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A time to be thankful

Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs

Major cultural holidays are like the seasons. They sweep us up and carry us along whether we want them to or not. We can't help but be touched by the beautiful change of leaves in the Fall. We needn't resist the spirit of these three big cultural holidays that come as the year wraps up here in the USA, either. We just finished celebrating my favorite of the three, Halloween. Next month there will be another big holiday that I will speak about in my Dharma message near the end of this month. In November, of course, we celebrate Thanksgiving, - a holiday that tells you what it is about in its very name.

There is only one thing more valuable than thankfulness, that is the awareness that we are being benefited. For the deep matter, that we are guaranteed Enlightenment under the auspices of Amida's Pure Land, we need to be made to see. Only the compassion of the Buddha will open our eyes to the fact that the Vow of Universal Liberation [Hongwan] will make all our dreams come true. However, for the many concrete benefits we do have in our lives, we just have to notice. We have to take the time to notice the goodness already flowing into our lives.

Although my son, Sho, is a key player, I miss most of the Grant J-V soccer games because I am taking Ren to his soccer practice at the same time. Last week I did watch Sho's team play Madison and was able to see him make a number of brilliant moves including one assist and one goal. I really enjoyed the game. Of course, if I were able to see their games twice a week I would probably take them more for granted.

I do see more of my younger son's games, so I have to slow myself down and take time to appreciate those opportunities. I am amazed at what skilled athletes both of my boys have grown to be. The fact that they are both, pretty much, straight "A" students I often take for granted. I was not an athlete in my youth, so it is natural that I am impressed to see my sons kick goals in soccer games. They have always been bright and so I was not surprised that they have been doing so well in school. I

have to slow myself down and make a point of thanking them, from time to time, for their seriousness in their studies.

Having lived most of my life in California, I do not take the (relatively) clean water and air here in Portland for granted. I am grateful. I am grateful for all the good and loyal friends we have made here over the past 13 years. I never took it for granted that many here would appreciate my approach to teaching the Buddha-dharma. It still pleases me very much when someone compliments one of the Dharma-messages I deliver on Sundays.

What is there in your life that you are taking for granted? As Rev. Kojo Kakihara mentioned in the Dharma message he gave in Japanese for Ohigan last month: You cannot feel "arigatai" [grateful] if you are already feeling atari mae [that this should be granted to you]. So, ... what is there in our lives that we are failing to appreciate? For you it may be very different than it is for me. Even so, we each would do well to think seriously about the positive things and nurturing people in our lives. If we take the trouble to slow down and notice the goodness in our lives, we will be grateful. ... We will be thankful. Please have a very happy Thanksgiving later this month.

Gassho,
Gregory Gibbs

November Highlights

- Nov 2, 1 pm: OBWA Past Members Memorial Service
- Nov 9, 12:15 pm: Girl Scouts Meeting
- Nov 14, 7 pm: OBT Board Meeting
- Nov 15, 9:30 am: OBWA Meeting; 11:30 am: Aging Wisely: Prevention of Falls
- Nov 16, 10 am: Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service, followed by a Potluck Lunch
- Nov 19, 7 pm: OBT Readers Club
- Nov 22, 10 am to 4 pm: OBT Holiday Craft Fair
- Nov 23: Open Classroom after Dharma Service
- Nov 23, 12:15 pm: Girl Scouts Meeting

"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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President's message

Scott Winner, OBT President

After an epic long summer, we are finally transitioning into more traditional fall weather. Warm sunny weather is great, but I also like the more traditional Oregon weather. And this fall we do

have a number of projects planned. You may have noticed a new dumpster. The new dumpster is half the size of the old one. Being smaller, it will be less of an eye sore and easier to move around.

We are also still collecting money (~\$200) to cover to costs of installing a bike rack. Please consider making a special "Bike Rack" donation so we can move forward on this project. Thanks donors!

On the garden maintenance side, we are making plans to remove the grass from the slope on the back of the temple. This grass is very difficult to maintain. The idea is to remove the grass and replace it with a ground cover clover that doesn't need to be mowed and will serve as a weed suppressor. The cover was developed at OSU to serve as a lawn replacement.

Also this fall the Board is working to update our Board Member's Handbook. Our goal is to have this project finalized before the new Board members take office in January. It has been a while since the it was updated. But we made some good progress at our October Board meeting. We will be back at it in November.

