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## **What Can We Do?**

**Reverend Yuki Sugahara**

"This illness of mine is born of ignorance and feelings of attachment. Because all living beings are sick, therefore I am sick. If all living beings are relieved of sickness, then my sickness will be mended."

- The Vimalakirti Sutra

Almost every morning I drop Aoi off at school and pick her up after school. She usually plays outside after school with her friends and while she plays with her friends, I talk to her friends to get to know them well. Last year, they were shy talking to me, but they've gotten used to me, so I help them do homework and sometimes we play together now.

One day, Aoi's friend hurt her ankle during P.E. class so she couldn't play outside. Few days later, Aoi started to say that her ankle hurts. So, we asked her what happened, and she told us that she hurt her ankle at P.E. class the other day. Actually, her ankle was OK- this is called "Copy Cat." But, I thought that the children are really sensitive and actually feel the others' pain as their pain too. Another night, Aoi woke up crying. While asking her what's wrong, Hikaru started to cry too. I guess children feel really sympathetic.

Now, I thought about myself. When Aoi started to say that her ankle hurt after her friend hurt her ankle, instead of thinking Aoi as a kind and compassionate child, I thought her as "Copy Cat." When Hikaru started to cry after Aoi, I thought "oh, please". Maybe it's only me, but when we grow up, we forget the pureness of children and often lose sympathetic awareness towards others.

The words I shared at the beginning is one of the well-known words from the Vimalakirti Sutra. According to the Chinese translation of this sutra, what "mine, I, and my" indicate in this passage are Bodhisattva. Bodhisattva is the seeker of enlightenment, often used to refer to the Mahayana Buddhism practitioner.

While studying for my thesis, I learned that all the Bodhisattva's roots of their bodhi-citta mind to strive to seek enlightenment, arises from great compassion of sympathetic awareness towards others. So, all the Bodhisattvas vow to have all sentient beings cross over the ocean of birth-and-death to the other shore of enlightenment. If this does not occur, they stay in this birth-and-death state and not enter the enlightenment. So, they seek for the enlightenment not only for themselves, but also for others.

The Bodhisattva path is a difficult path to follow, but we can see it as a role model of our daily actions – to have sympathetic awareness for others and care for them.

Traditionally, Jodo Shinshu has not much discussed altruistic action in our daily lives, thinking that such discussion would lead to confusion about the ideas of Self Power and Other Power. To seek enlightenment by doing good deeds is a form of Self Power. To entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha's vow to attain enlightenment is called Other Power. Some people might think that taking action against social problems would be trying to exercise Self Power. But the words Self-Power and Other Power do not translate neatly to our daily actions.

The Jodo Shinshu Creed reads: "Rejoicing in the Compassion of the Buddha, respecting and aiding one another, I shall do my best to work towards the welfare of society." So, working towards the welfare of society is not necessary to be a Shin Buddhist, but it is recommended. Now the Hongwanji has announced that we are going to focus on social problems such as poverty--especially child poverty. So, what can we do about this issue?

I was invited to the state-wide faith leader's workshop in Pacific City, OR on Nov. 7 to 9 to discuss common issues we face in society. There, I will meet many people of different religious traditions. I am looking forward to hearing the viewpoints of other faiths and what they are actually doing, and I hope to bring back some ideas to answer the question "What can we do?"

Gassho

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## **Eitaikyo Service Sunday Nov. 18, 10 am Eitaikyo (永代經) "Sutra (over) long generations"**

One way to understand the Eitaikyo is as the temple's promise to continue to share and propagate the Dharma, in particular the Nembutsu Teaching (as expressed by the character 「經」 or Sutra), over many "long" (「永」) generations (「代」). The expression "long generations" (「永代」) is frequently translated as "perpetual."

Because of this, the Eitaikyo can be seen as the temple's promise to propagate in perpetuity. However, the temple is also a place that helps us to understand that what makes it possible and meaningful for the temple to propagate is all the people of the temple's past and their concern for the future that helped to make the present and the future possible.

