



Month Of Joy Reverend Yuki Sugahara

July is a month full of anniversaries for me: my birthday, Aoi's birthday, wedding ceremony anniversary (we submitted the marriage registration on Feb 18), receiving scholarly title of Hongwanji-ha, and Tokudo Ordination anniversary. I received Tokudo Ordination in 1996 so it has been 26 years since I became the minister of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha school, more than half of my life!

So I can say that July is a month of Joy, and this is the month of Kangi-e 歓喜会/Gathering of Joy which is another name for Obon. I have shared the origin of Obon many times and you will hear it again at the temple talk at the Obon festival on August 6. Obon is an abbreviation of the word Urabon 盂蘭盆. This is a transliteration of a Sanskrit word Ullambana. It means "upside down." What is being upside down? Some people say that one of Shakyamuni's disciples named Mahamaudgalyayana (P: Moggallana, J: Mokuren 目連) used his supernatural power to see how his mother who had passed away is doing and saw his mother suffering in the realm of hungry ghost hung upside down. (however I cannot find in the Ullambana Sutra mentioning Mahamaudgalyayana's mother being upside down) He tried all he could to save his mother, but nothing worked. So he went to Shakyamuni for guidance. Shakyamuni Buddha taught Mahamaudgalyayana to offer food to the monks on July 15 and his mother will be saved. Mahamaudgalyayana did as he was instructed and his mother was awed. Again, some people say that his mother danced with joy from being saved from the suffering in the realm of hungry ghost, but again I don't see this depiction in the sutra. However, I did see the word "July 15 is the day of joy of Buddha" in the sutra. Here is what I think the meaning of it.

I thought about what makes the Buddha happy in the sutra. Mahamaudgalyayana first tried to save his mother only through his supernatural power and did not seek guidance from the Buddha. But finally he realized the limit of self-power and relied on the guidance of the Buddha. Although this is not the usual way of understanding this Ullambana Sutra, I could say that Ullambana (upside down) is the day Mahamaudgalyayana turned his mind away from self-power to rely on the wisdom of Buddha. Mahamaudgalyayana was the

one who was being upside down, stuck in the mind of self-power. However he overturned his mind and entered the path of relying on the wisdom of Buddha. That made the Buddha happy.

In the Larger Sutra, the sutra we rely on, it depicts the conversation of Ananda and Shakyamuni Buddha. Shakyamuni Buddha seemed so happy that Ananda asked him why he seems so happy today. Shakyamuni Buddha said: "Well spoken, Ananda! Your question is excellent. You ask this insightful question having summoned up deep wisdom and true and subtle powers of expression, and having turned tender thoughts toward all sentient beings. In his boundless great compassion, the Tathagata is filled with pity for the beings of the three worlds. I have appeared in this world and expounded the teaching of the Way, seeking to save the multitudes of living beings by bestowing upon them the benefit that is true and real. Rare is it to encounter and rare to behold a Tathagata, even in countless kotis of kalpas. It is like the blossoming of an udumbara flower, which seldom occurs. This question you now ask will bring immense benefit; it will enlighten the minds of all devas and human beings." (The Three Pure Land Sutras II, pg. 12-13)

Simply saying, Shakyamuni Buddha was happy because he was finally being able to share the teaching which he wanted to share the most. That is the teaching of Other Power of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow which saves multitudes of living beings by bestowing upon them the benefit that is true and real. This is the teaching which turns our mind of self-power to solely rely on Other Power of Amida Buddha, the wisdom of Buddha. So, even though the contents of the sutras are different, I believe the contents of the joy of the Buddha is the same. The Buddha is in his joy because the one discarded the mind of self-power and entered the path of Other Power. Perhaps it was the Buddha who danced with joy on the day of Obon!

Gassho

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It's Festival Time!
Obon 2022
Charles Reneau
OBT President

The hot weather and sunny skies of the last week are like a signal to us Jodo Shinshu Buddhists: Obon must be soon. After two years of a mix of virtual and socially distant Obon events, we are planning our first in-person Festival since 2019. Coordinator Marilyn Achterman has been organizing since back in the winter, and has a clear vision of our return to this, our largest religious and cultural event.

The Festival will be on Saturday, August 6th, from 2pm until 9pm. Here are some of the foods we will enjoy that day:

- Meats: beef skewers, squid, hot dogs.
- Noodles and Rice: Vegetarian yakisoba, somen, sushi boat, spam musubi.
- Vegetables: corn on the cob, cucumbers on a stick, edamame.
- Desserts: shave ice, manju.
- Beer Garden

We will have activities like calligraphy, ikebana, and a kimono photo booth on the north side of the parking lot.

