WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
5:00 to 9:00 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
HOLIDAY PARTY
By The Folicks

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018
7:30 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
UNLIMITING MIND
By Andrew Olendzki

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00pm      PLACE:  BEC Book Store
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Buddhist Education Center
Orange County Buddhist Church 909 South Dale Ave. Anaheim, CA 92804
Now What?......Moving Forward

2017 was a historic year for OCBC as we completed our “Building Upon the Dream” project of the newly remodeled hondo and courtyard of Phase II, after building the new social hall in Phase I. You might wonder, “Now what? What does OCBC do now? Do we rest on our laurels and take it easy? Or is there something else in store for us to work on?”

I once learned that D.T. Suzuki, the great Buddhist whose many books and lectures really introduced Buddhism to the west, when he was 95 years of age, had a “Five Year Plan” for what he hoped to accomplish in the next five years of his life. He had a plan for Buddhist materials that he wanted to translate, to study, and things that he wanted to write on in the future. Imagine having a “Five Year Plan” for your life at the age of 95? I would think one would just be satisfied to be alive, eat, sleep, watch tv, and maybe talk to others. However, D.T. Suzuki was not that way. There was more to do in his life.

I think that there is a lot to look forward to at OCBC, even though we completed our major project. Rev. Jon Turner has been putting a lot of his time and effort into expanding our online BEC classes. We are making it easier and more accessible for others to learn about Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu online through our classes. These online classes have great implications. First, it introduces the general public to OCBC, and hopefully others will want to attend a service or class in person. Second, it introduces Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu to current, relevant topics, and how to apply the teachings with others who have been waiting to hear the teachings. The world is hungry for the Dharma. Let’s share Shinran Shonin’s teachings with others who have been waiting to hear the message of the Nembutsu.

In ancient times, Buddhists shared the Dharma by literally carrying sutras on their backs and making the trek from India to China, or from China to Japan, or to new places that did not have the Dharma. In our modern age, we don’t have to carry the sutras on our backs, but we can share the teachings through the digital medium, and then hopefully in person as well. To me, the ultimate connection will still take place on a person-to-person, heart-to-heart level, but the digital medium can help to introduce the teachings to many who have never encountered them, who then seek out their own “living Buddhists” to learn from, and to be a part of a living Sangha and community of Buddhists.

Rev. Umezu, our Bishop, often says, “The world is waiting to hear Shinran Shonin’s teachings. The world is hungry for the Dharma. Let’s share Shinran Shonin’s teachings with others who have been waiting to hear the message of the Nembutsu.”

May 2018 be another wonderful year in the history of many wonderful years for all of us at OCBC. There is much to look forward to as we begin 2018.

Namumidadbutus,
Rev. Marvin Harada
Making a Process for the New Year

Every January, I notice a sudden increase in the number of runners in my neighborhood. The surrounding gyms and health clubs are also suddenly packed with nowhere to park. And then I remember that we have just celebrated New Year's Eve. These are all the people who made resolutions to get healthy. Most will be gone by February; both the runners and the parking lots will have cleared out until next year.

This is because only about 8% of all New Year’s resolutions are actually achieved. There are two main reasons for this. First, a resolution is often goal-oriented without any specific path or process defined on how to actually reach the goal. Second, the path is too difficult. Suddenly, running 5 miles a day is not enjoyable and it relies too much on sheer will power. When will power fades so too does the new behavior.

Goals are good for orienting us in the right direction and they also provide a feedback loop but they are not a good way to actually make things happen. Another approach is to focus on a process. For example, rather than vowing to get healthy, instead vow to walk your dog everyday around the block. This activity is so simple and easy that it requires very little effort. Over time this activity will naturally become a habit rather than a chore. You and your dog will want to walk rather than have to walk.

Creating new habits is actually how we change old habits. The mechanism for the solution is the same as that of the problem. When we find ourselves in the middle of a big problem, we often think that we need a big solution: a silver bullet, a home run. It is counter-intuitive, but our big problems are created over a long period of time due to very small, repeated habits. Problems sneak up on us in this way. New habits allow big solutions to also sneak up on us. Changes in behavior – both for the good and bad – occur after a behavior has become an effortless practice.

I have experienced this myself. About ten years ago, my wife Linda began going to yoga classes. She wanted me to also attend. I hesitated to go but she was so enthusiastic that I couldn’t say no. I kept attending and I did not give up. Instead of trying to do yoga, I began just doing yoga. It was then that something very interesting began to happen. When I quit trying, yoga became less frustrating. I stopped competing with the twenty-year-old women around me. All that was left was the activity, the process of doing yoga. I then began to enjoy it. Once this happened it became a habit. Now I would rather attend Monday night yoga at OCBC than stay at home watching reruns on TV. This was my yoga conversion from a “have to” to “want to”.

I searched around the web to see what could have caused my change of heart concerning yoga. The explanation I found was that I had unknowingly moved from a goal-oriented approach to a process oriented-approach; rather than trying to accomplish something I was now experiencing something.

I found this very interesting because it helps explain why seemingly trivial Buddhist practices lead to profound changes. In our tradition, we listen to the teachings, we bow, we chant and we practice gratitude. I never really understood how something as trivial as saying thank you could be profoundly transformative. But that is the key. Trivial, effortless, easy practices are the only ones that can become habits. They require little or no will power. We actual call this the Easy Path. It has to be easy or the behavior would not stick.

