



## A Monk and Jodoshinshu Priest Reverend Yuki Sugahara

*When ignorant and wise, even grave offenders and slanders of the dharma, all alike turn about and enter shinjin, They are like waters that, on entering the ocean, become one in taste with it. (CWS, p. 70)*

During the winter break, my family had a chance to watch a Disney animation, “Encanto.” Did you watch it? I liked it because there were a lot of songs in it and also the story was good. I don’t want to spoil it for those who are planning to watch it so I am not going to talk about the details, but that story reminded me that people are not special because they have super natural powers, but because they are part of a family and community.

And the story of Encanto reminded me of the story of a monk and Jodo Shinshu priest that I have shared this in the past. The story goes like this.

There were two temples in a small village, but because of depopulation, the villagers could not afford to have two temples. So they had to choose which temple they wanted to stay in the village. They were trying to figure out best way to choose the temple. Finally, they decided to choose the temple by a showdown.

A monk was called by the villagers and asked to perform something amazing. The monk asked villagers to prepare a pot of boiling water to soak him in. The villagers prepared as they were instructed. The monk recited mantra, prepared himself and he put himself in the boiling water. The villagers were surprised, but the monk was not scalded. The villagers applauded and thought that if the monk stayed in the village, he might protect them from bad things.

The monk was called by the villagers on another day. Because of a drought, the villagers wanted to have some rain. The monk performed another ritual and dark clouds appeared in the sky and it started raining. The villagers were happy and they thought that if the monk stayed in the village, they would have no worries about a drought.

Now it was the Jodo Shinshu priest’s turn. After seeing the amazing abilities of the monk, the villagers had set the bar very high for the Jodo Shinshu priest. They were expecting something really special from him. The Jodo Shinshu priest

also asked the villagers to prepare hot water just like the monk did. The villagers did so. Then the priest asked to prepare sake in the bottle, which they did. The priest put the bottle in the hot water to warm it up, asked the villagers to gather around him, passed around cups of the warm sake and said “let’s drink together!”

The villagers were surprised at first, but they enjoyed drinking together, and the priest laughed together with them. While drinking some people complained about their wives and husbands to the priest, and the priest just listened to the complaints. Others shared their experience of loss and started to cry. The priest listened and shed tears with them. The priest did not have any super natural power to show, but he shared the time with the villagers and shared the teaching of Amida Buddha.

When it was the time for the villagers to choose which temple to be in the village, they choose the Jodo Shinshu priest. They thought the supernatural power of the monk is amazing, but they wondered and worried about when he is gone. The Jodo Shinshu priest did not have any special abilities, but the villagers felt comfortable sharing time together with him.

I believe this story was in Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka’s Ocean book also. There are different versions of the stories. I assume this story is a made up by a Jodo Shinshu minister, but the Disney animation Encanto reminded me of this story.

What is important to have is not the super natural power, but the companions, families and friends who we can share experiences together.

The words I shared at the beginning is from Shoshinge and Shinran Shonin is teaching us that regardless of the differences of abilities, stature or wealth, we all become one with the taste of shinjin/entrusting heart.

I like the metaphor of the swimmers which I share often. Some are good at swimming and some are not. If we have to swim to the other shore of, let’s say Strait of Dover in between England and France; the ability to swim is really important. If we cannot swim and try to swim across the strait, it is impossible. Only those who have amazing swimming skill are able to swim across the strait. The result depends on the abilities of the swimmers.

But, if we board on a ship to cross the strait, the ability to swim does not matter. It is the working of the ship that takes us to the other shore. Once we board the ship of great

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shinjin/entrusting heart, we all attain the same result of attainment of birth into the Pure Land and Buddhahood.

Jodo Shinshu teaching is not necessarily for the person who has super natural powers, the smart and wise person, the perfect person. It is the teaching for us, just as we are. We all have differences, but we all board the ship of the great compassion of Amida Buddha that is the working of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu. Through this working of Amida Buddha, we all attain the same result.

The relationship of so called “Sensei” and laity is not as strict as other traditions or Martial Arts. In Jodo Shinshu, we are all the passengers of the great ship of Amida Buddha. We are all fellow travelers of the path. So creating a peaceful environment and a place where we can gather without worries and share the laughter through enjoying the teaching of nembutsu together, I believe this is the relationship of so-called Sensei and the Sangha.