- Excerpt from Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple website

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## November Shōtsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of November. The Shōtsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the November 11th 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. If a name is missing, incorrect, or prior to 1950, please notify Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Ando, Kikue 11/9/1989 *	Kiso, Yukino 11/27/1991 *	Okita, Clara Kazue 11/17/2004
Asakawa, Nogi Seichi 11/14/1992	Kiyohara, Jutaro 11/ 13/1953	Ouchida, Shizuyo 11/8/1965 *
Emoto, Junpei 11/11/1957	Kiyokawa, Rei 11/25/1979	Sakauye, Shizue Suzie 11/13/1997*
Fujii, Kazuo 11/5/2007	Koida, William Minoru 11/13/2010	Sako, Fumie 11/25/1998 *
Fujimura, Masao 11/29/1959	Kurabayashi, Seimi 11/19/1987	Shimizu, Shizuno 11/3/1952 *
Furukawa, Frank 11/9/1979	Maehara, Kameichi 11/19/1957	Shoji, George Tatsuo 11/12/1995
Hamataka, Fujimatsu 11/5/1950	Maekawa, Tomoko 11/24/1995	Sunamoto, Bob Hiroshi 11/22/2009
Hara, Mineto 11/13/2015	Maekawa, Yone 11/24/2004 *	Tachibana, Toki 11/19/1962 *
Harder, Richard 11/21/1996	Masuda, Ryonosuke 11/20/1975	Takabayashi, Utajiro 11/10/1963
Hasebe, Jamie Jo 11/26/2004	Matsumoto, Kametaro 11/6/1980	Takashima, Tokiye Ruth 11/25/2005*
Hayashi, Dr Mie May 11/2/2002	Matsunaga, Ayame 11/2/2006 *	Takeuchi, Sakairo 11/9/1963
Hiransomboon,Totsavask (Todd) 11/8/2002	Minagi, Yoneo Eddie 11/11/2002	Takeuchi, Shiro 11/22/2011
Imamura, Megan Akemi 11/1/2013	Mitoma, Hisa 11/16/1960 *	Tamiyasu, Gunichi 11/20/1958
Kanzaki, Kyuji 11/6/1962	Morita, Chieto 11/1/1989	Tamura, Mitsuru 11/27/1977 *
Kasubuchi,,Ben Shohachi 11/9/1984	Murahashi,Kazue 11/14/1979 *	Tan, Poh Chye 11/25/2008
Kato, Yahichi 11/19/1964	Murahashi, Toyoki 11/24/1961	Teramura, Uno 11/28/1966 *
Kawasaki, Hikojiro 11/25/1952	Nakamoto, Takaichi 11/15/1952	Yamano, Alice 11/22/1988 *
Kinoshita, Nadine Colette 11/28/2009	Nakamura, James S 11/15/1976	Yamauchi, Hiroshi 11/3/2014
Kirihara, Kyo 11/11/1962 *	Nakamura,Tsuru 11/21/1986 *	Yoshihara, Chiyoko 11/20/2006 *
	Nakayama, Katsumi 11/25/1996	Yoshihara, Taro 11/6/2004

\* OBWA member

### 2018 Memorial Services

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2017	1 Year	2002	17 Year
2016	3 Year	1994	25 Year
2012	7 Year	1986	33 Year
2006	13 Year	1969	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtporlnd06012017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

### Condolences

To the family of Mrs. Fumi Saito who passed away September 24, 2018.

### Home Visits

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

#### President's Column

**Ken Garner, OBT President**

**He who thanks but with the lips, thanks but in part  
The full, the true thanksgiving comes from the heart.**

*John Augustus Shedd*

The shadows are now long, the mornings are getting chilly, and leaves are in their full glory. We are in the middle of Autumn, heading into the holiday season. In short order Halloween, Thanksgiving, My Birthday, Christmas, New Year will be celebrated. Of all these American holidays, Thanksgiving is by far my favorite. And not because of the traditional feast ... well at least not entirely! As I have gotten older, I have developed a better understanding of the purpose and sentiment of the holiday. It really is a simple holiday, one of appreciating the amazing bounty in our lives. It is about home and friends and family. It is not associated with a particular religion. Regardless of a person's faith, or lack thereof, you can be thankful. Being about gratitude, it is the national holiday that most resonates with Jodo Shinshu.

