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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

April 2018

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## There is no Untimely Death Reverend Yuki Sugahara

*When we say "Namu-amida-butsu," the benefits we gain in the present are boundless; the karmic evil of our transmigration in birth-and-death disappears, and determinate karma and untimely death are eliminated. (CWS, p.353)*

I cannot believe that it is April already. This is my tenth month as resident minister of OBT. I guess Aoi will be a teenager and Hikaru will be school aged before I know it.

Now, I see a lot of signs of spring and beautiful flowers are starting to bloom. Aoi is looking forward to the blooming of the cherry blossoms and whenever she sees a pinkish flower she asks me "Is that a cherry blossom!?" with her eyes shining - that is so cute.

In Japan, the happiness and joy of being accepted into school is often expressed as "Sakurasaku/cherry blossoms have bloomed", and cherry blossoms often represent the expectation of new beginnings. But we sometimes look at cherry blossoms and bring our thoughts to the unreturnable past and feel nostalgia. When I see Aoi looking forward to seeing the cherry blossoms bloom, I often think of how my mother would have enjoyed watching the cherry blossoms with Aoi.

My mother passed away at the age of 48 so when we compare her life with the average lifespan of Japanese women, she passed away at a young age. I still wish that she would have been able to hold her grandchildren and play with them. Unfortunately, we cannot change what has happened in the past. So then, how are we, who have experienced separation, to face the sadness of loss?

When I first encountered the wasan poem written by Shinran Shonin which I shared at the beginning, it took me a long time to understand what "determinate karma and untimely death are eliminated" means. I was puzzled: "Will these be eliminated by the magical power of 'namu-amida-butsu?' and everyone will live a long time?" But then I realized that there are no such things called "determinate karma and untimely death." These are selfishly decided by ourselves. From the day we are born into this world, we never know when or how our lives will come to an end, but we take our lives, our loved ones' lives for granted - aging, illness, death and separation are the unavoidable truths of our lives.

To encounter the Nembutsu teaching is not to get away from these truths of life, but to accept the wisdom and

compassion of Amida Buddha and to see these truths of life as the truth. We are not able to avoid aging, illness and death, but we are able to accept these with gratefulness for the many lives which have supported our own until today by encountering the Nembutsu teaching. We are not able to avoid separation from our loved ones, but we are able to accept it with ease and comfort, knowing that we are able to meet again by encountering the Nembutsu teaching.

So the meaning of the wasan's words, "determinate karma and untimely death are eliminated" does not mean that we will live for a long time if we say Nembutsu. Rather, it means we will realize that there is no determinate karma or untimely death when we encounter the Nembutsu teaching. Death and separation are the natural processes of our lives and there is a place where we are able to meet again.

Gassho

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## President's Column Ken Garner, OBT President

Gently swaying branch  
Peacefully moves in the wind  
Without prejudice

I wrote this haiku as part of an exercise at a retreat I went on over 20 years ago at the Tassajara Zen Mountain Center. It was my attempt to put to words the Buddhist ideal of non-attachment to pre-conceived thoughts, beliefs, and ideas. Now I may be no threat to Basho and his sublime poetry ("may?" scoffs Maho), this poem has stayed with me and helped me to remember the importance of not being rigid.

Last year the OBT Board approved an updated "Welcoming Statement." It is posted on our front door, on the homepage of our website, on our Facebook pages, and downstairs in our basement. The statement reads:

The Oregon Buddhist Temple welcomes all people, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation.

*(Continued after Shotsuki Hoyo list)*

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## April Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of April. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the April 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. 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.

