HELP @ HANAMATSURI!!

April 9th – 1:00-8:00 PM
April 10th -1:00-8:00 PM

We would greatly appreciate your help in the following areas:

**Wonton folding** – 8:00 AM until finished – both days (Social Hall)
**Sunday Night Tear Down** – April 10th – 8:00 PM until completed
**Tuesday Supplies Clean up** – April 12th – 9:00 AM

Please join us and work alongside your fellow Sangha members supporting OCBC by creating great food, fun times, and good memories.

Gassho,
Jo Ann Tanioka, Festival Chairperson
Rod Nishimura, Co-Chairperson
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Need to pick-up some delicious food in a hurry, take advantage of our TAKE OUT service. Enter the parking lot from the south gate and someone will take your order. Raffle tickets may also be dropped off at the same time.
On the meaning of “Sangha”

This month I would like to share excerpts from a wonderful essay by Thich Nhat Hanh, the renowned Vietnamese Buddhist master and author of numerous books on Buddhism, on the meaning of “Sangha.”

The practice of sangha

A Sangha is a community of friends practicing the dharma together in order to bring about and to maintain awareness. The essence of a sangha is awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love.

Thich Nhat Hanh points out that when we say we take refuge in the “Sangha,” that this is not a statement, but it is a practice. By that he means that we learn and “practice” Buddhism together as a sangha. He also points out that for him, the elements of a sangha are not just human, the trees, water, air, birds, and anything can be members of our sangha.

Sangha as our roots

Modern society has become fragmented. Families have become broken and people feel rejected or displaced from society. We have lost our “roots.” Without roots, a tree cannot live. Without our roots in a Sangha, an individual cannot become transformed or find a connection with others.

The sangha is a place to practice for the transformation and the healing of self and society.

A person who sinks his roots into a sangha, will have his life transformed, and his life will begin to transform others in the sangha and in society.

We need a sangha

Without being in a sangha, without being supported by a group of friends who are motivated by the same ideal and practice, we cannot go far.

Many people new to Buddhism only know Buddhism through books. They are often referred to as “nightstand Buddhists,” because they always read books on their “nightstand” but have never joined a sangha. There is only so far a person can go by reading books and learning about Buddhism on your own. You need teachers and friends to support, guide, and share the teachings with you. It is one thing to read about Buddhism, but it is another thing to see that teaching manifested in a real person.

How a sangha helps us

When we throw a rock into a river the rock will sink. But if we have a boat, the boat can carry hundreds of pounds of rocks and it will not sink. The same thing is true with our sorrow and pain. If we have a boat, we can carry our pain and sorrow, and we will not sink into the river of suffering. And what is that boat? That boat is, first of all, the energy of mindfulness that you generate by your practice. That boat is also the sangha—the community of practice consisting of brothers and sisters in the dharma.

Without friends to support us, we might fall into a deep hole when faced with tragedy, sorrow, or any number of difficult life experiences. Our sangha is our support group of friends and fellow travelers, who listen to us, speak with us, sometimes scold us, as we travel the journey of life.

The sangha isn’t perfect

You don’t need a perfect sangha - a family or a community doesn’t have to be perfect in order to be helpful. In fact, the sangha at the time of the Buddha was not perfect. But it was enough for people to take refuge in, because in the sangha there were people who had enough compassion, solidarity, and insight to embrace others who did not have as much compassion, solidarity and insight. I also have some difficulties with my sangha, but I’m very happy because everyone tries to practice in my sangha.

In our interactions with others in our sangha, there may have been times when someone said something that offended you, or upset you. You might have even felt like leaving, or quitting the sangha, because you were that upset. However, Thich Nhat Hanh points out that our sangha is not perfect because we are not perfect. Even the Buddha’s sangha was not perfect. But if the sangha was perfect and everyone was perfect, wouldn’t that be strange as well? It is our imperfections that make us think, that make us reflect. We should not be afraid of the imperfections of ourselves and others.

In the sangha there must be difficult people. These difficult people are a good thing for you – they will test your capacity of sangha-building and practicing.

I take refuge in the sangha

When a situation is dangerous, you need to escape, you need to take refuge in a place that is safe, that is solid. Earth is something we can take refuge in because it is solid. We can build houses on earth, but we cannot build on sand. The sangha is the same. Mindfulness, concentration and insight have built up sanghas and individuals that are solid, so when you take refuge in the sangha, you take refuge in the most solid elements.

Once again we have been shocked by the news of another terrorist bombing, this time occurring in Brussels. We wonder where we can be safe? As we live in a world that is becoming more fearful, we can take refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. We can surround ourselves with people who are solid....solid in the Dharma. Such an environment will give us a real sense of safety and protection, despite the changing nature of the world that we live in.

Namuamidabutsu, Rev. Marvin Harada.

A WAY OF SEEING (04.2016 – Cause/Effect)

This is not the first essay I have written about cause and effect. It is probably even more certain that this is not the first time you have read about the subject. ‘Subject’ is put in the singular, because cause and effect are nearly always discussed together, especially as a discussion topic in Buddhism. The reason for that is simple: It is one of the most important subjects in Buddhism. One cannot exist without the other. Actually, neither truly exists. A cause “exists” for only as long as it engenders an effect; an effect, for as long as there is a connection to its cause. In a sense, it is what sets Buddhism apart from other religions. Without this teaching, there might not be a Buddhism, at least not as we know it today.

Have you ever thought of cause and effect in terms of time? When we think of it in terms of simple physics, if there is such an animal, it is somewhat simple, but modern physics is something altogether different, at least to me. I cannot follow it. I cannot even remember its name. If I remember correctly, an event can occur exactly the same at least twice. I could not follow either the math or the physics. This is probably the reason I quit engineering after one semester, way back when there was no such thing as a quarter. I could not follow the math (cause), therefore, I quit engineering (effect). Can you say definitively whether cause always and only comes before effect? When we are defining these in English, I believe that is true, but I also seem to remember that the opposite also holds true when it is stated mathematically. Please do not ask me how to do that. My head is already sinking below the waves.

You probably do not need any more examples of cause and effect, but have you given any thought to whether that is all that is needed? What about whether a cause is always a cause, or an effect always an effect? You could say that a cause is a cause only if it is influencing, or changing, a given situation. What happens after that? Does the cause become an effect? Not necessarily, right? This is probably most readily seen with chemicals. A chemical is a chemical is a chemical until it reacts with another chemical, at which point it changes into another chemical, which is not that added chemical. It is an effect of the mix. Right? However, it is not that the cause has become an effect. The mixture of the two chemicals is the effect.

This formula is fairly easy to see, although the mixture is not necessarily so. The mixture might blow up in our face. Literally. Mixing chemicals without knowing what will be the result is quite dangerous, especially, but not only, if we’re mixing more than two chemicals.

