

Message of June 23 9:27 am Reverend Yuki Sugahara

Hi everyone,

Again, thank you very much for the wonderful six years. The pandemic was a tough experience, but I feel that the experience made us work and bring in new ideas. It is great that our YouTube channel became one of the BCA channels who have the most subscribers and it is unfortunate that the number does not reflect the growth of membership.

Anyway, the Sugahara family left Portland yesterday. Namiko, Aoi and Hikaru are going to Japan from June 27 and they are not going back to Portland. But I will be back to Portland on July 5-6 to load everything up and move.

I have some stuff and some work to do in the office so I will return the key on July 5 or 6.

Thanks
Gassho,
Yuki



Charles Reneau OBT President

Past, Present, and Future

You may have seen the bumper sticker that says “Now is all you have.” That might be true, but let's see if we can break that down into three parts for sake of clarity!

Farewell:

I'm pleased to report that our Farewell Party for Rev. Sugahara and his family was a great success. We enjoyed delicious food, hilarious entertainment, and great company. The occasion was bittersweet, but I think we bid Yuki Sensei a good farewell, in an appropriately happy manner. He has begun moving to Sacramento, but will still need to come back up to Portland this summer, to finish the move.

Obon:

Obon, Obon, its festival time! For the whole month of July, our small army of dedicated volunteers will be working hard to prepare for our Obon Festival. We'll celebrate our Hatsubon Service on Sunday, July 23rd, and have our Festival on Saturday, August 5th. Please consider volunteering to help out.

Here are some areas where we can always use more volunteers:

- The Construction Crew will set up Friday and Saturday morning, and strike on Sunday morning
- Our cooks will be working mostly Friday and Saturday
- Our Food Booths and Beer Garden will have shifts running all Saturday afternoon and evening

Please contact Coordinators Marilyn Achterman and Robbi Ando if you have questions or would like to step up and help.

The Gate: We will begin locking our new gates on Monday, July 3. Charley will lead gate policy and operation training sessions for key holders, and distribute gate remotes this weekend:

- Saturday, July 1 (drop in from 9am to 11am)
- Sunday, July 2 (after service)

Please contact Charley or Cathy if you have any questions.

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Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.



Welcome Rev. Koyama

Our new Supervising Minister, Rev. Tadao Koyama, will be joining us for the first time this month. It's always a treat to get to know a new minister, and we should have ample opportunity, because we'll be seeing Rev. Koyama

monthly in this new role.

Here's a little more about Rev. Koyama: He is from Sacramento, and studied acting in high school and Japanese History at UC Santa Cruz (go, Banana Slugs!). After college, he worked as a field representative for California Assembly member Mariko Yamada, and began studying under Rev. Sugahara. He became a Minister's Assistant, and received Tokudo ordination in 2014.

He continued his studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, and then at the Hongwanji seminary in Kyoto. He holds the distinction of being the first North American-born minister to receive Nishi Hongwanji's specialized chanting and ritual license.

Rev. Koyama has been the Resident Minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple since August, 2020. He is married to Cyndi Yasaki, who herself received Tokudo ordination in 2019. He enjoys practicing Aikido.

Please join me in welcoming them both to our Sangha!



Welcome to our Obonfest 2023

Marilyn Achterman

Did you know 'Obonfest' started with Mr. Herb Osaki 40 years ago? Before the 1980s, the Sangha Danced with Joy amongst themselves. Now, we Dance with Joy with hundreds of lively participants from the greater community. This is hundreds of people visiting the temple experiencing the teachings and the warmth our Sangha has to offer.

Remember when the first shaved ice machine arrived. Remember when we opened our omiyage shop to everyone's delight. Remember our first temple talk with Reverend Julie. Remember our first beer garden. This feels like ancient history. Now, we have delicate swaying lanterns, taiko performances, kimonos galore, puppet shows, corn on the cob and manju.

This year we are introducing a teen scene, haiku and senryu poetry, new shave ice toppings, a delicious teriyaki sauce and book offerings.

We are following our motto of 'family and friends'. Many booths last year were cheerfully run by our extended families and friends. Let's keep this tradition, as well as reaching out to other temples, community groups and 'grown up' dharma school students. Traditionally, Obon is a time to 'Return Home'. Let's create a gathering of joy and warmth for our families and friends to Return Home to Oregon Buddhist Temple.