When I first started to attend OCBC, it took effort and sacrifice. My favorite Sunday morning activity was listening to Breakfast with the Beatles while running. It is a three hour radio show consisting of only Beatles music. I had to give this up to attend OCBC. Some Sundays OCBC won my time and other times it was the Beatles. But overtime I found that I had a better week after attending OCBC as compared to running with the Beatles. I couldn’t explain it but it was true. Slowly, attending OCBC became as effortless as running with the Beatles. I began to see OCBC as just another activity, one comparable to any other activity. Buddhism had become a habit for me. Having to attend OCBC on Sundays is like having to brush my teeth before I go to bed. Both are ingrained, effortless practices that have profound effects over time.

I think this is why Bodhisattvas make impossible vows. It forces them to focus on process. Whether it is emptying the Pacific Ocean with a pint measure or delaying one’s awakening until all beings are awakened, all one can do is focus on the process of practice when the goal is impossible. That is what Buddhas do.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev Jon Turner

Buddhist Education Center

Information regarding the schedule of classes offered by the Buddhist Education Center can be found in the previous edition of the Korin or at:

http://www.ocbuddhist.org/buddhist-education-center/
My Thoughts For The New Year

Happy New Year – Omedeto Gozaimasu!! Those words are often heard at this time of year…they are an expression of congratulations that a New Year has arrived. Of course, the New Year comes only to those who welcome it – it is we who make a New Year meaningful; it is in our culture, our minds, our DNA…

And it is a time of year when we resolve to become “better” at whatever has been causing us dis-ease in the past year – our health, our relationships, our social attitudes, etc. Now while those are important aspects of life, I think re-directing our focus to our life as it is, feeling gratitude that we have another day to enjoy just being alive, experiencing the warmth of this unique gift of 86,400 seconds per day – a gift that appears only once within the astronomical dimensions of time – time that passes by so much faster than we realize…recall the words of Andy Rooney (American Radio/Television writer) – “Life is like a roll of toilet paper – the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.”

This feeling for the warmth of life is expressed in a poem by Rev. Gyomay Kubose - “More than money, more than reason, more than anything else, how I long for a warm heart of man”.

It is warmth, light that makes life grow; Buddhist life is warm – many became followers of the Buddha Dharma because of Gautama Buddha’s understanding, his warmth, his spirit rather than reason and rationality.

So what do we mean by warmth of life? I believe it means finding the joy of quiet, of stillness which I admit is difficult in our culture of masses of blinking devices, streaming videos, scrolling/screaming headlines that leave me feeling empty and full all at once. Filling my space with continuous noise only makes me more anxious, more nervous, more agitated, and with an uncomfortable sense of urgency. Allowing the silence of stillness into my space invites hearing, thoughtful speech, and reflective contemplation. Life’s moments slow down. Not rushing, I make fewer mistakes and I am able to reflect on my words and actions toward others.

The 17th century French philosopher Blaise Pascal (1623 – 1662) remarked – “Distraction is the only thing that consoles us for our miseries, and yet it is itself the greatest of our miseries.” He also wrote “All of man’s problems come from his inability to sit quietly in a room alone.”

So what to do? The information revolution came upon us without our consent, without an instruction manual. All the data/images in the world cannot teach us how to filter sensory overload. The only remedy to our on-screen digital life is to summon the emotional and moral clarity that cannot be found on any screen.

More and more people I encounter, even if some have no expressed religious commitment, are looking for, and wanting connection with, the wisdom of old – Yoga, Tai Chi, meditation. These so called “New Age Fads” simply and quietly allow our heart/mind to pause, reflect, and see what normally cannot be seen. Buddhist wisdom tells us that we cannot see our reflection on the waves of a stormy ocean, but on the calm surface of a lake your face and entire being is clearly reflected.

Those are my thoughts for New Year 2018 - May you find a way to make time in your busy life to do nothing at all, which may be the only time when you can see what you should be doing with the rest of your life.

Namuamidabutsu,
Ron Taber, Minister Assistant

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Winter Pacific Seminar
Jan. 27th at OCBC.
9:30am—3:30pm, doors open at 9am.
Must register by 1/14.
$40/person, includes lunch and refreshments. Registration form is in the December Korin.

Keynote Speakers:
Rev. Tetsuo Unno & Rev. Dr. Mark Unno
- Presentations in English and Japanese -

Panel Discussion with Keynote Speakers:

Presented:
Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto
IRSS Provost & Director, Contemporary Buddhist Studies

Moderator:
Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
Co-Director, BCA Center for Buddhist Education

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Rev. Tetsuo Unno
Shin-Buddhist Lecturer & MAKIV - Los Angeles

Rev. Dr. Mark Unno
Professor of Religious Studies Oregon University

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A Message from the President

Akemashite Omeditogozaimasu, kotoshi mo yoroshiku.

Greetings fellow OCBC Sangha members and a special welcome to our new sangha members, Happy 2018 New Years to everyone.

