



OBT established 1903



Anniversary Year Coming Up Reverend Yuki Sugahara

Time flies and it is almost the end of the year already. This year was the first year in two years to come back to the temple in-person after the pandemic. I still remember how joyous I was when I saw everyone at the temple after not having anyone at the temple for so long, and how nice to chant sutras, sing gathas and listen to the Dharma together at the temple!

I mentioned this at this year’s Eitaikyo service, but, we celebrated 119th year of OBT’s establishment this November. OBT was established on November 29, 1903 with the tremendous efforts of Rev. Shozui Wakabayashi (1879-1915), and many Issei pioneer members. With the effort of so many individuals, we have kept this temple in Portland for nearly 120 years. Do you know when the city of Portland was established? It is 1851. So OBT is in Portland almost since the beginning of the city of Portland. I then started to wonder what was happening in the world 120 years ago.

I went through Wikipedia and a few things caught my eyes. One hundred twenty years ago in July, the first Le Tour de France, a famous bicycle race, was held. In October, the first Major League Baseball World Series was held. Boston Americans won the series. In December, the Wright Brothers succeeded the first flight, and going back to January, Kozui Ohtani, the 22nd Gomonshu of Hongwanji-ha, discovered the Vulture Peak in Rajagrha in India where Shakyamuni Buddha expounded many teachings including the Larger Sutra and the Lotus Sutra. So 1903 a remarkable year and I am surprised and proud to know that OBT has the same length of history as the World Series and these other events.

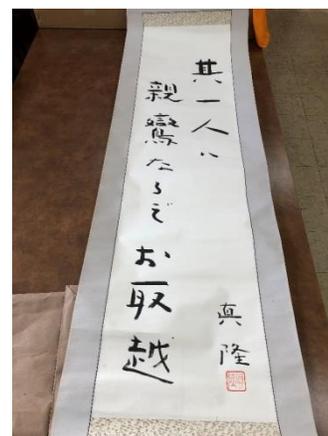
Then the other day I was looking through the drawers in the Mable-Boggs Room and found a scroll (picture 2) written by Reverend. Shinryu Umehara (1885-1966) (picture 1). Reverend Umehara was a head of Kangakuryo, department for the Kangaku Scholar (advisor to Gomonshusama). I was wondering why we have his scroll in Oregon Buddhist Temple. If anyone knows the history behind this scroll, please

let me know. I am guessing that Reverend Wakabayashi was from Toyama prefecture and Reverend Umehara was also from Toyama prefecture. According to my knowledge, their home temples are not too far from each other that there was a friendship between them or something... but, I am just guessing.

This scroll said “Sono-hitori-ha Shinran-nari. O-torikoshi” “The one is Shinran, O-torikoshi.” (O-torikoshi: Hoonko service held prior to the actual date of Shinran Shonin’s passing.) There is a word like this: “When you are saying nembutsu alone, think as two. When you are saying nembutsu with two people, then think as three. The one is Shinran.” Rev. Umehara is probably saying that “On this occasion of O-torikoshi, let us say the nembutsu, and we are not alone in nembutsu, we are always with Shinran-sama.”

There are many other scrolls I have not checked yet in Mabel-Boggs Room so I might find another treasure from there. This month’s article was more like a blog, but I just wanted to let you know that our anniversary is coming up and our temple had been supported by so many people. Let us carry the spirit of our pioneer members and hand this temple down to next generations.

Gassho.



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December Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of December. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the December 11 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

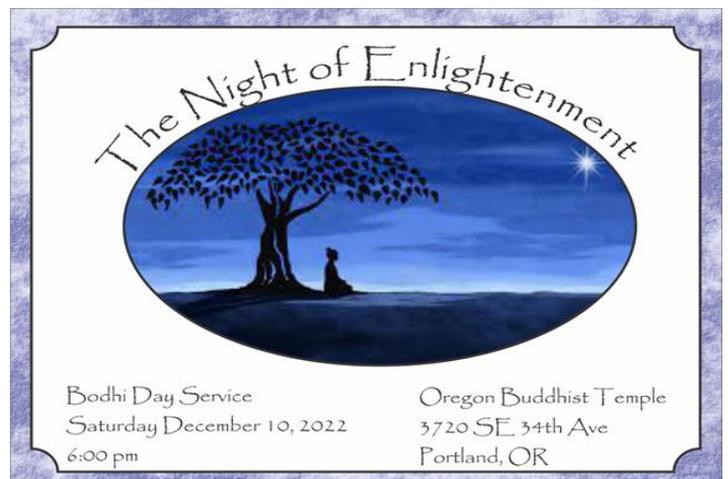
Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

