



Worldview Perspective Panel Reverend Yuki Sugahara

It has been a month since we reopened the temple and it is really nice to see people at the temple on Sundays, and I am happy about it!

On April 20, I was invited to participate in the Worldview Perspective Panel. The questions were tough to answer, but below are my answers and I hope they help.

Question 1. What is love? What is the source? It is possible to love without conditions attached?

First of all, Buddhism was established in India, traveled to East Asian Countries and then to the World later on. In India, two main languages were used in the scriptures, Sanskrit and Pali. Pali is now used in the Theravada tradition which is the popular tradition among Sri Lanka and Southeast Asian countries.

Sanskrit or Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit is used in the Mahayana tradition which most of the Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Japanese Buddhist follow. Our tradition is originally from Japan and relies on the Chinese translation of the Buddhist texts. Most of the Chinese translation originates in Sanskrit.

Love in Chinese Character is 愛 and in modern day Japanese, we use this character to express love. But when Buddhism came into China, this character was used to translate a Sanskrit word, *trsna* which means “thirst” and which is more like a fundamental desire we have in ourselves and is synonymous to greed. This is not the subject for today.

So I believe what is love in Buddhism is more like compassion. Compassion in Buddhism consists of two ideas from Sanskrit words, *maitri* and *karuna*. *Maitri* is like friendship and it could be mean to wish for other’s happiness. *Karuna* is sympathetic awareness of other’s pain. When someone is in pain, the feeling that we want to do something for the person is *karuna*. So these two words, *maitri* and *karuna* are love or compassion in Buddhism.

The source of compassion is leaving the self-centered mind. When we focus on “me, me, me” kind of mind, we never have room for compassion in our mind. But when our self-centered mind is overturned we realize the importance of compassion. However the compassion of ordinary human beings, like me, is limited. We can pour our love, our

compassion towards our families and friends, but it is difficult to direct compassion for those who are not related. So in the Buddhist text, it said that the compassion of ordinary human beings is small love and small compassion. Some kind of condition is attached to the love and compassion of ordinary human beings like me.

Buddhism also teaches us that everything is interrelated, interconnected, or interdependent. All beings are related somehow so there is the possibility of giving love or compassion without conditions attached.

Question 2. How would you define justice? Is justice relative?

Probably this is the most difficult questions to answer. Shinran, founder of our school of Buddhism from the 13th century, would go back to the text and use a dictionary for the explanations of the words so I would like to begin with using the definition of the English dictionary on the word justice.

According to The Oxford English Dictionary, justice means “Just behavior or treatment” and under this definition, “The quality of being fair and reasonable.” Then, my question is who is judging the quality of being fair and reasonable? Buddhism’s understanding of the self is that we always rely on self-centered judgments on people and things base on impressions we acquire from the experiences that differ for each individual.

For example, we are on the same online meeting at this moment, but how everyone feels is different. I am the panelist today, but I feel much easier and relaxed if I don’t need to talk. Also, we all have something we like and dislike even though we experience the same thing so, with eyes of ordinary human beings, it is impossible to judge fairly and reasonably

The Buddha. The awakened one, sees” people and things as they are. Buddha sees every being possessing the same values because there is no attachment, no self-centered judgment for the Buddha. In one of the texts that describes how the Buddhas see the world, the Buddha see everything as shiny and brilliant as gold. All beings possess the same value, absolute equality of all things. This could be justice. In other words, not attaching to the one-sided view point. The middle path is important in our teaching.

When we see people and things with our eyes, we always add a self-centered value to it, so our view is always unjust. So I always make Buddha’s view as an example for my life and self-reflect on my nature of being unjust. It is important to

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respect each other's opinion and listen carefully without attaching to the self-centered or one-sided view point.

I prefer not using the word justice to express the teaching of Buddhism, but self-reflection and the middle path of not attaching to the one-sided viewpoint could be considered justice.

Gassho

(The above answers two of four questions asked of Reverend Sugahara at the World Perspective Panel which was held on-line. The following questions will be answered in next month's issue. Questions 3. How do you verify that something is true? Where does truth come from? and Question 4. What do you see that you have in common with the other panelists? What piece of advice would you give us on how to accept differences in people?)



