



Oregon Buddhist Temple
established 1903

Obonfest is Saturday, August 3, on the Oregon

Pureland Path

The Oregon Buddhist Temple Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

I hope that this newsletter reaches you just before our Obonfest. If our Obon festival has already passed as you read this, let me thank you in advance for your support of this most important religious, cultural and fund-raising event. If you are reading

this after Obonfest, I hope you are getting rested and your energies are on the way to being restored.

Although it is still several months off, I want to begin to inform you all about our 110th Anniversary celebration. This coming November 16 and 17, we will commemorate the Oregon Buddhist Temple's 110th Anniversary. On Saturday, November 16, we will start at 1 p.m., with a discussion in Japanese led by Rev. Harry Bridge and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno. Our two presenters are quite bi-lingual, so, if your Japanese skills are no better than mine, you could still participate. I will ask Rev. Unno and Rev. Bridge to speak in Japanese and then briefly summarize what they just said in English. You can also ask questions in English in this first session. After a break we'll resume at 2:30 p.m., with an English-language presentation including our two panelists and myself. We'll allow 90 minutes for that session and the whole afternoon of Buddhist discussion will be done by 4 p.m. What exactly will be the topic of the presentations? We aren't sure yet. We are letting the general theme: "Honor the past, live the present, build the future" mulch in our unconscious minds. We will come up with something focused and coherent in our address of the Buddha-dharma. Forgive me for giving such a preliminary overview at this time.

On Sunday, November 17, we will combine our 110th Memorial service with our yearly Eitaikyo service. As usual, we will start with a Dharma-message in Japanese. Rev. Mark Unno will deliver that Japanese-language talk and also the English-language Dharma-message at the main service, which will start at 10 a.m. We expect to have a bento lunch following the service. This will be by pre-order and we will inform you ahead of time of the cost

(probably \$20) and the deadline. Please keep checking this newsletter each month as the event draws closer, and we will give you more details on the event.

On August 24, OBT's Dharma school Teachers will host the yearly NW District Dharma-School Teachers Conference. The last time we were the hosts, it was an excellent event. I expect a repeat of the wonderful job our Dharma-School teachers and teachers emeritus did a few years back. I am often embarrassed by how much effort is put in by our lay leaders at OBT. If we had to pay all of you a dollar an hour for all you do for our temple, our account would soon be bankrupt.

I encourage you to attend our 110th anniversary in three months. I thank you for your support of our Obonfest this month. You all worked so hard on it. Still let me make a special point of thanking the chairperson, Dr. Yoshi Ono. A lot of work goes into these events but we don't want to work you all or even myself so very hard. In the end it is all a matter of being part of a community that endeavors to live with appreciation, enjoyment, decency and gratitude. Thank you again.

Gassho,
Gregory Gibbs

August Highlights

- Aug 1: Last Obon Practice, 7 pm
- Aug 2 + 3: All Day Obonfest Prep
- Aug 3: Obonfest, 3-9 pm
- Aug 3: Obonfest Clean-up, 9 am
- Aug 14: Japanese Garden Obon, 8 pm
- Aug 17: Rummage Sale, 9 am-3 pm; OBWA Meeting, 9:30 am; DS Spaghetti Bingo, 6-9 pm
- Aug 24: Sakeone Festival, Forest Grove, 11am-7pm

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President's Message

Ken Garner

In my article last month I mentioned the decline in OBT's membership rolls. While we do face challenges in attracting new members, we are taking steps to increase our public exposure. This past month, we, for the 3rd consecutive year,

ran a photo booth at the Natsu Matsuri organized by the Yuuyake Shimbun. People who visited our booth and had their picture taken while wearing a yukata had a great time. Ostensibly a fund-raiser, we viewed this more as an opportunity to advertise Obon and to let people know that we existed. I talked with many people who did not know of us, some of whom had Jodo Shinshu family, and who expressed interest in our teachings and activities. While it may not have been a particularly lucrative fund-raiser, it met our goal of exposure.

