OCBC Mochitsuki
Sunday, December 18th

Mochi orders are due by December 4th. The order form is in this edition of the Korin.
He, She, or It?

In our adult class today we were discussing a passage from Thich Nhat Hanh in which he referred to the Buddha as “she.” This led to a discussion on whether Buddha should be referred to as “he” or “she.”

I responded that if we are referring to the historical Buddha, Shakymuni Buddha, that we should use the pronoun, “he,” as Shakymuni Buddha was an historical person, and was of course, male.

However, if we are referring to Buddha in terms of the “timeless” Buddha, then we can use either pronoun of “he” or “she.” Amida Buddha is such a “timeless” Buddha. Amida Buddha is the timeless content of Shakymuni Buddha’s enlightenment, wisdom and compassion.

In Japan, Amida Buddha was personalized, and referred to as “Amida-sama” (―sama being an honorific suffice.) Or, Buddha in general is referred to in Japanese as “Hotoke-sama,” another term for Buddha. Other similar terms in Japanese are “Oyasama,” literally, “parent,” which was affectionately used by Myokonin like Saichi.

My feeling is that in the west, the pronoun “it” might be the better choice of pronouns. I know this might sound strange, but in the west, people who come to Buddhism have come from the Judeo-Christian background, and have heard since their youth, referrals to “God” as the father, or “she.” This led to a discussion on whether Buddha should be referred to as “he” or “she.” Amida Buddha represents that which we should become. We should become wisdom and compassion. Wisdom and compassion are the contents of enlightenment.

That is why I think that perhaps in the west, we should refer to Amida Buddha as “it,” meaning, Amida Buddha is “Immeasurable Light” or “Immeasurable Life.” In this manner, people will not mistakenly come to think of Amida as a “being” or a “deity,” like in the Judeo Christian tradition.

When we look at Shinran Shonin’s writings, we can also see that Shinran Shonin did not look at Amida as a “being” either a he or a she, but as either wisdom or compassion.

I could be wrong, but I think that in the west, the use of the pronoun of “it” for Amida Buddha is quite appropriate. Personally, I prefer expressions like, “Immeasurable Light” or “Immeasurable Life,” rather than using the combined term of Amida Buddha, so that people do not come to think of Amida as a “being” as a “he, or a she.”

Rev. Kubose used to explain Amida Buddha by saying that Amida Buddha represents “that which we should become.” The first time I heard it, now nearly 40 years ago, I was so struck by it. It was such a different way of expressing what is Amida Buddha compared to what I heard from other ministers. Amida Buddha represents that which we should become. We should become immeasurable light. We should become immeasurable life.

I would like to share one final poem on light by Shinran Shonin:

"The light of wisdom exceeds all measure,
And every finite living being
Receives this illumination that is like the dawn,
So take refuge in Amida, the true and real light."  
p. 325  
Collected Works of Shinran

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Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha

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A WAY OF SEEING (11/16 – post-op)

Back with the living, if only just barely. No, not really, but that is how I am feeling after more than one stay in Kaiser. I say, “more than one stay,” because I am not sure how many times I had to stay there (the one in Downey) before I made any real progress in my health. That might sound like they did not do a good job, but that is not the case. In fact, they did a very good job, especially a number of the older, more experienced, nurses, and, of course, all of the doctors. The only one who might have a problem becoming a good nurse was a young male nurse, who it seemed to me would not go beyond the literal words of what the doctor or senior nurse (?) told him to do. All he did was remove/pull out a Foley catheter! He did not tell me what I was supposed to do after that!! I called after him as he walked out the door, “Aren’t you going to teach me what I’m supposed to do now?” His answer? “Just do what comes naturally,” or words to that effect. One of the older, obviously more experienced lady nurses, came in and had to tell me what that was, although she had not been assigned to do so. Teamwork is great when it happens when it’s needed, isn’t it?

Experience is another great thing. If it’s the appropriate experience. Right? This is not to say that, depending on what’s needed, it cannot be useful in learning or teaching a similar one. If you do have the proper, or a similar, experience, it is usually a fairly simple matter to pass that experience on to a “newbie.” Is that an accepted word?

My wife told me that I had two surgeries on the same day. I don’t even remember the first one, let alone the second. Apparently, the assisting nurse, who was cleaning me up after the first one, saw that something was not quite right and asked a doctor if he would take a look at me. As he was checking me, my surgeon returned and, when told the situation, he saw that, indeed, there was something not quite right. They went back into surgery mode and, possibly, saved my life. I do not recall any of this. My wife remembers nearly everything.

Another thing she remembers about this incident is that I was crying and protesting the use of morphine to kill any pain. It seems that I had already been given Tylenol 3, which, I think, is the strongest of the Tylenol chain, and the next step up was morphine. In any case, I was off the surgery table, my mouth full of instruments so I could not speak coherently, and was trying to avoid “capture.” If I were watching this in a movie, I’d probably be laughing at what might have seemed like a comedy. If I were not at the center of it all. I think my wife had to leave after they finally got me to take the morphine. I was able to go to sleep.

Of course, I am hoping that all of this, and this is not even half of what I had to go through, enables me to live appreciably longer, but who knows? Surely, there are many of you who have gone through much worse than I did and are still alive and kicking. And there are those who might have gone through less than I and others have gone through and, unfortunately, did not make it. The simple reason, of course, is that there are many other causes and conditions of which we have little or no knowledge at any strategic time that can cause our death. None of us is immune to such causes and conditions. However, that is not to say that someone might not come up with a new medicine or technique or instrument that can lead to a cure. Doctors, engineers, chemists and many other kinds of innovators are working on those things even as you read this.