When we think or talk about cause and effect, we need to know and think at least as much about the conditions involved as about the predicted cause and effect. Depending on how many chemicals are involved, this can be easy or hard. And, remember, chemicals can be as dangerous as human situations.

Let’s think about conditions: If we stay in the realm of chemistry, it might make it easier to consider their mixture. The causes, or elements, of a chemical mixture, or reaction, can be as manifold as we want, although, because so much is known about chemical reactions, we would not normally mix more than is needed for our experiment or desired outcome. One problem is that when the human element (the person mixing the chemicals) is introduced, mistakes are liable to happen. We humans are among the conditions that affect the mixing of chemicals, sometimes with purposely or accidentally catastrophic effects.

In Buddhism, we speak of cause and effect, but we speak of them in a kind of shorthand. The correct wording should be cause-conditions-effect, or maybe causes-conditions-effects, since we are more likely to begin and end this sequence in pluralities. As for the sequence itself, although we are accustomed to saying cause and effect or cause-condition-effect, if we think about it carefully, unless we really know what the cause, condition or effect are before we think or speak about them, the sequence could almost be in any order. The reason is simply that we do not often think of sequences even after we have done something, unless it is as important to know the sequence as it is simply to follow it. Just looking at the foregoing, it is probable that there are more conditions needed to complete the sequence than causes or effects.

Rev. Keizo Norimoto (ret.), who regularly writes essays in Japanese in the Rafu Shimpo, recently wrote one titled Jō Jū Mujin (over and over without end), in which he talks about those words from the Garland Sutra. What they refer to is the coming together without end, over and over, of people and things, creating infinite relationships.

Let’s try to consider non-physical causes, conditions and effects. I say “try,” because when we consider anything non-physical, it can be quite difficult to pinpoint something supposedly having the properties of a cause, condition or effect. Am I wrong? For one thing, if something is non-physical, we’re probably thinking about a feeling, or emotion, a mere thought, or maybe something that is non-physical to begin with but becomes concrete after thinking about it for a short or long time.

Think about greed. It’s almost tangible, wouldn’t you say? If you agree, it’s probably because you realize that greed does not exist alone. It needs an object. Greed does not just float around looking for an object to be greedy for, although it might seem that way sometimes. Greed is awakened when we see or imagine an object of desire that we cannot readily obtain, if at all. Needless to say, greed fosters suffering, not just our own, but for those around us as well. (Have you ever noticed that an object of greed is rarely a person? We do not say of a guy that he’s greedy for her. At least I have never heard or seen it used in that way.) What is/are the cause/s? The conditions? The effect should be greed. Or is the cause greed?

Think about anger, or hatred. Ask the same questions. What about ignorance, or stupidity? You have probably deduced by now that greed, anger, and ignorance are what are called the ‘three poisons’ by Buddhists.

What does Jodo Shinshu, the True Purport of the Pure Land Teachings, have to say about it? Rev. William Briones (Rimban, Nishi) puts it this way in his Japanese essay in the Rafu, Zai-aku Jinjū no Mi, “This embodiment of deep evil,” very loosely translated: I have no doubt that the flames of evil burn within me. Yet when we compare ourselves, for example, to some of today’s politicians, we consider ourselves as good and them as evil. However, surely they think of themselves as being good people. In truth, we are all the same in that we are filled with blind passions. Shinshu does not turn us into people who do not make mistakes; rather, it lets us see our ignorance, our weaknesses, and the error of our ways. We think that we are right, but this thought is a huge mistake. This is Jodo Shinshu’s “awakening.” This is meeting with Amida’s wisdom and compassion, and having the Buddha Dharma open us to the truth.

I hope I did not misunderstand or misinterpret his words. Thank you for reading this. Please take care of yourselves. Make your life one you can live with.

Gassho,
Donkon Jaan Doami
Transmission of Shin Buddhist Teaching
Aspiring for Buddhahood to Save Sentient Beings

Thank you for the opportunity to write the English Dharma message in the Korin this month. I write a Japanese Dharma message every month, and lead the Japanese class after the Sunday service, so I appreciate this opportunity to engage with the English speaking sangha.

Next year, in March 2017, we plan to visit Kyoto and participate in the commemorative accession service of the new 25th Gomonshu Sennyo ("Gomonshu" meaning the Master of Gate; an honorific prefix "go" is added to the word "monshu" with respect). If you are interested in participating in this Japan trip, please let me know. The date of this special service in Nishihonganji is March 31, 2017, and we may visit Master Shinran's historic locations such as the birthplace in Nindo, Shoren-in where he received the Tendai ordination, Mt. Hiei where he spent 20 years for practice, Master Honen's place of Yoshimizu in Kyoto, and then we will move to Nigata area to see the place where Shinran was exiled from Nembutsu prosecution, and visit the museum of Eshinni (wife of Shinran) and Kanto-Ibaraki area where Shinran propagated the Nembutsu teaching for several years before returning to Kyoto. This trip would include wonderful Japanese meals and hot springs.

The commemoration on the accession from the 24th previous Gomonshu Sokunyo to his son, the 25th current Gomonshu Sennyo is called "Dentō Hōkoku Hōyō (伝灯報法要)". "Den" 伝 means transmit, and "tō 烏" means a torch. The letter 烏 ( "tō" in on-reading as Chinese -delivered pronunciation) can be read as "tomoshibi" in kun-reading as the native Japanese equivalent reading. "Tomasubishi" signified Shinran's teaching, shown as the Light of Wisdom on ordinary human beings with many challenges living on a bumpy road in this world. This means "Dentō" signifies that the teaching of Shinran was fully accessed to the current Gomonshu, and we celebrate this event and wish the teaching of Shin Buddhism to be shared all over the world beyond the differences of languages and cultures. This special service will take place in Kyoto Nishihonganji during the time between October, 2016 and May, 2017. During the time there are two dates of October 21, 2016 and March 31, 2017, designated for the overseas districts, and OCBC plans to participate in March, 2017.

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President’s Message

This month, representatives from all of the Buddhist Churches of America met in Visalia, California for its annual meeting. Jeff Folick and I were honored to represent Orange County Buddhist Church along with Reverends Harada and Wondra. In conjunction with this meeting, the BCA Ministers’ Association also had their meetings. The Canadian Buddhist Churches and the Hawaiian Buddhist Temples were also sent representatives. My first observation was that this was an interesting group of Buddhists, but when we had a chance to interact in smaller workshops and during breaks, it was obvious that we were all followers of the Buddha Dharma and we all suffered from the same church challenges of membership, diversity and the defining the emerging American Shin Buddhism culture. I am pleased to announce that Glenn Inanaga was elected as Delegate at Large to the BCA Board of Directors. Glenn is also Chairman of the By Laws Committee for the BCA.

