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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

June 2023



**“Mata-ne”
Reverend Yuki Sugahara**

Some of us went to Japan for the Japan Trip for two weeks mainly to attend the Joint celebration of 850th of Shinran Shonin’s Birth and 800th of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu, and World Buddhist Women’s Convention which was held in Kyoto.

After participation in the celebration and the convention, we visited Hiroshima, Kumamoto, Nagasaki, Fukuoka, Okinawa and Tokyo. It was an enjoyable trip and Hikaru really loved Japan. The last time he visited Japan was when he was 1 or 2 years old so this is the first trip to Japan he would remember.

Among the places we visited, I liked Okinawa. I was able to visit one of the Chinese Martial Arts teachers there and Churaumi Aquarium was an amazing aquarium. If you have never visited there, I highly recommend it.

Okinawan people have their own language and it is different from Japanese words we often use. When they say “Hi,” regular Japanese people say “konnichiwa,” but Okinawan say “hai-sai.” When they want to say “thank you,” they say “nife-de-biru.”

When the time came us to leave Okinawa, the tour guide told us that Okinawan don’t say “sayonara/goodbye.” Instead, they say “mata-ne/see you again,” because they think that the people who spent time together are “family.” As we don’t say “goodbye” to our family, Okinawan just say “see you again.” I thought this is similar to the feeling of Shinran Shonin’s words I shared at the beginning. Even if Shinran Shonin’s physical body would be gone; those who follow the same path as Shinran Shonin are able to meet again in the Pure Land. So Jodo Shinshu Buddhists don’t say “goodbye” to our dharma friends but we say “see you again.”

It was a wonderful 6 years we spent together here at Oregon Buddhist Temple. At first, I didn’t want to come to Portland because I knew Portland had a lot of rainy days. But once we moved to Portland, we loved it here. The culture here is amazing and people here are very kind and thoughtful. The Sangha here is passionate to learn more about Buddhism, and I was really surprised how OBT Sangha chant aloud. I think this is one thing you can be proud of!! Not many Sangha chant aloud like us.

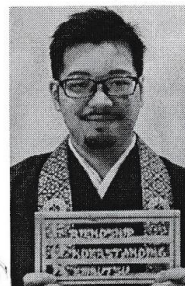
So, even though I am relocating to Sacramento, CA, it is not “good bye”. I am sure that we have more chances to meet again in this life and even in the Pure Land. So I just say “mate-ne” to all of you and I am looking forward to meeting you again. Thank you very much for the wonderful 6 years!!

From the OBT Newsletter of February 2017



**OBT’s New Minister
Cathy Yarne, Past OBT President**

Rev. Yuki Sugahara will become our minister beginning June 1st. Until then, he will be our supervising minister as of Feb. 5th. (This means he will come one weekend a month until June)



**Reverend Yuki
Sugahara**

Reverend Yuki Sugahara is from a temple family called Kōrinji (father’s side) and Gokurakuji (mother’s side) in Shimane Prefecture located just north of Hiroshima. He received his Tokudo Ordination in 1996 when he was a freshman in high school. He spent his junior year of high school in Rochester, New York as a Rotary Club exchange student.

Reverend Sugahara has a B.A. in Human Studies (major in Buddhist Studies) from Musashino University and currently is enrolled in a graduate school program, majoring in Buddhist Studies with Musashino University. He received his Kyoshi Certification in 2002. In 2009 Reverend Yuki came to the United States to attend the International Ministerial Orientation Program at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. Since July 2011 he has been the resident minister at the Buddhist Church of Florin.

One of Reverend Yuki’s hobbies is playing the bass guitar, which he is known to play for the Sangha. Reverend Yuki and his wife Namiko have a 4 year old daughter, Aoi, and a son Hikaru who was born at the end of October.

Rev. Sugahara’s first service at OBT will be Feb. 5th. Following service you’ll have an opportunity to get to know Reverend during a special “Coffee Hour”. The annual General Meeting will be immediately after this event at 12:00.

During the next few months the Sugahara’s will be focusing on finding home. If you know of a house for rent or selling a home within the Portland Public School district please let Cathy Yarne know as soon as possible.