Good Times and Hard Times Charles Reneau OB T President

As of this writing, we have enjoyed five weeks of in-person services in the Hondo. It's been wonderful to see you all at the Temple! Hearing the chanting, smelling the incense, laughing along with the Sangha as we enjoy a good joke from Sensei... this is an important part of the experience of Jodo Shinshu for many of us. I am so grateful to everyone who works to put on our services.

We also put on our first event with a large in-person component: the Chow Mein Fundraiser. While we didn't get to eat the chow mein together, Amy Peterson coordinated dozens of volunteers in purchasing supplies, chopping vegetables, boiling water for noodles, and packaging the chow mein. Thank you, Amy!

While the income is wonderful, I feel that the greatest benefit of the fundraiser was the aroma of the food, and the feeling of community that returned to the Temple in the presence of such joyful activity.

And yet... one of the great teachings of the Buddha Dharma is that the wonderful and pleasant are inextricably mixed in with the awful and unpleasant.

Members may be concerned about a rise in Covid-19 cases in the Portland metro area, and we have our eye on the increase. When I asked Temple members recently how they feel about continuing in-person services, they expressed support, as long as we continue the current requirements for masks and vaccinations. These and other mitigations lower the risk of Covid transmission significantly, and, I feel, allow us to responsibly offer in-person services.

Finally, if you've been to the Temple recently, you have probably noticed an increase in the number of encampments on SE 34th. Our City has been experiencing a housing crisis for years, and the OB T has never been immune, but a drive down our street might still be shocking. As an institution, we lack the resources to directly address the suffering we see in front of our Temple, much less the City's crisis as a whole. Yet we must respond. We need to maintain the Temple as a safe place

for people of all ages to join in hearing the Dharma. Our values also demand that we show compassion toward those whose behaviors threaten that safety.

While a number of us have been able to have productive conversations with people on the street, many individuals who now spend time in front of the Temple are more belligerent, and recent encounters have turned confrontational. For that reason, I must strongly recommend that Temple members refrain from communicating directly with campers.

For now, please call:

- 911 in the event of violence or threats
- the Police non-emergency phone line if someone is trespassing (503-823-3333)
- Portland Street Response in the event of psychiatric emergency (911)
- This is a challenging issue that Board will be discussing this further. As always please let us know how we're doing, and if you have any ideas to help, we're happy to listen.

Birthday of Shinran Shonin May 21, Gotan-e

親鸞聖人



Gotan-e celebrates the birthday of Shinran Shonin (1173 – 1263), the founder of Jodoshinshu, the True Pure Land Sect.

Often translated Saint Shinran, Shonin is the title given to Shinran, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect or school of the Pure Land tradition of Mahayana Buddhist.

Born to the Fujiwara Clan at Hino, southeast of Kyoto in 1173ad, he was given the name Matsuwakamaro. He lost both his parents when very young and entered the priesthood at the age of nine, being given the name Hannen. He went to Mr. Hiei, the seat of Tendai Buddhism where he studied and practiced for twenty years. After twenty years, he abandoned the Tendai way to emancipation. While meditating for 100 days at a place called Rokkaido in Kyoto, he had a vision at dawn of the 95th day directing him to Honen who was propagating the Nembutsu Teaching. He became a disciple of Honen taking the name Shakku and later Zenshin.

Abandoning ego-self efforts to obtain emancipation and entrusting himself complete to the Buddha Amida, he took the name Shinran. In 1207, the Nembutsu Teaching was banned, and Shinran was exiled to Echigo Province (Niigata Prefecture), where he openly married Eshin-ni, breaking the long observance of priestly celibacy. He was pardoned in 1211, but remained in Echigo until 1214 when he went to Hitachi Province (Ibaragi Prefecture) where he remained for the next 20 years. In his later years, Shinran returned to Kyoto where he continued writing until his death in 1263.

Above narrative extracted from Cocktails, by Reverend Masao Kodani

May Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of May. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held May 8th at the 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.

