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<u>Fireside Chat Session on Shin Buddhism in</u> the West and Beyond

It was my pleasure to participate in the Fireside Chat Session on Shin Buddhism in the West and Beyond on January 27th, organized by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka. Tanaka-sensei was born in Japan and grew up in Mountain View, California. He received his B.A in Anthropology from Stanford University in 1970, then received his Master's in Philosophy and Indian Studies and his Ph.D. through the Graduate School of Humanities Doctoral Program in Buddhist Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1991. He was assistant professor at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), an affiliate of the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, California. After serving as the BCA Kaikyoshi Minster of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church in 1995, Tanaka-sensei moved to Japan, and became a professor of Buddhist studies at the Musashino University, Tokyo, Japan in 1998. He retired in 2018, and now gets more active in giving lectures, holding study sessions, and writing activities.

In 1981, when I came to the U.S., I was watching his Buddhism class on TV every weekend. I finally met him in person in 2012 at the Musashino University when I presented my paper. I have read his several academic papers and books including "Jewels" and Japanese books. It was my honor to be invited to his session in January.

Tanaka-sensei's 'Fire Chat Session on Shin Buddhism in the West and Beyond' started in September 2023, with the unique setting of a certain theme every month inviting a Shin Buddhist lay person and a guest of Shin Buddhist or Pure Land Buddhist teacher. Both speakers introduced themselves and made presentations for 45 minutes on the given questions based on the theme, followed by Q & A. Main Themes of each session:

- September 23, 2023 Being Born a Human
- October 21, 2023 Suffering and Difficulties
- November 25, 2023 Practice
- December 16, 2023 Afflictions
- January 27, 2024 Shinjin
- February 24, 2024 Daily Lives
- March 23, 2024 Pure Land

The theme that I talked about was "Shinjin." Tanaka-sensei told me that I am not expected to represent the Hongwanji or BCA but simply represent myself to share what I know and feel, which made me relaxed. There was the zoom capability to have 100 participants. The session started a 5PM on Saturday January 27th which is 9AM in Japan time.

I briefly introduced myself focusing on how I had encountered the Shin Buddhist path. My mother left for the

Amida's land of peace and happiness in 1990 when I was 31 years old. With the loss of my own mother, existential questions arose to me such as why was I born, what is the purpose to live? Those questions inspired me to study Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu seriously.

Several questions were previously prepared by Tanakasensei to me. Those are:

- 1. What does Shinjin mean to you?
- Shinji is often translated as "entrusting heart," "true entrusting mind, "faith mind," or "faith." Which do you prefer?
- 3. Dr. Tanaka translated it as "Shinjin realization and entrusting" because he understands Shinjin as one level of Mahayana Buddhist awakening or enlightenment. What do you think?
- 4. How do we know when we have experienced Shinjin? Do we experience it just one time or many times throughout our lives?
- In Shinjin, what do you awaken to or realize, or entrust in?
- Let me share what I shared and talked particularly the question 1 and 4 because of the limited space of my Korin article.

What does Shinjin mean to you?

The Jodo Shinshu term "Shinjin" is a central role in Shinran's doctrinal framework. In Shinran's writings, he explained the term "Shinjin" from various aspects and presenting synonyms, but he never told us how to get it, and what will happen after getting it. Doctrinally, "Shinjin" is the sole cause to join the non-retrogression stage in this life, and attain the Buddhahood after life, based on the Bodhisattva Dharmakara's primal vow, later on became the Amida Buddha stated in the *Larger Sutra*.

Honestly, I don't know if I obtained the mind of "Shinjin" or not. Some of sangha members sometimes ask me what is "Shinjin" and to see if they got it or not. I normally tell them, you are reciting the Nembutsu spontaneously, so don't worry. Spontaneous (natural Nembutsu) is a phenomenon that you did receive the "Shinjin" from Amida Buddha.

Sharing my experience, getting the "Shinjin" can be a metaphor of opening a door and entering to the new big world which has never been experienced in my life. Buddha's wisdom of non-discriminative to see the reality as it is instead of self-centered upside-down thinking.

With the wake-up call from my mother 's death, I was getting to know and understand the reality as it is. Getting aware that my world view was wrong, and as the result my value became completely shifted and transformed. I see myself more clearly as an ordinary being — being unenlightened and ignorant, sometimes I shame myself. (continued on page 4)

Four Will Get You Eight

When I first began to practice Buddhism, I was what scholars call a "Modern Convert Buddhist". This term is problematic for two reasons. First, I am not any more "modern" than those who have grown up with Buddhism. Second, a Modern Convert Buddhist doesn't really "convert" to Buddhism. We are not renouncing one set of beliefs for another. Rather, we are merely adopting a new style of living.



Sometime later, I also learned of another term that is often used to describe the type of Buddhism that those new to the tradition often focus on. It is called "Protestant Buddhism". That is, new Buddhists often bring Protestant sensibilities with them to their practice. This is also called "Concept Matching". We look for things in Buddhism that are familiar to us given our Protestant background. For example, a preference for doctrine and rules of conduct.

This is to be expected in the beginning and not altogether wrong but over time it can hide some of the aspects of Buddhism that make it unique. For example. I would like to share two versions of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path. We will start with one that often appeals to newcomers and then examine one that I think better represents the Buddhist perspective.

Protestant Buddhism also leans into a more scientific appreciation of the teachings. One example, is the concept of cause and effect. This is often used as a way of giving Buddhism a more formal presentation. For example, each one of the Four Noble Truths is presented as either a cause or an effect. In the following, we will start with the effect and then the cause and so on.

