2016 Orange County Buddhist Church
Obon Festival

**July 16** 2:00pm – 9:00pm
**July 17** 2:00pm—8:30pm

featuring

UDON, SUSHI, SPAM MUSUBI, WON TON, CHOW MEIN, IKA, ODEN, BEEF/CHICKEN TERIYAKI, CHICKEN SALAD, DANGO, IMAGAWA YAKI, TERIBURGERS, CORN, SHAVE ICE, DANGO DOGS AND MORE...
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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.
**President Obama’s Visit to Hiroshima**

Recently President Obama travelled to Japan and visited the Hiroshima Peace Park, the site of the devastation of the first dropping of an atomic bomb. President Obama is the first US President since the war to visit Hiroshima and the Peace memorial. This has been a debated issue I think, for a number of years, and there are also those in Japan who have been asking for an apology from the U.S. in regards to the dropping of the bomb. I won’t go into any political aspects of his visit, but I wanted to take this current event issue to reflect on the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and the devastation that occurred there.

I have been to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and museum on a number of occasions. Each and every time I have been there, I was moved to tears. The devastation was just incredible. To see the pictures and to visit the museum is eye opening, to say the least. Whenever I have taken our Jr. YBA group to Japan, that is a must stop on our trip. Every time we have been there it has deeply moved our young people.

I remember thinking on one of my visits to Hiroshima, that it should be a requirement for all world leaders to visit the peace memorial and museum. Any world leader who has nuclear weapons in his country’s arsenal, needs to see with his own eyes, the destruction and suffering that such a bomb can bring. I don’t know how any world leader could ever “push the button” so to speak, on a nuclear weapon, if they have ever been to Hiroshima. To see the destruction makes you wonder why we would even have a single bomb of that nature, much less hundreds or more.

In our Sangha, we have several atomic bomb survivors, whom I have spoken to about their experiences. They were all lucky to survive the blast. One member that I know, saw the balloon that was carrying a camera that was filming the dropping of the first atomic bomb. In looking at the balloon in the sky, he was facing away from the blast, which knocked him flat on his face but burned his back extensively. He said that had he been facing the blast, surely he would have been killed.

Truly it is tragic to live during the time of a war. We may not be in an actual war now, but there is the threat of terrorist attacks throughout the world that makes us uneasy and fearful.

After the Paris terrorist attacks, I composed the following reflection which I read at our Sunday service. It goes as follows:

*When the world becomes dark,*
*We open our hearts to receive light.*

*When the world is in conflict,*
*We open our hearts to the world of oneness.*

*When the world is filled with anger,*
*We open our hearts to the cool winds of compassion.*

*When the world is filled with hatred,*
*We open our hearts to embrace all beings.*

*When the world is filled with chaos,*
*We open our hearts to the quiet serenity of wisdom.*

*When the world has lost its way,*
*We open our hearts to the path to enlightenment.*

From the time of the Buddha, Buddhists have lived during times of peace and times of war and strife. Even during Shakayamuni Buddha’s time, there were those who sought to harm and even kill him. But in the face of hatred and animosity, the Buddha turned people’s hearts and minds around, like the mass murderer, Angulimala, to name one.

Shinran Shonin faced great conflict and strife during his time. During his time in the Kanto area, a person named Bennen sought to even kill Shinran Shonin. Shinran Shonin met with him, even asked him to come into his home, and Bennen was changed 180 degrees, and became Shinran Shonin’s follower.

How does a Buddhist counter conflict and aggression? I think the answer is very clear from our history. The Buddhist faces such conflict and aggression with understanding and compassion. Even interpersonal conflicts can be resolved that way. Nothing is resolved when two parties are at odds with each other, whether it is a husband and wife, a parent and child, or a boss and employee.

Shinran Shonin said, “May the Buddha-Dharma spread, and may the world be at peace.” For Shinran Shonin, the Buddha-Dharma was the key to creating peace in the world. If more could come to receive the heart of the teachings, then the world will become more peaceful and conflicts will diminish. This was Shinran Shonin’s deep aspiration, and it should be true for us even today.

We do what we can to share the Buddha-Dharma, here at OCBC, through our Sunday services and meditation services, through our BEC classes, and through our publications. We hope to increase our ability to share the Dharma through the internet in the future as well. Whatever we can share with others, will create just a little more peace in our world, and we can create a world in which the threat of another Hiroshima is merely something in the past.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
A WAY OF SEEING (06/16 – Myokonin speak)

Many of you who have read these essays have expressed your interest especially in the Myokonin stories, so I thought I would try sharing/translating more of them, both in terms of their number and their stories. Many of them are known for their actions or words, if not necessarily for their poems, as with Asahara Saichi (1850-1932), for example. On the one hand, I am partial to poems because they say so much with so few words. On the other hand, once in a while, the local dialect or the brevity of the poem can make it quite difficult to understand, unless there is an accompanying “translation.” Let’s see what we end up with.

Yoki kokoro aru ka to mune o tazunureba
Tada hazukashi no kokoro bakari zo
I ask myself if I have a good heart/mind,
But what I find causes me only shame.
Myokonin O-Karu (1801-1856)
Tr. by Hoyu Ishida

I wrote about O-Karu previously, based upon a book about her written in both English and Japanese, by the Reverend Professor Hoyu Ishida. Of the many poems “written” by O-Karu (she was illiterate; she spoke her poems and the resident priest of her temple wrote them down), I chose this as the essential one among the ones introduced. It may not be essential to her, although I believe it must be, but it is essential to me. However, this is not a confessional, so I will leave it at that. On the other hand, you might ask yourself whether the poem applies to you. Be honest.

The Reverend Seikan Fukuma (emeritus) wrote a book, printed in 1984, 信に生きる道 (Shin ni Ikiru Michi), in which there are a number of stories written about Myokonin and other Jodo Shinshu faithful, which include many of their poems. Rev. Fukuma begins his book with this question: In Jodo Shinshu, from where does the work of salvation come? Answer: It comes from the Name, Namu Amida Butsu, which is itself a result of the fulfillment of Hōzō (Dharmâkara) Bosatsu’s 48 Vows, who thereby became Amida Buddha. His depiction of a human experience of this can be seen in this poem:

Atari-mashita yo anata no tama (myōgō) ni
Watashya okage de shiro-hata wo
Agete sunao ni maiirimasu
Jiriki no busō wo toki-hogushi
Hakarau kabuto mo uchi sutete
Mujōken kōfuku-
Anata no ēse ni shitagatte
Namo Amida Butsu wo mōshimasu.
I’ve succeeded, Sir, in meeting Your jewel (Name).
By Your grace I have raised the white flag of
Surrender and I will obediently come.
I will strip off the armor of self-power
And discard the helmet of self-contrivance.
I will surrender unconditionally, follow Your wish and
Say Namo Amida Butsu.
Tr. by TU

The late Priest of Shogaku Temple treated Shoma with great affection. An Assistant Priest became jealous of this image (of the Amida) in the altar. The man then insisted, “(I want to hear something of) a ‘Fellow Traveler’s’ understanding of Faith.”