“OBT welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation.”

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

June Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of June. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the June 18 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 Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Akiyama, Uhichi 6/12/1967	Kanno, Makoto 6/7/1993	Okamoto, Misuyo 6/4/1997 *
Asai, Matsu 6/12/1967	Kawasaki, Corky Tokuyoshi 6/7/2001	Okawa, Misu 6/18/1978 *
Asawu, Benosuke 6/25/1963	King, Hugh Ryunyo Gerald 6/28/2014	Onishi, Shiz 6/2/2006 *
Aso, Benzo 6/25/1963	Kinoshita, Kise 6/7/1989 *	Ota, Hajime 6/24/1987
Fujii, Mary Nakata 6/30/2017	Kinoshita, Teddy 6/6 /1956	Sato, Yoshio Joe 6/12/1975
Fujii, Seiichi 6/25/1963	Matsubu, Yone 6/5/1964 *	Shido, Mary Miyeko 6/15/2000
Fujikawa, Shigeo 6/1/2021	Matsuda, Denishiro 6/5/1956	Shiiki, Asa 6/4/1991
Gekko, Harry Hare 6/12/2004	Mayeda, Soichi 6/26/1973	Shinoka, Kiyokichi 6/3/1959
Hamada, Tokuichi 6/1/1972	Mishima, Aster 6/7/1983 *	Shiogi, Chiyo 6/9/1999 *
Hanning, Adolph 6/1/1953	Mishima, Charlotte Ann 6/17/1961	Sumino, George Yoshio 6/27/1996
Harada, Kimie 6/16/2005 *	Mishima, John 6/23/2010	Suzuki, Kagi 6/8/1984
Hasegawa, Tsune 6/13/1953*	Miyoshi, Toku 6/9/1987 *	Takao, Hachiro 6/26/1962
Hasuike, Grace 6/11/2020	Muramatsu, Henry 6/15/2016	Takeuchi, "Tad" Tadashi 6/25/1997
Hasuike, Torazo 6/30/1967	Naganuma, Frank Y 6/17/1997	Tamiyasu, Eric M. 6/30/2001
Hondo, Mas 6/26/2004	Niioka, Kiyokichi 6/3/1959	Uyeda, Mariko 6 /28/1955
Honma, Ed 6/6/1996	Niiyama, Tanezo 6/7/1984	Yada, Yoneko 6/10/2006
Ikata, Yone 6/5/1964 *	Ninomura, Yukiyo 6/16/1972 *	Yamaguchi, Mary 6/20/2017
Ito, Yoshiko 6/21/2020	Nishikawa, Kiyoshi 6/10/1979	Yamauchi, Judith Michie 6/12/2022
Kaga, Mura 6/24/1955 *	Oguri, Kuni 6/29/1959*	Yasui, Shizue 6/29/2013 *
Kagawa, John Masaaki 6/13/2001		

*OBWA member

2023 Memorial Services			
Year	Year	Year	Year
Of Passing	Memorial	Of Passing	Memorial
2022	1 Year	2007	17 Year
2021	3 Year	1999	25 Year
2017	7 year	1991	33 Year
2011	13 Year	1974	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements With Reverend Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

"Arigato, Until We Meet Again"
 (ありがとう また会う日まで)
 Come to Rev. Sugahara & Family Farewell Party
 Saturday, June 17, 2023 - 12:00PM to 3:00PM
 See lunch order form on page 8



President's Column Charles Reneau, OBT President

Hello everyone,

Reverend Sugahara will depart for Sacramento in about three weeks, so this June newsletter will mark our last month with his leadership at our Temple. We have been, so, so lucky to have him for these years! We've all benefited from his creativity, intelligence, and warmth. I hope we have a great crowd for his going-away event on June 17th.

We are going to begin locking our new fence gates on July 3. Most Temple attendees and members won't have to worry about locking or unlocking these gates, but our regular volunteers who have keys (Key holders) will be operating the new gates. We will be contacting Key holders directly to ensure that they have access, but I'd like to share some outlines of our new policies so that everyone has a sense of how we'll begin operating next month.

OBT Key holders currently have a key for the Annex and/or Hondo, as well as a code for the security alarm. In order to keep being able to access the building, they'll also need a way to get through the new fence.