This was my first visit to Visalia. Visalia is located in Tulare County which is the most productive agricultural county in the United States. It is also known as the gateway to the Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. Downtown Visalia has a nice small town atmosphere and with many restaurants and shops within walking distance from our hotel/convention center. It still has an old style Cantonese restaurant, reminiscent of the places we use to have here in Orange County and Los Angeles. We had a wonderful dinner with the West Los Angeles and San Fernando members and ministers.

The “Dharmathon” this year was exceptionally wonderful with our own Rev. Mistusmi Wondra giving her 15 minute Dharma message with four other new ministers. We are fortunate to have new and well schooled senseis in our ranks. Something to watch for is a new minister, Matthew Hamasaki from the Central Valley District. He quickly received the nickname “The Voice” because of his baritone delivery much like the actor Morgan Freeman. Other interesting programs included a session on “Social Justice”, “Anti-Bullying” and “Membership: Retention and Propagation”. There were so many good ideas and examples that it will be interesting to bring these thoughts to our Sangha.

Recently, the Planning Committee has been meeting and they are sorting through the wonderful comments, thoughts and aspirations expressed at the retreat. The committee is crafting an OCBC Vision and Mission Statements and defining goals for the church that will keep the church vibrant and relative for everyone. The committee will draft a document to share with the board which will undoubtedly stimulate more discussion and strengthen our strategic plan for our future.

Hanamatsuri is around the corner, April 9 and 10, and Jo Ann Tanioka and her committee are busy preparing and planning on producing another wonderful festival. If you have not seen the You Tube video by Greg Goodman, you will have to take a look. Its link can be found at the OCBC web site. Behind the scenes, all of the organizations are preparing for their booth or activity and the committee is asking for volunteers to assist in moving and setting up for all of the booths and exhibits. After the festival, we will also need your help to put all of the festival materials away. In advance, thank you to all of the Sangha members for coming out to help.

You may have noticed that things are happening around the Hondo. Preparation for the re-model of the Hondo and the courtyard has already started. Thanks to Jim Mitchell and his OCBC work crew, the two main stone lanterns have been safely moved to a storage area, several of the cherished trees around the courtyard are in preparation for transplanting. The Naijin will be taken apart and sent to Japan to be refurbished. May 22nd will be the last Sunday service in the present Hondo. New services will be conducted mainly in the Social Hall with some special services in the MPB. Because these are temporary locations for the services, we ask for everyone’s cooperation. Please be patient and help make this period a smooth transition to our new Hondo which should be available in time for the 2017 Hanamatsuri if things go well for the construction people.

In Gassho,
Alan Endo, OCBC President

OCBC Wish List

Our list for this month is short. If you can help the Project Kokoro Craft Seniors with a few supplies, please step up. They meet every Wednesday morning, enjoy each others company, and produce useful, clever crafts. Please direct all questions to Dorothy Matsuoka. Thank you in advance.

PK Craft needs:
Costco white hand towels, pkg. of 12
Sign holders (for Hanamatsuri/Obon boutique)
Cello bags - 5” x 13” or 3” x 10” approx.

Donations may be dropped off at the office. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara

Korin Articles Due

4/24/2016
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

2016 Dates: 4/24**, 5/29*

*Youth Dept, Daion Taiko, DW, ST and JrY can submit articles
**All scouts troops can submit articles
BWA News

Announcements
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22nd, at 12:30pm in the Kodo after the Gotan-e service and luncheon. New members are invited to join throughout the year.
- OCBWA will be hosting ‘Women in Buddhism’ Lecture Series 1 on Sunday, April 24th, from noon until 1:30pm and our guest speaker will be Rev. Mutsumi Wondra. This lecture is open to everyone and a light lunch will be served. Please RSVP by April 10th.
- San Diego and Vista Buddhist Temples will be hosting the Southern District Buddhist and BWA Conference on Saturday, June 18th, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego. If you are interested in attending, the OCBWA deadline is May 8th. For more information, contact Laura Yamamoto

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, March 14th, 60 seniors and guests enjoyed the delicious bento and celebrated birthdays for Dan Kakikawa, Jim Motokane, Kinuko Uijhara, and Irene Yamanishi. The ladies prepared salmon filets, simmered chicken, green beans with shirataki noodles, kinpira gobo, and pasta salad. Thank you to Kinuko Uijhara and Irene Yamanishi for the monetary donations and to Jodi Hisamoto for the takuan for their help: Chris Nakamura for the beautiful flowers. Our next senior luncheon will be held on Monday, April 18th, 2016.

Hanamatsuri April 9th and 10th
Friday worker lunch (Rumi Nakatani and Ellen Crane) 8:30am social hall kitchen – Tobans C and J. We encourage all available members to help prepare the lunch and Tobans please bring 3 dozen desserts in small serving size portions.
Sushi Prep (Jodi Hisamoto) Friday 8:30am MPB kitchen/conference room – cut and cook vegetables for nori maki sushi, prepare age for inari sushi, and more.
Sat/Sun 8:00am MPB kitchen/conference room – roll norimaki and prepare inari sushi. Around 11:00am – cut and package sushi and chop vegetables for chirashi.
Udon Prep (Mrs. Kotake) Sat/Sun 9:00am MPB kitchen – slice kamaboko and chop green onions, separate meat, cook noodles and prepare servings, prepare dashi.
Udon Serving Work Shifts (Laura Yamamoto) – sign up for shifts from 1:00pm to 8:00pm
Wonton Prep (Bonnie Goodman) Thursday 6:00pm outside MPB by sinks – chop vegetables Friday 9:00am outside social hall – divide and distribute meat and vegetables, cook and cool gu.
Sat/Sun 9:00am social hall – folding, folding, and more folding of wontons.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

Maintenance Report

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

Paul Fujimoto  David Fusato  Wat Iwakoshi
Dan Kaneko  Hideo Kawamura  Dennis Morinaga
Eric Nakahara  Rod Nishimura  Dennis Okada
Frank Okamura  Winston Shigenaga  Tom Sunada
Ron Suzuki  Masa Tominaga

The following list is some of the work that was done:
1) General
a) Installed new castor wheels on a push cart.
b) Continued trash removal from the street side of the fence on Ball Road.
c) Replaced tires on power washer.
d) Sprayed weeds north of the classroom building with Roundup.
e) Thinned the daikon in the Ball Road vegetable garden.
f) Continued with preparing trees for transplant in preparation for Phase 2.
g) Removed weeds from Ball Road garden area and Japanese Garden north of the Kodo.
h) Repaired 15 dark brown folding chairs.
i) Transported eight propane tanks to be re-certified.
j) Filled 16 propane tanks in preparation for Hanamatsuri.