Whereupon Shoma said, “As for me, I don’t know anything about such things; the only thing with me right now is that I’m hoping that the cat didn’t eat the rice gruel which I cooked and had plans of eating tonight, and, too, I’m hoping that the sermon ends early.”

Because Shoma responded in this (pure and innocent) manner, rows of people (surrounding him) felt profoundly ashamed, (namely due to their own lack of such purity and innocence).

Here’s another of the great stories about Shoma.

The Reverend Tetsuo Unno, who is currently conducting a study class on Myokonin, has the following anecdote about Shoma (1799-1871) of Sanuki. It should be noted that Shoma was illiterate, poor all his life, barely able to count to ten, and worked at all manner of manual labor.

Together with Shoma, a certain man went to a temple to worship. During the sermon, the man turned to Shoma and said, “Let’s hear you say something for which we ought to be grateful.”

Shoma shot back, “For something for which we ought to be grateful, go ask that Person!” pointing to the central image (of the Amida) in the altar. The man then insisted, “(I want to hear something of) a ‘Fellow Traveler’s’ understanding of Faith.”

Because Shoma responded in this (pure and innocent) manner, rows of people (surrounding him) felt profoundly ashamed, (namely due to their own lack of such purity and innocence)."

He may have been illiterate, but he certainly was no dummy!

Although all the Myokonin whose stories or poems I’ve read have made me think about how little I truly understood Jodo Shinshu, none has made more of an impression on me than Asahara Saichi (1850-1932). He has written as many as 10,000 poems, although half or more of them were either lost or destroyed in fires. It’s hoped that you will find those that follow to be as thought-provoking as I have.

Butsu no kokoro wa fushigi na mono yo
Me ni wa mee ne do hanashi ga dekiri
Butsu to hanashi wo suru toki wa
Shōmyō Nenbutsu kore ga hanashi yo
The Buddha’s heart/mind is truly inconceivable
It cannot be seen with the eyes, but it can speak.
When I talk with the Buddha,
The utterance of the Name – this is the talk.

Just in case you are not quite sure what the “Name” refers to, it is Namu Amida Butsu.

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A WAY OF SEEING (Continued from page 2)

Mrs. Michie Wada, Juji’s late wife, knew of my love/fascination for Saichi’s poems and gave me a souvenir tenugui (towel) with one of his most famous printed on it. If you ever visit Anraku-ji, Shimane-ken, Ōta-shi, Yunotsu-cho, the town has built a museum to display his handwritten poems and other artifacts. However, it is off the beaten path.

Kaze wo hikeba, seki ga deru / Saichi ga go-hōgi no kaze wo hiita. Nenbutsu no seki ga deru deru.

If I catch a cold, I cough. / Saichi has caught the Dharma-cold. / The Nenbutsu-cough keeps coming and coming.

{Saichi’s tr. by JD}

Thank you for reading this. Take care of yourselves.

Gassho,
Donkon Jaan Doami

2016 Obon Supply Wish List

Next time you’re out shopping please help out OCBC by participating in the program started by Linda Okino and Rosanne Takahashi to help defray the cost of our festivals. Just bring any items on the list you want to donate to church or the office.

Please fill out a donation slip so that your generous gift can be recognized in the Korin.

Thank you for your Dana!

Cash donations
Gift Cards of $20 or $25 for the Mini Raffle
10, 25# Gold Medal All Purpose Bleached Flour
10, 25# C&H Granulated sugar
1# Corn starch
1# Iodized salt
48 oz. Dole Pineapple Juice
48 oz Swanson Chicken Broth
1.5 l Sake for cooking any brand
Wax paper
Coffee - any brand
Dawn dish soap
Bounty Paper Towels - Full or pick a size
6 or 8 oz Hot paper cups
S,M L non latex Foodhandler gloves (Smart & Final)

OCBC Wish List

Please consider donating to the Obon wish list printed elsewhere in this publication. Every item, however small, donated by the Sangha helps our temple. Our list here is once again 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 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
Communicating an Emotional Truth

Siddhartha Gautama realized insight at 35 years old, after six years of meditative and ascetic practice. From this point on he was known as the Buddha. This is an adjective not a title. It means one who is awake. The Buddha then went on to teach the Buddha Dharma until his death at 80 years old. Thus, this is a teaching that was developed over a 45 year period consisting – by some estimates – of some 500,000 pages within the sutras of the Buddhist Mahayana canon.

This is both a plus and a minus. It is very beneficial that we have so many different teachings that can resonate with so many different people but it can also be very overwhelming and sometimes inconsistent. This problem is intensified when issues of language are also considered. Imagine the Buddhist monks of China trying to translate all this text from Sanskrit into Chinese. These are two very different languages. The former is rather exacting and formal while the latter much more free and poetic. The scale of this project is enormous.

One approach taken by both the Chinese and the Japanese was to try to reduce the size of the problem by finding ways to categorize the Buddha’s teachings. In computer science, we call this divide and conquer. Rather than solving the entire problem all at once, we instead try to solve many smaller problems. In this case, Buddhists tried to find a way of categorizing the teachings into smaller groups. Then these groups could be prioritized and studied somewhat independently.

One such method was to simply divide the teachings in two. One group of teachings would be categorized as exoteric and the other as esoteric. Exoteric refers to teachings that are relatively straightforward and more common sense oriented. For example, Selected Saying #3 in our service book from the Dhammapada is one of these teachings:

Happiness follows sorrow, sorrow follow happiness, but when one no longer discriminates between happiness and sorrow, a good deed and a bad deed, one is able to realize freedom.

It is a very powerful teaching because it is straightforward and clear. It appeals to our logical and rationality. One might say it is a teaching for the mind. This approach is very popular in American Buddhism.

Esoteric teachings are said to be ones that are trying to communicate a feeling. They appeal to our body. They are something affective. They touch our heart and appeal to our intuition. An example of this can also be found in Selected Saying #7 from Shinran Shonin:

The person who attains shinjin and joy
It is taught, is equal to the Tathāgatas.
Great shinjin is itself Buddha-nature;
Buddha-nature is none other than Tathāgata.

I am not exactly sure what this means intellectually but it touches my heart somewhere beneath my intellect. It is a feeling, an emotion, an intuition. I may not know what this means but I certainly know how it feels – even if I cannot articulate it. We could say that Shinran is trying to transmit an emotion rather than merely transmitting information. In America, this approach is less popular.

We need both kinds of teachings. The mind and the body must both be involved in our practice. But often we focus too much on an academic and intellectual understanding of Buddhism. I did this for the first four years that I attended OCBC. I often found it odd to “waste” 50 minutes sitting and chanting to get to a five minute Dharma Talk. I wasn’t yet appreciating the importance of using the body to lead the mind.

