



OBT established 1903



Every Wish Fulfilled Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy April everyone! As I write this article, I am noticing that all of the blossoms on the temple trees are in full bloom now and they are just beautiful to look at. It really does seem like the season of Hanamatsuri. In our tradition, Shakyamuni Buddha was born as Prince Siddhartha. Interestingly, one of the translations of Siddhartha is “every wish fulfilled”.

This might seem very attractive at first to our bonbu minds when it comes to wishes. We wish we could have more money, we wish we had the higher management position at a job, we wish that we didn’t have to deal with coworkers or family members we don’t like. The list goes on. For students, we wish it could always be summer vacation, we wish we could have more money to go on fun trips and get nicer toys! Most of the time, our wishes revolve around our gain and our accumulation of things.

This was certainly true for prince Siddhartha at the very beginning. His father, a king, wanted his son to have the finest things and finest pleasures in life. Nothing was denied him. When often describing Prince Siddhartha’s upbringing, I ask the Dharma School students to envision a childhood where if they asked for anything, their parents couldn’t say “no”. This might seem desirable!

Yet, if we also continue the story of Prince Siddhartha, we see that he eventually becomes tired and weary of palace life. That having everything handed to you, is actually not that satisfying and does not lead to the happy life we think it will. In fact, having everything handed to us and having our “every wish fulfilled”, could lead us to be even unhappier!

All of that being said, there are good wishes out there too. After Prince Siddhartha realized that the life he was currently living was not leading him anywhere, he came to discover a spiritual path that would eventually lead him to liberation of our suffering. This was not just for his own sake, but for all sentient beings of this world. Ultimately it was the Buddha’s wish to share his teachings with everyone and anyone so that they may be freed from the cycle of birth and death that tethers us to this existence! This is not a bad or selfish wish by any means.

In the story of Bodhisattva Dharmakara, a wish to save all sentient beings was also the launching point for the creation of the Pure Land that leads all of us to liberation. While I do believe that to live in a harmonious society takes lots of work

and sacrifice, it can begin with a genuine wish that all beings live peacefully and happy. The less self-centered our wishes are, the more influential our actions become in creating a society we can be happy to live in.



OBT President’s Message Cathy Yarne

Springtime!

Spring is probably my favorite season. Besides being inspired enough to start sprucing up the yard (endless task), I naturally think about being more active in general. I envision myself doing things like wandering around the Beaverton Farmers Market on Saturday mornings, taking advantage of a good clam tide at the beach, cycling the Trolley Trail and getting together with my golfing foursome. You could say my new level of energy is seasonal but it’s not the case at OBT.

Last Sunday I was very impressed with all the activities going on before and after service. There were several people hustling about getting all the necessary tasks for the service, a few of us were taking care of “office business” in the annex, and the toban group was busy preparing light refreshments in the basement. After service there was dharma exchange, choir practice, a group meeting discussing Obon, a couple of people working in the garden, and of course there were several individuals engaged in 1-on-1 conversations. The following day Jayne Ichikawa, Diane Harder, Robbie Ando, Terri Carrollo and I met to work on one of the food items for the Spring Bazaar. Then Ray Fukunaga came to replace light fixtures and meet with a technician. Before noon, Ken and Maho Garner came to work on a video project.

So as you can see, OBT is a very busy place! The impact of losing our full-time resident sensei has presented its challenges and increased the workload on our volunteers. However, seeing all this positive energy and activities last week left me with a smile on my face.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers at OBT and for making our temple a lively and special place!

In Gassho,
Cathy Yarne

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Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.

April Shutsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of April. The Shutsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the April 21 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 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Setsuko Aono, 4/06/1977	John H Katada, 4/12/1995	Tamenaka Ozaki, 4/10/1951
Carol Asakawa, 4/10/2020*	Miyaki Kayama, 4/30/1988*	Sisaveny Phaophongsavaf, 4/06/1980
Alice Dabelstein, 4/01/1997	Masaki Kinoshita, 4/01/1996	Boun Panh Phommavanb, 4/06/1980
May Michiko Fujii, 4/15/2001	Sauda Kinoshita, 4/24/2008	Emil Saito, 4/16/2000
Tatsuo G Fujinaka, 4/15/2007	Tunesuke Konishi, 4/05/1963	Kathie Sato, 4/28/2020*
Michiko Fukushima, 4/21/1994	Matsuyo Masuoka, 4/26/1960*	Mitsu Shimoishimaru, 4/25/1978*
Richard Furukawa, 4/22/2012	Dale Meiners, 4/17/2020	Matsuko Shimomaeda, 4/22/1999*
Merrie Greenwood, 4/25/2012*	Makie Muraki, 4/15/2017	Katsumi Sunamoto, 4/18/2002
Noye Hirofujii, 4/4/1976*	Mitsunosuke Nagae, 4/28/1966	Noboru Newton Takashima, 4/12/1978
Sadakichi Ideguchi, 4/13/1950	Misuyo Nakamura, 4/29/1993*	Haruyo Tomohiro, 4/18/1983*
Ryokichi Imai, 4/08/1955	Shoemon Nakamura, 4/27/1973	Yoshio Urushitani, 4/04/1975
Ben Tsutomu Ishida, 4/02/2015	Tami Niemi, 4/02/1950	Hatsue Saikawa Waskevitch, 4/17/2002
Suetaro Ishida, 4/12/1961	George Nishimura, 4/09/1999	Haruka Juliana Weiser, 4/05/2016
Miyoshi Iwamoto, 4/14/1956	Hiroshi Ogawa, 4/9/2021	Takeo Yamanaka, 4/01/1985
Tsuneki Kagawa, 4/18/1997	Tsutsuji Okawa, 4/06/1957	Calvin K Yasumichi, 4/24/2001
Carol Fumie Kamaya, 4/28/1976	Frances Ota, 4/3/2009*	Hon Terukichi Yoneyama, 4/09/1993
Alan Kasubuchi, 4/26/2014	Kyuta Ouchida, 4/30/1980	Isako Yumibe, 4/20/1989*
	Shizue Ozaki, 4/3/1963*	

* OBWA member



A reminder to encourage readers to continue donations for these events and at any other time.

January	Hoonko
February	Nirvana Day
March	Spring Ohigan
April	Hanamatsuri
May	Gotan-E - Shinran Shonin Birthday Celebration
July	Kangi-E - "A Celebration of Joy" Obon Service
August	Obonfest
September	Fall Ohigan
November	Eitaikyo - Perpetual Memorial Service
December	Bodhi Day Year End Gift for the Temple

Here's some ways you can stay connected to the dharma and to your community:

- Visit the [BCA Connect blog](#) to read and share BCA news, announcements, and articles from *Wheel of Dharma*.
- [Watch videos and live-streams of dharma talks and services throughout the United States.](#)
- Go to the [BCA YouTube](#) channel to view dharma content from throughout BCA.

To join the BCA mailing list:

buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect.

Oregon Buddhist Temple February 2024 Donations

In memory of Herb Osaki

Etsuko Osaki
Joseph & Lora Wahl

In memory of Nobuko Yoshida

Cheri, Mary Ann & Jimmy Yoshida

In memory of Seigo & Shizue Sugihara

Dennis & Virginia Sugihara

In memory of Nami Sasaki & Tsunetaro Sasaki

Joyce F. Olsen

In memory of Harry & Elaine Gekko

Joann H. Ng (*Nokotsudo*)

SHOTSUKI HOYO

In memory of Hisashi Okamoto

Janice Okamoto

In memory of Denny Ando & Hiroshi Fujii

Diane Ando Harder
Roberta Ando

In memory of Kichitaro Fujii

Roberta Ando

SHOTSUKI HOYO (*continued*)

In memory of May Watari

Duane Watari

In memory of George Okamoto

Janice Okamoto

In memory of Shigeichi Kakishita

Chieko Kakishita, Dana Kakishita
& Minnie Young

In memory of Masako Blackmun

Anonymous

Special donations

Shoun & Grace Ishikawa (*year end*)

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(*Lady Kujo/Lady Ohtani memorial*)

Roberta Ando (*Nirvana Day*)

Diane Ando Harder (*Nirvana Day*)

Robert T. Blake

Anonymous

2024 Annual Pledge

Charles Reneau
Mark & Marilyn Achterman
June & Stan Shiigi
Etsuko Osaki
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa
Joseph & Lora Wahl
Janice Okamoto
Cathlyn Yarne

Monthly/quarterly/semi-annual Pledge donations

Diane Ando Harder
Susan Lilly & Erik Ackerson
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Thank you for your continued support!



