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Obon Festival

**July 18** 2:00pm – 9:00pm
**July 19** 2:00pm—8:30pm

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Time: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m
Is Amida Buddha fat or skinny?

In his commentary on the *Shoshinge*, Rev. Haya Akegarasu mentions something quite humorous. He mentions that in Buddhist art, Amida Buddha is depicted in two ways, one as very skinny, and the other as being plump, or fat.

In my life, I have gone from being a slim, trim, fit young man, to an overweight, out of shape, senior citizen. Oh, to be young again. When I went to the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, now more than 35 years ago, I lived near Lake Merritt in Oakland. Lake Merritt has a nice walking/jogging path around the little lake. I used to jog around the lake every day. I think it was about 2.5 miles. I couldn’t jog around a kiddie pond now.

A few years ago I saw a friend from Japan whom I hadn’t seen in years, and the first thing she said to me was, “Wow, did you get fat!” (In Japanese, *Maa, futotta ne!!*) What a crush to my ego that was. As I politely laughed with her on the outside, on the inside I was thinking, “The nerve of this lady! I would never say something like that to someone.”

As of lately, I have started to exercise in the morning and try to watch what I eat in an attempt to lose some of the weight I have gained over the past 30 years. Needless to say, it will take some time.

But to return to the question of, is Amida skinny or fat, Rev. Akegarasu reflects on it in this manner. He says that some people think that Amida Buddha goes through great struggle and sacrifice for all sentient beings and works so hard that Amida is nothing but skin and bones. Another way to look at Amida being skinny, Rev. Akegarasu points out, is that if work is a struggle and is stressful, then Amida would be skinny. But if, on the other hand, Amida is enjoying what he/she is doing, then Amida would naturally be plump, even fat, because there is no stress, no strain, no matter how difficult the task is.

I wish I could say that my weight gain is because I have become more “Amida-like” but I am afraid that the only thing I have in common with Amida would be the plumpness.

But I agree with Rev. Akegarasu in his interpretation of these two types of Amida. If Amida is stressed out, he would be skinny. If Amida enjoyed his work, he would be fat.

Some would argue and say that if their job was less stressful and their working conditions were better, then they would be able to enjoy their work better. But the fact that Amida is enjoying his work is not a reflection that his job is necessarily easy. How easy can it be to try and save all sentient beings?

Amida’s being plump, is a metaphor for being one with what you are doing, to love what you are doing. I think that the awakened person does this no matter what the task that is before them.

When I studied under Rev. Gyo May Kubose, his demeanor rarely changed. He was always positive, bright, and smiling. It didn’t matter if he was planting flowers in the temple yard, or if he was fixing lunch for his wife, or if he was giving a lecture for a study class, or if he was doing the tedious work of putting the addresses on the temple newsletters, he never seemed stressed. He never seemed like his work was a chore. In those days, the temple used what was called an “address-o-graph”, which was a machine in which you had to put a metal plate with the member’s address on it, place the newsletter on the machine, and then press the machine down to imprint the address. It was a time consuming job, doing one newsletter at a time. But Sensei never appeared like he detested the tedious job, which came around every month.

I am not saying that I am like Rev. Kubose in the least, but I feel very fortunate to be able to do work that is truly a joy to do. Even having the two jobs of serving OCBC and serving the BCA as the CBE Co-Director, to me is not stressful or a burden. I feel like I get the best of both worlds. I am able to work as a minister at the local level at OCBC, giving Sunday sermons, teaching BEC classes, officiating at funerals and memorial services, making the oden at the festivals, working in the office, and all the other tasks that involve being a minister. I also get to help develop educational programs at the National level that hopefully helps all of the BCA and its members on a broader basis as well. What could be stressful? What could be a chore?

Maybe I will lose a little weight as I try to exercise and eat healthier, but maybe I won’t if I keep enjoying what I am privileged to do. Maybe I will always be the plump version of Amida (without the enlightened qualities of Amida). Maybe this work will just continue to be more meaningful, more fulfilling, as each year passes.

I think that Buddhism provides us with a foundation for our life such that we can be one with whatever we are doing. Whether we are washing dishes, doing the laundry, enjoying a concert, or even doing our taxes, the task at hand is not a “chore” but it is what we want to do. If we enjoy what we are doing, how can we not help but become plump.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
A WAY OF SEEING (0615 – Hearing)

Ichido kiitemo
Nido kiitemo
Hyappen kiitemo
Senben kiitemo
Kiki aka nu
Doko made
Shiawase mono de sho
Namu Amida Butsu

Hearing it even once
Hearing it even twice
Hearing it even a hundred times
Hearing it even a thousand times
I never tire of hearing it
How fortunate
Can I be
Namu Amida Butsu

The original Japanese poem that opens this essay was written by Carrie Nakagawa’s father. The English translation [as well as any errors] is/are mine. Her grandmother, Haru Matsuda, wrote one of the poems quoted in my March essay.

There is a vital meaning, or usage, to “hearing” in Jodo Shinshu: One that you may have heard in a Dharma talk or read in a Dharma essay is “mon soku shin,” or “hearing is in itself Shinjin.” It should go without saying that this is not ordinary hearing, but what kind of hearing is it?

Let’s see what most of us would consider to be ordinary hearing. Usually hearing involves sound, would you not agree? On the other hand, we sometimes hear of people hearing voices that no one else hears. Maybe you yourself have experienced this.

On the other hand, I just looked up “hear” and “hearing” in the American Heritage Dictionary, and this usage does not appear. Nearly all of the meanings require the transmission of sound. Of course, the person who thinks s/he hears sounds (whether voices or otherwise) no one else hears, will still say s/he “hears” what s/he hears. We who do not hear the sounds will simply be considered not to be able to hear them. It is probably the case that, from time to time, the sounds are actually perceptible by people who have a high acuity to sound. Or they might have a different, higher or lower sense of imagination than the rest of us do. Whatever the case may be, it is hoped that you agree that it is possible to hear without a measureable sound. Or do you never listen to yourself think? Do you even think Namo [Namu] Amida Butsu in your mind? Or do you always voice it? I usually voice it, but there are times when I say it silently. It is never a sin to say it silently, although when everyone is saying it, as during a service, it’s nice to join in, if that is not already a natural and spontaneous action. My editor reminded me that I once asked our late Rev. Hirata if it were OK to say the Nembutsu spontaneously rather than just three times, which seemed to be the practice at all our BCA temples. He said it was OK, and ever since we have been doing it very naturally. The practice seems to be spreading to other temples, too. Have you noticed it?

In Shinran’s Notes on Once-Calling and Many-Calling, he quotes from the Larger Sutra of the Buddha of

Immeasurable Life: “All sentient beings, as they hear the Name, realize even one thought-moment of shinjin and joy, which is directed to them from Amida’s sincere mind, and aspiring to be born in that land, they then attain birth and dwell in the stage of nonretrogression.” [CWS, p.474, my italics]

Earlier I wrote of the phrase, “mon soku shin,” or “hearing is in itself Shinjin [or shinjin].” The paragraph above can be one of the passages that led to Carrie’s father’s poem. Since the Name, Namu Amida Butsu, originally comes from Amida, whether we hear someone else saying it aloud or we say it ourself, does not make a ‘substantial’ difference. As another Myokonin, Nami Sogi, has phrased it,

Shin no chishiki no hitokoto de
Kiite mo wakaranu koto ga shire
Kiite mo oboete iku de nai
Kiite odoroku toki wa ato

With a single word of a true teacher,
I learned that I do not understand through listening.
I am not saved through listening and understanding.
Amida’s intent of saving me comes before my listening.
[My italics.]
Hearing this, awakening naturally followed.
[From Tatsuo Muneto’s Dharma Treasures Spiritual Insights From Hawaii’s Shin Buddhist Pioneers]

To hear the Name is affirmation of truly perceived reality, of Suchness, the reality of one’s inability to be a ‘good’ person or to be saved. Yet we are saved! If you have a hard time with “being saved,” think of it as becoming one with Amida as Suchness. Those moments when we think or feel that we have done a good deed are simply moments of self-deception. Why else would we want to characterize a deed as being good? If we do want to so characterize it, why not try to make all of our deeds good? Are we capable of doing so? Let others be the judge, if need be. Please do not think that I am saying you are not capable of doing good. So many of you have been so good to me and my family that it would be next to impossible for me to think that. What I am saying is that doing good is not a criterion for realizing oneness with Amida. The true essence of Amida is Suchness; Suchness is the Pure Land.

