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*The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter*

*November 2012*



## ***Thankful for what I'm not entitled to***

***Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs***

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month we will celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a special day set aside in our culture for feeling gratitude. Of course, it is also a special time for seeing friends and family we don't see every day. It is also a day in the year when we expect to eat to our fill. It has been said, and accurately so, that Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is a path of living in gratitude. For us every day should be a day of Thanksgiving. First, though, we must realize how much good has come into our lives.

Shinran and Honen used the term *Chi On*, the Wisdom of knowing that you are being benefited, to talk about this. It is because we are empowered by Amida Buddha's compassion that we start to notice how much warmth and fulfillment has come into our lives. As we all know, there is no clear correlation between receiving many benefits and being grateful. We all know people who have very little and yet live with thankfulness for what they do have. We also know folks who seem to have a very easy time of it, adequate income, nice house, beautiful family, and yet they do nothing but complain. Don't we want to be like the thankful and unlike the ones who take everything for granted?

One of our long-time friends we will not see this month is Bobara Bobbie Jones. She has moved to an adult care facility in Michigan. When she left she had her brother, Allen, deliver more than 60 of her paintings to us as a donation. On November 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a retrospective showing of her paintings. You will have an opportunity to purchase one or more of these beautiful pieces at a very reasonable price if you come to the temple that Saturday. I encourage you all to come out and have a look whether you are thinking you might purchase one of her works or not. Much thanks to June Shiigi, Susan Lily and LaRhette Swan for organizing that event.

Our Eitaikyo service will be November 18<sup>th</sup>. Rev.

Dennis Fujimoto will be our guest speaker. Please come out for this important service in which we express our thanks to all the former members of this temple who have passed on to their new lives. Remembering our loved ones is important. For many of us it is important to know that the temple they participated in will continue and will continue to preserve the record of their lives and will continue to dedicate services to them into the indefinitely distant future. Eitaikyo is a difficult term to translate, but here is my take on it: Carrying the Buddhist teachings into the indefinitely distant future. We hold this service each year in the hopes the Oregon Buddhist Temple will continue for many more years. Please come join us and listen to Rev. Fujimoto's Dharma-message on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Rev. Dennis Fujimoto is a friend of ours whom we don't see every week. Four days after you've joined us for the Eitaikyo service and, perhaps, had a chance to chat with him a bit it will be Thanksgiving Day. I hope that you and I will see many friends and family members on Thanksgiving whom we've been looking forward to spending time with. But I hope we won't have to wait 'til the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month to feel some thankfulness for the good things and the loving persons in our lives. For Jodo Shinshu Buddhists everyday should be a day of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

Gassho, Reverend Gibbs

***Mochitsuki is December 16, 2011. Mochi order form is enclosed.***

***2013 OBT New Year luncheon order form is enclosed.***

*"The purpose of the Oregon Buddhist Temple is to insure that the Jodo Shinshu Sangha have the facilities, resident minister and other resources they need to share the BuddhaDharma in their daily lives and during their major life events."*

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November Highlights

Nov 4	Daylight saving time ends	
Nov 4	OBWA past members Memorial service	1:30 pm
Nov 17	Bobara Jones art exhibit/sales	
Nov 17	OBWA meeting	9:30 am
Nov 18	Eitaikyo service followed by potluck	9:30 am



### ***President's message*** ***Yoshi Ono, OBW President***

I'm very grateful that we have a full slate of candidates running for the 2013 board positions. Not only is Stan Shiigi returning to become next year's president, Angie Hughes who served as recording secretary and has done a great job generating funds through our facility rentals is running. Additionally, Marilyn Achterman, who is active in all aspects of the temple, and Craig Yanase, a longtime dedicated member always helping out will be on the ballot. We have these four folks for the four openings so please confirm them by returning the ballots you will receive this month. As for the vacant positions, we are fortunate to have Scott Winner and Chiki Kwong unanimously approved at the October board meeting. Thanks to all for your commitment.