2) Class Room Building
a) Reinstalled door molding around entrance door to the book store/lounge/Old Geezer Guys Planning room.
b) Continued with reorganization of the book store/lounge/ Old Geezer Guys Planning room.
c) Continued regrading the dirt on the north side to direct rain water away from the building.
d) Continued work to replace damaged tiles on the 2nd floor walkway.
e) Began installation of protective/decorative tile edge wood trim.
f) Replaced a paper towel dispenser in the men’s room.

3) MPB
a) Replaced women’s restroom sink faucet.
b) Replaced damaged exterior lighting timer control box.
c) Work continued to reorganize several storage rooms.
d) Replaced florescent bulbs and ballasts in light fixtures in the lounge and storage room.
e) Checked and adjusted two rice cookers.
f) Added three temporary gas connections for rice cookers for Hanamatsuri.

4) Social Hall
a) Added three temporary gas connections for rice cookers for Hanamatsuri.

Next monthly workday is Monday April 18, 2016 at 9 A.M. Anyone that has some free time is welcome to join us. A delicious “home” cooked lunch is provided by the BWA.

In Gassho,
Jim Mitchell
Project Kokoro News

New Year’s Luncheon

On March 20th over 150 gathered for a fun-filled day to celebrate the “Year of the Monkey” and were greeted by the new co- Presidents, Lori Kosakura and Judy Uyema who started off the celebration with a welcome in both English and Japanese. Many speeches and gift presentations followed: Ron Suzuki, our advisor along with his wife Kyoko, in his speech, mentioned the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami’s five years anniversary and asked us all to remember and support the Tohoku people. Phyllis Uyemura was acknowledged for her incredible dedication and gallant leadership to our group for the past six years as our president and asked for her continued support to this great group. What a trooper!

Diana Ono then presented tokens of appreciation gifts to major PK donors - the Mits Kawaguchi Family, Lori Kosakura, Beth Fujishige, Aki Nitta, Winston Shigenaga and the Kei Shimizu Family. Thanks to their generosity, we are able to bring you various events. Thank you for your continued support!

A delicious lunch consisting of misoyaki salmon and tri tip was served and catered by Joyce Sakamoto for everyone to enjoy! Juggler, David Cousin, arranged by Joan and Gordon Tani, followed lunch and entertained everyone with his fantastic talent and humor. Geri Hing, the Balloon Lady, was introduced and everyone marveled at her balloon masterpieces that served as table centerpieces.

Chris Hirata and Joanne Ishii planned 10 fantastic and fun games for everyone to play for prizes. Such a great energy was felt when all participated - even those with wheelchairs, walkers and canes had no problem going from station to station to participate in the games. It was truly a joy to see everyone enjoying themselves and being "kids again" by playing beach ball toss, fishing, bean bag toss, poker, etc. When it was announced - "Times up", there were groans heard since they wanted to keep playing. We are so glad that everyone enjoyed themselves and many asked that it become an annual event!

We thank everyone who helped (too numerous to mention) put together this great party and the people who attended for making it a success! It takes all of us working together to make these PK events successful and we thank you all for coming and participating! We all had a fantastic fun-filled afternoon!

Craft Club News

Craft Club will have many wonderful items to sell at Hanamatsuri so please be sure to come by their booth and pick up something for yourself or a gift for a loved one. All Sustaining members are invited to participate in the Craft Club. For more information please contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ cell# 562-743-3483 or email: dcmatsuoka@aol.com

Appreciation

We are able to continue to provide entertaining and enjoyable events through your generosity and would like to acknowledge our heart-felt gratitude for recent donations from Harada Family & Shimojima Family, Jeannie Shimozono, Ruby Takazumi, Mary Jane Fujimura, Beth Fujishige, Yukiko Hirata, Mrs. Annie Hirokawa, Mrs. Seiko Hoshino, Tomio Ito, Wat & Hiromi Iwakoshi, The Kawaguchi Family, Mitsuko Korin, Yasuko Kotake, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maeda, Shizuko Matsumoto, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Matsuo, Mrs. Mutsuko Miyakawa, Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Mizutani, Karen Muramoto, Mary Nakayama, Kathy Nishimoto, Roy & Fran Onishi, Mrs. Stella Otsuka, Mrs. Tamiko Sakimoto, Mrs. Masako Sawada, Winston & Ruth Shigenaga, Akira & Amy Takata, Misae Yamamoto, and Mr. Eizo Yasuda.

Next Meeting

Please join us for our upcoming meetings, April 13 and May 11, held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Senior Room at 7pm. Find out how you can get involved, share ideas, or come for the friendships. If you would like more information you can contact either of the co-presidents:
Lori Kosakura:  lorikosakura@gmail.com
Judy Uyema:   jujuterao@hotmail.com

In Gassho,

Neddie Bokosky

Dharma School News

Upcoming Events

Hatsumairi Rites (Infant Presentation)

Date:  May 22, 2016

The Hatsumairi is an occasion for you to present your child to the Buddha and to the Sangha, formally, for the first time, so that they too can be embraced by the teachings of the Buddha. Additional information and application can be found in this month’s Korin. Applications can also be obtained from the OCBC office. You may mail the applications to OCBC or email to Mrs. Teri Whited. The application deadline is May 15. If you have any questions, please contact Teri Whited via email: teriwhited@gmail.com or via cell phone: (714) 875-0584.

D.S. Class Schedule

D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: April 17, 24, May 1,15, June 5, and 12.

Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,

Tracy Yamashita-Perry
Dharma School Yuri Class

We would like to share what our 2nd grade class wrote about gratitude. We were inspired by the sermon Rev. Harada gave on Sun, Mar. 20 and by the song we sang, Okagesama De (with deepest gratitude).

What are you grateful for? Why?

I am grateful for ice cream because it is a nice cold treat. But I should be thanking the clouds because the clouds have raindrops and the rain helps the grass grow. So then the cows eat the grass then the cows get milk and they turn the milk into ice cream. I learned this from Rev. Harada. Thanks to him. I have gratitude for my glasses because they help me see important things.

I am grateful for rain because we are in a drought. I am grateful for animals because they give us food. I am grateful for my family because they love me. I am grateful for myself because I am nice to my friends and it makes me glad.

I'm thankful for getting Mia, my Pomeranian because she is the cutest puppy to cuddle with. I am thankful for family because if I didn't have any family I wouldn't be alive! I am thankful for rain because if we don't have any rain, we wouldn't be alive because we need water to live.

I am thankful for rain because without rain the flowers would not bloom and grass would not grow. I am thankful for food because without food, I would not be able to have chicken noodle soup.

I am thankful for ice cream because it is yummy. Namuamidabutsu

I am thankful for clouds because clouds make rain, rain makes grass, cows eat grass which makes ice cream. Namuamidabutsu

I am thankful for milk because it helps with strong bones. Namuamidabutsu

I am grateful for pets because they're fun to play with. Namuamidabutsu

I am grateful for animals because they're cute (most of them). Namuamidabutsu

I am grateful for parents. Without my parents, I wouldn't be alive.

