FALL OHIGAN SERVICE  
Sunday, September 18, 2016  
10:00 AM

English speaker  
Rev. Patti Nakai  
Buddhist Temple of Chicago

Japanese speaker  
Rev. Seikan Fukuma  
BCA Minister Emeritus

There will be a luncheon after the service  
hosted by ABA.
Buddhism and Self-Esteem

For many years I have watched various TV programs like Oprah Winfrey and other talk shows, and there would be guests who would talk about how they suffer from low self-esteem. Psychologists and various talk show experts would offer advice and suggestions on how to remedy their low self-esteem. This month I would like to reflect on and share my thoughts on the topic of Buddhism and Self-Esteem.

What does Buddhism have to say about self-esteem? Does Buddhism have a better solution to remedy the problem of low self-esteem? If it does, what is it?

Different from other schools of psychology and therapy, I think that Buddhism gets to the core of the self-esteem problem. Buddhism first asks the question, “What is the self?” Before taking up the matter of self-esteem, Buddhism says we must address the question of the self. What is the self? Who am I? Buddhism starts with this basic, fundamental question, first of all.

I will never forget a talk I heard by Rev. Kodani, now retired BCA minister emeritus. He talked about when he first studied Buddhism in Japan at Ryukoku University. The professor of that class on Buddhism asked Rev. Kodani in class, “Who are you?” The following conversation then unfolded between Rev. Kodani and the Buddhist professor.

Rev. Kodani replied, “I am Masao Kodani.”

The teacher responded, “That is your name. Who are you?”

“I am a foreign student from America.”

“That is your citizenship. Who are you?”

“I am a third generation Japanese American.”

“That is your ethnic background. Who are you?”

“Uhh, I am a son of Nisei parents.”

“That is your family relationship. Who are you?”

On and on this conversation went. Eventually, Rev. Kodani was left speechless. He could not answer the question of “Who are you?” He could only answer in terms of his background, ethnicity, etc., as any of us would. The professor showed him this basic question of Buddhism that challenges to question who and what are we? What is the self? From a Buddhist perspective, self-esteem is not the problem, but the understanding of what the self is, is the crucial matter.

If we begin to reflect and question the self, then we come to realize that we are the result of causes and conditions, infinitely. We are the result of our biological parents, but also our grandparents, great grandparents, and ancestors going back to the beginnings of life on earth. We are the result of our teachers, our friends, our classmates that we have learned from and associated with throughout our life. We are the result of countless beings who have given our life as food that sustains our life. On and on and on this goes.

Although I am on one hand, “Marvin Harada, age 62, Japanese American, minister, father, husband, etc. etc., I am only what I am in relation and connection to all other things. I am a father because of my children. I am a husband because of my wife. I am a minister because I serve a Sangha. This “thing” that I regard as “Marvin Harada” is a result of a myriad of causes and conditions, flowing and moving, like a flowing river.

But yet we do not see ourselves in that manner. We see ourselves as a “thing.” Our “ego self” regards us as a “thing” and is easily hurt, offended, and angered. If someone tells me that I really gained a lot of weight, my perception of myself as a “thing” is what gets so upset. The nerve of that guy to say I gained weight. Look at him. He gained weight too, all the workings of the ego self.

In that same manner, it is the ego self that suffers from low self-esteem. That is why our self-esteem drops when someone criticizes or insults us, even if what they are saying is the absolute truth. On the other hand, our self-esteem rises if someone flatters us, “You haven’t aged a day in thirty years! You don’t even have any gray hairs!”

If we have not addressed the matter of the self, then we are destined to ride the roller coaster of the highs and lows of self-esteem. We will forever suffer from low self-esteem because we haven’t resolved the matter of the self.

The Buddhist way of life addresses first the issue of the self. Who am I? What am I? From that question we begin to seek, listen, and learn from our great Buddhist teachers and masters who have all resolved this great matter of the self. Shakymuni Buddha, Shinran Shonin, Zen Master Dogen, and countless others….all of our great teachers have started with this fundamental question. From that basic fundamental question they have come to discover their true self, the self that is not affected by the highs or lows of self-esteem.

If you have ever felt that you have suffered from low self-esteem, you can choose to read numerous self help books or watch any number of talk shows, to find a remedy, but ultimately none of them addresses the key issue of what is the self. The search for real self-esteem lies in the question of what is the self.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
A WAY OF SEEING (09/16 – Saichi Redux)

Welcome back to the Korin, collectively the voice of the Orange County Buddhist Church. Thank you to all of you who were able to help out during, and actually before and after as well, the Obon period. I heard that it was very successful in all respects.

As the title of this month’s essay shows, I have returned to my favorite Jodo Shinshu person, after Shinran Shonin and, perhaps, Rennyo, Saichi Myokonin. Borrowing translations from others is not always kosher (a handy Jewish word), but when the translator, in this case, the famous D.T. Suzuki, does not give the original words, there is not much to do about it if one wants to use it/them. However, you should know that, unless otherwise indicated, the interpretations of the poems are mine, not Suzuki’s. The following are from his book, Mysticism Christian and Buddhist, p. 150.

Buddha-wisdom is beyond thought, Leading me to the Pure Land! “Namu-amida-butsu!”

Perfectly indifferent I am! No joy, no gratefulness, Yet nothing to grieve over the absence of gratefulness.

Doing nothing, doing nothing, doing nothing! Nyorai-san takes me along with him! I am happy!

Suzuki does not give us the original Japanese for these stanzas/poems, so I cannot give you my translation, but there is no reason to think that mine would be a lot different and certainly not better. It needs to be said that Suzuki does sometimes add or subtract words to suit his purpose.

First stanza: I cannot fathom what the Buddha has in mind for me, except that its goal is the Pure Land. In gratitude I utter “Namu Amida Butsu.” This sounds quite as it should. Why do you utter Namu Amida Butsu? I think ministers usually say that it is an utterance of gratitude, right? It might be that. It is not, by the way, what you say when you make a wish. Nor is it what you say if a wish comes true. On those occasions, the magic words are, “I’ll be darned.” Kidding. They are usually, “Thank you, Mom and Dad.” Namu Amida Butsu, technically speaking, is not a phrase to thank a person. For that, “thank you” will suffice.

Namu Amida Butsu is between you and Amida. It is as much a statement of oneness as it is a statement of gratitude. When it is a statement of oneness, it is much like the second stanza/poem, in which Saichi says he is without gratefulness, “[y]et nothing to grieve over the absence of gratefulness.” And why is that? Although Saichi is doing nothing to guarantee his “birth” in the Pure Land, Amida takes Saichi along with him! Saichi is happy. And who wouldn’t be if he knew with the certainty of Saichi that Amida is taking him along? If that sounds like Amida is taking Saichi to the land of the dead, it would be a mistaken impression. Saichi was far from being dead, of course, but, more important, there is no “land of the dead.” The Pure Land is not a land of the dead. One might say that “going to,” or “gone to,” the Pure Land is a way of saying we have died; it is a way of removing the stigma from, or, more appropriately, the fear of, dying.

Here is another poem as translated by Suzuki:, p. 152.

Saichi has nothing—which is joy.
Outside this there’s nothing.
Both good and evil—all’s taken away,
Nothing’s left.
To have nothing—this is the release, this is the peace.
All’s taken away by the “Namu-amida-butsu,”
This is truly the peace.
“Namu-amida-butsu!”

