WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

FEATURED MOVIE:

SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER ... AND SPRING

(Movie shown @ 6:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:

THE WIZARD OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

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

Recently our Jr. YBA (Young Buddhist Association – high school age), hosted a Southern District Jr. YBA seminar. They selected for the theme, “Buddhism in the bathroom.” I know this is a striking theme, but the seminar went very well and our young people did an outstanding job of relating the theme in a meaningful and sometimes humorous way. I was asked to speak at the opening service, and I began with an email joke that goes as follows:

Life is like a roll of toilet paper...the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.

Isn't that so true? Have you ever been in the bathroom, and the roll of toilet paper is almost gone, and you look for an extra roll and there is no extra roll anywhere? You panic and use those last few squares of toilet paper very carefully.

Life is like that too, isn't it? When we are young, our roll of toilet paper is so big. We have our whole life ahead of us. It always kills me how when you ask young children how old they are, they say cutely, “I am four and a half.” I have never said I am 62 and a half. Someday if I get to 99 years of age, I might find myself saying, “I am 99 and a half years old!”

But the years pass quickly, and before we know it, our roll is half gone, or even less. Where has my life gone, we wonder? It was like the blink of an eye. Even 70 or 80 years feels like that.

There was a funny episode of Seinfeld that I recall, in which Elaine was in a women's restroom, and she realized there was no toilet paper in her stall. Frantic, she noticed the legs of another lady in the stall next to her. She tapped on the stall and said politely, “Excuse me, but my stall doesn't have any toilet paper. Can you spare a little?” To her dismay, the lady in the next stall said, “No, I don't have any to spare.” “What?!” Elaine exclaimed. You mean you can't even spare a square? Not even one square?! The lady in the next stall replied, “No! I don't have a square to spare!”

This episode is also very true to life as well. We can't give anyone any “squares” of life, nor can we receive any from someone else as well, no matter how much we might wish to. I can recall when I was in college, a friend of mine was tragically killed in a car accident. His elderly grandmother kept saying, “I wish I could have given him some years of my life.” Sadly, we can't even give one day of our life to someone else.

I tried to instill in the young people that Buddhism is trying to awaken us to the fact that our life is brief and fleeting, and that we should cherish it and live it fully and meaningfully. We should not waste any squares of our roll. Life goes fast enough as it is, without wasting squares.

The other objective of having this theme was to present the idea that Buddhism is not just in the hondo, or in books, or in a state of meditation. Buddhism is all around us, if we have the eyes to see it. It is even in the bathroom.

There was a devout Buddhist lady that would gassho in the bathroom, grateful that her body was functioning as it should. That might seem odd, but if you stop and think about it, when our body stops its natural functions, that's it – we are dead. Our bodily functions means we are alive, and if we are grateful for our life, we can be grateful for our bodily functions.

The other aspect of the seminar was to introduce the Buddhist author, Ajahn Brahm, who is called the Seinfeld of Buddhism. I have written about his book, “Who ordered this truckload of dung?” in a previous article some time ago. The book is really wonderful, and presents to us the challenge of what we would do if a truckload of dung was dumped in front of our house in our yard. The pile of dung is a metaphor for the difficulties and sufferings that life presents to us. Quite often we feel that we are an innocent victim of our sufferings. Why do I have to suffer like this? Why did someone have to unload all of this dung in my front yard?

But as Ajahn Brahm shares beautifully in his book, if we just load up that big pile of dung into our wheelbarrow, a shovel at a time, a wheelbarrow full at a time, we can move it from our front yard to our back yard, where it can become fertilizer for the flowers, grass, and garden in our backyard. Although it will take time, if we move it, a little at a time, before you know it, the whole pile is gone, and in our backyard we have a luxurious garden of flowers and plants.

We can let our sufferings and problems stay in our front yard, stay in the forefront of our life, and it can continue to stink and irritate us, and others as well. Or, we can deal with our problems, and allow them to become the fertilizer for our garden of life.

In such a manner, we can come to see Buddhism all around us. Teachers and teachings appear in sometimes the most unexpected of places. Our next teacher could be the bartender, or a taxi driver, or our pet cat or dog. We can find Buddhism in a bar, in a gym, in a casino, and even in the bathroom.
A WAY OF SEEING (02.2016 – Saichi returns)

Have you ever wondered what makes a Myokōnin a Myokōnin? What defines someone as a Myokōnin, or more simply put, what is the definition of “Myokōnin”? If you have been reading these essays, you will know, among other things, that s/he is a person of an unusually spiritual character or nature. Of course, if you have read about them in writings other than mine or people whose works I am quoting, you might come away with different ideas about what makes a Myokōnin. [Just to make it easier on myself, I will discontinue using diacritical marks to indicate a long ‘o’, for example, except for the first time. There are eight in the first couple sentences. That means for every mark, I had to stop, bring down a chart of characters with diacritics, choose the right one, then close the chart. While I’m at it, I will almost never use “s” to indicate the plural form of a Japanese noun. Sorry about that.]

The reason for the question is there is no single definition of what makes a Myokōnin, except possibly a vague one that would serve only to confuse the issue. On the other hand, the Myokōnin that I usually call on to illustrate a point, such as Asahara Saichi, (2/20/1850-1/17/1932) seem to be of a kind. S/he expresses herself/himself in poems, even though s/he may not have a mastery of the language. Would that I had the command of Jodo Shinshu, The True Purport of the Pure Land Teachings that Saichi had. Sometimes I feel as though I lack the command of both the language and understanding of Jodo Shinshu that I should have in order to be writing essays such as this.

