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“Have FUN!” Reverend Yuki Sugahara

“(3) If, when I attain Buddhahood, the humans and devas in my land should not all be the color of genuine gold, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.”

– The third vow of the Forty Eight Vows of Bodhisattva Dharmākara in the *Larger Sutra*: The color of genuine gold means there is no discrimination by race, ethnicity, color of skin, ability, appearance, etc. Everyone will have a noble life, shining like gold.

Hello OBT Sangha! It was great to meet many of you and I'm really excited to have this opportunity to share the Dharma with you!

During my recent visit, I was asked by many people, “What should I call you?” Well, according to the unwritten guideline of BCA, Reverend is “Kaikyoshi”, however, no one calls a Buddhist minister a Reverend or “Sensei” in Japan. They refer to a minister with the temple's name with “san” (Mr. or Ms.) at the end.

For instance, my home temple's name is “Kōrinji” so everyone calls me “Kōrinji-san.” When I am with my father, people call me “Waka-san (Mr. younger one),” and some members call me “Yūki-san.” So, considering this, it might be better to call me “Oregon-san” just kidding. I don't mind how you call me. Please call me Yūki or Yūki-san or Sugahara-san or Sensei or Oregon-san, whatever you like.

Anyway, I have a ministerial slogan which I would like to share with you. That is to “Have FUN!” This could be mean to have fun every day with members of OBT Sangha. But, this is also an acronym for “Have Friendship, Understanding, and Nembutsu!”

How many of you have looked up the word “friend” in the dictionary? The Oxford dictionary defines “friend” as “A person with whom one has a bond of mutual affection.” So, I could say that Friendship begins from mutual caring and understanding. Again, the Oxford dictionary states “understanding” as “Sympathetic awareness or tolerance.” To understand each other, we should not attach to our own view or force a friend to think in particular way. We need to accept

differences we may have. That is “Understanding.” Then where does the mind of “understanding” come from? That is Nembutsu. Nembutsu could be interpreted in many ways, but the core of Nembutsu is to rely on the Buddha's wisdom, not our own knowledge.

We often rely on our understanding and viewpoint to judge people. We often judge people with the eyes of like and dislike. However, we are all shining brilliantly like gold from Amida Buddha's eyes. We are not able to see like Amida Buddha, however, through listening to how the Buddha sees us, we should realize that we are seeing people with our self-centered viewpoint but we all have the potential to see others with the same genuine light of gold as the Buddha.

I hope we nurture Friendship and Understanding through Nembutsu. I hope we have FUN in many years to come at OBT.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Message from Bishop Kodo Umezu

The Executive Order signed by President Trump on January 27, 2017 has been causing serious concerns and suffering for many people, especially Muslims and immigrants. It has brought back memories of the unlawful mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Even if the intent of the Executive Order is to protect our citizens from terrorist attacks, we strongly oppose any actions that lead to discrimination against certain groups just because of their ethnicity or faith.

We should remind ourselves that all people deserve to be respected and treated equally under the law. Each faith group should encourage and promote peace and harmony based on its beliefs and principles, and should help create a better nation that we can be proud of.

Reverend Kodo Umezu,
Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America

“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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President's column

Judy Hittle, OBT President

First, to those of you who came to the OBT Annual General Meeting, thank you for taking the time to join us at this meeting. Remember, we need members of the Sangha to care about what is going on in our Temple and to share their ideas with the Board. You are also welcome to join us at our monthly Board meetings. It would be one way to listen to the discussion on a variety of issues that are of concern to all of us. The next regular meeting will be held on March 5th, at 12:15 pm, in the Annex.

Secondly, let me debrief about this weekend's events. I was very fortunate to be able to attend the NW District Buddhist Convention in Tacoma. There were many familiar OBT faces there and many who greeted others from various NW Temples who they had not seen in a while – like a reunion.