Suzuki goes on to say, p. 153, “With all this, however, we must not think that Saichi turned into a piece of wood which is free from all passions, good as well as bad. He was quite alive with them all. He was as human as we are ourselves. As long as we are what we are, none of us can be released from the burden. To get rid of it means to get rid of our own existence which is the end of ourselves, the end of all things, the end of Amida himself, who has no object for his upāya (or means) to exercise.” This is a much longer quote than I would normally use, but it says all that needs to be said. Actually, I had not thought it all out that far.

From p. 181, #25
How do you understand a life of gratitude?
As to being grateful, sometimes I remember it, sometimes I do not.
Really, a wretched man I am!

Do you always remember to express your gratitude? I don’t. Like Saichi, sometimes I remember, sometimes I do not. Where he and I differ over this is that I rarely, if ever, feel I am a wretched man because I forgot to express my gratitude. Sometimes I feel ashamed for having forgotten, but my wife makes me send a “thank you” note regardless of how much time has passed. “Better late than never,” is her motto. Saichi’s point, though, is it does not truly matter whether he remembers or not. Either way, he is a wretched man.

I hope these poems help you think about what it means to be a follower of the True Purport of the Pure Land Teachings. More, I hope they do not discourage you from trying to understand what it’s all about. If it makes any kind of difference, please know that I cannot always follow what Saichi is saying, although as a rule I do not use poems that I cannot understand.

Please take care of yourselves, and make your life a great one.

Gassho,
Donkon Jaan Doami
On Not Mistaking the Menu for the Meal

I have often said that I think that we can learn a lot about our own tradition, or at least gain a deeper understanding of it by learning from the traditions and teachings of other forms of Buddhism and even from other religions. Sometimes a story from Zen Buddhism or even a non-Buddhist tradition has helped me to gain a deeper understanding. In that vein, I would like to offer the following story from the Hassidic tradition:

Rabbi Rami Shapiro writes: “Aren’t all religions equally true? No, all religions are equally false. The relationship of religion to truth is like that of a menu to a meal. The menu describes the meal as best it can. It points to something beyond itself. As long as we use the menu as a guide we do it honor. When we mistake the menu for the meal, we do it and ourselves a grave injustice.”

This reminds me a lot of Nagarjuna’s teaching about the finger pointing to the moon. Like the finger in Nagarjuna’s example, the rabbi tells us that the menu points to something beyond itself. It points the the reality of the nourishment behind the descriptions of the food on the menu.

All religions have teachings which are really just ideas, concepts, doctrines that are meant to point us toward the real meaning of life. The real meaning of reality itself. But these are just teachings. They are not the reality. They can only point us in the right direction, just as a menu does not really give us the real experience of eating the food it describes. The menu does not truly nourish us. As Zen master Dogen says, a painted rice cake can’t nourish us. We need to eat the real thing.

Another thing about menus is that they can change. Just so, ideas and concepts develop and change the more we come to understand the real nature of the universe that we live in. Concepts that used to make sense no longer do. In his book, Opening the Hand of Thought, Koshi Uchiyama Roshi says that we need to learn to hold onto our ideas and beliefs lightly rather than grasp them tightly. If we hold them too tightly, when we cling to our concepts and beliefs, when they are challenged by new ideas and concepts, we have a hard time letting them go. This is what happens when people become fundamentalists. Even a new truth is unable to loosen their hold. Therefore it is better to hold them with an open hand.

When we mistake the menu for the meal, or mistake the finger for the moon, we miss the beauty of the reality that lies beyond the menu. We miss the wisdom and compassion that lie beyond our images and concepts. As the rabbi says in his story, we do both the menu and the meal a grave injustice.

Rev. Bill Dearth

BEC News

This month, the Shin Reader relinquishes its space to BEC News to explain about the new Sunday BEC classes.

The Buddhist Education Center (BEC) has been experimenting with new ways to spread the Dharma. We have found that attendance at our evening classes has been declining. This may be due to several factors: the economy, traffic and busy schedules. To respond to these conditions we have begun offering classes after Sunday services with a light lunch also provided. We hope this encourages increased participation by being more attractive and convenient.

Over the summer, Ellen Crane taught Shin Buddhism’s (Radical) Path on Sunday, July 24 and August 7. Later in the month, I taught the first half of Buddhism at the Movies on Sunday, August 21 and August 28. Both were held in the Social Hall Level One from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm; each with lunch served at a cost of $10 per session.

The BEC also wanted to make connections with other OCBC organizations with the goal that many Sangha members would like to attend as members of a group rather than as individuals. The Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) sponsored Ellen’s class and the Dharma School Teachers sponsored my course. We are very indebted to these groups. They promoted these classes to their members and provided and served the lunches.

Both classes were very well attended – far more so than similar evening offerings. So well that we plan to carry on the experiment into the fall. Jim Pollard will be teaching Rethinking the Four Noble Truths on Sundays, October 16 and 23 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. I will teach the second half of Buddhism at the Movies on Sundays, November 6 and 20 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Each session will be $10 with lunch included.

I feel this schedule is more convenient for both the students and the instructors. I think it even makes attending OCBC more attractive since more Buddhism can be experienced without any additional effort. Even if you are just hungry – please come. Listening works even when your mouth is full. The teachings work either way.

The lunches also provide a time to socialize and make friends within the Sangha. This bonding is actually what builds a Sangha. We found that the evening classes at times lacked this aspect. It was just too easy to come alone, listen and leave alone. It is more powerful to practice with others than to study on your own. Buddhism is a team sport. Please come and join us.

In gassho,
Rev Jon Turner, BEC Director
President’s Message

Summer is about to end, and OCBC has had a busy couple of months. At the July Board meeting, it approved a newly created Vision and Mission Statement for the church. This will become the guiding direction for the church in the future, although it merely puts into words what OCBC has done for many years. It reads as follows:

Proposal Mission Statement
Orange County Buddhist Church is a place to listen to and share the Shin Buddhist teachings for all.

Vision Statement
Orange County Buddhist Church is a welcoming community made up of families and individuals seeking spiritual awakening through Shin Buddhism, lasting friendships, and a cultural experience, dedicated to providing positive life experiences for generations to come.

Look for this to be added to our web site in the near future.

Many of you have noticed that the Naijin remodeling project has begun, and we are rounding the corner to finish the 50th Anniversary Project. By the best estimation, we may complete the Naijin by the end of March. We’re hoping that the weather remains mild, we don’t uncover any unanticipated construction problems, and yes, we continue our request to the Sangha to support its efforts by fulfilling all individual pledges.

The church is continuing its fundraising efforts. On August 22nd, the OCBC Golf Tournament will be held. There has been a huge effort by many committee members to have the best golf event we have ever had. On August 27th, ABA and Boy Scouts will host a dinner/dance at OCBC to raise funds for the building effort and the Boy Scout Japan Jamboree. On October 20th, OCBC will be hosting the Kenny Endo Concert. Tickets are now on sale. Kenny Endo will be accompanied by other musicians who will merge their talents with the sound of the taiko. He has also generously volunteered to have a workshop with our own Daion Taiko before the concert.

