Office Hours
& Nokotsudo Visiting Hours

Monday   9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday  Closed
Wednesday  9 am to 4 pm
Thursday  9 am to 4 pm
Friday   9 am to 4 pm
Saturday  9 am to 4 pm
Sunday   9 am to 1 p
   (Closed during service)
Selfishness to Selflessness

Recently I conducted a funeral service for a Sacramento member. Because I never knew this person, her family shared with me a photo album that was made for their mother for her 80th birthday. The photo album also had letters from all of her children and grandchildren, which were very touching to read. Throughout the letters from her family, one common theme or quality that they all seemed to mention about her, was describing her as “selfless” as a mother and grandmother. She always lived her life for her family, providing for their needs, cooking for them and raising them. This individual lost her husband at an early age and raised her family as a single mother.

Because of the theme of her being “selfless,” I chose to give her the Buddhist name that means, “selfless.” I explained her Buddhist name to the family in my sermon.

In Buddhism, the goal is to become “selfless,” to go beyond the ego self. Shakymuni Buddha’s enlightenment can be described as a realization of this “selflessness” in his own life. As his ego-self melted, his heart and mind became one with all of life. His heart and mind became one with all beings.

After Shakamuni Buddha, various Buddhist traditions have developed practices and methodologies to attain that state of “selflessness.” Over the centuries, unbelievably arduous practices have been devised to attempt to “crush,” to defeat the ego self, and to attain the state of selflessness. Shinran Shonin himself did those kinds of practices for 20 years of his life, but was not able to attain selflessness through those practices.

I think the Shin Buddhist approach to becoming selfless is quite simple. You just live your life for others, instead of for yourself.

Most of us, myself included, live in the world of “selfishness” rather than in the world of “selflessness.” Everything is about my wants, my needs, my way of doing things. However, sometimes we encounter people who live very “selfless” lives. They are constantly helping or doing things for others.

Rev. Gomay Kubose, in his classic and popular book, Everyday Suchness, has a chapter on “Selflessness.” In it he writes,

The essence or nature of life is self-less. Only when one is in selflessness is there real peace, beauty, and happiness. In selflessness is the true self. When a mother does things for her child, she does everything for the child without reservation. Even when her life is in danger, she does for her child. We say the mother “sacrifices” for her child, but it is not sacrifice. It is really a fulfillment of her life, because mother and child are one. Woman is frail but mother is strong, because a mother becomes selfless when she has a child.

p. 39, Everyday Suchness

I think this describes the woman whose funeral I conducted the other day. I am sure her family would agree that the quotation from Everyday Suchness accurately describes the selflessness of their mother and grandmother.

This applies to more than just mothers as well. When we truly dedicate ourselves to our work, we become one with our work. For example, a teacher who are teachers for their students instead of for themselves, live a selfless life. A nurse who works for the benefit of his or her patients, lives a selfless life. Any career can be like this. Even being a waiter or a waitress is a life of serving others, which can give a person a gratifying feeling, a joy that stems from the selfless life. We have all been served by a waiter or waitress who lives and works this kind of “selfless” life, and it is a joy to see how they work and serve all of their customers. Maybe even those customers request “his or her” section so that they can be served by their favorite waiter or waitress.

Rev. Kubose also writes in that same essay,

Buddha taught selflessness as one of his three basic teachings. It is our mistaken ego selfishness that causes all human troubles and sufferings. We do not realize that we are literally able to live and enjoy life only because of other people and things. If one really understands this truth, he cannot help but become humble and appreciate others. Buddhism is the way of selflessness.

p. 41, Everyday Suchness

When we live a life of me first, then life will rarely go our way. But when we live a life of living for others, serving others, doing for others, then we receive a deeper sense of joy, a deeper sense of fulfillment.

In Shin Buddhism, we don’t have to do the difficult practices like in Zen to try to break through or to crush our ego self. We can simply live our life for others, in whatever manner that we can find, whether it is through our work, or through our volunteer activities. Serving in the various volunteer capacities at OCBC can be like that. Our Sangha is made up of countless people who “selflessly” give of their time to volunteer in various capacities here. We couldn’t function without those volunteers. I hope that they find their time and efforts here are also gratifying and fulfilling, as they receive the joy of living for others. This is life of selflessness.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada
On Being Wrong

“‘T ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.”

Mark Twain

As I began watching the movie The Big Short, this quotation from Mark Twain scrolled by. It struck me that knowing what you don’t know is what makes one wise. From a Buddhist perspective, our suffering is caused by an overreliance on the self. We believe that we know things. We often mistake our opinions as facts.

This conversion of opinions into facts is a very subtle process. It is enabled by what is called the conformation bias. This is where we only notice things that agree with what we believe in. For example, if we believe that a certain breed of dog is hard to train then we only notice them when they are barking. Or if we don’t like big trucks on the road then we only notice a truck when it cuts us off.

But this does not mean that we cannot have opinions. We just don’t want to convert them into facts. This means having a mind that is open to new experiences and appreciates all things in our lives. Opinions are inevitable but we must be able to change our opinions as we receive new information. Snap judgments are not necessarily wrong as long as we keep re-evaluating them.

Will Rogers once said, “I never met a man I did not like.” I thought he was saying that he liked everyone. This did not seem possible to me. Quotations are often like this. The meaning is below the surface. I think Rogers is saying that he never prejudged someone. For example, if he met George W. Bush or Barack Obama, he wouldn’t make assumptions about them due to their political party. He would try to engage them as people, with an open mind. In other words, everyone he met with a clean slate. He brought no biases with him. He judged them in the moment as they interacted with him.

Opinions and judgments also divide the world into two. There are those who agree with us and those who do not. Kathryn Shultz gave a TED Talk entitled “On Being Wrong”. She discussed how we deal with people who do not agree with our opinions. She said there are three general approaches that we take.

First, we think they must just be misinformed. They just don’t know what we know. Second, they have been exposed to the truth but just do not understand it. Third, they have been exposed to the truth, understand it but choose not to believe it. All three of these explanations can be dangerous.

Schultz suggests that being wrong is not something sinister but instead something wonderful. It is how we learn and grow. Being comfortable with being wrong allows one to live a dynamic and powerful life.

There is also a video entitled “Are You a Knower or a Learner” which describes knowers as fixed and learners as flexible. It is OK to know something as long as it is not absolute and fixed. Happiness does not come from collecting facts. It comes from engaging in everyday life as something new and fresh.