The term esoteric is often misunderstood as secret teachings or something New Age or cosmic. In Buddhism, it does not mean these things. It merely means to practice with one’s body. There are three main esoteric practices. I call them the three M’s. They are mandalas, mudras and mantras. These are challenging to define precisely so I will use very general definitions. Mandalas are images that are viewed – like the sand paintings in Tibetan Buddhism. Mudras are hand gestures like gassho. Mantras are vocalizations like Namuamidabutsu. When we say something it forces us to engage and feel. Like hearing yourself say “I love you”. These are all designed to communicate an emotional truth.

Half of what I have learned about Buddhism has come from books and study. The other half has come from seeing Amida Buddha on the altar, bowing in gassho and saying Namuamidabutsu. I cannot explain what this means but I do know how it feels. There are many things like this in life. Buddhism, surprisingly, happens to be one of them.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner

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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/
President’s Message

During May and on into June, I had the privilege of participating in Boy Scout Troop 578 Eagle Court and the Girl Scout Bridging ceremonies. In both months, many families celebrated the graduation of sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters. This is truly a special time of the year. It is easy to be caught up in their achievements, but they are truly matriculating on a path to becoming independent and making a positive contribution to our community. Our church honors their achievement and encourages them to continue on the process of becoming productive in our community and the best person that they can aspire to be. We should take time to express our gratitude to them because they are our investments for our future.

After a very successful Hanamatsuri, we are now in the process of planning for the Obon Festival on July 16 and 17. The committee has had its first meeting and things are moving forward. You will notice that we will have our traditional poster but we will also have a new electronic flyer. Please take the time to share this flyer with your friends and relatives, so that they can note the dates in their calendar. This is a new world of information technology and the better we can advertise the event, the greater the turnout we will have.

At our recent meeting, the Board deliberated and passed a new introductory membership level that will help new members to know about OCBC and acquire a better knowledge of Buddhism. In this day and age, young families are so busy with their children and their lives, that we don’t want them to have any barriers to joining us as members of OCBC. Many young families will be able to participate in activities without paying additional fees. Also, our church has many visitors and we would like the opportunity to personalize their introduction to our practice of Buddhism by taking extra time to get to know them. We look forward to welcoming and including everyone, which is a core value of our religion.

The Golf Committee has been very active in planning for another great golf tournament on August 18th at Friendly Hills Country Club. This is always a fun event. The committee is looking for golfers, donors and for tee sponsors. All funds will be directed to the 50th Anniversary Project which is very close to our final goal of 4 million dollars for Phase II. These next few years will be important for the final push to complete this project. We will all feel proud of our new Hondo which is projected to be completed in the spring of 2017.

In Gassho,
Alan Endo, OCBC President

The Shin Reader

For June, the Shin Reader selected the two volume set, The Collected Works of Shinran. The set contains a translation of Shinran’s masterpiece known as the Kyogyoshinsho and many of his other writings. Also included is a translation of Tannisho which was written by Shinran’s student, Yuien. The set may be purchased at the OCBC BEC Bookstore or the BCA Bookstore.


To the book reader who has not yet examined Shinran’s writings: You can and do read books; this is a great gift. You may also have a genuine interest in Jodo Shinshu (i.e., in the teaching and life experience of Shinran). This interest, too, is a great gift. How to make the most of it? If, without much background, you were to start in at the first page of The Collected Works of Shinran, discouragement would soon follow. This approach is not advisable. Shinran’s prose writings are mainly commentaries, i.e., quotations from earlier texts, interspersed with his unique and often startling interpretations. His teaching is focused on the Three Pure Land Sutras, especially the Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life: the appreciation of Jodo Shinshu must begin there. A basic awareness of the Pure Land Sutras (our “bible”) is prerequisite to a meaningful encounter with Shinran’s teaching. Fortunately, these sutras are not lengthy, and an excellent annotated translation is available in paperback from the BCA Bookstore. Turning to Shinran’s writings, Volume 1 contains his commentaries, his poems (wasans), and his letters. Rather than reading Volume 1 from cover to cover, I prefer to browse it for specific topics and quotations. Volume 2 of the Collected Works is unjustifiably neglected. It contains introductory essays on Shinran’s life and teaching, a glossary explaining key concepts, and a list of translated Japanese terms. I suggest starting with Volume 2 to learn some of Shinran’s vocabulary, and then consulting Volume 1 for the source material. In parallel with reading on one’s own, it is vital that we receive the teachings from living human beings, from people who follow the Jodo Shinshu path. We are fortunate to have many such teachers here in California, so please take advantage of the opportunity for Dharma listening. “This is the teaching and practice for our era; devote yourself solely to it.” – review by Jim Pollard
BWA News

Announcements

- 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 extended OCBWA deadline is June 10th and includes a late registration fee. All attendees will be notified once the meet-up and transportation details are finalized. For more information, contact Laura Yamamoto.

- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10th, at 12:30pm in the Kodo after the Obon service.

- Obon will be held July 16 & 17. Job details to follow next month and if you can help, Laura Yamamoto is taking volunteers for udon shifts.

Senior Luncheon

On Monday, May 9th, 41 seniors and guests enjoyed a delicious bento and celebrated birthdays for Kishiko Farzio, Janet Kotake, Taka Noguchi, and Dennis Okada. The ladies prepared miso chicken, vegetable yakisoba, moyashi salad, and golden beet salad. Thank you to Janet Kotake for the monetary donation, to Tanaka Farms for the farm fresh golden beets, to Rosa Somen for the lemons, and to Rev. Wondra for the sweet cantaloupes and cherries. All birthday celebrants 70 years and older receive a complimentary bento and OCBC seniors and their guests enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal for a very reasonable price. We look forward to seeing you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, June 13th, 2016.

Women in Buddhism – Lecture Series 1

The OC BWA hosted its first lecture series in the social hall on Sunday, April 24th. The BWA ladies served delicious sandwiches, salads, fruits, and scones for 55 attendees. Rev. Wondra introduced a number of prominent Shin Buddhist Women starting with Lady Eshinni, the wife of Shinran Shonin; Kakushinni, Shinran and Eshinni’s daughter; Lady Takeko Kujo, the founder of BWA Japan; Mrs. Haru Masuda, Carrie Nakagawa’s grandmother and Shin poet from Kona, Hawaii. Thank you to Rev. Wondra for sharing the rich history of these amazing women, to Phyllis Uyemura for the delicious scones and spreads, and to the BWA ladies for their assistance with the food preparation.