The first noble truth is the effect:

1. Life is difficult

It is the result of a cause. This cause is the second noble truth:

2. It is due to your desires

The third noble truth is another effect:

3. These desires need to be removed

The fourth noble truth is the cause to make this into a reality.

4. Achieve this via the Eightfold Path

This version is very transactional. It also focuses on the negative aspects of our lives and behavior that need to be removed. It is calculated and based upon will-power. This is presented as a task that must be completed based upon one's own efforts. In other words, you can pull yourself up by your bootstraps by completing the boot camp that is the Eightfold Path.

But there is another interpretation that I think is more in-line with the Buddhist tradition itself. Rather than focusing on our

desires and discipline, it pivots towards delusion and insight. It also replaces the scientific metaphor of cause and effect with a medicinal one of symptoms, diagnosis, prognosis and prescription. During the Buddha's time, it was medical practices that captured the public's imagination not science, which wasn't really a thing yet.

In this approach, we first state the symptoms:

1. My life has an uneasy feeling

Like something is off but you can't quite put your finger on it. Then the diagnosis is that:

2. We have a seeing or perspective problem

But luckily the prognosis is good, there is a cure.

3. Insight is the solution

Which can be realized if we just follow this prescription:

4. Walk the path everyday

This set of four truths open us up to a new interpretation of the Eightfold Path. Rather than something achieved, it becomes something that is received, as a benefit. After walking the path, listening to the teachings, and saying *Namoamidabutsu* we inevitably become such a person. One that is naturally more aware of their:



- 1. Views
- 2. Thoughts
- 3. Speech
- 4. Conduct
- 5. Livelihood
- 6. Effort
- 7. Mindfulness
- 8. Meditation

So it is through insight that we are transformed. Rather than by removing the bad bits, we are overwhelmed by something much greater than ourselves. We are still who we have always been but now we see everything from a different perspective. We have not become another person but have accepted ourselves and the world around us just as they are.

Namoamidabutsu, Rev Jon Turner

Remembering Masako

Janis Hirohama and I were fortunate to have arrived at Orange County Buddhist Church in 2006, when it was possible to make contact with the Nisei temple members who were then living. They were the generation, who in the 1940s, directly experienced incarceration and warfare. They were immediately welcoming to newcomers like Janis and me, and their cheerful presence is a benefit that I now deeply miss.

Masako Hamada, a Nisei member of OCBC, recently passed away at the age of 102. When I became personally acquainted with her, she was around ninety years old. Prior to then, I had spotted her often at the temple, as she paid close attention during the Sunday Dharma message and during Buddhist seminars. Masako-san was serious in her need to hear the Dharma. Without trying to be a model for anyone else, her way of listening to the teachings made a powerful impression. "How did she get to be like that?" I wondered.

I recall once when Rev. Harada explained to us that Masako -san and some of the other Nisei were *shōjōju* (正定聚) people. This word refers to "the group of the rightly settled ones." On the Dharma path identified by Shinran, the rightly settled ones are those who have awakened to the self-as-itis. They are firmly resolved as to the direction of their spiritual path, and their lives are certain to reach perfect fulfillment. Being new to these ideas, I figured that such people must have become adept at Buddhist practices and outstanding must have made some accomplishments. But I was mistaken about that. I think Masako-san would have denied having any ability for religious practices and would have disavowed any sort of accomplishment on her part. And consequently, she was indeed a rightly settled one.

Masako's friend, Mrs. Ochiai described herself as "wild, old, and noisy," to which I can attest. Masako was not wild or noisy, in my observations of her. Yet, her demeanor conveyed a great deal. One of our teachers has remarked that, in the context of Buddhism, a person who is quiet and peaceful like Masako can make a forceful impression.

Two other phrases from our tradition apply perfectly to Masako-san. One is *nembutsu-sha* (念仏者), a person of nembutsu, that is, one who has come to appreciate the meaning of Namo Amida Butsu. The other phrase is *gudō-sha* (求道者), one who seeks the Way, the sort of person represented in the following passage from *Sanbutsuge*: "Nothing surpasses my determination to seek the Way steadfastly and untiringly. Even if I should be subjected to all kinds of suffering and torment, continuing my practice undeterred, I would endure it and never have any regrets." [*Shin Buddhist Service Book*, pp. 35-36]

Masako-san nearly perished in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, and at that time she saw countless others killed. Hence, she regarded every moment of her remaining seventy-eight years as a tremendous gift. As stated in the passage, "Even if I should be subjected to all kinds of suffering and torment, continuing my practice undeterred, I would endure it and never have any regrets." This

expresses the spirit of a *gudō-sha*, who, like Masako-san, is determined "to seek the Way steadfastly and untiringly."

The writer Hideo Yonezawa gives a nice description of such persons: "[They] are not some kind of 'elite' people. They are 'ordinary' people like you and me. Although they are ordinary in most respects, they are not bound to secular life, but are focused on what is beyond it, which is expressed in Shin Buddhism as 'the Pure Land.' While they have transcended secular life, they are not removed from it, but stand right in the thick of the mud of our everyday world from which they learn about themselves." [Awaken to Your True Self, p. 133]

Once there was a minister named Gyodo Haguri, who had a keen appreciation for Shinran's teaching. Masako-san was a student of Haguri Sensei, and she often recommended that we study his writings, which were published in translation as The Awareness of Self. I expect that she would be urging me to study the book even now, rather than to expend time writing about her. My dream would be to see the following words by Haguri Sensei on a bronze plaque above the front door of our Hondo: "Generally speaking, people are considered to be good and faithful followers if they lead a moral life, attend church services, and participate in social welfare activities. In Shin Buddhism, however, while these practices are encouraged, they alone do not constitute the Buddhist way of life. What is critically important is that the teachings radically transform our way of thinking and living so that we become true individuals: strong in crisis, humble in success, tender in our feelings, and grateful at all times." [The Awareness of Self, p. 4]

In my interactions with Masako Hamada, she perfectly embodied that way of being, and she will always be a model for those who seek the Way in Shin Buddhism. Namo Amida Butsu.