I am hoping that this year, we are able to gather again at the temple just like we used to, without worries, and share the laughter.

Gassho

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## Nirvana Day (Nehan-E), February 15

NEHAN-E - 涅槃会 - "Nirvana-gathering":

The Sanskrit word Nirvana comes from the root “va” which means “to blow”, adding the stem “ana” which means to make, and the prefix “nir” which means “off” or “out”. Hence, Nirvana means “the blowing out or extinction”. It is understood to mean the blowing out or extinction of the flame of personal desire.

When Shakamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree, he had achieved Nirvana. However, since he still was in his earthly form, he had not achieved complete Nirvana. When he died at the age of 80, he entered into complete Nirvana.

From TRADITIONS OF JODOSHINSHU  
HONGWANJI-HA

By Masao Kodani and Russell Hamada



**OBT President  
Charles Reneau**

Dear Sangha,

I know Buddhists don't have a tradition of “confession of sins,” like the Catholics do, but I have a confession: during the pandemic, I drifted away from the Temple.

The drift was gradual: I was able to keep up with online services for a while, and I sat on the couch and watched the entire music fundraiser back in August 2020. (It was terrific!) I attended a few online events, but found that I had trouble concentrating on the dharma. The computer itself is full of

distractions, and I didn't feel the same warmth of community without hugs, without unison chanting, without my Sangha.

I had “excuses,” like a new construction job that, combined with maintaining a musical career, meant I was working harder and longer hours than I'd ever worked before. I also didn't get excited about spending more time in front of a screen, when I found myself teaching hour after hour of Zoom trombone lessons.

To be clear: I had no interest in leaving the Temple, and I regularly helped with renovations around the Temple, as well as security patrolling. I knew I'd return at some point, so when a friend asked me to join the Board again, I agreed. When I attended the first meeting, as a Board Member Elect, I lightly followed along until we got to the nominations for Officers. When I was nominated to be President, I sat up straight and thought real hard on it for a minute. Some other attendees may have thought my screen had frozen.

Since accepting this role, I have learned a lot about how the Temple has operated for the last few years. This leads to my second confession: I didn't give internet-enabled remote meeting technologies a fair shake. After learning how our Sangha has used these technologies, I now know that they not only provide an important stopgap for times when meeting in person is not possible, but they also are *better* for some people and some activities.

We now have people tuning in to hear the dharma from across long distances, and some regular participants have never even been inside the Temple. A number of Sangha members have expressed their gratitude that Zoom has made it easier to participate in Temple activities, and Board meeting attendance has *increased* compared to prior years. Board meetings on Zoom have been productive and decisive.

I always tell my students: “We learn much more from being wrong than we learn from being right, so you might as well go ahead and be wrong sooner, rather than later.”

We are currently creating a plan to return to in-person services, but we intend to continue making services and activities available over the internet. For some Sangha members, platforms like YouTube and Zoom are effective and increase their connection to the Temple. As long as these technologies continue to be an important part of their Dharma practice, offering them should be a part of our mission.

Gassho,  
Charley

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## Online Services

Reverend Yuki conducts daily on-line services including Sundays at 8 am. On Sundays he also conducts a service at 10 am. Go to the Oregon Buddhist Temple web site and “Check out the

**[YouTube Channel of Oregon Buddhist Temple](#)**

Or click on

**[Oregon Buddhist Temple - YouTube](#)**

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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 February 14th 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.

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 *
Hokama, Tom 2/25/2020	Niemi, Isao 2/26/1962	Yamaguchi, Shizuo 2/21/1988*
Honma, Ira 2/27/1988	Oguri, Yasutaro 2/1/1961	Yoshida, Nobuko 2/1973 *
Ikata, Sueo Buddy 2/27/1992	Okita, Tatsu 2/23/1967*	Yoshihara, Shuichi 2/7/1962
Ikeda, Masaharu 2/21/1975		

\*OBWA member

**2022 Memorial Services**

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year 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 916-836-7350 or [ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhistemple.com](mailto:ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhistemple.com)

Condolences



To the Family of Judy Murase who passed away December 18, 2021.

