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Need to pick-up some delicious food in a hurry, take advantage of our TAKE OUT service. Enter the parking lot from the south gate and someone will take your order. Raffle tickets may also be dropped off at the same time.
Hanamatsuri

Service
You are cordially invited to our Hanamatsuri Service On Sunday April 5.

10:00 am English Service - Rev. Jerry Hirano, Minister, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple
10:00 am Japanese Service - Rev. George Matsubayashi, BCA Minister Emeritus

Luncheon by the Girl scouts will follow the services in the Social Hall.

Bazaar
Saturday, April 11th, 1p.m.-8p.m.
Sunday, April 12th, 1p.m.-8p.m.
(Raffle drawing at 7:30pm)

Food, Games, Cultural Exhibits, Demonstrations, Into to Buddhism and Mindfulness talks

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804
Phone: 714-827-9590
The Life and Thought of Rev. Haya Akegarasu

This month as I write this article (March), we are in the midst of wonderful lectures by Dr. Nobuo Haneda. Every year for the past 15 or 16 years we have had Haneda Sensei speak at our Ohigan seminar, service, and remain for BEC lectures. This year he is lecturing on the Life and Thought of Rev. Haya Akegarasu. They have been tremendous lectures. I am most fond of Rev. Akegarasu’s writings and I have used his books in many of my study classes. I would like to share my connection to Rev. Akegarasu and relate his spiritual experience in Shin Buddhism for my article for this month.

I grew up attending a Shin Buddhist temple in rural Eastern Oregon. I was a typical young person, attending and being in YBA and all that. In college I majored in Religious Studies and began to take courses in Buddhism. I found that there was so much more to Buddhism than what I had learned growing up attending my local temple. I came to appreciate the fundamental Buddhist teachings that I learned, but whenever I went back home to Eastern Oregon, I could not relate to the sermons on Jodo Shinshu by the various ministers that served there. Quite often I would hear this kind of sermon, “You are saved as you are, and there is nothing that you have to do. Isn’t that wonderful?” In my mind, I felt, “But I don’t feel saved. What does that mean?” I also felt that the sermons I was hearing was more like the message of Christianity than the teachings of Buddhism that I was learning in my classes. How could this be, I pondered?

After going to IBS to study for the ministry, I continued to learn about Jodo Shinshu, but still could not relate to the messages in which Amida was presented as a savior like God, and the Pure Land was a place that we went to after we died. I happened to read the book, “Everyday Suchness” by Rev. Gyomai Kusobo, and I found the Buddhism expressed in that book to be much different than what I had heard growing up. Could Shin Buddhism be this different I wondered? I had the opportunity to hear Rev. Kusobo speak at the San Jose Betsuin one evening, and I found his Dharma talk to be even more wonderful than his book. He expressed Shin Buddhism in a manner I had never heard before. He said that Amida Buddha represents “that which we should become.” I couldn’t believe what I was hearing. If this is Shin Buddhism, then I felt that I could put my whole heart into this teaching.

Since then, I came to find out that Rev. Kusobo’s teacher was the late Rev. Haya Akegarasu, and I always wanted to learn more from Rev. Akegarasu, but I could not read Japanese.

After studying in Japan and coming to be able to read Japanese (to some extent), I began to read some of Rev. Akegarasu’s books. His books were tremendous. After returning to the States and serving as a minister, I have used his commentaries on texts like the Shoshinge and the Larger Sutra for my own classes. I would not be able to conduct study classes with any kind of content or depth if not for his writings.

Rev. Akegarasu’s life experience was instrumental in the deep spiritual insight that emerged. He was raised as the only son of a Jodo Shinshu temple family in Ishikawa Prefecture. He lost his father at a young age and was raised by his mother. In those days, Shin Buddhism was taught very much in a traditional manner, like the sermons I heard growing up. Amida was presented as a savior, and we are all passion-ridden foolish beings incapable of enlightenment. Rev. Akegarasu believed in Shin Buddhism in that manner. At a young age, he met the Shin Buddhist reformer, Rev. Manshi Kiyozawa, who was presenting a radically different way of looking at Shin Buddhism. Rev. Akegarasu studied under him, but it took years and his own life crisis for Rev. Kiyozawa’s teachings to take fruition in his life.

In his mid 30’s, Rev. Akegarasu went through a personal crisis, first losing his beloved wife, then being the subject of a scathing article and subsequent scandal that shattered his reputation and standing as a minister and leader of Rev. Kiyozawa’s followers. At that time, the Amida Buddha that Rev. Akegarasu looked up to piously and faithfully, disappeared. He fell into a deep, dark place, and no traditional shin texts or writings could bring him out of it. However, in this time of despair, he reread the Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life, the main sutra of Shin Buddhism. Although he had read it many, many times before, now in the midst of his darkness and despair, a new light came into his life. The deep meaning of this text began to shine into his heart and mind. He began to realize what his teacher Rev. Kiyozawa was trying to teach him, through the message of the Larger Sutra.

Now he came to realize that the essence of the Larger Sutra was the spirit of Bodhisattva Dharmakara, who became Amida Buddha, the hero of the Larger Sutra. He came to see this story as a “story” expressing a timeless spirit that was now emerging within his own heart and mind. He came to see Amida’s primal vow, hongan, not as a vow from a Buddha long ago but as his own deep, innermost aspiration to become a Buddha and to save all sentient beings.

This is the Rev. Haya Akegarasu that I have come to know and continue to receive the most profound and dynamic teaching from. It has been through teachers like Rev. Akegarasu that I have come to appreciate Shinran Shonin’s teachings and the teachings of Shin Buddhism.

Namuamidabutsu, Rev. Marvin Harada
A Way of Seeing (0415 – Illness)

One of the basic teachings of the Buddha Dharma is that all sentient beings are subject to the sufferings that accompany birth, illness, old age and death, not necessarily in that order except perhaps for birth and death. Everything begins with birth, including death. It could be asked how far back birth begins, with the implication that it goes all the way back to whatever can be called the first living human being. However, even if the question could be answered, which is truly doubtful, it does not really add anything to our understanding of who and what we are right now. I hope you agree. Death, of course, is the end of life as we know it.

In between birth and death are, among other things, illness and old age. If you are among the rare few who have never experienced illness, whether major or minor, consider yourself one of the very fortunate. Up to this point, however, the only time you would be able truly to know that you have never experienced illness is when you experience death, or, rather, dying. Further, you might never really experience death. You might be instantaneously killed in an accident or be killed by an assailant. As much as these words might seem to be facetious, believe me, they are not meant to be.

These matters are usually considered morbid, but they happen. Death is not something we need to avoid thinking about. In fact, an attorney would probably advise us not to do so, that is, not to avoid thinking about our own death, since we might need to think of our families well-being after we are gone. Most of us have probably already thought about this, if not even further. Many people have bought burial plots or columbarium niches, for example. Many of us have wills.

However, many of us probably do not have what’s called the California Advance Health Care Directive. It is “a legal document [that] allows you to tell others what kind of health care you want to receive when you are too sick and unable to make decisions about your care. […] It also lets you identify the person(s) you choose who will work with your doctors and others to help ensure that your wishes about your healthcare are carried out…You can also write down your wishes about organ donation and identify your personal care physician.” Communicate Your Health Care Wishes (California Advance Health Care Directive Kit. Kaiser Permanente.

This booklet was put together by Kaiser, but I am sure your personal physician or health plan has something similar. You may want to get a copy so that you will know what is covered and why, before you need to know, and are still able to do something about it. There are other things covered that I did not mention that you might want to know about.

Many of you might already know about this directive. I did, but I did not do anything about it until just recently when my body started going downhill more rapidly than I liked or expected. Which brings us to the topic of this essay – illness.

Readers of these essays are aware that I have leukemia, which in essence (speaking from a non-medical viewpoint,) means that my white blood cell count is much lower than it should be.