There are quite a few books in my ‘library’ (?) that are either all about Saichi or have a chapter or more about him. Fortunately, all of them contain many of his poems, which is to be expected since they are what he is known for. Further, he wrote so many, nearly 10,000 extant, one (at least this one) would be hard-pressed to remember very many, especially if your memory is rapidly going downhill, as is mine. My editor-researcher reads Japanese much better than I, so she is a help in translating. Even more important for me, a number of great Jodo Shinshu scholars like Jitsuen Kakehashi, have done studies, both popular and scholastic, so they make it possible to read Saichi’s handwriting, and there have been and possibly still may be questions as to what Saichi meant because his writing is often illegible, or grammatically unclear. He also used kanji (Chinese characters) in place of kana (Japanese characters), not for their meanings but their sound, although those are relatively easy to figure out.

For the Western (English) reader, the most important scholar would probably be D.T. Suzuki, noted more for his Zen studies than for his Jodo Shinshu studies, although many of his publications towards the end of his life were on Jodo Shinshu. In fact, the primary reason I mention him at all in this context is that he was responsible for the single most comprehensive collection of Saichi’s extant poems. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, he translated only a very small number of them (perhaps less than a hundred.) At least, that’s all I’ve ever seen. If you would like to read them, you can find many of them in his book, Mysticism: Christian and Buddhist.

Before this gets to sounding any more scholastic, I would like to bring his life and poems into this essay.

Saichi was born in 1850, and, when he turned eleven, his parents were divorced. It might have been because there was a difference of 14-15 years between them. In any case, he was taken by his mother to her mother’s home. When she later remarried, he was taken in by his father’s mother’s family, which had a carpentry business. Saichi became an apprentice boat-builder, not an easy task, at around 14 or 15. His father, meanwhile, became a priest, but since he did not have the qualifications to perform any rituals and did not have a temple, he simply went from temple to temple to listen to and enjoy the Dharma.

Later in life, Saichi wrote this poem of repentance for his feelings towards his parents:

Saying it aloud or not,
I thought it would be better if my parents would die.
Why don’t my parents die? I thought.
It is amazing that this man of evil karma and great sin
Has been able to live this long, to this day
Without the earth splitting open
[and swallowing me up.]

Have you ever had thoughts like these about your parents or siblings? My siblings were all much older than I: of my three siblings, the oldest was 19 years older, old enough to be my father. My father died before I was two, and I have no memory of him. This is by way of saying that my mother would have been the only one about whom I could have felt like Saichi did. She died at 106. so we had plenty of time together for me to feel like Saichi towards her, but I cannot recall ever actually feeling like that. Pretty close, I must say, but I think, in my way, I was so much more selfish than Saichi in that I must have known that if she died, I would not have had anyone to take care of me, at least not as well as she did. I still don’t know how she did it, working as a cleaning woman after my father died. Even after she “retired,” she became an apartment manager, at age 75, in Boyle Heights close to the present Keiro, speaking in English with a little Spanish she picked up on the farms before the war. A fireman on inspection of the apartments commented about the sheen of the hallway. Probably more than a few Issei women lived similar lives in those days, especially if they lost their husbands early.

So it isn’t that I never thought as Saichi did, but that I might have thought further through the consequences if she had died sooner. Only a step away from Saichi is where I am, if that, although a mile away in being able to express my existential self in poems. Of course, it could be that I am simply fooling myself.

This Faith is an inconceivable Faith!
Saichi! A Buddha hears a Buddha’s voice
Without effort. How grateful for the favor.
Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu.

Like many of Saichi’s poems, this one can be understood in more than one way. A Buddha hearing another Buddha without effort should not be unusual, but why is it construed as a favor? It is a favor because this Faith is from Amida to Saichi without any effort by either part, and it is a favor because nothing is expected in return by either one.

Thank you for reading this. Please take care of yourselves. Make it a meaningful life.

Gassho, Rev. John Doami
Our True Home

Here is the Pure Land
The Pure land is here
I smile in mindfulness
And dwell in the present moment.
The Buddha is seen in an autumn leaf
The dharma in a floating cloud
The sangha body is everywhere
My true home is right here.
Thich Nhat Hanh

English has many common sayings regarding home, like “home is where the heart is,” or “there's no place like home.” (the latter usually said while clicking ones ruby slippered heels together three times). We sing songs about home, “I'll be home for Christmas,” or “Home” from the musical The Wiz. And there are all kinds of images that are meant to conjure the idea of home. Norman Rockwell was a well known illustrator whose images were designed to bring out feelings of home and comfort. But what does “home” really mean, where is our home to be found? Is “home” just an address? Is our body our home? Are we at home in our own minds? Or is home perhaps something more than just a physical place.

In the chanting book form Thich Nhat Hanh’s Plum Village, there is a simple gatha that I think touches on the essence of what “home” is:

I have arrived. I am home.
In the here. In the now.
I am solid. I am free.
In the ultimate I dwell.

According to the teachings of the Buddha, life is available only in the present moment, in the here and the now. When we dwell in the present moment, we have the chance to truly touch life, to become closer to what the gatha calls “the ultimate” or reality as it is. To touch the heart of immeasurable wisdom and compassion, that we call Amida Buddha. To encounter life and become fully alive and fully present. The past with all of its joys and sorrows and the infinite possibilities of the future are all contained in the present moment.

But our lives in the present moment are not isolated. It is important that we understand that we share this present moment with all other beings. Our lives are not separate. We live in this present moment together, or as Thich Nhat Hanh would say, in the present moment we inter-are with all sentient beings. The hope that is this moment is a place that we feel we belong together with others.

We are all so busy. Our lives are full of going from one place to another, from one thought to another, one obligation to another. It is easy to find ourselves lost in transit. At times like this it is important to be able to stop, to breath in and out, to say a quiet nembutsu, and bring ourselves back to the present moment, back to our true home.