Gasshō, Jim Pollard



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Fireside Chat Session on Shin Buddhism in the West and Beyond (continued from page 1)

"Shinjin" is a spiritual path — it makes me back on track. Buddha's calling voice to me always puts me back to track, instead of wandering around. I have a confidence in Amida's vow that I am gratefully living in the life of Namo Amida Butsu, and in the journey to becoming a Buddha (attaining Buddhahood), and eventually attain the Amida's Great Nirvana. However not only me going, but I will come back the samsara to share the Dharma, which will be my mission after my life.

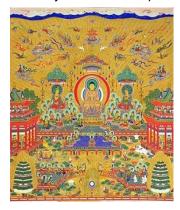
How do we know when we have experienced Shinjin? Do we experience just one time or many times throughout our lives?

As you know, there is no Shijin T-shirt selling at the Shin temple. Although I am not certain to tell that I do have the Shinjin, however the Nembutsu spontaneously comes out from my dirty mouth. So, the mind of Shinjin is activating within my heart and mind, maybe in my deep mind called the alaya-vijnana in Yogacara (representation only) concept.

In living with Shinjin, we are able to see things as they are, not throughout own self-centered lens, always reflect myself and try to hear and accept others. Getting supple mind (refer to the 33rd vow) to listen to others beyond words, willing to help, developing the compassionate mind even sacrificing myself.

I think that there is a time lag between the moment of receiving Shinjin and our recitation of Nembutsu. First the wake-up call, then self-reflection, getting to know and understand the reality and Amida's vow to me, then getting aware of daily discipline, and feel deep-joy and gratitude. I think the mind of Shinjin gets deeper and deeper as we listen, read, and appreciate the Buddha-Dharma. It is not monolithic, rather multiple dimensions. Shinran says that the true Shinjin (他力の信心) is always accompanied by the true Nembutsu (他力の念仏).

The session was well received and many comments and thoughts were shared among participants. This kind of study session makes a great step toward developing Shinran's teaching in the Western context and making Amida's soteriology universal beyond time and space.



Namo Amida Butsu Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

President's Message

Although the past month is a short one, it was packed with many things.

At the end of January, Southern District/CBE/IBS/JSIO put on the Winter Pacific Seminar themed, "Buddhism and War", hosted by the Gardena Buddhist Church. The Keynote Speaker in both English and Japanese was Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka. Our own Rev. Dr. Wondra, along with Rev. Furumoto, gave additional talks in Japanese, and our own Rev. Turner, along with Rev. Iwohara and Rev. Quon supported the event with their English messages. Several OCBC's members and I attended and enjoyed the depth of the relevant discussions of the current turbulent times.

Kyoto girls returned! After a 3-year hiatus (due to the pandemic), the girls and their respective staff/leaders arrived on a chilly Sunday morning on the 4th. 70 students came on this trip and they helped fill up the Hondo. Their musical presentation was so melodic and touching. It was a moving experience, especially reflecting on the fact that we share the Dharma, even though we are halfway around the globe. Thank you to Jr. YBA for hosting the luncheon afterwards which was delicious. It was entertaining to see the youth groups from different cultures interact.

It was also Scout Sunday where the smell of peach cobbler filled the air. It's been many years since I was a scout from the beginning days of Troop 578. It's been really great to see the legacy of those early pioneer dads' vision continuing through the thriving troop's activities. The addition of Cub Scouts has further deepened the scouting experience for those who start earlier.

On the weekend of February 24th, our new Presidentelect, Margie Mio and I, will be heading up to Sacramento to represent OCBC, along with our two Senseis. This is the first in-person National Council Meeting in several years. There will be several workshops, a message from Bishop Marvin Harada, and topics that Margie and I will be able to review and vote on behalf of our temple. Representing the BCA, Glenn and Michiko Inanaga will also be attending. I'm looking forward to working with other temple leaders to help cultivate a growth-minded culture for all of us to experience.

If you read Bishop Harada's message in the January Wheel of Dharma newsletter, you can feel his sense of urgency regarding the state of the BCA's temples' decline. I share his sentiment that the right time is now to take a proactive approach to the future of our temples.

Here at OCBC, thanks to you, we are a growth-minded Sangha that constantly looks for ways to improve our engagement with our organizations and to provide value to our members. It is no accident or pure luck that we've been able to maintain some stability in our membership. By being open minded to new ideas, new people, and always working to improve things, I personally have a deep appreciation for your dedication. We are poised for growth as the Dharma and the welcoming Sangha are a great combination for new individuals and families to experience. If you notice some new faces at our various events, please extend your welcome as our people are the 'secret' to this experience. I look forward to seeing you at your organizational events, and if you have any new members, please introduce us as I am proud to represent you, the Sangha.

