UPCOMING SERVICE

EITAIKYO SERVICE AND TISARANA RITES
Sunday, November 15, 2015

English speaker: Rev. Kenji Akahosi, Buddhist Temple of San Diego

Japanese speaker: Rev. Yugo Fujita, International Ministers Overseas Program (IMOP)

Tisarana application can be picked up at the office
Reflections on 50 years of OCBC

As I write this, in one week we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Orange County Buddhist Church. What an auspicious event it will be. I consider it truly a privilege and an honor to have served at OCBC for 29 of those 50 years of history.

Our talented and dedicated graphic artist, Gordon Tani, has made a wonderful program for the 50th anniversary celebration, and on the cover he has three pictures, titled “Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” The photo for “Yesterday” is a picture from the dedication of OCBC in 1965. In that picture are the late Rev. Tomoji Hirata, founding minister of OCBC, and other pioneering leaders and presidents of OCBC. At our 50th we honor our past and the many pioneering members who built and established the Orange County Buddhist Church. The sacrifices and efforts that they made are the foundation of what we are today.

The picture for “Today” on the program is our newly completed social hall, which we dedicated last summer. What an accomplishment it was for our Sangha to build and complete our new social hall with upstairs offices and Buddhist Education Center classroom. We are enjoying and truly utilizing the new social hall for many, many functions and activities that bring our Sangha together. The upstairs classroom has enabled us to launch an online Buddhist education program. Just the other day I met a new student of our BEC classes who was introduced to our program through the online classes. The new social hall will be enjoyed by our Sangha for decades to come, but we really appreciate having it “today.”

For the picture for “Tomorrow”, Gordon has used a computer rendering of our newly expanded hondo, which we will hopefully start to construct next summer. The expanded hondo will also have a beautiful courtyard that will connect our hondo with the new social hall, and is designed in a manner to be utilized at Hanamatsuri and Obon for our many booths that we have. I can’t wait to see the completed project. I think it will be a beautiful and improved hondo that will serve our Sangha for decades to come.

In the picture for “Yesterday”, I wonder if those pioneering members thought about what OCBC would look like 50 years later? I wonder if they envisioned that it would be what it is today? Hopefully, we have exceeded even their wildest dreams. OCBC has grown from just 75 families at that time, to now over 600 families and 900 members. From that dedication in 1965, we now also have a wonderful multipurpose building, our “MPB,” in which we will be celebrating our 50th with a banquet of over 500 people! We also have a beautiful mini chapel or Kodo, that we use for services, classes, and hondo overflow, and we have a dignified nokotsudo, or columbarium that holds the ashes of our loved ones and Sangha members.

Not only have we increased in our facilities and members since 1965, but we have expanded our programs. We have Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, SEYO basketball teams, Chibiko basketball, Japanese School, judo, kendo, Ikebana, Kimekomi Ningyo, tai chi, yoga, ukulele, taiko, crafts, and cards. We have a Buddhist Education Center that holds classes on Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu, and also publishes books, sharing the Dharma with others.

We have a Mindfulness Center that seeks to help those with various life’s issues.

Our affiliate organizations involve our Sangha from their early years in Dharma School, the Dharma Wheel Club, through Sangha Teens, Jr. YBA, Sr. YBA, ABA, BWA, on to the activities for our seniors in Project Kokoro. Someone can be at OCBC from their infancy, throughout their entire life to their senior years. We make it possible for someone to make listening to the Dharma a lifelong undertaking, which is how it should be.

Fifty years from now, OCBC will observe its Centennial, or 100th anniversary. I doubt I will be able to be at the Centennial. I would be 112 years old. I would love to be here to see it though. Not from the standpoint of wanting to live to 112, but from the standpoint of wanting to see what OCBC looks like as it celebrates its Centennial. I would love to see what the Sangha looks like. I would love to see what our facilities look like. I would love to see what programs OCBC has, and what the Ministerial staff looks like.

Just as our pioneering members might have dreamed about what we are observing today with our 50th, so too I can dream about fifty years from now. Deep in my gut, I have the feeling that what I would see would amaze me. I have the feeling that OCBC will be something to see. I have a feeling that Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu in America as well, will have advanced to beyond what we can even imagine today.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, I pause to pay respect and gratitude to our pioneering members and the efforts of the past. I join with all of you in celebrating our accomplishments and the wonderful Sangha and community that we have today. And finally, I look to the future, with a sense of vision and aspiration for what lies before us.

