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Pure Land – The Pure Land is a symbol of that world of truth or enlightenment. When a person becomes enlightened, his world is transformed. We all live in our own “world.” A stock broker lives in the stock market world, thinking about the rise and fall of stocks constantly. The drug addict lives in the drug world, thinking only about his next fix. The athlete lives in his sports world, how to improve as an athlete - how to run faster, jump higher, or break a record. In the same way, the world of Buddha is created by the enlightenment of the Buddha. The Buddha is trying to bring all of us sentient beings into that world of enlightenment, into the Pure Land. The Buddha is trying to break into our self-centered world that we are preoccupied with, whether our world is one of a mother, a student, a businessman, or teenager. How to break into our world and bring us to the world of truth, the Pure Land, is the mission of the Buddha. The Pure Land is offered to us as a symbol for how our life and our world can be. Our world doesn’t have to be a world of darkness and despair. Our world doesn’t have to be a world of suffering and sorrow. Our world can be bright with light. Our life can be full of meaning. Our world can be the Pure Land.

Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha

Amida Buddha – Amida Buddha is the “timeless Buddha.” We can all understand Shakyamuni Buddha, as the historical Buddha who attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. What Shakyamuni Buddha awakened to, the truth of enlightenment, is a timeless truth. Amida Buddha is that timeless truth of enlightenment, which is wisdom and compassion, but in a personified form of a Buddha. Amida Buddha did not exist as a person in time, but Amida Buddha exists as the truth of enlightenment, wisdom and compassion.

Birth in the Pure Land – If the Pure Land is a symbol of the world of enlightenment, then birth in the Pure Land represents what our life could be, and should be. If we want to live a deeply meaningful life, then we aspire for a life of the Pure Land. If we want to live a peaceful and harmonious life, then we aspire for a life of the Pure Land. Wanting to “be born in the Pure Land,” means that we want to live the most meaningful and fulfilling life. We want to find that meaning in the here and now, not after we die. If we live a meaningful and fulfilling life now, then our death someday will be the culmination of our life.

Primal vow, original vow – We have read about Amida Buddha’s primal vow, or the original vow, depending on what translation we read in Shin Buddhism. Traditionally, we have been taught that Amida Buddha vows to save all sentient beings, and that is the primal vow or original vow of the Buddha. We entrust ourselves in that vow of the Buddha and that is how we are “saved” in Shin Buddhism. However, as Dr. Nobuo Haneda points out, that is only half of the meaning of hongan 本願, or the primal vow. The other half of the meaning of hongan, is “innermost aspiration.” Innermost aspiration is something deep, deep within us. While the Buddha wishes or vows for our awakening, that wish is at the very core of our being. It is also our deepest, innermost aspiration or wish. Deep within us, we all want to awaken to our true self. We all want to live our true, sincere life. We all want to live with depth and meaning. To come to realize that, is to discover the hongan, the innermost aspiration within us.

Salvation in Shin Buddhism – When that innermost aspiration is stirred within us, when the world of Buddha breaks through our own world of ignorance and delusion, then we are “saved,” if we are to use such a word. It means that instead of living in a self-centered world of darkness, we live in a bright world of light, the world of Buddha. Instead of being lost in the world of delusion, we find direction in life. The focus, the direction of our life is now headed towards truth, towards the Dharma. We have not saved ourselves from the world of samsara, but the Dharma has liberated us from the world of samsara. That is what it means “to be saved.”

Namuamidabutsu, 
Rev. Marvin Harada
Neither Here Nor There

In religious studies, there are two competing or perhaps conflicting concepts. One is the idea of transcendence. Transcendence is used to describe something that goes beyond our world or is beyond our normal way of thinking. The other is the idea of immanence which describes something that is all around us. It is everywhere. You might even say it is the very ground of our being. In the West, these two ideas are generally presented as in opposition to one another.

Transcendence is to go beyond or be beyond our reach while immanence means within everything everywhere. It is ubiquitous. This something fills everything with its presence. But what is this something we are trying to describe? It is usually what Buddhists might call Infinite Wisdom or Ultimate Reality while for Christians this might be called God.

These two words are difficult to reconcile for both religious traditions but in different ways. For Christians, if God is truly transcendent and Not Of This World, like those NOTW bumper stickers say, then it is this very transcendence that makes God unavailable to us. So for God to come in contact with us, “he” must give up some of “his” transcendence, the very thing that makes him godly. This is a very difficult choice to make. God is either unavailable to us in “his” transcendence or God has had to shed some of this transcendence to achieve immanence. One of my favorite quotes on this immanence states that

The kingdom of the Father is spread across the land and men cannot see it.

This is from The Gospel of Thomas, one of the books not included in the New Testament. I always wondered if it was quotes like these that might be the reason why.

In the Buddhist tradition, we have an analogous issue concerning the Pure Land. Is it in the Here and Now or is it in the There and Then. This debate is usually characterized as a difference in reading. There are modernists who read The Pure Land Sutras as merely myth while the more traditionalists read it a bit more literally. I have never been comfortable with how this has been framed. The modern reader always sounds so much superior to the traditional reader. Modern is new while traditional is old.

This debate is not unique to Japanese Pure Land Buddhism. Vietnamese Pure Land Buddhists also have differing interpretations. Thich Nhat Hanh tends toward the modernist/mythical readings while Cuong Tu Nguyen, a Pure Land practitioner and scholar, does not care for Nhat Hanh’s interpretations. For example, that Thich Nhat Hanh’s book Finding Our True Home: Living in the Pure Land Here and Now, and his poem Here is the Pure Land from the same book,

Here is the Pure Land
The Pure Land is here
I smile in mindfulness
And dwell in the present moment
The Buddha is seen in an autumn leaf
The Dharma is a floating cloud
The Sangha body is everywhere
My true home is right here.

But these modernist and traditional readings can also be somewhat selective. For example, in The Larger Sutra, page 21, the Pure Land is said to be found very far away, reflecting its transcendence.

The Buddha replied to Ānanda, “Bodhisattva Dharmākara has already attained Buddhahood and is now dwelling in a western Buddha land called ‘Peace and Bliss,” a hundred thousand kotis of lands away from here.”

While in The Contemplation Sutra, page 67, we find that the Pure Land is not very far away at all, emphasizing its immanence.

Then the World-honored One said to Vaidehī, “Do you know that Amitāyus is not far away? Fix your thoughts upon and contemplate that Buddha land.”

So which one is it? Is it far away or not far away at all? How do Buddhists choose? I often say that the answer to all Buddhist either/or questions is “both.” Buddhism lives within the excluded middle and it thrives on paradox. For Buddhists, we can wiggle out of this false choice by appreciating the Pure Land as both transcendent and immanent. The Pure Land is an enlightened realm that is far beyond our normal way of thinking. It is very far way. And yet it is right in front of our eyes and yet we cannot see it.

Ultimately there is only one reality though we experience it as suffering. Because the Pure Land is very far away, we yearn to be born there. To live a life of transcendence in which the There and Then can be experienced in the Here and Now. So as my grandmother might say, arguing over where is the Pure Land – well that is Neither Here Nor There.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner
The Future of Buddhism in America

I have great optimism about the future of Shin and I would like to share with you two exciting events I was/am involved with that presage Buddhism’s future here in the West. The first is the BCA Summer Youth Retreat, held at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, the week of July 1–7. The second is the OCBC Buddhist Education Center’s online school that launched this year.

SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT

This year’s BCA Summer Youth Retreat grew out of a long line of summer youth retreats going back several decades. The most recent iteration was the highly successful program known by the acronym YAC (Youth Advocacy Council) held at the Sacramento Betsuin for the previous 13 years, and to which several OCBC high school aged youths participated in years past. They include Lisa Horikawa, Stacy Suzuki, Marc Marutani, Kristine Yada, and Dylan Nishi, to name a few.

This year the retreat was moved to the Jodo Shinshu Center. I watched as twenty eager high schoolers from ten temples across the BCA were exposed to a series of challenges and experiences. Five of the participants came from OCBC! They were: Leah Chase, Brianne Hanamoto, Jessica Sakamoto, Logan Ueno and Kellie Yada. For the entire week participants were busy from morning to night, became thoroughly sleep deprived, and had some of the most amazing Buddhist and personal experiences of their lives. Through it all they found friendship, acceptance, love and a deep connection to the Buddhist teachings.