On Oseibo Sunday, 12/10/2017, our temple also conducted a Ti-Sarana Service for several of our new Sangha members as a way to introduce the new members to our Sangha. Ti-Sarana is usually a time when we have our OCBC Dharma School Fourth Graders, participate in Ti-Sarana ceremony signifying their membership in our Sangha and followers of the principles of the JodoShinShu. At the age of nine (9), Matsuwakamaro (Shinran Shonin’s birth name) dedicated himself to become a monk and seek enlightenment by following a Buddhist life at the Shoren-in monastery in Kyoto. Today, Ti-Sarana is a personal confirmation of our refuge in Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Please welcome these new members to OCBC. Some are new to Buddhism, some were members of a different temple, some want to express their commitment to a Buddhist path, and all are now part of our Sangha.

I wanted to greet everyone with a “kotoshi mo yoroshiku” as I begin the challenging adventure of being the 2018 OCBC President. I look for our member’s support and guidance. As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we are always grateful. We acknowledge how generous, sincere, and kind people have been to us and we seek the same in the coming year and in Japanese we ask for this kindness with “kotoshi mo yoroshiku.” As I mentioned in a brief introduction speech at the OCBC Shinnen Enkai, when questioned why I would accept being the OCBC president, I knew the answer instinctually and that answer was because of the OCBC Sangha. I looked around that room and I saw so many talented, dedicated, and supportive members and leaders that I was so humbled to be the president of this awesome Sangha. As a Sangha, we are family, we share the nembutsu, we strive together to enjoy learning and working together. We share in the joy of a new Hondo and we mourn at the loss of a member. In the “Three Treasures” we take refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha. The Buddha and Dharma teaches and guides us on living an enlightened and awakened life. Without a Sangha, a community, we are less inspired to help each other and to be enriched. How do we enrich the Sangha? We believe in diversity, we accept what challenges that diversity brings. Amida’s vows encourage us to be diverse. Together we will share and spread the Dharma to everyone, young and old, male and female, rich and poor, regardless of race, color of skin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental challenges we accept and generate oneness, a Sangha.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to so many people. As mentioned, we already had Oseibo, but let me thank the past OCBC presidents who have set the high standards that makes it difficult to beat. A special “thanks” to Alan Endo, who professionally negotiated several important MOUs, agreements, and contracts, and for completing the majority of these activities during his command. In the past few years, OCBC’s role has changed and we now provide services to other temples. I want to thank the OCBC ministers who are generous with their time to listen, to guide, and to nourish our religious needs. Thanks go to the OCBC Board and Cabinet for their time and dedication to formulate policies; the Sangha for their experiences and knowledge to support and lead in the many activities; to my family who has taught the importance of a community, and a Sangha, and to participate and be involved with the community, and their constant search for identifying other’s needs.

I would like to encourage the Sangha members to explore your own religious health. How are you? How is your religious spirituality? You are a member of a diverse temple. You are fortunate to hear different insights, different ideologies, different backgrounds and yet, we are all believers in the nembutsu, in Amida’s great compassion and enlightenment that Amida’s vows were made for each of us. In the next few years, let’s spend time to strengthen our religious health. Being members of OCBC must mean more than paying membership. You can gain so much. Let’s work together for a strong temple and for a meaningful and dynamic Sangha.

We begin 2018, the year of the Dog, a dog that listens, watches, protects, and comforts.

Join me in gassho, your humble servant,
Rick Oishi, 2018 OCBC President

Happy New Year!
BEC News

This month, the Shin Reader relinquishes its space to BEC News to announce the new BEC online school.

The online resource for those interested in walking the Buddhist Path

The Buddhist Education Center (BEC) has offered online courses in recent years, but the method for distributing content has needed upgrading. What is needed is one-stop shopping and a mechanism for students to download content. This would make our online solution scalable. That is, the work of providing a course would be the same for one student or for 100 students.

After evaluating many different platforms and solutions, the BEC is proud to announce our new online school. You can find it at ocbc-bec.teachable.com. Here you can enroll in the Ocbc Bec Online School, view the courses offered, register for classes and view the materials and videos – all in one location – everything is integrated into this one site. This school works well on all sorts of hardware: PC’s, MAC’s and even iPhones.

The four classes offered previously have been re-hosted to this new school, and two new classes have been added. Courses will be grouped into introduction, intermediate and commentary courses. We plan to develop a curriculum so that students can follow a well-defined course of study.

We have yet to develop all the capabilities of the online school. For example, we can offer courses via teleconference in which students participate in live lectures with Q&A. We can allow students online access to registration and materials even if they will be attending the course in-class. We are also exploring different types of classes. Some may be at your own pace while others may offer personal contact with the instructor through online comments and blogging. We will be able to capture videos of Family Services and Adult Study for podcasts. We have the necessary hardware, but we need to develop the work flow to make it a reality.

The BEC is reviewing our implementation strategy with many members of the Sangha for advice and direction. We have a vision but are offering courses now in order to go up the learning curve. We also need to understand the capabilities of the online school to improve the user experience. Your input is always welcome.

In gassho,
Rev Jon Turner

Maintenance Report for December, 2017

The following individuals volunteered some of their time on Maintenance Monday or at other times this month. Thank you.

Mike Black       Paul Fujimoto       Kay Fujimura
Sid Fujito       David Fusato       Dan Hakikawa
Dan Kaneko       Hideo Kawamura     George Miyaki
Dennis Morinaga  Glen Morita        Eric Nakahara
Rod Nishimura    Norman Nishioka    Akio Nitta
Dennis Okada     Frank Okamura      Sumio Otsuki
Ron Sakoda       Junji Sarashina    Winston Shigenaga
Tom Sunada       Ron Suzuki
and others whose names I did not get.