In gassho, Bryan Furumoto OCBC President

The Shin Reader - Bob Bolander Poems

Buddhism has greatly influenced the culture (fine arts, literature, music, etc.) of many Asian countries including China, Korea, and Japan. American culture has also been influenced by Buddhism - not yet as noticeable. However, a quick internet search reveals songs with Buddhist terms in their titles such as "Bodhisatta Vow" by the Beastie Boys and "Instant Karma" by John Lennon. Rev Turner has stated there are many songs that have Buddhist themes but one may not immediately notice because traditional Buddhist terms are not in the song title or the lyrics. In many cases the song writer is Buddhist. Those songs are not easily found with a simple internet search. Rev Harada has said America needs more Buddhist artists creating Buddhist paintings, songs, poems, short stories, screen plays, movies, etc. OCBC member, Bob Bolander, is an American Buddhist poet. Enjoy three of his poems.

Showing Gratitude

How do we show gratitude
When our lives are comfortable and fineWhen most things that we want or need
Are graspable, and trouble's benign?

With a complacent attitude, Can we still show gratitude?

It would be amazing if
The noun "gratitude" became a verb;
Wouldn't the world be different then?
How exciting! How superb!

Gratitude's not about being thankful
For all of our THINGS--our many possessions.
Gratitude's not about giving lip service
To how much we care--empty expressions.

Gratitude's not about singing praises; It's more about trying to explore The deeper truth behind behavior That brings the here and now to the fore.

True gratitude is in our actions And comes directly from the heart; It's more than just good intentions, And selfishness plays no part.

Gratitude's reflected in our giving--Giving in more ways than one: In caring, helping, smiling, sharing--Without a hint of being outdone.

Appreciation and thankfulness Provide a feeling of satisfaction, Which in turn touches all hearts, Causing a positive chain reaction.

A truly heartfelt attitude Expresses heartfelt gratitude

(9-8-14) By Bob B

The Lesson*

One day a wealthy father Decides that it is time to give His privileged son a lesson on How the poor actually live.

After spending a day and a night On a poor, humble farm with his son, The father asks on the drive home, "How was your stay? Did you have fun?"

"Oh, yes indeed," says the son.
"They're very poor. Did you see?"
Asks the father. The son nods,
Having no reason to disagree.

The father continues: "Tell me what You learned about being poor."
The son thinks and says, "We Have only ONE dog; they have FOUR.

"In our garden, we have a fountain; They have an endless stream that runs by. Our garden has boring lamps; They have all the stars in the sky.

"Our property stops at our fence.
To see beyond the garden is hard.
For them, on the other hand,
The entire horizon is their backyard."

The father doesn't know what to say.
Smiling from across the car,
The son says, "Thank you so much, Dad,
For showing me how poor we are."

(10-23-17) By Bob B
*A popular tale (source unknown) retold here in verse

Stubborn Longings

So often we hear "Live the moment!"
"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,"
"You may delay, but time will not,"
And "Carpe diem!" or "Seize the day!"

Ah, such reminders cajole us, Tease us, nudge us, make us reflect. Alas, the wise admonitions Always seem wiser in retrospect.

Flowers wilt; snows melt; Mountains crumble by and by; The universe is constantly changing: Stars are born, while others die.

Acknowledging that everything passes And changes, deep inside we hold fast To stubborn longings of permanence-To vain hopes that all will last.

(11-2-17) By Bob B

BWA News



Just when we thought El Nino had skipped over SoCal, along came the mighty Pineapple Express bringing more rain than we could imagine! Of course, we embrace the much-needed rain as it keeps everything looking fresh, but sometimes it can be overwhelming in large doses!

February is a special month for BWA members as we honor our founder, Lady Takeko Kujo. Our annual Kisaragi-ki memorial service was held on February 3rd in the Hondo with almost 30 in attendance. Thank you, Rev. Dr. Wondra, for highlighting the many accomplishments of this remarkable young woman and Rev. Ellen Crane for coofficiating the service under cloudy, but dry skies! Not only did Lady Kujo open the doors for women in Buddhism, she was instrumental in the reconstruction of her Hongwanji after the Great Kanto earthquake in Tokyo and established Japan's first medical center, Asoka Hospital. She was also a devoted poet and a collection of her translated works can be found in the book entitled "Leaves of My Heart." Thank you, Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra, for bringing her essays and poems to light and her thoughts and feelings still resonate with us today.

After service and a group photo, we gathered in the social hall for a delicious lunch filled with assorted salads, beverages, and desserts. When everyone was finished eating, it is was time to move on to...BUNCO! If you haven't played before, it's a lot of fun as you rotate after each game and make new friends along the way. Thank you to Laura, Debbie, and Susan for chairing this event and the cabinet members f or providing the delicious lunch and see you at our next event!

Announcements

- -Our next Pop-up event will be held on March 3rd, which is also Hinamatsuri. Please stop by and maybe you'll find something special to celebrate the occasion.
- -Our next Senior Lunch will be held on March 11th and encourage all BWA members to attend.
- -Our next BWA meeting will be held on March 17th in the Kodo at 12:30 p.m. following the Spring Ohigan Service and luncheon.
- -Save the Date for our Hanamatsuri Festival on April 20 and 21. Details to follow at our next meeting.

Questions: For general questions regarding BWA or its activities, you may contact Noreen Kamimura or Rumi Nakatani at **BWA @orangecountybuddhist.org**.

In Gassho, Chris Nakamura





Dharma School News

IN GRATITUDE

Dharma School gratefully acknowledges the generous Oseibo donations from our Sangha.

FUNDRAISING

"My Offering" envelopes are being sent out to Dharma School families, asking for support of the BCA's continuing efforts to develop and maintain the educational goals of Dharma School. The funds support development, printing, and distribution of DS teaching aids and materials, as well as training and workshops for teachers. New ministers also benefit by receiving aid for expenses incurred in the purchase of robes and other required religious articles.

