

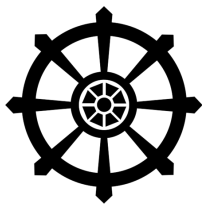
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Happy New Year 2024 – Year of Dragon!

Cheers to health, happiness, and prosperity in 2024 in the Amida Buddha's immeasurable light and life! Wishing you and yours a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year! I deeply wish the spirit of peace and loving care will permeate to all people in this world. They say that the year of dragon will bring luck, wealth, and power, with opportunity for growth and renewal, but also challenges and conflicts, emphasizing the need for forgiveness and peaceful resolution.

As you know, the dragon is a mythical animal, created in the Chinese culture over 7,000 years ago. Dragon has been symbolized as power, longevity, and authority over rain, rivers, and sometimes storms and floods. People in China begged the God of Dragon for rain in the middle of dried season to ensure enough harvest in fall season.

Dragon in Buddhism

As the symbol of enlightenment, Chinese Buddhist artists have adopted the dragon over a long time. You may find the dragon scripture decorated in roofs and portals of Buddhist temples, symbolizing the special power of clairvoyance. There are four dragon images of scripture in the maejoku table in our Naijin in Hondo. See the image. It is very colorful. Do you see sharp eyes to see how things are going in this world?



Connection with Dragon 龍

The first Pure Land Buddhist master who Shinran Shōnin selected is Nāgārjuna (c.150-25), which literally means 'dragon-Arjunna,' spelled 龍樹 (pronounced Ryū-ju). He was the greatest master of Buddhism in history, and the major schools and sects which developed in India, China, Tibet, and Japan attribute their respective origin to him. In Japan, Nāgārjuna has been highly esteemed as 'the founder of the eight Buddhist schools.' According to the Kegon (Huayan) tradition, Nāgārjuna visited the Dragon Palace, where he was shown three versions of the Grand Sutra on the Inconceivable Emancipation: larger, medium and short. The first two versions were so extensive that he brought back only the short text consisting of a hundred thousand verses. This version, however, was short-lived. Its abridgement in thirty-six thousand verses was transmitted to China, where it was translated as the *Garland Sutra* in sixty fascicles.

Nāgārjuna was born in the brahmin family. He was a gifted child, in his early years he had already become well-versed in the four Vedas and mastered other learnings. Later he converted to Buddhism. Having received monastic precepts,

he first learned Hinayana teaching. Later he entered the Himalayas, where he studied Mahayana scriptures. Traveling throughout the country, he further studied other forms of Buddhism and also non-Buddhist philosophical thought. Under the royal patronage of the Sātavāhana dynasty in Southern India, he was engaged in propagating Mahayana. It is said that the kings built for him a cave monastery where he spent his last years.

According to his biography, Nāgārjuna had learned some magic when young. With his three friends, he used it to conceal their bodies from sight. They entered the royal place unseen and played with some court-ladies. When suspicion of the invisible intruders arose, the king ordered the guards to close all the gates and place sands on ground. Sure enough, they saw many footprints. The guards started lashing the air with their swords. Nāgārjuna's three friends were all killed, but he was able to escape unhurt by standing right next to the king. This incident prompted him to renounce the world, and pursue the Buddhist path. We can see Nāgārjuna's human perspective from this story.



Shinran praises Nāgārjuna

Shinran proudly tells that the Buddha Sakyamuni once prophesied that a monk will appear in Southern India, and his name is Nāgārjuna Bodhisattva and he destroys wrong views with all kind of dichotomous views. The *Shōshinge* that we always chant during the Sunday service says that Nāgārjuna would reach the Stage of Joy and attain birth in the Pure Land of Peace and Bliss. He taught that the difficult practices are toilsome like traveling on foot on land, and urged us to believe that the Easy Practice is pleasant like cruise ship on water. Nāgārjuna left the grateful teaching, once we hear and receive the Buddha's calling voice *Namo Amida Butsu* with open mind and heart, we all spontaneously enter the stage of assurance. This means that we can join the OCBC positive and friendly sangha and share the joy of living together in the Amida's immeasurable wisdom and compassion by reciting the *Nembutsu* in gratitude.

I wish this year of Dragon will bring a lot of happiness and peace to all of you and prosperity to OCBC.

Namo Amida Butsu, Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

"True" and "Real" in the New Year

The following dialog is from the TV show *Seinfeld*. It is one of my favorites. It is the Car Reservation scene from Season 3, Episode 11.

Clerk: "Can I help you? Name please."

Jerry: "Seinfeld, I made a reservation for a midsize."

Clerk: "Okay, let's see here. Well, I'm sorry, we have no midsize available at the moment."

Jerry: "I don't understand. I made a reservation. Do you have my reservation?"

Clerk: "Yes, we do. Unfortunately, we ran out of cars."

Jerry: "But the reservation keeps the car here! That's why you have the reservations."

Clerk: "I know why we have reservations."

Jerry: "I don't think you do. If you did, I'd have a car. See, you know how to take the reservation, you just don't know how to hold the reservation. And that's really the most important part of the reservation: 'The holding.' Anyone can just take them."

Clerk: "Let me, uh, speak with my supervisor. I'm sorry, my supervisor says there's nothing we can do."

Often their humor was based upon the oddities of daily life, everyday frustrations and misunderstandings. In this case, it is a car reservation, one that needs to be both "true" and "real". "True" in the sense that it was recorded that Jerry wanted a midsize car on a given date and time. This is to "take" a reservation but then they must also "hold" the reservation, meaning that there is actually a midsize car in the lot awaiting his arrival. But for Jerry, the reservation was only "true". It was not "real" because there was no midsize car set aside for him.

Another example of "true" and "real" is growing older. I know that growing older is "true" but it likely won't feel "real" until I register for Medicare. That is when it will be both "true" and "real" for me. There is also the opposite case where things can be "real" but not "true". For example, a Ponzi scheme is "real" but it is certainly not "true".

"True" and "real" is also especially relevant for Buddhists. The teachings must be both "true" and "real". For example, the impermanence and interdependence of all life is a profound teaching that is "true". It accurately describes our reality, both internally and externally.



But it only becomes "real" when we experience this truth within our own heart and mind. It must become a lived experience for it to be "real".

Shinran often uses the compound kanji 真実. This is pronounced *Shin Jitsu*. These two characters can be translated as *Truth & Reality* or *True Reality*. For our purposes, I would like to think of it as *True & Real*. For Shinran, the teachings accurately describe reality as it is and at the same time transforms our experience of it. Shinran states this in the sixteenth verse of his *Shoshinge*. He encourages us to:

依	修	多	羅	顯	真	実
E	SHU	TA	RA	KEN	SHIN	JITSU
Rely	"SHU"	"TA"	"RA"	Reveal	True	Real

Rely on the sutras that reveal what is True and Real

The transformation of something "true" into something "real" also occurs when we move from something that is prescriptive to something that is descriptive. I saw this occur in the life of Mrs. Helen Fukino, who recently passed away.

She received the Dharma name 順真 long ago. It is pronounced *Jun Shin*. The first character is for "follow" and the second is for "truth", one of the characters we have been discussing. This compound was initially translated as "To Follow Truth". "To Follow" is called an infinitive verb. Infinitives are a form of verb that allows them to be used as a noun. It is prescriptive and emphasizes the teachings as something "true". For example, "it is important for you to follow the teachings".