In our Jodo Shinshu tradition of Buddhism, we might rephrase it as “Are You a Knower or a Listener”. Rather than knowing Buddhism, we try to listen to the teachings. This is our path. Our mind is forever perfumed by the teachings. It is not our beliefs but our attitude that defines our practice.

Underlying all these examples is the fallacy of the false choice; that we can only choose one alternative or only one solution. It is important to remind ourselves that two things can be true at the same time. I notice this at debates when they present issues as a false choice. There is a Republican choice and a Democratic choice. They are different and mutually exclusive. I also often hear that we are either part of the problem or part of the solution. Often times we are both. If we could really listen to others we might find that we need a little of solution A and a little of solution B to really make progress on an issue.

It is also important to remember that even when we disagree that both sides can still have good intentions. I might vote differently from someone else at a Temple board meeting but that does not mean that we both do not want what is best. Often times we have to make decisions with limited information. There are also unintended consequences to every decision. Sometimes we are right for the wrong reasons and vice versa. I believe that knowing what we do not know can really help us find common ground and listen to the needs and opinions of others. This approach can help ensure that we move forward in a constructive manner, where all sides feel heard and valued.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev Jon Turner
Wonderful, Wondrous, Full of Wonder
how rare and wondrous it is . . .

Everyday we are all asked, “How are you?” or “How’s it going?” Our normal response is to say I am OK or I am doing well. After studying Buddhism for many years and reciting the Three Three Treasures hundreds of times, I decided instead of responding with the usual response, I could say “I am wonderful”. My meaning in this response wasn’t intended to express that everything is great, that I don’t have any challenges. We all have challenges and difficulties. With my response, “wonderful” I am deeply expressing that life is full of wonder and on a lighter thought, I wonder what’s going to happen next.

One day a coworker called me out on my response. He asked me, “Why do you always say that you are wonderful, you can’t be wonderful everyday”. At that point I had to think quickly. I didn’t think quoting the Three Treasures would be appropriate so I explained that for me everyday is full of wonder, that’s what I mean by wonderful. Now, it seems to be the standing joke between us, especially when projects don’t turn out as expected. When this happens he’ll ask, “Mark are you still full of wonder?”

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. - Albert Einstein

Keeping the Dharma and the Four Noble Truths in mind, Buddha invited us be curious, to examine the teachings and most importantly to take responsibility for finding our own path. This invitation to be be curious and to question is one of reasons that Buddhism was so appealing to me. Often times religious dogma requires belief without questioning; there is little tolerance for curiosity. Being brought up in a religious environment where doubting and questioning were as unwelcomed, Buddhism seemed very foreign and at the same time very appealing.

Although I haven’t found “The Stay Curious My Friends Sutra” we can find many examples of Buddhism’s reference to curiosity. Buddhism was born out of curiosity. It was Prince Siddhartha’s curiosity that drove him to venture outside the palace gates. Once beyond the palace gates, it was this continual questioning and curiosity that brought about his eventual Enlightenment. Even after his Enlightenment as a teacher, I have heard that that Buddha would often explain that we didn’t have to believe him. We are encouraged to find our own truth. What would give a teacher that much confidence, why would a teacher invite others to question what they are teaching? I believe that Buddha knew that the core teachings of the Four Noble Truths are undeniable. They are Noble and True. He knew that one day we would all venture beyond our own allegorical Palace of Illusion, that we would become curious about the true meaning of life. He knew that we wander about trying to find meaning, trying to find Truth and he knew that this curiosity was necessary to realize the truth in the Four Noble Truths. It could be said that many great teachers, even our founder Shinran Shonin, wandered on this path before his Enlightenment, before coming home to the Truth.

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime. ~ Mark Twain.

Whether we travel across the world or across our own neighborhood we should travel and explore with a sense of curiosity about how others live. Compassion and understanding begin with curiosity.

A few years ago, I worked and lived in the infamous Silicon Valley. The Silicon valley is one of the wealthiest areas in the world, but among this wealth there is one the largest populations of homeless. Living in San Jose, I was introduced to a group of Vietnamese Buddhist. They asked me if I would like to join them on their monthly event of feeding and providing clothes to the homeless people in parks throughout the Bay area. At first I was a bit hesitant, but being curious I decided to attend. This choice would prove to be one of the most life-changing decisions of my life. I was amazed to discover the immensity of the homeless population. More importantly, I discovered that most of my beliefs about homeless people were unfounded. I discovered that many were families that lost employment which led to loss of homes and cars. They were relegated to staying in shelters at night and parks during the day. For many of them, homelessness came very quickly. For all of them, they never thought that they would be homeless. They never thought that they would rely on others for food or shelter.

From this experience I was able to learn the true meaning of Dana, of giving without attachment. When the homeless would ask the group what organization they represent, they would respond that they didn’t represent any organization. I was surprised with their response. There were other organizations at the park that would require the homeless to listen to a sermon before receiving food. But this group would simply say, we hope you enjoy Vietnamese food, we hope that you can use the clothes and sleeping bags.

Without curiosity, I may have never met this group or learned the true meaning of Dana. While I continue my search for the “Stay Curious My Friends Sutra”, next time someone asks you, “how are you doing today?” you can tell them “Wonderful”, knowing that you mean Full of Wonder.

Mark Van Dyke
President’s Message

We have already completed a month of the 2018 year. Despite the New Year, I am continuing the same routines as last year. Are you the same? I thought of several things that I would implement in 2018. But, I haven’t started nor have I made any changes yet. We are just too busy. Before we let January 2018 go, I would like to congratulate the OCBC Jr. YBA for taking First Place in the Jr. Division of the Mochitsuki Taikai held at Tanaka Farms. Our Sangha Teens followed with Second Place in the same division. The Taikai focuses on pounding mochi and making an ornate Kasane or Kagami Mochi. Kasane is the placement of two round mochi on top of each other. Usually the bottom mochi is larger than the second mochi, and a tangerine with a green leaf still attached called the “daidai” is place on top of the mochi. Various symbols of the New Year representing good luck, good health, long life, and success complete the decorative Kasane. I heard that the mochi represents the family’s success and the hopes that the success will be passed from one generation to the next. This is represented by the placement of mochi on top of each other. This is not a Buddhist practice but a mixture of Japanese cultural sensitivity. However, you will see a Kasane near the O-Butsudan as an expression of our gratitude. I thank and applaud Glen Tanaka for holding the annual Mochitsuki Taikai at his farm in Irvine and his endeavors to maintain and teach the Japanese culture in a fun and memorable way to our yonsei, gosei and many others.