Even if I can’t physically be here at the Centennial, I know in my heart of hearts, that what will connect me with the OCBC of 2065, will be the timeless truth of “Namuamidabutsu.” That truth connects me to our pioneering members of 1965, it connects me to our Sangha in 2015, and it connects me to our future Sangha in 2065.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
A WAY OF SEEING (1015. What does it mean?)

There would have been an easy way to write this essay, and I may end up taking it, but let’s see where this goes. One way would have been to borrow some poems or anecdotes from the Myokonin, such as Saichi, or Genza, and try to have all of us, including myself, understand what they themselves were trying to understand, albeit with much more success than I. That might sound a bit strange, but you need only to try and understand, for example, one of Saichi’s poems without looking at the explanation that I might have supplied, to know that even with the explanation, you might not really understand what that poem was trying to get at. The reason is simply that either my translation or my explanation was not as clear as it might have been. Or one or the other or both was not only unclear, but was wrong. Right? If you are able to read Japanese somewhat fluently, that would be better, since you would probably be able to read the poems yourself, and you could read the explanations written by a learned professor, rather than a donkon (dull-rooted) person like me. I use the conditional because it depends on whether you are able to understand Buddhist Japanese terminology, as well as standard Japanese. You might already know, or at least have heard, that most Japanese are not able to understand, or even read, it correctly. The reason is pretty simple: Buddhist Japanese terms are translations into Japanese of Sanskrit or Chinese terminology. Some, maybe even a lot, are Japanese terms that are attempts at making new words.

The recent visit of Pope Francis brought out the perils of trying to translate even modern languages. The L.A. Times (9/26/15, A2, col.2) gave this example: “The most widely quoted statement so far in Francis’ papacy – ‘Who am I to judge?’ in reference to a gay priest – came during a session with reporters aboard the papal plane on a flight home from Brazil. Back on the ground, the Vatican press office, besieged with questions, took days to issue an official Italian transcript.” There were other incidents where (mis-)translations had to be corrected. As you can see, translations can be perilous.

Another way to transmit whatever you want of something like a teaching of the Buddha, or in my case, of teachers like Nagarjuna, T’an-luan, or Shinran, is to try to digest their teachings and restate them in one’s own words, or, rather, as one understands them, hoping that they are the same. So far, I have not been corrected by anyone, including professors or ministers. I hope that I have not planted a seed of doubt in your minds. In any case, nearly all that you have read of my writings has been of the nature of translations and not original thought, so you can check them or have them checked.

One of the primary goals of the Buddhist teachings is to have us consider whether we are at least satisfied with how our lives are going. The reason, of course, is to determine for ourselves whether we feel our life is going the way we want it to go. If we do feel it is, it is possible that we will not feel the Dharma is something we need in our lives. At least for the time being. I have posed this question before; maybe more than once. Is your life going the way you want it? If not, is there anything you can do about changing the way you are conducting your life? Are the changes (assuming you will need to change more than one thing)
Playing Twelve Questions: Part 2

As I mentioned earlier in Part 1, many college students come to OCBC with a list of questions that were given to them by their World Religions instructor. Some are looking for answers while others just want to finish their assignment. But in either case, this is often their first exposure to Buddhism and the impetus for their practice of Buddhism later in life. Our answers to their questions often resonate more deeply with them as they grow older and live their lives. It is a seed that never dies.

It is also important that we are able to answer these questions for ourselves. If we can do that then we will acquire a solid Buddhist footing that can also help others understand and appreciate our tradition. America is curious about Buddhism and wishes to engage in a dialog.

Several weeks ago, I received an email with such a set of questions. They were from a seminary student. There were twelve of them. Here is my response to that student and her second set of six questions:

7. What challenges does the pastor/leader or church face at this time? How do they anticipate overcoming those?

The most difficult aspect is trying to explain an eastern religious tradition to a western audience. There are difficulties in concepts and translations. There is not yet an American Buddhism but it is slowing arising organically over time.

8. What is the makeup of the congregation in age and ethnicity?

Our temple practices a form of Japanese Buddhism so mainly Japanese attend – but we are quickly becoming diverse. Many new members are joining and we have many who come that are Buddhist-curious or Buddhist-sympathizers.