Downstairs, we are hoping to keep it less crowded, but still offer omiyage and kimono sales, as well as maintain some seating for people who need to cool down. In the Hondo, Sensei will give several Temple Talks for all comers.

Our entertainment program currently features odori presentation, Kendo, Portland Taiko, and of course the Obon dancing at 7pm.

Of course, if you're a long time member, you'll know that the event really begins in the weeks leading up, with planning, purchasing, and eventually cooking. We'll also need help on Friday, August 5th for construction and cooking, as well as Sunday August 7th for putting everything away and tidying up the Temple grounds.

We know that many of our regular volunteers and attendees are still concerned about Covid. We are focused on modifying our activities to reduce crowding inside the Temple, and much of the event will take place outdoors. We will be making our final decisions on Covid precautions in the next month, and everyone is welcome to share their preferences with Temple Board members and other Temple leaders.

In other news, I have a happy/sad announcement: Reverend Sugahara has been tapped by Bishop Harada of BCA, to be the Rinban of the Sacramento Betsuin. As you may have heard, the BCA is facing a shortage of ministers, and there is currently only a single full-time minister for the several Temples and hundreds of members in the Sacramento region. Bishop Harada clearly recognizes the strengths of Rev. Sugahara that we have enjoyed all these years. Please offer Rev. Sugahara your congratulations!

Sadly though, this work will obviously take Rev. Sugahara away from Portland for some time each month, in order to complete his new part-time duties. Several past OBT Presidents and I will be working with the BCA to make sure that the OBT will still be able to complete its mission of spreading the Dharma here in Portland.

Obon Festival Lanterns

Jeanette Hager



Our Obon festival is next month! We will be offering to hang a lantern at Obon to remember someone who has passed or to honor someone or an organization with a commemorative lantern. You may consider honoring a relative, friend, pet, or an important person in your life. The physical lanterns with the names will be displayed at the 2022 ObonFest on Saturday, August 6th.

Please fill out the form included on page 13 in this newsletter or go to the Oregon Buddhist Temple website to find the Obon lantern form. Please complete the form and mail it the Temple. The deadline for lantern orders is Saturday, July 29th.

You can donate by:

1. Mailing a check made out to "Oregon Buddhist Temple" and sending it with the Obon Festival Lantern form to:
 Oregon Buddhist Temple
 3720 SE 34th Ave
 Portland, OR 97202
2. Donating online through the temple website.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Jeanette at jeanette.otsuji.hager@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at the OBT Obon Festival! Gassho

OBON



Obon is a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is to appreciate all that they have done for us and to recognize the continuation of their deeds upon our lives. Obon is a time for self-reflection – an important Buddhist practice, for it is only when man becomes aware of his imperfections and insufficiency in contrast to his ideals that religion becomes a matter of personal concern.

Obon is also called the Gathering of Joy by Jodoshinshu Buddhists. It is not the happiness of getting what you desire, but the joy of being shown the Truth of what one is, no matter how damning that truth is to the image of our ego-self. It is the joy of the awareness of being embraced in the Truth, in Amida Buddha, in Namuamidabutsu. Bon Odori too is not a dance of happiness, but rather a Dance of Joy.

*Except from TRADITIONS OF JODOSHINSHU
 HONGWANJI-HA by Masao Kodani and Russell Hamada,
 page 57*

July Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of July. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held July 10th at the 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, Ritsuji 7/20/1955	Kaneyama, Kikue 7/25/1999	Sasaki, Masajiro 7/11/1991
Allen, Akiko 7/17/1988	Kato, Josephine 7/23/1986	Sasaki, Mine 7/1/1964 *
Aoki, Masao 7/7/1999	Kawachi, Masaru 7/4/1969	Sasaki, Sam Osamu 7/6/1997
Azuma, U 7/25/1967	Kinoshita, Kazuo 7/31/2004	Sasaki, Yayeno 7/7/1978 *
Boggs, Mabel Kiku 7/10/2011	Kinoshita, Kyuzo 7/30/1950	Sato, Lury 7/30/2019
Franklin, Diane 7/6/2013	Kobayashi, Tooru 7/8/1970	Scapple, Karen R 7/25/2011
Fujimoto, Motozo 7/2/1961	Kunishige, Sanshichi 7/4/1955	Shimamoto, Judy 7/22/1997
Fukumoto, Tokuchi 7/4/1955	Kurihara, Frank 7/27/1976	Shimamoto, Shoji 7/15/1975
Furukawa, George 7/29/1991	Kurihara, Irene 7/14/2016	Shimooka, Saijiro 7/1/1951
Gekko, Elaine 7/31/2004	Kurihara, Mary 7/22/1983 *	Shiraishi, Fred S 7/15/1986
Hamada, George S 7/14/2014	Matsumiya, Isaburo 7/1/1951	Shiraishi, Yasokichi 7/17/1976
Hasuie, James 7/7/1995	Mori, Kinoye 7/29/1994	Sumino, Ruby Y 7/21/2009
Hatago, Ken (Kenny) 7/6/2003	Mukaida, Tomeji 7/19/1976	Sunamoto, Tomo 7/23/2013*
Hatori, Toki 7/7/1983	Muramatsu, Tatsutaro 7/18/1962	Tachibana, Joe S 7/10/1966
Hikida, Tokujio 7/6/1952	Murase, Robert 7/18/2005	Takeuchi, Hiroshi 7/10/2013
Hirata, Frank M 7/27/1975	Murazen, Yone 7/3/1998 *	Takeuchi, Masao 7/13/1967
Hokari, Torizo 7/22/1951	Naemura, Seki 7/19/1987*	Takeuchi, Yae 7/6/1971 *
Honda, Misao 7/16/1992 *	Nakazawa, Tsugio 7/29/1999	Toya, Kaguma 7/27/1968
Ichiba, Uye 7/17/1988	Niimi, Shigeru 7/17/1960	Toya, Yone 7/20/1968 *
Ikata, Hitoshi Joe 7/11/1997	Okubo, Shigenobu 7/25/1987	Yasui, Hokari, S 7/21/1955
Iwasaki, George 7/10/2009	Onchi, Miyu 7/11/1974 *	Yonemura, Sumi 7/12/2002
Iwasaki, Enzo 7/14/1963	Ouchida, Rose 7/5/2011	Yoshida, Bud M 7/18/1992
Iwashita, Hajime 7/10/1963	Ouchida, Shizuka 7/23/1968*	

*OBWA member

Year		Year	
Of Passing	Memorial	Of Passing	Memorial
2021	1 Year	2006	17 Year
2020	3 Year	1998	25 Year
2015	7 year	1990	33 Year
2010	13 Year	1973	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

Condolences



To the family of Judith Michie Yamauchi who passed away June 12, 2022. Memorial service will be held July 6, 2022 from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM at Bateman Carroll Funeral Home, 520 W Powell Blvd, Gresham, OR 97030.

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Note: Angie Hughes has replaced Amanda Stein as Secretary

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



Campus Liaison Committee

This year the board voted to create a new committee to address the BCA wide concern of decreasing membership. In response, I am proud to introduce the campus liaison committee. The campus liaison committee seeks to engage with Buddhists pursuing higher education and to conduct community outreach. The committee has five seats with three currently occupied. Temple members that would like to mentor the next generation of Buddhists are encouraged to sign up for the last two seats.

What does this committee do?

- Help coordinate student visits and campus outreach with multiple local community colleges and universities.
- Participate in community-based learning programs.

- Help young people build resumes through service learning, partnerships with local nonprofits and mentoring.
- The team will network with nonprofits, professors, student clubs, campus cultural, and other student resource centers.
- This includes both traditional and nontraditional students. If you are enrolled in higher education, don't hesitate to join us.

How's it going?

I would like to give an extra thank you to Ann Shintani and Jeanette Hager for signing up. We have also launched a Discord Server so that students could have a place to chat and have study buddy rooms to talk to one another after campus hours. Signup sheets will be available at the greeter's table by August and will be checked bi-monthly. Links expire within 7 days after they are sent, users must be a member of the server for ten minutes to enable text and direct chats.



Oregon Buddhist Women's Association Etsu Osaki

The OBWA met virtually on Saturday, May 21. Diane Harder gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance is \$15,305. Ameritrade is down a bit to \$35,331.

Diane Harder reported the following OBWA membership information. We have 30 paying members and 17 honorary members, and a few who haven't yet paid. Nancy Kajitsu will send Jean Matsumoto a thank you note for her donation. The note is for donations greater than \$100 however it will now be for donations over \$50.

There have been bad incidents on SE 34th Avenue. We need to be careful and watch out. OBWA self-defense class with Wendy Campbell Parco has been postponed. The Chow Mein fundraiser by OBT was a success.