Thank you for reading these words. Please take care of yourselves.

Gassho,
Donkon Jaan Doami
Taking Refuge

Taking refuge in the Buddha in myself, I aspire to help all people recognize their own awakened nature and realize the mind of love.

Taking refuge in the Dharma in myself, I aspire to help all people grasp the way of practice and walk together on the path of liberation.

Taking refuge in the Sangha in myself, I aspire to help all people build fourfold communities and encourage the transformation of all beings.

- Thich Nhat Hanh

In our new service book, we have Thich Nhat Hanh's expanded version of a reading we more commonly know as The Three Treasures, which he calls Taking Refuge, a portion of which is quoted above. In some schools of Buddhism there is a formal ritual of Taking Refuge that is a public declaration that one is now a follower of the Buddha. In a Western context, we might talk about seeking "sanctuary", named for the practice in pre-modern Europe that allowed those in trouble with the authorities of the day to seek refuge within the sanctuary, or sacred space of the church. This sacred space provided one immunity from the law. Thus one of the meanings of the word “sanctuary” is “a place of refuge.” Taking refuge means to cultivate an unshakable sense of safety, protection, and belonging.

Every day, we wake up and take refuge in things that we think will offer us security and protection. We take refuge in our financial security, in our homes, our families and all of the other things we think give our lives value. While there is nothing wrong with this, when we believe that our happiness depends on them, we are living in the world of samsara – a Sanskrit word that describes the endless process of delusion that results in pain and suffering.

On the other hand, taking refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha provides the context for our spiritual journey. It is not a process through which the Buddha takes us and leads us to nirvana, the opposite of samsara, the world of peace and tranquility. Rather, it begins a process through which will lead us to the same experience of awakening as the Buddha. It establishes the foundation from which we can receive the Dharma and begin our Buddhist practice.

But, as Thich Nhat Hang points out in the third section of his Taking Refuge, there is also an inner meaning to taking refuge. He says I take refuge in the Buddha in myself, the Dharma in myself, the Sangha in myself. What does that mean? What is the Buddha, the Dharma, the Sangha in myself?

According to Buddhist teaching, the mind's true nature is totally pure, clear and enlightened from the very beginning. One's own pure awareness, that awareness that goes beyond the ego self to the true self is the Buddha within the self; our Buddha-nature, that seed of Buddhahood that lies at the very center of our being behind all of the delusions.

The Dharma in myself is the aspiration toward loving-kindness and compassion toward all beings. The bodhisattva's aspiration to "save all sentient beings.” It is the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha that manifests itself on our lives.

We usually think of "Sangha" as meaning the community of Buddhists. Originally the term Sagha referred only to the monastic community, but as Mahayan Buddhism has developed, it is common to think of the Sangha as all the followers of the Buddha. So one would think that the word must have something to do with community, or a group of people. But the Sanskrit word Sangha means “inseparable.” The Sangha within myself is my interconnection to you. It is that piece of you that lives within me. It is the personal expression of interdependence that makes us all inseparable from one another.

The Three Treasures of the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha are not separate others that we go to for refuge. They are our own true nature, the pure awareness that brings awakening.

Rev. Bill Dearth

OCBC Wish List

Our May list had been whittled down to one area, and a generous donor fulfilled the social hall kitchen wishes, and then there were NONE! But we're baaack with Obon requests for your help. Once again your attention to the list will greatly help offset the rising costs of supplies needed. Please take a look at the Obon list. Your help on any of the items will be greatly appreciated.

Obon Supplies: (questions to Cheryl Higashi)
Smart & Final is a source of many of the items:
Chef Mate Chili (w/o beans), 108 oz
Non-latex food handler gloves, S/M/L/Unisize
Blue trash bags

Coffee; 1 lb cornstarch; Gold Medal flour (10 lb); C/H sugar (5/10 lb); 1 lb powdered sugar; salt/pepper shaker combo; Heinz white vinegar (lg); Dole pineapple juice (46 oz); squeeze bottles of mustard, ketchup, Best Foods mayonnaise.

Mizukan rice vinegar (24 oz); Takara mirin (24 oz); Kikoman/Yamasa shoyu (1 L), sake (1.5 L); mugicha tea bags.

Cutrite wax paper; 6 oz. hot paper cups; Bounty paper towel; sponge/scrubbing pads; Dawn dish detergent (24-32 oz)

Obon Raffle: (questions to Bill Sakahara)
New gifts suitable as raffle prizes ($15-$20+); examples: small appliances, household items, sports items, non-perishable food items, gift cards, etc.

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

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara
President's Message

Hi - This month’s message will be a little different. I would like to recognize three groups for their community service. One of the benefits of being the president is being invited to many organizations’ functions. Three that happened within a week’s time at the end of May were the OCBC Boy Scouts Eagle court of honor, the Memorial day event by the Kazuo Masuda VFW 3670 Post and OCBC Girl Scouts Bridging event including their Gold awards. What impresses me is what each of these groups provides, not just to OCBC, but also for the community at large. The actions I see display compassion for their community that I would expect of being Buddhists. Here is a summary of each of these events.

OCBC Boy Scouts - I wanted to highlight the service projects this year’s Eagle scouts accomplished. Here are summaries of each.

♦ Scott Arima - Built cement block benches for Steve Luther Elementary School in La Palma.
♦ Steven Chang - Built wooden benches for The Total Buffum Learning Center in Long Beach.
♦ Nick Hisamoto - Constructed 8 new shelves for the OCBC Girl Scouts storage closet and upgraded the lighting.
♦ Riley Matsuda - Built storage shelves for Cypress Senior Citizens Center.
♦ Corey Tekawa - Constructed two piano and sound equipment carts for Yorba Linda High School Marching Band and Color Guard.

As you can see, many were projects for non-OCBC organizations. This is just part of a comprehensive set requirements for Boy Scouts highest award and includes merit badges for Citizenship in the community, nation and world. An Eagle award is good foundation for community service in the future. Congratulations to our newest Eagle scouts.

I was not able to attend this event, which was unfortunate for me, as I did want to congratulate these young men, particularly the ones I know, on their accomplishment. Thankfully, Alan Endo ably represented the OCBC BOD.

Kazuo Masuda VFW 3670 Post - As OCBC President I was invited to participate in a Memorial Day event for all veterans particularly those from this Nisei veterans group. Many of the current and past members are from OCBC. I personally know or knew many because of their OCBC involvement or they were friends with my dad, who was a member. Their association with OCBC is long standing as I recall they used to run some game booths at the festivals.

They have been holding this Memorial Day event for many years inviting everyone to attend to commemorate our veterans. This year they publicized this event a little more as Kazuo Masuda, who the post is named after and a Distinguished Service Cross Medal recipient, will be one of three Nisei soldiers highlighted at an upcoming Congressional Gold Medal Digital Exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.

This year’s event had a good turnout and I saw over half a dozen other OCBC families who also attended. We were able to hear one of the Masuda grandnephews and David Ono, of ABC news, provide nice commemorative speeches.

