MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

MONDAY MAY 25, 2015
9:00 AM - FOREST LAWN, CYPRESS
9:40 AM - OCBC
11:00 AM - WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL PARK, WESTMINSTER
11:45 AM - GOOD SHEPARD, HUNTINGTON BCH
12:30 PM - ANGELES LAWN, ANAHEIM
1:00 PM - FAIRHAVEN (SOUTH), SANTA ANA
1:30 PM - FAIRHAVEN (NORTH), SANTA ANA

There will be NO SERVICES at OCBC on Sunday May 24, 2014.
Shinran Shonin’s Shoshinge and the Seven Masters

One of the most fundamental of Shin Buddhist texts is the Shoshinge, which is a song or poem written by Shinran Shonin. The Shoshinge is also chanted, and is chanted every morning at the 6:00 a.m. service at our Hongwanji in Japan. At OCBC, we chant the Shoshinge at our meditation service every Sunday, and after the publication of our new service book, we are trying to do it more often in our family services as well. This month, I would like to explain in general, the contents of the Shoshinge.

First of all, the Shoshinge (Gatha, or song of True Shinjin), appears in Shinran Shonin’s main work, the Kyogyoshinsho (Teaching, Practice, Shinjin, Realization), which is a lengthy work consisting of six chapters. The Shoshinge appears at the end of the second chapter, the chapter on Practice (Gyo). It is a song or poem that is exactly 120 lines long, with 7 Chinese characters in each line.

To put it simply, Shinran Shonin expresses his deep spirituality, his deep heart of the Dharma in this beautiful poem. In expressing his deep heart of the Dharma, he praises the wonderful teachers who have brought the truth of the Dharma, the Nembutsu, to him. Those wonderful teachers are called the Seven Masters.

Although their names are long, I think it is important that we know their names and become more familiar with their teachings.

I would like to list the names of the 7 Masters in both the language of their country, but also by their names pronounced in Japanese as Shinran referred to them. When you become more familiar in chanting the Shoshinge, you will recognize the names of these masters appearing in the text, as Shinran praises them and their teachings.

The Seven Masters are:

India Nagarjuna (Ryju Bosatsu)
Vasubandhu (Tenjin Bosatsu)

China Tan Luan (Donran Daishi)
Tao Cho (Doshaku Zenji)
Shan Tao (Zendo Daishi)

Japan Genshin Kasho
Genku (Better known as Honen Shonin)

In the Shoshinge, Shinran Shonin praises Shakyamuni Buddha, Amida Buddha, and the Seven Masters, for bringing the truth of Namuamidabutsu to his heart and mind. For Shinran Shonin, his heart and mind was in total darkness, total delusion, until a light began to penetrate into the depths of his being. This light that he encountered was the light of wisdom, the light of Amida. The Seven Masters, to Shinran Shonin, were like the conduit, the pipeline, through which the profound Dharma flowed from Shakyamuni Buddha all the way to him. When Shinran Shonin praises the Seven Masters, he is not trying to validate his own position in the Buddhist tradition. He is not saying, “See the great teachers that are in my lineage!” Instead, he is expressing his gratitude for their teachings, that liberated his heart and mind. These Seven Masters were the great teachers that he revered and looked up to. They were the great teachers that inspired him in his own path of the Nembutsu.

If you were a musician, there would be great composers or musicians that inspire you to become a great musician. If you were an athlete, there would be great athletes whom you try to emulate, whom you look up to and try to model your game after. No matter what field you are in, there are teachers and mentors that guide you in that path, whether it is medicine, politics, or philosophy. In that sense, the Seven Masters for Shinran Shonin, were the great spiritual mentors in his life, whose writings brought the essence of Namuamidabutsu to him.

In a sense, we each have to find our own Seven Masters in our journey on the path. Perhaps for us, Shinran Shonin is one of our Seven Masters. Maybe Rennyo Shonin is another master. Maybe our Seven Masters might include the writings of the Dalai Lama, or D.T. Suzuki, or Thich Nhat Hanh.

The final line of the Shoshinge, Yui ka shin shi ko so setsu, means, “Just rely on the teachings of these masters.” Shinran was a seeker and a student. He read and studied. He listened and learned. He opened his heart to the teachings. In doing so, wonderful teachers and teachings emerged in his life. His life became like a sponge and he absorbed into his life the teachings and writings of the Seven Masters, the Three Pure Land Sutras, and many other sutras that he read and quoted in his Kyogyoshinsho, like the Nirvana Sutra.

What we learn from Shinran Shonin’s Shoshinge is not just the teachings from the Seven Masters. What we learn is his attitude, his posture in seeking, listening, and receiving the teachings. When we chant the Shoshinge, we can reflect on the countless teachers and followers who have all had a hand in the transmission of Buddhism from the ancient past to me, here and now. Shinran Shonin too, becomes one of those teachers in the timeless flow of the Dharma.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
A WAY OF SEEING (0515 – Birthdays)

I cannot recall who it was, not that it really matters, but someone asked a number of years ago, “Why do we [of Japanese ancestry] make such a to-do over New Year’s? After all, our own birthdays are more important to us as individuals.” It sticks in my mind because it never occurred to me to ever to ask such a question, nor has anyone ever asked me before or since. It was probably a generational difference that brought out the question. Nothing more, nothing less.

Birthdays are funny/strange things: When we are young, in other words, when we are getting presents, we are happy to have our birthdays recognized and remembered. As we get older and we start getting more choosy about what we would like, we start to get uncaring. As we get older still, we might think we hope people will forget our birthday, though not really, although some (very) few may prefer it. This is the time to appreciate your parents for giving you your life. Tell them, “Thank you,” and celebrate your being! As we get even older, we begin to forget our own birthday. It might be that we simply do not like the idea of growing old, or it might be an unconscious attempt to slow down our upcoming death. It might simply be that our memory is giving out.

This month, May, we will be celebrating the birthdays of two of my favorite people, one, from the past and one, as of this writing, still with us: Shinran Shonin and Donkonzuk (dull-witted) Jaan (great gate to peace). Of the two, you will/should probably know the former, Shinran Shonin, better, although you will not have direct acquaintance with him. It is hoped that this is the case.

He was born on May 21, 1173, which we celebrate as Gōtan E. He was born into the Fujiwara clan of Hino, southeast of Kyoto. He was named Matsuwakamaro. He lost his parents at a very young age, and entered the priesthood at the age of nine, under Jien, head priest of Shōren-in, in Kyoto, and was given the Buddhist name, Hannen. He was allowed to go to Mt. Hiei, where, for 20 years, he studied and practiced Tendai Buddhism, an esoteric form of Buddhism, which was physically, mentally and psychologically extremely demanding. At the age of 29, he determined that he was unable to realize enlightenment following the Tendai way. He left Mt. Hiei in 1201, and attempted a 100-day confinement in the Rokkaku-dō, a small, hexagonal temple said to have been built by Prince Shotoku (574-622 AD). On the 95th day, he received inspiration from the bodhisattva Kuse Kannon to choose the Pure Land path. The rest, as they say, is history. [This whole paragraph was adapted from A Dictionary of Japanese Buddhist Terms, compiled by my friend and teacher, the Rev. Prof. Hisao Inagaki. Any error is mine.]

