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October 2012



The simple pleasure of visiting our friends

Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Here we are in October, always a favored month for me. Being from Fresno, it usually didn't cool down there until October. October is many a Fresnan's favorite month. Additionally, there is the fact that Halloween is coming at the end of the month. And on the last Sunday of this month our Dharma school students will dress in their Halloween costumes and visit some of our long-time temple members and friends whose mobility or transportation issues make it hard for them to come to the temple regularly.

Unfortunately, I will be out of town that weekend and won't see the children in their costumes. Will there be a lot of Iron Men? Will there be numerous Snow Whites? Fortunately, I will be visiting old friends myself that day. On October 28th I will be the guest speaker at the Ontario-Oregon temple for their Eitaikyo service. In exchange for that visit, Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, a friend to all of us, will be our Eitaikyo speaker here at OBT on November 18th.

I spent my vacation six weeks ago visiting family and old friends. The older I get, the more important such visits are to me. It was two years ago that Kyoko, Sho, Ren and I went on vacation to visit my 89 year-old aunt, my 92 year-old aunt and her 67 year-old son. Finances were a little tight that year and we considered not going. Finally we decided that if we drove all the way to Los Angeles and back, instead of taking a plane, we could afford it. More importantly, we weren't sure how much longer my aunties would be with us, particularly given that one of them had been battling cancer for more than a decade. Just two or three days after we got back we got a call that my 67 year-old cousin, Steve, had passed away of heart disease. I still remember how heartily and joyously he ate at the Japanese buffet with us on what turned out to be the fourth to the last day of his life. We were so glad that we took the trouble to take that long drive to see family and friends.

In Dharma talks I've often mentioned the anecdote about

Aitken Roshi being asked by his long-time teacher Koun Yamada Roshi, "What do you think is the most important thing in life?" Coming from a senior and erudite teacher of Zen, no doubt Aitken Roshi was expecting some specifically Buddhist answer, something deep but elusive. Yamada Roshi answered his own question saying, "I suppose the most important thing in life is friendship."

Shinran Shonin, our denominational founder, and Rennyō Shonin, known as the Restorer of Jodo Shinshu tradition, were both known for their close friendships with their students. You can tell a lot about a person, not by the number of their friends, but by the warmth and loyalty they show to their friends. Buddhism isn't only about concerns like life after death or theories about interdependence and emptiness. Buddhism is also about feeling grateful for what comes to us from others. Friendship is the greatest gift we receive from others. I hope you are each enjoying some rewarding friendships. As a way of reminding myself, please allow me to remind you that we only have so many chances to enjoy our time together with family and close friends. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Gassho, Reverend Gibbs

October Highlights

Oct 4	Sukiyaki bazaar preparation	9 am
Oct 5	Sukiyaki bazaar preparation	9 am
Oct 6	Sukiyaki bazaar preparation	9 am
Oct 7	Sukiyaki bazaar preparation	7 am
Oct 7	Sukiyaki bazaar	11:00 – 3:00 pm
Oct 12	Board meeting	7 pm
Oct 19	OBWA meeting	9:30 am

"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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Sukiyaki Bazaar is Sunday, October 7. Food pre-order form is attached. Work list is attached.



President's message
Yoshi Ono, OBT President

With another fund raiser coming up this month with the Sukiyaki Bazaar, we call for your help once again. We realize that you must prioritize to meet the needs of yourself and your family members first before you spend your time and energy at the temple. So for those who can afford to, thank you for volunteering and we are glad that you and your family are healthy. For those who can only attend the bazaar, we look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy a meal.

As we head towards our 110th anniversary year for the temple, there are items that we wish to fix or improve around our facility. There has been a wish list generated with about a dozen items that the board is considering. We know we cannot do everything so we are working on prioritizing the items and taking care of the top few by the end of the year. The biggest difficulty is to find someone to oversee a project so we would welcome someone with the time to take on an item on the list.

