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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

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Responsibilities that come in June

Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs

I hope you are all doing well as you read this. I also hope that the weather is good. I usually write these messages ten days to two weeks before you read them. As a result, I never know what weather you may be facing as you read this.

With June many of our younger members are experiencing a decrease in their day to day responsibilities. No school to go to. No homework to do. Some of the parents, especially mothers, of our temple's children are facing increased responsibilities, - "How do I entertain my daughter for the next three months and keep her on her learning curve as well?"

All of us will be facing one responsibility that increases this summer. That is the responsibility to truly appreciate and enjoy our lives. We can't put off tasting the flavor of our lives forever. We can't wait indefinitely to be able to say, "This was a nice day. I enjoyed my time with my friends and family and I would love to have many more days like today."

Even as we enter summer, famous for being the season of relaxing and vacationing, the Oregon Buddhist Temple will have some activities for our members and friends. On June 9th, at 7 pm Sahomi Tachibana's dance troupe will hold their yearly recital. Please come out for this wonderful artistic and cultural event. It is not at all clear how many more years we will be graced by this performance of Japanese classical and folk dances.

On June 16th the Dharma school will host Spaghetti/Bingo. See the Dharma school article for details.

On June 17th the Minister's Assistants and I will begin a six class run of "Introduction to General Buddhism" and "Introduction to Jodo Shinshu" classes. Please see Etsu Osaki's article for details. Even if you often attend our weekly Buddhist Study Classes on Mondays and Fridays, I believe you will enjoy this more focused approach to the

foundations of Buddhist thought and practice.

If you don't want to attend any of these events, I guess you can sit around and complain about the weather. I have come to believe that you know you are a Portlander when you complain about the weather no matter what it is. In May we had a couple of very cold and rainy weeks, followed by a brief warm spell. On the second warm day I heard lots of people complaining about how hot it was. I guess I'm not a full-fledged Portlander yet because I was still grateful it wasn't cold and rainy anymore. While members of other schools of Buddhism suppress complaining, in Jodo Shinshu we do not avoid monku, monku, monku. Instead of suppressing our urge to complain, I think the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist way is to go ahead and complain while realizing how silly you are to do so. Be who you are, but notice that that is a rather silly person much of the time. Why do I get so frustrated by congested traffic? The road is full of other people trying to get where they are going. Had I stayed home they would have a better time of it. But I only have such thoughts after the fact. At the time, I'm a typical Jodo Shinshu Buddhist: "Why is everyone driving so slow? Why isn't the weather better? And, Boy! Am I silly to be thinking this way?" Have a nice June! Welcome to summer time.

Gassho, Reverend Gibbs

June Highlights

Jun 2	Buddhist Day in the Park Colonel Sommers Park	11 - 4 pm
Jun 8	OBT Board Meeting	7 pm
Jun 9	Tachibana Dancers Recital	7 pm
Jun 16	OBWA Meeting at temple OBWA Birthday lunch at Thien Hong restaurant	9:30 am 11:30 am
Jun 16	Dharma school spaghetti/bingo night	6 pm

"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 BuddhaDharma in their daily lives and during their major life events."

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President's message

Yoshi Ono, OBT president

As we head into summer, it occurs to me that Obonfest is approaching quickly. This year Elaine Yuzuriha and I are co-chairing the event and preparations are underway. Each year we try something new and some work out better than others. The commemorative lanterns were initiated a few years ago and have continued to add a nice touch to our environment. This year we plan to introduce a program booklet with sponsors, ads, and commemorative messages. This is an idea brought to us by Wynn Kiyama from the New York temple and seems to be an additional source of revenue which allows us to reach out to the community. We are seeking businesses we can contact so please email Elaine or myself if you know of anyone we should approach.

Another opportunity that's new this year is a connection with Sake One, the Momokawa sake brewery in Forest Grove. We may be getting samples of sake for our Obonfest beer garden which will become a beer/sake garden. In return, we can participate in their festival at the end of August at their site.

As arrangements get confirmed, we hope to keep everyone updated. As always, we count on your assistance and donations so please feel free to get in touch and keep August 4 marked on your calendar.

In gassho,
Yoshi



OBWA news

Etsu Osaki

OBWA had a booth in the Richmond School Spring Festival in May. Kyoko Gibbs reported that 120 manju were sold out, and scrubbies made by Alice Ando were very popular. Also, Japanese candies in origami boxes attracted a lot of children. Thanks to Kyoko, Alice Ando and Kay Inoue who manned the booth.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

- April: anonymous; Sahomi Tachibana
- May: Es shin-Kakushin service-anonymous, Atsuko Richards

OBWA is planning a sale of yukatas, obis, and happis. If you have such items that you no longer need please bring them to the temple and leave them on a table downstairs. Sales will be conducted during obon dance practices in July and August. Proceeds will be donated to the temple. June Shiigi and Yasuko Fields are in charge of this project.