In July, we held our annual Obon Festival which turned out to be a huge success with beautiful Orange County weather. Thanks to the efforts of Hiko Miyake and his committee, the Ondo dancing, delicious food and games were all very successful. Many thanks to the team who strategized the new layout, and made efforts in streamlining the food line. Special thanks to Alan Maruyama, David Okino, Dick Fukuda and Nick Hisamoto who re-painted the dance lines in the parking lot. Without these changes, the dancers would not have had the room to dance, and we wouldn’t have had the ability to handle the massive crowd we had on Saturday.

The next time you see Rev. Jon Turner (and his wife Linda), please congratulate him on his decision to become one of our full-time ministers. His application will go into effect in October of 2017. We have had the pleasure of seeing Rev. Jon develop and mature into the role of a Buddhist minister, and we have benefitted from his insightful Dharma messages. Linda and Jon have become an integral part of the OCBC family. We are looking forward to having him as a full-time minister and having him take on more responsibilities and being more accessible to the Sangha. There will be continuous planning and discussions to determine how this will happen.

Have you heard about “meishi”? Meishi is the Japanese term used for your personal business card. This is an important and significant item used to do business in Japan and necessary to introduce oneself to others in any business meeting. What does this have to do with OCBC? The church has many successful businessmen and women who have a world of experience in their field. Ken Nishida and Fred Katsuda have proposed a program that can help mentor the young and young-at-heart members of our church. The proposal was approved at the July Board Meeting. Please offer your expertise to Ken and Fred so that we can build another link with church members.

One of the amazing things about OCBC is that with this large church organization, we have such a wealth of dedicated members. Most of them continue to donate their time and energy to do the large and small things that any active organization, including OCBC, must have to produce great activities and comprehensive religious programs. Many of them are the “quiet behind the scenes” leaders in the church who volunteer to take the lead in many of our church’s activities. We are so very thankful to them. This is the only way we can continue our future here at OCBC.

In Gassho,
Alan Endo, OCBC President
BWA News

Announcements
-Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18th. Please meet in the Kodo after the Fall Ohigan Service and luncheon at 12:30pm.
-Our bento sale will be held on September 11th. Help is needed with the food preparation on Saturday at 9:00am and Sunday at 8:00am in the MPB kitchen. Thank you in advance for your support.
-Please support our Kuri manju fundraiser by pre-ordering your package(s) today. All proceeds will go towards the OCBC Phase II Building Fund. See Korin for the order form and submit by September 25th.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, July 11th, 55 seniors and guests enjoyed a tasty bento and celebrated birthdays for Paul Fujimoto, Toshiko Katsumoto, and Shizuko Matsumoto. The ladies prepared orange chicken, chow mein, green beans, and sliced watermelon. Thank you to Toshiko Katsumoto and Shizuko Matsumoto for the monetary donations, to Rev. Wondra for the cherries, and to Mrs. Toby Fusato for the watermelon. We look forward to seeing you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, September 19th, 2016.

Obon Festival – Thank You!
The warm, but pleasant weather drew a record crowd and kept the BWA ladies very busy from early morning until closing. We would like to thank the many volunteers that helped us prepare the wontons, udon, sushi, kintoki for shave ice, and Friday’s worker lunch. We would also like to thank the OCBC Girl Scouts, SEYO Sports, Jr. YBA, dedicated family members and friends for your continued support year after year. With everyone pitching in, we were able to prepare 15,920 wontons, 1,131 servings of udon (beef and kitsune), 5,214 inari sushi, 840 norimaki rolls, and 567 chirashi plates. A special thank you to a team of volunteers who came in on the Tuesday following Obon to put away kitchen equipment, utensils etc., clean stove/ burners, clear refrigerator, and sanitize work stations and floors. Your dedication is deeply appreciated and never goes unnoticed.

FBWA 44th National Conference, Bellevue, WA – October 7-9, 2016
The theme for the conference is “Linked in the Nembutsu – Tsunagatte.” The response has been very good and the OCBWA ladies and other OCBC members are looking forward to visiting the beautiful Northwest, listening to the Dharma messages, and making new friends along the way. If you have any questions, 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

BWA

KURI MANJU FUNDRAISER
Pre-order form (Proceeds going to OCBC Phase II Building Fund)

Deadline for pre-orders: September 25, 2016

KURI MANJU PICKUP: OCBC MPB lobby on Sun., Oct. 2, 2016 from 11:30am – 1pm.

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Kuri manju pick-up at OCBC in the MPB lobby on Sun., Oct. 2, 2016 @11:30a - 1:00p
**Social Welfare / Dana Program**

On October 22, 2016 the Dana Program will hold a Free Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Memorial Care Medical Group starting at 9:00 am to 11:30 am. A registration form is included in this Korin. Also, Keiro is holding a free seminar on “What’s new for Medicare in 2017?” along with “Do I need to change my Medicare plans?”, “What is Zika Virus?”, “What causes shingles? Does the vaccination work?” and also “Are there other infectious diseases that seniors need to be careful about?”. A flyer and registration form for the seminar is located in this Korin.

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 such as: Internet Safety, Heart Health & Senior Scams and Diabetes: 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 dcmatsuoka@aol.com.

Are you interested in strengthening your body, improving coordination and balance, becoming healthier and having a more relaxed body and mind? There is a beginners’ Tai Chi Longevity Stick class led by Dan Hakikawa on Thursdays starting at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB. If you don’t have the stick for this class, you can pay only $9 at the time you sign up. A form of moving meditation, Tai Chi has been shown to help reduce stress, boost the immune system, and improve 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 games. They are currently playing Mahjong, but other card games & board games are available. Donation of $1.00 is collected at the door. Please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860.5155 or email iyamanishi@gmail.com. if you have any questions.

If you are interested in joining the Social Welfare/Dana Program you can contact Linda Ishibashi (562) 860-5993 or email lki_2@me.com.

**2016 Obon Wish List**

Once again we have had record-breaking Obon receipts and your generosity has helped make our Obon another success for OCBC.

We collected:

- 205 # sugar
- 12 rolls wax paper
- 106# flour
- 8# salt
- 8# corn starch
- 500 paper plates
- 4 quarts pineapple juice
- 2 pkgs mugicha
- 4 bottles Dawn
- 3 L. sake
- 10 boxes gloves
- 8 gal chicken broth
- 1 lg bottle Windex
- 3 pks dish cloths - PK
- Mustard, mayo, ketchup, BBQ sauce, relish
- 8 pks paper towels
- $605.00 Gift Cards
- $300 Cash

We would like to recognize all those people who donated to the program including all those who donated anonymously or just dropped items off without our getting your name. Thank you!

Kent & Nancy Suzuki
Lily & Richard Hara
Linda Turner
Mary Jane Fujimura
John and Mary Sunada
Ron & Kyoko Suzuki
Nancy Shibata
Nancy Inafuku
May & Roy Fujioka
Diane Hamano
Ron & Annie Sakahara
Nancy Ohama
Karen Nagayama
OCBC Ukulele
Judy Urabe
Masako Matsuo
Ruby Takazumi
Emi Ochi
Margaret Abe
Donna Fujishige
Karen Muramoto
Minoru Suzuki
Roy & Fran Onishi
Craig Shibata
Dan & Noriko Kaneko
Karen Kino
Linda Okino
Kathy Nishimoto

**OCBC Lost and Found**

The OCBC office has accumulated many items that are waiting to be returned to their owners. Please come to the OCBC front desk (Level 3). We will be donating all unclaimed items at the end of September.
Maintenance Report

Although we had no official monthly Maintenance Monday scheduled, many dedicated volunteers came to OCBC to help. Maintenance work continued on that Monday, and many other days by our dedicated OCBC volunteers, even while I was enjoying my vacation in the British Isles.