However, for her funeral I translated it as "Following Truth". "Following" is called a present-progressive verb form. Present-progressives are used to indicate a present action that is in progress, being repeated, or to express the future. In other words, Mrs. Fukino was able to take what is "true" and make it something very "real" in her everyday life. A way of life that she was living in the here and now and also on into the future.

We can also think of Buddhism as an action that is present in the moment, continually repeated and then carried on into the future. It is those around us that help us move from the merely "true" to the profoundly "real". We move from diving into Buddhism head first to being able to experience it with our bodies by just floating within the embrace of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. Thus, moving from "to follow" to "following".

Namoamidabutsu,
Rev Jon Turner



The Evolving Spirit of Diversity in American Shin Buddhism

This year commemorates an important milestone for Shin Buddhism in America. On September 1, 2024, BCA will celebrate 125 years in North America and various commemorative events are scheduled throughout the entire year. In this article I would like to highlight some important aspects of this 125 year history. Over a century and a quarter, Jodo Shinshu moved from a Japanese form of Buddhism to what we today refer to as Shin Buddhism, an evolving American form of the tradition.

The Co-Evolution of Shin Buddhism and the Japanese American Community

Historical Perspective. There is a deep and intimate connection between the Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism and the Japanese American experience in America. The changes that came with the opening up of Japan at the end of the 19th century heralded the Meiji Era with its unprecedented efforts to modernize Japan. It impacted every level of society and institution.

This opening also had a profound effect on Nishi Hongwanji, our Shin Buddhist mother temple in Kyoto, as they sought to enter the modern world. Hongwanji sent the first Buddhist priests to Hawaii in 1889 and to North America in 1899. During the Meiji period, economic opportunities arose for everyday citizens to leave Japan and seek their fortunes, something not available to the average person for two and a half centuries. Over the course of fifty years from the 1870's to 1920 thousands left for the plantations of Hawai'i and the fields of North America. They brought with them their Buddhist religion, and while most were Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, there were also Shingon, Zen, Nichiren, Christians and others. Temples multiplied across the Hawaiian islands and up and down the western half of North America, primarily from California to Canada.

These temples became community centers for the Japanese immigrants and their families, offering Sunday services, Japanese language schools and many Japanese cultural activities, much like today. It was a safe place for many, because life in America was difficult. Racial discrimination was institutionalized and was a part of everyday life. It was the immigrant story told and retold with every new group that arrived on American shores. A significant difference was the fact that the Chinese and Japanese immigrants who came to American shores would never look like the European immigrants who eventually blended into American society. They would always have an Asian face.

The internment of the Japanese during WWII was a defining moment for the Japanese and Japanese American community. Adversity solidified them as a community but also reinforced their sense of "other." Buddhist services and ministers provided important anchors that maintained continuity and purpose and were a unifying factor for many in the camps.

The temples remained a central force after the war, as families sought to begin life anew. The effect of the war was, in many ways, to drive the Japanese American community more inward, and the temples reflected that trend. This was true even for the Japanese Christian churches. Through 1950 – 1980 Buddhist temples were still predominantly ethnically Japanese. Ministers were mostly from Japan, often with limited English ability and some

aspects of the service were conducted in Japanese. Temples were not always welcoming places for non-ethnically Japanese persons who might be interested in Buddhism. There were also very few books available about Shin for an English speaker.

And yet, there were forces that brought change slowly, and more recently, quite dramatically as we shall see.

How things have changed. The situation is very different now. Today, OCBC, other BCA temples and Shin Buddhism in general are at the threshold of a profound awakening by American society to the value and meaning of our tradition. Internally, our temples are also changing, forging our own unique form of Shin Buddhism with a message that speaks to the needs of modern American life.

Three key aspects have had a profound impact on the development of American Shin. The first two areas are related to how we are being perceived from the outside and the other is internal to the BCA and our temples and how we are changing.

The first has to do with the awareness that has come about due to the mindfulness movement impacting American society today. Included in that is the recognition of the value of meditation. Buddhist ideology and approaches are more mainstream today and there is widespread recognition of the value of these practices. The challenges and pressures of modern life have people seeking meaning and fulfillment in nontraditional forms and many are turning to Buddhist practices. As a tradition focused on self-reflection, awareness, wisdom and compassion, there is much to attract someone seeking a deeper practice.

Secondly, today we are proactively seeking to diversify our sangha with a message that welcomes everyone, irrespective of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or other identity criteria. The message of "come as you are" is one that is inclusive and welcoming. For those who have left other forms of religion fraught with moral and ethical rules of conduct and conformity, Buddhism comes as a refreshing alternative with its emphasis on insight, being present, awakening here and now, and finding a life of meaning and fulfillment.

Thirdly, in developing American Shin there have been tremendous strides taken by the BCA in providing our own ministers and clerical staffs, consistent with our approach to welcoming all. It is my strong opinion that the Minister's Assistant Program has been the single greatest vehicle to fill the shortage of BCA ministers that looked insurmountable a few years ago. Recent classes of Tokudo ministerial candidates reinforces the development of our unique and distinctive American Shin Buddhism, and highlights the diversity we promote as a cornerstone to our tradition.

In conclusion, the past 125 years have seen a tremendous progression and development of Shin Buddhism in America. Semantically, we have moved from being Jodo Shinshu, the Buddhist religion from Japan, to becoming Shin Buddhism, the American Buddhist counterpart. 2024 will feature many events honoring the legacy of our early Jodo Shinshu predecessors, but it will also highlight the changes and progress we have made as we bring Shin Buddhism to a broader American society.

In gassho,
Rev. Ellen Hamada Crane

President's Message

Happy New Year, 2024, the year of the Dragon! Ushering in the new year is traditionally a much celebrated holiday and a good time for reflection and anticipation for the upcoming year.

It is my first time writing to you as your new President. My initial message is one of gratitude to Jo Ann Tanioka, our recent President who tirelessly helped our Sangha as we re-opened completely. Her leadership, warm smile and positivity were instrumental in the success of our many activities and events. Thank you to our Board Officers, Board Directors, Chairpersons of the various committees and organizations, and the huge list of volunteers that help make our campus a safe and thriving environment. A big shout out to our Ministers, ministerial staff, and the office crew, who work so hard to ensure support and enhancement to the OCBC experience. Our office manager, Nancy Hara, is the glue that holds us together!

Since my childhood, so much has changed at OCBC. I've sat in every one of the classrooms as a Dharma School student in what is now the 'old' classroom building. The MPB sits on what was once a dirt field where I would play with my friends or watch cars park for the festivals. My Eagle Scout project was rebuilding a bench that surrounded a pond in the center courtyard between the Hondo and Social Hall.

As the physical aspects of OCBC evolved through the years, the hearts and minds of the people have remained consistent and steadfast. Generous with time and

resources, hard working, diligent, and flexible, the OCBC community and its leaders were always looking for ways to meet the needs of the temple. Whether by starting new organizations, expanding and renovating the campus, or investing in equipment and technology, my appreciation of the pioneers of OCBC and to all those who came before me runs deep as we are able to enjoy the benefits to a place many of us call our second home.

Today, OCBC is a bustling religious, cultural and social center. Dedicated members help foster a culture of being super organized, willfully cooperative, and just downright hard-working. Our modern campus is a safe environment for all of our organizations, especially the groups for our youth. It is an amazing place to raise kids, make friends or participate in our various activities, clubs and organizations.

Before the pandemic we started the theme of Connection, Culture and Community. These 3 C's capture the essence of OCBC. During the pandemic we coined the hashtag, #SanghaStrong. These are more than just words. It is YOU, members of this wonderful community that make these words come alive. The list of activities and events is a comprehensive one and our volunteer army in action is quite the sight to witness.