This is not our only public outreach event. We will be participating for the second time, in the Pacific Rim Festival at SakeOne at the end of this month. We will be running a photo booth there as well. Again the goal is one of exposure rather than fund raising.

We also need to expand our fund raisers, to extend beyond our traditional sources. Our fund raisers are primarily food-based events with a fairly small base. These fund raisers have been successful but they are what they are and as they now stand there is little opportunity for growth. We have seen that they are insufficient to meet our operating needs. We need to expand our thinking about fund raising opportunities. This year we had a booth at the Beaverton International Celebration (event has not happened as of this writing) selling tofu bowls and ika on a stick. This is still a food based fund raiser but it is "fishing new waters" and not relying primarily on people who have supported us in the past. It is also a chance to introduce ourselves to new people.

We have other ideas we will be trying, i.e. a craft fair in November. We are looking for other opportunities where we can accomplish both goals of introducing ourselves to people who may be interested in our teachings and expand our fund raising efforts beyond our traditional activities and customers.

I realize that these plans may be outside of what we have done in the past and may be pushing the boundaries of our collective comfort zone, I believe it is the direction that we must go. I would like to hear your ideas on these and other topics on the direction we should go.

In Gassho,
Ken

Save the Date: November 16-17, 2013
OBT to Celebrate its 110th Anniversary

Saturday Seminar featuring
Rev. Harry Bridge and Rev./Dr. Mark Unno
Sunday Eitaikyo Service and 110th Anniversary Luncheon
Look for more information and
luncheon order form in the next newsletter.



Musings of an OBT board member

Craig Yanase

As one of your newly elected board members, let me thank you for the opportunity to serve our temple. My reluctance in initially accepting this was I felt I wasn't

present enough to perform the best job possible.

I started writing this the day after my hometown Obon, in one of my two childhood homes. The sounds, sights, and smells of summer are all conjured up as Obon season starts in earnest at the end of June here in the southland. For the next two months, it's possible to go to a different Obon or two every weekend in the Los Angeles area, with many attending/dancing/working in more than just their own temples. While it is great to see and reconnect with many, it also pains me to see the problems I'm sure not only OBT and my hometown church are experiencing, but all churches that are supported through the volunteerism of their congregation. Many of the faces I grew up with are still working hard despite being in their seventies, eighties, and even nineties. Triple digit heat that weekend did nothing to help their efforts. While there were plenty of younger, newer faces I didn't recognize, many that I grew up with were absent. Some, like myself, have moved away, but most are still in the area with the increasingly busy, divergent schedules that we all are living.

As the primary care provider (stay at home dad) for our family, I fully understand the hectic, activity filled days that consume our lives. I marvel at those who give so much of themselves and their time to make our temple function. I wish that I could do more and help alleviate the burdens taken on by our aging sangha. Through our actions and efforts, hopefully our children will see the value in fostering and keeping our communities alive. We all do what we can do, even if it's one day a year. You may be catching up with someone who's been really looking forward to it.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to approach me or any other board member.

With Gassho,
Craig Yanase

Book Club Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday August, 21
at Lucky Lab, 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd., in Portland

Our selection this month is *Buddhaland Brooklyn: A Novel* by Richard C. Morais. The story is of a middle aged priest sent to New York from Japan. It is said to be humorous and sad and follows him as he encounters numerous cultural differences and the Western way of life. More information at <http://www.richardmorais.com/tag/buddhaland-brooklyn/>



OBWA News
Katie Tamiyasu

The Oregon Buddhist Women's Association gratefully acknowledges generous donations received in June and July from Ami Kinoshita, Kiyomi Dickinson, Yoshie Kagawa in memory of her husband's 13th

memorial, and Alice Sumida in appreciation for the two flower bouquets she received at the OBWA birthday luncheon in June.

We received a nice thank you letter from the Backpack Project for our donation of food and non-perishable items given to needy children in the Tigard/Tualatin School District. It is rewarding to know our contributions are received with so much appreciation.