In a departure from my typical president's message, I am not going to regale you with OBT's financial situation or exhort you to volunteer for anything. One of my duties as temple president is to express words of appreciation at the end of our special services. In this, one of the more enjoyable presidential tasks, I recognize and thank those people who had a role in the service. I wanted to do the same thing in this note, to thank, on behalf of our Sangha, those whose efforts helped to make 2018 memorable. As I started to draft a list of those to thank, I quickly realized that the list of individuals would be too long for this column. So many people have contributed to OBT this year. Whether you served as an event chair, greeted first time visitors, pulled weeds in our garden, mopped the floors, or performed any other of the many tasks to keep our temple operating, thank you. To those who have attended an event at OBT, thank you. To all our members and friends, thank you.

On a personal note, I recognize how truly fortunate I am. There is so much in my life for which I am grateful: family, home, friends, our OBT community, the Dharma. What more can I say except Namo Amida Butsu.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving

In Gassho,

Ken

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#### October Board Meeting Summary

**Traci Kiyama, OBT Secretary**

This is a summary of the OBT Board meeting held on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

- A report from Rev. Sugahara on his recent and upcoming activities. The Bishop will be visiting OBT in December, so logistics of the visit were discussed.
- President Ken reported on the recent Northwest District meeting
- Financial Officer Elaine gave a report on expenses for this quarter and for the year so far.

- We will continue to use the pledge system for membership.
- Kim Kono reported regarding the Wisteria Society, an upcoming program to acknowledge people who include OBT in their estate plans.
- A new proposal for funeral/memorial fees was approved.
- The Sukiyaki Bazaar netted approximately the same amount as in recent years.
- The Board will look into participating in a used vehicle donation program.
- Proposed solutions were discussed to avoid scheduling conflicts for the monthly Bon Odori practice sessions.
- OBT will donate usage of the facility for Kodomo no Tameni, a program sponsored by JACL and ONE about WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans.
- Guitarist/vocalist Hiroya Tsukamoto will hold a concert again at OBT next May.
- Event Chairs are needed in 2019 for Obon, Sukiyaki Bazaar, and New Years lunch. Also, OBT is in need of a new Garden Tobancho. Less pressing needs are help with a Scrip Coordinator, Communications, Funeral Coordinator, Head Usher, and IT Coordinator.
- Finally, the Board is working to improve the security of the building.

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#### OBWA News

**Katie Tamiyasu**

Etsu Osaki, Pat Hokama and Katie Tamiyasu attended the 45<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association in Visalia (Fresno), CA on September 14 – 16, 2018. Approximately 200 delegates from around the country were in attendance. We are grateful for the chance to exchange friendships with the Federation of Buddhist Women.

Workshop topics addressed concerns of the diminishing BWA membership and also how to get participation of the younger generation. This appears to be the consensus everywhere.

The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held August 30th thru September 1st, 2019 in San Francisco, CA. The first World Buddhist Women's Convention was held in Kyoto, Japan in 1961, and only happens every four years. The convention is expected to draw an attendance of about 2,000 representatives and friends from the continental United States, Canada, Hawaii, South America and Japan, including his Eminence Monshu Koshin Ohtani. The Gonmonshu is scheduled to visit OBT on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first stop on his three-day tour of the Pacific Northwest.

The expense to hold this World convention may cost around \$300K. Fund raising events have been going on at many of the temples in the Bay area to defray expenses. A beautiful new Monto Shikisho was designed and made in Kyoto, Japan especially for the 2019 World convention. The Monto Shikisho is a beautiful Egyptian Blue color background depicting Bay bridges and orange flowers with an orange tassel and were on sale for \$55 at the FBWA Conference. We were told this price may go up by the time of next year's convention.