I look forward to seeing many of you on campus throughout the year. I am also excited to be celebrating OCBC's 60th Anniversary in 2025.

In gassho,
Bryan Furumoto,
OCBC President



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE

Hybrid Format with Guest Speaker

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10 am

HŌ-ONKŌ

Shinran Shōnin's Memorial Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Recorded Messages in English and Japanese

Luncheon in Social Hall hosted by Cub Scouts

Shin Reader – My Favorite Buddhist Books for Children

Hello everyone. This month, I would like to share my favorite Buddhist books for children. The first time I picked up the Buddhist children book was when I was in the elementary school. My mother bought me the book titled “**Ryū-no-me-no-namida**” (**Dragon’s Tears**). My mother Miki was a kindergarten teacher in one of Jodoshinshu temples in Okayama before she married my father. She was a Kyotoist, but I guess she wanted challenge to live independently away from her parents in Kyoto.



The story of “Dragon’s Tears” was introduced twice at the Sunday service. The story goes that one girl tried to invite her friends for her birthday party. Not only her regular friends, she wants to invite Dragon who always fears people, living deep in mountains. When Dragon received the invitation, he could not believe why he got invited from humans who he hated so bad. The girl begged the dragon to come to her birthday party.

When hearing her sweet and sincere invitation, the dragon started crying. “I thought everyone had hated me, but this girl cares for me so much.” Dragon’s transformation to help people happened. Dragon became a boat to carry all children from one island to others. What is the Buddhist meaning in this book? I would say that the girl is Amida, and the dragon is each of us. Even we try to get away from Amida’s invitation to Buddha-Dharma, we are already in it. Buddha’s love and compassion unconditionally embraced all of us. That is how Buddha-Dharma works for all of us.

Next book “Thank you very MOCHI”

It is a perfect title for this month. Joanne Ishii, Dharma School teacher gave me this book a couple years ago. I love this story.

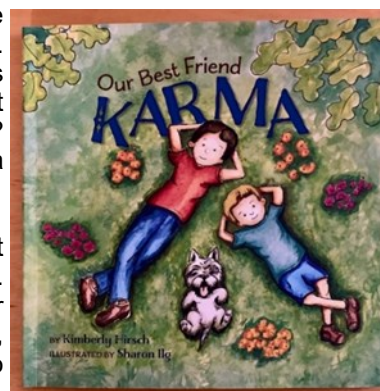


Every December Kimi’s family gets together to make mochitsuki. Grandma is holding the front door, the uncles and aunts were rushing in and out of the kitchen, and the cousins were fanning smoke out of the windows. Guess what happens? The mochi

machine is broken. Kimi got so disappointed, the mochitsuki is cancelled? At the time, the Grandpa called everyone, and showed the traditional stone bowl and a few wooden mallets in the corner as the family squeezed into the garage. Family members rolled up sleeves, and started pounding the mochi. Doing it together means a lot! Grandpa told Kimi, “You will pass this traditional pounding mochi lesson to your future family.” It is meaningful to carry on the family tradition to your children and friends. Your happiness gets doubled, and makes other people happy.

Last one “Out Best Friend KARMA

I introduced this book at the Sunday service this year. What is the Karma? How is my Karma made? What does my Karma do to me? And, can I make my Karma my friend?



This is the story about Zachary and his brother Jax. They had a fight over popcorn. They tugged, snatched, and tried to gobble up more popcorn.

There was shouting, and some name-calling, and they have stuck their tongues out. While tugging the bowl of popcorn, it flew up in the air and all popcorn landed all over the kitchen floor, and their dog ate every piece. Zackary got upset and shouted, “It’s all your fault, Jax.” Jax said it was his. Dad said it was our best friend, Karma’s. Zachary didn’t know who Karma was, but it wasn’t even eating popcorn with them. Zachary blamed everything on Karma anyway. Next day, another fight over favorite toys. Then, bike race to compete speed, who is faster, either Zackary or Jax? Both of them fell to the ground and got slight injured.

Dad told them, “Starting today, you have the power to change your thoughts, words, and actions, and you will see that good Karma will quickly find you.”

This book simply explains what is the Karma? How can you control it, and possibly make it as your best friend in living everyday life. Keep in mind your thoughts, words, and actions.

It will be fun to spend time to read books with your children.

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Review by Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra



BWA News

Every year around the time kaki is in season, OCBWA honors Shinran's wife Eshinni, his daughter Kakushinni, and BWA members who have since passed away. This year, on November 18th, approximately 80 attendees gathered in the Hondo to listen to Rev. Dr. Wondra's enlightening Dharma message. She touched on the significance of the beautiful Kobushi flower that blooms near Eshinni's gravesite in Niigata prefecture and the touching letters exchanged between mother and daughter when they lived apart in the latter years of their lives. Feeling their strength to overcome hardships of the day, only reinforces our faith in the Nembutsu. After the installation of new officers, we gathered in the Social Hall where we listened to heartwarming messages from out-going BWA President, Lynn Black, and OCBC Board President, Jo Ann Tanioka. Afterwards, we ate a delicious bento, presented gifts to our 80-year-old members, and last but not least, played some fun games that had everyone laughing! Thank you to Tobans E and G and chairpersons Judy Koyama and Judy Uyema for planning a memorable afternoon in a beautiful setting!

Announcement

Let's give a warm welcome to our new OCBWA Cabinet for years 2024 and 2025.

Co-Presidents - Noreen Kamimura and Rumi Nakatani
 Vice President - Nancy Suzuki
 Recording Secretary - Jan Shoda
 Corresponding Secretary - Janet Sakahara
 Treasurer - Alison Yoshihara
 Hospitality - Lily Hara
 Religious - Karen Nakagiri
 Membership - Nancy Hara and Joni Ukegawa
 Activities - Debbi Wong, Laura Yamamoto, and Susan Yamamoto
 Publicity/Historian - Chris Nakamura
 Auditor - Linda Ishibashi
 Religious Advisor - Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
 Advisors - Marion Nishimura, Irene Yamanishi, and Lynn Black

-On November 13th, we celebrated birthdays for Chieko Otsuki, Janet Sakahara, and Jim Mitchell. 36 attendees enjoyed a tasty bento which included salmon with crab topping, orange chicken, edamame corn salad, broccoli, and fresh fruit. Please join us at our next Senior Luncheon on January 8th as we honor our birthday celebrants in the Social Hall.



Whether preparing food for the bento, decorating the tables, or just catching up with friends, we encourage BWA members to attend the luncheons on the second Monday of the month and as the saying goes, "The more the merrier!"

-Our next BWA meeting will be held on January 14th, at 12:30 pm in the Kodo after the Ho-onko service and luncheon. Dues are \$15 and free for BWA members 85 years or older. If you have a friend that is interested in joining, please bring them to a meeting so they can meet the members and hear what fun activities are planned in 2024. Membership forms and Toban assignments were distributed at Eshinni. If you have not received your envelope, please let us know.

-Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Pop-up Store. Our next Pop-up event will be held on February 4, 2024. Please stop by to see what surprises await in the Year of the Dragon!

-Save the Dates: October 4-6, 2024 for the 47th FBWA Conference in San Jose, CA and October 19, 2024 for the Southern District Conference in San Diego.