The large, sliding **Driveway Gate** will be opened by a solar-powered motor. There are several ways to open this gate: remote control, a keypad code, and an app. We are recommending most Key holders use the remote control, as these are simple and convenient. OBT will be purchasing remotes and distributing to Key holders. The keypad is a good backup, in case a key holder forgets their remote. The app is limited to a small number of users, but does allow those users to close the gate from home. Finally, there is an induction loop sensor installed in our parking lot, near the gate: even if the gate is closed, simply driving your car over the sensor will open the gate.

The **Walk-Through Gates** will be opened for events and services. We are planning to keep copies of these keys by the alarm system keypads, inside the Temple and Annex. The gate nearest the Annex and the gate nearest the Driveway will each have a knob on the inside of the handle- turn the knob to lock or unlock the gate.

When no one is at the Temple, we intend for every gate to remain locked and closed. That will help reduce unwanted trespassing. But what about when people who are at the Temple? We've divided our activities into a few types: Public Events, Private Events, and Individual Volunteer Activities. Each has a slightly different routine.

Public Events includes services, large classes, funerals, fundraisers, and Portland Taiko classes, volunteer events with multiple people coming and going (monthly Toban cleaning). Generally, we will keep the Driveway Gate open and the Walk-Through Gates unlocked and open.

Private Events includes events with a small number of participants or volunteers (2-5 or so), such as Flower Toban, small classes, small meetings, or a small work party. Generally, we will keep the Driveway Gate closed, and the Walk-Through Gates closed and locked. For smaller groups, it's not as important to leave the Driveway Gate open for

people coming and going. Groups may coordinate to arrive at the same time, and close the driveway gate once all have arrived, or the coordinator may open the gate for each attendee as they arrive.

OBT recommends that people work in pairs, to improve safety; however, we recognize that many volunteers and employees need the scheduling flexibility to arrive and depart alone in order to complete the work required. **Individual Volunteer Activities** includes arriving by oneself to work on the grounds, prepare food in the basement, work on the computer in the Annex, etc. Individual volunteers should generally keep the Driveway Gate closed, and the Walk-Through Gates closed and locked.

When *any* type of event ends, Key holders and event coordinators are responsible for closing and re-locking any gate that was unlocked earlier. This is in addition to the closing and locking the building doors and arming the alarm, for which Key holders have been responsible in the past.

With everyone working together, we can increase the safety and security of our facility.

Namo Amida Butsu, Charley

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association Jeanette Hager



VOLUNTEER AT THE OREGON FOOD BANK

The Oregon Buddhist Women's Association (OBWA) invite the Temple sangha to join them in volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank to sort and repack bulk foods for people who are hungry. Our shift is on **Saturday, June 24, 1:00pm-3:30pm**, we have reserved 20 slots. Volunteers can be as young as 10 years of age.

We also have reservations for lunch at McMenemy's Kennedy School at 11:30. Please let Robbi Ando know if you will be having lunch with us.

For more information and to sign-up for one of the Food Bank slots please use the following URL or QR code.

<https://bit.ly/2023OBTFoodBank>

To ensure volunteers can access and manage their own schedules, the new volunteer system requires a unique email address for each individual. If you'd like to sign up a child or friend, please use their email address. Email options are available and described at the link.

If you have any questions or need help signing up, please contact Robbi Ando. She'll be returning from Japan on May 27th and will be available after then at rhandoo@comcast.net or 503.329.6682.



Girl Scout Troop 43720 Amy Peterson

We had no meetings in May due to Amy being in Japan. Sadly some of the Omiyage was lost. We will have our Court of Awards and Bridging on Sunday June 18th at which time we'll be saying "Goodbye" to Aoi who, inspired by the cooking badge and half the family gone cooked many meals in their absence. Her new troop in Sacramento is eagerly awaiting her joining them.