The fund raiser, **Arigato Obaachan (Thank you**

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**Grandmother)** was also created to defray expenses of the World convention. Donation forms for this fund raiser are on our temple website and on the information table in the temple basement. Etsu Osaki found out the OBWA picture that was submitted to the Arigato Obaachan photo contest was chosen and will be in the 2019 BCA calendar.

We are hoping to organize a group to attend the World convention, so please let us know if you are interested in attending. We will soon have information on our temple website, [www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com). Click on the heading "Activities", then dropdown to "OBWA".

Our next OBWA meeting will be Saturday, November 17th. Prior to the meeting at 9am, we will start udon prep, break for the meeting, and then continue to finish after the meeting. On Sunday morning, final udon prep will begin at 9am before Eitaikyo Service.

Next month's OBWA reporter will be Nancy Kajitsu.

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### Pledges – 2018 Al Ono, Pledge Chairperson

The pledge drive for 2018 has done well with 94 supporters giving pledges to Oregon Buddhist Temple showing their support for OBT. Supporters have pledged about \$26,000 so far, which is better than the end of the year amounts for the last 5 years. Hopefully, with your help as we approach the end of 2018, we can reach or exceed our goal of \$30,000 for the year. For all of you who have given to OBT, I thank you for your support.

If you are still considering making a pledge or adding to your pledge for 2018 or finishing your monthly or quarterly pledges, I would encourage you do this by December.

Moreover, for those of you who would choose to be listed with Buddhist Churches of America, our parent organization, you will need to have pledged \$300 or more. If this is your plan, please have your \$300 pledged by November when we will be submitting our membership list to BCA for 2018.

However, again any amount pledged shows your support and desire to have Oregon Buddhist Temple continue for years to come. By your pledge, we can maintain the building, do necessary maintenance and continue the privilege of having a full-time resident minister to enable us to hear and understand the Dharma.

So, think of OBT as you hand out those goodies to those knocking on your door asking for tricks and treats and consider a hearty pledge for OBT for our Halloween treat. We appreciate your continued support.

Gassho

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### OBT Board of Directors Election Shinya Ichikawa

The OBT Board is seeking candidates to fill 4 positions for the 2019-2021 OBT Board of Directors between now and early November when the election will be held by mail-in ballots. There are twelve directors. Each director holds office for a three-year term. Four directors are elected each year.

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The year 2018 marks the end of the three-year terms for Ken Garner, Shinya Ichikawa, Kim Kono, and Marilyn Achterman.

The remaining Board members are: 2019 Chris Dart, Jerry Sumoge, Amy Peterson, Charles Reneau; 2019-2020 Angie Davis, Traci Kiyama, Jenna Yokoyama, Cathy Yarne.

The four directors elected this year will serve from 2019 through 2021. Those leaving the Board this year are eligible for re-election.

All members running for the Board must be members at the time their names are placed on the ballot, must agree to serve on the Board at the time their names are placed on the ballot, and must maintain their membership throughout their term.

The schedule for the election process is as follows:

- Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2017.
- Ballots will be mailed out to members on Monday, November 5.
- Ballots should be returned to OBT by Sunday, November 25 at which time they will be counted and validated.
- Results will be announced early December at Sunday services and the December newsletter.

Please consider placing your name on the ballot to become a member of the OBT Board to help carry out the mission statement of the Oregon Buddhist Temple: "*The purpose of the Oregon Buddhist Temple is to ensure that the Jodo Shinshu Sangha have the facilities, resident minister and other resources they need to share the Buddha Dharma in their daily lives and during their major life events.*"

If you are interested in running for the Board, please inform any of the existing Board members.

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### Dharma School Ann Shintani

**Bodhi Day** is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 5:00PM, with a service assisted by Dharma School students. I look forward to observing the symbolism of enlightenment under the backdrop of dusk, and sharing a potluck dinner. Please consider joining us, and bring your friends and family, too.