The theme of this Convention was “Wake Up”. A variety of activities and workshops were offered that related to this theme. One was by exercising to begin the day; another was singing or learning to play the ukulele; we even had some very energetic people playing ping pong in a fun tournament.

But more memorably, we were exposed to the importance of waking up to truly hear the Dharma, not just listening with our ears, but with our minds and our heart. We saw and heard examples of what can happen when one becomes more aware of one's true nature. I know some of you are saying, yes, I know I've heard that before, but no matter how many times one hears these messages, it takes a multitude of times to really hear and understand that we should be asking ourselves this very question – who am I, really? When we are truly awake and aware of our true selves, not only will it affect us, but it will affect those around us. Remember Interdependence?

We also learned that in order to understand what others are feeling, we need to ask them and then listen to what is said. We can learn more about each other if we take the time to thoroughly listen and care about what is being said and not presume to know. We speak of having a diverse Buddhist community, and yet we are not certain how to treat others without slighting them, so we do nothing. Wouldn't it be better to have a conversation with those whose beliefs are different from our own and try to learn more about them?

Attending a convention can be worthwhile or not, depending on how one appreciates what is provided for us and sees if what is being said is relevant to oneself. Often we attend workshops that share messages “we have heard before”, but it depends on how one is listening and truly seeking the relevance to one's own life that may make the workshop more meaningful. The next convention will be in Spokane, on February 16-18, 2018. Do you want to go?

If you can't attend a convention, come to the Temple and let's have a conversation. We may not always have what you immediately need, but given the opportunity, we will make a concerted effort to make it happen.

Contact me if you ever have any questions or comments. 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)

Annual general membership meeting

Ken Garner, OBT Secretary



Oregon Buddhist Temple's Annual General Membership Meeting was held on Sunday February 5, 2017 with President Judy Hittle calling the meeting to order at 12:05 pm in the Hondo. There were 38 attendees, including all 12 Board Members, Reverend Yuki Sugahara, and 25 members of the temple.

After welcoming remarks and an introduction of the 2017 Board of Directors by temple president Judy Hittle, the following topics were presented:

- **Treasurer's Report - Elaine Yuzuriha**
We closed 2016 with a net increase for the year. This follows a net increase in 2015. The net increase in funds over the past two years is due primarily to not having a resident minister which will change in 2017. It is encouraging that the temple's income for 2016 was greater than it was in 2015 so financially we are trending in the correct direction.
- **Maintenance Report - Ray Fukunaga**
As can be expected with a 50 year old building, maintenance and repair is a constant endeavor. We had two major repair expenses in 2016, elevator and a burst water line. Both of these events have been fixed. We have a schedule for on-going maintenance that will occur in 2017. Keeping the temple in good repair requires everybody's vigilance. If you see something that needs attention, please contact Ray or any of the Board Members.
- **By-Law Change - Ken Garner**
The Board approved a change to the by-laws Article IV Section 15.E which would give incoming board members the right to vote for the Board Officers for the year for which they would become board members. This vote occurs prior to the start of the new board member's term. The new board members will also be eligible to be voted in as an officer.
- **50th Anniversary Recap - Kim Kono**
- **Dharma School - Ann Shintani**
- **Membership - Al Ono**
OBT is converting our membership system from set fee to pledge.
- **OBWA - Marilyn Achterman**
- **Buddhist Education Committee - Brenda Fugate**
- **OBT Information Sheet - Phaedra Urban**
We are developing an information sheet on OBT, our

services, and Jodo Shinshu which can be given to visitors at our services. We will also have laminated copies of the sheet with the service books in the pews. A similar information sheet has been used by the New York Buddhist Temple

- 2017 Spring Bazaar - Judy Hittle
The 2017 Spring Bazaar will be held on April 9, 2017. This year the food will be pre-order take out only
The meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm
The full minutes of the meeting and the submitted detailed reports on these topics are available to temple members upon request.