Obonfest Wish List for Summer 2024

By Marilyn Achterman

Let's continue with a vibrant Obonfest on August 3rd, 2024. Learning from last year's festival, it would be helpful, if we add the following items to add comfort and efficiency to the day. If you are able to donate any of the below, this would be fantastic:

- (25) Lifetime Benches; sold in five packs, Costco or Amazon
- (3) propane grills; Home Depot or Amazon or used in safe condition
- (1) Stanchion and Chain for Food Line, Montour Yelo; Amazon
- (3) Ipad's you no longer use, (3) already generously donated

Thank you very much for your continued support.



Fundraising for OBT

By Mike Ishii

How would you like to contribute money to the temple and receive a tax deduction. This is achievable through the temple RaiseRight program. Contact writer at 360-574-6160 or look up [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.com) for details.

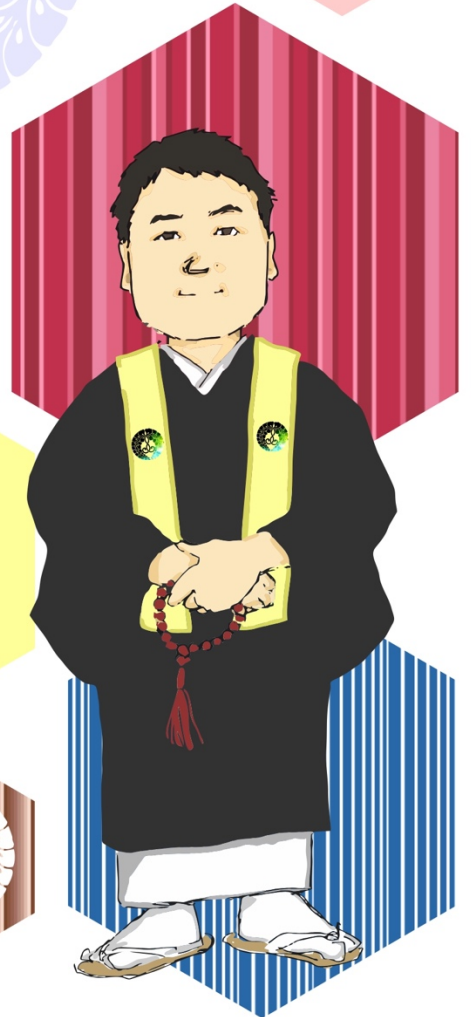
Upcoming Events with Rev. Koyama at OBT

Save the Dates!

Saturday, March 30th
Hanjusan Chanting Seminar
11am-12:30pm

Sunday, March 31st
Ohigan Special Service
10am
Ohagi will be served

Sunday, April 7th
**Hanamatsuri Service
and Potluck**
10am





**Dharma School
Ann Shintani**

On Saturday, April 6th, we will be preparing the flower altar, *hanamido*, for our *Hanamatsuri* (Flower Festival) Service on Sunday, April 7th.

To do so, we request donations of fresh plant material, preferably what is available from our gardens to be delivered by 10am on that Saturday. In previous years, camelia flowers, from the temple garden, seemed to keep well. We will move the altar to the Hondo area, arrange damp paper towels and plant material on top and around the altar, and (hopefully) re-install a tiny light. Please let me know if you can help, as available volunteers for this task has been sparse.