**Dessert Bar Thank you** to the following for their contributions to OBT's Sukiyaki Fundraiser bake sale. This has been hosted by the Dharma School families as it is a way we can include our younger volunteers... and it was good hard, fun work! **Donors were:** Suniti Kumar, Angie Hughes-Davies, Craig Yanase, Julia Yoshimoto-Singh, Cathy Shikatani, Maho Garner, Cori Klykov, Setsy LaRouche, Traci Kiyama, Amy Peterson, Lori Fukunaga, Ann Shintani, Elaine Yuzuriha, Terri Carollo, and the members of OBT's Oregon Buddhist Womens Association (we made nearly 450 manju... under the direction of Kiyomi and Judy)! **Volunteers were:** Katie, Ann, Avery, Bryan, Cori, Daniel, Julia, Kiyomi, Leilani, Mai Thi, Mayu, Mika, Suniti/Akash/Anya/(and grandmother), Traci, and Yuko.

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

## **Other Power Bicycling along the Danube**

**Cathy Yarne, OBT Board Member**

At the end of the summer my husband Jeff and I took a bicycle ride along the Danube River. Besides enjoying the beautiful scenery, I did a lot of meditating or thinking while peddling. I found myself comparing riding on the backseat of a tandem to Self Power and Other Power. When the idea of riding more than 200 miles first came up, I knew I didn't have the physical ability let alone the time or desire to train and prepare for such an endeavor. During the past two decades, I've ridden a bike once or twice a year and always less than 15 miles. Therefore, I had no confidence that I could physically or emotionally do this on my own (Self Power). My first thought was to rent an electric bicycle to keep up with my husband and another couple who would be on a tandem. Then, without any discussion, Jeff got a tandem. Knowing I could rely on Jeff (Other Power) my confidence changed. After a few test/training rides around Portland, I didn't give it much thought.

If you've never ridden on the back of a tandem, you need to prepare yourself. First, you will have "limited vision." I had a close view of the lower part of Jeff's back. Without the ability to see what was straight ahead of us, I couldn't see the ups and downs of the terrain, curves, other riders, or see why we were stopping. Also, you have no control of steering or braking. Much like life, even if you try to plan ahead, there are always things we can't anticipate. You must trust in the person in front (Other Power).

If I had attempted to ride solo, it would've been miserably grueling, taken a lot longer, and certainly no fun! I would have been too exhausted to do anything else but rest. I would've missed out on exploring the towns and the leisurely meals with our friends. I'm also glad I didn't use an electric bike. Not only were they big and heavy, it would not have provided me with the same sense of accomplishment.

There were many times when I felt very grateful to have Jeff as my riding partner on the tandem as the Other Power. Much like Jodo Shinshu, Other Power enabled me to experience and enjoy the journey.

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## **Lotus Circle – November**

**Jean Matsumoto**

The field of trees outside my window haven't quite turned all golden yet, we're having a week of summer-like weather, it doesn't feel like autumn yet, and I can see Mt. Hood in all its glory as I sit at my computer and write this article in mid-October, but I know fall is on its way. OBT is so grateful to members of the Lotus Circle who faithfully donate \$35 every year in memory of loved ones so that our Flower Toban can

purchase beautiful fall flowers to arrange on our altar every week. In November our generous donors are:

- Nov 4 – Anonymous in memory of (imo) Chieto & Yachiyo Morita; Jean Matsumoto imo father Kametaro.
- Nov 11 - Ben Kasubuchi imo parents Ben Shohachi & Mary, brothers Dennis and Alan; Misao Minagi imo husband Eddie Yoneo; Terri-ann Carrollo imo grandparents Frank & Mae Furukawa; Nami Koida imo father-in-law William Minoru
- Nov 18 – Angie Nakashima imo mother Clara Kazue Okita; Grace Ishikawa imo mother Toki Tachibana; Grace Aoki imo dear friend Chiyoko Yoshihara; Diane Harder imo husband Richard; Dr Kenneth Sunamoto imo parents Bob Hiroshi & Tomo
- Nov 25 – Yasuko Fields imo mother Tomoko Maekawa; Kiyomi Dickenson imo father Yoshio Kitagawa

A big thank you to all the above donors and thank you to Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) who established the Lotus Circle webpage for us. For questions about joining Lotus Circle to remember a loved one, please feel free to contact me at 503-280-2463 or [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).