This time of year, we start our recruiting effort for new board members to join at the start of next year. It has become even more challenging because we will need to find 6 members whereas any other year we only need 4. Cathy Yarne had only agreed to fill a vacancy for 1 year, and Teresa Soto had to resign her board position. These two positions can be appointments but the other four will need to be elected positions. If you wish to be considered, please contact me, otherwise I may be trying to contact you.

In Gassho



**Sukiyaki Bazaar, Sunday,
October 7**
**Elaine Yuzuriha, Sukiyaki Bazaar
chairperson**

Quickly approaching, the Sukiyaki Bazaar follows fast on the heels of Obonfest. It is a tradition at the temple from farther back than I can remember, and is a wonderful way to see friends and acquaintances while enjoying this colder weather hot pot dish. Remember, this year's event is starting and ending earlier, from 11 am to 3pm on Sunday, October 7th.

We will be offering Sukiyaki for dine in and to go again this year, and we have smoothed out some of the hang-ups that caused delays last year. No need to bring your own containers, we provide them for you. Etsu Osaki and Jayne

Ichikawa are our dedicated co-chairs of Sukiyaki preparations. Chow Mein will be spearheaded by Jean Takashima and Tomiko Takeuchi again this year, and this delicious but labor intensive dish requires several days of preparation. Please say yes to coming in to help from 9 am on Thurs., Friday, Saturday (Oct. 4-6) and 7 am on Sunday to help with food preparations.

The chicken bento is headed by Marilyn and Mark Achterman, and they do an excellent job providing a great tasting, healthy meal in a box. We will have delicious snacks provided by the Dharma School families, and headed by Ann Shintani Winner. Jean Matsumoto is organizing the Produce and Plant Sales Stand with generous donations from members of the community. OBWA and President Alice Ando will be providing some delicious manju as well.

Other people in charge of different aspects of the bazaar include:

Omiyage Shop: Brenda Fugate and Cathy Shikatani

Calligraphy Displays: Judy Yamauchi

Ikebana Displays: Sahomi Tachibana

Set Up and Take Down: Scott Winner, October Toban

Orders and ticket table: Todd Yuzuriha, Yoshi Ono, Lily Meiners

Rice Cookers: Herb Osaki, Stan Shiigi, Tom Takeuchi, Willem Stoeller

Publicity: Ken and Maho Garner

Finances: Shinya Ichikawa and Jerry Koike

Hostessing: Tomiko Takeuchi, Sahomi Tachibana, LaRhette Swann, Chris Dart

Music: Jerry Fugate

Volunteer Scheduling: Etsu Osaki and Jean Matsumoto

Please check the volunteer schedule included in this newsletter, for we can use everyone's help. As you can see, it takes so many to put on the event, and I hope all of you can come and enjoy the resulting celebration. Contact any one of the chair people if you would like to help with any part of the Bazaar. I will also be setting up a surprise display, so come and see what it is!

Omiyage shop
Cathy Shikatani

How quickly time flies! Here we are again....preparing for the Omiyage Shop, which will be held upstairs in the Hondo during the Sukiyaki Bazaar. And as before, we are accepting donations of new and gently used items that are in the spirit of the gift shop. If you have items you'd like to donate, please mark them with "Omiyage" and drop them off in the Annex before Saturday Oct 6. Thank you in advance - the Omiyage Shop would not happen without your generous donations!

And to our many volunteers, we again need your help sorting, pricing, displaying and selling! If you have helped in the past, or are new to the temple or helping with the Omiyage shop, we would love your help! Please contact Brenda Fugate or myself.

Thanks! We look forward to a successful Omiyage Shop and Sukiyaki Bazaar.



OBWA news *June Shūgi*

Thank you to everyone who prepared the ohagi for Ohigan and made deliveries to our homebound members. Many of us look forward to enjoying the variety of ohagi made by our talented members.

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association expresses deepest condolences to the family of Setsu Ueno who passed away on September 4, 2012 in New Jersey at her daughter Toyoko Oguri's home. Setsu was a very creative person who contributed craft items to our bazaars, organized the ObonFest vendors for many years, and donated water balloons and other items to the ObonFest Children's Booth. Funeral service will be at OBT in November.