9. What is the basic theology of this church/temple?

Buddhism is much more like learning to dance or swim – it is a process or a path towards transformation. So pursuing this analogy further, you would not ask a dancer or a swimmer what their beliefs are or what is their doctrine. The only theology is that if one is one with the path and sincere then one will gain insight and meaning from everything in their lives. This takes faith.

10. Are the people that go there seeking God or is it strictly for meditation?

God for a Buddhist is Ultimate Reality itself. It is the ocean and we are the waves. The wave is seeking the ocean but then realizes that its very essence is the ocean. So this is an epistemological problem not an ontological problem. We do not change in anyway other than realizing what has always been so.

11. How can one practice mindfulness and still be at peace in a busy chaotic world?

In Buddhism, many of the practices are forcing us to make deliberate, conscious actions – to stop being reactive or on auto-pilot. As one continues to practice, it begins to become second nature and bleeds out into your everyday life. This is mindfulness. A Buddhist would argue that it is not the world that is chaotic but it is our minds that are chaotic. The problem is inside not outside. We have to change, not the world.

12. Do you have to be a Buddhist to attend? Is this an ecumenical place of worship?

Again, do you have to be a dancer to dance or a swimmer to swim? One is a Buddhist through self-identification. You may not call yourself a dancer but when you dance you are a dancer. The Buddha would say “no” just practice but of course that what makes you a Buddhist; very sneaky.

In his book *What the Buddha Thought*, Dr. Richard Gombrich wrote “One of my teachers, the Ven. Dr. Walpola Rahula (who wrote the book *What the Buddha Taught*), was given to saying that one could teach Buddhism to a non-Buddhist audience in their own language without using any foreign words at all. I agree.”

I too agree. We live in a Judeo-Christian culture that uses the type of language found within these twelve questions. This is the religious vernacular. It is important that we can articulate our understanding within this context. It is the coin of the realm and we must be able to spend it wisely and judiciously.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner

Buddhist Education Center

Information regarding the classes offered by the Buddhist Education Center can be found at:

http://www.ocbuddhist.org/buddhist-education-center/

The 2015 BEC Fall Class Schedule is in the September issue of the Korin.
President's Message -
OCBC 50th Anniversary Celebration

By the time you read this our 50th Anniversary Celebration will have taken place. I wanted to congratulate and thank the Sangha for making OCBC successful as we celebrate 50 years for OCBC. As with any single event not everyone can make it, but it took everyone to make OCBC the terrific place it is over the last 50 years and this note is everyone in the Sangha.

Specifically for the celebration, I want to thank our special committee who organized this great event. Led by Jo Ann Tanioka and Diana Ono, their band of volunteers produced the event. The directory effort was led by Phyllis Uyemura making sure we all got our pictures taken and ended with our graphic designer, Gordon Tani, who helped make it all come together in a wonderful way. All of the volunteers had their input into the directory, planning and program. Jo Ann and Diana's merry committee included Nancy Hara, Janet Sakahara, Cheryl Higashi, Rosanne Takahashi, Jeanne Kumagai, Gordon Tani, Lynn Morita, Joan Tani, Phyllis Uyemura, Bill Sakahara, and Emiko Uyeno.

The dinner will be a special treat catered by Akira Hirose of Maison Akira restaurant.

In addition to the special committee every OCBC organization I can think of provided the additional resources needed. As always it takes many to put on this type of event, and to me that is a big part of what makes this a terrific place to be part of. We can do these events and everyone has fun. Thank you.

In thinking of how this temple came to be, we are celebrating more than 50 years and celebrating more than just the past. What does that mean? Let me give you some context.

50 years ago, in 1965, OCBC became an independent temple from the Nishi Hongwanji in downtown LA. That, plus the building of the Hondo, classroom building and original social hall was completed. So, it's been 50 years from those two important dates. But over 30 years before that, our Issei Sangha started OCBC as a branch location of Nishi. Our Sangha still has families from that time.

One is the Kato family. Several of the family members helped out in the produce & plant booth at recent festivals. I also worked there and ended up chatting with them. It turns out I had played taiko with two of the young adults. But I had never really made the connection with their past family history until this year. I found it interesting to connect with them in the present and also as a family from the beginning of OCBC 80 years ago. As shown in the OCBC history timeline the Kato's land was the first permanent location for OCBC and a church facility was built in 1935.

