



Encountering the Vow Reverend Yuki Sugahara

“Formerly we were drunk with the wine of ignorance and had a liking only for the three poisons of greed, anger, and folly, but since we have begun to hear the Buddha’s Vow we have gradually awakened from the drunkenness of ignorance, gradually rejected the three poisons, and come to prefer at all times the medicine of Amida Buddha.”

– *Lamp for the Latter Ages, CWS, p.553*

Rusty Schweickart was the Lunar Module Pilot on a 1969 Apollo mission, when he spent over 241 hours in space. I would like to share a few of his words.

“From the moon, the Earth is so small and so fragile, and such a precious little spot in that Universe, that you can block it out with your thumb. Then you realize that on that spot, that little blue and white thing, is everything that means anything to you — all of history and music and poetry and art and death and birth and love, tears, joy, games, all of it right there on that little spot that you can cover with your thumb. And you realize from that perspective that you’ve changed forever, that there is something new there, that the relationship is no longer what it was.” (Read more at: <http://www.azquotes.com/quote/821105>)

I feel like I have been travelling a lot this month, but because of that, I have had a chance to look down on cities, towns and villages from an airplane window. There, I felt some of the same things Rusty Schweickart did. There are people living in all the houses we can see from the sky. There are people driving cars... and each of them has their own story. Some people may be welcoming a birthday or a wedding day with a smile and some people are shedding tears in the sadness of loss. We are all living in our own stories.

In Shōshinge, written by Shinran Shonin, there are verses like this:

*Bodhisattva Dharmakara, in his causal stage,
Under the guidance of Lokeshvararaja Buddha,
Searched into the origins of the Buddhas’ pure lands,
And the qualities of those lands and their men and devas*
(CWS, p.69)

When we try to understand others, all we can do is imagine what their stories are like. For example, my daughter Aoi likes to play with dolls and she makes up her own stories with Elsa, Anna and Barbie(s). Probably, all of them are moving and talking just like in Pixar’s Toy Story in Aoi’s mind... it’s really cute to watch, but all I can do is try to imagine Aoi’s mind.

According to Shōshinge, Bodhisattva Dharmākara saw all the stories of all the people... some were always angry and complaining, some people wanted more and more, and some people mostly only cared about “me, me, me”... After five kalpas (which means a stupendous amount of time) of profound thought, Bodhisattva Dharmākara finally established the forty-eight vows to “save” all sentient beings, accomplished it and became the Buddha of Immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion named Amida. The core of the vow is to bring all sentient beings to the state of awakening by guiding them to recite the name *Namo Amida Butsu* which contains all the meritorious virtues done by Bodhisattva Dharmākara.

In Buddhism, we are taught that we are the ones who should change our thought, speech, and actions to reach awakening (such as by following the Eightfold Noble Path). However, during the five kalpas of profound thought, Bodhisattva Dharmākara realized that there are a lot of people who cannot change their way of thinking, speech and actions... when we think about this deeply... we realize that this is referring to us.

As recorded in the *Tannishō*, Shinran Shonin expressed it this way: “When I consider deeply the Vow of Amida, which arose from five kalpas of profound thought, I realize that it was entirely for the sake of myself alone! Then how I am filled with gratitude for the Primal Vow, in which Amida resolved to save me, though I am burdened with such heavy karma” (CWS, p. 679). The attitude of Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists is expressed in these words. Bodhisattva Dharmākara (Amida Buddha) had to establish the vow because of beings who always carry greed, anger, and ignorance --like me!

So, when we begin to accept the vows of Amida, just as Shinran Shonin did, we begin to realize that we ourselves are poisoned by the Three Poisons and gradually begin to reject them. As Rusty Schweickart said, “And you realize from that perspective that you’ve changed forever, that there is something new there, that the relationship is no longer what it was.” The story of ourselves with Nembutsu will be totally different from before. Our nature may not be changed, but how we deal with the Three Poisons will be made different from before by encountering the Vow of Amida.

Gassho.

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2019 Memorial Services

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2018	1 Year	2003	17 Year
2017	3 Year	1995	25 Year
2012	7 Year	1987	33 Year
2007	13 Year	1970	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtportland06012017@oregonbuddhisttempl.com

Home Visits

Rev. Yuki has been visiting members who are unable to or have difficulty coming to the temple. If you or a family member would like Reverend Yuki to visit you, please contact him at 916-834-7350.



