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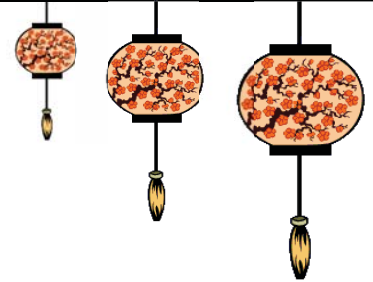
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What Bon Odori is Not

~By Rev. Masao Kodani



- * Bon Odori in America is Japanese-American, not Japanese.
- * Bon Odori is generally not observed at Jodo Shinshu temples in Japan.
- * Bon Odori is not “*Ondo*.” *Ondo* does not mean dance in the Japanese language, it means to “take the lead” in a cheer or toast, and is a form of music with a single singer and a responsive chorus. *Ondo* meaning “dance” is a term coined by non-Buddhist Japanese Americans (JA) who wanted to secularize the Bon Odori and mistakenly used the term *Ondo* to mean “dance.”
- * Bon Odori is not “*Nihon Buyo*” or classical Japanese dance. It is folk music and dance.
- * Bon Odori is not performance dance for others to see-it is for people to dance. Bon Odori is not meant to be watched, it is meant to be danced.
- * Bon Odori is to be danced as you are, symbolized by wearing Yukata (literally-bathrobe) as opposed to a kimono.
- * Bon Odori is to reach a state of forgetting your ego, and thereby being able to remember and reconnect to those who have died. This is done by forgetting your ego, not indulging it.
- * Whether you learn every dance or come to the dance cold, your ego will initially flaunt or be embarrassed. Real Bon Odori is that moment when you forget showing off and being embarrassed. Bon Odori’s spiritual meaning is to discover your ego through dance and thus being able, even momentarily, to forget the self. That moment of “just dancing” is Bon Odori-and it is then that one naturally remembers the dead.
- * Real Bon Odori is thus not used to attract crowds to a carnival.
- * Bon Odori taiko is meant to help the dancers dance - it is not performance taiko. Bon Odori taiko is not meant to be noticed, except by its complete absence. Taiko players are not necessarily Bon Odori taiko players. Being a taiko player does not qualify you to play Bon Odori taiko-knowing the Bon Odori dances does.
- * Being a dance teacher does not qualify you to teach Bon Odori dance, knowing the spirit of Bon Odori does.
- * Bon Odori & taiko, like tofu salad & spam musubi, are not Japanese - they are uniquely Japanese-American.

ODORU AHO NI MIRU AHO ~ A fool dancing and a fool watching

ONAJI AHO NARA ~ If it is the self same foolishness

ODORANNYA SON ~ Not dancing is losing

~refrain from the Awa Odori

SEE YOU AT THE BOND ODORI, DANCING!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer time has arrived!! – A pause from school and time for vacations and outdoor activities with family and friends.

Summer also denotes a break from our normal Sunday services. Services will reconvene September 8th with a luncheon at 12:30 pm, followed by service at 1:30 pm. For those however wanting to attend services during the summer, the Salt Lake Temple will continue their Sunday services at 10:00 am.

Obviously the biggest church event of the summer is Obon. This year's Obon Odori Festival is July 20th. Food sales will begin at 4:00 pm, Taiko's first performance begins at 7:30 pm, and dancing begins at 8:00 pm. If you'd like to brush-up on your dancing skills, Obon dance practice starts at the church Monday July 1st at 7:00 pm and continues every Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter until July 17th, excluding Friday, July 5th.

Obon, Hatsubon and July/August Shotsuki Hoyo service will be held at the Church on Sunday the 21st at 1:30 pm. Gravesite visits precede service at the Syracuse cemetery at 11:00am, followed by Washington Heights at 11:30am, and concluding at the Ogden cemetery at 12:00 am. The BWA will serve lunch after the gravesite visits and prior to service.

The Obon weekend requires a lot of effort so any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. We'll have outside church clean-up the previous Sunday (14 July) at 8:00 am and Obon food preparation days will be July 18th and 19th beginning at 6:00 pm. If you have any questions regarding how you can help, contact Annette K., Ruth S. or myself.