On Sunday morning, sweet tea will be prepared to fill in the reservoir so we may pour it on the baby Buddha statue. We will ask two younger students to fresh flower offerings during

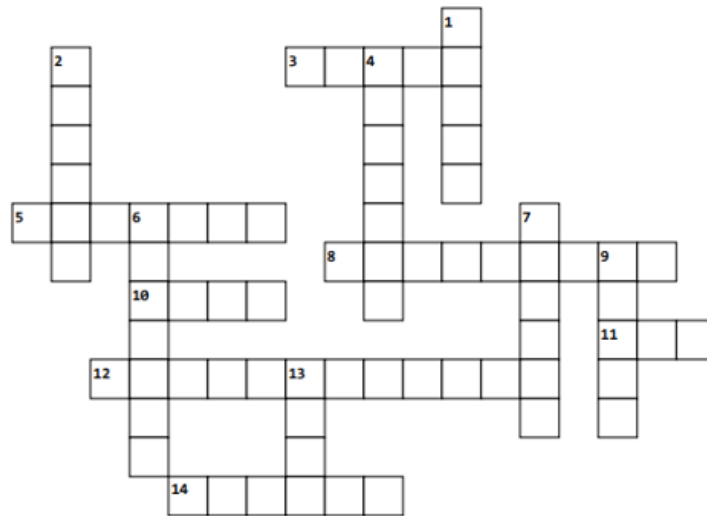
Hanamatsuri Service. I hope you can join us and enjoy celebrating the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, the potluck afterwards.

On a beautiful Saturday in March, I went with a few of my family members to **Books with Pictures**, a bookstore specializing in comic books and illustrated novels in SE Division. They hosted an event for Agnes Lee’s first graphic novel, *49 Days*, which shares a (young adult) story is about a “bardo”, a place between when the physical body dies and to whatever is next, which is linked to our Japanese tradition of

49 days as the transition from initial stage(s) of grief. This hopeful and quiet book shares the experiences of a Korean-American family with loss, kind of from day-to-day. Bookstore owner, Katie, created a space for us to share personal experiences of grief. How wonderful to have this graphic novel with Buddhist concepts, and by a Portland author/illustrator. Please check out our signed book in OBT’s Osaki Library.



Hanamatsuri



Across

- 3. Country of Buddha’s birth
- 5. Shared lunch
- 8. Hanamatsuri is also called this
- 10. Queen ____
- 11. Matcha is one
- 12. Red velvet is a type of this
- 14. These colorful items flutter down in Spring

Down

- 1. Dreams may appear in this state
- 2. ____ and Compassion
- 4. Baby Buddha statue does this with a hand
- 6. Garden of Buddha’s birth
- 7. Baby Siddhartha did this after birth, incredibly
- 9. Hanamido is a flower _____
- 13. The virtue of generosity or giving

Answer key to the March “Happy Birthday Siddhartha” crossword puzzle (the answer to “1 down”, Gautama does not fit the crossword. I apologize for that error).

Down:	Across:
1. Family name Gautama	2. Garden where the Buddha was born Lumbini
3. Country India	5. The Awakened One Buddha
4. Clan name Shakya	6. Name given at birth Siddhartha
	7. Mother’s name Maya
	8. Animal of dreams Elephant

Answer key to this month’s “Hanamatsuri” crossword puzzle.



Girl Scouts Update
By Amy Peterson

The girls have been busy with multiple GS Cookie Booth sales in late Feb and early March as well as selling cookies each Sunday. They are so appreciative of the temple support and have far exceeded their cookie goals. We have been extended to make sure we sell all of our cookies so it's not too late. If you can't make it to the temple, you can email the troop: gstroop43720obt@gmail.com and we'll make sure you get cookies to give or to put in your freezer.

At one of our booth sales at Movie Madness, we picked up the movie Troop Beverly Hills and after we were done with our sale, we went to the temple to watch the movie! Along with popcorn and mochi which was in their plan.

Girl Scout Sunday was March 10th and they planned their portion of the service, starting with a little history of Girl Scouts and the GS Promise which was changed in 1993 with the support of the BCA Scouting committee chair Jean Wilson from San Jose. Rev. Ron Kobata gave the Dharma talk that day and he was going to talk about Pi day March 14 so instead of a cake for GS Birthday the troop decided to get pies to share with the Sangha. Then they closed their part of the service with singing Make New Friends with the Sangha and making a donation to the temple in gratitude of the temple support, buildings and utilities.

Their plans to go to John Day to visit the fossil beds and trip to Pendleton underground apothecary are in the mid stages.

They will deliver their Troop Gift of Caring during Spring Break to three different charities including their favorite, Ikoï no Kai.