Board meeting summary

Kim Kono, for Ken Garner, Secretary

Sunday, January 29, 2017 in the Temple Annex

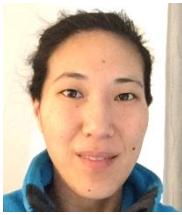
Board Members Present: Chris Dart, Judy Hittle, Shinya Ichikawa, Kim Kono, Mie McGraw, Amy Peterson, Charles Reneau, Gerry Sumoge, Katie Tamiyasu, Phaedra Urban, Cathy Yarne. Absent: Elaine Yuzuriha (CFO), guest: Marilyn Achterman

- Updating OBT Board Member Handbook -: The Board is updating Appendix #4 (Temple Donation Precedents as Established by the Board) in the OBT Board Member Handbook. Doing so incorporates recent donation payments (e.g. Orei, Oseibo, NW District, Special Gifts for retirement or community events etc.). Thanks to Susan Endecott for doing this document update, which was reviewed at the meeting.
- BCA Leadership Workshop -: Judy and Cathy Yarne attended the BCA Leadership Workshop.
- Maintenance: Ray Fukunaga is figuring out how we can keep a working log of all repairs.
- BEC -Two BEC meetings will be held in Feb.
- NW Convention: Ann Shintani has been supporting registration. Thank you, Ann.
- OBT By-Law Changes -: Ken Garner will present revised language to members at the General Meeting, specifically addressing newly elected board members and their voting on future officer positions for the incoming year when newly elected board members start service.
- Hoonko Seminar & Service Jan. 21-22, 2017 -: Al Ono and Marilyn Achterman submitted a report on our successful Hoonko Weekend with guest minister Reverend Bishop Noriaki Ito from the Higashi Honganji Temple of Los Angeles. Thirty people attended the seminar, which was video-taped by Yoshi Ono who will edit and make it available. Hoonko Service was very well attended. Thank you, Al and Marilyn.
- Mochitsuki Report -: Marilyn Achterman reported that this community-building event raised about \$2,500. Marilyn noted for 2017 we need a shift lead to oversee quality control of mochi production. We also need a new chair /operations director. Mark Achterman and Scott Winner will continue to do the rice production.
- Current Board Standing Committees -: The Board is seeking to round out participation on our Standing Committees. In particular we need a Toban Committee

Chair and a Finance Committee Chair.

- 50th Building Anniversary -: The Board reviewed language to formalize the fund template for the OBT Building 50th Anniversary Fund. The template outlines the process for managing funds. Board provided input on the draft document, which Kim Kono and Phaedra Urban will take back to the Anniversary Committee for further work.
- Craft Fair -: New proposed date for the Craft Fair is Dec. 9, 2017. By Board motion this was approved.
- New Visitors Guide -: Phaedra Urban presented a draft guide for the first-time visitor to OBT. This will be laminated and placed in the pews, with a non-laminated copy available to take away for those who wish. It will also be on the web-site. Both Reverends Kakihara and Sugahara have reviewed this, and it will also be shared with the BEC.
- Rev. Sugahara's First Visit -: Preparation is underway to support Rev. Sugahara's future move to Portland. Cathy Yarne welcomes volunteers for the transition team. For his first visit and service, Cathy organized a temple coffee during Dharma Exchange, as well as small meet/greets for meals. There will be future opportunities to get to know our new reverend so stay tuned. Rev. Sugahara's schedule for his Portland visits is set for the coming months.
- Car Loan -: The Board passed a motion to provide Rev. Sugahara with an interest free loan for the future purchase of a car, to be documented through a written contract.
- Board Meeting Schedule -: The Board will meet on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 12:15 p.m.
- Fundraiser Chairs -: Judy Hittle noted we are seeking chairs for key fundraising events. Spring Bazaar Chair has subsequently been filled, with an event date of Sunday, April 9, 2017.
- Obon -: Charlie Reneau will co-chair; we need another co-chair, who will focus on the food portion.
- Mochitsuki -: We need a Chair, as well as a Shift Lead to oversee mochi production.
- General Meeting -: February 5, 2017. The Board spent time reviewing the meeting agenda and hand-outs.
- Buddhist Education Classes -: We and the BEC are discussing and exploring the idea of Buddhist Education classes especially for new visitors and whoever else is interested. To be discussed further with Rev. Sugahara.
- Phone Lines and Security System -: Amy Peterson is helping with a review of the phone lines and security alarms/system.
- Portland Taiko Lease - The Board approved a motion to renew OBT's rental agreement with Portland Taiko for another year, with an understanding that OBT and Portland Taiko collaborate on programming activities at the temple.
- Plumbing - The pipes are fixed, but further work on incorrect fittings is needed.

