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Minister's Corner Phaedra Urban OBT Board



Introduction to Reverend Joshin Dennis Fujimoto:

Reverend Joshin Dennis Fujimoto was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1952. His family moved to the United States in 1953. He received his MA from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California in

1980. Reverend Fujimoto is currently the resident minister of the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple in Ontario where he is serving his 10th year. His initial ordination of Tokudo was received in 1981. His Kyoshi ordination as teacher was received in Kyoto, Japan in 2004.

At the beginning of January, board members had the opportunity to meet with Reverend Fujimoto who will be acting as supervising minister of the Oregon Buddhist Temple until a resident minister is installed. Reverend Fujimoto's home temple is in the Idaho-Oregon temple in Ontario where he has been serving for nearly a decade. The Sangha of the Idaho-Oregon temple extends far beyond the borders of the town however. In fact, it is so large, Reverend Fujimoto shared, that sometimes there are so many services that it takes three days to cover. Reverend Fujimoto is a sculptor and founded Sangha Taiko. Both his father and brother were ordained as Jodo Shinshu ministers. His wife Sharmon is a minister's assistant. His dharma talks are thoughtful, creative, and punctuated with a dry sense of humor. We are looking forward to his guidance and insights during the upcoming months.

During our meetings, Reverend Fujimoto identified a series of dates for monthly visits to the temple through June. During nearly all visits, Rev. Fujimoto will attend to ministerial duties over two days. Typically, he will arrive in the late morning on Saturdays and depart in the early evening on Sundays.

In addition to Sunday services, Dharma School, and Dharma Exchange, Reverend Fujimoto will be available to temple members who are homebound, as well as home visitations by members looking to connect or just for a casual meeting with temple members. Reverend Fujimoto will have access to the temple vehicle for transportation. In the case of unexpected needs, illness or death, Reverend Fujimoto has expressed that despite his busy schedule, he is committed to serving the OBT Sangha as his schedule allows during intermediate times. Temple members are encouraged to connect with Reverend Fujimoto when he is needed through board president Cathy Yarne by emailing president@oregonbuddhisttemple.com or leaving a message at (503) 234-9456. Advanced scheduling for home visits is available.

Reverend Fujimoto's schedule includes the following dates and special services:

- January 17th and 18th
(Sangha-minister meet and greet)
- February 8th (Nirvana Day - Pet Memorial)
- March 14th and 15th (Ohigan)
- April 18th and 19th (Hanamatsuri)
- May 23rd and 24th (Gotan-e)
- June 13th and 14th

The board extends its gratitude to Reverend Fujimoto and to the ID-OR and our Sanghas for their generous accommodations, flexibility, and understanding during this time of transition. Please do not hesitate to connect with a board member in person or by email, should you have any questions or concerns regarding the temple and its community. Board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

February Highlights

**Feb 1 Lady Kujo/ Lady Ohtani Memorial
OBT Annual Meeting 11 AM**
**Feb 8 Nirvana Day Pet Memorial
Rev. Fujimoto Vegetarian Potluck**
Feb 13-15 NW Dist Buddhist Convention
Feb 21 OBWA Meeting 9:30 AM
Feb 24 Toban Temple Clean up

"The purpose of the Oregon Buddhist Temple is to insure that the Jodo Shinshu Sangha have the facilities, resident minister and other resources they need to share the Buddha Dharma in their daily lives and during their major life events."

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President's message

Cathy Yarne, OBT President
 "Moving Right Along"



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While many of you may be surprised to see that I am the OBT President, others may be asking, "who is she?"

Actually, I really do have a long, long history at the Temple. However, to be honest, my involvement with the temple during the past 10 years has been limited to supporting fundraisers, Toban, a brief stint on the Board and an occasional service. So, why did I put my name on the ballot to be a Board member?

It comes down to this: Last year OBT probably had the most challenging and difficult year ever, leaving many of the Sangha in a state of awkward discomfort and exhaustion. I'm both saddened and troubled by this. I realized that if I want to be a part of a Sangha, further my understanding of Jodo Shinshu, and support the existence of the OBT, I have to be willing to "step up" and help move our temple forward. Although I certainly wasn't thinking of stepping up to be President, with the support of the entire Board and many, many others, WE will do our best to help move OBT forward.

We anticipate the hiring of a new minister might take 6 months to a year. The Board had an initial meeting with Rev. Fujimoto who will be our supervising minister until then. (Details of this meeting summarized on page 1) Our Ministerial Assistants: Etsu Osaki and Brenda Fugate have really stepped up to keep us moving forward, and are making sure our Sangha has services. They, along with other volunteers, and Rev. Fujimoto are committing themselves so we'll continue to have regular services, Dharma School and Dharma Exchange.