Mrs. Watari

On Sunday, February 24, Alice Ando, and Jayne and Shinya Ichikawa visited Mrs. Tamiyo Watari at the Hearthstone at Murrayhill facility.

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

*obwa member

Condolences

- To the family of Mrs. Takeko Wahl who passed away December 27, 2018. A Celebration of Life was held in Seaside, OR in January and a 49 Day Service was held at OBT on February 23.
- To the family of Mrs. Sachiko Hasuike who passed away February 14. There will be a memorial service for her March 23 at 11 am at the Oregon Buddhist Temple.



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It's Spring Bazaar time! This year's bazaar takes place on Sunday, April 28 from 11am to 3pm. Our annual fundraiser has some new dishes and old favorites. Tofu throwdown winners Robbi and Traci will feature their winning dishes, mabo dofu and curry rice. Both dishes will be available vegan or with meat. New to the menu this year is inari sushi. The Dharma School will be hosting a dessert bar and omyage will be available as well.

Food prep will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 9am. All are invited to help in prep. We always need as many helpers as possible. Help out as you can.

Look for your name on the worklist in this newsletter to see what shift you have been assigned to for the day of the bazaar. If you need to make a schedule change, let Traci or Jenna know or email bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com. We hope to see everyone there for this community get-together. Thank you for helping make this possible! We hope you enjoy this year's Spring Bazaar!

Presidents Corner

Ken Garner, OBT President

Charleston, Pittsburgh, Christchurch. 9 Christians, 11 Jews, 50 Muslims. The peaceful observation and practice of religion cruelly shattered by a sociopath. The cities and numbers forever burned into our consciousness. What should have been a safe haven, a refuge for those seeking solace, proved to be a soft target for those with evil intent. "I thought it could never happen here," the common refrain repeated by bewildered survivors.

Temple security has been on the board meeting agenda for several months. In the past, the topic has been primarily about protecting the temple grounds and structures. After the shooting at the L'Simcha (Tree of Life) Congregation in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, we decided that we need to consider human security during services and other events as well. What should we do if the unthinkable happens here? As a minority religion largely associated with an ethnic group, it is conceivable that we can be seen as a target. How can we best protect ourselves and those who have come to hear the Dharma or dance an Obon Odori?

In January of this year, Cathy Yarne and I met with a representative of the Portland Police to discuss this. As a result of that meeting, we set up a workshop to be conducted by a

member of the Portland Police SWAT team for board members and associates on what to do in the case of an active shooter situation. This workshop is scheduled for March 23, after the deadline but before publication of this edition of the newsletter. I'm sure you will be hearing more about this.

It is important to let you all know that OBT has received no threats, either implicit or explicit. Every week we welcome new people, unknown to us, to our service. We welcome over 1000 people to our Obon celebration. Our doors are open to the public. This will remain the case. The board will evaluate each and every suggestion given to us by the Portland Police and we will implement those that make sense for us. We will not be installing metal detectors or hiring security guards.

Hate and fear, the fomenting of distrust and division amongst people will not prevail. OBT will continue being the open and friendly community without prejudice or reservation – a welcoming home for all to encounter the Dharma.

In Gassho

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association

Pat Hokama

The daffodil and crocus are peeking out and deciding whether it's showtime. The sometime warm then frigid weather is confusing them. In contrast, Japan forecasts that cherry blossoms will be blooming a month earlier this year due to unusual warm weather. Our traveler to Japan, Kiyomi Dickinson, is enjoying the spring display.

At the Northwest convention last month Katie Tamiyasu handed the NWDBWA leadership gavel to Seattle. This past year she spent mega hours tirelessly communicating with chapters, interpreting responsibilities of the NWDBWA organization, and preparing materials to help the incoming cabinet. Her leadership was outstanding. Katie's cabinet of Ann Shintani, Kiyomi Dickinson, Judy Yamauchi, Marilyn Achterman, Nancy Kajitsu, Jayne Ichikawa, and Yasuko Fields also deserve kudos.

We received sad news of Mrs. Sachi Hasuike's passing. She was an honorary member of the OBWA. Condolences are extended to her family.