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| Anderson, Douglas William 12/4/2011 | Kimura, Harue 12/8/1993 * | Sasaki, Tsunetaro 12/12/1966 |
| Ando, Bob Minoru 12/26/1998 | Kinoshita, Eugene Hiroshi 12/5/1974 | Sarusaka, Shige 12/19/1950 |
| Ando, Frank Susumu 12/5/1988 | Kobayashi, Nobuo 12/21/1978 | Shiiki, Riziko 12/5/1960 |
| Aoki, Kotaro 12/31/1968 | Kono, Shinayo 12/20/1991 | Shiraishi, Setsuko 12/23/1973 |
| Azuma, Teikichi 12/14/1965 | Kristiansen, Tomie Fujita 12/27/2001 | Shitasa, Fumi, 12/4/1986 |
| Endo, Shige 12/9/1950 | Liebowitz, Daniel 12/8/2007 | Stumpf Junko Irene 12/12/2001 |
| Fujii, James 12/3/2013 | Masuoka, Baiichi 12/12/1952 | Tachibana, Genpei 12/14/1962 |
| Fujii, Sekitaro 12/5/1967 | Matsushima, Hiroshi 12/18/2017 | Takeda, Satoko 12/28/2000 * |
| Giese, Hiroko 12/4/2004 | Minami, Nobuichi 12/11/1982 | Takeuchi, Melvin Susumu 12/3/2011 |
| Hayashi, Irene 12/28/2004 * | Miura, Rin 12/4/2005 * | Takeuchi, Robert 12/25/2015 |
| Hirai, Shijiro 12/12/1956 | Miyoshi, MaryTokiko 12/6/2005 * | Tamiyasu, Ikuma 12/7/1984 * |
| Hirota, Shizuko 12/27/1994 | Naito, Kimi 12/14/2004 | Tateishi, Yoshimasa 12/16/1960 |
| Hishiki, Kazumi 12/14/2020 | Nishimoto, Hatsumi 12/27/1999 | Tomohiro, Risuke 12/30/1961 |
| Ichikawa, Yasashi 12/29/1999 * | Nishino, Aya 12/18/1978 * | Tsuji, Haru 12/13/1984 * |
| Ikata, Rose 12/20/2019* | Okabe, Sayo 12/27/1976 | Uyeda, Chiyono 12/2/1959 * |
| Ikeda, Kaneo 12/31/2000 | Okita, George 12/23/2011 | Uyeda, Matsuo 12/10/2007 |
| Inouye, Grace Yoshiko 12/20/1992 * | Okita, Matoichi 12/13/1956 | Wahl, Takeko 12/27/2018 |
| Iwai, Yoshiro James 12/3/1998 | Okita, Chiho 12/25/2015* | Woodworth, Eugene 12/21/2013 |
| Iwashita, Kasuga 12/21/1973 * | Okubo, Shizu 12/28/1962 * | Yabuki, Kameji 12/18/1953 |
| Inuzuka, Ko 12/24/1959 | Onchi, George 12/20/1990 | Yasutome, Sadayo 12/24/1974 * |
| Kasahara, May 12/30/2017 | Ouchida, Jack 12/1/2000 | Yoshida, Kumakichi 12/12/1958 |
| Kato, Tony 12/16/1998 | Sasaki, Kosaku 12/21/1983 | Yuzuriha, Zoichi 12/13/1975 |
| Kayama, Giichi 12/30/1979 | | |

2022 Memorial Services

Year	Memorial	Year	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



December 4th Service Dedicated to Three Past OBT Leaders

In recognition of three OBT presidents who past away in 2022, we are dedicating the regular 10:00 am service to these individuals. Please join us in acknowledging the contributions that Al Abe, Ken Kawazoe and Herb Osaki have made to the Oregon Buddhist Temple.



Herb Osaki was also Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) President in 1982.

Daily On-line 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](#)



President's Column Charles Reneau, OBT President

As I mentioned in last month's President's article, we are moving forward with the installation of security fencing, as a response to ongoing difficult conditions on SE 34th Avenue. We have contracted with Rick's Custom Fencing and Decking to build the fence and they are planning to begin work after New Year's. Here are more details about the project.

The Fence

We have chosen a 72 inch high aluminum fence product, powder coated in black. This material will require little maintenance and should last for decades. (Please see Figure 1).

We are adding fencing along the west perimeter of our property, along the line of the sidewalk. At the Annex driveway, the fence line will turn in, and run east along the sidewalk of the Annex to a gate installed on the building itself. (Please see Figure 2).