Stroke awareness was presented by Dr. Lisa Yanase. She is a stroke neurologist at Providence BEFAST – Balance/Eye/Arm/Speech/Time. Women are at higher risk of not getting care after a stroke. Stroke is the main reason for going to a nursing home. Make sure that you notice the last time the stroke victim was “last known well.”

After my husband's death my daughter gave me a wrist band with the saying that my husband believed in, “Live every day to the fullest with gratitude” I hope each of us can try to do that.

Next OBWA meeting is July 16th at 10 am. The next OBWA reporter is Marilyn Achterman.

OBT Graduates



Joy Yuzuriha graduated from Stanford University in 2020 with a BS in Computer Science and a minor in Music. The pandemic forced her to study remotely for the spring quarter of her senior year, and her graduation ceremony was postponed. Stanford held its graduation ceremony for the class of 2020 on June 11, 2022. Joy currently lives in Oregon City and works remotely as a software engineer for Slync.io, a logistics company based in Texas. She is engaged and plans to marry next year. She plays clarinet in the Southwest Washington Wind Symphony and substitutes on saxophone with the Minidoka Swing Band. Her parents are Todd and Elaine Yuzuriha.



Kurt Achterman graduated in 2021 from Cal Poly State University majoring in Civil Engineering. While there, he also played varsity rugby for four years. He lives in Seattle and works for Steller Construction Company. He enjoys hiking and loves to cook.



Brian Yanase graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School. He will attend Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colorado where he plans to wrestle. "I don't know what I will study yet, but probably the physical therapy, kinesiology, sports therapy area".



Dharma School Ann Shintani

Remembering loved ones. As we enter the summer season, it is time for me to visit my mom, grandparents, and others... at the cemetery. Most are buried at the Japanese Cemetery at the Rose City Cemetery. Did you know that there are community members that clean up that cemetery several times a year? It is somehow owned and maintained by the Japanese Ancestral Society, since after WWII. I usually go and clean up just the ones belonging to my relatives. I am told, however, that it is customary to also clean those of strangers. It is because, as many in the Japanese cemetery have ancestors that are immigrants from Japan, we wish that our headstones are being cleaned even if there are no living relatives nearby. In the book, Historical Cemeteries of Portland, Oregon, there is a chapter devoted to the Japanese Cemetery - Portlanders incarcerated at Minidoka Relocation Center had sent money

in hopes that community friends would clean and decorate the headstones. Rev. Reed, president of the Portland Fellowship of Reconciliation, had planned an event to do that, so that the internees and their memories of their departed would know that they were not forgotten. However, protests caused the police to cancel that event. In the not too distant past, vandals would sometimes damage headstones. Staff at the Rose City Cemetery, who has had a close relationship with the Japanese community, would assist in repairs.

The Oregon Buddhist Temple has two former ministers buried at the Japanese Cemetery: Rev. Wakabayashi, who helped create our temple, and Rev. Terakawa, our minister during WWII. They were supporting people in Oregon during very challenging times. I think it is important to recognize their selfless service and dedication to not only share the Nembutsu teachings, but to do so against likely prejudice and difficulties. As we enter the season for remembering, let us remember the local history, and our universal wish to be remembered, and may we be inspired by these stories of these fellow travelers, whether known or unknown. Below is a photo of the Japanese Cemetery during the Community Memorial Day services.



Girl Scouts Amy Petersen

Girl Scout troop has finally delivered their Gift of Caring cookies donated by OBT members and friends. We delivered to the Portland Police Bureau Central Precinct, Oregon Humane Society (and didn't leave with any four legged friends) and to Ikoi No Kai, over 50 boxes. We also had more than that donated to the Council Meals on Wheels. THANKS AGAIN for all your support!

On June 25th the older girls had a Self Defense Class with Wendy Parco and really enjoyed it. More importantly they learned they have a lot of power and confidence now (Photo below).



OBT Outreach Jayne Ichikawa

The OBT Outreach Committee concluded the SOS (Save Our Students) Portland State University Food Pantry fundraising project on May 29. This was the second food drive and it collected 182 pounds of food items equivalent to \$91, and also received \$270 in check/cash donations. This amounted to \$361 value that was given to the PSU Food Bank. The first fundraiser was completed in November, 2021 brought in \$1395. The Committee will now apply for the BCA Social Welfare Committee Grant which will match the total amount of \$1756 given to our SOS fundraising project if our donation is accepted. Thank you to all who contributed to the S.O.S. PSU Food Pantry Fundraiser. The manager and helpers who work at the PSU Food Pantry expressed their deep appreciation.