Even though it's been barely a month since I officially joined the Board, I've been so impressed with the services, Dharma talks, events and positive energy at the Temple. Life moves on and so will the Oregon Buddhist Temple. If you take the time to reflect on what the Temple means to you, I hope you'll be willing to step up to help build our Sangha and "move forward" with us.

Cathy

OBT BOARD

board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

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

Term Ending 2016: Susan Endecott, Al Ono, Amy Peterson, Charles Reneau (Vice President)

Term Ending 2015: Marilyn Achterman, Angie Hughes (Recording Secretary), Craig Yanase, Ray Fukunaga (Maintenance)

OBT Financial Officer: Elaine Yuzuriha

OBWA News by Etsuko Osaki

OBWA received a nice letter from Raphael House for the monetary donation we made. Raphael House provides resources to families escaping domestic violence. We have also provided toiletries and other essentials to them in past years.

OBWA gratefully acknowledges special Dec. donations from Judy Yamauchi and Chiz Chambers.

Many thanks to the hard-working members who prepared the toshi-koshi soba for the New Year Eve service and the Ozoni for the New Year service.

The 2015 cabinet was installed at the January 4th service. The officers are Co-presidents June Shiigi and Jayne Ichikawa, vice president Pat Hokama, English recording secretary Ann Shintani, Japanese recording secretary Kiyomi Dickinson, English co-corresponding secretaries Nancy Kajitsu and Katie Tamiyasu, Japanese corresponding secretary Yasuko Fields and treasurer, Marilyn Achterman.

Don't forget the OBWA New Year party on January 31 at 10 am at Holladay Park Plaza. Bring a canned food donation and a wrapped white elephant gift.

OBWA will be in charge of the Lady Kujo/ Lady Ohtani service on Feb 1st. Lady Takeko Kujo 1887-1928 was the founder of the Buddhist Women's Association and an activist for social welfare. She wrote the Japanese classic "Muyuge" (Flower without Sorrow) which is in our library.

Lady Yoshiko Ohtani 1918-2000 visited many temples in Japan and around the world and worked hard to revive the BWA after World War II.

See you at the NW Convention in Seattle, Feb 13-15.

Come visit our
 OBT booth at
 Mochitsuki Jan.
 25th at PSU
 Student Union
 and purchase our
 oishii (yummy)
 Dorayaki



Dharma School News

We are links in Amida's Golden Chain of love that stretches around the world. We will protect all that are weaker than ourselves. This is our emphasis in February.

As part of that and along with Nirvana Day /Pet Memorial the Dharma school is collecting items for the Oregon Humane Society. Old towels and blankets, new toys... More ideas can be found at <http://www.oregonhumane.org/donate/wish-list/#toys>

Girl Scout News

Cookies are coming! !!! The troop is currently taking pre-orders for delivery mid-February. We will have a limited number of NEW Gluten Free cookies for sale at the Temple Sunday February 22nd.

The girls are saving for another Family camp and have designated their GIFT OF CARING donations to Ikoi no Kai again this year.

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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



There's no greater Dana than selfless giving. You can use monthly Temple clean up as a meditation itself. You don't have to be on this month's Toban to help make the Temple an inviting place. If you'd like to be placed on a

Toban list, please contact us at board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

FEBRUARY TOBAN

Marilyn Achterman	Mark Achterman
Ryan Davis	Kiyomi Dickinson
Ken Garner	Maho Garner
Angie Hughes-Davis	Bettina Ishimaru
Robert Ishimaru	Nancy Kajitsu
Karol Kennedy	Chiki Kwong
Michelle Mundt	Rick Shiraishi
Katie Tamiyasu	

RELIGION – WHO NEEDS IT?



Special thanks to Rev. Jim Hozen Warrick of Seattle Betsuin who put on a wonderful Ho-onko Seminar January 10th.

Participants were divided into small discussion groups and came up with interesting answers to various thought-provoking questions. The Ho-onko service was also excellent.

(Watch for an article in next month's newsletter.)

2015 Northwest District Convention

Hosted by Seattle Buddhist Temple
Bellevue Westin Hotel, Washington
February 13-15, 2015

"Everyday Rhythm of the Nembutsu"



Keynote presenter Rev. Harry Bridge
Experience the Dharma through music

- *Programs and activities just for kids and Jr/Sr YBA
- *A chance to re-connect with old friends and make new ones
- *Interesting and original workshop choices from excellent guest presenters
- *An introduction to pieces from the new song book
- *An opportunity to jam with musicians from around the region (bring your instruments).