Rev. Bill Dearth

President’s Message

On January 9th, we had our annual General Meeting, the 2016 Shinnen Enkai celebration. I would like to share some of my thoughts and recollections from this meeting. It was well attended and the program was entertaining and included the introduction of new Board Members and the Cabinet. Great news was shared with the attendees that fiscal year 2015 ended in the black. We also acknowledged Aaron Nagayama for his leadership and hard work during the past two years.

One of the most important highlights of 2015 was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of OCBC. We have had numerous accomplishments and many wonderful memories in 2015. We have chosen OCBC as our church. We bring our families to hear the Dharma, enjoy the activities and to feel the bond of being part of the OCBC family. This spirit was strongly confirmed by the expressed feeling of the participants of our recent leadership retreat in November.

OCBC is fortunate in having this family of members who volunteer their time and work hard to make this church such a beautiful place to have services and activities. People often say they are tired, they are getting too old, and where are the younger people. But because we are a family of members and we are proud of what OCBC stands for, we continue to volunteer and support our church.

Some things at church evolve and some things will always be the same. Please continue to participate by any means that you can.

One thing that must remain the same but continues to evolve is the need to welcome new church members. We need to encourage our children who are now adults, to bring their own children and friend. We need to be inclusive to all new members. We need all of them to participate and become members of the church. The church has much to offer but we must remember that people have choices on how and where they want to spend their time. Our church programs need to continue to be relevant and receptive to those who want to become members of the OCBC family.

Another thing that is evolving and will continue to be the same is the need to complete the refurbishment of the Hondo, gym floor, and the courtyard. Big goals require commitment and perseverance. The Sangha has been very generous. Every little contribution moves us a little closer to our goal. For those who can find a way to give a little more, this will help in accomplishing a project that will last for future generations. Let’s make it happen!

Another important thing that always evolves and will continue to be the same is enjoying and having fun at church. We occasionally have passionate discussions at our Board meetings. Members want to do the right thing and want the best for OCBC. Like a family, we still welcome everyone’s participation, friendship and the enjoyment of being a member. We will continue to evolve and we will continue to move on a positive path for the future of the church.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President of OCBC for 2016.

Alan Endo, OCBC President
Maintenance Report for January 2016

This report describes some of the work that was done during January. Thank you to the following dedicated people for their help:

Paul Fujimoto  Kay Fujimura  Dan Hakikawa
Wat Iwakoshi  Dan Kaneko  Hideo Kawamura
Dennis Morinaga  Eric Nakahara  Rod Nishimura
Norman Nishioka  Akio Nitta  Taka Noguchi
Dennis Okada  Frank Okamura  Junji Sarashina
Winston Shigenaga  Tom Sunada  Ron Suzuki
Masa Tominaga  Eizo Yasuda

The following work was done:

1) General
   a. Refreshed the landscaping in the front yard of the Reverend and Mrs. Harada house.
   b. Trimmed the bushes and removed trash from the street side of the fence on Ball Road.
   c. Trimmed the foliage and removed trash and litter along the Dale Street parking lot.
   d. Moved two metal storage racks into the storage containers (the reefers).

2) Class Room Building
   a. Painted and reconfigured the library.
   b. Continued with reorganization of the former offices (now the lounge and bookstore).
   c. Continued work to replace missing and damaged vinyl tiles in the class rooms.
   d. Continued work to replace damaged tiles on the 2nd floor walkway.
   e. Continued work to replace damaged electrical wiring to room 11.

3) MPB
   a. Replaced conference room exterior door seals.

4) Hondo
   a. Replaced three flood lights in the Gejin.
   b. Repaired in-floor wiring for the microphone used during chanting.

Next monthly workday is February 8, 2016 at 9 A.M. 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,
Jim Mitchell

BWA News

Announcements
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 13th, at 12:30pm in the Kodo after the Spring Ohigan service and luncheon. If you are interested in making new friends, sharing life stories, preparing authentic Japanese dishes, helping the Sangha, then we invite you to join BWA. Annual dues are $15 and ladies 85 years and older are free. We have a number of events planned for this year and also, Save the Date for the 44th FBWA Convention, October 7-9, 2016, at the Westin Hotel in Bellevue, Washington.
- OCBWA will be hosting ‘Women in Buddhism’ Lecture Series 1 on Sunday, April 24th, from noon until 1:30pm. Please see flyer in Korin for details.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, January 11th, 64 seniors and guests enjoyed the delicious ozoni and bento and celebrated birthdays for Kirii Askew, Mitsuko Korin, Hatsuko Matsumoto, Michie Murakami, Sumio Otsuki, Junji Sarashina, Kiyoko Sarashina, and Masa Tominaga. Thank you to Kirii Askew, Nancy Inafuku, Mitsuko Korin, Hatsuko Matsumoto, Michie Murakami, Shirley Nishioka, Sumio Otsuki, Kiyoko Sarashina, Masa Tominaga, and Eizo Yasuda for their generous monetary donations. Thank you to Mary Nakayama for the beautiful flowers, to Reverend Wondra for the oranges, to Rosa Somen for the lemons, to Nancy Inafuku for the rice, and to Nancy Hara and OCBC for the mochi. Our next senior luncheon will be held on Monday, February 8th, 2016.

Questions: For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Jodi Hisamoto at jahisam@pacbell.net.

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

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Buddhist Education Center

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

http://www.ocbuddhist.org/buddhist-education-center/
The Shin Reader

Last month, the Shin Reader started to present two short book reviews by BEC members – books that we feel inform us of Amida's compassion and wisdom. This BEC effort is in addition to our Book Club monthly meetings where Sangha members discuss books of a variety of topics (elsewhere in this Korin is this month’s selection). Both books below are publications of the BEC and may be purchased at the Sunday adult study class.