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

Maintenance Report

OCBC volunteers, including those listed below, help keep the campus running:

Paul Fujimoto	Taka Noguchi	CalvinTogashi
Hideo Kawamura	Marion Nishimura	Eric Nakahara
Alan Maruyama	Steve Higashi	Dick Fukuda
Dorothy Matsuoka	Frank Okamura	David Fusato

1. General.

- Removed trash from the Dale Street and Ball Road frontages.
- Removed some weeds.
- Removed some excess foliage from some bushes.
- Removed leaves and debris from the courtyard and parking lot.
- Tried drying Kodo carpet to remove a wrinkle. So-so results.
- Replaced two dead Kodo lights.
- Repaired several Social Hall water faucets.
- Repaired the Calico house clothes dryer. Replaced the washer.
- Installed handrails in the Calico house master bathroom.
- Freshening the Calico house front landscaping.
- Completed some other maintenance tasks at the Calico house.
- Replaced the Social Hall kitchen outdoor air curtain.
- Installed a quick-fix roof waterfall to direct rain away from the Kodo lobby.
- Replaced AA batteries that power the Social Hall and Hondo curtains.
- Enjoyed the second-Monday-of-the-month senior lunch and birthday celebration provided by the BWA.
- Other tasks not explicitly identified.

Join us on most Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday mornings. We generally leave campus a little after noon.

Gassho,
Jim Mitchell, 3rd VP, Maintenance

OCBC SPECIAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Dec 24th NO SERVICES – *Office Closed*
 Dec 25th *Office Closed in Observance of the Holidays*
 Dec 26th *Office Closed*



Dec 31st *Office Closed*
 New Year's Eve Service at 4:30 pm
 Jan 1st *Office Closed*
 New Year's Day Service at 10:00 am
 Jan 2nd *Office Closed*

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*DWC, Sangha Teens, JrY and Daion Taiko may submit articles.

Dharma School News

We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday and thought about all of the things in your lives that make you feel thankful. Now you can focus on the end of the year by showing your loved ones, and everyone for that matter, kindness and appreciation through, not only giving material gifts, but also with displaying acts of kindness with caring words and actions.

Dharma School Class Dates

We look forward to seeing you in class!

December 3.

December 10 -- Year-End Service -- Can be used as a make-up class towards perfect attendance.

After the Year-End Service there will be a year-end party in the social hall for the Dharma School students to enjoy a pizza party and a Dana craft activity, making cards of support for the Lahaina temple's sangha in Maui. Then the DS students will receive a year-end gift from Dharma School.

January 7, 21, 28.

January 14 – Ho-Onko Service – Mandatory for Perfect Attendance.

February 4, 11, 18.

February 25 – BCA Eitaiyo Hybrid Service. No service at OCBC.

March 3, 10, 24, 31.

March 17 – Spring Ohigan Service – Can be used as a make-up class towards perfect attendance.

Classes will begin immediately after service and end at 11:30am.

“My Offering” Fundraising Program

It is through the support of Dharma School families, friends, and Sangha at large, that the total BCA Dharma School program can provide new teaching materials, support education and training of DS teachers, and help new ministers that are beginning to serve in our BCA.

Thanks to your past contributions, the BCA, including OCBC, has benefitted. We hope that you will continue with your support and generosity.

The “My Offering” letter explaining how a donation can be made was distributed to the DS families as an email attachment from your student's teacher in November or December. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Dharma School Gift Card Sales

DS Gift Card sales will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays of each month by Lynn Morita or Michael Li at the hospitality table near the entrance of the hondo.

Our Dharma School Gift Card Sales help to provide the Dharma School teachers with materials, conference fees, etc. We want to extend many thanks of appreciation to the people who support our Gift Card Sales to help supplement our expenses. If you are new to ordering gift cards or have any questions, please email

dharma.school@orangeountybuddhist.org or ask at our hospitality table.

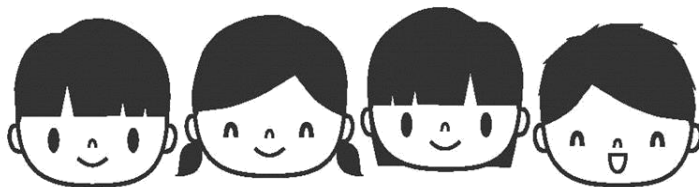
Welcoming New Students

If you, or someone in your family, is new to OCBC and would like to attend Dharma School, please contact us at dharma.school@orangeountybuddhist.org.

We welcome new students any time during the school year. In addition, if you know anyone from Preschool–high school age who might be interested, please share the email address with them. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you!

In gassho,
Gail Harada



**Support the Dharma
School Gift Card Sales**



Project Kokoro News

Bento Fundraiser

Nov 5

Thank you to everyone who not only purchased bentos but also helped with food prep, plating, packaging, and distribution. The bento fundraiser was a remarkable success as \$4,000 was donated to Lahaina Hongwanji. Thank you to Garrick Hisamoto of Koi and Crane for making this possible. garrickh@koiandcrane.com

PK Craft Club

Workshops are not scheduled for December and January as the clever crafters take a break and enjoy the holidays while wishing everyone a great holiday season! Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10th, meeting 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:

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In gassho,
Neddie Bokosky

(Project Kokoro photo below)

ABA NEWS

As we end one year and start another, there is always talk about improving oneself. Try as we might to let our egos go, it sure is hard isn't it? We like hanging out with people who make us feel worthy and important. But, every once in a while, something happens, that jolts us back to reality and its humility. A few years back, someone I had just met, asked me my age. When you are asked that question, what type of response do you expect? Admittedly, my ego was waiting for the more polite/typical, "Really? You don't look it!" or "Wow! You look great for your age!". Instead, her response was, "That's about what I would have guessed!". My knee jerk reaction was, "What nerve!", but the more I thought about it, how could I fault someone for being honest? More recently, I went back to my line dancing class after over a month of being absent due to scheduling conflicts. I went up to a person in the class and said, "It feels good to be back. I haven't been here in a while." Her response: "Oh really. I didn't notice." An unexpected and admittedly disappointing-to-me response, but again, how could I fault this person's honesty? For those of you who are selfless, this will all seem pointless. For those of you, like me, who like it or not, have an ego, maybe you can relate.

As for ABA news, upcoming events include the Bowers Museum Day Trip, on December 8; our Installation Service and Appreciation Luncheon on January 7; and a Super Bowl Party & ABA Meeting on February 11. Please be sure to RSVP for these events. Also, please pay your membership dues if you haven't yet done so. A HUGE thank you to Co-Presidents Janet Uyeno and Lynda Ogawa, as their terms of serving as our Co-President comes to an end. We know how much work is involved with leading a group such as ours, and are so appreciative for all of your efforts and hard work.

ABA is a place where you'll find your ego boosted more than bruised. And for those of you, like me, who like that, it is a very good thing! I will end 2023 with gratitude for those who build me up and feed my ego; and will start 2024 with hopes of being more ego-less, and a little less ego-full.

With Gassho,
Jeanne Kumagai



Cub Scout Pack 578

The six dens of OCBC Cub Scout Pack 578 are firing on all cylinders and kicking down the door of the final quarter of 2023. Since September, the scouts and families of Pack 578 have decorated cars for the Trunk-O-Treat night, awakened early to help with the church cleanup in observance of our Day of Service, participated in OCBC's canned food drive, and volunteered at the annual Eitaikyo luncheon. A majority of the Webelos-1 scouts also received their monto-shikisho at the Tisarana ceremony on November 12th. This year, the Pack Holiday Party was held a little earlier on December 1st with each den taking turns to perform an original skit to entertain the pack. The Bobcat Ceremony, recognizing Tiger scouts, was also held during the holiday party.