## 2022-2024 OBT Board and 2021 Officers

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

**Term Ending 2023:** Angie Hughes, Jeanette Hager, Judy Hittle (Vice-President), Cathy Yarne

**Term Ending 2024:** Marilyn Huh, Sunita Kumar, Amanda Stein (Secretary), Charles Reneau (President)

Elaine Yuzuriha (Financial Officer)



### Oregon Buddhist Women's Association Jayne Ichikawa

#### Meet the New OBWA Officers

As the OBWA reporter for this month, I have asked the new 2022-2024 OBWA officers for their responses to four questions. The officers are:

- Amy Peterson and Jeanette Hager: Co-Presidents
- Nancy Walseth: Vice President
- Diane Harder: Treasurer

The four questions are:

1. What are several goals for you as this new officer?
2. How many years have you been attending the temple?
3. What attracted you to attend and become active?
4. What do you enjoy about being a member of OBWA?



#### Amy Peterson (Co-President)

1. I would like to support the OBWA by volunteering. The group has done some wonderful things, not only for the temple, but for the community as well. While not getting a lot of outside notice, their efforts have been noticed in the Sangha.

2. I have been attending the temple most of my life with a few years gap between high school and motherhood.
3. It's in my family to be a part of this temple and I came back when I needed support
4. I love that OBWA is so supportive in providing financial assistance to attend seminars, conventions and outreach. I love that they make sure our older or ill members are remembered.



#### Jeanette Hager (Co-President)

1. My first goal is to learn what our members are looking for in joining OBWA and what activities the members most enjoy doing. Through understanding each member's goals, we can focus on those activities that help all of our OBWA members, the OBT Sangha members and members of our greater communities.

2. I am a newer Temple member. I moved to Portland to live with my daughter and her husband in November of 2017. I

started attending OBT in 2019. My first encounter with Jodo-Shinshu Buddhism was in Watsonville, California. I went to the Watsonville Temple for festivals, Shotsuki Hoyo services and for a good friend's wedding. When I moved to Portland, I went to the OBT Obon Festival and attended Sensei's talk. I then started attending services, Sensei's Dharma classes and helping out here and there.

3. I had started helping out at the Temple fundraisers in Watsonville. When I started attending OBT, I started helping out when I was asked. I admire how everyone at OBT and OBWA work together to create such a special community. I enjoy the spirit of giving by the Sangha members and admire their dedication to OBT and OBWA.

4. What I enjoy most about being a member of OBWA is being able to get to know all of the OBWA members. It is by working together that I am getting to know each member, their talents and unique spirit that they bring to OBWA and OBT.

#### Nancy Walseth (Vice-President)



**1. Be available for delegation:** Since they both work their own jobs, and I do not have an outside job, make sure the Co-Presidents feel free to involve me or delegate to me anything that is pressuring or stressing them. **Eyes and ears open:** I am new here. I am still learning new ways to work with others, with non-dualistic approaches

instead of pressuring or forcing solutions as sometimes occurs in the wider world. So I would like to try to do a lot of reading and listening about Buddhist ways of doing things, as I quietly serve my role of staying at the elbows of the Co-Presidents. **Maintain a light heart:** I would be happy to take on the task, staying light hearted and compassionate while I experience a level of responsibility at OBWA. Giving and receiving smiles is the reason for so much of what OBWA does anyway.

2. I have attended OBT since 2017, drawn in initially by Sensei Yuki Sugahara's Introduction to Buddhism lecture series.

3. I was at a point in life where I had time and interest in finding a spiritual community that fits the me of today. "Becoming involved" is something that took a while. I think I was shy. I did a lot of solo weed pulling the first year. But the more social tobas were so much fun that I was drawn to kitchen work eventually. I experienced welcoming acceptance.

4. It is fun. To me, regardless of its more lofty purposes, it is about getting together with friends and exchanging **Dana**. That is what my life is about now. From here on out I want to have as much fun as possible. I find it fun to practice names and notice little details of difference between people. If I can have fun and simultaneously be helpful, then **I am fulfilled**.