From that time to today, the Katos, Sawadas, Okadas, Wadas, Miyakes, Hamadas and many other families built an environment where relationships are developed and fostered. That environment was, and continues to be an essential component in a strong Sangha to go with the other two essentials - our ministers and the Dharma.

Thank you - all the families that help OCBC be what it is today. To me, that is what we are celebrating. Not just the history, but what OCBC is today and continues to be.

Looking ahead - we need to keep changing and renewing. The vision is to continue this great environment for the next 50 years and we have one more piece to complete for our dream - the Hondo and courtyard. This will finish the environment that was envisioned at the start. A temple that is large enough to accommodate our larger Sangha now and into the future. The courtyard will create an area where our larger Sangha can gather to strengthen relationships. Of course, we will be updating the look of the Hondo to coordinate with the great look of the social hall.

I have not been around OCBC as long as many of you and in the beginning I did not understand the importance of the Sangha, as I concentrated on the Dharma. Now I have gratitude in seeing a strong Sangha and I see how the Sangha is equally important to furthering our religious aspirations. We need to keep it as strong going forward. I believe the campus atmosphere that was envisioned by our original architect Jim Shimozono and Rev. Marv will help us keep that strength.

We started this as a “Building Upon a Dream” project over 7 years ago and at that time I think many did think it was a dream. But over the years our terrific Sangha, individually, as families and as organizations contributed and worked hard. Now we have built our new social hall and the Hondo and courtyard are in reach. So this last phase we are changing the name to “Completing the Dream”. This is achievable and when we ask for your help to finish this major project, please consider one last pledge so we can “Complete the Dream”. Together we will create an OCBC campus that will allow us to continue to foster this terrific Sangha and allow our ministers to promote the Dharma for many decades to come.

In Gassho,
Aaron Nagayama

Korin Articles Due

10/25/2015
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Maintenance

This report describes some of the major the work that was done during August and September.
Thank you to the following dedicated people for their help.

Paul Fujimoto          Dan Hakikawa
Wat Iwakoshi          Dan Kaneko
Hideo Kawamura       Jim Mitchell
Dennis Morinaga      Dennis Okada
Frank Okamura         Norman Nishioka
Aki Nitta             Winston Shigenaga
Ron Sakoda            Ron Suzuki
Masa Tominaga        Eizo Yasuda

The following major work was done:

1) General.
   a. Straighten two of the bowed vertical bars of the wrought iron fence northeast of the Kodo.
   b. Repaired a leaking outdoor MPB sink faucet.
   c. Treated all the weeds north of the Hondo and Kodo with Roundup.
   d. Replaced the vertical pipe that was bent during the Obon rain storm of the pipe structure for hanging tarps from the Social Hall.
   e. Repaired the broken wheel on the main gate.
   f. Installed a dusk to dawn sensor to light up the directory southeast of the Social Hall.
   g. Replaced a decayed deck plank front of Hondo.
   h. Weeded the Ball Road Parking Lot planters.
   i. Repaired the damaged lawn drain pipe west of the Kodo.

2) Class Room Building.
   a. Continued with painting of the lounge (old office).
   b. Replaced many burned out fluorescent light tubes.
   c. Replaced a short out fluorescent light ballast in room 11.
   d. Replace a damaged circuit breaker for room 11 and 12 lights.
   e. Checked and repaired all sliding closet doors.
   f. Clean out a clogged urinal.
   g. Cleaned women's bathroom exhaust fan.
   h. Removed the unneeded dangling alarm wire in lounge.

3) MPB. Replaced many burned out light bulbs including the flood lights in the stairwells.

4) Hondo/Kodo. Clean out the plugged up A/C condensate drain in the boiler room.

5) 904 Calico Home. General backyard landscape clean up and trimmed many bushes.