FBWA 44th National Conference – October 7-9, 2016

Registration information for the upcoming conference in Bellevue, Washington was distributed at our May meeting. If you are interested in attending, please review the handouts in advance and attend a meeting on Sunday, June 12th, at 8:30am in the PK room. Important information will be discussed at that time. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to attend the conference, please contact Jodi.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

Maintenance Report

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

Paul Fujimoto Kay Fujimura Wat Iwakoshi
Dan Kaneko Dennis Morinaga Eric Nakahara
Rod Nishimura Frank Okamura Ron Suzuki
Masa Tominaga

1. General
   a. Continued trash removal from the Ball Road and Dale Street frontages.
   c. Repaired some folding chairs and a table.
   d. Painted the plywood floor in Container 2.
   e. Pruned several trees and removed weeds.
   f. Recommenced work on the sprinkler system north of the Kodo.
   g. Cleaned and repaired a large fan.
   h. Lubricated the Kodo’s double doors to facilitate reliable closing.

2. Hondo
   a. Installed wheels on a lectern for use in the social hall.
   b. Removed and stored (with Nancy) the commemorative plaques from the pews.

3. Class Room Building
   a. Painted the middle stall in the woman's restroom to remove a word.
   b. Repaired a teacher’s desk in room three.
   c. Mounted the network modem in room four.
   d. Painted some of the wall in room four to cover a red paint splash.
   e. Painted over a wall repair in room 11.
   f. Installed earthquake bracing in the bookstore store room.
   g. Rearranged the bookstore.
   h. The supplies store room were rearranged.

4. MPB
   a. Replaced door stops on two doors.
   b. Repaired a metal cabinet door pull in the kitchen.
   c. Replaced a light bulb in the ground floor walkway.
   d. Replaced a light bulb in the stairway to the stage.
   e. Removed, repaired and replaced a urinal in the men’s restroom.

5. Social Hall
   a. Commencing work to install a wall hanging.
   b. Installed sliding lock on kitchen exterior doors.
   c. Began preparations to move the bonshō from the Honda to the store room.

Next monthly workday is Monday June 13, 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
DID YOU KNOW???

TWELVE SHAKES / ONE SHEET OF PAPER TOWEL!
When you take a paper towel after washing your hands, how many do you pull? Two? Three? More?

DID YOU KNOW that in the U.S. we currently use more than 13,000,000,000 (BILLION!) pounds of paper towels each year?!

DID YOU KNOW that as many as 51,000 trees per day are required to replace the number of paper towels that are discarded every day?

DID YOU KNOW that if every U.S. household used just one less 70-sheets roll of paper towels, that would save 544,000 trees each year?

Here’s how you can help: SHAKE AND FOLD! Shake your wet hands 12 times, 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12, fold ONE sheet of paper towel in half, and dry. IT WORKS!!

OCBC Go Green says “LET’S GO GREEN TOGETHER!” (In Japan, everyone carries her own small hand towel – No Paper Towels!)

SHAKE AND FOLD!

Social Welfare / Dana Program

Save the date – October 22, 2016 for the Free Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Memorial Care Medical Group and free seminars like Medicare Update.

Keiro supports Healthy Aging in Our Community – Orange County. Keiro provides services for a variety of free programs with the support from Keiro’s Community Partners, donors, and volunteers. The flyer is included in this Korin that identifies the various free programs. For example, Internet Safety, Heart Health & Senior Scams and Diabete: Nutrition & Physical Activity.

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

Are you interested in strengthening your body, improve coordination and balance, become healthier and have a more relaxed body and mind? There is a beginners Tai Chi -Longevity Stick class led by Dan Hakikawa on Thursdays starting at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB. Don’t have the stick for this class you can pay only $9 at the time you sign up. It’s been shown that it helps reduce stress, a form of moving meditation and boosts your immune system and memory.

Games, Games, Games – The group is normally held weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are all kinds of card games that can be played like Mahjong, Shanghai Rummy, Hanafuda, blackjack and board games like chess, checkers scrabble, monopoly, etc. The instructor for Mahjong is Francis Quon and he is helping the students how to count points when playing the game. Donation of $1.00 is collected at the door. Please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860.5155 or email iyamanishi5@verizon.net if you have any questions. Games will continue through the summer.

If you are interested in joining the Social Welfare/Dana Program you can contact Linda Ishibashi (562) 860-5993 or email ami_2@verizon.net.

The 2016 Manzanar Reunion in Las Vegas – August 8, 9 & 10 at the California Hotel in Las Vegas

The Manzanar Reunion Committee is inviting anyone, whether they were interned at Manzanar, or any other camp to attend. Everyone is welcome – friends, family and anyone interested in the history of Manzanar.

The evening of Monday, August 8th, will consist of an after-dinner Mixer where hors d’oeuvres will be offered. A short program will be presented, including an update by Superintendent Bernadette Johnson of the Manzanar National Historic Site. After a few fun icebreakers and games of bingo, there will be plenty of free time to visit with fellow attendees, meet with the Manzanar park rangers, and view the displays.

Tuesday, August 9th, will begin with the reunion-sponsored slot tournament in the morning. The evening’s buffet Banquet will feature a special program presented by the Manzanar park rangers – a “visual tour” of Manzanar today. The Rangers promise, “No burning sun, blowing sand, crowded latrines, stinging scorpions, nor apple butter! From the comfort of your banquet seats at the Cal, see the restored gardens, historic orchards, new exhibits, and more.” This will be an opportunity for those who haven’t been to Manzanar lately to see how the NPS Rangers are preserving the site to continue the legacy.

If you have any questions or would like to register, please call or text Marion Nishimura, the OCBC contact, at (714) 345-2258 or email at mieko4nish@gmail.com.
Dharma School News

Hatsumairi Rites (Infant Presentation)
Six infants along with their parents participated in the annual Hatsumairi Rites at the Gotan-e Service on May 22. Congratulations to the following:

Sirius Ichiro Lee Black  
Parents: Kevin and Deborah Black

Malia Keiko Fujimura  
Parents: Kyle and Belle Fujimura

Katelyn Hinata Jones  
Parents: Stuart and Tiffanie Kawasaki Jones

Mason Nobuyuki Nguyen  
Parents: Huy Manh and Stacy Akemi Nguyen

Bryce Kenzo Uyeno  
Parents: Brian and Allison Uyeno

Dylan Toshiaki Yamamoto  
Parents: Brandon and Annie Yamamoto

Each infant received the Three Treasures, an okesa, an ojuzu, and a certificate. Chairperson Teri Whited would like to thank Chris Terada for preparing the certificates and Harry Koike for taking photos. Reverend Harada and Reverend Wondra officiated the ceremony. Seiju Terada and Yoko Yamashita assisted Teri in preparing the infants prior to the ceremony.

Upcoming Events
D.S. Attendance Awards, H.S. Senior & College Graduates, Music Service  
Date: June 19

Obon Odori Practice  
Dates: June 28, 30, July 5, 7, 11, 13  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Dancers will need tenegui, uchiwa and naruko (kachi-kachi).