When you come to temple sometime soon, you will notice a couple of changes. We are working on installing a walk-in refrigerator near the rear entrance for additional storage for major events and there are new tables in the basement. We would also like to improve the exterior of the temple, especially with winter coming up but that has not been finalized just yet. All these improvements are a result of board inputs and prioritizing our wish list. Thanks to Carol Saiget for driving this process and making these a reality.

Finally, with Sukiyaki Bazaar behind us, we are realizing the severe strain we are putting on the small numbers of volunteers that show up to prepare the wide range of dishes, and work the event. To address this, plans will be drawn up to work overall fundraisers a little differently. Scott Winner has agreed to put together a document outlining a fundraising strategy for 2013 and present the ideas at the next general membership meeting. Our hope is by working smarter and finding efficiencies; we can run our fundraisers and reduce our exhaustion level. We are grateful to Scott and look forward to the new ideas.

In Gassho



### ***OBWA news*** ***Nancy Kajitsu***

October was a very busy month for the OBWA. The bazaar for one! There was noodle cooking and frying, washing the

vegetables for sukiyaki and chow mein, cutting the vegetables, cooking and mixing the chow mein, packing the chow mein, washing and cutting chicken for bento and all of this began on Thursday! On Sunday, our members cooked sukiyaki, waited on tables, cleaned the kitchen and sold items.

Lennie's Brigade (volunteers from all over, mostly Methodist church members, but also workers from Ikoi no kai) marched in on Saturday and helped us pack chow mein. Thank you so much! Thank you Tomiko Takeuchi for recruiting the volunteers and for your continued support of our organization. We sold out of chow mein and sukiyaki! Our food is well-known and cherished by our community. Thank you again for all of your time and help.

We are forever thanking those of you who donate to our association. This month our thanks go to June Shiigi and Kyoko Gibbs. Also, to our anonymous donor many thanks!

During our monthly meeting, June and Jayne Ichikawa reported on their experience at the Federation of Buddhist Women Conference. Jayne's report is included in this newsletter and June's will appear next month.

Also discussed were nominations for new officers. We need your input and your ideas!

The next meeting will be held on November 17th. Following the meeting, scrubbies can be made. Please bring a size "K" crochet hook! The same day, an art exhibit of Bobbi Jones' work will be on display and for sale at our temple.

Remember the Past Member's Memorial Service is November 4th at 1:30 pm.

In gassho



### ***The 42<sup>nd</sup> BCA Federation of BWA Conference*** ***Jayne Ichikawa***

I was fortunate to attend this national conference for the very first time. Held in San Jose on Oct. 12-15, I attended as an OBWA delegate with June Shiigi. I was treated to many opportunities of stimulating speeches, outstanding workshops, and friendly social gatherings. With a last name of *Ichikawa*, I had an "open invitation" to socialize with many ministers, spouses, delegates and to meet new friends from many parts of the USA and Japan.

The theme was, "Diversity in Oneness, Oneness in Diversity." Quoting from Janet Umezu who is the honorary advisor of the FBWA, "Let us listen with open mind and open heart. Each of us, as we walk down our own nembutsu path, regardless of who we are or where we are in that journey, can find joy in knowing that we are all one, united by the Dharma."

One workshop I attended was entitled, "Why I Am Jodo Shinshu Buddhist". A panel of three women coming from various non-Buddhist backgrounds gave their compelling reasons such as the following:

- I am a better listener and empathizer, I am kinder
- I feel value in my life and appreciate
- My actions and thoughts make an important impact to

others and myself which help with decisions

- I can understand and deal better with death

These are women who appreciate value and use the teachings in their everyday lives. Listening to their personal stories, I felt very connected to them as a Jodo Shinshu follower.

The last discussion of this workshop elicited suggestions and ideas to deal with the diminishing membership of the Buddhist Women's Associations in our temples. The following ideas might be useful for our OBWA to reach younger women:

- Use technology more. We are very fortunate to have Ken Garner who developed our website and can access Face book
- Use community outreach. "Are we open to this idea?"
- Use our talents and diversity to interest others
- Take a sincere interest and welcome newcomers
- Investigate and learn from the temples that are very successful with their membership
- In the words of the keynote speaker, "Let it Go!" Too often the "kitchen warriors" let their traditional ways of food preparation scare or turn away newcomers unintentionally. Often there could be more than one right way of doing things.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the generosity of the OBWA that made this trip and attendance possible. It was truly an enriching weekend that reinforces my appreciation of Jodo Shinshu teachings to help me become wiser and more compassionate to my husband as I live my life.