#### Diane Harder (Treasurer)

1. Judy Yamauchi did such a wonderful job as OBWA treasurer & membership chair for the last 5 years. I would like to continue to be as organized as Judy. (This is a lofty goal as I'm not a very organized person.)

2. I feel that Temple has always been a part of my life, having been raised in Portland and at OBT, so 69 years?
3. Having a family drew me closer to OBT. I was then attracted to join OBWA when I wanted to learn how to cook all those yummy Japanese dishes that OBWA provides for otoki and fundraisers.
4. I enjoy belonging to OBWA for the camaraderie that supports OBT, the involvement in community outreach and the fun to participate in activities with a group of great women: I'd suggest to everyone to join us!

By reading Amy's, Jeanette's, Nancy's, and Diane's answers to these four questions, I hope the readers will be better acquainted with these outstanding and committed ladies. The OBWA is very fortunate and will operate very effectively with their leadership and positive focus. Congratulations and best wishes! Next OBWA reporter is Pat Hokama

Gassho,  
Jayne Ichikawa



### **Dharma School Ann Shintani**

This month I have a new understanding for the word "emptiness", a term used often in Buddhist tradition. I have considered this word sad, like "loneliness", or disapproving, like the term "empty-headed". However, I was researching the internet about Nagarjuna, the first teacher in our Jodo Shinshu lineage. It said that he taught that "emptiness" is the absence of individual existence. In other words, it is that we are connected to everything, and that we are never really alone. I don't know why this idea is translated to "emptiness", but the teaching is very comforting to me, as it reminds me that we are supported by others. With that, I thought I would share about the activities of the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL). This group seeks to support volunteers of Dharma Schools of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).

The annual Dharma School teachers' (FDSTL) conference will again be virtual, and is titled, "**Cheers to Finding a New Norm**", with guest presenters, Rev. Dr Carmella Javellana Hirano (Minister's Assistant of Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and Integrative Psychiatrist) and Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji (S. Alameda County Buddhist Church). With nearly two years of pandemic social distancing, social injustices, and separation from friends and loved ones, conference volunteers (from the Northern California District Dharma School Teachers' League) hope to have meaningful and relevant messages and discussions. All are welcome to register, and will be on Saturday, April 23, 2022, Noon to 5pm (PDT).

FDSTL received \$2,200 donation from the Federation of **Buddhist Womens' Association (FBWA)** for educational programs. These donations have supported upgrading Dharma School website for lesson plans, sharing Dharma School newsletter "Stone Soup", distributing books to temples, and supporting smaller Dharma Schools (like ours). Thank you to

FBWA, families, and to others who support youth education and programs.

Finally, **Dharma School** hopes to meet in-person on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 11am at the temple.

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### **Girl Scouts Amy Petersen**

Girl Scout troop 43720 has been very busy. Cookie season started with pre-orders on Jan 7th. Pre-orders are in, but it's not too late to order. Contact the troop at [gstroop43720OBT@gmail.com](mailto:gstroop43720OBT@gmail.com) if you'd like to order. If you want to help the troop but don't want/need the cookies you can donate the cookies to our charities; Ikoï No Kai (Japanese Senior Lunch Program) and the Oregon Humane Society. Cookies pre-ordered will be available the third week of Feb. We are planning to have a pick up the 19th of Feb in the temple parking lot from 12 - 1:30 pm.

The girls were finally able to deliver the Happy Socks and Scratch pads they made to the Oregon Humane Society along with the toys, treats and bags of food (not pictured) they donated and money they allocated for their community service,

### **Girl Scouts prepare to go horseback riding**



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### **Watch "Hoonko Musical Service 2022 - "Responding to the Benevolence"**



Rev. Harry Bridge, Buddhist Church of Oakland

<https://youtu.be/8XwSAKANYhw>



"Meditation" (Classical Series n.3) - Andrea Giuffredi trumpet

<https://youtu.be/GT0bzCO4Nwk>

*The below article by OBT board member Angie Hughes is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.*



### Letting Go of Expectations Angie Hughes

I went to a friend's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party recently and it was one of the first group gatherings, outside of core family get-togethers, that I have been to in a while. The hostess of the party was a bit sad that only about one third of the guest list turned up to her husband's milestone birthday. She cited their reasons for not attending as either illness or fear of illness. We then had a deep conversation among the people sitting around us about expectations now, compared to life before Covid, and what we've learned.

