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KORIN
Shinran’s Contribution to the World

In January we observe Ho-onko service, which commemorates the passing of Shinran Shonin, the founder of our tradition of Buddhism called Shin Buddhism, or Jodo Shinshu.

At this point in time in the western world, very few know about Shinran Shonin. Other Buddhist figures like the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, and other contemporary Buddhist teachers are much more noteworthy. I think that as time goes on, that many more will come to deeply appreciate the contribution that Shin Buddhism makes to the religious and spiritual life of people.

If I were to describe in very simple terms, what is the essence of Shinran’s contribution to the world, it would have to be his spirit of humility. Unlike other great Buddhists and teachers, Shinran Shonin never claims to be enlightened. But yet, when we look closely at his writings, his understanding of the Dharma was deep and profound.

If we regard enlightenment as an awakening experience in which the ego self is transcended, then from Shinran’s humble perspective, how could one ever claim to be enlightened? How could you ever say that you were enlightened without a “tinge” of ego in that statement. Maybe some Zen Masters can sincerely claim to be enlightened, but to me, Shinran Shonin, in not stating that he is enlightened, shows the depth of his awakening.

I always explain in my talks that becoming humble and realizing your arrogance, occur at the same time. You can’t “strive” to become humble. You can’t think to yourself, “Well, I am going to work at it every day. I am going to try to become a more humble person every day, and by the end of the year, I will be a truly humble person.” What if you made that attempt and felt a few months down the road, “Yeah, this is going pretty well. I am getting more and more humble. In fact, I think I am a really humble person now.”

In reality, you aren’t humble at all. You are the opposite. You are arrogant. You are arrogant thinking that you are humble. A humble person does not think of themselves as humble. A humble person sees himself as arrogant, and that is what makes himself humble. That is why becoming humble and realizing your arrogance occurs at the same time. In a similar manner, for Shinran Shonin, realizing the depth of his ego self is at the same time realizing that which goes beyond the ego self. That is why in his statements of his ego self, he is expressing his humble nature, which is the proof of his realization or awakening.

For example, here is a quotation from Shinran’s poems, or wasans.

> Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land Way,  
> It is hard to have a true and sincere mind,
The Perfect Heart Parable

I have learned a lot about Buddhism by attending yoga courses with my wife Linda. We began by taking classes together as students. Linda then completed her teacher training and is now a fully certified yoga instructor. She teaches at OCBC on Monday nights and at other local studios during the week. She is my Yoga sensei three classes a week. Now I attend as her student.

Over the years I have noticed a close relationship between Yoga and Buddhism. Yoga is older than Buddhism and has had quite an influence on Buddhism. It is even suggested that some of the Buddha’s own practices from age 29 to 35 included elements from Yoga. In the United States, Yoga is often thought of as a Hindu practice but it also predates Hinduism. It might be better to think of Yoga as a foundational practice that influenced both Hinduism and Buddhism. Both of these developed out of the philosophical assumptions and practices of Yoga.

This mingling of traditions is quite prevalent in the various Yoga studios I have visited. The statues, symbols and books available in the gift shops represent all three of these traditions. There are Yoga sutras, Buddhist statues and Hindu OM symbols. Scholars sometimes refer to this admixture phenomenon as Creole-ism. During a Yoga class you may hear a quote from the famous Yoga teacher B. K. S. Iyengar, then another from the Dalai Lama and finally a closing message from Mahatma Gandhi. It seems the lines of sectarianism have been intentionally blurred in order to learn from each of these great traditions. Often times I have trouble noticing where one ends and the other begins.

I would like to share one such example. It is called the Perfect Heart Parable. It is a wonderful story that I recently heard as it has meandered through the various Yoga studios in the area. The author of the parable is unknown. Its provenance is cloudy. It may be ancient or contemporary. It could be Indian or New Age. Nevertheless, its appeal is quite strong.

The parable is about a young man who is quite proud of his heart. It is perfectly symmetric, without a ding or dent. It has never been damaged in anyway. This young man boasts and brags about his pristine heart. He often shows it off in the town square. Hundreds gather to view his heart from a far.

Suddenly, an old man appears from out of the crowd. He tells the young man that his heart is not nearly as beautiful as his. The crowd gathers around the old man and sees that his heart is quite strong but it is scarred and damaged in many places. There are even pieces missing here and there – even a chunk or two. There are even a few places that were repaired with pieces from another’s heart. It also didn’t quite all fit together as it should.

The young man laughed and said, “You must be joking. Compare your heart with mine, mine is perfect and yours is a mess of scars and tears.” The old man had to agree. It was a mess. But the old man explained that every scar, tear and piece were the result of sharing his heart with others. He often gave a piece of his heart to those he loved and in turn he received a piece from them. The pieces didn’t quite fit but these rough edges represent the risks one takes when we open our hearts to others.

At that moment, the young man realized that he had been holding his heart too closely. He should have been sharing it with others. How sad it would be to go through life with a whole untouched heart. The old man and the young man then hugged. As the young man walked away he noticed a flaw in his young, perfect heart. He began to cry tears of joy. He had shared his heart and was the better for it. Now his flawed heart was truly beautiful. This is how the story ends.

As a Buddhist, this story shows the importance of sharing one’s heart with another. When we truly connect with others it is often beyond words. When that bond is broken it really does feel like you have lost a piece of yourself. But the solution is not to protect your heart but instead to open it up further. A woman once told me that her dog of twelve years had suddenly died. She said that was the most difficult event in her life and that she would never get another dog again because of it.

But I think that is the wrong lesson. I think people who feel that much loss are actually very lucky to have been that close to another. Grief is usually seen as a negative but I think it is a wonderful gift. We are very lucky to have known that rare someone who was able to touch our hearts that deeply and, for this woman, there is another dog out there somewhere waiting to do just that.

A beautiful heart is not the one that has been protected from others. It is instead the one that has been freely and deeply shared. This is the lesson that the young man was able to learn from the old man.