From the accompanying map, you'll be able to tell that, combined with existing fencing and the building to our north, the entire perimeter of our property will be fenced. While it will always be possible for determined intruders to enter the

property, we hope that this investment will protect our temple from the vast majority of trespassing.

Visitor Access

In order to access the property, we have arranged for a variety of entry points.

Parking Lot Auto Gate:

Operated by a solar-powered motor, this remote-controlled gate will provide automobile access to our parking lot (and control the somewhat regular dumping that occurs in our parking lot). After testing at the Rick's warehouse, we determined that an un-powered gate would be too heavy for most of our volunteers to use. A “Knox Box” will be installed on the gate, to allow EMS and Fire Department access to the parking lot, when the gate is locked. In terms of our use, this gate will probably be opened some time before services and events, and closed again as the last volunteer leaves the property.

Human-sized gates:

The human-sized gates along the sidewalk perimeter will have key operated gates. I expect that we will open all of these gates for services, in order to retain a welcoming sense of openness. For some smaller events, we may only open the parking lot gate.

Volunteer Access

As we have long done with keys and alarm codes to the Temple and Annex, we will need to distribute remote controls and gate keys to volunteer members. If you are a keyholder, please be on the lookout for a contact from one of our Security volunteers! It may not be necessary for every volunteer to hold both a gate key and a remote control: we will probably keep copies of these keys and remotes available in the Temple and Annex, as we currently do for many keys. Thus, once inside the building, any volunteer could retrieve the remote control or gate key.

The Future

Many Jodo Shinshu Temples in North America have some degree of fencing around their property, but we realize that the addition of fencing might be a shock to long-time Temple Members. Some operational changes may become necessary, and it may be more complicated to “swing by the Temple” as in the past. Over time, we will learn how to best interact with the property in its new manifestation, to find the best middle way between security and convenience. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions along the way.

And finally, this is my last newsletter article as President. Past president Ken Garner told me that, even after years on the Board, I would learn a lot about this Temple and its operation in the role of President. He was right!

This year has proved challenging for various reasons, but through it all, I was grateful to be working on behalf of the Dharma, with the kind, generous, and dedicated members of our Sangha. There are too many people to thank individually; so, if you and I have worked together on some element of Temple life this year, please accept my deepest gratitude!

In Gassho,
Charley



Figure 1

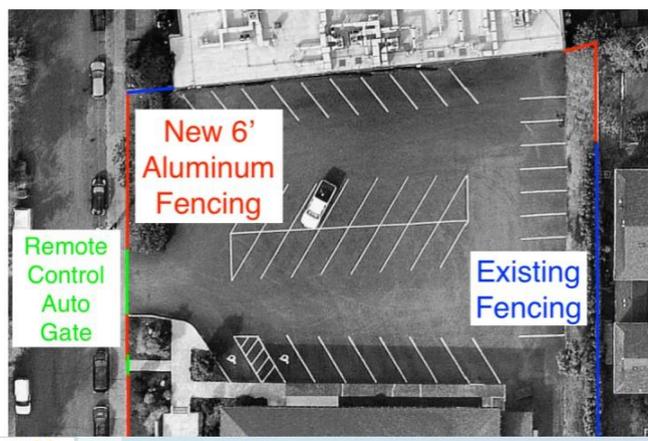


Figure 2

2022-2024 OBТ Board and 2022 Officers

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

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

Term Ending 2024: Marilyn Huh, Suniti Kumar, Charles Reneau (President)

Elaine Yuzuriha (Financial Officer)



Service Chairpersons

Al Ono

Yea, we are back to live services where we can see each other not in little boxes and we can all chant and sing together. However, to do this we need a person to guide us through the service- the service chair.

For this we need volunteers. You do not need speaking skills - there is a microphone and a script. Your only

requirement is you need to show up about 15 minutes before the service to get the specifics of the service. You don't need to be creative starting the service with Seiya. For special service I will ask a board member to chair the service.

Let me know by Email -portlandonos@gmail.com-when you would like to chair the service. This is a great way to give to the Temple.

Gassho



Oregon Buddhist Women's Association
Marilyn Huh

A warm, safe and happy festive season to all from the Oregon Buddhist Women's Association! OBWA met virtually on Saturday, November 19, 2022,

to plan and to savor activities connected with giving, receiving, and—ever popular—eating.

About giving, we are pleased to report that we have been able to boost the Eshinni and Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies endowment with an initial gift of \$500; funding for the OBТ fence with a gift of \$500; and funding for the restoration of the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple with a gift of \$250. We will also be applying to the BCA for a matching grant to support our food drive for PSU.

