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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

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## Uncertain Times: That Is Why We Need to Rely on the Buddha's Wisdom

Reverend Yuki Sugahara

*(This month's article is a modified version of what I said at an Interfaith gathering after the situation with Iran occurred)*

Our founder Shinran Shonin in one of his letters wrote: "May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world! May the Buddhism teaching spread!"

It is common for Japanese Buddhists to invite Buddhist priest to conduct yearly memorial services at their own home. When I was in Japan, I visited members' houses to conduct memorial services. Often times, they have pictures of their deceased loved one hanging on the wall. In some pictures the deceased is wearing a kimono; in other others the deceased is wearing the Japanese Imperial Army uniform. These pictures reminded me that Japan was once in the war with many countries, and there are many people regardless of nationalities who died by the act of war.

Those who lost their lives in war were not just soldiers. They were sons, grandsons, brothers, husbands and fathers of someone. It was not only those people who went to the battlefield who lost their lives. There were also daughters, granddaughters, sisters, wives and mothers of someone who lost their lives due to war. Behind the act of war, many innocent lives are lost.

February is the month of Nirvana Day, but also the month of the Day of Remembrance. On December 7, 1941 Imperial Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii and this lead President Franklin Roosevelt to issue Executive Order 9066. Because of this executive order, most Japanese and Japanese Americans were interned to the camps, although they had nothing to do with the imperial government's action or decision.

Today, what I am afraid of is the repetition of this sad history. I have learned that there are 1.5 million Iranian people living in the US. Individuals from certain countries does not represent their government, but we often label people by their nationalities and think that their government's action is the voice of the individuals. This is a wrong view.

In these uncertain times, what we should not do is to label each individual by nationality, faith, gender orientation, and so on. We need to see individuals as individuals. This is really important to avoid repeating the history of the internment.

In Buddhism, we are taught that compassion consists of two minds of wishing other's happiness, and sympathetic

awareness to other's pain. In this difficult time, I truly believe that we need compassion among each other.

In closing, I would like to share some words of Buddha from the Dhammapada.

*All tremble at violence All fear death. Seeing others as being like yourself, do not kill or cause others to kill  
All tremble at violence, life is dear for all. Seeing others as being like yourself, do not kill or cause others to kill.  
Hate never dispels hate. Only by non-hate alone can dispel hate. This is ancient law.*

I sincerely hope Shinran Shonin's words I shared at the beginning become true,

Gassho

### 2020 Memorial Services

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2019	1 Year	2004	17 Year
2018	3 Year	1996	25 Year
2013	7 Year	1988	33 Year
2008	13 Year	1971	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or [ysobtporland06012017@oregonbuddhisttempl.com](mailto:ysobtporland06012017@oregonbuddhisttempl.com)

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## Home Visits

Rev. Yuki has been visiting members who are unable to or have difficulty coming to the temple. If you or a family member would like Rev. Yuki to visit you, please contact him at 916-834-7350.

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*"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.

## February Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of February. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the February 9th 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.

Ando, Denny Masaru 2/2/2004	Ishida, Nobuko 2/11/1973 *	Okubo, Haru 2/7/2006
Asai, Sagoro 2/18/1969	Ishii, James Kentaro 2/27/2010	Osaki, Tome 2/1974*
Blackmun, Masako 2/21/2018	Ito, Yoshizo 2/1/1995	Parks, Kayoko 2/23/1992
Dorman, Bob 2/2009	Kajiwara, George 2/8/2016	Sakurai, Sakiyo 2/17/1958
Ebihara, Sumie 2/1/1957 *	Kasubuchi, Mary W 2/24/2010 *	Shiraishi, Sayo 2/23/1952
Egashira, Kikuno 2/7/1997	Katsuro, Mine 2/23/1955	Sugihara, Seigo 2/24/2003
Egashira, Reisaku 2/16/1978 *	Kobayashi, Sakae 2/7/1966	Sunamoto, Sen 2/4/1967 *
Fujii, Hiroshi Hyde 2/26/2005	Maekawa, Shozo 2/17/1990	Sunamoto, Kazuko 2/26/2017*
Fujii, Yonezo Fred 2/21/1973	Maekawa, Ryoo 2/26/2005	Tadasumi, Mary 2/23/1954
Fujii, Yoshino 2/16/1963 *	Miura, Tamuro 2/13/1966	Takeda, George Takeo 2/27/1992
Fujiwara, George S 2/6/2016	Miyoshi, Jimmy 2/2/1984	Takeda, Ishi 2/6/1951 *
Hasuike, Sachiko 2/14/2019 *	Morishita, Orga Fusae Junie 2/27/1997	Takemoto, Takichi 2/19/1954
Hayashida, Masako 2/3/2004	Morita, Bessie Shinobu 2/4/2012	Takeuchi, Thomas 2/20/1990
Hearing, Sachie Yuki 2/2/1989	Nakamura, Kanesuki 2/22/1956	Tsujimura, Tomi 2/25/1983 *
Hironaka, Shigeru 2/15/2005	Nakamura, Saya 2/21/1987 *	Uyetake, Chise 2/7/1956 *
Honma, Ira 2/27/1988	Niemi, Isao 2/26/1962	Yamaguchi, Shizuo 2/21/1988*
Ikata, Sueo Buddy 2/27/1992	Oguri, Yasutaro 2/1/1961	Yoshida, Nobuko 2/1973 *
Ikeda, Masaharu 2/21/1975	Okita, Tatsu 2/23/1967*	Yoshihara, Shuichi 2/7/1962

