FALL OHIGAN SERVICE
Sunday, September 20, 2015
10:00 AM

English speaker
Rev. Peter Hata
Minister at Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple
Los Angeles

Japanese speaker
Rev. Mutsumi Wondra
OCBC

There will be a luncheon after the service by ABA.
Reflections on 10% Happier

I just finished reading a wonderful book, 10% Happier, by Dan Harris, who is a co-anchor of Nightline and the weekend editions of Good Morning America. Our BEC bookclub read and discussed this book as well in recent times. This book was a New York Times bestseller.

In this book, Dan Harris takes us through his own spiritual journey from being a stressed out, egotistical, drug-taking TV news reporter, to finding meditation, mindfulness, and Buddhism as his spiritual path. I found the book fascinating, and highly recommend it. To me, the book shows us what the typical Westerner goes through in first being curious about meditation, which leads to encountering Buddhism and the path to enlightenment. It reaffirms to me the importance of our weekly meditation services on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. While meditation is still not a widely accepted practice in Shin Buddhism, I have felt for a long time that meditation must be offered at our Jodo Shinshu temples to help introduce people to the Dharma and the Nembutsu. Without meditation services, we will not be able to reach curious newcomers, people like Dan Harris, who are searching for something to help them in dealing with the many stresses and challenges of life, that they have not found in other traditional religions and self help methodologies.

In his book, Dan Harris relates how he was an aspiring TV reporter, doing local TV and then getting the opportunity to work for ABC, hitting it “big time.” While this was all thrilling and he was career driven, he had an on the air “panic attack,” caused by his own stress, and aided by his secret use of drugs. It was an eye opening experience, to see the state of his being. He knew he had to get help. Fortunately, he had been assigned to cover stories related to religion, in which he was asked to interview people of varying religious backgrounds, from evangelical ministers, to noted popular teachers like Deepak Chopra and Eckhart Tolle. He also began to dabble in meditation. At first it was torture to him, to sit for even a few minutes. His back hurt, he couldn’t focus, … he went through what all people do when they first begin to meditate. But after getting through the initial struggles with meditation, he began to “get into it,” and started meditating on a daily basis, which led to participating in an intensive 10 day meditation retreat. During that retreat he had an experience of breaking into uncontrollable tears, during a guided meditation in which participants were asked to reflect on loved ones in their life. His thoughts to his mother, his grandmother, dear friends and other loved ones, as part of a “Metta,” loving kindness meditation caused him to shed tears uncontrollably. Dan Harris began to see even deeper, not only the meaning of meditation, but the significance of Buddhism and the teachings, as there were regular lectures on the Dharma at this intensive retreat.

After the retreat and with his continued practice of meditation and learning about Buddhism, Dan Harris found it still hard to admit to others that he meditated and that he was following the path of Buddhism. Once, a colleague at work asked, “What’s with you and the whole meditation thing?” Rather spontaneously, he responded, “I do it because it makes me 10% happier.” His colleague’s demeanor changed from skepticism to intrigue. She said, “Really? That sounds pretty good, actually.”

Many people would take that, wouldn’t they? If someone said, “I know how you can become 10% happier,” I think most people would say, “Wow, what is that? How can I do that?” For Dan Harris, he found his own unique way of sharing what meditation and Buddhism had done for him. He wasn’t expounding enlightenment, or various teachings of Buddhism, or how meditation had lowered his blood pressure or cholesterol. He simply stated, “It makes me 10% happier.”

In my Korin article in July, I wrote an essay titled, “Practical Buddhism and Truth Level Buddhism.” I think that the book, 10% Happier expresses exactly what I was trying to say in that essay. People will first encounter Buddhism from a practical level. Will it help me in my life? Will it ease my stress? Will it help me with my relationships? All people start with this practical side of meditation and Buddhism. However, if they continue on the journey, they will come to see meditation and Buddhism at a deeper level. They will see it for something beyond the practical applications and see it as a path that leads to a deep truth. Now, the motivation to meditate and learn about Buddhism is not just for the practical benefits, but the motivation is to come to realize the deep truths of Buddhism that await the seeker and listener of the Dharma.

I think that Dan Harris beautifully, even humorously, shows us that journey. I know that there are countless people like Dan Harris out there….people who are waiting to encounter the Buddha-Dharma, people who are looking for a spiritual path, people who want to live a meaningful, fulfilled life. May they all find what they are seeking, and may OCBC be the first step on their spiritual journey to truth.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin
A WAY OF SEEING (09/15 – Dream & NAB)

I had a dream a few weeks ago. In fact, I got up around midnight to write it down, because I knew that if I didn’t, I would forget it. My memory nowadays is really getting shot to hell, as it were, or in a manner of speaking. Pardon my French. I was trying so hard to be smart that I forgot what I was going to write. We will never know how good it was going to be. Well, I thought I might as well go back to sleep, because this was not working. I doubt that I ever will be able to recall what the subject was. At least I know the subject had to do with the Buddha Dharma. Getting old and becoming forgetful must be like going to hell in slow motion.

[So here we go. – ed.]

I have come up with a subject that should help me, and, hopefully, you, and that is the Nembutsu, more specifically, Namo Amida Butsu.

Many, if not most, or even all, of you have heard that Namo Amida Butsu is a Sino-Japanese transliteration [a representation in letters or words] in the case of Sanskrit, meaning, ‘I take refuge in the Immeasurable Buddha.’ It is more often transliterated as Namu Amida Butsu, although the former is closer to the Sanskrit. However, there is no difference in the intended meaning, so we can pronounce it whichever way we want, even Namandab. Whatever the case, though, I hope you will say it with some understanding of what you are saying and, especially, why.

Just to be thorough, the Japanese translation of Namo Amida Butsu is Kimyō Muryō/Muryōkō Nyorai, and the English translation is “I entrust myself to [take refuge] in the Tathagata of Immeasurable Life/Light.” The other, or another, important expression of Amida’s name is Namu Fukashigikō Nyorai, or “I entrust myself to the Tathagata of Inconceivable Light.” “Life” and “Light” refer respectively to immeasurable compassion and wisdom.

When we say, “Namo Amida Butsu,” we are not simply saying, “I entrust myself to Amida (Amīta, with a “t,” is the proper Romanization of the Sanskrit) Buddha. We should take another look at how Myokonin use the phrase. For example, Haru Matsuda, who was introduced to us by Rimban Tatsuo Muneto, of Hawaii, writes, “Embraced by Namu-amida-butsu, I vowed not to complain. Thinking thus, again I complained.” This is not simply a statement of entrusting. It is a statement that goes beyond that: the second sentence tells us that even when we entrust ourselves to Amida, or to Namo Amida Butsu, we are seldom, if ever, able to follow through in terms of thought or action. On the other hand, once we realize that Amida already knows our failibilities, yet accepts us as we are, we are enabled to accept ourselves just as we are. Right?

Saichi Myokonin has many ways of expressing Namo Amida Butsu, or perhaps I should say many ways of seeing Namo Amida Butsu, some of which are beyond my understanding, and not simply because of my lack of understanding of his Japanese, although that does have somewhat to do with it. Just as important, if not more so, is my lack of “religious” experience, whatever that might mean to you.

Try this poem by Saichi: “This Buddha is an inconceivable Buddha. With the voice of Namo Amida Bu, It calls – me.” We need to keep in mind when reading Saichi’s poems that he is very comfortable speaking in either his own or in Amida’s voice, more so, even, than most other Myokonin. He is comfortable, too, using technical language that many people would be somewhat hesitant to use...