I am not sure who “owns” this story but it resonates across all three Indian traditions of Yoga, Buddhism and Hinduism – in many of the Yoga studios across America. So please take your new heart out on New Year’s Day and share it with others. Let’s make that our New Year’s resolution.

In gassho,
Rev. Jon Turner

The Perfect Heart Parable
The Buddhist Practice of Giving

Did you give gifts during the holidays? Giving is an important concept in Buddhism. Dana, or “selfless giving,” is the first of the Six Paramitas – the six virtues or practices that help us cross from “this shore” of samsara to the “other shore” of enlightenment. “Selfless” means giving freely, without ulterior motives or expecting anything in return. But for most of us, that is not easy.

Last month some friends and I had a Christmas get-together. I gave each of them a couple of small presents and some cookies. But then I realized that all of them had given me more gifts than I’d given them, and it also looked like they’d spent more. I was mortified that my gifts seemed to come up short. I worried that my friends would think I valued our friendship less than they did. I thought they would think I was stingy. My self-judgment that I hadn’t given enough made me feel embarrassed and guilty.

I can all too easily think of other occasions when I was less generous than I could have been, or when my pleasure in giving a gift was overpowered by the expectations or anxiety I had about it. I have met people who are extremely generous with their time, money, or talent. They are so happy to share, and they radiate such a warm and giving spirit, that just being around them makes me feel good. I wish I were more like them. But if I look honestly at myself, I have to admit that I often fall short.

Why is it hard to be generous? One reason is that our egos get in the way of truly selfless giving. When I make a gift, I may think I am acting purely out of generosity, but other motives are usually lurking beneath. I may give to reciprocate for something I received, or to feel good about myself, or out of fear of how it would look if I didn’t, or to impress someone. In all those situations, my self-centeredness is showing itself. Even if we give out of genuinely altruistic motives, such as donating to charity, we often still crave thanks or recognition. If you give a gift and the recipient doesn’t thank you, don’t you feel disappointed or angry? That is because your ego-self is hurt. In selfless giving, it wouldn’t matter to you whether your gift was acknowledged.

Our attachments also make it difficult to be selfless in giving. Because we want things to be permanent, we cling to them. We think of an object or a sum of money as “mine,” and that if we give it away it becomes “yours” – another person’s gain is my loss. Part of me may be reluctant to part with the gift and does it grudgingly. We fail to recognize the truth of interdependence – that we are connected to everyone and everything around us – and so we do not understand that giving a gift to someone does not actually take it away from “me.”

Because of the selfishness and attachment that are an unavoidable part of being human, it is rare that we can be totally pure in our giving. In Jodo Shinshu we understand that we can never eliminate our human flaws; that we will usually have mixed motives. But even though it is hard to give in a totally selfless way, being generous is still worthwhile and meaningful. Giving connects giver and recipient in a spirit of oneness. It can make the world a better place by relieving suffering, spreading kindness, and sharing ourselves with others. Generosity defuses greed and anger, two of the Three Poisons. When we give, we let go of the attachment that is expressed as greed, and we heal the anger that comes from feelings of separateness.

Giving is a Buddhist practice just as much as listening to the Dharma or meditating. The practice of giving does not necessarily mean making more or bigger presents, or donating more to charity. It does not mean being perfect in our motives, but it does involve giving mindfully – actively looking for opportunities to be generous, and being fully aware of our intentions. Like any form of practice, the more you do it, the better you get at it. The best way to cultivate generosity is to think about what others have given us – whether it was a gift that lifted our spirits, an act as small as someone holding a door open for us, or as big as all the causes and conditions that make our lives possible. Gratitude is the fountain from which generosity flows.

By cultivating a generous heart through the practice of giving, we awaken our Bodhicitta – the mind that seeks to benefit others before benefitting ourselves – which is the essence of our Mahayana Buddhist path.

In Gassho,
Janis Hirohama
Minister’s Assistant
**President’s Message**

Minasama akemashite omedeto gozaimasu. Happy New Year’s to each of you. Sakunen mo osewani narimashita. Thank you for your kindness last year. Kotoshi mo yoroshiku. I would be pleased to have your generous support and continued kindness for this year.

This is the year of the Boar, 2019, diligent, generous, and thriving. I extend to you my best wishes for your wishes and dreams to materialize.

I begin my final year as president of OCBC. I thank everyone for your support and dedication. We have a wonderful Sangha to share the Dharma and be mindful of Amida Buddha as we gassho together. I would like to take a few minutes to summarize my “State of OCBC” report that was given at the annual Shinnen Enkai on 1/19th. OCBC is an example of diversity, inclusion, and transition.

OCBC is healthy. Can we be healthier, yes. We have worked hard in being transparent in our finances, temple activities, and with issues at the temple. We have a strong, growing, and diversified Sangha with new families and different ethnicities. We have a sizeable Dharma School with 200 students and over 30 teachers. We have increased our activities for the seniors and are mindful of the members who have difficulties or special needs. We have a beautiful campus with an open courtyard that allows easy transition from the Hondo to the Social Hall. Through the initiation of on-line classes and Dharma talks, we rededicate our Mission Statement of spreading Jodo Shinshu to everyone, young and old, male or female, rich or poor, and good or evil. Our ministerial staff has been busy contributing their services to other temples, increasing our understanding of the Dharma, and working together to strengthening our bond with fellow members. We have focused on the safety for the Sangha members and for the OCBC campus. We will begin Phase II Part A with the MPB and will seek your continued support.