The scouts of Pack 578 also just completed the annual popcorn sales fundraiser and would like to thank families, friends, and the greater OCBC community for their support. The funds from the popcorn fundraiser will be used to help support scout events like the annual Crossover camp trip. The top-three selling scouts were recognized and awarded with gift cards at the Holiday Party.

Next on the Pack's event calendar is the annual Ho-Onko luncheon fundraiser at the OCBC Social Hall on January 14, 2024. The scouts and pack-families will be volunteering the time to provide meals and bussing services after the special Ho-onko service, a memorial in honor of Shin Buddhism founder Shinran Shonin. In the spring, the scouts of Pack 578 will participate in the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Event, and Hanamatsuri. The annual Crossover camp trip, celebrating our Webelos-2 scouts, will be held at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center from April 26-28, 2024.

Yours in Scouting,
Simon Ethan Yao
Webelos 1 Den Leader

(Cub Scout photo below)

Boy Scout Troop 578

Troop 578 has been hard at work taking part in service projects, participating in major scouting events, and taking in the great outdoors during camping trips.

At Scout-O-Rama, scouts had fun cooking fried rice for other troops. At the end of the day, Troop 578 had exhausted their entire supply of rice, spam, and cooking ingredients. At the event, the boys were also able to experience activities hosted by other troops, such as knot tying, BB shooting, archery, and pioneering structures.

Continuing the tradition of giving back to OCBC for hosting Troop 578, scouts worked diligently at the annual church cleanup event, trimming bushes and hedges around the entrance to OCBC, as well as in the Ball Road parking lot. Furthermore, scouts used wood shredders to cut down branches so they could more easily compost. After working hard in the morning, the boys enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the church.

Backpacking is a core tradition and experience of Troop 578, and new scouts were able to experience the fun of the activity during the New Boy Hike event. Scouts hiked up to their campsite during the night, and set up camp in the dark. The following day, they participated in a beach cleanup as well as fun activities like tug of war. The event was a highlight for many of the scouts who took part in it.

A favorite campout for many scouts is Beach Camp. At this year's Beach Camp, Troop 578 worked with Girl Scouts to create crafts, learn knots, and complete a navigation course using only a compass. Afterwards, scouts participated in fun beach games, and headed back to camp to cook a delicious meal and prepare their skits for campfire. All these activities made Beach Camp truly memorable for both troops.

Yours in scouting,
Grant Lock



Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041

The Daisy Girl Scout Troop 2041 started off the year with the all-troop flag ceremony and Investiture weeks later. At Investiture, the troop had seven returning Daisies and welcomed seventeen new Daisies. The girls were very excited to start off the year and learn a lot of new things with their fellow Girl Scout friends. The girls were introduced to their Cadette Big Sisters and decorated pop top containers with them so that they could collect pop tops off aluminum cans throughout the year for the Ronald McDonald House. If you have any pop tops off your aluminum cans, please collect them for our Daisy Girl Scout troop throughout the year!

Recently, we had our Holiday Party, and the girls played bingo, played games, ate delicious food, made crafts, and enjoyed the photo booth with their family and friends. The girls also exchanged Secret Santa gifts amongst themselves. It was a great way to start off the Holiday Season!

The girls have been busy collecting patches including: the Fall production sales patch, jewelry making patch, making cards for the seniors patch, holiday PJ party patch, and holiday event patch. The troops' Daisy flower patch will grow throughout the year, and so far they have learned the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law which includes colored pedals that they earn as a group. The girls will continue to learn more about the Girl Scout Law throughout the year.

This has only been the first few months and the girls have already done so much! They are looking forward to all the new adventures and activities that are planned for them in 2024. Keep an eye out for our upcoming events and activities. Thank you for all your support!

In gassho,
Tiffany Yonemoto

(Daisy Troop photo below)

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916

Happy Holidays from Brownie Troop 916! We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving full of food, family, and friends!

This past month, the girls have been busy creating holiday cards that will go out with the Tomodachi Bento lunches and the Brownie parents were busy donating and volunteering their time to the annual church clean up.

Recently, the girls had their big Holiday Party. The girls had a blast with their Secret Santa gift exchange, ate amazing food and desserts, participated in some crafts and games, and even learned a little about nutrition through the Senior/ Ambassadors project called "Take Action."

In other news...it's here! The Girl Scouts will be kicking off cookie sales in January! Please find your nearest OCBC Girl Scout and have them tell you all about the cookie goodness. My sister's favorite line was something like "...buy more cookies...you can totally freeze them!" Not sure if that's 100% true, but we would always have cookies in the freezer throughout the year and I've lived to tell about it. In all seriousness, the cookie sales will go to support the girls in all of their activities next year and teach them life skills involving: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Aside from cookie sales, the busy girls start 2024 with meetings, learning about water resources and conservation and will have their much anticipated sleepover!

Thank you for all of your support this year! We wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season! See you in 2024!

In Gassho,
Gary Dote

Brownie Troop photo on page 13
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juniors



The girls have been busy for the past 2 months with "Think Like an Engineer Journey". They are planning, experimenting, and evaluating their constructed pillars to support large books. They also had constructed wrecking balls with the given resources to knock down stacked cups. Progress has been seen with their thinking and application and will be working on their final stages of their take-action project.

The girls had their overnight together in which they got to spend a lot of time to get to know each other, learn to work in teams and share responsibilities of chores between the fun, crafts, hot chocolate and popcorn. We managed to squeeze some serious time for a brainstorming session towards their Bronze Award.

Investiture in November welcomed our new members and promoted girls into our troop. This is the first experience leading the flag ceremony and for public speaking for a lot of our Junior troop members.



For the last two months the girls have embraced their creative skills to make seasonal decorations (paint brush Santas & Scarecrow/ Santa faces) and jewelry (bracelets and rings) towards the Anaheim Trefoil Bazaar last December 9th. They celebrated their successes with an end of the year/ holiday ice-skating celebration.



We'd like to thank the parents of the girls for their support and collective contributions to ensure the girls have an enriching experience together. We also extend our appreciation to the staff and Sanga of OCBC for their effort and support towards the Youth Programs.

In Gassho,
Stacy Yamanishi & Mary Jane Morimoto

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 675

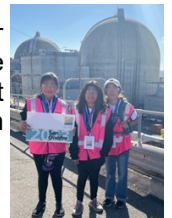
Welcome back and Happy New Year! Continuing our adventures with the Cadettes, in November, we participated in OCBC's Church Cleanup.



Then, we took a journey to San Clemente Beach for our annual beach camp. There, we set up tents,

cooked our meals, created skits, played games, and joined the Boy Scouts in a day of activities! After, we packed up our gear, gathered in a Friendship Circle, and sang the "Make New Friends" song, as well as shared our Rose, Thorn and Bud reflections. A big thanks to our Senior Ambassadors for joining us and helping out with this trip!

Next, we took a tour of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, or SONGS for short. We walked around their campus, and learned a lot about radiation and the history of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.



In December, to celebrate the holidays, the Cadettes completed a service project for the Braille Institute. We made adorable little sock snowmen, and all the girls donated two snowmen each.

Then, the girls held a Secret Santa gift exchange. Our Troop Leader, Mrs. Medina, read a funny Christmas story where the girls exchanged gifts by passing them from left to right and back again. In the end, each girl got a different gift, and were very happy with what they got.