What I gleaned from just about everyone who contributed was an actual sense of relief at being asked over the last two years, whether by loved ones, friends, co-workers, mentors, teachers—whomever—to be flexible, to relinquish all rights to any form of guarantee, and to live in the moment because the next one is not promised and cannot be sufficiently pinned down. We related our individual stories of loss: limited family birthday gatherings, missed graduation ceremonies, reduced wages, a grandma who we haven't seen (to keep her safe from us and illness), and, in some cases, the actual loss of life due to Covid. What we all had in common, though, was the feeling that we have collectively slowed down and have let go of the complicated expectations we had previously set for ourselves and others. One gentleman, who works in healthcare, commented, "I just get through the day now and know that if I make it to the next, physically and emotionally intact, that's all I can expect of myself." He went on to talk about how he has no expectations of others because he's not sure if they'll be there for him to count on the next day.

It may sound like this was a depressing conversation for a birthday bash, but there was an appreciated honesty in what we shared that I don't remember from parties past, where I

would find myself in a group of strangers, making slightly strained and surface-level conversation. This was real talk with honest people, and it felt good to be sharing actual accounts of what we were all going through. Several times, we would try to chat about simpler things, but, eventually, the conversation circled back to these topics. It told me that we had grown a certain tolerance for whatever reality we were experiencing and could openly and comfortably talk about it.

Towards the end of the evening, the Vintage Birthday Dude, as he was dubbed, requested that everyone spread out to karaoke a round of "American Pie" by Don McLean. It was truly the most enjoyable eight and a half minutes of the night, and the party goers seemed to pour everything they had into our heartfelt rendition of the song. As my husband and I were driving home, I said, "I don't remember a time when I have been in a group that sang that earnestly together." But then I did remember a time—when the Sangha sang "Bohemian Rhapsody" in the OBT basement. I don't know when we will all be together again (I hope it is very soon!), but may we meet each other with open hearts and no expectations when we do...and maybe another round of song when we can.

### Poems from January 2 Dharma Exchange

It's cold and dry now  
Nothing but puddle ice left,  
Enter the New Year

Many holidays  
Piled one atop the other  
Then January  
Brenda Fugate

The past is history, The future is mystery. But for this  
unrepeatable moment, May we be truly present (mindful) to  
realize  
the gift of Namu Amida Butsu. Gosh show!  
Ron Kobata

Covid protocol  
Diligence, hobbies, patience  
dreams of traveling  
Ann Shintani

Liberal left  
Angry right  
The middle way  
Tom McCormick

Turn the TV off

### Past Months' Newsletters

Can be viewed at the below link.

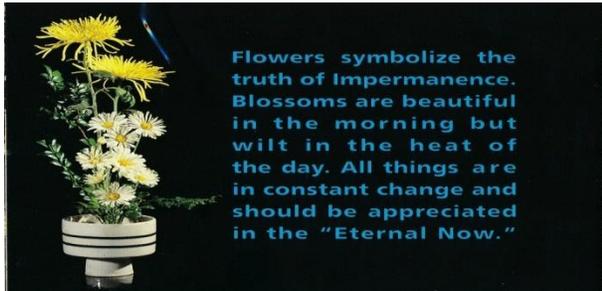
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### Economy of Color

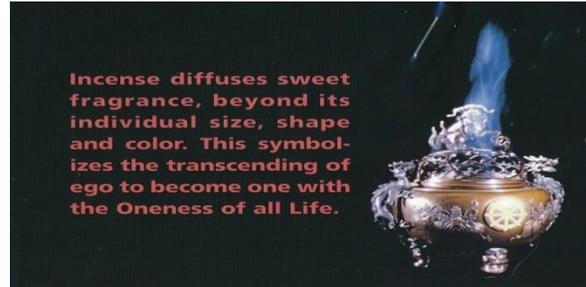
In Japan, when one color takes center stage, an effort is made to prevent the interference of others. For example, in wooded areas, where greens and ochre are dominant, Buddhist temples blend in like chameleons, using wood and other natural tones, so as not to stand out against the forest but instead to form part of it.