Congratulations to OBWA member Alice Sumida who was honored by the Oregon Nikkei Endowment for her many years of contributions to the Oregon Nikkei community. Alice is still very active at 98 years old, still attends Dharma Talks and Dharma Exchanges, and has been a long time OBT member. She has regularly made generous donations to our temple. Omedeto and Arigato!

Bobbi Jones who has been a member of our OBWA for many years recently moved to Michigan to be closer to her family. Her family generously has donated many of Bobbi's beautiful paintings, drawings, and whimsical wands to OBT. A Bobara Ann Jones Retrospective Art Exhibit/Oregon Buddhist Temple Fund Raiser will be held Saturday November 17. Her art work will be on sale to OBT members from 9 to 12 noon and to the general public from 1 to 4 pm.

Your help will be greatly appreciated on the food preparation days for our October 7 Sukiyaki Bazaar. The detailed work schedule is listed above.

On October 12-14, Jayne Ichikawa and June Shiigi will be representing OBWA at the 42nd Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Association in San Jose.

The annual Past Members Memorial Service will be on October 21, at 1:30 pm. We encourage all members to attend this special service.

Early Notice: Immediately following our OBWA meeting on November 17, we will be making Crocheted Scrubbies lead by Jean Takashima. Please bring a size K crochet needle. The netting will be provided by OBWA. Other crafts projects are being planned at other times. Craft lovers, come and join us make items to sell at our Spring bazaar.

OBWA would like to thank the following for their donations: May Takemoto and family in memory of (IMO) Minoru Takemoto (3rd year), Sherri Lee IMO Josephine Uyeda, Family of Josephine Uyeda IMO Josephine Uyeda, Anonymous.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 20 at 9:30 am.

Nominations will be made for 2013 OBWA officers.



Dharma school news

Amy Peterson, DS Coordinator

Dharma School General Information:

Is your child registered for 2012-13

Dharma School? 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. New students need to register. Past students need updated registration information added to forms. For more information, please contact Amy Peterson at the Dharma school site, 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.

We are also looking for teacher apprentices for the 2012-13 school year. We are losing two of our substitutes. You don't have to know anything about Buddhism, just have an interest in helping our children learn about living Buddhist. Training is available.

Please contact Amy at the Dharma school site to inquire about either or both of these opportunities.

Dharma School Wish List:

Do you have an insulated tea/coffee carafe you're not using? Please contact Amy at the Dharma school site to donate it for use at DS and temple events.

Past Program Wrap-Up:

Our first day of Dharma School in the park was greeted by beautiful sunshine, but a little bit of chill. The potluck food was fantastic, especially since the cookies got there before service (YUM). Thanks to the teachers for the games after lunch. Fun and fellowship was had by all!

Upcoming Dharma School Programs:

September 30: Dharma School Children's Service, 10:00 am: Meet in the annex for a children's service during the regular OBT service. Service is led by older DS students and DS teachers and volunteers. Parents are welcome to attend with their children, or children are welcome to attend on their own.

October 6: Baking Party, 6:00-9:00 pm: We need volunteers! Our annual baking party is when we bake the treats we sell at the Sukiyaki Bazaar Bake Sale (Oct 7). All proceeds help fund DS programs. Join us in the temple kitchen. We are looking for:

- 2 parent coordinators
- 10 adult/parent volunteers and as many DS students as possible to help with baking
- Recipes ideas are welcome, but not required. We will have group baking projects as well as room for individual bakers.

-Pizza will be served to volunteers!
 -If you would like to volunteer and/or have a recipe to share, contact Ann Shintani at the Dharma school site.

October 7: Sukiyaki Bazaar Bake Sale 10:00 am - 3:00 pm:
 Parents and student, help Dharma School raise money to continue our programs by volunteering to sell baked treats during the Sukiyaki Bazaar. We are looking for 2 adult volunteers and 2-3 student volunteers to sell bake goods. Several shifts are available; you do not need to volunteer for the entire five hours. To volunteer, please contact Ann Shintani at the Dharma school site.