Aono, Setsuko 4/6/1977	Kayama, Miyaki 4/30/1988 *	Phommavanb, Boun Panh 4/6/1980
Dabelstein, Alice 4/1997	Kinoshita, Masaki 4/1/1996	Saito, Emil 4/16/2000
Fujii, May Michiko 4/15/2001	Kinoshita, Sauda 4/24/2008	Sasaki, Ito 4/7/1930
Fujinaka, Tatsuo G 4/15/2007	Konishi, Tsunesuke 4/5/1963	Shigeno, Kazumi 4/28/1935
Fukushima, Michiko 4/21/1994	Masuoka, Matsuyo 4/26/1960 *	Shigeno, Minoru 4/8/1935
Furukawa, Richard 4/22/2012	Nagae, Mitsunosuke 4/28/1966	Shimoishimaru, Mitsu 4/25/1978*
Greenwood, Merie 4/25/2012 *	Nakamura, Shoemon 4/27/1973	Shimomaeda, Matsuko 4/22/1999*
Hirofujii, Noye 4/4/1976 *	Niemi, Tami 4/2/1950	Sunamoto, Katsumi 4/18/2002
Ideguchi, Sadakichi 4/13/1950	Nishimura, George 4/9/1999	Takashima, Noboru Newton 4/12/1978
Imai, Ryokichi 4/8/1955	Okawa, Tsutsuji 4/6/1957	Tomohiro, Haruyo 4/18/1983 *
Ishida, Ben Tsutomu 4/2/2015	Ota, Frances 4/3/2009 *	Urushitani, Yoshio 4/4/1975
Ishida, Suetaro 4/12/1961	Ouchida, Kyuta 4/30/1980	Waskevitch, Hatsue Saikawa 4/17/2002
Iwamoto, Miyoshi 4/14/1956	Osaki, Tamenaka 4/10/1951	Weiser, Haruka Juliana 4/5/2016
Kamaya, Carol Fumie 4/28/1976	Ozaki, Shizue 4/3/1963 *	Yamanaka, Takeo 4/1/1985
Kasubuchi, Alan 4/26/2014	Ozaki, Tamenaka 4/10/1951	Yasumichi, Calvin K 4/24/2001
Katada, John H 4/12/1995	Phaophongsavafd, Sisaveny 4/6/1980	Yoneyama, Hon Terukichi 4/9/1993
		Yumibe, Isako 4/20/1989 *

\*obwa member

All people are welcome at the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Not only are they welcome, but also they should feel as though they are welcome. Much has been said about the changing demographics at BCA temples in general and at OBT in particular. In the 13 years that Maho and I have been regularly attending we have seen much change. That is a testament to the essential welcoming nature of the members of our temple. This being said, I have heard on occasion of people feeling that they were less than welcome or were spoken to and treated in ways that were disrespectful and unwanted.

At the BCA National Council meeting in February there were several workshops that addressed growth and changing demographics in our temples. BCA is encouraging us to go out in our communities and become socially engaged. The Buddhist Church of San Francisco has staffed a table at the Castro Street Fair for several years and marches as a temple in the San Francisco Pride Parade. The Seattle Betsuin held a symposium on LGBTQ issues and Buddhism and also marched in the Seattle Pride Parade. BCA sees such activities ways to share the dharma and to grow our sanghas.

OBT is also working on expanding our social engagement activities. We hosted a series of public classes that had

attendance that far exceed our most optimistic expectations. We will be hosting more such events. OBT will be (as of this writing) participating as a temple at the March For Our Lives event. We will be looking for more such opportunities. OBT has volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank the past couple of years and will continue to do so.

These activities allow us to bring positive change to our world. We also see it as a way to share the dharma. We will be reaching out to people of all ethnicities, ages, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political and religious backgrounds. I anticipate that we will continue to attract people hungry to hear the dharma and interested in our community. We must embrace diversity. If there is anything that we learn in our study of Buddhism is that change is inevitable; and in this case, the change is good.

My purpose in this column is not to be a scold. The purpose is to remind everybody of our Welcoming Statement and for each of us to be mindful of what we say and do in our interactions with other people. Everyone, without exception and without fail, is embraced by the vow and is welcome at OBT.

In Gassho

**OBT Board of Directors**

**Term Ending 2020:** Angie Hughes, Traci Kiyama (Secretary), Jenna Yokoyama, Cathy Yarne (Vice-President)

**Term Ending 2019:** Chris Dart, Jerry Sumoge, Amy Peterson, Charles Reneau

**Term Ending 2018:** Marilyn Achterman, Ken Garner (President), Shinya Ichikawa, Kim Kono

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**Hanamatsuri – Birth of the Buddha**

Included in this newsletter is a donation envelope. Please consider donating in recognition of Hanamatsuri, the day we celebrate the birth of the Buddha. This year, the Hanamatsuri service will be held April 8, which corresponds to the day we traditionally accept as the Buddha's birth date. Following the special service, a delicious lunch will be provided. Thanks to the OBWA, this lunch will be delivered to our home bound members, too. Donation envelopes can be returned by mail or in person at the reception desk in the foyer.