Submitted by Kim Kono, Board Member (substituting for Ken Garner, Secretary)



Spring Bazaar 2017

Jenna Yokoyama
Spring Bazaar organizer

The OBT Spring Bazaar is back!

This year, the Spring Bazaar will be held on Sun, April 9 from 11am-3pm. I hope everyone can stop by for donburi, crafts, and more that day!

We'll have everyone's favorites available for pre-order. Chow mein and mar far chicken will be available a la carte for \$8 each. Salmon or tofu donburi are available for \$9 each. All food orders are to-go, but seating will be available for those who can't wait to dig into their donburi and chow mein.

All food must be pre-ordered, so make sure to get your order mailed back to OBT by Mon, April 3. An order form can be found below. You can also pre-order online, just go to <https://squareup.com/store/oregon-buddhist-temple>.

Volunteers are needed to help with food prep on April 5, 7, and 8. A worklist with everyone's shifts will be included in next month's newsletter and is available now on the info table in the basement. If you can help with chow mein prep on April 5 and 7, please talk to me or Judy Yamauchi. Main food prep takes place on Sat, April 8, so please check your shift on the worklist to help us get ready for the bazaar the next day. The worklist also includes shifts for the Spring Bazaar on Sun, April 9.

To volunteer for extra shifts or make changes to the work list, please talk to me or the different chairs for the bazaar or email bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com. The Spring Bazaar brings in lots of orders so I appreciate all the help we can get from the OBT community to make this delicious fundraiser a success.

Thank you!

Oregon Buddhist Temple

Spring Bazaar 2017

Sun, April 9 11am-3pm

Food Pre-Order

Return form by April 3

	Price	Quantity	Amount
Chow Mein	\$8	_____	\$ _____
Mar Far Chicken	\$8	_____	\$ _____
Salmon Bowl	\$9	_____	\$ _____
Tofu Bowl	\$9	_____	\$ _____
Total			\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

All orders are pick-up only.

Tickets will be waiting at will-call

Return to and make checks payable to:

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Questions? email us at bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com or call 503-234-9456

March 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 March 12 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.