Whether young or old(er), no one remained unaltered from the experiences of that week, and I was convinced that the future for Shin would be bright as long as young people such as these continue to be developed and sustained by the dharma. The seed of the seeker was undoubtedly nurtured and it is from youths such as these that Buddhism will grow and thrive here in the West. We need to do all that we can to sustain, encourage and support them.

BEC’S ONLINE SCHOOL

The other exciting activity that I have been involved with is the BEC online school that was launched earlier this year. Since becoming a fulltime minister, Rev. Jon Turner has poured his considerable effort and talent into this school, which is currently accessible at ocbc-bec.teachable.com, but whose name may be changing as we try to capture a wider audience, including the proverbial “millennial.” As part of a committee working with Rev. Jon, we are working to bring BEC classes, dharma talks, and special lectures to the wider American and world community. Doesn’t that sound ambitious!!

These efforts are all part of Rev. Harada’s vision for OCBC to be a place for anyone to find the dharma, no matter who they are or where they live. It is a vision the BEC shares. The Buddhist Education Center’s mission is to make Buddhism’s teachings accessible and to make lifelong learning a reality. We have a number of projects in the works including more and varied classes, creating certificate programs and building an online sangha, especially for those who don’t have access to a temple. Check out our site, become a member of our school (it’s free!), encourage others to join, take classes, and watch us grow!!

Ellen Crane, OCBC Assistant Minister

The Shin Reader

For September, the Shin Reader reviews In the Buddha’s Words: An Anthology of Discourses from the Pâli Canon (Wisdom, 2005) by Bhikkhu Bodhi.

The historical teacher Gotama Buddha lived before written documents came into use in India. Initially, his teachings were preserved by memorizing and reciting; centuries later they were transcribed. One of the most significant written compilations is the Pâli Canon, which includes around 5,000 suttas or sermons. It is the textual basis of Theravâda Buddhism in Southeast Asia. In the view of translator Bhikkhu Bodhi, the Pâli suttas are “the closest we can come to what the historical Buddha Gotama himself actually taught.”

Yet, Buddhism continued to evolve in directions that went beyond what was taught during the Buddha’s lifetime. Shinran, the founder of Jôdo Shinshû, lived in medieval Japan sixteen centuries after Gotama. Although Shinran knew of the Four Āgamas (the Pâli suttas in Chinese translation), he did not quote them in his writings. Perhaps this explains why there is not much awareness of these texts among Shin Buddhist followers. Nevertheless, Jôdo Shinshû cannot be shared or appreciated in isolation from other forms of Buddhism.

Shinran saw Jôdo Shinshû as the culmination of Buddhist history and the reason for which the Buddha appeared in the world. However, we as foolish beings are incapable of leaping directly to this understanding. At the outset we cannot appreciate Jôdo Shinshû, because it negates our calculated self-reliance—our religious ego. The only viable starting point is to embrace teachings and practices that Shinran called “provisional” or “temporary” so that we may come to doubt our ability for self-improvement.

Hence the significance for us of learning from the Pâli Canon. One obstacle is that the historical collection of suttas is not arranged thematically. We would have to read and absorb a great deal of material to perceive the overall structure. As a remedy, the translator and editor, Bhikkhu Bodhi, has prepared a one-volume anthology, In the Buddha’s Words, in which selected suttas are arranged in a manner that reveals the structure and coherence of Gotama’s teaching. Suttas having a common theme are grouped into sections with titles such as, “The Human Condition,” “The Bringer of Light,” “The Way to a Fortunate Rebirth,” and “The Path to Liberation.” The editor provides informative commentaries to guide the reader through each section. If you are a Shin Buddhist follower who reads books, In the Buddha’s Words deserves to be on your shelf.

-- Review by Jim Pollard
Message from the President

Matta minasama ostukeresamadeshita! Minasama no enjo de kansha shiteimasu.

Thank you everyone for your commitment and effort to make the 2018 OCBC Obon a success. Jo Ann Tanioka and the Festival Committee have put their experiences into finding better ways to handle the crowds at OCBC Obons. When you see Jo Ann or any members of the Festival Committee, please don’t be shy to thank them for their services and for a job well done. Of course, it is our Sangha that enables the Festival to have the glow of our fellowship working together, so thank you, the OCBC Sangha. Perhaps OCBC is a strong contender for the happiest place on earth.

We also need to thank Gail Kusano and the Dharma School teachers for leading our Obon Odori. We recently lost the late Mrs. Tamiko Sakimoto and our sincere condolences to the family. Mrs. Sakimoto was one of the early OCBC Obon Odori dance instructors and she dedicated her time and teachings for many years.

And thank you OCBC Daion Taiko for getting us inspired with your opening performance and constant beats during the dancing.

This year we have a new Hondo for the Obon Festival. I hope you were able to capture the feeling of the Dharma coming from the Hondo (Amida) to the Dancers (Sangha). We have talked about the meaning of Obon and Obon Odori. Please remember that in our Jodo Shinshu sect, we do not believe in superstitions, spirits, ghosts, demons, or angels. We always need to remind ourselves of our imperfections and how grateful we are to be here today. It is through the tremendous Karmic cycle of having our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents and so forth that leads to our existence. We dance in gratitude to hear the Dharma and to take refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

I can still hear the rumbling of OCBC’s Daion Taiko drums. Can you? OCBC’s Daion Taiko is impressive with the talents of its growing members ably led by Darryl Doami. Darryl has received requests from various organizations to have Daion Taiko perform at various events. Taiko teaches us a lot about Buddhism, self-control, respect for the instrument and for each other and the giving to others. The sounds of the thundering drums drifting away reminds us of impermanence and of Amida’s calling to awaken our own Buddhahood.

For our Obon Service, we were grateful to hear from Senshin guest speaker, Rev. Ryuta Furumoto. Rev. Furumoto talked about the dilemma of practicing the precepts of the Buddha Dharma like respecting all life and all life conditions. Yet, we may find it necessary to kill a fly or a rat. Obon allows us to acknowledge the great compassion of Amida and our joyous gratitude for our existence.

The SDDSTL had a Mini-Workshop in June. The topic was “Rituals” and the keynote speaker was Rev. Sekiya. Rev. Sekiya emphasized “mindfulness” in the Hondo as we recite the nembutsu.

This year, the BCA and BEC launched a new program, the “Summer Youth Retreat” for BCA High School youths ages 15-18. Rev. Harada designed a program of learning the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha in a fun way geared towards the younger sangha members. What is especially nice about this program is the opportunity to hear from many ministers and to understand a life of the Nembutsu. Five OCBC high scholars were accepted to participate in this one week program, Leah Chase, Brianne Hamamoto, Jessica Sakamoto, Logan Ueno, and Kellie Yada. You will hear from them in future Korin and services.

I think we should be very proud of OCBC’s support with the NYABC program that Calvin Togashi brought to the OCBC campus. NYABC (Not Your Average Basketball Camp), is basketball for children with challenges that prevent them from playing standard basketball. Great coaching with patience, understanding, and encouragement allows participants in the NYABC to enjoy the game of basketball and gain the confidence in their playing capabilities. Thanks Calvin for showing us Jodo Shinshu in action and in the community with NYABC. These types of programs are excellent guides for teaching us about inclusivity and possibilities.

Recently, we witnessed Government policies of separating children from families and putting the children in detention camps. I have received many requests asking for my position on this topic as the president of OCBC. I felt torn between giving my private opinion and as a leader of OCBC. Keep in mind that OCBC is a registered non-profit organization that must abide by regulations in order to maintain a non-profit status. The rules are clear; no political involvement. The humanitarian aspect is gray as one can argue humanitarian is political. The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) is our temple’s headquarters and the BCA Bishop, Rev. Umezu, and the BCA President, Rick Stambul, Esq., have issued letters of protest regarding the immigration practice of separating children from parents. Bishop Umezu’s letter is clear that “...We should recognize the responsibility each of us has in the causes of and solutions to our problems. We sincerely want the suffering caused by inhumane actions to stop and for all of us to live “harmoniously and peacefully”. I support these two letters from the BCA regarding the lack of humanity and compassion in separating children from parents. What unnecessary traumas do we cause to both the child and the parent?