\*OBWA member

## Condolences

To the family of Rose Ikata who passed away December 20, 2019.

## President's Column Cathy Yarne, OBT President

*More than 35 years ago, Reverends Masao Kodani and Russell Hamada wrote the book, Traditions Of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-ha, published by Senshin Buddhist Temple. The below text is based on Chapter 8 OREI AND OIWAI of the book. Direct quotations are indicated by quotation marks.*

### What is Orei

“OREI –“honorific - REI” - In the context of a Buddhist temple, the word Orei on an envelope indicates a general donation to the temple”.

“Most BCA temples operate on a financial system which is a combination of dues and assessments and the more traditional Orei system.” Orei/donations were given for not only every Buddhist special service or holiday, but also for many personal significant events or celebrations like birthdays, weddings, graduations, marriages, funerals, New Years, etc. Giving an Orei is a *voluntary choice*. Because of all these donations, “membership dues have been and still remain one of the lowest of any religious organization in the U.S.” The Orei system was and for some is still the traditional custom and preference of the Japanese American Buddhists.

The Orei system has accounted for the greatest source of temple income in the past. This was most likely true for the very early years of OBT; however this is not the situation today. With each generation of Japanese Americans moving away from this tradition, the Sangha becoming more ethnically and culturally diverse, and the number of members declining, the tradition of Orei /donations alone, although a notable amount, is insufficient to cover OBT’s expenses.

The OBT Board strives to avoid increasing the suggested pledge amount, currently \$300 per individual. We are very

conscious that we ask for donations frequently. For your convenience and as a gentle reminder, OBT will continue to attach donation envelopes for special services in the newsletter. While we seek new ways to increase our revenues, OBT is very grateful for all your donations and will continue “offering you opportunities” to support our temple. Thank you to those who have already made generous year end and New Year donations.

“Outside of the context of the temple, the word Orei may be used on any gift of gratitude to someone who has done you a favor, service or helped you in any way.” So as we end one year and begin a new one, we are including, again for your convenience, an envelope for those who wish to give an Orei to Rev. Yuki. Any Orei /donation to Rev Yuki must be written to Rev Sugahara directly.

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### New Year Pledges

#### Alfred Ono, Pledge Chair

Happy New Year and Happy New Decade – 2020. We at Oregon Buddhist Temple (OBT) are celebrating your generous donations in 2019 pledges. We collected over \$30,000! This shows your support and desire for the continuation of OBT. Many supporters made pledges of \$300 or more. The names of these donors were submitted to Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) as OBT members. A portion of the \$300 covers yearly BCA assessments and a generous amount remains for OBT’s use.

Remember, a pledge of any amount shows that you want to support OBT here in Portland. It shows that you want to maintain our beautiful building and altar. It shows that you want to support our resident minister, Reverend Yuki Sugahara who teaches the Dharma at his Howa (Dharma talks), at talks at Dharma Exchange, at his Buddhist education classes and through personal interactions with the Sangha. You and your pledge make this all possible.

Many have already pledged for 2020 in either a one-time sum or pledges in quarterly or monthly payments. A full-page pledge form is in this newsletter on page 10 or you can pick one up at the reception desk in the temple foyer.

Thank you for your 2019 support. I hope we can count on you to continue your pledge in the same or even larger amount in 2020.

Gassho

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### Congratulations

To Ken Garner for being elected Northwest District Council President to serve a two year term. The Northwest District is one of eight Buddhist Churches of America District Councils -Bay, Central California, Coast, Eastern, Mountain States, Northern California, Northwest, and Southern that constitute the service population of BCA.