You cannot tell from the above what there was about this person why we would want to celebrate his birthday, but it is how he changed in his quest for enlightenment and how that affects our lives that is of utmost importance. Fortunately for us, he left behind many writings giving us his understanding and realization of the Buddha Dharma.

One of the first things he realized, although it took 20 years of study and practice, was that trying to realize enlightenment through his own power was not going to do it. Meeting, studying and practicing under Honen Shonin, called Genku in Shinran’s Shōshin Ge, a master and founder of what might have been considered, back then, “modern” Jodo Shu (the Pure Land School), led to the breakthrough he needed. On the other hand, Shinran’s understanding of Honen’s teachings was disputed by Honen’s other disciples. [According to my editor’s notes of the late Rev. Hirata’s Sunday class on the Shōshin Ge, Honen had two teachings: Nembutsu (led to Shinshu) and Kannen, visualized, Nembutsu (Jodoshu). Shinran considered Honen’s true feelings to be with the simple utterance of the Nembutsu.] Honen gave his approval of Shinran’s understanding and, more particularly, his Shinjin, saying that his own and Shinran’s Shinjin were one and the same. The crux of the matter was/is whether Shinjin was from oneself or from Amida. Shinran’s realization, and presumably Honen’s, was that it was from Amida, as a vow to enable them, and us, to realize oneness with Amida. This is the primary reason it is difficult to translate Shinjin as faith: It makes it seem like a one-way relationship. In any case, please keep in mind that Shinjin is, in an important respect, a two-way situation, from Amida to us and from us to Amida.

Among Shinran’s many writings, the Kyōgyōshinshō, or The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way is considered his magnum opus, his most important work. It is the first text translated in The Complete Works of Shinran. It is essentially a compilation of selected passages from many sutras, commentaries, and original writings by the Seven Patriarchs and others, all of whom influenced Shinran in one way or another. The great thing about it is that many, if not all, of the words crucial to understanding Shinran’s thought can be found therein. For example, there is a whole chapter on Shinjin, in which Shinran makes the case for his understanding, using excerpts from various sutras and commentaries.

It is not an easy text to read, even if you have prepared yourself with a lot of study of general Mahayana Buddhist thought. However, you should know that it is not necessary to be able to understand the ins and outs of Shinran’s thoughts in order to know that you will realize oneness with Amida as- Suchness.

You can express your gratitude to Shinran Shonin for his revelations by acknowledging his birthday, in Japanese, Gōtan E, by attending the service commemorating his birth, or, if you cannot attend the service, holding a home service with you leading the chanting of the Shōshinge.

As always, thank you for reading this essay. Take care.

Gassho,

Donkon Jaan Doami
The Other Power Rainbow

As human beings, we are of two minds. The first mind can be thought of as the small mind. This is the mind that judges and filters all of our experiences as good or bad. It narrates our lives. Just like in a movie trailer, in a very deep voice: “In a world, where Reverend Jon Turner is a super hero, he struggles fiercely to make things right.” However, this small mind cannot really be trusted.

There are many examples of this in popular culture. I have three favorites. First is the film The Sixth Sense with Bruce Willis. I can usually guess the plot of most films but not with this one. I never saw the ending coming. I was completely surprised. The reason for this was that I trusted the reality presented by Bruce Willis’ character. I accepted his narration throughout the film without question. But he was deluded. I should have trusted the little boy who could see dead people. There were obvious clues throughout, but I had chosen to ignore them.

Second is the film A Beautiful Mind with Russell Crowe. Again I was seeing reality through the eyes of mathematician John Nash but he was having an emotional breakdown. In the 1950’s, there really weren’t any Russian nuclear weapons buried throughout the United States as he had imagined. However, I assumed that I must have missed this in my high school history classes. Again I was completely surprised by the ending of this film. I never saw it coming.

Third is the book The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger, arguably the most famous contemporary example of the deluded narrator. Holden Caulfield gives narration throughout and we see everything through his eyes. Again I assumed that all of it was a valid and truthful depiction of reality. This also leads to an ending that is not expected.

This style of storytelling is extremely effective at creating suspense. We see reality one way only to find out later that we were mistaken. This can be very surprising, even unsettling. Sometimes the audience can even feel a bit betrayed – even angry.

It is through these three stories that I came to realize that I had never questioned the narrator in my head. This is why I was so easily fooled. I began to question the ending of my life. Would it be as shocking as The Sixth Sense, A Beautiful Mind or The Catcher in the Rye? What will happen if I continue to rely only on my small mind – without question?

The second mind is the big mind. It is where we can experience reality just as it is – without any inner narration. This mind can be experienced whenever we encounter something so overwhelming that there is no room for narration. For example, when we look at the Grand Canyon our small mind is silenced. The view is so vast and infinite that there are no words to describe it. The narrator is unable to speak – not by the force of our will but because there is no longer any room for distraction.

This can also be called the True Mind. There are two approaches to knowing this mind. The first approach is to silence the narrator through very difficult practices. This appears to be the main focus of American Buddhism. We meditate and attend monastic retreats in order to manually silence the voice in our head every time it begins to speak. This is a noble goal but it can be problematic. It is very difficult to continue this practice in everyday life. And I have found that the narrator gets much louder and persistent whenever it comes under attack. It is like poking a sleeping bear with a stick. In my opinion, this is not a fight we want to have.

Another approach is to find something that overwhelms the small mind, something that only the True Mind can recognize. Perhaps you are driving to work in the rain, trying to stay calm and compassionate as the traffic and pressure builds. You are able to avoid road rage but it is still close at hand. It can be quite frustrating to learn that the peace at the retreat is difficult to find on the 405. But suddenly, the sky clears and a rainbow appears. You become immersed in the rainbow and then there is silence. You are now flowing with the 405, not against it. This occurs automatically.

I think this is analogous to Pure Land Buddhist practices. We do not try to conquer the small mind through direct practices. Instead we find something so overwhelming that the focus of both our minds and our lives is fundamentally altered. We have silenced the small mind by replacing it rather than defeating it.

This is called devotional Buddhism. It is not a devotion to a heavenly being but instead to something overwhelming in our everyday lives, like the Grand Canyon - beyond words – both infinite and vast. We begin to stare in awe at the infinite causes and conditions in our lives. We call this Amida Buddha. When we listen to the teachings, chant the sutras, say Namuamidabutsu and bow – there is no room for the narrator to speak. Suddenly there is just silence.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner
President’s Message - Wish Lists

Hi - Janet Sakahara initiated and is managing a very valuable service with the OCBC Wish List program. We are saving money and obtaining things we need. If only we could develop a Wish List to help reduce our larger budget issue.

Hmm - with that idea I started thinking of my Wish List to reduce our budget issue.