The calendar for April is a busy one. There will be food preparation every weekend! Do we need help? Indeed!! Here is the schedule:

- April 6 - 9:00 Prep for Hanamatsuri. The main menu is chirashizushi and chicken. .
- April 7 – 7:30 Plating foods for attendees. Jayne Ichikawa has requested additional help to make up plates for the homebound.
- April 13 – 9:00 Manju making. These delicious Japanese confections are popular treats. They will be sold at the spring bazaar and at the Richmond School festival. Machines will never replace the skilled ladies making rounded rice flour balls filled with red beans. Note however that new recruits are welcomed to learn how to make them. My manju shaping is not prizeworthy, but what fun making them!

Next OBWA reporters are Robbi Ando and Diane Harder.

Dharma School

Ann Shintani

Nenju promotions: Dharma School students Akash (2nd grade) and Aoi (1st grade) were successfully promoted to the Yellow Nenju level. They passed a verbal test about The Three Treasures, as well as meeting other requirements – ritual practice, community service, and service attendance. Congratulations!

Pet Drive: we have kicked off the first Dharma School community service activity, a no-sew blanket drive to benefit pets seeking new homes at the Oregon Humane Society. We hope to understand how pets transition to their forever homes, and some ways they may need help. If you would like to join us, please let us know! We hope to arrange for a tour of the shelter soon.

Hanamatsuri: students have a music theme for this year's program... we hope you can join us as we celebrate the birthday of Siddhartha (baby Buddha) and Spring with music and art.

Spring Bazaar Dessert Bar: Dharma School is again coordinating donations and volunteers... please consider making a donation of cash or a dessert item, recommending pies, cakes and breads (homemade is always best!).

The article below is the fourth in a series of articles written this year by an OBT board member to help make the board more accessible to temple members. Charles Reneau is a bass trombonist with the Oregon Symphony Orchestra.

Meet the Board Members

Charles Reneau

From Shinran's *Hymns of the Pure Land*, number 39:

*The delicate, wondrous sounds of jewel-trees in the jewel-forests
Are a naturally pure and harmonious music,
Unexcelled in subtlety and elegance,
So take refuge in Amida, the music of purity.*

Shinran explained, in a footnote to this hymn, that the natural sounds of this world, “without exception, produce the sound of dharma.” How much more so must music produce the sound of dharma, if the sounds of nature do?

I like to use music to produce certain states of mind. For example, when I need to get some work done- say, write a newsletter article so I don't keep Shinya up at night worrying about the newsletter- I'll put on some energetic electronic dance music. The beats keep me productive!

Sometimes when I'm getting ready for bed and need to wind down, I might put on some Gregorian chant; the smooth lines and seriousness of the music calm my nervous system and help me sleep sooner and more soundly.

I think the best music can elevate our mind and hearts beyond greed, anger, and ignorance. One of my favorite works is Sibelius' Fifth *Symphony*. In the last movement, a horn melody, inspired by the trumpeting and inspiring flight of swans, lifts the work to

a powerful finish. When I hear this music, I experience a sense of wonder at our beautiful, fragile, finite world.

I sometimes listen to Stravinsky's *Symphony in C*. The final movement begins stately and then gains energy until it reaches a melancholy, yet restrained, ending. Stravinsky wrote the work after his young daughter, wife, and mother died of tuberculosis. Though he claimed that his music had nothing to do with grief, I believe his deepest feelings were transmitted to the music. When I hear it, I am moved to gratitude for the loved ones in my life.

That's the power of music.

Lotus circle – April

Jean Matsumoto

Spring is definitely in the air after a mild December and January and a wild February and early March. Crocuses, daffodils and tulips are in bloom and may show up on the altar arranged by OBT's Flower Toban members. Last month, I regretfully missed a donation made by Tak Fujii of California for flowers in memory of (imo) his cousins, Sakae and Bob Ando on Sunday, March 24. We are grateful for those faithful Lotus Circle members' donations which ensure that flowers are available to adorn our altar honoring loved ones who have passed away in April, and they are:

- April 7 – May Watari and Duane imo her parents and his grandparents, Masaki & Yachiyo Kinoshita; Sumie Ishida imo her husband Ben Tsutomu and his parents Suetaro & Tomeka
- April 14 – Jayne Furukawa imo parents John H. & Kazue Katada; Hisashi Fujinaka and Mari Fujinaka imo their parents Tatsuo George & Nobuko and grandparents Juichi & Matsu; Patty Quan and Yuki Ogawa imo their parents Emil & May Saito, and brother Ron Saito.
- April 21 – Richard Sunamoto imo parents Katsumi & Kazuko, and grandparents Yozo & Sen; and Hinasuke & Kane Nakamoto