As an exception, inside the main building of a Buddhist temple, other shades, like gold, are allowed, to give the impression of having entered a different space or world.

From The Book Of Ichigo Ichie, Chapter on The Ceremony Of Attention.



Flowers symbolize the truth of Impermanence. Blossoms are beautiful in the morning but wilt in the heat of the day. All things are in constant change and should be appreciated in the "Eternal Now."



Incense diffuses sweet fragrance, beyond its individual size, shape and color. This symbolizes the transcending of ego to become one with the Oneness of all Life.

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

## OBT Services, Events, and Meetings by Date

Links to Recurring Events – special links in table following For questions: [bec@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:bec@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)

<b>OBT Regular Service</b>	Every week – Sun 10 AM
<a href="https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/">https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/</a>	
<b>Dharma Exchange</b>	Every 2 weeks – Sun 11 AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 991 9789 7816	Passcode: 103319
<a href="https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0IHeXNleVM4dz09">https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0IHeXNleVM4dz09</a>	
<b>Intermediate Study Class</b>	Every 2 weeks – Wed 7 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428	Passcode: 704135
<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RlcEN4MjhpNnNvOUxBz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RlcEN4MjhpNnNvOUxBz09</a>	
<b>OBWA</b>	Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266	Passcode: 574232
<a href="https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjI5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09">https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjI5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09</a>	

<b>Dharma School</b>	Every 2 weeks – On non-Dharma Exchange Sundays
Zoom Meeting ID: 972 9043 7213	
<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97290437213">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97290437213</a>	
<b>OBT Girl Scout Troop</b>	Every other week on Sunday (dates below in table)
Zoom Meeting ID: 934 4857 6281	Passcode: 43720
<a href="https://zoom.us/j/93448576281">https://zoom.us/j/93448576281</a>	
Calendar: <a href="https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcpc-GtqT0oEtVJpNmFUrmDsDwMTIJqlwF4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrqj8iH9OTshGGRowqBo-gWe_wtiFBj7drtg_LDgZmcA7SjCZVH4ZWOsnc">https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcpc-GtqT0oEtVJpNmFUrmDsDwMTIJqlwF4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrqj8iH9OTshGGRowqBo-gWe_wtiFBj7drtg_LDgZmcA7SjCZVH4ZWOsnc</a>	

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE/NOTES
<b>January</b>				
1/30	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
1/30	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Kristin Wong – Recycling
<b>February</b>				
2/2	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
2/5	Sat	10:30AM	Dana Class	
2/6	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	<b>Lady Kujo/Lady Ohtani Memorial Service</b>
2/6	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	Nirvana Day in person at OBT – watch for details
2/6	Sun	Noon	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
2/13	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	<b>Nirvana Day (Nehan-e) and Shotsuki Hōyō Memorial Service</b>
2/13	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader: Jeanette Hager – We will read and discuss "Grasshopper on the Road".
2/16	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
2/19	Sat	10 AM	OBWA Meeting	
2/19	Sat	10:30AM	Dana Class	Watch email for information
2/20	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
2/20	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	11-Noon Virtual school
2/20	Sun	Noon	OBT General Meeting	On Zoom – Angie will send link
2/20	Sun	Noon	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
2/27	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
2/27	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader: Ai Ono – Discussing Happiness – based upon Ai's readings
<b>March</b>				
3/2	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
3/5	Sat	10:30AM	Dana Class	
3/6	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
3/6	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	
3/6	Sun	Noon	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
3/13	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	<b>Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service</b>
3/13	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Yuki Sensei – Spring Ohigan
3/16	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
3/19	Sat	10 AM	OBWA Meeting	
3/19	Sat	10:30AM	Dana Class	
3/20	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	
3/20	Sun	Noon	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
3/27	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
3/27	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Ken Garner – topic in next newsletter
3/30	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara

**Oregon Buddhist Temple  
December Donations**

**In honor of Buddy & Sumiko Ikata**  
Pat Iboshi & family

**In honor of Hitoshi & Rose Ikata**  
Pat Iboshi & family

**In memory of Ben & Sumie Ishida**  
Robert & Susan Yoneda  
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**In memory of Doug Anderson**  
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**In memory of Tomo & Fumi Saito;  
Eiichi & Haruno Saito;  
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**In memory of Yasashi Ichikawa**  
Herb & Etsu Osaki  
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**In memory of Takeko Wahl**  
Herb & Etsu Osaki

**In memory of Irene Junko Stumpf**  
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**SHOTSUKI HOYO**  
**In memory of George & Chiho Okita**  
Carolyn Masa Okita

**In memory of Bob Ando,  
Frank Ando, Sekitaro Fujii**  
Robert Ando  
Diane Ando Harder

**In memory of Mine & Tsunetaro  
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Joyce F. Olsen

**In memory of Ikuma Tamiyasu**  
Janice Okamoto

**In memory of Bunta Sono,  
Yone & Yasujiro Murazen**  
Ruth Sono Watanabe

**In memory of Francis Iwamoto**  
Katie & Ed Tamiyasu

**Special donations**  
June & Stan Shiigi (2021 events)  
Judy & Paul Hittle (vehicle donation)

Katie Tamiyasu  
James & Judith Nakashima  
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In honor of Etsu Osaki)

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Anonymous (In honor of Michael &  
Janice Ishii; in honor of Jayne  
& Shinya Ichikawa)

**Year end / New Year gifts**

Herb & Etsu Osaki  
Judy & Paul Hittle  
Robert & Lynette Sunamoto  
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Carolyn J. Saiget  
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Nancy Walseth

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Herb & Etsu Osaki  
Dana Kakishita  
Janice Okamoto  
Diane Ando Harder  
Robert Ando  
Katie Tamiyasu

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Donations**

Judy & Paul Hittle  
Jean Matsumoto  
Katie Tamiyasu  
Brenda Bell  
Nami Koida  
Yoji & Martha Matsushima  
Frank Sunada  
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Ken Kinoshita  
Herb & Etsu Osaki  
Ann Shintani & Scott Winner

**PSU Food Pantry Project**

OBWA  
Robert Ando  
Setsy & Chip Larouche  
Ken Kinoshita  
Herb & Etsu Osaki  
Jean Matsumoto  
Judy & Paul Hittle  
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Katie Tamiyasu  
Dana Kakishita  
Pat Hokama  
Kiyomi Dickinson  
Ronald & Linda Iwasaki  
Jeanette Hager  
Anonymous

**2022 Annual Pledges**

Steve & Clara Pawlowski  
Herb & Etsu Osaki  
Ann Shintani & Scott Winner  
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa  
Tamiyo Watari  
Carolyn J. Saiget  
Katie Tamiyasu  
Elaine Yuzuriha  
Susan Leedham  
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**Monthly/Quarterly/Semi-annual  
Pledge donations**

Susan Lilly & Erik Ackerson  
Jean Matsumoto  
Shizuka & Todd Miwa-Mackintosh  
Diane Ando Harder  
Susan Endecott

**Thank you for your continued  
support.**

**Donation acknowledgements  
are mailed for donations of \$250  
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OBT mailing list, and to any  
donor upon request.**

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

**[sjendecott@gmail.com](mailto:sjendecott@gmail.com)**

**Thank you for your continued support**

### Successful Sales of Sho Restaurant New Years Bento

On Sunday, January 9, 175 preordered New Years bentos were picked up by purchasers at the Temple parking lot. The process occurred smoothly as one car after another filed through. Thanks to the following organizers and helpers: Cathy Yarne, Katie and Ed Tamiyasu, Reverend Sugahara, Jayne and Shinya Ichikawa



Jayne, Katie and Cathy prepare bento orders



Beth Sellers receives her bento order



Jeanette Hager receives her bento order



Norman Watari receives his bento order



The bento they received

## Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association

It is already February 2022! OBWA membership dues for this year are due. We encourage you to renew if you are an existing member and if you are new to OBWA, we welcome you to join us. Our group is dedicated to supporting the Oregon Buddhist Temple in various ways, to providing social services, and, most of all, to enjoy spending time with each other. The cost is \$20 per year. Please make your dues payment out to “OBWA” and send it to the temple address. Members 88 years or older are exempt from paying dues. If your mailing address, phone number or email has changed, please let us know.