I like this poem: “My Parent’s [Oya’s] heart and my [Saichi’s] heart, One to be saved [ki] and the Dharma [hō] that saves – one in substance. [Ki-Hō ittai.] Namo Amida Butsu.” In ordinary Japanese, “Oya” means “parent(s),” but in Saichi’s poems, as well as in Jodo Shinshu lingo, it nearly always, if not always, refers to Amida. “Ki-Hō ittai” is a very important phrase, or teaching, in Jodo Shinshu, and is a difficult teaching to realize. No doubt, Saichi heard it innumerable times in the hundreds of Dharma-talks he encountered, as well as in the discussions he had with the many teachers with whom he talked. It is a very difficult teaching to understand, let alone realize, since it is saying that “we and the Dharma/Buddha are one in substance.” The late Rev. Prof. Taitetsu Unno put it this way: “…[It refers to the spiritual potential of a person (ki) that realizes itself in union (ittai) with the dharma or Amida Buddha (hō).] [River of Fire, River of Water, p. 234.] You are aware that there are many Buddhhas; you might not be aware that all Buddhhas are one in substance. That might not be too difficult to follow or understand, since, in the Mahayana way of seeing, Buddhhas are all “spiritual,” so to speak. They are all manifestations of the one Dharma-body, or more properly, perhaps, Dharmatā, or Śūnyatā, emptiness. It is the work of the Dharma-body, which we call Amida, or Namo Amida Butsu, to awaken us to Oneness, or Suchness. Saichi, among the many ways he writes of our relationship, puts it in this way: “In the sea, there is nothing but water; there is a bottom that holds it all. In Saichi, there is nothing but evil; to take charge of it all, there is Amida. How happy I am! Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu.”

Namo Amida Butsu subsumes, or includes, all the foregoing usages and more. Possibly the most important usages, or meanings, are as an expression of gratitude and as an expression of the relationship between oneself and Amida. If you want to personify them, you can say that you are all, but only, gratitude, although you are barely capable of only that. And Amida is, if anything, everything. On the other hand, we, in our desperation, need Amida’s help to “make it” to the Pure Land, although we will find that the Pure Land is not heaven. But you knew that, right? If anything, it is a way-station wherein we first learn that we are one with the Dharma-body that we have heretofore known as Amida.

Thank you for reading this essay. Please take very good care of yourselves. Make it a good life. Thank you so much for your concern.

Gassho,

Donkon Jaan Doami

September
On Gratitude

I recently came across a blog article on gratitude that started with the following story from one of the early sutras from the Pali canon:

“Monks, I will teach you the level of a person of no integrity and the level of a person of integrity. Listen & pay close attention. I will speak.”

“As you say, lord,” the monks responded.

The Blessed One said, “Now what is the level of a person of no integrity? A person of no integrity is ungrateful & unthankful. This ingratitude, this lack of thankfulness, is advocated by rude people. It is entirely on the level of people of no integrity. A person of integrity is grateful & thankful. This gratitude, this thankfulness, is advocated by civil people. It is entirely on the level of people of integrity.

- Kataññu Sutta

What I find really interesting about this passage is the equating of gratitude with integrity. The idea that a person of integrity is a person of gratitude. I had never really thought about gratitude from that perspective. A person who is thankful has integrity. A person of integrity is thankful.

Commenting on this story, the author of the blog goes on to say, “Gratitude is an antidote for the poisons of greed, jealousy, resentment, and grief.” Again, something I hadn’t really thought about in those terms. When we talk about the Nembutsu as an expression of gratitude, do we think of that gratitude as being an antidote to the three poisons of greed, anger and ignorance? And what about grief? Although now that I think about it, I can see that it is true, at least in my own case. My mother passed away in 1989. She was only 63 years old. My mother and I were very close, and I simply could not let go of the anger and grief I felt at losing her so soon. It was something I struggled with even after calling myself a Buddhist for almost 15 years. It was not until I discovered the gratitude at the heart of Shin Buddhism that I was finally able to let go of that anger and replace it with gratitude for all of the things my mother gave me. Yes, gratitude can indeed be an antidote to grief.

Another thing that the author of the blog pointed out was that although acceptance and gratitude are feelings that can occur spontaneously, they are also attitudes that can be cultivated. The more space we make for them in our lives, the more we practice them, the less room there is for mental poisons to take root. We can make the cultivation of gratitude a part of our daily practice. We can learn to be more grateful, to be people of thankfulness. Perhaps at the end of each day, we could stop and think back on our day and find one thing that we can be grateful for. If we could do that each day, how long would it take for us to become more grateful in our lives?

Can we be grateful in this moment that we have this human life to cultivate and develop? When we recite the Three Treasures we say “how rare it is to be born into human life.” Can we be grateful that we live in a time and place where we can hear and study the Dharma? Can we be grateful for the earth that holds us up, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food that nourishes us? Can we be grateful for the presence in our lives of people who love us, and people that we love? Can we be grateful that, whatever ailments afflict us, we are still able to breathe and think and move? Can we be grateful that, whatever financial reverses we may have suffered, we still have shelter, clothing, and food to eat? Can we be grateful for our parents who gave us life and kept us alive through childhood, who fed and clothed us, who cared for us when we were ill?

The author of the blog ended with a quote from Dogen, the founder of the Soto school of Zen Buddhism in Japan, and a contemporary of Shinran:

“Continuous practice, day after day, is the most appropriate way of expressing gratitude. This means that you practice continuously, without wasting a single day of your life, without using it for your own sake. Why is it so? Your life is a fortunate outcome of the continuous practice of the past. You should express your gratitude immediately.”

Kazuako Tanahashi, trans.

Continuous practice is the most appropriate way of expressing gratitude. For those of us who are Shin Buddhists, perhaps we could say that the continuous saying of the Nembutsu is the most appropriate way of expressing gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Bill Dearth

Orange County Buddhist Church
50 Years Anniversary Celebration
October 4, 2015

Final day to RSVP for the dinner: September 13, 2015

RSVP forms in the June and July Korin or contact the OCBC office to RSVP.

Join in and take part in this momentous celebration in OCBC’s history!
President’s Message

Dancing in the rain.
Welcome back from summer break! Hope you did many things enjoyable and memorable.
Was dancing in the rain one of those? If you were at Obon on Saturday and were dancing outside in the 2nd half of the Obon Odori you know the event. Was that event enjoyable for you? That was a historical event for sure!
Either way that entire weekend was and will be memorable for years to come. From talking to others it was the first time in anyone’s memory that it rained on Obon, and it rained both days. The first time in over 50 years. Interestingly, we had not had rain for months before Obon and now it is the end of August and we have not had rain since. Weather is truly unpredictable.
What made the entire weekend enjoyable for me was how everyone reacted to this change. I did not hear any complaints and saw how many adjusted to accommodate the unexpected wetness. Also, how others helped each other even if they were from different organizations or wasn’t their responsibility. People were not concerned about their own comfort; they were worried for others and how the weather would affect the festival results. Compassion - The OCBC way! I saw lots of smiling faces throughout the weekend and nary a sour face.

On the other side, many people still came to eat and dance. Our income was down only 13.7%, which was good for the amount of rain that we saw Saturday and Sunday night. So, we should be thankful for the support of those who came despite the rains. Please thank others you know who supported us.

So, did you enjoy dancing in the rain?

Switching to now, September - have you seen Rev. Wondra? She has returned and has already started as our latest OCBC full-time minister. It will be great to see her smiling face every week and listen to her Dharma talks.

Please say hi to her the next time you see her. I am sure she will be grateful as she gets reacquainted with the Sangha.