Also in November on the 22nd, we will be having our second Craft Fair. This is a great funding opportunity for OBT, so I hope everyone turns out to check out all the fantastic crafts that will be available. That's it for this month, I hope everyone has a spooky Halloween.

Current OBT Board of Directors

Term Ending 2016: Susan Endecott, Al Ono, Amy Peterson, Charlie Reneau (Vice President)

Term Ending 2015: Marilyn Achterman, Angie Hughes, Craig Yanase, Ray Fukunaga

Term Ending 2014: Ken Garner, Yoshi Ono, David Wright, Scott Winner (President)

OBT Board Nominations, Elections

The temple is now taking nominations for members to serve on the board of directors for the 3 year term from 2015 through 2017. The nominee must be an OBT member in good standing (OBT dues paid) and be willing to be listed on the upcoming ballot and to serve the temple for the full term if elected. Four members are to be elected, joining the 8 that will continue on the board. Outgoing directors are Ken Garner, Yoshi Ono, Scott Winner, and David Wright. We will need to know your intent to nominate or run by November 2. Ballots will be mailed out November 9, and are due by December 6. Election of 2015 officers will take place at the December 12 board meeting.



Sukiyaki Bazaar wrap up

Elaine Yuzuriha

We had lovely weather for the October 5th Sukiyaki Bazaar, and a great turn out for the event. I would like to thank the many members and friends who came to help and who stayed at their post even after their shift was over. I would like to especially thank

the chairs of the different parts of the bazaar, Etsu Osaki and Jayne Ichikawa for sukiyaki, Judy Yamauchi, Amy Peterson, and Kiyomi Dickinson for chow mein, Marilyn and Mark Achterman for chicken bento, Ann Shintani Winner for snack bar, Brenda Fugate and Cathy Shikatani for the omiyage shop, Jean Matsumoto, Philip Kollas, and John Peterson for plant and produce sale. The plants and produce brought in more than they have in years, and Jean was thankful not to have to be wrapped in blankets as she usually is for her stint outside.

I would also like to thank Judy Yamauchi and friends for the calligraphy display, Sahomi Tachibana and friends for ikebana, Jerry Koike for treasurer help, Todd Yuzuriha for pre-orders, Etsu Osaki, Jean Matsumoto, and June Shiigi for the volunteer list, and Sahomi Tachibana and Frank Hrubant for help with the display about Sahomi Tachibana's career. All the displays were terrific, and so many enjoyed viewing them in the calm atmosphere of the hondo.

Much gratitude goes out to Ko and Eileen Ota of Ota Tofu for donating the tofu, Chris Koida for the plants from Koida Nursery, Pam Oja for the produce, Amy Peterson and Ernie Takeda for the matsutake, Yoshi Ono, Amy Peterson, Marilyn Achterman and Scott Winner for set up and take down. Todd and Joy Yuzuriha and Yoshi Ono for selling the tickets, rice cookers Stan Shiigi, Herb Osaki, and Rich Koyama, thank you to all for doing such a great job. I know there are so many out there, the dishwashers, waitresses, and bus boys, I should be thanking because they worked so hard, so I apologize for not listing everyone here! I really do appreciate everyone's help, especially Rev. Gibbs for being around to do any odd job that needed doing. As you see, it takes an entire congregation to get this done, and I am grateful to have willing and kind friends to go to for help. This temple belongs to all of us and I hope it will be around for another 111 years!



Alice Sumida, Setsy and Chip Larouche, and friends enjoyed the food at our Fall Sukiyaki Bazaar. First time volunteer Adam Bard on right.



Dharma school news

Ann Shintani

BAKE SALE THANK YOU! Matsutake rice balls, chocolate spiders, and apple strudel, oh my! We are grateful for the volunteers, donations, and support that was given to the bake sale table. Terri Carrollo and Midori, Amy P, Cathy Shikatani, Ann Shintani and Mika, Beebee Tan-Beck (and friend, Lisa), and Joy, Elaine and Todd Yuzuriha (their exchange student helped with table set up) made goodies in the kitchen. Jayne Ichikawa, Setsy and Chip Larouche, Cathy Shikatani, Katie Tamiyasu, and Ann Shintani donated baked items. Alyssa Ono and friend Ally L, Beebee, Ann and Mika, Michi Stoeller, and Lauren and Brian Yanase, and Adam Ward and Jenna Yokoyama helped during the bake sale.

