



Oregon Buddhist Temple  
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Welcoming the Beauty of the Fall Season on the Oregon...

# Pureland Path

The Oregon Buddhist Temple Newsletter

October 2014



## What Really Matters

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

There are various matters we endeavor to be mindful of in our day to day lives. Like most people who did not need glasses until middle age, I need to be more mindful about where

I place my eyeglasses. What we should truly be mindful of is that which is most important to us, in my opinion. We have so much we have to know, and think about in the modern world. As Buddhists, there is much we might wish to be mindful of, not all of which we honor from day to day. But the really important matter, that which I have been talking with all of you about for 13 years, is the question "what is really important?" We all know people whom we are quite sure have lost touch with what is truly important. But it is our own case that is crucial.

Forgive me for, again, asking you to reflect upon what is really important to you. I find that I lose track, myself. Reminding you is a way of reminding myself. Of course, for me, my family is crucial. My two sons, perfect in their father's eye, and their dear mother are my treasures. But, of course, the nembutsu teaching is also, profoundly, important to me and to most of you. If I forget to let my wife know how much I value her, I will regret it. If I forget to set aside time to be with my boys, they will be grown and gone before I know it. But the nembutsu doesn't judge you or I for forgetting about it.

Perhaps you have not said the nembutsu aloud for a week. Then it flows out through your lips, "Namo Amida Butsu." The nembutsu is not angry with you for forgetting about it. The Buddha is not disappointed with you. Try forgetting to feed your cat and see if he gives you the same level of acceptance and forgiveness. The Buddha doesn't stop sending kindness into our lives because we forget about his/her/their nembutsu. But we may have trouble recognizing that warmth without saying the nembutsu, in forms like "Namanda, Namanda, Namanda...."

Shinran Shonin, in several different books he wrote, quoted Genshin: "My eyes being hindered by blind passions, I cannot perceive the light that grasps me;

Yet the great compassion, without tiring, Illumines me always." [CWS page 385]. Genshin could not always feel the kindness flowing into his life, still he knew he was the recipient of caring from "great compassion". Shinran felt the same way, and so do I. I accept the Jodo Shinshu vision of life. This is a specific form of that Pure Land Mahayana world view shared by hundreds of millions of Buddhists. I know, just as Shinran knew, just as Genshin knew, - kindness is being extended to me from the depths of Reality. But I don't always feel it. Shinran didn't always feel it either, and neither did Genshin. Still they, and I, ... we live our lives in the assurance that this goodness is being opened out for us.

Do you see the Buddha's light at all times? Do you feel loved in each moment? Perhaps not. If not, the nembutsu can help. If not, saying "Namo Amida Butsu" from time to time, reverently but in a relaxed fashion, can help. Can you let saying the nembutsu become one of those half dozen or so things that really matter to you in your life? Many of you already have. Others reading this, we hope, will join us one day. You may say that we are dreamers, but we are not the only ones.

Gassho, Greg Gibbs

## October Highlights

- Oct 2 to 5, 9 am: Sukiyaki Bazaar Food Preparation
- Oct 4th, 4 pm: Dharma School Bake Party
- Oct 5, 11 am to 3 pm: Sukiyaki Bazaar
- Oct 10, 7pm: OBT Board Meeting
- Oct 10-12: Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference in Irvine, CA
- Oct 12, 11 am: Dharma School Visitation of Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, *Art Behind Barbed Wire* Exhibit
- Oct 15, 7 pm: OBT Book Club, Lucky Lab PDX
- Oct 18, 9:30 am, OBWA Meeting; 11:30 am, Aging Wisely Estate Planning
- Oct 26, 10 am: Dharma School Visitation of Elders

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## President's Message

Scott Winner

Thanks again to everyone who made special "Maintenance" donation this summer to cover the costs of repairing the building's heating / air conditioning unit. We raised exactly what we needed and got the repair completed before Obon. For our next project, we would like to install a bike rack. Several of our temple friends ride their bikes to service and that is great! But we just don't have a good place for them to lock up their bikes. So we are thinking of installing some staple style bike racks in the space between the elevator and the bushes along the parking lot, in that patch of bare dirt. The city will donate the staples. We just need to pour some cement. I think we can move forward with this project if we can raise around \$300. So please consider this fall making a special Bike Rack donation!