Thank you to the following dedicated people for their help in late July and August (Please let me know if I left your name off the list).

Paul Fujimoto        David Fusato        Wat Iwakoshi
Dan Kaneko           Hideo Kawamura      Dennis Morinaga
Eric Nakahara        Rod Nishimura       Akio Nitta
Dennis Okada         Winston Shigenaga    Tom Sunada
Ron Suzuki

1) General
   a. Continued trash removal from the Ball Road and Dale Street frontages.
   b. Continued repairing damaged lunch trays.
   c. Pruned trees, removed weeds, and tended to the planting.
   d. Put out scrap metal for pick up
   e. Shortened rack holding gas lines in shed 7
   f. Planted “apple- banana plant” in Ball Road garden.
   g. Northside of the classroom building, installed a rack for miscellaneous storage
   h. For Japanese school classes: built a stand to hold a “prop” clock

2) Hondo
   a. Installed deadbolt on door between Hondo and Kodo lobby.
   b. Installed lock on doorway leading to the minister’s preparation area.

3) Class Room Building
   a. Moved supplies into, and out of, storage room
   b. Installed a cork-board and hung map in room 3

4) MPB
   a. Replaced some burned out lights.
   b. Replaced a wheel on a rack in the sports office

Next monthly workday is Monday September 12, 2016 at 9 A.M. Any one that has some time to devote to helping the temple is welcome to join us. A delicious “home” cooked lunch is provided by the BWA.

Gassho,
Jim Mitchell

OCBC Wish List

As the summer months come to a close, we find the warm days of autumn and the new Wish List starting up again. Only one organization has sent in a request.

Project Kokoro Crafts: yarns, multiple skeins of a neutral color; Costo packs of 12 white hand towels; cotton fabric, Asian print (questions to Dorothy Matsuoka).

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

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara

DID YOU KNOW???

DID YOU KNOW that a beginners’ ukulele class is forming soon for any OCBC members interested in learning to play this unique instrument? The ukulele takes up very little space, it is certainly affordable, and with a few lessons (and practice, of course), you’ll soon be strumming a variety of chords recognizable by all. If you have been entertaining the idea of learning to play, email Roy Onishi, rfonishi@yahoo.com. The first meeting will be held Friday, September 16th, 7:00 pm. (This class is available to all sustaining members.)

DID YOU KNOW that starting this month, OCBC is beginning in earnest its GO GREEN effort to “Just Say NO to Styro” campaign? Please think twice before picking up that styrofoam cup. Americans as a whole trash 25,000,000,000 foam cups annually, and 500 years from now those foam cups will still be in our landfills. Let’s Go Green together!
Dharma School News

Obon Festival
Obon odori dances were taught by Mrs. Gail Kusano. The following Dharma School staff members assisted Gail during practices and the festival: Joanne Ishii, Marion Nishimura, Nancy Suzuki, Teri Whited, Rev. Wondra, Joyce Yada, Andréa Yamamoto, Lisa Yamamoto, Irene Yamanishi, Alison Yoshihara, and Emily Yoshihara

Thank you to the following ladies who helped the dancers dress into yukatas: Mrs. Korin, Mrs. Ogawa, Kyoko Shimizu, Leslie Lemus del Cid, and Kathi Shimoda.

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

Dancers could not dance without odori music. All of the dances were introduced to the crowd. A very special thank you to three gentlemen for their assistance during dance practices and the Obon Festival:
Audio Music / Sound System: Alan Maruyama, David Okino
MC: David Yamamoto.

The Dharma School had additional responsibilities during the Obon festival. Thank you to the following chairmen & helpers:
Teri Burger: Chris Hirata and D.S. Hospitality Committee
Boutique: Janet Sakahara, Lynn Black
Sunday Lunch Prep: Joanne Ishii, Marion Nishimura, and Chris Hirata. Thank you Rev. Harada for his assistance in cooking the fried rice, ABA for sharing dessert items, and the Girl Scouts for helping with clean-up.

2016-17 D.S. Cabinet Officers
The following D.S. officers were re-elected to serve on the D.S. Cabinet:
Superintendent – Rick Oishi
Assistant Superintendents – Janet Sakahara, Nancy Suzuki
Treasurer - Alison Yoshihara
Recording Secretary – Marion Nishimura
Corresponding Secretary – Teri Whited
Publicity - Tracy Yamashita-Perry
Emeritus / Parliamentarian – Seiju Terada

Upcoming Events
Fall Ohigan Service
Date: September 18, 2016
Please make sure students sign the attendance sheets.

D.S. Class Schedule
D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: September 11 and 25.
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Project Kokoro

Congratulations to Project Kokoro volunteer MEGAN ONO for receiving the honor of being crowned Nisei Week First Princess!!! Megan represented the Orange County Nikkei Coordinating Council and is the daughter of Russ and Diana Ono, active church volunteers. Project Kokoro is proud of Megan’s accomplishment and wishes her well through what will be a busy year representing the Nisei Week Organization at various community activities.

Project Kokoro Seniors were delighted to be greeted by Assistance League docents clad in kimonos and Chinese dresses at the Howard Asian Art Museum in Long Beach on August 16. A highlight of the museum is a collection of Japanese block prints utilizing many colors depicting the beginning influence of the western world. The Assistance League of Long Beach is a non-profit organization that provides educational, dental, and clothing services to children.

The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach was the second stop of the day. Seniors had the opportunity to see and touch captivating sea creatures swimming in various sized tanks. Almost all agreed the fluid movements of the jellyfish were mesmerizing.

Please be on the look out for future Project Kokoro trips and activities in the monthly Korin. All seniors are invited to participate.

Project Kokoro meets every second Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on September 14 at 7:00pm in Project Kokoro Room.

In Gassho,
Amy Iwamasa

Important Message

Korin Articles Due

9/25/2016*
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com


* Taiko, DW,ST JrY can submit articles
** All scouts troops can submit articles
*** ALL ORGANIZATIONS CAN SUBMIT ARTICLES
In the forty-nine years of serving the Sangha, ABA has seen the passing of many of its members, as well as former members. Now is the time to offer a GATHA to all those who have crossed over to the other shore.

Mihotoke Ni Idakare Te
Kimi Yuki Nu Nishi No Kishi
Natsukashiki Omokage Mo
Kie Hateshi Kanashisa Yo

Mihotoke Ni Idakare Te
Kimi Yuki Nu Jibi No Kuni
Misukui O Mi Ni Kake Te
Shimeshi Masu Kashikosa Yo.

Mihotoke Ni Idakare Te
Kimi Yuki Nu Tama No Te
Utsukushiki Mihotoke To
Nari Mashi Shi Totosa Yo.

In Amida’s Embrace, Dear Beloved One,
You Have Gone Beyond to The Western Shore
How Sad That Only Fond Remembrance
(Of You) Remain.