About receiving, we think first of all we have learned from the great pillars of our temple who have preceded us. Al Abe's memorial service will be on December 3, 2022 at 1 PM at First United Methodist Church. (This is the family's service, which will also be accessible virtually.) Then, on December 4, here at OBТ we will present a Sunday service dedicated to Al and two other of our shining lights who have passed: Ken Kawazoe and Herb Osaki. How thankful we are for these men!

All of our new audio and visual equipment should be in place and functioning in December, and the BEC is planning on having the library dedication in January. OBWA members will be presenting the Lady Kujo and Ohtani service, which we are seeking to coordinate with a Dharma Exchange session based on Dr. Paula Arai's 2022 Numata Lecture. (Dr. Arai is the first occupant of the Eshinni/Kakushinni chair.) OBWA, along with the Sangha, has been practicing the new gatha, *Gassho from the Heart*. Many of us are also looking forward to attending the World Buddhist Women's Conference in Japan in May 2023.

About eating, we find ourselves on the last page of the calendar and immediately think—Mochitsuki time!! This year's Mochitsuki will be on Sunday, December 18, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Bags of mochi will be available for pickup between 2 and 4 PM on that day; they'll be \$5.00 a pound. Volunteers are eagerly solicited for two-hour shifts; see Ryan Davis or Angle Hughes.

If you'd like a treat prior to Mochitsuki Day, come for Bodhi Day service on December 10 at 6 PM and bring a fun prepackaged treat to exchange after the service. Though we

won't be eating the treats in the basement, they give us an opportunity to surprise each other and socialize.

Surprise. Savor. Socialize. Support. Come visit the OBWA! And thank you for seeing in 2023 with us.

Next month's reporter, Nancy Kajitsu.



Dharma School Ann Shintani

Senior Visitation: we visited Sahomi Tachibana as West Hills Assisted Living after Sunday Service on Oct. 30th. We had unicorns, Hermione Granger, and others. Madame Tachibana had not seen many for over two years, so she noted how the students have grown. (Photos below of Dharma School students, with Sahomi Tachibana with Dharma School families, teachers, and friends).

Collected over 200 lbs for our S.O.S – Save Our Students – Food Drive in November 2022! Thank you to our generous OBT donors and friends, including youth of Unite People (youth civil rights group). Proceeds were donated to the **PSU Food Pantry**, they seek to alleviate food insecurity of students and address the complex emotions related to food access. (Photo with Anya, Mika, Davis, Akash, Aoi, and Hikaru, sorting and weighing donations).

Three Funds for Education. The Federation of Dharma School Teachers Leagues (FDSTL) is part of the Buddhist Churches of America. It administers three education funds from which Jodo Shinshu education projects can be funded: (1) the Bishops' Project Foundation Fund, (2) the FDSTL Education fund, and (3) the "My Offering" fund. Application forms for any of these funds may be obtained from FDSTL.

The Bishops' Project Fund was named after Bishop Shinsho Hanayama who was interested in proper religious training for our youth. This funds awards projects for the advancement of teaching Buddhism in the Dharma Schools. This is funded by donations and/or the osaisen (cash offerings of coins) collected from the FDSTL Dharma Schools on the second Sunday in October. Osaisen are cash expressions of gratitude, often tossed into offering boxes (to hear the satisfying clink of coins) at temples by visitors in Japan.

The FDSTL Education fund was established for the purpose of propagating Jodo Shinshu Teachings. This primarily funds education of all Dharma School teachers, and funded by an annual donation from the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association.

The "My Offering" fund was formerly run by BCA's Department Of Buddhist Education and is used to support research in teaching aids and new materials for Dharma Schools, to purchase and to distribute new materials for Dharma School students and teachers, and to provide resource speakers for various district conferences. This is funded by donations from Dharma School parents and students in the "My Offering" envelopes distributed to the Dharma Schools annually. I invite families and friends to make donations to OBT for the Bishop's Project Fund, and/or the "My Offering" fund. Thank you.

(Third photo shows Dharma School children and parents in costumes behind the Osaisen box.)

Dharma School Schedule

Dec. 4 - DS

Dec. 11 - DS

Dec. 18 - no DS (Mochitsuki, there will be supervised childcare from noon – 1:30 pm for children, ages 5-12, who have parent(s) who are volunteering at Mochitsuki)

Dec. 25 - no DS

Jan. 1 - no DS

Jan. 8 - DS

Jan. 15 - DS

Jan. 22 - DS

Jan. 29 – DS





Girl Scouts Amy Peterson

We just returned from a great weekend at the Girl Scout house in Rhododendron. While it was unusually cold there was very little snow. The girls were able to put a snowman back together that had sadly separated into three individual balls (we think it happened when someone ate his carrot nose), the snowman now has new limbs, and face.