It is also that time of the year where we elect new officers to the board. If you are interested in running for the board, please let any board member know. Coming off the board this December will be myself, Ken Garner, Yoshi Ono and David Wright. Ballots will be mailed out early November.



## Musings of a Board Member

Amy Peterson

October is the time of year when companies do their part for the community by participating in the United Way campaign. While it has changed for some of the larger organizations, small non-profits like the Oregon Buddhist Temple can benefit from their campaign by being a designated recipient. All that's needed is searching for and selecting Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 SE 34th Ave. 97202 as one of your designated charities. They are already in the system since I donate a portion every year. My company matches 50% so they get a little extra.

Please consider this relatively painless way to help the future of the Temple. Or if your company doesn't do the United Way Campaign, but does matching donations, please let them know you donate and see what they'll match. Some companies have scholarship and grant programs for local non-profits and if they do, we'd appreciate knowing how we can submit for some of our programs, especially for our youth.

With Gassho,  
Amy Peterson



## Obon Thank You

Stanley Shiigi

A belated thank you to all who took part in making Obonfest 2014 a success. We had a very early start planning for Obon but events during the early part of this year delayed our efforts. However, we all persevered and held a very successful Obon.

I was the co-chair in charge of the non-food events/committees/booths, etc. My first thank you goes to Scott Winner for co-chairing the food committees. During the planning for Obon, Scott acquired the additional duties of Temple board president. He told the planning committee that he would retain the duties of Obon co-chair. Thank you, Scott, for your yeoman's effort during this period.

Thank you to Elaine Yuzuriha for being the treasurer for Obon, Pat Hokama for being the MC and Ray Fields for doing the purchasing and arranging for the portable toilets. Thanks to Rev. Gibbs for his Temple talks, Yasuko Fields for organizing the kimono sales and Ann Shintani for the entertainment. Special thanks to Jayne Ichikawa for arranging for the temple garden clean up prior to Obon and to Jerry Sumoge and Ray Fukunaga for having a large dumpster on hand during the clean up. Thanks to Ken Garner for being the Webmaster and Maho Garner for designing the logo for the T-shirts and information sheets. Thank you to Marilyn Achterman for taking Maho's design and having T-shirts printed and Etsuko Osaki for producing info flyers and the program pamphlet.

Many thanks to Edna Koyama and Lori Fukunaga for organizing the lanterns sales and display, and Brenda Fugate and Susan Endecott for the Omiyage Shop. Thank you to Jean Matsumoto for organizing the information booth and obtaining volunteers to help with the money counting. A special thanks to Charles Reneau for organizing the facilities set up/break down, electrical set up, and his old job of parking organizer. Thanks to Jake Hardman for informing our neighbors of the upcoming Obon, Craig Yanase for providing first aid and Joe Wahl for applying for the food and liquor permits. Thank you to Mike Ishii for supervising the dishwashers during Obon and to Yoshio Ono, Susan Endecott and myself for donating the raffle prizes.

Special thanks again to Robert Kagawa for setting up the audio system in honor of his father, John, who did it for over a decade. Another special thanks to Amy Peterson who agreed to chair the children's activities several days before Obon. Thanks to Susan Leedham for organizing the outside vendors and to June Shiigi for organizing the volunteers. Thank you to Wynn and Traci Kiyama for organizing the taiko drummers during dance practice and during Obon.

Finally, a special thank you to Sahomi Tachibana for again being our odori sensei. We are all honored and privileged to have such an extraordinary teacher for over two decades. Thank you, Sahomi.



Todd, Elaine, Joy and Ken Yuzuriha at 2014 Obonfest.

### Thank You Obonfest Volunteers!

This year's Obonfest had a steady stream of young families, newcomers and regular attendees who continuously enjoyed our food, entertainment, omiyage and kimono sales, vendors and our Obon service. The children's booth was busy as usual. Thank you to all who worked very hard to make every facet of our fund raising event a success. With Gassho, June Shiigi

### Attention OBT Members & Friends

OBT will NOT be having a Rummage Sale in 2015. So please donate your old furniture, household items and clothing to some other worthy charity, and do not bring them to the Annex garage.

Thank you for your past support of this activity, which raised about \$900 this year for Dharma School programs. However, due to the small number of Dharma School families, we just do not have the manpower needed to organize and carry out this event next year.

Note: We will continue to accept Asian items and other gift items in good condition to sell in our Omiyage Shop at Obonfest and Sukiyaki Bazaar.

