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September 2012



"There is only so much time" Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs

September is upon us. Many of us, young and old, will be going back to school this

month. My son, Sho, will be in his last year of middle school. My younger son, Ren, will be in second grade. My wife, Kyoko, may be doing some specialized studies in Waldorf educational programs. I can't spare the time for classroom studies, but I may break out that set of DVD's on Beethoven's quartets again. About a year ago I was listening to the fifth section of that course and Sho asked me, "Do you understand this?" My answer was, "In part".

It is great that we study to be productive in life. It is pretty cool that older guys like me still study to enhance our lives. Still, to borrow a phrase from a deceased talk-show host, "This is not a dress rehearsal. This is your real life!" In other words, there is only so much time.

Most of you know that I have odd tastes in movies. I have lent some of you DVD's of "Serenity" only to have it returned with a "Too violent to watch" response. I've lent some of you my favorite comedy, "Hamlet 2", only to have it returned with a response "In parts it was sort of funny". So you may be surprised to hear that my favorite movie so far this year was, "The Odd Life of Timothy Green." The key line in the film, to my way of thinking, was "There is only so much time."

We all know that there is only so much time, still we waste another day. I am always reminding you that the time we have with those we love is limited. I am always reminding you of this in my Dharma-talks, because I must remind myself over and over again. Otherwise, it will be too late. By the time I realize that there is only so much time, it may be over.

So, yes we must study and prepare and move forward. However, we must appreciate this day, this moment of living as well. If we invest all our time in preparing for the future, it will be too late; too late to experience the real flavor of the life we are gifted with.

This month we will hold our Fall Ohigan service on September 23rd. Our guest minister, Rev. Henry Adams, will give a Japanese-language talk at a brief service beginning at 9:30 am that day. At our main service, which starts at 10 am, he will speak in English. Henry Sensei is quite skilled in speaking Japanese, so please come out for the 9:30 am service on 9-23 if you speak Japanese or are studying to do so. Adams Sensei is the Resident Minister at the Oxnard Buddhist temple. It is one of the few BCA temples left where we truly need a bi-lingual minister. So he is keeping up his spoken Japanese there, I have no doubt.

Please come and hear Rev. Henry Adams first Dharma messages at the Oregon Buddhist Temple on the 23rd of this month. As the famous Japanese saying, Ichi Go Ichi E, reminds us each meeting with another person is unique and unrepeatable. In other words, there is only so much time.

Gassho, Reverend Gibbs

Sukiyaki Bazaar is Sunday, October 7. Food pre-order form is attached. Work list will be in next month's newsletter.

September Highlights

| Sep 9 | Dharma Gathering and | 10 am – 1 pm | |
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| | potluck brunch at Kenilworth Park | | |
| Sep 14 | Board Meeting | 7 pm | |
| Sep 15 | OBWA Meeting | 9:30 am | |
| Sep 23 | OBT Ohigan Service | | |
| | followed by refreshment | S | |

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President's message Yoshi Ono, OBT President

Our Obon festival is intended to fall on the least likely week to see rain in Portland, and true to form there was no rain.

Unfortunately, it happened to be the hottest day of the year, recorded at 102° F, which kept many of our guests and visitors at home in the comfort of their air conditioners for the day. I am very grateful to our members and volunteers who braved the heat to help put on our annual festival, and to the many donors who came through with cash, gifts, beer, sake, kimonos, prizes, etc. Crowd estimates were anywhere from 33 to 45% of our usual attendance and this meant reduced sales of food, drinks, and gifts. Of course, shave ice did great business that day. Despite the conditions, we ended up with a fairly good profit from the event.

Once again, the various chairs did a terrific job in their preparation and execution. We would not be able to this every year without the dedication and hard work behind the scenes from all the volunteers. I owe special thanks to the event co-chair Elaine Yuzuriha, who made sure all the details were covered. We are already thinking of next year and have some changes in mind. We hope to unveil our new yagura in 2013 and hope to expand on our program booklet which was new this year.

As we head into Fall, our next fundraiser is just right around the corner with the October 7 Sukiyaki Bazaar. Though we have discussed within the board how to improve this event, we are holding off making significant changes until next year. And to the various chairs who last year said they would not do this again this year, thanks for changing your minds.