Back in May of this year, a brand new medicine was OK’ed by the federal government (FDA) that is supposed to help treat a form of lung cancer, one which, it turned out, I have. My oncologist had been waiting for the FDA to approve it, because he had some patients, including me, whom he though would benefit from it. I think I am one of the first three at (Downey) Kaiser to be treated with it. No, I am not someone special, just happened to be in the right place at the right time with the right disease. Treatment has already begun. We (including the doctor) hope, of course, that it works, if only to prolong my life beyond what it might have been without it.

By now, you are probably wondering why I am writing all this: two reasons, one to let you know why for the first time in my memory I missed writing a monthly essay, and second, to have you think that these things are simply things that happen. In Buddhism, there is no such thing as “bachi,” which, if you are of a certain age, you should know is what is supposed to happen to you when you have done something “bad,” that is, in retribution for doing something you should not have done. I don’t think I belong in that category anymore. There might have been a time when I might have deserved retribution of one kind or another, but I no longer believe in such things. Amida accepts me as I am.

One other reason is to have you think of these things in terms of simple cause and effect, although, of course, the principle of cause and effect is not quite as simple as I might have made it sound. Deciding what is cause and what, effect, can be very difficult if you have not set up these things beforehand. Correctly. One reason it can be so difficult is that very often we go from one couplet of cause and effect and that effect goes on by itself, as it were, to become a cause of another effect that we had not foreseen. And, that means, of course, that a cause is not always a cause, and an effect is not always an effect. Right? ‘Tis all relative, as some people are wont to say, although when I say it, I don’t truly understand all the ramifications, especially as it is spoken of in modern physics. On the other hand, as it is spoken of there, it does not make a whole lot of difference whether I understand it, or even whether it is correct or not. It is what it is. Or not.

I hope this is coherent to you dear readers. More to the point, I hope it was worth reading.

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

Gassho,

Donkon Jaan Doami
Profound Joy with Laments
-Through the Songs of Shin Buddhist Women-

On October 7th and 9th, I attended the Federation of BWA Conference in Bellevue, Washington. It is a nationwide conference of BWA with the delegates from all over the United States. This time, there were three hundred participants, including eighteen people led by Jodi Hisamoto, President of OCBC BWA.

The weather was crisp with some rain, and leaves were just changing to red and yellow. It was very pretty. The conference was well received and we all enjoyed it, as well as the Seattle seafood. In the conference, I was grateful to be a keynote speaker with a Japanese dharma message, and chaired a workshop in the afternoon.

After the conference was over, I went to the Seattle Betsuin and led a seminar on "Jodoshinshu and Women." They warmly welcomed me, and prepared the tasty otoki lunch including matsutake gohan, soup, and sashimi. It was warm-hearted and very delicious. In this dharma message, I would like to share what we discussed at the Seattle Betsuin.

“Appreciation” on the Shin Buddhist path is a deeply nuanced experience, something much more complex than a simple expression of thanks. Internally, we come face to face with the true nature of ourselves. We experience our limitations, our weaknesses, or our foolishness with a profound sense of shame. And yet, at the same time, we realize that we are the recipients of boundless wisdom and compassion, despite our weakness. These two profound senses of shame and gratitude are experienced as one. They present two sides of the same experience of overwhelming sense of “appreciation.”

Externally, we are drawn to express our appreciation through stories and verse and images, and we are moved in response to share this appreciation with all.

Ohtani Takeko (1887-1928) was the daughter of Myōnyo (1850-1903), the 21st Monhu (spiritual head) of the Hongwanji in Japan, and the younger sister of Ohtani Kōzui, who later became the Monshu Kyōnyo.

After Takeko married Baron Ryōichi Kujō, she dedicated her life, known to us as Lady Takeko Kujō, to carrying on the social welfare programs initiated by her father. Among other things, Lady Takeko founded the Buddhist Women’s Association in Japan and overseas. She also established the Asoka Hospital, one of Japan’s first modern medical centers. In the aftermath of the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, she worked tirelessly to aid the stricken in the devastated city of Tokyo. She died at the age of 41 years after her blood was poisoned during her work in one of Tokyo’s poor districts.

Lady Takeko composed a number of poems and songs about her appreciation of the nembutsu.

Drawn ahead by a great power
My footsteps grow ever faint.

Second Shin Buddhist woman, Mrs. Akiko Suzuki was the wife of the resident priest of a Jodoshinshu temple in Hokkaido. The mother of three young children, she was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 43. During the fight against cancer, which lasted over four years, Mrs. Suzuki found herself constantly supported by the Dharma. She awoke to the utmost value of life, giving expression to her deep appreciation in her writing.

When I awaken to the reality of my own death
Life rises up even more vibrantly.
There two complete opposites become one,
And bring me wondrous peace.

In this poem, she relates how she was able to realize the oneness of life and death after accepting the reality of her own death. In this way, she was able to encounter the true wonder and joy of human life despite her foreshadow of death, which led her to a true and profound settled mind.

Last Shin Buddhist woman, Mrs. Hisako Nakamura, lost two hands and feet at the age of three because of gangrene caused by frostbite. She was born in 1897 in Takayama, Japan, called the Japan Alps. Her book, The Hands and Feet of the Heart, published by OCBC BEC is available in our library. It is an excellent book, and I highly recommend it.

Hisako composed a number of poems from the deep joy in hearing and receiving Namo Amida Butsu. Here is the most impressive piece to me:

Although I have no arms and legs,
how peaceful the day is
that I am being wrapped in the Buddha’s sleeves.

There is no complaint to karmic condition whatsoever, rather Hisako totally accepts her life and even appreciates the adversity in the life of Nembutsu. How powerful it is!