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## **November Toban**

Lisa Anderson	Teri-Ann Carollo
Darlene Demise	David Hollander
Amy Long	Connie Masuoka
Denille Mattson	Marlene Moro
Atsuko Richards	June Shiigi
Stan Shiigi	Jerry Sumoge
JoAnn Sumoge	Alice Tano
Phaedra Urban	Judy Yamauchi

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## **OBT Readers' Club**

**Ken Garner**

Lincoln In The Bardo by George Saunders

The next Readers' Club meeting is scheduled as the Dharma Exchange on November 11, 2018. We will be discussing Lincoln In The Bardo by George Saunders. All readers must secure their own copy of the book.

February 1862. The Civil War is less than one year old. The fighting has begun in earnest, and the nation has begun to realize it is in for a long, bloody struggle. Meanwhile, President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son, Willie, lies upstairs in the White House, gravely ill. In a matter of days, despite predictions of a recovery, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. "My poor boy, he was too good for this earth," the president says at the time. "God has called him home." Newspapers report that a grief-stricken Lincoln returns, alone, to the crypt several times to hold his boy's body.

From that seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free

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of its realistic, historical framework into a supernatural realm both hilarious and terrifying. Lincoln in the Bardo is an astonishing feat of imagination and a bold step forward from one of the most important and influential writers of his generation. Formally daring, generous in spirit, deeply concerned with matters of the heart, it is a testament to fiction's ability to speak honestly and powerfully to the things that really matter to us. Saunders has invented a thrilling new form that deploys a kaleidoscopic, theatrical panorama of voices to ask a timeless, profound question: How do we live and love when we know that everything we love must end?

The conversations we have at the Book Club Dharma Exchanges are always good - and are even better if you have had an opportunity to read all or part of the book! Please join in the conversation on November 11.

### Oregon Buddhist Temple Presents Public Lecture November 4 (Sun) 1:00 – 2:30 pm Buddhist Chanting – Jodo Shinshu Chanting

Instructor: Reverend Yuki Sugahara  
OBT Resident Minister

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\$5/lecture Suggested Donation

## 6th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, December 1 Angie Hughes

Please join us for our 6th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 1st, from 9AM-3PM at Oregon Buddhist Temple.

We will have a wonderful variety of handmade crafts by local artists available for purchase at affordable prices. It's always a fun day, with something for everyone! The kitchen will also be turning out delicious dishes for that much needed break in the middle of your shopping day.

There are still booths available, too, and we would love to support your work. If you're an artist or crafter and would like to participate, please contact Angie Hughes for more information about how to apply at 503-367-2650 or [hughesang@hotmail.com](mailto:hughesang@hotmail.com). We will look forward to seeing you at the fair on December 1<sup>st</sup>!

## New in the Library Etsu Osaki

**Dharma Chatter: Dharma Talk Series Vol 1** by Rev Masao Kodani of Senshin Buddhist Temple, Research Institute

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for Buddhist Studies, Ryukoku Univ Press, Kyoto, 2016, 152 pages. Rev Kodani talks about various topics such as Bon Odori; Compassion, Permissiveness, Self-Indulgence and Rite of Passage-Death.

**Dharma Chatter** by Rev Masao Kodani, 1993, 18 pages. A collection of articles gleaned from the Senshin Buddhist Temple newsletter. Some chapters: Hanamatsuri, Search of Paradise, Those Five Bodhisattvas, Power of Negative Thinking,

**Folktales of Bhutan** by Kunzang Choden, White Lotus Press, Thailand, 2002, 196 pages. Some chapters: The Mother & the Ghost, The Silly Leopard, Demons & Demonesses.