Todd Yuzuriha Plays Taps at Nikkei Memorial Day Service at Rose City Cemetery

<https://youtu.be/3o5yqKeUfNs>



On Memorial Day, in addition to start the Service by playing the Call To Colors, Todd played Taps to end the Service, as heard and shown above.

Reverend Yuki Sugahara represented Oregon Buddhist Temple and OBT President Charles Reneau burned incense for the Temple.

Attendance at the Service appeared to be much larger than past years.

A Cleared SE 34th Avenue



After many months of unhoused people with their cars and makeshift living structures populating SE 34th Avenue in front of the Temple, the street was recently cleared and appears as shown above on June 9th. How long will it last?

Although the street in front of the Temple is clear, the homeless encampment has moved half a block south to the corner of SE 34th and SE Francis Street.

OBT Services, Events, and Meetings by Date

Links to Recurring Events – special links in table following For questions: bec@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

NOTE: Because OBT reopened March 27th the schedules/meetings are a little different. Please check our website for any last minute updates.

OBT Regular Service Every week – Sun 10 AM
Services are now hybrid – in person and on zoom. Link below to website for the filmed services, and below that the zoom link for the hybrid services.
<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85452093371?pwd=RkV2QkRyb3dIRllyQkNneFE5cTRKQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 5209 3371

Passcode: 517706

ON HOLD until further notice

Dharma Exchange Every 2 weeks – Sun 11 AM
 Zoom Meeting ID: 991 9789 7816 Passcode: 103319
<https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0IHeXNleVM4dz09>

Intermediate Study Class Every 2 weeks – Wed 7 PM
 Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428 Passcode: 704135
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RlcEN4MjhpNnNvOUxBZz09>

OBWA 3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM
 Zoom Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266 Passcode: 574232
<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Dharma School will be starting on Summer Break 6/26. Check with Ann Shintani for details

Dharma School Every 2 weeks – On non-Dharma Exchange Sundays
 Zoom Meeting ID: 972 9043 7213
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97290437213>

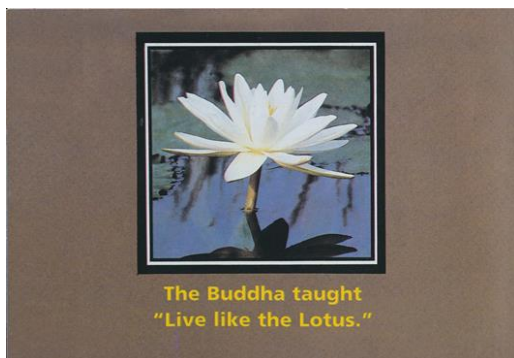
Girl Scouts -- meetings in person at OBT at 12:15 on 1st and 3rd Sundays. Continue through Summer. Check with leader Amy for details – dates below in table.

OBT Girl Scout Troop
 Zoom Meeting ID: 934 4857 6281 Passcode: 43720
<https://zoom.us/j/93448576281>

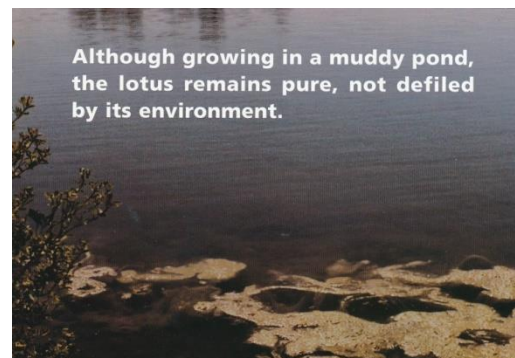
Calendar: https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcpc-GtgT0oEtVJpNmFUrmDsDwMTIJqlwF4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrqj8iH9OTshGGRowqBo-gWe_wtiFBj7drtg_LDgZmcA7SJcZVH4ZW0snc

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE/NOTES
July				
7/3	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
7/3	Sun		Dharma School Break	
7/3	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
7/6	Sun	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara

7/10	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Kobata	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
7/10	Sun		Dharma School Break	
7/10	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
7/16	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
7/17	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Hatsubon – Kangi-e Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
7/17	Sun		Dharma School Break	
7/17	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
7/19	Tue	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and hopefully also live stream on zoom
7/20	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
7/21	Thur	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and hopefully also live stream on zoom
7/24	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
7/24	Sun		Dharma School Break	
7/24	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
7/26	Tue	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and hopefully also live stream on zoom
7/28	Thur	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and hopefully also live stream on zoom
7/31	Sun	10 AM	Service – leader TBD	Rev. Sugahara on vacation. In person, on Zoom
7/31	Sun		Dharma School Break	
7/31	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
August				
8/2	Tue	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and hopefully also live stream on zoom
8/3	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
8/4	Thur	7 PM	Bon Odori Practice	In parking lot and hopefully also live stream on zoom
8/6	Sat	2-9 PM	Obon	In parking lot.
8/7	Sun		No Service	Cleanup after Obon
8/7	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/7	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
8/14	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
8/14	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/14	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
8/14	Sun	2 PM	BCA Virtual Obon Dance	Details later...
8/17	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
8/20	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
8/21	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
8/21	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/21	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
8/28	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
8/28	Sun		Dharma School Break	
8/28	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
8/31	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara



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Thank you for your continued support

A reminder to encourage readers to continue donations for the below events and any other time.

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

Pledges for the Oregon Buddhist Temple The Membership/Committee

It is because of each and every one who has ever been a part of the OBT Sangha since its inception, through caring for each other and our home Temple, that OBT has continued for so many, many years. It is up to us to nurture the Dharma teachings in our hearts and through our actions, keeping it alive for our children and generations to come

Your pledge is important in supporting all that we do at OBT. Pledges of \$300 per individual also include your membership dues with the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). Any amount shows your support of OBT's Dharma services, classes and programs and our other Sangha community activities. If you can, pledges beyond \$300 are greatly appreciated. (Pledge form below).



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PLEDGE FOR 2022

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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I / we will pledge for 2022, the amount of \$ _____

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☐ The above amount is to be given in payments of \$ _____

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly

Those who pledge any amount will be listed as supporters of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

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Please send this completed Pledge for 2022 to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th St.
Portland, OR 97202-3037

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.

Portland Taiko Farm Festival in West Linn Wynn Kiyama

Join us as we go inaka ("country") this summer! Rather than presenting an indoor concert, Portland Taiko will host a Farm Festival in West Linn on Saturday, August 27 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a full-length taiko concert on a grassy field with produce sales by Triskelee and Naked Acres Farms, beer and wine in the barn, a shave ice truck, and farm tours. Registration is limited. See our website for ticketing and more information (www.portlandtaiko.org).

Adults (\$26), Youths under 18 (\$10)





Janice Okamoto

<https://theimmigrantstory.org/over-and-over-again/>

The Japanese phrase *Ikoi No Kai* translates in English to “the gathering place.” It could also mean a haven, a welcoming spot where people gather for fellowship.

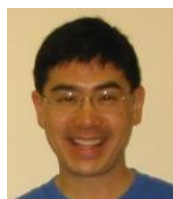
For Janice Matsunaga Okamoto, the basement area at the Epworth Methodist Church in Southeast Portland is just that: an inviting space where at least four days a week she joins several dozen friends for lunch and conversation.

Sometimes there is singing, or music played on traditional Japanese instruments. Often they play a Japanese card game called *hanafuda*, mahjong, or work on puzzles. In spirited moments, Janice and others have been known to dance around the room.

It is a happy place, all right. And for Janice Okamoto, *Ikoi No Kai* is also a way to connect with a past she barely remembers.

“Keeping the culture alive,” she said.

(Click on the link above for the rest of the article)



Come Join the Nikkei Park Naming Celebration Todd Yuzuriha

All are welcome to celebrate the naming of Nikkei Park in Vancouver, Washington on Friday July 15, 2022 at 7 p.m. The celebration will include a performance by Portland Taiko, storytelling by Alton Chung, and music by the Minidoka Swing Band. Kids will enjoy the dinosaur-themed play equipment and the movie night that follows. All are free. Nikkei Park is located at NE 52nd Street & NE 137th Avenue, Vancouver, WA.

In 2021, I helped advise the park naming committee. The city of Vancouver wanted to honor the Japanese Americans who made up about half of the truck farmers in the area before World War II and were displaced due to internment. A park naming survey was conducted, and the community selected “Nikkei Park”. For more information:

www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrecculture/page/new-park-name-honors-nikkei-truck-farmers-clark-county

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(1903 – 2003 from the 100 Year Celebration Booklet)

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Stan Shiigi	1993, 1995
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OBON Fest 2022

Saturday, August 6, 2022
2:00 - 9:00p.m.



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All are Welcome

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Thank you very much!

Gassho

Lantern Phone Contact: (831) 345-6489

Deadline: Friday, July 29, 2022