In gassho

### **OBWA visits Alice Sumida**



**OBWA members Grace Ishikawa (left), June Shiigi (right) and Jayne Ichikawa (photographer) visited Alice Sumida (center) in honor of Alice's receipt of Oregon Nikkei Endowment's Heart of the Community award and for her continuous, generous support of OBT.**



### **Dharma school news**

**Amy Peterson, DS Coordinator**

Is your child registered for 2012-13 Dharma School? Classes for children grades pre-school through high school are held most

Sundays in the Annex following the regular 10:00 am OBT service. Check OBT website for schedule. Classes are taught by Dharma School volunteers. New students need to register. Past students need updated registration information added to forms. For more information, please contact Amy Peterson at [dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com).

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 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 as Buddhist. Training is available so please contact Amy 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? Do you have a label maker you no longer use? Please contact Amy to donate it for use at DS and temple events.

#### Past Program Wrap-Up

The Dharma School Snack Bar for the Sukiyaki Bazaar raised more than \$500 for the temple! Thank you to the following for their generous contributions of time, talent, and treats: Saturday Bake Party bakers/snack artisans: Marilyn and Kirt Achterman, Lisa, Thomas and Grace Shoji Anderson, Kyoko Gibbs, Amy Peterson, Ann Shintani and Mika Winner, and Elaine and Joy Yuzuriha. Thank you to the Sep. 30 Bodhi class (Ren, Kyle, and Mayu) for making posters.

Sunday Snack Bar volunteers: Kirt Achterman, Maho and Mayu Garner, Kyoko and Ren Gibbs, Chiki Kwong and Kyle Butler, Gabe Oh-Keith, Michi Stoeller, Ann Shintani and Mika Winner, and Elaine and Joy Yuzuriha. Snack Bar donors: Ken and Maho Garner, Setsy and Chip Larouche, Lori and Kristi Fukunaga, Amy Peterson, Cathy Shikatani, Elaine Yuzuriha, and Oregon Buddhist Women's' Association for manju. The OBWA manju (Japanese pastries) sold out quickly, as did the Mochi truffles (chocolate, chocolate mint filled mochi) and Raspberry Mochi (raspberry filled mochi), and Green Tea Dorayaki, cherry cheesecake cups, and cupcakes, which were some of the items made at the Bake Party. We also received donations of baklava from the Greek festival, pies, tapioca pudding, cakes and cookies.

#### Upcoming Dharma School Programs

The Dharma School students will visit elders on Sunday Oct 28th followed by a haunted house and potluck lunch.

Warm Clothing Drive: from Eitaikyo (Nov 18) until Bodhi Day (Dec 8) the Dharma School will be collecting warm clothing both new and slightly used for our local

shelters. More information will be coming. Watch for posters and drop off boxes.

December 8, Saturday: Save the date! Bodhi Day Service. This will be a candle light evening service followed by a potluck. Service will start at 6 pm. We hope you will reach out to our Temple friends that may not drive at night and need help getting to the Temple. After the potluck the All-night Nembutsu will begin about 8:30 pm. The DS will have a sleep-over in the back room and activities as long as they're awake. They will participate as they can in the all night Nembutsu.

#### Dharma School Fundraising

The DS and our Temple Girl Scout troop have been recipients of the beverage bottle deposits. We have signed up to use the Bottle Drop recycling centers. You will now see green bags in the deposit recycling tub. Donations are gratefully received. Please be sure there are no plastic caps on any recycle bottles that have a deposit. If you aren't sure, look for the OR on the can or bottle. To learn more about this program visit their site [www.bottledropcenters.com/about](http://www.bottledropcenters.com/about)



**Bobara Ann Jones**  
**retrospective art exhibit**  
**fund raiser**  
**June Shiigi**

The Oregon Buddhist Temple will have a Bobara Ann Jones Retrospective Art Exhibit and Oregon Buddhist Temple Fundraiser on Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 9 am to 12 noon for members only and from 1 pm to 4 pm for the public. There is no admission charge. We are fortunate to have over 60 paintings, many drawings, and whimsical wands donated by the family of Bobara Ann Jones. Bobbi has moved to Michigan to be closer to her family.