In Amida’s Embrace, Dear Beloved One,
You Have Gone Beyond To The Land of Peace
You Have Been Shown To All The Highest Form

In Amida’s Embrace, Dear Beloved One,
You Have Gone Beyond To The Splendent Home.
You Have Become As One With Amida’s Light.
We Do Revere You In the Buddhahood.

OBON WORKERS LUNCH: July 16, 2016
Food, good food, lots of food, all prepared by the hard working ABA members. People lining up, take their plates full of food, and leave, hopefully with gratitude. ABA hopes that some appreciation is in the minds and hearts of all who enjoyed the food. Thank you, Namy Folick and Rumi Nakatani for supervising this event.

OBON CHICKEN TERYAKI: July 16-17, 2016
No rain this time, hard working ABA members did a tremendous job in providing excellent tasting chicken teriyaki. This well-coordinated operation was under the supervision of Brian Kumagai and Glen Morita.

DINNER DANCE: August 27, 2016
ABA and BSA Troop 578 is sponsoring a dinner-dance to benefit both organizations in their activities.

HIGAN LUNCHEON: September 18, 2016
Excellent home cooked food will be served by ABA after the Fall Higan service. Kathy Nishimoto and Nancy Inafuku will be the supervising chefs for this event.

2016 TOUR USA: September 25-October 1, 2016
Visiting Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. Karen Kino is our great leader for this trip.

ABA PAST PRESIDENTS
1983 Louie Yamanishi
1984 Ron Suzuki
1986 Kaz Ichikawa

Daikon No Hana: The mind of an ordinary person is easily distracted.

With much gratitude, R. Suzuki
Beginners Tai Chi-Longevity Stick

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

Games, Games, Games

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

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

Sangha Teens

Thank you to our members, parents and chairs for all their hard work at Obon. Sangha Teens is in charge of the soda booth every year and we had great support from everyone. Welcome back everyone to a new school and Dharma School year. For those new to Sangha Teens, Sangha Teens is a social, service and religious organization for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. We have elected officers who lead our monthly meetings and chairpersons who organize various activities and church events under the advisement of our parent advisors Mrs. Gomez and Mrs. Sakamoto. Our many activities include an installation service, OCBC costume party, Ohigan luncheon, church clean-up, Mochitsuki, Hanamatsuri, Obon, Southern District events and other fun activities. The Southern District events are a great way to make new friends from other temples in Southern California. Our monthly meetings are on Sundays right after Dharma School classes. Please join us for our first Sangha Teens meeting on Sunday, September 11th. We are looking forward to another fun and exciting year!

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Sakamoto at jncsak@verizon.net or Mrs. Gomez at cagomez5221@gmail.com.

Gassho,
Sangha Teen Advisors

Jr YBA

Jr. YBA had a fun-filled beach party on August 12th. It was the perfect day at Huntington Beach, and we enjoyed ourselves by playing games, eating, and hanging out with one another. We ended the day with a big bonfire that warmed the cool ocean breeze.

On August 13th and 14th, Jr. YBA, along with OCBC Sports and UCLA’s taiko group, worked at the shaved ice booth at the Tanabata Festival in Little Tokyo. It was a great turnout, and we sold plenty of shaved ice. We even got to go explore the other food and craft booths after our shifts were done!

We’re excited for our end-of-the-year event at Disneyland on August 27th, and we’re also looking forward to participating in the upcoming Southern District Conference on September 3rd and 4th. Our Welcome Back and first meeting are also coming up on September 11th. We’re hoping for a great rest of the year and a wonderful 2016-2017 year to come!

In Gassho,
Nicola Furumoto
Cub Scout Pack 578

Cub Scout Pack 578 would like to congratulate Kyle, Ryan, Matthew, Michael, Tyler, Jake, Preston, Kenji, Alex, Kyle, and Jaydon who crossed over to Boy Scouts in June. You showed perseverence and dedication from Tigers through Webelos II. We are proud of you and we know that you will “Do your Best” to “Be Prepared” in Scouting. The Pack is grateful for your service to our community.

The Committee is happy to announce that we will be participating in the new Lion Pilot program this year. This means that we will be accepting kindergarten age boys in addition to 1st-5th graders. The Lion program will be an introduction to scouting and the boys will participate in a reduced amount of Pack activities. The aim is to gradually start the boys off on a lifetime of learning through Cub Scouts.

Pack 578 started the year off with service to OCBC. The cub scouts and their families volunteered in game booths and the snow cone booth at Obon in July. We also sorted the recyclables in August. Many thanks go out to all the cub scouts and parents for rolling up their sleeves to overcome the stickiness of the snow cone booth, dodging all the basketballs (and ping pong balls), and enduring the strange smell of the bottles, cans, and paper that we took to the recycling center. But the Cub Scouting adventure is not all hard work and community service. The committee is planning a zoo sleepover, pack bowling night, and many more fun adventures where the Cub Scouts can practice the Scout Oath and follow the Scout Law.

Also, more thank-yous go out to the Wolf Den and all the cub scouts and their families that helped make our recruitment picnic a success. This event was held in late August at Evergreen Park in Cypress. We welcomed many potential new scouts and their families. We are looking forward to great year.

For more information on the Cub Scouts at OCBC, please contact Ron Nakahira, Cub Scout Pack 578 Committee Chairperson at rnakahira@sbcglobal.net or this year’s Recruitment Chairperson, Arthur Miguel at arthur.amiguel@yahoo.com.

In Gassho,
Ron Nakahira
Pack 578 Cub Scout Committee Chairperson

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041 is currently accepting new members: kindergarten and first grade. This year, the girls will be working toward their Summit Award. If a Daisy completes three journeys, she will earn a special pin. Other activities include a local fire station visit, a nature walk, cookie sales, and a holiday show. Each activity is designed to teach the girls about community and friendship, and about making positive changes. Any interested parents may contact Aileen Anderson at aanderson@msn.com.

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916

The Brownie Troop is excited to start a new year of scouting at OCBC! We have 23 scouts for the upcoming year, which includes 11 returning third graders and 12 new second graders who bridged over in June from Daisy Troop #2041.

Our new leadership team will include: Lori Wakabayashi, Traci Yoshida, Jo-An Takesita, Julie Yonemitsu & Kristen Takakawa! Our Brownies will be working on their “Wonders of Water” journey this year and will learn how to protect the waters of our planet. We’ll also be setting up fun Girl Scout activities outside of our meetings and learning how to help our community along with participating in many cultural events OCBC has to offer.

Our first meeting will be held on Friday, September 9. If you are interested in joining, please contact Traci Yoshida at tracim23@gmail.com for more information.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 855

OCBC Girl Scout Junior Troop 855 is looking forward to another busy year of scouting! Our troop is comprised of 4th and 5th grade girls. The 5th grade scouts will be working on their Bronze Award project and are looking forward to walking across the Golden Gate Bridge during Golden Gate Bridging in San Francisco in the spring. The 4th grade scouts will be learning outdoor skills including tents, knots and fire building for the first time. During our first meeting we will choose our Journey and service projects for this school year.

Our troop leaders are Bethany Ige, Michiko Inanaga, Sandra Mendoza, Sandra Nakagawa and Sandy Tomooka.