As we move right into February, I must admit that January 2018 was a busy month at OCBC. OCBC started with New Year’s Day Service in the new Honda. OCBC’s Shinnen Enkai and General Meeting was held on 1/13 at the Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel. It was a nice venue and Glen and Lynn Morita arranged a wonderful lunch and program. At the General Meeting, seven new OCBC Board Members were introduced and Alan Endo surrendered the President’s gavel to me. We thank Alan for his two years of contribution and service. Lynn Black found a difficult emoji game andservice. Lynn Black found a difficult emoji game and

Onko (Shinran Shonin’s Memorial) Service was observed. This year marks the 750th Memorial Service for Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism. Imagine, 750 years ago Shinran passed away leaving his teachings of faith and gratitude in Amida for us. This year marks the 750th Anniversary. It is amazing to make the comparison in years.

At OCBC’s Ho-Onko Service, Rev. Tesshi Aoyama, BCA Minister Emeritus provided the Japanese message and Rev. Ken Yamada, Shinshu Center, North America, Higashi Hongwanji, presented the English message. Both mentioned the importance on “oneness” and Shinran taught the importance of the here and now and living for the present.

OCBC was the host for the Institute of Buddhism, BCA’s Winter Seminar, “The Nembutsu World; The World of Nembutsu Path of Great Compassion” with keynote speakers Rev. Tetsuo Unno and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno with sessions in both English and Japanese. A panel discussion was lead in English by Rev. T. Unno, Rev. M. Unno, Rev. D. Matsumoto, and Rev. Kuwahara. The Japanese Dharmathon was represented by, Rev. S. Fukuma, Rev. G. Matsubayashi, Rev. N. Miyaji, Rev. Y. Miyaji and Rev. M. Wondra.

We had eleven great guest minister speakers in January. Hopefully, you were able to take advantage of these keynote speakers that were in our neighborhood and you were able to listen to the Dharma. I again ask, how is your spiritual and religious health? Do you need to reboot? I encourage everyone to take the time to just sit and listen, do some reflecting, do some inventory. Absorb the Dharma, the outcome will surprise yourself. The Temple also offers classes in Buddhism. Check it out.

The other day, I was driving to work early in the morning on the 405 freeway and I was in lane one or the lane next to the HOVL, car pool lane, going the speed limit. But, suddenly I had to slow down when a small red Toyota with a very dirty rear window and a giant Dallas Cowboy’s like white star on the back bumper cut in front of me. I looked in my rear view mirror and there was nobody behind me. As I was driving slowly behind this car, I noticed that there were no cars in front of the red car for about 200 yards. My first thoughts; why are you driving in this lane and why did you pull in front of me? Why couldn’t you change lanes after me? My speed dropped to 50 miles/hour. As the lane next to me was empty, I switched lanes and was able to pick up my speed as before. But, within a few miles, my lane had slowed down. Incredibly, the small red Toyota with the dirty rear window and the white star on the bumper drove past me. Now, I am thinking, what’s going on.” I switched to the next lane which was moving and again picked up speed. After a few minutes, I exited and came to the first stop light. I stopped. When the light turned green, I continued to the next stop light and I stopped behind a red Toyota with a dirty rear window and a giant white star on its bumper. I couldn’t believe it. I quickly thought that there must be a Dharma lesson here - Dharma lesson of letting go, and to accept things as they are. Would my reactions be different if the car was a shiny clean Tesla or Maserati? Probably not, in fact I would have been envious and jealous. More importantly, my reactions were due to the need to rush, to be in a hurry. I think we are all victims of the “can’t wait” syndrome, especially in this technological age when we have grown accustomed to instant or immediate responsiveness and have immediate access to information.

Walter Hagen is credited for saying “stop and smell the roses.” It has become a famous idiom and its meaning is deep in psychological thoughts of slowing down, relaxing, and enjoying the life we are living. In Buddhism it is a mindfulness experience. Do you think that the red Toyota was sending me a message?

Hanamatsuri Kick Off is coming soon.

In gassho,
Rick Oishi
OCBC President
The Shin Reader

This month, Alice Taber reviews *The Face: A Time Code* by Ruth Ozeki. Currently this book is out of stock at the BEC Bookstore, however the book is available at online book sites.

Does sitting quietly looking at your face in a mirror for three hours sound appealing to you? *The Face, A Time Code*, by author and Zen priest Ruth Ozeki, is an intriguing narrative describing the author’s meditative three-hour experience examining her face. She took on this challenge after reading about an art observation experiment that was purposely designed to slow a person down to not simply “look” at art, but to “see” it.

Ozeki contemplates the Zen koan “What did your face look like before your parents were born?” As she focuses on her facial features, she records her current thoughts and past experiences with her parents, grandparents, friends, and teachers, finding her face to be a “stockpile” of experience. This introspective, contemplative book is a profound memoir opening up meditations on race, aging, family, the body, self doubt, death and acceptance through personal recollections. She discovers that her face “is and isn’t me”, but an accumulation of many people. And, as the author concludes, “Let’s not be misled. Because, after all is said and done, all we really know is this: our eyes are horizontal and our noses are vertical. Just this.”

Review by Alice Taber

BWA News

Announcements
-Our next meeting will be held on March 11th, immediately following the Spring Ohigan service and luncheon. Please meet in the Kodo at 12:30pm.

Congratulations to our new BWA Cabinet - 2018-2019
The installation of our new officers was held on Sunday, December 3, 2017. The cabinet members will continue to work with our dedicated BWA members to provide continued service to OCBC, organize fundraisers, provide a monthly nutritious lunch for our seniors and staff, and plan interesting talks, excursions and fun activities for everyone to enjoy. We invite prospective members to attend our next meeting so you can find out what we have planned for the coming year.

President Marion Nishimura
Vice President Irene Yamanishi
Treasurer Alison Yoshihara
Recording Secretary Lynn Black
Corresponding Secretary Noreen Kamimura
Religious Karen Nakagiri
Membership Nancy Hara and Joni Ukegawa
Publicity Chris Nakamura
Hospitality Sharon Saldana
Activities Jodi Hisamoto and Kyoko Shimizu
Auditor Rumi Nakatani
Advisors Laura Yamamoto, Amy Iwamasa and Jodi Hisamoto

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, January 8th, 46 seniors and guests enjoyed a delicious New Year’s bento from California Rice Center and celebrated birthdays for Kirii Askew, Kiyoko Sarashina, Sumio Otsuki, and Junji Sarashina. Thank you to Sumio Otsuki, for the monetary donation, Toshiko Katsumoto for the mikan, and Rosa Somen for the lemons. We hope to see you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, February 12th.