**Oregon Buddhist Temple
April 2023 Donations**

In memory of Yoko Yuzuriha

Yuzuriha Family Trust
Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha
Ronald & Linda Iwasaki
Katie Tamiyasu
Carolyn J. Saiget
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In memory of Fusako Ouchida

Yasuko Maekawa Fields
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In memory of May Watari

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In memory of sister, Suzie Toyoji

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In memory of Katsumi & Kazuko***Sunamoto***

Dennis & Virginia Sugihara

Mitsuko Hasuike 7th year memorial

Betty Hasuike Young
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Grace Hasuike 3rd year memorial

Betty Hasuike Young
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SHOTSUKI HOYO***In memory of Yoshio Urushitani***

Connie Masuoka

In memory of Matsuyo Masuoka

Connie Masuoka

In memory of Sauda Kinoshita

Janice Okamoto

In memory of "Pancake" (canine)

Anonymous

Special donations

Masumi Ogura
S. Tamaki Family (*Osaki Library*)
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Diane Ando Harder (*K.Tanaka lecture*)
Roberta Ando (*BCA Dana Program*)
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Angela & Glenn Nakashima
Katie Tamiyasu
Pat Hokama
Dana Kakishita
Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha
Kiyomi Dickinson
Janice Okamoto
Carolyn J. Saiget
Roberta Ando

2023 Annual Pledge

Nadine Nakagawa
June & Stan Shiigi
Kobata & Wong families
Cathlyn Yarne

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

Susan Lilly & Erik Ackerson
Diane Ando Harder
Susan Endecott

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donor upon request. Please inform us of
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Thank you for your continued support

Below is the application form to be a Supporter of the OBT for 2023. Please use one form for each person.



**SUPPORTER OF THE OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
PLEDGE FOR 2023**

Please provide the information below to ensure that our records are accurate and up-to-date

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

All individuals who make a pledge will be listed as a Supporter of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

For Individuals who pledge \$300 or more:

- A portion of your pledge will be forwarded to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) for BCA membership
- Eligible to be nominated to be on the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of Directors
- Eligible to vote for the Board of Directors and other issues that are presented at the General Meeting

I will pledge for 2023, the amount of \$ _____

____ The above amount is to be given as a one-time amount of \$ _____ or

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Please send this completed Pledge for 2023 to:

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Pledge payments can be mailed to the above address or made via PayPal at

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In gratitude for your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple

“Arigato, Until We Meet Again”

(ありがとう また会う日まで)

Come to Rev. Sugahara & Family Farewell Party
Saturday, June 17, 2023 - 12:00PM to 3:00PM

Bento Lunch by Chef Yoshio Matsuzaki

~Vegetarian bento is available upon request~

\$25 per person

PIZZA for children not ordering bento

\$5 for one slice, \$10 for two or more

Please use the form below to order. Deadline: June 1, 2023

OBT Bento Order Form

Participant’s name (please print)

Participant’s name (please print)

of Bento _____ x \$25

of Pizza _____ x \$5

of Pizza _____ x \$10

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to the OBT. Mail above form and payment by June 1, 2023. Any questions please contact Jayne Ichikawa at (503) 810-6390 or email jayneichi@gmail.com “We Will Miss You”



Duane Watari and

The below article appeared in the Oregonian of Sunday, May 21, 2023.

HERE IS OREGON BOOKS

Grandfather's notebook yields Japanese American poetry from WWII

'They Never Asked' is as much a book of poetry as it is a story of injustice and cruelty, but also, of friendship, fortitude and survival.

Lori Tobias For the Oregonian/OregonLive

In November 2017 when Duane Watari found boxes of poetry written in the Japanese form of *senryu* by his grandfather during World War II, he immediately sought help in translating it. That emailed plea landed on Shelley Baker-Gard's lap as she just happened to be traveling by train from Nara to Kyoto. The Oregon Coordinator of the Haiku Society of America (HSA) agreed to help. What followed is a tale of what some might call serendipity, or perhaps, synchronicity or maybe, one just plain meant to be.

This month — six years after Watari wrote that first note — Oregon State University Press debuts the book inspired by his find, "They Never Asked — Senryu Poetry from the WWII Portland Assembly Center."

As much a book of poetry, it is a story of injustice and cruelty, but also, of friendship, fortitude and survival. It is a tale that might as easily been lost as found had it not been for Watari's careful eye on a day in 2017 as he cleaned out the basement of his mother's Portland home in preparation for its sale.