Bobbi, a member of OBT & OBWA for many years, was trained at the Art Institute of Chicago, earning a MFA degree in 1967. She was influenced by neo-impressionism and her works are abstract with bold colors and textures, evocative of her travels to Egypt, Japan, and other parts of the world. In 1976, she settled in Portland, where many of her paintings were part of the Rental Sales Gallery of Portland Art Museum. Some of Bobbi's works are represented in collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, Portland Art Museum, Senator Mark Hatfield, Brett Weston, Gilkey Collection, Sony Corp., Boise-Cascade Corp., Multnomah Athletic Club, IBM, Mentor Graphics, Bank of America, Intel, Itek Corp. Boston, Omark Industries, Orbanco, Hilton Hotels, University of California at Berkeley, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She has shown her works at one-man shows and numerous art galleries.

All paintings on canvas will be displayed until 4 pm. The smaller paintings are \$50 and the larger paintings are \$100. These purchases need to be picked up on the same day between 4 pm to 6 pm.

For more information, please go to <http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/> or contact June Shiigi at [shiigisj@comcast.net](mailto:shiigisj@comcast.net), Susan Lilly at

[susanlilly@weavingroom.com](mailto:susanlilly@weavingroom.com) or Rev. Gregory Gibbs at [sensei@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:sensei@oregonbuddhisttemple.com).



**Sukiyaki bazaar thank you!**  
**Elaine Yuzuriha, Sukiyaki bazaar chair**

As chairman of the 2012 Sukiyaki Bazaar, I would like to thank the many volunteers who showed up and worked, and many worked for several days, on behalf of the annual fundraiser. In the last newsletter, I listed the many chairs of the different aspects of the bazaar, and I would like to thank them again for the excellent job they did. This year's event was smoother and wait lines were much improved.

The best way I can help the problems incurred with this year's event is to educate everyone of how we handle the inventory of the food for sale. Chow mein, alone of the foods we sell, has a fixed number of servings prepared that we know beforehand, and we count out that many tickets to sell. We divide out the preorders to the preorder envelopes, and the remainder is sold on the day of the bazaar. Boxes of chow mein on the chow mein table is no indication of whether we have chow main available to sell. The tickets alone, is the way we inventory the product. Once the tickets are gone, the chow mein is gone. There are often presale tickets still out up to the end of the bazaar. So the boxes still out on the chow mein table are presold. Unfortunately, errors were made, leading to selling 29 boxes we did not have, and many chow mein presale orders could not be filled. I must apologize for the fact that so many were unable to get their expected chow mein, and next time I hope you have faith enough to continue to preorder your foods with the expectation that you will receive them.

I would like to advise if you preorder your chow mein, it is safer if you pick up your order right away so there is no problem filling your order. I hope this problem never occurs again, but we are imperfect beings, and errors occur. I take full responsibility for the problems we faced, and I hope all of you continue to support our fundraisers. We work every year to eliminate problems and we continue to try to improve our fundraisers.

Thanks to everyone who worked to support the temple and who attend our fundraiser. It was wonderful to see so many friends.



## Lotus circle – November

Jean Matsumoto

Altar flowers for the month of November 2012 will be purchased by generous donations from the following:

- November 4 – Elsie Onishi in memory of (imo) parents, Chieto and Yachiyo Morita; Kiyomi Dickenson imo father, Yoshio Kitagawa; Jean Matsumoto imo father, Kametaro
- November 11 – Janice Okamoto imo parents, Henry and Ayame Matsunaga, sister Jeannie, and sister, Nancy Sakuragi
- November 18 – Angie Nakashima imo mother, Clara Okita; Eiko Buswell imo aunt, Chiyoko Yoshihara; Etsu Osaki imo parents, Reverend Tatsuya and Yasashi Ichikawa
- November 25 – Misao Minagi imo husband, Eddie Yoneo; Grace Ishikawa in memory of mother, Toki Tachibana; Yasuko Fields imo mother, Tomoko Maekawa.