The following tasks were completed (not a complete listing):

1) General
   a) Trimmed trees and bushes.
   b) Installed sprinkler by main Dale Ave. entrance.
   c) Investigated Ball Rd sprinklers. Three of the four systems do not function.
   d) Repaired some broken irrigation sprinklers and supply pipes.
   e) Replaced broken fiberglass on Cage doors with sheet metal panels.
   f) Had the propane tanks filled prior to Mochitsuki.

2) Nokotsudo
   a) Repaired electrical wiring for lights.
   b) Replaced the cleaned air grill after the completion of major construction.

3) MPB.
   a) Painted some classroom walls.
   b) Replaced three lights in SW stairwell with LED lights.
   c) Repaired classroom desks.
   d) Investigated gas smell in kitchen. Found a valve not fully closed.

4) Social Hall
   a) Covered the air vents prior to Mochitsuki, then uncovered afterwards.

5) Classroom Building
   a) Replaced the old water filtration system with a higher capacity system.

The Maintenance Group appreciates the help of the volunteers that appear each Monday and the additional volunteers that help on the second Monday of the month.

The next monthly OCBC campus maintenance is Monday the 8th of January. Lunch is provided. Bring your gloves.

Jim Mitchell
3rd V.P.
BWA News

Announcements
- Our next meeting will be held on January 14th, immediately following the Ho-onko service and luncheon. Please meet in the Kodo at 12:30pm. New members are always welcome and dues are only $15 so please join us as we have a number of fun activities planned like Bunco in 2018!

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, December 11th, 53 seniors and guests enjoyed a delicious bento and celebrated birthdays for Seiko Hoshino, Rosa Somen, Nancy Inafuku, Eizo Yasuda, and Jane Sasaki. The menu included delicious Honeybaked Ham, potato salad, and cabbage ramen salad. Thank you to Seiko Hoshino, Rosa Somen, Nancy Inafuku, Eizo Yasuda, and Jane Sasaki for the monetary donations, Clyde Ochiai for the mikan, and Toshiki and Nancy Hara for providing the delicious lunch. We hope to see you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, January 8th.

Eshinnisama and Kakushinni Memorial Service and OC BWA’s 60th Anniversary Celebration
On Sunday, December 3, our OC BWA held its annual service honoring Eshinnisama, the beloved wife of Shinran, and their dedicated daughter, Kakushinni. As Rev. Harada read the list of women who laid the foundation for our organization, we all felt a deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness for their dedication to our temple. This was followed by heartwarming messages from Rev. Harada and Rev. Wondra, installation of new officers, and a group photo in our beautiful Hondo. The service was followed by a nice lunch in the social hall and was well-attended by 80 members and guests. The tables were beautifully decorated with lovely centerpieces and everyone enjoyed the delicious bento, sushi, and favors. Four women were recognized for turning 80 years young and one recently turned 88 years, congratulations! We also welcomed four new members and look forward to working with them in the coming year. After lunch, everyone was taken back in time to the early days of BWA through a musical slide show and later enjoyed a fun icebreaker game with prizes. Thank you, Tobans H and J, for chairing this annual event, the audio personnel, Rev Wondra who oversaw the ordering and delivering process of our beautiful nenju and custom-made monto shikisho from Kyoto, and everyone who made this event possible for all to enjoy and remember for a very long time. Finally, the BWA ladies would like to thank Jodi for serving as our president for the last two years. Through her guidance and leadership, we were able to accomplish the many tasks at hand in a spirited atmosphere of camaraderie and friendship.

Mochitsuki – Thank You!
If you can get a good team together, you can move mountains and in this case, mountains of mochi! Our outgoing President, Jodi, and our dedicated BWA ladies would like to thank everyone who came out and helped at mochitsuki. With so many players involved it’s impossible to thank everyone without forgetting someone. With that being said, we do want to thank key areas that helped to make this annual fundraiser a very successful one. Thank you to the dedicated Boy Scouts who washed 900 pounds of rice, the an making/an ball forming groups, the equipment and rice steaming team, the team who prepared all of the tasty samples, the early morning breakfast crew who prepared the delicious American and Japanese breakfast and the lunch crew who prepared the wonderful lunch and flavorful ozoni for all the hard working volunteers. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the many OCBC youth groups including the Jr. YBA, Sangha Teens, Girl Scouts, as well as our dedicated Sangha, friends, and family members. Thanks to this organized effort, we made 8,360 ko mochi, 2,297 an mochi, and 199 kasane for everyone to enjoy! Arigato Gozaimasu and Akemashite Omedetou!

Save the Date – The theme for the Winter Pacific Seminar ‘The Nembutsu in the World; The World of Nembutsu Path of Great Compassion’ will be held on January 27, 2018 at OCBC from 9:30-3:30pm. Keynote speakers are Rev. Tetsuo Unno and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno. Registration is $40 and for OCBC BWA members $20. Deadline to register is January 17th and please sign up with Marion Nishimura.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura
We Are All Hanging By A Thread

I recently read a short story by the acclaimed Japanese novelist Akutagawa Ryunosuke titled “The Spider Thread.” In the story the Lord Buddha is strolling peacefully along the shore of a lotus pond in Paradise. Suddenly, something catches the Buddha’s eye. As he is gazing down between the petals of a lotus blossom, he realizes that he can see straight down into the depths of Hell. The Buddha then notices that a man, Kandata, is squirming helplessly in the depths of Hell along with countless other sinners.