DS Gift Card sales help with classroom books and materials, teacher conference fees, equipment, etc. The sales table is available on the first and third Sundays of each month at/near the hospitality table near the entrance to the Hondo. There you will find Lynn Morita ready to help with your purchase. If you have questions, please email dharma.school@orangecountybuddhist.org.

SERVICE PROJECT

Classes are currently working on a service project creating and donating food and hygiene kits to City Net, a non-profit organization that helps the homeless. The kits give our students a chance to connect with children, youth, and families that need services. It appears a small gesture, but the DS students are given an insight into the plights of others and the meaning of compassion and dana.

OUR SCHEDULE

Classes begin immediately at the close of the regular family service, and they end at 11:30, at which time students are dismissed to the courtyard. Parents are asked to meet their students promptly at that time.

Upcoming regular class meetings: March 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st.

Other dates: Feb. 25th, BCA Eitaikyo Hybrid (no services at OCBC); March 10th, Girl Scout Sunday; March 17th, Spring Ohigan Service (Attendance/sign in may be used as a make -up class for perfect attendance goal.)

LOOKING FORWARD

April: Hanamatsuri Service, 7th; Hanamatsuri Festival, 20-21st

May: Mother's Day Service/Pancake Breakfast, 12th ; Hatsumairi, 19th

HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

On May 19th, the Hatsumairi Ceremony will be conducted as the official initial presentation of an infant/young child to the Buddha and to the Sangha. Parents who wish to have their child (36 months/younger) participate may contact the office (714 827-9590) to request an application. Please share this information with family/friends.

In Gassho, Janet Sakahara

Project Kokoro News

New Years Casino Luncheon March 3

We are ready to have lots of FUN at the upcoming New Year's Party Luncheon from 12pm – 3pm. There will be gaming tables for Blackjack, Poker, Craps, Roulette, Pai Gow, Let it Ride, plus a Color Wheel and Bingo too! Attendees receive \$500 in chips that can be redeemed for prizes. This luncheon is free to all OCBC Sustaining Senior members age 70+. Registration is \$25 for OCBC members under age 70, and \$35 for non-OCBC members. Look for the flyer in the February Korin for details and registration info. For additional questions you can email:

ocbcprojectkokoro@gmail.com

PK Craft Club

Classes meet each Wednesday in the social hall from 9am to 12pm. If you would like to join a workshop or want more information, please contact Dorothy or Rumi:

Dorothy Matsuoka: dcmatsuoka@aol.com Rumiko Nakatani: rumiko@sbcglobal.net

OCBC/Tanaka Farms CSA Program

Get fresh vegetables and fruits by registering to pick up medium or large boxes every other Sunday at OCBC. To signup visit:

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or contact Patty Nagatoshi: csa@tanakafarms.com or Bonnie Goodman: bgood1@cox.net

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In gassho Neddie Bokosky



ABA News

Brian and I take a weekly yoga class. The instructor shared that he recently asked people of all ages in his yoga classes, what their fitness goals were. Goals for those under 40 included: snowboarding, biking, or running. Those between 40-60, wanted to keep hiking, playing sports, or traveling. Those between 60-80, wanted to keep walking, playing pickleball, and climbing stairs without pain. Those older, just wanted to be able to use the toilet without assistance or pain. Things we take for granted, become more vital and gain importance as we age. Undeniably, he said that people who are more active, will tend to be able to stay active in their daily lives.

I have some great news! We have many ABA events ahead to keep everyone engaged and active! By the time you read this, the Super Bowl Party will have already happened. Stay tuned to hear who won the Chili Cook-off Contest, and who won some of the other games that are planned. We also have Hanamatsuri coming up on April 20-21, which will undoubtedly keep all of us very busy. Think of your shifts as an opportunity for increasing your level of activity. (Did that work to motivate you to sign up for a shift?) OCBC will be host a Clothing & Textile Collection Drive on April 28. Another method of getting active by cleaning out your closets! We also have our Antelope Canyon, AZ trip in the works. The trip was moved from May to October, to maximize our chances of having good weather. A day trip to Japan House in LA is also being planned. For the golfers, the OCBC Golf Tournament will be held on September 9 at the Alta Vista Country Club in Placentia this year. Hopefully, all of these ABA activities will keep us active enough so that we won't be using "THE TOILET GOAL" for a very long time! For those of you not yet in ABA, isn't it time to join and get active again?

Here's to continued good health and remember to stay active!

With Gassho, Jeanne Kumagai

OCBC's Refounded YABA

The refounded OCBC YABA (Young Adult Buddhist Association) held their first general meeting January 28th, 2024! YABA has been refounded on the ideas of connection, community, and service, and seeks to create a safe space for young adults interested in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and the Japanese-American community.

Themed, "Roots," 22 people came out to see what YABA has to offer, explore and share about their backgrounds, and spend some time getting to know one another. After the meeting, attendees went out to continue getting to know one another at Rodeo 39 for our meeting after event! YABA's next meeting will be Sunday, February 25th at 12pm in the MPB Classrooms upstairs where we will host a variety of social and religious activities! Anyone who is in the age range of 21-31 is welcome to join in.

Stay updated with YABA by following us on Instagram @ocbcyaba



Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

The Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041 has been busy this winter season including selling Girl Scout cookies (first time for many Daisies), learning Taiko drums, making mochi, visiting the local fire station, participating in all troop flag ceremonies, and learning new things at the troop meetings.