On February 6th, there will be a Northwest District Joint Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Otani Memorial Service. February is a time for us to remember in gratitude the work that both of these inspiring women did to make the world a better place and to ease the suffering of others. It is as a result of their contributions that The Buddhist Women’s Association (BWA) has grown to include members world-wide including from the United States, Japan and Canada. Kisaragiki (February) is also an opportunity to honor those members from OBT who, over its long history, have continued to work together to support our OBT Sangha and community.

An OBWA meeting is an opportunity to gather together each month. Although for now, the pandemic restrictions limit our in person activities, we are hopeful that with the vaccinations, we may be able to meet in person now and then this year with masking and careful distancing. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, February 19th at 10:00 am for our next OBWA meeting and New Year’s celebration via Zoom. Please see the invitation below. The New Year’s invitation (which will include the Zoom link) will also be emailed to the OBWA members along with the agenda and meeting reports. We look forward to seeing you there!

Gassho,  
 Jeanette Otsuji Hager and Amy Peterson  
 OBWA Co-Presidents

**OREGON BUDDHIST WOMENS' ASSOCIATION  
 ZOOM MEETING & NEW YEAR GET-TOGETHER  
 February 19, 2022 (Sat) 10:00am**

Join us via ZOOM. An email invitation with the link will be sent with the February agenda, the last meeting’s minutes, and the Treasurer’s report.

Year of the Tiger




年男・年女 ( Toshi Otoko & Toshi Onna )  
 If you were born in 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, or 2010, CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 is a year of the Tiger, and you are a toshi otoko/toshi onna are lucky throughout the year.  
 \* Toshi otoko ( 年男 ) is “a man born in a year with the same Chinese zodiac sign as the current year”.  
 \* Toshi onna ( 年女 ) is “a woman born in a year with the same Chinese zodiac sign as the current year”.

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**Reminder: 2022 OBWA Membership Dues: \$20/person  
 Please make your check payable to OBWA, and mail to the temple address  
 (OBWA, 3720 SE 34th Ave., Portland, OR 97202)**

## Pledges for the Oregon Buddhist Temple

The Membership/Committee

Happy New Year! We are grateful for your support in 2021. We truly appreciate each and every way that you continue to support the Oregon Buddhist Temple. It is through your participation and contributions, financially and otherwise, that OBT can continue to be a part of our lives. 2021, was another challenging year for all of us. For 2022, we are hopeful that we will be able to meet in person even should it be in a different way. Change is the only constant.

In 2021, we did well with pledges and OBT was able to cover most of our expenses even without our usual fundraisers. In addition, we were able to submit 71 supporters for membership to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) from OBT.

It is the start of 2022, the “Year of the Tiger.” Although we cannot yet be physically at the Temple for services, we are fortunate to continue to have services, Dharma School classes and Dharma teachings virtually. Unexpected costs, hosting of special events and even the day-to-day costs of maintaining OBT require your support financially and in other ways. Also, although much of the costs incurred in reparations due to the water backup in the basement drains caused by the City’s repair work, due to COVID, there were delays and changes to the original reparation plan that were determined to be better for future space use which resulted in additional costs that were paid by OBT.

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.

The Committee thanks Al Ono for all the work he has done over the years for OBT membership and pledges, and in advocating for OBT members. I, Jeanette Hager, am especially grateful to Al for the background information on membership and pledges and for imparting all that he has learned over the years. Thank you, Al.

Please send your pledge and one-time payment amount (or if in multiple payments, first payment) to:

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

**Pledge form is on the following page**



OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

PLEDGE FOR 2022

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The above amount is to be given as a one time amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or

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.

Pledges of \$300 or more per individual will be listed with the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) as members of Oregon Buddhist Temple. The \$300 includes the BCA membership dues which will be forwarded to BCA.

Please send this completed Pledge for 2022 to:

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

Pledge payments can be mailed to the above address or made via PayPal at [OregonBuddhistTemple.com](http://OregonBuddhistTemple.com)

In gratitude for your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.