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# PureLand Path



## The Sounds of the Pure Land Rev. Tadao Koyama

*"Pure winds blow in the jewel-trees,  
Producing the five tones of the scale.  
As those sounds are harmonious and  
spontaneous,  
Pay homage to Amida, the one imbued*

*with purity."*

- Shinran Shonin, Jodo Wasan

Happy May everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed the blooming of the various flowers and blossoms in the trees and in recent weeks.

The poem that is written above comes from Shinran Shonin's Hymns of the Pure Land. In this poem, Shinran describes the beautiful sounds that are heard in the Pure Land. He is also referring to the five heavenly tones that all of our chanting and gagaku classical Japanese music is based off of.

Many of you are already familiar with our service format for our weekly Sunday service. We start with chanting, followed by incense offering, a Dharma talk, and announcements of the various activities our temple has to offer. One of the aspects that can confuse first-time visitors the most, could be the chanting. Often, our chanting is in a language we do not speak on a daily basis. For a guest, these could be just sounds to them that have no meaning. They could read the English translation of the sutra at the bottom of the page, but without context, it can be just as confusing! So why do we do it?

A big part of our ritual has to do with expressing our deepest appreciation and gratitude towards the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha. In the sutras, they also describe the beauty of Pure Land and the majestic sounds that are heard there. When attending a service at a Jodo Shinshu temple, it is part of all of the priest's job to help create a pleasant religious experience for the temple member and visitor. Part of this is the chanting of the sutras or gathas written by the Pure Land Masters.

While most of the time we hear a chant that is somewhat monotone, but on special occasions we hear more melodic chants that elevates the significance of the service. One of the best examples of this was during our joint-Hoonko service with our temples in the Northwest district. The service was musical and melodic. Our members could tell that we were celebrating an auspicious occasion!

As we continue to attend service and enjoy the Dharma, let us listen and chant with an open heart!



## OBT President's Message Cathy Yarne

On April 8th the OBT Board held its very first retreat. It was a very productive time where we focused on long and short range goals for our temple. The two areas that were identified as most important were religious instruction/education and membership. Recognizing our strengths and weaknesses, we then brainstormed ways to increase and strengthen these areas.

Today I'm writing this article to talk about being a Supporter of the Oregon Buddhist Temple. OBT intentionally designed a pledge system to allow individuals to pledge as much as they felt comfortable and able to commit to. We recognize that pledges will vary depending on the various circumstances in your lives. No matter the amount of an individual pledge, you are acknowledged as a Supporter of OBT.

The Oregon Buddhist Temple is a member of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). As part of the BCA, OBT has a financial obligation to the BCA. Therefore, fulfilled OBT pledges of \$300 or more will also be considered a BCA member. In addition:

- A portion of your pledge will be submitted to BCA.
- You will be eligible to be nominated to be on the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of Directors.
- You will be eligible to vote for the Board of Directors and other issues that are presented at the General Meeting.

Recently, the Board approved Sponsorship. An individual may donate, in whole or in part, the \$300 for another individual to become a OBT Supporter and BCA member. The donor must make this donation specifically in writing.

In 2023 OBT had 81 BCA members. Our hope is to increase this number. As you know, (with the exception of a full time minister (which we currently don't have) we are an all volunteer organization. Being able to maintain and sustain the facilities, offer regular services and dharma educational opportunities for everyone is challenging with the current number of supporters and no resident minister. The more supporters we have, the easier it will be and the more we can offer. Currently there is a shortage of ministers in the BCA but hopefully a larger number of BCA members will demonstrate to the BCA that we warrant the guidance of a full time minister when one is available.

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

*(OBT President's Message, from page 1)*

For those of you who have already made a pledge for 2024, we are very grateful for your support. Thank you. For those of you who are considering making a pledge, please consider doing so.

If you have any question myself or any Board member are available to talk to you about becoming a Supporter of OBT.

IN GASSHO,  
Cathy Yarne

### May Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of May. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the May 19 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](mailto:obtlanterns@gmail.com).