Obon Festival  
Dates: July 16 and 17

D.S. Class Schedule  
D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: June 5 and June 12. Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry

Project Kokoro News

Aquarium and Museum Trip  
Aug 16  
A day trip has been planned to Long Beach to visit The Aquarium of the Pacific and the Asian Art Museum, both in Long Beach. The Aquarium displays over 11,000 animals and more than 50 exhibits, offering hands-on and multimedia experiences to the visitors. At the Asian Art Museum docents will guide visitors through exhibits of museum-quality Asian artifacts. Admission for OCBC Seniors is $30, guests are $35, and include Aquarium and Art Museum exhibits, bus transportation and lunch.

Bus will leave OCBC parking lot at 9:30am and is expected to return at approximately 3:30pm. For more information or to make reservations please contact Amy Iwamasa: 714-968-2649 or amyiwamasa@yahoo.com

Craft Club News
The Craft Club plans to have hand-made items to purchase at the upcoming Obon Festival. Be sure to come by the booth and pick up something as a gift, or for yourself. 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 would like to express our appreciation to the Kiyohara Family and Ronald & Kyoko Suzuki for their recent donation, which will help support future programs and events.

Next Meeting  
June 8  
Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Senior Room at 7pm. You are welcome to these meetings. Come learn about upcoming events, how to get involved, share ideas for future projects, 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
From BCA Center for Buddhist Education

Announcements:

Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara: “RESOLVING LIFE’S PROBLEMS THROUGH BUDDHISM”
Conversations on Buddhism in Your Daily Life with Rev. Marvin Harada
June 12th – Relationship Issues
July 24th – Buddhism at Work
Aug. 14th – Self-Esteem
(For information: minister@oxnardbuddhisttemple.org)

Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley: BUDDHIST ART AND BOOK FAIR
June 24th – Caroline Brazier / The Other Buddhism:
Amida Comes West
June 25th – Dr. Paula Arai / Seeing the Wisdom of Compassion: The Art and Science of the Heart Sutra
(cbe@bcahq.org)

Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley: SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR: JODO SHINSHU BUDDHISM BEYOND BORDERS / “What would it mean for Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to be recognized as a worldwide religion?”
August 19–21 – Keynote Speakers: Dr. Ugo Dessi; Dr. Elisabetta Porcu
(cbe@bcahq.org)

ABA

What goes up, must come down; what goes around, will come back around. Many people sit back and watch the world go by, taking no interest in what is happening to themselves or their surroundings. There are many church members who assume that the Temple runs on auto pilot and automatically runs itself every Sunday. The Temple runs on financial and physical support by members who are willing to do both. ABA members have been serving the Sangha since 1967 in both categories. We are a group of no nonsense people dedicated to the greatest good for the Temple. Joining ABA is not a crime, but it will enlighten your attitude, awaken your mind with a renewed sense of responsibility toward the Temple and the Sangha.

GOTANE LUNCHEON (May 22, 2016)
Chairpersons: Edie Gulrich and Diane Glick, were responsible for the recent luncheon after the Gotane Service. ABA always offers a multitude of home cooked food by their many talented cooks. ABA would like to thank the Sangha for participating in this recent event.

2016 TRAVEL USA: September 25-October 1, 2016
Mesa Verde National Park and Durango Fall Foliage Tour. Any interested member should contact Karen Kino.

2017 LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL: New England Fall Colors
Travel by land or cruise, will be decided at the upcoming meeting.

2016 OBON CHICKEN TERIYAKI: July 16-17, 2016
Chairpersons: Brian Kumagai and Glen Morita
Workers Luncheon: Namy Folick and Rumi Nakatani

ABA PAST PRESIDENTS
1977 Winston Shigenaga
1978 Jack Nishimoto
1979 Ben Yamada

Daikon no hana: Gratitude begins with our recognition of our debt to others.

With deep gratitude,
Ron Suzuki

ABA

Some of Our More Popular Scrip Cards
(Please see vendor list for a complete listing)

Grocery Stores: Albertsons, Stater Brothers, Ralph’s Community Program, Vons and Smart and Final.
Gas Stations: Arco, Chevron, Shell, Exxon and Mobil
Department Stores: Kohl’s, Target, Macy’s, Kmart, JCPenney, Sears and Walmart
Fast Food: Carl’s Jr., KFC, Jack in the Box and Wendy’s
Restaurants: Cheesecake Factory, Mimi’s, Carrows, Hometown Buffet, Claim Jumper and Panera Bread
Others: Starbucks, Crate and Barrel, Amazon, iTunes, REI, Best Buy, GameStop, Jo-Ann Fabrics and Michaels
Entertainment: Regal (UA and Edwards), Caremark and AMC

Dharma School Scrip Program
YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Happy June to our OCBC Sangha. It has been awhile since my last article. I wanted to highlight two programs that our youth have been involved in. If your kids are interested in future programs let me know. Please encourage them to apply and be adventurous. I feel that our kids have so many opportunities to step outside of their comfort zone and explore the world.

First, is the Kakehashi Project for college age Japanese Americans. I’ve asked Stacey Suzuki to write about her trip. Other OCBC Alumni who had the privilege to go on previous Kakehashi trips are Marissa Katsuda, Samantha Hirata, and Nicole Ishihara (former GS).

“The Kakehashi Project is an exchange program for students, sponsored by the JACL. It aims to promote a mutual trust and understanding between Japan and the United States by building a bridge for the future. The goals of the Project are to teach students about the history of Japan, learn about the US and Japan’s economic and political relations, as well as learn and experience etiquette and social customs of Japan.

On March 14th, 53 students left from San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Chicago and headed to Japan for the Kakehashi Project. While in Japan, we were immersed in the Japanese culture. We started off in Yokohama. Mr. Hidenobu Ishibashi, Counselor for Gender Equality for the Japanese Government and Ms. Kyoko Yokota, a female entrepreneur, discussed the integration of women in Japanese businesses and how Prime Minister Abe is encouraging companies to hire more women into power. We then visited the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum. This museum was very eye opening for me as a Yonsei. I learned about the sacrifice and bravery that many of our ancestors faced when they decided to leave their families in Japan and head for the states or Brazil.