Next monthly workday. October 12, 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

OCBC Wish List

Temple organizations are slowly getting back into their normally scheduled activities and still deciding on how the Sangha can help with any needed donations. Thus far, there are two requests:

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

Social Hall Office/Lobby: three large planter baskets or pots to hold one-gallon indoor plants (questions to Janet Sakahara)

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

OCBC Dana Program
and
Keiro Institute for Healthy Aging
presents
Three free seminars and flu shot clinic
Saturday, October 24th
8:00am to 12:00pm
OCBC Social Hall

For more information, refer to flyer in the September issue of the Korin.
Questions? Contact Dorothy Matsuoka
dcmatsuoka@aol.com or 562-743-3483
Project Kokoro News

Kite Festival Oct 17
Japanese Kite Master Mikio Toki, will be conducting a lecture/workshop in the Social Hall from 1pm – 4pm. $40 Participation Fee ($30 for JASSC or OCBC Members) includes materials and refreshments. Kids under the age of 12 are welcome to participate if attending with an adult (sorry, one child per adult). For more information contact Diana Ono @ 310-508-3966 Or email: dianaocbc@gmail.com

Medicare Seminar Oct 24
PK and DANA, along with Keiro, are sponsoring a flu clinic and Medicare seminar from 8:30am to noon to be held in the Social Hall. Two guest speakers will be providing information on senior safety and protection from fraud and scams.

Misora Hibari Tribute Oct 25
Tickets are still available to the upcoming Grateful Crane tribute to Misora Hibari at 2pm in the Multipurpose Building. General Admission tickets are $25 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the 50th Anniversary Building Fund. For more information, or if you would like to be a VIP Sponsor (includes ten tickets) contact Diana Ono: 310-508-3966.

Crafts Club News Oct 31 & Nov 1
On October 31 and Nov 1 Crafts is having a Fall Sale in the PK Room from 8am – 1pm. Please support this fundraiser. For more information contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ 562-743-3483 or dcmatsuoka@aol.com

Appreciation
Donations help fund our current programs and future projects. We wish to express our appreciation for the recent gift from Jean Tanikawa.

Next Meeting Oct 14
Come to our next monthly meeting to find out how you can get involved and help with any of our future events! Meetings are at 7pm in the Senior Room. If you have questions please contact President Phyllis Uyemura: phyllis.uyemura@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

Dharma School News

Obon Odori Dance Instructor Retirement
On behalf of the D.S. staff, I would like to thank Bando Misaye (Mrs. Nancy Shibata) for teaching the obon odori dances for many years. Mrs. Shibata also taught Dharma School. We thank you for your time and dedication in helping to spread the Buddha Dharma.

D.S. Teachers for 2015-2016
- Momo (Preschool): Irene Yamamishi, Gail Harada, Tyler Ice, Alyssa Oune
- Sakura (Kindergarten): Masako Matsuo, Sallie Swun
- Fuji (First Grade): Nanelle Wong, Teri Futaba, Lauren Wong
- Yuri (Second Grade): Joanne Ishii, Marion Nishimura, Christine Hirata
- Kikyo (Third Grade): Janet Sakahara, Craig Shibata, Kayla Katsuda
- Ume (Fourth Grade): Dorothy Matsuoka, Emily Yoshihara, Melissa Koga
- Kiku (Fifth Grade): Laura Yamamoto, Joyce Yada, Gianna Furumoto
- Sumire (Sixth Grade): Seiju Terada, Nancy Suzuki, Gregory Terada
- Hasu (Seventh Grade): Rick Oishi, Yoko Yamashita, Teri Whited, Chris Terada
- Ayame (Eighth Grade): Tracy Yamashita-Perry, Steve Perry
- Matsu (Ninth Grade and up): Rev. Turner, Ellen Crane, Ray Nakatani, Jim Pollard, Craig Muranaka, Kristine Yada

Upcoming Events
Ti-Sarana Rites
Ti-Sarana Rites for fourth grade students will be held in conjunction with the Eitaikyo Service on November 15, 2015. Please contact Mrs. Dorothy Matsuoka for an application.

All Life Forms Memorial & Family Service
Date: Nov. 22

D.S. Class Schedule
D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 22, Dec. 6, and 13. Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry
**Adult Buddhist Association**

Is your life on the fast track? Is your commuting time getting to you? Are your children getting in your hair? Your life going no where? Now is the time for a change. Time to keep your body and mind in harmony with your life. It is time for action, it is time to be a participant, it is time for you to become an active member of the Sangha. It is time to join ABA. We are a no-nonsense, non-discriminating group, dedicated to “thoughtfulness in action.” Come as you are and join our great group of dedicated members.