This man, Kandata, is an infamous criminal who has viciously murdered and plundered his way through life. However, the Lord Buddha recalls that Kandata has performed but a single good deed in his life. One day the ruthless criminal was walking through the forest when he spotted a spider crawling along the ground. Kandata raised his foot and was about to crush it. Suddenly, he thought to himself, “This spider is also a living being that doesn’t deserve to die in this cruel way.” He decided to let the spider live.

The Lord Buddha, taking this single good deed into account, decides to rescue Kandata from the depths of Hell. In order to do so the Buddha gently picks up a thread from a spider’s web and lowers it down to within Kandata’s reach. Seizing the opportunity, the criminal starts to pull himself up with all his might. Stopping to rest for a moment, Kandata looks down and notices that a swarm of other sinners beneath him are also climbing up the spider thread. Realizing that the gentle thread is about to break, Kandata screams at the top of his lungs, “This is my thread, get off!” At that moment of selfishness the thread breaks and Kandata and the rest of the sinners are plunged back into the depths of Hell.

Reading this story, I remembered something that happened to me about ten years ago on the island of Kauai. I was hiking down the steep Na Pali trail, which was muddy and slippery after a brief rain shower. As two people, a man and his young son, were coming up the trail, I decided to be courteous and make room for them to pass. As I did so, my foot slipped off the edge of the trail and I went over the side. Instinctively, as I fell I reached up and grabbed onto a vine that just happened to be hanging about a foot above my head. I pulled myself up, dirty and shaken but alive.

Good intentions or not, it seems like we are all hanging by a spider’s thread in the tenuous space between life and death, between heaven and hell. In any case, whether we live or die, we should try with all our might to act with compassion.

Gassho, Dr. David Hirohama
Project Kokoro News

**Fall Craft Boutique**
After a successful Fall Boutique the Craft Club members are now preparing items to sell at the upcoming Hanamatsuri. The Club is open to all OCBC members and welcomes Ron Hikida to the Men’s Craft Group, led by Rod Nishimura and Eric Nakahara. For more information please contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ cell# 562-743-3483 or dcmatsuoka@aol.com.

**TBP – Tomodachi Bento Project**
This program provides local seniors with home-cooked, delicious bentos. Currently 54 seniors are being served and more drivers are urgently needed, especially in the Irvine and Yorba Linda areas. If you know of someone that can help, or a group that would like to support the program, please contact Amy Iwamasa by email at: amyiwamasas@yahoo.com.

**Allegiance, The Musical**
OCBC and other OC organizations are working with JACCC to promote ticket sales to attend “Allegiance” at the Aratani Theatre in LA. Inspired by the true life of George Takei (Star Trek), the Broadway musical tells the story of the Kimura family and other Japanese Americans following the events at Pearl Harbor. PK has arranged bus transportation for 55 people to attend the 2:00pm matinee at a discounted price of $70 for the Sunday show and George Takei will be available for a “Q & A” (questions and answers) session. Contact Rumi Nakatani for questions and reservations by 1/13/18: rumiko@sbcglobal.net

**Annual New Year’s Luncheon**
Save the date for our annual Senior Luncheon – you won’t want to miss it. Details to follow in the next Korin!

**Appreciation**
We would like to express our appreciation for donations received from Kimie Arguello in memory of Shintoku & Harue Kise, and Winston Shigenaga.

**Next Meeting**
Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the PK Room. We invite anyone interested to attend.

In Gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

ABA News

**Greetings from Margie Mio, OCBC ABA President**
Happy New Year in 2018 -- the Year of the Dog! As I enter my fourth year of being ABA president, I am always amazed and filled with gratitude at the dedication of OCBC’s Sangha, including our ABA members. Thank you to our ABA Board members, many of whom have held their positions for 3-15 years. Looking forward to another year of working together in camaraderie, and wishing everyone a wonderful year ahead with good health, new ventures, peace, and much joy!

ABA has had a great year of “fun, food and friendship” and a lot of hard work, helping with the growth and prosperity of OCBC. As we enter the new year, let’s remember much of what was accomplished and continue to strive in harmony toward each new goal that we set. Our efforts and successes were and are achievable due to the leadership of our ABA officers and the many individual members who step up and take charge of club and temple duties.

For 2018, ABA members have unanimously elected a slate of officers who have agreeably volunteered to carry on their duties from the previous year. One exception is the office of Publicity/Historian, which will be filled by Jeanne Kumagai. Listed below are the officers of the OCBC ABA for 2018. The Installation Ceremony will be performed by ABA Advisor, Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, January 7 at 11:30 AM in the Hondo. Let’s all be there to support our newly elected officers.