OBON "Shopping List" Sponsors

Carole Saiget



It is easy to say that our OBON is our temple's biggest public even and fundraiser. Everyone has to put in a lot of time and hard work. The large crowd is a good opportunity for us to fundraise. To help defray expenses, we hope you will consider donating the cost of something(s) off of our shopping list. There are 3 blue folders circulating around the temple. Please consider adding your name to one of the lists, thus agreeing to donate the cost of the item.

If you have any questions please contact Carol Saiget

(carolyn.saiset@gmail.com) or 503 319-1619)



July Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of July. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the July 16 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.

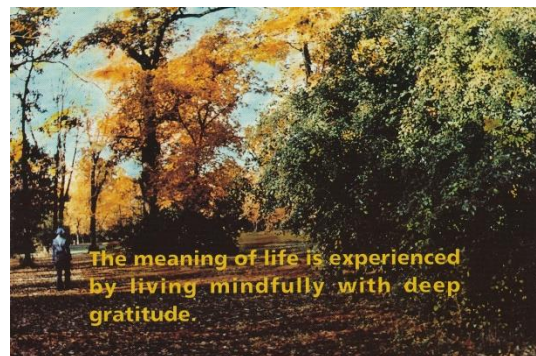
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Allen, Akiko 7/17/1988	Kato, Josephine 7/23/1986	Sasaki, Mine 7/1/1964 *
Aoki, Masao 7/7/1999	Kawachi, Masaru 7/4/1969	Sasaki, Sam Osamu 7/6/1997
Azuma, U 7/25/1967	Kinoshita, Kazuo 7/31/2004	Sasaki, Yayeno 7/7/1978 *
Boggs, Mabel Kiku 7/10/2011	Kinoshita, Kyuzo 7/30/1950	Sato, Lury 7/30/2019
Franklin, Diane 7/6/2013	Kobayashi, Tooru 7/8/1970	Scapple, Karen R 7/25/2011
Fujimoto, Motozo 7/2/1961	Kunishige, Sanshichi 7/4/1955	Shimamoto, Judy 7/22/1997
Fukumoto, Tokuichi 7/4/1955	Kurihara, Frank 7/27/1976	Shimamoto, Shoji 7/15/1975
Furukawa, George 7/29/1991	Kurihara, Irene 7/14/2016	Shimooka, Sajiro 7/1/1951
Gekko, Elaine 7/31/2004	Kurihara, Mary 7/22/1983 *	Shiraishi, Fred S 7/15/1986
Hamada, George S 7/14/2014	Matsumiya, Isaburo 7/1/1951	Shiraishi, Yasokichi 7/17/1976
Hasuike, James 7/7/1995	Mori, Kinoye 7/29/1994	Sumino, Ruby Y 7/21/2009
Hatago, Ken (Kenny) 7/6/2003	Mukaiida, Tomeji 7/19/1976	Sunamoto, Tomo 7/23/2013*
Hatori, Toki 7/7/1983	Muramatsu, Tatsutaro 7/18/1962	Tachibana, Joe S 7/10/1966
Hikida, Tokujio 7/6/1952	Murase, Robert 7/18/2005	Takeuchi, Hiroshi 7/10/2013
Hirata, Frank M 7/27/1975	Murazen, Yone 7/3/1998 *	Takeuchi, Masao 7/13/1967
Hokari, Torizo 7/22/1951	Naemura, Seki 7/19/1987*	Takeuchi, Yae 7/6/1971 *
Honda, Misao 7/16/1992 *	Nakazawa, Tsugio 7/29/1999	Toya, Kaguma 7/27/1968
Ichiba, Uye 7/17/1988	Niimi, Shigeru 7/17/1960	Toya, Yone 7/20/1968 *
Ikata, Hitoshi Joe 7/11/1997	Okubo, Shigenobu 7/25/1987	Yasui, Hokari, S 7/21/1955
Iwasaki, George 7/10/2009	Onchi, Miyu 7/11/1974 *	Yonemura, Sumi 7/12/2002
Iwasaki, Enzo 7/14/1963	Ouchida, Rose 7/5/2011	Yoshida, Bud M 7/18/1992
Iwashita, Hajime 7/10/1963	Ouchida, Shizuka 7/23/1968*	