TOUR USA (August 16-23, 2015) Northwest Summer Scenic Tour: Tour leader Karen Kino, and 38 ABA and non ABA members went on a grand tri-state tour (California, Oregon, Washington). The magic bus stopped at three casinos (Thunder Valley, Seven Feathers, Shasta), three gardens (Japanese, Rose, Oregon), took the Salem Capitol tour, and enjoyed a great dinner cruise on the Willamette River. We traveled thru the magnificent Columbia River Gorge featuring the Bonneville Dam and Lock, the beautiful Multnomah Falls, Lookout House, the Timberline Lodge, and shopping in Hood River. The highlight of the trip was to the Mount Saint Helens visitor center for the history, events, and recovery of the unforgettable 1980 spectacular volcanic event. (See group photo). It was a very remarkable trip, great food, friendly people, but no big winners at the casinos.

FALL OHIGAN LUNCHEON (September 20, 2015): Long lines of hungry people faced a variety of delicious home cooked food after the Fall Higan Service. A wide choice of food is always offered to the congregation by the great ABA cooks. It is always a great bargain meal for the price. The food coordinators were Chieko Miyake and Karen Kino. ABA wants to thank the Sangha for supporting our gourmet event.

Daikon no hana: When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new. -Dalai Lama-

In gassho, with deep respect,
R. Suzuki

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**Annual Church Clean Up**

Saturday, November 7th
8:00 a.m.
**Daion Taiko**

Who’s sleepy? Well, we sure are. For the 23rd year, our taiko group got together at 6am on 9/27 to support the 24th annual OC Race for the Cure at Fashion Island. It’s one of our most important events of the year and is our chance to get out into the community and help support the other 15,000 participants in the fight against Breast Cancer. Unfortunately, our kids missed Dharma School, but we all chanted the Juseige out in the early morning air. Did you hear us?

Up next, we’re looking forward to helping represent some of the great traditions of OCBC at the 50th Anniversary. Thank you OCBC for being an amazing place for all of our families!

**Upcoming Events**
- OCBC 50th Anniversary – 10/4
- OCJAA Senior Luncheon – 10/11

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

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**Dharma Wheel Club**

Welcome back everyone to a new year at OCBC! We had our first service activity last month, which was folding napkins and adding utensils for the 50th Anniversary party. Our families put together approximately 500 napkins in one afternoon! While the parents were busy folding napkins, DW kids made a “Farmer Freddie Frog” scarecrow for the Tanaka Farms Scarecrow contest. With the help of Alan Fukui and Daniel Sasaki, the kids constructed the scarecrow and had very strong opinions on proper scarecrow attire and the perfect farmer’s hat. If you go to Tanaka Farms, please vote for our own “OCBC Farmer Freddie Frog” scarecrow. This month we will be gearing up for the much anticipated OCBC Costume Party. A flyer with all the details is in this month’s Korin. We need all past and new members to fill out membership forms again. Please also fill out an insurance form and include a copy of the front and back of your insurance card.

In Gashho,
Carol, Irene and Megumi
Dharma Wheel Club coordinators

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**Sangha Teens**

On September 13, we held the first meeting of the 2015-2016 year. During that time, we welcomed the new members and everyone decided on rules such as be respectful and no side-chats during the meeting. We also elected officers for the upcoming year.

The officers are:
- Co-Presidents: Alyson Chang, Nolin Togashi
- Recording Secretary: Jin Swun
- Corresponding Secretary: Hannah Robinson
- Religious Chair: Kennedy Hamabe
- Publicity Chair: Chandler Takeuchi
- Historians: Tyson Sakamoto, Emi Sakai

The costume party is coming up!! On October 24, Sangha Teen members will be helping with decorations, games, and prize redemption. All the members are excited to help out and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions regarding our Sangha Teens Group, please contact Mt. Sakamoto at jncsak@verizon.net or Ms. Hanamoto at lhanamoto@yahoo.com.

In Gashho,
Hannah Robinson
50th Anniversary Project Report

OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between August 21, 2015 and September 25, 2015.

