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Dear Friends,

I trust you are all faring well as summer glides quickly by.

Thank you to all who helped with Jami Oshiro's funeral on June 1. Jami died an untimely death on May 25th; she had been coming to the Priory for seven or eight years and had received the Buddhist Precepts here at the temple five years ago. Illness prevented her participating directly in Priory activities, but she kept in touch via phone and supported the Dharma through generous donations. A small crew of Priory members worked overtime to help her family clean out her apartment in the short time they were here from Hawai'i. Tom & Pat Oshiro kindly gave us many of Jami's personal possessions for use in the temple or to sell in our yard sale. Please continue to offer merit to them and the rest of Jami's family: this is a very sad and difficult time for them. The funeral went very well. Tom, Pat, and two of Jami's uncles were here, as well as nearly forty of Jami's local friends. She was known and loved for her kind and generous heart. We will miss her. Jami was inurned in the Oshiro family grave in Honolulu. On Wednesday, August 31 we will offer her a 100-day memorial, which is traditional.

Because of Jami's funeral, Rev Oswin had to cancel his trip to South Carolina. He thanks Rev Master Meiko and Rev Master Meido for providing quiet spaces for rest and renewal. While Rev Oswin was away, Priory members installed new carpet in the office and priest's room (a Wesak gift) and crafted a closet in the priest's room and cabinets for the public restroom. Many thanks to all who helped with these projects.

Upcoming Events in August: Yard and Bake Sale, Saturday August 20 at Jerry Mohr's, 190 Spring Creek Road, out River Road past Beltline – next to Aubrey Park Elementary School (same as last year – call for directions), 9:00am to 4:00pm. Items and volunteers needed for the sale. Call Pamela at 344-0932 (home) or 686-7888 x268 (work) or Jerry at 341-4922 (home) or 541-737-4256 (work) for items to donate or to offer help with staffing the sale. Please price the items you donate in order to minimize set-up. You may bring them to the Priory for transfer if need be. We especially need help with staffing the sale.

Saturday Work Mornings, August 13 and 27 – 8:30am to 12:30 pm. Because of the summer heat we will work in the mornings only. The focus on **August 13** is to complete the thinning of trees as a fire precaution along Dillard Road. If we have a good turnout, we should be able to complete this job, now in its third year, so please try to offer some help. Usual sack lunch & food to share. On **August 27** we have other grounds work to

do, primarily woods fire prevention. Lunch will be a **potluck at 12:30pm** followed by a **members' meeting at 2:00pm**. Please feel welcome to come for any part of the day.

Dharma school children will play a part in our **Kshtigarbha (Jizo) Bodhisattva Festival** on **Sunday, August 28**. They take on the main ceremonial responsibilities: precentor, chaplains, etc. We always enjoy their presence and participation. September Dharma school will be **Sunday, September 18**.

Young People's Retreat at Shasta Abbey August 4-7: see email attachment for details.

Alms Round in Portland **Tuesday, August 16:** Opportunity for two lay people to go up with Rev Master Oswin on Monday, August 15, and then participate in the Portland Priory's alms round on Tuesday morning. We usually finish around 1:30pm and return to Eugene mid to late afternoon. Let Rev Oswin know if you'd like to participate.

Third Refuge Assistance Coordinators: If you're a member of our sangha and need help due to illness or emergency, feel free to call the monthly coordinator to see who has offered that kind of assistance. August, Ernie Rimerman, 344-5722; September, Wendy Schwall, 484-1262; October, Marta Hubbard, 686-2046.

Alms received: We thank everyone for their kind gifts and donations which support the temple and spread the Buddha's teaching. Recent gifts include: a translucent amber glass Avalokitesvara (Kwan Yin) statue from China, donated in memory of Michael Woodruff by his wife and family; Dharma books from Mia Chung Buddhist Temple in Salem; Dharma tapes; a treasured CD from Shasta Abbey of Rev Master Jiyu-Kennett's *Buddhist Iconography* slide lectures; a "Rhode Island Buddha" poster; an air purifier; a small fountain; wooden bowls for formal meals; a carpet sweeper (in response to an earlier request); trees and plants, some offered for Jami's funeral; a watering timer; kibble, canned food, litter, *Program*, and *Joint Care* for the cats; produce and delicatessen donations from Sundance Natural Foods; numerous prepared meals and dishes; and a wide variety of other food items. Items donated from Jami were: two Hotei statues, incense & candles; an office chair and other furniture; pots, cookbooks, and food for the kitchen; and various items for the library, office, and garden. We also want to say an especial "thank you" to everyone helping with cleaning, maintenance, grounds care, and "empty hands" work. All gifts great and small, of the hands or of the heart, are offerings of charity and turn the Wheel of the Dharma.

Alms Bowl: The temple could use help in locating a bookkeeper/accountant who could help with preparing previous year-end statements. The person would need to be familiar with *Quicken* computer bookkeeping program.

September: See calendar for schedule. Rev Master Oswin will be on retreat September 12 to September 17 and away from the Priory September 25 through October 1. The Priory is closed except for activities noted.



Note: The rescued Siamese kitten found a home with Naomi Knoble. Thanks to all who offered a home.