President—Margie Mio
Treasurer—Ron Suzuki
Auditor—Art Mio
Recording Secretary—Joyce Kato
Corresponding Secretary—Joan Tani
Activities—Karen Kino, Sue Endo, Chieko Miyake
Religious—Richard Kuramoto
Publicity/Historian—Jeanne Kumagai
Membership—Edie Gulrich

Up-coming events to set your mind and calendar to:
- Allegiance—starring George Takei, Mar. 10 or 18 (OC House Buy-out), Aratani Theater.
- ABA Appreciation Luncheon—Tin Tin Restaurant, late Jan. or Feb.
- ABA/BEC New Year’s Party—Jan. 20, hosted by Jeff and Namy Folick.
- Wonder Valley Resort Tour—May 14-17.

May the New Year prove to be a more peaceful world in which to live, with all working toward inclusiveness, togetherness and trust. “Eliminate three poisons: greed, hatred, and ignorance”.

In Gassho,
Kyoko Suzuki
Cub Scout Pack 578

Happy Holidays from Pack 578!

The boys were hard at work at the church clean up and were able to clean up the gardens in front of the church with the assistance of their parents. It was nice to overhear many of the boys take pride in their work when they admired the gardens the next day at church.

We closed this year with our annual Pack Holiday dinner hosted by our Wolf Den that included an Italian-themed dinner with the families, award ceremonies (including the Bobcat ceremony for our new Scouts) and special performances by the dens. The boys did a great job providing entertainment with various skits and songs. Our youngest den, the five-year-olds from the Lion Den, stole the show with their three adorable holiday songs with accompanying props!

We would like to graciously thank the sangha for their support of our annual popcorn sale. We appreciate everyone purchasing popcorn at our booth sales held after church. Your generous contributions helped us surpass our sales goal, which enables us to continue to fund a lot of great events like our bowling outing, our upcoming Blue & Gold dinner, pack game night at Boomers and the annual Pinewood Derby. Arigato gozaimasu!

Warmest Wishes for a joyous holiday season and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2018!

Boy Scout Troop 578

Rice Washing

In freezing cold water, hands took great care not to break the kernels. Doing so makes the water cloudy, meaning more work for the scout and lower quality rice for Mochitsuki. Other scouts wait at the sinks, drain the cloudy water from buckets, and refill it. This process is repeated until the water is mostly clear, which means that the rice is clean. Once the rice is clean, the water is drained one final time before the rice is transferred into one of many larger bins inside of the gym conference room. The scout is then handed a new bucket of rice to start the process over again. On average, a scout will wash three or four buckets during rice washing. A large portion of the rice is washed by a group of older scouts who use a rice washing machine, which can wash tons of rice very quickly. We were able to finished by noon, at which point we had washed about 850 pounds of rice in just a couple hours. Thank you to Mrs. Eng for organizing this event.

Preston Sasaki

Boy Scout Pack 578

Beach Camping

On Friday, November 17 Troop 578 headed down to San Clemente State Beach for a fun family camping trip. What made this camping trip unlike other camping experiences was that this trip was a joint outing with the OCBC Girl Scouts. We had a great turnout of participants, including 54 boy scouts, 24 girl scouts, and several parents. On Friday night, after arriving at San Clemente beach, we proceeded to set up tents to prepare for our campout on the beach for 2 nights. The next day, on Saturday morning, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in a flag ceremony together. After, it was time for some fun and games. We participated in games like Hot Lava, Elephant March, and Catch a Rainbow Skittles Toss. We even had some free time to play at the beach. After those activities, we got ready for our campfire. The scouts cooked dinner and prepared their skits. At the campfire, all patrols performed their skits and had a great time. On Sunday morning, the scouts cooked breakfast, cleaned up, and headed back to OCBC. Everyone had an enjoyable experience!

Thank you to ASM Wakabayashi, ASM Higa, and ASM Futaba for chairing this event. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Yuki for organizing the games for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We appreciate all of your efforts in arranging this fun weekend.

Kenji Swun
Scorpion Patrol Historian
Our Brownies have been busy over the past few months! They finished up their first journey and are currently working on their second one. Some of our girls participated in the Girl Scout “Rocket Whiz” program in which they built, decorated and launched their own rockets at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale. We also had fun volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank in “Izzy’s Corner,” learning about all the food donations and how it gets distributed to help others. Our girls also learned about the “Families Forward” program and volunteered at their facility in Irvine to help make holiday gifts and decorations for some of the families in need.

The Senior Ambassadors from Troop 881 helped our Brownies earn their “Making Games” badge by putting together fun activities where the girls had to work as a team and come up with new ideas and rules for each game. The girls had a blast and it was such a wonderful opportunity for them to work with the older scouts! Our scouts ended the year with some bonding time watching the “Disney on Ice” show at the Staples Center. We’re looking forward to another fun year of scouting in 2018! Happy New Year!
**Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675**

These past couple months have been busy ones. Our troop has gone on two beach campouts in both San Clemente and Seal Beach. At San Clemente we had flag ceremonies and beach competitions with the boy scouts which were tons of fun, along with splashing in the waves that sprayed icy cold water on us all. For our holiday “party” we had a great time making succulence in little christmas cups and making paper snowflakes at Seal Beach. Some of our scouts also went to see the Secret Garden the Musical. They thought it was great! Our scouts have recently also have participated in our church’s annual Mochitsuki. We helped with cooling, dusting and a bit of packaging mochi, along with taste testing the samples provided to make mochi that is ready for New Year’s ozone. I hope these next few months are going to be filled with fun waiting for us.