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| Kikuno Asakawa, 5/5/1962*         | Katsumi Mishima, 5/23/1963        | Michio (Mich) Sakauye, 5/03/1995     |
| Kanichi Egimoto, 5/11/1950        | Takuyo Miura, 5/02/1980           | Kenjiro Sasaki, 5/03/1989            |
| Shuichi Fujinaka, 5/20/1961       | Kura Masako Mori, 5/30/1980*      | Riye Sasaki, 5/1/1987*               |
| Yoshichiro Funatake, 5/15/1986    | Kow Mukaida, 5/30/1977            | George Shido, 5/22/1993              |
| Donald Greenwood, 5/04/2010       | Susanne Mineko Myers, 5/10/2006   | Matsuji Shimizu, 5/15/1954           |
| Mitsuko Hasuike, 5/7/2016*        | Saneharu Nagano, 5/17/1965        | Yayoi Tajima, 5/24/1965*             |
| Neil Seth Hollander, 5/28/2015    | Denzo Nakagawa, 5/08/1963         | Unosuke Takano, 5/03/1956            |
| Asaji Hooraku, 5/29/1952          | James Yoshio Nakagawa, 5/01/2008  | Richard Kiyoshi Takashima, 5/31/2001 |
| Kiyoshi Ishii, 5/04/1950          | Akiko Nakamatsu, 5/31/1983        | Mary Natsuko Takeuchi, 5/26/2001*    |
| Isamu Sam Iwamoto, 5/29/1996      | Hiroshi Nakamura, 5/11/1978       | Tomiye Takeuchi, 5/27/1984           |
| Akimi Kawachi, 5/10/1981          | Sally Mew Lin Nakamura, 5/26/2014 | Mitsugi (Mits) Tamiyasu, 5/13/2011   |
| Ito Kawamoto, 5/18/1950*          | Yukiye Nakano, 5/23/1990          | Shime Tanada, 5/30/1960*             |
| Suekichi Kawasaki, 5/19/1961      | Masao Nakashima, 5/04/1983        | Nobuyoshi Toyooka, 5/13/1996         |
| Shin Kobuchi, 5/11/1959           | Shotaro Nishikawa, 5/06/1964      | Ikutaro Tsubouchi, 5/5/1952          |
| Martha Masako Maehara, 5/18/1990* | Shin Obuchi, 5/11/1959            | Jayne Yasui Van Ness, 5/13/2021      |
| Toshio Maetani, 5/15/1975         | Mataroku Okabe, 5/01/1955         | Seiichi Wakayama, 5/19/1954          |
| Jean Matsunaga, 5/15/2006         | Dorothy Hanae Okamoto, 5/18/1984* | Yoshiko Yasutome, 5/27/2012*         |
| Cruz T Miller, 5/26/2014          | Chiyo Ono, 5/7/1952*              | Yoneko Yoneyama, 5/29/1996*          |
| Asoye Minami, 5/5/1977*           | Masuko Onishi, 5/02/1963          | Kojiro Yoshida, 5/12/1973            |
| Kiyomatsu Minami, 5/07/1980       | Fukuo Ozaki, 5/30/1953            | Akira Yoshiro, 5/11/1997             |
|                                   | Hisano Sakamoto, 5/29/1993*       |                                      |

\* OBWA member

### Gotan-ye Service with Rev. Koyama Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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

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|-----------|---|
| 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  | Eitaikyō - Perpetual Memorial Service         |
| December  | Bodhi Day                                     |
|           | Year End Gift for the Temple                  |

**Oregon Buddhist Temple  
March 2024 Donations**

***In memory of Susanne Seno***

Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa

***In memory of James Y. Nakagawa***

Nadine Nakagawa

***In memory of Herb Osaki***

Joseph & Lora Wahl

***In memory of Ami Kinoshita***

Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa

***In memory of Leonard & Sachiko***

***Montes de Oca***

Dennis & Virginia Sugihara

**SHOTSUKI HOYO**

***In memory of James Kida***

Lew & Jean Tomita

***In memory of Shoemon Nakamura***

Lew & Jean Tomita

***In memory of Yoko Yuzuriha***

Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

***Saito Family***

Carolyn J. Saiget

***In memory of Michael Ando***

Diane Ando Harder

***In memory of Yoshito (George)***

***Sadamoto***

Setsy & Chip Larouche

***In memory of A. Ojiro Sasaki***

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**SHOTSUKI HOYO (continued)**

***In memory of Henry Matsunaga***

Janice Okamoto

***In memory of Toshiko Tanaka***

Susan Endecott

***In memory of Jack Watari***

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Susan Endecott

***Spring Ohigan***

Linda & Steve Okazaki

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Pat. Hokama

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Yoshie Kagawa

Katie Tamiyasu

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***Hanamatsuri***

Katie Tamiyasu

Pat. Hokama

Dana Kakishita

Elaine & Todd Yuzuriha

***2024 Annual Pledge***

Nadine Nakagawa

Colin Nakamura

***Monthly/quarterly/semi-annual  
Pledge donations***

Kaoru Hori

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Susan Endecott

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donor upon request.***

***Please inform us of any  
significant errors or omissions.  
Thank you.***

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***Thank you for your continued support!***

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# Hanamatsuri 2024





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



### Planting Seeds at OBT By Carol Saiget

*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."*

Monku, monku, monku...it is easy to complain about my toban time, working a long shift in the kitchen, or feeling guilty for not making a donation for a special event like Obon. We so often want an immediate result, recognition, or rewards. And, it is so easy to step back and assume that the temple can cover the expense or someone will step up and take care of it.