Asakawa, Kikuno 5/5/1962 *	Mishima, Katsumi 5/23/1963	Sakaue, Michio (Mich) 5/3/1995
Egimoto, Kanichi 5/11/1950	Miura, Takuyo 5/2/1980	Sasaki, Kenjiro 5/3/1989
Fujinaka, Shuichi 5/20/1961	Mori, Kura Masako 5/30/1980 *	Sasaki, Riye 5/1/1987 *
Funatake, Yoshichiro 5/15/1986	Mukaida, Kow 5/30/1977	Shido, George 5/22/1993
Greenwood, Donald, 5/4/2010	Myers, Susanne Mineko 5/10/2006	Shimizu, Matsuji 5/15/1954
Hasuie, Mitsuko 5/7/2016 *	Nagano, Saneharu 5/17/1965	Tajima, Yayoi 5/24/1965 *
Hooraku, Asaji 5/29/1952	Nakagawa, Denzo 5/8/1963	Takano, Unosuke 5/3/1956
Ishii, Kiyoshi 5/4/1950	Nakamatsu, Akiko 5/31/1983	Takashima, Richard Kiyoshi 5/31/2001
Iwamoto Isamu Sam 5/29/1996	Nakamura, Hiroshi 5/11/1978	Takeuchi, Mary Natsuko 5/26/2001*
Kawachi, Akimi 5/10/1981	Nakamura, Sally Mew Lin 5/26/2014	Takeuchi, Tomiye 5/27/1984
Kawamoto, Ito 5/18/1950 *	Nakano, Yukiye 5/23/1990	Tamiyasu, Mitsugi (Mits) 5/13/2011
Kawasaki, Suekichi 5/19/1961	Nakashima, Masao 5/4/1983	Tanada, Shime 5/30/1960 *
Kobuchi, Shin 5/11/1959	Nishikawa, Shotaro 5/6/1964	Toney, Randy 5/12/2019
Maehara, Martha Masako 5/18/1990*	Obuchi, Shin 5/11/1959	Toyooka, Nobuyoshi 5/13/1996
Maetani, Toshio 5/15/1975	Okabe, Mataroku 5/1/1955	Tsubouchi, Ikutaro 5/5/1952
Matsunaga, Jean 5/15/2006	Okamoto, Dorothy Hanae 5/18/1984*	Wakayama, Seiichi 5/19/1954
Miller, Cruz T 5/26/2014	Okino, Chiyono 5/7/1952 *	Yasutome, Yoshiko 5/27/2012*
Mimatsu, Keitaro 5/17/1939	Onishi, Masuko 5/2/1963	Yoneyama, Yoneko 5/29/1996 *
Minami, Asoye 5/5/1977 *	Ozaki, Fukuo 5/30/1953	Yoshida, Kojiro 5/12/1973
Minami, Kiyomatsu 5/7/1980	Sakamoto, Hisano 5/29/1993*	Yoshiro, Akira 5/11/1997

*OBWA MEMBER

Year	Memorial	Year	Memorial
2021	1 Year	2006	17 Year
2020	3 Year	1998	25 Year
2015	7 year	1990	33 Year
2010	13 Year	1973	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for Loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements With Reverend Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

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Service Chair Alfred Ono

It has been a month since my last article about recruiting people to run the Sunday services.

It certainly has been great gathering together for services, to chant and sing together and to hear Rev. Sugahara give his great Dharma talks.

After last times article, I received a reply from 3 people including Rev Kubota, the retired BCA minister now residing in Portland. He says he is just another member. I have been contacting members of the education committee and a few board members with mostly “yes”.

It would be certainly easier to have members step up. The service is scripted so you just announce each section. The only requirement is to arrive about 20 minutes before 10:00 to help decide or even be informed as to what songs and readings will be done for the service.

You just start the reading with everyone reading with you and you do not need to sing by yourself. Others will take care of the content; you just announce the next step. If you are nervous, I will sit with you to encourage you.

So let me know that you are interested to show your participation at OBT.

My Email is portlandonos@gmail.com and my phone is 503 281 2023. I hope to hear from you.

Gassho,
Alfred Ono

the doors on April 9th, netting the temple about \$1700 in profit and hosts of satisfied diners.

OBWA’s project to provide handmade scarves and accessories for several of our honored senior members also came to full fruition. A total of sixteen beautiful pieces have thus far been provided, including a cowl, a neck warmer and several varieties of scarf. Twelve of these items have now been distributed, and the pictures below show how lovely the recipients look in them. Those who knit and crochet are welcome to contribute items; they are deeply appreciated and a testament to love and friendship. If you know of a member of our Sangha family you’d like us to reach out to with a handmade gift, please let Jayne Ichikawa know.



Sensei informed us that there will be a presentation in the Hondo on May 15, beginning at 11:15 AM, at which the 2023 trip to Japan and the World Buddhist Women’s Association meeting will be discussed. He expects to provide more information on the costs of the trip at that time. A Zoom link will be provided for remote attenders.