*In Gassho,*  
Gwen Takagi

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**In Memoriam**

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

*Masao Roy Hayashi*  
*Ronald Ogawa*  
*Shirley Kubota*

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

*Namu Amida Butsu*

**Services Conducted**

**December**

- 2  Masao Roy Hayashi, Funeral Service
- 3  Sumiko Okura, 3 Year Memorial Service
- 3  Harry Wakai, 1 Year Memorial Service
- 11  Dennis Tsujimoto, 1 Year Memorial Service
- 11  Betty Furumoto, 1 Year Memorial Service
- 27  Ronald Ogawa, Funeral Service
- 28  Taeko Hayashida, 1 Year Memorial Service
- 29  Jane Wada, 7 Year Memorial Service
- 29  Shirley Kubota, Funeral Service
- 30  Yachiyo Nakatani, 3 Year Memorial Service
- 30  David Nakatani, Memorial Service
Ministerial Scholarship

On behalf of the Ministerial Scholarship Committee, Happy New Year Everyone. Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu. We wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year. How quickly time has flown with another year gone by. As we step into 2018, we are filled with renewed enthusiasm, hopes and dreams for the future. It is also a time to reflect on the year gone by. As I think back, I am filled with gratitude to our Sangha, not only for the support received in 2017 but for the support received since the inception of the Ministerial Scholarship Program. We have the best Sangha in all of BCA!

The Ministerial Scholarship Committee acknowledges the following Sangha members for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund for the campaign year 2017-2018. Please note that any donations received subsequent to December 29, 2017 will be acknowledged in the next issue of the Korin.

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Total Donations Received: $13,710.00

In three months since our campaign, we have collected a whopping $13,710.00! That is just amazing. Thank you so much.

As the New Year begins, we at OCBC are fortunate to be able to hear and receive the Dharma in our beautiful Hondo from our wonderful ministerial staff. Through their continuing education which you the Sangha have supported, the ministerial candidates and minister’s assistants continue to grow and share their knowledge with us. How grateful are we for their dedication and hard work. Namo Amida Butsu.

Gassho,
Carrie Nakagawa
The entire Hondo construction team was confident we would finally pass all inspections by the end of the year, but it was not to be. We corrected and passed all the building related deficiencies from our previous inspections, but the city inspector would not sign off on one item. He didn't think the slope of some adjoining garden area near the Hondo exterior walls was adequate for proper drainage. We will correct that and call for another inspection. Hopefully by the time this Korin goes to print, this will be old news.

As we enter 2018, there will still be some minor contractor work continuing as the "punch list" of small issues are corrected. Also, George Miyake's volunteer team continues the planting of the smaller plants in our garden areas. But for all practical purposes, as soon as the city approves our last landscape slope correction, the Hondo will be officially ours.

On a financial note, we continue to pay our remaining invoices. However, we are confident there are sufficient funds in our bank accounts to completely pay for all the outstanding bills and still have funds remaining in the Building Fund. As mentioned last month, fundraising is officially complete, but our Sangha and friends continue to help with generous donations to our Building Fund.

OCBC is extremely grateful for everyone's continued support, and we thank and acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between November 25, 2017 and December 30, 2017.

**Family and Individual Donations (new and repeat): (Coin donor names reported separately)**

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**Family/Individual Donations this period:** $52,175.00
**Total Family/Indv'l Donations to Date:** $4,363,228.00

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

Ronald & Etsuko Uesugi

**Total Family/Indv'l Pledges (collected & uncollected) to Date:** $3,863,930.00

**OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges (new and repeat) this period:**

None

**OCBC Organization Donations, Pledges to Date:** $1,166,262.00

**Total Coins Collections:** $27,878.00

**Total Pledges and Donations:** $9,421,298.00

**Total Donations and Pledge Payments Collected to date:** $9,371,500.00

**Phase 2 Goal - Additional donations required** $0.00

In Gassho,
Howard Nakagiri, Project Manager
Bill Sakahara, Project Treasurer
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- Urabe, Patrick
- Walker, Michiko
- Yamaoka, Thomas

### Eitaikyo Service Donations (Add’l)
- Iwakoshi, Wat/Hiromi
- Kitajima, Kuni/Julie
- Iwamasa, Susumu
- Yamamoto, Laura
新年のご挨拶

年間、皆さまのご挨拶をお待ちしています。今年も阿弥陀如来さまのお光を心に抱きしめて、皆さんが幸せな一年になることを願っています。

「光輪」1月号

（注）この号は、今年の年初を記念して特別に提供されます。
毎年1月には、日本をはじめ米国仏教団の各寺院で、浄土真宗御開祖、親鸞聖人さまのご命日法要として報恩講が開かれます。親鸞さまのご威徳を讃えて、私たちもお念仏に出席した喜びを感謝いたします。どうぞご家族お揃いで御参りくださいませ。

冬期BEC土曜真宗講座

3日（土）午後7時30分より

冬期パシフィック・セミナー

日時：1月14日（日）午前10時より

英語・講師：山田 ケン

冬期の様月法要

3日（土）午後7時30分より

日本語法語・BCCA引退名誉開教使

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二月の様月法要

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＊餅つきの御礼
今年も会長ジョディさんを始め、皆様のご協力で90パウンドの餅米で子供たちが親指を立てるほどの餅を作ることができました。199個を完売することができました。お手伝いいただきありがとうございました！未来のことも含めて、赤ちゃんたちの頃の飼い方を学べるためには、この消えゆく記憶で品質の高まるお米を手に入れることを心からお願い申し上げます。