In Gassho,
Aaron Nagayama

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BWA News

Announcements
- Welcome back Rev. Mutsumi Wondra!! On September 13th, there will be a luncheon reception welcoming Rev. Mutsumi Wondra to OCBC as a full-time minister. BWA is proud of her academic accomplishments and happy to see her take on the duties and responsibilities as a reverend. BWA will be preparing the luncheon. Help is needed with the food preparation on Saturday at 9:00am and Sunday at 8:00am in the MPB kitchen. Thank you in advance for your support, and our next bento sale will be held on October 25th.
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20th, in the Kodo at 12:30pm after the Fall Ohigan service and luncheon. For new members, name tags can be ordered at the meeting.
- We will be hosting an English Tea Luncheon on Sunday, September 27th at 1:00pm in the social hall. Invite a friend, daughter, or relative who might be interested in joining BWA or just come for a fun time! Please bring a teacup and saucer and RSVP to Rumi Nakatani at rumiko@sbcglobal.net by September 13th.
- If you are planning to attend OCBC’s 50th Anniversary Dinner on October 4th, RSVP by September 13th.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, July 13th, 53 seniors and guests celebrated birthdays for Paul Fujimoto and Toshiko Katsumoto. The tables were decorated with lovely flowers and everyone enjoyed the delicious tempura, tofu with simmered vegetables, sunomono, and dessert. Thank you very much to Helen Fukino for the cookies and to Toshiko Katsumoto for the cucumbers and monetary donation. All birthday celebrants 70 years and older receive a complimentary bento and OCBC seniors and their guests enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal for a very reasonable price. Please note: Seniors 80 years and older are complimentary as stated in the July article. Sorry for any confusion and we hope to see you at the next Senior Luncheon on September 14th, 2015.

2015 Southern District BWA Conference
The SD Buddhist Conference and SD BWA Conference was held on Saturday, June 13th, at the Quiet Canyon Conference Center in Montebello. Oxnard Buddhist Temple and Pasadena Buddhist Temple co-hosted the event. Twenty-eight OCBC members attended, which included seventeen BWA members. Keynote messages and participating workshops were provided by Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge, Rev. Gregory Gibbs, and Rev. Masanori Watanabe.

Obon Festival - Thank You!
We would like to thank the many volunteers and organizations that helped us prepare the wonton, udon, sushi, kintoki for shaved ice, and Friday’s worker lunch. The weather and humidity brought some challenges but didn’t dampen our spirits. We prepared over 1,300 udon servings, folded over 13,500 wontons, rolled 860 norimaki sushi, stuffed 5,400 inari sushi, and prepared 517 chirashi plates. A special thank you to everyone who came out to help with Tuesday’s clean-up. A delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all!

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

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Dharma School Scrip Program
Buy everyone’s favorite gift, scrip from OCBC’s Dharma School scrip program!
That Day
By Masako Hamada

(August was the 70th year memorial of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The BCA Wheel of Dharma has featured some articles of survivors of the bomb in recent articles. Some of our own OCBC members are atomic bomb survivors. The following narrative is the memories of that day and experience of Masako Hamada, long time OCBC member, as told to her daughter, Ellen Crane. - Reverend Harada)

August 6, 1945, I was 23 years old and living in Hiroshima City at 630 Showa machi, just over a mile from Sangyo Shorei Kan, ground zero. At 8:15 a.m. I was home alone, standing at the kitchen sink washing dishes when I saw a tremendous flash. I immediately turned and ran to the interior when the entire house collapsed on top of me. As I crouched with my hands over my head, debris falling everywhere, I heard a sound like rolling thunder all around me, going on and on. Laying there, the nembutsu was all I could say, over and over. After everything stopped, I struggled out of the rubble and checked myself for injuries. I found my ankle bleeding and my left wrist bone exposed and squirting blood. With two rags I bound my wounds as best I could. I didn't know what had happened but I knew I had to leave the city as soon as possible. I grabbed a small bag with important papers and left. I was not frightened, and instead I felt a deep calm, as I continued to repeat the nembutsu under my breath.

Outside, everything was in chaos. Buildings as far as I could see were leveled, with nothing left standing. The wooden houses were beginning to smolder and burn, especially the delicate shoji screens. I headed to the northeast towards Niho, past Hijiyama Mountain, where I had friends living on the outskirts of town, three to four miles away. I passed sights that I will never forget. A mother was trying to coax her young child to her, but the little boy was too frightened by the sight of his mother, totally disheveled and whose right eye was gashed and bleeding. Another neighbor was running around her collapsed house, calling for her aged mother. Hiroshima is built on a delta with five rivers and I was worried that the bridges would be out. As I crossed over one river it was filled with black mud and debris. Much later, I heard stories from my cousins about the people who later filled the rivers trying to cool their burned bodies. Some rivers had to be crossed stepping over dead bodies.

I walked about three miles when I finally reached my friend Nishimoto-san's house. She came to the door, but was so frightened by me that she shut the door and wouldn't let me in. I must have been a sight—clothes torn and dirty, body covered in ash and debris, with my hair sticking straight up. I was too weary to try again and decided to go to my close friend Takeuchi-san's house instead. When she answered the door, I collapsed. When I awoke three days later, I found myself in a cave that had become a recovery center. It was there that I heard about the bombing in Nagasaki. A week later the emperor spoke over the radio for the first time as he notified us of Japan’s surrender and the end of the war.

Seventy years have passed and I am now 93. Tiny shards of glass still remain in my body. As I reflect on that day and every day since, I have a deep sense of gratitude for the life the Nembutsu has revealed to me. I could have easily died, and don't know how I lived. Later, my house would be designated just outside the one mile “kill zone” where virtually everyone died, including my thirteen year old sister, Yoneko. That day, the Nembutsu was my anchor and my strength, and I had nothing to fear. If I died, that would have been all right. My life every day since then has been a gift. Namu Amida Butsu

OCBC Wish List

Here we are again, starting a new Korin year. With the end of the lazy days of summer, we tiptoe into September and the first wish list. Only one organization has sent in a request.

Project Kokoro Crafts: netting, 5 – 10 yards; all-cotton batting for quilting projects; yarns, 4 skeins of the same color (questions to Dorothy Matsuoka)

All donated items may be dropped off at or sent to our office. Thank you in advance! If your organization has a need that can possibly be filled by a generous donor, please be in touch.

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara

Korin Articles Due

09/27/2015
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New Korin guidelines are on page 18 of this issue.
August 15, 1945. It was a beautiful morning. I was in the rear of our house, waiting to see where my company was going to move to. A plane passed by and the siren signaled that it was now all clear. The next moment, there was a brilliant light and a huge noise. We were taught to cover our eyes and ears during bombings. I thought I was dead until I heard a crying voice in the back of our house. Our house was leveled flat, except for one closet. I followed a little light and found my way to the top of the collapsed roof. I could see the closet and grabbed my purple blankie that I was fond of.

Dad had come back from the countryside where he had gone to get vegetables. He was cut all over from glass fragments. He was just a ball of blood. My mother was all gray with radiation burns. She had been standing at the corner of the house. There were people to her left but they were all blown away.

We decided that we had to leave, but we could see that the bridge was burning. I wanted my shoe but it was under all the rubble. As we were leaving the house, I could hear Mr. Yokoyama grunting from beneath the rubble. I called to him but he only grunted in response. When I went to the front of our house, I could see that the entire city was flattened. There was just one temple standing in Teramachi. When we reached the river, we had to swim across the river. Dad helped my mom. It was high tide and there were many people in the river. When we reached the other side of the river, we had to climb up the cement wall. Dad was just like a monkey and made it up the wall, and then he used my purple blankie to pull me and my mother up. He used that purple blankie to pull many people from the river. As we were leaving the river bank, there was a girl calling for help. Her eye had popped out if its socket.