We also touched base on upcoming events, including a possible OBWA Summer Picnic as well as the Obon Festival. OBWA members will coordinate their Obon efforts under Marilyn Achterman’s leadership in the upcoming months.

OBWA currently involves a nexus of ~50 members, 34 “regular” and 16 “honorary” (the latter so designated by virtue of longevity and faithfulness). Husbands, family members, friends et cetera are most welcome to join OBWA meetings and social activities. The organization is overflowing with diverse talent and super role models—and we have fun!

Arigato

M. Huh

Next OBT reporter is Nancy Kajitsu

Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association Marilyn Huh



The Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association (OBWA) met via Zoom on Saturday, April 16, 2022. We reviewed the happy results of many hands’ preparation: first, the successful return of in-person services on March 27th—eighty people attended! Next, the wildly popular Chow Mein Fundraiser: thanks to Amy Peterson’s stellar team, 168 pork and 23 vegetable chow mein boxed meals flew out

Our OBT Outreach Community Committee Food Drive Jayne Ichikawa

The Committee is asking our Sangha to once again help and support the needy students attending PSU before classes end on June 5. Our first fundraiser in November, 2021, was very successful because of your generosity. We hope you will again participate and help these students before their spring session end. Our fund raiser/food drive is greatly

appreciated and supports these students complete their important education. Please read the S.O.S. flyer below that contains the dates, time, canned foods needed, and where to drop off at OBT. Since the temple is now holding Sunday services in person, it will be much easier for you to bring your donations to the temple every Sunday in the month of May. A box labeled PSU FOOD DRIVE will be placed in the lobby. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Please contact Jayne Ichikawa at jayneichi@gmail.com for concerns/questions

Thank you,

OBT Outreach Community Committee

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S.O.S.
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE
TO FIGHT HUNGER AT PSU**

**MAY 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 2022
BETWEEN 11:00AM-NOON.**

**INCREASINGLY, COLLEGE STUDENTS
ARE ENDURING MULTIPLE HARDSHIPS,
INCLUDING ACCESS TO ADEQUATE AND
HEALTHY FOOD.**

**HELP US RESTOCK THE PSU FOOD
PANTRY, AND TOGETHER WE CAN SEEK
TO ALLEVIATE FOOD INSECURITY IN
OUR GREATER COMMUNITY.**

"KODOMO NO TAME NI" IS A JAPANESE
TERM TO INSPIRE US TO PLANT SEEDS
FOR A KINDER AND BRIGHTER FUTURE
FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN.

SEEKING
Canned soups/meals
Cereal, boxed/ bars
Single serving juice
Canned fruit
Box mac and cheese
Crackers/snacks
Dry rice, beans (small bags)

Gluten free, vegetarian and vegan items are also in demand. We cannot accept perishable, fresh/refrigerated, damaged, or expired food, or bulk food items.

Check donations for the food drive may be made to Oregon Buddhist Temple ("SOS" in comment) and mailed to 3720 SE 34th Ave., Portland, OR 97202.

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May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd
11:00am to Noon.

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Hanamido. Dharma School students added bright pink camellias from the temple grounds to the altar. Later, students performed "Golden Chain". a song by Donna Sasaki from Tacoma Buddhist Temple, music performed by Elaine Yuzuriha on piano and Mika Winner on bass guitar, and hand movements choreographed (virtual via YouTube) by Wendie Yumori of Hawaii Betsuin.



Aoi, Olivia, Hikaru, Anya, Miyabi, Leila, and Brennan, "thinking pure thoughts".



Elaine and Mika about to provide musical background with piano and bass guitar.

PARENT CLUB

"Parent Club" (temporary name until a better one is created) is a new group that we are offering to parents (and others) who have brought students to Dharma School. Parent Club seems to fill a gap while Dharma Exchange, our usual adult discussion group, is on hiatus due to concerns about limiting potential Covid exposure among those at risk for severe illness. Rather than have parents wait for students in their cars, we thought they could use their hour to get to know one another, share experiences, and provide support. In other words, "find their people". That's a good thing, right? We had different temple Sangha facilitate discussions, as well as introduce themselves to faces that we may seem new. I wish I could participate in both the discussions with parents/adults and students (that's me). This idea is another brainstorm of Marilyn Achterman. She is so inspiring and has so many good ideas.