I recently learned that I now have urothelial cancer located in my lung tissue. It is not lung cancer. My oncologist, who 17 (?) years ago cured me of lymphoma, says the only chemotherapy available is palliative. If you have or had cancer, you might have heard about this. In essence, it means it might help to prolong my life, but not cure it. That means life-long chemo. That’s good if prolonged use of the chemo itself does not have harsh consequences. A lot to think about, wouldn’t you say? On the other hand, one of several experimental drugs might come to market, in which case, it might cure cases like mine.

I have been fortunate in that the drugs involved in all of this have not caused nausea or worse. (My editor/wife says you do not need to know all the details, so I had to omit a lot of the juicy stuff.)

All illnesses arise from causes and conditions, as does everything else, good or bad. Whether a situation is good or bad, of course, is a judgment that we each make. What might be good for me might not be good for someone else, and the same holds true for the bad. And, of course, our viewpoint may change at any time. This has been true as long as there have been sentient beings able to make judgments. The reality of causes and conditions, with their concomitant effects, has been part of the Buddha Dharma since the beginning. This is pretty easy to see when we are in good health, although when we are in good health, we tend not to think about it too much, if at all. Right?

However, when we are not in good health, when we are ill in other words, we wonder why we are ill. I wonder why I am afflicted with cancer, and why urothelial cancer, a cancer that presently has no cure.

Before I go any further, let me make it plain that I hope you are learning something about not only my condition, but things that might concern the well-being of your own body. Illnesses are not always limited only to a fixed set of causes and conditions, nor to a single antidote. If you are a parent who will not allow your child to be vaccinated for whatever there is a vaccination, and s/he gets that disease, then you become a cause or condition, not only for your own child’s catching the disease, but also for whoever else catches it from your child if there be others not vaccinated. The TV personalities who spread false information and innuendos about the efficacy of vaccinations should be kicked off the air and made to give their ill-gotten gains to true research.

Illnesses of the mind are in many senses more difficult to cure, simply because the causes are more manifold than physical illnesses and it is not always clear what the cause is, although it seems that more mental illnesses are succumbing to drugs, or maybe we should call them medicines, since “drugs” often brings to mind bad connotations.

I hope that you will all take good care of yourselves, especially if you are already ill, and there are more of you than I used to think there were. Yet you make the effort to ask after my health. You are making me a “naki-miso.” That’s “crybaby,” for those of you who are unfamiliar with Japanese.

Thank you for reading this essay. I hope it made sense.

Gassho,
Donkon Jaan Doami
Self as a Verb

“When there is a self (attan), there is what belongs to my self; When there is what belongs to my self, there is a self.” (Majjhima Nikaya 22:25)

I have been re-reading Andrew Olendzki's book, *Unlimiting Mind*, which came out a couple of years ago. Olendzki is a Buddhist psychologist, and the subtitle of the book is *The Radically Experiential Psychology of Buddhism*. It is one of those books you can have around and just pick up and read a short chapter and then think on it for a while. You don't have to read the short chapters in order, although when you do, you find how his ideas build on one another.

I'd like to share just a short passage by Olendzki on the idea of “self.” For Olendzki, “self” is a verb. He says that the self arises through the act of “desire” or “grasping.” Desire can only manifest when a person who desires is created. The self (as a noun) is created as the (imaginary) subject of desire through an event that English won’t even let us name: selfing.

The manner in which this is done employs the mediating function of grasping or clinging, which consists of holding on or pushing away. Prompted by desire, the wanting-of-things-to-be-other-than-they-are, the response of holding on to what I like or pushing away what I don’t like gets acted out. The making-of-a-self is the verb, and the view-of-a-self is its residue. The process of selfing manifests as an attitude to phenomena, expressed through the unskillful conditioning of intention, rather than as thing itself. Hence the Buddhist teaching of non-self as a particular kind of corrective to wrong view, rather than as the negation of an entity.

As another passage from the early Pali texts puts it:

“This is the way leading to the origination of self (sakkaya): one regards [all phenomena] thus: ‘This is mine, this is me, this is my self’ This is the way leading to the cessation of self: one regards [all phenomena] thus: ‘This is not mine, this is not me, this is not my self.’” (M 148:16—27)

According to Olendzki, it is through this identification of I and Mine that the self is created. But he also says that it is not necessary to create a self. Selfing is optional.

Rev. Bill Dearth

2015 Hanamatsuri - April 11 and 12, 2015

On April 7th, 2015 at 7 P.M. we will be planning and conducting a logistics meeting for this year’s Hanamatsuri Festival. We ask that all organizations send a representative to discuss the continued planning of this year’s event. The meeting will be held in the Social Hall and all are invited. A successful event is very important for the operations of the church.

If you haven’t done so, please forward the contact information for your organization’s Hanamatsuri Chairs to Nancy Hara, Office Manager, in the OCBC Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at aendoocbc@gmail.com

Gassho,
Alan Endo, Hanamatsuri Chair
and Jo Ann Tanioka, Hanamatsuri Co-Chair

OCBC Wish List

Our Hanamatsuri organizations need your help in the way of donations on the Wish List. Please check the requests - they are not large items, and it would help offset the rising cost of supplies if donated. Every little bit helps, and any unused donations are used throughout the year for other events. Thank you for considering a donation.

Hanamatsuri Supplies: Gold Medal flour, 10 lb. bags, 10 lb. bags of sugar, cornstarch, bottles of sake, Takara Mirin, Yamasa shoyu, 46 oz. cans of pineapple juice, 49 oz. size Swanson chicken broth, coffee, ketchup, yellow mustard; Cutrite wax paper; Smart & Final food server gloves, S, M, and L. (questions to Cheryl Higashi)

Hanamatsuri Raffle: new items ($15 - $20+) suitable for raffle prizes, such as appliances, household items, non-perishable food items, gift cards, etc. (questions to Bill Sakahara)

E-Cookbook: Japanese platters, bowls, cups, dishes, utensils, and placemats for photographing dishes created from e-cookbook recipes (questions to Lynn Black)

Social Hall Kitchen: 2 comfort mats ($55 each), 2 3-tier carts ($88 each); or monetary donations to purchase these items. (questions to Kathy Nishimoto)

Social Welfare/Dana Program: set of ceramic poker chips (questions to Irene Yamanishi)

All donated items may be dropped off at or sent to our office. Thank you in advance!

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara
April Korin

President's Message

This month's message is on recent past events and then upcoming events.

BCA National Council meeting - At the end of February Rev. Marv, Alan Endo and I attended the BCA National Council Meeting in San Diego. Vista and San Diego temples did an excellent job hosting this annual meeting. A few of the main points:

Business meetings - Different from past conferences where the meetings were all business. Business meeting time was reduced 50%. This was replaced with Dharma talks (15) and temple discussions. Good change - some additional OCBC members attended the non-BCA activities, also a nice change.

BCA Ministers - there are currently 44 Hongwanji ministers. There are not enough to cover all the BCA temples. Encouragingly, there are also minister assistants with Kyoshi -14, Tokudo - 21, and an additional 121. The BCA Minister Assistant Program is starting to achieve one of the primary BCA purposes which is to develop new ministers.

BCA budget - Same as last year, but with a decrease of overall membership from 14,909 to 14,627 dues were increased by about $2 to $109.39 per temple member. Very minor increase.

Jodo Shinshu Center - There is still an outstanding debt but this has been significantly reduced over the years. To finally pay off this debt BCA is asking for 1000 BCA members who are able to donate $1000 for 4 years. Anyone able to donate please contact me or Rev. Marv.

Bingo - This every-other-year event, held Saturday, March 14, was again very successful. We had over 400 bingo players, a silent auction with over 100 items, and babysitting for over 100 children. I heard that financially we surpassed the 2013 event. Good job.