We passed by the Girls High School, which was a soldiers’ training ground. Soldiers were all lined up on the ground burned to death. We walked by them and as we did it began to rain. It was a black rain from all the soot and ash.

Mom started to get real sick. Dad found some cover for us until the rain stopped. We reached our friend’s house, a farmer, and hung the purple blankie to dry on a bamboo tree. We then walked to Yokogawa station, and to our great surprise we met my brother there. He was okay. He said he was going to school hanging on a street car when the bomb hit. It got so dark that he just sat by the curb until it got light again. He looked for his cap and found it underneath the streetcar. It was nice to see that he was okay.

Yokogawa station was badly damaged. We walked further to two more stations. By that time we were very tired. We laid on the cement platform to rest until the train came.
Social Welfare / Dana Program

Save 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 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 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 Dorothy Matsuoka at dcmatsuoka@aol.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 Nakachi
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

Obon Wish List Donations

OCBC would like to thank all of the people who donated to the Obon Wish List for Supplies. Many donated multiple items and multiple times during the weeks running up to the Festival. Your generosity is very much appreciated especially when Obon turned out wetter than expected and not quite as successful as we had hoped (but only 13% down from last year, despite the rain). Our Sangha is always ready to help out our Church unselfishly when called upon for support. We thank you for your generosity and Dana. This time around thanks to Linda Okino and Rosanne Takahashi's brilliant idea, we collected:

- $936.00 Cash and Raffle Scrip
- 15# Rice
- 1 qt and 6 bottles of mayonnaise
- 270# sugar
- 8 bottles ketchup
- 5 pkgs sponges
- 4 bottles Mizkan vinegar
- 50# flour
- 1 gal Heinz vinegar
- 11 bottles sake
- 17# corn starch
- 11 bottles mirin
- 2 cases paper hot cups
- 16 boxes gloves
- 5 bottles Dawn dish soap
- 1 bottle Windex
- 20 boxes chicken broth
- 1 pkg mugicha
- 35 boxes wax paper
- 6 gal shoyu
- 1 box green tea bags
- 3 bags loose leaf tea
- 2 cases ziplock bags
- 3 cases paper towels
- 5 canisters coffee
- 11# fresh shoga
- 5 heads cabbage

We would like to acknowledge the following members of the Sangha for your donations. We apologize if we omitted your name as we did Judy Urabe who donated for Hanamatsuri too. Some of you donated anonymously or bought supplies for your activity and we very much appreciate all of you too.

Fred Nagahori    Phyllis Uyemura     Ruby Takazumi
Janet Sakahara   Linda Turner        Edie Gulrich
Namy Folick      Jaime Lock          Linda Nakachi
Denise Ueno      Fran Onishi         Bob Bolander
Judy Uyema       Joyce Kubo          Aki Nitta
Roy Matsuo       Margaret Abo        Noreen Kamimura
Judy Urabe       Mary Jane Fujimura   Nancy Inafuku
Karen Muramoto   Kathy Nishimoto     Linda Okino
Donna Fujishige  Seiju Terada        GS Troop 88
Daisy Troop 2041 GS Troop 885        GS Troop 881
Cub Scouts       ABA
Kent and Nancy Suzuki    Mark & Mary Jane Morimoto
Mary and John Sunada     Alan & Renee Maruyama
Rosanne & Ron Takahashi  Ron & Kyoko Suzuki

In Gassho,
Linda Ishibashi
2015 Obon Wrap-Up

After record rain on July 18th and 19th, some people may wonder whether or not OCBC had a successful Obon Festival. Taking the liberty of hindsight after more than a month and conducting a Obon Wrap-Up meeting, I can definitely declare that despite the weather, OCBC’s Obon was a huge success.

This year our net was 13.7% less than last year. Given the weather, this outcome is not too bad. Everyone rallied and got the word out that our Obon was still operating rain or shine and people came to play the games, eat great food (or pickup from our take-out service) and dance Odori. It was a humbling experience seeing the community come out and support our festival both days. We had wonderful volunteers working hard to provide the best service to their guests with a smile. We were able to conduct the raffle Sunday night in the Social Hall thanks to some of our college-aged T578 Eagle Scouts who did a “Good Turn” by helping move all the prizes out of the rain from the front ticket booth to the Social Hall. Finally, we had two waves of volunteers who helped with the Obon final clean-up Monday and Tuesday following the festival.

Thank you to all the volunteers and organizations for making the 2015 Obon a success. I am very grateful for your commitment, dedication and hard work.

In Gassho,
Hiro Yamaguchi
2015 OCBC Obon Chair

Dharma School News

Obon Festival

Obon odori dances were taught by Bando Misaye (Mrs. Nancy Shibata). The following Dharma School staff members assisted Nancy during practices and the festival: Joanne Ishii, Gail Kusano, Marion Nishimura, Janet Sakahara, Nancy Suzuki, Joyce Yada, Lisa Yamamoto, Bando Masayue (Sophia Yamamoto), Irene Yamanishi, Tracy Yamashita-Perry, Yoko Yamashita, Alison Yoshihara, and Emily Yoshihara.

Thank you to the following ladies who helped the dancers dress into yukatas: Mrs. Ogawa, Kathi Shimoda, Leslie Iemus del Cid, Bando Masayue (Sophia Yamamoto), and Lisa Yamamoto.

Members of Daion Taiko drummed to the beat of the music during the dances. Thank you to the following taiko players: Aaron Nagayama, Joyce Ochiai, Kallie Ochiai, and Chris Terada.

Dancers could not dance without obori music. All of the dances were introduced to the crowd. A very special thank you to the following four gentlemen for their assistance during dance practices and the Obon Festival.

Audio Music / Sound System: Alan Maruyama, David Okino, Kent Suzuki. MC: David Yamamoto

The Dharma School had additional responsibilities during the Obon festival. Thank you to the following chairmen & helpers:

Teri Burger: Nobu Nakamura and Judy Uyema

Boutique: Janet Sakahara, Lynn Black, Kathy Nishimoto, Nancy Inafuku, Lloyd Morinaga, Kyoko Suzuki, Betty Yamasaki. Special thanks to the Boy Scouts, John and Helen Sun and their two sons who helped in transporting the craft items.

Sunday Lunch Prep: Joanne Ishii, Marion Nishimura. A special thank you to all the men who provided muscle power lifting and carrying heavy items.

D.S. Representative: Lynn Black

2015-16 Dharma School Attendance Guidelines:

The Orange County Buddhist Church Dharma School recognizes that regular attendance is important to learning and understanding the fundamental teachings of Buddhism. There are some changes to the guidelines for this year. Students who miss a regular DS/family service, may make it up by attending a special service when DS class is not held. Please refer to the OCBC Dharma School Attendance Guidelines for additional information.

Upcoming Events

Fall Ohigan Service
Date: September 20, 2015
Please make sure students sign the attendance sheets.

D.S. Class Schedule
D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: September 13 and 27.
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry
Adult Buddhist Association

The improbable became probable when the monsoon weather pattern moved up north from Baja and brought us some much needed rain. The only problem was the welcome precipitation came on the wrong weekend. The last time it rained in July was in 1995, some twenty years ago. Some of you were not around. Someone ordered the rain for the incorrect time and place. In spite of the terrible wet conditions, ABA endured thru the crisis. With umbrella, garbage bags, we kept our cool and did our best. The new cover top over our cooking and prep area kept out the sun but unfortunately, not the rain.

OBON 2015 (July 18-19): ABA has been providing the Saturday Workers lunch for eons. People started to line up before the food were on the tables. The ABA hard working kitchen staff was under the direction of Namy Folick and Rumi Nakatani.