September begins OCBC Dharma School. Please bring your child(ren) to Dharma School and invite and encourage everyone to attend. Adult study class is also offered. Dharma School is looking for teachers, teacher assistants, or parental assistance. Please help.

There is an old adage, “Nothing ventured, nothing gained.” Yes, Benjamin Franklin provided this tidbit of philosophical motivation.

EXTRA EXTRA: Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, awarded doctorate degree from Ryukoku Daigaku, July 18, 2018. Congratulations Dr. Rev Mutsumi Wondra!

To serve the Sangha and in gratitude,
Rick Oishi
OCBC President
Thank You!

The Festival Committee would like to thank the Sangha for your support in achieving a record breaking Obon Festival this past July. We thank you for the countless hours of food preparation, set up & tear down, odori practices, working shifts in various booths, parking lot duties and all of your commitments that led to such a successful weekend. We also had the largest number of odori dancers since we've started keeping count. We heard such wonderful comments from our guests on the hospitality of the OCBC Sangha, so we thank you for your graciousness despite the warm weather. Thank you again for all your efforts.

In Gassho,
The Festival Committee

Obon Wish List Donations

It was another record breaking Obon, thanks in part to everyone who donated to our Wish List for supplies and raffle gift cards. Here's the list of donors and supplies we received this year. As always, everyone was very generous. Many gave multiple items, multiple times. Some of you donated anonymously and others just dropped off items and we failed to get your name for this publication. Thank you to everyone for your generous Dana.

We received:
- 5 bottles Dawn
- 484# sugar
- 10 cases paper towels
- 2 lg packages paper plates
- 7 qt Chicken broth
- 10 cases 14 oz chicken broth
- 22 rolls wax paper
- 9# Corn starch
- 10# salt
- 4 containers coffee
- Plastic wrap
- 1 gal shoyu
- 6 qt pineapple juice
- 5# garlic
- 75# flour
- $270.00 Gift Cards

I apologize if I didn't get your name or I forgot to write your name down for the items you donated, but know you gave in the true spirit of Dana. Those names we did get are as follows:

Margaret Abo
Donna Fujishige
Linda & Richard Hara
Amy & Sus Iwamasa
Art Mio
Setsuyo Munemitsu
Kathy Nishimoto
OCBC Dharma School
Bill & Janet Sakahara
John and Mary Sunada
Ruby Takazumi
Teri Whited

Mary Jane Fujimura
Allen Goya
Janet Kotake
Kay Mitchell
Linda Okino
Marion Nishimura
Chieko Otsuki
Ron Sakahara
Kent Suzuki
Judy Urabe

In Gassho, Cheryl Higashi

2018 Obon Festival Raffle

The Obon Festival was a tremendous success!. The weather cooled down a bit, there were no other nearby temples hosting an Obon festival, our volunteers were super as usual, and great crowds showed up. The raffle did spectacular with proceeds over $20,000 for the first time ever! Thank you all for supporting the raffle with your participation and help with ticket sales and prize donations.

This year, we held three mini-raffle drawings on Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15, along with our main raffle held on Sunday evening. We’re pleased to announce our larger raffle winners. Thank you everyone for participating and making the raffle such a huge success!

2018 Obon Festival Raffle winners:
1st Prize - $2,000 Cash: Ron Sakoda
2nd Prize - $1000 Cash: Yas Inanaga
3rd Prize - $750 Cash: Patricia Nicholson

Mini-Raffle main winners:
$100 Cash: Matsuno Family
$100 Cash: Richard Suzuki
$100 Cash: Stephanie Ichinose

Our raffles would not be nearly as successful without the generosity of our local businesses, Sangha members, organizations, and friends who donate gifts and prizes for the raffle. OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following for their Dana:

Aquarium of the Pacific
Bowers Museum
Kubota Nikkei Mortuary
Los Angeles Chargers
MG Hair Studio
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WCCT Global
OCBC BWA
OCBC Dharma School
OCBC Jr. YBA
Hazel Ando
Anonymous (2)
Mary Jane Fujimura
Donna Fujishige
David Fusato
Tom Hikida
Janis Hirohama & Jim Pollard
Richard Hiroshima
Ellen Menzies
Art Mio
Kathy Nishimoto
Marion Nishimura
Nancy Ohama
Ann Sadakane
Janet Sakahara
Ron & Annie Sakahara
Winston Shigenaga
Trenton Tanioka
Teri Whited
Phyllis Uyemura
Janet Uyeno

In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara
Meishi Summer Exchange 2018

On Saturday July 21, Meishi hosted an all-day development and networking workshop for 33 high school and college students. Our facilitator and guest speaker was Ms. Janelle Sasaki, Director of Brand, Marketing and Communications for E.Y. Japan. She led 50 volunteer mentors to deliver lectures and hands-on exercises to develop elevator pitches, resume critiques and mock interviews. The participants comments after the workshops were "the first thing I need to do is update my resume and my Linkedin profile" and "the mock interviews helped improve my self-confidence". Thank you to the OCBC Youth Department and the OCBC Board of Directors for sponsoring the event and to Janelle Sasaki, the Meishi Committee, Joel Marutani for taking pictures, Kathy Nishimoto and David Numata for the boba drinks and all the volunteer mentors for their support and time. More Meishi events will be planned for the future and remember to read your email from the Meishi Google Group for work and internship opportunities.

In gassho,
The Meishi Committee

OCBC Golf Tournament 2018

On August 20, 2018, the OCBC Endowment Fund hosted their biannual golf tournament at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier CA. The proceeds from the tournament aid in the expansion and remodeling of OCBC facilities, especially the multi-purpose building. The honorary golf chairs for this year were Mr. Jeff Folick and Mr. Steve Ishii. We were especially pleased with the turnout of 148 golfers and the popularity of our tournament was evident because we sold out two months before the tournament. Our tournament is unique because we try to make the day fun, with golf, of course, but also food holes, a great raffle and silent auction and a nice banquet at the end of the day. Thank you to all the golfers who participated in the tournament, the platinum, gold, silver and tee sponsors, all the people who donated gifts to our raffle and silent auction, the golf committee who started planning the golf tournament 8 months ago and finally all the volunteers who came out and worked all day to make this years tournament a success.

In gassho,
Fred Katsuda and Mark Arima
OCBC Golf Tournament Co-Chairpersons

OCBC Wish List

A huge THANK YOU to all for your donations to the Obon festival. Supplies, raffle prizes, baked goods, White Elephant items, etc. were generously donated in abundance - the response from so many was heart-warming and deeply appreciated. Your spirit of Dana was overwhelming!

Now with the lazy days of summer coming to a close, we find our organizations once again gearing up for another year, and with that some new items are added on our temple wish list. Please take a look at these lists and help wherever possible.

OFFICE: several metal cash boxes with money trays (planning ahead for the coming year's festivals) for collecting income from organizational sales. Please contact Nancy Hara for specifics.

PROJECT KOKORO CRAFTS: cotton Asian fabric, gift cards from JoAnn Fabrics and Walmart. Please, due to limited storage space, no drop-off donations prior to contacting Dorothy Matsuoka. Thank you for your understanding.

OCBC BOARD: "Blanket Day Project" requests 60-inch squares of fleecy material in prints and solids. Blankets will be provided as support to Sangha members undergoing challenging medical treatments. Questions to Beth Fujishige

Thank you for considering a donation to the Wish List. Your help is much appreciated.