**Coffinman** is a true story of a wonderful Shin Buddhist follower in Japan by the name of Shinmon Aoki who encountered Shin Buddhism through his work as a mortician. Aoki was a failed businessman, who in desperation, took a job at a mortuary preparing the body for a funeral. He came to sense a light, a radiance in the faces of the deceased. This led to his study of various religions, but the religious teacher that really struck him was Shinran Shonin. In his writings, Shinran Shonin talks about light, the light of Amida. Aoki felt that this was a teacher who also saw the light that he was seeing in the faces of the deceased. This led to his study and deep reflection on the Shin Buddhist teachings.

The book is a touching and moving story of Aoki's experiences dealing with death. Coffinman was the first book that our BEC published, and it will continue to be read by many over the years. Readers may also want to watch the foreign film **Departures** which is the movie version of Shinmon Aoki's life story. - review by Rev Marvin Harada

**Buddhism on Air: Televised Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion** by Kenneth Tanaka is indeed a kaleidoscope of the beautiful, vibrant, and constantly-evolving face of Buddhism. The book covers many topics, ranging from the life of Shakyamuni to basic doctrines such as the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, from Buddhist art to “nightstand Buddhists.” There’s even a chapter on Buddhist humor! Although the author is a Jodo Shinshu minister, the book does not limit itself to any one school of Buddhism, and includes essays and interviews with practitioners and experts representing a variety of traditions. Each chapter is a quick read of five pages or less, written in clear, down-to-earth language. **Buddhism on Air** is not only a great source of information on the history and doctrines of Buddhism, but also shows how the Buddhist teachings are relevant to our everyday lives and concerns. This book is ideal for both those who want to learn the basics of Buddhism and those who are seeking to deepen their understanding, and would also be a helpful resource for Dharma School teachers and parents. - review by Janis Hirohama

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**Trip to Japan for the Accession Ceremony at the Nishi-Hongwanji in spring 2017**

It has been decided that we will participate in the accession ceremony on March 31, 2017 (next year).

Forty seats have been reserved through BCA. Trip itinerary will be finalized after this summer.

Please contact, Rev. Mutsumi Wondra at OCBC.

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**Korin Articles Due**

2/21/2016
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

2016 Dates: 3/27, 4/24, 5/29
**Hanamatsuri Festival**

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of **April 9-10, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** for our annual Hanamatsuri Festival. In preparation for this event, our planning meetings are as follows:

- **Kick off meeting**  Feb. 2, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- **Meeting #2**  Feb. 23, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- **Meeting #3**  March 15, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- **Final Meeting**  March 28, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

All organizations are asked to have a representative at these meetings.

We plan to have a fire extinguisher training session at our second meeting. If anyone has an old fire extinguisher at home that should be replaced, please consider buying a new one and donating the old one to the festival committee to use for training. How do you know if your fire extinguisher should be replaced? If your fire extinguisher is over 10 years old it should probably be replaced. If you check the pressure gauge and it is not in the green section, it needs to be replaced. Questions? Please contact Aaron Nagayama (akn3451@gmail.com)

In Gassho,
Jo Ann Tanioka
2016 Hanamatsuri Festival Chairperson

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**Dharma School News**

**D.S. Cabinet 2015-16 School Year**

The new cabinet was installed by Rev. Harada on January 17.

- **Superintendent – Rick Oishi**
- **Assistant Superintendents – Janet Sakahara, Nancy Suzuki**
- **Treasurer - Alison Yoshihara**
- **Recording Secretary – Marion Nishimura**
- **Corresponding Secretary – Teri Whited**
- **Publicity - Tracy Yamashita-Perry**
- **Parliamentarian / Consultant – Seiju Terada**

Thank you to Seiju Terada for your leadership during the past two years as Superintendent.

**Time Out with the OCBC Ministers**

On January 17, the D.S. staff had the opportunity to get to know our ministers and minister’s assistants. Rev. Harada, Rev. Wondra, Rev. Turner, Ellen Crane, Jim Pollard, Ron Taber, and Mark VanDyke shared their personal backgrounds and what made them decide to become a minister / minister’s assistant. Unfortunately, Rev. Dearth was not able to participate due to a prior commitment.

The ministers also provided some suggestions on how teachers could share the Dharma with their students in their classrooms.

Thank you to Rick Oishi and Seiju Terada for leading the session.

Special thanks to Hospitality: Cheryl Higashi and Linda Nakauchi for serving the lunch.

**D.S. Class Schedule**

D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 20, and 27. Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry
OCBC Library

Recent donations from the BEC:
*Creating True Peace: Ending Violence in Yourself, Your Family, Your Community, and the World* by Thich Nhat Hanh. Zen Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, for the first time relates wartime experiences in Vietnam and how he and his students were able to remain nonviolent and work for peace. His book provides practices to improve relationships and ways to teach children how to create peace in their daily lives.

*What Does it Mean to be Present*, written by Tana Dorio and illustrated by Eliza Wheeler, shows children how to live in the here and now. *Gratitude Soup* by Olivia Rosewood, in a free form collage style, encourages children to create their own gratitude art.

The OCBC Library, located in Room 2 upstairs in the classroom building, is open during and after Adult Study, usually closing about 12:00. Donations of books and DVDs on Buddhism and Japanese culture are welcome.

In Gassho,
Kay Mitchell

GO GREEN AT OCBC

Bottled water is very harmful to the environment.

Did you know Americans throw away 50 million water bottles a year? U.S. landfills have over 2 million tons of water bottles. It takes 1.5 million barrels of oil just to meet the demand for bottled water in the U.S. Tap water is tested more frequently than bottled water, and over half of bottled water actually comes from tap water. Good news: OCBC has a water spigot attached to the drinking fountain in the social hall that makes it easy to refill your own personal water bottles. You not only can save money, but you can do your part to prevent plastic in the landfills.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 17, 2016 EARTH DAY AT OCBC. Watch for details.