Our cooking, cutting, and plating of the teriyaki chicken was done under the most adverse condition. This all was headed under the management of director-general, Glen Morita. ABA had fortitude, the temple endured, and the Sangha had perseverance. This will be one OBON all of us will not forget.

TOUR USA (August 16-23): Thirty nine ABA and non-ABA members travelled up to Oregon for our annual "get away fun" trip. On last year's trip, someone won $10,000 at a casino. Will someone on this year's trip be so lucky? Stay tuned for next months' news.

Daikon no hana: Everything comes to pass. Nothing comes to stay.

With deep gratitude and respect,
R. Suzuki

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Project Kokoro and Grateful Crane present

Misora Hibari
A Tribute to a Legend

Sunday, October 25, 2015, 2:00pm
Orange County Buddhist Church
Multi Purpose Building

General Admission: $25.00

For more information:
Please refer to the Misora Hibari flyer in the June and July issues of the Korin
or
Contact the OCBC office
or
Order tickets directly from Grateful Crane
310-995-5841

($500 VIP Sponsorships are available.
Includes 10 tickets in preferred seating.
Contact Diana Ono for more information.
310-508-3966)

Daion Taiko

Who’s missed taiko? Everyone is raising their virtual hands, right? Welcome back to a new season and a busy one to start with. I hope everyone has had an awesome summer and is well rested.

Of course, not all of us will be returning and we’re definitely happy and a little sad to see some of our family move to their next stage. In taiko, we have the true pleasure to watch these kids develop into amazing individuals from the time they’re 10 years old. We always hope they’ve learned some, grown some, and had a lot of fun. In Buddhist taiko, we learn we’re all dependent on each other and the need to express our true selves. Well, I know I have been very fortunate to have each of your support (and your family’s) these last 8 years. I also know from the time we’ve shared the stage on early Sunday mornings and in front of thousands of people, are all people to watch and learn from.

To Kiana Furumoto, Nick Hisamoto, Kelli Iwamoto, Samantha Omiya, and Nicholas Oune, make college great and we look forward to seeing more from all of you! Thank you for 8 great years. Thank you especially to their parents for all of the 8am practices (and sometimes earlier) and getting them (and our drums) to all of our performances.

Upcoming Events
Santa Ana College Centennial – 9/19
Race for the Cure – 9/27
OCBC 50th Anniversary – 10/4
OCJAA Senior Luncheon

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami
Dharma Wheel Club

Thank you so much for all the help during our very rainy Obon festival. It was amazing to see everyone pull together and work their shifts during the storm. With your support, we were able to keep the games going for the festivalgo-ers and help with the church’s fundraising.

We will be helping with the 50th anniversary party scheduled for October. Details will be coming soon, so be on the lookout for an email from Dharma Wheel Club.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at church and having another great year with Dharma Wheel Club.

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

Sangha Teens

Sangha Teens is a social, service and religious organization for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. We have elected officers that lead our monthly meetings and chairpersons that organize various activities and church events under the advisement of our parent advisors Mrs. Hanamoto and Mrs. Sakamoto. Our many activities include an installation service, OCBC costume party, Ohigan luncheon, church clean-up, Mochitsuki, Hanamatsuri, Obon, Southern District events and other fun activities. Last year we had the opportunity to visit other churches like Gardena, Venice and Pasadena for their Sangha Teen events. The Venice Church Basketball activity was a popular one. Our monthly meetings are on Sundays right after Dharma School classes. Please join us for our first Sangha Teens Meeting on Sunday, September 13th. We are looking forward to another fun and exciting year!

If you missed our first meeting and would like to join in the fun, please contact:
Mrs. Sakamoto at jncsak@verizon.net or
Mrs. Hanamoto at airbeary@yahoo.com.

Gassho,
Sangha Teen Advisors

Junior YBA

The Japan 2016 group helped sell shaved ice at the Tanabata festival. It was great to see all of the Nisei Week activities, while being able to serve our community some sweet treats to beat the heat.

The last official activity of this year will be the Southern District conference hosted by Gardena. It will be at the Miyako Hybrid hotel in Torrance from September 5th to 6th.

On Sunday, August 30, we will have our first official meeting, in addition to a bonfire for bonding. As we welcome in our new members, we look forward to another great year of Jr. YBA.

In gassho,
Kayla Katsuda

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

Daisy Troop 2041 is ready to kick off an exciting new year with our first troop meeting on September 11. We currently have 19 Daisies enrolled. Activities for this year include crafts, fire station visit, activities with our big Cadette sisters, mochi making, cookie sales, and other fun events. If you are interested in joining, please contact Aileen Anderson at aanderson@msn.com for more information.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 855

Junior Troop 855 is looking forward to another exciting year! We have 16 incoming 4th grade scouts from Brownie Troop 916 and 9 continuing 5th grade scouts. The troop will be working on the “Agent of Change” Journey this year and the 5th grade scouts are already busy planning their Bronze Award project.

We have a great leadership team under the direction of Joyce Yada. Our assistant leaders are Sandra Cha Mendoza, Bethany Ige, Sandy Tomooka and Denise Ueno. Ann Nakahira will be the Bronze Award advisor. Judy Koyama is also graciously assisting our troop with the Bronze Award Project.

Our first meeting is Friday, September 11. We are looking forward to another terrific year filled with opportunities for the scouts to hone their leadership skills and giving back to our community.
Boy Scout Troop 578: Belize Expedition 2015

The air was thick and humid in the darkness of the cave that only our headlamps could illuminate. The cave river was our meandering trail we nimbly followed as the swift upstream current lead us through tight passages and opened to cathedral sized rooms of limestone. There the water flow was gentle. Throughout our exploration of the underworld there were several pools where we swam through in the pitch black to reach an unseen shore. We knew that with any sudden rain storm the water level would rise quickly and trap us. We scaled a 40 foot boulder to enter another room scattered with broken pottery and skeletal human remains of Mayan sacrifices and rituals from centuries ago. We were careful not to step on any artifacts that could disturb the spirits. At the far end of the room was another set of boulders. We ascended a 30 foot ladder lashed precariously to the rock wall. We squeezed our way into a tiny room located in a far remote cache of the cave. There lay an almost perfect skeleton that glistened when our lights shone on it. We came face to face with the “Crystal Maiden”, a sacrificed soul. She lay where slain with her bones calcified in layers of over a thousand years of mineral and sediment deposits that fused her body to the rock. We took a moment to admire her and to respect her before reversing our direction and trekking carefully back out to the safety of daylight. During the Mayan times the caves were only for Kings, Priests and their human sacrifices to appease the Gods. We were one of the few who had explored the recent 1986 discovery of the Actun Tunichil Muknal (ATM) caves hidden in the jungles of Belize.

The ATM cave was only one of the many experiences we had the opportunity to enjoy on our 11 day trip to Belize in Central America. Other activities included visiting the Mayan Temple Xunantunich, inner tubing through a cave, zip lining in the jungle over rivers and gorges, canoeing down the Macal river, camping on a working farm, visiting several animal sanctuaries of baboon, butterfly and iguanas, snorkeling among sharks, rays and sea turtles, reef fishing and meeting the kind and wonderful people of Belize. A special highlight was engaging with multiple troops of Scouts from Belize. We were guests at the Belize National Scout Camp, Camp Oakley, and had fellowship camping side by side with Belizean Scouts. We also traveled to Ambergris Caye, a tropical Island off the coast of Belize and feasted on fresh caught fish and lobster.