Before I start on that, an update on the March message
1) Festival prices increases - We did raise a few prices. The number of attendees seemed lower than the last Hanamatsuri and our net income was a few thousand dollars lower than 2013. Hard to tell why our attendance was lower but our income would have been lower without the increase. Overall the result was good and thanks to everyone.
2) Membership due increases - We have just started meeting. This will be difficult and will take a while as no one wants to take this step.
3) Facility usage fee increases - Not looked at yet.
4) Scrutinize expenses - We continue to look at this. Thank you for helping with this as you can.

President’s Wish list - Actions to GROW OCBC.
1) Improve communication outside of OCBC through Facebook and Korin
2) Improve welcoming new persons into the Sangha
3) Wish details
   a) Improve communication outside of OCBC -- Facebook - Need someone(s) to be an OCBC Facebook manager. We could set up a Facebook webpage, accept “friends”, send out notes on upcoming events and respond to inquiries. At least, that is what I think a manager could do. I am sure there is more. Scope is open for discussion. Is anyone willing to work on this? OCBC BEC actually has a Facebook page, but my desire is to have a Facebook for OCBC that could address the wide range of activities at OCBC in addition to BEC. Perhaps the BEC webpage could be broadened?
   b) Improve our welcoming of new persons into the Sangha - THE ASK - If you see a new person(s), and if you can spare a few minutes - please talk to them?
      1) “For a new person OCBC can be a nice place, but not friendly.” This is a generalization and some disagree with this. But please hear me out. I am talking about this in “general”. We have many friendly members. But a new person will probably not meet them. Several reasons for this such as -
   c) Scrutinize expenses - With that idea I started thinking of my Wish List to help reduce our larger budget issue.

1) So the ask is of everyone - If you see a new member, and if you can spare a few minutes - please talk to the new person(s)? While this may be uncomfortable, please consider the new person, who knows no one and is in a very unfamiliar environment. Imagine how hard it would be for them to start a conversation. Some conversation could be to point them to an activity that they may be interested in. Being active in organizations is the way I see people become involved with OCBC. Also, if they have religious questions introduce them to a minster assistant. Lastly, if they have question about OCBC in general direct them to someone on the board, like me.
2) How would this help OCBC? Long term we need to get more people to become contributing members. Who becomes a sustaining member? I think it’s those who feel like they belong to the Sangha. My belief is that people come for more than just a Dharma talk on Sunday or a BEC class. Otherwise they could just buy a book.
3) This is an effort that will not take more than just the Hospitality group and the ministers.
   • Thus, my ask is that all who can help with this please do. I am not asking anyone to become “buddies”, just helpful.
   • A story - There was one new young adult, Isaac, I met several months ago. I showed him the adult class after service and introduced him to Rev. Marv after. They chatted for a minute. I saw him a couple of times after and said hi but nothing more. I have not seen him lately. I wonder - what if I had said more than just hi the second time? Perhaps I could have linked him to an activity he could be involved with. He was very quiet and my sense is he would have difficulty starting conversations. The “Isaacs” are the ones I think we can help, and perhaps encourages them to become involved and “stick” it out until they find their place in our Sangha.

So that is my Wish List - As usual I talked a lot. If you are still reading - thank you. If you have thoughts on this please let me know.

In gassho,
Aaron Nagayama
My Experience with OCBC

I discovered OCBC back in 2007. My friends invited me to the annual Obon festival that year and I noticed a sign that said, “Intro to Buddhism.” Being Vietnamese and having experienced constant language barriers in Vietnamese temples my entire life, I decided to attend the brief intro session, in which Jon Turner was the speaker for. It was a brief session, however it sparked my interest (especially since it was in English!) and after a few months, I decided to attend my first Sunday Service.

Reverend Harada was giving the service that day, and I was shocked when he made a joke about going to Vegas and gambling. Up until that point, my perception of religion involved preconceived notions of taboo subjects one shouldn’t discuss, and strict guidelines one has to follow. So you can imagine how floored I was to hear someone talk about gambling on the altar even in a joking sense. I thought: Wow, this is awesome!

The service turned out to be pleasant, humorous, and down to earth. It wasn’t filled with things you can and can’t do. The message was just simple: Be compassionate and mindful. From that point on I started attending Sunday service on my own and the book club meetings.

I didn’t tell anyone at the time, but the discovery of OCBC and Dharma teachings came at a time in my life where I needed it most. It was during the financial crisis and I felt like everything in my life was crumbling. I was stressed all the time from work and I was extremely unhappy. The stress came to a boiling point when my doctor detected a tumor in my frontal skull and I had to take a leave of absence from work which eventually led to the short sale of my house.

As you could probably imagine, I felt angry, scared, and alone. My only effective outlet at that time was OCBC. Learning the Dharma, attending service and book club meetings, and helping out with fundraisers allowed me to work through the frustration and gain a new perspective on life.

I’m happy to be able to say that things in my life are much better now. It took a long time but I’m now tumor-free, I have a new job that’s less stressful (or maybe it’s less stressful because of mindfulness to not stress the small stuff), and I recently got married. It was only fitting to have the person responsible for the positive impact on my life be the one to officiate the wedding: Reverend Jon Turner.

Looking back to that time, I know that the only way I was able to get through it all was because of OCBC. I know I should say it was the Dharma, but it was also attending Sunday Service and book club meetings, as well as befriending such wonderful people like Ellen, Alice, Sachi, Ernie, Richard, Jonathan, Matt, Jon, Linda, and many many others that really helped me. My whole experience with OCBC enabled me to become more aware of the importance of mindfulness and compassion. It gave me this giant mirror of awareness to see that a lot of suffering was self-inflicted. It put into perspective of what is truly important in life. I know with all my heart that my experience has changed me for the better, and for that I am forever grateful.

By Janet Smith

Hanamatsuri Supply Donations

Thank you very much for all the supply donations made to the 2015 Hanamatsuri Festival. In a year when we’re all trying to cut expenses for the church, your donations are an essential part of those cost cutting measures. Thank you to all who donated items to this cause or supplied your booths with supplies. If we missed your name or you donated anonymously, we thank you for your generosity and Dana. We’ll be at it again for the Obon Festival so we’re going to be counting on you for your continuous support of this program.

Linda Okino               Aimee Yokota               Ruby Takazumi
Ron Suzuki               Nancy Inafuku              Margaret Abo
Fran Onishi              Nancy Ohama                Jaime Lock
Janet Sakahara           Emi Ochi                   Mark Morimoto
Kent Suzuki              Karen Muramoto              Roy Matsuo
Ellen Crane              Mary Jane Fujimura

Your donations supplied:
9 rolls of wax paper      55 lbs flour
8 lbs of coffee          1 gal mirin
5 lbs of cornstarch      5 gal shoyu
1.5 gal pineapple juice  1 gal sake
5 mustard bottles        4 gal chicken broth
140 lbs sugar            260 gal Ziploc bags
3 boxes of gloves        3 bottles catsup

2015 Hanamatsuri Wrap-Up Meeting
2015 Obon Committee Kickoff Meeting

Calling all 2015 OCBC Obon Chairpersons!!! The 2015 Obon Kick-Off Meeting for all OCBC Organization Chairpersons will be held on May 5 in the Social Hall after the 2015 Hanamatsuri Wrap-Up meeting (7pm). If you are reading this and it’s past 5/5/2015 and would like to contact me regarding the 2015 Obon Festival, please email me at hkyama578@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Hiro Yamaguchi
2015 Obon Chairman
Social Welfare / Dana Program

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.