In addition to this event, the post has been a long time sponsor of youth activities, including a SEYO basketball team I am sure many of our teams have played against. I was surprised to find out they had also sponsored several projects at local OC schools in the past.

If you want know more they have a website for the post.

OCBC Girl Scouts - While this organization also has a great set of requirements for the girls, the part that I want to recognize is the Gold awards which are the highest award for a Girl Scout, similar to an Boy Scout Eagle project. While the entire process is significant each girl has to have a project involving a team with the first and last requirements being -

- Identify a community issue they care about
- Share the project beyond your local community and inspire others to take action in their own communities.

For this year the 4 recipients of the Gold Award and their projects are -

♦ Samantha Hirata - Working with the Knot of Love organization, provided caps for cancer chemo patients.
♦ Traci Ishii - Installed a hydration station in the new Social Hall to help minimize plastic water bottle use
♦ Jillian Kido - Created an instructional gymnastic video for children with special needs.
♦ Ashley Masuda - Put on an Awareness Fair at Cerritos Baptist Church to teach kids the importance of community service

Impressed? I was, and glad to be part of the award ceremony congratulating these young women.

Overall -- I feel fortunate to be part of OCBC that supports community service group such as these. In addition to providing support to their communities they are also training and encouraging their youth in ways to continue their community service for years to come.

In gassho,
Aaron Nagayama
BWA News
Announcements
- BWA would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Joyce Kato. As a former BWA member of the Seattle Buddhist Temple, she is looking forward to making new friends and getting involved in our OC activities.
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12th, in the Kodo at 12:30pm after the Obon service. New members are welcome to join throughout the year so consider bringing a friend to our next meeting.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, May 11th, 48 seniors and guests celebrated birthdays for Kishiko Fazio, Yasuko Kotake, and Dennis Okada. The tables were decorated with lovely flowers and everyone enjoyed the tasty chicken tonkatsu, kinpira gobo, nanohana with fried tofu, side dishes, and dessert. Thank you very much to Namiye Okada for the beautiful flowers, Irene Koga for the sweet strawberries, and Yasuko Kotake for the monetary donation. OCBC seniors and their guests enjoy a wonderful, home-cooked meal for a very reasonable price and for those 80 years old and up, it's complimentary. Please join us at the next Senior Luncheon on June 8th, 2015.

Southern District Buddhist and BWA Conference - June 13th, 2015
Seventeen BWA members will be attending the 2015 Southern District Buddhist Conference and SDBWA Conference on Saturday, June 13th, 9:00am-3:15pm at the Quiet Canyon Conference Center in Montebello. The theme is “Perceptions--The ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses.” It is co-hosted by Oxnard and Pasadena Buddhist Temples. The guest speakers will be Rev. Nori Watanabe and Rev. Harry Bridge. BWA members, who need transportation, please meet promptly in the OCBC parking lot at 8:00am that morning wearing your purple jacket or uniform. If you have any questions, please call Marion Nishimura at (714) 280-1429 or email at mieko4nish@gmail.com.

Obon – July 18th and 19th
Obon is just around the corner and once again the Toban groups will need your help. Work schedules were distributed at our last meeting and will be mailed to members who do not have email. BWA is responsible for udon, wonton, sushi, and Friday worker lunch. If available, we welcome the help and feel free to contact the respective chairpersons listed below. We have a number of jobs and hours to fill in various areas. Any questions, please contact Jodi Hisamoto at (714) 519-9452 or email at jahisam@pacbell.net

Friday worker lunch
(Nakamura - chris.k.nakamura@gmail.com)
8:30am social hall. Tobans A and B. 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 – see above)
Thursday/Friday 9:00am MPB kitchen/conference room – cut and cook vegetables for nori maki sushi, prepare age for inari sushi, and more.
Sat/Sun 8:00am MPB kitchen/conference room – roll norimaki and prepare inari sushi. Around 11:00am – cut and package sushi and chop vegetables for chirashi.

Udon Prep (Kotake - yasukokotake@gmail.com)
Sat/Sun 9:00am MPB kitchen - slice kamaboko and chop green onions, separate meat, cook noodles and prepare servings, prepare dashi.

Udon Serving Work Shifts
(Yamamoto - lyamamoto@sbcglobal.net)
Laura is taking sign ups for various shifts ranging from 2:00pm to 9:30pm and shifts are almost filled.

Wonton Prep (Goodman - bgood1@cox.net)
Thursday 6:00pm outside MPB by sinks - chop vegetables
Friday 9:00am outside social hall – divide and distribute
Sat/Sun 9:00am social hall – folding, folding, and more folding of wontons.

Clean up (all hands)
Date and time to be announced.

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

Obon Planning Meeting
There will be an Obon planning meeting on July 7th, at 7:00pm in the social hall. Please send your organization’s representatives.

Gassho
Maintenance

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

Thank you to the following dedicated people for their help.

Paul Fujimoto
Dan Hakikawa
Dan Kaneko
Jim Mitchell
Norman Nishioka
Dan Kaneko
Hideo Kawamura
Dennis Morinaga
Ron Sakoda
Winston Shigenaga
Ron Suzuki
Masa Tominaga
Eizo Yasuda

The following major work was done:

1) General.
   a. Planted carrots to sell at the Obon produce booth.
   b. General cleanup of the garden area.
   c. Treated all the weeds in north of the class room building with Roundup.
   d. Repaired two broken social hall chairs.
   e. Repaired a broken social hall 6 foot table.
   f. Started installation of the new sprinkler system backflow device north of the Kodo.
   g. Made the juniper tree north of the Kodo into a Bonsai type tree.
   h. Installed a duplex electrical outlet in the maintenance storage shed.
   i. Installed an additional 16 feet of pipe structure west of the social hall for attaching tarps during Hanamatsuri and Obon.
   j. Neatly restacked the pallets south of the MPB.

2) Class Room Building.
   a. Inspected all the student desks, tightened set screws and adjusted the heights as needed.
   b. Started painting of the lounge (old office).
   c. Painted the Kokoro room.
   d. Reattached the loose alarm panel in the Kokoro room.

3) 904 Calico Home. Trimmmed the Podocarpus trees in the backyard.

Next monthly workday. June 8, 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.

In Gassho,
H. Kawamura

Social Welfare / Dana Program

Hold the date, October 24, 2015 for the Free Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Memorial Care Medical Group and Free Seminars to be announced in the next Korin.

If you are interested in carpooling or ride sharing to OCBC services or to any of the OCBC events please coordinate with Dorothy Matsuoka (562) 743-3483 or email dcmatsuoka@aol.com.

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. Classes will close during the summer starting on July 30th and will resume on September 17th.

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. Classes will close during the summer starting on July 22nd and will resume on September 16th.

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:

Karen Nagayama
Hideo Kawamura
Irene Koga
Linda Nakauchi
Irene Yamanishi
Dorothy Matsuoka
Jane Kawamura
Rumi Nakatani
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
Dharma School News

Hatsumairi Rites (Infant Presentation)
Four infants along with their parents participated in the annual Hatsumairi Rites at the Gotan-e Service on May 17. Congratulations to the following:

Kenji Minoru Chaisawasdi, Parents Chary and Nicole
Mila Lua Lima Holliday, Parents Lee and Luciana
Blake Kenichi Kuramoto, Parents Mark and Brittany
Peter Jack Yasuhiro Shimogawa, Parents Kenneth and Teresa

Each infant received the Three Treasures, an okesa, an ojuzu, and a certificate. Chairpersons Teri Whited and Janet Sakahara would like to thank Harry Koike for taking photos and Reverend Harada and Reverend Turner for officiating the ceremony.