Our trip of 10 Scouts, Scoutmaster Mike Oune and 3 Assistant Scoutmasters along with several family members made up our 25 person crew that traveled to Belize from June 28 to July 10, 2015. We also had great weather despite the 100% humidity in the 90 to 100 degree temperatures. It didn’t dampen our spirit and made the trip more memorable.

We humbly wish to thank Noreen Oune and her family in Belize, who without their hospitality, graciousness and generosity, our trip would not have been possible. We would also like to thank all of OCBC Sangha for your support in our fundraisers and donations to our trip over the last year. This adventure was a trip of a lifetime!

In Gassho,
Logan Ueno BSA Troop 578
Boy Scout Troop 578

Crystal Cove Hike

On May 30th, eleven Scouts and thirteen adults hiked up the backcountry and native wilderness trail of Crystal Cove State Park located off of Pacific Coast Highway between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach, California. We started our hike in the early afternoon and had a scenic view of the Pacific Ocean as we trekked up the trail. On the way up, we heard what sounded like the rattle from a rattlesnake that brought some concern to us, but we continued our trek. The sea breeze kept us cool under the bright sun. When we reached the campsite we took a little break to enjoy the awesome view of the Pacific Ocean from our campsite. Then we started setting up our tents and getting ready for dinner. After dinner, we played frisbee and had a hard time untangling the frisbee out of the tall bushes. In the evening, we had an entertaining campfire program. The program began with a recap of the day's hike, followed by everyone singing the “Augustus Gloop Song” (Oompa Loompa Doom-pa-dee-do) from the movie, Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. After harmonizing together, we heard a speech titled “Our Scout Moms”. After this, our program continued with performances by two patrols. The first entertaining skit was titled “Oompa Loompas” and the second lively skit was titled “Nick’s Idea”. After this enjoyable evening, we called it a day and went to sleep. In the morning, we awoke early, ate breakfast and packed up our gear for our hike back down. Not only did we have the ocean view but we also saw a few wild rabbits running about between the bushes. Everyone had a great time and it was a memorable experience.

A huge thank you to The Hoo Family and The Tekawa Family for organizing this fun exciting hiking event.

Chandler Takeuchi,
Lightning Bolts, Patrol Historian

Cub Scout Pack 578

OCBC Cub Scout Pack 578 is geared up for another great year. We said goodbye to our Webelos who crossed over to Boy Scouts back in June. Congratulations and good luck to them. For the rest of us in Pack 578, we are looking forward to a fun filled year with great activities, helping our community, and building lifelong friendships and relationships.

During the summer, the scouts kept themselves active by helping out at our Obon at the game booths. The pack also participated in the recycling program. Everyone's hard work is greatly appreciated.

The Wolf Den, led by Lou Nakagawa, put on our annual Recruitment Night on August 22. The boys enjoyed making parachute troopers and Styrofoam planes. It was great to have boys from all of our dens come out to meet and greet our guests. Thank you to the Wolf Den for hosting a great night of food and fun!

Here are some important dates coming up:
Friday, August 28 – First Den meeting of the Year/Start of popcorn sales
Friday, September 18 – Pack Den Meeting
Friday, October 2 – Pack Bowling Night

Pack 578 is one of the most successful programs in the Orange Frontier District. It’s all due to the great effort and commitment from the parents and more importantly, the leadership and guidance of our committee:

Chairperson – Ron Nakahira
Cubmaster – Andrew Berkin
Assistant Cubmaster – Chris Lock
Treasurer – Jon Nakagawa
Secretary – Cynthia Nishimoto-Nishida
Historian – Joy Aoyama
Wolf Den Leader – Lou Nakagawa
Bear Den Leader – Russell Hirotsu
Webelos 1 – Jon Mauldin
Webelos 2 – Len Futaba

If you know anyone Grades 1-5 who has an interest in the scouting program, please have his parent/guardian contact our Committee Chairperson, Ron Nakahira, at rknakahira@sbcglobal.net for more information. On behalf of Pack 578, we look forward to seeing you!

In gassho,
Joy Aoyama
Pack Historian
In Memoriam

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

Stanton Foon Yew Gee
Harry Yasuo Hiro
Yaeko Imamura
Kiwako Kawai
June Chieko Maeda
Tokiko Nakamura
Ruth Mariko Sakurai
Miyoko Takaragawa
Roy Keiji Tanikawa
Shizuko Tsuruta
Russell Hiroyuki Yamaga

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

July

1 Debora Emi Woelfel 49 Day Memorial Service
10 Yaeko Imamura Funeral Service
11 Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
Chikako Sorida 7 Year Memorial Service
Shiro Nakagawa 49 Day Memorial Service
Ei Nitta Tsuito Hoyo Memorial Service
Shizuko Tsuruta Funeral Service
14 Keiji Munemitsu 3 Year Memorial Service
25 Kiwako Kawai Funeral Service
Rev. Hiroshi Futaba 7 year Memorial Service

August

1 Stanton Foon Yew Gee Funeral Service
Russell Hiroyuki Yamaga Funeral Service
4 Harry Yasuo Hiro Funeral Service
7 Roy Keiji Tanikawa Funeral Service
9 Tokiko Nakamura Funeral Service
15 Mark Ando 7 Year Memorial Service
Yoshikane Family Memorial Service
16 June Chieko Maeda Funeral Service
22 Rick Takemoto 3 Year Memorial Service
Tachiko Okinishi 13 Year Memorial Service
Ruth Mariko Sakurai Funeral & Burial Service
25 Miyoko Takaragawa Funeral Service

2015 Obon Festival Raffle

The 2015 Obon Festival will long be remembered as the Obon with the “Big Rain”! It will also be remembered as a classic example of how the OCBC Sangha always pulls together to get the job done. Despite the rain and all the issues it caused, our Sangha reacted to every adversity, with a positive attitude! Most importantly, the guests and participants came with the same positive attitude! We still sold tons of food, the kids had fun with the games, everyone enjoyed the dancing, and OCBC made money for our General Fund!

The raffle was not at all affected by the rain and did well. We held five mini-raffle drawings on Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, along with our main raffle held on Sunday evening. We’re pleased to announce our larger raffle winners. Thank you everyone for participating and making the raffle a success!

2015 Obon Festival Raffle winners:
1st Prize - $2,000 Cash: Chris Gail
2nd Prize - $1000 Cash: Shizuko Matsumoto
3rd Prize - $750 Cash: Takeshi Kiyohara

Mini-Raffle main winners:
$100 Cash: Ted Osako
$100 Cash: Wayne Koga
$100 Cash: Wayne Furumoto
$100 Cash: Teri Whited
$100 Cash: Jodi Hisamoto

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 to the Obon Raffle:
San Diego Padres
Los Angeles Clippers
Los Angeles Dodgers
Aquarium of the Pacific
Bowers Museum
FIA Insurance Services, Inc.
Mitsuyoshi Restaurant
Teriyaki Grill Monkey Wave
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Janet Sakahara
Ruby Takazumi
Dr. Haruo Iwo
Andy & Sharon Saldana
Kathy Nishimoto
Clyde Ochiai
Daryl Wint
Anonymous Donors

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara
50th Anniversary Project Report

Completing the Dream
Thank you, thank you, thank you to the entire Sangha for your donations, pledges and the many, many hours working at the numerous fund raising events. It has been a very successful journey as approximately $8.1 million has been raised for the 50th Anniversary Project.

To complete the dream we need approximately $1.1 Million in additional pledges and donations for the Hondo renovation and new courtyard construction to begin. So please help OCBC with an additional pledge or donation. Whether you write a large check or pledge a little bit more or fill a “Freddie the Frog” campaign can with change, you will help OCBC complete the dream.

