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## Hanamatsuri and Fatherhood Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy Hanamatsuri everyone! I am happy to announce that my son, Tetsuo Michael Koyama was born on March 13th (Friday the 13th) at 2:50pm! It was actually a snowy day in Tacoma! Nothing like spring weather! He was born 7 lbs and 6 ounces, and his mother, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki did such an amazing job bringing our son into this world. Not that I want to brag, but all of the doctors and nurses were thoroughly impressed with Rev. Cyndi's birthing skills despite being a first-time mother.

Words cannot do justice to the amount of pride and love I feel towards my child. In fact, I have him strapped to me as I am writing this article to you all. Hands free baby carriers are genius. While I am new to fatherhood, I am beginning to understand all of the comments and advice that the fathers of Oregon Buddhist Temple have been giving me. While nothing truly ever prepares one for fatherhood, knowing that I have many parents here with many experiences in raising children makes me glad that I am part of this community. I am counting on all of you to tell me everything you know in the days to come! I thank you all in advance for your continued support and your joy in our son's birth.

Now to Buddhism (which still has to do with fatherhood). Everyone knows that the month of April we celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha when he was born as Prince Siddhartha. After he was born, King Suddhodana immediately had high hopes for his son and raised him to be just like him if not greater. He sheltered Siddhartha behind the palace walls and gave him nothing but the pleasures in life! He wanted to ensure his son would grow up to be the great king that the great seer Asita said he could be. However, Asita also said that it would be possible that Siddhartha could become the great liberator of the world and become one who is enlightened.

Naturally King Suddhodana could not bear to think of his son as a hermit, or monk in poor clothing. So in his form of attachment, he tried to shield Siddhartha from the harsh realities of the outside world. When first hearing this story, I judged the king. "What a fool!" I thought. He is trying to delay or hinder the enlightenment of the eventual Buddha! However, as soon as I became a father, my thinking switched! Now I can kind of empathize with King Suddhodana! I want my son to only experience joy in this world and not have to

suffer at all. I wish him to have the best luck and to win at every game, make the honor roll, go to a prestigious university, and have a career that brings him all the fulfillment in the world.

I know intellectually that I won't be able to get everything I want for my son, but the attachment side of me, the side of base passions, runs into a panic almost every time I hear my son cry. When changing his diaper and hearing him cry makes me sad that I am doing something he does not like, or that he has no control over his own life right now. Every instinct in me as a father tells me to protect, bring nothing but joy, and only comfort for my son. Seeing him as a baby and going through the struggles of adjusting to this new life only makes me wonder when he starts to grow up and experience more obstacles like bad grades, bullies, and emotional toil only makes me wonder how I can be the best parent I can.

Buddhist doctrine has done wonders for me as a priest, but now I must really do my utmost to take that doctrine with me into fatherhood and feel all of the joy, pain, excitement, and sadness that my son will eventually feel. I love you my son, Tetsuo. Your father will always love you, and though at times in the future it may seem like I am against you, know that I love you with all of my heart and mind. I hope someday you come to read this and know that I will do the best I can with what I have.

Namo Amida Butsu



## April 2026 President's Message Charles Reneau, OBT President

We've had an excellent month of activity at the Oregon Buddhist Temple this March, starting with our Annual Meeting, and ending with the first service led by Reverend Shindo Nishiyama, our new-to-Oregon, retired, kaikyoshi minister (of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii). We are so fortunate and grateful to have such a kind, generous, and experienced minister as a member of our Sangha.

We also enjoyed guest visits by Rev. Duncan Ryukun Williams, a Soto Zen priest and professor of religion at USC, and Rev. Jeff Wilson.

Rev. Wilson is an ordained (tokudo) minister who regularly leads services at the Toronto Buddhist Church and is a professor of religious studies and East Asian studies at Renison University College, University of Waterloo.

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Rev. Wilson led a seminar on Saturday the 14th, and then led our service and Dharma Exchange on the 15th. His visit was supported by a generous grant from the George & Kathleen Anderson Charitable Trust, and we really made him work for it!