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.

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 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.

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

Vivian Beckker
Hideo Kawamura
Irene Koga
Rumi Nakatani
Irene Yamanishi
Karen Nagayama
Jane Kawamura
Dorothy Matsuoka
Linda Nakauchi
Phyllis Uyemura

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

BWA News

Announcements

- Thank you to everyone who helped BWA prepare the wonton, udon, sushi, kintoki for shaved ice, and Friday’s worker lunch. Many long hours are spent in the kitchen before, during, and after the festival. Under the guidance of Jodi Hisamoto, chairpersons Yasuko Kotake, Linda Sasaki, Laura Yamamoto, Bonnie Goodman, and our dedicated BWA members, Hanamatsuri was huge success. The dashi team wishes to thank Chris Nakamura for sewing the new oversized dashi bags and hopefully, they will last the next 50 years! At various times we found ourselves short of help, but thanks to the Girls Scouts, OCBC Sports, family and friends, we were able to complete the many tasks at hand. With everyone’s support, we prepared over 1,000 udon servings, made 3,600 inari sushi, rolled 590 norimaki sushi, and assembled 1,436 plates of wonton! Thank you very much!

- 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, April 20th, 53 seniors and guests celebrated birthdays for Kay Fujimura, Helen Fukino, Misako Iwakoshi, and Hideo Kawamura. The tables were decorated with beautiful flowers and everyone enjoyed the delicious salmon, teriyaki beef, side dishes, and dessert. Thank you very much to Namiye Okada for the lovely flowers, Joyce Sakamoto for the flank steak and zenzai (red beans), and Misako Iwakoshi for the monetary donation. The next Senior Luncheon will be held on May 9th, 2015.

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

(BWA photo on page 7)
Maintenance

This report describes some of the major the work that was done during April.

Thank you to the following dedicated people for their help.

Paul Fujimoto  Kay Fujimura
Dan Hakikawa  Wat Iwakoshi
Keith Kamimura  Dan Kaneko
Hideo Kawamura  Jim Mitchell
Dennis Morinaga  Norman Nishioka
Dennis Okada  Ron Sakoda
Junji Sarashina  Winston Shigenaga
Ron Suzuki  Masa Tominaga
Eizo Yasuda

The following major work was done:

1. **General.**
   
   a. General landscape cleanup and trimmed the bushes low on the north planter area along Dale Street.
   
   b. General cleanup of the Ball Road Parking Lot garden area.
   
   c. Treated all the weeds in the Ball Road Parking Lot planters with Roundup.
   
   d. Treated all the weeds in the planters along Dale Street with Roundup.
   
   e. Many burned out light bulbs were replaced.
   
   f. Applied a elastomeric coating to the roof of the cage storage area.
   
   g. Repaired a damaged 8 foot MPB table.
   
   h. Welded the the combo lock to the chain of the main gate and the south gate.
   
   i. Trimmed the pine trees in front of the Hondo.

2. **MPB.**
   
   a. Replaced a slow filling flush valve with a faster filling Korky valve in the women's bathroom toilet.
   
   b. Replaced non-working flapper valve in the women's bathroom toilet.
   
   c. Replaced two sink faucets in the men's bathroom.
   
   d. Patched the northeast exterior corner column at the base where a chunk of concrete had come loose caused by rusting rebar.
   
   e. Removed a clogged urinal in the men's bathroom to clean out the drain pipe, pipe was clogged solid with calcium and could not be clean out, hired a plumber to cut out the pipe and replace with a new section of pipe.

3. **Class Room Building.** Repaired the inoperative lighting system in room 11, which was caused by a short in the electrical power supply wire.

4. **912 Calico Home.**
   
   a. Regrouted the entry tile.
   
   b. Regrouted around the kitchen sink.

**Next monthly workday.** May 11, 2015 at 9 AM. Anyone that has some free time on the second Monday of each month is welcome to join us. A delicious home cooked lunch is provided by the BWA.

Gassho,

H. Kawamura

Dharma School News

**Hanamatsuri Service**

Thank you to all the D.S. students who represented their classes during the sweet tea and flower offering. Special thanks to Joyce Yada, Laura Yamamoto and Irene Yamanishi, who helped the students.

**Hanamido**

The beautiful hanamido was decorated for the Hanamatsuri Service. Decorators were Miyuki Fujimoto, Paul Fujimoto, Gianna Furumoto, Allysa Oune, Lauren Wong, Joyce Yada, Kristine Yada, and Yoko Yamashita. Special thanks to Frank Yada for delivering the flowers.

**Hanamatsuri Bazaar**

Special thanks to the following chairmen and volunteers:

- **D.S. Representative** – Lynn Black
- **D.S. Class Display** – Nanelle Wong and Janet Sakahara
- **Teri Burger** – Karen Nagayama and Phyllis Uyemura
- **Boutique** – Dorothy Matsuoka and Janet Sakahara
- **Sunday Lunch Prep** – Marion Nishimura and Craig Ishii

**Upcoming Events**

**Hatsumairi Rites (Infant Presentation)**

Date: May 17, 2015

**D.S. Class Schedule**

D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: 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

BWA ladies taking a break during Hanamatsuri Bazaar to enjoy a tranquil tea ceremony., Sachiko Okazoe, Mary Nakayama, Mitsuko Kawamoto, Yuriko Tanaka, Namiye Okada, Misako Iwakoshi, Kiyoko Sarashina, Amy Iwamasa, Jodi Hisamoto, Alison Yoshihara.
DID YOU KNOW???

As we start gathering steam and wend our way to OCBC’s 50th Anniversary celebration in the fall, here are a few more little-known or long-forgotten items about the proud history of our temple.

Item 1: DID YOU KNOW that back in the old days of the KORIN, each member had a metal address plate, and each issue was hand-pressed with that metal plate for mailing? In 2015 we have over 550 families - imagine hand-pressing that many addresses on today's issues!!! (Thank you to all those families who are receiving the digital KORIN or who pick up the newsletter in the office!)

Item 2: DID YOU KNOW that at the time of the original groundbreaking ceremony, the governor of California was Edmund Brown, and today, 50 years later, E. Brown's son, Jerry Brown, is now California's governor? Item 3: DID YOU KNOW that Japanese School used to go only to sixth grade, but it was later extended to 9th grade, then high school because of a student named Jeanne Kumagai? Thanks for sticking it through, Jeanne!

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

OCBC Wish List

Many thanks to all the generous individuals who looked at the Hanamatsuri wish list and donated items, large and small. Bags of flour and sugar, cans of pineapple juice, wax paper, ketchup and mustard, etc., etc., showed up in the office, and those donations greatly helped offset the rising costs of supplies needed. Then there were the gift cards and household items and other non-perishables that were on the list for distribution as raffle prizes. Everyone’s generosity was overwhelming. THANK YOU ALL!