On October 4, we will be celebrating OCBC’s 50 years as an independent temple. While we celebrate, let us remember to show our gratitude to the founding pioneers, to all who came before us, and to all those who are here today as the success of OCBC is due to the countless sacrifices of so many Sangha members, past and present. OCBC is where the Sangha listens, practices, and realizes the Jodo Shinshu Dharma of Sakyamuni Buddha as taught by Shinran Shonin.

Gassho,
Howard Nakagiri, Phase 2 Project Manager

P.S. In August, the Bodhi Donor Tree was updated with 16 new leaves and 22 leaves changed to a higher level of recognition. Look for your new and changed leaves! Donors with new leaves, please check that the inscription is correct.

Family and Individual Donations (new and repeat): (Coin donor names reported separately)
Jon & Jodi Hisamoto
Shizuko M. Matsumoto
in memory of George A. Matsumoto
Howard & Karen Nakagiri

Fumi Nakano
Ms. Kyoko Nishitsuji
Ron & Annie Sakahara
Richard & Janet Uyeno
The following donations were made in memory of Roy Tanikawa:
Dennis & Sharon Araki
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Tomiyama
Dr. & Mrs. Larry Wayne

Family/Individual Donations this period: $6,092.00
Total Family/Indv’l Donations to Date: $3,510,192.00

Family and Individual Pledges (new and add’l):
None this period
Total Pledges (collected & uncollected) to Date: $3,627,350.00

OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat):
OCBC Ukulele "Jammers"
in memory of Roy Tanikawa
OCBC Jr. YBA
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $990,564.00

Total Pledges and Donations: $8,147,090.00
(includes coin collections)

Total Donations and Pledge Payments Collected to date: $7,920,522.00

Phase 2 Goal $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $1,106,953.00

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from June 21, 2015 through August 21, 2015.

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着任のお知らせと御礼の言葉

光輪 九月号

オレンジ郡仏教会 2015年

私、九月一日より、オレンジ郡仏教会で米国仏教団の開教使としてお勤めすることになりました。大阪大学教育課程を終えた今、京都にあがる龍谷大学大学院の真宗学専攻修士課程に入学し、その後、三年間の博士後期課程を終えて、ようやくこの夏に、オレンジ郡仏教会に戻って参りました。京都の滞在は五年と四ヶ月に及びます。その間、皆さまからの多大なる理解と励ましをいただきまし、また開教使前から学びました。

このように、いろいろ学ぶことが出来ました。私の龍谷大学で、五年間と四ヶ月にわたる勉学は大変有意義深く、貴重な経験でした。この後は、修士課程の初めに、勉学の余りの膨大さに音をあげて、心より感謝申し上げます。皆さまのご理解とお助けがあったからこそ、私は京都で仏教、真宗学の勉強、研究に励むことができました。京都での学生生活を振り返りますと、なかなか厳しいものでした。今年の夏は、異常なほどの暑気と湿気上昇で、引越し、修士・博士課程での勉強は、親鸞、聖人さまの教えである真宗教義を学ぶことが中核でした。教理史、親鸞さま後の覚如上人、存覚上人や還如上人の教えを学ぶ、教理史などの書物を読み、それぞれの教えを理解する。本山である本派本願寺に関しては、安心、論題を習得する学階補教（本派本願寺勘学寮）。

布教使の勉強もいたしました。英語翻訳で、毎週金曜に本願寺国際センターで開かれる仏教翻訳会議に参加することが出来ました。「徳義論」の英訳に参加することが出来ました。のぞきの如く、深川宣長師の北米法義ツアーに通訳としてお話をしましたことを、今度は、皆さまに日本語で翻訳することを、お願いします。

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オレンジ郡仏教教会

秋期お彼岸大法要

日時：9月20日（日）

図案・英語共・午前10時

尚、日本語のご法話をご聴聞される方は、
読経後、講堂へ移っていただきます。

英語：ウィリアム先生
日本語：オレンジ郡仏教記事

皆さまのご参詣をお待ちしております。

尚、法要後D・B・A主催による、
ランチがソーシャルホールであります。

今年のお彼岸セミナーは、
左記の通りに開か

①会場：ウィリアム先生
②講師：ウィリアム先生
（東本願寺LA別院開教使）

日時：2015年9月19日（土）

尚、今回は日本語のセミナーはありません。

秋期お彼岸セミナー

○お知らせ

婦人会便り

9月祥月法要

来年9月の祥月法要は、12日（土）
午後7時30分より営まれます。

・お弁当をご希望の方は、お弁当を承ります。

○次回のミーティング

9月20日のミーティングは秋季お彼岸法要及びランチの後、12時半より講堂で行います。新しいメンバーは、その時
に名札を注文することが可能です。
南加仏教団及び婦人会大会

6月13日モンテベロ市クラブ・エディットキャニオン・コンフェレンスセンターで開催される南加仏教団及び南加婦人会の共催による「特別寄付」として、7月1日から8月1日までの期間に寄付させていただきます。「特別寄付」のご名前は、英語欄のページをご覧ください。

【合計】$5,075ドル

南加仏教団及び婦人会

南加仏教団及び婦人会大会

7月13日月日の中児
ランチョン

7月13日月日の中児ランチョンは9時から開催されます。OABC 50周年記念祝賀会のRSVPは7月13日までにお願い致します。

このランチョンは9月14日に催されます。

【質問】

合掌 中村 クリス

【「お盆フェスティバル」】

お盆祭りでのワンタン、うどん、すき焼き、金時、及び金曜日のランチョンの準備に参加されたボランティアの方々には、特別なお手伝いを申し上げます。お盆祭りでのお礼がございますれ、特別に感謝いたします。ボランティアの方々にあたる方々には、特別なお礼を申し上げます。お盆祭りでのお礼がございますれ、特別に感謝いたします。ボランティアの方々にあたる方々には、特別なお礼を申し上げます。
### 初盆法要

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ありがとうございました。
OCBC Dharma School Attendance Guidelines

2015-2016

The Orange County Buddhist Church Dharma School recognizes that regular attendance is important to hear, to learn and to understand the fundamental teachings of Buddhism. Therefore, the Dharma School program recognizes students with attendance awards and the efforts for perfect attendance.

The OCBC Dharma School attendance guidelines are as follows:

**Perfect Attendance** - no unexcused absences during the Dharma School year.

*For perfect attendance, Dharma School students must attend all Dharma School/Family services and three (3) special services; Fall Ohigan in September, Ho-onko in January, and Hanamatsuri in April.*

Students who have perfect attendance throughout the Dharma School year will receive a lapel pin that indicates the number of cumulative years for perfect attendance at OCBC, a ribbon, and a certificate of attendance.

**Dharma School Absences may be excused with proper paperwork submitted upon return to class.**

- Attendance at a religious service at another church or temple or outing verified with a note from the visited church or temple or OCBC adult leader.
- Attendance at an outing where a service is conducted, e.g. an OCBC Boy Scout camp-out where the troop Chaplain or Aide conducts a “mini-service” and submits a note.
- Illness – to qualify as an excused absence, a note from the parent/guardian must be submitted upon return to class.

**Absences may be “made-up” by:**

- Attendance at one of the special services when Dharma School classes are not held:
  - Eitaikyo Service – November
  - New Year’s Eve Service – December
  - New Year’s Day Service – January
  - Spring Ohigan Service – March
  - Mother’s Day Service – May
  - Gotan-e Service – May
  - Weekly Meditation Service 8:30AM Sunday or Wednesday 7:30PM (Class optional)
- Written report as assigned by class teacher.