July 20th was a busy day at the temple beginning with our OBWA meeting at 9:30am, followed by Dr. Al Ono's informative talk on Heat Issues, a problem if sudden changes in heat that can cause heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Risky if temperatures above 90 degrees and humidity above 60%. Following the talk, was a used kimono sale, just in time for the Obon. He also discussed and demonstrated the Continuous Chest Compression CPR which was very informative and valuable.

Obon Festival is quickly approaching. Kitchen schedules for Otoki and Obon day: Otoki preparation will begin on Saturday, July 27th at 9am, and Sunday, July 28th starting at 8am. Obon preparation begins Friday, August 2nd at 9am, and Saturday, August 3rd at 9am.

We hope to see many of you come to help at OBON, either in the kitchen or in the booths. This is the biggest event of the year and it takes a lot of members to make it all come together.



Mrs. Alice Sumida turned 99-years-old on July 18, 2013. The 99th birthday in Japan is more auspicious than the 100th. The OBT Sangha celebrated her birthday with her on July 14.



Dharma School News
Amy Peterson

Thanks to all who participated in the swim party. It was small but successful, with a fabulous pot luck. We took some good pictures. If you would like copies, please contact me, and if you have some to

share, please make copies.

On July 7, four children and four adults visited residents at two senior homes. Kids made sushi and cards and arranged flowers to bring to Kazuko Sunamoto at Fairmont Village, Hiro Takeuchi, Emi Kinoshita, Sumi Ikata, May Saito and Kaz Oda at Powell Valley. Rose Ikata was visiting for a while. Children sang Our World and Hotokesama (new version).

I apologize for canceling DS Day Camp. I also must apologize for not making sure the registration form was not available on the website as announced.

Cathy Shikitani has been working in the garden. The tomatoes are growing nicely. We still need people to help water. Hiroshi Yamauchi planted a fig tree behind the detached garage. It has fruit on it so we need to check it periodically for ripeness. Kyoko has been helping with the watering and a large group cleaned a lot of weeds out of the garden. Thanks to all. We will continue with organized work parties on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

The Rummage Sale dates are set for August 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thanks to all who have inquired about donating, helping or purchasing. Kyoko is leading the sale with help from other teachers. We are still looking for additional help. Ann Shintani will coordinate between Rummage Sale and Spaghetti Bingo.

BeeBee Dawson volunteered to lead Spaghetti Bingo this year. She is offering new options including gluten-free pasta, and vegan pasta primavera, hopefully with our DS Garden produce. We will have a dessert auction so we are looking for donors, bakers and hungry people. Please see order form enclosed in the newsletter. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for each participant and mark the appropriate age group: child male, female or either, teen male, female or either, adult female, male, or either, or any age.

OBT will host the NWDS Teachers League workshop and business meeting Saturday, August 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will build on the convention theme "Honoring the Past, Living the Present and Looking to the Future." We will discuss family practices, home obutsudans, home practices, and building home practice for future generations, as well as a recap of the Federation of DS Teacher's League 2013 conference on I.C.E. And Intent VS Impact.

The workshop is open to all. Please contact Amy Peterson if you would like to attend. There are other temple activities that day but you are welcome to drop in at any time. OBWA has offered to help with the refreshments for our guests.

Please register your child for Dharma School 2013-2014, so we can organize classes.

Girl Scout troop 43720 is working to team up with an older troop for our incoming Daisy Girl Scouts. Registration forms are available at the Temple or parents can register their child online at girlscoutsofsw.org/personify. Scouts meet Sunday, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., twice a month.



New Books in the Library

Etsu Osaki

Miyazawa Kenji: "Selections," edited by Hiroaki Sato, University of California Press, 2007. Miyazawa was a well-known poet (1896-1933), and Nichiren follower. He lived an ascetic and humble life helping local farmers. His

"Nov 3" poem is universally familiar and memorized by school children in Japan.