This was a major event that took the efforts of many. Organizations involved included ABA led by Karen Kino and OCBC Sports led by Steve Sugimoto and Carol Sakamoto. The children's activities were handled by Jr.Y and Girl Scouts. There were too many involved to name just a couple. Some of the adults I noted were Chris Terada, Jane Fujiwara, Joyce Yada and Barbara Konishi (apologies to those I missed). Many of the teenagers were also significant helpers in this effort.

Many thanks to all.

Sacred Art Festival - Was just held on Saturday, March 21. This first-ever Anaheim community event, sponsored by the Anaheim Arts Council, involved 10 different Christian churches, an Islamic center and OCBC. Thus, we were the lone Buddhist temple in the mix. This event was like multiple "open houses" to see different practices. About 80 people came to OCBC. There was a lot of interest from the visitors, who asked many questions. I thought this was an excellent event to help introduce Buddhism to others. My thanks to Jim Pollard, who coordinated the Hondo presentation, Kodo displays, registration and book sales efforts with the ministers and the BEC;

Lynn Chang, who coordinated a group who provided some light, yummy snacks for the visitors;
And to all the volunteers who supported Jim and Lynn and spent much of their day helping at the event.

OCBC Festivals (Something to consider)
Hanamatsuri festival, April 11-12, is almost here and Obon festival, July 18-19, is coming soon. While there is much work involved, consider it also as one of the ways our Buddhist practice is strengthened. As you know the Sangha is an important part of Buddhist practice and volunteering is a great way to get to know others and increase your connection with the Sangha. I believe festival participation is one of the reasons we have a strong Sangha. If you do not have an assignment or are only working on one day, consider signing up with the volunteer program run by Carole Sugimoto. If you need info on the program, please let Carole or me know.

Rev. Wondra - Returning September 1. While it was great to see Rev. Wondra recently, she could not stay. She is not quite finished with her studies in Kyoto, but she can see a good transition point. Rev. Wondra has informed Bishop Umezu that she will be available September 1 and has requested to be assigned to OCBC. While we expect the Bishop to make that assignment, we are waiting for him to provide a formal acknowledgement. Rev. Wondra told me she is anxious to get back in touch with everyone and be part of the OCBC Sangha again. I look forward to her return.

Gassho,
Aaron Nagayama

Hanamatsuri Bazaar
April 11-12 2015
BWA News

Announcements
- Thank you to everyone who purchased food from our successful fundraiser held on March 1st. We appreciate everyone who came out to help with the prep work and the plating of food. Also, special thanks to Tanaka Farms for donating the cabbage, Lynn Black for the teriyaki sauce, and Seiji Terada for helping us get the chicken.
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th, after the Gotanye service and luncheon. Please meet in the Kodo at 12:30pm. New members are welcome to join throughout the year so consider bringing a friend to our next meeting.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, March 9th, 57 seniors and guests celebrated birthdays for Dan Hakikawa, Jim Motokane, Kinuko Ujihara, and Irene Yamanishi. The tables were decorated with beautiful flowers and everyone enjoyed the delicious tempura, cha soba, sukiyaki-style niku dofu, and dessert. Thank you very much to Kokoro for the flowers, and Kinuko Ujihara for the monetary donation. The next Senior Luncheon will be held on April 20th, 2015.

Hanamatsuri - April 11th and 12th
The Toban groups will need your help before, during, and after the festival. If you are not sure where to help, please see Jodi in the MPB kitchen/conference room. Work assignments are listed as follows:
Friday Worker Lunch (Kotake/Sasaki)
8:30am social hall, Tobans F and G. We encourage all available members to come out and help prepare the delicious lunch and please bring 1-2 dozen dessert items for the table
Sushi Prep (Hisamoto)
Thursday 9:00am MPB kitchen/conference room – chop vegetables
Friday 8:30am MPB kitchen/conference room – chop and cook vegetables
Sat/Sun 8:00am MPB kitchen/conference room - prepare norimaki and inari, cut and package sushi
Udon Prep (Kotake, Nakamura)
Sat/Sun 9:00am MPB kitchen - chop kamaboko and green onions, separate meat, cook noodles and prepare servings, prepare dashi
Udon Serving Work Shifts (Yamamoto)
Laura is taking sign ups for various shifts ranging from 1:00pm to 9:00pm. We still have shifts that need to be filled. If there are any members available to help out, please contact Laura at llyamamoto@sbcglobal.net
Wonton Prep (Goodman)
Thursday 6:00pm outside MPB by sinks - chop vegetables
Friday 9:00am outside social hall – divide and distribute meat and vegetables, cook and cool gu
Sat/Sun 9:00am social hall – folding, folding, and more folding of wontons
Clean up (all hands)
Tuesday, April 14th 9:00am – put away pots, pans, utensils, cookware and food items

Southern District Buddhist and BWA Conference - June 13th, 2015
Oxnard and Pasadena Buddhist Temples are hosting the conference from 8:30am-3:15pm at the Quiet Cannon Conference Center in Montebello. Group registration deadline is May 1st. For more information, please contact Marion Nishimura.

Questions: For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Amy Iwamasa at amyiwamasa@yahoo.com or (714) 968-2649.

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura
Social Welfare / Dana Program

OCBC is the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) center on the 2nd Monday of each month, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Dianne Kujubu Belli is the counselor. Anyone interested should call the OCBC Office.

If you are interested to be a volunteer to drive an OCBC member to services or activities, please send a note to Vivian Beckker at vbeckker@msn.com or contact the OCBC office.

Games, Games, Games – The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are all kinds of card games that can be played like Mahjong, Shanghai Rummy, Hanafuda, blackjack and board games like chess, checkers, Scrabble, Monopoly, etc. The instructor for Mahjong is Francis Quon and he is helping the students learn how to count points when playing the game. Donation of $1.00 is collected at the door. Please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860.5155 or email iyamanishi5@verizon.net if you have any questions.

OCBC is a partner with Keiro Senior HealthCare in support as a Genki Partner. In response to the identified needs of our community and the complexities of health care reform, Keiro will focus this year to educate our community on issues of health literacy and offer self-management tools. Health care reform will dramatically change how health care is delivered in this country, and the roles and responsibilities of providers and patients/consumers. It is up to all of us to take care of ourselves, our families, and our community. In order to meet the evolving needs of our community, especially with the changes in our health care system, Keiro is providing a well-rounded education program to OCBC Sangha and our community. The list of some of Keiro’s upcoming educational programs and events being offered to our community can be obtained at the OCBC office.

Are you interested in strengthening your body, improving coordination and balance, becoming healthier and having a more relaxed body and mind? There is a beginners Tai Chi-Longevity Stick class led by Dan Hakikawa on Thursdays starting at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB. If you don’t have the stick for this class you can pay only $9 at the time you sign up. A form of moving meditation, it’s been shown that it helps reduce stress and boosts your immune system and memory.

Dana Program continues to exist because of the following leaders and committee members who generously give their time and expertise:


If you are interested in joining the Social Welfare/Dana Program you can contact Linda Ishibashi (562) 860-5993 or email ami_2@verizon.net.

In Gassho,
Linda Ishibashi

Dharma School News

Upcoming Events

Hanamatsuri Service
Date: April 5, 2015
Please make sure students sign the attendance sheets. Students who attend this service will receive attendance credit.

Hatsumairi Rites (Infant Presentation)
Date: May 17, 2015
The Hatsumairi is an occasion for you to present your child to the Buddha and to the Sangha, formally, for the first time, so that they too can be embraced by the teachings of the Buddha. Application deadline is May 10. Additional information and application can be found in the Korin. Please contact Teri Whiteld or Janet Sakahara for more information.

D.S. Class Schedule

D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: April 19, April 26, May 3, May 31, June 7, and June 14
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry

DID YOU KNOW???

This month’s DYK items encompass some interesting information about the past and some maybe-you-didn’t-know information about the present. Let’s start with the here-and-now.