Please check out the Lotus Circle webpage set up by Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) and share memories of loved ones. For information about OBT's Lotus Circle please contact me at 503-280-2463 or jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

April Toban

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Denille Mattson
Atsuko Richards
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Girl Scout Troop 43720

Amy Peterson

On March 3rd, the Oregon Buddhist Temple celebrated Scout Sunday. The BCA encourages scouts (GS, BS, 4H, Campfire) whether in a neighborhood troop or a temple troop to observe and participate in Scout Sunday. There is a patch and year rockers to acknowledge those who have completed the requirements.

All of the girls from Brownie to Cadette came up with a plan, submitted possible dates and worked with the Buddhist Education Committee to find the appropriate date - March 3rd. The girls present a song during the service, *Make New Friends*, which they usually sing at the close of meetings, welcoming new scouts and reminding them of their sisterhood. Here are the lyrics.

Make New Friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold. A circle is round it has no end, that's how long I want to be your friend. I have a hand, and you have another, put them together and we have each other. Silver is precious and gold is too. I am precious and so are you.

The lyrics were provided in a handout as well as information about Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts. Also included was the Buddhist version of the Girl Scout promise:

On my honor, I will tr, to serve the Dharma and my country. To help people at all times and to live by the GS Law.

With Gassho
Troop 43720

If you ordered cookies and have not yet received them, or if you have a scout who needs to complete their Buddhist Scouting award, please email <gstroop43720obt@gmail.com>

Portland Taiko's Benefit Banquet

Wynn Kiyama

Portland Taiko is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with a free summer concert, museum exhibit, co-hosting a national taiko conference, and presenting a gala anniversary concert. But first on the calendar is PT's annual Benefit Banquet on Friday, April 12, 6:00 p.m. at Wong's King Seafood Restaurant.

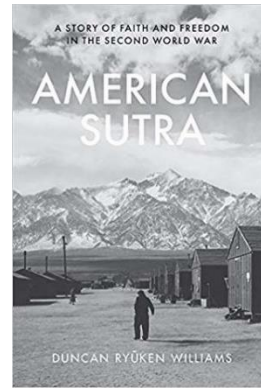
Come celebrate PT's 25-year commitment to drumming, teaching, and community engagement with a delicious dinner, hosted wine/beer, auction, taiko performances, and special guests Ann Ishimaru and Zack Semke, PT co-founders. Tickets available by check or on our website: www.portlandtaiko.org. We hope to see you there!

2019 NW Buddhist Convention



One of the highlights of the February 15-17 Convention held at the DoubleTree at South Center, Tukwila and hosted by the White River Chapter, was the presentation given by Duncan Ryuken Williams of his recently published book, [American Sutra](#). Duncan Ryuken

Williams was born in Tokyo, Japan to a Japanese mother and British father. After growing up in Japan and England until age 17, he moved to the U.S. to attend college (Reed College) and graduate school (Harvard University, where he received a Ph.D. in Religion). Regarding the book, one review on the internet reads as follows:



American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War

This groundbreaking history tells the little-known story of how, in one of our country's darkest hours, Japanese Americans fought to defend their faith and preserve religious freedom.

The mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II is not only a tale of injustice; it is a moving story of faith. In this pathbreaking account, Duncan Ryuken Williams reveals how, even as they were stripped of their homes and imprisoned in camps, Japanese American Buddhists launched one of the most inspiring defenses of religious freedom in our nation's history, insisting that they could be both Buddhist and American.

Many of the Convention attendees, including OBT members, purchased the book. It is also available in the OBT library for borrowing. On page 204 for example, the following is written about a Japanese American soldier serving in WWII in Europe:

When another young Buddhist asked that his dog tag be marked "Buddhist," a "scornful Caucasian officer [said] 'Let me tell you that we don't have the Buddhist religion in the American army. Pick another one. [I] then chose Protestant, and when the officer asked [me] why I selected Protestant, [I] said. 'Because I protest!'" The angry officer then assigned him to latrine duty.



