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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

January 2013



Beginning again Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Happy New Year! Time to begin again, ... again. We have the opportunity to start a new year every January. Actually, it's a

new day every day. Each moment is a chance to begin again. But, ... early January has a special, culturally supported, capacity for renewal about it. What should we leave behind? What should we do for the first time? Do we actually want to make resolutions?

I had the worst cold I've had in half a dozen years at the end of November. As a result, I've dropped back a bit on exercising. My plan is to re-amp my exercise program starting two days after the Bodhi Day retreat (12-10-12). So, ... by the turn of the year 2013 I should have several weeks of increased exercise under my belt. Therefore, my resolution for 2013 will be not to diminish how much exercise I get. I hope many of you will make such do-able resolutions: not to gain more than 5 lbs., not to monku and make excuses more often than you did in 2012, not to neglect coming to OBT for the Sunday service more often than you did in 2012.

It is not a Buddhist idea to make resolutions at the beginning of the year, but it is North American cultural tradition. I feel that if we make small goals with objectives that can be accomplished with just a little effort, it is a good tradition. When was the last time you attended the Ho On Ko seminar? Could you consider resolving to attend this year?

This year's Ho On Ko Seminar will be presented by Rev. Dr. Mark Unno on Saturday January 19th. The seminar this year has an intriguing title: "At the Boundaries of the Human Heart, Boundless Compassion and Karmic Limitations". Besides this main topic, Dr. Unno and I may chat a bit about comparisons between Mahayana Buddhism and the philosophy of Nietzsche. We will both be very pleased to see as many people attend this lecture and discussion as possible. It will run from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday 1-19. For those who just can't make it, even for a small part of the seminar, Rev. Mark Unno will speak again at our Ho On Ko service

Sunday 1-20-13. He will speak briefly in Japanese at 9:30 am and again in English at our main service, which begins at 10 am. He is very much in demand as a speaker both at Buddhist temples and at universities. It is a rare opportunity to have him speak to us. This will be his first visit to OBT in ten years. Please try to budget time to come out for the seminar and/or the service.

The New Year will begin, as usual, with our New Years' Day service at 10 am on 1-1-13. The following Sunday, 1-6, will be our New Years' Party which will be in the basement following installation of temple officers in the Hondo at the end of the 10 am service. We hope to see many of you at our yearly New Years luncheon party. This year the event will be dedicated to Mrs. Alice Sumida, a loyal member and regular attendee who is always there when we need her. As many of you realize, at the age of 98, she drives herself to the temple each Sunday. She is an inspiration to us all, not just for her longevity and good health, but because she is truly dedicated to the Buddhist religion and to this temple. Come on out for this New Years luncheon if you possibly can. Also, don't forget the Oregon Buddhist Women's Association New Years party at the Holladay Park Plaza on Saturday 1-26. It is going to be a very full month for OBT and we hope to share these wonderful events with as many of you as can possibly attend. Could attending events regularly at OBT be your New Years' resolution? However you are looking at it, I wish you the very best in 2013.

Gassho, Reverend Gibbs

2013 OBT membership registration form is enclosed.

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Jan 1	New Year's Service, Shusho-E	10 am
Jan 6	OBT New Year's Luncheon	11:30 am
Jan 19	Hoonko Seminar	10 am
Jan 20	Hoonko Service	9:30 am
	Installation of Temple Officers	
Jan 26	OBWA New Years Luncheon/	10:00 am
	Meeting, Holladay Park Plaza Pe	enthouse



President's message Ken Garner, OBT President

Happy New Year!

It was just one year ago that I was writing what I thought was my last column

as the OBT president. At the time, I suspected that I may serve again as president sometime in the future. Well, it turns out that my opportunity came again much sooner than I expected. Stan Shiigi, the president elect for 2013, tendered (for personal reasons) his resignation to the board and the presidency. At the request of the board, I will be taking Stan's place. I am honored to again serve as the OBT President. At the end of my last term, I was feeling that I was just about trained. Maybe this time the learning curve will not be so steep!

There are challenges that OBT faces in 2013. As is true for many non-profit organizations, there are perennial cash flow issues and just not enough time to do all that we would like to do. Fortunately for us, our community bounds are strong and healthy and I am confident that we can overcome all the obstacles.