In Gassho, Yoshi Ono

Fall time, Sukiyaki Bazaar time!
Elaine Yuzuriha, Sukiyaki Bazaar chairperson

The weather for Obon reminded me of an old joke my husband Todd once used for an election speech. "It has been so hot lately the chickens are laying hard boiled eggs!" Well, we had plenty of hard boiled eggs on August 4th, and the weather also kept the people away, despite the best efforts of many dedicated volunteers. We had food unsold and sadly, our sales revenue was down.

So it is important that Sukiyaki Bazaar is a fun, successful event. We have the chairs in place for the food, and we will be serving up our delicious sukiyaki, chicken bento, and chow mein again on Sunday, October 7th. The time will be a half hour earlier than last year, from 11 am to 3 pm, so we can accommodate more people during the lunch hour. Next month's newsletter will include the list of volunteers for the Sukiyaki bazaar, please make an effort to help. If you can help out, food preparation occurs on Friday

and Saturday, October 5th and 6th, and we'd love to see you there as well!

It is a great way to meet people, as we work side by side for a good cause. We would be happy to see you and your friends there to enjoy a traditional autumn meal. It is also a wonderful way for young adults to help with the community. Please contact me if you would like to be included on the volunteer schedule, and if you have a specific time you are free to help. My email address is: e.yuzuriha@comcast.net. Thanks for your support!



OBWA news
Alice Ando, OBWA President

On behalf of the Oregon Buddhist Women's Assn. (OBWA), I would like to thank the following people for their generous donation of kimonos for the

Used Kimono Sale which began on July 21: Julie Kagawa, Amy Kanegae, Fusako Ouchida, Misa Kodama, Brenda Fugate, Karol Kennedy, Masako Blackmun, Yasuko Fields, and Alice Ando. If we have inadvertently left someone's name off, please let me know so we can acknowledge your contribution. This very successful sale was chaired by Yasuko Fields and June Shiigi. Their helpers were: Karol Kennedy, Tomoko Ono, Alyssa Ono and Kaori Kobayashi. The OBWA also appreciates the generosity of Mr. Saito of Nishiura Rokusuido who brought and sold his beautiful Japanese kimonos, obis and accessories and then donated a percentage of the sales to the Temple. Thank you to all these people for their efforts and donations. All of the profits of this project were donated to the temple.

OBWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations and services received:

- Kenneth Yasutome imo (in memory of) mother Yoshiko Yasutome
- Kiyomi Dickenson imo Shizuko Ouchida
- Susan Endecott in appreciation
- Ben and Sumie Ishida imo Yoshiko Yasutome and Josephine Uyeda
- Sahomi Tachibana for teaching the obon dances at the practice sessions and sharing her talents for the Obonfest
- Anonymous
- Jean Takashima for making hair nets for the ladies of OBWA.

The Seattle Buddhist Temple is hosting a seminar entitled "Being Buddhist in a Christian Society: Focus on Women". **The date is September 29, 2012**. The time is 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The seminar is publicized as "a day to gain understanding of the connection between Buddhism and women's everyday lives." The speakers are:

- Rev. Dr. Shoyo Taniguchi of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church who will speak on "The Science of Happiness" (2 sessions in English and one in Japanese).
- Dr. Sharon Suh of Seattle University. Her topic is "The role of race and racism in the construction of an 'American Buddhism' and what it means to be an Asian

American Buddhist today".

 Rev. Patti Oshita, Buddhist Church of Sacramento: Her topic is "Everyday Buddhism – What Buddhism is and is not. Buddhism and Life & Death".

Cost for the seminar is \$25 per person, plus \$10 for a bento lunch. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available. Registration is required so meals can be provided for participants. **Deadline is September 21, 2012**. If you are interested in attending this seminar, please contact Etsu Osaki 503-254-9536 so transportation can be arranged. Registration forms are available in the temple's foyer.

In Gassho



Dharma school news Amy Peterson, DS Coordinator

General Information:

Is your child registered for 2012-13 Dharma School? Classes for children grades

pre-school through high school are held most Sundays in the Annex following the regular 10:00 am OBT service. Check OBT website for schedule. Classes are taught by Dharma School volunteers. New students need to register. Past students need updated registration information added to forms. For more information, please contact Amy Peterson at dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

We are seeking volunteers! Would you like to make a difference at OBT? We have many volunteer opportunities available in the Dharma School. All OBT parents and friends are welcome, but being a parent is not required, nor is being a Dharma expert. We are specifically looking for volunteers to co-chair with our teachers on some upcoming activities.