We then flew over Mount Fuji to Kanazawa. There, we had the opportunity to speak with students of Kanazawa University and play games with them before heading to the Kanazawa Castle and Kenrokuen Garden. Most of us were super excited to see plum tree blossoms and cherry blossoms which were starting to bloom. We didn’t know the different blossom types but we were super sad that we wouldn’t be there to see them in full bloom. Next, we went to Natadera, a Shinto and Buddhist temple, and The Forest of Wisdom, a moss garden. Both were so beautiful and very tranquil. After going to Natadera and The Forest of Wisdom, we went to a mochitsuki. Many of us had never pounded mochi before so it was a very neat experience. We also cooked dried mochi, which puffed up like arare. Our trip to The Forest of Wisdom and mochi pounding was published in the local newspaper and was also recorded and shown on their news outlet later in the week. We also met with the mayor of Komatsu before meeting our homestay families. Everyone agreed that staying with our host families was one of the best experiences of the trip. For me, my homestay family was super friendly. The parents had 3 children, 2 in high school and 1 in middle school, and also had their grandparents, Jiji and Baba, who also lived with them. While we stayed there, they took us to the Mitsue Aida Museum where we got to carve designs into our own pair of chopsticks, watch experts blow glass, and eat Komatsu udon. They also took us to eat revolving sushi, try dorayaki and even made us oyako don and curry. Our homestay daughter and father were really good at shodo, Japanese calligraphy so they let my friend and me try our hand at it. Our family was so sweet that they hung our art work in their living room for everyone else to look at. Before we left, they took us to an onsen and let us dress up and take pictures in yukatas. Right before they dropped us off, we were able to take purika pictures with them to have picture memories of our homestay experience. Many of our host families also came the next day to send us off as we headed back to Yokohama on the shinkansen. This nine day trip to Japan was short but very memorable. Not only did I meet students from Florida, Washington, DC, Seattle, Idaho, and California, but I was able to meet so many new people from Japan and hope to visit them again soon. I’m thankful to the JACL for this opportunity and encourage everyone to apply.”

Written by Stacey Suzuki

Secondly, on Saturday May 14th, 22 OCBC high school students attended a leadership workshop, titled “WORKING IN GROUPS” lead by our OCBC member, Glenn Kawafuchi. He is the owner/principal of Kawafuchi Consulting, partners with organizations to address a range of human and organizational needs including leadership and team development. With over 25 years of experience, he has worked with a range of corporations, public sector and community-based organizations, and educational institution. A big thank you to Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program for organizing this training workshop, providing the speaker, snacks and bento lunch for all the participants. It was a very informative session for our youth.

The OCBC Youth Department’s mission is to help prepare our youth to succeed in their future. There was a lot of interaction and role-playing to help prepare them for real world experiences. Leadership training, communication, knowing yourself and your emotions are skills for life. They were able to identify their personal preferences for leading, communicating, managing conflict and working with others and to establish strategies to enhance their ability to develop positive relationships with others.

Thank you to all the students who came early Saturday morning to learn some new skills. We truly appreciate Rising Stars committee for co-sponsoring this event. Thanks also to Mike Black, Fred Katsuda, David Okino for helping at this workshop.

In Gassho,
Diana Ono  Youth Department
Daion Taiko

It seems like Hanamatsuri was just here and we’re already approaching Obon. We have an all new lineup we’re working on, so be sure you’re at all of our practices.

In the meantime, we’ve been keeping ourselves busy. On 4/30, we were invited to participate in the 47th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage. It was a heartfelt experience and a very windy and chilly one too. Even with ~1000 people attending, it was hard to imagine an entire city of barracks, much less 100x more people living there. A favorite memory is watching our adults and kids huddled together like penguins trying to fight off the cold, lucky for them they could just get back on a warm bus. If you’ve never been, the Pilgrimage is definitely a great way to experience what our Issei and Nisei lived through.

Upcoming Events
Obon – 07/16-17

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

Dharma Wheel Club

This year’s “Inside Hanamatsuri festival” proved to be challenging for chairs Mike and Cheryl Mio. Under their direction DWC members, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and teen volunteers pulled together and the game booths ran very smoothly. Sangha Teens, Jr YBA and their advisors made wonderful signs that helped direct folks to our game area upstairs. Thank you everyone for your support!

On Saturday, May 21 DWC kids and parents turned out in full force for recycling duty. Everyone jumped right in and sorted cans, bottles and newspapers. Thanks to Irene and Alan Fukui for coordinating our recycling toban.

On Sunday, June 5th we will have a joint bento fundraiser with Sangha Teens. Proceeds will go toward Phase II of the Hondo renovation. We will be in the front of the hondo right after Dharma school selling delicious rice bowls, salads and desserts.

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

Sangha Teens

These past two months have been filled with a lot of excitement. The Sangha Teens worked at the soda booth during Hanamatsuri. Thank you chairpersons and everyone working. We went to the Venice basketball tournament and the Gardena event. The Sangha Teens had a ton of fun at both events.

OCBC Sangha Teens hosted the Southern District event “All Around the World - Game Night” on May 21, 2016. We spent the past few months planning everything, from registration and set-up, to games, meals and photo booth. The theme was chosen because we feel that Buddhism is for everyone around the world. Gardena, Venice, San Fernando, Nishi and Arizona came to OCBC and we had a total of 60 ST members in attendance. One of the new ideas was to replace our traditional dance time with a social time, which was a free time to socialize and play basketball, cards, Pictionary, board games, tanikling and just hang out and talk. We even had fun playing tug-of-war against the parents! We all worked hard to put on a memorable event and thank our parents and advisors for all their support.

Our next events will be a food fundraiser with DWC on June 5th, to support the building fund, and Walk the Farm at Tanaka Farms on June 18th, to support the farmers in Japan.

In Gassho,
Hannah Robinson

Dharma Wheel Club coordinators
In Memoriam

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

Yoshiko Baba
Tadao Fujioka
Sally Kadowaki
Kenneth Shimogawa
Kenneth Tanaka

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

May

1  Yoshiko Yamakawa, 1 Year Memorial Service
7  Shotsuki Hoyo
   Shiro Nakagawa, 1 Year Memorial Service
Tadao Fujioka, Memorial Service
Yumi Morozumi, 3 Year Memorial Service
Sally Kadowaki, Memorial Service
12 Masami Sawada, 49th Day Memorial Service
14 Kenneth Shimogawa, Funeral Service
   Fumi Nakano, 49th Day Memorial Service
   Yoshiko Baba, Funeral Service
15 Tak Kiyohara, 49th Day Memorial Service
16 Takahama Niche, Dedication Service
   Seiji Kanayama, Tsuito Hoyo Service
21 Kenneth Tanaka, Funeral Service
28 Chieko Hiraoka, 7 Year Memorial Service
28 Hana Kawai, 33 Year Memorial Service
30 Memorial Day Service

Jr. YBA

Jr. YBA celebrated Mother’s Day by hosting our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast on May 8th. We always have a lot of fun putting on this event. We would like to thank the Sangha for supporting us and our members for waking up early to prepare the food and transform the social hall into a beautiful venue. The turnout was great this year and we are excited for next year! A special thank you to SOC for various pancake breakfast ingredients, Fred Katsuda for juicy oranges, the Andos for delicious strawberries and the Yadas for the corsage flowers.

On June 5th, we will be having our senior recognition and general meeting. We will be showing a slideshow of all the graduating class of 2016. Thank you to all the members for an amazing and successful year and congratulations to the seniors on their hard work and accomplishments in Jr. YBA and school!