Susan Endecott  
2014 Rummage Sale Co-Chair



### Dharma School News for October 2014

Ann Shintani

#### Kenilworth Park Service:

Thank you to those who participated and helped at our Service in the Park on Sep. 14. The weather was beautiful, the food plentiful, and we were sociable. Etsu Osaki led us in singing with the children's bell band, Rev. Gibbs gave our dharma talk, we sang accompanied with Todd Yuzuriha's trumpet, and Phillip Kollas shared his thoughts for the day. After the food, members of Unite People led the games for the youth, which included chasing pinwheels, and plastic flowers! Thank you to Marilyn Achterman and Joy Yuzuriha for the program, September toban for setting up tables and chairs, and John Peterson for the speaker system and coffee.

#### Bake Sale Party and Bake

**Sale:** If you have a knack in the kitchen, please join us for baking in the temple kitchen on Saturday, Oct. 4, 4pm, to make items to sell at the Sukiyaki Bazaar on Oct. 5. We are still seeking recipes and helpers to bake on Saturday and sell on Sunday. We are also accepting donations of store bought items, particularly pies. Please give Ann your suggestions.

**Visit Exhibit:** If you haven't already, please join us on Sunday,



Oct. 12, at 11am, as we visit the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center to view **Art Behind Barbed Wire** featuring arts and crafts from WWII. These items include those on loan

from our own Sangha. Please let Ann know if you would like to join us (admission for children under 12 are free).

**Elder Visit on Oct. 26:** We plan to visit one or two locations this year after the beginning of service on Sunday, Oct. 26, so please arrive on time. As always, please feel free to be festive and be dressed in your Halloween costumes, as this brings smiles to whomever we visit. We will carpool, and would appreciate parents who can volunteer to be a driver. Afterwards, we will return to snacks in the basement.

**Seeking Girl Scouts:** This is also the beginning of another year of Girl Scouts! We will primarily have Daisies (K/1st grade, Mika) and Brownies (2nd/3rd grade, who are Shayna, Lolo, and Midori) levels in our temple troop, and we are looking for more girls in those grades to join us as we discover, explore, and do cool things! We also have Cadet (Lauren), and Ambassador (Joy and Michi) scouts. See Amy, Ann, or Elaine for more information.



## Lotus Circle - October

Jean Matsumoto

Oregon Buddhist Temple is grateful to the faithful members of our Lotus Circle who year after year remember their loved ones by donating \$35 to purchase the beautiful flowers that the Flower Toban arrange on our onaijin (altar) each week.

This month we acknowledge generous contributions by:

- October 5 -- Ami Kinoshita in memory of (imo) brothers and sisters-in-law, Yoshi and April Kinoshita, and Mary and Nogi Asakawa; and Carol Saiget imo her father, Tomo Saito
- October 12 -- Ben Kasubuchi, Jr. imo father Ben, mother Mary, brothers Dennis and Alan
- October 19 -- Alice Kida and Lew Tomita Family imo mother Fumi Kida and grandmother Tsuru Nakamura; Misa Kodama imo husband, Satoru; and Alice Ando imo husband, Alfred
- October 26 – Dana and Chieko Kakishita and Minnie Young imo mother Hisako

Thank you to all. We also have a webpage set up for us by Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) where you can share memories of loved ones. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please call 503-280-2463 or e-mail [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).



## OBT 2014 Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, Nov.22, 2014 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M

### Calling All Crafty People!

The Oregon Buddhist Temple will again be hosting a Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 10:00AM—4:00 PM. Are you a crafter, artist, or someone who likes to make things? We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to participate in this fun community building opportunity. Each booth space will be offered to vendors at \$40 per table. We are hoping for all types of quality handmade items and pieces of art that come from you, your team, or your friends! Temple affiliation is not required. The deadline for submitting an application for a space is October 17, 2014. To avoid duplication and to insure a space, vendors are encouraged to submit their applications early. To get an application or to ask questions please contact Cathy Yarne at [OBTcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:OBTcraftfair@gmail.com) or call 503-274-2537. Mark your calendars. We hope you will join us, as a crafter or a customer!

## Chris Dart Is Our New Librarian

Chris Dart has volunteered to be our new librarian. Please give her all your support. Any volunteers to be her assistant? If so, please see her.