Those are three noteworthy Shin Buddhist women who shared their deep joy in their lives of hearing, receiving, and reciting the Name of Amida Buddha, Namo Amida Butsu. They no longer physically exist in this world; however their poems help us appreciate the value of Shin Buddhism teaching and lead us to understand the Buddha’s wishes and great compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Mutsumi Wondra
President’s Message

Recently, Reverend Harada gave the keynote address at the 10th Anniversary ceremony at the Jodo Shinshu Institute in Berkeley and made reference to Thich Nhat Hanh on The Three Jewels. The three jewels that he is referring to are the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. He writes “When your Sangha is happy and advancing in the practice, the holiness of the Sangha increases, and the presence of the true Buddha and the true Dharma become clearer. When you walk in mindfulness, you are taking good care of the Dharma. When you make peace with another member of your Sangha, you are looking after the Buddha.” He goes on to say “Taking someone’s hand or comforting someone who suffers is also to look after the Buddha. When you touch the true Sangha, you touch the Buddha and the Dharma. The Dharma cannot exist without a Buddha and a Sangha. How could the Dharma exist, if there were no practitioners?” This interesting and insightful message that describes the essence of every Jodo Shinshu temple and something we strive for as our realization at OCBC.

Long before I came to OCBC, the members had the foresight to develop a temple that had the foundation of many family members but they knew that the temple would grow and prosper and become the center of activity and religious education for the community. In time, the blending of many new and different members who came from other communities outside Orange County has become a reality. Those members like me who have different past experiences, bring a new perspective and the desire to embrace the Dharma and add to the strength of the Sangha. Guiding the future of the church is both exciting and difficult. What will insure that OCBC will continue to be an important part of the lives of our future generations? Sometimes we have to look at the past … our foundation.

At our recent planning retreat and meetings, the Sangha had expressed a desire to keep our church an inclusive and welcoming church. This has become one of our goals for the church which we share with our founders. We welcome new families to take advantage of the diverse cultural and religious offerings the church had to offer. This is usually initiated by a friendly “Hello” and “How are you”. Also many of our new members are encouraged to come to the church by members who have already joined the church. How can we do an even better job?

An awareness of our church culture would be a simple initial start. Why do we come to OCBC? Visitors come to our church because of an interest in an activity or religious program offered by the church. Church members, from our youngest preschoolers to our oldest seniors, come for many of the same reasons. But what keeps us coming back to OCBC? Our programs are great, but there is also the good feeling of seeing familiar faces, people who oftentimes share the same goals in life, and a comfort that we all appreciate what the church has to offer. Visitors and members enjoy a friendly greeting. Most importantly, the first impression for visitors to OCBC has a lot to do with whether they continue to participate in our church activities and attend our services.

This would be one simple thing that I would like to see at our church. Personally, I will strive to greet everyone I see at OCBC. And if I forget, I encourage anyone, Dharma

School students, parents and seniors to come up to me and say “Hello” or “Good Morning” when you see me. Everyone who is proud of and enjoys OCBC can strive to make this happen.

Alan Endo, OCBC President


OCBC Wish List

After a quiet few months, we once again have a request for your help. Please check below the list from the office staff and help in whatever way possible. Thank you!

| Temple Supplies: | eco-friendly disposable hot cups, 9” heavy duty paper plates, select-a-size paper towels |

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

In Gassho, Janet Sakahara

OCBC BWA at FBWA 44th National Conference
BWA News

Announcements
-Church clean up will be held on Saturday, November 5th. Tobans F and K are in charge and all members are invited to help clean the Kodo and the Nokotsudo. Please meet 8:30am near appointed areas.
-Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13th. Please meet in the Kodo after the Eitaikyo Service and luncheon at 12:30pm.
-Eshinni-sama Memorial Service and year-end program will be held on Sunday, December 4th. Tobans G and I are in charge and invitations will be distributed this month.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, October 17th, 45 seniors and guests enjoyed a tasty bento and celebrated birthdays for Mitsuno Arias, Norman Nishioka, and Stella Otsuka. The ladies prepared delicious cod patties, char siu, asparagus, chap chae (a Korean dish), and tofu with daikon oroshi. Thank you to Mitsuno Arias, Eiko Kato, Stella Otsuka, and Midori Sasaki for the monetary donations. We look forward to seeing you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, November 14th, 2016.

“Growing up Sansei” Event – Thank You!
Thank you, Project Kokoro, from BWA for working with us to prepare 150 bentos for Grateful Crane’s reading of “Growing up Sansei.” With everyone’s help, we completed everything in a timely manner. Special thanks to Beth for the cookies, Ed for the green beans, Chris for the salad dressing, Joyce for the tri tip sandwiches, cantaloupe, and somen noodles, Margaret, BJ, Joyce, Lynn and anyone else who provided delicious snacks for the bento prep.

FBWA 44th National Conference, October 7-9, 2016 – Bellevue, Washington
Linked in the Nembutsu: Tsunagatte, was a simple, but powerful theme for the conference. From the moment we stepped off the plane, representatives from the Northwest District Chapters greeted us with warm smiles and provided courtesy shuttles to our hotel. An optional city tour and an evening of Bollywood provided the perfect opportunity to meet BWA ladies from all over the West Coast and beyond. Rev. Mutsumi Wondra and Dr. Sharon Suh were the keynote speakers on Saturday and a variety of workshops kept everyone engaged. Some of the workshops were interactive where new Gathas were sung and bon-odoridances of the Northwest were taught….what fun! The evening concluded with a banquet and entertainment from the Seattle Miyagi Kai Ensemble and Unit SouZou, a spirited taiko company based in Portland. The culmination came at closing service when interconnected paper chains linked new friends and old to form a large chain around the room all while singing the beautiful Golden Chain song written by Donna Sasaki, Rev Harada’s sister. It was truly a heartwarming experience to see how everyone is indeed, linked in the Nembutsu.

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

Thank you to our dedicated OCBC volunteers, many of whom are noted below, for their help in the October Monday Clean Up (Please let me know if I left your name off the list).