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**How About You?****Alfred Ono, Pledge Chairperson**

Last Sunday, I talked to Jerry Sumoge after another thoughtful Dharma Exchange by Rev. Sugahara. Jerry said he thought Rev. Yuki was great, and we need to keep him happy and support him so that he will remain at Oregon Buddhist Temple.

Jerry and Jo Ann are doing their part to help accomplish this. Jerry and Jo Ann have given a generous pledge to OBT. Jerry is also giving time as member of the Board of Directors for OBT. Moreover, as I left that Sunday, Jerry was busy with garden toban cleaning the temple grounds.

Another Sunday, Scott Winner was doing his monthly toban and was cleaning the kitchen after the post-service refreshments. As he was wiping down the kitchen counters, he stopped and said to me, I have a check for you for my pledge to OBT from Ann and myself. He stopped and wrote a generous check for his 2018 pledge that he gave to me to deposit. In turn, I gave him 2 Oregon Buddhist Temple/Itadaki Masu mugs. Scott has also given many hours as previous OBT board president. He has also worked as chief cook on many events.

These are two examples of people who have supported OBT through their leadership, energy to maintain the Temple, and their pledges to support OBT.

How about you?

Any amount of a pledge shows that you support OBT and its vital role to teach you and I how to strive toward wisdom and compassion in our lives. Your time and energy--spring fundraiser/bazaar is coming soon—shows support of events that bring interdependence and energy to the Sangha.

Let's all work together to assure the continuation of OBT. This will result in happiness and friendship among its supporters and financial stability from its pledges. Through this, OBT allows us to continue learning and hearing the Dharma and how these lessons pertain to our daily lives. Moreover, the Dharma's words can teach us about giving and receiving.

Please pledge today.

Hands together in Gassho,

Alfred Ono

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**OBWA News****Nancy Kajitsu**

Prepare for a very busy April. Manju-making will be April 14th at 9 am. April 7 and 8 will be prep days for Hanamatsuri. Chow mein preparation for the OBT Bazaar will be from April 18. Please check with Amy Peterson for times and work schedule. The Spring Bazaar is April 22. As you can see every weekend will be a food preparation activity. We would greatly appreciate your help.

Schedule change: OBWA will have regular meeting on May 19 starting at 9:00, followed by Gotanye Otoki preparation.

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**Dharma School News****Ann Shintani**

**Dharma School Happenings!** Hello! Marilyn will be matching up "Dharma Buddies", where a student (and their family, if they are very young) are paired with an adult. We hope that they will share smiles, common interests, and create community. If you would like to participate, contact Marilyn Achterman.

**April 7, Hanamido Prep and Rehearsal:** our Hanamido (or "flower altar") was built by the late Mr. Jack Ouchida, and presents the infant Buddha on the day of his birth as larger-than-life... colorful flowers, raining sweet tea, and standing up and declaring his importance. We ask that families bring fresh flowers (preferably from gardens, to reduce the expense) on Saturday, April 7 at 11:00am to adorn our centerpiece. Afterwards, we will have a rehearsal, followed by a light lunch. Then...

**April 8, Hanamatsuri** is Japanese for "Flower Festival" and commemorates the birth of Siddhartha. Please join us at this service as our students will have many opportunities to participate: service helpers, presenting flowers, Family Choir, and other performances in which the students have worked on.

**April 22, Dessert Bar at Spring Fundraiser:** Did you notice the new name? We ask that our students assist in selling treats and drinks at this table. Can you donate a yummy dessert? Please drop off items on Saturday, April 21 so we have time to wrap them individually, if needed. If home-made, please include your name and the list of all ingredients.

**April 29, Invitation to Interfaith Youth Community Service event:** I am excited to share that Congressional Beth Israel's youth group (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) has invited our youth to

their annual community service day, called Mitzva Day. If you are able to participate, please contact Ann Shintani so that we may coordinate transportation to this event. The students are to assist in assembling a “pod” that can be given to a person who is homeless.