**Well, Almost Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Jodoshinshu But Were Afraid to Ask** by Southern District Dharma School Teachers League, Special Projects Committee, Los Angeles, 1995, 89 pages. Some of the chapters: The Basics of Jodoshinshu, Destroying Superstitious Beliefs, What Does the Buddha Teach? The chapters are short and easy to read.

**What Makes You Not a Buddhist** by Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse, Timeline Books, New Delhi, 2007, 130 pages. The author, a Tibetan master, expresses the essence of Buddhism in 4 points. 1) Can you accept that all things are impermanent? 2) Can you accept that all emotions bring pain and suffering and there is no emotion that is all pleasurable? 3) Can you accept that all phenomena are illusory and empty? 4) Can you accept that enlightenment is beyond concept; that it's not a perfect blissful heaven but instead a release from delusions?

**Gathering of Joy: A History of Bon Odori in Mainland America.** Has words of 18 odori's. Includes a CD.

**Joy, Remembrance, Death: Obon Music for North America**, Southern District Dharma School Teachers League, 2016. Includes CD. This gives the meaning and history of Bon Odori. It has words to 20 odori's created in North America. Included are Fresno Ondo, Seattle Omoide, Tacoma Ondo, Yuiyo and Mottainai.

## Excerpt from Ken Tanaka's book, BUDDHISM ON AIR, page 43

You know, speaking about Kannon, in Sanskrit it's called Avalokiteshvara, literally meaning "someone who looks over the world," and there is a humorous story. There were these three religious people. One is a Christian, one is a Muslim and one is a Buddhist. They went to heaven, and in order to get into their respective heavens they had to pass a test. The first question for the Christian was, "Spell God." "Oh, it's G-o-d." He easily passed and got in. And next, for the Muslim, the question was "Spell Allah," and he answered, "A-l-l-a-h." He, too, easily passed and got in. And then finally the Buddhist, the question was, "Spell Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva." Well, it was [the most] tough one [to answer.] Hopefully, he got in.

# KODOMO NO TAMENI ... FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN

(The mantra of our Issei Pioneers)

## Our ROOTS - Our NIKKEI STORY ... RETOLD

Issei Pioneers ... Japantown ... World War II ... Minidoka ... Resettlement – words and stories from our Nikkei history.

Come hear how Nihonmachi came to be, about being incarcerated behind barbed wires, the impact of Executive Order #9066, facing overt prejudice, and being stripped of human rights and freedom.

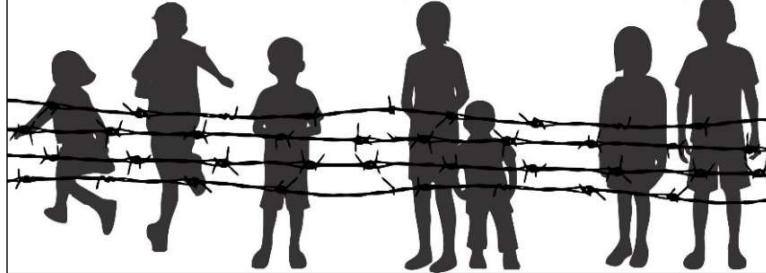
George Nakata grew up in Portland's Japantown prior to World War II, was imprisoned into an ex-livestock yard, then into a desolate remote camp called Minidoka. Listen to little known facts of our Nikkei past, injustices suffered by many Nisei parents, Issei grandparents, by Nikkei relatives and friends.

Listen to the re-telling of first hand stories of one Japanese American – reflecting back upon our Nikkei roots ... our history. A chance to Listen and Learn. Most such experiences absent from American history books.

**Location:** Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 S.E.34th Avenue, Portland.

**Date:** Saturday, November 24th, 2:00pm

**Sponsors:** Oregon Buddhist Temple, Oregon Nikkei Endowment, and Portland Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.



## Upcoming Exhibit at Nikkei Legacy Center A traveling exhibit from the Japanese American National Museum

### Contested Histories: Art & Artifacts from the Allen Hendershott Eaton Collection

Arts and crafts created by Japanese Americans while wrongfully incarcerated during the World War II American concentration camps.