This message began with four typical Japanese symbols used for the New Year. Can you guess which of the four symbols displayed above is the most Buddhist related? The first picture is a Kodomatsu made by elements of Bamboo (Chiku), Ume (Bai), and Pine (Sho). This is called the three friends of winter, Sho Chiku Bai. Legend says that these three bunched together can form a strong foundation against adversity and hardship and maintain health and prosperity. The second picture is an Ikenobo Rikka Style of Ikebana. This gives a deep meaning of interdependence and a strict stylized arrangement of flowers from a single core to create harmony and peace. At OCBC we are fortunate to have several floral arrangement teachers. Two OCBC senseis, Mrs. Arimura and Mrs. Ogata are highly ranked as Ikenobo masters. The third picture is a Kagami mochi or Kasane, which is a stack of mochi, one large mochi with a smaller mochi on top. Kagami means mirror and the good fortune from the past should be mirrored in the future. In ancient times, polished brass was used as a mirror (Kagami) with a belief that a god lived in the mirror. The Kagami is broken open (knives are never used as knives bring bad luck of severing ties) and the mochi is eaten around January 15th to release the gods and have them leave good fortune for the new year. This is the same timeframe when the Kodomatsu is also burned to release the gods. There is a lot of faith that the gods will leave behind good luck, good fortune, and good health. The Kasane larger mochi on the bottom represents a good foundation to build with the next generation represented by the smaller mochi on top. It is a passing of traditions from one generation to another. In deep gratitude to the past generations, the Kasane is often used as an offering of gratitude and many have a Kasane near their Obutsudan. The last picture is from the Japanese card game, Hanafuda (flower game cards), and this shows the boar amongst bush clovers. 2019 is the year of the Boar based on the Chinese zodiac. It is said that twelve animals came to see the Buddha and their arrival created the zodiac. It is said that there were twelve animals who came to see the Buddha and their arrival is the sequence of the Chinese zodiac cycle.

Of the four pictures the most relevant to Buddhism is the second picture of the Ikenobo floral arrangement. Did you make the right response? Flowers are always used on the onaijin as a very important reminder of impermanence. The world changes and everything changes. Shinran Shonin taught that understanding change is understanding life. In the Rikka style, we see and explore different elements that come together to create harmony. In Buddhism, our basic practice is to create harmony. Let’s plan to continue our practice of living in the nembutsu that accepts life and death, that brings harmony from chaos, and that helps each of us to see the beauty that resides in each member of our Sangha. An important teaching of Shinran Shonin is to practice the Dharma. Let’s make this a new year’s resolution. We are unique in our diverse mixture of culture from Shinto, Buddhism, Chinese, Korea, and America. We can easily forget the origination and meaning of many of our cultural practices.

At the end of 2018, I received some very sad news from my cousin in Japan. Through Facebook, he had written his thoughts and feelings about the passing of his father. However, it was completely written in Japanese. But, by clicking on “translation” the message quickly pops up in English. Amazing what technology can do these days. I read his journal and I felt something wonderful for my cousin to write his gratitude to his dad. I responded that I too had fond memories of his dad and will cherish those memories. I think in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, a basic Dharma practice is to express gratitude in the form of words, service or deeds, showing compassion, and reciting the nembutsu. I am grateful for technology that allows immediate translations and sharing of information as things happen. OCBC has a committee working on broadcasting on-line the OCBC Dharma talks, classes, seminars, and other lecturers to everyone everywhere. What an awesome way to share and spread the Dharma.

Shinran Shonin emphasized practice. As ordinary people, we all can attain enlightenment through Amida and we must practice the Dharma through daily living. This year, let’s be diligent, generous and practice the Dharma through daily living.

Let’s recite the nembutsu, In gratitude and at your service
Rick Oishi
OCBC President
The Shin Reader

This month’s book is *Blue Jean Buddha: Voices of Young Buddhists* which is a collection of essays written by Buddhists of various traditions in their twenties and early thirties. The guest reviewer is Trenton Tanioka, an OCBC member in his twenties. The book is currently out of stock at the BEC Bookstore but it is available at the BCA Bookstore and other online book sellers.

The *Blue Jean Buddha* contains a compilation of Buddhist stories from everyday people. Each of these experiences leads to unique understandings of what Buddhism means and how it shaped their life. Even though these stories are different, I have come to notice a common message. To truly embrace the Buddhist teachings, one must be able to understand the importance of perspective.

Early in the text, we come across a story about a man named Ben backpacking through the Tuolumne Meadows. Ben decides to climb a strenuous, 1,500 ft mountain as a means of meditation. By controlling his breathing and clearing his mind, he is able to focus on the task at hand and climb to the summit. But, once arriving to the very top, he looks around and cannot find a clear way down. Instead of losing all hope, he remembers his teachings and begins to meditate. With nowhere to go, Ben is forced to be in the present and forget about all his everyday worries. What may have seemed to be a near death experience, brought Ben wisdom about living in the now. This text helped me understand that everyone we meet and everything we interact with has Buddha nature. If we have the right perspective, we can find Buddha nature in mountains, work, and every aspect of life.

Later in the book, a cross country runner shares his perspective on running and how it relates to Buddhism. There are some viewpoints I agree with and others that I feel differently about. He explains that running is important in his life because he focuses solely on the present moment. Just like this runner, I try to focus on the steps of life that I am going through and not get caught up on the future. One of the ideas that I have trouble with is the idea that competition in sports is a negative. I understand the importance of not being aggressive towards other, but I believe it is okay to use it as motivation to improve your craft. The focus should be on improving who you are as a runner and supporting those around you.

-- Review by Trenton Tanioka


Maintenance Report for December 2018

Thank you to our dedicated OCBC volunteers, many of whom are noted below, for their help:

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1. General.
   a) Removed trash from the Ball Road and Dale Street frontages.
   b) Pruned trees, removed volunteer plants and weeds, and tended to the planting.
   c) Put out scrap metal for eventual pick up.
   d) Continued rebuilding the drainage system North of the classroom building.
   e) Repaired an irrigation line break near Dale.

2. Hondo.
   a) Finished remodeling the minister’s bathroom.

3. Classroom Building.
   a) Installed smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in most rooms.

Any one that has some time to devote to helping the temple is welcome to join us. The next Monthly Maintenance opportunity will be in January of 2019. A delicious “home” cooked lunch is provided by the BWA in conjunction with the monthly senior lunch the same day.