Project Kokoro News

**Getty Museum**

Feb 4
The Skirball Cultural Center and Getty Center, established in 1974, was the destinations of the most recent trips. The Getty Center was established 1974 and has an estimated 1.3 million visitors annually to view the collection of Western art from the Middle Ages. The Skirball Center is an educational institution and opened to the public in 1996.

**New Year’s Luncheon**

Mar 20
Save the date for this annual event to be held in the Gym with entertainment and a delicious buffet.

**Appreciation**

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals and families for their recent donations:

**Welcome**

The New Year begins with a few new members to join the PK volunteers. We welcome Chris Hirata, Steve and Joanne Ishii and Jodi Hisamoto – we are so happy to have your help!

**Next Meeting**

Mar 9
Please join us for our next meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month, in the Senior Room at 7pm. Learn how you can get involved or share ideas. If you would like more information please contact our president, Phyllis Uyemura: phyllis.uyemura@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Neddie Bokosky
ABA News

Two years after the founding of OCBC, ABA was organized in 1967 with Dr. Henry Sanematsu as its first president. It has been a long path, with many challenges, lots of sweat and hard work, overcoming many obstacles, and providing new ideas to the temple. The strength of ABA comes from the cohesion, no nonsense attitude, and “thoughtfulness in action.” What the Sangha is today can be partially attributed to ABA. Preliminary planning for the 50th Anniversary celebration in 2017 is now proceeding.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Don and Mary Kato to the organization.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Ceremony was held in the Hondo on January 3, 2016 under the guidance of Rev. Dearth. President Margie Mio will be in charge this year.

2016 TRAVEL USA: Two optional travel places were presented at the January meeting.
(1) Amazing Arizona Old West Tour – 5 days
(2) Mesa Verde National park, Durango Fall Foliage – 6 days, possible extra day extension to Sedona
Final selection will be made at a later meeting. Interested members should contact Karen Kino.

2017 LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL: The committee of Willie Nagami, Ed Kato, George Miyake, and Mike Glick, presented various places, countries, and locations for possible trips. After a survey of the members, it is now narrowed down to three choices:
(1) Canada/New England Fall Foliage
(2) British Isles
(3) Southern Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan
A final decision will be made at a later ABA meeting.

ABA PAST PRESIDENTS
1967-1968 Dr. Henry Sanematsu
1969 Kazuya Ichikawa
1970 Ben Ujihara

DAIKON NO HANA: A family is where minds and hearts come together.

In deep gratitude,
Ron Suzuki

Daion Taiko

Congratulations to this season’s 14 Beginner Workshop participants. You all did a pretty awesome job, and we hope taiko becomes a defining part of your life, as it has for many of us. Your reward is that you now get to come 15 minutes earlier to practice!

A big well done also to our taiko playing Girl Scouts. They came out in force to rally the troops to get YOU to buy more Girl Scout Cookies at the 2016 Orange County Cookie Rally on the floor of the UCI Bren Events Center. Thanks-A-Lot to Jill Katsuda for Tagalonging to coordinate everything!

I know you all have also been on the edges of your seats in anticipation...yes, we’ve been asked to perform again at Hanamatsuri. So be sure to make every practice.

Upcoming Events
Hanamatsuri – 04/09-04/10/2016

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami
Dharma Wheel Club

Dharma Wheel Club members enjoyed a “Bonenkai” (end of year party) potluck as a last hurrah for 2015. We enjoyed pot roast, baked potatoes, salad, fruit and lots of wonderful desserts. We also designed unique art by coloring a paper template that has been transferred to plate. The plates have just arrived and we look forward to delivering them back to our club members. We also picked out extra toys leftover from the costume party and donated them to the Cops 4 Toys event. This event is hosted by the Anaheim Police Department and delivers gifts to less fortunate families in our community. We will be having more activities in the near future, first being the Project Kokoro placemat decorating. Also in March we will be co-hosting with the Sangha Teens the Ohigan Luncheon, details will be coming out soon via email.

In Gassho,
Carol Takagi, Irene Fukui, and Megumi Yee

Sangha Teens

Sangha Teen members had a lot of fun at our Bodhi Day Party in December, where we played games and ate lunch. During Mochitsuki, we helped flip the mochi over and dust cornstarch off. It was a lot of work but it was very rewarding. In celebration of the New Year, Sangha Teen members went to Tanaka Farms to compete in a mochi pound off! We won first place in the Junior Division! We had a great time learning more about mochi-making and eating lots of yummy food!

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In gassho,
Jamie Hayakawa
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair

Jr. YBA

During the month of December, we were very busy making mochi! We participated at Mochitsuki on December 20th and greatly enjoyed helping out the B.W.A. On December 27th, some of our members proudly represented OCBC at the OCO Mochitsuki Pound Off at Tanaka Farms. We won first place in the Junior Division! We had a great time learning more about mochi-making and eating lots of yummy food!

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Jamie Hayakawa
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair
February

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50th Anniversary Project Report

2016 promises to be a very busy and eventful year for OCBC and the 50th Anniversary Project staff. On the planning side, we expect to have construction drawings for the Hondo and courtyard complete by the time this Korin goes to print. After our review and approval, the team anticipates forwarding those drawings to the Anaheim Building Department by mid-February for its review and approval. At the same time, we plan to get those drawing to our contractor for him to give us a formal construction bid. Hopefully we'll get firm cost figures and construction go-ahead approval by late spring.