Family and Individual Donations (new and repeat): (Coin donor names reported separately)
Robert & Setsuko Eto
Edith Gulrich
Jon & Jodi Hisamoto
Richard & Carol Tanizawa
Mrs. Shoko & Dennis Tsujimoto
Pamela Tsushio
Richard & Janet Uyeno
Gregory & Linda Shimizu, Kenneth Shimizu & Jane Khouw, and Raymond & Karen Wong
In memory of Mary Shimizu
Yoko Yamashita
Yoko Yamashita
In memory of Mary Shimizu
The following donations were made in memory of Roy Tanikawa:
Dale Araki
Mrs. Kiyoko Arimura
Allen & Janice Arisue (2)
Kazuko Kay Firebaugh
Kay & Mary Jane Fujimura
Harry & Grace Honda
Katherine Honda
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Robert Tamura
Seiko Tamura
Roy & Jean Tanikawa Family
Yvette J. Terada
Linda Thorpe
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshihiro Tome
Du Quang Tran Family Trust
Joy Vandruff
Family/Individual Donations this period: $17,267.00
Total Family/Indv'l Donations to Date: $3,527,459.00

Family and Individual Pledges (new and add'l):
None this period
Total Pledges (collected & uncollected) to Date: $3,626,350.00

OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat):
OCBC Cookbook Committee $5,000.00
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $995,564.00

Total Pledges and Donations: $8,168,357.00
(includes coin collections)
Total Donations and Pledge Payments Collected to date: $7,954,684.00
Phase 2 Goal $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $1,084,437.00

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer
The Architect’s Vision

Jim Shimozono, the original architect for the OCBC campus, passed away in May, 2013. In the June 2013 Korin, Rev Harada paid tribute to Jim with quotes from Jim’s essay, “The Role of Architecture in Religion.”

“For me, a Jodo Shinshu temple should, most of all, be appropriate; that is, it should represent a personification of Buddha consciousness. All temples should have something that takes you spiritually back to the religion’s origins and meaning. Although scale and order are important, much more important is creating a sense of simplicity, serenity, and balance.”

“I also want a temple to be a ‘bonding place’ among its members – a place for bonding with the religion, with each other, and a place to which people will want to return.”

“I want to provide a sense of timelessness in any temple I build. I want a temple that I build to be something that others will want to preserve.”

I feel that for the 50th Anniversary Project, our architects Michael Kinoshita (Hondo) and Robin Sakahara (Court) have built upon Jim’s vision.

Gassho,
Howard Nakagiri, Phase 2 Project Manager

Beginners Tai Chi-Longevity Stick

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB.

Games, Games, Games

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Mahjong, Shanghai Rummy, Hanafuda, blackjack and board games like chess, checkers, Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.

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

Mary Shimizu

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

September

4 Russell Yamaga 49 Day Memorial Service
   Henry Morisako 7 Year Memorial Service
12 Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
   Kiwako Kawai 49 Day Memorial Service
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   Yoshiaki Kobayashi 1 Year Memorial Service
   Tokiko Nakamura 49 Day Memorial Service and Burial
   Masataka Tomooka 25 Year Memorial Service
13 Mary Shimizu Funeral Service
19 Kimi Arimura 1 Year Memorial Service

Welcome to the BEC’s
BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Featured Book:
A Tale for the Time Being
By Ruth Ozeki

Wednesday, November 11, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Featured Book:
Taking the Leap
By Pema Chodron

Time: 7:30 – 9:00pm
Place: Social Hall Level 3
For more information please call 714-827-9590
Books are for sale at OCBC
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from August 22, 2015 through September 27, 2015.

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九月二十三日の日曜日には、皆様方から心から暖まる歓迎レセプション・ランチを催されていただき、誠にありがとうございました。身に余る喜びと、これまで長きにわたり勉学を続けてまいりましたことを振り返り、思わず涙が溢れてきました。今後、このオレンジ郡仏教会でお勤めさせていただくことを喜び、浄土真宗のお礼をさせていただくのが、私の真十教はオーソドックスな伝統を正しく伝えるべきと考えます。私の教え方として、『浄土真宗の教え』について南部いつか講演会に出席され、米国仏教団がサンフランシスコに設立された教が西本願寺からアメリカに派遣され、その流れを伝えるために教を西洋英語圏に向けた流れが生まれ、米二百二十五年が経過していきました。その間、仏教も浄土真宗もアメリカの文化の影響を受けて、教がそのもののが変容したということは事実かもしれませんが、時代や場が変わろうとも、基本的な仏教・浄土真宗の教えをしっかり踏まえていくことの大変重要なものとなります。この言葉が聞かれますが、それぞれに核となる教えは、浄土の教えであり、また親鸞聖人さまの教えです。ですので、先に基本をしっかり押さえることが肝要であると、また伝道方法が開拓されるべきと考えます。私の教え方として、教義を正しく伝えるべきと考えます。私の教え方として、教義を正しく伝えるべきと考えます。
十一月頃