   Gassho,
   Jim Mitchell, VP Maintenance
Announcements
As we ring in the New Year, our OC BWA looks forward to another busy year filled with fun activities, outings, conferences, and making new and lasting friendships. Akemashite Omedetou!

-Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13th, in the Kodo at 12:30pm after the Hoonko Service and luncheon. If you are planning to attend the World Convention in September, be sure to attend this important meeting as we will discuss method of transportation, fill out registration form, and collect registration fee.

Senior Luncheon
On Monday, December 10th, 48 seniors and guests enjoyed a tasty holiday lunch and celebrated birthdays for Seiko Hoshino, Nancy Inafuku, Rosa Somen, Jane Sasaki, and Eizo Yasuda. The ladies served delicious HoneyBaked Ham, potato salad, ramen cabbage salad, and jellied cranberry. Thank you to Nancy and Toshiki Hara, Chieko Miyake, Seiko Hoshino, Rosa Somen, and Eizo Yasuda for the monetary donations, Nancy and Toshiki Hara for the HoneyBaked Ham, Lynn and Calvin Chang for the 30# potatoes, Nancy Inafuku for the 2-15# Botan Rice, and Sus Iwamasa for the takuan. We hope to see you at our next senior luncheon on Monday, January 14th.

Eshinnisama/Kakushinnisama and Fujinkai Tsuito Hoyo Memorial Service
On December 2, our annual memorial service was held in the Hondo. We had a wonderful service honoring Eshinni, Shinran Shonin’s wife, Kakushinni, his devoted daughter, and the dedicated 118 OCBC BWA ladies who have passed on. Rev. Marv gave the Dharma talk in English and Rev. Wondra gave the Dharma talk in Japanese. After Richard Hiroshima took our group photo, we gathered in the social hall for our Appreciation Luncheon. We have so much to be grateful for – not only those who have laid the foundation for our BWA, but also for all the hard working and dedicated ladies at our temple. Tobans A and F beautifully decorated the social hall and every table was adorned with a vase of fragrant flowers. After a delicious bento, special recognition was given to members turning 80-years young and a new member was welcomed into our group. A special cake and gift were presented to Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra for receiving her doctorate and a gift was also presented to Rev. Ellen Crane for receiving Kiyoshi from the Kyoto Nishihongwanji. Thank you to all who participated in this fun-filled afternoon.

Mochitsuki – Words of Appreciation
The BWA ladies have been very busy throughout the year and December is no exception. Mochitsuki is our biggest fundraiser and preparation begins early in the month. Like a motion picture, there’s a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes on and therefore, takes an entire team of volunteers for this annual production to be successful. We count on the hard working AN making crew to stir the magical ingredients to make the delicious filling for the AN mochi. We rely on the equipment crew to inspect and fine-tune the machinery to make sure everything is in working order and we depend on the dedicated Boy Scouts to wash several hundred pounds of rice in the early morning hours. After all the volunteers have been served a hearty Japanese and/or American breakfast, the steaming crew gets to work and everything starts to run like clockwork until the last cut of mochi comes off the press. Everyone especially enjoys the worker lunch served with a tasty bowl of ozoni where our mochi is the star. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many OCBC organizations, Sangha, friends, and family members who continue to support us through the years and we hope this tradition continues for generations to come.

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

In Gassho,
Chris Nakamura
OCBC Wish List

As we welcome in a new year, let us send thank yous to all the generous members who helped our many organizations in 2018 with donations both big and small. Our wishes may not have always appeared on this list, but so many examples of generosity have been shown, sometimes when we least expected them. Our gratitude to you all.

2019’s wish list begins where 2018 left off.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE: Used iPad 3s (or higher) and/or Android tablets; for use at festival take-out and foodline processing and credit card swiping. Questions to Bill Sakahara.

OFFICE: Eco-friendly paper goods for hospitality. Please contact Nancy Hara for specifics.

PROJECT KOKORO CRAFTS: cotton thread (black or white), cotton batting, gift cards from JoAnn Fabrics. Please, due to limited storage space, no drop-off donations prior to contacting Dorothy Matsuoka (562-743-3483). Thank you for your understanding.

PROJECT KOKORO MEN’S CRAFTS: monetary donations or gift cards to purchase supplies for on-going projects. Questions to Eric Nakahara or Rod Nishimura.

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

In Gassho,
Janet Sakahara

Social Welfare / Dana Program

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 led by Dan Hakikawa on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the MPB. A form of moving meditation, it’s 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.

Pickleball meets on Wednesdays in the MPB from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Donation of $2.00 is collected at the door. For a newbie first session will be free. See the Pickleball flyer within this Korin.

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 & board games are available. Donation of $1.00 is collected at the door. Please contact Irene Yamanishi (562) 860.5155 or email iyamanishi@gmail.com if you have any questions.

If you are interested in joining the Social Welfare/Dana Program you can contact Linda Ishibashi (562) 860-5993 or email lki_2@me.com. Looking for new ideas for 2019 free seminars, free flu shots and community activities that our OCBC Sangha can participate.

In gassho,
Linda Ishibashi
Dharma School News

Oseibo Taikai
On December 9, Dharma School observed our Year-End Appreciation and Dharma School students’ displays. Thank you to the Dharma School teachers/assistants who helped set up the display boards that allowed all of the classes to showcase highlights of their hard work. They were all very attractive, as well as informative. Thank you to the chairpersons, Joyce Yada and Irene Yamanishi. Special thanks to the Project Kokoro craft ladies who helped package the gifts that were given to the students.

Mochitsuki Lunch Prep
On December 16 the Dharma School staff prepared a delicious lunch for the workers under the direction of Alison Yoshihara, Cheryl Higashi, Linda Nakauchi, Nancy Shibata, Craig Shibata, and Nanelle Wong. The ozoni was a very special treat!

Upcoming Events
January 13 -- Ho-onko Service Students who attend this service will receive credit towards perfect attendance. Please make sure students sign the attendance sheets.

D. S. Class Schedule
January 6, 20, 27;
February 3, 10, 17;
March 3, 10, 24, 31.
Classes begin immediately after service and end at 11:30 am.