Thank you for your continued support, we are looking forward to working with the scouts and having another terrific year of scouting!
In Memoriam

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

George Kurosu  
Kay Nakawaki  
Mary Shimizu

Toshio Iwata  
Grace Yanagisawa

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

July

9 Shotsuki Hoyo, Monthly Memorial Service  
10 Hatsubon Service  
15 Kiwako Kawai, 1 Year Memorial Service  
23 Yukiko Sorida, 49 Day Memorial Service  
23 George Kurosu, Funeral Service  
24 Kay Nakawaki, Funeral Service  
26 Yaeko Nakamura Osako, Homyo Presentation Service  
31 Mary Shimizu, Funeral Service

August

6 Shotsuki Hoyo, Monthly Memorial Service  
13 Kay Nakawaki, 49 Day Memorial Service  
21 Toshio Iwata, Funeral Service  
26 Grace Yanagisawa, Funeral Service  
27 Gonsaku & Mine Ito, Memorial Service

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

Cadette Troop 675 is preparing for another year of activities and service projects. The leaders have met and have planned out a fun year for the girls. Girls, get ready for more responsibility and planning this year done by YOU!! It looks like we will have a full troop this year with 31 girls and 5 leaders. We will see everyone on Friday, September 9th at 7:30pm for our first meeting!

In Gassho,  
Mrs. Mauldin, Mrs. Omiya, Mrs. Murakami, Mrs. Yada, and Mrs. Yuki

Senior Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

On Friday, September 9, Girl Scout Troop 881 will start off the year with our 12th graders running the first All Troop Flag Ceremony. We look forward to seeing all the OCBC girl scouts and share the excitement of the start of a new scout year. This year, we have 32 SA scout members, grades 9th – 12th. At our first troop meeting, on Sunday, September 11, we will welcome our new 9th graders and reunite with our returning scouts. We will start planning future activities as well as hold elections for our patrol officers. We will also create Patriot Day ribbons to distribute to the OCBC members after service in remembrance of 9/11.

SA Girl Scout Troop 881 is appreciative of all that OCBC does to support our troop. It is with the temple's support that we are able to plan and hope for such a promising year ahead!
The 2016 Obon Festival was a smashing success with record sales! We don't estimate crowd size, but the Saturday one was HUGE! If it wasn't a record, it had to be one of largest ever. Sunday's was more manageable but still large. The Sangha and its many volunteer friends worked so hard to make it a huge success.

The raffle was again one of the festival's big money makers. We held five mini-raffle drawings on Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17, along with our main raffle held on Sunday evening. We're pleased to announce our larger raffle winners. Thank you everyone for participating and making the raffle a success!

2015 Obon Festival Raffle winners:
1st Prize - $2,000 Cash: Victor Kato
2nd Prize - $1000 Cash: Mrs. Michiko Sakakura
3rd Prize - $750 Cash: Jared Tanimoto
Mini-Raffle main winners:
$100 Cash: Joyce Uyehara
$100 Cash: Dennis Takashima
$100 Cash: Julie Kitajima
$100 Cash: Lori Kosakura
$100 Cash: June Tani

As always, we relied on the generosity of the many community organizations, local businesses, our Sangha members, friends, and OCBC organizations that donated gifts and prizes for the raffle. This year, we were able to conduct the raffle with over seventy excellent prizes. The response to our request for prize donations was so strong that OCBC's prize expenses were only the advertised cash prizes! OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following for their generosity to the Obon Raffle:
Union Bank
Los Angeles Rams
Los Angeles Lakers
San Diego Padres
Aquarium of the Pacific
Bowers Museum
Batavia Garden, Inc.
OCBC Ukulele Jammers
Beth Fujishige
Drew & Aimee Groh
Janis Hirohama & Jim Pollard
Bobby & Jane Iwashita
Elsie Matsuo
Masako Matsuo
Miyada Family
Karen Nagayama
Rod & Marion Nishimura
Kathy Nishimoto
Aki Nitta
Nancy Ohama
Janet Sakahara
Ron & Annie Sakahara
John & Mary Sunada
Minoru Suzuki
Ruby Takazumi
Judy Urabe
Daryl Wint
Numerous Anonymous Donors

This year, there were some donors who wished to remain anonymous and a few others whom I’ve listed as anonymous but are in fact donors whose names I failed to record. I sincerely apologize if your name was not listed above.

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara
OCBC Obon Raffle

Coin Donations

The other day I was walking thru the mall at South Coast Plaza and looked down at my feet and saw a penny!
I questioned myself:
1. Should I pick up the penny or just walk away?
2. Did someone drop the penny for a joke and was waiting to see who would pick it up?
3. Should I pick it up and waste my time looking for the Lost and Found and get laughed at for doing a good deed?
4. Should I pick it up because you never know when you might need a penny?

Hmmmm - After realizing that a penny (especially at the South Coast Plaza Mall) will buy NOTHING, I still picked it up because "EVERY PENNY COUNTS" especially if you donate it to the OCBC Coin Building Fund!
We have a GRAND TOTAL of $26,308.29 in coins and with the “penny” I was able to round it up to $26,308.30! (This may seen silly but I am running out of ideas to write about!)
Thank you to the following donors!

Helen Fukino  Jim and Kay Mitchell  Me (1 penny)
Paul Inafuku  Obon Take-Out Donations
Wat Iwakoshi  Minoru Suzuki (2)
Since our end-of-June report, much has happened with our Phase 2 project. If you've visited OCBC recently, you've seen the construction barriers around the work area are now in place. Demolition of both the Hondo interior and the courtyard was started. Sadly, we had to cut down the four tall pine trees on the south side of the Hondo to make room for the new construction. The Hondo demolition is nearing completion with just the skeletal framework of the old Hondo remaining. Shoring of the roof is the next task followed by grading and layout of the new foundation. New construction will soon follow with the new exterior walls and a new roof. This is an aggressive schedule to complete most exterior tasks before the winter months. We are finally seeing the results of everyone's hard work of fundraising and donated dollars!

Our Sangha continues to make donations and pledge payments as we inch towards our ultimate goal of $9.3M. Today we are just $589,633 short of that goal to fully fund this final construction project. OCBC fully paid for the social hall and we are very close to doing the same for the Hondo, courtyard, and MPB floor project. When this construction project is completed next spring, we'll need to pay all our consultants and contractors. What we haven't yet raised by then will have to be borrowed. So it is vitally important to get as close to the goal as possible to reduce the loan amount. This coming end-of-year fundraising campaign will be our most critical task.

OCBC is grateful for everyone's continued support and acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between June 17, 2016 and August 20, 2016.