You did such a great job of whittling down our wish list items that currently there is only one area needing attention: Social Hall Kitchen: 2 comfort mats ($55 each), 2 3-tier carts ($88 each); or monetary donations to purchase these items. Please speak with Kathy Nishimoto for any other items that may help.

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

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara

OCBC Library

The OCBC Library is located in Room 2 at the top of the stairs of the office building. It is open during and after Adult Study, usually closing about 12:00.

New additions include the DVD, *Lil Tokyo Reporter*, recently shown at OCBC and 10% Happier: *How I Tamed the Voice in my Head, Reduced Stress Without Losing my Edge and Found Self-help that Actually Works* - a True Story by Dan Harris, the OCBC Book Club selection for May.

Please check and see if you have any long outstanding library books and return them to the library or to the office upstairs in the Social Hall if the library is closed. Thank you

In Gassho,
Kay Mitchell

Project Kokoro News

Alpacas & Pechanga May 19
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: Tomi Iwata, Yukiko Hirata, Winston & Ruth Shigenaga, and B. Minamide.

Next Meeting May 13
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
ABA

In our lifetime, we take many paths. One path may be yellow and made of bricks. Along this path you may meet a scarecrow, tin man, and a lion. Each encounter may bring difficulties and hardships that need to be overcome. In the end, you will end up in a place somewhat like Kansas.

The ABA path is lined with thoughtfulness in action and colored in purple. Along this path, you may meet Jeff Folick, Joan Tani, Clark Saito, Edie Gulrich, Alan Endo, and the other 88 respected ABA members. This path ends beyond the rainbow to a place where we are all interconnected. So it is more suitable to take the purple ABA path than tag along with the Tin man on the yellow brick path.

HANAMI: March 26-April 6. The 4th ABA Japan Trip was traveled by 28 people in time to see the beautiful cherry blossoms (sakura) in full bloom. The beauty and splendor of the blossoms impressed everyone in their correct timing of the trip. They started in Osaka, then to Kyoto, with a side trip to Koyasan in Wakayama Prefecture. Traveling up the Pacific coast, spent a night at Kasura Onsen and visited the Mikimoto Pearl Farm. Then to Nagoya, ending in Tokyo, to the enjoyment of the night life and shopping crowd. See group photo at bottom of article, visiting Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto.

HANAMATSURI: April 11-12. The Hanamatsuri Festival is over, finished, pau. I wonder where all the people who did not attend disappeared to. Maybe they went to Japan, to Yosemite National Park, or to the Coachella Music Festival. Anyway, ABA had several tasks during the festival. ABA has been in charge of the Workers and Volunteers lunch for umpteen years. So whenever you day "itadakimasu," thank everyone who made the meal possible. In charge of the food preparation crew were: Janet Uyeno and Chieko Miyake. Jeff Folick and rich Uyeno were in charge of the chicken teriyaki operation. We kindly let another church entity borrow our special sauce recipe for their Obon operation. So it is no longer a secret special recipe.

GOTANE: May 17. ABA will be providing the Gotane luncheon, in charge are Kathy Nishimoto and Nancy Inafuku. Please come and enjoy our fantastic member prepared food for a bargain price. Remember ABA is beyond chicken teriyaki and Gotane luncheon, but in the hearts and minds of people with thoughtfulness in action.

Daikon no hana: It is said that there are two tragedies in life, not getting what you want, and getting it.

With lots of gratitude,
Ron Suzuki

OCBC Scrip Program:
Great gifts for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Graduation.
Youth Department

It's time to start planning for your children's summer vacation. I have two great summer camps for you to consider: LABCCC & Nikkei Discovery Camp. LABCCC forms can be picked up in the office.

If you have 7-13 year old kids or grandkids be sure to hurry and sign up for Kizuna's summer "Nikkei Discovery Camp". Kizuna is bringing this wonderful Japanese American culture & heritage camp to OCBC! You don't have to drive to Little Tokyo any more. Week 1 will be from July 13 - 17, 2015 and week 2 will be from July 20- 24, 2015

If you are looking for a fun & educational summer day camp, register for "NIKKEI DISCOVERY CAMP"!! Your kids will learn about our rich JA history, traditions and culture, as well as meet new friends.

Early bird registration deadline is MAY 15th! See attached flyer. For more information email: info@kizunala.org call 213-973-4465.

We are also co-sponsoring with Young Adult Optimist of OCO the "Nikkei Awareness Conference 2015" for local high school age kids. May 9th at 9:00AM to 2:30PM here at OCBC.

The conference's guest speakers and topics are:

Mitch Maki, CSUDH – Redress; Michelle Yamashiro, JA/PSW-Community involvement; Alan Nishio, JACCC – Little Tokyo Community Opportunities and the effects of redress; Nick Nagatani – Yellow Brotherhood.

Registration deadline is May 6th. For more information please contact: Bryce Kubo youngadultoptimist@gmail.com or Diana Ono at dianaocbc@gmail.

Daion Taiko

A big thank you to all of our great families for helping with chicken salad. An even bigger thank you to Barb Konishi and Joyce Ochiai for continuing to coordinate all of that, I know it’s a LOT of work.

Good job everyone too on your Hanamatsuri performance. You guys put in a lot of hard work up to this point. We tried to do a few different things for Hanamatsuri. We hope all of you in the audience noticed and enjoyed it.

Of course despite all of that, we’ve already started Obon practices, so be sure you make all of our practices. We're learning a few more songs, like Seido and Playdoh (or maybe that's Pureido?).

Before Obon though, we’ve accepted an invitation to participate in a taiko concert at Tanaka Farms, the first in a series of concerts put on by OCO and Tanaka Farms. Please come out to support us and enjoy an evening outdoors. Any money we raise will go towards the OCBC Building fund. Tickets are on sale now and more info can be found here: http://goo.gl/jm5NeB

Upcoming Events
OCO Taiko Festival
City of Orange Drum Week – 6/13

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

Los Angeles Buddhist Coordinating Council [LABCC]

SUMMER CAMP: LABCC SUMMER CAMP offers campers an opportunity to interact in an outdoor environment by combining nature and religious activities in the San Bernardino National Forest. Through these activities, the camper appreciates nature and experiences life situations not readily available in the city; creates new friendships with campers from other temples; and learns how Buddhist teachings and principles apply to their everyday life. The campers participate in archery, crafts, outdoors, religious activities, swimming, and other team building activities. Every morning, service is conducted by a minister from the participating temples. In order to participate in the camping program, the camper's family must be a temple member. Camp is open to boys and girls, ages 8½ to 12 years.

This year, LABCC Summer Camp will be held July 25 to August 1, 2015. Camper registration forms are available in the office. Camp applications must be signed by Rev. Harada, Rev. Turner, Seiju Terada, or Nancy Suzuki. Deadline to submit registration is May 15.