Abe, Chozo 3/26/1962	Kuranishi, Torakazu 3/12/1956	Saito, Wataru 3/20/1946
Aoki, George Shigeru 3/8/1986	Kurata, Toraiichi 3/12/1956	Sakurai, Chiyoko 3/11/1986 *
Azuma, Katsusaburo 3/10/1939	Kuribayashi, Tatsuko 3/8/2011	Sanjo, Iki 3/26/1970
Choi, Wonchoon 3/6/1966	Maeda, Yoshitaro 3/7/1943	Sasaki, Ojiro Art 3/27/2004
Dilley, Masako 3/23/1991	Maeda, Yaeko 3/23/1986 *	Sato, Sueno 3/12/1980
Ehama, Kanjiro 3/17/1943	Makino, Kinchiro 3/13/1930	Serikaku, Beatrice 3/31/1999
Feingold, Ben 3/22/1982	Masuoka, Mathew M 3/20/1998	Shimizu, Baby 3/9/1949
Fujimura, Toshiyuki 3/22/1934	Matsunaga, Henry 3/10/1985	Shiogi, Sadaji 3/14/1975
Fujita, Haru 3/7/1999 *	Minatoya, Tojiro 3/15/1940	Shiraishi, Joe 3/6/2005
Furukawa, Zeimon 3/17/1931	Mishiro, Iki 3/1970 *	Shiraishi, Yutaka 3/19/1996
Furuya, Toyoka 3/28/1935	Miura, Hitoshi 3/18/1975	Shiroto, Genroku 3/19/1934
Hagiwara, Masami 3/19/1934	Miura, Umejiro 3/28/1946	Sumida, Hideo 3/17/1934
Hamada, Hana 3/9/1993 *	Miyazaki, Etsuko 3/8/1930	Taguchi, Isoji 3/17/1948
Hara, Eijiro 3/16/1959	Mizoguchi, Ainosuke 3/4/1944	Takabayashi, Yukino 3/9/1976 *
Hara, Tetsuzo 3/30/1931	Mizote, Wataru 3/4/1962	Takahashi, Wataru 3/20/1946
Hariya, Shinichi 3/9/1955	Morikawa, Risaburo 3/8/1948	Takano, Yoshigo 3/7/1963
Haruki, Koji 3/23/1959	Murakami, Kurakichi 3/16/1931	Takao, Uta 3/29/1942 *
Hataseki, Taro 3/7/1953	Muramatsu, Kyu 3/31/1966 *	Takeuchi, Dori Junko 3/22/1976
Higashi, Roy 3/19/1998	Naganuma, Sumi 3/1981 *	Takeuchi, Janet Setsuko 3/22/1976
Ikata, Sumiko 3/30/2016 *	Nakajima, Junta 3/28/1949	Tamiyasu, Chisaho 3/16/1933
Inagaki, Toyomatsu 3/6/1939	Nakashimada, Leke 3/30/2012	Tamura, Kuniji 3/17/2001
Ishii, Isue 3/22/1934	Nakashimada, Mary 3/15/2009 *	Tanabe, Kohachi 3/29/1938
Itoyama, Shohachi 3/11/1956	Nakashimada, Tatsuzo 3/5/1952	Tanada, Howard Toshikatsu 3/29/1994
Iwata, Matsutaro 3/27/1943	Naruki, Koji 3/23/1959	Tanaka, Toshiko 3/23/2013 *
Joto, Genraku 3/19/1934	Nishida, Gunichi 3/25/1997	Tanaka, Yutaka 3/10/1962
Kakishita, Shigeichi 3/1/1993	Nishimura, Kijyu 3/31/1982 *	Tateishi, Terue 3/16/1939
Kanai, Nancy Hisako 3/12/1987	Nunotani, Shinichi 3/9/1955	Teraoka, Hikaichi 3/2/1932
Katayama, Kanjiro 3/11/1940	Ochiai, Zenzaburo 3/4/1982	Tsujimura, Tokichi Tom 3/8/1971
Kato, Hanjiro 3/27/1955	Oguri, Shiro 3/11/1933	Uyemura, Tomitaro 3/5/1934
Kida, James Keiji 3/31/1988	Okabayashi, Hatsu 3/19/1968	Uyesugi, Kazue 3/1974 *
Kimura, Chika 3/24/1930 *	Okamoto, Saya 3/12/1930	Uyetake, Shio 3/16/2009
Kitagawa, Sada 3/20/1993	Okita, Akira 3/25/1930	Watanabe, Misao 3/4/1941
Koike, Chikara 3/10/1986	Onchi, Ikusaburo 3/3/1932	Watari, Jack Shizuma 3/19/1999
Koike, Toshiko 3/31/2006 *	Onishi, Fred 3/1/1982	Yamada, Frances Yurie 3/26/2015
Kono, Jean Owashi 3/3/2015	Rikiishi, Tameichi 3/30/1964	Yamada, Ko 3/7/1933
Koura, Torakichi 3/21/1941	Sadamoto, Yoshito G 3/30/2006	Yamada, Senichiro 3/1/1958
Kuga, Toshikazu 3/26/1941a	Saheki, Akira (Cap) 3/31/2014	Yamano, Shigetaro 3/6/1978
Kuranishi, Isao 3/26/1995 *	Saito, Hisako 3/25/2002 *	Yokozawa, Kodenji 3/13/1943