OBT is grateful for these contributions and for the Flower Toban who make the beautiful arrangements on our altar every Sunday. We are also grateful to Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) to have a Lotus Circle page on the OBT website. For information about OBT's Lotus Circle, please call me at 504-280-2463 or e-mail: [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).

## Condolences ...



To the family of Setsu Ueno.

Setsu Ueno died September 4, 2012 of age-related causes at age 83 at her daughter's home in Roseland, NJ.

She was a long time Oregon resident born on February 26, 1929 in Gresham, Oregon as the youngest child of Yasutaro and Kuni Oguri. With the internment of Japanese-Americans after the Pearl Harbor attack, the Oguri family was relocated to Ontario, Oregon.

After the war, the family returned to Gresham and upon graduating from Sandy High School, she attended Portland Art School to study commercial art.

In 1955, she and her daughter moved to Tokyo, Japan where they lived for ten years. During her stay in Tokyo, Setsu taught English at the Meiji Gakuin.

After returning to Portland in 1965, she worked at Lipman's department store and at the Consulate-General of Japan, where her bilingual and bicultural skills were invaluable.

After marrying the late Hiroshi Ueno of OHSU School of Dentistry, she flourished as an artist working in the media of fiber (macramé, straw crafts, and basketry) and beads. She is especially known for her miniature beaded hats which has been featured in The New Bead Book. She travelled throughout USA to demonstrate her crafts. During her later

years, she enjoyed hula dancing and travelling with her friends from Oregon Buddhist Temple.

In addition to her husband, Hiroshi, Setsu was preceded in death by her brothers Henry, Roy and Tom and sister Lillian. Survivors include her daughter, Toyoko Oguri, granddaughter Alisha Lewis and grandson Koji Lewis, all of New Jersey.

Donations are suggested to Oregon Buddhist Temple or Hiroshi Ueno Scholarship of OHSU Foundation 1121 SW Salmon St, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205 ([bit.ly/ohsu-ueno-fund](http://bit.ly/ohsu-ueno-fund)).

A memorial service will be held at the Oregon Buddhist Temple on November 19, at 4:30 pm.

## 2012 Memorial Chart

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2011	1 year	1996	17 year
2010	3 year	1988	25 year
2006	7 year	1980	33 year
2000	13 year	1963	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.*

## November Toban

Ando, Roberta	Choi, Randy
Fields, Ray	Fields, Yasuko
Fugate, Brenda	Fugate, Jerry
Garner, Ken	Garner, Maho
Harder, Diane	Ichikawa, Jayne
Ichikawa, Shinya	Inoue, Kay
Kinoshita, Ken	Kono, Kim
Liljeholm, Edward	Mishima, Kumiko
Monas, Tsuyako	Nakashima, Angie
Nakashima, Glen	Nasman, Keith
Nasman, Kerrie	Pawlowski, Clara
Pawlowski, Steve	

*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 theDharma*

*Words of Jean Matsumoto - 1995*



## ***New book in the library***

***Etsu Osaki***

**The Buddha's Call to Awaken: Shin Buddhist Views on the Crumbling of True Spiritual Values** by Monshu Koshin Ohtani, edited & published by American

Buddhist Study Center, New York, 2012, 145 pages.

This book is a translation from **Japanese Gu no Chikara**. The Gomonshu believes that with Japan's prosperity her spiritual values are crumbling. He says, "We think that the world is becoming gradually better and more convenient as the economy develops.... thinking how clever we are, though, gets the better of us when we forget all about our foolish side and actual limitations as human beings."

The Monshu takes quotes from Shinran's writings and enlarges on them in terms of today's living. "We are bombus, foolish beings. No matter how we study and try we cannot become like a Buddha." "We humans are part of all sentient beings neither better nor worse." "We put our complete trust in the Compassion of Amida Buddha."