We are also looking for teacher apprentices for the 2012-13 school year. We are losing two of our substitutes. You don't have to know anything about Buddhism, just have an interest in helping our children learn about living Buddhist. Training is available. Please contact Amy at dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com to inquire about either or both of these opportunities.

Past Program Wrap-Up:

We visited our elder friends this summer with gifts made by Pat Hokama. They were well received as were the children and adults. We miss them coming to Temple and hope more students will be able to attend our next visitation in Oct.

Dharma School Day Camp is happening, but we'll have a summary in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Dharma School Programs:

September 9: Bodhi-kun Picnic, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Dharma School's Fall Kick-off at Kenilworth Park, SE 34th & SE Holgate Blvd, Portland. This is our annual all-temple picnic celebrating the start of the Dharma School year and the coming Autumn. We will have a short service at 10:00 am, followed by a potluck breakfast and fun activities for the children. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided as well as paper plates and eating utensils. Please bring a breakfast potluck item. Registration forms are available online or at the front desk at the Temple.



2012 Obonfest volunteers
June Shiigi

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with preparations for our Obonfest. A special thanks to those who worked on

constructions under the extra hot sun and those who endured the hotter than usual outdoor temperatures in the booths and cooking during the Obonfest. Aside from our usual great reliable members, we had some new helpers who made our shifts a lot easier. Thank you all!



Obonfest 2012 omiyage booth Janice Ishii

The gift booth had a wide variety of items from tiny knickknacks, ceramics tea sets,

fans, t-shirts, to Japanese dolls. The variety was provided by these generous donors: Sharon Carrell, Yasuko Fields, James Hill of Yuuyake Shimbun, Pat Hokama, Jayne & Shinya Ichikawa, Karol Kennedy, Edna Koyama, Ayako Minamishin, Marlene Moro, Fusako O., Lou Phillips, Charlene Roberts, Carol S., Alice Sumida, LaRhette Swann, and the many anonymous donors.

Our help with pricing, unpacking, setup, selling, and repacking included: Susan Endecott, Karol Kennedy, Susan Lily, Marlene Moro, Janice Okamoto, Teresa Soto, LaRhette Swann, and Danielle Yoshinaga.

The young people who helped sell were Nakaya Erickson, Kori Kajitsu, and Jamie Lee.

The muscle needed to transport the many boxes of gifts was provided by the Boy Scouts and Michael Ishii.

Co-chairs, Brenda Fugate, Cathy Shikatani, Janice Ishii

Thank you for Obon lanterns Edna Koyama

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the Commemorative Lantern project.

Calligraphy: Yasuko Fields, Misa Kodama

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Hanging and take down: Boy Scout Troop 208, Beebee and Charles Dawson, Jerry Fugate, Yasuko Fields, Ray Fukunaga, Jayne Ichikawa, Sakai Kasuya, Bill Tanaka, Todd and Elaine Yurizuha and family.

I really appreciated all your help to make a festive display of lanterns on Obonfest day.

Thanks to all who have honored their loved ones with a memorial lantern. While we have offered to store lanterns, we are running out of storage space. So if you have purchased a lantern in the past and don't plan to have it rehung, we ask that you make arrangements to pick up your lantern. They can be picked up at the Temple on any Sunday or by making arrangements. If you are in doubt, you can email us through the Temple email info@oregonbuddhisttemple.com or call 503 234-9456.

Amy Peterson



Successful Obon raffle Carol Saiget

Many people helped make our raffle a successful part of our Obon.

First, thank you to our raffle prize donors: Mrs. Alice Sumida, Yoshi Ono,

Uwajimaya's, Edge Performance Fitness, Woodstock Wine and Deli, and Kiyomi Dickinson. Please acknowledge the generosity of our donors and support their businesses.

Thank you to the crew who helped sell tickets during Obon: Robert Harder, Amy Long, Charles Reneau, Phaedra Urban, Roberta Ando, and Jerry Koike.

Finally, thank you to all of you who purchased and/or helped sell Obon Raffle tickets and to Scott Winner & Janice Ishii for soliciting prize donors..