It feels like the older I get, the more reasons I have to reflect on the many things I am grateful for. The temple has given me so many opportunities and experiences to learn and grow. I can't quantify the impact that "being a Buddhist" has had on the many choices and challenges I make every day. I just know it does.

Did I realize any of this in my younger days or was I just going through the motions sitting in service, going to Dharma class, enjoying YBA retreats, or dancing in Obon? And today when I attend a service, mop the floors, chop vegetables, or make another monetary donation, do I pause to appreciate all that I have received.

Only a few of us can put a face to names like Tamura, Sasaki, Ochiai, Miyoshi, Yoshida, Ishida, Miura, Osaki, Tamaki, and so many more. These are just some of the many folks who planted seeds so there would be a harvest for people like you and me to benefit from. Without people like them, our temple would not have survived and thrived. Did these people complain about having to do their toban duties, working their tails off at a bazaar, cleaning toilets, or being asked for monetary donations? Did these people recognize the actions of people before them, those who planted the seeds for the harvest they enjoyed?

As a Buddhist, I am reminded to have patience and to try to look at the big picture, taking note of the journey, even if you can't readily see the immediate impact or results. "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." It is questionable whether we should credit Robert Louis Stevenson for this proverb, but it is clear that the message is timeless.

And, if you agree with this proverb, maybe you'll have a different mindset, or not even wait to be asked...to give your time, energy, and resources to our temple... planting seeds so that others will have something to harvest.

Visit the BCA webpage at this [link](#):



### Seeking Service Chairpersons By Alfred Ono

It is summertime and the living is EASY . However, the services go on each Sunday.

I am looking for people to do service chairpersons. It is easy, just read a script.

You do not need to speak anything extra unless you have a few choice words. We think we even have the audio system issues resolved.

I thank the people who have been doing a great job as chairs and I presume they will help again for the second half of the year. I would also like to thank the board and OBWA members for special services.

I am making assignments for the 2nd half of the year and will need your name soon.

Please send me your name and Email address to: Al Ono. My Email is: [portlandonos@gmail.com](mailto:portlandonos@gmail.com)

Gassho

Alfred Ono



### Omiyage Donations By Susan Leedham

We are beginning to collect donations for Omiyage to sell at Obon. Spring is around the corner, so please consider donating to OBT when decluttering, and please ask your friends and relatives too!

Most anything Japanese sells best, such as dishes, serving pieces and art. We are also interested in gently used decorative and kitchen items, although as is common with garage sales, it is surprising what sells! Toys and jewelry also sell, though other than T-shirts, most clothing does not.

We are putting the donations in the Mabel Boggs room. If anyone needs help or has any questions, my cell phone number is 503-803-1041, and my email address is [leedhamreporting@comcast.net](mailto:leedhamreporting@comcast.net)

Thank you!



### OBT Announcements are Getting Reel By Ken Garner

Those of you who attended the last two Sunday services in April may have noticed something new. A video loop containing announcements and other information was played on the television monitors in the hondo prior to and directly after the service. The thought was to reduce the length and number of announcements given in person at the end of the service. The videos, which lasted approximately 4 minutes, began 20 minutes or so prior to the service and looped 5 times. The feedback we received has been overwhelmingly positive; so much so that we will make this part of the Sunday routine. The videos will be updated each week to remain always current and relevant

Ken and Maho Garner are heading up the OBT Announcement Reel project. If you have any questions, feedback, and/or items that you would like included in a video please contact them.





### Oregon Buddhist Women's Association By Jayne Ichikawa

The OBWA has been very busy with activities and participation that supported our homebound and disabled members, organized private visits with Rev Koyama (when he is at OBT), continued to support our temple in valuable ways, and becoming very creative and "crafty" with the organization of the Mottainai Craft Group. Please read these reports and record these important dates.