We do have some pressing needs for which we are looking for some assistance from the Sangha. Our 2013 Spring Food Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday March 3. As of this writing, we are without an event chair person. Also, OBT is hosting the 2014 NW District Buddhist Convention on February 7-9, 2014. While we have booked the location and keynote speaker, we need help with planning, advertising, and running the event. This includes publicity at the 2013 Convention. These needs are immediate. Please contact me or any of the board members if you are available and interested.

As we turn the calendar page to 2013, I want to thank Yoshi Ono for the outstanding job he did as the 2012 president, and to Stan Shiigi and Angie Hughes for their work as the vice president and board secretary respectively. I also want to thank Carol Saiget, our incoming vice president and Angie Hughes who has agreed to remain as the board secretary for accepting those positions and the rest of the 2013 Board in advance for their service to OBT, our Sangha. I look forward to a great 2013.

In gassho,

Ken

OBT board of directors for 2013

Term Ending 2015: Marilyn Achterman, Angie Hughes -

Sec., Craig Yanase, one position to be filled.

Term Ending 2014: Ken Garner - Pres., Chiki Kwong,

Yoshi Ono, David Wright

Term Ending 2013: Amy Long, Amy Peterson - DS Coordinator, Carol Saiget - V Pres., Scott Winner

OBT Financial Officer: Elaine Yuzuriha



OBWA news Katie Tamiyasu

Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu! (Happy New Year!)

The OBWA acknowledges following donations received in November: Sahomi Tachibana for orei, Terry Wakabayashi Couter in memory of Mae Furukawa and Tomeka Ishida, The Sugihara family in memory of Shizue Sugihara, and Anonymous. We gratefully appreciate your support.

SAVE THE DATE for our OBWA New Year's lunch and general meeting to be held on Saturday, January 26th at Holladay Park Plaza. Check-In will begin at 10am rather than 9:30am, as mentioned in the November newsletter. Yasuko Fields has arranged with Mirakutei Restaurant to provide the bento lunches. Cost of lunch will be \$13 for members, and \$15 for non-members. Bring any non-perishable food items and personal care products you would like to donate to FISH, an organization who assists those in need.

Also, please bring a wrapped "white elephant" item (optional) to be used for the bingo prizes.

Hope to see many of you attend this special event. In Gassho



Dharma school news Amy Peterson, DS Coordinator

Dharma School General Information:

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. is available so contact dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com to inquire about either or both of these opportunities.

Dharma School Wish List:

Do you have an insulated tea/coffee carafe you're not using please contact Amy to donate it for use at DS and temple events.

Past Program Wrap-Up:

Bodhi Day Service: Thanks to all that attended the potluck and evening service. Unfortunately some were delayed due to the Ross Island bridge closure, but hopefully still had great food. Thanks to the DS teachers for putting together a really different but interactive service. Many stayed for the start of the all night Nembutsu.

Warm Clothing drive. Thank you to all who donated to our warm clothing drive. It was very successful. We finished sewing the fleece hats thanks to Michi S and Kristi F who worked on the machines while Grace S, Mayu G, Aisha A, Joy Y, Akiko G, Lori Fukunaga, Cathy Shikatani and Elaine Yuzuriha hand sewed some seams. Mark M, Kirt A, Sho G. Ren G and Thomas S sorted and bagged the donated items and loaded them in the cars. We had ten children and adults deliver the items to the Janus Youth programs. (http://www.janusyouth.org/what-we-do/homeless-youthservices.php) and Michelle gave us a summary of the organization, the programs and youth (from 9-17) that they serve. It was very educational and we were all very grateful for our families. Besides counseling services they provide program for these at risk youth that either voluntarily or involuntarily are temporarily housed there. They find that keeping the youth busy helps them stay out of trouble and help them forget or deal with the reasons they left their homes and were out on the streets. Michelle gave out her last coat last week and recently gave her own scarf to a client. They will now be able to help many people stay warm and clean due to the generous donations and the work of the D.S. Even Katherine A. helped when she was home for Thanksgiving. In the future we will work on collecting toothpaste and deodorant which are prized items for homeless teens.

All Night Nembutsu/Sleep over. A special thanks to Marilyn Achterman and Kyoko Gibbs for organizing and overseeing the sleep over. The students were having a fabulous time playing camouflage while waiting for their bread dough to rise and their lasagna to bake when I left at 3:30 AM. Prior to that they were playing board games and intermittently participating in the chanting. They found that indoor capture the flag doesn't work well. Hopefully all made it through the night.