Correction: In the December Korin, the date of “Service in the Snow” should be corrected from Feb. 27 to February 24.

Project Kokoro News

2018-2019 Board Installation
Advisor Irene Yamanishi
President Lori Kosakura
Vice President Diana Ono
Treasurer Jodi Hisamoto
Recording Sec Linda Ogata
Corresponding Sec Kathleen Nishida
Historian Stacey Suzuki
Auditor Krystal Ishii
Publicity Neddie Bokosky

New Board Members were installed during the annual Volunteer Dinner held at JT Schmid’s Restaurant in Anaheim. Many thanks to Jo Ann Tanioka for chairing the dinner and Linda Ogata & Kathleen Nishida for fun games!

New Year’s Luncheon
Mar 3
Please see the enclosed flyer and plan to join the fun as PK presents “Undokai—Sports Day & Luncheon” on March 3 in the Gym from 12pm to 3pm. The whole family and friends are welcome to attend the annual luncheon celebrating the new year. The theme this year is the Japanese tradition of UNDOKAI — which is a Sports Day. A delicious, catered lunch, games and prizes are planned for $20 per adult, $10 per child— all OCBC senior citizens are free! For additional information please contact Kathy Ito: kathyito2@gmail.com or phone: 714-401-8711.

Craft Club
Seniors and Craft Club members have fun working on items to be sold at upcoming boutiques, if you are interested in joining please contact Dorothy Matsuoka @ dcmatsuoka@aol.com

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
Feb 13
Please join the monthly meeting held at 7pm in the Senior Room to plan current and upcoming events. If you want to help a little, or just want to learn more about the group, you are welcome to come!

In Gassho, Neddie Bokosky
ABA News

Happy Holidays! I hope you are celebrating with family and friends, and making lots of happy memories! One of my favorite memories of the holidays is when we used to host the ministers and their families, at our house on New Year’s Day. The way Rev. Doami enjoyed eating, especially the crab, made me smile then, and still even now. He absolutely “relished” his food. We should all be so lucky to have things that we absolutely relish and to be able to show this appreciation, so that others can enjoy it too. (Like I did, just watching Sensei!) Join ABA and just maybe, you’ll find something new to relish!

As each year draws to close, ABA elections take place. We want to thank Ron Suzuki for serving as our treasurer for the past two years. It is not an easy task, and we appreciate all you have done for us! Roy Onishi has graciously agreed to be our new Treasurer. As for the rest of us, we will continue in our current positions helping President Margie Mio serve for the FIFTH year as our President. The position of Vice President is yours, if you want it, as it remains an open seat.

In other exciting news, the date for ABA’s Joy of Living seminar has now been confirmed for March 24. The seminar will include a cooking demonstration by Chef Bonnie Goodman. ABA will also be helping at the Bingo Fundraiser on March 16, working the bar under the guidance of Edie Gulrich. Other responsibilities for this event will be forthcoming. The ABA Japan Trip is also fast approaching (March 25-April 8). A short meeting will be held on January 6, after the ABA meeting, for all trip attendees. May 2019 bring you many opportunities for relishing what you love!

With Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai

Cub Scout Pack 578

Cub Scout Pack 578 would like to offer its sincere appreciation to the Sangha for their wonderful support of the annual popcorn fund raiser that concluded this past October. With their dapper smiles and enticing sales pitches, the boys raised over $500 more compared to the prior year. This fundraising event could not have been possible without the guidance of Michiko Inanaga and Sandra Nakagawa.

November started strong with the Scouting for Food event. Each Cub Scout brought two or more substantially filled bags for the local community food bank. As each generous boy dropped off his donations, the Scouts talked amongst themselves about how heavy the bags were. At the end of the evening, the Helpful component of the Scout Law shined through along with a 100% participation rate. Thank you to the Webelos I for facilitating the event and the boys’ success.

The next morning the Cub Scouts were eager to get together for the church cleanup. They had their utility gloves, brooms and rakes in hand and ready to use. Without missing a beat as the parents trimmed the bushes and trees, the boys followed closely to collect the debris and make rake lines in the soil. By early afternoon the front entrance of the church grounds was well manicured to welcome all.

November continued to be a fruitful and busy month. After competing in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO League Robotics qualifier in the City of Orange and ranking top 9 out of 31 teams, The Kosmic Koalas from Pack 578 moved forward to compete in the Southern California LEGO League Championship held at Legoland. They were recognized for their hard work and determination and were awarded the Judges Choice Trophy for their project. Pack 578 is proud to applaud the following team members: Tesshin Aoyama, Jack Hirotsu, Ken Karasawa, Alex Kelly, Grant Lock, Brandon Miyasato, Colin Nakagawa, and Travis Nakahira.

We celebrated the year-end with a joyful holiday party hosted by the Wolf Den. A festive photo booth filled with props, decorated presents, and a tree were a great backdrop to some wonderful photos to cherish. Each Den also shined through with their creative skits by providing a performance of comedy and talent. Above all, new Cub Scouts were awarded Bobcat badges, which marks the beginning of their Cub Scouting adventures by learning and applying themselves to understanding what it means to be a Scout. Symbolically, the boys lighted a candle, hand in hand with their mothers, and thereafter received their Bobcat pin.