### OBT and OBWA Officers Installed



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### 2020 OBT Board of Directors

*Term Ending 2020:* Angie Davis (Vice President), Traci Kiyama (Secretary), Cathy Yarne (President), Jenna Yokoyama

*Term Ending 2021:* Marilyn Achterman, Ken Garner, Mai Thi La, Ann Shintani

*Term Ending 2022:* Erik Ackerson, Jayne Ichikawa, Katie Tamiyasu, Christine White

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### 2020-2021 OBWA Cabinet

Co-Presidents – Pat Hokama and Katie Tamiyasu

Vice-President – Janice Okamoto

English Recording Secretary – Ann Shintani

Japanese Recording Secretary – Kiyomi Dickenson

English Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Kajitsu

Japanese Corresponding Secretary – Yasuko Fields

Treasurer – Judy Yamauchi

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### Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association

#### Nancy Kajitsu

Hoonko Otoki on Saturday, January 18 is our first prep day for 2020! We will need help on that day from 8am to 10 am. Warm soba noodles and a red and white sunamono are on the menu.

Reverend Henry Adams will be speaking at our Hoonko Seminar from 10 am on Saturday, January 18,

With 2020 beginning, our New Year’s celebration lunch will be on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Super King Buffet, 5015 SE 82nd. Please join us at 11:00 am. Lunch is \$12. You may also pay your dues if you are under 88 years of age/\$20. Please contact me if you will be attending.

You may also bring items that will fit in The Back Pack Program. Thanks to Jayne Ichikawa for gathering and delivering food to sustain children over a weekend. Food can be canned tuna, beef stew, peanut butter, canned fruit, breakfast bars, oatmeal, fruit juices to name a few things.

The Northwest District Convention is in Seattle from February 21st-23rd. Try to attend! Registration and hotel

reservation information is on page 5

Thank you to Kiyomi and crew for spearheading our New Year's Otoki. Following the New Year's evening service, toshikoshi (year-end) soba (buckwheat) noodles were served symbolizing long life. We are very grateful for the many people who helped. Thank you again to Kiyomi and her helpers for the delicious ozoni (traditional mochi soup) served on New Year's Day.

The next newsletter correspondent is Etsu Osaki.  
In Gassho, Nancy Kajitsu

## Dharma School Ann Shintani

**Pet Memorial and Nirvana Day slideshow:** Nirvana Day is when we observe the passing of the Buddha. At OBT, we have observed pet memorials on this day, and honor them with a vegetarian potluck (my neighbor has a pet pig, Petal, for example). OBT has invited all to bring photos or other memorials to remember pets who have passed away. As an option, Dharma School invites you to contribute to a 2020 pet memorial slideshow, which we wish to share after service on Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please email your pet photo(s) to Ann Shintani with your name, the name of your pet(s) and year of passing, no later than Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope that by honoring the lives of our loved pets we can learn to sympathize with our emotions and those of others, including those with fur, feathers, scales.

**Bodhi Day** Thank you to Nancy Walseth and Dharma School students for performing "Bon Odori Song", to Aoi/Archer, Davis/Olivia, and Mayu for sharing messages, and to Cathy Yarne for chairing our service. Archer verbalized Aoi's statement on her portrait of Shinran Shonin; Davis shared his portrait of Tan Luan, one of the seven Masters of Jodo Shinshu, while Olivia held up his art; and Mayu described her thoughts about "patience" in her process of creating and learning about the method of animation.



Aoi/Hikaru, Archer, Daniel, Davis/Olivia, Hajime/Towa/Miyabi, Iain/Hannah (greeter), Mayu, Midori, and Mika

**Mochitsuki thank you:** Mayu, Midori, and Mika assisted in a children's' activity during our Mochitsuki fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 22. For a few hours, they made bracelets, colored, hot-glued, and had snacks while their parents participated in

making rice cakes. Dharma School hosted this, and we had about six students. Thanks!

## Girl Scouts Amy Peterson

It's Girl Scout cookie time! We want to announce our newest cookie: Lemon UpsCrispy lemon cookies baked with inspiring messages to lift your spirits. The girls are taking orders now for your favorite cookies. Cookies will be delivered after Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. You can contact the troop at [GStroop43720obt@gmail.com](mailto:GStroop43720obt@gmail.com) to order cookies. The girls want to do some camping this summer. If you can't eat the cookies, they can be donated to our charity that provides low cost lunches to seniors.