#### Caring for Others Report:

June and Stan Shiigi took Rev Tadao Koyama to lunch after the chanting seminar on March 30.



Amy Peterson organized an ohagi work party to make 12 ohagi plates for our homebound members that were picked up by relatives and friends after the Ohigan Service. In addition, Setsy LaRouche delivered ohagi to Tsuyako Monas. Many members and friends attended Sahomi Tachibana's 100th birthday party on April 6.

Misa K. celebrated her 97 birthday with family and friends. Here she is (*on right*) with Hiroko and Yasuko who visited her on her birthday.



#### OBWA Social Committee

This committee was created to give the vice president, Jayne Ichikawa another important responsibility. Jayne organized this committee to create fun, strengthen friendships and to support our temple with cooperative activities, besides helping in the kitchen temple.

The first event in which the Committee would like the members and friends to participate is the May 18/19 Mt Tabor Art Walk (link for information: [MtTaborArtWalk.com](http://MtTaborArtWalk.com)). We hope to meet after service on May 19, carpool to a selected site, have lunch in a restaurant, and walk to particular homes to view art. If interested in participating, please contact Jayne Ichikawa at [jayneichi@gmail.com](mailto:jayneichi@gmail.com)

#### Calendar of Events

- May 27 Memorial Day Services, OBT 9:30 am  
Gresham 10:30 am  
Rose City 12pm  
Community Service at Rose City Cemetery  
1:00 pm
- June 22 Volunteer at Portland Food Bank at Portland Warehouse: 7900 NE 33rd Dr. Portland, 97211  
Lunch following at Kennedy School (optional)
- August 3 OBT Obonfest
- Sept 13-17 Northwest District Convention  
At Muckleshoot Casino, Hosted by  
White River Buddhist Temple  
Convention Link: [www.nwdconvention.org](http://www.nwdconvention.org)
- Oct 4-6 BCA FBWA Conference being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in San Jose from October 4th through 6th, 2024. The conference is being hosted by the Coast District Buddhist Women's League.  
This conference is open to everyone, whether you are a member of an FBWA member chapter or not. Conference information is located on the FBWA conference website located here: [fbwaconference.org](http://fbwaconference.org)

Next Month's OBWA reporter is Jeanette Hager.







### Dharma School Ann Shintani

**Portland Buddhist Festival in the Park**  
Saturday, June 29, 2024, 9:00AM-5:00PM

The Northwest Dharma Association is an association of local Buddhist groups and individuals, striving to support Buddhist teachings, practice, and community, reviving this annual gathering. OBT plans to have an informational table so please join us to meet with other Sangha and share the Dharma. Please let Ann Shintani know if you wish to help with our Oregon Buddhist Temple booth.

### Let us celebrate BCA's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with wearing a matching Monto Shikisho including our Dharma School students!

The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, 2024. To commemorate this, the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL), non-profit associated with BCA, commissioned a special Monto Shikisho design for adults and children. The Monto Shikisho is an embroidered cloth draped around the neck that symbolizes belonging to a Buddhist Sangha.

Its origins are from the tradition of wearing of robes by Sakyamuni Buddha and his students. The design, called "Itadakimasu with Gratitude", includes "BCA 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary" embroidered on the back). "Itadakimasu" means "I humbly receive", and at mealtimes it means "thank you for this food" or "let's eat". This [short video](#) shows the child, adult, and minister versions (no sound). These are [hand sewn in Japan](#), as this four-minute video shows (from Buddha Kyoto Culture YouTube). Now that I see the care that these



handcrafters place in making these beautiful accessories, I want to wear them more frequently in appreciation.

We are to submit orders by temple, so please submit your order using this [Google Form](#) by Sunday, July 26, 2024 (subject to availability). Note the length is from the back of the neck to the front of fabric piece. Questions? Contact Ann Shintani at 503 753 1813.

### Happy Birthday, Sahomi Tachibana

This past April, my friend and former Japanese dance teacher, Sahomi Tachibana, celebrated her one hundredth birthday. In the year 2000, I began taking private nihon buyo (Japanese dance) lessons with Sahomi. I never imagined that we would dance together for nearly 25 years... and what joy that has been. Our weekly dance class (and chats) over the years allowed me to be the grateful recipient of her generosity, stories, and shared love of the Japanese arts and culture. A hundred years ago, Sahomi was born. Her given name is Doris Haruno, which means "gift" and "Spring meadow". May we encounter friendships that cultivate lifelong learning, delight and kindness.





