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O-E-Shiki Ceremony

Nichiren Buddhist Temple of Portland will hold O-E-Shiki ceremony (the 729th anniversary of Saint Nichiren) **at 2:00p.m. on October 10th** . We would like to show our appreciation to our founder, Saint Nichiren. Please attend!

Rev. Akahoshi, Visit Nichiren Buddhist Temple of Portland

Rev. Ryuken Akahosi and 19 members from Myokenji Temple in Fukuyama-Shi, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan will visit our temple at 10:00a.m. on November 1st (Mon.). We would like to welcome them to our temple and hold a social gathering.

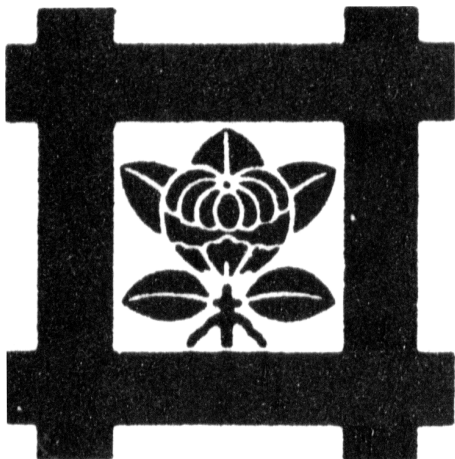
The Service : at 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon : at 11:30 a.m.

To prepare for the luncheon we need an accurate count of attendees, please contact Rev. Obata at 503-232-8064 by October 20th (Wed.) to let her know if you plan to attend.

Temple news

- O-Higan service was held September 26th. Thanks to all that came to honor their ancestors and loved ones!
- The Temple residence renovation is complete and is occupied with paying tenants since September 24th. Income from the property will help sustain the Nichiren Temple of Portland activities.
- A thank-you luncheon was held in honor of Johnny and Afton Nozaki and for Glenn and Cathy Glass on September 26th after the Fall O-Higan service. Many thanks to Johnny and Afton for a lifetime of service in maintaining the Temple grounds and leadership in the Fujin-Kai organization. Thanks to Glenn and Cathy for converting the residence from a drain on Temple finances to an asset that should pay dividends going forward. Thanks to all the members and supporters that came in early, donated their time, effort and groceries to prepare a delicious feast!!
- The Garage sale was held the last week of August and first week of September. The event was very successful and will remain a fixture of our fundraising efforts. Donations are accepted at any time for next year's events. Please no baby car seats. There is huge demand for vinyl LP records. We have a spot in the social hall for donated items. Permanent storage is being built in Sensei's basement to house good items between events. **Please help on Oct 9th at 11 am.**
- The Belmont Street Fair was held Sept 12th and was a big success with record revenue this year. Weather was mild and attendance was very good. Thanks to all the members and supporters who volunteered their time, effort and food for the event.
- Last month we reported a spike in vandalism on the Temple grounds. Since then the graffiti has been painted over and the issues relating to homeless encampments have subsided. Nevertheless, all members and supporters are authorized and encouraged to remove trespassers from Temple grounds. The non-emergency number for **Portland Police is 503 823-3333** and they can help in removing trespassers from the property.



Dharma Talk of October : Saint Nichiren's Nirvana

During nine years (1274 – 1282) while Saint Nichiren was on Mt. Minobu, he wrote many works and taught countless disciples. However, due to the daily persecutions he had suffered up to that time and the severe climate on Mt. Minobu, his health deteriorated. Consequently, on September 8th 1282, he left Mt. Minobu and set out for the mansion of Munenaka Ikegami (located in present day Tokyo). In a letter dated September 19th and addressed to Lord Hakii, St. Nichiren noted in part, **“Protected by your son I was able to arrive here without incident. For nine years you have provided for me most generously. I remain deeply indebted to you. No matter where I might die, I would like to have my remains buried in Minobu.”**

On the morning of October 13th, 1282, while Saint Nichiren was reciting the chapter 16 of the Lotus Sutra, he quietly passed away at the age of 60. At that time, although it was not the season for cherry blossoms, all at once the cherry trees in the garden of Munenaka's mansion began to bloom, majestically marking the Saint's passing. Today we still hold this tradition using artificial flowers, Sakura in O-E-Shiki (Nichiren's Nirvana Day Ceremony).

In order to express our deepest gratitude to our founder, Saint Nichiren for great compassion towards us, Nichiren believers observe O-E-Shiki Ceremony every year.

Sincerely with Gassho,

Rev. Myosho Obata

Memorial Service October & November 2010

50 th Year 1961	Tsuchino Ota (Oct. 26)
47 th Year 1965	Asakichi Tanbara (Nov.16)
43 rd Year 1968	Ryuichi Iwata (Oct.16) Yae Yasutake (Nov.11)
37 th Year 1974	Tomeji Katayama (Nov. 17)
23 rd Year 1988	Motoe Matsuo (Oct. 10) Natsuno Kusano (Nov. 12)
13 rd Year 1998	Shizuko Hachiya (Oct. 25)
7 th Year 2004	Matsuno Ota (Oct. 4)

If you would like to hold a memorial service for your ancestors, please plan it prior to their memorial date and make an appointment at Nichiren Buddhist Temple of Portland. Tel: (503) 232 – 8064

NBT membership:

First and foremost, the mission of the Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple is to spread Dharma, foster peace and connect with our community at large. This schedule of fees is a minimum suggested donation. In the case of any hardship petition, verbal or written, the Minister or any member of the board of governors is authorized to reduce or waive any fee in support of the larger mission of the Temple. While fees are a necessary part of maintaining a physical Temple, the strength of our Sangha community is based on participation in religious services and Temple events. Membership is based primarily on a sincere belief in the Nichiren Shu doctrine and participation in Temple services and events.

Dues and fees are strictly voluntary. They can be paid annually, monthly or periodically. Each January, the

Annual membership dues:

Basic membership

Individual \$80 Annually or \$7 Monthly

Family \$100 Annually or \$8 Monthly

Pearl level member

Individual \$150 Annually or \$13 Monthly

Family \$200 Annually or \$17 Monthly

Bodhi-tree level member

Individual \$200 or more Annually or \$17 Monthly

Family \$300 or more Annually or \$25 Monthly

For any level of membership please add \$5 for the Kyoden Ken Kin which is the NONA educational fund. These funds go directly to NONA headquarters for educational materials and programs. Membership includes Annual personal amulet and listing in the January Newsletter. Requests to remain anonymous will be respected.

treasurer will add up each member's "membership" contributions (as designated by writing a note on the check) and apply them towards membership fees for the following year.

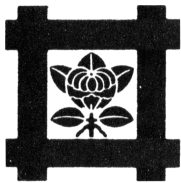
For example: Richard's family donates \$50 a month. On months with holidays he designates the check as donation, on months with no major holiday (for example like May, June, August, November), he denotes the check as membership. Since there are 4 months with no holiday in 2010, the total adds up to \$200 so he would be recognized as a pearl level member for 2011.

Another example: Rita is single and sends in a check for \$7 every month and adds donations for memorial services from time to time. At the end of 2010 Rita is recognized as a basic member for 2011.

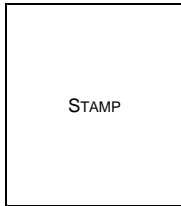
Membership Form

Name: _____

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