Congratulations to our prize winners: Yasuko Fields (Woodstock Wine & Deli, Uwajimayas's gift certificate), Amy Starke (Starbucks basket), Gary Terusaki (\$25 OBT Script), Shinya Ichikawa (\$50 OBT Script), Judy Hittle (Hiroshi's Anzen gift certificate & groceries), James Fritch (Edge Performance membership & classes), Rex Lauderdale (Uwajimaya's gift certificate), John Fukumoto (\$200), James Fritch (\$300), and Deanna Kagawa (\$500).



Garden toban (work party) Jayne Ichikawa

Many thanks to Susan Lilly, Clara Pawlowski, Yoshi Ono, Marilyn Achterman, and Ryan Hughes for their efforts and time to work on the temple

garden during the last two months (my apologies if any names were omitted). We wanted the garden to look attractive and well maintained for the Obon Service and Obonfest. We will have another work party so if you were unable to help, there will be other chances in the future. Please let me know if you are available and interested.

Of neighborhood news importance Susan Lilly

Falcons seem to have moved into Kenilworth Park. We heard them when we had the picnic in the park last year. Now I see them all the time. I walk over there around six in the evening, and I've seen three of them three times this week. I think they are Peregrine falcons. They shriek all over the place.



Lotus circle – September Jean Matsumoto

Altar flowers for the Sunday, July 29, Obon service this year were purchased with a donation of \$35 from Reiko Haupt in memory of her mother, Karen Scapple.

Flowers for our *onaijin* (altar) for the month of September will be purchased with generous contributions from the following:

- September 2 Susan Leedham in memory of (imo) her father, Kay Akiyama
- September 9 Reiko Scapple Haupt imo grandfather, Tsutomu Watanabe
- September 16 Mary Okita imo husband, Frank Morio; Yasuko Fields imo sister, Mineko Maekawa
- September 23 Takako Ishida imo parents, Seiichi and Tomiye Takahashi; Terri-ann Carrollo imo her grandmother, Mae Furukawa
- September 30 Amy Peterson imo father, Yosh, and grandparents, Sakae and Katsumi Mishima

OBT greatly appreciates the thoughtful donations by all the generous people who honor their loved ones by allowing the Flower Toban to have fresh beautiful flowers to arrange on our altar and around the temple each week. We are fortunate also to have a Lotus Circle page on the temple website taken care of by Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com). Please check it out and share memories, poetry or whatever you would like about your loved ones with us. Everyone is welcome to join the Circle - just call me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail: jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

Condolences ...

 To the family of Josephine Uyeda who passed away July 20th, 2012.



In memory of Kimi Hisatsune Etsu Osaki

It was with much sadness that I learned about the passing of an old friend, Kimi

Yonemura Hisatsune. She was a gifted writer who collaborated with the late Jane Imamura to write/compose many gathas for our Dharma School. Upon looking through the old Dharma School Service Book she had written seven gathas with Jane and two more others. Among them are the favorites "Buddha Loves You" and "Sunbeams." For Hanamatsuri we have sung "Long Ago in India," and for Bodhi Day, "Song of Enlightenment" from the Shin Buddhist Service Book.

She also wrote a regular column for the **Wheel of Dharma**. She had an article "Echoes of Impermanence" in the August issue.

Kimi and Jane were both daughters of ministers. Their

fathers were at the Fresno Betsuin when my father was there. She may be gone but her spirit will live on in her many gathas.

2012 Memorial Chart

| Year | | Year | | |
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| Of Passing | Memorial | Of Passing | Memorial | |
| 2011 | 1 year | 1996 | 17 year | |
| 2010 | 3 year | 1988 | 25 year | |
| 2006 | 7 year | 1980 | 33 year | |
| 2000 | 13 year | 1963 | 50 year | |

If you would like to have a memorial service performed for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Gibbs as early as possible.

September Toban

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Toban not only means "my turn" but "my chance" to show my appreciation to all the men and women whose monetary donations and hard work resulted in this beautiful place, our Temple, to hear the Dharma

Words of Jean Matsumoto - 1995

Sukiyaki Bazaar – Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012

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Sukiyaki Bazaar Order Form

Pre-order is highly recommended.

Please return order forms by Wednesday Oct 3, 2012



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