I'd like to reproduce a quote from his book, Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness.

*Togetherness Is perhaps the one word that moves me most about the Pure Land tradition. It is expressed in the canonical stories as the desire to be born together with all beings — people, bugs, critters, whales, and so on — in Amida's realm. We don't just seek our own salvation — we are only fully happy when we can be born together with all others. No one is left behind by Amida, no one is left out. This does not sound like the sort of society that we live in today, but it does give us something to aspire for.*

This sums up two themes that run through his work: Shinran's teachings are maximally inclusive, and we should work to make our sangha and world inclusive in the same way.

His focus on the happiness and togetherness of our sanghas, as well as how we interact with the members of the greater, human Sangha, has already inspired the creation of our Engagement Committee. But also, he's gotten me to think more about the importance of relationships in our sangha. I don't mean to take away from the dharma we hear each week, but it seems to me that a strong, healthy sangha is also just chock full of people who are having a happy time together, and sharing gratitude together.

At our last Board Meeting, we discussed that our sangha would probably benefit from having some low-stress, fun activities together. Of course, many of us have fun at our fundraisers, but these events can be stressful, and the time commitment can be too much for some.

So Board members Jack Kostylo and Cheri Yoshida volunteered to create a fun social event for us. We discussed bingo, karaoke, food contests, movies, and other social pastimes.

I do not actually know what they are planning, but, given their creativity and energy, I trust that it will be enjoyable. :)

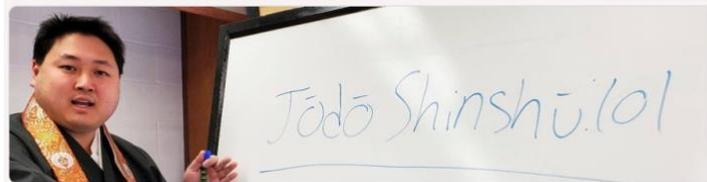
	<b>OBT Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Officiant</b>	<b>Dharma Talk</b>
Apr. 5	Regular Service - 10am	Brenda Fugate	Ken Garner
	Hanamatsuri Special Service - 10am		
Apr. 12	followed by Potluck	Ken Garner	Rev. Koyama (*)
Apr. 19	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - 10am	Ken Garner	Brenda Fugate
Apr. 26	Spring Chow Mein Bazaar	No Service	

(\*) Rev. Koyama's Dharma Talks will be shown prerecorded as he welcomes his new baby boy

**Correction in March Newsletter**

Sakae Ando's name was misspelled in the March Newsletter donations page. We apologize for the error.

**Jodo Shinshu 101: Rev. Koyama's Monthly Study Classes**



These are informal Zoom classes offered on the second Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Registration is needed just for your first class.

[Click here to register](#)

## 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 19 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 the temple at 503 481-0699 or at [obtlanterns@gmail.com](mailto:obtlanterns@gmail.com).