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『永代経』大法要

日時：11月15日（日）
午後7時30分より講まれます。

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ログラムに参加されています。）
婦人会だより

△お知らせ

次会のお弁当セールは、10月25日（日）午前12時より、会場で開催されます。会場の詳細は、ホームページをご覧ください。

△シニア・ランチョン

9月21日（月）に催されたシニア・ランチョンでは、45名の敬老とうれしい方々の左記の方々のお誕生日をお祝いしました。敬称略

△加藤えこ・森あきこ・森永亜美・西岡ジョリー・小川すみよ・岡村フランク・沢田まさこ・鈴木隆・和田じゅうじ

△ご寄附

次回のシニア・ランチョンは、10月12日（月）午前11時30分より、ジャンプ・ホールで行われます。参加費は5ドルです。美味しい日本食を食べ、お仲間と楽しい時間を過ごしてください。

△婦人会からお礼の言葉

次回の婦人会ミーティングは11月15日（日）午後1時より、講堂で開かれます。ご参加いただけますと幸いです。

△合掌

岩政エミー
ご寄付

『9月祥月法要』

9月12日・9月1日に営みました。「祥月」法要をご寄付いただきました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。

合計186ドル

仏教会に特別寄付（敬称略）
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合計390ドル

仏教会にお礼
匿名
土手・パッシャー（2）
岩越・セツ・ミサコ

合計465ドル

仏教会ご寄付芳名です。（敬称略）
匿名
田代・マリソ
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合計573ドル

お葬儀
仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみ申し上げます。
匿名
前田・ヒロコ

仏教会ご寄付芳名です。（敬称略）
匿名
東・ブラフ

合計302ドル
OCBC Costume Party

Saturday, October 24th

5:30 to 8:30 pm

$7 per Person (Children 2 and under Free)

$25 for Immediate Family

Each ticket includes admission, dinner by “The Taco Man”, desserts, Balloon artist, games, prizes, and The Haunted Maze.

RSVP: Due by Friday, Oct. 16th

Reservations may be made at church at the DWC table or
Mail to: Megumi Yee
c/o Dharma Wheel Club
909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804

Any Questions please contact:
Megumi Yee: megumiye@hotmail.com
Irene Fukui: Yukko63@yahoo.com
Carol Takagi: ncgtakagi05@att.net

Sponsored by: Dharma Wheel Club, Sangha Teens, Jr. YBA & Youth Dept.

Please complete & return by Oct 16th

Name: ________________________________

Children names & ages: ________________________________

Phone: (____) ___________ Email: ________________________________

# Persons  X$7 = $
# Of Children Under 2  X$0  Free
# Whole Family  X$25 = $

How many adults? ___ How many kids? ___

Check# _____ TOTAL= $____

*Make checks payable to: Dharma Wheel Club
Japan America Society Southern California and OCBC Project Kokoro co-present

JAPANESE KITES: WORKSHOP AND LECTURE

This workshop will be conducted by Japanese Kite Master Mikio Toki. During the lecture, he will introduce the history of kites in Japan, the materials and techniques used to build traditional Japanese kites, and differences in design and shape based on regions.

A hands-on workshop will be conducted to introduce Japan and its culture through building of a small, traditional Japanese kite made of bamboo and washi (Japanese paper). Participants will learn how to decorate their kite using a traditional Japanese method using dye, and how to assemble it. Step-by-step instructions will be provided.

Participation fee (Includes materials and refreshments)
$30 JASSC or OCBC Members
$40 Non-members or guests of members

Children under the age of 12 are welcome to participate in this workshop and lecture, but must be accompanied by an adult. Due to limited space, up to 1 child per paid adult may participate.

Sat., October 17, 2015
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Orange County Buddhist Church, Social Hall
909 S. Dale Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92804

REGISTER TODAY!
www.jas-socal.org
310-965-9050 x104

RSVP by October 9th
Space is limited. Payment at the time of reservation is required to complete registration.

For more information, contact:
JASSC - Kay Amano, amano@jas-socal.org, Tel: 310.965.9050 x 104
OCBC - Diana Ono, dianaocbc@gmail.com, TEL: 310.508.3966
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