**Girl Scouts Update**  
By Amy Peterson

The girls have been really busy planning for their summer trip to John Day. On top of that they're working on their Science of Sewing badge with the help of the Mottainai Craft group.

The OMSI family night was a chance to view fossils from the John Day area and how to find, uncover and removed specimens.

Just for the fun of it they treated themselves to a trip to Build a Bear.

We hope to plant flags next month Sat. May 25th at Willamette National mausoleums for OR Nisei Vets.



blocks and kicks in March. We began 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 class will be held on **May 19th**. We look forward to seeing you then!



**Mottainai Craft Group**  
By Toyoko Oguri

Mottainai Craft Group, formerly called Kimono Group, will continue to accept donations of Japanese kimono, yukata, obi, kimono accessories, and Japanese-themed fabric. In the past month, we are grateful to JAMO (Japanese American Museum of Oregon) for donating 2 huge boxes of kimono and accessories necessary for wearing kimono.

Each year these donated items are on sale at the OBT Obon event. However, some of the kimono and yukata need cleaning or repair from years left in storage and cannot be worn as is. Mottainai Craft Group members come up with ideas to creatively repurpose the fabric 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 in time for Obon.

All proceeds from the sales benefit the OBT and OBWA.

Mottainai Craft Group meets once a month at the temple to work on projects for the Obon. Our next meeting dates are:

- May 25 (Sat) 10:30 to 3
- June 5 (W) 10:30 to 3
- June 22 (Sat) 10:30 to 3
- July 10 (W) 10:30 to 3
- July 20 (Sat) 10:30 to 3

Contact us if you have donations or if you have any questions, please contact the group at: [mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com](mailto:mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com)



**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 May 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



### Words of Advice from My Mother By Shinya Ichikawa

To celebrate Mother's Day, we revisit some words of advice from our mothers which was shared at Dharma Exchange from Mother's Day, May 11 2003. Has anything changed after 20 years?

Lose weight. - Ann Shintani

Kodomo no tame (for the sake of the children). - Gordon Osaka

Don't leave water splattered on kitchen and bathroom counter tops. - Jean Matsumoto

Don't sit on cold concrete steps or eat too many tomatoes; they cause hemorrhoids. - Alice Ando

Don't stand chopsticks in your rice. - Alfred Ono

Don't go to bed with wet hair. (I did it once and caught a cold). - Etsu Osaki

Plant a seed and it will grow and come back to you (If you do something nice for someone, it will be returned.) - Herb Osaki

Don't argue with your brother. - Michael Ishii

Don't kiss the girls. It ruins your trumpet lips. - Todd Yuzuriha

People say marriage is 50/50 but it is not. A woman has to be willing to give 75% or more. - Elaine Yuzuriha

Always eat your vegetables. - Jerry Sumoge

Find a Japanese boy from Hawaii to marry. - Lori Fukunaga

No ride your bike in the cane field. You going to crash in the ditch. - Ray Fukunaga

Watch out for guys like that (referring to guys in the movie Animal House). - Kiyo Endecott

Learn by observing others what is a desirable trait and what is not. - Judy Hittle

Behave. If you do anything wrong the whole community will know and I'll find out. - Amy Peterson

My mother's advice was through her actions, not her words. - Marilyn Achterman

Don't do anything that brings shame to the family. - Janice Okamoto

Marry a Buddhist girl. They're kind and gentle. Honto yo! (it's true!) - Shinya Ichikawa

Be sociable, be sociable, be sociable, and be sociable. - Jayne Ichikawa





**Thank You for Clothing Donations**  
By Jayne Ichikawa

Thanks to everyone who generously donated items to the OBT warm clothing drive to IRCO (Immigrant, Refugee Community Organization). Our last collection which ended on March 31 was HUGE. The men who were in charge thanked us with heartfelt gratitude since our donations will help and support the many needy families.



A horizontal banner with a blue background. On the left is the IRCO logo, which consists of a stylized white figure with arms raised above the letters 'irco' in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Below the logo, the text 'IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION' is written in a smaller, white, uppercase font. To the right of the logo, the text 'We greatly appreciate your support for IRCO!' is written in white. Below this text, the word 'WELCOME' is written in a large, light blue, uppercase font. On the far right of the banner is a portrait of a smiling woman with her hair styled in a bun.

Dear Oregon Buddhist Temple,

With your help, Oregon’s newest residents are building new beginnings. Immigrant and refugee families are thriving. Parents are finding jobs and children are succeeding in school. IRCO’s wraparound services impact children, youth, parents and seniors—helping them navigate the different challenges at every stage of life for newcomers to our state.

