feel the temple would need to keep functioning. How about \$300.00 or more or \$25.00 per month (which is part of what you spend for a night out or that morning coffee you buy in a month). If you can afford more, the sky is the limit.

For those of you who give \$250.00 or more, you will be listed with BCA as a member. But again everyone who pledges is listed on the roster as supporters of Oregon Buddhist Temple. Those who pledge will be listed as supporters without listing amount given or being placed into categories. All supporters are on equal ground.

With a new minister coming, which is very exciting, the OBT costs are going up. We can only do so many fundraisers. Therefore, I am coming to you to directly ask for a pledge to

help with the day-to-day expenses and show your support of OBT.

Alfred Ono
Pledge chairperson



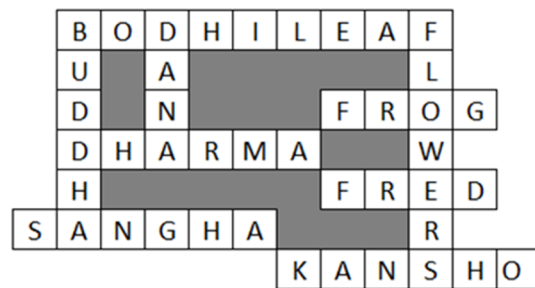
Wanted: High School Graduating Seniors

Elaine Yuzuriha

Applications for the Japanese American Community Scholarships are due **March 1, 2017**. At least ten scholarships are awarded each year to graduating seniors of Japanese American ancestry. The scholarship application is available on the www.pdxjacl.org website. Applicants are required to have had at least one parent be a member of a sponsoring organization since at least October 15, 2016 and must reside within Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington (OR) or Clark counties. Oregon Buddhist Temple is a sponsoring organization of the annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet. Please see the applications for more details or contact Elaine Yuzuriha at (360) 253-9532. All applicants must be available for an interview to be scheduled

on **Saturday, April 1st, 2017**. This is a wonderful opportunity to garner scholarships for post-secondary education. Get your applications in soon!

This year, the Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet is a luncheon held on **Sunday, May 7, 2017**. We would like to send invitations to all high school seniors of Japanese ancestry and all graduating children of members of the Oregon Buddhist Temple and other Japanese community sponsoring organizations. Please help us by contacting Elaine Yuzuriha at (360) 253-9532 (e.yuzuriha@comcast.net) with the graduate's name and contact information. Thank you for your help!



Our Temple, January 12, 2017

Photos by Erik Ackerson



PLEDGE DONATION-2017 For Oregon Buddhist Temple

Please make sure we have your information as an OBT supporter:

Name/names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E- Mail _____

Amount pledged in one donation _____

Amount pledged: Monthly _____

Quarterly _____

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