On June 18th, we will be participating in the Tanaka Walk the Farm “Harvesting Hope” event. It is a fundraiser to help farmers in Japan who are struggling after the earthquake in 2011. It is 1.5 mile walk, and all participants get to sample delicious fresh fruits and vegetables! We hope that everyone can come out and support a great cause! Please visit www.walkthefarm.org for more information.

We are also looking forward to participating in Seminar 3 at Senshin. The theme is “The Sangha Awakens”. We are excited to see how Star Wars encounters Buddhism.

As the 2015-2016 year comes to a close, we are looking forward to Obon, our end-of-year event at Disneyland, Tanabata, Conference and enjoying each other’s company. Our seniors are going their separate ways for college, and we wish them the best of luck on their future and this new chapter of their lives. We are all so proud of you! We are looking forward to a great summer and an exciting new 2016-2017 year!!

In Gassho,
Jamie Hayakawa
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair

Jr. YBA members pose with Mrs. Sachi Ochiai, who will be 97 years old in July at our Mother's Day Breakfast. She continues to inspire us to make Mother's Day corsages for all the special moms at OCBC. It is a tradition that she started years before, teaching countless past Jr. YBA members the art of making carnation corsages.
May has ended with a flourish of activities for the Hondo and courtyard project in many areas. We've not yet received our building permit, but we're a lot closer than a month ago. We've gotten the comments and questions from the city plan checkers, and Michael Kinoshita, our architect, has resubmitted the plans with the requested answers and plan changes. We await the city's response. We also received our general contractor's project cost proposal. Thankfully the figures were fairly close to our preplanned budget, so we won't have to remove any significant items from our original plan. The OCBC staff is still evaluating details of the proposal to ensure individual line-item costs are not excessive, nothing is missing, and unneeded items are removed. The staff is also evaluating the general contractor's project contract, with legal assistance from Sangha volunteers, Toshiki Hara and Bobby Nishi. With our soon-to-be completed cost review, an agreed-upon contract budget, and a satisfactory review of the contract, we should hopefully have a signed contract by mid-June. Issuance of the building permit, once the plan checkers okay the revised plans, should be the last step of the planning, design, and approval process. We're optimistic this will happen in time to start demolition and construction soon after 2016 Obon Festival in July.

OCBC has its last service in our old Hondo on Sunday, May 22nd with the Gotan-e service. That signaled the start of preparatory activities inside the Hondo. Jim Pollard, our staff member in charge of the Naijin renovation and all religious issues, has been very active recently. On May 17th, he briefed our affiliated organization leaders on how OCBC will conduct services during the construction period in the social hall and, on occasions, the MPB. He informed them OCBC will use a toban system for seating setup by our organizations for each service, with different organizations rotating responsibility for the setup. Jim and other ministers' assistants, ministers, and other volunteers are moving all required service related items needed during this interim period to the social hall. Similarly, our AV staff is moving all the AV related equipment, as needed, to the social hall or into storage. Finally, Edie Gulrich leads other volunteers to remove, eliminate what isn't needed, and store all the remaining Hondo items.

On Monday, May 23rd, the day after our Gotan-e service, a team from Wakabayashi Butsugu Mfg. Co. of Kyoto, Japan arrived to dismantle, pack, and ship our Naijin altars to Japan for refurbishment. They completed the task in two days, and with assistance from the OCBC maintenance crew, packed the truck which departed on Wednesday, May 25th. The next time we see our Naijin altars, they will be brilliant and shiny, like new. By the time this Korin goes to print, our pews will have also been removed for refurbishment and reupholstering. Namy Folick and Lila Grant, the interior decorating advisors on the OCBC staff, lead that effort.

You also probably noticed most of the plants and trees from the courtyard area were removed. OCBC is grateful to Mr. Masa Kawamura, of Akita Bonsai Nursery, who volunteered his time, expertise, and manpower to remove and store those plants for us to transplant into our new courtyard landscape garden. OCBC also thanks Mr. & Mrs. Nuruki of Garden Grove Nursery & Flower Shop who generously donated three large wooden plant boxes for the large pine tree and two sakura trees we saved to also transplant into our new garden. This recent OCBC effort to assist Mr. Masa Kawamura was led by Alan Endo, the project landscaping staff member, with assistance from the members of the maintenance crew. These volunteers helped not only with heavy-lifting and manual labor removing the plants, but also assisted with packing of the Naijin altar. OCBC acknowledges the tremendous help provided by Jim Mitchell, Hideo Kawamura, Paul Fujimoto, Eric Nakahara, Rod Nishimura, Dan Kaneko, Winston Shigenaga, and David Fusato.

Finally, our Bodhi Donor Tree committee has sent the vendor our 2016 updated list of new and revised Bodhi tree leaves. This year our order included 20 new leaves, 22 upgraded leaves, and four replacement leaves for damaged leaves and spelling correction. We expect these new leaves to arrive within the month.

As can be seen, there are multiple moving parts to this major project. OCBC is deeply indebted to the many volunteers who have tirelessly devoted their time, effort and expertise to the numerous tasks, across many phases of this project. OCBC will no doubt continue to request assistance from our Sangha members as we complete the planning phase and enter into the preparation and construction phases. OCBC could not accomplish this project without this help. Each task is important, and our volunteers’ assistance, no matter how large or small, is critical to our successful completion. It is truly a team effort.

To all our many volunteers, domo arigato gozai masu!

Of course, in addition to time and effort volunteered, our Sangha continues to support the project with their monetary donations. Additional donations required to complete our goal of completely funding Phase 2 has now decreased to $626,000! This past month OCBC raised nearly $23,000 as we steadily decrease the amount we'll need to borrow to pay for our new Hondo, courtyard and gym floor. We are almost there!

OCBC is grateful for everyone's continued support and acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between April 12, 2016 and May 25, 2016.

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In memory of Jean Tanikawa  
Kara, Evan, Diann, & Sodarith Pay  
Ron & Annie Sakahara  
Richard & Janet Uyeno

Total Family/Indv'l Donations to Date: $3,822,791.00

Family and Individual Pledges (new and add'l) this period:

None

Total Pledges (collected & uncollected) to Date: $3,807,130.00

OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat):

OCBC AV Department  
In memory of Tak Kiohara  
OCBC Dharma School $5,000.00

OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $1,018,658.00

Total Pledges and Donations: $8,674,100.00

Total Donations and Pledge Payments Collected to date: $8,446,134.00

Phase 2 Goal $4,000,000.00

Additional donations required $625,900.00

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

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (Continued from page 16)

Gotan-e Service Donations

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内陣修復に向けて

先月五月二十一日に営まれた宗祖降誕会の翌日、三月二十三日からお内陣の解体作業が始まりました。京都にある若林佛具製作所から新谷様、長谷川様、そして平野様の三人様が来られ、作業は着々と進められ、二十五日にはコンテナに詰め込みが完了しました。

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ご寄付

【5月様月法要】

5月22日に営まれた「降誕会法要」で、ご寄付をいただきました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧ください。合計3,506ドル。

【仏教会にお礼】

ご寄付をいただきました方々のはな名です。敬略

仏教会に特別寄付

合計470ドル

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ご寄付をいただきました方々のはな名です。敬略

合計936ドル

お葬儀

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うらべ・ジェデス

ご葬式ご名名です。敬略

仏教会

合計1,000ドル

南無阿弥陀仏
WELCOME TO THE BEC'S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:

COFFINMAN

By Shinmon Aoki

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

FEATURED MOVIE:

DEPARTURES

(Movie shown @ 6:00 pm)

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

Save the Date!