On the fundraising and financial side, the project staff is developing the path ahead. OCBC had a very difficult task trying to raise $1.1M in new donations and pledges over the last few months. That amount, together with funds previously raised, would allow OCBC to pay for the construction, loan-free. We had a tremendous response to our request, with over 130 new donations and 30 new pledges. This was the most successful year-end effort we've had since we started our campaign in 2009. OCBC raised over $380,000, but the goal was just too much to ask our Sangha in such a short period of time. Today we find ourselves about $700,000 short of that goal.

The Phase 2 staff, the Project Oversight Committee, the OCBC Finance Committee and the Board of Directors are together evaluating options on how to proceed. Should we delay construction for a year to try to raise the additional funds? Should we keep the same goal of starting construction only when we can without taking out a loan? Or might there be an option to proceed with the planned construction using a small short-term loan with a reasonable payback plan? The staff hopes to have a Board of Directors approved plan by next month's Korin.

OCBC is extremely grateful for everyone's continued support and generosity and acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between December 26, 2015 and January 18, 2016.

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**Family/Individual Donations this period:** $93,717.00
**Total Family/Indv’l Donations to Date:** $3,732,994.00

**Family and Individual Pledges (new and add’l)**

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**Family and Individual Pledges (new and add’l) this period:** $27,880.00
**Total Pledges (collected & uncollected) to Date:** $3,786,230.00

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OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat):
OCBC Dharma Wheel Club $2,774.00
OCBC Project Kokoro (2) $4,635.00
Total this period: $7,409.00
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $1,011,293.00

Total Pledges and Donations: $8,555,677.00
(includes coin collections)
Total Donations and Pledge Payments Collected to date: $8,290,072.00
Phase 2 Goal $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $694,500.00

In Gassho,
Howard Nakagiri, Project Manager
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer

Coin Donations for January 2016

Thank you to the following members who donated to the building fund for the New Year!

Janis Hirohama & Jim Pollard
Steve Nakauchi
Wat Iwakoshi

Yeah! Thank you all for helping to make our coin goal of over $25,000.00 for the Building Fund! Since we have not started building the Hondo yet, I have decided to try for a higher goal of $30,000.00!? LET’S DO IT!
Total balance in coins account: $25,342.55!

In Memoriam

The Orange County Buddhist Church wishes to express its deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of the late:
Sachiko Iseri
Sumiko Okura
Joan Osumi
Yachiyo Nakatani
Akiyuki Sumioka

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

January

1 Shimizu Family Annual Memorial Service
2 Lois Matsui, 1st Year Memorial Service
3 Ochi Family Memorial Service
9 Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
22 Joe Okimoto Memorial Service
23 Masuo Kumamoto, 49th Day Memorial Service
31 Ron Yamamoto, 3rd Year Memorial Service
Ministerial Scholarship

The Committee acknowledges the following Sangha members for their donations to the Scholarship Fund. Please note that in the interest of costs savings (printing costs of our Korin Newsletter) any donations received subsequent to January 24, 2016 will be acknowledged in the April issue of the Korin.

Donations received from October 18, 2015 through October 25, 2015:
Paul & Joyce Fujita
Annie Hirokawa
Masao & Joyce Kimura
Roy & Masako Matsuo
Maurice & Carrie Nakagawa
Kent & Nancy Suzuki
Tsutomu & Miyoko Hirayama
Tomi & Norio Iwata
Noel & Judy Kurai
Mutsuko K. Miyakawa
John & Mary Sunada
Ron & Kyoko Suzuki

Donations received from October 26, 2015 through November 22, 2015:
Margaret Abo
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Harry & Joyce Furuya
Roy & Clara Hayashi
Steve & Cheryl Higashi
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Alan & Linda Ishibashi
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Shiro & Toku Homan
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Wat & Hiromi Iwakoshi
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Sho & Mitsuko Korin
Jenny Mizusawa
Lloyd & Joni Morinaga
Fumi Nakano
Kathy Nishimoto
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Stephen & Carole Sugimoto
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Sue Togashi
Alan & Akiko Tomiyama
Joyce Tomooka
Kinuko Ujihara
Yoko Yamashita

Donations received from November 23, 2015 – December 20, 2015:
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Hatsuko Matsumoto
Taka & Setsuko Noguchi
Dennis & Ethel Okada
Masako Sawada
M.T. & W.R. Shishido

Total donations received through January 24, 2016: $11,125.00

The outpouring of support these past three months has been simply amazing. Through the funds received, the Ministerial Scholarship Committee will be able to fully support all of our Ministerial Candidates and Minister’s Assistant Candidates as they continue their studies this year. We, the Sangha, in turn will continue to reap the benefits from their studies. We are so fortunate to have an outstanding ministerial staff. This is all possible because of you. Thank you for your continued support.

Gassho,
Carrie Nakagawa
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from December 27, 2015 through January 23, 2016.

**Ho-Onko Donations**

Eto, Robert  Fujimoto, Paul S.
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Hayashida, Fujiko Ito Family
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### 50th Anniversary Celebration Add’l

Nakamura, Ron/Arlene

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2015 OCBC Sustaining Members

Below is a list of the 2015 OCBC Sustaining Members as of January 18, 2016. A sustaining member is one who pays OCBC sustaining membership dues. Our temple’s main sources of income each year are: sustaining membership dues, festival income, and donations. Each accounts for approximately 1/3 of the temple operating expenses and each one is vital for the financial health of our temple. A substantial portion of our dues is also sent to the Buddhist Churches of America to help fund their operations.

To those who are sustaining members, on behalf of the BCA and OCBC, thank you for your generous Dana. For those who are not sustaining members, please consider becoming one. A sustaining membership form is in the Korin, at the OCBC website, and available at the OCBC office.

We strive to be as accurate as possible, but we do make mistakes. If you paid 2015 dues (in full or partially) and you cannot find your name on the list or if your name is misspelled, please contact the OCBC office. We also try to group the names of couples next to each other including those couples who have different last names.