## New Books in the Library

Etsu Osaki

***Light of the Dharma*** by Hoshu Y. Matsubayashi, American Buddhist Study Center, New York: 2014, 74 pages, \$15.

This is a very easy-to-read book that brings Buddhism down to everyday life. The author is a retired BCA minister/ scholar having served in various temples including Canada and Hawaii. He explains the importance of the special observances throughout the year. Of special interest are the chapters on the Gold Medalist ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi and Astronaut Ellison Onizuka, both Jodoshinshu Buddhists.

An interesting quote by Albert Einstein on page 70 goes as follows, "If there is any religion that could cope with modern scientific needs, it would be Buddhism."

Some copies are in the library for purchase.

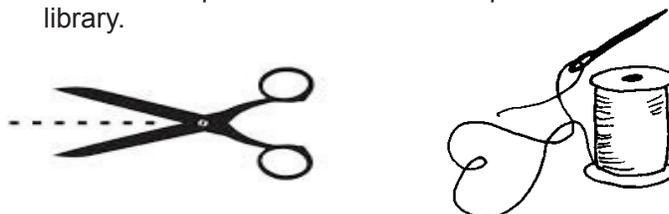
***The Buddha's Gift to the World: Tranquility for a Turbulent Planet*** by Monshu Koshin Ohtani, American Buddhist Study Center Press, New York: 2014, 53 pages, \$10.

This is the third in a series by the Gomonsu. The others were *The Buddha's Wish for the World* and *The Buddha's Call to Awaken*.

The Gomonsu begins with a firm declaration of the Jodo Shinshu position on the Buddha's teaching. We are an "Other Power" religion. As such, we can never adopt the position of telling anyone else how to approach, or interpret the Buddha's teaching, as they seek to manifest their connection to it in their daily lives. We can only foster and encourage each person's relationship with Amida Buddha, as we earnestly seek to deepen our own."

Comments by Tatsuya Aoki, Bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada.

Some copies will be ordered for purchase in our library.





*l to r: NW District BWA exchange students to Japan Rose Yasukochi and Kristi Fukunaga, and Japan exchange student to Hawaii Fukumi Ta with Lady Ruzumi Ohtani at Nishi Hongwanji-ha.*

## Toban Schedule for October

Ando, Alice	Shiigi, June
Babione, Tracy	Shiigi, Stan
Cantonwine, Randy	Sumoge, Jerry
Dawson, Charles	Sumoge, JoAnn
Demise, Darlene	Takashima, Jean
Hardman, Jacob	Takeuchi, Tom
Long, Amy	Takeuchi, Tomiko
Oldfield, Scott	Tan-Beck, BeeBee
Price, Heatheranne	Tano, Alice
Reneau, Charles	Urban, Phaedra

NOTE: If your name is not on this or any toban list and you are willing to take "your turn" in helping the temple, please notify Jean Matsumoto at 503-280-2463 or jamatsumoto@gmail.com. Thank you.

*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*



## OBWA News

Etsu Osaki

July and August were very busy months for OBWA. We acknowledge the following: Nancy Kajitsu and Marilyn Achterman for refreshments at bon odori practices, Etsu Osaki and committee for preparation of somen for the Obon service, every one for preparing manju to sell at Obonfest, Misa Kodama and Yasuko Fields for handling the kimono sale, and again to Jayne and committee for preparation of somen to sell at Obonfest.

On August 16 at the OBWA meeting Kristi Fukunaga gave a talk and slide show about her trip to Japan on the Youth Exchange. Following, there was a kumihimo class led by Yoko Arai at which time members learned at least 2 different kinds of weaving. September promises to be another busy month. We will be preparing ohagi on Friday, September 19, at 9am and on Sunday at 7 am for the Ohigan service Sept 21. Ohagi will be prepared for the Homebound members.

Some members will be going to Seattle for the September 20 Women in Buddhism conference. Co-presidents June Shiigi and Jayne Ichikawa will be attending the BCA FBWA conference October 10-12 in Irvine, CA.

The next meeting is Saturday, September 27 at 9:30 am. The Aging Wisely "Prevention of Falls" has been rescheduled to November 15 and "Estate Planning" is at 11:30 am on October 18. Sukiyaki Bazaar food preparations will be on October 2 to 5 from 9 am.

Next month's OBWA newsletter reporter is Katie Tamiyasu. If you are interested in becoming a member of OBWA, please contact June Shiigi at juneshiigi@gmail.com or Jayne Ichikawa at jayneichi@gmail.com. We encourage you to join us!