Upcoming Events
D.S. Attendance Awards, H.S. Senior & College Graduates, Music Service
Date: June 21

Obon Odori Practice
Dates: June 30, July 2, 7, 9, 13, 15
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Obon Festival
Dates: July 18 and 19

D.S. Class Schedule
D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: June 7 and June 14.
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry

Crafts Club News

Starting now, and thru the summer, the Craft Club will have weekly meetings unless otherwise notified. Please plan to attend and join in the fun. August classes will be an “open project format”. Currently the Craft Club is accepting donations of new skeins of yarn and Asian print cotton fabrics. Future ‘wish lists’ can be found at the weekly board meeting at OCBC. If anyone is interested in starting a quilting/sewing group beyond the PK Craft Meetings, please contact Dorothy Matsuoka or other PK Leaders. Dorothy’s email: cmatsuoka@aol.com

Misora Hibari Tribute Oct 25
PK, along with Grateful Crane, is happy to present “Misora Hibari, a Tribute to a Legend”. The musical features Haruye Ioka, Keiko Kawashima, Merv Maruyama, Helen Ota, Fusako Shiotani and musicians Scott Nagatani, Danny Yamamoto and Hiro Morozumi. Tickets will be available June 7th for the 2pm event in the Multipurpose Building. General Admission tickets are $25 and part of the proceeds will benefit the 50th Anniversary Building Fund. For more information, or if you would like to be a $500 VIP Sponsor (includes ten tickets) contact Diana Ono: 310-508-3966.

Appreciation
We would like to express our appreciation to the following families for their recent donations which help support our future programs and activities: Eizo Yasuda

Next Meeting July 14
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

Buddhist Education Center
Information regarding the classes offered by the Buddhist Education Center can be found at:
http://www.ocbuddhist.org/buddhist-education-center/
Adult Buddhist Association

"Ono" means delicious, and also it can be a family name. What happens when a name has a dual meaning? Sometimes it is useful, helpful, and other times bad. Ohara, could be Irish or Japanese, or Lee could be Chinese or English. Though no fault of a person, the consequences of a last name could be good, bad, or nothing at all. Here at the temple, no one would mistake us by being the American Bankers Association (ABA), but the ADULT BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION. Become a friend of a ABA member instead of a banker.

Summer Solstice, June 21st, take advantage of the longest day. Hereafter, the daytime hours will be shorter.

GOTANE LUNCHEON (May 17) A superb spread of food was available after the Gotane Service in the Social Hall. The home cooked food saw many happy smiling faces. In charge of this delicious luncheon: Kathy Nishimoto and Nancy Inafuku. We would like to thank the Sangha for supporting the luncheon.

TOUR USA (August 16-23) ABA annual Tour USA, will be headed in the direction of Portland this year. We are fortunate again to have Andreas Tours take us on this summer scenic trip. Our great tour leader, again, will be Karen Kino. So, Oregon, here we come. Any casino winnings must be shared with ABA.

Daikon No Hana: Karma means watching your body, watching our mouth, and watching your mind.

With deep gratitude,
R. Suzuki

Sangha Teens

On May 17, the OCBC Sangha Teens held our annual Game Night! This year’s theme was "Let it Go" and the event was held from 3-8 pm in the gym. It was fun playing all the card games and icebreakers with people from different temples! We hope everyone had fun playing all the games (like Egyptian War, whoosh, and building card houses) and winning $5 gift cards through the raffle. After all the games, a dance followed after it, so all the members had a great time dancing with lights and music! Thank you for all of those who stayed to set up and clean up for the event.

Some upcoming events for us include the Tanaka Farms walk the farm event. This will take place on June 20, so save the date! See everyone at our next meeting on June 7!

In Gassho,
Rachel Wong

WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
START WHERE YOU ARE
By Pema Chödrön

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

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

FEATURED BOOK:
THE WISDOM OF INSECURITY
By Alan Watts
**Jr. YBA**

Jr. YBA celebrated Mother's Day on May 10 by hosting a Pancake Breakfast in honor of our mothers. We are always glad to host this event because we love celebrating this day with everyone at church. Our mothers are super important to us, and there is no better way to celebrate them than to eat a delicious plate of food with the OCBC Sangha. Breakfast was complimentary for all mothers, and $5 for other guests. Our members and parents came early in the morning to serve up this delicious breakfast. The meal consisted of sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, fried rice, oranges, and strawberries. Members acted as cooks, plate servers, waiters and waitresses and greeters. We also dressed in cleverly decorated aprons and paper hats, while quickly bringing out drinks, plates of food, and condiments to our patrons. A special thank you to SOC for pancake mix, Fred Katsuda for oranges, Ito Bros and the Andos for strawberries, and Scotty Flowers for corsage flowers. We can also thank Mrs. Ochiai for the idea of having corsages for all of the mothers. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we look forward to serving you again next year!

We are currently looking forward to Seminar 3 at Camp Morningstar on June 6 and 7. Many of our members have gone to the site because of LABCC, so it's going to be really exciting to be able to go back! We will be having workshops, and the opportunity to stay in cabins overnight.

We are also looking forward to manning the blueberry booth at Tanaka Farms' Walk the Farm on June 20. We are excited to help out, and hope to see many OCBC families in attendance. We are especially grateful for Tanaka Farms because they donate delicious corn for OCBC Obons and Hanamatsuris. Make sure to come to the blueberry booth to visit us, and enjoy all the other foods and scenery on the way.

With the school year coming to a close, many of our Jr. YBA members are heading towards new adventures like college. We are taking these last few months to really enjoy each other's company, and take advantage of the time we have left in Jr. YBA. We are looking forward to some fun, final events and a great summer. Good luck to our graduating seniors!

In Gassho,
Kayla Katsuda
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair

**Daion Taiko**

Another month has come and gone and we only have 5 more taiko practices left before Obon! Please make sure you make them, as there’s still a lot of work to do.

Since we couldn’t wait until Obon to perform, we took our drums out to the farm, Tanaka Farms that is. We were very happy to perform alongside 4 other taiko groups amongst the fields. It was a great event with great food and of course great performances.

As we move into June, that also means it’s our time for recycling. Please make sure you respond to the Evite.

Besides your performance “shift”, we’ll also be sending out signups for Chicken Salad prep, so please keep that in mind as you’re making your summer plans.

**Upcoming Events**

- Recycling – 6/13
- Chicken Salad Prep – 7/10 & 7/17
- Obon – 7/18-19
- Race for the Cure – 9/27

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

**Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041**

OCBC Daisy Troop 2041 had an exciting year! We finished our Flower Garden Journey with a nature walk through the Newport Environmental Nature Center and will celebrate with an end of the year party at Build a Bear in Downtown Disney. Through our cookie sales, we were able to raise enough money to donate a portion of our profits to Children’s Hospital of Orange County as well as fund our end of year party. Thank you to all who supported our Girl Scout cookie program! We couldn’t have done it without the support of OCBC. We also thank all who collected pop tops for us to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Our year was busy, but very fun. Nine Daisies bridged to Brownies and we are ready to welcome in new girls from Kindergarten and First Grade this fall. If you are interested in joining our troop, please contact Thu Shioya via email at “thushioya@yahoo.com”.

In Gassho,
Kayla Katsuda
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair
## Junior Girl Scout Troop 855

In May, the Junior Troop welcomed the Brownie Troop for a fun “mixer” to show the incoming Brownies the types of activities they will enjoy as Junior Girl Scouts. The Juniors showed the Brownies how to fold a flag, taught them how to tie knots, showed them basic First Aid and trail signs, as well as “Girl Scout Know How.” We also made delicious granola as a Mother’s Day gift. We look forward to having the incoming Brownies join us next year!

As one of our year-end celebrations, the girls attended a cooking class and learned to make a delicious pasta meal and a carrot cookie dessert. Along with the healthy snacks we have had during the year and a bean soup we made at our overnighter, the girls earned their “Simple Meals” badge. We hope they will continue to practice their culinary skills in the future!