Join us for Bunco Game Day!
Our next semi-annual Bunco Party will be on Sunday, February 25, 2018 from noon until 3:00pm. Lunch is included and the cost is $5.00 for BWA members. Please join us for food, fun, and prizes and RSVP by February 18th. Flyers are available in the office or at the reception table following service. Non-members are also welcome to attend. Non-member price is $15.00 and includes BWA membership for 2018.

Questions: For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, BWA members may contact Marion Nishimura at mieko4nish@gmail.com.

The Spring Equinox (Ohigan) service will be held on:

**Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

English and Japanese Speaker:

Dr. Nobuo Haneda, Director, Maida Center of Buddhism

In Gassho,

Chris Nakamura
**Maintenance Report**

The following individuals volunteered their time on Maintenance Monday or at other times this month. Thank you. If you have some free time and energy, please join us.

Paul Fujimoto  Kay Fujimura  Sadao Fujita
Sid Fujito  David Fusato  Dan Kaneko
Hideo Kawamura  Dennis Morinaga  Glen Morita
Eric Nakahara  Rod Nishimura  Norman Nishioka
Akio Nitta  Dennis Okada  Frank Okamura
Sumio Otsuki  Ron Sakoda  Junji Sarashina
Winston Shigemura  Tom Sunada  Ron Suzuki
Juji Wada  And others whose names I did not get.

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

1) **General.**
   a) Trimmed trees and bushes in the Japanese Garden and along Dale Ave.
   b) Repaired some broken irrigation sprinklers and supply pipes.
   c) Began process of installing additional canopy support posts.
   d) Adjusted soil levels and boulder placement for the inspector.
2) **Kodo**
   a) Repaired outside night lights.
3) **MPB**
   a) Replaced lights in a stairwell and walkways with LED lights.
4) **Hondo**
   a) Installed a rack in the storeroom.
   b) Received many complaints about the sound system.
5) **Social Hall**
   a) Replaced all batteries in door shade motor systems and realigned shades.
   b) Adjusted some outside doors to close correctly.
   c) Adjusted women’s restroom lavatory door so it would latch.

The Maintenance Unit 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 12th of February starting about 9 AM. The BWA provides a free lunch. Please join us for a good time. **Bring your gloves.**

Jim Mitchell
3rd V.P.

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**Hanamatsuri Festival is April 14 & 15, 2018**

Times:  Saturday, April 14th  1:00-8:00 PM  
        Sunday, April 15th  1:00-8:00 PM

Our Kick Off meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7th @ 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.
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Please make sure that your organization’s representatives are in attendance.

In Gassho,
Festival Committee

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Festival Committee
Hanamatsuri Wish List

10, 25# C& H granulated sugar  
10, 25# Gold Medal Bleached All Purpose Flour  
20 1.6# iodized salt  
Bounty Paper towels, pick a size, full size  
24oz Dawn dish soap  
1.5 L - any brand sake  
10 1# corn starch  
lace free gloves S, M, L, XL  
24, 1 qt sized can Swanson’s Chicken Broth  
24, 1 qt size can Dole Pineapple Juice  
Coffee, ground any brand  
8 oz. recycle hot cups  
Wax paper  
$20 & $25 Gift Cards for Mini Raffle  
Shoyu – lg bottle, any brand  
Mirin - Mizkan (Mitsukan)

Thank you for your Dana!

OCBC Wish List

Please take a look at these requests and help wherever possible. Thank you in advance

Project Kokoro Men’s Workbench:
copper or aluminum wire  
bass wood  
watercolor paints and brushes  
fabric paints  
Dremel tool and tips  
wood boards (minus bugs)  
river rocks  
dowels  
bamboo  
sand paper  
PVC  
gift cards: Home Depot, Lowes, Michaels, Joann, Hobby Lobby

Questions to Rod Nishimura

Business Office:  
six pairs of large scissors

Questions to Nancy Hara

In Gassho,  
Janet Sakahara

Social Welfare / Dana Program

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. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860.5155 or email iyamanishi@gmail.com.

Memorial Care Medical Group will not be able to hold Free Flu Shots in 2018 due to funding constraints. We are looking into other centers that can support the 2018 Free Flu Shots at OCBC. If anyone has any suggestions for potential agencies/centers please contact Linda Ishibashi at (562) 860-5993 or email lki_2@me.com.

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

If you are interested in driving a sangha member to church or to do a caregiver errand support please contact Dorothy Matsuoka at (562) 425-3755 or email dcmatsuoka@aol.com.

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.

In Gassho,  
Linda Ishibashi

Dharma School News

Upcoming Events –  
March 11, 2018 - Spring Ohigan Service - Students may use this as a “make-up” day for credit towards perfect attendance. Please make sure an attendance form for your child is completed if there is not a sign-up sheet available on that day.

D. S. Class Schedule –  
February 4, 11, 18, 25  
March 4, 18, 25  
April 22, 29  
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 am.

In Gassho,  
Gail Harada
PK Craft Club
The Craft Club members are hard-at-work preparing items to sell at the upcoming Hanamatsuri. The Club is open to all OCBC members and has a Men’s Craft Group led by Rod Nishimura and Eric Nakahara. We are currently looking for someone fun and creative to manage the seniors craft members and coordinate the Craft Club. For more information please contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ cell# 562-743-3483 or dcmatsuoka@aol.com.

TBP – Tomodachi Bento Project
The Tomodachi Bento Project has been awarded a grant from Keiro which will support the continuance of this wonderful program that provides local seniors with home-cooked, delicious bento boxes. Over 50 seniors throughout the county are being served and we still urgently need more drivers, especially for the Irvine and Yorba Linda areas, to deliver the lunches and provide some companionship. If you can help, or would like more information, contact Amy Iwamasa by email at: amyiwamasa@yahoo.com.