## Book Club Meeting News

Our Selection for October is "Divisadero" by Michael Ondaatje.

We will meet at 7pm at the Lucky Lab SE Hawthorne location on Wednesday October 15. This is a novel written entwining three different narratives. Not light reading or a page turner, "Divisadero" is described as a pleasurable serious read. The author is a Sri Lankan Canadian who won The Booker prize for "The English Patient" that was later made into a film. Michael Ondaatje is described as one of our greatest living authors.

From Karol Kennedy



**2014 Sukiyaki Bazaar**  
Elaine Yuzuriha

Come one, come all on Sunday, October 5th, 11 am to 3 pm. This year's Sukiyaki Bazaar will comfort you with familiar foods, familiar company, and familiar surroundings. We hope you will come to enjoy the delicious, warm and soothing sukiyaki, with fresh tofu

courtesy of Ota Tofu company. Flavorful pork chow mein, and satisfying chicken bento will put a smile on your face. Fresh produce will be for sale, courtesy of Pam Oja in memory of her great-uncle Kuniji Tamura, and plants to grace your garden, courtesy of Chris Koida in honor of Minoru Koida. We remember fondly our members of the past with gratitude and comforting memories. Thank you to Ko and Eileen Ota, Pam Oja and Chris Koida for their continued support.

We will have a special display with information about a treasured member, Sahomi Tachibana, and her career in dance. There will also be lovely ikebana (flower arrangements), courtesy of Sahomi Tachibana and her friends who studied ikebana under the late Tomo Sunamoto. Tomo continues to influence us, through her talented pupils. Beautiful calligraphy will also be on display to quietly enjoy and upon which to reflect.

Omiyage (gifts) will be tastefully displayed for your shopping pleasure, and snacks will be for sale by the

Dharma School, to help support the young ones and teach them about work and helping. We look forward to seeing old friends and enjoy the same prices as last year.

To put on this annual event, we would love to have your help! You are welcome to come and assist with the wonderful food, from 9am Thursday the 2nd, Friday the 3rd, and Saturday the 4th. End times will vary, so call if you can only come in the afternoon. The temple's phone number is 503-234-9456 or you can contact Elaine Yuzuriha if you have questions.



OBT Girl Scout Troop #43720 at family camp with Troop #40032 at Camp Mt. Dale learned outdoor skills from the older girls. First Aid, fire building, watching dutch oven and open fire cooking, hiking, knot tying, preparing breakfast, father-daughter talent show, smores, rolling sleeping bags and cleaning up with very little adult help. Girls and parents survived.

**ORDER FORM FOR SUKIYAKI BAZAAR**

\*\*Pre-ordering is highly recommended. \*\*Please return order forms by Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

Item	Price	To Go Qty.	Dine In Qty.	Total Qty.	\$ Amount
Beef Sukiyaki	\$8.00				
Vegetarian Sukiyaki	\$8.00				
Chow Mein	\$8.00				
Chicken Bento	\$8.00				
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to and mail to:**  
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**SUKIYAKI BAZAAR – OCTOBER 5, 2014** You have been assigned a specific job. If you are not available, or if you wish to work a different job or different shift, please notify your chair\*.

10:30-12:00

**KITCHEN**

Al Ono  
Randy Kunisaki  
Shinya Ichikawa  
Jayne Ichikawa\*  
Dana Kunisaki  
Cathy Yarne  
Carol Saiget  
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Atsuko Richards  
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Chip Larouche  
Bob Tsutsumi  
Kats Amasuga  
Bob Matsunaga  
Robert Harder  
Craig Hondo  
Jake Hardman

12:00-1:30

**KITCHEN**

Scott Winner  
Ken Garner  
Julie Kagawa  
Frieda Fujikawa  
Judy Yamauchi  
Grace Ishikawa  
Katie Tamiyasu  
Anna Tanada  
Etsu Osaki  
Alice Tano  
Roberta Ando  
Kiyomi Dickinson  
Kyoko Gibbs  
Judy Hittle  
Jayne Ichikawa\*

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Mie McGraw  
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Glen Nakashima  
Craig Yanase\*  
Randy Choy  
Ryan Davis  
Gordon Osaka  
Rick Shiraishi  
Paul Hittle