**Dharma School
Ann Shintani**

Good works

In March. Hunter Burt repaired the hinges to the gate by the parking lot.



He and his dad, Jay, volunteered to do so as Hunter's community service for his martial arts requirement. The Burts live in Rockaway Beach, and travel to Portland on most weekends. We enjoy seeing them when joining the middle school class. Thank you, Hunter and Jay!

For Hanamatsuri, we enjoyed the contributions of many individuals. Etsu Osaki decorated our flower altar, or



**Girl Scouts
Amy Peterson**

Thanks to all for your support of our GS Troop. We had over a hundred boxes of cookies donated to not only our two charities (Senior Lunch Program and Humane shelter, sorry we can't name them) but also to the council Meals on Wheels. We are trying to find a time when the girls can deliver them directly. We are back in person meeting and planning a trip to a GS property for camping. Thanks again.

CHOW MEIN - On April 9th we successfully had a fundraiser for the temple. With the help of Elaine Yuzuriha doing the purchasing and a crew of about 23 people on Friday and 26 people on Saturday, we made 168 pork chow mein and 23 vegetarian chow mein. Without any of our previous leads it was more of a challenge, but with all the help we boiled and fried the noodles, sliced the meat and chopped the vegetables on Friday. We cooked and mixed the chow mein and put them in boxes..

I'd like to acknowledge our wok crews: Katie Tamiyasu, Nancy Kajitsu, Craig Yanase, Elaine Yuzuriha and Setsy LaRouche, Jerry Sumoge, Duane Watari, Ron Kobata, who did the heavy lifting. Kiyomi Dickenson made lunch between shifts with the leftover supplies. Also special thanks to Carol Saiget and Cathy Yarne for heading up the boxing crews and made it all finish ahead of time.

The below article by OBT board member Jayne Ichikawa is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Mothers' Day

What thoughts and memories arise when it is Mother's Day? For me it is a special day to be remembered with cards/gifts, a special single stemmed red rose computer made card from my husband, Shinya, and receiving caring Facetime calls from my four loving grandkids and their parents. I am so fortunate and joyful!

However my article is not centered on me but my mother. This reflection and appreciation was motivated by an important opportunity to speak to two 10th grade U.S. History classes on March 26. I belong to a national education organization consisting of many local and retired teachers/educators. A member, Cindy Coe, who teaches at the Tualatin High School asked me to speak to her class on the Japanese American Internment at Minidoka during WWII. Even though her curriculum covered the history and important documentations of WWII, Cindy wanted her students to hear about my personal experiences and memories which were not covered and researched in their

text books. Unfortunately there were certain limitations to speak on my personal memories since I was born in Minidoka on December 14, 1942 and my parents were actually silent about their personal experiences. I have come to believe it was the phrases, "Shikata ganai" (it can't be helped or nothing can be done about it) and "Ganbatte" (do your best) were their motivation and reasons to protect us from their suffering, hardships and shame of discrimination.

Shinya also accompanied me at this presentation to share his stories and family background which was very different that mine since his father was a Buddhist priest.

Together with our research, family stories, and listening to oral histories, I have come to realize how strong and preserving my mother was while being interned. She was pregnant with me during their horrendous removal from their farm to the Assembly Center which was a former livestock facility. I never heard her complain about suffering with "morning sickness" or discomfort due to her pregnancy during this dreadful ordeal. She did tell me that she was fortunate to be placed in the train's sleeper car because of her history of miscarriages.

When the internees arrived in late summer, I read about the sewage system not being completed until the following year. How did my pregnant mother manage this terrible situation of personal toiletry and sanitation? I never heard her stories. I had always considered my mother as a gentle, unselfish, and loving mother but also thought of her as shy, reserved, and meek. My parents never complained but always promoted their dreams for us to become successful and respectable Japanese Americans who never brought shame to the family.

Through this brief encounter at the Tualatin H.S. history class, I became very aware of my mother's strength and resolve. Consequently on this Mother's Day, I will have much more admiration and appreciation for my mother.. She lived until she was 97 so her life was filled with joy and gratitude but her hardships and struggles endured during the Japanese American Internment will always be remembered with dignity, respect, and admiration. Because of these causes and conditions, I was born. Happy Mother's Day.

Who are These Men?

Shinya Ichikawa



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OBT Services, Events, and Meetings by Date

Links to Recurring Events – special links in table following For questions: bec@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

NOTE: Because OBT reopened March 27th the schedules/meetings are a little different. Please check our website for any last minute updates.