Allegiance, The Musical Mar 18
Inspired by the true life of George Takei (Star Trek), this Broadway musical tells the story of the Kimura family and other Japanese Americans following the events at Pearl Harbor. PK has arranged to take up to 55 people by bus to the Aratani Theatre in LA to see the 2:00 pm matinee showing on Sunday, March 18. Tickets are $70 for PK members and $80 for non-members. A bento can be included for an additional $10. Reservation deadline is February 15. Please contact Rumi Nakatani for questions and reservations: rumiko@sbcglobal.net

Annual New Year’s Luncheon Mar 25
Please join us for the “2018 Winter Olympic Games & Luncheon” – the theme for this year’s annual luncheon. After enjoying a delicious buffet there will be fun games with fantastic prizes where everyone is a winner. In addition to prizes a special photo will be taken as a keepsake. The cost is $20 for adults, $10 for children and free to OCBC Sustaining Senior members (65+). See the flyer in this issue for reservation and additional information or contact Kathy Ito phone: 714-401-8711 or email: Kathyito2@gmail.com

Meishi Winter Seminar
“Getting on Track to Land Your Dream Job after College”

On December 30, 2017, the Meishi committee held its winter seminar. Forty two high school seniors, college students and college graduates attended this informative seminar.

Lynn Black started the program with a “Hire Me” presentation and the second half of the seminar was a panel discussion, which included Jeff Folick, Sandra Ichiho, Rod Nishimura, Melissa Nishimura, Sean Nakahara and Nicole Takashima. Our moderator for the event was Kaycee Tanioka. Topics discussed consisted of interviewing, resumes and how to stand out among all the applicants for a job.

Thank you to everyone who participated or attended the seminar. The holiday season is a busy time and we appreciate that you took the time to attend this event.

A future event is now being planned for a one day seminar in the summer, with a woman guest speaker from Japan, who deals with gender issues, marketing and communications. The event will also have a networking session and interactive workshops on interviewing and resume writing. More information will be available at a later date.

The success of Meishi is dependent on the Sangha at OCBC, so if you hear of any job opportunities or if your work has any internships available, please contact the committee so we can send this information to the students or graduates who have attended our Meishi events.

In gassho,
The Meishi Committee
ABA News

It has been a long time, my friends! Those of you who have been with OCBC for a while, know that we used to take turns cleaning the "facilities" (aka benjos). My job was to assign such duties and write about them in the Korin! (Good thing I don’t remember who gave me this “wonderful” job back then!). And now, years later, here I am writing in the Korin again! It’s kind of like a Will and Grace thing! Anyway, onto ABA news:

First, our thanks to Kyoko Suzuki, who wrote the Korin articles for ABA, serving as our Publicity/Historian for the past year. I hope that I won’t let you down.

Amazing how the ABA members step up when needed, not only to get the job done, but somehow making it fun in the process. If you would like to be a part of this group, please ask any one of us. Membership dues are currently being collected.

We will be serving breakfast and coffee/tea at the Winter Pacific Seminar on Jan. 27. Thanks to Karen Kino and Sue Endo for coordinating the ABA volunteers for this event. Other upcoming events include the ABA Appreciation Luncheon in February and the Allegiance Show in March. We are also looking forward to our two big trips this year: the Wonder Valley Resort Tour in May, and the New Mexico Balloon Fiesta Tour in October.

ABA Wishlist: Hanamatsuri Chairperson or Co-chairs for ABA’s Chicken Teriyaki. Please contact President Margie Mio if you can help with this.

Here’s to a year filled with adventures and new experiences!

In Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai
Daion Taiko

Our Beginner Workshop has completed its grueling 8-week course and all have earned a place on our Beginner team. With the workshop behind them, all focus is now on their public debut at Hanamatsuri. Our 2nd and 3rd year players in the Intermediate group are also working hard to prepare for that as well, and we’ve even started a little early for Obon too. The complexity level is definitely a step up from last year and they’re doing awesome. Of course, our Advanced team is working hard refining their skills and busily learning some new songs to show off at Hanamatsuri.

We’re excited to show you all of their hard work thus far.

In the meantime, we’ll be looking forward to supporting the Girls’ Day event with the Girl Scouts and a return to Vista Buddhist Temple for their Hanamaturi. Be sure to make all of our practices, Hanamatsuri will be here sooner than you realize.

Upcoming Events
Girl Scout Girls’ Day – 2/23
Vista Hanamatsuri – 4/28

In Gassho,
Daryl Doami

Dharma Wheel Club

As Buddhists, desire is a guest we don’t willingly invite into our homes. Yet in December, we seemed to throw out the welcome mat and say “Come Desire! Stay for dinner!” In that month, how often do our children hear, “What do you want?” Sometimes, kids can’t even think of enough things for all the family members who want to give them a gift.

To keep Buddhism in the hearts of our youngest Sangha members in December, DWC hosted a Holiday Craft focused on giving rather than receiving. DWC kids carefully measured and layered cookie ingredients into a clear container that they sealed and decorated. Whether they gifted it or took it home and baked it with family, their activity produced an opportunity to give to loved ones rather than to receive.

Speaking of giving, DWC members are being called to action to support our Sangha by creating the 2018 Project Kokoro Luncheon placemats. Bring your creativity and enjoy lunch with fellow DWC members. Not a member? Not a problem. We welcome all PreK-5th graders to join!

UPCOMING DWC EVENTS:
February 25th – Placemat Activity
March 18th – Ceramics Craft

In Gassho,
Dharma Wheel Club Coordinators

Sangha Teens

In the past few months, Sangha Teens have worked on New Year related matters whether it was for the church or for friendly competitions. On December 17th, all Sangha Teens pitched in to help with mochitsuki by dusting off, packaging, and storing mochi. December 30th marked the OCO Mochi Poundoff Competition in which Sangha Teens faced off against other organizations and placed 2nd in the Junior Division. Next month, on February 3rd, Sangha Teens will be helping out the church through recycling.

In Gassho,
Kayla Kashima
(Corresponding Secretary)
In Memoriam

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

Tomi Iwata
Shiro Nakahira
Kazue Nakasone
Kiyoshi Shimokaji
Taro Yodokawa

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

January

5 Shiro Nakahira, Funeral Service
6 Fujiye Idemoto, 1 Year Memorial
Shiro Nakahira, Burial Service
12 Tomi Iwata, Funeral Service
13 Hatsumi Osajima, Memorial Service
20 Kiyoshi Shimokaji, Funeral Service
24 Kazue Nakasone, Funeral Service
26 Tamiji Somen, 1 Year Memorial
31 Taro Yodokawa, Funeral Service

OCBC Jr. YBA has had a wonderful two months to ring in the new 2018 year. Happy New Year everyone!