The monthly meeting will be Saturday, June 16 at 9:30am at the temple, followed by the yearly birthday luncheon at the Thien Hong Restaurant at 11:30 am.. The restaurant is located at 6749 NE Sandy Bv. More information

will be given by the OBWA phone tree. If transportation is needed, please contact Alice Ando, June Shiigi, or Jayne Ichikawa.

We thank all the toban members and others who helped prepare Gotan-e refreshments on May 19 and 20.

Dear Dharma Friends, OBT and OBWA:

Thank you all for your get well wishes and I appreciate your thinking of me during my bout with the flu/dehydration. I am on the mend and taking it easy. I missed all the wonderful activities during the month of April and thank those who worked so hard beginning with Hanamatsuri and on to the Eshinni/Kakushini Memorial. *Doomo arigato!* See you at the Temple.

Gassho,
Alice Ando



Dharma school news

Amy Peterson, DS superintendent

Dharma School General Information:

Classes for children grades pre-school through high school are held most Sundays in the Annex following the regular 10:00 am OBT service. Check OBT website for schedule. Classes are taught by Dharma School volunteers. For more information and/or to register your child, please contact Amy Peterson at dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

We are seeking volunteers! Would you like to make a difference at OBT? We have many volunteer opportunities available in the Dharma School. All OBT parents and friends are welcome, but being a parent is not required, nor is being a Dharma expert. We are specifically looking for volunteers to co-chair with our teachers on some upcoming activities. Please contact us at the above Dharma school e-mail to volunteer.

Upcoming Dharma School Programs:

May-July: We are accepting donations of gently used items for the Dharma School Rummage Sale to be held July 6 and 7. Please bring your donations to the Temple Annex or coordinate pick-up of items by leaving a message at the Temple office: (503) 234-9456.

June 10: Last Day of Dharma School 2011-2012: No class today. Save this date for a pool party at Holladay Park Plaza at 11:30 am (park in Sears lot across the street).

June 16: Spaghetti Bingo Night: 6:00-9:00 pm. Save the date! Annual fundraiser for Dharma School activities. There will be an option of vegetarian or meat sauce, and the spaghetti comes with salad and a beverage. \$8 for adults, but a discount price of \$5 for those over 65 or twelve and under. Also a family price of \$20 is an option. We ask that you bring

a wrapped “White Elephant” gift as part of your admission. The gifts will serve as prizes for the bingo games. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help set up, cook, and serve spaghetti to OBT members and friends. To volunteer please contact Ann Shintani at the above Dharma school e-mail.

July 6 and 7: Rummage Sale: Fundraiser to support Dharma School. Open to the OBT community and the public. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help set up, sell items, and clean up. To volunteer or for questions, please contact Kyoko Gibbs at the above Dharma school e-mail.

August 5: Obonfest: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to chair and/or help at the children’s activity booth. To volunteer, please contact Elaine Yuzuriha at the above Dharma school e-mail.

August 21-24: Day Camp. Watch for upcoming registration information for a four day Dharma School Day Camp 9 AM to 2 PM.

Buddhism classes

Etsu Osaki

Oregon Buddhist Temple will be offering classes in Buddhism every Sunday from 2 to 3:30 starting June 17. There will be a series of six classes. The first three will be on “Introduction to Buddhism” and the last three on “Introduction to Jodoshinshu.” Suggested donation is \$5 per class or \$25 for the entire series. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the registration fee at this time. The classes will be taught by Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs and minister assistants. For further information check the website oregonbuddhisttemple.com

Topics for the first three classes are:

June 17 – Introduction; 3 marks, learnings; 4 Truths; 8-fold Path; 6 Paramitas; Interdependence; Impermanence

June 24 – Interdependence (reprise); Emptiness/formlessness; Karma; Types of practice; 3 Bodies of Buddha

July 1 Buddhist ethics; 4 Immeasurables; Friendliness/Compassion; Sympathetic Joy/Impartiality; Bodhisattva Ideal; 4 Great Vows; World-transcending Buddhas & Bodhisattva

Many thanks...

- To Kats Amasuga for building the door in the back hallway behind the altar to prevent public access to that area during events such as bazaars and Obonfest.
- To Kats Amasuga and Ryan Davis for recently mowing the temple’s overgrown grass.

Gotan-e/Hatsumairi service

The service was held on May 20th. Rev. LaVerne Sasaki, guest minister, spoke on “Mottainai” and all its meanings.

The following participated in the Hatsumairi/new member ceremony: Lucas Gormley (baby), Danielle Yoshinaga (student) and new OBT members Randy Cantonwine and David Hollander.



Rev. Gibbs, Randy Cantonwine, David Hollander, Kristina and Lucas Gormley, Danielle Yoshinaga, MA Brenda Fugate



Preparing for Obonfest

Ray Fields

It may seem like it is a long way off, but in reality it is much closer than we realize. Of course I am referring to this year’s Obon Festival being held on the first Saturday in August. What will really be helpful for me as the purchasing agent for the temple, is specific information about your needs for this event. What I mean by this is information that tells me exactly what you want. I need the item description, brand, and quantity. If it is something you have purchased in the past – where you purchased it and what you paid for it. What will also be helpful is for us to know if what you want is already in stock at the Temple. You can communicate with me via e-mail at fields@raf.us. So let’s not wait until the last minute and let’s plan ahead now.