*OBWA member

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2023 Memorial Services			
Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2022	1 Year	2007	17 Year
2021	3 Year	1999	25 Year
2017	7 Year	1991	33 Year
2011	13 Year	1974	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Reverend Tadao Koyama at 253 627-1417 or info@tacomabt.org



From Reverend Kubose's BUDDHISM The Path of Enlightenment

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association
Marilyn Huh



Greetings this Solstice from the Oregon Buddhist Women's Association! Although we did not have a formal meeting in June, OBWA members and others will be packing food for the Oregon Food Bank and lunching together at the Kennedy School on Saturday, June 24.

May and June have been very busy: a number of our members were able to attend the World Buddhist Women's Association Convention in Kyoto, where they could sing—and experience!—"Gassho from the Heart." We expect many stories and much inspiration from this trip in the months to follow. Here at home the OBWA was instrumental in putting together Yuki Sensei's farewell party, which drew about 130 Dharma friends and will itself become a cherished memory.

Obon Festival preparations are kicking into full gear. Food chair Robbi Ando and non-food chair Marilyn Achterman are as dynamic a duo as one could ask for when it comes to Obon. Please see either or both if you have a question, suggestion or pair of willing hands.

Each month I am reminded anew of how much the Women's Association is a repository of talent as well as of friendship. So many women who can do so many different kinds of things well—and are delighted to share their knowledge! OBWA provides opportunities for sustained and meaningful engagement, even as its activities lighten the heart. Please know you are welcome at our next meeting, on Saturday, July 15, at 10:00 AM on Zoom. Husbands, family members, friends etc. are also invited.

Next month's reporter is Nancy Kajitsu.

only time offered. If you have a scout associated with the temple and would like them to complete this patch please email gstroop43720obt@gmail.com for more information and to register. Cost for the patch is \$3.50 and \$2.50 for the year rocker.



A Beautiful Saturday Afternoon
Robbi Ando



It was a warm, blue-sky Saturday afternoon when 18 OBT Sangha members and a few others from the Portland community met at the Oregon Food Bank on June 24th. We spent two and a half hours packing pears and enjoying each other's company. The result is others will be less hungry in the days ahead. Only ending hunger could be more beautiful. The Food Bank staff estimated we packed an astounding 6 tons of pears! Many thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and to the Oregon Buddhist Women's Association for sponsoring the opportunity to serve.

Girl Scouts
Amy Peterson



June was a busy month planning for our end of the year bridging and court of awards. We are sad to see Aoi leave for Sacramento, but her new troop is waiting for her arrival. I'm sure she'll sell a lot of cookies down there.

Then on Thurs. 15th we delivered our gift of caring to our charity Ikoi No Kai both cookies and cash donation. We are taking a short break but will have a meeting now that Obon is approaching. Chris Dart has agreed to help us with our BCA Scouting badge for Obon requirements. This badge is for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Campfire. It will be Sunday July 16th at 12:15 pm in the temple basement. This will be the



Obon Volunteers Needed

Robbi Ando

We all enjoy being a part of our annual Obon Festival with performances, activities, temple talks, folk dances, and delicious food. As you know this is an all-volunteer effort. Your generous volunteer support and that of your family and friends bring the community together for this meaningful, significant, joyous day.

Register on Sign-Up Genius, share the link, and recruit others to join you in this community effort. This is the link <https://bit.ly/Obon2023Volunteers>

Thank you for choosing a shift or two. We promise fun and friendship.

Please reach out to Jayne Ichikawa (jayneichi@gmail.com) or Marilyn Achterman (msachterman@gmail.com) or Robbi Ando (rchando@comcast.net) if there are general questions or concerns.

