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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

September 2008



## ***Traveling to the temperate shore***

***Reverend Jundo Gregory Gibbs***

This coming September 21st we will celebrate our Fall Ohigan service. The main service will be at 10 a.m. and the Dharma message will be in English. This will be preceded by a service at 9:30 a.m. including a brief Japanese-language message. This uniquely Japanese Buddhist observance is dedicated to our aspiration to move toward enlightenment - Awakening. Full Awakening to the Truth, becoming a Buddha, is symbolized as a far shore to which we aspire to travel. We might imagine that shore, enlightenment, as being a temperate climate in contrast to the burning desires and cold, cold hatred we often experience in our lives now. This shore is samsara, a process of aimless wandering that is saturated by poisonous acts by ourselves and others. The more we feel the pain caused by our greed, anger and delusion the more we wish we could move ahead to purity, goodness, truth and self-knowledge. We come to yearn to travel to the other shore

The image of awakening to Buddhahood as being like a far shore we wish to travel toward is very ancient and probably comes from Sakyamuni Buddha himself. The metaphor of enlightened living being a temperate climate is, again, uniquely Japanese. The first Ohigan service was held in the spring at the time of the vernal equinox under the auspices of Prince Regent Shotoku Taishi in 594 C.E. /A.D. Soon after, probably the same year, a Fall Ohigan service was observed at the time of the Autumnal Equinox. The equinoxes are relatively temperate times in most of Japan so the simile of Awakened living as being free of extremes like hot and cold was quite natural.

Traditionally it is said that Buddhists cultivate six virtues on the path to enlightenment: generosity, moral decency, patience, vigorous effort, mental, emotional and physical composure, and wisdom-insight. The third of these paramitas or virtues, Ksanti, is patience

or forbearance. Shinran taught us that this virtue of tolerance arises naturally on the path of the nembutsu, the way of being Buddhist by saying Amida's Name. I hope that we will all spend some time in coming days and weeks saying "Namo Amida Butsu" and aspiring to be more accepting of others.

It is the Buddhist way to hold positive thoughts for the well being of all, not just those we agree with. I will speak on this and related topics on Sunday 9-21 when we hold our Ohigan service. Until then, allow me to suggest a contemporary version of metta meditation: May my family and I be healthy and happy (repeat each line several times), may everyone who is voting the same way I do be healthy and happy, may everyone who is nice to me be healthy and happy, may even those who vote for candidates I don't like be healthy and happy, may even those who are mean and cold to me be healthy and happy, may all living beings be healthy and happy.

This may seem silly but I think we need to slow down every now and then and realize that it does irritate us that others take views opposing ours on social and political matters and that nonetheless they are just as worthy of respect as we. In an election year we need to make an extra effort to be accepting of others. Of course, we could simply follow Shinran's advice. Say the Buddha's Name in forms like, "Namu Amida Butsu". Hearing tireless compassion call to us in our own voices we come to realize how unimportant our special little concerns really are. We find ourselves somehow coming to accept others more genuinely than before. Thank you for reading this article. Namo Amida Butsu.

Warm Regards, Greg Gibbs

***Sukiyaki Bazaar is Sunday, October 5. Food pre-order form is attached. Work list will be in next month's newsletter.***

*"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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September/October Highlights

Sep 6	NW DS Teacher's Workshop, Portland	9 – 5 pm
Sep 12	Board Meeting	7 pm
Sep 13	OBWA Meeting	9:30 am
Sep 14	Dharma Gathering and potluck at Laurelhurst Park	10 am
Sep 21	Ohigan Service followed by potluck lunch	9:30 am
Oct 3	Sukiyaki Bazaar preparations	9 am
Oct 4	Sukiyaki Bazaar preparations	8 am
Oct 5	Sukiyaki Bazaar	11:30 – 3:30 pm

**OBWA news***Jean Matsumoto*

OBWA gratefully acknowledges the following donations received in the month of June:

- Roberta Ando
- Makoto Iwashita in memory of Kasuga Iwashita
- Ray Shiiki in memory of Mary Shiiki

Thank you to: Fumi Okubo, Sumie Ishida, Misa Kodama, Yoshie Kagawa, Etsu Osaki, and Miki Yagi for the refreshments provided for the June 28th OBWA meeting.