As the Cub Scouts enter the New Year with more adventures planned, the underlying values of the Scout Oath and Law will continue to be taught as a core foundation in all aspects of the boys’ lives.
2018 Red Box Hike

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, Troop 578 went on a morning hike to the Red Box/Valley Forge Campground. The scouts who were going first met up at OCBC at about 5:30 A.M. and began driving to the parking lot that marked the start of the trail. Once all of the scouts arrived, the troop began preparing for the hike and split into their patrols. The first patrol, led by Kyle Futaba, began trekking down the trail. Matthew Lee’s patrol waited a few minutes before following down. The patrols encountered lots of poison oak, fallen trees, and lots of rocks. Once the patrols arrived at the campground, some younger scouts chose the right spot to set up camp for a requirement, making sure no trees could fall on the tents. The others then proceeded to construct the tents in the designated area. One group of people in the adjoining campsite asked where the water spigot was, however they were informed this was a dry campground. The other campers then asked for some water for their hike back up to their car, which the scouts provided for a daily good turn. Once all of the tents had been set up, the scouts ate a well deserved lunch made by 5 cooks who had originally been unable to because of the cancelled New Boy Hike. After lunch, the scouts had an opportunity to hike downstream to the West Fork Trail Camp, as it was too late to trek to Mount Wilson. Four scouts chose to come and were accompanied by ASMs Berkin and Wakabayashi. The scouts and ASMs took a break at the camp, then journeyed back up to Valley Forge. The scouts who either couldn’t come on the hike or chose to stay got requirements signed off and did a conservation project that involved picking up trash to leave no trace. Parent Pete Lee showed how to hang up a bear bag, which would come into use later that night. The cooks began preparing dinner and forming skits. The choice of meals ranged from beef stroganoff to fettuccine alfredo. There was more than enough food, so all of the parents got to sample the different foods. After dinner, the campfire without a campfire was held near the tents. The parents were judging on whose skit was better, whoever lost carried back the trash. The parents and the ASMs also shared something that they liked about the camp, as there were only two skits. In the end, the parents and ASMs decided that the patrols would split the trash. The scouts went to sleep early, and woke up at 5:20 A.M. After eating breakfast, the scouts broke down camp, swept the site for trash, and prepared for the hike. The trek was now uphill, but the scouts’ backpacks were lighter with less food and water. After the troop assembled in the parking lot, they did Rose, Bud, and Thorn. After Rose, Bud and Thorn, the SPL dismissed the scouts, some going to Clearman’s Galley for lunch and others going home. No older boys attended this hike, the oldest scouts being 3rd years. SPL Alex Wakabayashi performed amazingly, with ASPL Tyler Chia, plus patrol leaders Matthew Lee and Kyle Futaba. Thank you ASMs Wakabayashi and Berkin for organizing and planning this hike, ASMs Futaba and Mauldin for all their help, all of the parents, who assisted in any way possible, and the scouts for making this a great hike.

2018 Rock Climbing

On November 9, 2018, troop 578 went to the 2018 Rock Climbing event. We arrived at around 8:00 pm and after we got our troop organized, we started to set up camp. Set up went surprisingly smoothly and we were able to go to sleep pretty quickly at around 11:00 pm. The next morning, we woke up at around 5:45 am and started to cook and eat breakfast. At 7:30 the Rock-Climbing teachers came and went through first aid, and we got our rock-climbing shoes and got harnesses. Once we got all of our equipment, we went back to camp to get our lunches, then headed up to the actual rock-climbing site. It took about 5 minutes to get to the rock-climbing site, then the instructors taught us our knots.

The instructor taught us knots like, the double fisherman knot, figure eight, figure eight on a bight, and figure eight follow through. Then we paired off into groups of two, by weight, and got to learn how to rock-climb and belay. Belaying is where your partner holds rope, attached to a delay device, that will help catch slack so you don’t fall. Most of the scouts got pretty high on the rock-climbing walls. Both you and the partner got three turns at both rock climbing and belaying. After that, all the scouts ate lunch. All of the lunches were prepared before we started rock climbing. One lunch was sandwiches and chips.

After all the scouts ate lunch some scouts went rock-climbing and other scouts went belaying. Belaying is where you hold your own rope and slowly “walk” down the side of the mountain. Your partner holds the end of the rope, just in case you fall. It keeps you from falling because the rope is tight, there is no slack in the rope so you don’t fall. The scouts then took turns belaying and holding the rope tight.

During the late afternoon, the scouts and ASMs headed back to camp. Once we got back the scouts thanked the instructors for teaching us to rock-climb and belaying. After the cooks started making dinner and the scouts who needed the rock-climbing merit badge, got the merit badge signed off by one of the instructors who was a rock-climbing merit badge counselor. After dinner the patrols preformed two skits, and then went to bed at 10:00 pm.

(Photos on page 12)
Junior Girl Scout Troop 855

Our Junior scouts have been busy learning, volunteering for community service projects & participating in many fun activities!

We had our first overnighter in the Social Hall. The girls are in 4th & 5th grade and are given more opportunities to be independent and make their own choices. They voted on the meals they wanted to cook for dinner and breakfast and all did an amazing job! We ended the night with the girls sharing and playing board games with each other. It was definitely great to see the girls enjoying some good old fun!

The Juniors went on a top secret assignment and learned about the power of observation, communicating in code & fingerprinting. They left being Junior Detectives! The scouts also attended the Girl Scout Storymakery event. They used their imagination and created their own characters, worked on fiction writing, plot development and wrote their own take home books!

For our holiday gathering, our scouts made homemade play-doh to donate to the Eli Home in Anaheim for abused children. Finally, we wrapped up our Get Moving Journey this year. In the New Year, we are gearing up our camping skills for Junior Jam and another successful cookie season in 2019!

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

Cadette Troop 675 was very busy in 2018. We started the year with our Investiture Ceremony and welcomed 10 new 6th graders into our troop to total 29 girls. We’ve helped at Church Clean-up working in the MPB & OCBC’s Mochitsuki cooling, dusting & packaging mochi. We earned our Entrepreneur Badge, making and selling original girl-made items at the Girl Scout Trefoil Bazaar. In Dec. we also had our Holiday Overnight at the Girl Scout Seal Beach Program Center where we completed our service project of putting together 30 Care Packages for the military going to servicemen in Afghanistan. We included handwritten notes thanking them for their service and had a fun holiday party. Then we had a beautiful morning at the beach. Our next meeting will be in January, where we will help the Daisy troop learn how to make yummy microwave mochi, learn about taiko from our taiko Girl Scouts and play a fun game. As we look forward to more fun in the new year…Wishing everyone all the best in 2019!

