



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
JULY, 2012, NEWSLETTER



JULY SERVICE: Our next service will be held on Sunday, July 8th, at 10 a.m. at the JAACL Activity Center, 1401 Arville Street, south of Charleston Blvd., LV 89102. Reverend Michael Endo, will join us for our pre-Obon service that honors especially those who have passed on during this last year. For the upcoming service, please bring any ads that have been solicited for the Obon Program book so Rosie Kakuuchi can add them into the Obon program. Thank you in advance for your support.

DHARMA MESSAGE: We thank Reverend Kanya Okamoto for his meaningful Dharma message. Reverend Okamoto shared his thoughts on giving and receiving. We also thank Dennis and Margaret Nakata for hosting Reverend and Mrs. Okamoto.

2012 SANGHA SCHOLARSHIP: Chelsea and Nicholas Kurashige received scholarships at a luncheon after last month's service. Chelsea received the Sangha's \$1,000 scholarship, and the JAACL's \$1,000 scholarship. In May Chelsea also won the \$2,000 Bill Endow Scholarship. Nicholas received the \$1,000 Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa Scholarship presented by Patty Yamano in memory of her parents.

GUESTS: Kathy Nishimoto, and Michael, Cindie, Bradley, and Jeffrey Nishida visited from OCBC.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS were brought by June & Hank Maruyama, Myrtle & Steve Noguchi and Sadako Wanless.

GET WELL WISHES go out to Hideko Shimabukuro who has moved to an assisted living facility in Sun City Summerlin.

TOBAN: We also thank Dale Ito, Hank & Sho, Takako Ogata and Sadako Wanless for coming early to set up the place for our service. In addition, board members such as Ellie Oshiro, Pati Lira, Sharleen Aoki, and Rosie Kakuuchi all came in to stuff the 400 envelopes with the two bundles of raffle tickets to our previous supporters. Thanks to Margaret Nakata and Harriet Huber for making sushi for our Father's Day Luncheon. Thanks also to Paul Sakamoto for picking up the California Rolls from Yamaguchi Sushi. For our next service on July 10, will the following families please help with setting up and putting away the chairs, as well as cleaning out the bathrooms, etc.: Daniel Miyake, Bill Muraoka, Ben Nakagawa, Mits Nakashima, and Margaret & Dennis Nakata.

CONDOLENCES: Koden was sent to Jim Akamine's family in memory of his mother.

MONTHLY DONATIONS: Minoru & Sharleen Aoki, Cathy Arakaki, Alice Branton, Mabel Fukumoto, Sho Fukawa, Sandi Hiyane (annual), Harriet Huber, Stan & Nancy Isa, Dale & Rosan Ito, Kumiko Kashiwada, Kurashige Family, Pati Lira, June & Hank Maruyama, Ben & Karen Mizusaki, Suenoa Migaki, Daniel Miyake, Frances Miyasato (annual), Bill Muraoka, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa (annual), Mits Nakayama, Steve & Myrtle Noguchi, Takako Ogata, Ellie Oshiro, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Mike Suyeyasu, May & Ron Soeda, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Alan & Oh Takemoto (annual), Wayne Tanaka, Sadako Wanless (annual), Grace Wertz, Mas Yamada, Patty & Fred Yamano.