For the July 19th OBWA meeting, we are grateful for the refreshments provided by: Susan Endecott, Tammy Herold, Lennie Tanaka, Yasuko Fields, Fusako Ouchida, and Judy Yamauchi.

On Saturday, July 25th, Obon otoki preparation was started by: Jim and Mary Ann Yoshida, Carl Yoshida, Fusako Ouchida, Kiyomi Dickenson, Kyoko Gibbs and Alice Ando. Final preparation of the Obon otoki was provided on Sunday morning, the 26th, by: Alice Tano, Julie Kagawa, Etsu Osaki, Nobu Masuoka, Kyoko Gibbs, Janie and Hiroshi Matsushima, Yasuko Fields, Fusako Ouchida, Tammy Herold, Kiyomi Dickenson, Motoko Kuroda and Alice Sumida. Thank you to all.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, refreshments were provided for Obonfest workers by: Jerry Sumoge, Tom Hokama, Mary Okita, Chiho Okita, Betty Nishimura, Frieda Fujikawa and Jayne Ichikawa. OBWA would like to extend appreciation to all its members who worked so hard to help Obonfest be a success again this year.

The refreshments for the August 16th OBWA meeting were provided by Janice Okamoto and Linda Tanaka.

The next meeting of OBWA will be held on Saturday, September the 13th.

October newsletter reporter is Setsu Ueno.

***I Want to go back to my little grass shack ...***

*OBWA is going not to Hawaii, but to lunch at the Bamboo Grove. Join us for a buffet that will include all of those yummy delicacies - sorry, no poi. September 13, 2008 Saturday 12 noon, Cost to be determined, but around \$10 per person. RSVP Tomiko 503 888 4031.*

***Back by popular demand****Edna Annand*

Following the October 18th OBWA monthly meeting, there will be another crafts/learning workshop. Tentatively we have scheduled: making pin cushions; making conch shell wind catchers; making greeting cards, and crocheting luggage tags. These items are to be sold at our spring bazaar next year. This workshop is being sponsored by the OBWA but is open to all interested persons, men and women alike. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

***Bazaar gift shop****Janice Ishii*

A mini-omiyage (gift) shop will be open during Sukiyaki bazaar. Donation of Asian-inspired gifts to sell is needed. We are looking for lightly used dishware, accessories, and collectibles. Please bring your donations labeled "Sukiyaki-Omiyage" with your name to the temple annex. Pricing suggestion for handicrafts are appreciated. All sales benefit the temple. Arigato.

***Dharma school news****Ann Shintani*

Fall Ohigan in the Park and Breakfast Potluck:

Sunday, September 14, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Laurelhurst Park, Area "E"

36th and S.E. Ankeny St., Portland

Service will be followed by a potluck breakfast (we will provide coffee, tea, juice, paper plates, and eating utensils). For variety, please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A - H Bread, rolls, etc.

I - P Fruit or dessert

Q - Z Main dish

Call temple phone after 8:00 a.m. on the day for any changes in location due to inclement weather. For questions, call or email Ann Shintani.



### **Attention 2009 high school graduates**

*Elaine Yuzuriha*

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet committee is actively planning the graduation banquet on Sunday, May 3rd, 2009. This is the 61st annual banquet to celebrate and congratulate the high school graduates associated with Portland's Japanese American community organizations. This year, Oregon Buddhist Temple is in charge of the banquet.

To be eligible to apply for the Japanese American Scholarships, graduates or their parents (or guardians) must be members of a sponsoring organization by October 15, 2008. There are several community scholarships awarded at the banquet. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Kono at (503) 236-6811 or Elaine Yuzuriha at (360) 253-9532, or e.yuzuriha@comcast.net.



### **New books in the children's library**

*Etsu Osaki*

Former OBT member Allison Sinclair has donated some books, written by herself, to the library. There are five books, each of them very original stories with beautiful illustrations by Kwan Shan Mei. Be sure to take a look at them.