We would also like to Congratulate the Cadette FLL Robotics Team “OCBC Splash” for an outstanding season. This year’s theme was “Into Orbit” and was all about Space. They were one of four OC Girl Scout Council sponsored teams this year. They were the Champions of their Local Qualifying Tournament in Nov. Then in Dec. they along with OCBC’s Cub Scout Robotics Team “Kosmic Koala’s” went on to the So. California Championship Tournament at Legoland competing against 54 other teams. The girls came in 1st place for Project Research and 2nd Place for Robot Performance. They also won the Project Innovation Solution for So Cal and will be submitting their project, “CDREB” Carbon Dioxide Removal Exercise Backpack for consideration in the LEGO League Global Innovation Awards later this year. This is the final season for this group of Cadette’s who are all 8th graders and have been on the team for the past 3 years. So proud of these girls and what they have worked so hard to achieve! Thank you to their coaches Ron Nakahira, Derek Ige & Frank Yada, parents, mentors, OCBC and everyone who supported them. Congratulations!

In Gassho,
Joyce Yada

Cadette FLL Robotics Team “OCBC Splash”

Kayla Cheng, Alyssa Ige, Lauren Ueno, RDML R. Fritzemeier, Gwen Takagi, Courtney Yada & Kathryn Nakahira.
In Memoriam

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

**Corrina Vicki Craig**

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

**Namu Amida Butsu**

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Ministerial Scholarship

Akamashite Omedetou!! From all of the members of the Ministerial Scholarship Committee, we wish you a most Happy and Prosperous New Year! May every day of the New Year be a good day! We acknowledge the following Sangha members whose generous donations we have received. Please note that donations received subsequent to December 20, 2018 will be listed in the next issue of the Korin.

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Total Donations Received: $7,645.00

This time of the year is a time to reflect upon the events of the past year and give thanks for the many wonderful memories and the people who made those memories possible. It is also a time to look forward and prepare ourselves for the coming New Year. There is indeed so much to be thankful for and foremost is our great OCBC family as we work together to make OCBC an even better place. We thank each and every Sangha member who has supported our program over the years. Again, this year’s contributions by the Sangha to the scholarship fund have been amazing. We will be supporting Reverend Ellen Crane as she completes her thesis course with the IBS as well as support our Minister’s Assistant Candidates as they attend continuing education seminars at IBS. As stated in our prior Korin article, it is our hope to widen the scope of our support to candidates of our sister temples. Your donations have now made it possible to assist five degree students enrolled at IBS who are in need of support. There are 60 temples throughout the BCA and only 48 ministers to staff those temples. If we continue to work together, perhaps we will be able to help fill the void of ministers that exists at so many of our sister temples. Thank you, thank you.

Gassho,
Carrie Nakagawa
50th Anniversary Project and Building Fund Donations Acknowledgments

As of the end of 2018, the Hondo renovation is complete except for one last task. The air conditioning units need to be moved to a better location to improve efficiency. This work is scheduled to be completed in early January. With this last work, the final cost of the Hondo renovation and new courtyard is expected to be approximately $3,722,000. An additional $130,000 has been earmarked for the MPB court replacement, so Phase 2 will be completed $148,000 less than the original $4M budget. Those unused budgeted funds will remain in the Building Fund for OCBC’s next renovation project, the MPB.

December 2018 also marked the formal completion of the 50th Anniversary Project fundraising effort, but Sangha members and friends continued to generously donate. The list below acknowledges those donations. At the same time, a few outstanding pledges remain, with many of those donors requesting to continue those payments into 2019. We will gratefully accept those donations. All donations have been or will be deposited into the Building Fund as we’ve done previously.

Together with the unused Hondo budgeted funds and the additional donations received in excess of the $9.3M goal, the Building Fund remains in a strong positive position. OCBC expects the Building Fund to have more than $600,000 to start the new MPB renovation project, which the OCBC Board of Directors authorized at its December meeting. That amount is not sufficient for all the planned work in the MPB, but it’s enough for the first phase to replace the court, repair all the roof leaks, and replace all the old air conditioning units. The OCBC MPB project manager, Calvin Togashi, will discuss details of the entire project at the Shinnen Enkai general meeting. The additional planned tasks will need a new fundraising effort which will begin soon, led by a new committee that is being formed.

OCBC gratefully acknowledges the following donations received between November 23, 2018 and December 28, 2018.
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Total donations collected this period: $25,220.00
Total donations collected to date: $9,594,652.00

OCBC also gratefully acknowledges the following donations already made to the new MPB fundraising effort.
Daryl & Lily Doami and family
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In Gassho,
Bill Sakahara,
50th Anniversary Project and Building Fund Treasurer
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7:00 P.M.

FEATURED BOOK:
*Being Peace*
By Thich Nhat Hanh

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
PLACE: Social Hall Level 3
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.
Start the New Year off Right!

Did you make a New Year’s Resolution to be more active in 2019? Are you interesting in trying something new? Well, now’s the perfect time to come out and learn to play **Pickleball**! This fun and easy-to-learn game is a great way to get some exercise and you do not need any prior experience playing racquet sports. Come play a little, come play a lot! Plus, it’s also a great chance to just get out and socialize with other OCBC members! :)

Come out and join us in the MPB on Wednesdays (from 12:30 - 2:30 pm)! All ages are welcome (kids to seniors) and we have all different levels of players. Just wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

For more information, contact Ryan at rko7@hotmail.com or (949) 212-6881.
Hō-onkō Seminar – Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto
Sunday afternoon, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. January 13
Discover how adopting Amida Buddha’s Vows as our own begins the cultivation of compassion within our daily lives.
One day class. Registration: $10.
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3
Also available online. Please visit everydaybuddhist.org

Study of Shin Buddhist Thought in America – Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. February 17
If you are interested in what Rev. Dr. Wondra wrote for her Ryukoku Doctoral Dissertation, please join us. She will present the Readers’ Digest version explaining Shin Buddhist thought, referring to several Shin scholars and ministers in America.
One day class. Registration: $10.
Location: Social Hall Level 1
Also available online. Please visit everydaybuddhist.org