Everyone please have a safe and enjoyable summer and see you at Obon.

In Gassho, Steve K.

THANK YOU!!

For those of you that haven't been to the church lately, there's been a very apparent change. After being long overdue, the lines in the parking lot have been repainted!! We even added a couple more van accessible handicap stalls.

“Thank You” to Clinton Osiek of Finishline Striping, Inc. for the great job. It makes the parking lot much safer and was done in a timely manner to support our July Obon.





BWA NEWS



The BWA Sushi Fundraiser was a big success. Thank you for supporting the BWA's effort to help the temple. Big thanks to all the BWA members who came to help. And thanks to our extra special helpers - Madison and Trenton Y. and KayLe Y.

The BWA is busy making manju and mochi to sell at Obon. Many members are taking a short break and heading off to Wendover for our annual bus trip on June 23.

We apologize that we failed to acknowledge that Darlene M. did all the sewing of the quilt for the Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks for your beautiful work on the quilt Darlene!

*Gassho,
Ruth S.*



BWA Donations

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2013 Membership

Annette K.

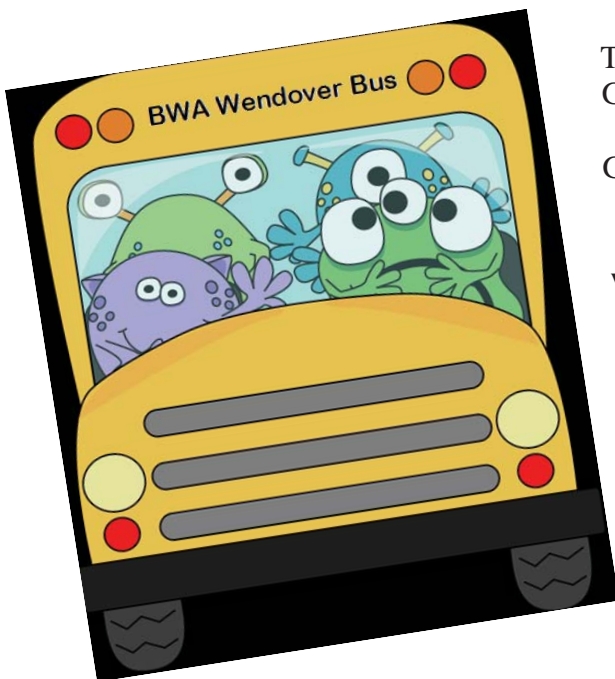


Wendover Bus Trip 2013

By Ellen K.

The annual Wendover bus trip happened on June 23rd. Because of George Y. , all the people on the bus got \$5.00 cash back. The casinos discontinued giving out the \$5 on all the other bus trips. George must carry a lot of weight with the casinos to fight for us to get the \$5. We want to thank him for his effort. Also, the casino donated \$25 free play for one lucky person on our bus. So on the way back home, we played one game of bingo. The big winner was Lola Y.! We hope she wins with the lucky money.

We want to thank everyone who brought all the treats to share. It takes about 45 minutes to distribute all the goodies. Everyone's generosity really makes the trip fun and enjoyable. So another trip has come and gone. Everyone is looking forward to next year!



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

By Suzan Y.

I hope everyone enjoyed Lagoon. The weather cooperated and everyone was able to ride as many times as they wanted with little or no waiting. Thank you Tami H., Kris Y., and Betty Y. for chairing this outing. We appreciate the families from Ogden and Salt Lake in bringing the side dishes and desserts for the potluck lunch.



The last day of Dharma School was June 9, 2013. Alex H. only missed one day of Dharma School and Madison Y. had perfect attendance. Sensei was quick to point out, that this was not Madison’s first year for perfect attendance. When I looked back over my notes she has had perfect attendance since 2008. I’m sure if I found my notes prior to 2008 we would find Madison’s name on the book. Congratulations Madison for an outstanding achievement of perfect attendance for 6 consecutive years.