- Joko the Ugly—An ugly serpent comes to the zoo.
- A Day in the Lives of Bab, Bibi and Bub—About pygmy hippos.
- Inuka's Big Swim—A mother and baby polar bear
- John Can't Hop, Bob Can't Stop—About two kangaroos
- Tall, Tall Chomel Tells All—A giraffe with a big mouth

### **From the OBT archives**

Art Sasaki was a long time member who knew Rev. Shozui Wakabayashi, founder of OBT. Art was just a young boy of 3 or 4 but he remembered Reverend's Dharma talks to the children. He would entertain the youngsters by imitating different animals—hopping like a rabbit, growling like a lion, etc. He also remembers when Reverend passed away in 1915. It was his first experience with death and he wondered where Reverend went.



### **Temple garden clean-up**

*Jayne Ichikawa*

We hope you took time during the Obon season to enjoy the lovely Japanese Garden around the temple grounds. Many thanks to the following people for their efforts and time to make this possible:

June 21 - Mike & Janice Ishii, Ken & Katie Kawazoe, Leke Nakashimada, Jerry Sumoge, David Wright, Hiroshi

Yamauchi, Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa

July 19 - Ray Fukunaga, Janice & Mike Ishii, Jerry Sumoge, Dennis Yamauchi, and Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa

### **Lotus Circle - August**

*Jean Matsumoto*

Altar flowers for the month of September are being provided by:

- September 7 - Susan Leedham in memory of father Kay Akiyama
- September 14 - Karen Scapple in memory of father Tsutomu Watanabe; Yasuko Fields in memory of sister Mineko Maekawa
- September 21 - Amy Peterson in memory of father Yosh Mishima; Takako Ishida in memory of father Seiichi Takahashi
- September 28 - Janie Matsushima in memory of mother Mae Furukawa

Thank you all for your generous contribution of flowers. The flower arrangers do such a great job every week with the flowers you provide. For information about the Lotus Circle and how to join, please call Jean Matsumoto, 503-280-2463 or e-mail [jamatsumoto@gmail.com](mailto:jamatsumoto@gmail.com).

The Lotus Circle has a page on the OBT website. This page contains a brief memorial to the person for whom the Lotus Circle donation is made. You can view it at: [http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/frames/sangha\\_frame.html](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/frames/sangha_frame.html) and select the Lotus Circle link. This is on the OBT only portion of the website. When you click on the Lotus Circle link, it will ask for a userid & password. The userid and password is generic for members and/or friends of the temple. If you do not know them, contact Jean Matsumoto or Ken Garner ([webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) and they will give them to you. If you have contributed to the Lotus Circle and would like to include a photo, poem, personal reflection, etc on the page please contact Jean or Ken Garner. We will format and post what you have for you.



### **Obonfest thank you!**

*Joe Wahl,  
Yoshi Ono  
2008 Obonfest Co-chairs*

Dear OBT members and friends,

The day was cloudy and cooler than years past but it was another successful Obon festival. We want to thank everyone for their hard work and support of this year's Obon Fest, and hope you were able to get in on a few dances. Once again, the lanterns added quite a pleasing look to our site. The food was great and some new menu items, such as the spare ribs, somen, and corn-on-the-cob, added to the variety. The spam musubi sold out quickly once again, as did the manju. Berry desserts, sushi,

yakisoba, yakitori, shave ice, drinks, etc. did quite well. Rogue Brewery provided the refreshing Morimoto Soba Ale to our beer garden this year. The children's activities were quite popular with some real nice items available. Vendor booths did well, even with a last minute cancellation of one vendor. The sound system, MC, entertainment, were all excellent.

Special thanks go to all the chairpersons, staff of volunteers and donors that always come through when needed. Once again, we plan on having a debrief and would like to gather the reports of the chairpersons for a meeting on September 7 after service. The purpose is to facilitate the planning and making improvements for 2009. We appreciate Stan Shiigi for stepping up to chair next years Obonfest and we offer our full support in keeping up this tradition that the community looks forward to.

Gassho,  
Joe Wahl and Yoshi Ono



### ***No OBT August board meeting***

***Judy Hittle, OBT Secretary***

After the huge and successful Obonfest effort, the scheduled August 6 Board meeting was cancelled to give Board members a chance to relax and recuperate. The next Board meeting is September 12. Summary notes of the meeting will be published in a future newsletter.