■シンニア・ランチ
12月11日（土）に催されましたシンニア・ランチでは、53名のシンニア、おお箇所の方々が出席され、左記の方々のお誕生日をお祝いしました。

墨西コスパゲッティ、スパゲティーニ、ジュニアYB Aにも感謝申し上げます。

■シンニア・ランチ
次回のシンニア・ランチは、1月8日です（敬称略）。

※金二封ご寄付お名前です。（敬称略）

月に1回ご寄付を戴きました方々のお名前
合掌・中村クリス
会長・山本ローラ

■ご質問
婦人会に関するご質問がありましたら、西村マリオン会長までお連絡下さい。

■ご寄付
11月26日12月29日までに、御寄付袋を配布いたします。（敬称略）

■12月祥月法要
11月26日12月29日までに、御寄付袋を配布いたします。（敬称略）

■永代経法要
ご寄付ご芳名です。（追加分・敬称略）

合計 2,065ドル
合計 2,050ドル
「お歳暮大会」

合計 20, 263. 50ドル

18, 138ドル

「仏教会にお礼」

合計 5, 870ドル

「納骨堂」

合計 7, 899ドル

お祭り

ご芳名です。
（敬称略）

「仏教会に特別寄付」

ご芳名です。
（敬称略）

ご寄付ご芳名です。
（敬称略）
OCBC BUDDHIST EDUCATION CENTER

Classes on BUDDHISM WINTER 2018

The Difference Between Human Wisdom and Buddha’s Wisdom – Rev. Nobuo Haneda
Saturday Seminar, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. March 17
Lectures on the teachings of Shinran, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.
One day class with lunch included. Registration: $20.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism –
Rev. Jon Turner
Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
February 1, 8, 15, March 1
This course will introduce the Shin School of Buddhism, also known as Jodo Shinshu in Japanese. What is Shin Buddhism? Where did it come from and what makes it Shin? These questions and others will be discussed. Practices unique to Shin will also be presented and the mechanisms that make them effective explored.
Four week class. Registration: $40 or Pay $10 per Class.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3
Also available online via teleconference. To enroll, please visit ocbc-bec.teachable.com.

Resolving Life’s Problems – Rev. Marvin Harada
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. February 18
This course will look at the relationships that define our lives from a Buddhist perspective.
One day class with lunch included. Registration: $10.
Location: Social Hall Level 1

Lectures on the Larger Sutra – Rev. Marvin Harada
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
January 11, 25, February 1, 8, March 1, 8
The Larger Sutra teaches how the story of Buddha’s vows can be realized in the present.
Six week class. Registration: $50
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Course Taught in Japanese – Rev. Mutsumi Wondra
Saturday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
February 3, 10, 17, March 3
阿弥陀如来さまの教えに導いてくださった七高僧を親鸞聖人は『高僧和讃』で讃えられています。このクラスでは『高僧和讃』を読みながら、龍樹菩薩から法然聖人までの流れを学んでいきます。
Four week class. Registration: $40
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

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

Registration Form (Please Print)

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

Please check the class(es) desired:
☐ The Difference Between Human Wisdom and Buddha’s Wisdom ($20) $_____
☐ Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism ($40) $_____
☐ Resolving Life’s Problems ($10) $_____
☐ Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50) $_____
☐ Courses Taught in Japanese ($40) $_____
Total $_____

Individual class attendance is acceptable at $10 per class.

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

Please make checks payable to: OCBC Buddhist Education Center
Please mail completed form with payment or bring to first class meeting.
Orange County Buddhist Church
Buddhist Education Center
909 S. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804
East West Players and Japanese American Cultural & Community Center present

ALLEGROCE
A NEW MUSICAL INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY

ORANGE COUNTY HOUSE BUY-OUT
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018 AT 2 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 AT 8 PM

Starring George Takei!

East West Players (EWP) and Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC) are pleased to announce the Los Angeles premiere of Allegiance. Performances will take place at JACCC’s Aratani Theatre in Los Angeles from February 21–April 1, 2018.

Inspired by the true life of George Takei (“Star Trek”), the Broadway musical Allegiance tells the story of the Kimura family, whose lives are upended when they and 120,000 other Japanese Americans are forced to leave their homes following the events of Pearl Harbor. As our country struggles with the sudden shifts in immigration policies that define what it means to be American, the relevance of this story cannot be overstated.

OC HOUSE BUY-OUT TICKET PRICES

Sunday, March 18 at 2 PM
All Sections $90/70/40

Saturday, March 10 at 8 PM
Section A $84.50
Section B $74.75
Section C $85.00
Section D $52.00
Section E $25.00

VENUE: JACCC’s Aratani Theatre
244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

TO PURCHASE TICKETS & FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Beth Fujishige
bmfuji@aol.com
ALLEGIANcemusical.com/LA

ORDER BY DECEMBER 31, 2017
2017 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following form to apply for membership to the Orange County Buddhist Church.

STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

I would like to support OCBC with the following membership level:

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STEP 2: CONTACT INFORMATION

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Address _______________________________________________________
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Additional Contact Information

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Spouse Phone __________________ Email __________________
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STEP 3: MAIL

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