Setsuko Aono, 4/6/1977	Alan Kasubuchi, 4/26/2014	Shizue Ozaki, 4/3/1963*
Carol Asakawa, 4/10/2020	John H Katada, 4/12/1995	Tamenaka Ozaki, 4/10/1951
Alice Dabelstein, 4/1/1997	Miyaki Kayama, 4/30/1988*	Sisaveny Phaophongsavath, 4/6/1980
May Michiko Fujii, 4/15/2001	Masaki Kinoshita, 4/1/1996	Boun Panh Phommavanh, 4/6/1980
Tatsuo G Fujinaka, 4/15/2007	Sauda Kinoshita, 4/24/2008	Emil Saito, 4/16/2000
Michiko Fukushima, 4/21/1994	Tunesuke Konishi, 4/5/1963	Kathie Sato, 4/28/2020
Richard Furukawa, 4/22/2012	Matsuyo Masuoka, 4/26/1960*	Mitsu Shimoishimaru, 4/25/1978*
Merrie Greenwood, 4/25/2012*	Dale Meiners, 4/17/2020	Matsuko Shimomaeda, 4/22/1999*
Tajiuro Hashimoto, 4/6/2025	Makie Muraki, 4/15/2017	Katsumi Sunamoto, 4/18/2002
Noye Hirofuji, 4/4/1976*	Mitsunosuke Nagae, 4/28/1966	Noboru Newton Takashima, 4/12/1978
Sadakichi Ideguchi, 4/13/1950	Misuyo Nakamura, 4/29/1993*	Haruyo Tomohiro, 4/18/1983*
Ryokichi Imai, 4/8/1955	Shoemon Nakamura, 4/27/1973	Yoshio Urushitani, 4/4/1975
Ben Tsutomu Ishida, 4/2/2015	Tami Niemi, 4/2/1950	Hatsue Saikawa Waskevitch, 4/17/2002
Suetaro Ishida, 4/12/1961	George Nishimura, 4/9/1999	Haruka Juliana Weiser, 4/5/2016
Miyoshi Iwamoto, 4/14/1956	Hiroshi Ogawa, 4/9/2021	Takeo Yamanaka, 4/1/1985
Tsuneki Kagawa, 4/18/1997	Tsutsuji Okawa, 4/6/1957	Calvin K Yasumichi, 4/24/2001
Carol Fumie Kamaya, 4/28/1976	Frances Ota, 4/3/2009*	John Terukichi Yoneyama, 4/9/1993
Russell Takeshi Kaneshiro, 4/24/2025	Kyuta Ouchida, 4/30/1980	Isako Yumibe, 4/20/1989*

\* OBWA member



Maho Garner

## Hanamatsuri

Shakyamuni Buddha's  
Birthday

Sunday April 12

Service 10 am

Potluck follows  
service. Bring a  
favorite dish to  
share



**Oregon Buddhist Temple**  
**Donations received 2-15-2026 to 3-19-2026**

*In memory of mom, Jane Fukunaga*  
Ray & Lori Fukunaga

**SHOTSUKI HOYO**  
*In memory of George Okamoto*  
Janice Okamoto

*In memory of Alice Tano*  
Susan Endecott

*In memory of grandmother,*  
**Tomi Tsujimura**  
Katie Tamiyasu

*In memory of Denny Ando*  
Roberta Ando

*In memory of Hiro Fujii*  
Roberta Ando

*In memory of Seigo & Shizue*  
**Sugihara, Leonardo & Sachiko**  
**Montes de Oca**  
Dennis & Virginia Sugihara

*In memory of Michael Ando*  
Diane Ando Harder

*In memory of father, Shigeichi*  
**Kakishita**  
Dana Kakishita

*In memory of May Watari &*  
**Jack Watari**  
Duane Watari & Gayle O'Toole

**SHOTSUKI HOYO** (continued)  
*In memory of Art Ojiro Sasaki*  
Joyce Olsen

*In memory of Henry Matsunaga*  
Janice Okamoto

*In memory of Toshiko Tanaka*  
Susan Endecott

*In memory of grandfather,*  
**Tokichi Tom Tsujimura**  
Katie Tamiyasu

**Special donations**  
Thomas & Katie Saiget (*Fidelity*  
*Donor-advised Fund Grant*)

Amy Peterson  
Etsuko Osaki  
Roberta Ando (*Nirvana Day*)  
Anonymous (*Nirvana Day*)  
Jill Yuzuriha Fajardo (*Nirvana Day,*  
*in honor of Aki Yuzuriha*)  
Dana Kakishita (*Lotus Circle*)  
Susan Endecott (*Lotus Circle*)  
Shakyamida

**Spring Ohigan**  
Elaine & Todd Yuzuriha  
Ronald Kobata  
Pat Hokama  
Diane Ando Harder  
Janice Okamoto  
Katie Tamiyasu  
Dana Kakishita

**2026 Annual pledges**  
Amy Peterson  
Jill Yuzuriha Fajardo  
Kaoru Hori  
Randy Choy & Kim Kono  
Toyoko Oguri  
Janice Okamoto