ONLC TOUR. On Oct. 12, a few families and the temple's Troop 43720 toured the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center exhibit, "Art Behind Barbed Wire". Todd Mayberry, Director of Collectors and Exhibits, and volunteer Jere Okada were there to share the exhibit (which has been extend through mid-Nov).

Items included those on loan from our Sangha: handmade furniture of Richard Koyama's father and grandfather; a performance mask made of a sugar beet used by Sahomi Tachibana, and small geta shoes, made by Jean Matsumoto and Alice Ando's father (Kametaro Matsumoto). The exhibit was very well done and tells of the people who made them and their experiences. We asked the students to consider the Buddhist concept of the six paramitas (or perfections) when thinking about this exhibit. The six paramitas are practices for a more wholesome life: Giving, Discipline, Patience, Effort, Reflection, and Wisdom.

We will be visiting our elders on Oct. 26th. Please dress up in your Halloween costumes for visitation. We'll leave right after the Dharma talk and return around noon. We will have refreshments for the students. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact one of the teachers.

On Nov. 2nd in preparation for Eitaikyo we'll be visiting the Konko Church. We will meet at their church 1330 SE 92nd Ave at 9:45 AM. If you'd like to join us please speak with one of the teachers.

Teachers are Amy Peterson, Ann Shintani, Marilyn Achterman or Elaine Yuzuriha.

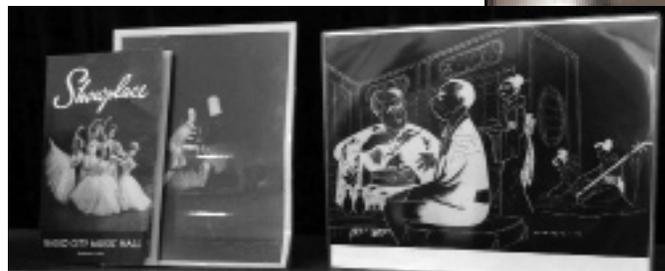
Special Tribute to the Dance Career of Sahomi Tachibana

Exhibit and Photos by Elaine and Todd Yuzuriha

Right: A young Sahomi Tachibana



Madame Sahomi Tachibana



Sahomi at Radio Music Hall (left) and Broadway (right)



Sahomi's second career in Portland, 1991



Sahomi with lion shishi head dress



OBWA news

Jayne Ichikawa

Fall has arrived and OBWA members energetically greeted October by supporting and participating with their dedicated help to make the annual OBT

Sukiyaki Bazaar a great success on Oct.

5th. Food preparation for the chow mein began on Oct. 2 and continued throughout the weekend with preparations for the sukiyaki and chicken bento. Other important features of the bazaar included items from the gift shop and produce/plants sale and creative displays such as the ikebana and calligraphy for the attendees to enjoy. Co-chairs for the sukiyaki (320 serving were prepared) were Etsu Osaki and Jayne Ichikawa; co-chairs for chow mein (515 boxes were prepared) were Judy Yamauchi and Amy Peterson; and coordinator for the chicken bento (over 232 were prepared) was Marilyn Achterman. The friendly leadership and experienced knowledge of Elaine Yuzuriha who was in charge of this bazaar was marvelous. We thank everyone for their time and efforts! It was an awesome presentation of teamwork and cooperation for our temple.

On October 10-12, June and Stan Shiigi and Jayne Ichikawa attended the BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference in Irvine, CA. The life stories of nine very special guest speakers related to the conference theme, "Sharing Our Life Stories as Buddhist." An informative report will be written in next month's temple newsletter.

After the OBWA October 18th meeting, an Aging Wisely Presentation on Estate Planning was presented by Lynn Tamiyasu Lee. (Katie Tamiyasu's sister-in-law) at 11:30pm. Valuable and informative information were presented.

Looking ahead to November: On Nov. 2, at 1:00pm the OBWA Past Members Memorial Service will be held. At this service families who lost their relatives/friends in 2013 will be sent an invitation to attend. OBWA will always cherish and remember our deceased family members/friends who followed the path of the nembutsu for us to respect and honor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Nov. 15, the Aging Wisely: Prevention of Falls will be presented at 11:30pm. This presentation has been rescheduled from Sept 27. The public is invited.