Paul Fujimoto  Kay Fujimura  Dan Hakikawa
Wat Iwakoshi  Hideo Kawamura  Mitsuo Mizutan
Glen Morita  Aaron Nagayama  Eric Nakahara
Norman Nishioka  Akio Nitta  Frank Okamura
Sumio Otsuki  Bill Sakahara  Ron Sakoda
Junji Sarashina  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 the Juniper near the CRB, removed weeds, and tended to the plantings.
d. Cut back a Podocarpus tree on the wall west of the MPB as a demonstration for the big November cleanup.
e. Repaired an electrical short circuit in the warming trays table.
f. Continue with hand watering due to lack of sprinkler system.
g. Repaired three rice cookers.

2) Hondo
a. Avoided this area due to construction

3) Class Room Building
a. Moved supplies into, and out of, storage room.
b. Replaced two lights.
c. Cleaned the men’s restroom urinals.
d. Move 20 cartons of service books into BEC storage room.

4) MPB
a. Cleaned under the shelving racks in the store room.
b. Fixed the women’s rest room toilet again.
c. Lubricated the main entry doors to facilitate closing.
d. Fixed a leak from the water fountain.
e. Replaced a variety of lights.
f. Repaired a broken window in the south-east upstairs store room.

REMININDER – SATURDAY THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER – ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Next monthly workday is Monday November 14, 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 in conjunction with the monthly senior lunch.

Gassho,
Jim Mitchell
The Shin Reader

For November, the Shin Reader selected the Shin Buddhist Service Book published by the BEC and Who Ordered This Truckload of Dung? by Ajahn Brahm. Both books are available for sale at the BEC Bookstore and online book sellers.

Shin Buddhist Service Book

OCBC published the Shin Buddhist Service Book in 2013 to meet an urgent need for a contemporary expression of the Jōdo Shinshū teachings for use in our services and as an outreach tool. Taking a clean-sheet approach, the BEC developed new translations of spoken texts such as Three Treasures and Shin Buddhist Life Principles. We chose an updated set of Selected Sayings and Contemporary Readings. The chanting melodies (for Sambujo, Shoshinge, etc.) were put into Western musical notation. We included modern English translations of the chanting texts. As far as songs (gathas), we aimed for a balance of old and new material. A few of the older song lyrics were modified to be less theistic and more Buddhistic. In preparing the book, we incorporated numerous suggestions from Sangha members. As an indication of success, the Shin Buddhist Service Book is now in its third printing and has been adopted by many temples in the US and Canada.

- Review by Jim Pollard

Who Ordered This Truckload of Dung?: Inspiring Stories for Welcoming Life’s Difficulties, by Ajahn Brahm

As did the Buddha, Theravadan monk Ajahn Brahm teaches through stories. Between the covers of this delightful book are 108 of Ajahn Brahm’s inspirational Buddhist-based tales that are entertaining, humorous, thoughtful, poignant, heart wrenching, and inspiring. Organized under 11 categories such as "perfection and guilt", "love and commitment", "creating happiness", and "suffering and letting go", the reader will discover new perspectives and insights as well as great wisdom. Ajahn Brahm expresses the hope that these stories, which revolve around the cause of happiness, may "help change your life for the better."

- Review by Alice Taber

Social Welfare / Dana Program

On October 22, 2016 the Dana Program held a Free Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Memorial Care Medical Group. There was 80 that received the free flu shot. Also, Keiro held the 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 and does the vaccination work and also are there other infectious diseases that seniors need to be careful about? There were 40 that attended the free seminar.

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. Look for flyers in future editions of the 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.

Korin Articles Due

11/27/2016*
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2016 Dates: 11/27*, 12/29**
* Taiko, DW, ST JrY can submit articles
** All scouts troops can submit articles
*** ALL ORGANIZATIONS CAN SUBMIT ARTICLES
REVISED 2017 OCBC MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

As OCBC continues to grow and evolve, I would like to announce that we have approved some new and exciting membership options for 2017. As a follow-on to our announcement earlier this year in which we added the KANSHA membership option for a voluntary higher contribution membership level, we will be adding some new introductory membership levels for 2017.

The goal of this revised program is to continue growing the OCBC Sangha with membership options to attract new and younger members who have never been members of OCBC. An introductory membership option will be provided as well as an introductory young adult membership level for anyone under 30 years old. These options are provided as a transition to eventually moving to the sustaining membership level. We are hoping that these options will be attractive to current non-OCBC members and will help support our budget needs for 2017.

More details will follow at a later date, but I hope you can start sharing this announcement with your friends and acquaintances at OCBC.

In Gassho,
Glen Morita
VP of Membership

WANTED

PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

*applications now being accepted*

for details contact the office manager at

(714) 827-9590 or email resume to

ocbc909@aol.com

Going, Going, May be Gone Soon...

Does this ‘Wheel of Fortune’ belong to your organization? It has been stored in the MPB women’s restroom for the past three years collecting cobwebs and dust bunnies.

If you own it or remember who it belongs to, please contact the OCBC office before November 30th.

Note: The editor’s son recalls the wheel being used at the OCBC costume party but it was painted a different color.
Dharma School News

In Memory of DS Student Kyle Ice

With heavy heart the Dharma School Staff would like to express our deepest condolences to the Ice Family on the passing of Kyle. Kyle was a long-time Dharma School student and had many friends at OCBC.

The Ice Family, made the unselfish decision to donate Kyle’s organs, and thus saved the lives of 4 other people.

One gentleman received Kyle’s liver; one female received Kyle’s right kidney; one female received Kyle’s left kidney and pancreas; one gentleman received Kyle’s heart. This is a wonderful example of dana that we should keep in our hearts and minds.

Kyle’s mother hopes this will help you consider the importance of organ donation.

D.S. Staff Support

The DS teachers would like to thank the following volunteers for their continued support:
Service Coordinator:
Amy Takata
Laura Yamamoto
Sharon Ice

Scrip Program:
Cheryl Higashi

Hospitality:
Linda Nakauchi
Chris Hirata

New Choir Director

The DS Staff would like to welcome Miss Lisa Horikawa as the new OCBC Choir Director. The choir has already met a couple of times for gatha practice. Thank you, Lisa for your leadership!