For more information, visit the LABCC website at http://labcc.org/index.html

FLOWER SALE: To support the summer camp program, the LABCC camp staff holds a flower sale inside the gates of Evergreen Cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend. Please come out and support the camp by purchasing flowers from their booth on May 23, May 24, or May 25.

Thank you for supporting the LABCC Camp Program.

Gassho,
Kent and Nancy Suzuki
Temple representatives to LABCC

Dharma Wheel Club

We would like to thank again all those who helped Dharma Wheel Club set up, run the game booths and then clean up this past Hanamatsuri festival. Also many thanks to Brian Kumagai who has been supporting our fish booth for many years. He is ready to train a new fish wrangler, so if you are interested in being our fish support please contact a Dharma Wheel coordinator.

Also, hang onto those old books. We would love your donations of gently used books for our used book sale fundraiser. The book sale will be in June in the hopes that the Sangha will be interested in some new summer reading.

Mark your calendars—we are scheduled for recycling on Saturday, May 30th at 8:00AM. We would appreciate everyone to come out and help.

We would also like to have a couple of more get togethers before summer starts. Please let us know if you have any ideas of what your kids would like to do.

In Gassho,
Carol Takagi, Irene Fukui and Megumi Yee
Dharma Wheel coordinators
Sangha Teens

Last month, Sangha Teens members attended the Gardena movie event and/or the Venice co-ed basketball tournament. It was great meeting many new people at these temples! At Gardena, we learned about acting and theater. All of us were divided into groups according to a movie and did many ice breakers such as jeopardy and listing facts about each other. Afterwards, there was a dance with even a selfie booth outside!

At Venice, we all had the chance to play against other people from other temples. Everyone was divided into a different color team, and each team member was given a special tournament shirt with their team color. It was fun getting to play against friends from different places!

Thank you to all the Sangha Teens and parents for helping out at the Hanamatsuri festival. Thank you to the Andos, Hayashidas, Robinsons, Tomookas and Mrs. Hirata for chairing and keeping the Soda Booth running smoothly.

The OCBC Sangha Teens are having our upcoming game night soon. The theme is “Let it Go” and there we will be playing a variety of card games. A dance will follow afterwards. All members are required to attend and help set up or clean up for the event. Wear your green Sangha Teens t-shirts and we’ll see you there!

May 3 – Sangha Teen Meeting
May 16 – ST Game Night @ OCBC

In Gassho,
Rachel Wong

Jr. YBA

The main event of the month was Hanamatsuri. Each member worked two shifts: Corn for everyone, Boba for Seniors, and dishwashing for the remaining members. In the corn booth, we shucked the corn graciously donated by Tanaka Farms. Then we helped distribute the cooked corn so that all the corn-lovers could customize with the various assortments of toppings we had available. Dishwashing is not always the easiest job, but our members still try their best to keep the pile of dirty dishes from piling too high in the kitchen sink. The boba booth was booming this Hanamatsuri. We even had some new flavors available! After and between our shifts, we were able to enjoy the delicious food and great entertainment that Hanamatsuri had to offer.

SOC Pancake Breakfast took place on Saturday, April 18th. Thank you to all of our members and parents for helping out with set up, tear down, and the bake sale!

On May 2nd, we look forward to Seminar 2. It will be hosted by San Diego Buddhist Temple, and the theme is “Big Hero Buddha.” It will be really interesting to learn about the relation between Buddhism and the recent hit movie, “Big Hero 6.”

The annual Mother’s Day Breakfast will take place on May 10th. Hopefully you have seen the colorful sign that has been hanging outside of the Social Hall! Please make sure you bring your mother to eat a yummy pancake breakfast in the Social Hall before service. Our very own members will be offering top notch service. And don’t forget, mothers are free! Thanks for the support, and we hope to see you all there!

Jr. YBA has had a great month with many opportunities to give back to OCBC and our community. And now we look forward to May, which will have the perfect mix of Buddhism and yummy pancakes.

In gassho,
Kayla Katsuda
Publicity Chair

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
Cub Scout Pack 578

This past month, Cub Scout Pack 578 helped to make Hanamatsuri a successful event. The boys helped by volunteering in the basketball, goldfish, and snow cone booths. Thanks to all the parents for donating their time and helping out. It was great using the new basketball hoop constructed from the recent Eagle Scout project...and the boys got a lot of practice rebounding.

For our "Go See It" outing, the Wolf Den joined the Webelos by taking our first big hike. Gary Lenart arranged a nice scenic hike at Crystal Cove State Park, located on the Newport Coast. The boys hiked along the beach and up to an elevation of over 500 feet (it was pretty steep) with a great scenic view. We covered 4 miles, hiking for 2.5 hours. Some of the boys enjoyed the beach and great weather afterward as well.

The summer is soon coming and the boys will be submitting their Pinewood Derby cars for the big race next month. Can't wait to see all of the boys' (and parents') hard work!

Boy Scout Troop 578

Hanamatsuri

OCBC held its annual Hanamatsuri Festival on April 11th and 12th in celebration of Buddha’s birth. Preparations for the festival began on Thursday with set-up and won ton prep and continued on Friday evening with parents trimming several pounds of chicken pieces and chopping several pounds of cabbages.

The weekend brought perfect weather with radiant sunshine and a cool breeze, as the boy scouts kept busy separating the teriyaki beef and running as quickly as possible to fill “take-out” orders for festival patrons. The delicious aroma of teriyaki beef filled the air as the fathers grilled the meat and the mothers marinated and plated the food. Everyone worked in unison, while traditional Japanese music filled the celebratory atmosphere.

A huge thank you to The Ichiho Family, The Iwamoto Family and The Swun Family for organizing this notable event. Thank you to all the parents for performing all the multiple tasks to make this such a huge success. A very special thank you to the Sangha for their continued support of Troop 578.

Chandler Takeuchi, Lightning Bolts, Patrol Historian
Boy Scout Troop 578

Camporee

On April 17th, scouts and adults met at OCBC to gather equipment before heading off to the Orange Frontier District Camporee. After we got our equipment together, we loaded up and drove to the campsites up near Irvine Lake. We did not encounter much traffic on the way up, but when we arrived there were scouts from multiple troops all setting up their campsites. Our troop was one of the larger troops. We unloaded our personal gear and troop equipment. Then we began to set up tents, EZ-ups, tables, and we also made a border around our camp with rope. Once our campsite was set-up, we went to get hot dogs from the group of people that were running this Camporee. After we had a delicious dinner of hot dogs, we returned to camp. Lights out was at 10:30. The following morning, scouts got up early to cook nutritious breakfasts before the day’s competition. At 7:30 we attended a flag raising ceremony. The first events started at 9 o’clock. There was a total of nine stations for patrols. There were five stations that each patrol was required to do, these were Wilderness First-Aid, Love of Country, Orienteering, Knots, and Lashings. Each patrol competed until noon and we had a break at lunch. Most patrols ate sandwiches for lunch. At 1:30, events started back up and patrols competed until around 4 o’clock. After the day’s competition was over, we returned to our campsite and began to cook dinner, and take down part of our camp. Patrols had dinners ranging from curry to tacos. After dinner, we put on our Class A’s and waited for the Order of the Arrow Serpentine. The serpentine, is when the Order of the Arrow comes around and each troop falls into a massive line. We go to campfire in this line with other troops. At campfire, we watched several funny skits. Then, there was a ceremony where people willing to join the Order of the Arrow were taken aside for their ceremony. Campsite ended and we returned to camp. Many scouts went straight to sleep, while others stayed up and played cards. On Sunday morning, we took down our camp and put on our Class A’s and headed to the awards ceremony. Many patrols placed in multiple events. Our troop placed second place in campsite inspection and our troop placed as second place troop overall. After awards, our troop headed back to our campsite and loaded up and headed back to OCBC.