In Gassho, Janet Sakahara

NEW STARTING TIMES

**Shotsuki hōyō Memorial:**
4:30 pm, first Saturday each month

**Evening Meditation:**
7:00 pm every Wednesday

**Buddhist Yoga:**
7:00 pm every Monday

**BEC Book Club:**
7:00 pm, second Wednesday each month
**BWA News**

**Announcements**
- On behalf of the OCBWA, we’d like to extend our warmest congratulations to Rev. Wondra for achieving her Doctorial Degree from Ryukoku Daigaku. We welcome this new chapter in your life and look forward to your continued guidance and inspirational messages. Congratulations!
- Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 23rd, in the Kodo at 12:30pm after the Ohigan service.
- Our bento sale will be held on September 9th. Help is needed with the food preparation on Saturday at 9:00am and Sunday at 8:00am in the MPB kitchen. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Senior Luncheon**
On Monday, July 9th, 41 seniors and guests enjoyed a delicious bento and celebrated birthdays for Toshiko Katsumoto, Yuriko Tanaka, and Paul Fujimoto. The ladies served char siu, shrimp tempura, vegetable chow mein, spinach ohitashi, and apple salad. Thank you to Yuriko Tanaka, Toshiko Katsumoto, and Amy Iwamasa for the monetary donations. We hope to see you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, September 10th.

**Obon Festival – With Sincere Gratitude**
We would like to thank the countless volunteers and organizations that helped us prepare the sushi, udon, wontons, kintoki, Friday’s worker lunch, and helped with Tuesday’s kitchen clean up. We are also grateful to everyone who helped clean, prep our workstations; wash, cook, and prepare the sushi rice, roll the norimaki, stuff inari, the sushi runners, package the sushi and chirashi; unpack, boil, twirl the udon noodles; prepare the signature dashi; chop and cook all the ingredients for the tasty gu and fold countless wontons; wash the seemingly endless dishes and bowls before, during and after Obon. Without this incredible team, we would not be able to prepare 918 chirashi plates, 776 norimaki rolls, 5,335 inari pieces, 2,150 plates of wonton, and 965 bowls of udon! It is with sincere gratitude that we would like to thank you for supporting the BWA as we continue to provide tasty dishes that bring family and friends together during this festive occasion.

**Save the Date – SDBWA Conference, October 6th, 2018**
For additional information, please attend our September meeting. This conference is hosted by Venice and West LA and will be held at Nishi Hongwanji.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura

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**Social Welfare / Dana Program**

The Dana Program is requesting assistance from OCB Sangha member who works at a medical center, doctors, pharmacists, nurses or others in the medical field that can donate flu shots for our Sangha. Please send an email to Linda Ishibashi, at lki_2@me.com if you have any suggestions.

Pickleball meets at least twice a month. The last session in August will be on the 22nd from 12:30 to 2:30 in the MPB. The first session in September will be on 12th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the MPB. Donation of $2.00 is collected at the door. For a newbee, the first session will be free. If you have any questions on this activity please contact Ryan Onishi at his email rko7@hotmail.com.

Games, Games, Games – The group is 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 and board games are available. Donation of $1.00 is collected at the door. August was dark and we will once again start up on September 12th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860.5155 or email iyamanishi@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Are you interested in strengthening your body, improving coordination and balance, becoming healthier and having a more relaxed body and mind? The Tai Chi-Longevity Stick class is lead by Dan Hakikawa on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB. A form of moving meditation, it has been shown that it helps reduce stress and boosts your immune system and memory. To assist beginners a schedule has been made to have instructors for the beginners only to start in January and September. Tai Chi-Longevity Stick was dark in July and August and will start up again on September 6th.

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

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**Korin Articles Due**

9/23/2018*
Email articles to:
OCBCKorin@GMAIL.com

*Youth Dept., Daion Taiko, DWC, ST, JrY can submit articles
Dharma School News

Obon Festival
A very special thank you goes to Gail Kusano for teaching the odori dances during practices and for leading them during the festival. All of the dancers looked as if they were really enjoying themselves thanks to Gail’s leadership and also the following Dharma School staff members who assisted Gail: Alison Yoshihara, Dorothy Matsuoka, Joanne Ishii, Joyce Yada, Marion Nishimura, Nancy Suzuki, Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, Merry Hiroshima, Sharon Kawakami, Teri Whited, and Tracy Yamashita-Perry. The number of dancers totaled the greatest ever for OCBC – 758 on Saturday and 680 on Saturday - 1438 altogether!

Thank you to the following women who did a beautiful job dressing the dancers who needed assistance: Mrs. Ogawa, Mrs. Sawada, Kathi Shimoda, Leslie Lemus del Cid, Lisa Yamamoto, and Sophia Yamamoto.

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

Thank you to Alan Maruyama, David Okino, and Kent Suzuki for their assistance with the audio music/sound system and to David Yamamoto who was the entertaining MC for the evening.

The entire festival was very enjoyable and extremely successful!

The 2018-19 Dharma School Officers
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Upcoming Events –
September 22, 2018 – Fall Ohigan Service – Please make sure students sign the attendance sheets.

November 18, 2018 – Eitaikyo Service

D.S. Class Schedule –
September 9, 16, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30am.

Project Kokoro News

PALA Casino Trip – Aug 28
BWA and PK teamed up for a bus trip departing OCBC at 9:00am returning by 5:30pm to PALA Casino. PALA has a 60+ Club that gives a 30% discount to guests at the buffet table and offers one of the largest selections of slots. On Tuesdays there is a tribute show and on the day of the trip the tribute was to Johnny Cash. Cost was $5 per person, which included bus gratuity and $5 free slot play. For additional information contact: Jodi Hisamoto @ 714-761-4250.

Concert for Caregivers – Nov 11
Save the date for this upcoming Grateful Crane Concert to be held at OCBC in the MPB. During the event there will be a PK Crafts Fair Boutique in the PK Room. So, stay tuned for reservation and additional information.

Mission Statement
It is the goal of Project Kokoro to recognize the needs and concerns of the seniors. Through our projects and services it is our hope to enrich the lives of the seniors, their families, and the volunteers.

Next Meeting/Membership Drive – Sept 12
The September meeting will kick off our membership drive to welcome new faces and new ideas of fun events for seniors and their families. Please come to our next meeting held in the PK Room at 7:00 pm. You can help as much or little as you are able, and plan to have lots of fun.

In Gassho, Neddie Bokosky

ABA News

It is now August and Obon 2018 is “in the books”. Thank you to everyone who came out to help. Special recognition to chicken teriyaki chairs Ellies and Mike Watanabe/ Janet and Richard Uyeno; sauce makers Diane Glick and George Miyake; and workers’ lunch coordinators Namy Folick and Rumi Nakatani. The circle of dancers was so tight/crowded that people could hardly move. To have so many people who want to come, is truly amazing. OCBC does that: it brings people together. I am a prime example. I have been lucky enough to share my life with 4 girlfriends whom I first met in Japanese School 50 years ago. My life would be completely different had I not met these wonderful people. This year, to mark our “Golden Friendsversary”, we are taking a trip to Maui! Many of my other “lifers” are friends I met through OCBC as well. I’m sure that many of you can say the same. People become friends through shared experiences. ABA has many to offer.

Upcoming events include the (sold out) OCBC Golf Tournament on August 20, our next meeting on September 9, a short meeting for the (sold out) Albuquerque trip takers following the meeting, and the Ohigan Luncheon on September 23. Some ABA members are enjoying playing Pickle Ball; 32 members have already signed up for the ABA Japan Trip (March 25 – April 8), and plans are underway for the Joy of Living Seminar 2019! As you can see, there is no shortage of opportunities where people can be brought together and share life.

In Gassho, Jeanne Kumagai
Life Stories Writing Workshop at OCBC

Researching family history, sharing family legends and folklore, acknowledging our parents’ and grandparents’ accomplishments, “talking story,” making connections, documenting for posterity, and writing a story…This is what took place for 3 of us in our Life Stories Workshop at OCBC in June and July, sponsored by ABA for ABA members. The workshop took place for 2 hours each week for 6 weeks for $5 per session, and was conducted by Tim Toyama, award-winning playwright of “Visas and Virtues,” “Independence Day,” “Memorial Day,” “Yuri and Malcolm X,” and “Bronzeville.” One of the goals of the workshop was to possibly publish a story in the Rafu Shimpo as part of the Life Stories column. Some of you may be reading this column already!