1:30-3:00

**KITCHEN**

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Fusako Ouchida  
Lynn Grannan  
Alice Ando  
Tomoko Ono  
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Cindy Cohen  
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Traci Kiyama  
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**CHAIR:** Elaine Yuzuriha  
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Jayne Ichikawa  
Etsu Osaki

**CHICKEN BENTO**

Marilyn Achterman  
Dennis Yamauchi  
Jerry Sumoge

**CHOW MEIN**

Amy Peterson  
Judy Yamauchi

**RICE COOKERS**

10-12:30  
Stan Shiigi, Herb Osaki  
12:30-3

Richard Koyama

**GIFT SHOP**

Brenda Fugate  
Cathy Shikatani

**PRODUCE/PLANT SALE**

Jean Matsumoto  
Philip Kollas  
John Peterson

**BAKE SALE**

Dharma School

**TICKET SELLERS**

Todd Yuzuriha  
Yoshi Ono  
Joy Yuzuriha

**HOSTESSES**

11:15-12:30  
Chris Dart  
June Shiigi  
12:30-2:00

Teresa Soto  
Karol Kennedy

**IKEBANA**

Sahomi Tachibana

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Jerry Koike

**SET-UP**

Elaine Yuzuriha  
Amy Peterson  
Yoshi Ono-upstairs  
Ken Garner-upstairs  
Oct toban

**TAKE DOWN**

Scott Winner  
October Toban

**“FOR YOU & ME: KARMIC CONDITIONS” BY REV. AKINORI IMAI**

Rev Akinori Imai came to OBT on September 8 as the NW Seminar Speaker. Reverend is a retired bishop of the North American Kyodan for Ohtani-ha (Higashi Honganji). He has served in Berkeley for many years.

He said the first Higashi temple in the US was started 90 years ago. He explained that some rituals are different but both Nishi and Higashi follow Shinran.

Our Jodoshinshu Buddhism came from Japan; therefore we are influenced by Japanese culture. The US is a God-centered culture vs. Buddhism, which is a conditions-centered culture. Everything depends on karmic conditions—the fact that one is here today. He also claimed that the US is an ego-centered culture,

emphasizing individuality whereas Japan tends to be less ego-centered although that may be changing. “After Buddha attained enlightenment he felt the impossibility of teaching others, but by the request of Brahma (represents all human beings) he resolved to teach what he had experienced.”

“The Hinayana did not understand the full implications of Sakyamuni leaving the seat of enlightenment to teach. The Mahayana sees this active teaching as the foundation in Sakyamuni’s life for Amida’s Primal Vow.” \*

Rev. Imai said enlightenment is not that difficult. We have moments of small enlightenment.

This is only a small part of his talk that I have attempted to report.

In gassho, Etsu Osaki

\*Quote by Rev Gibbs



Alice Sumida at Nikkei Community Picnic. BINGO anyone?

### August Donation to Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association

• Anonymous Donor  
The Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association gratefully acknowledges this kind donation.

## August 2014 Donations to Oregon Buddhist Temple

### In Memory of George Hamada

Michiko Hamada Haney  
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Edward E. Merrick Jr.  
Kaneko Wagar  
Gordon Kondo  
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Motoko Henry

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*Tachibana Dancers and Guest Performers.*



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**2014 Obonfest Photos by Todd Yuzuriha**



*Ken playing taiko.*

**2014 Memorial Chart**

Year of Passing	Memorial	Year of Passing	Memorial
2013	1 year	1998	17 year
2012	3 year	1990	25 year
2008	7 year	1982	33 year
2002	13 year	1965	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.



*Portland Taiko performance.*

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**Kristi Fukunaga Presents Her BCA FBWA Youth Exchange Report at OBWA August Meeting.**



*Left photo: Kristi speaking to OBWA members.*

*Right photo: Kristi showing a slide of Rosie and herself in front of Suminobo Betsuin in Japan.*

**August OBWA Kumihimo Class**



*Above: Etsu's beautiful Kumihimo braid.*



*Above l to r: Fusako, Atsuko, Yoko (teacher) and Ann.*



*Kristi giving a special Youth Exchange OBT Dharma Talk.*

**September OBT Service at Kenilworth Park**



*l to r: Brenda, BeeBee and Wendy relax after breakfast.*



*Abby and Daniel*



*Kirt and Justin organizing games for Dharma School children.*



*Guests with Lori, Ray and Connie.*



*Etsu and Dharma School children play bells and sing a song.*