I would like to thank the event coordinators, The Nitta, Mar, and Maeshiro families for coordinating this event. Thank you to all the drivers for driving up the scouts and equipment.

Thank you, Glen

Troop 578 Patrol Hike

On March 21, 2015, Troop 578 ventured out with their patrols for the scouts first patrol hike of the year. Each patrol was responsible for planning a hike, whether it be a day hike or an overnight hike. While some patrols chose faraway locations, such as the mountains, the Falcons chose to do a local day hike at El Dorado Park. We had an early morning start at 7:00 am. The patrol packed their backpacks with supplies, food, a stove, and even fishing poles that we planned to catch fish with, but unfortunately didn’t. When we arrived at El Dorado Park, we oriented a map with a compass. Then we took turns navigating our way to our first destination, the nature center. Before that, we enjoyed a light breakfast of homemade banana-blueberry bread with a whipped cinnamon butter. At the nature center, we walked the trails and explored the wildlife which included Madagascar cockroaches and snapping turtles. Then it was off to prepare lunch. This consisted of “make your own” sushi followed by dessert: madelines with lemon curd, vanilla whipped cream, and a berry compote. After lunch, we hiked to the lake to fish (no luck here) and watch the geese. The surroundings were beautiful and peaceful. In total, we hiked approximately 7.4 miles. Later that afternoon, we all headed back to OCBC. It was an unforgettable trip and a great bonding experience for our patrol.

Thank you to our patrol leader, Ryan Leung, for arranging this trip for the Falcons and ASM Mr. Cardella, ASM Mr. Ueno, and ASM Mr. Ching for attending the hike with us. The trip would not have been a success without everyone’s help.

In Gassho,
Jin Swun
Falcon Patrol Historian
Junior Troop #855

In April, the Junior Troop helped at the Hanamatsuri Festival by bussing tables in the MPB. Every year, the Juniors (4th and 5th graders) work with the Brownies (2nd and 3rd graders) to clean the tables so that all the guests at the festival can relax and enjoy their delicious food! Great job, girls! And, many thanks to the Troop Coordinators and all the Girl Scout families for their time volunteering at the festival. We appreciate your support!

On the weekend of April 17 – 19, the Junior Troop went to “Junior Jam” at El Dorado Park in Long Beach to participate in the weekend-long camping skills event. With our Junior Jam Captain Janis Mauldin at the helm (the theme was “Sailing the Seven Seas”), OCBC Junior Troop 855 came in 2nd place in the Skills Events and 3rd place in the Fun Events! The Juniors worked very hard to learn their skills such as tent building, knots, emergency preparedness, and many others, and we are very proud of them. Congratulations, girls! The weekend was packed with fun activities! Kathryn Nakahira said “I liked the campfire where we laughed and sang songs. I also liked doing the fun events where we played games.”

And a BIG thank you to our parents and grandparents who spent so much time with us preparing for Junior Jam by teaching the skills to the girls! We also appreciate all the help we received during the event from the families who helped us with our meals and the “Deckhand” Dads who stayed overnight and made sure we were safe! Many thanks to our Junior Girl Scout families for all their support!

April was an exciting month! And May brings many more fun activities including our Brownie – Junior Mixer, our Year End Ceremony (already!) and a cooking class so that the girls can earn their “Simple Meals” badge!

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

Senior Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

The SA troop attended a sleepover at the Seal Beach Girl Scout house on March 20 and 21, starting at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ending at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. After we settled in on Friday, we participated in a Yoga class led by Mrs. Linda Turner on the beach at sunset. Initially the girls thought it would be a “piece of cake”, however, they soon found out that it is harder than it looks, and all agreed it was a good workout! After this, they were ready for the pizza and salad dinner, followed by a walk to Main Street for Cold Stone treats.

On Saturday morning, after Patrol 3 treated us to a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, yogurt and granola, we walked over to the local markets where each patrol had to decide on their menu lunch and dinner. We made our purchases and headed back to the beach house to prepare our “spread”, walked to the beach to enjoy our food, and participate in the beach cleanup for our volunteer activity. Patrol Leader Sam Omiya organized a scavenger hunt and we also had free time to relax and enjoy the scenery. After dinner, we had an Iron Chef dessert contest along with S’Mores, followed by clean up, ending our overnighter.

Thank you to all the scouts and parents for their hard work at Hanamatsuri with the chew mein and won ton duties, and a special thank you to the chairs, Mrs. Karen Uyematsu, Mr. Gordon Uchiyama, Mrs. Barb Konishi, and Mrs. Patti Yamamoto, along with our chew mein Leaders, Mr. Craig Ishii and Mrs. Suzette Furumoto who kept things running smoothly.

Recycling with the Brownies took place on April 25 followed by a buffet breakfast at Marie Callender’s, (can you tell we like to eat?) and we are looking forward to the Mother/Daughter event on May 8, the Bridging Year End Ceremony on May 29, end of year activity and Obon.

In gassho,
Samantha Hirata

OCBC 50th Anniversary Coin Drive

April Showers brought a nice shower of coins to the OCBC 50th Anniversary Coin Drive! We collected a total of $652.63 for the OCBC 50th Anniversary Coin Drive for a grand total of $18,348.05! Can we reach our goal of $25,000 by October?

Think positive and WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN! Thank you to the following OCBC members and Kids!!

Kid’s Corner
Roy & Masako Matsuo       Bradley & Jeffery Nishida
Paul & Yvonne Murai
Kellie Ochiai
Jim Pollard & Janis Hirohama
Hanamatsuri Take-out booth tip donations
50th Anniversary Project Report

The Phase 2 project team continues its preparation and planning. Meetings with the architect and consultants continue with more detailed planning for the architect to develop his design drawings. When the team has come up with a final configuration later this year, it plans to give the Sangha an update. All of you who gave the team your ideas and suggestions can then see which ones the team was able to incorporate.