"A Life of Serendipity: Blown by the Wind of Amida's Vow" by Alfred Bloom, American Buddhist Study Center Publications, 2008. In this autobiography, Alfred Bloom writes about his life from a Christian minister to a Buddhist kaikyoshi.

"Buddhism and Psychotherapy Across Cultures: Essays on Theories and Practices," edited by Mark Unno, Wisdom Publications, 2006. A scholarly collection of 13 articles. One may recognize Julie Hanada-Lee who wrote on "Death and Dying," Seigen Yamaoka, Mark and Taitetsu Unno.

110th Anniversary in November

Just a reminder that photos are needed of Temple members, DS Families, Dharma Exchange for our 110th Anniversary update in November. Photos will be taken at the Temple at every opportunity or you can email a photo of your choice to dharma.school@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.



Lotus Circle - August

Jean Matsumoto

The wonderful warmth of summer continues to ensure that beautiful flowers are available for our Flower Toban to arrange on our altar and around the temple. This month donations made by the following

people in memory of (imo) loved ones will be used to purchase the flowers and we greatly appreciate their thoughtfulness and generosity:

- August 5 – Ami Kinoshita imo her parents, Taitaro and Mitsu Nakao, and her parents-in-law (Kaz's parents), Tokuji and Kise
- August 12 – Matt, Randy and Julie Muramatsu imo their mother, Phyllis; Ray Fields imo his step-father, Bernard Mayers
- August 19 – Sandi Yamauchi imo her mother, Misaye Tonooka, and grandmother, Chiyoko Tonooka.
- August 26 – open

Please don't forget to check out the webpage our temple president, Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) has set up for us to share memories of loved ones. For further information about the Lotus Circle, please call 503-280-2463 or e-mail: jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

August Toban

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

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

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to the family of Shizue Yasui who passed away on June 29, 2013, the family of Hiro Takeuchi who passed away on July 11, 2013, and the family of Tomo Sunamoto who passed on July 23, 2013.

Hatsubon

First Obon observation for

Setsuko Ruby "Sets" Ueno	9-4-2012
Shizue Sugihara	10-26-2012
Sachiko "Sachi" Onchi	1-27-2013
Toshiko Tanaka	3-23-2013
Shizue Yasui	6-29-2013

2013 Memorial Chart

Year of Passing	Memorial	Year of Passing	Memorial
2012	1 year	1997	17 year
2011	3 year	1989	25 year
2007	7 year	1981	33 year
2001	13 year	1964	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.

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Grace & Katsuya Amasuga

In memory of Toshiko Tanaka

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Yoshie Kagawa

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9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, August 16-17, 2013

Annex Garage (South of main building)

Items for sale include furniture, kitchen items, toys, books, and clothes.

Proceeds benefit our youth programs, which include: reduced registration fees for NW Buddhist conference attendance, books and teaching supplies for classes.

Spaghetti Bingo Night

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, August 17

Spaghetti dinner:

\$8/adult, \$5/senior,

\$5/child (12 yrs and under),

or \$20/family



White Elephant Bingo:

Bingo cards are \$1 each for the evening. Please bring one wrapped White Elephant gift per guest.

OBT families and friends are invited to attend this Dharma School fundraising event.

We call an item a “White Elephant” when it is viewed as valuable to some, but burdensome to keep for others. Please consider re-gifting new or lightly used items for our bingo prizes.

If you can help out at this event, or have questions, please call Marilyn Achterman.

Proceeds benefit Dharma School programs, which include registration assistance to students participating in the 2014 NW District Buddhist Convention, hosted by Oregon Buddhist Temple.

Spaghetti Bingo Night Pre-Order Form

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, August 17

Name of guest(s)	Type (adult, child, senior)	Noodle (regular or gluten-free)	Sauce (meat or vegan)	Price \$8 Adult \$5 Child \$5 Senior or \$20 Family
Total				

Submit form and checks (to “OBT Dharma School”) to the temple by Aug. 11.
Bingo cards will be for sale at \$1/card. Proceeds benefit OBT Dharma School.

Phone number: _____