* OBWA MEMBER



Oregon Buddhist Temple Building's 50th Anniversary Fund

Kim Kono, Committee Member

We can never say "THANK YOU and ARIGATO-O GOZAIMASU" enough to everyone who made a contribution to the OBT Building's 50th Anniversary Fund during 2016, the celebratory year. Amazingly the donations continue to arrive from OBT members, friends and family! This is why we've continued to recognize all donors via the list below. Looking ahead, you will continue to see donors to the 50th Anniversary Building Fund acknowledged in the newsletter's regular donations page. It's important to note that the work of preserving and beautifying our Temple continues. The Fund will stay open and active so that those who wish to can continue to contribute to it forever and witness the impact of their giving. Donations to this Fund will be earmarked to ensure the preservation and enhancement of our Temple. Donors just need to indicate "OBT Building 50th Anniversary Fund" on their checks and acknowledgements from the next newsletter issue onward will appear on the regular donations page. Thank you, all, once again.

Kim Kono, on behalf of a grateful Anniversary Committee and the OBT Board

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 February 20, 2017. Thank you!

Al Abe	May Ishida	Dan & Julianne Miura	Robert K. Sunamoto & Family
Mark & Marilyn Achterman	Michael & Janice Ishii	Tsuyako Monas	Sahomi Tachibana
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Jayne Furukawa	Philip Kollas	Amy Peterson	Barbara & Dick Uyesugi
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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
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<i>In memory of Toru & Sakaye Kobayashi</i>			Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

OBWA News

Nance Kajitsu

The future of OBWA has been preserved thanks to Katie Tamiyasu! She has stepped up and is going to become our OBWA Chair Person for the next year!

Officers for the coming year are

Vice President - Patsy Hokama, Secretaries - Kiyomi Dickinson and Ann Shintani
Winner, Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Kajitsu, Treasurer - Kiyomi Endecott, Community Outreach - Roberto Ando and Culinary - Kiyomi Dickinson.

The Tacoma Convention was well attended as 12 members represented the OBWA.

Following our monthly meeting, Camions of Care with Catlin Gable High School involved our members in



packaging feminine hygiene products for women in need!

In Gassho,
Nancy Kajitsu



Dharma school Ann Shintani

Welcome Sensei: On Feb. 5, Rev. Sugahara held a Sunday Service at OBT. Dharma School students Avery, Daniel, Hazel, Kirt, Lily, Lisa, Mayu, Midori, and Mika quickly learned their parts for a special welcome to our soon-to-be new minister during that service. We spelled out S E N S E I with attributes that show how excited we are to have a new minister, and to meet his family.



Hanamatsuri Play and YBA fundraiser: Hanamatsuri is coming soon in April, so we hope that students will attend so they may practice and participate (Taryn and the Doctor are back, as well as the poor Dharma School teacher...).

Spaghetti Bingo, anyone? It is time to brush off those recipes! Funds will go towards travel and registration for the Northwest Young Buddhist League Summer Retreat, "DID YOU KNOW I'M (JODO SHINSHU) BUDDHIST?" July 21-23, 2017, in Seattle, for students going into 7th-12th grades. Joy, Kirt, and Yukim participated last year.

You've Got Mail! (From the February 2017 "Wheel of Dharma", the Buddhist Churches of America newsletter): Does your child wish they got more mail? Families who register their child (or grandchild) for the Hongwanji Kids Letter Project receive a monthly letter that shares Jodo Shinshu and Buddhist teachings. This is generously sponsored by Rev. Ai and Megumi Hironaka from the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, in Hawaii. To register, email Rev. and Mrs. Hironaka at aiji0128@aol.com.