We have already received payments from many Sangha members for their 2016 sustaining dues and for the new Kansha membership category – thank you.

Mrs. Margaret Abo  
Mr. Stephen Cizmar  
Mr. Dick Fukuda
Mrs. Toshiko Adachi  
Mrs. Karen Cizmar  
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三帖和讃のクラスが

始まりました。

一月十六日からBEC土曜日真宗講座

三帖和讃に学びが始まっております。ま

だ、お席もありますので、興味がある方

は是非ともお越しくださいませ。

『三帖和讃』とは、「净土和讃」

・「高僧和讃」

・「正信未和讃」

という三冊

の書物を指します。『三帖和讃』という三冊

の和讃でやわらかな、阿弥陀如来さまや

般若さま、そして仏国土である浄土のこと

や、七高僧の功績を讃えています。

本書は、伝記聖人の伝記

の内容を讃えており、古くからの

本物をコピーされたものです。三帖一

部として、末代において真宗の教え

が隆隆するため開版されました。それ

で、朝夕の勤行として称えられていた

まえに、上人による『往生礼讃偈』が、薫如

善導大師著述の『往生礼讃偈』が、薫如

上人によって、親鸞聖人の著述の『正信未

と、三帖和讃の撰述時代を見てみます

と、浄土和讃の初めに著されてい

る冠頭二首を紹介しましょう。

先ずは「浄土和讃」の初めに著されてい

る二帖のもので、阿弥陀如来が七十六歳前後に書か

れたものです。浄土和讃はおおよそ八

十五年ごろの作とされています。いずれも、

挽年の作品であり、微度も推敲を重ねられ

た形跡があります。

『現代語訳』

阿弥陀如来の名号である南無阿弥陀仏を

称えて、実説心を得ているは

仏教思想のそれ。

『现代語訳』

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〇日お知らせ

△シニアランチョン
1月11日（月）に催されましたシニアランチョンでは、64名の参加者がありました。来年2017年3月3日に決まりました。日程に関しては、伝灯奉告法要の出席、およびOBCおよびビスタからの呼びにされ、行う予定となっています。今年夏頃にご案内できると思います。

△お名前だより

△報恩講法要
さる1月12日にお召しました「報恩講法要」にご出席いただき、ありがとうございました。「報恩講法要」は、1月12日にお召しました「報恩講法要」にご出席いただき、ありがとうございました。

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2016年12月27日（土）、12月29日（月）に御寄付いただきました方々にお礼をさせていただきました。お歳暮大会は、2016年12月27日（土）、12月29日（月）に開催され、御寄付いただきました方々にお礼をさせていただきました。

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仏教会に特別寄付
ご芳名です。（敬称略）

仏教会にお礼
ご寄付ご芳名です。（敬称略）

「50周年記念お祝い」
加藤エドワード・ジョイス
原田マーサー
東シェリル

\[\text{合計} \quad 2,925 \text{ドル}\]

仏教会にお礼
ご寄付ご芳名です。（敬称略）

「除夜会・法要及び修正会」

合計 6,388 ドル

仏教会
故大倉
やちよ
故井岸
幸子

合計 7,577 ドル

南無阿弥陀仏
CAREGIVER STRESS
Learn tips to reduce your stress as a caregiver.

Get answers to the following questions and more:

- What is a caregiver?
- Why is it important to take care of myself as a caregiver?
- What can I do when I feel stressed from caregiving challenges?
- Where can I go to get help for caregiving?

**FREE EVENT**

**SPEAKER:** Alma De La Piedra-Kirchmann  
Family Consultant, Orange Caregiver Resource Center

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 21, 2016 | 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Orange County Buddhist Church  
909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804

**RSVP:** Light refreshments will be provided.  
RSVP is required and appreciated for planning purposes.  
Please RSVP to Rumi Nakatani at 714.932.3707 or rumiko@sbcglobal.net

**CONTACT:** For more information, please contact Kanako Fukuyama at 213.873.5709 or email kfukuyama@keiro.org

This free event is made possible in part through contributions from the Keiro Endowment Fund along with support from Keiro’s Community Partners, donors, and volunteers.

**HOSTED BY:**

Keiro is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1961 whose mission is to enhance the quality of senior life in our community through programs that meet community needs. Our programs are designed to help people live healthy and fulfilling lives through initiatives that are based on research, encourage healthy living, and build community.
Buddhism and Economics – Rev. Patti Usuki
Saturday morning, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. February 20
How do we reconcile the current economic paradigm with our lives as Shin Buddhists?
Rev. Usuki will explore how Buddhism can address these types of practical concerns in our everyday lives.
Seminar. Registration: $20
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

A Survey of Buddhism – Rev. Jon Turner
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9
This course will survey Buddhism from both a historical and geographical perspective, from the ancient rivers of India to the busy streets of Los Angeles, through texts and practices.
Six week class. Registration: $50
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Lectures on the Shoshinge – Rev. Marvin Harada
Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
January 6, 20, February 3, 17, March 9, 16
Shinran’s verses as part of 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.
January 7, 21, February 4, 11, March 10
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, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27
宗祖親鸞聖人の御著書である「浄土和讃」、「高僧和讃」、「正像未和讃」（まとめて「三帖和讃」と呼ばれ）をひとひひとひ丁寧に説明しながら、難解な真宗・仏教用語を説明しつつ、皆さまと一緒にご和讃を味わいます。
和讃は漢文で書かれた「教行信証」に対して、「ひらかな交じりで書かれ、「和（やわ）らげほめ」とも言われます。京都本山では「正信偈」のあとに順番に毎朝称えられています。
Six week class. Registration: $50
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Registration Form  (Please Print)

Name(s):

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Phone:  ( )  Email:

Please check the class(es) desired:

☑ Buddhism and Economics  ($20)  $_____
☑ Introduction Class  ($50)  $_____
☑ Lectures on the Shoshinge  ($50)  $_____
☑ Lectures on the Larger Sutra  ($50)  $_____
☑ Courses Taught in Japanese  ($50)  $_____

Total $_____

Late registrants may pay $10 per remaining classes.