There are copies available for sale in the OBT library.

## ***2013 OBT New Year Luncheon***

Please mark your calendars for January 6, 2013 and submit the form in this newsletter to reserve your meal for our New Year celebration. We honor those associated with the temple who are 80 years old and over to a complimentary lunch. Special guest of honor is Alice Sumida. The delicious bentos will be catered by Chef Yoshio Matsuzaki. Please submit forms by December 16.



## ***Scrip gives gift-giving easy***

***Ken Garner***

As we near the gift giving season, remember that scrip cards make great gifts. Scrip cards ship well and guarantee that

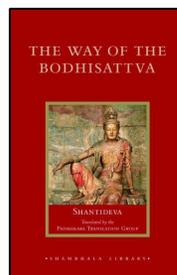
recipients will get a gift they want. You can also use scrip to make gift purchases. The proceeds support our temple at no additional cost to you. And as the tax year comes to an end, it is good to know that donations OBT receives as a result of scrip purchases are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. For example, if you buy a \$25 Lands End card (currently 17% contribution and redeemable at Sears), \$4.25 goes to OBT and you can claim a \$4.25 tax deduction. So you get full value for your scrip card, OBT benefits from your purchase, and you get a tax deduction. The more you buy, the more deductions you can claim. These tax deductions add up quickly and all at NO NET COST TO YOU. We are tracking purchases by family and at year end will have your tax deductible amount calculated and available at your request.

There are over 700 vendors who participate in the scrip program so chances are good that you will find scrip for someplace where you normally shop. Visit the Dharma

Store/Scrip Sales a table downstairs after service on Sunday to see the full list of vendors and the current bonuses in effect and to place an order. We will gladly answer.

## ***OBT readers' club***

***Wednesday November 14, 2012 7:00 - 8:30 pm***



Treasured by Buddhists of all traditions, The Way of the Bodhisattva (Bodhicharyavatara) by Shantideva, is a guide to cultivating the mind of enlightenment and to generating the qualities of love, compassion, generosity, and patience. This text has been studied,

practiced, and expounded upon in an unbroken tradition for centuries. Presented in the form of a personal meditation in verse, it outlines the path of the Bodhisattvas—those who renounce the peace of individual enlightenment and vow to work for the liberation of all beings and to attain buddhahood for their sake.

The next meeting of the OBT Readers' Club will be held on Wednesday November 14, 2012 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Lucky Lab Brew Pub, located at 915 SE Hawthorne, Portland, OR. We will be discussing The Way of the Bodhisattva. The book is available from our on-line bookstore in hardcopy or Kindle format (<http://astore.amazon.com/oregbuddtemp-20/detail/1590306147>). It may also be available at your local bookstore or public library. The OBT Readers' Club meets monthly normally on the 3rd Wednesday but due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in November. All are welcome.



## ***The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention Ann Shintani Winner***

The Convention will be hosted by the White River Buddhist Temple in Washington, the weekend of Feb. 15-17, 2013. This year's theme is, "Where Am I?" and was chosen as it seems to be relevant to our everyday lives -- the convention workshops will explore that question from a Buddhist perspective. The convention is an annual retreat in a large hotel. The activities (seminars, meetings, large services, fun activities, and food) will largely take place in that location. White River Buddhist Temple, located in Auburn, WA, has a new resident minister, Rev. Koshin Ogui, who recently retired from being the Buddhist Churches of America bishop, which sounds exciting! We have not yet heard, but the registration fee for adults is usually around \$100 per person, and does not include lodging, some meals, or transportation. We will not rent a bus this year, but encourage families and members to carpool. Please contact Ann Shintani if you are able to provide carpooling, or are seeking a ride. The registration deadline is usually late in

December, which is a hectic time of the year for most of us, so since I will be our temple's registration coordinator with White River, please help me stay on top of this. Thanks!