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### **Lotus Circle – March Jean Matsumoto**

Spring seems to be on its way - buds are popping. We wish to thank our generous donors and our Flower Toban members for the altar flowers on the Onaijin in memory of loved ones. This month OBT is grateful for contributions by the following:

- April 1 – Sumie Ishida in memory of her husband Ben Tsutomu and her in-laws Suetaro & Tomeka; May and Duane Watari imo her parents and his grandparents Masaki & Yachiyo Kinoshita
- April 15 – Nobuko Fujinaka imo her husband Tatsuo George and her in-laws Juichi & Matsu; Jayne Furukawa imo her parents John H & Kazue Katada; Richard Sunamoto imo parents Katsumi & Kazuko and grandparents Yozo & Sen Sunamoto and Hinasuke & Kane Nakamoto; Pat Quan and Yuki Ogawa imo their parents, Emil & May Saito

Thank you also to Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) for the Lotus Circle webpage set up for sharing memories. If you are interested in joining the Lotus Circle, please feel free to contact me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail: jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

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### **Condolences**

To the family of Michael Ando who passed away March 8, 2018. His parents are Kevin and Tammy Ando; grandmother Alice Ando and nana Jean Matsumoto.

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### **OBT Spring Fundraiser! Jenna Yokoyama**

It's time for the OBT Spring Fundraiser! On Sunday, April 22, we'll be serving up salmon donburi, chow mein, mar far chicken, and the winners of this year's tofu throwdown, Traci's mabo dofu and Robbi's curry rice! You can find a food pre-order form in this month's newsletter as well as online ordering on the temple's website.

Food prep will take place April 19, 20, and 21 at 9am. All are invited to help with food prep. No need to sign up, just show up ready to chop, peel, and prep.

Temple volunteers will be directly contacted about the shift for the worklist for April 22. A finalized worklist will be posted at the temple early April.

We have a \$10,000 fundraising goal for this year's Spring Fundraiser and I know we can make it if everyone helps pitch in. All food orders and pledges made from now until April 22

will count towards the final goal, so consider giving to OBT today. Please contact me with any questions or if you would like to sign up to volunteer. Thank you!

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### **From the Buddhist Education Committee Etsu Osaki**

There will be a lecture on Buddhist Art in September. Also, three public lectures by Reverend Sugahara are planned for April 29, May 20 and June 3.

**OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE**  
**PRESENTS**  
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**April 29:** Introduction to Buddhism

**May 20:** Buddhism and the Mind

**June 3:** Jodo Shinshu Basics

All classes held at OBT  
1:00 - 2:30 pm

Invite Your Friends

Drop-Ins Welcome

Beginners and the Curious are Welcome

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### **New Children's books in the library Etsu Osaki**

Japanese Children's Favorite Stories, Tuttle Publishing, 2013, 111 pages. Some of the stories are Peach Boy, The Magic Tea Kettle, and Rabbit in the Moon; 20 stories in all.

Thank You Very Mochi, by Paul Matsushima, Sophie Wang & Craig Ishii, Kizuna 2016. When Kimi and her family visit Grandma and Grandpa for mochitsuki, they discover the mochi machine is broken. So they pound the mochi the old fashion way.

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### **The 71ST NW Buddhist Convention Etsu Osaki**

There were twelve members including two children from OBT who attended the Spokane convention February 16 to 18. The weather was snowy so the driving was at least a little treacherous. Around 200 delegates gathered at the Red Lion

Inn for a very outstanding conference. The small sangha in Spokane did a fantastic job.

The main speaker was Rev Henry Adams from San Mateo. He spoke at the opening and closing services. He tied the theme of the convention “Coming Down the Mountain” to Shinran’s experience. Shinran spent 20 years on Mt Hiei in Kyoto but was not satisfied. So he came down the mountain and met Honen who taught him the Nembutsu Way.

The three workshops that I attended were all excellent. Ron Murakami of Tacoma who did one of the third workshops “Strengthening Our Sangha-Building & Maintaining our Membership” had a 4-page handout with many suggestions. As I read them I found that OBT is already doing most of them, such as reaching out to the public. Our mission statement saying that we welcome all people was included.

White River Buddhist Temple has the 2019 convention. It’s a lot closer so plan on attending-- February 15-17 at the Doubletree Suites in Tukwila, WA.