Upcoming Events

Ti-Sarana Rites
Ti-Sarana Rites for fourth grade students will be held in conjunction with the Eitaikyo Service on November 13, 2016. Please contact Miss. Emily Yoshihara for an application.

All Life Forms Memorial & Family Service
Date: Nov. 20

D.S. Class Schedule

D.S. classes will be held on the following dates: November 6, 20, December 4, 11, January 8, 22, and 29. Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 a.m.

Gassho,
Tracy Yamashita-Perry

Adult Buddhist Association

GATHA: AMIDA'S WAY

We see each ocean wave from shore on which we stand,
And try to lead our lives with Amida's guiding hand.
We walk a path of darkness until the light comes shining through.
Then we see the answer and come to know what's true.

In our daily lives we have to make choices, some are good and some are bad. What is true might be false, what is false might be true. Those that are good might turn out to be bad, and what is bad might turn out to be good. It is these choices that we have to make that we encounter many different paths. Is the path long, or is it short? Is it wide or narrow? Only you can choose the right path. Along the way you will encounter many people and places. On the path at OCBC, you will meet many ABA members. These members encounter the Buddha Dharma through “thoughtfulness in action.” All are welcome to join ABA and be on the path of appreciation and awareness. Satisfaction is not just sitting back, but getting results for the temple. ABA is a non-discriminating group of no nonsense people. You might find the answer to the right path by joining ABA or do you need a brick to hit you to awaken you to the right path?

2016 TRAVEL USA: September 25-October 1, 2016

This was the 6th ABA trip that was greatly enjoyed by 42 travelers. We had a wonderful trip, friendly people, lots of snacks, and great dinners. The itinerary covered five states: Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. We visited two National Parks (Zion and Mesa Verde), and one National Monument (Four Corners). We had a 90 minute boat ride thru Antelope Canyon on Lake Powell. Riding the “Pink Jeep” in Sedona was as thrilling as the roller coaster at Magic Mountain. Riding the Durango-Silverton Railroad was probably the highlight of the trip. It was a spectacular journey with unforgettable fall foliage and striking natural scenes. No big winners at the two casino’s stops. Next trip is already in the preliminary stage. Probably in the Spring 2017.

2016 OCBC CHURCH CLEANUP: November 5, 2016

ABA has the responsibility of cleaning the yards of the three church owned properties: Devoy and Calico Streets. Members are asked to bring the necessary tools to cut, prune, weed, etc. Hard work may bring about the muscles that you forgot that you have.

2017 LONG DISTANCE TRIP: September 23-October 4.

Those ABA members who are planning to go on this trip, should send in their initial application by November 30, 2016. It is mainly for a headcount that may or may not affect the price of the trip. Need more information: Michael J. Glick (213 713-1001) zglickster@gmail.com

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1989 Winston Shigenaga 1990 Satoru Togashi
1991 Edward Jeong

Daikon no hana: Hatred cannot be overcome by hatred, Hatred can only be stopped by not responding with hatred.

With much gratitude,
RM Suzuki
OCBC Youth Department News

I’m proud to say, I think that our OCBC kids who participate in our youth organizations are the future leaders of our JA community. When they participate in Dharma School, Jr YBA, Scouting, Sports, Judo, Kendo, Taiko, Kizuna, etc they also learn about volunteering, leadership, Japanese culture, and gain lifelong friendships. Last month you read about Kelli Kato’s inspirational trip to Kyoto. Today I’d like to introduce 2 former Dharma School/Girl Scout alumni, Jillian Kido and Kayla Katsuda who were selected to the October JACL Kakehashi Project. There are many opportunities for our youth to travel abroad to experience life in other countries. We need to teach our kids that we are living in an international/global world and they should explore beyond Orange County.

In Gassho, Diana Ono - Youth Department

On September 5, we traveled alongside 48 youths to Japan through the JACL Kakehashi Project. This Project was established to encourage a deeper understanding of U.S. and Japan relations and facilitate a cross-cultural understanding between Japanese Americans and the Japanese. While on the trip, participants got the opportunity to meet with political leaders, business executives, and Ritsumeikan University students.

We attended lectures on gender equality and Japanese immigration, and we visited many places in Kyoto, Tokyo, and Nara including the Nishiki Market, Japanese Overseas Migration Museum, Todai-ji temple, and the Kyoto Museum for World Peace. At the Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts, we used traditional Surigata-Yuzen dyeing techniques to personalize our own handkerchiefs.

On the trip, we stayed with a host family in Asuka village for two nights in order to experience Japanese home life, work, and culture. Home stay experiences varied from farming rice, dressing in samurai attire, cooking traditional dishes, and visiting historical temples. Some of our favorite moments from the trip included going to a cat cafe, karaoke, an aquarium with a Finding Dory exhibit, and feeding the deer at Nara Park.

We encourage those eligible to apply, as it is a very impactful and memorable experience! We learned a lot about Japanese culture, gained many new friends from across the nation and in Japan, and we have gained a greater understanding of what being Nikkei is all about. If you have any questions about the trip or our experiences, please feel free to email us at kaylakat98@gmail.com and jillian.kido@gmail.com. Asian Americans, 18-25, are eligible to apply, and more information can be found at https://jacl.org/youth/kakehashi-project.

In gassho,
Jillian Kido and Kayla Katsuda

(Cub Scout Pack 578 photo on page: 15)

Cub Scout Pack 578

The Cub Scouts are in full swing with various activities and requirements already underneath their belts. It started with the Recruitment Picnic where last year’s Tiger Den hosted the event. With the help of all the Cub Scout Dens and families, we welcomed approximately 20 potential Cub Scout boys and their families. We are now a proud pack of 57 boys! The picnic was a fun filled afternoon of information, food, and picnic games to include a scavenger hunt, obstacle course, ping pong relay, and getta relay.