At the beginning of May, the 5th graders traveled to San Francisco to participate in the Girl Scouts of Northern California Bridging Event and walked across the Golden Gate Bridge. It was very cold, but it was a great experience for the girls and a memorable way to recognize their bridging from Juniors to Cadettes. Best wishes to our 5th graders!

Finally, on May 29th, the Juniors participated in the OCBC Girl Scouts Year End Ceremony. Our 4th graders did an amazing job with their first flag ceremony! And our 5th graders were recognized for bridging to Cadettes, as well as for earning their Bronze Award through their project on Autism Awareness. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Osako, our Bronze Award Advisor, for her thoughtful guidance and leadership for the girls!

May was busy, but a lot of fun! Next month, our Troop wraps up the year with a Disney Youth Education Class on Physics, and an enjoyable day at Disneyland! Thank you to all our families for their support throughout the year! Enjoy the summer and see you at Obon!

In Gassho,
May-Wah Chu, Janis Mauldin, Denise Ueno and Joyce Yada

## Senior Ambassador Troop 881

This year, Senior and Ambassador Troop 881 got to participate in many fun-filled activities as well as demonstrate being a sister to our younger Brownie scouts and helped to serve our community. This year some highlights were making and delivering food to the fire department as our service project, helping our Brownie sisters earn patches, and developed more leadership skills through bonding. Recently we had our end of the year event, a sleep over at the Seal Beach Girl Scout House and did sunset yoga with Mrs. Turner. In addition, we went to California Adventure and participated in their YES (Youth Education Series) leadership class. Lastly, we showed appreciation for our moms by having a mother and daughter tea and game night for Mother’s Day. Wow what a year! I would like to thank the advisors and senior scout leaders for making this year a memorable one. I also want to congratulate our graduating Ambassador seniors who have made such an impact on OCBC Girl Scouts. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!

In Gassho,
Lauren Wong
Cub Scouts Pack 578 – Spring 2015

This year again the Cub Scouts manned a booth at the Scout-o-Rama which was held in the hills of Silverado. The Tiger den experienced their first Scout-o-Rama, while working the Catapult game booth with the Webelo den. The very popular booth kept the energetic Scouts busy retrieving Ping Pong balls and setting up pyramids, all while getting pelted with the balls shot by extremely enthusiastic players. While walking around Scout-o-Rama, the boys were able to experience such activities as archery, rope bridge crossing, creating and launching a rocket, playing foosball soccer, canoeing, walking on water in an inflatable ball, panning for gold, digging for fossils, and throwing spears. There was something of interest for all including parents, which at least for myself was the different kinds of desserts baked over an open flame in an iron Dutch oven. There were funnel cakes, corn bread, chocolate cake, pizza, monkey bread, and OCBC Boy Scout Troop’s fried rice! All of the Scouts had a great time, and I know of at least one Cub Scout who did not want to leave due to so much excitement! Although the day was overcast, the time spent there certainly seemed too short.

Later the same month, the Scouts had their annual Pinewood Derby. For some Scouts (and some of the dads) it was their first time participating. As each Scout turned in their cars for the "tech inspection," all the hard work needed to turn a rough cut rectangular block of wood, 4 nails, and 4 wheels into a beautiful race car can be seen. Each boy skillfully crafted, painted, and carefully calibrated their work to make a one of a kind and a very special race car. At this year's event, the dens created "concession stands" to provide a feeling of being at the "races." The effort of each den showed as they created a booth design and offerings which were both very unique and hugely impressive. Each race heat included 5 cars racing down the wooden lanes; with a mix of racers from each den as well as a few Scouts’ siblings. Each time a new race started, the loud cheers from each den rooting for one of their own racers filled the raceway. The racers faces were filled with excitement as they picked up their own car which had just sped down the track, and hurriedly ran the cars back to get ready for their next race. The top cars received trophies for such categories as the fastest, most craftsmanship, and best themed; but all went home with a memory of a lifetime.

In Gassho,
Lou Nakagawa Tiger Den

Boy Scout Troop 578

Scout-O-Rama 2015

On Saturday, May 9, Troop 578 participated in the annual Scout-O-Rama event in Silverado near Irvine Lake. Nearly 20,000 people attended. Scout-O-Rama is like the trade show of scouting featuring different exhibits, competitions, cooking demonstrations, and displays. Troop 578 proudly cooked and served our famous fried rice. In preparation for this event, the scouts congregated at OCBC on Friday night to chop and bag vegetables to prepare for the next morning. Then, on Saturday morning at 7:00 am, several of us met at Scout-O-Rama to set up our booth. While working in our booth, our scouts were able to stir fry the vegetables and rice. After, we served the Scout-O-Rama visitors hundreds of samples of our delicious fried rice in small cups. Our booth became very popular for we were one of very few troops to serve a savory treat. Most food booths served dutch oven fruit cobblers.

Scout-O-Rama is a fun yearly event for scouts and the public to attend. It is a great way to see what scouting is all about, as well as participate in fun activities such as archery, rope bridge climbing, slingshot, and of course tasting lots of food.

A special thanks to Sean Suzuki and Daryl Doami for being the chairs for this spectacular event.

In Gassho,
Jin Swun
Falcon Patrol Historian

In Gassho,
Lou Nakagawa Tiger Den

Cub Scouts  Pinewood Derby
Eagle Court of Honor 2015

OCBC Boy Scout Troop 578 held their Eagle Court of Honor on May 22, 2015. Scouts, Orange Frontier District guests, family and friends attended this special event to honor Riley Matsuda, Nick Hisamoto, Scott Arima, Steven Chang and Corey Tekawa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Gifts from the BWA and OCBC were presented to the five Eagle Scouts by Amy Iwamasa and Alan Endo.

Riley Kiyoshi Matsuda, son of Gary and Kris Matsuda, will be graduating from Cypress High School in June, where he was a two-year member of the volleyball team and one-year member of the basketball team.

His scouting career began in Cub Scouts, where he joined Pack 578 as a wolf. After nearly 11 years of active scouting, he aged out of Troop 578 in early January this year. Riley served in various positions throughout his years in the troop, including quartermaster, troop guide, patrol leader, troop instructor, troop historian, and assistant senior patrol leader. His best memories of scouting include attending the 2013 Japan Jamboree, going to numerous summer camps, and participating in the annual shotgun shooting event.

Riley’s Eagle Project consisted of constructing and installing storage shelves for the Cypress Senior Citizens Center. His project advisor was Mr. Mike Oune, current Troop 578 Scoutmaster.

At the Orange Coast Optimus Club, he played Seyo basketball and basketball since 2nd Grade. He was an active member of the OCO Octagon, participating in various service activities like making Thanksgiving baskets, for the needy and helping to gather gifts for the yearly visit to the Hyland homes. He has also volunteered to be a camp counselor for OCO’s basketball camp.

Nick Hiroshi Hisamoto, son of Jon and Jodi Hisamoto, is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, where he was a member of the Choc and Friends Club. He was a four-year member of the Kennedy Shamrock Regiment marching band playing the alto sax. During his high school year, he traveled with the band to perform in Dublin, Ireland’s St. Patty’s day parade and has performed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

At the Orange Country Buddhist Church, he achieved 13-years of perfect attendance at their Dharma school Sunday program. He is a member of the OCBC Jr. YBA (young Buddhist association), participated in OCBC Daion taiko for the last seven years, and participates in many of the church’s annual functions.

Scott Kazuo Arima, son of Dr. Mark and Mrs. Lana Arima, is a graduate of Cypress High School. He was a three-year player on the Cypress High School Centurion basketball team and received the scholar athlete award all three years. Scott was a member of the National Honors Society and Key Club and also received academic honors from his school.