"My mom, for lack of a better word, was a hoarder, but she was an organized hoarder," Watari said. "Most of the clutter was in boxes. You could tell she had some stuff sorted out."

Watari began going through the boxes, separating the contents into the things he would keep, those he would toss — and the ones calling for a closer look — like the notebooks and tablets containing his grandfather's writing. There were poems in Japanese and diaries in English and one tablet, different from all the rest.

On its cover, written vertically along one side were the words: "W.C.C.A. Assembly Center 1942, North Portland, Ore. No. 2." Inside were pages and pages of *senryu* poetry — all written in Japanese and all utterly unintelligible to Watari. (He does not speak or read Japanese. His mother could speak the language, but not read or write it.) Though he couldn't read the writing, he sensed what he held in his hand. "It dawned on me, 'These are from World War II, and I'll bet they are from when they were imprisoned.' I felt this sense of, here is this piece of history that needs to be told."

For Watari's family and more than 3,600 Japanese Americans from Oregon and Washington, that piece of history began in March 1942 when the Wartime Civil Control Administration gave them 48 hours to gather their belongings.

At the time, Watari's grandparents, Yachiyo and Masaki Kinoshita, operated a small business in Portland selling seasonal goods like produce and bedding plants. That ended when they were taken to the Portland International Livestock Exposition Center, where they were housed in what had been animal stalls. Six months later, they were transferred to the newly built camp in Minidoka, Idaho. They were returned home after the war ended in 1945 and resumed the family business, though the property had been extensively vandalized during the war.

Watari's family didn't talk about those years, he said. "It was known after the war that the Japanese community did not

want to talk about what happened. It was a dark part of their history."

Now, standing in the basement of the house his parents bought in Northeast Portland in 1959, Watari held in his hands the truth of what it is to be forcibly taken from your home, imprisoned and left to live every day in fear.

Seeking someone to translate the poems, Watari searched the internet for "senryu," but found nothing locally, so he tried "haiku." Both Japanese poetry forms have a 5-7-5 rhythm, but while haiku are generally about nature and the nonhuman world, *senryu* tend toward human relationships and the contemporary world. In days, his search led to Baker-Gard.

"I said, 'Yes, I'd love to take a look at the journals and see what we can do,'" Baker-Gard told him. Home from Japan, Baker-Gard reached out to Watari to set a date to meet and promised to look for someone to translate the work. But as it turned out, the script was not modern and would be difficult to translate. "Then," Baker-Gard writes in the introduction of "They Never Asked," "serendipitously, and with a tease of an unknown power, Michael Freiling came to the Portland Haiku Group meeting...." It was his first time there.

"I've been writing haiku since college, maybe even high school," said Freiling. "I'd recently started going back to Japan for the first time in 25 years. I thought it would be interesting to find out who was writing haiku at the time, so I showed up at the meeting."

Freiling was a Luce Scholar — a competitive fellowship program that offers immersive experiences in Asia — and spent time in Japan in the 1970s. At the haiku group meeting, Freiling introduced himself, sharing his expertise with Asian poetry, his fluency in Japanese and experience in translation.

"At breaktime, I literally cornered him," Baker-Gard recalled. A month later, she and Watari finally met, and Baker-Gard fully understood the significance of what he'd found. "I just felt a very strong emotional response to it," she said. "I felt this had to be what they were experiencing in the moment because that's what this type of poetry form relates, the moments, and you are describing them in a very brief way. I knew they had to be experiencing conflicting emotions because they were rounded up and put in this assembly center. It's pretty horrific."

Unannounced, journal in hand, Baker-Gard dropped by Freiling's office. "When Shelley handed me the journal, and we figured out what it really was, I was awestruck as it dawned on me that I was holding a piece of history in my hands. For this to just sort of walk in the door, well this doesn't happen every day. I thought, 'There must be some meaning to this.'"