Thank you Stacie H. for coordinating the Community Cook Books with Sherrie K. This is a wonderful collection of recipes from the Japanese community. If you are interested in acquiring a cookbook Dharma School has some extras for \$20. They also make great gifts.

We will be selling frozen pops, candy, cotton candy and fans and other funs things at the Dharma School booth during Obon on July 20th. So be sure to stop by and say “Hi!”



As you can see even though Dharma School officially ended on June 9th we are still going strong, thanks to the wonderful support of our Dharma School families. I also want to thank Mike M. for the 5 years he has served as a Minister’s Assistant. His ordination was held September 2008. He has represented the Ogden Buddhist Church at the Ogden Interfaith Council, started the adult discussion group following Sunday’s services, and a Wednesday afternoon discussion group, and introduced Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to the youth at the Mill Creek Youth Center in Ogden every Sunday for the past few years. I always look forward to seeing Mike at our board meetings as he greets you with a great big smile with that spark of enthusiasm in his eyes. We appreciate your past service as our Minister’s Assistant.



Thank You

In Gassho...



DHARMA SCHOOL DONATIONS

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER



At this years' Hatsu Mairi celebration, George Y. was presented before our Sangha!

WELCOME BABY GEORGE!

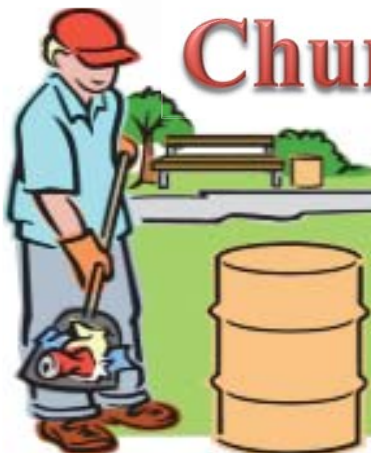
Congratulations to the proud parents, Derrick and Ann-Marie, and of course, Big Brother, Frankie!

OBON Dance Practice

It's that time of year already!
Below is our OBON Dance Practice Schedule:

Monday and Wednesday ~ July 1 and 3
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday ~
July 8, 10, and 12
Monday and Wednesday ~ July 15 and 17

All practiced are at 7:00 p.m.



Church Clean Up

We will be cleaning the outside of the church on Sunday, July 14th beginning at 8:00 a.m.
If you can please come out and help that would be wonderful!

Remember: "Many Hands Make Light Work"

OBON Donation List

The board is asking our members to help by donating non-perishable items needed to prepare for Obon.

Please call Ruth S. (phone number omitted for Online Version) with your donation.

Please bring all items to the church by **July 13th**.

1 Large bottle Mirin

2 Large bottles Yoshida Sauce

1 56-oz can Toasted Sesame Oil

2 Large boxes Salt

2 Large boxes Ajinomoto

1 box Heavy Duty Forks

14-double packs Somen Noodles

1 gallon size bottle Rice Vinegar

1 case Toilet Paper

1 case Regular Paper Towels



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

In Loving Memory

The Ogden Buddhist Temple Sangha extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following members who recently passed away.

*May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.
Namo Amida Butsu*

Dick Hamada – March 19, 2013

Kerry Shimada – May 4, 2013

Kim Kawashima – May 10, 2013



OBON

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Cemetery Service Schedule:

11:00 a.m. Syracuse

11:30 a.m. Washington Terrace

12:00 a.m. Ogden

Otoki Lunch - 12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Obon / Hatsubon Service
July Shotsuki Hoyo

This special service is held on the Sunday following the Obon Festival. This memorial service is held in dedication and gratitude for all the members of our Sangha who have died over the previous year. Its basis is the same as our Obon Festival. Kangi-E is the name used traditionally in our Jodo Shinshu Tradition. This name represents the joy we feel for Amida Buddha's vow to save all sentient beings and the joy in knowing our deceased Sangha members are likewise embraced in that compassion.