Dec 30: Dharma School Children's Service, 10:00 am: Meet in the annex for a children's service during the regular OBT service. Service is led by older DS students and DS teachers and volunteers. Parents are welcome to attend with their children, or children are welcome to attend on their own.

Upcoming Dharma School Programs:

DS is looking forward to participating with the Temple New Year party on Jan 6th. Also, if your child is interested in learning to play the taiko, Wynn Kiyama will be leading a group starting after the New Year. Please contact Amy Peterson so we can get a count and you can get details. He has been enlisting the aid of one of our temple members to get drums, stands and bachi ready. If room allows adults may be able to join in.

Our Temple Girl Scout troop will again be participating in the annual cookie sale. Pre-sale orders start Jan. 12th and end Jan 20th. The girls will be available to take cookie orders on Jan 13th and Jan 20th. Payment taken at time of delivery. Cookies are again \$4.00 per You can through the temple email us email OBT DS <dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com> and the girls can contact you through their cookie club. Orders cannot be taken prior to Jan. 12th to give all girls an even chance getting orders. Cookie pre-orders will be available for pick up the Sunday following convention. If you need your cookies delivered, be sure to let the girls know. Open sale cookies if any are left will be available for purchase at Spring Bazaar.

The girls use the funds to attend the Nembutsu Camporee. It takes a couple of years to earn enough money to pay for the trip and luckily the Camporee is every two or three years.

If you have a Girl Scout not in the Temple troop and want more information about Camporee, please contact Amy Peterson at the DS email above.

Please remember registration for the NW Dist. Buddhist convention is due the end of the month. Turn your forms and money into Ann Shintani or the Temple office. DS again will cover half the cost of registration. Bento and bus are extra.



Lotus circle – January Jean Matsumoto

Lotus Circle is starting off its sixth year of cycling and OBT is grateful for the generous donations made by all those remembering

their loved ones in this manner during the past year. Altar flowers for the month of January will be purchased with the contributions made by the following:

- January 6 June Shigii in memory of (imo) her mother, Sonoe Muraoka;
- Takako Ishida imo parents, Seiichi and Tomiye Takahashi; and Jean Matsumoto imo mother, Mikiye
- January 13 Ben Ishida imo parents, Suetaro and Tomeka; Chris Dart imo her brother, Dale Hoverson
- January 20 Angie Nakashima imo father, Harry Okita; Kathie Sato imo husband, Nobi
- January 27 Alice Sumida imo parents, Tamejo and Take Eto

We wish to thank those who are continuing this tradition of honoring loved ones who have passed on by covering the cost of altar flowers for our temple. We appreciate that we have a wonderful group of ladies called our Flower Toban to arrange the beautiful flowers. Temple webmaster, Ken Garner, has arranged a Lotus Circle page on our website so that memories can be shared. He can be reached at webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com. For any other information about the Lotus Circle or if you are interested in joining, please contact me at 503-280-2463 or e-mail: jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

2013 Memorial Chart

Year	'ear		Year		
Of Passing	Memorial	Of Passing	Memorial		
2012	1 year	1997	17 year		
2011	3 year	1989	25 year		
2007	7 year	1981	33 year		
2001	13 year	1964	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.

January Toban

Ando, Alice	Babione, Tracy
Dawson, Beebee	Dawson, Charles
Demise, Darlene	Hardman, Jacob
Long, Amy	Mason, Nate
Oldfield, Scott	Price, Heatheranne
Reneau, Charles	Shiigi, June
Shiigi, Stan	Sumoge, Jerry
Sumoge, JoAnn	Takashima, Jean
Takeuchi, Tom	Takeuchi, Tomiko
Tano, Alice	Urban, Phaedra

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



Changes to toban Amy Long

Over the past few years it has become apparent that the Toban system needs to be revised. The purpose of Toban is to

provide service to the temple. The current system consists of 7 rotating teams that have monthly duties to the temple. The three main duties are 1) to perform major monthly temple cleanup, 2) prepare and serve meals for special services and events, and 3) to provide refreshments and clean up following weekly Dharma services. It has become apparent that this workload is overwhelming the Toban teams. The mission of OBT 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". With this in mind, the Board of Directors determined the focus of the Toban should be the tasks most beneficial in propagating and maintaining the temple.