Next, our Cadettes participated in the Girl Scouts Trefoil Holiday Bazaar. At our Troop booth, the girls practiced their entrepreneur skills by displaying and selling their handmade products. Afterwards, the girls went to see a play, the Secret Garden, presented by Chance Theater in Anaheim Hills. After enjoying the play, we got autographs from the cast, a backstage tour, and of course, many pictures.



And that sums up what we did during November and the beginning of December! Happy holidays!

In Gassho,
Sydney and Sherry Sato

Senior Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 881

From October to December the OCBC Ambassador Troop 881 has been busy attending various exciting events. On October 27th we attended Investiture in our full uniforms where new Girl Scouts were welcomed into the troop, and current Girl Scouts of all ages renewed their commitment to growing through Girl Scouts. OCBC's Junior Troop 885 performed a flag ceremony to start the event and reviewed the Girl Scout Law and Promise. We were also able to learn about the history of Juliette Low through Cadette Troop 675's presentation. The event ended with an enjoyable ice cream party. With the start of November came the start of the distribution of fall products! All the scouts worked hard to sell a variety of nuts, candies, magazines, and more to fundraise for future activities. Later on November 4th, the Ambassadors participated in cleaning the church. Girl Scouts of all levels and their parents assisted in cleaning the kitchen, Great Hall, and other facilities. This annual activity is a great opportunity for the scouts to perform service that will maintain the church and enhance the teamwork between the scouts. Then, on November 5th we attended a meeting with Mrs. Nakahira to earn the "My Promise My Faith" pin. To earn this pin we connected parts of the Girl Scout law with the teachings of Buddhism. The purpose of this pin was to strengthen the scout's understanding of their faith. The following weekend from November 10th through November 12th, the Ambassadors attended Beach Camp where we teamed up with the Boy Scouts and Cadette Troop 675 to improve our camping skills. This year we had lots of fun eating self-cooked meals together, making community service crafts, performing silly skits, and enjoying the San Clemente State Beach Campground! Ambassador Troop 881 is looking forward to a few more events in December, and we're ready for new activities that will help us connect and grow in the New Year!

Jaclyn Kanda

It's almost that time of the year...



Brownie Girl Scout Troop 916

In Memoriam

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

Warren Isamu Kozuki
Masami Onoue

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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- 17 Nancy Shibata, 49-day memorial
- 17 Alvin Shibata, 25-year Memorial
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明けましておめでとうございませす

新しい年、2024年の幕開けです。今年も皆さまにとって、よろこびあふれる一年になりますことを心より念じております。

ご家族やお友だちと共に楽しいお正月を迎えられたことと思います。お寺では大晦日に「除夜会」をお勤めして、お参りに来られた方々は除夜の鐘を打ちました。そして、元旦には「修正会（しゅうしょうえ）」のお勤めを朝10時から営み、阿弥陀さまに新年のご挨拶をして、お参りの方々共に新しい年を如來さまの限らない智慧と慈悲のなかで迎えられる喜びに感謝申し上げます。また、昨年におきましては、皆さまからご寄付、お手伝い、また様々なご支援をいただきましたことを心より感謝申し上げます。どうぞ、今年もよろしくお願ひ申し上げます。

蓮如上人は『御一代聞書（こいちだいききがき）』のなかで、



「仏法をあるじとし、世間を客人（まろうど）とせよ」と言われています。私たちはどうしても世間の目を気にして、右往左往して日暮らしをしています。先ずは仏さまを自分の生活の中心（主・あるじ）として、世間のことはアテにせずに、お客さんに接するように扱いなさいという意味です。なかなか深い意味がありますね。

2024年は辰（龍）年です。辰年生まれば、1928, 1940, 1940, 1940, 1852, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, そして2012年生まれとなります。辰は龍（竜）のことで、十二支の中では唯一架空の生き物ですが、中国では龍は麒麟（きりん）、鳳凰（ほうおう）、靈龜（想像上のカメ）とならんで、四種の靈獣の一つで、四種の中で最も力がある動物とされています。また、中国の王様は龍の生まれ変わりで、龍は重要な動物としてあがめられてきました。複数の本には、おそらく古代の中国人は龍を想像上の生き物ではなく実在する動物と考えて、身近な動物としてとらえていたから十二支に入ったのではないかと記述があります。

この「龍」を名前にもつ方に龍樹菩薩（りゅうじゅぼさつ）がおられます。龍樹菩薩はインド語でナーガルジュナともいわれ、お釈迦さまが亡くなられた後700年ほど経た西暦150年から250年ごろに活躍したインドの高僧です。「八宗の祖師」といわれてあらゆる宗派から尊敬され、「小釈迦」

とまでいわれました。また著作も多く「千部の論師（せんぶのろんし）」といわれています。親鸞聖人は龍樹菩薩を七高僧の最初にあげて尊敬されています。日曜礼拝でお唱えする「十二札」は龍樹菩薩が書かれたものであると考えられています。

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2024年、龍の年も引き続き、皆さまとともに、お聴聞・お念仏の日暮らしを過ごしたいと心より念じております。

南無阿弥陀仏 ワンドラ 睦



❖ 一月祥月法要

1月6日(土) 午後4時30分より本堂にてお勤めします。

- ・ 日本語法話・・・ワンドラ先生
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❖ 二月祥月法要

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毎年一月には、米国仏教団の各お寺で、浄土真宗御開祖、親鸞聖人さまのご命日法要として報恩講が勤められます。親鸞さまのご威徳を讃えて、私たちもお念仏に出遇えた喜びを感謝いたしましょう。日時・2024年1月14日(日) 本堂にて対面法要のあと、ご講師であるマウンテンビュー仏教会・向嶋裕史(むこうじま・ゆうし)先生の録画法話(日英語)をお聴聞します。

❖ パシフィック・セミナー

1月27日(日) 午前9時よりガーデン仏教会でパシフィック・セミナーがハイブリッド(対面あるいはズーム)で開催されます。今回の講師は田中ケン先生で、「仏教と戦争」について日英両語で話されます。また、日本語ではワンドラ先生が「浄土真宗の平和観」について話されます。BCA教化部よりフライヤーが届き次第、詳細を連絡します。

❖ BCA・ダイアルアツ



電話番号 800-817-7918、「2」を押すと日本語法話が聞けます。法話は日本語が話せる開教使の先生方によるものです。どうぞ、お聴聞くださいませ。

婦人会だより



毎年、柿の季節になると、OCBWAは親鸞聖人婦人の恵信尼さま、お嬢さんの覚信尼さま、そして往生されたBWAメンバーを偲ぶ法要を行います。今年は十一月十八日、約八十人の参加者が本堂に集まり、ワンドラ先生の啓発的な法話に耳を傾けました。新潟県にある恵信尼の墓所近くに咲く美しいコブシの花の意味や、晩年に別居していた母と娘が交わした感動の手紙について触れ

ました。日々の苦難を乗り越える彼らの強さを感じると、私たちの念仏への信心はさらに強まります。新しい役員の就任後、私たちはソーシャルホールに集まり、退任するBWA会長のリン・ブラックさんとOCBC理事長のジョアン・谷岡さんからの心温まるメッセージを聞きました。その後は、おいしいお弁当を食べ、八十歳の会員にプレゼントを贈り、最後には楽しいゲームをしてみんなで笑いました！ 美しい環境の中で思い出に残る午後を企画してくれた当番BとG、そして主宰者のジュディ・小山さんとジュディ・ウエマさんに感謝します。