*The article below by Jayne Ichikawa is a first in a series of articles written this year by an OBT board member to help make the board more accessible to temple members.*

## Mother's Life Is Remembered Jayne Ichikawa

Thank you for your votes. I am now on the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board. I volunteered to write an article about myself as requested for all Board member to do.

I am writing my thoughts in January, so New Year's resolutions are on my mind, as well as my mother who passed away on January 6, 2017 at the age of 97. I wish I appreciated her care and selflessness while I was growing up. It wasn't until I married and became a parent that I finally realized and valued my mother as a precious role model. Her love, appreciation, and gratitude will always be remembered by our family, especially by the grandkids, great grandkids and close friends.

If I could sincerely listen with patience, always be generous, and appreciate with compassion like my mother, I could follow her legacy as my lifelong guide. This may seem like a reasonable goal but for me it is very difficult to follow in her footsteps as my role model since my passions are tennis, exercising, hiking, volunteering, socializing with friends, reading, and being with and texting with my grandkids. My husband tells everyone that I am hardly ever home during the day!. He says that's alright as long as his meals are prepared.

Maybe I do have an opportunity this year for growth and reflection. Perhaps being on the OBT Board will give me a deeper understanding and appreciation that will help me follow the footsteps of my mother. Here is my haiku in closing:

Time of year beckons goals  
Mother's life is remembered  
Wisdom and Compassion

**Lotus Circle – February****Jean Matsumoto**

Winter must be on its way because snow is forecast for the first time this year on 1/15/2020 (this coming Wednesday). We hope the weather will be gentle in February to the flowers that will adorn our temple altar which happens due to the generous donations of members of the Lotus Circle. This month, the following people are acknowledged gratefully:

- February 2 – Judy Hittle in memory of (imo) her parents, Joriu & Fumiko Asato
- February 9 – Anonymous imo of Haru Okubo
- February 16 – Dan Miura imo his parents Tamuro and Rin; Mabel Ota imo parents Shozo & Yone Maekawa & sister Toshiko Okino
- February 23 – Dennis Sugihara imo parents Seigo and Shizue; Yasuko Fields imo her father Ryoo Maekawa; Ron Ikata imo parents Suelo Buddy and Sumiko

For information about the Lotus Circle link to: <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/lotus-circle>. The Lotus Circle honors the memory of a loved one by funding altar flowers. Your donation goes to the altar flowers of the Sunday service closest to your loved one's passing.

Please consider joining Lotus Circle by emailing me at [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com) or calling 503-280-2463.

**February Toban**

Aaron Cole	Anna Dakota
Kiyo Endecott	Susan Endecott
Lori Fukunaga	Ray Fukunaga
Janice Ishi	Michael Ishii
Traci Kiyama*	Wynn Kiyama
Edna Koyama	Richard Koyama
Suniti Kumar	Amy Peterson
Beth Sellers	Duane Watari
Jenna Yokoyama	Glenda Watson
*Tobancho	

**OBT Readers' Club (a TED talk video)  
 Sunday February 16 Dharma Exchange  
 Yuki Sasao**

The next Readers' Club requires no book reading. However, you still have to be attentive, able to see and hear, and speak if you want.

The TED talk video is called “All it Takes is 10 Mindful Minutes” by Andy Puddlecombe. Google “All it Takes is 10 Mindful Minutes” to link to the video

In the Dharma Exchange, we will discuss the question “how do you apply Buddhism teaching from OBT to your daily life?” The TED talk video might provoke some thoughts on this question. Also consider the following.

It's always great to see us walking towards the shared goal - compassion and kindness, but how about taking a moment, looking around, and learning about each other? We usually learn teachings and input new ideas, so let's spend some time to output what we learn and see our peer's view. It'll be interesting to hear teachings through different people's interpretation with different backgrounds.

**NW District Convention 2020  
 The 73rd Annual Northwest District Buddhist  
 Convention will be held in Seattle  
 February 21 – 23, 2020**

Hyatt Regency at Seattle's Southport  
 1053 Lake Washington Blvd N  
 Renton, Washington, United States, 98056

Hotel reservations: \$109 King, \$119 Queen/Queen, \$129 partial lake view, \$139 full lake view

Register for the Convention and make hotel reservations online through the Seattle Buddhist Temple website. Save \$50 by registering by January 31.

**“Amida Buddha Welcomes All Refugees”**

In the Winter 2019 issue of Buddhadharma magazine, “Jeff Wilson explains how the Jodo Shinshu school of Pure Land Buddhism emerged from the refugee experiences of its two Japanese founders, Shinran and Rennyo. He tells us why that history is particularly relevant to the refugee and migrant crises today.”