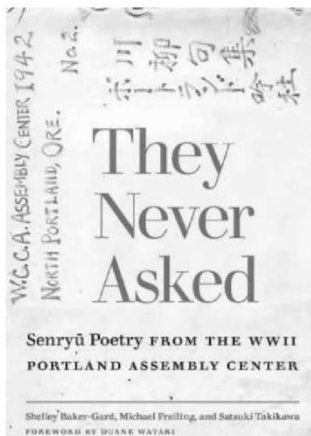
Freiling and his wife, Satsuki Takikawa, who was born and raised in Kyoto and teaches English in Japan, went to work translating the poetry. Some of the poems were written by Watari's grandfather, who wrote under the pen name of Jōman; other poems were penned by fellow members of the Bara Ginsha *Senryu* group. The first poem Freiling had read was one chosen at random when Baker-Gard dropped by his office. It was also the first he and Takikawa translated, and remains his favorite:

#65 BY KENSUKU
*melancholy laughter
help us pass the time
until the train departs**

*The train was departing to the Minidoka Idaho incarceration camp between August and September



Kinoshita siblings at the Minidoka, Idaho, camp where Japanese Americans were imprisoned during World War II. Photos courtesy of Duane Watari



Oregon State University Press debuts "They Never Asked" in May.



Masaki Kinoshita and his daughter May.

"My experience with this was pretty much overwhelming," Freiling said. "You read these connections, what happened in 1942, sensing the awesome sense of how we're human beings who want the same things and are all trying our best. It's really inspiring to see how these people persevered in these horrible conditions. If you were to ask me to describe my feelings in a single word, it would be 'awestruck.'"

Although Watari's family didn't talk about the war years, he believes his grandfather, who died in 1996, would be happy the book has been published.

"I think he would feel good," Watari said. "He would feel proud to have some-

thing translated, not just for the Japanese population, but so everybody could understand what they felt when they wrote these poems. They expressed real feelings about what was going on. They talked about other families; what others are doing in the camp. I'm just going to call it the luck of the draw that I just happened to find this."

Lori Tobias is the author of "Storm Beat: A Journalist Reports from the Oregon Coast," published by Oregon State University Press.

The latest news from the OBWA!

On May 20th, a small group of us met for our monthly OBWA meeting via Zoom. There were only a few of us as a number of our members, led by Sensei Sugahara, were in Japan to attend the celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching as well as to attend the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto. We are so excited to hear more from our members about their adventures in Japan. Here is a photo and note from Amy Peterson, Co-President, OBWA:



Thursday, May 18, 2023
From: Amy Peterson

Hi All,
We're having fun on our tour. So much to share. Can't get my photos off my phone to send you now.

We're walking our feet off but doing some interesting things and eating way too much salty stuff and not hydrating enough. Actually it's been cooler here, but heading to Naha Okinawa in the morning. A few more days and we'll be back home.

Please save the date for the NW District Convention in Tacoma, September 15 to 17.

Back to the U.S.... Our Saturday meeting started with Minister's Assistant Etsu Osaki opening the meeting with Gassho at 10:07 am. We are grateful to Kiyomi Dickinson for taking the minutes for our meeting. Here are the highlights:

- The April 2023 minutes were approved.
- There was no Treasurer's report as our Treasurer Diane was in Japan. The April Treasurer's report will be submitted in the next OBWA meeting.
- Correspondence will also be read at the next OBWA meeting.
- No Minister's Report as Sensei Sugahara is leading the OBT delegation to Japan.
- Elaine Yuzuriha reported on the options to open and close the parking lot gate.
- The Board is working on getting quotes for roof replacement for the Temple, annex and storage shed.
- Marilyn Achterman is the non-food Chair for ObonFest. The food Chair position is still open.
- Robbie Ando's had submitted her Community Outreach report prior to leaving for Japan. OBWA members will be having a group lunch at McMenamin's Kennedy School and volunteering opportunity at Oregon Food Bank on June 24 (Sat) was emailed to OBWA members. Oregon Food Bank's sign-up webpage URL and QR code was provided in the report. Please let Robbie Ando know if you will be joining the lunch. Robbie was in Japan, and she will return on May 27th.

In her Caring for Others report, Jayne Ichikawa reported that Yasuko Fields sent her a photo of Sahomi Tachibana, Yasuko Fields and Janice Okamoto taken at Sahomi's 99th birthday party. Yasuko Fields, who could not join today's meeting, also emailed photos taken at 96th birthday celebration for Tsuyako Monas and Misa Kodama.