DUES COLLECTED THROUGH JUNE: Jim & Frances Akamine; Ken & Gladys Akita; Emiko Aoki; Minoru & Sharleen Aoki; Nuboro & Ann Aoyagi; Delwayne & Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton; Kimiko Brown; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Tom & Lynn DeMann; Jerry & Heide Ferguson; Don Frazer; Sho Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Mabel Fukumoto; Clara Hamasaki; Sally Hanagami; Deborah & Arthur Harlig; Richard & Carolyn Higa; Sandi Hiyane; Tomico Honda; David Hopper; James & Harriet Huber; Mel & Betty Igawa; June Ikeda; Stan & Nancy Isa; Dale & Rosan Ito; Monica Kaili; Rosie Kakuuchi; Sadie Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Albert & Georgiana Kobayashi; Helen Koga; James & Gay Kurashige; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Aiko Mayeda; Sueno Migaki; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Daniel Miyake; Frances Miyasato; Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Clifford & Cathy Moses; Bill & Nan Muraoka; Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa; Kumiko Nakata; Margaret & Dennis Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Takako Ogata; Ellie Oshiro; Henry & Mary Ozaki; George Peck; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Paul & Alice Sakamoto; Jason & Marlo Sando; Kazuo & Edna Shiotani; Ron & May Soeda; Aileen & Brent Sumida; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Alan & Oh Takemoto; Michael & Sharon Tanaka; Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; June Tateishi; Arthur & Haru Toimoto; Fred & Caroline Tomiyoshi; Agnes Tsuchiyama; Sadako Wanless; Scott & Tami Watanabe; Grace Wertz; T.R. & M. Wiczorek; Mas Yamada; Tom & Sumi Yanagihara; Stan Yokoyama; Shirley Yoshioka; Stan & Arlene Yokoyama; Tom Yonemura.

MEMORIAL & SPECIAL DONATIONS: Georgiana Kobayashi – in memory of her father, Masami Tachibana; June Maruyama – in memory of her mother, Hisako Hamada and brother Jim Hamada.

JULY MEMORIALS: 7/11 Setsuko Iwamoto, sister of Caryl Suzuki; 7/13 Minoru Ushiroda, father of Charles Ushiroda; 7/26 Sadako Tanimine, mother of Alice Branton; June Maruyama - mother, Hisako Hamada and brother, James Hamada; Margaret Nakata - Nellie Moon.

Since there is no service for August, we will commemorate the **August memorials** at the July service, so these families can also bring flowers, if they so choose: 8/4 Tamae Koyanagi, mother of Chizuyo Reynierse; 8/6 Yonetaro Nakata, father of Dennis Nakata and Yoshi Maruyama, mother of Flora Tsuma; 8/11 Toraji Takemoto, father of Margaret Nakata; 8/27 Francis K. Maruyama, father of Flora Tsuma and Hagino Ito, mother-in-law of Hana Fukumoto, 8/30 Yoshito Matsuda, father of Sadie Tanaka and Kenichi Tsuma, father-in-law of Flora Tsuma.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: July birthdays: 7/6 Grace Wertz, Henry Ozaki; 7/9 Betty Igawa, Dennis Nakata; 7/10 Alice Branton; 7/15 Kanyarat Matsuda; 7/16 Albert Kobayashi; 7/17 Robin Sakahara, Brenda Creed; 7/19 Noboru Aoyagi; 7/20 Ann Aoyagi; 7/21 Adam Graves; 7/22 Myrtle Noguchi, Darcie Matsuyama; 7/27 Agnes Tsuchiyama.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: 8/4 George & Jane Yahiro; 8/5 Albert & Georgiana Kobayashi; 8/13 Mike & Becky Suyeyasu.

JULY'S SANGHA BOARD MEETING: will be held on Monday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m. at the JAACL Activity Center. Although all cabinet and board members are asked to submit agenda items to President Stan Isa, any Sangha member is also encouraged to do so and attend our monthly meetings. We make more progress as a Sangha, the more we communicate; so please give your ideas to Stan.

SUPERVISING MINISTER REVEREND HARADA'S JULY VISIT: Reverend Harada will be in Vegas from Monday, July 23 through

Thursday, July 26, and has volunteered to having a weeknight BEC lecture on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 at the JAACL Center. If you are interested, please contact Ellie Oshiro, 436-6265 or eleanoroshiro@yahoo.com, who is the designated liaison for that evening's lecture.