LGBTQ and Being Buddhist – Rev. Marvin Harada
Sunday afternoon, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. March 31
This class will address Shin Buddhism and the LGBTQ community. Does the message of universal wisdom and compassion resonate with people as a teaching that embraces them? What are the unique struggles and difficulties of living in society as a member of the LGBTQ community?
One day class. Registration: $10.
Location: Social Hall Level 1
Also available online. Please visit everydaybuddhist.org

Lectures on the Larger Sutra – Rev. Marvin Harada
Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. January 10, 17, 31, February 7, 21, 28
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 『親鸞聖人御消息』 –
Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
Saturday mornings. 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. January 19, 26, February 2, 16
晩年の親鸞聖人さまは住まいを関東から京都に移されました。関東にいる門弟たちの多くは親鸞聖人を慕い、教えについて手紙を送り、親鸞聖人さまはそれらに対して丁寧に返事を送られました。このクラスでは消息43通のなかから20通を選んで、その内容を読み解きます。やさしい言葉でお話ししますので、どうぞお越しください。
Four week class. Registration: $40
Location: BEC Classroom, Social Hall Level 3
You are not required to attend every class session. Please come to as many as you can.

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Email: OCBCHQ909@ocbuddhist.org

Registration Form  (Please Print)

Name(s):
________________________ __________________________
Address: __________________________ __________________________
City / State / Zip: __________________________ __________________________
Phone: ( ) Email: __________________________________________

Please check the class(es) desired:
☐ Hō-onkō Seminar ($10) $________
☐ Study of Shin Buddhist Thought in America ($10) $________
☐ LGBTQ and Being Buddhist ($10) $________
☐ Lectures on the Larger Sutra ($50) $________
☐ Courses Taught in Japanese 『親鸞聖人御消息』を読み解く ($40) $________
Total $________

Individual class attendance is acceptable at $10 per class.
OCBC Bingo Committee presents

BINGO NIGHT!

Saturday, March 16, 2019

OCBC would greatly appreciate your Dana in any of these categories:

— SPONSORS —

Bingo Dinner Sponsor — $2,500
(includes reserved parking, bento boxes, bingo games, reserved table for 8)

Bingo Event Sponsor — $1000
(includes reserved parking, bento boxes, bingo games, reserved table for 8)

Table Sponsor — $500
(includes bento boxes, reserved table for 8)

Blackout Sponsor — $250

Game Sponsor — $100

— IN-KIND DONATIONS —

For the Silent Auction and for secondary game prizes
(examples from previous Bingo events)

• A Service You Provide
• Gift Certificates
• Tickets to Sporting Events, Amusement Parks, Plays, Concerts, etc.
• Hand-crafted Jewelry and other items
• Asian Cultural Artwork
• Senbei
• Packaged Foods

OCBC Bingo Committee presents

BINGO NIGHT!

Saturday, March 16, 2019
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. DINNER
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. BINGO

Bingo to benefit Building Fund and OCBC Sports.
Must be 18 years or older to play Bingo.
For more information please contact:
Carol Takagi at ncgtakagi05@att.net or call (714) 272-4356, or
Calvin Togashi at ctogashi@gmail.com or call (714) 381-9316

BINGO Admission Ticket

☐ $20 per Adult (includes Bento and Admission)
☐ $15 per Child Ages 3 - 14 (includes Pizza and Fun Zone)
☐ $70 per Family (2 Adults and 2 or more Children)
Prices will increase on March 4.
Must be 21 years or older to play Bingo. No minors in MPB.
Bingo Game Packets will be available for purchase.
Orange County Buddhist Church • MPB (gym)
909 S. Dale Avenue • Anaheim, CA 92804
Proceeds to benefit OCBC Building Fund and OCBC Sports

To benefit: Completing the Dream
OCBC Sports and OCBC Building Fund
Project Kokoro presents the 2019
UNDOKAI-SPORTS
DAY & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY
MARCH 3, 2019
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
OCBC GYM

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 Sunday, February 17, 2019
(no walk-ins)

RSVP & check
must be mailed to:
Project Kokoro, Attn: Kathy Ito
9144 Mc Fadden Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683

QUESTIONS:
Kathy Ito: 714.401.8711
kathyito2@gmail.com

Come with your whole family (young & old)
and friends to celebrate the New Year 2019
and the Japanese tradition of
UNDOKAI - Sports Day!

We will be serving a delicious lunch. Following the lunch,
be ready to compete, have FUN playing games and
winning awesome prizes. Everyone will be a winner
whether you are on the RED or WHITE Team!!
So come join us for this PK celebration.

Please complete & return via mail by Sunday, February 17, 2019
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 $_______
# 2019 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following form to apply for Membership. 
Note: OCBC Membership is January - December

## STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

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Membership can be also remitted monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually (See Bottom Below)

**Young Adult**
OCBC members between 18-30 years of age.

**Introductory**
New First Time OCBC members (singles over 30 years of age and families).

**Sustaining**
Current/Ongoing members of OCBC.

**Kansha**
Special membership opportunity to provide additional financial support to OCBC.

## STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION

Name __________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City __________________ State ____________ Zip ____________
Phone Home: ___________ Cell: ___________
Email ____________________________

**Family Membership Information**

Spouse Name __________________________
Spouse Phone ___________ Cell: ___________
Email ____________________________
Child Name __________________________
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Child Name __________________________

**Emergency Contact**
Name: __________________________ Phone: ___________

## STEP 3: MAIL

Send membership form and check to:
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 South Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Mark or note on your check:

- [ ] Monthly
- [ ] Quarterly
- [ ] Semi-Annually
- [ ] Annually

Want faster, easier membership? Visit www.ocbuddhist.org/membership/
## JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR

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Additional Notes:
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- Family Service times are from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- Shotoku Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service) is held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 4:30 PM.