- Toyoko Oguri, who could not join today's meeting, emailed a report that the craft group met on April 26th and May 10th. The craft group is planning to meet on May 27th and May 31st. Saturday, May 27th was added because some people can only join during the weekend. Toyoko encourages anyone interested in crafts to join the group (no experience or tools necessary).



- FBWA fundraiser: We received the notice about FBWA's Panda Express fundraiser on May 19, and forwarded the notice to OBWA members. A few of our members supported the FBWA fundraiser.
- OBWA members will be placing flowers for Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 29th. OBWA provides flowers for the Nokotsudo at OBT, Rev. Wakabayashi and Rev. Terakawa's tombstone at Rose City Cemetery, Gresham Cemetery and Lone Fir Cemetery, as well as Mabel Boggs and her family's graves.
- June Birthdays: Marilyn Huh mentioned the following June birthdays: Nancy Kajitsu's birthday on next Tuesday, and June birthdays are Naomi Masuoka, Takako Ishida, and June Shiigi. Happy Birthday!

The May OBWA meeting concluded at 10:47 am. Minister's Assistant Etsu Osaki led us in closing Gassho.

Since we decided to have no meeting in June, our next meeting will be Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Father's Day, in the United States, holiday (third Sunday in June) to honour fathers. Credit for originating the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, whose father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. She is said to have had the idea in 1909 while listening to a sermon on Mother's Day, which at the time was becoming established as a holiday. Local religious leaders supported the idea, and the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. In 1924 U.S. Pres. Calvin Coolidge gave his support to the observance, and in 1966 Pres. Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation that recognized the day. It became a national holiday in 1972, when Pres. Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. From Encyclopaedia Britannica

Memorial Day Service at Rose City Cemetery May 29, 2023



In addition to Reverend Sugahara representing OBT, Todd Yuzuriha played Call To Colors to start the program and Taps to end the program, as he has done for many years. Setsy Sadamoto Larouche represented OBT and Elaine Yuzuriha represented Oregon Hiroshima Club. Approximately 20 OBT members attended the service.



Ken and Mayu Garner at the Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet on April 30, 2023. Mayu was awarded the Minamoto Familv scholarship from the Japanese Ancestral Societv.

Yuki, Namiko and Hikaru Sugahara at the Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet on April 30, 2023.



The below article by board member Marilyn Huh is intended to help make board members more accessible to temple members



Dear Sacramento
Marilyn Huh

Dear Sacramento,

Soon you will be receiving the man who came before us, our Sensei, so I thought you might be able to use this information to help you know him when he arrives.

He is kindly and displays traditional manners.

He has a fierce love of learning, and applies diligent standards of study and practice to a wide variety of disciplines.

He is not afraid to say “I don’t know” even when he *wishes* he knew. He knows how to sit with not knowing.

He is not afraid to express grief or longing. Neither keeps him from serving, and serving well.

He does not preach, sermonize or evangelize. He delights in the Dharma and gets out of its way so we can get a really good view.

The way he says the word “virtue” is, in and of itself, virtuous.

When he translates the last two words of a favored passage—white ashes—you may tremble at the realization that someone else gets it too.

I will not forget that which he is sure of.

Sometimes he is Sensei, sometimes he is Yuki Sensei, and sometimes he is just Yuki, a boy who lost his mother very early in life. I can easily imagine how much she'd rejoice in all he's experienced and accomplished.

Now he comes before you, and it is our turn to come before others with what we have learned from him. Namō Amida Butsu.

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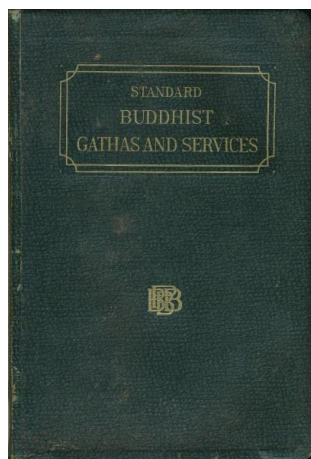


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