Gassho – Ray Fields, OBT Purchasing Agent.

Obon commemorative lanterns

Obonfest will again feature Commemorative Lanterns to celebrate our Kangi-e or “Gathering of Joy”. The lanterns will be hung from lines radiating from the center of the dance area. The lanterns commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends, or even pets regardless of when they passed away. The names of the honored ones are

beautifully written in kanji, katakana and/or English with the date of passing.

If you have lanterns from last year, you can also have them hung to continue this joyful remembrance. **Order form is in this newsletter and at the temple.**

Also donations are appreciated to offset the cost. Send donations to the Oregon Buddhist Temple Commemorative Lanterns: Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 S.E. 34th Ave, Portland, OR 97202



Lotus circle – May **Jean Matsumoto**

Altar flowers for the month of June are being provided by monetary contributions made by the following:

- June 3 – Amy Peterson in memory of mother, Aster Mishima, sister Charlotte, brother John, and grandparents Hachiro and Yoshi Takeo.
- June 10 – Alan Kasubuchi imo brother Denny and aunt and uncle, Chie and Chuck Itami
- June 17 – Ruth Watanabe imo father Bunta Sono, mother Yone Sono Murazen and step-father Frank Murazen
- June 24 – Jerry Koike imo grandparents Yosaku and Sueko Aono

OBT is grateful for the generous donations of \$35 that allow our Flower Toban to arrange the beautiful flowers on our onaijin (altar) and around our temple every Sunday. Checks can be made out to Oregon Buddhist Temple with the notation "Lotus Circle" and claimed as tax deductions. Appreciation is extended to board member, Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) who has set up the Lotus Circle webpage on our website so memories of loved ones can be shared. For information regarding the Lotus Circle, please feel free to contact me at 503-280-2463 or jamatsumoto@gmail.com..

Condolences...

... to Lee and Melissa Greenwood who lost their mother, Merrie Greenwood, on April 25th. Both Merrie and her late husband, Don, had been members of OBT. Lee went through Dharma School. Merrie was born in Lihue, Hawaii and worked as a juvenile probation officer in Salem for many years. A service was held at the temple on May 5th. She will be missed by all her friends at OBT.

2012 Memorial Chart

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2011	1 year	1996	17 year
2010	3 year	1988	25 year
2006	7 year	1980	33 year
2000	13 year	1963	50 year

If you would like to have a memorial service performed for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Gibbs as early as possible.

June Toban

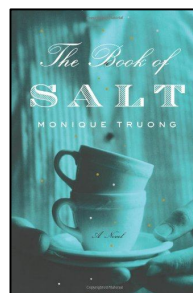
Ando, Alice	Babione, Tracy
Dawson, Beebee	Dawson, Charles
Demise, Darlene	Hardman, Jacob
Long, Amy	Mason, Nate
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Shiigi, June	Shiigi, Stan
Sumoge, Jerry	Sumoge, JoAnn
Takashima, Jean	Takeuchi, Tom
Takeuchi, Tomiko	Tano, Alice
Urban, Phaedra	



OBT readers' club

Ken Garner

Wednesday June 20, 2012 7 - 8:30 pm
The Book of Salt by Monique Truong



In Paris, in 1934, Bính has accompanied his employers, Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas, to the train station for their departure to America. His own destination is unclear: will he go with "the Steins," stay in France, or return to his native Vietnam? Bính has fled his homeland in disgrace, leaving behind his malevolent charlatan of a father and his self-sacrificing mother. For five years, he has been the live-in cook at the famous apartment at 27 rue de Fleurus. Before Bính's decision is revealed, his mesmerizing narrative catapults us back to his youth in French-colonized Vietnam, his years as a galley hand at sea, and his days turning out fragrant repasts for the doyennes of the Lost Generation.

Intricate, compelling, and witty, the novel weaves in historical characters, from Stein and Toklas to Paul

Robeson and Ho Chi Minh, with remarkable originality. Flavors, seas, sweat, tears — *The Book of Salt* is an inspired feast of storytelling riches.

Join our discussion of this book (and other topics) at the next meeting of the OBT Readers' Club Wednesday June 20, 2012 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. We meet at the Lucky Lab Brew Pub, located at 915 SE Hawthorne, Portland, OR.

The OBT Readers' Club meets monthly on the 3rd

Wednesday. All are welcome.

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Dart, Chris	Endecott, Kiyo	Hittle, Paul	Achterman, Marilyn	Choi, Randy
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White Commemorative Lantern (\$25)

Deceased's Name (English): _____

Japanese Version: _____

Date of Passing: _____

Purchaser's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Hanging Last Year's Lantern (\$15)

Name (English): _____

Purchaser's Name: _____

Date of Passing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Orders must be received by July 21, 2012

Make checks payable to: Oregon Buddhist Temple (Lanterns), 3720 S.E. 34th Ave, Portland, OR 97202

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