**Oregon Buddhist Temple
May 2023 Donations**

In memory of Susie Saito Toyoji

Scott & Lynn Grannan
Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa

***In memory of Lulu Lee, Kay Toyooka
and Fumie Toyooka***

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Kojiro Yoshida 50th year memorial

Anonymous

SHOTSUKI HOYO

In memory of Mitsuko Hasuike

Betty Hasuike Young

In memory of Grace Hasuike

Betty Hasuike Young

In memory of Susanne Sasaki Myers

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Anonymous

In memory of Jean Matsunaga

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In memory of Sam Iwamoto

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SHOTSUKI HOYO (continued)

Kiyomi dickenson

In memory of May Takemoto

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Gotan-e

Ann Shintani & Scott Winner
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Gotan-e (continued)

Diane Ando Harder
Anonymous
Katie Tamiyasu
Etsuko Osaki

2023 Annual Pledge

Lisa D. Anderson
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***Monthly/quarterly/semi-
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All individuals who make a pledge will be listed as a Supporter of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

For Individuals who pledge \$300 or more:

- A portion of your pledge will be forwarded to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) for BCA membership
- Eligible to be nominated to be on the Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of Directors
- Eligible to vote for the Board of Directors and other issues that are presented at the General Meeting

I will pledge for 2023, the amount of \$ _____

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In gratitude for your support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple

OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE
OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN ORDER FORM OBONFEST 2023



White lantern \$25 for each new lantern *Please use one form for each NEW lantern.*

Deceased _____
First Name Last Name

_____ Check here ___ If not by OBT.
Japanese Version/ Buddhist Name

_____ CAT/DOG/ _____
Date of death Please note if pet

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\$25 for each new lantern

Red Lantern _____
Living, Family, Organization, Business, etc.

_____ Japanese version

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REHANG \$15 for each rehang example _1_ Oregon Buddhist Temple _

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DONOR NAME _____ **Phone** _____ **Email** _____

If you are unsure of all of your lanterns, please email obtlanterns@gmail.com to request a list of your previously purchased lanterns.

Pay by cash, check or online donation. DEADLINE Aug 3rd, 2023

Garden Party
Marilyn Achterman



The tradition carries on. Cheri Yoshida, daughter of Jimmy and Maryann Yoshida was seen in the temple garden along with our dedicated gardeners; Michael Ishii and Bill Tanaka. Jimmy and Carl Yoshida for many years lovingly cared for the temple grounds. These memories and ambitions spirited Cheri to pick up a pair of clippers and expertly trim two bushes last Sunday. It is contagious. Let's all bring our clippers and beautify our temple grounds on Sunday, July 16th immediately following service. We promise a delicious lunch and camaraderie with the Sangha.

The below article appeared in the Rogue Valley Times, Wednesday June 7, 2023

OSF (Oregon Shakespeare Festival) announces appointment of interim executive director

Former Adobe executive, Ashland resident Tyler Hokama to lead business and financial operations effective immediately

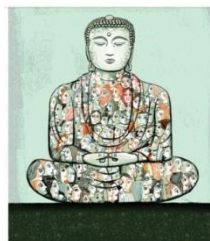
[OSF announces appointment of interim executive director | Local&State | rv-times.com](https://www.local52.com/news/osf-announces-appointment-of-interim-executive-director/)



Tyler Hokama

Tyler, a former Dharma School participant, is the son of OBT member Pat Hokama and her husband the late Tom Hokama

Jeff Wilson is a *Tricycle* contributing editor, an author, a Shin Buddhist priest, and a professor of Asian studies at Renison



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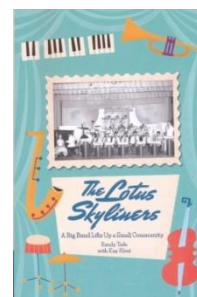
Born Together with All Beings

By Jeff Wilson

In Shin Buddhism, “inner togetherness” refers to the natural bonds we share with other beings and the empathy we feel towards those who are suffering. Shin Buddhist priest Jeff Wilson considers how this philosophy can help us awaken to a felt experience of togetherness in our everyday lives.

New Book in the OBT Library

Check it out.



Hi Everyone Chris Dart

Another Obon and another year of dancing in the parking lot, under the setting sun and moonlight. Our first practice is July 18th, at 7 pm in the basement and all practices will be zoomed for those who can't make it. Rather than go through all the info, I am going to include the links to our website. Maho and I have been busy updating and that will be followed by more dance instruction videos so keep checking back. <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-festival> main page; <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/bon-odorifor> practice info; <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-dance> this year's dance list and videos; and <https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/obon-dance-list> for all the dances since 1990. Underlined names are a link to a pdf of information.

See you dancing. Chris sensei
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Obon address to get to me 😊

Saturday Photos June 17, 2023



Sunday Photos June 18, 2023