OBON HAPPI COAT ORDER: We still have a few of the 42 happi coats that were sewn last year by Margaret Nakata and her sister. We have already sold two for \$30 each, which goes directly to our Sangha.

OBON DANCE PRACTICE: The schedule includes the following dates and times: June 23, 30, JULY 7, 21, 28 - 9:00-11:00 a.m. July 14: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. DVDs of the required first round dances will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Ann Mikami at 228-2692 or cell phone 339-1253.

FOR THE OBON, SANGHA MEMBERS are asked please to:

- **Sell/buy as many raffle tickets as possible since this is how we make most of our profit.**
- **Solicit ads** for the printed Obon Program & send them to Rosie Kakuuchi, 5524 Port Barrington Way, 89130. \$30 for half-page & \$50 for full page. This is a good way to offset the booklet printing costs.
- **Get a firm number of purchased obento tickets ASAP** to June Maruyama, 869-0680, and especially by Saturday, July 28, which is two weeks prior to the Obon so that Chairman Dale Ito knows how much meat & other last minute items to purchase.
- **Let Hank Maruyama at 869-0680 know** if you plan to purchase any of the following name brand drinks: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, **and new for this year, Dr. Pepper (instead of Sprite).** Please save your receipt in case you wish to be reimbursed for the soft drinks you give to Hank.
- **We need adult volunteers** to oversee the students who run the shaved ice machine and to collect any money from the food sales.
- **Bring rice that has been cooked early Saturday morning**, but let us know so the rice chair person makes certain enough is cooked. **This request is so important for everyone to do since every box lunch needs rice!**
- **Bring desserts to be sold at the Obon.** Please do not cut your desserts since individual servings and pricing will be done there. Both Japanese & American desserts will be greatly appreciated; however **we really need Japanese desserts from those persons who can make it! Gokurosama!**
- The Sangha board voted on bringing in sandwiches the day of Obon so no one would have to bring in other food to share **with the other workers during our break** prior to the opening of the Obon.
- **Report at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 10th** for only 3 hours with cutting boards and knives to clean the chicken. Bring rags to clean **up the cafeteria that has not been in use since the end of school.**
- **Report at 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 11th** with cutting boards and knives to cut the cooked chicken and beef, bring rubber gloves to clean the pots and pans, or rags to clean up after ourselves. We don't need as many donuts for the morning snack that were brought last year. But thank you to everyone who did so. **We'll designate one person to bring donuts & coffee.**
- **Stay until everything is put away and the cafeteria is cleaned up--** usually well before 4 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to bring younger friends and relatives and to team up so that you get someone to take your place as you rest up during your breaks. We commend Dale Ito for always being the last to leave as the rented chairs are picked up at 4 p.m. and custodian and cafeteria workers are paid off.

The Obon Thank You Luncheon will be on Saturday, September 1, at the California Hotel.

ADDED SALES: The Okinawan Kenjin-kai is bringing in items to sell as well as Jeanne Kanemitsu, who is donating cards with an Asian design for us to sell at a profit for our Sangha. If there are other members having items to sell, please let Roy Suzuki at 228-3071 know so we can add your name to the Obon booklet.

We thank Delwayne Arakaki for bulk mailing the 220 envelopes we sent out with the raffle tickets at the special bulk mailing office on Sunset Rd. Once again we are grateful for Christine Kakuuchi going through last year's raffle tickets so we could update the list of potential donors, and thank everyone who stuffed envelopes in May.

WE GIVE A HEARTY THANKS to Alan Takemoto, who has established and maintained our website and FaceBook page. Here is the link to the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Las-Vegas-Buddhist-Sangha/128199960577927>. He also created a new Sangha web page: <http://lasvegasbuddhistsangha.weebly.com/>. Please go to both sites and let us know how they can be improved.



Rev. Kanya & Judy Okamoto

Patty Yamano & Nicholas Kurashige

Jim, Jimmy, Gay, Chelsea, and Nicholas Kurashige