Inside the girls made fabulous meals; dinner with pulled pork (kalua pork style) with col-cannon (new to me but fried cabbage and bacon) rice and glass noodles was especially wonderful. Pulled pork was done in the wood stove in the afternoon (photo).

The adult volunteers had a relaxing weekend watching the girls become more accomplished as some had not done this level of cooking. For some it was the first time they cracked eggs and didn't get any shells in or break any yokes (but then they scrambled the eggs.) They also had food allergies to consider when preparing, serving and storing products.

Some were not familiar with graces and as a troop that also focuses on Buddhism so we use secular graces and also taught about Itadakimasu and how interconnected we are with just one piece of food. <https://blog.busuu.com/itadakimasu/>

We had great discussions and the girls played all sorts of board games, yoga, cheer, and more.

The troop is ready to provide babysitting services during Mochitsuki (Dec 18) for volunteers with younger children. They have taken babysitting courses and are ready to use their skills or add to their resume. They will be available from Noon until 1:30 ish. If you need other accommodations, please email gstroop43720obt@gmail.com and we'll be flexible. We have a new Girl Scout cookie, Raspberry Rally <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/cookie-flavors/raspberry-rally-cookies.html>, will be joining the others but will only be available for online delivery orders. Pre-orders will begin in January. Please watch for our newsletter information next month. All cookies will be \$6.



Special Days in December

Bodhi Day (Jodo-e) December 8

This is the day to commemorate Sakyamuni Buddha's attainment of Awakening. According to legend, the historic event took place on December 8, as the first faint light of day began to glow in the eastern sky. By his example, Sakyamuni demonstrated that it was possible for man to become a Buddha – a fully awakened Person. All human beings, therefore, are in possession of this potentiality – Buddha-Nature – which. When awakened and cultivated, enables them to achieve supreme wisdom and compassion. This day signifies the dawn of humanity's universal emancipation from suffering and unawareness.

Year End Service (Joya-e) December 31

This service is held at all temples on New Year's Eve to express gratitude for the past year and to reflect on the interdependency of all life, and on all things that have made it possible for one to live through the year.

Though not an activity at Honzan (Mother Temple in Kyoto), temples with a large bell called bonsho will toll the "bell 108 times on New Year's Eve. This is called joya no kane or "bell of the last night." It is symbolic ringing away of the 108 passions that afflict human beings and bind them to the world of delusion. It is a reminder of the need to free oneself from the entanglements of self-centeredness as one faces the New Year. There is no way to know whether the coming year will be fortunate or unfortunate, but in the Nembutsu, whichever it is, everything will be all right.

From JODO SHINSHU A GUIDE



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

Buddhism is essentially a way of life which teaches us to cultivate the right view of life, so that man can live peacefully in harmony with the natural order inherent in life. There is unhappiness because of the wrong view - we are out of focus with reality. In order to attain happiness, fulfillment, and meaning in life we must cultivate the right view, the "right idea", of what life is all about.

- Shin Buddhist Handbook

**Oregon Buddhist Temple
October 2022 Donations**

In memory of Ken Kawazoe

Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa
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In memory of Ai Abe

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In memory of Helen Sadamoto

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In memory of Howard Tanada

Tony & Wendy Tanada

In memory of Masao Tamiyasu

Katie & Ed Tamiyasu

In memory of Seigo & Shizue

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Thank you for your continued support



**Reverend Harry Gyoko Bridge
Oakland Buddhist Temple**

I DON'T KNOW WHY DRIVING metaphors are occurring to me now at the end of the year. I don't know that over the years I have used examples of my own experience driving a lot during my Dharma Talks. Maybe not as much

these days – I drove a lot less during the pandemic and there was generally less traffic during the shorter drives I did take. But traffic has been getting back to “normal” so maybe now is a good time to reflect.

The thing that occurred to me first was an example I gave to the Bay District Jr. YBA several years ago. I said that there is a reason that the rear-view mirror in a car is much smaller than the windshield – although it is important to be able to view what is behind us it is much more important to be

looking ahead. I remember that afterwards one of the students approached me afterwards and thanked me – she had often gotten worried about things that had happened in the past, but now that she was moving on to college my talk had helped her realize this and that it was something she wanted to try and change.