A copy of the magazine is available in the Temple library. You can also find it on-line by googling “Buddhadharma winter 2019”. It is an excellent, very readable article.



**Oregon Buddhist  
 Temple Wisteria  
 Society  
 Kim Kono**

To honor and thank friends of OBT who have included the temple in their estate plans, OBT is pleased to announce the creation of The Wisteria Society. The wisteria flower—displayed in the crest of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Buddhist Temples—also symbolizes longevity, growth, and endurance. Individuals who include OBT as a charitable recipient of their estate will help the temple bloom and flourish for future generations.

Oregon Buddhist Temple recognizes the following individuals who have named the temple in their estate. Arigato Gozaimasu! Thank you for your far-sighted commitment to keep the temple doors open to teach Jodo Shinshu practices and support our Sangha.

Susan Endecott  
 Kim Kono and Randy Choy  
 Amy Peterson

**(Wisteria Society, cont.)**

Ernie Takeda  
Phaedra Urban  
Cathy and Jeff Yarne

Have you included OBT in your estate? Everyone who makes a charitable bequest to OBT is invited to become a member of The Wisteria Society. With your support, OBT can look forward to many years of sharing the Buddha-Dharma. If you would like information on including OBT in your plans or if you have already done so, please contact any OBT Board member.

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**Spring Bazaar  
Traci Kiyama**

The Spring Bazaar is getting closer! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19 from 11am-3pm for a day of community, food, and fundraising. Like last year, we'll be serving up everyone's favorite mar far chicken as our main feature. Order it as a bento, on top of Robbi's award-winning curry, or a la carte. Inari sushi will return along with Mabo Dofu donburi. OBWA will have manju and Dharma School will have treats for sale.

Food prep will take place Saturday, April 18 in the morning and early afternoon. Everyone is invited to help with prep. For the day of the Bazaar, we will try something new this year. Instead of publishing a worklist in the newsletter, you can sign up for a shift online. Signups will start in March. In addition to publishing the link in the newsletter and on the website, Jenna and Traci will help people sign up after service on Sundays. Thank you in advance for your help!

Look out for order forms in March. The online store also be up then, so you can order online by clicking on the temple store link at the temple's website [www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com).

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**Turn Your Vehicle in for Cash for OBT!**

Donate your old car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat to the temple! OBT is partnering with CARS to collect your used vehicle and turn it into cash. Fill out the form at <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/oregon-buddhist-temple>. You can also call 855-500-RIDE. CARS will pick up your vehicle for free, usually within 24-72 hours of your request. They will provide you with a receipt for your donation, and OBT receives cash!

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**Searching for 2020 High School Graduates  
Elaine Yuzuriha**

Attention high school seniors, the Japanese American Community Scholarship applications are due on March 6, 2020. Now is the time to get teacher's recommendations and apply. You or your parents must have been a member of one of the seven community organizations by October 15th to apply for

the following year's scholarships. Oregon Buddhist Temple is one of the sponsoring organizations. For full information, please see the scholarship application form at [www.pdxjacl.org](http://www.pdxjacl.org) under scholarships.

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**It Will Take All of Us to Succeed  
Jayne Ichikawa**

Plastics have become a very important material in all of our everyday lives. They provide low cost, high utility and convenience for everything from preserving food, facilitating communications, providing transportation and keeping us all safe. As plastics use has increased and become more of our lifestyle over the last 50 years, we have all done a poor job in helping recycle plastics to become a highly valuable renewable resource. Only together can we help change that reality. We all need to get involved! Here is the information of AGILYX which will accept your NUMBER 6 plastics:

Website: [agilyx.com](http://agilyx.com)

Address: 7904 SW Hunziker St, Portland, OR 97223

Phone: (503) 217-3160

**What type of post-consumer polystyrene (No. 6) does AGILYX accept?**

We take all forms of polystyrene including Styrofoam for recycling. Polystyrene plastic is found expanded into foam products such as coffee cups, block packaging, meat trays and to-go containers, and non-expanded in rigid products such as CD cases, wine-tasting cups, and coffee creamer shells-- anything marked with a #6 or "PS". We do NOT take starch peanuts, PE, or PP foam.

Please contact Jayne Ichikawa ([jayneichi@gmail.com](mailto:jayneichi@gmail.com)) for more information. I am hoping to make more people aware of getting involved with this program at OBT.