Item 1: DID YOU KNOW that OCBC has a “Go Green” committee that works to make us all aware of eco-friendly projects which we can use at home and in the community? Not only does OCBC recycle newspaper, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles, but the committee works to educate the Sangha about Earth Day activities and ways to treat the earth more kindly. If you are interested, the “Go Green” committee is looking for new volunteers to help in their efforts. Please contact Dorothy Matsuoka for more information. Thank you “Go Green-ers”!

Now, a step back into OCBC’s past:

Item 2: DID YOU KNOW that although 2015 is the 50th anniversary of OCBC, 2015 is the 60th anniversary of our Jr. YBA?

Item 3: DID YOU KNOW that there used to be a koi pond where our courtyard now sits? And after the completion of the new courtyard, it will take on yet another new appearance.

Item 4: DID YOU KNOW that the original BWA ladies (then identified as the Fujinkai) brought their own appliances and supplies from their homes to furnish the OCBC kitchen?? Talk about selflessness and dana!

Tune in again for more interesting revelations about our past as we prepare to celebrate our half-century anniversary! And if you have other interesting / little known / surprising DYK items, please send them to Janet Sakahara, c/o OCBCkorin@gmail.com.
BINGO NIGHT-HUGE SUCCESS!

OCBC Sports and the Adult Buddhist Association recently held its Bingo Fundraiser on March 14, 2015 where over 500 people were in attendance. It was a night of fun and excitement where there were many winners: bingo winners, silent auction winners and opportunity drawing winners. Thanks to our generous donors, everyone got to participate in taking a prize home.

No event is successful without its volunteers and donors and Bingo Night is no exception. Special recognition is given to our OCBC youth organizations who volunteered their time and efforts: Cub Scout Pack 578, Boy Scout Troop 578, Jr. YBA and Girl Scouts. This year we are thankful to our many sponsorships and generous donors, and whether you were an individual or corporate, it was all appreciated. Believe it or not, over 150 volunteers came together to make Bingo Night a success! It was amazing that so many people could function as a team with the numbers that we had: 112 in child care and nearly 400 Bingo players.

The Bingo Committee and co-chairs, Steve Sugimoto, Sue Endo and Karen Kino, wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to the many volunteers for a job well done. It would not have been possible without their spirit and generosity. We recognize the following people for their support (apology if your name was omitted):


In gassho, Karen Kino

Scholarships for High School Graduates and College Students

OCBC TALBERT GAKUEN SCHOLARSHIP
OCBC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCBC TALBERT GAKUEN SCHOLARSHIP.

DEADLINE: MAY 22, 2015, FRIDAY

Applicants must be members or have parents that are sustaining members of the OCBC to be eligible.

The Talbert Gakuen Scholarship was established in honor of, and in accordance with, the wishes of the Issei founders and members of the Talbert Gakuen, who generously arranged a scholarship to an OCBC high school student in furtherance of higher education.

MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP
OCBC UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATES, OR VOCATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE CHALLENGED STUDENTS OR ARE STUDYING IN FIELDS RELATED TO CHALLENGED INDIVIDUALS, ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCBC MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP.

DEADLINE: MAY 22, 2015, FRIDAY

Applicants must be members or have parents that are sustaining members of the OCBC to be eligible.

The Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Sanematsu scholarship was established in 1999 to provide financial aid to sustaining members of the OCBC who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or vocational program that are challenged or in fields to assist challenged individuals. Mr. Sanematsu lost his eyesight and devoted his life to teaching and counseling blind students to cope with their blindness and function in the mainstream of society and achieve goals.

OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
OCBC STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A POST HIGH SCHOOL OR VOCATIONAL PROGRAM AND ARE MEMBERS OF OR HAVE PARENTS THAT ARE SUSTAINING MEMBERS OF OCBC ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS.

DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2015 SUNDAY

Obtain applications via email request to r_oishi@jpus.com or call Rick Oishi 714-761-3946.

Be sure to indicate the desired scholarship application. Grade Transcripts required.
ABA News

ABA and OCBC Sports were the leaders in this year’s Bingo, March 14th, Saturday night (Doyobi no yoru). Thank you to Karen Kino, Sue Endo, and all the outstanding ABA volunteers. It was a fun time for over 400 players, and no one went home empty handed. The Silent Auction generated more funds to the Bingo earnings.

April is Hanamatsuri time, and that means “teriyaki chicken” for ABA. Contrary to unconfirmed reports, we do not use a popular Costco brand sauce. We make our own delicious sauce from scratch, labor-intensive for three hours. The recipe is an ABA trade secret. We have been threatened and bribed, but the sauce recipe is still in safe hands. The demand for our popular sauce goes beyond our purpose for cooking, and any leftover comes at a high price. The 2015 ABA Hanamatsuri Chairpersons are: April 11th (Workers Lunch-Chieko Miyake, Janet Uyeno), and April 11-12th (Cooking and Plating-Jeff Folick, Richard Uyeno). Remember, ABA is beyond chicken teriyaki.

We welcome back former ABA president: Mark Van Dyke. Oregon was too calm for him.

Dai kon no hana: To learn ourselves, is to forget ourselves.

With deep gratitude,
Ron Suzuki

Project Kokoro News

Alpacas & Pechanga

This day trip begins with a tour of Alpaca Hacienda to learn what happens with the fiber from washing to spinning and includes a brief history of the luxurious and rare fiber. You will hand-feed the Alpacas and also make a craft from their fur to keep. There is a boutique at the Hacienda with unique gifts from local fiber artists. Afterwards a short bus ride will end at Pechanga Resort & Casino for lunch on your own and some gambling. Price is $20 per OCBC member and $25 for member guest and includes bus, guided tour and bus gratuity. Departure at 8:30am from OCBC with return at approximately 5:30pm. See enclosed flyer for reservations due May 1. Contact: Emi Ochi @ 562-924-4169 or emiochi@gmail.com Or Joan Tani @ 562-402-6075

Appreciation

We would like to express our appreciation to the following families for their recent donations which help support our future programs and activities:
The Kawaguchi Family, Ochi Family, Mr. Howard Sawada, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maeda, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Motokane, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Matsuo, Mr. and Mrs. Tamiji Somen, Mrs. Yoko Yamashita, Mrs. Stella Otsuka, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sunada, Mrs. Jeanie Shimozono, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sakahara, Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Mizutani, Mr. and Mrs. James Miyake, Mrs. Masako Sawada, Ms. Karen Muramoto, Mrs. Fumi Nakano, Mrs. Seiko Hoshino, Mrs. Michiko Sakakura, Mrs. Dorothy Ono, Mrs. Tamiko Sakimoto, Mrs. Janet Kotake, Mrs. Shizuko Matsumoto, Mrs. Kinuko Ujihara, Mrs. Mutusuko Miyakawa, Mrs. Annie Hirokawa, Mr. Eizo Yasuda, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Suzuki, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tani, Ms. Annie Hirokawa, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maeda, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kaneko, Mr. Dennis Okada,

‘Lil Tokyo Reporter’ film

Be sure to attend the special film screening of “Lil Tokyo Reporter” on Sunday, March 29 in the Social Hall at 12:15pm – it’s free! Jr. YBA Japan 2016 group will be holding a bento fundraiser.

Next Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting held in the Senior Room at 7:00 p.m. to hear of future programs or learn how you can get involved. If you would like more information please contact our president, Phyllis Uyemura: phyllis.uyemura@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Neddie Bokosky
Daion Taiko

Another month, another performance. On 3/22, we had the opportunity to support the 2nd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival in HB and their Sister City Association with Anjo, Japan. ~20 years ago we performed with the Anjo taiko group and received the blue happi you see in the picture. We wore them to honor that friendship from long ago. It was a great crowd and a lot of fun. We hope some of you were there to enjoy it.

By the time you read this, Hanamatsuri will be upon us and we’ve run out of practice time. We’ve been working hard on new songs for the last few months and we’re excited to perform them for everyone. We’re especially excited, as our new class of Beginners will have their first “recital”. Please make sure you give them your support, they’ve come a long way in a short amount of time.