Back to the driving metaphor, we don't want to look too far ahead either. There are so many accidents that happen on Jackson Street, the street that the Church is on. Our regular mailman (a really nice guy who retired a couple of years ago unfortunately) said that he thinks sometimes people are looking too far ahead and driving based on traffic lights that are 2-3 blocks further than the one they are actually at. He said it because he had done it himself (without getting in an accident hopefully) and I realized that it happens to me too!

So, although we need to have a level of awareness of what is behind us and keep an eye out for what is happening a ways ahead of us., it is also important to be paying attention in the present moment. Pay attention to the light immediately in front of you; don't get too far ahead of yourself. Don't let the person in back pressure you – get where you're going safely.

As we near the end of the year, maybe this metaphor (or is it a simile?) can help. At New Year's we do want to reflect on the year behind us and look forwards to the New Year with optimism, but we also don't want to get too attached to either view. Similarly, it is too early to know exactly what form our New Year's Eve & New Year/s Day Services will look like, so as the date gets closer, we will send out information as it becomes available.

Sahomi's).Dances we have not done for a long time except for Zumpa. Plus, we can review the dances we started in March 2019. Lots to do! We will probably also be hybrid, in person and on zoom.

And last, Maho is going to add a page to the Obon Fest portion of the OBT website for Sunday Bon Odori. The dance list, schedule, and links will be there. Also on the "to do" list is to fix the dance lessons for Akachan Ondo and Zumpa that are on Obon 2022 – both of those need correcting.

So December/January will be busy but looking forward to seeing dancers on January 29th. Miss you guys! Let me know if there are questions or requests. Also working on getting a new oregonbuddhisttemple.com email that works! Will let you know.

Take care and happy holidays

Chris

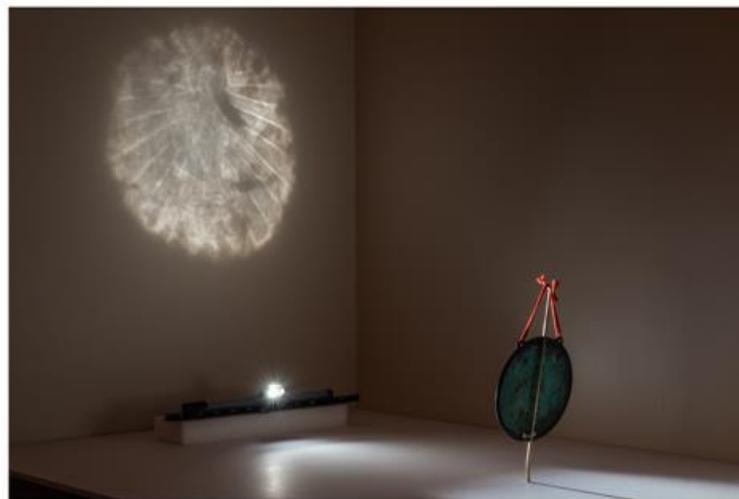
Past Months' Newsletters

Can be viewed at the below link.

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This "Magic Mirror" Reveals a Hidden Buddha (If You Know Where to Look)

Art curator Dr. Hou-mei Sung gives us a closer look at a recently displayed Buddha artifact at the Cincinnati Art Museum



From TRICYCLE magazine
NOV 13, 2022

Reverend Sugahara Plays Top Gun, October 30, 2022



<https://youtube.com/shorts/qoiCUf37BEo?feature=share>



Sunday Bon Odori at OBT Chris Dart

After almost three years (last session was March 8th 2019), Sunday Bon Odori is coming back to the Oregon Buddhist Temple. We will request masks and distancing plus will have fans going to circulate the air. It is now scheduled for the last Sunday of every month in 2023 at 1 PM in the basement – first session is January 29th, 2023. The exceptions will be July when we will have Obon practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and maybe August when we might be dancing in the Japanese Garden again. There are all kinds of plans for the garden and I will let you know when finalized.

We will start with a review of some of the 2022 Obon dances and Theresa's list (Fresno Ondo, Yosakoi Naruko Odori, Zumpa (also did at Obon), and Yuiyo Bon Odori – Nobuko's version and

OBT Services, Events, and Meetings by Date

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

Please check our website for any last minute updates.