Please contact co-presidents June Shiigi, juneshiigi@gmail.com and/or Jayne Ichikawa, jayneichi@gmail.com if you are interested in joining OBWA. We welcome women and men of all ages!



The Third Annual Women in Buddhism Conference at the Seattle Buddhist Temple "To Think of the Buddha is to be Thought of by the Buddha"

Wendy Wyant

Early Saturday, September 20, 2014, I left for Seattle with friends from the OBT to hear retired Reverend Midori Kondo, speak about the Nembutsu in One's Life and women in Buddhism who have influenced her; Sierra Lee-Brenner, licensed mental health counselor and board certified therapist, whose topic was mandala, a contemplative expression, with a focus on Buddhism; and Reverend Carol O'Dowd whose topic was Worthy Buddhist Women.

I am quite new to Shin Buddhism and therefore, was very intrigued when Reverend Kondo spoke of the letters Shinran Shonin's wife, Eshin-ni, wrote to their daughter, Kakushin-ni and the impact their discovery had on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. I believe Reverend Kondo mentioned that the letters were found in the early 1900s wrapped around a tea cup! You may refer to the website <http://web.mit.edu/stclair/www/eshinni-letters.html> for translations of 3 of the letters. I was interested to read that, "The existence of Eshin-ni was not officially recognized until 1921 with the discovery of Eshin-ni's letters to her daughter, Kakushin-ni. Until this discovery, there were those in Japan who discounted Shinran's marriage, those who doubted the existence of Eshin-ni, and those who even doubted the existence of Shinran. Eshin-ni's letters served to clarify all these disbeliefs."

Sierra Lee-Brenner had us participate in an art exercise. "When one endeavors to make art, a mark one creates on a black surface serves as an affirmation of one's courage to have a relationship with the unknown." We were given lotus "seeds" cut from paper on which we wrote characteristics we would like to cultivate. We then tossed them into a lotus "pond" to germinate. She spoke of compassion and reminded us that compassion is not just for other people but for ourselves, as well. We also created our own Mandala.

Reverend O'Dowd paired us up for a "listening" exercise to become aware of different ways of actively listening - with body language, eye-to-eye contact, leaning forward, facial expressions, asking questions, and so on. She told a poignant story of going to see her son and other young people do a form of dance called popping. She had anticipated being unwelcomed among the dancers. Instead she was asked by her son's friends to come to their respective circles to watch them dance - giving them her attention - and this lasted until the wee hours of the morning.

OBWA ANNUAL PAST MEMBERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

This annual memorial service will be held Sunday, November 2 at 1:00 pm at the Oregon Buddhist Temple. This year the following past members will be honored: Mary Okita, Fumi Okubo and Lenora Reiko Tanaka. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

November 2014 Donations to Oregon Buddhist Women's Association

- Fukunaga Family, in appreciation of daughter Kristi's Youth Exchange trip to Japan
- Hamada Family, in memory of Mr. George Hamada
- Anonymous Donor

OBWA gratefully acknowledges these kind donations.



Lotus Circle - November

Jean Matsumoto

Following a lovely long summer, fall returns with glorious colors of red, orange, gold and yellow flowers for our onaijin (altar) and OBT is grateful to the ladies of our Flower Toban who faithfully arrange

them so artistically for us each week. Gratitude is extended to those members of the Lotus Circle who provide the funds for the purchase of the beautiful flowers in memory of loved ones. This is one way of making certain that those who are responsible for our Buddhist heritage are not forgotten. Donations are being made in November by:

- November 2 – Kiyomi Dickinson in memory of (imo) her father, Yoshio Kitagawa; Jean Matsumoto imo father,

Kametaro

- November 9 – Janice Okamoto imo parents, Henry and Ayame Matsunaga, and sisters Nancy Sakuragi and Jeannie Matsunaga; Misao Minagi imo husband, Eddie Yoneo
- November 16 – Angie Nakashima imo mother, Clara Okita; Grace Ishikawa imo mother, Toki Tachibana
- November 23 – Yasuko Fields imo mother, Tomoko Maekawa; Grace Aoki imo her dear friend, Chiyoko Yoshihara
- November 30 – Etsu Osaki imo parents, Reverend Tatsuya and Yasashi Ichikawa.