The Board meets every second Friday of the month. OBT members are welcome to attend. Minutes of the meetings and reports are available in the Temple office in the Annex, or contact the OBT Secretary.



### ***So you think you can dance*** ***Tomiko Takeuchi***

The yukata clad men and women proved that they most certainly could dance! To the sounds of Japanese folk music, with hand clapping and faces beaming, they circled the parking lot enjoying the evening. Our dance floor was jammed, and there was standing room only for festival friends. What a wonderful crowd to celebrate the memories of our ancestors at the Oregon Buddhist Temple's OBONFEST, "A Gathering of Joy".

Thanks to Sahomi Tachibana for teaching us the dances, dressing us, and sharing her love of dance with the rest of us. Dance practices were held for 3 weeks prior to the event, so we had a chance to learn the dances and to enjoy one another as we laughed at our two left feet. She was busy prior to the dancing on OBON day, helping us dress in the colorful yukatas and tying our obi. Then she was out there leading us as we kicked up our heels and became one with the music.

This year we also enjoyed a kimono-dressing workshop with Sahomi. She showed us how to wrap up in the yukata, tuck in those little ends and secure the outfit for the obi. We were shown 3 ways to tie an obi and were given explanation for the various

styles. Sahomi dressed a few volunteers who had brought their yukata with them.

At the workshop there were items for sale, and the monies made went to provide snacks for the dance practices. Thanks to Shogun's Gallery for a variety of items to sell and to Kern Park Florist for their donation. With Kern Park we were able to present Sahomi with a special gift certificate - flowers delivered to her door for a year for her ikebana displays. Thank you Kern Park and Shogun's Gallery and Sahomi Tachibana.

If you weren't able to join us for these activities this year ... put it in your calendar for next year. Come see how to dress, learn the dances, and join us as we celebrate those who came before us and made our lives so full.



### ***Obon raffle thank you's*** ***Cathy Yarne***

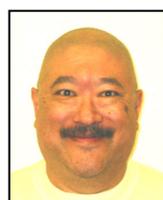
Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased raffle tickets. A special thanks to Kerrie Nasman, and everyone who helped sell tickets at Obon.

A big thank you to Alice Sumida who donated the prize money.

Thank you to the following restaurants for donating gift certificates. Please acknowledge their generosity by patronizing their businesses.

- Osaka-Ya 7007 SW Macadam Ave.
- Kappaya 3384 SE Division Street
- DeNicola's 3520 SE Powell Blvd
- Ichidai 5714 SE Powell

Congratulations to the winners of our raffle: Deane Stilt - \$500, Del Wantroba - \$300, and Eloise Nutt - \$200.



### ***Obonfest: thanks for your kindness***

***Tom Takeuchi***

It was my extreme pleasure and honor to serve as the Food Coordinator for the 2008 Obonfest. And I hope you felt that this year's Obonfest had a wider variety of great tasting food; which hopefully was accomplished with less stress and strain.

I am always amazed and appreciative about our members and friends when it comes to work. As the Coordinator, it felt that each time we had things to do or an emergency came up, someone came forward and helped in just the right ways. Thank you to all who came forth and helped with our Obonfest.

Because there were so many people involved; if I miss recognizing you, it is my mistake and not my intention.

Yakisoba: Thank you Etsu Osaki and Carol Asakawa for Co-Chairing the booth. The bamboo was a great addition to your booth. Thank you Dr Al Ono, Jerry Fugate and all who spent time behind the hot woks. And "mahalo" to Kawika, a non-member who graciously took the time away from his business, the Bamboo Grove Hawaiian Grille in SW Portland, to share his yakisoba recipe and cook the entire time. But most of all, to everyone who helped with the production, selling, serving and eating... "Arigatoo Gozaimasu".

Spam Musubi: Thank you Katie Tamiyasu and Nancy Kajitsu for Co-Chairing the booth. And to everyone who helped with the production. Thank you to the Hawaiian sisters Missy and

Kara, who came to dance practice and then came to help on Friday and Saturday, I hope you return and join our Temple. Thank you.