**Monthly/quarterly pledges**  
Pat Hokama  
Susan Lilly & Erik Ackerson  
Diane Ando Harder  
Glenda Watson-Coly

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**are mailed for donations of**  
**\$250 or more, and to any**  
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**Thank you!**

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*Editor's Note: The article below by OBT board member Carol Saiget is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.*



**Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson visits OBT**  
**Carol Saiget / OBT Board Member**  
 photos by Maho Garner

It was an honor to host **Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson** at our temple last month. His seminar talks, *"Inclusivity of the Nembutsu"* and *"The Dharma as a Foundation During Challenging Times,"* were both informative and engaging, reflecting his work as a Buddhist historian, researcher, leader, and activist. He also served as guest minister at our Sunday service and Dharma Exchange. The high level of inspiration and interest was evident in the thoughtful questions, responses, and follow-up discussions.



Copies of his book, [\*Living Nembutsu\*](#), are available in our library. Dr. Wilson has authored several other books and is currently working on another. We hope his schedule in Waterloo and Toronto will allow him to return to OBT in the near future.

Dr. Wilson readily recognized the special qualities of our sangha. He appreciated the seminar, the service, time in our archives, meaningful conversations, and, of course, the food offerings.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped make this a memorable OBT event. Special thanks to Al Ono, Charles Reneau, and Ken and Maho Garner for hosting Dr. Wilson, as well as Brenda Fugate (service, technology), Ann Shintani-Winner (publicity), and Roberta Ando, Diane Harder, and Marilyn Achterman for preparing the excellent vegetarian lunches on both days.

Dr. Wilson's visit was funded by the George and Kathryn Anderson Charitable Trust, administered by KeyBank. If you have ideas for future guest speakers or would like to share input, please contact Carol or Ken.



## ***Rev. Duncan Ryuken Williams visits OBT, March 8 2026***

*photos by Maho Garner*

OBT was honored to welcome Rev. Duncan Williams to give the Dharma talk during service on March 8<sup>th</sup>. He was accompanying the Ireicho (book listing the names of over 125,000 people of Japanese ancestry incarcerated during World War II) during its visit to the Japanese American Museum of Oregon. His Dharma talk was titled “The Power of Remembrance – A Buddhist Perspective” and can be seen on YouTube at the link below:



[Rev. Duncan Ryuken Williams at OBT: on Youtube](#)

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## ***Rev. Koyama visits June and Stan Shiigi***

*article and photo by June Shiigi*

We were honored to have Rev Koyama join us at Terwilliger Plaza for dinner. Our friend Joe Allerdice, a retired professor of English who lived in Japan for over 40 years, also joined us.





## BCA Social Welfare Fund Matches OBT Donation Carol Saiget

In November, about 25 members of the OBT participated in “**Path to Plenty**: a walk to support Food Security Worldwide”. The event was a joint effort with the Friends of Dhamma, No Rank Zendo, and the Wise Spirit Buddhist community. The OBT contributed \$1600 that helped the group reach its \$10,000 goal. Funds were distributed to the Buddhist Global Relief Fund and a local food relief group, Urban Gleaners.

The BCA Social Welfare Committee recently recognized our efforts and granted us matching funds (another \$1600) that will be given directly to the Buddhist Global Relief Fund. Thank you to the BCA Social Welfare Fund and to all who contribute to this program.

OBT sangha members have expressed interest in engaging in more opportunities to turn our “compassion into action” in our community. Please consider joining us in our future activities.



## 79th Annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet Sunday May 3, 2026 Elaine Yuzuriha

Tickets are currently for sale for the Annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet.

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet will be Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1 pm, located at the Lloyd Center Doubletree by Hilton, 1000 NE Multnomah St., Portland. This annual event will honor the Class of 2026 high school graduates from the Portland Metro area and award the community scholarships. The keynote speaker will be **Tiffany Koyama-Lane**, a teacher and Councilor from District 3 on the Portland City Council. She is a yonsei and the first Asian American woman elected to the Portland City Council.

Happily, we have a graduating senior this year from Oregon Buddhist Temple, **Haruki Winner**. Please join us in honoring our student by attending the banquet. We cannot hold these annual luncheons without community support.