**One (1) – Two (2) Day(s) Absence(s)**

Dharma School encourages perfect attendance. One (1) and Two (2) Day(s) Absence(s) will be recognized as best effort and a certificate and ribbon will be awarded at the close of Dharma School year.

Students must submit a written note on absence form provided and signed by minister or teacher.

Form ODSAG8316
WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
BUDDHISM ON AIR

By Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
A TALE FOR THE TIME BEING

By Ruth Ozeki

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

Buddhist Education Center
Orange County Buddhist Church 909 South Dale Ave. Anaheim, CA 92804

2015-2016 Korin Guidelines
The goal OCBC is attempting to achieve with the following new guidelines is to reduce the costs associated with the printing and mailing of the Korin newsletter.

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Informational Flyers: Quarter page or half page flyers are allowed. Flyers can only be submitted for one issue. An article in subsequent Korins can reference the flyer. i.e. ‘Please refer to our flyer in the June Korin.’

Sign-up Flyers: Full page is allowed. Flyers can only be submitted for one issue. An article in subsequent Korins can reference the flyer. i.e. ‘Please refer to our flyer in the June Korin or contact the OCBC to RSVP.’

Flyer Exceptions: The membership list, donor list, membership form, 50th anniversary form, car donation form and the monthly calendar are excluded from the above flyer guidelines.

Photos: One photo can be submitted per article. The photo must be included as part of the article’s length.

Other Articles, i.e. Talbert Gakuen Scholarship, Library, LABCC, Hanamatsuri and Obon: Quarter to half page articles.

The Korin staff has the discretion to make modifications as needed.
Articles must be in Word format and emailed as an attachment to OCBCKorin@gmail.com.
The OCBC Dana Program and Keiro Institute for Healthy Aging
Presents 3 Free Seminars & Flu Shot Clinic

What’s New in Medicare for 2016,
Is Your Home Ready for Your New Age?
Maximizing Your Protection against Scams & Fraud

And

Free Flu Shot Clinic for 18+ (9:00 am – 11:30 am)

When: Saturday, October 24, 2015
Time: 8:00-8:30 am Registration
8:30 am to Noon Presentation
Place: OCBC New Social Hall

Speakers: Anne Stone, OC Council on Aging
Shirley Nakaki, OT, CAPS, ECHM,
Kelli Jean Morris, JD, LLM, Director,
Fraud Abuse Specialist Team (FAST),

Flu Clinic: Sponsored by Memorial Care Medical Group,

We encourage you to invite your family and friends to attend these important and informative seminars, and to get a flu shot (100 available) if you are over 18 years old.

To register, please mail form to OCBC 909 S. Dale, Anaheim, CA 90804
Questions: contact Dorothy Matsuoka at dcmatsuoka@aol.com or (562) 743-3483
Thank you.

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UPDATES ON MEDICARE/HOME READY FOR NEW AGE/SCAMS/FLU SHOT CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

Names: __________________________________________

Your e-mail _______________________________ Phone # __________________

# Attending: Seminars _________ # Attending Flu Shot Clinic _______

Keiro  Senior HealthCare
OCBC
MUSIC OF THE PURE LAND
Fall Ohigan Seminar

Rev. Peter Hata

Rev. Hata is a professional musician and was a founding member of the band Hiroshima. He serves as a minister at Higashi Honganji Betsuin, Los Angeles.

Saturday, September 19, 2015

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Ohigan Seminar Registration Form

Name__________________________________________________________

Phone_______________ Lunch: Yes___ No___

Make check payable to OCBC. $5 without lunch. $15 with lunch.

If you wish to order a lunch, please register by September 13.

Mail registration forms to: Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Ave. Anaheim, CA 92804
Tel. 714-827-9590
OCBC BUDDHIST EDUCATION CENTER

Classes on BUDDHISM FALL 2015

Shin Buddhism: The Death Within of One’s Self Power (Jiriki), and the Simultaneous Birth Within of a Salvific Other Power (Tariki) – Rev. Tetsuo Unno
Saturday morning, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. November 21
Driven by their “Self Power,” all sentient beings seek happiness; that is, salvation or enlightenment. All such attempts inevitably end in failure. At that critical state, however, a salvific “Other Power” simultaneously manifests itself. And it does so with a clarity and power that transcend words or rational thought. These lectures, then, will focus on the details that surround this pivotal event.
Seminar. Registration: $20. Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Beyond Belief: Finding Your Buddhist Path
– Jim Polland
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. September 15, 22, 29, October 6
To encounter the teachings in a meaningful way, we must have direct experience of the path. How does this come about? An introductory class for both temple members and newcomers.
Four week class. Registration: $40. Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Buddhist Chair Yoga – Linda Turner, RYT-200
Friday mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23
Chair Yoga offers a range of physical and mental benefits. It is an opportunity to practice off the mat while increasing muscle strength, flexibility and concentration. “Get Fit Where You Sit!”
Six week class. Registration: $60. Location: Kodo

Introduction to Mindfulness – Mindfulness Center
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. October 13, 20
Have you ever felt like life is spinning so fast that you missed something? This course will provide the basic tools necessary to slow down, taste the moment, and live authentically in the present moment.
Two week class. Registration: $20. Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. October 27, November 3, 10, 17
Does a dog have Buddha Nature? If we have Buddha Nature then are we all Buddhas? Then why do we need to practice? This Intermediate level class will pursue answers to these questions.
Four week class. Registration: $40. Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Lectures on the Shoshinge – Rev. Marvin Harada
Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. September 9, 23, October 7, 21, November 11, 18
Shihara’s verses can become part of our everyday life when explained through the words of Rev. Haya Akegarasu.
Six week class. Registration: $50. Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Lectures on the Larger Sutra – Rev. Marvin Harada
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. September 3, 17, October 1, 8, 22, November 12, 19
The Larger Sutra teaches how the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in our life here and now.
Seven week class. Registration: $50. Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Course Taught in Japanese – Rev. Mutsumi Wondra
Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Dates to be determined
Two week class. Registration: $20. Location: Kodo

Registration Form (Please Print)

Name(s):

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Phone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Please check the class(es) desired:

☒ Shin Buddhism Seminar ($20) $_____
☒ Beyond Belief: Finding Your Buddhist Path ($40) $_____
☒ Buddhist Chair Yoga ($60) $_____
☒ Introduction to Mindfulness ($20) $_____
☒ Buddha Nature and the Nirvana Sutra ($40) $_____
☒ Lectures on the Shoshinge ($50) $_____
☒ Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50) $_____
☒ Courses Taught in Japanese ($20) $_____

Late registrants may pay $10 per remaining classes.

Total $_____

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Phone: (714) 827-9590 • Fax: (714) 827-2860
Email: ocbbc909@aol.com • Website: ocbchurch.org

OCBC Buddhist Education Center

You are not required to attend every class session. Please come to as many as you can.

Please make checks payable to: OCBC Buddhist Education Center

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

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Buddhist Education Center
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804
OCBC thanks you so much for your generous donation.

Print Name:__________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________

City / State / Zip:_____________________________________

We will help complete the OCBC 50th Anniversary Fundraising Project with a

☐ Donation or  ☐ Pledge of:

☐ $25,000 or greater ☐ $10,000 ☐ $5,000 ☐ $2,500 ☐ $1,000

☐ Other $________

Special instructions for donation (if desired):__________________________________________

Note: All donations, including those for Phase 1, are cumulative and total donations of $5,000 or more will be acknowledged on the Social Hall Bodhi Tree.

Pledge Only

Our pledge for the amount of $__________ will be for:

☐ 1 Year ☐ 2 Years ☐ 3 Years

Our preferred payment schedule:

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually

Payment Preference

☐ Check payable to OCBC

Credit Card ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

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