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**Cooking with Sensei  
Kim Kono**

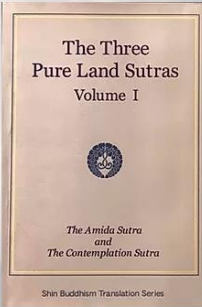
A top prize of the 2019 ObonFest raffle was "Cooking with Sensei." On Dec. 8th the lucky winners Randy Choy, Kim Kono, and Justin Kwong learned how to cook chicken karaage. The best part: eating karage with the Sugahara Family!





**Buddhist Study Classes**

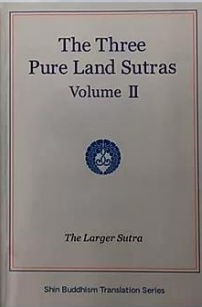
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The Three Pure Land Sutras  
Volume II



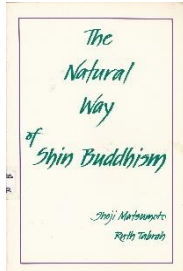
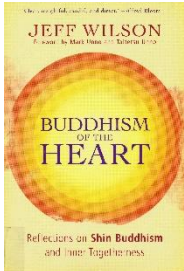
*The Larger Sutra*

Shin Buddhism Translation Series

*Intermediate Class : Reading The Three Pure Land Sutras - encountering the teaching which Buddhas enjoyed.*

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 7pm to 8:30pm.  
Where: Oregon Buddhist Temple

**Two Excellent Books in the Library**



**HAIKU BY DHARMA EXCHANGE 12/29/19**

Hours pass by fast  
Prokofiev is easy  
Lost in the music  
Beth Sellers

Toss food scraps under  
Dormant cherry tree waiting  
To bloom once again.  
Erik Ackerson

Garbage day again  
Fill the can and slam the lid  
Everything moves on  
Nancy Walseth

Winter sits outside  
Cold dark rainy, fat buds on trees  
Foretelling spring  
Wendy Wyant

Solitary bell  
Echoes carry me forward  
Inevitably  
Ken Garner

Kobu soaking patiently on New Year's  
Eve  
Residual images of chickadees  
On bare branches  
Maho Garner

Another year gone  
Another year comes again  
Winter is sleeping  
Stan Shiigi

Happy to hear it  
Called "Grandmother" by children  
Sounds like harmony  
Marilyn Huu

Gratitude for Buddhism  
Pat Lindemaier

Life is coming  
Life is going  
Life is wonderful  
Jae Yong Huh

Newness comes with rain  
Falling waters cleanse the earth  
Smell hope in the air  
Yolanda Suarez

The more things change  
The more they remain the same  
But not compound  
John Blackman

Like water turn ice  
Life of butterfly from death  
Time changes all things  
Charlie Niedert

The old year passes  
Change is inevitable  
Growth is in the now  
Brenda Niedert

End of December  
Three more days left of the year  
Should clean the basement  
Brenda Fugate

Winter moon hidden by the clouds  
Winds of change  
Bring forth enlightenment  
Jeanette Hager

Up on the altar  
Buddha is smiling at me  
Namo Amida  
Etsu Osaki

The New Year's Party, January 5, was held downstairs with a delicious Bento lunch box. Todd MC-ed amazingly as usual. Nance and Ann led the Sangha to sing Obon song and Rev. Sugahara played Kenshi Yonezu's "Paprika" It was a warm and happy start to the New Year!





**Oregon Buddhist Temple  
December 2019 Donations**

***In memory of Frank Hrubant***

Sahomi Tachibana  
Traci & Wynn Kiyama  
Chris Dart  
Yasuko Maekawa Fields  
Lynn & Scott Grannan  
Mark & Linda Nishi-Strattner  
Amy & John Peterson  
Yoshie Kagawa  
Robert Kagawa  
Michael & Janice Ishii  
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa  
Janice Okamoto  
Karol Kennedy  
Atsuko Richards  
Setsy & Chip Larouche  
Jean Matsumoto  
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Steve & Clara Pawlowski  
Arlene Kimura  
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Ann Shintani & Scott Winner  
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Lily Meiners  
Alice Ando  
Kristina Gormley  
BeeBee Tan-Beck  
Randy Choy & Kim Kono  
Ron & Misako Ogi  
Steve & Michi Kawanami  
Connie Masuoka  
Chisao Hata  
Michiko Kornhauser  
Marilyn Achterman  
Richard & Edna Koyama  
Nancy Okada  
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