Please send the names of any Japanese American High School Graduate from the Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas counties in Oregon, and Clark County, WA to the graduation committee so they can be invited to the graduation banquet to honor them. Contact **Terry Nishikawa** from Gresham Troutdale JACL with the contact information of 2026 Japanese American Graduates. His email is: [terry4900@gmail.com](mailto:terry4900@gmail.com).

Or you can contact Elaine Yuzuriha for tickets and information about 2026 graduates. Elaine's email is: [elaine@minidokaswingband.com](mailto:elaine@minidokaswingband.com).



## Dharma School Ann Shintani

As we look forward to Spring and O-higan season, the younger class made Darumas (recognizing the dolls of Children’s Day), caterpillars and butterflies, and painted elephants. I enjoy coming up with craft projects to try to convey Buddhist ideals... this month they were perseverance, transformation, and wisdom. Congratulations to Yasaki and Koyama Senseis on the birth of their first child, Tetsuo Michael!



In April, we will celebrate the birth of Siddhartha Buddha with Hanamatsuri (flower festival). I invite families to join in decorating the Hanamatsuri flower altar on **Saturday, April 11th**. Around 11am, we will decorate the flower altar with plant material donations, preferably collected from our yards and not purchased (large and flat flowers, such as camellias work well, small flowers and leaves also work). As always, I thank our parents and volunteers for supporting our Dharma School students.



## OBT Dharma Talks are on YouTube

[Click this link to view OBT's YouTube page](#) or the links below for selected Dharma talks.

<a href="#">The Power of Remembrance – A Buddhist Perspective</a>	Rev. Duncan Williams
<a href="#">Wisdom and Compassion in Action</a>	M.A. Ken Garner
<a href="#">Life Will Never Be the Same</a>	Rev. Tadao Koyama
<a href="#">Lady Kujo and Lady Ohtani Memorial</a>	M.A. Brenda Fugate
<a href="#">Hoonko Reflection: Compassion During Troubling Times</a>	Rev. Tadao Koyama
<a href="#">A Single Garment of Destiny: Reflection on Rev. Martin Luther King Jr</a>	M.A. Brenda Fugate
<a href="#">Happiness For the New Year</a>	Dr. Alfred Ono



**Spring Haiku**  
**from March 22 Dharma Exchange**  
 Compiled by Brenda Fugate

Sakura Hanami

Viewing blossoms  
 Pink confetti fills the air  
 Ah the breeze

Tom

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Chirpings soft and sweet  
 Reverberate in my heart  
 Echo old and new

Sprouting new virtues  
 Tend the garden carefully  
 Sunshine through the rain

Anonymous

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Spring is here  
 Cherry blossom in bloom  
 How beautiful this day

As I walk along this morning  
 The sun is out  
 The flowers are in bloom  
 What a wonderful day

Namu Amida Butsu  
 How beautiful the day is  
 Thankful with gratitude

Janice Okamoto

Our mother's birthday  
 Blossoms bloom blossoms will fall  
 Namu Amida

Seeds full of promise  
 It's time again awoke now  
 Bloom pushes through soil

Angie

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Lovely cherry blossoms  
 Swaying in the spring breeze  
 Impermanence, real

Jayne

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Majestic strength  
 Ah Mt. Hood in the distance  
 Sunlight warms my face

Anonymous

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Elderly cat, gone  
 Pot of sprouting green cat nip  
 First spring, unflattened

Amy

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Look out my window  
 Bumble bee flying by  
 Spring is really here!

Blossom falls gently  
 Driftwood spinning mid current  
 Both drift to the sea

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Colored eggs  
 Cherryblossom petals  
 Under the blue sky.

Anonymous

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Inside, cold alone  
 Woodpecker rattles somewhere  
 Knocking on my door?