Yakiniku: Thank you Jerry Sumoge for Chairing the "all Meat" Booth which included chicken, beef, ribs, hot dogs and white rice. Have a great one-year vacation, and hope to see you next year. But this year, to everyone who washed, cleaned, cut and prepared the meat, made the sauce, the servers, the cashiers... to all who helped... a meaty Thank you.

Yakitori: Thank you Tom Hokama for spending most of the day at the convection oven in the kitchen making the chicken teriyaki. The chicken thighs were definitely a better choice over the breasts. And to the OBWA ladies for filling in when needed. And Greg recently moved from Seattle, who came to learn the Obon dances and stayed to help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday... Thank you.

Korean/Japanese Short Ribs: By whatever name you finally decided, thank you Tom Hokama for a great recipe. And to Dennis Yamauchi, Chris Leedham, and the boys in the back for spending the entire day in the bar-be-cue smoke. I know I am missing several individuals so please pass on "Our Thanks".

Chirashi sushi: Thank you Yoshie Kagawa, Darlene Demise and Alice Tano for Co-Chairing the booth. And to Herb Osaki and Jim Yoshida for cooking the rice. And to all who helped; the egg ladies, the cooks, the vegetable cutters, the cashiers... Thank you.

White Rice: Thank you Nancy Kajitsu and John Naemura for filling in and cooking the rice during our Obonfest. I know I will miss thanking many helpers but I really need to recognize and thank John from Seattle. He is not a member of our Temple but helped the entire day. Thank you for showing that the Obonfest is an event for everyone, not just members, but also family, friends, and temple visitors.

Manju: Thank you Jean Takashima and the Manju ladies for the sweet treat. And next time Jean, invite me to learn how to make so I can help you in the future, or at least make my own manju.

Cold Somen Noodles: Thank you Nancy Kajitsu and Karen Shiraishi for Co-Chairing and producing a great tasting dish. And thank you Ernie Takeda for cooking the noodles. And "tsuyu" to everyone who helped with the booth... Thanks.

Corn-on-the-Cob: Thank you Stan Shiigi for Chairing the booth. And to Don Greenwood, Glenn Okawa and Noel Fish, I hope you are all ears and hear me say thanks for cooking the corn. And an "ah shucks" to everyone who helped with the booth.

Shave Ice: Thank you Ray Fukunaga for Chairing the booth and getting your family and friends to help. The ice was shaved perfectly and we now have one year to find an environmentally friendly spoon and bowl. And for everyone who helped with the booth... you guys are cool.

Berry Dessert: Thank you Katherine and Marilyn Achterman for Co-Chairing the booth. I hope you had as much fun picking the berries, as we did eating them. And for everyone who helped with their booth... a double shot of whipped topping.

Non-Alcoholic Beverage Booth: Thank you Michelle Mundt, Cindy Cohen and Marian Cave for Co-Chairing the booth while quenching our thirst and keeping us supplied with water and pop. Marian, your banners and decorations for your booth were great, hopefully your have started a tradition of decorating the food booths which will continue next year. And for everyone who helped with their booth... Cheers.

The Obonfest succeeds when we are all working together and I would like to acknowledge Joe Wahl, Yoshi Ono and Shinya Ichikawa for Co-Chairing our Obonfest. A great big "Thank You" to Amy Peterson for Construction/Set-up and Demolition. Without her leadership, we would have been out in the hot sun

without a canopy. Thank you to Judy Hittle for keeping the area clean by Chairing Refuse and Recycling. Thank you to Paul Hittle and Charles Dawson for allowing us to sleep in peace while you protected our investment during the night. Thank you Sahomi Tachibana for putting together the dances, teaching us the dances, and guiding us with Obon Odori. Thank you Etsu Osaki for Chairing Publicity and bringing in many new visitors to our Temple. And thank you to everyone who helped with organization and planning, purchasing, preparation, construction, serving and/or eating, demolition, and clean up. Again, if I forgot to mention your name, a much appreciated "Thank You".

I would recognize and thank Reverend Gibbs for being the spiritual leader of our Temple and providing the Buddhist example that brings people from all walks of life, all spiritual background, and ancestral heritage to work together, to dance together, and to celebrate our Obonfest together.