As the Nikkei rapidly approaches the Golden Years, Tim began these workshops to have people record and memorialize the experiences of the Nikkei. The stories could be about anything--growing up in Orange County, East LA, Crenshaw, Gardena; dances, music, college, the 60’s; about our friends, family members, taking care of grandchildren and aging parents; being a Buddhist; what gives us joy… The sky’s the limit! Tim began these workshops at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute and at San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, and began one at OCBC to hear stories in Orange County. Everyone has a story to tell, and it’s a matter of writing it down. The 6-week workshop is designed to help new and experienced writers develop an idea, character, or story. Each session includes reading and discussion of stories in progress. For the 3 of us, it was a time to dig into our past, and share about our unique and common experiences, and we looked forward to it every week! If there is another workshop at OCBC, and you are interested in participating in it, please contact Margie Mio at margieyuki@gmail.com. And whether you take a workshop or not, start writing your story as a lasting legacy!

In Gassho,
Margie Mio

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

We are recruiting and looking for new members to join the OCBC Girl Scouts Daisies. If your daughter is entering either kindergarten or 1st grade and is interested, we would like to welcome you and your daughter to our first meeting on September 14, 2018. We also have a Recruitment Girl Scouts Meeting at OCBC on September 28, 2018. We would welcome you to join either meeting at 7pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Ocampo at ocampokathy@gmail.com
We look forward to seeing you soon.

Cub Scout Pack 578

OCBC Cub Scout Pack 578 is getting ready for another great year. We said goodbye to our Webelos who crossed over to Boy Scouts back in June. Congratulations and good luck to them. For the rest of us in Pack 578, we are looking forward to a fun filled year with great activities, helping our community, and building lifelong friendships and relationships.

During the summer, the scouts kept themselves active by helping out at our Obon at the game booths. It was a very busy weekend as we had a record breaking number of visitors. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and in particular, those who covered extra shifts. The pack also participated in the recycling program. Everyone’s hard work is greatly appreciated.

The Wolf Den, led by Mark Morimoto, hosted our annual Recruitment Picnic on August 18. The boys enjoyed Picnic style games such as tug-of-war, three-legged race, and an obstacle course. It was great to see all of the scouts join in on the fun and help welcome our potential scouts.

Here are some important dates coming up:

Friday, August 31 - First Pack/Den meeting of the Year/Start of popcorn sales
September 7 – Pack/Den meeting of the Year
Friday, October 5 – Pack Bowling Night

If you know anyone Grades K-5 who has an interest in the scouting program, please have his parent/guardian contact our Committee Chairperson, Joy Aoyama, at joy.aoyama@gmail.com for more information. On behalf of Pack 578, we look forward to seeing you!

In gassho,
Joy Aoyama
OCBC Pack 578
How was your summer break? The highlight of my summer was the awesome art trip to Kauai and Holualoa, Hawaii. It was beyond words and a once in a lifetime experience — it is an amazing feeling being one with nature while surrounded by art and artistic people. We should all live each day to the fullest and appreciate art, nature, beauty, dharma and family.

I know some kids attended LABCC Camp, some kids played in the Hollywood Dodger’s Las Vegas basketball tourney, while others participated in the Kizuna programs. We also had 5 high school Dharma students participate in the BCA Youth retreat, please read their article in this month’s Korin.

I believe volunteerism is important and we should all give back to our community in some way. Don’t just join an organization. Be active, voice your opinion and get to know the people and be involved. We are fortunate that our temple is welcoming to all and has various religious, cultural, social and sports minded groups to join. Venture out of your comfort zone, become active, no excuses. There are so many different groups you can join such as BEC Book Club, ABA, BWA, or take a BEC/Meditation class. Maybe you used to take judo or kendo when you were young? Start back up again with your children or volunteer to help with Team 1 Judo or Kendo. There are other adult classes you can join- Project Kokoro Craft class, game and card group, ukulele classes, Japanese language, ikebana, bonsai, odori, tai chi, yoga, Daion Taiko, pickleball, women & men’s open basketball and etc.

For your children here’s a list of our youth groups: Dharma School, Dharma Wheel Club, Sangha Teens, Jr YBA, Girl Scout Troops ~Daisy, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Daion Taiko, SEYO Basketball and Baseball Teams. We are very lucky and grateful to the many teachers, advisors, leaders, and coaches who volunteer their time and efforts to run a great program all year long. The new school year will be busy, but as a parent you will later appreciate the various youth organizations that your children are involved in. Believe me, it’s worth it and their friendships will be long lasting! Our hope is that you get your children involved with one of the many youth organizations available. If you are new to our temple you can ask the hospitality table, check out our website or talk to any of our youth committee members, we’ll point you in the right direction.

Before closing, I would like to give a sincere “Thank You to Mike Black”, who is retiring as our OCBC Youth Director, a position he’s held for many years. He’s still around as you might see him driving his cool convertible. Thank you for your leadership, support and guidance for our youth organizations. He is handing the baton to Fred Katsuda, while Rob Tomooka and I are still on board supporting Fred. We are also extremely happy to welcome Michiko Inanaga and Ann Nakahira, who have graciously stepped up to help oversee our many youth groups. Together the five of us will try to keep our youth activities in order, with guidance from retired Mike.

In Gassho,
Diana Ono, Youth Committee

BCA Summer Youth Retreat

This July, five high school OCBC students Leah Chase, Brianne Hanamoto, Jessica Sakamoto, Logan Ueno, Kellie Yada, spent a week at the Jodo Shinshu Center for the BCA Summer Youth Retreat.

It was a deeply educational experience for all who participated, with lectures, training, and workshops led by a variety of teachers and ministers. We are very grateful for the OCBC staff and mentors who supported us in applying to and attending the retreat. Below are remarks from three other students about our retreat experience.

Namo Amida Butsu,-Jessica Sakamoto

My favorite part of this retreat, without a doubt, was all the people that I got to meet and form friendships with. When I first arrived at the Jodo Shinshu Center, I was so anxious about meeting new people. It turns out that my fear was completely silly because everyone that I met—staff, kids, ministers, everyone—was so friendly! I felt right at home. It was incredible to watch how quickly we all grew close to each other. Whether messing around on the taiko drums, singing gathas at UC Berkeley, listening to each other’s dharma talks, or making haikus with some deep double meanings, no matter what we did, if it was together, we all had fun. Attending the Youth Retreat was an amazing experience! I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to go. I am certain that the knowledge I gained, the passion to learn more about Buddhism, and the friendships that I’ve formed will last me a lifetime. Thank you everyone!

-Brianne Hanamoto

During my week at the Jodo Shinshu Center, I was able to meet 19 other people from Northern California, Seattle,
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(continued)

and Denver. At the beginning, we were all kind of nervous on how to break the ice and to get to know each other. After spending a week with some of the greatest people that I am able to call dear friends, we have formed lifelong friendships and great memories. During the week we had two field trips, San Francisco and the Berkeley Campus. We saw the stupa on top of the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, stopped by the BCA headquarters, and later saw the Asian Art Museum. Getting to tour UC Berkeley was very nice especially with the public piano as we sung to gathas from the gatha book along with other pieces of music.

It was an honor to be chosen to attend this Buddhist Youth Retreat and allow me to find out more about myself, and to learn that Buddhism comes in many shapes and forms and will appear throughout your daily life unexpectedly.

-Logan Ueno

I’d say my favorite part of the week would be the people who were with me – of course, the other participants, but also all the people who helped us. The kitchen staff was amazing and had really diverse and delicious food for us. The reverends and lecturers made it easy to process the information and would always answer any questions we had, even if it meant staying behind to explain something one-on-one after their lecture. I also appreciated all the dharma messages I listened to. It was interesting to hear how so many different scenarios could relate to Buddhism. There was also a lot of emotional support provided, particularly during the few hours set aside every night just to talk. I think that was part of what let all the retreat participants become as close as we did, in addition to staying up late every night. In those few hours, a surprisingly large number of things could be said and I found myself learning new things about even the people I spent my entire life growing up with. The only downside would be that we can’t do it again, but I would definitely tell my friends to go on this retreat when summer comes around next year.

-Kellie Yada

Sangha Teens

Hi Sangha Teens! Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer and are back in the swing of things. We will be having our first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 9th at 11:30am. We will meet in rooms 208 and 209 in the MPB. Lunch will be served.

We are also looking for new members! We are a social, service, and religious organization for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade OCBC Dharma School Students. We hold monthly meetings, participate in fun activities, attend and make new friends at Southern District events, and host a Southern District at OCBC.