For all of you Daion members don’t forget to sign up for Chicken Salad prep. If you’ve never been, it really is a great time, with great people!

Upcoming Events
Hanamatsuri rehearsal – 4/10
Hanamatsuri – 4/11-12
City of Orange Drum Week – 6/13

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

Dharma Wheel Club

On Sunday, March 15th, Dharma Club families with the Sangha Teens co-hosted the Ohigan luncheon. Our deepest appreciation to Sangha Teen families who coordinated the luncheon and made the wonderful foods that the Sangha enjoyed. Many thanks to all the DWC families who provided the delicious desserts. Also to those who helped set up, cook, clean and serve at the luncheon, your help was very much appreciated.

Our used book sale fundraiser that we had planned for the end of the month has been postponed. We plan on having it closer to summer, so please hang on to those books. We will need them!

Our next big event will be Hanamatsuri! We will be in charge of the game booths, so please check your emails for the sign up “sheets”. One exciting bit of news is the new basketball booth we have thanks to Scout Troy Yamaguchi! This Eagle Scout project will save us the cost of renting a basketball booth and the money saved will now go back with the rest of the revenue for the Hondo renovation.

In Gassho,
Carol Takagi, Irene Fukui, and Megumi Yee
Dharma Wheel Coordinators

Sangha Teens

Some upcoming events for all Sangha Teen members include: Gardena’s theater-themed event on the 28th and Venice’s co-ed basketball tournament on the 29th. Sign ups for these events are up on Google Docs. On June 20th, members will have the chance to volunteer at the “Walk the Farm” event at Tanaka Farms.

Don’t forget that the OCBC Game Night event which we will be hosting is on May 16th in the gym from 3:30-8:30 pm. Set up is at 1:00pm and clean up is mandatory. This year’s theme is “Let it Go” and remember to wear your Sangha Teens t-shirts. Also, we need to bring $10 or two gift cards to the next meeting (May 3rd) as well as dish towels from 10 members with their name on it. One final note is that the donations of clothing will be due on May 3.

At the last meeting, there was a presentation by Kizuna regarding the Nikkei Discovery Camp. It will take place at OCBC from 9:00am-5:00pm in the summer. The Discovery Camp will provide information about Japanese culture to all participants over a one week period. More information about this can be found in the brochures that were handed out at the last Sangha Teen’s meeting.

Hanamatsuri is coming up soon, so sign ups for shifts are now available! There are currently Soda Booth sign ups for both Saturday and Sunday. However there is a possible overflow so members may have to help out in the game booths.

April 5 - ST meeting canceled
April 11 &12 Hanamatsuri Festival
May 3 - ST meeting
May 16 - ST Game Night

In Gassho, Rachel
Jr. YBA

OCBC Jr. YBA had a very fun month because we got to host the Bingo babysitting fun zone on March 14. We used the upstairs classrooms and the Social Hall to cater towards all types of interests. As long as they were escorted by a Jr. YBA member, children were able to move around to any room they wanted. There were many different things to do, such as play video games, paint nails, braid hair, play with Legos, play with board games, draw or paint, make bracelets, play Halloween party games, redeem points for great prizes, watch Big Hero 6, or eat some delicious ice cream sundaes. Thank you to all of the members and parents that helped out at this event. Also, we were very glad to see so many people supporting OCBC by attending Bingo in the gym. We loved seeing all the kids have such a great time, and we look forward to seeing them next year at the Fun Zone!

Also this month, we held our Bento Sale on March 22. We would like to thank everyone who supported our bento sale, and hope that everyone enjoyed the food! Thank you to all of the parents who made the delicious food and helped sell the food. It was a very successful fundraiser, and we are so grateful that everyone at OCBC is so supportive!

The annual Southern District Basketball tournament will be held on March 28. It will be held in our very own gym. Our members will get to play on teams with players from different temples within Southern District. As always, there will be lots of food, playing time, and fun for everyone who attends!

On March 29, those planning to go to Japan in 2016, will be holding a Hot Dog fundraiser. It will take place before the Project Kokoro showing of the "Lil Tokyo Reporter". Thank you to everyone for your continued support, and we look forward to April with Hanamatsuri coming up, meaning lots of corn, boba, and dishwashing for us!

In gassho,
Kayla Katsuda

Cub Scout Pack 578

The Bear Den had a busy year getting their requirements for their Bear patch that they received at the Blue and Gold Dinner in February. The Bear patch has 24 achievements, 12 of which the boys must complete to earn the Bear badge. Some of the achievements are: sports, rope tying, taking care of the planet, saw dust and nails and spending well and saving well.

On March 4, 2015, Mr. Yamamoto conducted the den meeting and taught the cub scouts how important it is to exercise and the different muscles within our body. He even included relay games in which the Bear den had to race by jumping like a frog, walk like a crab and hold their knees and race to the end of a line.

Each den also attended Pack Game Night on March 20, 2015, at Boomer's in Irvine. The boys were given a card in which they had unlimited access to video games, miniature golf, batting cages, go cart rides, rock climbing and other carnival rides. They were also given pizza, vegetables and drinks for dinner. Each den had a great time exploring the park and even had competitions in Laser Tag and go cart racing. Thank you Len and Teri Futaba for making this a fun and memorable experience. I noticed a lot of cub scouts with big smiles on their faces.

In Gasssho,
Jon Mauldin, Bear Den Leader
Kerry Wu, Assistant Den Leader
Boy Scout Troop 578

Snow Camp

On February 21, 2015 Troop 578 went to snow camp. First, I will say that there was no snow but it was cold giving us a good low temperature camping experience. We got there around 8:00 am and started to set up camp. After that, we started to work on requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class and the scouts Star and up helped us. We ate lunch at noon which consisted of a sandwich, chips, grapes, and Gatorade. Trent Tsushio made soup for lunch for the Second Class cooking requirement with help from Matthew Maeshiro. Then we started on a service project to clean up the trails making them easier to see and follow. When we finished we started to work on requirements again and the first-year scouts performed a flag ceremony for a Tenderfoot requirement. We finished at 4:00 pm and had free time for one hour. After that, we ate dinner which consisted of chili dogs and rice. Then we relaxed and warmed up by the fire and made some fruit cobblers. We went to bed around 8:00 pm and woke up at 8:00 am to clean the campsite, bathrooms, and parent camp. We left around 10:00 am and got to OCBC around 11:00 am. I would like to thank all the parents and event coordinators for making this event possible, as I’m sure all the scouts had a great time!

Boy Scout Troop 578

Shotgun Shooting 2015

On March 13th, scouts, adults, and alumni met to participate in the troop’s annual shotgun shooting event. A majority of the troop met at OCBC to gather equipment, while the alumni, some scouts and adults went straight to the shotgun shooting location. After enduring a long drive and some traffic, cars filled with equipment and scouts poured into the troop’s campsite. We unloaded our equipment and began to set up camp. At around eleven it was lights out. The troop started to wake up at six o’clock and we began to cook breakfast. Most of breakfasts consisted of either quesadillas or breakfast burritos. After breakfast, the troop went to the parent camp to listen to the shotgun safety course. During the course, we covered basic safety when using firearms and how most shotguns work. When the course was completed, one of the alumni demonstrated the devastation of a shotgun by firing at a water jug. We took a troop photo, and then scouts began to go to the shooting stations. There were two new boy stations, one shooting station for scouts doing the merit badge, two for scouts who had already earned their merit badge, and one station for adults. Each station had a clay pigeon thrower, several shotguns, and multiple alumni, who were all very experienced firearms instructors. For some scouts, this was their first encounter with firearms. Other scouts were either trying to get their merit badge or qualify for the shotgun shooting competition. Each station shot until it was lunchtime. Patrols had delicious sandwiches for lunch. After lunch, we returned to our stations and continued shooting until late afternoon. Every shooter improved as the day progressed. Some stations started to pack and finish up for the day. Some stations stayed up, one of which was the station for scouts competing in the Shotgun Shooting Competition. Scouts in the Competition had to fire at clay pigeons being launched simultaneously in different directions. The winner of the competition was Ryan Kato. Scouts returned to camp and cooked up dinner. After dinner, we had a campfire. Alumni and adults watched the scouts perform many skits, and there was also one skit put together by the ASMs. After campfire, some scouts went straight to sleep, while others stayed up and talked. The following morning we got an early start. We cooked breakfast, broke down camp, and packed up our personal gear. The troop swept the area for trash, then we did Scouts Own. After Scouts Own, we loaded everything up and drove back to OCBC and off loaded all of our gear.