OBT’s Convention contingent:  
 Back row: Ken, Rev. Yuki, Scott, Mark  
 Front row: Ann, Rev. Henry Adams-main speaker, Etsu, Mayu, Mika Janice, Marilyn, Katie, Amy

**April Toban**

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Endecott, Susan | Fukunaga, Lori |
| Fukunaga, Ray   | Ishii, Janice  |
| Ishii, Michael  | Kiyama, Traci  |
| Kiyama, Wynn    | Koyama, Edna   |
| Koyama, Richard | Peterson, Amy  |
| Takeda, Ernest  | Tanada, Anna   |
| Ward, Adam      | Watari, Duane  |
| Yokoyama, Jenna |                |

**OBT Readers' Club**

**Ken Garner**

May 13, 2018 Dharma Exchange

The Good Rain by Ted Egan

The next Readers' Club meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Dharma Exchange on May 13, 2018. We will be discussing

The Good Rain by Ted Egan. All readers must secure their own copy of the book.

The Pacific Northwest, with its giant trees, fascinating coastline, mighty Columbia River, and not-always-dormant volcanoes, has inspired a number of personal narratives. In this book New York Times reporter Ted Egan interweaves personal experiences and conversations with observations of nature and historical information. He travels through Washington, Oregon, and southern Vancouver, following the route taken by an earlier traveler, Theodore Winthrop, 150 years ago. Egan succeeds in capturing the richness and beauty of the Pacific Northwest (and it's possibly imminent destruction) with rich description. From manicured gardens in essentially English Vancouver, B.C., to Indian reservations in western Washington, to the proud rural communities in eastern Washington, and visits to the precipitous peaks and brooding volcanos of the Cascade Mountains, Egan captures the presences and peoples of this region more effectively than most any other book

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 May 13

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

**Dealing with Change**

**Charles Reneau**

In the beautiful month of April, we all experience the seasonal change from winter to spring. I love this time of year. Winter storms have built up a deep snow pack for skiing, wildflowers line the low elevation trails, and I enjoy warmer, drier bike rides. I relish this change!

Normally, though, I prefer stability. In a lot of ways, humans experience change much like a forest does: a disruption of otherwise steady growth. We are comfortable with our lives, then we lose a friend or family member, our health is challenged by illness, or a job loss risks our financial well-being.

We've all experienced changes here at the Temple, even a member of ten and a half years like me. Some changes are easy: I think we all enjoy regularly hearing the Dharma from Reverend Sugahara, and appreciate the stability of having a resident minister. Some changes are more difficult: with fewer active members, how do we keep the garden tidy, or get all those noodles cooked?

In my responsibilities as a Board Member, I'm regularly assessing the needs of the Temple. What needs to change? What needs to stay the same? To me, the Temple is a home for the Dharma, and a home for Dharma seekers. Our goal is to maintain this century-old Dharma Home for our generation and following generations. But social and economic changes of our time and future times may necessitate that the Temple look different from how it looked when our most senior members

grew up here. Though we have a stable destination, our path may wind, and we must leave no one behind on that path.

Your OBT Board exists to fulfill this mission. Feel free to let us know how we can protect and nurture our Dharma Home.

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## **Girl Scouts Thank You**

**Amy Peterson**

The girls of the Oregon Buddhist Temple troop #43720 wish to thank all those that supported them by purchasing Girl Scout Cookies. They all exceeded their personal and troop goals. Their goal was to sell enough to donate to the Oregon Humane Society and their Gift of Caring donations are being donated to Ikoi no Kai, senior lunch program that they hope to deliver during Spring Break. They'll be doing program and hopefully camping soon as well.

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## **Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet**

**Elaine Yuzuriha**

Rev. Yuki Sugahara will be the presiding minister at the 2018 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, so please come and show your support!

Tickets are available for the Banquet, which will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 1:00 PM. Please come and honor the high school graduates from Oregon Buddhist Temple, Yukim Nomoto and Thomas Shirota. Keynote speaker will be Mark Mitsui, President of Portland Community College. The banquet will be held at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center and the cost of the tickets are \$35. Contact Elaine Yuzuriha for tickets at 360-253-9532 (leave a message) or email her at e.yuzuriha@comcast.net by April 26th. Elaine will also be available most Sundays at the temple. Hope to see the community support this worthwhile annual celebration for its 71st year.

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## **Portland Taiko Benefit Banquet 2018 Eat, Celebrate, Support**

Join us for a hosted wine and beer reception, a Cantonese dinner and an exciting program of taiko performances, mystery origami leis, a live auction and paddle raise, honored guests, and special surprises!