I am grateful for my family because they are loving.

In Gassho,

2nd Grade Dharma School Teachers
Mrs. Nishimura, Mrs. Ishii, & Mrs. Hirata

The Shin Reader

Since we celebrate Sakyamuni Buddha’s birthday in April, the Shin Reader selected one book about the life of the Buddha and one book about the Mahayana concept that Buddha is already within each of us. Both books are available from online book sellers and the second book is also available at the BCA Bookstore.

Buddha by Karen Armstrong.
“One night toward the end of the sixth century B.C.E., a young man called Siddhatta Gotama walked out of his comfortable home in Kapilavatthu in the foothills of the Himalayas and took to the road.” So begins Karen Armstrong’s Buddha, a biography of Gotama that places him within the turbulent social and spiritual context of ancient India. Armstrong, a former Catholic nun, has written extensively on the history of Western religion. Drawing on the Pāli scriptures, she has produced a deeply moving account of the life of the historical Buddha. In order to find the Buddhist path, we must hear Gotama’s story throughout our lives, hearing it as if for the first time. A Brahmin priest once asked the Buddha, “Are you a god?” “No.” “Are you an angel?” “No.” “Are you a spirit?” “No.” “Are you a human being?” “No.” “Then what are you?” “Remember me as one who has woken up.” – review by Jim Pollard

Buddha Nature by Sallie King.
There are very few really good books on Buddhism and even fewer on the Buddhist teaching of Buddha Nature. The only book I have ever found is Buddha Nature by Sallie King. In her introduction, she states that "the concept of Buddha nature, though little discussed in Western surveys of Buddhism, is one of the most important ideas in East Asian Buddhism." It is also one of the most important ideas for Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. We often hear phrases like "accepted as we are", "embraced and never to be abandoned" and "say the nembutsu in gratitude." I believe that these reflect the emotional content of Buddha Nature doctrine. We are waves on the surface of a great ocean of causes and conditions. We are not the ocean and yet our true reality is no different from the ocean. The ocean of Buddha Nature. And for this we can be truly thankful. When we gassho, it is as if the wave - for the first time - is acknowledging this profound relationship. And the roar of this ocean is none other than Namuamidabutsu. – review by Rev Jon Turner
ABA NEWS

Riddle: What sees light when it is dark? What sees darkness when it is light? Answer: Your eyelashes. It is time to be awaken and become a participant instead of a face in a crowd. Some people sit back and watch others do the work. Others realize the light and wisdom of the needs of the temple and actively doing their part. ABA has served the Sangha since 1967. The many years of service have resulted in many projects still going on today. ABA is a non-discriminating, no nonsense, non-political group of people dedicated to the welfare of the Sangha. Whatever your lifestyle, joining ABA may awaken your image of what the temple is all about.

NEW MEMBERS: ABA welcomes Karen Mount, Joni Nakaso, and Phyllis Uyemura.

2016 HANAMATSURI FESTIVAL
1) Chicken Teriyaki Chairpersons: Aaron Nagayama and Robert Higashi
   a. Teriyaki Sauce making: Thursday (April 7) 9:00AM
   b. Chicken Cleaning: Friday (April 8) 6:00PM
2) Workers Luncheon Chairpersons: Janet Uyeno and Chieko Miyake
   a. Food prep and cooking: Saturday (April 9) 8:30AM

2016 TRAVEL USA: September 25-October 1, 2016
Mesa Verde/Durango trip was discussed. More details will be presented at the next ABA meeting.

2017 LONG DISANCE TRAVEL: Ed Kato distributed handouts on the British Isles. A vote by e-mail will decide the final destination for the 2017 trip.

ABA PAST PRESIDENTS
1974 Robert Eto
1975 Shuji Maruko
1976 Jim Motokane

Dai On Taiko

We’re down to a short few weeks and only two practices left before Hanamatsuri. BE THERE!
A few short weeks after Hanamatsuri, we’ll get to join with the larger JA community at this year’s Manzanar Pilgrimage as part of the entertainment. It has been awhile since our group has done a road trip and am happy it is for something as meaningful as this. With all the craziness in the world right now, it’s important to take a step back and remember our shared history. We’re actually renting a bus to take everyone in comfort. We’ve even invited Sangha Teens and Jr. YBA to join us at this memorable event.
We can’t wait to see everyone at both of those events!
If you haven’t signed up for Chicken Salad yet, please do so.

Upcoming Events
Hanamatsuri – 04/09-04/10/2016
Manzanar Pilgrimage – 04/30/2016

In Gassho, Daryl Doami

Dharma Wheel Club

On Sunday, March 6 Kizuna held a free mochitsuki workshop for Dharma school, Sangha teens, and Dharma Wheel club members. Everyone enjoyed an interactive kagami-mochi making activity. Members also learned the cultural significance of mochi and the traditions of the Japanese New Year. This is just a sample of some of the fun and interesting activities Kizuna offers during their summer Nikkei Discovery Camp for 2nd-8th graders.
We also co-hosted with the Sangha Teens the Ohigan luncheon. Many thanks to co-chairs Cindie Nishida and Susan Nishi for doing an excellent job coordinating the luncheon. Also many thanks to the DWC families for providing yummy desserts. We appreciate everyone pitching in and helping throughout the luncheon.
Project Kokoro celebrated another successful New Year’s luncheon. DWC provided placemats decorated with this year’s theme the “Year of the Monkey”. Many thanks to co-chairs Irene Fukui and Alan Fukui for planning this activity. Alan Fukui traced monkey caricatures on 160 placemats for the DWC members to decorate.
Next month we will be looking forward to the Hanamatsuri festival. DWC members thank you in advance for signing up for your game booth shift and your support of OCBC!

In Gassho,
Carol, Irene and Megumi
Dharma Wheel Club co-ordinators

Daikon no Hana: Talking will not cook rice.

With deep gratitude, Ron Suzuki
Sangha Teens were very busy these last two months. On February 13, we had the Sangha Teens recycling. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Some Sangha Teens went to the Oxnard Three Treasures event on February 27. When we arrived at the event it was beautiful. After service, we had a scavenger hunt. We had to take a pose in front of the bodhi tree, take selfies with Sensei Nori, and we even got to make masks. All of the Sangha was extremely kind and welcoming and the food was great! There was a huge sushi boat and a large bowl of colorful finger jello. It was a long drive, but was totally worth it. A small group spent the night at a nearby hotel. It was fun. We had a pillow fight! The next morning we had a delicious breakfast and went to service at Oxnard Buddhist Temple. We all had a really great time.