July Shotsuki Hoyo

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July 21, 2013, **1:30 p.m.**

- July 7 1990 Bessie Toki Hokoda
- July 22 1995 Mito Imaizumi
- July 17 1961 Kantaro Inouye
- July 10 1977 Kinshiro Itakura
- July 5 1984 Yuki Kawashima
- July 3 1982 Reiko Koga
- July 3 1982 Shigeru Sam
Matsumura
- July 28 1986 Taki Mayeda
- July 12 1977 Manji Miya
- July 6 1977 Kichiro Morimoto
- July 20 1965 Monkichi Murakami
- July 1 1995 Sam Sunao Nagata
- July 1 1977 Bukatsu Nakahara
- July 14 1991 Tome Sakiyama
- July 25 2004 Emma Yayoi Stewart
- July 7 1971 Heibei Sugimoto
- July 3 1984 John N. Takabayashi
- July 8 1982 Tome Taura
- July 30 1999 Minoru Watanabe
- July 23 2005 Lily Watari
- July 10 2007 Tomio Yamada
- July 22 1986 Hiroshi Yamasaki
- July 17 2004 Seiichi Yei

Obon and Hatsubon Memorial Service

July 21, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

*This memorial service is held in dedication
and gratitude for all the members of our
Sangha who have died over the previous year.*

Hatsubon observance will be held for the
following members:

Ryuji Dick Hirasuna
Fusaye Nakamura Kano
Elsie Shiramizu
Akio Dick Hamada
Kerry Mamoru Shimada
Kiyomi Kim Kawashima

**AUGUST Shotsuki Hoyo will be
observed in September**

For those years not having a specific memorial service such as 2nd, 4th, 5th, etc. the temple is holding these monthly Shotsuki Hoyo. During these services, the temple will list the names of those members who have died during the month in the preceding years. The families then attend that monthly service in memory of their loved one.

These services are not meant to replace the specific memorial services. Please contact Rev. Hirano to make arrangements for those services. Rev. Hirano contact information - Office: 363-4742,
Home: 299-8727, Emergency: 819-2648

**2013 Memorial Service Schedule for those who
passed away in:**

2012 - 1 year	2001 - 13 year	1981 - 33 year
2011 - 3 year	1997 - 17 year	1964 - 50 year
2007 - 7 year	1989 - 25 year	1914 - 100 year



July, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OBON Dance Practice 7:00 pm	2	3 OBON Dance Practice 7:00 pm	4 Fourth of July 	5	6
7	8 OBON Dance Practice 7:00 pm	9 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	10 OBON Dance Practice 7:00 pm	11	12 OBON Dance Practice 7:00 pm	13 Salt Lake OBON Festival
14 Church Outside Clean Up – 8:00 am	15 OBON Dance Practice 7:00 pm	16	17 OBON Dance Practice 7:00 pm	18 OBON Prep at 6:00 pm	19 OBON Prep at 6:00 pm	20 Ogden OBON Festival Prep begins at 9:00 am
21 OBON Memorial Service 11:00am – Syracuse 11:30 am – Washington Hts. 12:00 pm – Ogden 12:30 pm – Otoki Lunch 1:30 pm – Obon Service & Shotsuki Hoyo	22	23	24 Pioneer Day	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Toban Cleaning Group:

OBON Cleaning Committee





August, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15	16 GEPP0 Articles Due	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Toban Cleaning Group:

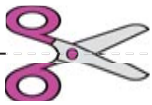
Tom & Marcie Fujikawa (Toban Cleaning Leader)
 Robyn & Kent Fujikawa
 Steve & Ellen Kato
 Valerie Kato



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OBON MEMORIAL LANTERNS

The Ogden Buddhist Church is selling "Memorial Lanterns" for our OBON Festival. You can purchase a lantern in the member of family or friends that are no longer with us. Your lantern will be personalized with their name and Hung on the Yagura during the OBON Festival.



OBON MEMORAL LANTERN ORDER FORM

You can purchase a lantern to honor a family member that has passed away. The lantern will be personalized and hung from the Yagura during the OBON Festival. You will be given the lantern at the completion of Obon.

YOUR NAME: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

In MEMORY of: (please PRINT first and last name)

Lanterns are \$5.00 per name.
Please fill out this form and return it to Ellen K. or any board member.
You can also mail this form with your payment to:
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