I would give a special recognition and thanks to Alice Ando, the President of OBWA. If you want to witness commitment and dedication to our Temple, make a point of showing up two days before your assigned shift and see the OBWA ladies working in the kitchen. Thank you OBWA for your continued support and help during our Obonfest.

I would like to personally recognize and thank Tomiko Takeuchi for serving as my communication person, frequently giving me much needed criticism and worthwhile suggestions, while always maintaining support. I know the path of Obonfest was demanding at times, but the riches and rewards received from everyone's labor was and is exciting and inspiring. Thank you from my Heart.

But most of all, I would like to recognize everyone past for establishing the tradition of Obonfest, because this is a memorial and a time of remembrance.

And I would like to extend an invitation to all for next year, to mark a commitment for the first Saturday in August, to join "A Gathering of Joy", the Oregon Buddhist Temple's 2009 Obonfest. Planning, organizing and preparation starts now. Please send your thoughts, comments and suggestions on this year's Food and Beverage to "doctom@quixnet.net"

In Gassho  
Tom Takeuchi

### September Toban

Abe, Al	Achterman, Marilyn
Achterman, Mark	Bagnall, Alden
Camden-Ishimaru, Bettina	Camden-Ishimaru, Robert
Fujikawa, Frieda	Fujikawa, Shigeo
Honma, Hannah	Ikemiya, Cheryl
Kajitsu, Nancy	Kasahara, Mae
Kennedy, Karol	Little, Craig
Little, Laima	Mundt, Michelle
Okamura, Rick	Shiraishi, Rick
Swann, LaRhette	Takemoto, May
Tamiyasu, Katie	Wong, Cynthia
Wong, Gordon	Yoshida, Carl
Yoshida, Jim	Yoshida, Mary Ann

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

## 2008 Memorial Chart

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2007	1 year	1986	23 year
2006	3 year	1982	27 year
2002	7 year	1976	33 year
1996	13 year	1972	37 year
1992	17 year	1959	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.*

## OBWA casino trip, Oct. 8

*Tomiko Takeuchi*

Just a few seats left - guests welcome.

The Oregon Buddhist Women's Association is off to Lincoln City to Chinook Winds Casino. We have a few seats left and would love to offer the space to all guests.

Our bus will pick us up at the temple at 9 a.m. and return us at 6 p.m. OBWA members may ride the bus for free, and guests are welcome to join us for just \$5.

Come join us and enjoy a fun day and the opportunity to make the big bucks! Any questions or to sign up, please contact Tomiko. You can leave a message on the temple answering service. Please leave your name and phone number and I'll get back to you.



## *New OBT on-line bulletin board now available*

*Ken Garner*

We now have an on-line bulletin board for all Oregon Buddhist Temple members and friends on the temple's website ([www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com)). This bulletin board provides a great avenue for two-way intra-Temple communication. Registered users can read, submit, and respond to posts on any of the forums/subforums on the board. Users also can subscribe to any of the forums and be notified of new submissions to the forum(s) they are most interested in. Currently, the board has the following forums (and subforums):

- Dharma Exchange
- OBT Organizations (Dharma School, OBWA, Board of Directors)
- OBT Events (2009 BCA NW District Conference, Obonfest 2009)

- Books & Movies (Movies, Buddhist Themes, Fiction, Non-Fiction)
- Recipes/Cooking
- Diabetes Support Group
- Travel (Japan, Buddhist Tourism)
- Local Events/Attractions
- For Sale/Trade
- Sustainability/Green Living
- Open Discussion

Additional forums can be created as needed.

You can access the board via the Bulletin Board button on the navigation bar (the left side of the screen of all website pages) or directly at <http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/phpbb/>. To use the bulletin board, you will have to register (a simple process of choosing a username and password - just click the REGISTER link on the front page of the bulletin board). By requiring user registration, we control who has access and ensuring our bulletin board and users are protected from unwanted web activity. If you have any questions or comments about the bulletin board in specific or the OBT website in general, contact Ken Garner, email: [webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com). Shop on-line at home - Save Gas and Support the Temple

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See (or email: [scrip@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:scrip@oregonbuddhisttemple.com)) Cynthia Wong, Gordon Wong or Ken Garner for questions about or the Scrip program or to make a purchase.

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