We look forward to seeing you next month and for an exciting and fun year!

In Gassho,
Mrs. Osako and Mrs. Mauldin
Dharma Wheel Club

We hope all Dharma Wheel Club families have enjoyed their summer. One of the most cherished memories of the summer will always be our OCBC Obon Festival. The sights and sounds of people of all ages playing the fun games, eating the delicious food, dancing in their beautiful yukatas, and playing the amazing taiko drums will resonate in our hearts and minds forever.

The game booths were a huge hit again this year. In particular, we had a new Ring Toss game which attracted many children and adults as well. Everyone seemed very excited and eager to try to win the new light-up toys. A huge thanks goes to Rod Nishimura for all his time in helping us come up with a new game and preparing it for us.

We would like to thank all DWC families for all of their help in working the game booth shifts. Although it was a very hot day, the children and parents worked so hard to ensure that the games were running smoothly and everyone was having fun. We would also like to send a very special thank you to the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops for all their help with filling in the open game booth shifts that we had remaining in addition to the set-up and clean-up. We could not have done it without the collective efforts of the various organizations. Thank you also to James and Melissa Sarashina for ordering, transporting, and prepping the gold fish for our very popular Gold Fish booth. It takes many hours to prepare for this booth and the success of it depends largely on the work that takes place behind the scenes.

We look forward to the start of another year with our wonderful Dharma Wheel Club families. We welcome all returning members as well as any new members. Dharma Wheel Club is an organization for children ranging from preschool to 5th grade. If you are interested in joining, we will have information regarding sign-ups as the new Dharma School year begins again in September. See you all soon!

Jr. YBA

This summer has been a blast for our Jr. YBA and we participated in many events! During OCBC Obon many of us helped work at the corn booth and dishwashing. Our YBA was very active and energetic in Odori dancing this year and many of us danced to all the songs we knew by heart. We also hosted two temples during the summer!

On July 25th we had a visit from the Salt Lake City YBA! They came out all the way on bus and we had a really great time talking and meeting everyone. It was a good opportunity for us to meet a Buddhist temple outside of California and it was interesting seeing how similar we all were. On July 28th we hosted the Mountain View Jr. YBA at OCBC. Our YBA did some fun icebreakers to get to know everyone and participated in groups in a race to open a box with many locks, clues, keys, and more locks! We also taught the Mountain View YBA a few Odori dances before we all headed out to Higashi Obon in LA. We had lots of fun at Higashi Obon dancing and eating all the good food, especially the interesting birthday cake dango!

Our Junior YBA worked the shaved ice booth at the Tanabata Festival on August 11th and 12th to help fundraise for our upcoming Japan 2020 trip! Also upcoming is our Southern District Jr. YBL Conference hosted by Oxnard, Pasadena, and San Fernando Jr. YBA, an event all of our OCBC Jr. YBA is looking forward to! We hope for lots of fun this fall for us and thank the parents for their help in making all this fun possible!

In Gassho,
Erin Hayashida
Jr. YBA Publicity
Boy Scout Troop 578 Eagle Scouts

Scouts B.S.A. Troop 578 is proud to announce the latest class of 8 Eagle Scouts. Only 4% of Scouts obtain Scouting’s highest rank. The Eagle Scouts were recognized on May 25, 2018 Eagle Court of Honor to celebrate their achievement. Congratulations!

Nicolas Takeyoshi Kiyohara, son of Dr. Alan and Lisa Kiyohara, graduated from Valencia High School in Placentia in the technology program called Val-Tech. He played four years on the Valencia Basketball team and 3 years for the golf team. Nicolas began his Scouting career with Pack 578 as a Tiger Cub and received his Arrow of Light as he crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 578. He is an active member in the troop; serving as a Patrol Leader, Instructor, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and is currently a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. His favorite scouting memories thus far include Japan Jamboree in 2013, canoeing 90+ miles in Canada in 2015, hiking up to the top of Mt Whitney in 2016, hiking two weeks at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in 2017, river rafting, and rock climbing. He looks forward to going back to Japan for the Jamboree this summer, 2018.

During his time in scouting, Nicolas has earned the Hanano Award, the Leduc High Adventure Award, the Seven League Boot Award, the World Conservation Award, the Four Star Religious Emblem for Protestant and Independent Churches and the William T. Hornaday Award. He has also earned 2 silver palms and 1 gold palm as a result of the 62 merit badges he has attained.

Nicolas’ Eagle Project consisted of designing and building 4 Swedish Goshawk Traps for the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Bases’ BASH (Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard) Prevention Program. The purpose of his project was to capture and relocate the birds in hopes that they would not be injured or killed in an aircraft’s engine or propeller. He worked under the guidance of his Eagle Project Advisor, Mr. Jonathan Fukumoto, and Technical Advisor, Mr. Richard Gould.

In the fall, he will be attending the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, where he will be working towards a degree in kinesiology and later, plans to attend graduate school studying in the field of Physical Therapy.

Michael Hajime Nishimoto, son of John and Janis Nishimoto, is a senior at Beckman High School in Irvine. Throughout his High School experience, he was involved in the School’s Performing Arts and Olympic Weightlifting programs. From an early age, Michael was involved with many OCBC affiliated activities. In addition to Boy Scouts, he was actively involved with Dharma School, Japanese School and Jr. YBA. The Church has provided him with some of his greatest experiences and lifelong friendships, ones that he will cherish forever.

In the Troop, Michael has held many varying positions, from all the patrol leadership positions, Patrol Leader, Patrol Instructor, and eventually to Senior Patrol Leader. All of his activities in the Troop were amazing learning experiences that helped contribute to his growth over time. Michael has participated in many Troop outdoor adventure programs partaking in the treks to Mt. Whitney trip, Northern Tier, and Philmont, New Mexico. He will also be going with the troop to Japan during the summer for the World Jamboree.

His Eagle project was named the “Family Preparedness Event” as its intention was to aid families in need with tools that would prepare them for life. The Family Preparedness Event provided children with free eye exams and glasses if necessary, and their parents received High Blood Pressure and Diabetes screening. At the end of each exam, the family received a first aid kit constructed in front of them, so that they will be prepared for both school and any emergencies that arise.

Scouting has instilled a fundamental passion for helping others, and while only entering his senior year in the fall, Michael would like to further his education to pursue a career in medicine so that he can take his Boy Scout experiences of helping others to the real world.
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Trenton Kaito Ching, son of Matthew and Emilyn Ching, is a graduate of Fountain Valley High School, where he was a member of the Wounded Warriors and Medical Society Club. He was also Captain of the wrestling team and the 160lb Southern Section CIF Champion in 2018. He was first introduced into scouting as a Cub Scout, and joined Pack 181 as a Webelo. When Trenton moved to California from Oahu, Hawaii, he crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 578. During the 8 years he spent in the troop, he has served as historian, scribe, patrol leader, instructor, and many other leadership positions. His favorite memories from Troop 578 include hiking up into the Sierra mountains, the annual shotgun shooting event, and the numerous campouts with the troop.

Trenton achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on November 15, 2017. For his Eagle Scout project, Trenton designed and constructed two portable storage cabinets for the University Community Park. With the help of his project advisor, Michael Oune, who had been a previous Scoutmaster of Troop 578, he successfully constructed the cabinets on August 25, 2017. These cabinets were put to good use in providing the children in the University Community Park’s children’s program with a place to store their backpacks and belongings.

Trenton will be enlisting in the United States Air Force striving to get to medical school to become a dermatologist.

Logan Tatsuya Ueno reaches the highest Pinnacle in his Scouting Career; Eagle Scout. Son of Rodney and Denise Ueno, Logan is a Senior Year at Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton and has taken multiple Advanced Placement courses. He plans to major in Political Science and attain a Juris Doctorate and hopefully run for a political office in the future. Logan has eight years of Dharma school (Sunday School) perfect attendance. He will be continuing as an Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) Teacher’s Assistant for the Dharma School High School Class. He is a member of Jr. Youth Buddhist Association and was recently elected for Southern District Jr. Youth Buddhist League Religious Chair that represents all of Southern California and Arizona.