Remember that there is a Lotus Circle webpage set up by Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) where information, memories, pictures of loved ones, etc, can be shared. For further information, call 503-280-2463 or e-mail jamatsumoto@gmail.com.

November 2014 Donations to Oregon Buddhist Temple

George Okamoto 7th Year Memorial

Janice Okamoto

Martha Kenmotsu 1st Year Memorial

Jan Kenmotsu

In Memory of Brother, Dick Hoverson

Chris Dart

In Memory of Phyllis Muramatsu

Chris Dart

In Memory of Patsy Abe

Chris Dart

Lotus Circle

Alice Kida
Ami Kinoshita
Dana Kakishita
Angela & Glenn Nakashima
Misako Kodama
Carolyn Saiget

Special Donations

Chris Dart (Obon)
Alice Kida (newsletter)
Alice Sumida (osona)

Alice Sumida (tree trimming)
Kenneth Price
Ruby
Janet Wong (in honor of Jerry Koike)
Traci & Wynn Kiyama (bike rack)

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November Toban

Terri-Ann Carrollo	Daniela Katsuno	Herb Osaki
Chris Dart	Philip Kollas	Carol Saiget
David Hollander	Marlene Moro	Joe Wahl
Grace Ishikawa	Kathy Oh-Keith	Lora Wahl
Julie Yoshie	Douglas Oh-Keith	Sandie Yamauchi
Kagawa	Etsuko Osaki	Cathy Yarne

Toban not only means "my turn" but "my chance" to show my appreciation to all the men and women whose monetary donations and hard work resulted in this beautiful place, our Temple to hear the Dharma.

---Words of Jean Matsumoto, 1995

2014 Memorial Chart

Year of Passing	Memorial	Year of Passing	Memorial
2013	1 year	1998	17 year
2012	3 year	1990	25 year
2008	7 year	1982	33 year
2002	13 year	1965	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.

**2014 OBT HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday, November 22nd 10AM - 4PM

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 S.E. 34th Ave. (1/2 blk off Powell Blvd.)

"Quality handmade items from local crafters & artists"

Concession items will be available for lunch or take out

For more information: www.portlandwt.com/2014OBTHolidayCraftShow.htm

or OBTcraftfair@gmail.com



*Find the perfect gift! Treat yourself to something special!
Enjoy something tasty for lunch!*



Please come support OBT & Portland's artistic community!



***OBT New Year's Service & Party
Sunday January 4, 2015***

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

*Bentos by Chef Yoshio Matsuzaki
\$20 per person*

**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 21, 2014*

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

_____ x \$20 = _____
paid bentos \$ enclosed

_____ # complimentary meals

Number of children not ordering bento _____

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**Make check payable to the OBT. Mail above form and payment by December 21, 2014.
For questions, please contact KatieTamiyasu, 503-244-6299.**



OREGON NIKKEI ENDOWMENT



***Hidden Legacy: Japanese Traditional Arts
in the World War II Internment Camps***

2:00pm, Sunday, November 30, 2014

Hollywood Theatre

4122 NE Sandy Boulevard, Portland, OR 97212

\$22 (general admission),

\$18 (seniors and students),

\$15 (Friends of O.N.E.)

Oregon Nikkei Endowment is proud to present the Portland debut of *Hidden Legacy: Japanese Traditional Arts in the World War II Internment Camps* at the historic Hollywood Theatre. This new, critically acclaimed documentary film is the first ever major presentation of traditional music, dance, and drama in the WW II internment camps. Through historical footage and interviews with the artists, *Hidden Legacy* tells the story of how the cultural arts were maintained by the remarkable teachers during their internment.

This special, one-time-only event will include a short musical concert by master koto player Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto-Wong and a special guest, along with Japanese classical and folk dance performances by the Sahomi Tachibana Dancers. Following the screening and performances, attendees will have an opportunity to be part of a panel discussion with *Hidden Legacy* Creative Director and Executive Producer Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto and Sahomi Tachibana who is featured in the film.

Tickets may be purchased online or through the box office at the Hollywood Theatre.

For more information, contact the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center at 503-224-1458, e-mail: info@oregonnikkei.org or visit www.oregonnikkei.org.