2024 Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet
Elaine Yuzuriha

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet will be Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 1 pm, located at the Monarch Hotel and Convention Center. This annual event will honor the Class of 2024 high school graduates from the Portland Metro area and award the community scholarships. The keynote speaker will be Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Artistic Director of Portland Taiko.

Please send the names of any Japanese American High School Graduate from the Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas counties in Oregon, and Clark County, WA to the graduation committee so they can invite the graduate to the banquet to honor them. Contact Elaine Yuzuriha at e.yuzuriha@gmail.com for information. See our Facebook page: Portland Japanese American Community Graduation.

Tickets to the luncheon are currently available, please come and support this community event so we can continue this annual tradition. See Elaine for tickets.



Karate Class is Looking Forward to Spring

By Avery Hughes-Davis

The Healthy Body + Karate class will continue this coming month with one lesson offered in April to our interested Dharma School students. We have completed four lessons so far and have focused on many aspects of beginning karate moves and wellness practices. In February, we learned several stances and then moved on to blocks and kicks in March. We will begin to bring these basic skills together in April and students will have the opportunity to work in pairs and see how these moves function in relation to each other. In addition to learning karate, students have also worked on mindfulness, breathing techniques, and stretching.

Each lesson begins with light exercises, followed by stretching and deep breathing. After that, we move onto review of the previous lesson's karate moves learned, and then

add one new activity to our repertoire. We wind down each class with a review, more light exercise, and one tip for healthy living. Each session is closed with a bow in gassho and shared reflection time.

All Dharma School students interested in attending our class are welcome. If you are considering it but aren't sure about joining, there is enough review each class that you can easily catch up. We will also be demonstrating what we have learned during our last class of the school year, sometime in June, time to be determined so please stay tuned. The Healthy Body + Karate class would like to thank OBT, the Board, BEC, and Dharma School for supporting this class and making time for it in the temple's busy schedule.

Our next two classes will be held on **April 21st** and **May 19th**. We look forward to seeing you then!





Oregon Buddhist Women's Association By Amy Peterson

The OBWA has been busy, helping with culinary duties for Ohigan, and planning and testing items for Spring Bazaar on April 28th. We plan on having extra botamochi (spring ohagi) for home based members. Contact Jayne Ichikawa for home based pick up.

This month we are recognizing the 100th birthday for Sahomi Tachibana on April 6th at her daughter Elaine's house. HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAHOMI!!

Also HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Misa Kodama who will be 97 this year!

Thank you for all you've done over the years.

Welcome to new member Mai Thi La who is also one of the chairs for the Spring Bazaar and is getting a crash course with our culinary crew. If you'd like to join, please contact Diane Harder. Membership for women and associates is \$20 per year. A great deal, especially if you go to any conferences as we typically rebate for a portion of registration.

Jayne Ichikawa is heading up the temple outreach with the IRCO Clothing drive and OBWA wants to add to that, our collection of personal care items we have been collecting. Six shopping bags weighing nearly 25 pounds will be delivered to IRCO.



OBWA will continue to collect your travel size care items for future donation to service organizations. Thanks to you we've given more than 125 pounds of items to homeless, domestic violence and refugee service organizations.

Robbi Ando has already registered OBWA (and friends) for a stint at the Oregon Food Bank! Scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd at 9am! <https://mobilize.us/s/zQUDlw/d>

Look for Robbi's group.

We want to remind people of our Mottainai Craft group that meets monthly on alternating Wednesday and Saturdays. Please look for their contact and meeting information in the next article to the right.

April OBWA reporter is Etsuko Osaki.



Mottainai Craft Group By Debi Shimamoto

Mottainai Craft Group, formerly called Kimono Group, will begin accepting donations of Japanese kimono, yukata, obi, kimono accessories, and Japanese-themed fabric.

Each year we sell the donated items at the OBT Obon event. In some cases the kimono and yukata are in need of cleaning or repair from years left in storage and cannot be worn as is. We come up with ideas to creatively repurpose the fabric in order to extend its life. Cotton yukatas can be made into happi coats, kimonos can be made into short style jackets. Any extra fabric can be made into an assortment of items such as kimono accessories, scarves, hats, and bags. If you have items to donate please do so early to give us time to sew or repair.

All proceeds from the sales benefit the OBT and OBWA.