Friday, April 6, 2018

Wong's King Seafood Restaurant

6:00-6:30 p.m. Hosted Wine & Beer

6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

If you'd like to be seated with other OBT supporters, contact Cathy Yarne or Carol Saiget.

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## **Dharma Exchange Haiku**

I love to listen

Dharma talks and beautiful

Bass guitar music, too.

**Jill Van**

Wind-broken branches

Still bloom, remembering spring

Joy even in Death

**Christine White**

Blossoms will soon burst

Spring already underway

Quickly hitching wind

**Erik Ackerson**

Life is short passing

Resilience in moments dear

I sit and await

**Denille Mattson**

Flowers bloom and fade

So we see impermanence

Gather ye rose buds

**Susan Lilly**

To the shore I go

Seeking the truth beyond

Open hearts await me

**Tiffany Craig**

Galaxies fill space

Thoughts and words clutter my brain

Fleas are biting me!

**Stan Shiigi**

Pink and white blossoms

Blooming through the neighborhood

What a mess to clean

**Huy Van**

Days are longer

Rain still falls while sunny

Life in Oregon

**Richard Quist**

Sunlit bird feeder

Chickadee comes, takes just one

Blur of wings - away!

**Robin Shepard**

I push my body's limits

While it complains I've gone too far

The joy of growing old

**Shane**

The sound of voices

Resound in hondo

Beautiful chanting

**Felicia Teba**

Off to the temple

Faith and friendliness is bound

Namo Amida

**Matt Langer**

The other shore

Is too hard for me to reach

Because I want more

**Tom McCormack**

The fly is stymied

The window is in its way

Let the fly outside.

**Nancy Walseth**

Yellow daffodils

Nodding by the temple grounds

Namo Amida

**E. Osaki**

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# **OBT Spring Fundraiser!**

## **Sun, April 22, 11am-3pm**

**Chow Mein    Salmon Donburi    Tofu Throwdown winners!    Mar Far Chicken  
Desserts        Manju by OBWA        Omiyage        and more!**

**The OBT Spring Fundraiser is trying to raise \$10,000 by April 22!**

**All pledges, donations, and food pre-sales go towards our goal, so  
renew your annual OBT pledge and pre-order your food today at  
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**Questions? Email [bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)**

Oregon Buddhist Temple  
OBT Spring Fundraiser!  
Sun, April 22, 2018, 11am-3pm

**FOOD PRE-ORDER FORM**  
\*\*\* Return to OBT by April 17 \*\*\*

Meat Menu	Price	Quantity (Eat in)	Quantity (Take Out)	Amount
Salmon Donburi	\$10	_____	_____	\$_____
Pork Chow Mein	\$8	_____	_____	\$_____
Mar Far Chicken	\$8	_____	_____	\$_____
<b>Vegetarian Menu</b>				
Mabo Dofu Bowl	\$9	_____	_____	\$_____
Tofu Curry Rice	\$9	_____	_____	\$_____
Veggie Chow Mein	\$8	_____	_____	\$_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**In memory of Tom Tsujimura**

Katie & Ed Tamiyasu

**Lotus Circle**

Shiraishi family  
Connie Masuoka  
Judith Yamauchi  
Duane Watari  
Jerry Koike  
Alice Kida and Lew Tomita Family  
Dennis & Virginia Sugihara  
Misako Kodama

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Eleanore C. Kakishita  
Dana Kakishita

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**Nirvana Day**

Jean Matsumoto  
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## 2019 BCA CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

In 2019, the World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held in San Francisco on August 30 to September 1. Shin followers from throughout the world will be gathering under the theme "Live The Nembutsu" at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel.

Throughout the history of Shin Buddhism and the BCA, our "Obaachans" (our grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, daughters and female friends) have been the underlying foundations of our temples and responsible for passing on the Nembutsu teaching to succeeding generations of followers.

What better way to honor this heritage and the World Buddhist Women's Convention than by honoring all of the "Obaachans" of our BCA temples.

The theme for the 2019 BCA calendar is "Arigato Obaachan" (Thank you Grandmother!). We are announcing a photo contest for photos to include in the 2019 calendar. Contest participants are asked to submit photos of your Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) members (and "Obaachans") in scenes of their activities, past and present, and representative of their hard work at your temple. **Photo submission deadline is May 15, 2018.**

(See Ken Garner for details)