The rain now departs  
 Grass green, daffodils wave low  
 Plum blossoms leap forth

The sun shines today?  
 Roaring lawn mowers now  
 breathe  
 The grass, shy, lies low

Ryan



## Mottainai Craft Group Toyoko Oguri

The Happi Sewing Workshop concluded on March 21, with participants making great progress on their projects. Crafters stayed focused and achieved excellent results, and we're excited to see their finished happi. Although the workshop has ended, our future meetings will remain open to anyone who has questions or needs guidance with their happi.

One of the most rewarding outcomes of this event was the opportunity to share knowledge and instruction with those who have long wanted to learn or refresh their happi-making skills. With this experience, participants may now feel inspired and prepared to help sew happi for future Obon.

Additionally, the workshop brought in members of the broader community, including some who do not regularly attend our temple, helping us build new connections and strengthen our shared traditions.

During the three sessions in February and March, each participant made their own pattern from a commercial pattern or drew their own pattern following a diagram. The participants learned to adjust the width or the length of the

rectangle for a custom garment. Each member also learned to select fabric appropriate for their garment. By the third session, the garments were taking shape. There were other members who were working on making a bag or other personal projects.

We welcome requests for custom size happi or yukata. It's never too early to plan to wear for Obon! Donations of kimono, obi, yukata or any Japanese-themed fabric for repurposing are always welcome. If you plan to donate, please let us know who you are, so we can thank you properly. All proceeds from the sale benefit the temple and the women's group (OBWA).

### WHAT'S AHEAD

- April 22 (Wednesday), May 2 (Saturday) and May 27 (Wednesday) 10:30 to 3. Work on happi or other personal projects.
- Concentrate on making more happi for sale in June and July for Obon Fest.

Contact the group for any questions at [mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com](mailto:mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com).



***Mottainai Craft Group, March 21 2026 (continued from previous page)***





**OBWA Report**  
**Jayne Ichikawa**

Women’s History Month was honored from Sunday, March 1–Tuesday, March 31. I thought it would be appropriate to honor many of our OBWA members who are remembered for the many contributions and support they gave to the temple and OBWA. The photos and names will be given at the END of my article (See how many you can name.)

To begin the year OBWA has been holding a New Year’s luncheon at Super King Restaurant which has an incredible buffet. A “White Elephant” gift exchange completed the joyful gathering. (see photo).

OBWA monetary donations have been very instrumental in the purchasing of a new beautiful oven and a very useful stainless-steel table for the kitchen. When the final costs are known, OBWA will donate half of the cost to OBT for these purchases.

As reported last month, a baby shower was held on February 22 for Rev Koyama and Rev Cyndi. OBWA and OBT presented an Amazon gift card to be used for their baby. A proud announcement was made by Rev Koyama that on March 13, 2026, Tetsuo Michael was born.

Treasurer Diane Harder reported that OBWA has 54 members (including honorary members) Please contact Diane

at [Diane.harder.pdx@gmail.com](mailto:Diane.harder.pdx@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining and becoming a supporter of the temple with many activities and events.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- April 12 Hanamatsuri & Potluck
- April 18 OBWA meeting  
 10am Discuss Tulip Festival in Woodburn, OR  
 interested people contact Amy or Jeanette to arrange transportation
- April 26 OBT Spring Bazaar – Chow Mein and Inari  
 Pick up only: 12pm -2pm  
 Please order by April 19 (see [page 16](#))
- April 24-26 Spring Bazaar help needed (see calendar)
- May 2 4pm OBWA / Dharma School  
 Udon / Bingo “FUNraiser”
- June Volunteering at Oregon Food Bank
- Sept 2027 World Buddhist Women’s Convention in Hawaii  
<https://hawaiibwa.org/world-convention-2027>

Next Month’s Reporter is Jeanette H.



*(OBWA Report, continued)*

Here are some valuable photos and information I received about our honored OBWA members who gave important contributions, support, and leadership to OBT /OBWA through the years. We will remember them as ladies who made important historical impact, growth in our sangha, and bonding enjoyment to our temple.

Names are matched with individual letters in the table below and photos on the following page.