Logan has been in Scouting since Tiger cubs in OCBC’s Cub Scout Pack 578 and eventually crossed over into Troop 578’s Boy Scout Troop. He has served in a multitude of leadership positions has been appointed as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. His greatest memories include going on his very first backpacking trip and getting lost. He realized sometimes you have to get lost in order to find yourself. Logan’s Scouting related adventures include: Belize, Mt. Whitney, Philmont Scout Ranch and the 2018 Japan National Jamboree. Logan has achieved all the requirements for the Leduc Award and the Hanano Award with 300 backpacking miles and 120 nights of camping.

Logan is also a recipient of the Metta and Sangha Award, a religious award recognition. Logan is also an active Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow and served as the 2016 Santee Chapter Treasurer that oversees the Orange Frontier District.

Logan’s Eagle Project “Home is Where the Heart is” benefitted 250 people with care packages that also contained a handmade blanket. The benefactor was Mercy House in Santa Ana, California. Upon his Eagle project completion, he realized there was a dual purpose of this final task. The first purpose is to offer a project to improve his community. The second purpose is to utilize his organizational, leadership and communication skills he has learned in Scouting. The Eagle project isn’t what you really do, but how you do it. His Eagle Project advisor was Dr. John Nishimoto, Troop 578’s current Scoutmaster and mentor since the first day of Cub Scouts.

Chanson Rikuto Ching, son of Matthew and Emilyn Ching, will be graduated from Fountain Valley High School in June, where he was on the wrestling team for four years and a two-year varsity member.

His scouting career started when he joined pack 181 in Hawaii then crossed over to Troop 578. After nearly 9 years in Troop 578, he achieved the rank of Eagle in December of 2017. His best memories of scouting include all the campouts such as, shotgun shooting and sierra hike. He also enjoyed being able to help younger scouts in their journey through scouting. Chanson served in many positions throughout his years in the troop, including patrol leader, scribe, troop quartermaster, historian, and troop instructor.

Chanson’s Eagle Project consisted of planning and constructing 4 wooden benches for Fountain Valley High School. His project advisor was Mr. Sean Suzuki, currently an asm in Troop 578.

In the fall, he plans to join the Air Force. While in the Air Force, he plans on attending college and pursuing a career in dermatology.
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Ryan Akio Fujimoto, son of John and Tracy Fujimoto, is a graduate of Palos Verdes High School. He was a four-year member of the cross country team and a three-year member of the track and field team. He has been attending Dharma Sunday School since he was in preschool. He is a member of Jr. YBA. He played in SEYO basketball from second grade through tenth grade and has volunteered as a coach for the OCBC Chibiko program in his freshman year. Ryan has been in scouting since Tiger Cubs in OCBC’s Cub Scout Pack and eventually bridged into Troop 578’s Boy Scout Troop. He has served in several leadership positions in the troop, such as quartermaster, scribe, patrol leader, historian and instructor. The annual ocean boat fishing trip is one of his favorite memories as a Boy Scout. His Eagle project consisted of him building four zabuton rolling storage units for OCBC. They were first used at the Hondo Rededication Service in October 2017.

In the fall, he will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he will be working towards obtaining a degree in mechanical engineering.

Blake Kiyoshi Tanabe, son of Dave and Vickie Tanabe, is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. He was a freshman player on the Fighting Irish Basketball team and a four-year member on the Volleyball team. As an Orange Coast Optimist Club member, Blake played several years of Baseball and Volleyball, and every year of Basketball since Kindergarten. As an OCO Jr. Optimist and OCO Octagon, he participated in several community service events such as making Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need, preparing and serving hot meals, hosting Easter Parties for foster children at Tanaka Farms, and gathering and distributing gifts during the Hylond Home Christmas Party.

His scouting career began in Cub Scouts, where he joined Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) Pack 578 as a Wolf eventually crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 578 and picking up his Arrow of Light award along the way. As an active member, Blake served as patrol quartermaster, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, patrol instructor, troop instructor, and troop quartermaster. His favorite memories include participating in the 2013 Japan Jamboree and several High Adventure outings including Northern Tier Canoeing in Canada, Long Term Backpacking trips to Mt. Langley and cross country to Mt. Whitney as well as the Philmont Scout Ranch. Earning the Hanano Memorial Award, Leduc High Adventure Award, and the P.R.A.Y. Award thru the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church were also highlights.

Blake’s Eagle Scout Project consisted of completely removing and replacing 440’ of Post and Rail wooden fencing bordering the northwest portion of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. Blake raised enough funds to pay for the extensive project materials. Aided by Project Advisor Michael Oune, Life-to-Eagle Coordinator Mark Arima, and Project Technical Advisor Richard Rappe, he successfully guided the completion of the project in two days.

Blake would like to thank the Leaders, Scouts, and Parents of OCBC Troop 578 for their continued support throughout his scouting career. His plans include enrolling at Cypress Jr. College and eventually transferring to the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Cal Poly Pomona, or Laguna College of Arts to pursue his interests of Fashion Design and Marketing.

Joshua Matsuo Higa – Son of Ellen and the late Keith Higa and is currently a senior at Glen A. Wilson High School. He plans to major in Biology but is still unsure about which school to attend. He is a member of the SOC Jr. Optimist group and is hoping to run for senior president in the future.

Joshua has been in the Scouting program ever since tiger scouts but after cub scouts he found his way into OCBC’s Troop 578. Within his time in the troop, Joshua has held various positions such as historian, scribe, quartermaster, Trail to First Class lead, Patrol leader and Patrol instructor.

His eagle project was the construction of four 16” by 32” cubbies for Ms. Kristina Sasaki’s 3rd grade class. The cubbies were made from melamine MDF wood and featured lockable casters and removable shelves. Joshua’s project advisor was Mr. Sean Suzuki, a Troop 578 assistant scout master and well known advisor for many past eagle projects. Joshua is very grateful for all the time and help Mr. Suzuki offered him. Some of his favorite memories happened in events like shotgun shooting, ocean fishing, beach camp and Philmont.

Scouting has been an experience of a lifetime and Josh hopes to make the most of his time before he ages out.

Congratulations!
In Memoriam

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

Hakutaro Hayashi  
Fujie Matsuo  
Shinji Nimura  
Yasuko Ohta  
Tamiko Sakimoto  
Sonny Isamu Yada

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

Namu Amida Butsu

Services Conducted

June
23 Hakutaro Hayashi, Funeral Service  
Yoshio Kawai, 49 Day and Ash Burial Service  
24 George Kurosu, 3 Year Memorial Service  
29 Tamiko Sakimoto, Funeral Service  
30 Sonny Isamu Yada, Funeral Service

July
6 Sonny Isamu Yada, Burial Service  
7 Junian Oda Hirooka, 100 day and Ash Interment Service  
Masanori Sawa, 1 Year Memorial Service  
11 Katsumi Nekemoto, 7 Year Memorial Service  
Toshiye Nekemoto, 13 Year Memorial Service  
14 Yasuko Ohta, Funeral Service  
21 Jun Nakahara, 1 Year Memorial Service  
22 Shigeru Tsuruda, 1 Year Memorial Service  
25 Tamiko Sakimoto, 49 Day Memorial Service  
28 Fujie Matsuo, Funeral Service  
29 Shinji Nimura, Funeral Service

Ministerial Scholarship

As summer is coming to a close, we look forward to the beginning of another year with our Sangha friends and families. The temple will be bustling again with children and families coming together for Sunday services as well as various activities throughout the weekdays and weekends. We are excited to see everyone after the long summer.

This article is written to give you an update on Sensei Mutsumi Wondra and Ministerial Candidate Ellen Crane.

As you know, Mutsumi Sensei traveled to Ryukoku University in June to defend her PhD dissertation. She defended her dissertation with 30 attendees, professors from Ryukoku University and Otani University as well as PhD students. In July, she received word that the Ryukoku Dissertation Committee approved her dissertation. Mutsumi Sensei will be traveling to Ryukoku University in September to receive her doctorate degree. The ceremony will take place on September 19th. Congratulations, Sensei! Mutsumi Sensei has expressed many times that she would not have been able to accomplish her goal if it were not for the generosity and support of the Sangha. Please congratulate Sensei for her many years of dedication and hard work.