<p>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/</p> <p>Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85452093371?pwd=RkV2QkRyb3dIRllyQkNneFE5cTRKQT09 Meeting ID: 854 5209 3371 Passcode: 517706</p>
<p>Currently, Dharma Exchange is held every other week and in the Hondo after service. If there is a change to downstairs, we shall let you know in the table below. We are hybrid and just continue to use the same link (posted above) that we use for the 10 AM service.</p> <p>Dharma Exchange (use link for OBT Service) faded letters indicate link not being used currently Zoom Meeting ID: 991 9789 7816 Passcode: 103319 https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0IHeXNIeVM4dz09</p>
<p>Intermediate Study Class Every 2 weeks – Wed 7 PM (specific dates in table below) Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428 Passcode: 704135 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RlcEN4MjhpNnNvOUxBZz09</p>
<p>OBWA 3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM Zoom Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266 Passcode: 574232 https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09</p>
<p>Dharma School (specific dates in table below) Meets almost every Sunday, in person at OBT. See Ann Shintani for details.</p>
<p>OBT Girl Scout Troop (specific dates in table below) Meets the first and third Sunday of each month, in person at OBT. See leader Amy for details.</p>
<p>Sunday Bon Odori starts January 29th 2023 ! We will have bon odori on the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. (July is an exception because of Obon, and August we might be dancing at the Japanese Garden). Request masks and distancing. We will have fans going to circulate the air. We will send out a Japanese stuff email, have our own page on the OBT website under Obon Fest, and post on social media. See Chris for details.</p>

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE/NOTES
November				
11/30	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
December				
12/10-			Rev. Sugahara	In Sacramento

12/19				
12/4	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Service dedicated to Past Presidents: Al Abe, Herb Osaki, and Ken Kawazoe. In person, on Zoom
12/4	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange - Hondo	Topic The Art of Listening. Leader Al Ono
12/4	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person. See Ann Shintani for details
12/4	Sun	12:15	Girl Scouts	In person. See leader Amy for details.
12/10	Sat	6 PM	Service – Ken Garner	Bodhi Day Service
12/11	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev Kobata	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
12/11	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person. See Ann Shintani for details
12/14	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
12/17	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
12/18	Sun	10-12	Youth Volunteers for Mochitsuki – check in	See Ann Shintani for details
12/18	Sun	12:15	Girl Scouts	?? Mochitsuki -- See leader Amy for details.
12/18	Sun	-----	Mochitsuki !	Watch for details in newsletter and email
12/18	Sun	2-4 PM	Mochitsuki Pick Up	Watch for details in newsletter and email
12/25	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Christmas Day Service - In person, on Zoom
12/31	Sat	6 PM	New Years Eve Service	Service and Kansho ringing.
January			2023 is here!	
1/6-1/15			Rev. Sugahara	In Sacramento
1/1	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	New Year's Day Service - In person, on Zoom
1/4	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
1/8	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Kobata	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
1/8	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person. See Ann Shintani for details
1/14	Sat	10 AM	Hoonko Seminar	Rev. Ken Akahoshi – In person, on Zoom
1/15	Sun	10 AM	Hoonko Service	Rev. Ken Akahoshi – In person, on Zoom
1/15	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person. See Ann Shintani for details
1/15	Sun	12:15	Girl Scouts	In person. See leader Amy for details.
1/18	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
1/21	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
1/21	Sat	5 PM	Takumi Taiko	Special guest concert
1/22	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
1/22	Sun	11 AM	Library Dedication	
1/22	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person. See Ann Shintani for details
1/29	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
1/29	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange - Hondo	Leader Rev. Sugahara
1/29	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person. See Ann Shintani for details
1/29	Sun	1 PM	Sunday Bon Odori	In basement – See Chris for details

Oshōkō 御 焼 香
honorific-burn-incense

Commonly called incense offering. The Burning of incense is a basic ritual act in Mahayana Buddhist, usually in the form of placing burnings stick incense vertically in an incense burner.

In Jodoshinshu, this is never done. The stick incense is instead placed horizontally in the burner and ground incense (*Oko*) sprinkled over the embers.

Basically an offering to the Buddha, it also represents the burning away of ones self-centered delusions and the simultaneity of birth-death.

In BCA temples, one stops in front of the Koro (incense burner) bows once, takes a pinch of *Oko* (ground incense) and sprinkles it over the embers in the burner, recites the Nembutsu, performs the Gassho-raihai, bows once again and retires. Unlike the other sects of Buddhism, one does not raise the *Oko* to the forehead before sprinkling it in the burner.

From C O C K T A I L S

Written by Reverend Masao Kodani

Mochi Rice Cakes



Order Form

It's that time again! Mochitsuki will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022.
Mochi pick-up will be between 2-4pm in the Oregon Buddhist Temple basement.
Please fill out the order form below and mail or bring it to OBT
by Friday, December 16, 2022.
\$5.00/lb
(mochi may be purchased in one or more pound increments)

<p>Mail each order with a check to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oregon Buddhist Temple c/o Mochitsuki 3720 SE 34th Ave. Portland, OR 97202</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p># of pounds: _____</p> <p>Total: (at \$5/lb) _____</p>
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Contact Ryan Davis at 503-367-2541 with any questions
and to find out about volunteer opportunities.
Thanks for your order!