During one of the troop meetings, the Cadettes taught the Daisies about the Taiko drums and also how to make mochi. They were able to learn the basics on how to play the Taiko drums and it provided them with initial exposure so that they can take advantage of one of the many groups offered at OCBC in the future. The Daisies were also so excited to make pink mochi to take home to their families to try. The

Cadettes were amazing teachers and had so much patience to teach the Daisies new skills. The next day, the Daisies had the opportunity to visit the Station 17 Orange County Fire Department in Cypress, CA. They were given a tour of the fire house and explored their fire engines. They also



were able to take pictures with the Fire Fighters that worked at the station.

In the past month, the girls have also participated in the all-troop flag ceremony, started selling Girl Scout cookies, and learning new crafts and activities during their meetings by their troop leaders. The Daisies have been learning the skills of selling cookies to their family and friends, and also enjoying taste testing each of the cookie flavors. The Daisies will be spending the next few weeks selling cookies to family and friends. They are also selling Girl Scout cookies at the cookie booths in various locations in Anaheim, CA. Grab your favorite Girl Scout cookies from one of the Girl Scouts and support their troop!

In the Spring, the Daisies are preparing for Hinamatsuri "Girls Day", where the girls will be learning about the hina dolls, learn about the importance of celebrating Girls Day, and try on yukatas and happi coats. They will also be participating in a Father Daughter dance with their daddies in the upcoming weeks. We thank all the Daisy parents for all your support and volunteering at each event. The girls have been enjoying collecting new badges for all of these activities while also learning new skills and participating in all the activities.

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916

Happy February and Happy Lunar New Year from Brownie Troop 916 to all who celebrate! We wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2024!

On January 6th, the Brownies earned the Water Resources and Conservation Patch. The girls went to Newport Beach to learn from the Municipal Water District of Orange County and went on a guided hike to get a better understanding of their local water supply resources and how to protect them.

On January 26th, the Brownies had their Brownie Overnighter in the Social Hall. The girls earned two badges: The Space Science Explorer Badge and the Snacks Badge.



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The girls achieved their Space Science Explorer Badge by learning with a telescope, a constellation punch card, and a star finder. Keeping with the space theme, they earned their Snacks Badge by making Planets and Stars with Cheese and Crackers, Phases of the Moon with Oreos, and Fruit Skewer Comets.

The girls then capped the night off with a pizza party and hot chocolate. After a dance party with "Shake It Off" playing in the background, and flashlights and stuffed animals flying through the air...it was lights out. I wish I could say it was a restful night for the supervising parents...but at least the girls had a blast!

On March 10th, the girls will be partnering up with the Daisies to sing a song at service for Girl Scout Sunday.

Thank you for your support!

In Gassho, Gary Dote



The girls have kick-started 2024 in high gear in preparation for Junior Jam. Junior Jam is an event hosted by the Anaheim Horizons Troop that encompasses a camping social

for two nights and three days. One morning is reserved for competition of skill and knowledge. The girls will compete against other participating Junior troops in Southern California on skills and knowledge related to camping (setting up a tent, knots, whipping/lashing/hanking, knife safety skills, fire building and the anatomy of a fire, first aid, compass and trail signs, emergency preparedness, care of the American Flag and the Girl Scout way)

Most of the troop was able to attend Junior Jam Skills Day Training. This event was a great opportunity to get a preview of the skills they will learn. It was a long day of learning, but very proud of the girls that they



can erect a tent in 5 minutes and 56 seconds on their first try.

We have also incorporated the Earthquake Safety patch with their training. They had to discuss with their parents who their emergency contact(s) outside of the local area in the event of an earthquake, review and list foods that they can store and if there is a natural disaster and grocery shopping is inaccessible. Their last task will be to build a shelter that can withstand outdoor elements with limited resources.

Notice that Girl Scout cookie sales have commenced. Junior Troop 855 had their first booth sale on 2/10 at Stater Brothers on N. State College, inspiring customers to add to their snack selections for Super Bowl. The girls have made individual goals of cookie sales that will go towards funding their Bridging Ceremony, Bronze Award and end of the year celebration for their collective effort and teamwork.



If you know any 4th or 5th grade girl that is interested to join Juniors then please reach out to: Stacy Yamanishi at **Stacyyama@gmail.com** or Mary Jane Morimoto at **mj.moto212@gmail.com**.

In Gassho, Mary Jane Morimoto

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

In January, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 675 had a Little Daisy Sisters Mochi/Taiko event. First, the Girl Scouts in Daion Taiko played a traditional song called Ren Shu to show the Daisies how we perform. Then, we separated into two groups: the Mochi group and the Taiko group. The Mochi group helped the Daisies make soft and sweet mochi, and

the Taiko group taught them how to play taiko. At the end of the event, we exchanged SWAPS, we gave Daisies a little mochi swap, and Daisies gave us a little lollipop swap.



At our second meeting in January, the Cadettes worked on earning fun badges: Cookie Innovator badge, Comic Artist badge, Science of Happiness badge, and New Cuisine badge. Instead of the leaders teaching, each patrol had to teach one of the badges. The Cookie Innovator badge taught fun ways to reach our cookie goals, connect with customers, and sell cookies. The Comic Artist badge was for learning how to write creative and fun comics. The Science of Happiness badge is learning the scientific study of what makes happy people happy. The New Cuisine badge is about learning delicious dishes from all over the world and way back in the day.

The cadettes celebrated Lunar New Year by earning a New Year Dragon patch. We learned Chinese New Year traditions, made a cool red envelope lantern, and wrote zodiac characters.





During our second meeting in January, we held our first Court of Honor where the Cadettes were recognized for



their hard work in earning their Journey Badges, Silver Torch, Primitive Camping, Archery, and Business Creator badges. Guess what time it is... it's cookie season! In February, the Cadettes will be very busy selling cookies. If you want to buy cookies, we are happy to help get you any of our tasty cookies. Finally, Girl Scout Sunday is coming

up on March 10th. Please join us to try delicious Girl Scouts cookie desserts.