First, a very big thank you to everyone for supporting Jr. YBA’s See’s Candy fundraiser this year. We were able to raise a lot of money that will help us host our own Southern District Seminar this summer. We hope you enjoyed your candies!

To ring in the new year, we sent members to participate in the OCO Mochitsuki Pound-off on December 30. Our members woke up bright and early, enjoyed some Loco Moco breakfast, and pounding our hearts out! Jr. YBA was able to bring home the trophy for the third year in a row, for the best pounded mochi. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

In January, we opened the New Year by sending four delegates to the Southern District Leadership Retreat at Gardena Buddhist Church. Our members were able to bring back valuable advice in leadership qualities that could help to run Jr. YBA more efficiently, able to serve our sangha as best as possible. We also attended the first Southern District Seminar of the 2017-2018 school year. The theme this year was “Just Do It”, and taught our members about living outside of our comfort zones in order to lead a more prosperous life. Thank you to the West LA and Venice Buddhist Temples for hosting such a wonderful and informative seminar!

Next month, we have a very busy February planned. OCBC will be the location of Southern District Volleyball, a recreational co-ed tournament for all SD chapters. We also look forward to hosting a social for Kyoto Girls High School on February 11, so look for them at service!

In Gassho,
Ashley Robinson
Jr. YBA Publicity Chair
Ministerial Scholarship

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 in the interest of cost savings in printing the Korin, this will be the last issue in which all donors who contributed to the 2017-2018 campaign to date will be acknowledged. Please also note that any donations received subsequent to January 28, 2018 will be acknowledged in the May issue of the Korin.

Donations received from October 15, 2017 through October 29, 2017:
Loreen Fujinami
Roy Fujioka
Kenneth & Yukiko Hirata
Wat & Hiromi Iwakoshi
Roy & Masako Matsuo
Maurice & Carrie Nakagawa
John & Mary Sunada
Dick & Teri Tanimoto
Alan & Akiko Tomiyama
Paul & Joyce Fujita
Larry & Kimiko Fukumoto
Tsutomu & Miyoko Hirayama
Harry & Hiroko Koike
Mutsuko Miyakawa
Tom & Muriel Sunada
Roy Tomooka

Donations received from November 19, 2017:
Janet Arima
Robert Bolander
Robert & Setsuko Eto
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Jeffrey & Laurel Hiroaji
Paul & Nancy Inafuku
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Hideo & Jane Kawamura
Mitsuko Korin
Joel & Wendy Marutani
Mitsuo & Sachiko Mizutani
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Gloria Okasako-Oshiro
F.M. & C.A. Palmer
Hiro & Nancy Sakioka
Gary & Nancy Sato
Gregory Shimizu
Michiko Sueda
Yoko Yamashita
Karen Wong

Donations received from October 30, 2017 through December 29, 2017:
Christi Bagby
Kay & Mary Jane Fujimura
David & Toby Fusato
Keith & Noreen Kamimura
Edward Kato
Aiko Kiyohara
Charlene & Richard Kuramoto
Dawn Mori
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Dennis & Mona Morinaga
Kathy Nishimoto
Patty Ruiz
Tamji & Rosa Somen
Satoru Tamaribuchi
Dennis & Shoko Tsujimoto
Stanley & Laura Yamamoto

Donations received from November 20, 2017 through December 30, 2017:
Eric Nakahara
Howard & Mika Sawada
Louise Sanematsu
Sue Yokomi

Total Donations Received: $14,010.00

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Roy Hayashi who was the chair of the Ministerial Scholarship Committee before me. He was a man of great insight and leadership and one of the nicest man I have known. He will be missed.

As you can see from above, we have collected to date $14,010.00! This is an amazing accomplishment and we thank each of every one of you for your generous donations. These donations will ensure the continued support of all of our Ministerial and Minister’s Assistant Candidates. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Gassho,
Carrie Nakagawa
50th Anniversary Project Report

"For me, a Jodo Shinshu temple should, most of all, be appropriate; that is, it should represent a personification of Buddha consciousness. All temples should have something that takes you spiritually back to the religion’s origins and meaning. Although scale and order are important, much more important is creating a sense of simplicity, serenity, and balance.”

“I also want a temple to be a ‘bonding place’ among its members – a place for bonding with the religion, with each other, and a place to which people will want to return.”

“I want to provide a sense of timelessness in any temple I build. I want a temple that I build to be something that others will want to preserve.” – from essay, “The Role of Architecture in Religion” by Jim Shimozono. (Original OCBC Hondo architect)

The OCBC 50th Anniversary Project, Phase 2 staff is proud to announce that the Hondo renovation and new courtyard project officially passed its final building inspection on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. After struggling with multiple issues and delays, we can finally say, “the Hondo is again ours”.

This was a complete team effort, with help not only from our contractors and architects, but also from the Sangha. Many members, too many to name here, spent countless hours during the design, planning and construction phases. There were many more who planned and ran the numerous fundraising activities that raised the money to help pay for the project. Those volunteer numbers expand to the hundreds when we count all the organization members who help with the organizations’ events throughout the many years of fundraising. And of course, we are indebted to all the Sangha members and friends. Consequently, we will continue to report those donations monthly as we have in the past. And we continue to receive payments on still-open pledges. There are just sixteen open pledge accounts left for only $34,518 out of a total of $4,027,808 in pledges. Astoundingly, that is a collection percentage of over 99.14%!

OCBC is extremely grateful for everyone’s continued support. The temple thanks and acknowledges the following new and repeat donations received between December 31, 2017 and January 25, 2018.

Family and Individual Donations (new and repeat):
- Alan & Sue Endo
- Greg & Sandra Kimura
- Murai Family
  - In honor of Motoi & Kazuko Murai and Yoshio & Yasumi Natsuhara
- Paul & Yvonne Murai Family
- Cynthia Nishimoto-Nishida & Mike Nishida
- Matthew Thomas

Family/Indv’l donations this period: $11,075.00
Total family/Indv’l donations and pledges collected to date: $8,205,165.00
OCBC organizations’ donations collected to date: $1,166,262.00
Total coins collected to date: $27,878.00
Total collected to date: $9,399,298.00
( includes coin collections)
Total accounts receivable pledges: $34,518.00

Correction:
We sincerely apologize that Paul and Yvonne Murai made a donation in October 2017 that was erroneously reported as a Dedication Celebration donation rather than a donation to the 50th Anniversary Project. This error as been corrected.

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 December 30, 2017 through January 27, 2018.