## **Japanese American graduation banquet, May 5th, 2013**

**Elaine Yuzuriha**

Attention families of 2013 Japanese American high school seniors: the Japanese American community scholarships, awarded each May, requires that each applicant or his or her parents be a member of one of the eleven sponsoring community organizations before the

application is due in early March. This deadline to become a member was October 15<sup>th</sup>. Oregon Buddhist Temple is one of the sponsoring organizations for the Sunday, May 5, 2013 annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet. There are other requirements, please check the Portland JACL website ([www.pdxjacl.org](http://www.pdxjacl.org)) for more information.

If you have a Japanese American high school senior, or if you know a JA senior who is graduating in 2012, please contact Elaine Yuzuriha, (350) 253-9521, so that the senior's name may be added to the Graduation committee's invitation list. It is a great way to honor your student and meet other members of the Japanese American community. Check out the Portland Japanese American Graduation page on Facebook for pictures of past graduation banquets.

### **Oregon Buddhist Temple Donations received in September 2012**

#### **In memory of Josephine Uyeda**

Sherri Lee  
Jerry Uyeda  
Jan Kato  
JoAnne Kato  
Johnny Uyeda  
Jean Matsumoto  
Amy Peterson

#### **Minoru Takemoto 3rd year memorial**

May Takemoto

#### **In memory of Earl T. Nakashima**

James & Judith Nakashima

#### **Fumiko Kida 7th year memorial**

Alice Kida  
Lew & Jean Tomita  
Mitchell, Emma, Alexandra Tomita

#### **Chiyoko Yoshihara 7th yr memorial**

Aiko Odate  
Grace Aoki

#### **In memory of Esther Wannakaker**

David Wright

#### **Kimie Ikeda 7th year memorial**

#### **Kaneo Ikeda 13th year memorial**

Fusako Ikeda

#### **Fusaye Nishikawa, Shotaro Nishikawa**

#### **50th year memorial**

Teruko Nishikawa

#### **In memory of Yoshiko Yasutome**

Amy Peterson

#### **In memory of Patsy Abe**

**In memory of Phyllis Muramatsu**  
Shoun & Grace Ishikawa

#### **Lotus Circle**

Alice Kida & Tomita Family  
Jean Tateishi  
Angela & Glenn Nakashima  
Terri & Tom Carrollo

Ami Kinoshita

Carolyn J. Saiget

Misako Kodama

Amy Peterson

Dana Kakishita

#### **Special donations**

Alice Kida (newsletter)  
Yoko Muramatsu  
Portland Hyakudokai (facility use)  
Portland Japanese Women's Club  
(facility use)

Dana Kakishita

Tom Hanzlik

Philip L. Kollas

Joann H. Ng (via United Way)

Janet Wong & Steve Hay

(In honor of Jerry Koike)

#### **Ohigan**

Anonymous (2)

Kimiko Iwamoto

Tadakazu & Michiko Kumashiro

Nobuko & Hisashi Fujinaka

Lily Meiners

Richard & Ethel Hedlund

Shoun & Grace Ishikawa

Ami Kinoshita

Ben & Sumie Ishida

#### **Ohigan**

Sahomi Tachibana

Susan Endecott

Fumiko Okubo

Shizue Sugihara

May Kasahara

Henry & Eulia Mishima

Richard & Kumiko Mishima

Kayoko Kaye

Sumiko Ikata

Kan & Miyeko Yagi

Jean Matsumoto

Fumi Saito

Chiho Okita

Carolyn J. Saiget

Nobuko Uyetake

Joseph & Lora Wahl

Alan Kasubuchi

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Sunday January 6, 2013**

*Come celebrate the New Year  
10:00 a.m. service & 11:30 a.m. party*

*Bentos by Chef Yoshio Matsuzaki  
\$15 per person*

**Special Guest of Honor, Alice Sumida and  
Elder Members 80 years old and over will  
receive complimentary meals.**

*Everyone is encouraged to bring their grandparents, children, and friends young and old.  
An alternative lunch will be provided for children not ordering the bento.  
Please preorder your bento using the form below. Deadline: December 16, 2012*

**OBT New Year's Service & Luncheon**

Participant's name (please print)	Check if 80 and over	Participant's name (please print)	Check if 80 and over
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\_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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