Lotus circle – March Jean Matsumoto

Is it still raining? Will March bring more sunshine? I hope so. We will be

looking forward to spring flowers for the Flower Toban to arrange on the altar soon. Thank you to all the Lotus Circle members for their donations which make it possible for purchase of the flowers. This month we are grateful to:

- March 5 – Rick Shiraishi in memory of his parents, Joe and Kaoru; Kim Kono imo her mother, Jean Owashi Kono; anonymous imo Ochiai family: Zenzaburo and Tamiyo, Nobuko Susaki, Shizuko Okazaki and Kaz
- March 12 – Jean Takashima imo parents, Tokichi Tom and Tomiko; Diane Onchi imo parents, Leke and Mary Nakashimada; Judy Yamauchi imo parents, Chiyoko and Masaru Sakurai, and sister Betty; Ray Fields imo his father, Ben Feingold; Jerry Koike imo parents, Chikara and Toshiko
- March 19 – Dr. Connie Masuoka imo her parents, Dr. Matthew and Nobuko; Duane Watari imo his father, Jack Shizuma; Jane Hunt imo parents, Yutaka and Kazue Shiraishi; Susan Endecott imo mother, Toshiko Tanaka; Misa Kodama imo mother, Sada Kitagawa; Takashi Fujii imo his cousin, Sakae Ando
- March 26 – Setsy Larouche in memory of father, George Yoshito Sadamoto; Alice Kida and Lew Tomita family imo father, Jim Kida, and grandfather, Shoemon Nakamura; Joyce Olsen and Art Sasaki imo parents, Art Ojiro and Nami Sasaki, and sister, Susanne Myers

For questions about OBT's Lotus Circle, please feel free to call me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail: jamatumoto@gmail.com. Also see webpage set up by Ken Garner, webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

March Toban

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Condolences

Condolences to the family of Mrs. May Nobuko Saito who passed away on January 31, 2017. A funeral service was held at OBT on February 5th.



Any Scout wishing to earn the ...
Amy Peterson

SCOUT SUNDAY Patch from the Buddhist Churches of America Scouting committee please email a request to dharma-school@oregonbuddhisttemple.com. Scout Sunday is usually observed on Sunday March 12th or closest Sunday to it in Girl Scouts and Campfire. Boy Scouts may have observed in February, but if they did they can still earn the patch if they complete the paperwork.

Hoonko seminar with Reverend Noriaki Ito
Etsu Osaki



With the theme “Modern Interpretation of Buddhism” Rev. Bishop Noriaki Ito of the Los Angeles East Higashi Hongwanji Temple spoke to approximately 35 interested OBT members and friends on January 21. The following are some of the thoughts he shared with us.

Rev. Noriaki Ito

His father came to the US in 1953. Reverend was 6 years old. He said there are 4 Higashi temples in the US, 5 in Hawaii and 25 in South America. Higashi went more into Manchuria whereas more Nishi members came to the US. In Japan ministers are called Jushoku, but here we call them Sensei. That is probably because many of the ministers also taught Japanese school.

I was very impressed with Reverend because he seemed to know so many teachers and scholars. Here are some quotes that he shared with us.

- All the things we’ve taken for granted, are, upon reflection unbelievably wonderful. --Noriyuki Nambe
- To live is to understand that we are given the opportunity to live.
- A person of the Nembutsu is someone who regards all sentient beings as fellow friends on the path.- Fumihiro Sobue
- In the end, just three things matter: How well we have lived, how well we have loved and how well we have learned to let go. - Jack Kornfield
- Everything that has a beginning has an ending. Make your peace with that and all will be well.
- Shuichi Maeda, pupil of Akegarasu, said one needs to put oneself at the bottom.