Girl Scout Senior Ambassador Troop 881

Our Senior Ambassador troop had the opportunity to travel to Savannah, Georgia over MLK weekend in mid-January. We visited the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, and learned about her family history, stories about her life, and how she started Girl Scouts. We toured the house she grew up in while learning about the history of Girl Scouts, and after we enjoyed an afternoon tea with snacks! The next day, we visited the first Girl Scout headquarters, and we earned an exclusive Savannah Patch and pin to add to our vests. This trip helped bring our upperclassmen ambassadors closer with our new 9th grade seniors as we bonded in our free time exploring Savannah, eating delicious food, and spending time in the hotel room.

Our upcoming events that we are looking forward to are Girl's Day on February 23rd, and also Girl Scout Sunday on March 10th!

In Gassho, Madison Ige



Weekly pickleball sessions In the MPB gym.

For more information:

Wednesdays 12:30p—2:30p session email Ryan @ **rko7@hotmail.com**

Weekend sessions
(times based on gym availability)
email Jeff/Carol
ocbcpickleball@gmail.com

Cub Scout Pack 578

The Bears wrapped up the 2023 year on a sweet note with their skit, Two Suckers at the Candy Shop this Pack Holiday Party. It's amazing to see how much our den has grown and accomplished in just two short years. That said, we are pleased that a new scout has joined our den making us now a den of 5 curious, courageous, and kind-hearted bears.

Our tight-knit den worked diligently to prepare for the recent Ho'Onko luncheon at the start of the year. The luncheon was a wonderful experience for the planning families and pack families all around. We are incredibly grateful to fellow Bear parent and restaurant owner, Brian Sugita and his team at 38 Degrees in Alhambra for their generosity and support. They prepared delicious trays of brisket, pineapple shoyu pork and salad for the event. With scrumptious BBQ and numerous home made dishes from the Pack, the amazing and plentiful spread was perfect for the community. The sight of scouts setting up, bussing tables, and cleaning up never gets old and is a good reminder of why we believe in scouting.

Our recent adventures have been both educational and entertaining. Learning how to build a tent was not only a practical skill but also taught the importance of teamwork. And of course, our Roaring Laughter adventure was filled with jokes and laughter, showcasing our den's vibrant personalities.

Looking ahead, we have many exciting events on the horizon. The Blue and Gold Dinner is always a memorable occasion for families and the Pinewood Derby and Pack Game Night are also highly anticipated events that bring our pack together for some friendly competition and fun. Stay tuned for more!



Boy Scout Troop 578

Troop 578 has been hard at work participating in service projects, camping trips, and lots of fun activities. This winter season, Troop 578 visited the Kei-ai nursing home and partook in songs and carols for the residents. This was also the first in person nursing home caroling event since 2019. 22 scouts attended and sang various holiday songs and even a few played instruments. The troop also made 300 snowman paint stick crafts that were left for the residents.

The scouts then partook in the annual rice washing event. We rose early in the morning to prepare the rice for the upcoming Mochitsuki event which was a huge success.

Desert Camp is another fun time for all boy scouts to come together on a rare experience far away from OCBC and ordinary scouting activities. Just outside of Joshua Tree National Park, we saw lots of great views while doing scenic hikes. We arrived Friday night, setting up under the night sky. We set up our tents in the dark and went to bed to prepare for the following day's activities. We woke up early Saturday morning to the delicious scent of breakfast made by our patrol cooks. Then we proceeded on to our first activity, a hike. It was to the top of a nearby mountain where we had a great view of the surrounding area. Next we did the West side loop trail which was a whopping four miles in length and though it was very long, it made the food even better. As the sun set scouts gathered around the campfire where each patrol presented a skit they had made. Then ASM Kelly led the scouts in the astronomy merit badge under the outstanding night sky, away from all the light pollution and sounds of the city. Sadly the weekend had flown by and it was time to pack our stuff up and head back to OCBC. Thank you to the Nakagawa and Karasawa families for planning a spectacular weekend. All of these activities are just a fraction of what our troop does and we look forward to a future filled with activities.

> Yours in Scouting Alex kelly

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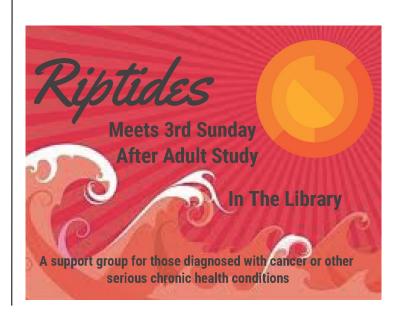
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In Gassho, Doug Iwanaga Building Fund Treasurer





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> Janis Kanemaki Masako "Byrda" Hamada Yetsuko Kiyomi Rui Shimomura

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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Below is a list of the 2023 Orange County Buddhist Church Sustaining, Senior, Kansha, Introductory, and Young Adult members as of **December 31, 2023**. These members pay dues based on their respective membership level. Approximately one-third of our temple's gross income is from membership dues. The annual per member assessment by the Buddhist Churches of America is paid from the proceeds of our membership income to help fund BCA operations and religious programs which benefit all BCA temples.

In 2016, the Kansha membership level was introduced as a voluntary higher contribution membership level. In 2017, an introductory membership option and a young adult membership (under the age of 30 years) were added. The Introductory and Young Adult membership levels provide a transition to the Sustaining Membership level. Beginning in 2020, a reduced Senior Membership rate became available to members 85 years and older. A membership form is in each issue of the Korin.