The 50th Anniversary Project Development Committee is finalizing work on updating the leaves on the Bodhi recognition tree in the social hall for this year. Letters have been sent to twenty-two previous donors who have upgraded their level of recognition (leaf color) on the Bodhi tree. Their additional donations since last year have moved their recognition to a higher level. Another fifteen donors will be recognized for the first time with new leaves. The letters have requested the donors’ desires for leaf inscriptions. If you received a letter and a reply is requested, please return the enclosed form by May 24th as instructed. If you feel you fit in either of these categories and haven’t received a letter by the end of April, please contact the office and either Howard Nakagiri or I will return your call. Many donors are actually quite close to the minimum Iris level of recognition. With an additional donation of just a few hundred dollars, their names can be added to this year’s update list. Since last month’s article, I’ve added three new names to the list. If you’d like a current status to determine what additional donations are needed for your Bodhi Tree recognition, again leave a message for the committee at the office, and we will quickly get you the information. Please leave your email address if you’d like an immediate answer.

As OCBC has done in previous years, all donors to the 50th Anniversary Project are listed later in this Korin. We changed the list format slightly this year to actual donations received, including paid pledge, rather than total with pledged amount, to align with the Bodhi Tree. There are slight differences between the two as some donors have requested their names be listed as “anonymous” in the Korin and have actual inscriptions on their Bodhi Tree leaf. The list is very impressive as it includes over 70% of sustaining members donating. It also lists numerous OCBC friends and many Sangha children who’ve collected and donated their coins. If you note or think there is an error, please contact the office with your concern. Thank you all for your generous dana!

OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between March 22, 2015 and February 22, 2015.

Family and Individual Donations (new and repeat): (Coin donor names reported separately)
Mike & Lynn Black
Rev. & Mrs. John Doami, David, Kim, Daryl, & Lily
Ben & Teruko Inouye
Mr. & Mrs. Muranaka
Clyde & Hiroko Ochiai
Ayumi Connie Tahira
Richard & Janet Uyeno

Family/Individual Donations this period: $6,210.00
Total Family/Indv'l Donations to Date: $3,481,155.00
Family and Individual Pledges (new and add'l):

Ministerial Scholarship

The Ministerial Scholarship Committee acknowledges with gratitude the donation of all of our Sangha members for their generous donations to the OCBC Ministerial Scholarship Fund. In the interest of costs savings (printing expense of our Korin Newsletter), we will not list the names of all donors whom we have previously acknowledged but will list only the name(s) of new donors.

We wish to acknowledge Teri Whited for her donation. Thank you, Teri. We are grateful to donors who continue to make contributions to our fund throughout the year.

Has anyone seen the article in the Wheel of Dharma by Ministerial Candidate Ellen Crane? Her address given at the BCA National Council meeting held in San Diego this past February offers an insight of her journey and how she came to choose her present path, that of the ministry. She truly has been an inspiration to us all through her dedication and hard work.

As you may know, Mark VanDyke who was a Minister’s Assistant prior to his job-related departure to Oregon has returned to OCBC. We are so happy that he has returned and welcome him back as a member of the Minister’s Assistant staff.

Gassho,
Carrie H. Nakagawa

None this month
Total Pledges (collected & uncollected) to Date: $3,624,850.00
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat):
None this month
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $964,464.00
Total Pledges and Donations: $8,088,817.00
(includes coin collections)
Total Donations and Pledge Payments Collected to date: $7,824,819.00
Phase 2 Goal $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $1,157,468.00

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from March 22, 2015 through April 25, 2015.

**Shotsuki Hoyo Donations**
- Ando, Hazel Hitomi
- Hashiba, Grace
- Hirata, Kenneth & Lorene
- Ikeda, Roy
- Imagawa, Thomas
- Ito, Tomio
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- Kano, Yorie
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- Koike, Harry
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- Matsunaga, A.
- Mikawa, Louise T.
- Murai, Yvonne (2)
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- Nakawatase, Mickey
- Ogata, Linda T.
- Otsuki, Sumio
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- Sakahara, Bill
- Shinmachi, Mike S.
- Sunada, John
- Uyematsu, Norio
- Yamashita, Betty
- Yosinaga, Jeri

**Total: $2,652.00**

**Special or Miscellaneous Donations**
- Higashi, Steve
- Omori, Lisa (Kimi)
- Yukari-Kai

**Total: $550.00**

**Ohigan Service Donations Addt’l**
- Abo, Margaret
- Bokosky, Neddie James
- Katsumoto, Kaji
- Matsuo, Roy

**Total: $160.00**

**Hanamatsuri Service Donations**
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- Doami, John
- Elo, Robert
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May the family members find solace and comfort in the infinite compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namu Amida Butsu

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29 Hiroko Ono Tuito Hoyo Service

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1 Amy Inouye 5 Year Memorial Service
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16 Kazuko Tsutsui Funeral Service
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23 Mitsuya Oda Funeral Service
24 Gloria Mae Marubayashi Funeral Service
26 Akira Sameshima 49 Day Memorial Service
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皆さま、こんにちは。
どちら、花祭りバザーも終わり,
日々日々の訪れが感じられる頃かと思います。
カリフォルニア州は平日が酷くて、水の使
用量が二千五パーセントも削減されて,
いるとニュースで聞いています。こちら,
京都はようやく桜が終わりました。
今年の桜は咲いたあと直ぐに雨が降っ
て、お天気の日が一日しかなく、ちょうど,
とがいそうな桜シーズンでした。で,
私たちのメンバーの方々が京都に来ま
った。ケリー・中川さんたちの十名ほど,
親鸞聖人さまのお弟子であった唯一さ
なんが書かれたといわれている『教異抄』
には、第三章に
とあり、親鸞聖人さまがご存命のころ,
とがいて親鸞聖人さまに真実の救いに
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午前9時から4時まで：納骨堂

オフィスは開いています。

5月25日（月）

スケジュール

午前9時：フォーレストロード
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午前1時：メモリアルミンステーク
午前1時45分：グッドハンツミンスター・パーク
午後1時30分：エンジェルス

アザンハイン市
1時：フェアーヘブン南
サンタアナ市
1時30分フェアーヘブン北

5月24日（日）

マツリサーキスハウス・ダーマス

ムミュールデウィークエンド

メモリアルデウィークエンド

5月24日（日）

フアミリーサーキス・ダーマス

クールはありません。

▽ 妇人会便り

▽ お知らせ

・ 花祭りの際は、カイサの時、金曜日のボランティアさんが皆様に、深い感謝をいたしました。フェアテイルが始まる前から終了後まで、何か間もキッチンで働いていただきました。

・ 参加の方々のご協力のお陰で、多くの方々と大勢の方々のご協力の活動が出来ました。

・ 年度なし袋を縫って下さいました。中村クリス夫人、有難うございました。

・ 何 transposeから午後9時30分まで開いてい

・ オレンジ郡のスケジュール

午前9時から午後10時までの仕事の無め終える事ができ、大変です。

・ カラフルに、好きにしました。

・ 4月23日

午前9時から4時まで：納骨堂

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JULY 25-AUGUST 1

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TIME
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Grade Transcripts required.
The Life and Thought of Rev. Haya Akegarasu
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Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
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Rev. Haya Akegarasu was one of the foremost disciples of
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We often overlook the path when we focus on the goal. As
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Intro 2 – Bob Bolander
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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
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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.
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Seven week class. Registration: $35.
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Total $_______

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Please mail completed form with payment or bring to first class meeting.

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