Rev. Ito was the advisor to the Buddhist group at Occidental College. He went to Rome and met Pope Francis in June 2015, along with several other Buddhist ministers including Rev. Ron Kobata. The Pope said he realizes that

Catholics can’t do everything by themselves. All religions, all people need to work together for world peace.

Rev. Ito told a story about a truck driver who killed a little girl who ran into the street and the parents apologized to him. Rev. also related a story about a doctor who didn’t tell his patient that she was dying of cancer. However she knew and wrote poems of gratitude. To her children she wrote: "Don’t be successful, be good people."

Rev said, “Pure Land is a place where one listens to the Dharma now. The practice of Jodoshinshu is to live each day the best we can.”



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New in the library
Etsu Osaki

Joy, Remembrance, Death: Obon Music for North America, published by Southern District Dharma School Teachers League, 2016.

This kit includes articles by Rev Masao Kodani, Wynn Kiyama and Nobuko Miyamoto. It also includes a CD with 20 Bon Odori songs.

From the archives

Jean Matsumoto

Recently found on a single sheet torn out from a notebook:

“IT HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO...”

“NORTHWEST YOUNG BUDDHIST LEAGUE was adopted as the new name for the Northwest Young Peoples Buddhist Federation at its 6th annual convention, held in Portland on March 20, 21, 1937. The convention theme was “Live with Buddhist Faith” and included such discussion topics as “Fundamental Idea of Buddhism,” “Outline of Shinshu”, and “Religious Faith and Etiquette” and oratorical contests in English and Japanese. Masaru Harada of Seattle was elected as president, with Tak Yoshihara of Tacoma, Ted Tomita of Seattle, Roy Matsunaga of Portland, Jack Hori of White River, and Noriyuki Yonemura of Yakima as vice presidents.”

“A basketball tournament was held for the first time at the convention, with teams from Portland, White River, Yakima, Tacoma and the Seattle Trojans. The Portland Busseis beat White River for the title. Registration for the convention was \$1.10 for members and \$1.75 for non-members. Those attending the banquet or dance only were assessed \$1.00.”



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 Graduation Banquet luncheon is on Sunday, May 7, 2017. We would like to send invitations to all high school seniors of Japanese ancestry and all graduating children of OBT members 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.

Gambatte Be Strong

A story of perseverance and courage

Chisao Hata, Artist/Educator/Performer

Community Cultural Activist

Part of Vanport Mosaic Festival, May 26th - 29th

From Japantown to the Portland Livestock Exposition Center, from WW II concentration camps to the Vanport flood, the immigrant journey of the Japanese in Oregon is paved with stories of perseverance and courage. Gambatte Be Strong is the rallying cry for an original reading of the little known stories of the return of Japanese Americans to Oregon after their incarceration during WW II to life in and after Vanport.

Gambatte Be Strong performance times: Saturday May 27th @ 2pm and Sunday May 28th @ 7 pm

Venue: Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

We would love to hear from you.

If you were living in Vanport after Internment Camp, or had family there at the time of the Vanport Flood, please contact Chisao Hata at- Chatamoves@gmail.com or call 503-975-2748.



Obon dance exhibit

Wynn Kiyama

This summer, the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center will produce an exhibit dedicated to the history of obon dance in the United States. This exhibit, the first of its kind, will be curated by OBT member Wynn Kiyama and will include a special section on obon dance in Portland.

If you have memorabilia, photos, or videos of past obon festivals, please contact Wynn at wyn@pdx.edu or speak with him at temple. He is also interested in hearing your memories of Obon in Portland.

Advanced Care Planning Presentation for Japanese speakers.

Iko-no-kai is hosting a talk for Japanese speakers by Dr. Erika Onishi on March 10th at 10:00am. Dr. Onishi is a specialist in hospice, palliative and geriatric care. She will share information about understanding the medical system when it comes to advance care planning.

Get Well-wishes to Ray Fields

Ray is recovering from a series of chemotherapy sessions. Hope to see you back at the Temple soon.

Nichiren Bazaar order forms will be in the OBT basement



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