Thank you for joining us in welcoming and empowering immigrants and refugees as they become part of the fabric of our community. Thank you for supporting our work with your thoughtful in kind donation on 04/25/2024. Your gift to IRCO says you want to invest in our neighbors and community. [Click here to sign up for our Newsletters.](#)

In gratitude,

Lee Po Cha, Executive Director



**Jodo Shinshu 101 Class**  
By Chris Dart

Rev. Koyama teaches a monthly class on Buddhism and we are invited to join the class.

I have pulled info from the website and it is below as are links (the links work better from the webpage). I will also add it to the Events table in our newsletter.

Signup link to info and form is on the main page of Tacoma's website, about 2/3 of the way down the page – [tacomabt.org](https://www.tacomabt.org) (also in the About Us section, check out the Shin Buddhism page – interesting info.

In Gassho Chris

## Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm

[Register here](#) (this takes you to a google form – links work better from the webpage)

Info on the class from the form:

### Rev. Koyama's Monthly Study classes

Rev. Tadao Koyama of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple is now offering monthly study classes on Zoom! These study classes will always be offered on the second Wednesday of every month. In our next class we will take a closer look at the many rituals we perform in our school of Buddhism, mainly chanting. We will analyze certain chants and take a brief preview of some new ones that we can work towards familiarizing ourselves with! We hope you will enjoy the beginning of this lecture series about our traditions and hopefully we will be able to start having these study classes in person!

Once you have signed up for the Study class you do NOT have to sign up again. You will automatically be sent the Zoom link to each of the study classes every month.

Study Class: Jodo Shinshu Ritual 101

Dates: Every second Wednesday of the month.

Time: 6pm-7pm

Event address: A Zoom link will be sent out the day before the study class

Cost: Our study classes are free but donations to the temple are always welcome!

<https://www.tacomabt.org/donations/>

If you have any questions please contact us at: [info@tacomabt.org](mailto:info@tacomabt.org)

Thank you Rev. Koyama and Tacoma Buddhist Temple!

## 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](mailto: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:

<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. **NOTE: Practice for the 3 weeks before Obon is now on Monday and Wednesday night instead of Tuesday and Thursday.** 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Zoom link:**

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

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

**Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.**

### Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link to info and form is on the main page of Tacoma's website, about 2/3 of the way down the page – (signup link takes you to google form).

<https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.





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**Tacoma Buddhist  
Temple  
presents**

**Our Special Guest Speaker  
Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji  
Resident Minister of  
Southern Alameda Buddhist Temple**



**The Joy of the Nembutsu Way of Life**

**Date: Saturday, May, 11**  
**Time: Seminar 2pm-4pm, Dinner 5pm-7:30pm**  
**Place: Tacoma Buddhist Temple Social Hall**  
**1717 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402**  
**Cost: Seminar is Free, Dinner \$15 suggested donation**

In this talk, Rev. Miyaji will discuss what is the benefit of having the Nembutsu teaching in our lives. Why does this teaching matter? What will result from us turning towards the world of Amida Buddha's Boundless Wisdom and Compassion?

To Register, please email Rev. Koyama at: [revtadaok@gmail.com](mailto:revtadaok@gmail.com)  
Please also let Rev. Koyama know if you plan to attend the dinner!

# 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

*live*

**Get ready to jitterbug and jive with Minidoka Swing Band!**



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Oregon Food Bank,  
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Chat with Robbi Ando, [rchando@comcast.net](mailto: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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*Celebrating Dharma Rain Zen Center's  
50th Anniversary*

Saturday, June 1, 2024

2:00-7:00 pm

Dharma Rain Zen Center

8500 NE Siskiyou St. Portland, OR 97220

*Program*

2:00-3:00 pm: Formal ceremony

3:00-4:00 pm: Program of speakers

4:00-5:00 pm: Outdoor ceremony, kids programming

5:00-6:00 pm: Buffet dinner

6:00-7:00 pm: Dance party

In 1974 a sitting group was formed. Five decades later, Dharma Rain has become a thriving Soto Zen temple, serving hundreds of practitioners. Please join us on June 1, 2024 for a day of ceremony and celebration commemorating Dharma Rain's 50th Anniversary.

*The dharma taught by the Buddha is comparable to a great cloud which, with single flavored rain, moistens human flowers so that each is able to bear fruit.*

*-Lotus Sutra*