At our last meeting on March 6, sixth and seventh graders went to the Kizuna workshop, where they played games and made mochi. The Sangha Teens had a lot of fun. While the sixth and seventh graders were at the workshop, the eighth graders started planning our Southern District Sangha Teens Event - Game Night. We chose the theme “All Around the World” because Buddhism is universal and is meant for everybody. The date is May 21, 2016 from 3:00 to 8:00pm. We’re looking forward to hosting our Southern District Sangha Teens friends!

In Gassho,
Hannah Robinson

On January 23rd, Jr. YBA hosted Seminar 1. The theme was “Buddhism in the Bathroom”. We held four workshops to explore Buddhist teachings that relate to the bathroom. The workshop titles were “A Truckload of Dung”, “Your Life is a Toilet Paper Roll”, “Take a Look Through the Mirror”, and “Oops, I Dropped My Phone in the Toilet”. Reverend Harada donated a signed copy of his book “Buddhism in Everyday Life” to all delegates who attended. We were reminded to make the best of the worst situations and explored the virtue of impermanence. We learned about the importance of the beauty of the inner self and spoke about the importance of the non-physical aspects of our lives. Seminar 1 was a great way to learn about the Buddhist teachings while also having fun with our friends from other Southern District temples!

On February 7th, we held our annual Kyoto High School Girls event. High school aged students from Japan came to OCBC to see the temple, eat lunch, and play fun games. We played icebreakers like “tigers, traps, and home girls” and ate a delicious lunch. Because it was almost Valentine’s Day, we signed cute Starbucks mugs that were decorated with little hearts and exchanged small gifts. The junior and senior boys performed a dance, and we taught the girls how to play the cup song. Mrs. Nishi also taught us a dance to Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars. The event was a lot of fun, and we look forward to hosting the girls again next year!

On May 8th, we will be having our annual Mother’s Day breakfast. It is a great way to show appreciation to the amazing mothers in our lives. Mothers eat for free!

We are excited to participate in Hanamatsuri this month, look for our members in the Corn Booth, washing dishes and serving boba!! We would also like to thank the Sangha for their continual support of all our activities.

In gassho,
Jamie Hayakawa
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair
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In Memoriam

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

Fumie Ishimizu
Ben Nakahara
Ron Nakamura
Fumi Nakano

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

March
1 Ron Nakamura, Funeral Service
5 Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
   Fumie Ishimizu, Funeral Service
   Ben Nakahara, Funeral Service
11 Sumiko Okura, 100 Day Memorial Service
12 Suzuki “Sue” Ikemoto, Memorial Service
   Ron Nakamura, 7th Day Memorial Service & Innumment
   Carolyn Fujishige, 3 Year Memorial Service
19 George Matsumoto, 3 Year Memorial Service
21 Fumi Nakano, Funeral Service
On February 28th, after our normal family service, Reverend Harada, Howard Nakagiri and Bill Sakahara hosted a town hall meeting for the Sangha to explain the rationale for the Board of Directors decision to proceed with construction of the Hondo renovation and courtyard after the Obon Festival 2016 in July. Howard explained that a loan would be needed to pay for construction completion, but the loan amount is expected to be small enough to allow us to borrow money from internal OCBC sources. Bill explained a conservative payback plan but was optimistic that we could pay back the loan early because of the generosity of the Sangha to continue to donate to the Project as we complete this "Dream". Reverend Harada completed the meeting with an explanation of how we would have most services in the social hall after May 22nd. Special services with luncheons would be held in the MPB with lunch served in the social hall. Details of how all these arrangements would be done are written in guidelines which have been distributed to all OCBC affiliated organizations. If there are any questions, they should be referred to Nancy Hara in the office.

On the planning side, the completed construction drawings are in the review process by the Anaheim Building Department. Our architect is already answering questions from the review, which is normal. We anticipate their review process to be completed by early May. In the meantime, our contractor is receiving bids from all the subcontractors, and we are hopeful we can get a financial bid around the same time. All key functions are proceeding on schedule.

It’s time again for our annual update of the Bodhi donor tree leaves. This year we are upgrading 21 current leaves to a higher level (new color) and adding 19 new donor leaves! All donors who are affected have been contacted by letter to submit inscription forms for their new leaf or to change inscriptions, if they desired. If you feel you fit into these two categories of donors and you did not get a letter, please contact Bill or Howard through the office. All forms should be referred to Nancy Hara in the office.

Thankfully, the Project fundraising efforts continue at a brisk pace as we focus on the construction end. Thank you all who have active pledges, and who continue to make payments on a regular basis. OCBC is also gratefully for everyone’s continued support and generosity and acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between February 21, 2016 and March 22, 2016.
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from February 22, 2016 through March 26, 2016.

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(Acknowledgments continued on page 10)
伝灯報告法要
2017年に向かって

今年もよいよ夏時間が始まり、春・夏に向けています。

ただ、伝灯報告法要に参加したあと、親鸞聖人の御影を思うようなツアーを考えています。ご誕生の地である京都に、若狭を経由して越後（現在の新潟県）に、その後京都から出発。3年間のご修行をされた比叡山、法然聖人の里、関東布教の地である箱根の草庵（現在の茨城県）などに行こう、ぷるくんで楽しい旅行にしたいと思っています。

また、美味しい食事や温泉場を盛り上げ、価値ある佛事の中に入います。京都の仏具店に送っていただくには、悩み苦しみながら闘いたいなと生きる私の道を照らしてくださる「灯」である、一筆書きや、マラソンリレーペットを次のように手渡すという、新しい試みを企画しております。

本山で行われます伝灯報告法要を、私たちはBCA、OCBCの2組織で、日本国内や海外にある真宗寺院を巡ります。2014年、第24代の本山を訪れて、この伝灯報告法要に参加することができました。

当社は、平成26年3月31日にこの伝灯報告法要に参加することができました。法要には、米国仏教団BCAを通じて40席を予約して、今年の夏に向けて、皆さまから門主の承証がなされました。宗門のこの記念すべき出来事をお祝いするために今年2016年10月から来年2017年5月のあいだ、日本国内や海外にある真宗寺院を巡ります。OCBCは、来年2017年3月31日にこの伝灯報告法要に参加することになりました。法要には、米国仏教団BCAを通じて40席を予約しております。
現代講座「実の言葉を知って往生の助けにしよう。なぜなら、前に生まれるものは徳のものを導き、後に生まれるものは前のもとのあとを尋ね、果てしなくつなが途切ることのないようにしたいからである。それは、数限りない迷いの人々が残らず救われるためである。」

と道純禅師の『安楽集』から引用される。すべての人々が阿弥陀如来さまの誓いによって救われていくことを願っています。

親鸞聖人は厳しい念仏修行にも屈することなく、法然聖人から継承された阿弥陀さまのみ教えを900才の生涯を終えた阿弥陀さまのみ教えを私たちに次なる世代に、また広くコミュニティの人々にも伝え信じさせるため、真実の教の役割である。