OBT ladies at the NW Buddhist Convention



Hiroya Tsukamoto Return Engagement May 19, 2019

Mark your calendars for Sunday May 19, 2019. We again will be hosting a concert by

guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto. Those who attended Tsukamoto-san's concert last year were treated to an impressive display of musicianship and storytelling. Start time for the concert will be 2:00 pm. Advance Sale Tickets will be only \$15 (+ \$2 service charge) and will be available at the OBT on-line store at <https://squareup.com/store/oregon-buddhist-temple>. Half of the proceeds (\$7.50 per ticket) will go OBT. Tsukamoto's music has been described as "an innovative, impressionistic journey filled with earthy, organic soundscapes that impart a mood of peace and tranquility." You can hear and listen to him on his YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFCVVNnd2nb3qv7BmHvXG3w>.

year's keynote speaker is Dr. Wynn Kiyama, Executive Director of Portland Taiko, and OBT member Chip Larouche will chair the event. The Japanese American Community Scholarships will be awarded at the banquet. The community is invited. For more information or tickets, contact Elaine Yuzuriha (e.yuzuriha@gmail.com). Tickets are \$35 each, please come and support this worthy annual celebration.

OBT has three high school seniors this year, Lauren Yanase (daughter of Craig and Lisa Yanase), Yukaiya Nomoto (son of Enshane Hill), Nicole McGraw (daughter of Mie McGraw, granddaughter of Judy Yamauchi), and Charley Niedert (child of Brenda Niedert). Please come and support the new generation of graduates.

Graduation Banquet
Elaine Yuzuriha

The 72nd Japanese American Graduation Banquet will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 5th, 2019 at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, OR 97215. This is an annual luncheon hosted by eleven Japanese American sponsoring organizations in the Portland Metro Area, honoring all Japanese American High School Graduates in the tri-county area as well as Clark County, Washington. Oregon Buddhist Temple is one of the sponsoring organizations. This

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Oregon Buddhist Temple
OBT Spring Bazaar!
Sun, April 28, 2019, 11am-3pm

FOOD PRE-ORDER FORM
*** Return to OBT by April 24 ***

<u>Meat Menu:</u>	Price	Quantity (Eat in)	Quantity (Take Out)	Amount
Mar Far Chicken Bento	\$10	_____	_____	\$ _____
Mar Far Chicken Curry Rice	\$9	_____	_____	\$ _____
Mar Far Chicken (a la carte)	\$8	_____	_____	\$ _____
<u>Vegan Menu:</u>				
Ota Tofu Curry Rice	\$8	_____	_____	\$ _____
Mabo Dofu Bowl	\$8	_____	_____	\$ _____
Inari Sushi (6pc)	\$6	_____	_____	\$ _____

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2019 Spring Bazaar Food Prep

Food prep will take place on April 27 at 9 am. Please help out as you can since we always need lots of hands in the kitchen. ***note: there is no chow mein prep this year***

SPRING BAZAAR 2019 - WORKLIST

This worklist is for the day of the Spring Bazaar on Sun, April 28. If you have a *** by your name, you've name, you've been assigned to be the lead for that shift, **If you need to make a change, please talk to Traci or Jenna or email bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com. Thank you!**