I would like to thank all of the alumni for providing the shotguns for us to shoot with and acting as range safety instructors. I would like to thank the event coordinators, The Hisamotos, The Gilberst, and the Cardellas for putting this event together. I would also like to thank all of the drivers. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the adults and alumni that made this event possible.

Thank you,
Glen
Daisy  Girl Scout Troop 2041

Daisy Troop 2041 has been having a lot of fun! One of our troop dads organized a fishing trip for the girls to Huckleberry Pond in Anaheim in early February. The kids had a great time learning how to fish with their dads, and some grandfathers even joined us. Then the end of February brought our annual Girls Day celebration where all the kids dressed in their kimonos and yukatas. They looked beautiful as they ate bentos, did crafts, learned how to make musubi and candy sushi, and did traditional dances. It was a great night for all the OCBC Girl Scouts!

We have also begun our Daisy Scout Flower Garden Journey to learn how all the dirt, plants, and animals work together to form the circle of life. They made bumble bees and butterflies out of recycled toilet paper rolls to show how we can take something and reuse it for something else. The kids also planted some seeds so they could be responsible for watering their plant and be rewarded when they see their plant grow.

Our troop just finished our annual cookie sale. They learned the importance of goal setting, handling money, and giving back to the community. The kids decided to give a portion of our proceeds to the Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). Thank you OCBC for your constant support of our cookie sales!

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916

Brownie Troop 916 has been busy selling cookies to earn our way to an overnight trip to Sea World in June. We achieved our goal and will be wrapping up our Wonders of Water Journey by learning even more about water habitats and animals that live in water while we are at Sea World. The Brownies also hosted this year’s Girls’ Day Celebration with the Junior troop. The scouts rotated through 3 stations, watched our GS sisters in Daion Taiko perform, sampled sakura mochi and had a great time! This year, we also invited troops from Nishi, Gardena and the OC Rescue Mission. It was a wonderful turn out with approximately 200 scouts participating. We are looking forward to a busy spring time with some fun activities planned! Thank you for your continued support of our troop.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 855

In March, the Junior Troop was very busy with many activities. On March 7th, the girls went to the Girl Scout Program Center in Yorba Linda along with many other Junior Troops from Orange County to earn their “Junior Detective” badge. The girls learned how to follow clues, discover facts and find out what it is like to be a detective!

To finish their “Get Moving” Journey about energy and ways to tackle energy issues, the girls helped with OCBC’s recycling and then met with Mr. Kawamura, Building Maintenance Chairman for OCBC. He talked about energy usage throughout the buildings at OCBC and gave the girls a tour of the new Social Hall, pointing out ways that energy is saved in the beautiful, new facility. Thank you very much, Mr. Kawamura!

As the girls continue to prepare for Junior Jam, Kayla Kashima said, “I am working on my tenting, fire building and Practical Know-How skills. I really liked working on these skills!” All the Juniors have been working very hard, and our parents and grandparents have been a tremendous help in teaching the various skills! Many thanks to our Junior Girl Scout families for all their support!

April will be an exciting month with Hanamatsuri and Junior Jam. The girls are looking forward to all the fun!

In Gassho,
May-Wah Chu, Janis Mauldin,
Denise Ueno and Joyce Yada
Junior Troop #855 Leaders
Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

March is always one of the biggest months for Girl Scouts. Why? Because we have Girl's Day, Girl Scout Sunday, we're beginning our spring service projects, and everyone is finishing up their Gold, Silver, or Bronze Award.

Girl's Day was an amazing event. Even though we have it every year, it seems like it gets to be more and more fun. It's the familiar, comforting same-old, same-old things we do every year, like candy sushi, taiko performances and pictures taken by the doll display.

This was also our Girl Scout Sunday month, where the Daisies sold cookies and Cadettes made desserts—made with Girl Scout Cookies!!!—as samples to try the cookies.

As for our troop, Cadette Troop 675, we are, as previously stated, starting our spring service projects. For ours, we are making dog toys from old t-shirts. But we are also folding the famous one thousand origami cranes to send to Hiroshima, Japan, where the nuclear war bombing occurred so many years ago. Cranes mean hope and since many were struck with leukemia during the bombing, they all hoped to get better, as in the famous story Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. Hopefully, we will get do a lot in the coming months, and get to go to the next level!

Taylor Ichikawa

Senior Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

To finish the month of February, OCBC Girl Scouts celebrated Girls Day. This year, OCBC Girl Scouts invited Girl Scouts from other Buddhist churches to celebrate Girls Day. Throughout the night, Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors were lead through activities put on by OCBC's Cadettes and Senior/Ambassador troop. These activities include, making candy sushi, making their own onigiri, and making a frame for their picture. The evening concluded with dancing. That Sunday was Girl Scout Sunday at church. The ninth grade Girl Scouts sang a couple songs with the Daisies and Brownies, part of their Journey project. There were also some of the Cadette Girl Scouts handing out cookie samples, and Girl Scout cookies were also sold. The following Sunday, Senior/Ambassador troop 881 had a cooking class meeting. Thanks to Mrs. Goodman, we learned knife skills and three different ways to use taco meat. We can all agree that it was very fun, but also helpful. By the end of March, Girl Scout troop 881 will be going to a sleepover in Seal Beach.

In gassho,
Tiffany Nakamura
50th Anniversary Project Report

The Phase 2 project team continues its preparation and planning. This past month, it met with the architect and consultants on the preliminary structural design. Work will continue in this area for the next month. It also met with the Japanese company that will refurbish our Naijin altars. Contract negotiations were completed and signed with the firm to do the work. If construction on the Hondo renovation starts as planned in the fall of 2016, the Naijin altars refurbishment will also begin next year.

In last month’s article, OCBC requested your continued support for our organizational sponsored fundraisers, highlighting the OCBC Bingo held on Saturday, March 14. Wow! Did you come through in a big way! While the total tally is still incomplete, attendance at both the Bingo and the childcare function well exceeded the previous Bingo’s numbers, and proceeds are expected to also top that highly successful event. All proceeds go to the 50th Anniversary Project, Phase 2 and will certainly help OCBC get closer to its goal.

There are numerous people who need to be thanked for the Bingo’s success, and I will leave it to the Bingo Committee to acknowledge them individually, but the 50th Anniversary Project would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge them as a group. OCBC greatly appreciates the untold hours of planning and preparation given by so many ABA and Sports Department members. Scores of members also helped at the event, and the results really demonstrated that their planning paid off in a big way. OCBC also gratefully acknowledges the many donations for the silent auction, game prizes, and give-away gifts, as well as the numerous Bingo sponsors. Of course OCBC wants to thank all who attended to support this event. It clearly was a great team and Sangha success. And it was a lot of fun!

The 50th Anniversary Project Development Committee continues its work to update the leaves on the Bodhi recognition tree in the social hall. Approximately twenty previous donors have upgraded their level of recognition on the Bodhi tree. Another ten donors will be recognized for the first time with new leaves. OCBC will begin notifying those donors of their new or changed recognition status and requesting their desired inscription wording for their leaves. Those notifications will be mailed in April. If you think you fit in either of these donor categories and you don’t receive a notification letter by the end of April, please inform the office and a committee member will contact you to determine your actual status. Many donors are actually quite close to the minimum Iris level of recognition. If you’d like a current status to determine what additional donations are needed for recognition, again leave a message at the office for the committee, and we will quickly get you the information.

OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between February 21, 2015 and March 21, 2015.

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OCBC Girl Scout Troop 881 900.00
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges
to Date: $964,464.00
Total Pledges and Donations: $8,081,823.00
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Phase 2 Goal $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $1,163,318.00

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara
Project Treasurer

OCBC Coin Drive

Do I hear the sweet sound of coins jingling in your pocket, purse or piggy bank? This is a great time to donate your coins to the OCBC 50th Anniversary Coin Drive! At the end of everyday I put all my loose change in a container and when I fill it up, I donate it to the OCBC COIN DRIVE! I know….you’re saying “Well, she has to because she is always asking us to donate coins!” Well…you’re right, but the main reason is because I want to be a part of the “OCBC 50th Anniversary” and grateful to be part of the OCBC community! I can’t wait to “bug you” for the OCBC 100th Anniversary Coin Drive!! (or at least the 75th!).

Let’s see…. In February, I received $259.30 in coins in February for a total of $17,410.25! I have 8 more months to try to get to my goal of $25,000.00 which means I need to collect $7,330.45. Do you have coins in your drink cup in your car? What about in-between your couch cushions? (I know, I sound desperate)! Giving to the 2nd phase (building of the Hondo) will be a great way of being part of the OCBC 50th Anniversary!! Let’s do it together!

Thank you to the following who donated:
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Yasuda, Eizo

**Nokotsudo Maintenance Donations**

Anonymous (2)  Hirokawa, Annie
Iwamasa, Susumu  Various (2)
このご文を「教行信説」信文類の真仏弟子釈で引用されています。この親友という方は、ただの友達といえども、仏さまの世界から生まれ来たのでない、けれども、仏さまの世界に属する者と、して生涯を全うしようとすることが、如来所以興出世」といわれた「如来」の仲間入りをさせることではないでしょうか。

しかしながら、お釈迦さまの仰ることをすっと聞き入れることは、なかなか難しいです。出来ることではないですね。ですので、お釈迦さまの教えを聞いて慶ぶ人を私の親友であると言われています。私のお釈迦さまの仲間入りをさせることではないでしょうか。

なお、『仏説無量寿経』の言葉は、「仏説無量寿経」四十七頁には「則我善親友子なはちが善親友なり」と読かれています。親鸞聖人さまは、

このことではしょうか？「如来」とはサン
出世本懐の意味を話すためで感じ
2015年の当仏教（花祭りバザー）は、左記の通り行なわれます。
1日（土）：午後1時から8時まで
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5月祥月法要
来る
5月の祥月法要は、2日（火）
午後7時30分より営まれます。

合掌
ワンドラ 習

4月祥月法要

宗祖親鸞聖人御誕生

『降誕会大法要』ご案内

宗祖親鸞聖人のご誕生を祝し、
当オレンジ郡仏教では左記の通り、
宗祖親鸞聖人のご誕生を祝する
降誕会大法要・並びに『初参り法要』
を営みます。

日時：2015年5月17日（月）

サービス：午前10時 本堂
日本語部：初参り法要の後
日本語部・日本語部共に講師
英語部・日本語部
宮地美子先生

初参り法要

初参り式は、仏教法要に引き続き、
本堂で行います。

初参り法要

初参り法要・並びに『初参り法要』

婦人会便り

営まれるご案内

初参り法要

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5月17日（日）12時30分
次回のミーティング

3月9日に行なわれたシニアランチョンでは、57名の敬老ゲストの方達に会場のテーブルは美しい花束が飾られ、参加者全員美味しい天ぷら、茶そば、肉豆腐とデザートをご馳走になりました。お花を戴き、宇治原きぬこ・元金ジムはきわダナン・元金ジムのおめでとうございます。心よりお礼を申し上げます。心よりお礼を申し上げます。

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金曜日のボランティアランチョンでは、美味しいランチを用意するお手伝いをお願いしました。1〜2クラスのデザートをご持参下さい。

南北加賀教団及び婦人会大会

5月17日（日）午前9時
ソーシャルホール：ワンタンを作る

10日（金）午前9時
ワンタン：M PBキッチン・カンフランス

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南加賀教団及び婦人会大会

11日（火）午前9時
鍋、調理器具

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**ご寄付**

2月23日（3月21日までに御寄付頂きましたご名前）

- 3月寄月法要
- 3月祥月法要

合計：2,974ドル

**仏教会に特別寄付**

岩政

合計：2,720ドル

**お葬儀**

岩政

合計：3,740ドル

**ご寄付ご名前です。**

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**仏教会同一心得者で、心よりお悔やみ申し上げます。**

- 故・小林
- 故・松本
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- 故・小川
- 故・松尾

**岩政**

合計：2,720ドル
Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 10th, 2015
8:00 am—10:30 am
OCBC Social Hall
$5.00 per person / Mothers are complimentary

Hosted by OCBC’s Jr. YBA

WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
THE CENTER WITHIN
By Gyuomay Kubose

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
10% HAPPIER
By Dan Harris

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00pm  PLACE: Social Hall Level 3
For more information please call 714-827-9590
Books are for sale at OCBC

Buddhist Education Center
Orange County Buddhist Church 909 South Dale Ave. Anaheim, CA 92804
Federation of Dharma School Teachers League

2015 Annual Conference

Conference Theme:

Let Go
Of Everything You’re Afraid to Lose

![Image](image.png)

Taken from an old Indian painting, this line drawing shows a man (representing us) being pulled by Amida Buddha and pushed by Shakyamuni Buddha towards the Pureland, but resisting both due to his ego. This is a central theme that will be presented during this conference.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Masao Kodani, Minister Emeritus

April 24-26, 2015

Concourse Hotel at LAX
6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

Hosted by Southern District Dharma School Teachers League
Project Kokoro presents

Alpacas and Pechanga Day Trip

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
$20 for OCBC Member • $25 for Member’s Guest

Learn about the history of the alpaca and their luxurious and rare fiber. You’ll learn some of their quirky traits and other interesting facts. At Alpaca Hacienda, you will learn how they work with the fiber, from washing and carding, to spinning and felting, and will give you a brief history of spinning fibers into yarn. You will also have the opportunity to hand feed the alpacas and take part in making a craft from alpaca fur to take home with you. They also have a boutique where you can find beautiful, handmade items by local fiber artists made from alpaca fiber, as well as luxurious scarves, hats, sweaters and gloves.

After visiting with the alpacas, we’ll board the bus for a short drive to Pechanga Resort & Casino where you have time to catch lunch on your own and do some gambling.

Pechanga has 5 restaurant choices for lunch to please every taste. Choose from Bamboo – an authentic Vietnamese and Korean specialties; Blazing Noodles – modern Asian dining; Kelsey’s – with fantastic pub food; Pechanga Café – 24-hour café; Pechanga Buffet – Internationally inspired with multiple action stations, made-to-order pasta and Asian stations, plus a decadent dessert bar; and Temptations Food Court – featuring American, Italian, Mexican, Fried Chicken, Espresso and Pastries, Bahn Mi, Hot Dogs and Lemonade.

Pechanga is California’s biggest casino with over 200,000+ square foot gaming floor. The casino is equipped with a state-of-the-art filtration system and offers extensive non-smoking areas. It has over 3000+ slot and video machines and over 130+ table games.

Lunch – On your own at Pechanga Resort and Casino
Price – $20* per person (OCBC Members) • $25 for Member’s Guest. Includes bus, guided tour and bus gratuity.

*Partially subsidized by Project Kokoro.

Check-in – 8:15 a.m. OCBC parking lot.
Departure – 8:30 a.m.
Return – Approximately 5:30 p.m.