<p>OBT Regular Service Every week – Sun 10 AM</p> <p>Services are now hybrid – in person and on zoom. Link below to website for the filmed services, and below that the zoom link for the hybrid services.</p> <p>https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/</p> <p>zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85452093371?pwd=RkV2QkRyb3dIRllyQkNneFE5cTRKQT09 Meeting ID: 854 5209 3371 Passcode: 517706</p>
<p><u>ON HOLD until further notice</u></p>
<p>Dharma Exchange Every 2 weeks – Sun 11 AM</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 991 9789 7816 Passcode: 103319</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0IHeXNleVM4dz09</p>
<p>Intermediate Study Class Every 2 weeks – Wed 7 PM</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428 Passcode: 704135</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RlcEN4MjhpNnNvOUxBZz09</p>
<p>OBWA 3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266 Passcode: 574232</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjI5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09</p>
<p><u>Dharma School and the Parents Group is in person on Sunday (including Dana). Check with Ann Shintani for details</u></p>
<p>Dharma School Every 2 weeks – On non-Dharma Exchange Sundays</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 972 9043 7213</p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97290437213</p>
<p><u>Meetings in person at OBT at 12:15 on 1st and 3rd Sundays. Check with leader Amy for details – dates below in table.</u></p>
<p>OBT Girl Scout Troop</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID: 934 4857 6281 Passcode: 43720</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/93448576281</p> <p>Calendar: https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcpc-GtqT0oEtVJpNmFUrmDsDwMTIJqlwF4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrqj8iH9OTshGGR0wqBo-gWe_wtiFBj7drtg_LDgZmcA7SJcZVH4ZWOsnc</p>

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE/NOTES
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NOTE			OBT Reopen –	Meetings, locations, and links subject to change
4/24	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person and on Zoom
4/24	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
4/24	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
4/27	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
May				
5/1	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person and on Zoom
5/1	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
5/1	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
5/8	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
5/8	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
5/8	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
5/11	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
5/15	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person and on Zoom
5/15	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
5/15	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
5/21	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
5/22	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Gotan-e (Birthday of Shinran Shonin) in person, on zoom
5/22	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
5/22	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
5/25	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
5/29	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Rennyō Shonin Memorial – in person, on Zoom
5/29	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
5/30	Mon	see list	Memorial Day Services	10 AM OBT Nokotsudo; 11 AM Gresham; noon OBT Service at Rose City Japanese Cemetery; 1 PM Community Service at Rose City Cemetery; Lone Fir Cemetery TBD
June				
6/5	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	In person, on Zoom
6/5	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
6/5	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
6/8	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
6/12	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - in person, on Zoom
6/12	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
6/12	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD
6/18	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information – on zoom
6/19	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Father's Day In person, on Zoom
6/19	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
6/19	Sun	12:15	Girl Scout Meeting	See Leader Amy for details -- in person at OBT
6/22	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
6/26	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
6/26	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person – see Ann Shintani for details
6/26	Sun		Dharma Exchange	ON HOLD

Answer to Who are These Men?

The man on the left is Shinsho Hanayama, former Bishop of Buddhist Churches of America, May 1959 – May 1968. I met him in Seattle in 1959 when he came from Japan, visited the Seattle Betsuin and attended a luncheon honoring high school graduates.

According to the book Killing the Rising Sun, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard, p. 278.

"..twenty minutes before midnight in Tokyo's Sugamo Prison, Buddhist priest and prison chaplain Shinsho Hanayama, the spiritual advisor to the seven Class A Japanese war criminals who will hang by the neck until dead tonight, shares a last moment with each man in the prison's Buddhist chapel. The date is December 22, 1948."

The man on the right is Daisetz Suzuki. I met him in Seattle in 1949. My father drove us up to Mt. Rainier, along with Reverend Kakuyei Tada, who had recently arrived from Japan.

"In my observation, the more congenial his attitude became towards Shin Buddhism, the more often he uttered 'Thank you.' This 'Thank you,' with his own unique tone, derives from Dr. Suzuki's upbringing in a Shin Buddhist atmosphere in Kanazawa. In other words, Shin Buddhism bloomed in the warmth of his feeling, and Zen manifested itself in the sharpness and resoluteness of his mind; as if the former were his mother and the latter his father, these two elements formed Dr. Daisetz Suzuki."