また喜びでもあります。親鸞聖人のみ教えは深く人間性を見つめたものであって、言語や文化を超えて普遍的に通じる教えです。益々に、現代アメリカの現代社会に生きる人々にも共感され、社会問題に対しても広く貢献できることを念じます。

**三月のBEC土曜真宗講座案内**

"三帖和讃に学ぶ" 講座日

4月はお休みして、5月からまた再開します。5月、6月の講座日は次の通りとなります。

4月7日（土）14日（土）21日（土）28日

5月4日（木）11日（木）18日（木）25日（木）6月1日（木）8日（木）15日（木）22日（木）29日（木）

毎月の講座日

4月9日（土）午後1時から8時まで

5月7日（木）14日（木）21日（木）28日（木）

6月4日（木）11日（木）18日（木）25日（木）

英語講座

毎月の講座日

4月10日（木）午後1時から8時まで

5月8日（木）15日（木）22日（木）29日（木）

6月5日（木）12日（木）19日（木）26日（木）

**花祭りバザーのご案内**

今年の花祭りバザーは、左記のように行われます。また、多くのフード・ブー

4月9日（土）午後1時から8時まで

5月7日（木）14日（木）21日（木）28日（木）

6月4日（木）11日（木）18日（木）25日（木）

英語講座

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5月8日（木）15日（木）22日（木）29日（木）

6月5日（木）12日（木）19日（木）26日（木）

**五月の祥月月要**

O C B C およびビスタからの伝灯奉告会への出席は、夏頃にご案内できると思います。予定ご質問に関しましては、ワンドラ先生へお問い合わせくださいませ。

来年2017年3月31日

**婦人会主催による初レクチャ**

**本山伝灯奉告会のお知らせ**

問に答案のうえ、お越しくださいませ。

スも出店しますので、皆さま、お越しくださいませ。
宗祖親鸞聖人御誕生

降誕会法要

初参り法要のご案内

３月１４日（木）に催されましたシニアラベンダー会では、60名のシニア、およびゲストの方々が出席され、左記の方々のお誕生日をお祝いし、各氏の方々のお参りをお待たせします。多くの方々のお参りをお待ちしております。

【シニア・ランチジョン】

３月１４日（月）に催されましたシニアランチジョンでは、60名のシニア、およびゲストの方々が出席され、左記の方々のお誕生日をお祝いし、各氏の方々のお参りをお待たせします。多くの方々のお参りをお待ちしております。

【花祭り】

４月９・１０日 午後１時から８時

花祭り

【寿司の用意（久本シェイディ）】

午前８時３０分

寿司・ハサミ・チーム

当番C・J

皆さまのお手伝いをお待ちしております。

【特別のご寄付者】

ご寄付ご案内

ご寄付ご案内

山本ロリーさんにお申し出ください。

【ご質問】

婦人会に関するご質問がありましたら、
山本ロリーさんにお申し出ください。

【ご寄付】

ご寄付ご案内

【追加分・敬称略】
「3月祥月法要」

3月5日に営みました「祥月法要」

お彼岸法要にご寄付いただきました方々の名前は、英語欄のページをご覧ください。

合計 1,515,015ドル

「仏教会に特別寄付」

ご芳名です。（敬称略）

合計 2,700ドル

「仏教会にお礼」

ご寄付芳名です。（敬称略）

合計 7,244,525ドル

「納骨堂」

ご寄付芳名です。（敬称略）

合計 1,923ドル

仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。
OC Buddhist Women’s Association
Women in Buddhism - Lecture Series 1

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

Lady Eshinni, Lady Kakushinni, Takeko 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

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

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

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Hatsumairi
(Infant Presentation)

The Orange County Buddhist Church cordially invites parents and their infants, 12 months or younger, to participate in the Hatsumairi rites offered in May. The Hatsumairi is an occasion for you to present your child to the Buddha and to the Sangha, formally, for the first time, so that they too can be embraced by the teachings of the Buddha. While this ceremony was traditionally done privately by the family, there has been a trend to have this gathering collectively under the auspices of one of the affiliated organizations within the temple, such as the Dharma School.

The Southern District Ministerial Association has adopted the birth of Shinran Shonin for this occasion. The Orange County Buddhist Church welcomes your participation in this Hatsumairi gathering, which will be held during the Gotan-E Service on **Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.**

If you wish to participate, please fill out the form below and mail it to arrive, no later than **May 15, 2016**

If you have any questions, you may call Teri Whited at (714) 875-0584 (cell) or email her at teriwhited@gmail.com. **Please note: Teri will contact you to verify receipt of application. If you do not receive verification by May 20, 2015, please contact Teri by phone.**

Hatsumairi Application Form
Please Print

Name of Child ___________________________ Date of Birth ____________

Name in Japanese (if applicable) ___________________________

Name of Parents: Father: ___________________________

Mother: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ City ___________ Zip: ___________

Telephone: ___________________________ email: ___________________________

Please send completed form to: Hatsumairi
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA  92804
Larger Sutra Part II — Dr. Nobuo Haneda
Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
March 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
The Larger Sutra is the most important text in Shin Buddhism. In this year’s class, Dr. Haneda will lecture on Volume II of the Larger Sutra. In previous years he has lectured on Volume I. Prior attendance at previous year’s lectures is not a prerequisite for attending this year’s class. Dr. Haneda will share his insights into this text that he has studied for many years and has recently published a commentary on in Japanese.

Three week class. Registration: $50.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Relevant Shin Buddhism in Today’s America — Rev. Kenji Akahoshi
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. April 12, 19, 26, May 3
New interpretations of Shin reveal practical/spiritual benefits that work. Using innovative methods, we learn to incorporate Shin values that produce a life of gratitude and fulfillment.

Four week class. Registration: $40.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Buddhist Views of Life and Death — Rev. Marvin Harada
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. May 1
How do Buddhists look at life and death? How should we understand reincarnation, past lives, and such? This class will explore the great question of life and death and how Buddhism is a teaching that enables us to transcend this greatest of life’s problems.