Sunday, April 28	Sunday, April 28	Sunday, April 28	Sunday, April 28	CHAIR
8:00-10:00 am	10:00-12:00 pm	12:00-2:00 pm	2:00-4:00 pm	Jenna Yokoyama Traci Kiyama
KITCHEN Eric Acherson Cheryl Akeman Chiz Chambers Carol Cohen Yasuko Fields Pat Hokama*** Ken Kinoshita Rich Koyama Susan Lilly Etsu Osaki Uki Sasao Joann Sumoge Jerry Sumoge Katie Tamiyasu Scott Winner Carl Bertapelli Wendy Wyant Lisa Yanase	KITCHEN Tony Clinton Anna Dakota Kiyomi Dickenson Maho Garner Lynn Grannan Karol Kennedy Kim Kono Janice Okamoto Fusako Ouchida Charles Reneau Carol Saiget*** Ernie Takeda Linda Tanaka Lora Wahl Cathy Yarne SERVER/BUSSER Enshane Hill-Nomoto Susan Leedham Yukaiya Nomoto Clara Paw low ski John Peterson*** Joe Wahl	KITCHEN Lori Fukunaga*** Janice Ishii Katie Kaw azoe Ken Kaw azoe Randy Kunisaki Dana Kunisaki Setsy LaRouche Denille Mattson Connie Masuoka Marlene Moro Atsuko Richards Alice Tano Judy Yamauchi SERVER/BUSSER Teri Ann Corollo Ryan Davis*** Angie Hughes Kay Inoue Minnie Young RICE COOKERS (12:30-3:00) Ray Fukunaga Nancy Kajitsu*** Duane Watari DISHWASHERS Michael Ishii*** Wynn Kiyama Amy Long WILL CALL Jean Matsumoto CASHIER Mark Achterman*** Chip LaRouche	KITCHEN Lisa Anderson Judy Hittle*** Grace Ishikaw a Eulia Mishima Henry Mishima Amy Osaki June Shigii Anna Tanada Gail Tsutusmi Robert Tsutsumi SERVER/BUSSER Paul Hittle*** Malli Moran Joann Naganuma Colin Nakamura DISHWASHERS Naomi Masuoka Tom McCormick*** Phaedra Urban WILL CALL Jean Matsumoto CASHIER Elaine Yuzuriha*** Todd Yuzuriha TAKE-DOWN April Toban	MAR FAR CHICKEN and CURRY Robbi Ando MABO DOFU Traci Kiyama INARI Amy Peterson TSUKEMONO Etsu Osaki DESSERT BAR Marilyn Achterman OMIYAGE Michi Stoller Brenda Fugate Kiyoko Endecott Susan Endecott
SET UP (9:00 am) Matt Langer Felicia Teba***	RICE COOKERS (10:00-12:30) Nancy Kajitsu*** Al Ono			
CHICKEN CREW (8:00-12:00pm) Diane Harder Steve Paw low ski	DISHWASHERS Randy Choy*** Sena Clinton Bill Tanaka			
INARI CREW (9:00-11:00am) Jayne Ichikaw a Shinya Ichikaw a Edna Koyama Beth Sellers Glenda Watson Nancy Walseth	WILL CALL Jean Matsumoto CASHIER Ken Garner*** Chris Leedham			

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OBT March 2 Board Meeting notes

Traci Kiyama, OBT Secretary

- Approved a proposal for Portland Taiko to mount mirrors on the rolling partitions to help the taiko players improve their practice.
- The temple is considering purchasing the property adjacent to our property (formerly the Asian Health Services building).
- Al Ono discussed the benefits and issues raised by the pledge system. We will continue using this system as it has raised the most OBT has ever received.
- Kim Kono presented her progress on the Wisteria Society. She shared the letter that will be sent to members of the Society.
- Ryan Davis gave the maintenance report. He recently fixed outlet covers on the outside of the building.
- The temple did well at the Community Mochitsuki at the end of January. The onigiri sold there might work well at Obon as well
- Ken attended the Northwest District meeting in February
- Preparations for the 2021 convention in Portland are beginning.
- The temple has been approached to use the space for a Noh performance sometime.
- Security concerns continue. The Board continues to work on making the property safe for our sangha. The Board and some community members will attend an active shooter training by the Portland Police.
- Chris Dart continues her work on the database.
- Ken will attend the National Council Meeting.

OBT February 24 General Meeting notes

- There were 47 general OBT supporters in attendance and 9 Board members.
- The state of the temple is good in the three main areas of concern: business, social engagement, and day-to-day operations.
- Treasurer Elaine Yuzuriha gave a financial report, noting we ended 2018 in the black.
- Al Ono reported on our pledge system, which we will continue to use for financial supporters of the temple.
- Rev. Sugahara finished his thesis and passed his exam through Musashino University in Tokyo.
- Brenda Fugate gave a report on the Minister's Assistants and BEC. Buddhist Day in the Park needs a new coordinator. Contact Brenda if you are interested.
- Ann Shintani reported on the Dharma school's activities this year, including the new nenju curriculum started by Rev. Sugahara
- Katie Tamiyasu gave a report on the OBWA, calling for more help with the chores of the OBWA associated with the many fundraisers and activities. OBWA does a lot support the temple.
- Cathy Yarne reminded everyone that supporters of the temple who pledge \$300 or more can receive free taiko lessons through Portland Taiko. Contact Wynn Kiyama for details.