October 28: Save the date! It's almost time for the annual **DS Halloween party and elder visitation day**. Is your costume ready?



New books in the library

Etsu Osaki

The Sweet Potato by Reiko Odato Matsumoto, illustrated by Nora Aoyagi, 2012, 19 pages. This children's book is about Tetsuo who loves roasted sweet potatoes sold by the "Yaki imo" man with his cart. He buys one for his grandmother but an unexpected thing happens.

This story brings back memories of my childhood in Japan when my father would bring home roasted sweet potatoes. That was a long, long time ago.

Being Well (Even When You're Sick) by Elana Rosenbaum, Shamabala Publications, Boston: 2012, 150 pages. Mindfulness practices for people with cancer and other serious illnesses. The author says, "Mindfulness is to continually pay attention and be open to the reality of our lives--open to the pleasant and unpleasant, the good and the bad." The author writes from experience having recovered from cancer. Her summation:

1. Believe in the possible, but base it on the truth of the moment.
2. Remember that everything changes.
3. Practice kindness.
4. Connect to what is dear to you.
5. Soften into the moment.
6. Go bigger, look out, let be, and let in love.



**Lotus circle –
 September/October**

Jean Matsumoto

Altar flowers for Sunday, September 21, 2012, were purchased from a donation by Jean Tateishi in memory of her parents, Yoshimasa and Chiyoko, and sister, Julia Ninomiya. Altar flowers for the month of October will be purchased with contributions from the following:

- October 7 – Carol Saiget in memory of (imo) father, Tomo Saito; Ami Kinoshita imo brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Yosh & April Kinoshita, and Mary & Nogi Asakawa
- October 14 – Alan Kasubuchi imo father, Ben;

Alice Ando imo husband, Alfred

- October 21 – Lew & Jean Tomita Family and Alice Kida imo mother, Fumi Kida, and grandmother, Tsuru Nakamura; Misa Kodama imo husband, Satoru

October 28 – Dana Kakishita imo mother, Hisako

The generous donations from the above are greatly appreciated by OBT. We are grateful that the Flower Toban has access to beautiful flowers to arrange on the *onaijin* (altar) and elsewhere around our temple each week. We are also grateful that Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) has set up a *Lotus Circle* page on our website. If you are interested in joining the Lotus Circle or need information about it, please contact me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail: jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

Condolences ...

- To the family of Setsu Ueno who passed away September 4th in New Jersey.

2012 Memorial Chart			
Year		Year	
Of Passing	Memorial	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.

October Toban

Abe, Al	Achterman, Marilyn
Achterman, Mark	Bagnall, Alden
Davis, Ryan	Dickinson, Kiyomi
Fujikawa, Frieda	Fujikawa, Shigeo
Hughes-Davis, Angie	Ikemiya, Cheryl
Ishimaru, Bettina	Ishimaru, Robert
Kajitsu, Nancy	Kennedy, Karol
Martinez, Donna	Shiraishi, Karen
Shiraishi, Rick	Swann, LaRhett
Takemoto, May	Tamiyasu, Katie

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 theDharma

Words of Jean Matsumoto – 1995

Sukiya ki Bazaar Order Form

****Sukiya ki Bazaar – Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012****

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11:00am to 3:00pm at the Oregon Buddhist Temple
Please return order forms by Wednesday Oct. 3, 2012.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price/ To Go*</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sukiya ki*	\$7.50/\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Vegetarian Sukiya ki*	\$7.50/\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
<i>*For each take-out Sukiya ki order, please add \$.50 (total \$8.00).</i>			
Chow Mein	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Chicken Bento	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Total			\$ _____

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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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Sumiko Ikata

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Ray & Yasuko Fields

In memory of Momoko Fields

Ray & Yasuko Fields

In memory of mother's birthday

Jean Matsumoto

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