November 1 – 4, 2018

**First Thursday** – November 1, 11am-7pm Free and open to the public

**Workshops:** Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm and Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at noon

See the below link for details:

<http://www.oregonnikkei.org/exhibits.htm#upcoming>

## Rev. Wakabayashi's Headstone



Rev. Shozui Wakabayashi served from November 1903 to July 1915



Back of headstone



Front of headstone reads "Gakuchō-in Shaku Shozui Houshi no Haka", translated "Tomb of Shakyamuni disciple Shozui, the Honorable teacher and distinguished speaker of the Dharma."

"Ah, our teacher came from a temple family, his family name was Wakabayashi, and first name was Shozui. He was born (as a son of) Shinshoji temple in Toyama city on May 21, Meiji 13 (1880). By the teaching and guidance of his father Kensho, he took refuge in the Immeasurable Amida Buddha. He was sharp and wise by nature. When he grew up, he studied at Takanowa-Bukkyo University and he became a prominent figure. In Meiji 36 (1903), he was appointed a Kaikyōshi/oversea district minister of Honpa-Hongwanji\* and came to the US. In November of the same year, he established the Young Buddhist Association in Portland with members and volunteers. Henceforward, he overcame various difficulties, he gave and received peacefully, and made efforts to teach and guide people. In November of Meiji 43 (1910), the temple was established on 86 North 10<sup>th</sup> street to make the foundation of propagation even stronger. Formerly, he served as the

president of Sogo Kyogikai and the vice president of Oregon Nihonjinkai and sincerely contributed for the community. Regrettably, he passed away on July 8, Taisho 4 (1915) middle of his great wish. He was 36 years old."

Established by all of his friends on October 18, Taisho 4.

\*Honpa-Hongwanji - Honpa is abbreviation of Hongwanji-ha.

ああ、しばぶつもんのでにしてせいはわかばやし、なはしようずい、めいじ13ねん5がつ21にちとやまししんしょうじにうまる。ちかんしようしのきょうけにより、ようしょうにしてむりょうみだにきえす。しょうきょうじつえびん、ちようじて、たかのわぶつきょうだいがくにしゆぎょうせせいねんざんぜんとうかくをあらわす。めいじ36ねんほんばほんがんじのめいをうけかいきょうとしてとべいし、11がつおうろんしにおいてしんとよびゆうしにはかり、ぶつきょうせいねんかいをそうちつす。いらい、ばんなんをはいし、よくわじょうきゅうこうしきょうごかいどうにつとむ。めいじ43ねん11がつきただい10がい86に0かいどうをこんりゅうし、ますます、ふきょうとっかのきそをかたくす。かつて、また、そうごうきょうぎかいちょうおよびおうしゅうにほんじんかいふくかいちょうにえらばれ、しじょうこきょうにこうけんせり。おしむべきかな、たいじょう4ねん7がつ8にちだいがんはんとにちてせんけす。ぎょうねん36さい。

たいじょう4ねん10がつ18にちこんりゅう ゆうじんいちどう

## **Japanese American 2019 Scholarships**

### **Elaine Yuzuriha**

Japanese American high school seniors from the Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties, and Clark County, WA are invited to apply for the Portland Japanese American community scholarships. Important: your parent or guardian must have been a member of one of the eleven sponsoring Japanese American organizations, of which Oregon Buddhist Temple qualifies, since **October 15, 2018 or before**. You or your parent must be a paid member of an organization to qualify for the Japanese American community scholarships. So get your memberships up to date! For more information about applying for the scholarships, please check the [www.pdxjacl.org](http://www.pdxjacl.org) website for the requirements and the application form. Applications are due March 1, 2019.

Please contact Elaine Yuzuriha if you know any high school seniors affiliated with OBT or the Japanese American community in the Portland area so an invitation can be issued to the 2019 Japanese American High School Graduation Banquet, held on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Please visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/pages/Portland-Japanese-American-Community-Graduation/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Portland-Japanese-American-Community-Graduation/) for pictures of previous banquets and information.

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