Kenny Endo
with Derek Nakamoto & guests

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim

Sunday October 30, 2016 @ 2:00 pm

More information to follow

Benefitting the OCBC 50th Anniversary Project
Completing the Dream - Hondo & Courtyard


Photo courtesy of Toyo Miyatake Studio
KUMAMOTO EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The Buddhist Churches of America are collecting donations to support the victims of the devastating earthquake in Kumamoto this past April. If you wish to make a donation, please make checks out to the BCA Endowment Foundation and deliver them to the OCBC Office. The donations will be sent to the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto to be administered to the victims in Kumamoto.

For more information Email: ocbc909@aol.com or Call 714.827.9590
Supporting Healthy Aging in Our Community

Going forward, Keiro is expanding its reach from a focus on long-term healthcare facilities to broadly engaging and supporting thousands of Japanese Americans + Japanese Older Adults in Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura counties.

Founded in 1961, Keiro is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of senior life in Our Community.

Keiro provides services to older adults and caregivers, along with programs for residents of Keiro’s former facilities—helping older adults in Our Community to age the way they choose.

Keiro’s resources, tools, and culturally sensitive programs help older adults age on their own terms and live with dignity, vitality, and confidence.

Stay connected with Keiro online!

www.keiro.org

www.genkiliving.org
Taking Charge of Ourselves: Empowering People for Genki Living!

Follow Keiro:   

Upcoming Free Programs

All programs are FREE unless otherwise noted and are made possible by Keiro along with support from Keiro’s Community Partners, donors, and volunteers.

6/4 (Saturday) | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Stress Management (in Japanese)
Orange County Japanese American Association
17332 Irvine Blvd., Suite 110, Tustin, 92780

6/9 (Thursday) | 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Internet Safety
Anaheim Free Methodist Church
1001 N. Mayflower St., Anaheim, 92801

7/16 (Saturday) | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Heart Health & Senior Scams
Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center
1766 Seabright Ave., Long Beach, 90813

9/10 (Saturday) | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Diabetes (in Japanese)
Orange County Japanese American Association
17332 Irvine Blvd., Suite 110, Tustin, 92780

9/28 (Wednesday) | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Safe Driving
Wintersburg Presbyterian Church
2000 N. Fairview St., Santa Ana, 92706

10/18 (Tuesday) | 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Go Genki: Living a Healthy & Fulfilling Life
Orange Coast Free Methodist Church
3198 Airport Loop Dr. #B, Costa Mesa, 92626

10/22 (Saturday) | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Medicare Update
Orange County Buddhist Church
900 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, 92804

10/22 (Saturday) | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Medicare Update (Japanese)
Orange County Japanese American Association
17332 Irvine Blvd., Suite 110, Tustin, 92780

11/3 (Thursday) | 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Diabetes: Nutrition & Physical Activity
Anaheim Free Methodist Church
1001 N. Mayflower St., Anaheim, 92801

For more information about Keiro’s Healthy Living programs, please contact Kanako Fukuyama at 213.873.5709 or kfukuyama@keiro.org
The Aquarium of the Pacific is the fourth most-attended aquarium in the nation. It displays over 11,000 animals in more than 50 exhibits that represents the diversity of the Pacific Ocean. Its world-class animal exhibits offers visitors hands-on and a variety of multimedia experiences. The large aquarium allows visitors a close up view of the fish and vegetative life that inhabit the Pacific Ocean.

An Asian Art Museum in Long Beach? The Assistance League of Long Beach has recently added a museum-quality collection of Asian artifacts exhibition to its many community offerings. Docents will guide us through the exhibit.

COST: $30 OCBC Senior (includes admission to both exhibits, transportation, & lunch)
$35 Guest

CHECK IN: 9:15 AM board bus, OCBC parking lot
DEPART: 9:30 AM
RETURN: Approximately around 3:30 PM

CANCELLATION: REFUND ONLY IF A REPLACEMENT IS AVAILABLE. Contact Amy Iwamasa (714) 968-2649 or amyiwamasa@yahoo.com for cancellations or name changes.

PLEASE COMPLETE, DETACH AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO AMY IWAMASA, 20221 EVERGLADES LANE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646 BY AUGUST 5, 2016. (Please do not put in PK mailbox.)

NAME(S) ___________________________ HOME PHONE ______________
EMAIL ___________________________ CELL PHONE ______________

EMERGENCY CONTACT: ___________________________ RELATION ______________
CONTACT'S DAY PHONE: ___________________________ CELL PHONE ______________

GUEST ___________________________ HOME PHONE ______________
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Golf Registration

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Golfers @ $200 ea. Total Enclosed $________
Includes golf, contests, (2) mulligans, lunch & dinner

Payment: [ ] Check [ ] Visa [ ] Mastercard
Card Number: ______________________
Expiration Date: ____________________
Signature: _________________________
Name on Card: ______________________
Billing Zip Code: ____________________

Please make checks payable to:
OCBC Endowment Fund
Non-Profit ID # 33-0941142

I cannot attend, however I would like to support the tournament and its volunteers. I have enclosed a check in the amount of $________

If you do not belong to a foursome, we will place you in a winning foursome.

Mail completed form to:
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909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

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Company Name__________________________
Address______________________________
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Mobile Phone ( ) ____________________
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Please select sponsorship category

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Mulligans, Contests, Recognition on Banner
and in Program

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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 ___________
OCBC thanks you so much for your generous donation.

Print Name: ___________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City / State / Zip: ____________________________________

We will help complete the OCBC 50th Anniversary Fundraising Project with a
☐ Donation or ☐ Pledge of:
☐ $25,000 or greater ☐ $10,000 ☐ $5,000 ☐ $2,500 ☐ $1,000
☐ Other $__________

Special instructions for donation (if desired): __________________________

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

Pledge Only
Our pledge for the amount of $__________ will be for:
☐ 1 Year ☐ 2 Years ☐ 3 Years

Our preferred payment schedule:
☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Annually

Payment Preference
☐ Check payable to OCBC
Credit Card ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

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