**Ho-Onko Donations**

Anonymous
Arima, Janet/Chase, Steve
Doami, Koko
Eto, Robert
Fujimoto, Paul/Miyuki
Fujimura, Kay/Mary Jane
Fujishige, Beth
Fujita, Paul/Joyce
Fusato, David T.
Hamada, Masako Byrda
Hara, Toshiki/Nancy
Hayashi, Clara
Hayashida, Neal
Hide, Cherry
Hiragi, Steven/Cheryl
Hirata, Yukiko
Hirayama, Tsutomu/Miyoko
Homan, Shirō
Hoshino, Seiko
Ichikawa, Kazuya/Fusako
Inafuku, Paul/Nancy
Inokuchi, Laurence
Ishibashi, Alan
Ishizue, Dorothy
Ito, Kathy
Ito, Tomio
Iwakoshi, Setsuko/Misako
Iwakoshi, Wat/Hiromi
Jue, Ronald/Naomi
Kaneko, Dan/Noriko
Kano, Eugene
Kato, Edward/Joyce
Kawakami, Sharon
Kawamura, Hideo/Jane
Kimura, Masao Mike
King, Earl/Irene
Kitajima, Kunihiko/Juliet
Kiyohara, Aiko
Koike, Harry
Korin, Mitsuko
Kotake, Janet Yasuko
Kuramoto, Richard/Charlene
Kusumi, Shigeki/Sachiko
Kidder, Ray
Maeda, Kenjiro
Makiuchi, Fumiko
Matsuda, Ellen E.
Matsumoto, Hatsuko
Matsumoto, Roy/Masako
Matsushita, Dick/Yoshie
Miyada, Don/Setsuko
Mizutani, Mitsuo
Murakami, Kyohei/Michie
Matsushita, Betty
Nagahori, Fred
Nakagawa, Maurice/Carrie
Nakamura, Akiko
Nakawaki, Fushio/Yoshiko
Nakayama, Mary Y.
Natsuhara, Joe M.
Nishimoto, Kathy
Oishi, Rickio/Dolly
Okino, Miles & Bonny
Osako, Tilden (2)
Otsuki, Sumio
Pollard, James/Hirohama, Janis
Ruíz, Patricia
Sakakura, Michiko
Sakakura, Bill/Janet
Sawada, Howard/Mika
Shigenaga, Winston/Ruth
Shigetomi, Chieko
Shimahara, Helen
Shimizu, Bruce
Shimizu, Kyoko
Sakahara, Rose
Sunada, John/Mary
Sukami, Takagi, Kikue
Gawata, Kevin/Kim
Taniyama, Masa
Uyesugi, Kevin/Kim
Wada, Robert
Watanabe, Bob
Yamashita, Viki
Yamanishi, Yoko
Yoshinaga, Jeri

**Shotsuki Hoyo Donations**

Arisue, Allen/Janice
Chong, Clayton Y.
Doami, Koko
Fujii, Mineko
Fujimoto, Paul/Miyuki
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Hirao, Gene
Hoshino, Seiko
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Kawai-Miyake, Sandy
Kodama, Mary
Kondo, Jennie
Kubo, Joyce
Matsunaga, Masae
Miyaji, Akio/Tamiko
Nakamura, Akiko
Nakano, Jean
Nakasone, Warren
Nishida/Nishimoto Families
Ochi, Emi
Okada, Namie
Otsuka, Stella
Ozaki Family
Sadakane, John/Ann M.
Sakamoto, Garrett
Seki, Ed
Shigematsu, Janice
Sue, L. & D.
Sunada, John/Mary
Takata, Toshiki
Takada, Edward
Uyesugi, Kevin/Kim
Watanabe, Bob
Yamashita, Viki
Yoshinaga, Jeri

Total: $3,955.00

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## Special or Miscellaneous Donations

| Ashikaga, Hisamaru | Higa, Josh |
| Mikawa, Louise T.   | Shimizu, Bruce  |
| Shimizu, Gregory    | Wong, Karen/Raymond |

## Nokotsudo Maintenance Donations

| Ichikawa, Kazuya/Fusako | Doami, Koko (2) |
| Hayashida, Fujiko       | Hiroshima, Richard/Merry |
| Morris, Sirima          | Nishimoto, Kathy (2) |
| Sadakane, John/Ann (2)  | Sanematsu, Louise |
| Various                 | |

## Oseibo Donations (Add’l)

| Nakahara, Eric/Gwen    | Yada, Frank/Joyce |

## New Year’s Eve and Day Service

| Doami, Koko            | Hiroshima, Richard/Merry |
| Ishibashi, Alan        | Jitoshō, Merry |
| Katzmann, Betty S.     | Kawamoto, Kiyōto |
| Sadakane, John/Ann M.  | Sakahara, Bill/Janet |
| Sarashina, Junji/Kiyoko| Urabe, Judith |
| Yada, Frank/Joyce      | |

## Orei to the Church

| Feeko, Vicky            | Girl Scout Troop 855 |
| Girl Scout Troop 881    | Ishibashi, Alan |
| Iwami, Brian            | Kim Rental |
| Kubota, Ted             | Nakahira, Betty |
| Nakasone, Emerick       | OCBC Project Kokoro |
| Ogawa, Julia S.         | Somen, Rosa |
| Sugimura, Bert K.       | |

## Eitaikyo Fund Donations

- Sasagawa Family-In honor of Lui Kodama

## 2018 Obon Service Donation

- Hirahara, Patti
2017 Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) Members

Below is a list of the 2017 OCBC Sustaining, Kansha, Introductory, and Young Adult members as of December 31, 2017. These members pay dues based on their respective membership level. Our temple's main sources of income each year are: membership dues, festival income, and donations - each is vital for the financial health of our temple. The annual per member assessment by the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) is paid from the proceeds of our membership dues to help fund their operations and the BCA religious programs which benefit all BCA temples.

In 2016, the Kansha membership level, indicated by the asterisk (*), was introduced as a voluntary higher contribution membership level. In 2017, an introductory membership option and a young adult membership (under the age of 30 years) were introduced. These new options are provided as a transition to the sustaining membership level. We hope these options will be attractive to current non-OCBC members. A membership form is in each issue of the Korin.

We strive to be as accurate as possible, but we do make mistakes. If you paid 2017 dues (in full or partially) and you cannot find your name or your partner’s name or if your name is misspelled, please contact the OCBC office. We also try to group the names of couples next to each other including those couples who have different last names.

To all members, thank you very much for your generous Dana.