Pack 578 is also welcoming a new den to the group, the Lion den. These boys are 5 years of age and get to familiarize themselves to Scouting Law, Oaths, and experiences. Led by Mr. Mark Morimoto, they have already had some great adventures.

The Pack Bowling Night is always a great event for the Cub Scouts. Held at Irvine Lanes, all boys “did their best” to obtain the best scores, but more importantly had fun! It was an evening where all Dens met to have a night of food and bowling as an entire Pack.

Multiple families participated and showed their creative side during our annual Trunk or Treat event. Themes of the decorated trunks varied and included Star Wars, carnival decorations, a pirate ship, Finding Nemo and a very original Costco sample giveaway of Hamburger Helper. We appreciate all of the other Friday night organizations giving up the Dale parking lot access to enable the Cub Scouts to enjoy this night.

As the year progresses, the Scouts and their families have some great events, activities, and adventures to look forward to. Here’s to a fun filled year of Scouting!
Boy Scout Troop 578

International Field Day
On September 16th, our troop gathered at OCBC at 5:00 PM, and headed to the El Dorado Park, where this year’s IFD was held. We arrived there around 6:00 PM, and started setting up the campsite. It was surprising that there was no uniform inspection like there was at last year’s IFD, and we were allowed to go to sleep right after we set up. We woke up the next day at 6:00 AM, and cooked our breakfast. After we finished eating around 8:00, the patrols set out to their assigned stations for the events. At noon, we headed back to camp once they finished all the stations and the entire troop was back around 4:00 PM. We quickly cooked our dinner and ate before the campfire started. During the campfire, each troop performed skits, and the various awards were announced. After the campfire ended, we headed back to camp to get some rest for the next day. The next morning, some patrols cooked their breakfast while some just ate their snacks, as we packed up the camp. Before we could go home, we had to attend the super event, in which only a few of us actually got to participate. After that, we moved on to taking pictures and sweeping for trash before we went back to OCBC. We’d like to thank Hiroki Noda, Kevin Kawaguchi, and Nancy Maeshiro for coordinating this experience.

By: Ryuji Sugiyama

Canyoneering
On Saturday, September 24th, a group of 16 scouts and ASMs met at a Starbucks in Upland to prepare for a day of canyoneering. We distributed gear and drove up to Mt. Baldy. We began our day with a short but steep hike up the mountain. We began the first rappel of the day. It was challenging yet exciting and everyone made it down smoothly. Next, we took a lunch break and then continued with the second rappel. The third rappel had a waterfall in which we had to go through. Brandon Sasaki even took a selfie while he was in the waterfall, which was freezing cold. Also, the sun was blocked by the mountain so we were all extremely cold for a while. We finished off the day with the remaining two rappels. All in all, the canyoneering trip was a success and everyone had a great time. Thank you to ASM Tanabe for providing lunch for all the scouts and to ASM Tekawa for coordinating this event. I will definitely be attending this event next year!

By: Ben Mendoza

Redbox New Boy Hike
On Friday October 14th, 23 scouts arranged in 4 patrols as well as 12 adults embarked on the long journey to the San Gabriel Mountains near Pasadena. After a long drive there we started our hike on the fire road to the Valley Forge campsite. Once we reached our campsite, we set up our tents and went to sleep. The next morning, we awoke to what looked like beautiful day ahead of us and proceeded to cook breakfast. Once breakfast was over, 7 scouts and 9 adults set off for the rigorous Mt. Wilson hike. While the group hiked to Mt. Wilson, the rest stayed back at camp to do a service project to help clean out all of the nearby campsites of trash. The service project took about an hour and a half, and then all the scouts at the campsite enjoyed fresh cooked lunch of freeze dried food. Later, the scouts that went to Mt. Wilson returned and we all ate dinner together at the campsite. That night we had a campfire with skits, and after that was over, we went to sleep. The next morning we packed up our camp and headed back to the parking lot and finally to OCBC just after noon. We would like to thank ASMs Gilbert, Sasaki, and Shimizu for coordinating this hike.

By: Ryan Gilbert
Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916

Brownie Troop 916 has been busy and started off the year with learning the five steps to safety to earn their Brownie Safety Pin. We also started on our “Wonders of Water” journey. The girls are learning how to speak as advocates to love, save & share water! We learned about the water cycle and made a bracelet to help us remember the different phases. The girls enjoyed making water molecules out of marshmallows and toothpicks. We also learned about things we can do to help save our water and stop pollution.

Our troop helped support the “Farm Walk for Childhood Cancer” at Tanaka Farms serving as greeters, guiding participants and cheering them on. From learning new dances and working as a team at JEMS Dance Studio, to helping sort apples for the families that use the Second Harvest Food Bank, to learning lessons on pet care and dog and cat behaviors at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (SPCALA)….our Brownies can do it all!

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

Cadette Troop 675 has had 3 meetings so far, discussing fun events like Investiture, Girls Day and Hanamatsuri! In our first meeting, we elected our troop officers and patrol leaders! Congratulations to all nominees and especially to those that won!

In our second meeting, we met our Daisy little sisters! Together we decorated canisters for their pop-top collection. The Daisies will donate the pop-tops to the Ronald McDonald House Charity as a service project. We also talked about SWAPS which stands for “Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere”. Each Daisy received her first SWAP on a lanyard from her Cadette big sister!

In our most recent Cadette meeting, we decorated Thanksgiving placemats with the Daisies. These were completed as another service project. There was lots of corn, mashed potatoes and rainbow colored turkeys drawn!

Our troop participated in the Council’s fall product sales. We sold canisters of nuts, mixes, and even magazine subscriptions to raise funds for upcoming events and service projects. Thank you to the Sangha for your support!

Coming up is the Investiture ceremony on October 28th. We will give our Daisy little sisters another SWAP to add to their collection and look forward to making more for them. Together we will have a great year ahead!