Members of Mottainai Craft Group meet once a month at the temple to work on projects for the Obon. Our next meeting dates for April and May:

April 17 (W) 10:30 to 3pm

May 25 (Sat) 10:30 to 3pm

Contact us if you have donations or if you have any questions please contact the group at: mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.



Remembering Rev. Ryo Imamura By Shinya Ichikawa

In the [February 2024 WHEEL OF DHARMA](#) there was an article written by Rev. Kenneth K. Tanaka entitled "In Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Ryo 'Mike' Imamura", who passed away on Dec. 14, 2022. Ryo Imamura spoke to the Oregon Buddhist Sangha many years ago while he was on the faculty of Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington.

As I looked up his name on the internet, I came across the Densho Digital Repository, in which there are 35 segments of interviews with Ryo Imamura. Each segment is about 5 to 10 minutes long. I highly recommend viewing the interviews.

<https://ddr.densho.org/narrators/31>

On a personal note I first met Ryo Imamura, his mother and two sisters in 1955 when the Seattle Lotus Skyliners Band that I was in toured California. We made a stop at the Berkeley temple where Ryo's father was minister. Ryo must have been about 10 years old at that time.

SPRING FOOD BAZAAR on April 28
See [info and order form](#) on page 12

The article below by OBT board member Katie Tamiyasu is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Hanamatsuri Service
By Katie Tamiyasu

This year our Hanamatsuri Service will be observed on Sunday, April 7th with our Supervising Minister Rev. Tadao Koyama from the Tacoma Buddhist Temple.

Hanamatsuri commemorates the birth of Siddhartha, which means “every wish fulfilled”, who was born in Nepal on April 8, 565 B.C. He was the only son of King Suddhodana Gautama and Queen Maya. There were many flowery descriptions at the scene at his birth, including celestial birds singing beautiful songs, beautiful flowers, and a sweet gentle rain bathing the baby Buddha.

The newborn baby took seven steps, pointed his right hand to the sky and his left hand to the earth and spoke the following words:

“Above and below the heavens, I alone, am the World-Honored One.”

(Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-Ha page 53)

For the service, a decorated shrine of fresh cut flowers known as the Hanamido “flower pavilion” is set up in front of the Najin, representing Lumbini Garden where baby Siddhartha was born. We “oshoko” (bow our head with hands together) and pour a ladle of sweet tea over the statue in the middle of the Hanamido. Thus depicting the sweet gentle rain bathing the baby Buddha.

Siddhartha became Sakyamuni Buddha, the enlightened one, and symbolizes the release of sentient beings from suffering and sorrow.



Carol Saiget (Saito) lights the candles on Hanamatsuri cake, circa late 1970s



OBT SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS to the SANGHA

This is a friendly reminder that all announcements will be read by the Greeter. If you would like to make an announcement at the end of the service, please see the Greeter prior to the start of service. The Greeter can provide a form for you to write out your message to be read.

Please make sure your announcement is relevant to the majority of the Sangha and OBT. Also keep your messages simple so that it doesn’t require any discussions. “See so & so for more details” is a good option to add to your message.



Thank You for Clothing Donations
By Jayne Ichikawa

On March 25, The IRCO (Immigration, Refugee Community Organization) picked up many bags of donated warm clothing and toiletries at the Temple. The two men strongly stated that these items are so very needed and appreciated. Thank you for your heartfelt support.



OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for a list of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (goes to Chris).

Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).

OBT Regular Service

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service)

And occasional special events that are held in the Hondo right after service like the general meeting.

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Every other week – Sun 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117

OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (see calendar for specific date)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

Bon odori is back! Last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. See calendar for specific dates. Masks optional and we try to distance. See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers --- obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com email comes to me and I can answer questions or add you to the list.

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

The April Sunday Bon Odori will be on May 5th at 1 PM in the basement

BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM with a couple exceptions (like during bon odori practice dates).

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943



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Indulge in delicious Japanese food at the Bazaar. We will be serving Curry Rice, Mar Far Chicken, and Inari Sushi. Vegetarian options included. Scan the QR code below to order!