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

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue  •  Anaheim, CA 92804
Phone: (714) 827-9590  •  Fax: (714) 827-2860
Email: ocbc909@aol.com  •  Website: ocbuddhist.org

Facebook OrangeCountyBuddhistChurch

Please make checks payable to:  
OCBC Buddhist Education Center

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

Orange County Buddhist Church
Buddhist Education Center
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804
2016 New Year Luncheon

Come celebrate the Year of the Monkey with your family, friends and Project Kokoro

SUNDAY
MARCH 20, 2016
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
OCBC MPB

We'll be monkeying around and having delicious food, fun festival games and a special guest juggler.

COST:
Free: *OCBC senior citizens (65 years+)
$20 per Adult (non OCBC senior citizen & all other adults)
$10 per Child  (4 to 12 years old)

RSVP:
Due on March 6, 2016 (no walkins)
RSVP & check must be mailed to:
Kathy Ito
Attn: Project Kokoro
9142 Mc Fadden Ave
Westminster, CA 92683

QUESTIONS:
Kathy Ito
714-401-8711
kathyito@verizon.net

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

JUGGLER – David Cousin is a holder of 5 world records in juggling. He has been providing family-oriented entertainment throughout the world and will be performing a comedy juggling show.

Please complete & return by mail by March 6, 2016
Check payable to Project Kokoro

Names: _________________________________________
_____ No. of OCBC Senior member(65+) X $ 0 = *Free

Guests: _________________________________________
_____ No. of Adults/Guests X $20 = $_____

Phone (_____ ) _________________________________________
_____ No. of Children X $10 = $_____

Email  ____________________________________________

Check #_______ TOTAL $_____
OC Buddhist Women’s Association
Women in Buddhism - Lecture Series 1

Featuring: Learning from the Lives of Shin Buddhist Women.....

Lady Eshinny, Lady Kakushinni, Tokeko Kujo, and Haru Matsuda

OCBC Sangha and Friends are cordially invited to attend.

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016
Time: 12 noon – 1:30p
(a light lunch will be served)
Place: OCBC Social Hall
909 S. Dale Ave
Anaheim, CA 92804
Speaker: Rev. Mutsumi Wondra
(In English and Japanese)
Cost: Free for OC BWA members
$7.00 for all others
Make checks payable to: OC BWA

Mail OR take it to the OCBC office upstairs in the social hall.
DEADLINE is April 10th

XXX Please cut here and submit the bottom of this form with your payment: XXX

Women in Buddhism – Lecture Series 1 Sunday, April 24, 2016 12-1:30p Social Hall

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AMT enclosed
OCBC High School Scholarship Report – January Board

OCBC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

OCBC TALBERT GAKUEN SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCBC TALBERT GAKUEN SCHOLARSHIP. DEADLINE: June 3, 2016, FRIDAY.

Applicants must be members or have parents that are sustaining members of the OCBC to be eligible. The Talbert Gakuen Scholarship was established in honor of, and in accordance with, the wishes of the Issel founders and members of the Talbert Gakuen, who generously arranged a scholarship to an OCBC high school student in furtherance of higher education.

Grade Transcripts are required.

MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATES, OR VOCATIONAL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCBC MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP.

DEADLINE: JUNE 3, 2016, FRIDAY.

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

Deadline: JUNE 3, 2016, FRIDAY
Obtain applications via email request to r_oishi@jpus.com or call Rick Oishi 714-761-3946.
Be sure to indicate the desired scholarship application.
Grade Transcripts are required.

2016 February Korin Announcement
2016 ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH
SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP(NEW/EXISTING) APPLICATION FORM

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

_________________________  ___________________________  ____________
Last Name  First Name  MI

_________________________  ___________________________  ____________
Street Address  City  State  ZIP

Home Phone (____)________________  Cell (____)________________  e-mail ________________

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

_________________________  ___________________________  ____________
Last Name  First Name  MI

Home Phone (____)________________  Cell (____)________________  e-mail ________________

Children (under age 24):
Name ___________________________  Date of Birth ____________
Name ___________________________  Date of Birth ____________
Name ___________________________  Date of Birth ____________

Please check desired membership:
[ ] Individual Membership which includes one adult and dependent children under the age of 24
[ ] Family Membership which includes two adults and dependent children under the age of 24
[ ] Kansha Membership/Individual – Special Donation that includes Individual Membership
[ ] Kansha Membership/Family – Special Donation that includes Family Membership

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

Individual:  $240  $120  $60  $20
Family:  $480  $240  $120  $40
Kansha/Individual:  $500 or more
Kansha/Family:  $1000 or more

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

Method of Payment:
[ ] Check No. __________ (Make check payable to OCBC)  Amount: $__________

[ ] Credit Card (Make arrangement in OCBC Office)  Amount: $__________

Total: $__________

Please submit check and application form to:

ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH
909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

For Office use only:  Received by: ______________ Date ____________

Quick-Book Entry by: ______________ Date ____________

Database Entry by: ______________ Date ____________

BCA Entry by: ______________ Date ____________
Completing the Dream

The OCBC

50th Anniversary Project

909 S. Dale Avenue • Anaheim, CA 92804 • Phone (714) 827-9890 • Website: www.ocbuddhist.org • E-Mail: ocbc909@aol.com

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

Credit Card Number _______ _______ _______ _______ - _______ _______ - _______ _______ -

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