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His favorite memories of scouting was taking multiple backpacking trips through the Sierra Mountain range hiking over 20 miles each trip and catching his golden trout. He also enjoyed taking part in Troop 578s annual shotgun shooting event where he placed 1st place in the shooting competition. Scouting has taught him many skills that he hopes he can put forth in the future.

Nick achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15 and has continued to be active with the troop. For his Eagle project, he built, designed, and installed six-eight foot shelves and installed two fluorescent light fixtures for the girl scouts of OCBC. Under the guidance of Mr. Dave Nakamura, he successfully completed the project. The shelves allowed the girl scouts to organize their craft and camping equipment for easy access.

In the fall, he will be attending Orange Coast College, where he will be working towards transferring to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he hopes to get a degree in mechanical engineering.

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Scott has been a member of OCBC Jr. YBA and has served as vice president of finance in his senior year. He played South East Youth Organization (SEYO) OCBC baseball for six years. He has been a volunteer coach for the OCBC
Chibiko Youth Basketball program for 4 years and was an assistant coach for the boys’ 6th grade OCBC Warriors basketball team. Scott was also part of the Orange Coast Optimist (OCO) Organization and a member of the OCO Octagon service group. He has played SEYO basketball for OCO since the second grade. He was also a recipient of the OCO 2015 scholarship award.

Scott started scouting as a Tiger Cub in OCBC’s Cub Scout Pack 578 then crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 578. He has served numerous leadership positions such as scribe, quartermaster, troop guide, patrol leader, instructor, troop scribe and senior patrol leader. In scouting, his fondest memories was travelling with the troop to Japan for the 15th and 16th Nippon Jamboree, hiking the back country of Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and having the opportunity to serve as the Senior Patrol Leader of the troop.

Scott has earned 38 merit badges. He has also completed the National Youth Leadership Training, received the Boy Scout Buddhist Sangha Award, and earned the Troop’s Hanano Award and Leduc High Adventure Backpacker Award during his scouting career. He received his Eagle Scout rank on November 19, 2013 and, in addition, has earned the three Eagle Scout Palm awards: Bronze, Gold, and Silver.

For his Eagle Scout project, Scott constructed masonry block benches for Steve Luther Elementary School in La Palma, California. His Eagle Scout advisor was Mrs. Sandra Ichiho and the project was very successful. The purpose of his project was to beautify the school grounds, provide a place for outdoor learning for the students, and have a place for parents to sit to watch over their children.

Scouting has been one of the most influential and life-changing experiences for Scott. He would like to thank the leaders and scouts of OCBC Boy Scout Troop 578 for their guidance in his scouting career. Scott would also like to thank family and friends for their encouragement and support throughout the years.

Scott is planning on attending Cal State Long Beach. He will be majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in business.

Steven Alan Chang, son of Calvin and Lynn Chang, graduated from Cerritos High School and will be attending the University of Southern California this fall. He was an AP Scholar and he was president of Greenworks, an environmental awareness club, and president of National Honor Society, a community service club. Additionally, Steven was a four-year member and Under-Secretary-General of the Model United Nations team, as well as the Associated Student Body Commissioner of Technology.

At the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC), Steven served as the Jr Young Buddhist Association’s (YBA) co-president and played basketball on the OCBC Lightning boys basketball team. At Norwalk Youth Sports, Coaches Sam Chu and Roy Fujii gave him the opportunity to be the Blazers boys assistant basketball coach for four years. He also participated in the Kizuna Youth Community Action Network leadership program for three years.

Steven joined Cub Scouts when he was 7 years old, where he earned the Arrow of Light in Pack 529 before crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 578. He was an active member of the troop, serving as Troop Historian, Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader among other roles.

His favorite memory from Troop 578 was going on his first hike with Ryan Togashi and Ryan Kawahara, who taught him his first scout skills and acted as role models. Participating in two Japan Jamborees are among his most memorable experiences. He will never forget the lessons he was taught through scouting, such as helping out others and providing mentorship, and hopes to carry them with him throughout the rest of his life.

Steven’s Eagle Project consisted of designing and building five picnic benches for the Buffum Total Learning Center in Long Beach. Aided by his project coach Mr. Ron Kato, Life-to-Eagle Coordinator Mr. Ken Takemura, and Mr. David Condon, he successfully completed the project. The benches will benefit the special education pre-school for years to come and he appreciates the opportunity to contribute.

Corey Adam Tekawa is the son of David and Esther Tekawa; grandson of Nick and Hiroko Nakano and Ray and Jean Miyeko Tekawa. He is an active four year member of the Yorba Linda High School Mustang Marching Band and Wind Ensemble. He plays both the Bass Clarinet and clarinet. He is also part of the California Scholarship Federation for all four years and AP Scholar. Corey also received the Most Improved Award in his freshman year playing on JV Lacrosse. Outside of school, Corey has been a member of the OCO Crush basketball team in SEYO League.

Corey began his scouting career with Pack 578 as a Webelo and attained his Arrow of Light as he crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 578. He has served as a patrol scribe, troop guide, patrol leader, troop scribe, and instructor. During his time in scouting, he has earned the Hanano Award, Leduc High Adventure Award, the World Conservation Award, and the Sangha Award. His favorite scouting memories are his two Japan Jamborees and hiking with Ryan Togashi and Ryan Kawahara, who taught him his first scout skills and acted as role models. Participating in two Japan Jamborees are among his most memorable experiences. He will never forget the lessons he was taught through scouting, such as helping out others and providing mentorship, and hopes to carry them with him throughout the rest of his life.

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For his Eagle project, Corey designed and supervised the building of two rolling equipment carts for his high school band. The carts have made the transportation of the keyboard and sound equipment more efficient and safe. Corey successfully raised enough money for the building materials with the help of family, friends, and scouting families. He worked under the guidance of his Eagle Project Advisor, Mr. Jim Kato.

He will be attending San Diego State University, majoring in biology.
**In Memoriam**

The Orange County Buddhist Church wishes to express its deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of the late:

*Ken Mooty Jr.*  
*Tazuko Nishimura*  
*Harry Asayoshi Shigetomi*  
*Debora Emi Woelfel*  
*Yoshiko Yamakawa*

May the family members find solace and comfort in the infinite compassion of Amida Buddha.

*Namu Amida Butsu*

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### Services Conducted

**May**

1. Tazuko Nishimura Funeral Service  
2. Yumi Morozumi 1 Year Memorial Service  
   Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service  
3. Richard Hiroshi Kakiyara 1 Year Memorial Service  
4. Debora Emi Woelfel Funeral Service  
   Chiyoko Yoshioka Ash Burial Service  
5. Harry Asayoshi Shigetomi Funeral Service  
6. Don Date 13 Year Memorial Service  
7. Himi Nakamura 49 Day Memorial Service  
8. Yoshiko Yamakawa Funeral Service  
9. Mitsuya Oda 49 Day Memorial Service  
10. Teruo Okasako 1 Year Memorial Service  
11. Ken Mooty Jr. Funeral Service

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### 2015 Hanamatsuri Bazaar Raffle

As previously reported by the 2015 OCBC Hanamatsuri Bazaar Committee, OCBC had an excellent bazaar with wonderful weather, good attendance, and overall great profits for our General Fund.

The raffle again did well, contributing to our profits. We held five mini-raffle drawings on Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12, along with our main raffle held on Sunday evening. We’re happy to announce our larger raffle winners. Thank you everyone for participating and making the raffle a success!