We strive to be as accurate as possible. If you paid 2023 dues (in full or partially) and you cannot find your name or your partner's name or if your name is misspelled, please contact the OCBC office. We also try to group the names of partners next to each other including those who have different last names.

To all members, thank you very much for your continued support.

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CASINO NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Sunday, March 3, 2024

12 PM to 3 PM | OCBC Social Hall

FREE GAMING ~ RAFFLE ~ PRIZES

Blackjack - Roulette - Craps - Poker - Pai Gow Money Wheel- Let it Ride - AND MORE!

LUNCH INCLUDED

RSVP by February 18, 2024 (no walk ins) Questions? Email: ocbcprojectkokoro@gmail.com

SPACE IS LIMITED!

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Spring Ohigan Seminar

Dr. Nobuo Haneda Maida Center of Buddhism

Saturday, 16 March 2024 9:30 am on YouTube



The Core Issue in Shinran's Teaching:
Differences Between Passions-Obstacles and
the Dualistic-Thinking-Obstacle
(English)

親鸞聖人の教えの核心: 二つの障り[即ち、心の障りと身の障り]の違い (Japanese)

English & Japanese are separate presentations.

YouTube links on www.orangecountybuddhist.org/bec

No pre-registration needed. Donations accepted.



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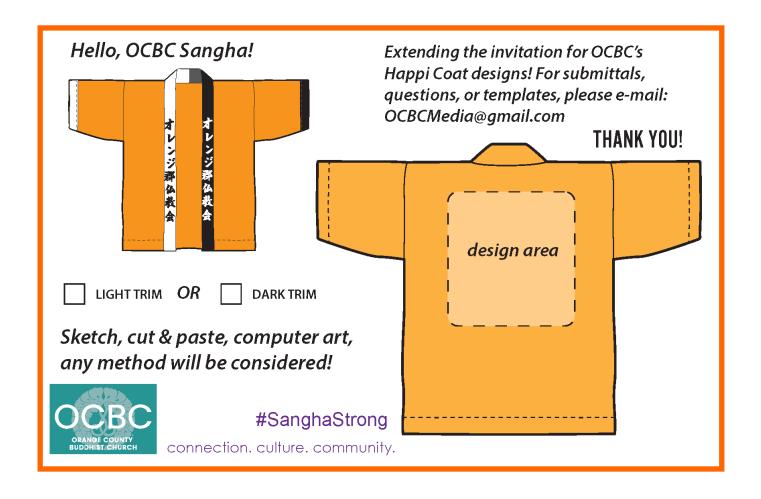
Sunday, March 17, 2024, 10:00 am

SPRING OHIGAN

Guest Speaker: Dr. Nobuo Haneda

Maida Center of Buddhism Recorded Messages in English and Japanese

Luncheon in Social Hall hosted by Sangha Teens







Date:

Sunday April 28, 2024

Time:

8:00am to 12:00pm

Donation Preparations:

All gently used items must be clean, dry and in a plastic bag.

Drop off donations at the OCBC parking lot on event day.

Please do not bring items before the drop off day. There is no storage space at the church.

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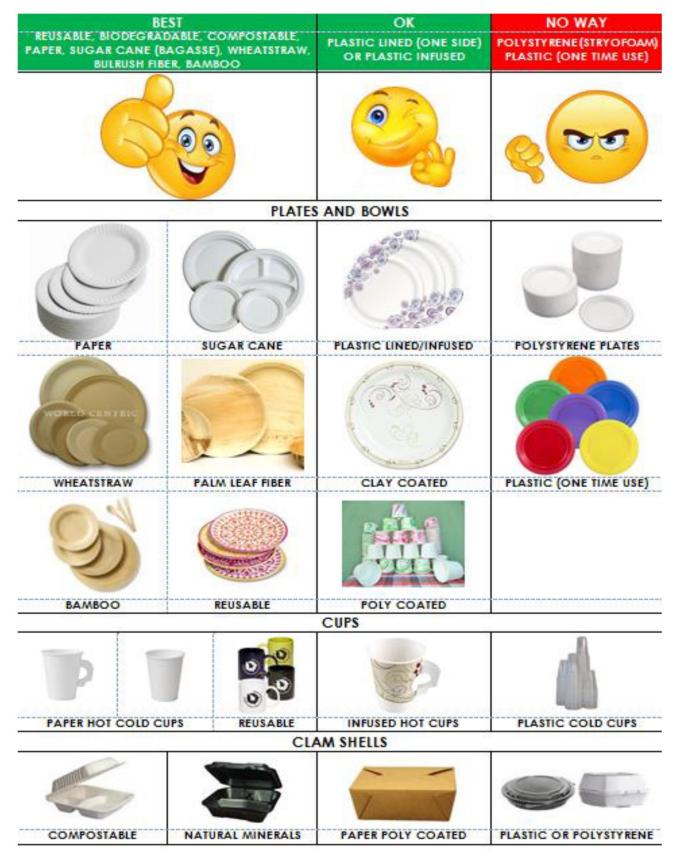
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Donated items will be taken to Savers Thrift Shop All Proceeds go to the OCBC Youth Department Thank You! For Your Support!

Be mindful.

Please help OCBC be an eco-friendly campus.

Thank you!





Save the Date!

Monday, September 9, 2024 Alta Vista Country Club Placentia, CA

Shotgun Start: 10:00am

Sponsorship and Registration Details Coming soon!





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2024 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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MARCH 2024 CALENDAR

Calendar Subject to Change! Please check our website. For all ONLINE services please log on to www.orangecountybuddhist.org and follow the links.

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