アナウンスメント

2024年と2025年の新しいOCBWAキャビネットを温かく歓迎しましょう。(以下敬称略)

共同代表ー上村ノリオン、中谷留美

副代表ー鈴木ナンシー

議事録ー正田ジャン

担当秘書ーさかはらジャネット

会計ー吉原アリソン

ホスピタリティー原リリー

宗教ー中桐カレン

メンバーシップー原ナンシーとウケガワジヨニー

アクティビティーデビー・ウォン、山本ローラ、山本スーザン

広報・中村クリス

監査役ー石橋リンダ

宗教顧問ーワンドラ睦先生

アドバイザーー西村マリオン、山西アイリン、リン・ブラック

*十一月十三日は大月智恵子さん、ジャネット・サカハラさん、ジム・ミッチェルさんのお誕生日を祝いました。出席者三十六名は、カニのトッピングが入ったサーモン、オレンジチキン、枝豆コーンサラダ、ブロッコリー、新鮮なフルーツが入ったおいしいお弁当を楽しみました。次回のシニア昼食会は一月八日に開催され、ソーシャルホールで誕生日のお祝いをしますので、ぜひご参加ください。お弁当の準備、テーブルの飾り付け、あるいは単に友達との交流など、BWAメンバーは「多ければ多いほど楽しい！」と言われているように、毎月第二月曜日の昼食会に参加することをお勧めします。

*次回のBWAミーティングは一月十四日午後十二時三十分、報恩講と昼食会の後、ミニチャペルで開催されます。会費は十五ドルで、八十五歳以上のBWA会員は無料です。参加に興味のある友人がいらしたら、是非ミーティングに連れて来てください。メンバーに会って、2024年にどのような楽しい活動が計画されているかをお知らせで

きます。メンバーシップ用紙と当番表は前回の恵信尼様法要後に配布されました。封筒が届かない場合は、お知らせください。

*いつもポップアップストアを応援してくださっている皆様、誠にありがとうございます。次回のポップアップイベントは2024年二月四日の開催を予定しております。辰年にどんなサプライズが待っているのか、ぜひお立ち寄りください！

*日付保存 カリフォルニア州サンノゼでの第四十七回FBWA会議は2024年10月4〜6日、サンディエゴでの南部地区会議は10月19日。

婦人会あるいは婦人会のアクティビティに關してのご質問がありましたら、ノリーン上村会長もしくは中谷留美会長はまでご連絡ください。

Email: BWA@orangecountybuddhist.org です。 合掌 中村クリス



ご寄付



(2023年11月12日〜2023年12月3日までに御寄付戴きましたご芳名)

「祥月法要」

「祥月」法要にご寄付戴きました方々のお名前は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。

合計 5,205ドル

「お歳暮」

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合計 10,2090ドル

「仏教会にお礼」

ご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

古月 アイリーン
村上 美智恵
尾上 メリー
島津 レイラ
ウォン カート・ナネル
合計 1,400ドル

「仏教会に特別寄付」

にご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名
遠藤 アラン・スー
ガルシア ジョー・タボルガ マルシア
グッドネス ジーニー
松岡 ドロシー

西田 マイケル・シンシア

落合 アラン・キャッシー

小笠原 ポール

セイント メリー スクール

高木 キャロル・ノボル

トライ ステート デンバー仏教会

若林 エドウィン・ローリー

合計 5, 250ドル

「お歳暮」

「お歳暮」にご寄付戴きました方々のご芳名は、英語欄のページをご覧くださいませ。(敬称略)

合計 10, 2090ドル

「お賽銭」

「お賽銭」にご寄付です。(敬称略)

匿名

合計 495ドル

「納骨堂」

にご寄付ご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名

土網 康子

花野 デイーン

林田 ニール

ヒールド チャールス・リン
川端カイル

モリス シリマ

合計 460ドル

「永代経法要」

(追加分)

「永代経」法要にご寄付戴きました方々のご芳名です。(敬称略)

匿名

土網 康子

林田 ニール

平田 ジャネット

井ノ口 ローレンス・ジュン

神村 キース・ノリーン

金子 ダン・紀子

加藤 エドワード・ジョイス

克蘭ダー ジェイン

楠見 茂樹・幸子

丸山 アラン・レネー

野口 秀隆・節子

オキニシ ジャン

大西 ロイ・フランシス

坂原 ジャネット

沢田 政子

鈴木 ロナルド・きょう子

谷 ゴードン・ジョーン

谷岡 ケビン・ジョアン

富樫 スエコ

請川 ジョーニー
ウラベ ジュデス

矢田 フランク・ジョイス

山本 みさえ

山西 ルーイ・アイリーン

山崎 ベティー

合計 3, 550ドル

光輪の記事掲載期限後にご寄付頂きました方々につきましては、ご寄付頂いた翌月の光輪でお名前を掲載させて頂きます。宜しくご理解頂きますようお願いいたします。



お葬儀

故古月 ウオレン 勇

2023年10月21日往生

故尾上 正美

2023年11月20日往生

仏教会一同、心よりお悔やみを申し上げます。
南無阿弥陀仏



今年もよろしくお願ひ申し上げます。

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2024

OCBC All Sangha General Meeting (Shinnen Enkai-New Year's Lunch)

The General Meeting and New Year's celebration is an opportunity for the entire Sangha to gather and participate in our annual General Meeting. After lunch there will be fun & games and time to socialize. Come join the good people of the Sangha for some great food and fun.

SATURDAY
JAN
13
11:30am - 2pm

ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH

909 S. Dale Avenue, Anaheim CA. 92804

11:30AM - 12:00 PM- GENERAL MEETING

12:00PM -2:00 PM- LUNCHEON PROGRAM

RSVP by January 5, 2024

**STATE
OF THE
SANGHA**

Food by Koi and Crane – Italian cuisine - \$30

- Caprese Salad, Caesar Salad, Grilled Vegetable Pasta Salad
- Baked Rigatoni with Bolognese, whipped Ricotta
- Penne al Funghi (Penne pasta with wild mushroom cream ragu)
- House Made Pork and Beef Meatballs, San Marzano Tomato Sauce
- Pan Roasted Chicken with Italian Salsa Verde
- Koi and Crane Garlic Bread,



Please clip and return, or mail the completed section below, with check payable to:
OCBC, 909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, 92804, or call the office at 714-827-9590, or e-mail, hello@orangecountybuddhist.org.

We plan to attend the **2024 Shinnen Enkai**:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Quantity: Buffett _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Total = _____

Note: We would be interested in free OCBC Baby-sitting at OCBC for _____ child(ren)
(Children will need to be toilet trained and over 3 years old)

Our children's names and ages are (use the back of this page for additional children):

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Meal(Pizza) _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Meal(Pizza) _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Meal(Pizza) _____

Emergency Contact (cell phone #) _____



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**WINTER PACIFIC SEMINAR
JANUARY 27, 2024**

BUDDHISM AND WAR

“May there be peace in the world.” - Shinran Shonin

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL EVENT (9AM - 12PM)

Keynote Speaker (In English and Japanese)