Consequently, starting in February refreshments after weekly services will no longer be a duty of Toban. It will now be a voluntary responsibility of weekly service attendees of both Dharma Exchange and Dharma School. Since this change will lessen the burden on you and your family during your toban month it will hopefully encourage you to participate fully in the monthly cleanup and special events.



The Art Show Committee wishes to thank all who participated in the Art Show and Sale November 17. Special thanks go to artist Bobara Jones and her family, who donated 64 beautiful paintings and many works on paper to our temple. The paintings and other artworks were priced so that temple members and their friends could buy them. Many people walked away very happy with their purchases, and the temple received over \$5,000 from the sale. Committee member June Shiigi photographed every painting. LaRhette Swann wrote a beautiful biography of her friend Bobbi Jones, and Susan Lilly was the general helper for the show and sale. All three committee members worked together to organize and hang the show in the temple social room, turning it into an art gallery for a day.

We thank our cashiers: Jayne Ichikawa, Lori Fukunaga, Judy Hittle, Kiyomi Dickenson, Amy Long, Stan Shiigi and Bettina Ishimaru.

We thank our greeters: Bob Moricz, Carol Saiget, Alice Ando, Pat Hokama, Brenda Fugate, and Ian Chisholm.

We thank our helpers: Janice and Michael Ishii, Jacob Hardman, Heatheranne Price, Jean Matsumoto and Michelle Mundt.

We thank Kristi Fukunaga and Alice Ando for handling the refreshments.

We thank Yasuko Fields and Jerry Fugate for providing live music during the event.

We thank Erik Ackerson for graphic design and signage. We thank Jennifer Zica of the Portland Art Museum

Rental Sales Gallery for providing us with Bobara Jones' resume, and Bev Hecht-Levy of the Resale Gallery for handling our after sales.

Thanks also to all who helped carry paintings from the temple to the garage and back.

And we give a special shout-out to the crew who cleaned the floor. The room looked gorgeous.

Thanks to all of you who bought paintings and prints for your own homes. It was Bobbi's and her family's wish that the paintings go to people who would enjoy them now, and for years to come.

There are still paintings available at the price of \$100 per painting, and there are still prints and works on paper, very reasonably priced. After the first week in January, all remaining artwork will go to the Resale Gallery in Sellwood. The temple will receive 60% of the retail price of work sold.



Meet black beauty Etsu Osaki

Have you seen our latest OBT member? It sits in the front right-hand corner of the hondo. Its name is Yamaha T118. It's a

beautiful, small, upright piano that replaces an old one. We were able to purchase it from the Hishinuma fund to which many of our members have donated. So do enjoy the sounds from Black Beauty.

<u>The Barefoot Book of Buddhist Tales</u> retold by Sherab Chodzin & Alexandra Kohn, illus. by Marie Cameron; Barefoot Books, Cambridge, MA:1997, 79 pages.

"The Buddha taught that life is like a dream, yet real. This idea is playfully explored in numerous light-hearted tales from the rich folk tradition of Asia."

This beautifully illustrated book for children, but also enjoyable for adults, has stories from China, Japan, Tibet, India and other countries. The humorous stories explore concepts such as generosity, compassion, life after death and limits of self-importance.

New book in the library

Oregon Buddhist Temple Donations received in November 2012

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Please click on this link (BCA Bulletin Board) to find downloadable flyers to share:

Items to download:

- Winter Pacific Seminar- Feb. 23, 2013 flyer (Southern District):2 flyers: English and Japanese versions.

This takes place at the LA Betsuin; registration closes on Feb. 4th.

- TechnoBuddha Conference on March 8-10, 2012 see flyer
- "3 Ways to Support Buddhist Education" This is a single page flyer with information on the following:
- Itadakimasu aprons, Vehicle Donations, CBE 500 Club for 2013
- "Streams of Light Shin Buddhism in America" flyer on a new independent film by Rev. Kentaro Sugao and Ebisu Filmes. The film features many BCA ministers and and includes BCA in its film crew as well. Completion funds are still being raised at an online site until Feb. 3, 2013. Please encourage your circles to visit the film website to see a trailer and go to the fundraising site with many nice thank you gifts. Help spread the word on this exciting project. It is scheduled to be screened at the National Council Meeting on March 1, 2013.

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