**2015 Hanamatsuri Bazaar Raffle winners:**

1. **1st Prize** - $2,000 Cash: Dr. Milton Nakano  
2. **2nd Prize** - $1,000 Cash: Dennis Okada  
3. **3rd Prize** - $750 Cash: N. Nakamura

**Mini-Raffle main winners:**

- $100 Cash: Norio Iwata  
- $100 Cash: Stephanie Kato  
- $100 Cash: Cassandra Arnold  
- $100 Cash: Larry Kamei  
- $100 Cash: Richard and Lily Hara

Our raffles would not be nearly as successful without the generosity of the many community organizations, local businesses, our Sangha members, friends, and OCBC organizations that donate gifts and prizes for the raffle. OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following for their generosity:

- USC Bookstore  
- Monkey Wave Teriyaki Grill  
- Mitsuyoshi Restaurant  
- Tabiji Restaurant  
- Batavia Garden, Inc.  
- Yamalani Restaurant  
- Beth Fujishige  
- Nancy Hara  
- Leslie Higashi  
- Bobby & Jane Iwashita  
- Chris and Jaime Lock  
- Nancy Ohama  
- Janet Sakahara  
- Ruby Takazumi  

In Gassho,  
Bill Sakahara

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**Memorial Day Service**

- Kato, Eiko (2)  
- Nakawaki, Amy  
- Nakawaki, Beverly K.  
- Nakawate, Linda M.  
- Ohta, Yasuko  
- Sakahara, Bill  
- Sarashina, Junji  
- Tanaka, Fumi  
- Nakagaki, Kaoru  
- Nakawaki, Art  
- Nakawaki, Fushio  
- Ogawa, Sumiyo  
- Okita, Roy  
- Sarashina, James M.  
- Takahashi, Alice  
- Various

**Ohigan Donation Addt’l**

- Sugimoto, Stephen/Carole

**Nokotsudo Maintenance Donations**

- Anonymous (7)  
- Morris, Sirima  
- Sada knee, Ann M.  
- Tanaka, Jane  
- Hanano, Dean & Michele  
- Nakagawa, Ron  
- Taira, Jane
50th Anniversary Project Report

The Hondo renovation plans are slowly taking shape. Currently the Phase 2 team is working on the basic structural plans. Once that is completed, which should be within the next month, the team will tackle the detailed interior design. Concurrently, the courtyard and landscaping plans will be worked in detail, based on the previously approved concept drawings. The team will be making hard decisions balancing requirements, design, esthetics and costs. Many compromises will have to be made.

The 50th Anniversary Project Development Committee is compiling all the Bodhi Tree leaf inscription inputs from the donors who will be recognized with new leaves or with updated recognition level leaves. Later this year, we will announce a date when these new leaves will be installed. OCBC continues to account for all new donations and pledge payments on a weekly basis. If a donor reaches a recognition threshold before our 2015 update list is sent to the vendor later this month, that donor will be included in this year’s update. Please remember we keep a cumulative total of everyone’s donations, and new donations will be added to previous ones for recognition purposes. So let’s get those pledge payments and donations in!!

Spring and summer have historically been slow fundraising seasons for the 50th Anniversary Project. 2015 is following this trend. However, many Sangha members and friends realize this project is far from over and continue to donate. For that, OCBC is extremely grateful.

There is one difference in the campaign this year. We are nearing the end, and what OCBC raises this year will determine if the Hondo renovation can start as planned in July 2016. If we haven’t quite reached our goal, OCBC will need to make a difficult decision. Should we begin construction taking a financial risk, hoping donations will be enough to complete and pay for the construction by 2017? Or should we take out a loan with its added costs due to loan payments? Or we can delay construction start one year extending the campaign. At the end of this article, you will see that we need to collect $1.13M in new donations to make that decision easy. It seems like a huge amount, but compared to the $8.1M we’ve already raised, we know it can be done. We can see the “light at the end of the tunnel”. Let’s together make 2015 the most remarkable year of the OCBC 50th Anniversary Project.

In last month’s annual 50th Anniversary Project donor listing, we erroneously omitted the following Iris donor: The Lock, Terao, and Uyema Families. We sincerely apologize for this error.

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer

OCBC 50th Anniversary Coin Drive

We will be celebrating OCBC’s “50th Anniversary” in October and $25,000.00 in coins is still my goal! I am still $6,446.78 away but I am still thinking positive and hoping to make my goal! It would be GREAT if I can get to $25,000.00 and this would be a GREAT way for EVERYONE to donate and be a part of OCBC 50th Building fund!

Thank you to following donations:
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Wat Iwakoshi
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ものみみな金色に輝く

オレンジ郡仏教会
2015年

光輪
六月号

その学生にその名の教えを教えられました。また

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気温が上がり、いつの間にか初夏を取り

受けた。京都はゴールデンウィークから

がやってきました。また、蒸し暑い梅雨

が降りました。傘が手放せない毎日と

大変懐かしい思い出になりました。そこでお

行進した徳光雄教授のご法話を今回、

もみおと川さんから出され、私

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7月祥月法要

7月の祥月法要は、11日（土）午後7時30分より営まれます。

お盆法要

今年度のお盆・初盆法要は、下記の通り営まれます。

| お盆法要 | 7月12日 | 合掌、ワンドラ 醒 |

初盆法要

2014年6月1日以後に亡くなられた人々を追悼し、オレンジ郡仏教の開教者により、初盆儀礼をされた方々の遺族には仏教フェスティバルなどの遺品を贈っております。

お盆フェスティバル

今年のオレンジ郡仏教法要恒例のお盆フェスティバルは、7月18日（土）午後2時から9時までで、19日（日）午後2時から8時30分まで催されます。

盆踊り稽古スケジュール

6月30日（火）午後7時30分から
7月2日（木）午後7時30分から
7月9日（木）午後7時30分から
7月15日（水）午後7時30分から

次回のミーティング

5月1日に行われたシニアランチョンでは、48名のシニアとゲストの方達が、ファミリーお茶・神武康子夫人両吉田梅子氏のお誕生日をお祝いして出席されました。

シニア・ランチョン

6月8日に行なわれる次回のシニアランチョンには是非ご参加下さい。
南加仏教団及び婦人会大会

6月1日（月）午前9時から午後3時

南加仏教団及び婦人会大会が行われます。

女子の部は、9時から11時まで、男子の部は11時から1時までです。

詳しくは、婦人会会長にご確認ください。

お茶会

1月1日（月）午前9時から1時まで

婦人会の資料を皆さんで共有できることを願っています。

ご寄付

合掌

岩政

『5月祥月法要』

4月26日（水）に蓬莱寺に参詣しました。

詳しくは、蓬莱寺のホームページをご覧ください。

合計 3,207ドル

2,580ドル
【花祭り法要】

花祭り法要

合計 816ドル

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【仏教會にお礼】

仏教會にお礼

合計 1,095ドル

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【納骨堂】

納骨堂

合計 592ドル

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【初参り式】にご寄付ご芳名です。

下川ケネス・テレサ

・「メモリアルデー法要」

メモリアルデー法要

れる5月24日に営まれた「メモリアルデー法要のご寄付ご芳名です。「敬称略」

杉本・キャロル

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【仏教會に特別寄付】

仏教會に特別寄付

ご芳名です。「敬称略」

杉本・スティーブン・キャロル

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【春期お彼岸法要】

春期お彼岸法要

される3月16日に営まれた「春期お彼岸法要のご寄付ご芳名です。「敬称略」

杉本・スティーブン・キャロル

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Orange County Buddhist Church

50 YEARS
Anniversary Celebration
October 4, 2015

You and your family are invited to celebrate the Orange County Buddhist Church 50 Years Anniversary Celebration. It will be an exciting event for us to look back at our past 50 years of history, and look forward to the future of our Sangha and our community. There will be fabulous food from the award-winning Maison Akira Restaurant in Pasadena, entertainment from our talented Sangha, and the preview of the “I am OCBC” video. Don’t miss this special event. Register today!