(A)	Sakae Ando, mother of Robbi Ando, Diane Harder, and Sandi Lessert, was the culinary leader of OBWA. We still use many of her recipes at OBT.
(B)	Photo of OBWA members Alice Tano, Phyllis Muramatsu, Darlene Demise, Hisano (Murahashi) Sakabara.
(C)	Photo of Mrs. Okamoto and Mrs Ayame Matsunaga who were active and supportive members. Mrs Okamoto is Janice's mother in law and Mrs. Matsunaga is Janice's mother.
(D)	Fumiye Yuzuriha, paternal grandmother of Todd Yuzuriha, was an active member of OBT. She was on the finance committee that raised funds to build the current temple.
(E)	This kitchen picture shows OBWA ladies making Ohagi. From left: Sakae Ando, Irene Hayashi, Etsu Osaki, Mary Shido, Mary Okita, Kazumi Shintani (Ann Shintani's mother), Kemy Hashimoto, Ruth Takashima, Alice Ando, Candace (Furukawa) Iwata and Setsu Ueno (Toyoko Oguri's mother)
(F)	Kazumi Shintani, mother of Ann Shintani, was an active and long-time OBWA member. This photo was taken around 1950 in Japan, with her and her aunt.
(G)	Alice Ando was the longest serving President of OBWA and very devoted to the temple and Sangha.
(H)	Ruby Setsuko Oguri Ueno, mother of Toyoko O, was very instrumental with craft workshops and the Obonfest . This photo from 2005 is with fellow OBWA members June Shiigi and Patsy Hokama.
(I)	Kimiko Iwamoto is the mother of Katie Tamiyasu. Here she is celebrating her 104 birthday with her family.
(J)	Yasashi Ichikawa was the wife of Rinban Tatsuya Ichikawa and mother of Etsu and Shinya. She was a very devoted member of the Seattle and Oregon Buddhist Temples.
(K)	Hatsue Sadamoto was a Nisei Kibei who was born in Portland but graduated in Hiroshima. She and her husband were members of OBT and parents of Setsy Larouche.
(L)	Ami Kinoshita was very active as an officer and participated in many OBWA activities. She was the loving mother of Jayne Ichikawa.

March is Women's History Month - Honoring our OBWA members  
(see previous page for names)



## OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: [obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com) (goes to Chris).

**Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).**

### OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117



### OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

### Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

[obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com](mailto:obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com) (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

### BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Wednesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM with a couple exceptions.

**Zoom link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

**Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.**

## Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link is [here](#) and also on the Tacoma Buddhist Temple website, <https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.



## **HANAMATSURI SERVICE & POTLUCK LUNCHEON** **Sunday April 12th 10 A.M.**

Hanamatsuri is a festival of flowers celebrating the birth of the Buddha. At the OBT, it is traditionally one of our largest gatherings. Sangha members are invited to pour sweet tea over the statue of our baby Buddha in our Hanamido. This ritual symbolizes the sweet rain that fell, bathing the infant when he was born.

This year services will be at 10 A.M. Sunday, April 12, followed by a potluck luncheon. Please bring a special dish to share with our Sangha.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS ALWAYS HUNGRY?**



**SO DO WE!  
PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW!**



**OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
SPRING BAZAAR**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Sunday, April 26, 2026



**PRE-ORDER for PICK-UP!**

- Chow Mein (veggie and chicken)
- Inari - Fancy
- Inari - Plain

Oregon Buddhist Temple - Spring Food Bazaar

**PICK UP ONLY ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026, FROM 12 PM - 2 PM  
PLEASE SUBMIT ORDERS BY APRIL 19, 2026**

**ORDER FORM**

ITEM	INCLUDES	PRICE	QUANTITY
Pork Chow Mein	Noodles, Pork	\$12.	
Vegetable Chow Mein	Noodles, Vegetables	\$12.	
Inari - Plain	Sushi Rice, Fried Tofu, Dashi Broth	\$12.	
Inari - Fancy	Sushi Rice, Fried Tofu, Veggies, Dashi Broth	\$15.	
<b>Total \$ for Food</b>			
<b>Additional donation to OBT</b>			

**Pick-Up Details**

First Name	Last Name	Phone Number	Email



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