Family and Individual Donations (new and repeat): (Coin donor names reported separately)
Yukiko Hirata
Annie Hirokawa
in memory of George Hirokawa
Jon & Jodi Hisamoto (2)
The Honda Trust
in memory of Kay & Shige Honda
Art & Margie Mio
Mitsugi & Mutsuko Miyakawa
Henry, Lin, & Cy Miyake
Orange County Bonsai Society
Mitzie Tanizawa
Richard & Janet Uyeno (2)
The following donations were made in memory of Jean Tanikawa
Mrs. Kiyoko Arimura
Allen & Janice Arisue
Robert & Setsuko Eto
Kay & Mary Jane Fujimura
George & Annie Hirokawa
D.Y. Inuma
Takashi & Setsue Inuma
Paul & Nancy Inafuku
Arlene Ito
Dan & Noriko Kaneko
Clayton Kodama
Edward & Yayoko Korin
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Lily Y. Onizuka
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Akira & Doris Shigenaga
Winston & Ruth Shigenaga
Patrick & Diane Shimoda
Ronald & Kyoko Suzuki
Ruby Emiko Takazumi
Brian & Seiko Tamura
Mr. & Mrs. Satoru Tokubo
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshihiro Tome
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Tomiyama
Louie & Irene Yamanishi

Family/Individual Donations this period: $16,666.00
Total Family/Indv'l Donations to Date: $3,853,358.00
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) this period:
2016 Yellow Chibiko Basketball team $209.00
for the MPB flooring
OCBC Dharma Wheel Club $1,000.00
OCBC Sangha Teens $1,000.00

OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $1,023,803.00
Total Pledges and Donations: $8,710,367.00
(includes coin collections)
Payments Collected to date: $8,498,111.00
Phase 2 Goal - $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $589,633.00

In Gassho,
Howard Nakagiri, Project Manager
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer
The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from June 19, 2016 through August 21, 2016.

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もう一つは、親鸞聖人を題材にした「仏の光に出逢う」の小説である。この小説は、親鸞聖人の教義を現代の社会状況に応じて解釈し、読者に共感の場を提供している。親鸞聖人の教義は、個人の道徳的向上に寄与するものであり、その意義は時代を越えて今もなお大きな魅力を放っている。

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**秋季BEC土曜真宗講座**
10月から土曜真宗講座が再び始まります。時間は午前9時から11時半です。

**九月の祥月法要**
10日（土）午後7時30分より営まれます。

**十月の祥月法要**
1日（火）午後7時30分より営まれます。

今年の祥月法要は、左記の通りに開かれます。

【秋期お彼岸セミナー】
今年のお彼岸セミナーでは、左記の通りに開かれます。

注：お彼岸セミナー開催日時は下記をご覧ください。
■ お知らせ

次回のBWAWミーティングは、9月1日（月）です。

■ シニア・ランチョン

7月11日（月）に催されたシニア・ランチョンでは、55名のシニア、アランチョンでは、55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ました。

■ お盆祭り、お疲れさまでした!

皆さんのご協力のおかげで、ワンターン15、920個、うどん（ピーフ・きつね含む）、1、131杯、稲荷寿司5、14個、海苔巻き840個、散らし寿司567個を、両日ともに完売しました。また、お盆祭り後の火曜日を片付けに来られた方々に深く感謝の意を申し上げます。

■ ご質問

■ ご寄付

「7・8月祥月法要」

【初盆法要】

【お盆法要】

お盆期間を祝い、法要のご寄附いただきました方々のお名前を、英語欄のページをご覧くださいます。英語欄にご寄付いただきました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。

合計

5月7日付け

数

1,664ドル

注

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7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:

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By Ezra Bayda

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7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:

UNMASKING BUDDHISM
By Bernard Faure

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WHO IS “I”? – COMPASSION & NOT-SELF

Rev. Patti Nakai
Buddhist Temple of Chicago

From modern Shin Buddhist teachers, we can see how the “strategy of not-self” is the working of Great Compassion. We will also discuss how the experiences of Honen and Shinran are echoed in the lives of activists for social justice.

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**Ohigan Seminar Registration Form**

Name ____________________________________________

Phone ____________________ Lunch: Yes ___ No ___

Check payable to Buddhist Education Center. $5 without lunch. **$15 with lunch.**

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

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

Classes on BUDDHISM FALL 2016

Fall Ohigan Seminar – Rev. Pati Nakai
Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. September 17
From reading modern Shin teachers, Manshi Kiyozawa, Haya Akegarasu, Shushichi Maeda, and Gyoko Saito, we will see how the “strategy of not-self” is the working of Great Compassion. And we will discuss how the experiences of Honen and Shinran are echoed in the lives of current activists in social justice.
One day class with Lunch included. Registration: $10.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Rethinking the Four Noble Truths – Jim Pollard
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. October 16, 23
Did the Buddha teach Four Truths or Four Tasks? Does a Buddhist seek knowledge or know-how? A recent book challenges our basic assumptions.
Two week class with Lunch included. Registration: $20.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Buddhism at the Movies – Rev. Jon Turner
Sunday afternoons, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. November 6, 20
Movies are not merely entertainment. When done well, movies can be a work of art and/or a modern myth. As art they transmit an emotional truth. As myth they construct a new reality in which we can orient our lives. Two films will be presented as Buddhist art and myth.
Two week class with Lunch included. Registration: $20.
Location: Social Hall Level 1

Lectures on the Shoshinge – Rev. Marvin Harada
Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. September 14, 28, October 5, 19, November 2, 9
Shinran’s verses as part of our everyday life when explained through the words of Rev. Haya Akegarasu.
Six week class. Registration: $50.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Lectures on the Larger Sutra – Rev. Marvin Harada
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. September 1, 15, 29, October 6, 20, November 3, 10
The Larger Sutra teaches how the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in the present.
Seven week class. Registration: $50.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Course Taught in Japanese – Rev. Mutsumi Wondra
Saturday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. October 1, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19
初めの四回は、宗祖親鸞聖人のご著書である『浄土経論』をひとつの丁寧な読みながら、観念の真実と仏教用語を視覚しつつ、皆さまとご一緒にご和論を味わいます。そして、後半の二回は、浄土経論のひとつである『観無量寿観』を紹介して、親鸞聖人がどのように『教行信説』に『観無量寿観』を引用されたのかを説明します。クラスではビデオを利用して、分かりやすくお話しします。
Six week class. Registration: $50.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Registration Form (Please Print)

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

Please check the class(es) desired:

- [ ] Fall Ohigan Seminar ($10) $________
- [ ] Rethinking the Four Noble Truths ($20) $________
- [ ] Buddhism at the Movies ($20) $________
- [ ] Lectures on the Shoshinge ($50) $________
- [ ] Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50) $________
- [ ] Courses Taught in Japanese ($50) $________

Total $________

Late registrants may pay $10 per remaining classes.

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Email: ocbcb99@att.com • Website: ocbuddhist.org

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

“GROWING UP SANSEI”

A Community Dialogue about Our Uniquely JA Upbringing

Featuring:
A live reading of a “JA Dysfunctional Family Play” by Soji Kashiwagi

Post-reading discussion facilitated by Dr. Satsuki Ina

Two events!

Saturday, October 1, 2016
From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Nishi Hongwanji Los Angeles Kaikan
815 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Bento Dinner to follow reading)

Sunday, October 2, 2016
Co-sponsored by Project Kokoro
Noon to 1 p.m. Bento Lunch
RSVP by Sept 25th for OCBC Bento
1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reading/Discussion
Orange County Buddhist Church
(OCBC) Social Hall
599 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804
(Part of the proceeds to benefit OCBC’s 50th Anniversary Building Project)

About the event:
Just the mention of a “Japanese American Dysfunctional Family Play” has brought smiles and laughter from Baby Boomer Sansei who grew up in a uniquely JA family environment.

Why is this so? What is it about growing up Sansei and family dysfunction that brings immediate recognition from those who were there to experience it?