RSVP – Please mail form below along with payment to confirm your reservation. Deadline: May 1, 2015
Cancellations – Only if a replacement is found.
Contact Emi Ochi (562) 924-4169 or emiochi@gmail.com
Information – Joan Tani (562) 402-6075

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Alpacas and Pechanga Day Trip
Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Please complete, detach and mail back with your check:

NAME(S):

YOUR PHONE #: ______________________

YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT: ______________________

RELATION: ______________________

YOUR E-MAIL: ______________________

CONTACT’S DAY PHONE: ______________________

CELL PHONE: ______________________

IF PAYING FOR ANOTHER PERSON OTHER THAN SPOUSE:

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Reservations (OCBC Member) _______ x $20 = $ _______

Reservations (Non-Member) _______ x $25 = $ _______

Check # ______________________

Make checks payable to: PROJECT KOKORO

Mail to:

Emi Ochi
11602 Jerry Street
Cerritos, CA 90703-7419
Hatsumairi
(Infant Presentation)

The Orange County Buddhist Church cordially invites parents and their infants, 12 months or younger, to participate in the Hatsumairi rites offered in May. The Hatsumairi is an occasion for you to present your child to the Buddha and to the Sangha, formally, for the first time, so that they too can be embraced by the teachings of the Buddha. While this ceremony was traditionally done privately by the family, there has been a trend to have this gathering collectively under the auspices of one of the affiliated organizations within the temple, such as the Dharma School.

The Southern District Ministerial Association has adopted the birth of Shinran Shonin for this occasion. The Orange County Buddhist Church welcomes your participation in this Hatsumairi gathering, which will be held during the Gōtan-E Service on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

If you wish to participate, please fill out the form below and mail it to arrive, no later than May 10, 2015.

If you have any questions, you may call Teri Whited at (714) 875-0584 (cell) or email her at teriwhited@gmail.com or Janet Sakahara at (949) 582-9452, email: 1102yukis@gmail.com. Please note: We will contact you to verify receipt of application. If you do not receive verification by May 10, 2015, please contact Teri or Janet.

Hatsumairi Application Form
Please Print

Name of Child ___________________________ Date of Birth ____________

Name in Japanese (if applicable) ______________________________

Name of Parents: Father: ______________________________

Mother: ______________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ email: ________________

Please send completed form to: Hatsumairi
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA  92804
The Life and Thought of Rev. Haya Akegarasu
- Dr. Nobuo Haneda
Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31
Rev. Haya Akegarasu was one of the foremost disciples of Rev. Manshi Kiyozawa, a Shin Buddhist thinker and reformer of the Meiji period in Japan. This class will look at his life and tremendous depth of spirituality in the Shin Buddhist tradition.
Three week class. Registration: $50.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall 2nd Floor

Understanding Shin Buddhist Terms at Their Deepest Level – Rev. Tetsuo Unno
Saturday morning, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. May 16
The Shin Buddhist tradition is filled with terms and concepts that are often a roadblock to many and frequently misunderstood. This course will look at the major terms and concepts in the Shin Buddhist tradition, like the Pure Land, etc., and reflect on their deepest meaning for us today.
Seminar. Registration: $15.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall 2nd Floor

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. April 7, 14, 21, 28
We often overlook the path when we focus on the goal. As an alternative, this course will explore a life of process rather than one of purpose. A life in the here and now rather than yearning for an idealized future. The how then becomes more important than the what.
Four week class. Registration: $20.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall 2nd Floor

Exploring the Long Discourses of the Buddha: Intro 2 – Bob Bolander
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. May 5, 12, 19, 26
It is said that the Pali scriptures are as close as we can get to the original words of the Buddha. By exploring this text, not only can we learn to appreciate the great sutras, but we can also see the world in which the Buddha lived and into the fundamentals of his teachings.
Four week class. Registration: $20.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall 2nd Floor

Lectures on the Shoshinge – Rev. Marvin Harada
Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. April 8, 22, May 13, 27, June 10, 24
Shinran’s verses can become part of our everyday life when explained through the words of the 20th Century teacher, Rev. Haya Akegarasu.
Six week class. Registration: $30.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall 2nd Floor

Lectures on the Larger Sutra – Rev. Marvin Harada
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. April 9, 23, 30, May 21, 28, June 11, 18
The Larger Sutra is the most important text in Shin Buddhism. We learn how the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in our life here and now.
Seven week class. Registration: $35.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall 2nd Floor

Registration Form (Please Print)

Name(s):
Address:
City / State / Zip:
Phone: ( ) Email:

Please check the class(es) desired:
☐ The Life and Thought of Rev. Haya Akegarasu ($50)
☐ Understanding Shin Buddhist Terms at Their Deepest Level ($15)
☐ The Process Driven Life: Intro 1 ($20)
☐ Exploring the Long Discourses of the Buddha: Intro 2 ($20)
☐ Lectures on the Shoshinge ($30)
☐ Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($35)
Total $

Late registrants may pay $5 per remaining classes.
Dear 2015 Chibiko Basketball Applicant:

The Orange County Buddhist Church Sports Group will be conducting its 22nd Chibiko Basketball Program.

**When?**

May 17, 31  
June 7, 14, 21, 28  
July 12, 26

**Time?**

1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**Location?**

The Chibiko Basketball program will be held at the Orange County Buddhist Church Gym at 909 South Dale Avenue, Anaheim, 92804

**Who?**

Children who are (A) 5 years old before or on May 17, 2015, or (B) in kindergarten, or (C) in 1st grade, or (D) in 2nd grade and have not played in SEYO, CYC, CBO, JAO

**How?**

Sign ups will be conducted by application only. Applications are available in the OCBC Korin, OCBC **Sports** Office (in the gym), or from one of the contacts indicated at the end of this letter.

**The deadline to turn in applications is May 1, 2015**

Enrollment will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. An email will be sent to confirm your participation. **Placement of the children onto teams will be done at the Director's discretion – Special requests will not be accepted.**

Applications should be mailed to:
OCBC Chibiko Program  
Attn: Jeff Sakamoto  
6307 Royal Grove Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**How much?**

The cost is $50 for OCBC sustaining family member child or $55 for non-member child. Included will be a T-shirt, basketball, party and gift at the end of the program.

Please make your checks payable to **OCBC Sports.**

**What is the format of the program?**

The program will be broken down into two (2) parts. The first hour is a short clinic where all the children will be instructed on fundamentals including, stretching, footwork, dribbling, passing, and catching. A game will be conducted during the second hour. Players are required to participate in the clinic portion of each session before playing the game.

**For more information, email** [ocbcchibiko@gmail.com](mailto:ocbcchibiko@gmail.com), **or contact:**

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<td>(714) 655-5522</td>
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<td>(310) 780-0397</td>
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<td>Jon Nakagawa</td>
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The past 22 years were successful due to the unselfish participation of parents and children. The success of this program is directly related to your help. Your child will benefit accordingly.
ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH  
OCBC SPORTS 
909 SOUTH DALE AVENUE 
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92804

2015 CHIBIKO BASKETBALL PROGRAM APPLICATION

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E-mail Address *(Required for confirmation and informational purposes)*

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Are you a sustaining member of the Orange County Buddhist Church?  Yes  No

I, the parent or guardian of the above named child, hereby register him or her for participation in the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) Sports Chibiko Basketball Program and do fully agree to the rules and regulations of the OCBC organization and do hereby release OCBC, its officers, members, managers, and coaches from any and all liability.

I hereby waive and release the OCBC Sports Chibiko Basketball Program from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses of any nature incurred while participating in the OCBC Sports Chibiko Basketball Program. I understand that medical insurance is my own responsibility.

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature  Date

The success of the program and the benefit to the children is directly related to the participation of the parents. Please indicate if you would volunteer to help as:

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OCBC Chibiko Program $55 Non-Member
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Huntington Beach, CA 92648
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