In Gassho,
Carina Furumoto
Senior/Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

Troop 881 has started the year off great! Besides meetings at both the troop and individual grade level, we have already participated in a few interesting events.

On Sunday, October 9, we attended a "ToGetHer Boating" activity at Newport Dunes. We learned about boating safety, knots, compasses, emergency preparedness, and other nautical know-how, then got to apply our new knowledge in the water! We got to operate canoes, rowboats, sailboats, kayaks, and paddleboards, and afterwards learned how to put away and take care of the boats. This was a very fun, hands-on, informative activity, and made even better by the beautiful day on the beach.

At the all-troop Investiture ceremony on October 28, our sophomores did a wonderful job presenting a poem in honor of Juliette Gordon Low. New scouts to the Senior and Ambassador troops, as well as girls who achieved the Ten-Year Membership Pin and President’s Volunteer Service Award, were also recognized at the ceremony.

We also participated in the Fall Product Sales that began, and finished, in the month of October. Good job to all girls and parents who contributed to making this fundraiser a success for all troops!

We’ve had so much fun the last two months, and can’t wait for the rest of the year!

Jessica Sakamoto
Girl Scout Troop 881 Recording Secretary

Ministerial Scholarship

In 1994, the very first ministerial scholarship campaign was launched seeking donations from the Sangha to support ministerial candidates interested in pursuing the ministry. That was some 22 years ago. Amazingly, there are many Sangha members who have supported this program throughout those 22 years. Thanks to those Sangha members for your dedication and support. We also wish to express our deepest thanks to all of our Sangha members who have so generously contributed to this most important program. Through your generosity, we have supported and continue to support many ministerial candidates and minister’s assistant candidates.

Our fall campaign is just underway and we have already received tremendous response. The Ministerial Scholarship Committee acknowledges the following Sangha members for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. Please note that any donations received subsequent to October 30th will be acknowledged in the next issue of the Korin.

Donations received from October 3, 2016 through October 30, 2016:

Margaret Abo
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Robert Wada
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Thanks to each and everyone of you. YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!

Gassho,
Carrie Nakagawa

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Thanks to each and everyone of you. YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!
50th Anniversary Project Report

If you've been watching what's been happening behind the fenced area of our Hondo, you're probably wondering, "how come nothing's happening?" That's a good question! The short answer is that the shoring task to hold the roof up while the old structural columns and footings are removed and replaced with larger, new ones is a very complicated task. Some original subcontractors who bid to do the job have found the task too hard and our general contractor has had to ask other subcontractors to bid on the task. We're a few weeks behind schedule now, but our contractor is still confident he can meet the original completion date. We'll get the shoring done, but we just have to find the right subcontractor.

In the meantime, there has been underground work done that you probably didn't notice. During Phase 1, the city inspector noted the sewer line from the classroom didn't meet current code, so we've replaced that line while we had an opportunity with a torn-up courtyard. As we mentioned last month, the underground electrical conduits to the Hondo were too close to the new planned Hondo foundation, so those conduits and electrical vault were moved. Hopefully by next month's report, we can tell you the shoring is done and the foundation work is started!

Our fundraising efforts continue as we still need donations and pledges to reach our goal to reach $9.3M. We just need $481K to meet that goal! That's down from $1.1M a year ago! We've just started our end-of-year campaign with the mailing of our year-end solicitation letter. We hope you can help with a generous donation or pledge.

Our major fundraising efforts have been really successful to-date this year. In August, the Endowment Fund, with assistance from many OCBC organizations, sponsored an overwhelmingly successful 2016 Golf Tournament. We're pleased to report that the Building Fund recently received an Endowment Fund check for $70,000 as proceeds of that event! That check really helped cut a big chunk out of our needed funds and got us to the current $481K goal amount. Thank you all for supporting the Golf Tournament with your volunteer help, donations, and participation. Also, at the end of October, the Development Committee is sponsoring the Kenny Endo Concert, with all proceeds again going to the Building Fund. As we go to press, the support and attendance to the concert looks very strong with lots of last minute sign-ups. Hopefully next month, we will be able to report another successful event.

OCBC is grateful for everyone's continued support and acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between September 21, 2016 and October 30, 2016.

OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat) this period:
OCBC Endowment Fund $70,000.00
OCBC Girl Scouts (881, 675,855, 916, 2041) $296.00
OCBC Jr. YBA $500.00
OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date: $1,093,147.00

Total Donations and Payments Collected to date: $8,659,624.00
Phase 2 Goal - $4,000,000.00
Additional donations required $481,154.00

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

The Orange County Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following for their very generous donations, received and recorded from September 24, 2016 through October 28, 2016.

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- Adachi, Toshiko
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**Total**

- $2,289.00
- $345.10
- $7,275.00
- $225.00
- $375.00
Cub Scout Bowling Night

JACL Kakehashi Project
光輪
十一月号
大会を終えて

第44回 北米開教区仏教婦人会

大会を終えて

先月10月7日、8日、9日にシアトル・ポリュームで第44回北米開教区仏教婦人会大会が開催されました。大会には全米から300名の参加者が集まり、大盛況に終わりました。OBCからもWA会長の久本ジョディさんによるレジュームの後、特別な方々が参加されました。

今回の大会のテーマは「お念仏とつながって」で、私は光栄にも日本語基調講演でワーショップの出前次第に私

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【メモリアルサービス】

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【お歳暮】

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午後1時

【お餅つき】

日時：12月18日（金）
午前6時より

【シニアランチョン】

10月17日（火）に催されました。

【次回のシニア・ランチョン】

1月14日（月）です。皆さまのお越しをお待ちしております。
第4回全米婦人会連盟大会

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WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

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

FEATURED BOOK:
ZEN CHANTS
By Kazuaki Tanahashi

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
4:00 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
THE HOLIDAY PARTY
By Ellen Crane

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00 pm     PLACE: Social Hall Level 3
For more information please call: 714-827-9590
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Classes on Buddhism Fall 2016

Fall Ohigan Seminar – Rev. Patti Nakai
Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. September 17
From reading modern Shingon teachers, Manshi Kiyozawa, Haya Akegarasu, Shuichi Maida and Gyoko Salto, 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 afternoons, 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、宗祖親鸞聖人の著書である『浄土和讃』をひとつひとつ丁寧に読みながら、難解な言葉・仏教用語を解明しつつ、皆さまとご一緒にご和讃を味わいます。そして、後半の二回は、浄土三部経のひとつである『観無量寿経』を紹介して、親鸞聖人がどうして『教行信証』に『観無量寿経』を引用されたのかを解明します。クラスではビデオを利用して、分かりやすくお話します。
Six week class. Registration: $50.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Registration Form (Please Print)

Name(s):

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☐ 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.