Seminar with lunch included. Registration: $10.
Location: Social Hall Level 1

Lectures on the Shoshinge — Rev. Marvin Harada
Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. April 20, 27, May 4, 18, June 8, 15
Shinran’s verses as part of everyday life when explained through the words of Rev. Haya Akegasa.
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. April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 9
The Larger Sutra teaches how the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in the present.
Six 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.
May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11
宗祖観覆聖人のご著書である『浄土和諷』、『高僧和諷』、『正覚末和諷』（総てをめって「三和諷」と呼ぶ）をひとつひとつの丁寧に読みながら、難解な文句、仏教用語を説明しつつ、皆さまとご一緒にご和諷を味わいます。和諷は御手で書かれた『教行信証』に対して、ひらかな文句として、お気軽にお楽しみいただけます。「正覚末和諷」のあとに順番に毎月読まれています。

Six week class. Registration: $50.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

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

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue • Anaheim, CA 92804
Phone: (714) 827-9590
Email: ocbe909@aol.com • Website: ocbuddhist.org

Registration Form  (Please Print)

Name(s):
Address:
City / State / Zip:
Phone: ( ) Email:

Please check the class(es) desired:
☐ Larger Sutra Part II ($50) __________
☐ Relevant Shin Buddhism in Today’s America ($40) __________
☐ Buddhist Views of Life and Death ($10) __________
☐ Lectures on the Shoshinge ($50) __________
☐ Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50) __________
☐ Course Taught in Japanese ($50) __________

Late registrants may pay $10 per remaining classes.

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
Dear 2016 Chibiko Basketball Applicant:

The Orange County Buddhist Church Sports Group will be conducting its 23rd Chibiko Basketball Program.

**When?**
- May 15, 22
- June 5, 12, 19, 26
- July 10, 24

**Time?**
1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**Location?**
The Chibiko Basketball program will be held at the Orange County Buddhist Church Gym at 909 South Dale Avenue, Anaheim, 92804

**Who?**
Children who are (A) 5 years old before or on May 15, 2016, or (B) in kindergarten, or (C) in 1st grade, or (D) in 2nd grade and have not played in SEYO, CYC, CBO, JAO

**How?**
Sign ups will be conducted by application only. Applications are available in the OCBC Korin, OCBC Sports Office (in the gym), or from one of the contacts indicated at the end of this letter.

**The deadline to turn in applications is May 1, 2016**

Enrollment will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. An email will be sent to confirm your participation. Placement of the children onto teams will be done at the Director’s discretion — Special requests will not be accepted.

Applications should be mailed to: OCBC Chibiko Program
Attn: Jeff Sakamoto
6307 Royal Grove Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**How much?**
The cost is $50 for OCBC sustaining family member child or $60 for non-member child. Included will be a T-shirt, basketball, party and gift at the end of the program.

Please make your checks payable to OCBC Sports.

**What is the format of the program?**
The program will be broken down into two (2) parts. The first hour is a short clinic where all the children will be instructed on fundamentals including, stretching, footwork, dribbling, passing, and catching. A game will be conducted during the second hour. Players are required to participate in the clinic portion of each session before playing the game.

**For more information, email ocbcchibiko@gmail.com, or contact:**

Bryan Furumoto  (714) 655-5522  Jeff Sakamoto  (310) 780-0397
Calvin Togashi  (714) 229-0987  Steve Sugimoto  (714) 870-8966
Walt Ando  (714) 606-8346
Jon Nakagawa  (714) 883-6108

The past 23 years were successful due to the unselfish participation of parents and children. The success of this program is directly related to your help. Your child will benefit accordingly.
# 2016 CHIBIKO BASKETBALL PROGRAM APPLICATION

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I, the parent or guardian of the above named child, hereby register him or her for participation in the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) Sports Chibiko Basketball Program and do fully agree to the rules and regulations of the OCBC organization and do hereby release OCBC, its officers, members, managers, and coaches from any and all liability.

I hereby waive and release the OCBC Sports Chibiko Basketball Program from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses of any nature incurred while participating in the OCBC Sports Chibiko Basketball Program. I understand that medical insurance is my own responsibility.

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The success of the program and the benefit to the children is directly related to the participation of the parents. Please indicate if you would volunteer to help as:

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Checks should be made payable to: OCBC Sports

Mail your check and application to:

OCBC Chibiko Program
Attn: Jeff Sakamoto
6307 Royal Grove Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

OCBC Member: $50
Non-Member: $60
OCBC BASEBALL

Games played June & July 2016
*Teams are forming now!

We need players for ALL Divisions!

DIVISIONS

PEE WEE LOWER (Pitching Machine)
Age: 7-8 as of April 30th 2016

PEE WEE MIDDLE (First Year Player Pitch)
Age: 8-9 as of April 30th 2016

PEE WEE UPPER
Age: 9-10 as of April 30th 2016

MIDGET LOWER
Age: 10-11 as of April 30th 2016

MIDGET UPPER
Age: 11-12 as of April 30th 2016

NOTE: MIDGET LOWER AND MIDGET UPPER DIVISIONS MAY BE COMBINED THIS SEASON

JUNIORS
Age: Junior High School - 7th and 8th grade

FEES

All Divisions:
$75 per Player for OCBC Members; $85 for Non-OCBC Members

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For more information or to sign up, please contact Chris Gilbert at

OCBCBaseball@socal.rr.com

Both SEYO Registration/Medical Release Forms Can Be Downloaded at:

www.seyo.org
SEYO T-BALL
Summer 2016
Boys & Girls Ages 5 to 6

Saturdays in June and July

Time: Saturdays, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Location:
Fountain Valley Recreation Center
16400 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, 92708

Fee: $60.00 Per Player (Includes T-shirt and Cap)

Registration Form & Medical Release from SEYO.ORG
Must be submitted by April 30, 2016

Send both forms and a check payable to SEYO to:

SEYO T-Ball
c/o Ray Okazaki
9322 Alderbury Street
Cypress, CA 90630

Email: rayokazaki@sbcglobal.net

Registration/Medical Release Forms Can Be Downloaded from SEYO Website: www.seyo.org
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 5, 2016, SUNDAY.**

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 Issei founders and members of the Talbert Gakuen, who generously arranged a scholarship to an OCBC high school student in furtherance of higher education.

MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATES, OR VOCATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE CHALLENGED STUDENTS OR ARE STUDYING IN FIELDS RELATED TO CHALLENGED INDIVIDUALS, ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OCBC MR. AND MRS. BEN D. SANEMATSU SCHOLARSHIP. **DEADLINE: JUNE 5, SUNDAY.**

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 that are challenged or in fields to assist challenged individuals. 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.

OCBC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

OCBC STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A POST HIGH SCHOOL OR VOCATIONAL PROGRAM AND ARE MEMBERS OF OR HAVE PARENTS THAT ARE SUSTAINING MEMBERS OF OCBC ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION. **DEADLINE: JUNE 5 SUNDAY.**

Deadline: JUNE 5, SUNDAY
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 required.
WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2016
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
THE DHARMA OF STAR WARS
By Matthew Bortolin

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
THE DALAI LAMA’S CAT
By David Michie

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

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

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friendly Hills Country Club

Save the Date!
Monday, August 22, 2016
Friendly Hills Country Club
Whittier, CA

Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast
Hosted by OCBC’s Jr. YBA
Sunday, May 8th, 2016
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
OCBC Social Hall
$5.00 per person / Moms are complimentary
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:
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