Quotation from Rennyō, by Rogers and Rogers, p. 346

A reminder to encourage readers to continue donations for the below events and any other time.

January	Hoonko
February	Nirvana Day
March	Spring Ohigan
April	Hanamatsuri
May	Gotan-E Shinran Shonin Birthday Celebration
July	Kangi-e "A Celebration of Joy" Obon Service
August	Obonfest
September	Fall Ohigan
November	Eitaikyo - Perpetual Memorial Service
December	Bodhi Day Year End Gift for the Temple

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Thank you for your continued support

**Pledges for the Oregon Buddhist Temple
The Membership/Committee**

It is because of each and every one who has ever been a part of the OBT Sangha since its inception, through caring for each other and our home Temple, that OBT has continued for so many, many years. It is up to us to nurture the Dharma teachings in our hearts and through our actions, keeping it alive for our children and generations to come

Your pledge is important in supporting all that we do at OBT. Pledges of \$300 per individual also include your

membership dues with the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). Any amount shows your support of OBT’s Dharma services, classes and programs and our other Sangha community activities. If you can, pledges beyond \$300 are greatly appreciated. (Pledge form below).



OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

PLEDGE FOR 2022

Please provide the information below to ensure that our records are accurate and up-to-date.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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I / we will pledge for 2022, the amount of \$ _____

The above amount is to be given as a one time amount of \$ _____ or

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Monthly Quarterly

Those who pledge any amount will be listed as supporters of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

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Please send this completed Pledge for 2022 to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th St.
Portland, OR 97202-3037

Pledge payments can be mailed to the above address or made via PayPal at OregonBuddhistTemple.com

In gratitude for your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

Photos from the Past



Seminar with Reverend Ryo Imamura, November 15, 2010



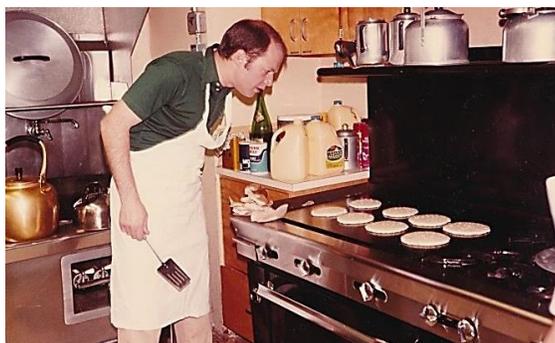
Hatsumaiiri (new members service), 1984



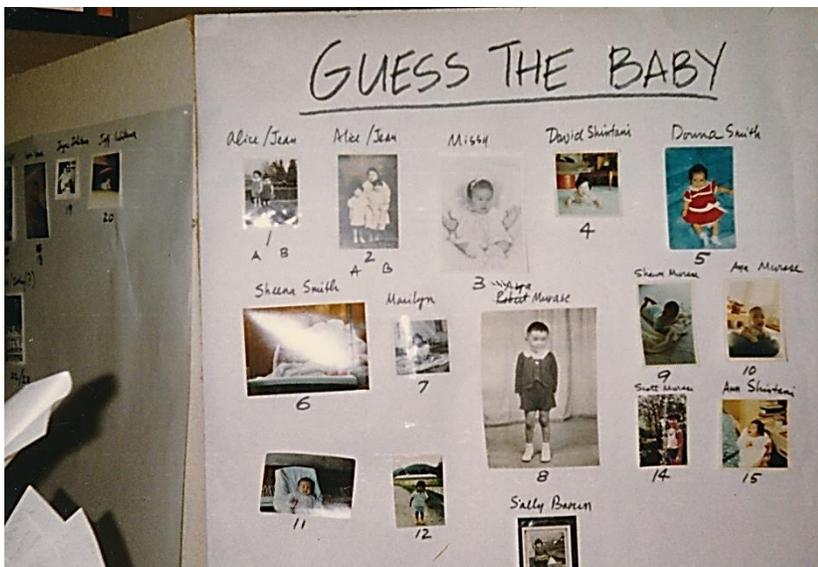
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OBT Pres. Kan Yagi and OBWA Officers



Hanamatsuri Performance



Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, 1981



Break Dancing, 1983

WORKSHOPS FBWA 2022

Friday workshop **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES** **Gayle Kono**



Sacramento Betsuin
Trial attorney



Friday Workshop **YOGA FOR HEALTH AT ANY AGE AND PHYSICAL CONDITION: A Complementary Practice to Buddhism**

This will be an introduction to yoga with gentle poses, meditation and breathing (pranayama) interspersed with lecture on history, philosophy, benefits for physical, mental, and spiritual well being. No experience necessary, and no props (mat, blocks etc.) needed. Bob has been teaching regular online group classes during the pandemic for the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple and Sacramento Betsuin as well his private studio. Please see www.bobmatsueda.com for information.