Mrs. Margaret Abo  Mrs. Nicole Chaisawasdi  Mrs. Tracy Fujimoto
Mrs. Toshiko Adachi  Mr. Jaturong Chaisawasdi  Mr. Paul Fujimoto
Mrs. Madaline Adams  Mr. Darrell Chan  Mrs. Miyuki Fujimoto
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Mr. Walt Ando  Mrs. Karen Cizmar  Ms. Donna Fujishige
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新年度もアッと言う間に過ぎ、二月になりました。二月と言えば、この時期に桜の花が咲き、春の訪れを告げます。しかし、この時期に桜が咲き始めるのは、地域によります。地域によっては、この時期に桜が咲き始めることがあります。桜の花は、春の訪れを示す象徴であり、多くの人々に愛されています。桜の花は、美しさと繊細さを表しており、多くの詩や歌に登場しています。桜の花が咲くこの時期は、多くの人々が自然を探求し、春の訪れを感じる時間です。桜の花が咲くこの時期は、自然を愛し、自然を守ることの大切さを思い出す時間でもあります。
* 三月の祥月法要
 3月（土）午後7時30分より
* 三月の祥月法要
 7日（土）午後7時30分より
* 四月の祥月法要
 4月の祥月法要
* 四月の祥月法要
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 1月23日（土）3月3日（月）
* 冬期BEC土曜真宗講座
 2月23日（土）3月3日（月）

【三月のミーティング】
は、11日の春の

【報恩講法要後】
12時30分より小堂で

【春のお彼岸セミナーと法要】
今年も毎月セミナーを
拝して、3月10日（土）午後1時よ
り日本語セミナー、4月11日（日）は
春のお彼岸法要を行われます。セミナー
出席登録は追ってご案内します。多く
皆さまのご参加をお待ちしています。

【2018年・2019年役員は左記の
通しで】

【2月25日（日）正午から3時まで、ラ
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【報恩講】法要

1月14日に営みました「報恩講」法要には、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。

合計 3,955ドル

【仏教会に特別寄付】

ご寄付者名です。

合計 1,370ドル

【仏教会にお礼】

ご寄付者名です。

合計 9,040ドル

【除夜会】法要及び修正会法要

1月31日に営みました「除夜会」法要及び「修正会」法要には、方々のご芳名です。

合計 1,025ドル
お歳暮大会
ご寄付ご芳名です。

ナカハラ・エリック・グウィン
矢田・フランク・ジョイス

「永代経懇志」
敬称略

お寄付ご芳名です。

追加分・敬称略

2018年度「お盆法要」
ご寄付ご芳名です。

敬称略

2018年1月7日往生
故申根 和恵
2017年12月2日往生
故岩田 トミ
2018年1月23日往生
故岩田 四郎
2018年1月2日往生
故淀川 太郎
2018年1月7日往生
故石塚 きよし
2018年1月12日往生
故申根 もかじ
2018年1月2日往生

仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。

南無阿弥陀仏

おんぱーとよ！
ぶくはーうち！
WELCOME TO THE BEC’S
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018
7:30 P.M.
FEATURED BOOK:
THE UNLIMITING MIND
By Andrew Olendzki

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018
7:30 P.M.
FEATURED BOOK:
THE UNLIMITING MIND
By Andrew Olendzki

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00 pm   PLACE: BEC Book Store
For more information please call: 714-827-9590
Books are for sale at OCBC

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

Beginners Tai Chi-Longevity Stick
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB.

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

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

2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY
MARCH 25, 2018
12:00 PM TO 3:00 PM
OCBC GYM

Come with your family and friends to celebrate the New Year and the 2018 Winter Olympics

We will be serving a delicious lunch. Following the lunch, be ready to have FUN playing games and winning awesome prizes. Everyone will be a winner! You can also have a special photo taken as a momento of this special event. So come join us for this PK celebration.

COST:
Free: *OCBC senior citizens (65 years+)
$20 per Adult (non OCBC senior citizen & all other adults)
$10 per Child (4 to 12 years old)

RSVP:
Due on March 11, 2018 (no walk-ins)
RSVP & check must be mailed to:
Project Kokoro, Attn: Kathy Ito
9142 Mc Fadden Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683

QUESTIONS:
Kathy Ito: 714.401.8711
kathyito2@gmail.com

Please complete & return by mail by March 11, 2018
Check payable to Project Kokoro

Names: _____________________________________________________
Guests: ____________________________________________________
Phone (______) _____________________________________________
Email _______________________________________________________

___ No. of OCBC Senior member(65+) X $0 = *Free

___ No. of Adults/ Guests _____ X $20 = $ ______

___ No. of Children _____ X $10 = $ ______

Check # _______ TOTAL $ ______
Spring Ohigan Seminar
Saturday, March 10, 2018

“Essence of Shin Buddhism”

Dr. Nobuo Haneda
Maida Center of Buddhism

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Name_________________________ Phone#_________________________ Lunch: Yes___ No___

Please return form with check payable to OCBC BEC. $15 with lunch, $5 without lunch.

OR, attend by live teleconference. Register/pay at our online school: ocbc-bec.teachable.com

Special Lecture by Dr. Haneda
Saturday, March 17, 2018

“The Difference Between Human Wisdom and Buddha’s Wisdom”

9:00 am to 3:00 pm, BEC Classroom, Lunch included

Name_________________________ Phone#_________________________ Lunch: Yes___ No___

Please return form with check payable to OCBC BEC. $20 with lunch, $10 without lunch

OR, attend by live teleconference. Register/pay at our online school: ocbc-bec.teachable.com
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 ocbbc-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従っ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.

Orange County Buddhist Church  
909 South Dale Avenue • Anaheim, CA 92804  
Phone: (714) 827-9590 • Fax: (714) 827-2860  
Email: ocbbc909@aol.com • Website: ocbbuddhist.org

Registration Form (Please Print)  

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Please check the class(es) desired:  
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☐ 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.
2018 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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Please see backside for membership classification

STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State _____________ Zip ___________
Phone Home: __________________ Cell: _____________________________
Email __________________________________________________________

Family Membership Information

Spouse Name ___________________________________________________
Spouse Phone ___________________________ Cell: ______________________________
Email __________________________________________________________
Child Name _____________________________________________________
Child Name _____________________________________________________
Child Name _____________________________________________________

Emergency Contact
Name: ___________________________ Phone: _________________________

STEP 3: MAIL

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Send membership form and check to: Anaheim, CA 92804
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