SPRING FOOD BAZAAR

APRIL 28, 2024
12:00 – 3:00 PICKUP ONLY
3720 SE 34TH AVE
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Presented by
Oregon Buddhist Temple



Oregon Buddhist Temple - Spring Food Bazaar
Pickup Only on Sunday, April 28, 2024, 12pm-3pm



www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com

Item	Includes	Price	Quantity
Mar Far Chicken Bento	Mar far chicken, 2 inari sushi, tsukemono, broccoli	\$18	
Mar Far Chicken A La Carte	Mar far chicken	\$12	
Chicken Curry	Chicken curry, white rice, fukujinzuke	\$12	
Tofu curry (v)	Tofu curry, white rice, fukujinzuke	\$12	
Inari sushi (v)***	6 inari sushi	\$12	
Total \$ for food:			\$
Additional donation: Oregon Buddhist Temple			\$
Additional donation: Seattle Betsuin Restoration Fund			\$

(v) = vegetarian | ***All proceeds will be donated to the Seattle Betsuin Restoration Fund

Name: _____

Preferred Contact (Email/Phone #): _____

Nitta Scholarship

The Fred and Helen Nitta Scholarship was established with a generous donation of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nitta of Watsonville, California to commemorate their twenty-fifth anniversary in 1964. This award is to honor and give recognition to an outstanding Buddhist youth.

Fred and Helen Nitta of Watsonville, CA were very active in the YBA before World War II and the Dharma School (then Sunday School) of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. One mimeographed newsletter from the late 1930s notes that they were one of the organizers of a YBA Halloween Dance at Watsonville. In addition, Fred was active in what would eventually be known as the Federation of Dharma School Teacher Leagues (FDSTL) throughout his adult life.

Follow this link for more information and how to apply. **Deadline is March 31, 2024.**

<https://sites.google.com/view/nitta-scholarship>

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Friday, April 5th • 5:45 - 8:30pm

Excellent Cuisine
8733 SE Division St
Portland, OR 97266

\$75 ticket / \$700 reserved 10-person table

7-Course Chinese Dinner
Live Auction
Taiko Performance

2024 Portland Taiko Benefit Banquet

After a five year break, Portland Taiko's Benefit Banquet is returning, Friday, April 5th at Excellent Cuisine (formerly Wong's Kings). Visit their website (portlandtaiko.org) for tickets and additional information.

Traditionally the banquets have been fun, lively, and delicious! Who knows, there may even be a few surprise guests, too! (Portland Taiko rents office space and holds rehearsals and classes at our temple.)

SAVE THE DATE MINORU YASUI DAY • 2024

PLEASE JOIN US ONLINE OR IN-PERSON!

ADVANCING DEMOCRACY IN THE FACE OF CURRENT THREATS



FREE EVENT
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024
1:00PM-3:00PM PDT
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
WHITE STAG BUILDING
70 NW COUCH STREET
PORTLAND, OR 97209



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Sharon Maeda
STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS	Jillian Toda-Currie
TRIBUTE TO HOMER YASUI	Barbara Yasui
PANEL DISCUSSION	Sharon Maeda, Moderator Panelist to discuss their activism in <i>Advancing Democracy in the Face of Current Threats</i> and provide a call to action.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Rep. Khanh Pham
COLLECTIVE CALL TO ACTION	Share your Voice & Closing
RECEPTION	Join us at the Japanese American Museum of Oregon for a reception following the event.

HOSTED BY:

The Minoru Yasui Legacy Project in collaboration with the Japanese American Museum of Oregon

REGISTER HERE

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Come Join the Minidoka Swing Band at "I Am an American Live" on May 11, 2024

The Minidoka Swing Band will be the featured musicians at "I Am an American Live" on May 11, 2024, 7 p.m. at the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts in Beaverton, Oregon. Tickets are now available! They are free but must be reserved in advance. Reserve your tickets today as past events have sold out quickly.

<https://theimmigrantstory.org/iaaalive3/>

Music and Stories of Exclusion and Belonging

I AM AN AMERICAN

SAT., MAY 11, 7 P.M.
 PATRICIA RESER CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 12625 SW Crescent St., Beaverton, OR 97005

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Get ready to jitterbug and jive with Minidoka Swing Band!

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Chat with Robbi Ando, rchando@comcast.net if you have questions, are interested in a carpool or to join a group for lunch after our OFB shift.

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