Bob Matsueda



Berkeley BC & Sacramento Betsuin
yoga instructor



Friday Workshop **CARD MAKING**

In this workshop, I will show you how to make handmade cards. These unique cards can brighten someone's day, be sent to senior Sangha members or senior facilities. I will also introduce you to organizations that distribute cards nationwide.

Email me prior to the conference at j.kuboflorin@gmail.com if you would like to receive a free card making kit that can be used during the workshop. Provide your name, temple affiliation and address. (limited to one kit per temple.) The kit will include enough supplies to make 6 of each card featured in this workshop. Not all materials will match mine and you will need to supply your own adhesive.

Jennifer Kubo



BC Florin
Board member

WORKSHOPS FBWA 2022

Saturday Workshop **STORIES OF THE SANGHA: Cultivating Grassroots Growth through Storytelling**

This workshop will center around cultivating grassroots growth campaigns inspired by the stories of current members of the FBWA. The workshop will focus on how members can tell their unique stories to reach new members. Nicole and Megan will leverage their marketing and strategic growth backgrounds to conduct research that will inform the workshop's content on how to communicate and distribute stories in meaningful and impactful ways.

Megan Doi **Nichole Doi**



Attended Buddhist Church of Stockton as youth. Both now live out of state.

Saturday Demonstration **COOKING DEMONSTRATION**
Two Shojin Ryori (vegetarian) dishes.



Rev. Michael Endo



Executive Assistant to the Bishop

Saturday Panel Discussion **BUDDHISM & ME: SHIN & YOUTH**

Koichi Mizushima will lead a PANEL DISCUSSION with several Buddhist youth.



Rev. Koichi Mizushima



Sacramento Betsuin
Minister's Assistant
BCA Youth Coordinator

Saturday Workshop **COMPASSION IN ACTION: A Paradigm for Our Youth**

How can we make our Shin teachings of wisdom and compassion relevant to our Dharma School and Jr YBA youth in our rapidly changing and challenging 21st century? How do we keep them interested and engaged in our Shin teachings as they enter college? There's a way--and it's called Global Citizenship Education. And the most remarkable thing about it is that it's grounded in profound interdependence and compassionate action. Yes, it's totally congruent with our Buddhist teachings!

Rev. Elaine Donlin



BC, San Francisco
Minister's Assistant

BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) 46th Conference and Representatives' Meeting to be held October 14, 2022 will be hosted by the Northern California District BWA's Association (Virtual)

Peggy Okabayashi, President, BCA FBWA sent us a letter invitation to the 46th FBWA Conference and Representative's Meeting. "Winds of Change" is the theme for this year's conference. The Conference Planning Committee has been working hard to bring you an exciting and meaningful conference. The three dynamic BCA women ministers on the keynote speaker panel are:

- Rev. Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace, Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple
- Rev. Etsuko Mikame, San Jose Buddhist Betsuin
- Rev. Ko'E A. Umezu, West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple

On Friday, October 14, 2022, the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) will present a Public Lecture "Receiving and Giving: Buddhist Women Past, Present and Future." The keynote speaker will be Dr. Paula K. R. Arai (Urmila Gopal Singhal Professorship in Religions of India, Professor of Religious Studies, Asian Studies, and Women & Gender Studies, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Louisiana State University); respondents will be Rev. Dr. Matsumi Wondra (Minister, Orange County Buddhist Church, Research Fellow & Adjunct Professor, IBS), Dr. Vanessa R. Sasson, (Professor of Religious Studies, Marianopolis College and author of Yasodhara and the Buddha), and moderated by Dr. Nancy G. Lin (Associate Professor of Tibetan and South Asian Studies, Buddhist Chaplaincy, IBS).

The October 2022 FBWA Conference and Representative's Meeting registration materials will be included in the next newsletter. Please see the overview of the workshops that will be held during the October 2022 FBWA Conference and Representatives' meeting.