Ministerial Candidate Ellen Crane has also been hard at work. Having taken her thesis course in the spring, she is currently training for Kyoshi status and has been invited to participate in the upcoming Kyoshi status this coming November. Congratulations, Ellen!

We thank you all for your generosity and support. The committee has been able to award scholarships to many candidates throughout the years because of your generosity. We ask you once again for your continued support as we begin our campaign for the year 2018-2019 which will commence in October.

Gassho,  
Carrie Nakagawa

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十月の祥月法要

8日（土）午後4時30分より営まれます。

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今年の講師は、海野徹男先生です。

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弁当セミナーは9月9日にありま

次回のミーティングは、9月23日に

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7月9日に催されたシニア・ランチでは、41名のシニア、およびゲストの方々が出席されました。（敬称略）
ご寄附

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皆さまからの多大なお手伝いをいただき、大変感謝いたします。皆さまのお越しをお待ちしています。

南部教区 B.W.A 会議
2018年9月10日（月）に開催されます。皆さまのご参加をお待ちしております。

ご質問
婦人会に関してご質問がありましたら、西村マリオン会長にお連絡下さい。

お盆法要
2018年7月7日までの御寄付を募集いたします。方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧ください。

7・8月祥月法要
2018年7月7日及び8月4日に営まれた「祥月一法要」にご寄付貢献しました方々のご名前は、英語欄のページをご覧ください。

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
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Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience
By Sharon Salzberg

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7:00 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
The Art of Taking Action: Lessons from Japanese Psychology
By Gregg Krech

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm
PLACE: Social Hall Level 3

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Games, Games, Games

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Tomoshie

Hearing the Dharma through Shadowgraphs

Sunday, September 9

10:00am “Birthday”
A story about the birth of Siddhartha Gotama, the historical Buddha who lived in Nepal and India

1:00pm 『親鸞聖人影絵伝：弁円の慶び』
弁円の死へ臨む姿と親鸞聖人の死へ臨む姿、その互いの姿を通して死で終わることのない浄土の教えを味わわせていたたく物語となっています。

3:00pm “Bennen’s Joy: A Story of Shinran”
Get to know the Japanese Buddhist priest Shinran through his dramatic encounter with the ferocious mountain ascetic Bennen.

Monday, September 10

9:00am “Birthday”

Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
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Classes on BUDDHISM FALL 2018

Fall Ohigan Seminar – Rev. Tetsuo Unno
Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. September 22
Crossing over from this dukkha-filled shore to the other dukkha-free shore (Higan). Dukkha implies regrets, anxieties, uncertainty, etc. The focus will be on what it means to cross over, how to attempt to cross over, what is it that motivates us to make that crossing?
One day class. Registration: $10, $20 with lunch
Please register by September 16, 2018
Location: Hondo and BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

From Practical to True Buddhism – Rev. Marvin Harada
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. October 14
Also available online. Please visit ocbc-bec.teachable.com
When we first embark on the Buddhist path, we seek how it well help us in our everyday life. At its deepest level, however, Buddhism is a journey to finding the teachings at a truth level.
This class will discuss that journey and how we should proceed on it.
One day class. Registration: $10.
Location: Social Hall Level 1

Finding Purpose and Taking Action in the 2nd Half of Life – Gregg Krech
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. November 18
Also available online. Please visit ocbc-bec.teachable.com
If you are confused, stuck, indecisive, fearful or distracted (or just lazy)...this workshop will offer you a path to “get your feet moving” and accomplish what is truly important to you in the second half of your life.
One day class. 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.
September 6, 20, October 4, 18, November 8, 15
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. Dr. Mutsumi Wonda
Saturday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
September 29, October 13, 20, and 27
今回はこれまで学んだ『三帖和讃』のなかの最後である『正像末和讃』を読んでいきます。お釈迦さまが入滅されてから時間がたつにつれて、人間は容易に悟ることができなくなりました。親鸞聖人はそのことを嘆かれて、人間に阿弥陀如来さまの大慈悲をおまかせすることを教えられています。
Four week class. Registration: $40.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3

Registration Form  (Please Print)

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Fall Ohigan Seminar
Rev. Tetsuo Unno
Saturday, 22 Sept 2018

Crossing over from this dukkha-filled shore to the other dukkha-free shore (Higan). Dukkha implies regrets, anxieties, uncertainty, etc. The focus will be on what it means to cross over, how to attempt to cross over, what is it that motivates us to make that crossing?

9:00 a.m. Opening Service Hondo
9:30–12:00 Lecture (English) Social Hall, Third Floor
12:00–1:00 Lunch (Optional) Social Hall, First Floor
1:00–3:00 Lecture (Japanese) Social Hall, Third Floor

Name_________________________ Phone #______________ Lunch: Yes___No___
Name_________________________ Phone #______________ Lunch: Yes___No___

Please return form with check payable to OCBC BEC.
$20 with lunch (register by 9/16/18), or $10 without lunch.

Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92804, (714)827-9590, OCBC909@ocbuddhist.org
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: ___________________________
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Child Name ______________________________________
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Emergency Contact

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

STEP 3: MAIL

Send membership form and check to: Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804
OCBC 2018 - 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday Service Times:  8:30 a.m. Meditation Service (Kodo), 10:00 a.m. Family Service (Hondo/Main sanctuary)
Wednesday Meditation:  7:00 p.m. Meditation Service (Kodo/Mini Chapel)
Shotsuki Hoyo at 4:30 pm

September 2018 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 5, 12, 19, 26
2     No service (Labor Day observance)
8     Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
9     Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
16    Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
22    Fall Ohigan Seminar
23    Meditation Service, Fall Ohigan Service
30    Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School

October 2018 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 3,10,17,24
6     Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
7     Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
14    Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
21    Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
28    Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School

November 2018 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 7, 14, 28
3     Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service), Church Clean-up
4     Meditation Service, Family Service, Dharma School
11    Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School, All Life Forms Memorial
18    Meditation Service, Eitaikyo Service – Tisarana
25    No service (Thanksgiving observance)

December 2018 - Wednesday Meditation Services – 5, 12, 19
1     Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2     Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School, BWA Eshinni-sama Memorial
9     Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School, Oseibo Taikai
16    Mochitsuki, Meditation Service, No Family Service or Dharma School
23    No service (Holiday)
30    No service (Holiday)
31    New Year's Eve Service – 8:00 PM

January 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 9, 16, 23, 30
1     New Year’s Day Service – 10:00 AM
5     Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
6     Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
12    OCBC Shinnen Enkai New Year's Party and General Meeting
13    Meditation Service, Ho-onko service; Installation of OCBC Board Officers
20    Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
27    Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School

February 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 6, 13, 20, 27
2     Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
3     Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
10    Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
17    Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
24    Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
## OCBC 2018 – 2019 CALENDAR

### March 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 6, 13, 20, 27
1. Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
3. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
4. **Spring Ohigan Seminar**
5. Meditation Service, **Spring Ohigan Service**
6. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
7. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School

### April 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 3, 10, 17, 24
1. Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2. Meditation Service, **Hanamatsuri Service**
3. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
4. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School

### May 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
1. Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
3. Meditation Service, **Pancake Breakfast, Mother’s Day Service - 10:30 AM**
4. Meditation Service, **Gotan-e Service, Hatsumairi Rites**
5. No service (Memorial Day observance)
6. Memorial Day Service 9:40am, Cemetery Visitations

### June 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 5, 12, 19, 26
1. Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
3. Meditation Service, Family Service and Dharma School
4. **Father’s Day Service, All Music Service & Awards**
5. Meditation Service, Family Service, Adult Classes, **NO Dharma School**
6. Meditation Service, Family Service, Adult Classes, **NO Dharma School**

### July 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
1. Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2. Meditation Service, Adult Study Class
3. Meditation Service, **Obon Service, Hatsubon Service**
4. OBON FESTIVAL
5. Meditation Service, Adult Study Class Kodo

### August 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 7, 14, 21, 28
1. Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
2. Meditation Service, Adult Study Class
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### September 2019 – Wednesday Meditation Services – 4, 11, 18, 25
1. No Service (Labor Day observance)
2. Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)
5. **Fall Ohigan Seminar**
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