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue • Anaheim, CA 92804
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You are not required to attend every class session. Please come as many as you can.
Exploring Grief and Loss

November 20, 2016 & December 18, 2016
January 22, 2017 & February 19, 2017
11:30am (after adult study) In the BEC Library

Join The Mindfulness Center's Diana Chen, LCSW, as you journey into a conversation that explores the way that loss and grief enter your life. Discover strategies to help you move through your loss and meet your daily challenges with love, grace and compassion.

All are welcome. The event is free.

“What is the Noble Truth of Suffering? Birth is suffering; old age is suffering; sickness is suffering; death is suffering; sorrow, lamentation, pain, grief, and despair are suffering; to be together with what or those you hate is suffering; to be separated from what or those you love is suffering; not to obtain what you wish for is suffering....” -- The Buddha’s first teaching

The First Noble Truth What the Buddha expressed was a fundamental truth of our existence as human beings. We express this truth in our lives through emotions of grief and a sense of loss. How can we acknowledge this suffering? How do we move forward in our lives? How can a Buddhist perspective help us through our trying times?
MOCHITSUKI
December 18, 2016

Deadline: December 4, 2016
Please fill out the form and either mail it or drop it off along with your payment by December 4, 2016. Phone orders will not be taken at the OCBC office. If you have any questions, you may call Jodi at 714-761-4250.

MOCHI PICKUP: at OCBC in the social hall on December 18, 2016 from 2:30p – 3:30p

Make checks payable to: OC BWA

Mail order form with payment to: OCBC
Mochitsuki Order
909 S. Dale Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92804

OR
drop it by the OCBC office upstairs in the social hall.

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

MOCHITSUKI – December 18, 2016

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Mochi Pick-up at OCBC in the social hall on December 18, 2016 2:30 – 3:30 pm
2017 OCBC ALL SANGHA GENERAL MEETING  
(SHINNEN ENKAI - NEW YEAR'S LUNCH PARTY)

WHEN:  SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017  
TIME:       11:30 – 12:00  Registration & Socialize  
            12:00 – 12:30  General Meeting  
            12:30 – 1:30  Lunch  
            1:30 – 3:00  Entertainment

PLACE:  Holiday Inn – Buena Park  
        7000 Beach Blvd.  
        Buena Park, CA

DEADLINE:  PLEASE REPLY BY SATURDAY DECEMBER 17, 2016, BUT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY DECEMBER 30, 2016

ENTRÉE:  Baked Salmon (Lemon Dill Sauce) And Chicken Marsala (Marsala Wine Mushroom Sauce)  
        Entrée includes garden green salad, vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes and dessert  
        Choice of beverage (coffee, tea, iced tea)  
        Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request

The General Meeting and New Year’s celebration is an opportunity for the entire Sangha to gather and participate in our annual General Meeting. After lunch there will be entertainment and time to socialize. Come join the good people of the Sangha for some great food and fun.

Please clip and return, or mail the completed section below, with check payable to:  OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, 92804, or call the office at 714-827-9590.

We are planning to attend the 2017 Shinnen Enkai

NAME:                                                                                       

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Quantity:  

Salmon/Chicken   _____  x  $38.00 =  _____  
Vegetarian Option  _____  x  $38.00 =  _____  
Enclosed  _____  

Note:  We would be interested in free OCBC Baby-sitting at OCBC for _____ child(ren)  
(Children will need to be toilet trained and over 3 years old)

Our children’s names and ages are (use the back of this page for additional children):

Child’s Name:  ___________________  Age:  _____  Meal(Pizza)  ____________

Child’s Name:  ___________________  Age:  _____  Meal(Pizza)  ____________

Emergency Contact (cell phone #)  ________________________
OCBC Sports and Adult Buddhist Association presents

BINGO NIGHT!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
March 18, 2017

For more information please contact:
Jeff Sakamoto at jnscak@verizon.net or call (714) 401-9779, or Margie Mio at margieyuki@gmail.com or call (714) 402-1595

To benefit:

Completing the Dream
Orange County Buddhist Church 50th Anniversary Project
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

Our preferred payment schedule:

☐ Monthly   ☐ Quarterly   ☐ Semi-Annually   ☐ Annually

Payment Preference

☐ Check payable to OCBC

Credit Card   ☐ VISA   ☐ MasterCard

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**November, 2016 CALENDAR**

**Note:**
- All times are in Pacific Standard Time (PST).
- Events include various activities such as meditation, tai chi, lectures, and special services.
- Special months and days are marked with additional notes.

**Resources:**
- Family Service & Dharma School
- Buddhism in the Movies
- Meditation Service
- Senior Citizens’ Luncheon
- Senior Work Party
- Tai Chi Class
- Lectures on the Shoshinge
- Lectures on the Larger Sutra
- Office Closed

**Contact:**
- [Contact Information]

**Important Dates:**
- December 1: 9 AM - Tai Chi Class
- December 2: 9 AM - Tai Chi Class

**Precautions:**
- Check the website for any last-minute changes or updates.