Dear Sangha,

On Sunday, December 18, 2022, we will be holding our annual Mochitsuki event. This one-day fundraiser is a fun and easy way to get involved at OBT. There are a variety of shifts available and we've outlined them below. We hope you will be able to join us and enjoy a day of volunteering with OBT friends!

Mochitsuki 2022 Work Schedule

Set-up Crew:

Shift #1: 8:30am—10:00am

Mochi Making, Shaping, & Bagging Crews:

Shift #2: 9:45am—11:45am

Shift #3: 11:30am—2pm

Shift #4: 1:45pm—4:15pm

(Snacks/a light lunch will be offered between 11:30am—12:30pm)

Clean-up Crew:

Shift #5: 4:00pm—5:30pm

This is a general framework for our mochi making schedule. Once you share your preferred shift number and time, we will then email you back to confirm your shift and task. To minimize drop-in volunteering so that we may manage numbers of volunteers in the basement at any given time, we will assign crews as volunteers reach out. Thank you for letting us know which time works for you and we will get back to you quickly to confirm.

Thanks so much for considering joining us for OBT's 2022 Mochitsuki event and we look forward to enjoying mochi making with you!

Ryan Davis and Angie Hughes, email angie_hughes@kw.com

Mochitsuki 2022 Coordinators

BCA Music Update News

From: Kemi Nakabayashi <nakabayashi.bcamusic@gmail.com>
Date: November 26, 2022 at 9:16:09 AM PST
To: Kemi Nakabayashi <nakabayashi.bcamusic@gmail.com>
Subject: BCA Music Update and announcement for Dec 15 event hosted by Sacramento Buddhist Temple

Hello, Dharma music friends,
Hope you are enjoying a lovely Thanksgiving holiday weekend. We anticipate more creative ideas from the BCA Music Committee in the coming year, particularly in anticipation of the BCA 125th anniversary celebration in 2024, so I thought it appropriate to catch everyone up by attaching the BCA Music Committee report for the upcoming BCA National Board meeting next Saturday.

Upcoming subcommittee meetings:
New Buddhist Music Subcommittee: Wed, November 30 at 7 pm PST (Zoom link will be sent out on Tuesday).
Bon Odori/Taiko Subcommittee: Sat., December 17 at 11 am PST
Seattle Gagaku Zoom practice: Sat., December 17 at 2 pm PST

Music History subcommittee Zoom meetings will recommence in December or January. Instrumental Music subcommittee ideally also to get off the ground for BCA 125th anniversary planning. Please reply if you are interested in joining the rejuvenated music history efforts or have ideas for instrumental projects. Look for Reiko Iwanaga's article on Chizu Iwanaga in the December Wheel of Dharma.

Short feature articles on temple music history, recent music activities or publicity for upcoming events will be welcome as we intend to begin a periodic Music Committee newsletter. To start, I will accept proposed articles or information for the newsletter and share with Cynthia Mee and Amy Peterson.

So for now via this e-mail, I agreed to promote the Thursday evening, December 15 Health & Wellness session hosted by Sacramento Betsuin, featuring Gordon Ah Tye from Fresno.

Rev. Patti Oshit

has kindly provided the Zoom link to share with this group for the program from 6:30-7:30 pm PST. (You do not need to RSVP to the e-mail on the flyer since the Zoom link is offered here. The flyer is attached for you to share with others who may be interested.)

Please mark your calendars and let's strive for a rousing turnout to support Gordon and Sacramento Betsuin! Buddhist Church of Sacramento is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: "Music is Healing, an Evening of Holiday Music" featuring Gordon Ah Tye
Time: Dec 15, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85056308608?pwd=SFhLTkxnSVhIaVJWRlJTNnNPRGM2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 850 5630 8608

Passcode: 456319

Lastly, particularly if your temple is not having a service tomorrow Sun., November 27 due to the holiday weekend, please consider joining the Seattle Betsuin YouTube channel for our 14th annual Autumn Family Music Service streaming online at 10 am PST. The archived version should also be available after the premiere:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SeattleBuddhistTemple>

We are paying tribute to Jane Imamura and Kimi Hisatsune by featuring Buddha Loves You and Farewell along with Music Service Juseige And Nembutsu. Reverend Jim Warrick is our guest speaker.

Gassho, Kemi

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