Oregon Buddhist Temple
Salmon Sushi Feast

Sunday, April 26th, 2015
11:00 am to 7:00 pm
\$15.00

OBT January Board Meeting Summary



Phaedra Urban

On January 9th 2015, eight board members and OBWA co-president June Shiigi met for the first general board meeting of the year.

Ray Fukunaga has been gathering maintenance information including repair and maintenance of the elevator and HVAC systems in the kitchen. Because of these commitments, it was decided to have new board member Phaedra Urban act as board secretary until the return of Angie Hughes this spring. She will provide board meeting summaries for each newsletter for the Sangha.

The meeting began with a financial report submitted by Elaine Yuzuriha.

Weekly coverage of the temple office was identified by president Cathy Yarne. (Please call before stopping by to ensure someone will be available to help you.)

There are no further updates in the search for a new minister. A committee lead by Yoshi Ono will represent the temple in the initial phase with later incorporation of a broader group. Rev. Dennis Fujimoto will coordinate with the bishop the agreement between the temples as he provides ministerial support and supervision to the minister's assistants.

Monthly reports were provided by the temple groups and committees. Dharma school is meeting as a whole in the Mabel Boggs room. OBWA is planning a New Year's party at the end of the month at the Holladay Park Plaza from 10am to 2pm.

OBT Mochitsuki and New Year's luncheon were both successful in meeting goals - both financial and in community spirit.

Amy Peterson reviewed security procedures and safeguards for the temple and annex. *Upcoming convention attendance reviewed. No need for transportation from the temple identified. *Current facilities rentals were reviewed. New guidelines and agreement are available and to be implemented across all renters in the New Year. *Committee chairs for upcoming events were reviewed with the exception of Sukiyaki and Toban Coordinator – (volunteers for these positions are welcome). *Obon promotion by Phaedra Urban is underway. It was determined that an Obon website in coordination with the temple website would assist traditional marketing efforts. Obon co-chairs are Craig Yanase, Judy Hittle and Charles Reneau. *Al Ono is leading the membership drive. Membership is \$250 for the year and may be broken into payments over the year.

(Ed. Note: More hands make for less work for all. Thanks to and for all our volunteers.)

Upcoming events

Upcoming board agenda items: guidelines for acknowledging large bequests and donations, technology updates, and bicycle racks

Topics for General Meeting 2/1 at 11am:

- Financial report
- Affiliate Organization reports: OBWA, Dharma School, Girl Scout Troop #43720
- Summary of hiring of minister
- Facilities rental agreements – an overview

It is the board's pleasure to serve the OBT membership. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to connect with a board member in person or by email board@oregonbuddhisttemple.com



Lotus Circle February 2015
Jean Matsumoto

It's cold out there, but thanks to our flower toban the flowers on our altar give off a warm glow. Thanks to members of the Lotus Circle who make sure that we have beautiful flowers

each month by donating the \$35 with which the flower toban ladies can purchase flowers to arrange. Donors this month are:

- February 1 – Judy Hittle in memory of (imo) her parents, Joriu and Fumiko Asato
- February 8 – Dan Miura imo parents, Tamuro and Rin
- February 15 – Janice Okamoto imo husband, George, and his parents Hisashi and Misuyo; Yasuko Fields imo father Ryoo Maekawa
- February 22 – Judy Yamauchi imo husband, Hiroshi, parents, Masaru and Chiyoko Sakurai, and sister, Betty Sakurai

We wish to express our appreciation for your generosity. Please check out our webpage set up by Ken Garner at webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com and share pictures and memories of your loved ones. For further information, please feel free to call me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail: jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

2015 Memorial Chart			
Year of Passing Memorial		Year of Passing Memorial	
2014	1 year	1999	17 year
2013	3 year	1991	25 year
2009	7 year	1983	33 year
2003	13 year	1966	50 year

If you would like to have a memorial service performed for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with OBT as early as possible. Please call 503- 234-9456 and leave a message for Rev. Fujimoto.