These questions and more will be addressed in Soji Kashiwagi’s new comedy/drama, “Garage Door Opener." In the play, we meet Glenn and Sharon Tanaka, a Sansei brother and sister faced with the daunting task of cleaning out their parent’s garage and house after they passed away.

As they sift through dozens of empty tofu containers, kamaboko boards and broccoli rubber bands, Glenn and Sharon begin to uncover items from their past that they knew nothing about, and in the process, begin to gain a better understanding of their parents—and themselves—by the items their mom and dad left behind.

After the reading, Dr. Satsuki Ina, an expert on JA family dynamics, will facilitate a dialogue about the play with Soji Kashiwagi, and answer questions about issues such as camp and its after-effects on the Nisei, Sansei and subsequent generations, shame and not bringing shame on the family and decluttering one’s life of both emotional and physical baggage.

Satsuki Ina, Ph.D is Professor Emeritus in the School of Education at California State University, Sacramento. She is a Sansei, born in the Tulare Lake Segregation Center. As a licensed psychotherapist specializing in cross-cultural counseling and trauma, she has conducted groups for Japanese Americans who, like herself, were children in the prison camps. Her primary clinical work has focused on intergenerational families struggling with legacies of trauma. She is also an Emmy Award winning filmmaker.

General Admission: $25.00 (Reading, Discussion and Bento) / $15.00 (Reading and Discussion Only)
For reservations and to charge by phone, call the Grateful Crane ticket line at 310/995-5841
For questions regarding the Orange County event, email Diana Ono at Dianaocbc@gmail.com
The OCBC Dana Program
Presents Free Flu Shot Clinic

Free Flu Shot Clinic for 18+

When: Saturday, October 22, 2016
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 am
Place: OCBC PK Room

Sponsored by Memorial Care Medical Group

We encourage you to invite your family and friends to to get a flu shot if you are over 18 years old.

To register, please mail form to OCBC 909 S. Dale, Anaheim, CA 90804
Questions: contact Linda Ishibashi at lki_2@me.com or (562) 860-5993
Thank you.

FLU SHOT CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

Names: ___________________________________________________________

Your e-mail __________________________ Phone # ______________________

# Attending Flu Shot Clinic_______

OCBC
Get answers to the following questions and more:

- What’s new for Medicare in 2017?
- Do I need to change my Medicare plans?
- What is Zika Virus?
- What causes shingles? Does the vaccination work?
- Are there other infectious diseases that seniors need to be careful about?

**SPEAKERS:**

“*Zika Virus, Shingles, and other Infectious Diseases*”
Dr. Bill Liu, Pharm.D., CGP, Consulting Pharmacist
County of Orange Health Care Agency, Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health

“*Changes in Medicare in 2017*”
Susan Zajfen, RN, Education and Outreach Coordinator
Counci on Aging Orange County

**WHEN:**
Saturday, October 22, 2016 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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

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

**RSVP:**
RSVP is required for this seminar. Please register with Dorothy Matsuoka at 562.743.3483 or OCBC Office at 714.827.9590.

Please use the form below and provide your name, phone number, email address, and number of attendees.

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

**HOSTED BY:**

Keiro

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**Medicare Update, Zika Virus, and Shingles Presentation**

Presented by Orange County Buddhist Church and Keiro

**RSVP is required for this event. Please register with Dorothy Matsuoka at 562.743.3483 or detach this form and submit to the OCBC office.**

Name _______________________________ Phone Number _______________________________

Email Address __________________________ Number of Attendees __________

Founded in 1961, Keiro is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of senior life in our Community. Our organization provides resources, tools, and culturally sensitive programs to help older adults age on their own terms and live with dignity, vitality and confidence. We also support caregivers with problem-solving approaches to manage some of their toughest challenges.
OCBC thanks you so much for your generous donation.

Print Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

City / State / Zip: ____________________________________________________

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

Special instructions for donation (if desired): ____________________________________________________________

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

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

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

Payment Preference
☐ Check payable to OCBC

Credit Card ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card Number __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __

Expiration Date _____ / _____

Signature: ____________________________________________ Amount of Donation $____________

Print Name: ____________________________________________ Home Zip Code: _________________
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  
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OCBC 2016 - 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday Service Times: 8:30 a.m. Meditation Service (Kodo), 10:00 a.m. Family Service (Hondo/Main sanctuary)
Wednesday Meditation: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Service (Kodo/Mini Chapel)

September 2016 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 7, 14, 21, 28
  4  No service  (Labor Day observance), Jr. YBA Conference
  10 Shotoku Hoyo  (Monthly Memorial Service)
  11 Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
  17 Fall Ohigan Seminar
  18 Meditation Service, Fall Ohigan Service
  25 Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School

October 2016 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 5, 12, 19, 26
  1  Shotoku Hoyo  (Monthly Memorial Service)
  2  Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
  9  Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
 16  Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
 23  Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
 30  Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School

November 2016 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 2, 9, 16, 30
  5  Shotoku Hoyo  (Monthly Memorial Service), Church Clean-up
  6  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
 13  Meditation Service, Eitaikyo Service – Tisarana
 20  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School, All Life Forms Memorial
 27  No service  (Thanksgiving observance)

December 2016 - Wednesday Meditation Services – 7, 14, 21, 28
  3  Shotoku Hoyo  (Monthly Memorial Service)
  4  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School, BWA Eshinni-sama Memorial
 11  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School, Oseibo Taikai
 18  Mochitsuki , Meditation Service, No Family Service or Dharma School
 25  No Service  (Holiday)
 31  New Year’s Eve Service – 8:00 PM

January 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 4, 11, 18, 25
  1  New Year’s Day Service – 10:00 AM
  7  Shotoku Hoyo  (Monthly Memorial Service)
  8  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
 14  OCBC Shinnen Enkai New Year’s Party and General Meeting
 15  Meditation Service, Ho-onko service; Installation of OCBC Board Officers
 22  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
 29  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School

February 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 1, 8, 15, 22
  4  Shotoku Hoyo  (Monthly Memorial Service)
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 12  Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
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OCBC 2016 – 2017 CALENDAR

March 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
4 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
5 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
11 Spring Ohigan Seminar
12 Meditation Service, Spring Ohigan Service
19 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
26 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School

April 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 5, 12, 19, 26
1 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
9 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
16 Meditation Service, Hanamatsuri Service
23 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
29,30 HANAMATSURI BAZAAR

May 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
7 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
14 Meditation Service, Pancake Breakfast, Mother’s Day Service - 10:30 AM
21 Meditation Service, Gotan-e Service, Hatsumairi Rites
28 No Service (Memorial Day observance)
29 Memorial Day Service 9:40am, Cemetery Visitations

June 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 7, 14, 21, 28
3 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
4 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
11 Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
18 Meditation Service, Father’s Day Service, All Music Service, Awards
25 Meditation Service, Family Service, Adult Classes, NO Dharma School

July 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 5, 12, 19, 26
2 No Service (July 4th observance)
8 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
9 Meditation Service, Obon Service, Hatsubon Service
15,16 OBON FESTIVAL
23 Meditation Service, Adult Study Class
30 Meditation Service, Adult Study Class

August 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
5 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
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September 2017 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 6, 13, 20, 27
3 No Service (Labor Day observance)
9 Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
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