Schedule:
2:00 Service
3:30 Group Picture
4:00-6:00 Dinner/Program

RSVP:
Before August 31st for discounted price
Final deadline: September 13, 2015
For information: (714) 827-9590

ORDER FORM – 50 Years Anniversary Celebration  (Please return by September 13, 2015)

Name

Number of Adults ______ x $40 = $______  ($50 after August 31, 2015)
Number of Children ______ x $10 = $______  ($15 after August 31, 2015)

Total ______

Phone (____) ______ Email

☐ Adult  ☐ Child

☐ Adult  ☐ Child

☐ Adult  ☐ Child

Make checks payable to: OCBC
Drop off or mail to:
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804
Back by Popular Demand!

Presented by OCBC Project Kokoro & Grateful Crane

MISORA HIBARI
A Tribute to a Legend

Join us for a fond look back at the life and career of legendary singer, actress, and entertainer Misora Hibari.

Written by Soji Keshiwagi • Directed by Keiko Kawashima
Musical Direction by Scott Nagatani • Featuring: Haruya Ioka, Keiko Kawashima, Mary Maruyama, Helen H. Ota, Fusako Shiotani • Musicians: Scott Nagatani, piano
Danny Yamamoto, drums • Hiro Morozumi, keyboards/acoustic guitar

Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 2 p.m.
Orange County Buddhist Church MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING
909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92804 • TICKETS $25.00 General Admission
Part of the proceeds will benefit the Orange County Buddhist Church 50th Anniversary Building Fund.

Tickets are available at the Orange County Buddhist Church or to charge by phone call the Grateful Crane ticket line at 310/995-5841.
Tickets will be held at will call for pick up on the day of the show.
($500 VIP Sponsorships are available—includes ten tickets in preferred seating section. Call Diane Ono at 310/508-3966 for more information.)
Find out more about Orange County Buddhist Church’s Cub Scouting Program at the **Cub Scout Pack 578's Recruitment Night**. All boys who will be entering the 1st-5th grade this fall are invited to bring their families to learn more about the Cub Scouting experience and participate in fun activities with other scouts.

Dinner and dessert will be served!

**OCBC Cub Scout Pack RECRUITMENT NIGHT**

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 5:30 PM

**WHERE:** OCBC, 909 S. DALE, ANAHEIM

**WHAT TO BRING:** BOYS ENTERING 1ST-5TH GRADE

**RSVP BY AUGUST 14 – E-MAIL TO:** Louis.cubs@gmail.com
WANTED: RUNNING OR NOT

CARS, VANS, TRUCKS, SOME BOATS, MOTOR HOMES, RV’S

We handle all DMV paperwork! Free pick up! No cost to you!

To expedite your vehicle donation, please fill out and mail this form to OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804, or e-mail to ocbc909@aol.com, or call the information into the office at (714) 827-9590. The form is available online at www.ocbuddhist.org and may be delivered, mailed, or e-mailed.

Your donation is tax deductible, for the vehicle’s selling price (if it sells for more than $500), or for the fair market value, up to $500 (if it sells for less than $500). Proceeds from your donation will help support community services and activities of Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC). This form may be used to designate a vehicle donation to the BCA Center for Buddhist Education (BCA/CBE).

Vehicle donated to: OCBC □ BCA/CBE □

Name ___________________________________________________________

Your Address/City/Zip ___________________________________________

Location of Vehicle _____________________________________________

Contact Info: Home Ph __________ Cell Ph __________ Email __________

Type of Vehicle: Year __________ Make __________ Model ___________

Vehicle Identification # (VIN) _____________________________________

Vehicle License # ___________________________ Odometer Reading ___________

Do you have the Title, Pink Slip? Yes □ No □ Does the vehicle run? Yes □ No □

Comments ______________________________________________________

How did you hear about the program? _________________________________

Name of Title ___________________________________ Today’s Date _______________________

Thank you for your consideration in making a donation to the

Orange County Buddhist Church Endowment Fund
Building Upon a Dream

The OCBC 50th Anniversary Project

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I/we would like to help The OCBC 50th Anniversary Project with a special gift of:

- $200,000 + Wisteria
- $100,000 – $199,999 Lotus
- $50,000 – $99,999 Kiku
- $25,000 – $49,999 Sakura
- $10,000 – $24,999 Orchid
- $5,000 – $9,999 Iris
- $2,500 – $4,999 Ume
- $1,000 – $2,499 Matsu

Total Pledge or Donation Amount: $_____________

Donors with gifts of $5,000 or more will have their name or their designee’s name inscribed on a donor wall in the new Social Hall.

☐ This is a one time gift of: $_____________

☐ This gift is made in memory of: ________________________________

☐ This gift is made in honor of: ________________________________

☐ I/We would like to pledge the amount of $_____________ over ____year(s) (1 to 2 years)

☐ I/We prefer the following payment schedule (please check one):
  - Monthly
  - Quarterly
  - Semi-Annually
  - Annually

☐ I/We enclose an initial contribution of: $_____________

Payment Preference

☐ Check enclosed. Please make payable to OCBC and memo for the 50th Anniversary Project.

☐ Credit Card  ☐ Debit Card

☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  Sorry, no Amex or Discovery

Card #: ____________________________ Exp. Date: _________ / _________ / _________

Name (as it appears on card):


☐ Automatic Payroll Deduction  OCBC office will contact you with additional information.

Signature:

Print Name: ____________________________ Date: __________

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Home Phone: ____________________________ Business: ____________________________ Cell: ____________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________ ☐ I/We prefer email statements

For KORIN publication purposes, please check one of the following:

☐ Name & Pledge / Donation Amount  ☐ Name Only  ☐ Anonymous
2015 ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH
SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

[ ] Mr.  [ ] Mrs.  [ ] Ms.  [ ] Dr.  Date

Last Name _______________________________ First Name _______________________________ MI ______

Street Address _______________________________ City _______________________________ State ______ ZIP ______

Home Phone (___)__________________  Cell (___)__________________  e-mail _______________________________

Spouse: [ ] Mr.  [ ] Mrs.  [ ] Ms.  [ ] Dr.

Last Name _______________________________ First Name _______________________________ MI ______

Home Phone (___)__________________  Cell (___)__________________  e-mail _______________________________

Children (under age 24):

Name _______________________________ Date of Birth ______

Name _______________________________ Date of Birth ______

Name _______________________________ Date of Birth ______

Please check desired membership:

[ ] Individual Membership which includes one adult and dependent children under the age of 24
[ ] Family Membership which includes two adults and dependent children under the age of 24

Indicate payment:  [ ] Annually  [ ] Semi-annually  [ ] Quarterly  [ ] Monthly

Individual:  $220  $110  $55  $19
Family:  $440  $220  $110  $37

Note that reminder notices are not sent to members paying semi-annually, quarterly or monthly.

Method of Payment:

[ ] Check No. _________ (Make check payable to OCBC)  Amount: $________

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Total: $________

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ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH
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Anaheim, CA 92804

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7 8:30 AM Meditation Service
10:00 AM family service
11:00 AM Dharma School and adult study class

8 9:00 AM Senior Citizens' Luncheon
Senior Work Party
7:30 PM - Yoga

9 8:30 AM Senior Craft Class
7:30 PM Meditation service
BEC class - "Lectures on the Shoshinge" Rev. Harada

10 8:30 AM Senior Craft Class
7:30 PM Meditation service
BEC class - "Lectures on the Larger Sutra" Rev. Harada

11 10:30 AM BEC class - "Lectures on the Larger Sutra" Rev. Harada

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14 8:30 AM Meditation Service
10:00 AM family service
11:00 AM Dharma School and adult study class
7:30 PM - Yoga

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21 8:30 AM Meditation Service
10 AM- Father's Day - All Music Service; Awards
No Dharma School or Adult Study Class
7:30 PM - Yoga

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28 8:30 AM Meditation Service
10:00 AM family service
11:00 AM Adult study class
NO DHARMA SCHOOL
7:30 PM - Yoga

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7:30 PM OBON PRACTICE