Oregon Buddhist Temple December Donations

Fumi Okubo 1st yr memorial

Ben & Sumie Ishida

In memory of George & Satoko Takeda

Ernest Takeda

In memory of Irene Junko Stumpf

Richard D. Stumpf

In memory of Kay N. Toyooka

Fumie Toyooka, Lulu C. Lee

Martin & Carol Lee

In memory of Phyllis Muramatsu

Matt Muramatsu

In memory of Mrs. Sakaye Nishikawa

Gerald & Joann Sumoge

Susan Endecott

In memory of Bob & Sakae Ando

Diane Ando Harder

Roberta Ando

In memory of Hiroshi Yamauchi

Diane Ando Harder

Sho & Loen Dozono

Lotus Circle

Angela & Glenn Nakashima

Ernest Takeda

Alfred Ono

Ben & Sumie Ishida

Endowment fund donation

Bequest of Fumiko Okubo

Bodhi Day

Takako Maeda

Jean Matsumoto

Special donations

Eiko Moss (*Hospice visitation*)

Ota Family Tofu (*Sukiyaki bazaar*)

Henry & Eulia Mishima

Robert & Susan (Ishida) Yoneda

Shigeo & Frieda Fujikawa

(*special services*)

Alfred Ono (*100 lbs mochi rice*)

Ben & Sumie Ishida

Herb & Etsu Osaki (*New Year party*)

James & Judith Nakashima

Susan M. Lilly

Jean Matsumoto (*Hishinuma fund*)

Jean Matsumoto (*Tamura-Terakawa scholarship*)

Alfred Ono (*bike rack*)

Kiyomi Dickinson

Special yearend donations

Amy Long

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Craig & Lisa Yanase

Jean Matsumoto

Herb & Etsu Osaki

Ben & Sumie Ishida

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Grace Aoki

Susan Endecott

Richard & Kumiko Mishima

Joseph & Lora Wahl

Dana Kakishita

Randy & Dana Kunisaki

Rose T. Ikata

Grace & Katsuya Amasuga

Jean Tateishi

Takako Maeda

2015 Membership donations

Setsy Larouche - SILVER level

Chip Larouche - SILVER level

Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa

Chiho Okita

Tadakazu Kumashiro

K. David Itamura

Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha (Family)

Michelle Fujii

Susan Endecott

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Carolyn J. Saiget

Ami Kinoshita

Shigeo & Frieda Fujikawa

Ben & Sumie Ishida

Steve & Clara Pawlowski

Jean Tateishi

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Cathlyn Yarne

Kiyomi Dickinson

Ray & Lori Fukunaga (Family)

Roberta Ando

Member pledge donations

Diane Ando Harder

Takako Maeda

Jean Matsumoto

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Envelope donations are greatly appreciated. PayPal donations can also be made by following a link to the OBT donate page at: <http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/donate/paypal.html>

There are several links on this page, which goes directly to OBT's PayPal account and can be used by anybody to make a donation to OBT – they do not need to have a PayPal account. Follow simple instructions for donation designations.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

As readers of this newsletter you have learned that our temple building will be 50 years old in November 2016. Besides the usual celebratory luncheon, what would you like to see happen in honor of this occasion? Any suggestions you may have will be considered by a committee.

Please submit your idea in writing or via e-mail by February 20th, one month from now. My addresses are: 1300 NE 16th Avenue - Apt 614, Portland, OR 97232, or email me at :

bldg50anniv@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

Thank you, in gassho, Jean Matsumoto

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OBT MEMBERSHIP by Alfred Ono, membership chairman



In order to ensure we continue the Dharma we need members to show support of the Temple. The most important role is the spiritual aspect of OBT. By membership we support the Temple itself, the ministers, leaders and teachers. We also show support of the place where we can worship, chant, hear the Dharma and have fellowship with Sangha members and friends.

By becoming a member of Oregon Buddhist Temple, you can show your support of the Temple and its mission. Moreover, for many of the new attendees and some of the older members, membership shows us and even the National Buddhist Churches of America that we are an active, thriving Temple.

The form for the membership is in the newsletter or at the entrance table. It needs to be filled out and dropped off, mailed or even E-mailed to Oregon Buddhist Temple. The \$250.00 dues can be submitted at the time of registration. You can also break the dues into divided payments. If this is still a burden, come talk to OBT President Cathy Yarne or me. Last year our membership was about 130 plus members. Let's see if we can increase this number.

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2015 Oregon Buddhist Temple Membership Dues
New or Renewal Registration

- Membership donation is \$250 per individual adult, \$500 per family
Silver level is \$500/member, Gold level is \$1000/member
- Optional pledge payments of \$25/mo or \$75/qtr for individual or
\$50/mo or \$150/qtr for families
- A limited number of subsidized memberships are available.
Please indicate here to be contacted by membership committee

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership allows voting privileges, a subscription to the Wheel of Dharma newsletter from the BCA, subscription to Pureland Path newsletter, and most importantly, demonstrates your support of the Temple.

Please mail this form with check to:

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

Enclosed membership fee: _____

Additional donation: _____

*Help subsidize other members: _____

Total enclosed: _____

**if you wish to encourage membership and participation by helping those unable to make dues payments.*

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