REV DR KEN TANAKA

English Speakers

Rev Iwohara

Rev Turner

Rev Quon

Japanese Speakers

Rev Wondra

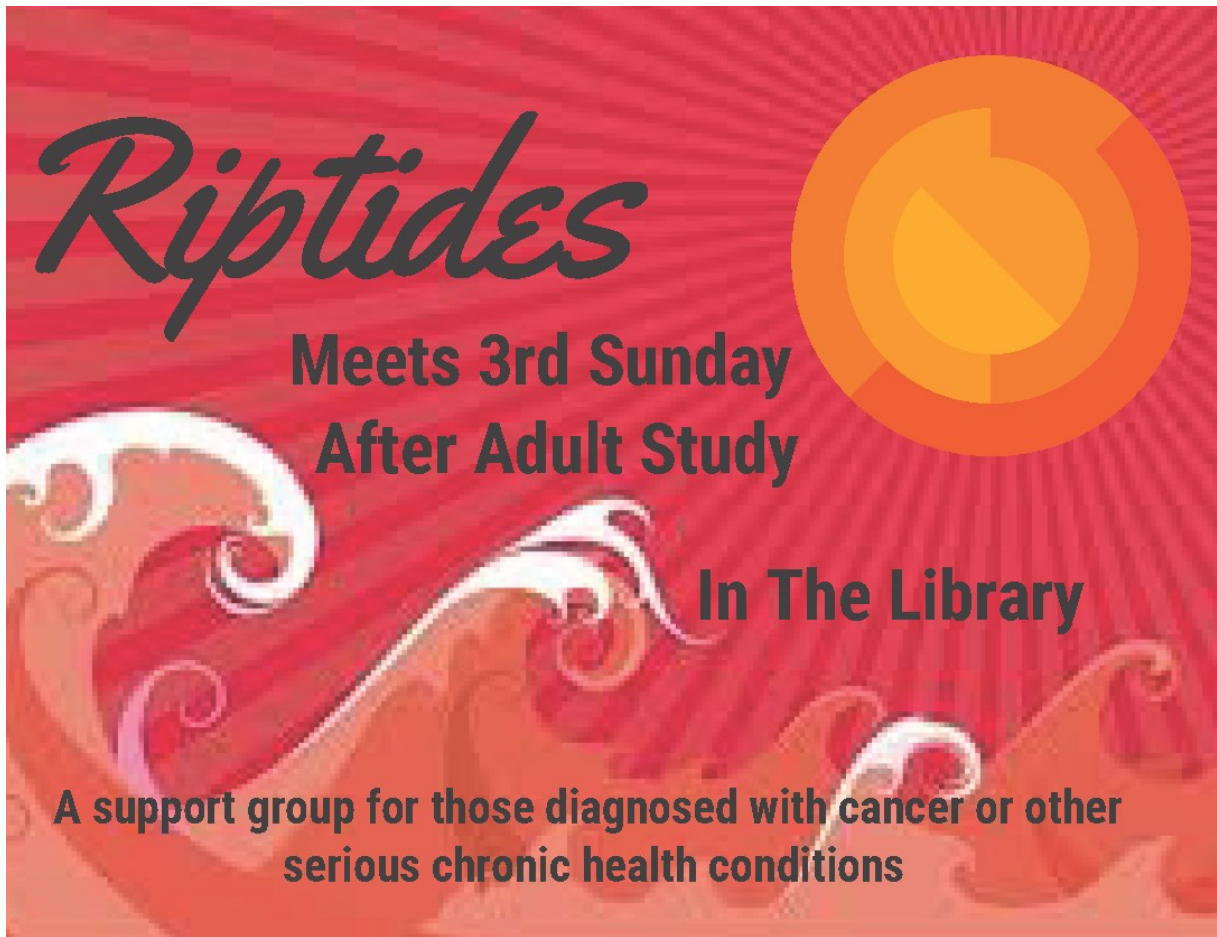
Rev Furumoto

GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH

1517 WEST 166TH ST, GARDENA, CA 90247

REGISTRATION INFO & IN-PERSON BENTO ORDER:

Contact the OCBC Office to Register



Riptides
**Meets 3rd Sunday
 After Adult Study**
In The Library
 A support group for those diagnosed with cancer or other serious chronic health conditions

Hello, OCBC Sangha!



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THANK YOU!



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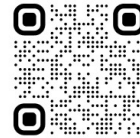
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Wednesdays 12:30p—2:30p session
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Weekend sessions (times based on gym availability)
email Jeff/Carol @ ocbcpickleball@gmail.com

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Your donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor. Proceeds from your donation will help support community services and activities of Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC).

Name _____

Your Address/City/Zip _____

Location of Vehicle (if different) _____

Contact Info: Home Ph _____ Cell Ph _____ Email _____

Type of Vehicle: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Vehicle Identification # (VIN) _____

Vehicle License # _____ Odometer Reading _____

Do you have the Title, Pink Slip? Yes No Name on Title: _____

Does the vehicle run? Yes No

Comments _____

How did you hear about the program? _____ Today's Date _____

Thank you for your consideration in making a donation to the

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2024 OCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following form to apply for Membership

Note: OCBC Membership is January - December

STEP 1: MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP	2 ADULT/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
Young Adult (18-30 years old)	\$66 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$132 <input type="checkbox"/>
New Members (1st time only/1 year)	\$150 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$300 <input type="checkbox"/>
Renewing Sustaining Members		
Senior Adults (85 years old and older) Long time Sangha Supporter	\$164 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$328 <input type="checkbox"/>
Adult (31-84 years old) Includes dependent children	\$264 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$528 <input type="checkbox"/>
Kansha Member (includes dependent children) Opportunity to provide additional financial support	\$600 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$1200 <input type="checkbox"/>

STEP 2: MEMBER INFORMATION

*Please provide email so that we may email you your receipt

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____
 Email _____

Address changed Membership changed

Family Membership Information

Spouse Name _____
 Spouse Cell Number _____
 Email _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____
 Child Name _____

For Office Use Only:

Received by: _____
 Quick-Book Entry by: _____
 Database Entry by: _____
 BCA Entry by: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____

Regular reminder notices will not be sent to those who pay quarterly

STEP 3: MAIL

Send membership form and check to:

Mark or note on your check:

Quarterly Annually

Orange County Buddhist Church

909 South Dale Avenue
 Anaheim, CA 92804

Method of Payment:

Check No. _____ (Make check payable to OCBC)
 Credit card (go to orangecountybuddhist.org)

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JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

2024 年 1 月 カレンダー

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

日 SUN	月 MON	火 TUE	水 WED	木 THU	金 FRI	土 SAT
31 4:30 PM – IN PERSON Joya - E New Year's Eve Service <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	1 10:00 AM - New Year's Day Service (Shusho-e) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	2 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	3 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	4 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	5	6 4:30 PM – Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service (in person)
7 8:30 AM – 瞑想 Mindfulness Service (in person) 10:00 AM – 日曜礼拝 Sunday Service (hybrid) 11:00 AM –Adult Discussion & Dharma School (in person)	8 11:30 AM - Senior Omairi Service @Kodo 12:00 PM - シニヤ昼食会 Senior Lunch/Work Party	9 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	10 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	11 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	12	13 11:30 AM Shinnen-enkai (New Year's Party) & General Meeting 7:00 PM - Zoom BEC Japanese Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
14 15 No Mindfulness or Adult Study Services 10:00 AM - 報恩講法要 Hō-onkō Service (hybrid) -Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Mountain View (E/J) pre-recorded	15	16 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	17 9:00 AM – (in person) Project Kokoro Crafts 12:30 PM – (in person) Dana Games/Pickleball 7:00 PM – Zoom Mindfulness Service	18 9:00 AM – (in person) Tai chi Class	19	20 7:00 PM - Zoom BEC Japanese Class Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
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Zoom Mindfulness Service sign up

Use cell phone camera, focus on the QR code then tap link that appears.