



**LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA  
OCTOBER, 2012, NEWSLETTER**



**SECOND SEPTEMBER SERVICE:** In order to increase our membership, for the next two months in September and October, we are having a second service: Sunday, September 30 with Ministerial Assistant Jon Turner and Sunday, October 28 at 10 a.m. with Reverend Alan Sakamoto at the JAACL Activity Center, 1401 Arville which is south of Charleston and across the street from the Walmart lot.

**OCTOBER SERVICE:** The previously scheduled monthly service is on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. also at the JAACL Activity Center, Reverend Yushi Mukojima will be our guest minister. For the November 11<sup>th</sup> service, we will have former Bishop Yamaoka, who is now affiliated with the Oakland Buddhist Temple. Then, on December 9, we will have retired minister, Reverend. Eijun Kujo from the Bay Area.

**ADDITIONAL OCTOBER DHARMA SCHOOL ACTIVITY:** On Saturday, October 16, the Sangha members and especially the Dharma School students, are invited to a free Aki Matsuri at the Chinatown Plaza from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ann Mikami is having the dancers practice in order to perform there as well as the Kaminari taiko and Karaoke group performing that day. Please call Ann if you are interested in dancing. The Obon dancers will have practices at the JAACL Activity Center on Saturdays, September 15, 22, and 29 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**GUESTS:** Along with Reverend Sasaki's wife Helen, his daughter Sharon and husband Robert Yamamoto with daughters Zoe and Ava attended our September service. From the Oakland Buddhist Temple, we also had Digger and Agnes Sasaki (no relation) attending the Hoops for Friends basketball tournament and then our Sunday service. It was also good to see both Hideko Shimabukuro and Hana Fukumoto who were both assisted by Alan Takemoto who was previously a paramedic with LA County.

**NEW MEMBER:** Please welcome Elaine Watson when she attends our next service.

**SEPTEMBER DONATIONS:** Cathy Arakaki (August & September), Alice Branton, Sho Fukawa, Hana Fukumoto, Mabel Fukumoto (May, June & September), Sally Hanagami, Sandi Hiyane (annual), Harriet Huber, Nancy & Stan Isa, Dale & Rosan Ito, Rosie Kakuuchi, Kumiko Kashiwada, James & Gay Kurashige, Pati Lira, Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda, Sueno Migaki, Daniel Miyake, Frances Miyasato (annual), Ben & Karen Mizusak, Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa (annual), Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Mits Nakayama, Arline & Jerry Ogata (Hawaii-July), Takako Ogata, Ellie Oshiro, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Alice & Paul Sakamoto, Jane Sakashita (Salt Lake City), D.M. & Agnes Sasaki (San Lorenzo, CA), Ron & Mae Soeda, Mike & Becky Suyeyasu, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Alan & Oh Takemoto (annual), Sadie & Wayne Tanaka, Mieko Uragami & Kristine Tanaka (Lomita, CA), Sadako Wanless (annual), Grace Wertz, Fred & Patty Yamano.

**MEMORIALS DONATIONS:** Stephen & Keiko Kashiwada and Kumiko Kashiwada, both in memory of father and husband Joe Kashiwada; Frances Miyasato – in memory of parents, Chester & Hatsumi Toguchi and sister, Arline; Caryl Suzuki – in memory of father Saburo Iwamoto; Patty Yamano – in memory of father, Kikuo Ogawa.

**OTHER DONATIONS:** Thank you to the crafts group, represented by Sally Hanagami who gave a \$300 check for the Obon sales on August 11. In addition, we thank Wayne Tanaka & Dr. Eleanor Chow for meeting with CCSD to get the wear and tear fee removed saving us over an additional \$5,000 fee.

**REFRESHMENTS AND TOBAN:** We thank Rosie & Christine Kakuuchi for bringing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake celebrating Reverend and Mrs. Sasaki's recent event. We also thank Takako Ogata & Sadako Wanless for always coming early to set up the chairs and Obutsudan along with Dale Ito who came early to organize the storage room after our Obon. The flowers were brought by Kumiko Kashiwada, Chizuyo Reynierse, Wayne Tanaka and Caryl Suzuki.

**SECOND SEPTEMBER AND BOTH OCTOBER TOBANS:** should include Ron & May Soeda, Mike & Becky Suyeyasu, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Mike & Sharan Tanaka, Wayne & Sadie Tanaka and Art & Haru Toimoto; however, if you're available, please come a little early for the set up on September 30, October 14 and 28. If anyone would like to join us for lunch after the service on Oct. 14 at Sushi on Rainbow, please let Dale Ito know at 869-0557.

**OBON THANK YOU LUNCHEON:** We thank Paul and Alice Sakamoto as well as Dale Ito and June Maruyama for organizing the event for the 116 volunteers or members who RSVP'ed for the September 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon at the Main Street Station. At the service, our Obon chair Dale Ito mentioned that despite all the added CCSD expenses, we still managed to make a \$10,000 profit. In addition, we thank Kazuo & Edna Shiotani for the beautiful art piece that he handcrafted and donated as a raffle prize.

**OCTOBER MEMORIALS:** If you would like to bring memorial flowers, please contact Rosie Kakuuchi (655-3028) who will help Reverend Mukojima as the service chair. Please remember to bring a vase and to take your flowers home after the service. Also, if you cannot attend the memorial service for someone in your family, you may

remember them by giving a memorial donation that will be listed in next month's newsletter.

- 10/4 Yoshio Wakayama, father of Myrtle Noguchi  
Goichi Koyanagi, father of Chizuyo Reynierse
- 10/9 Hilda Nakaishi, sister of Alice Branton
- 10/13 Florence Tachibana, mother of Georgianna Kobayashi  
Toyoki Tom Sakamoto; father of Paul Sakamoto & Aiko Mayeda
- 10/14 Kaizo Fukumoto; husband of Mabel Fukumoto
- 10/16 Teresa Lira, sister of Pati Lira
- 10/18 Atsuyoshi Saisho, father of Mariko Ushiroda
- 10/30 Mary Fukawa, wife of Shioji Fukawa
- October: Robert Tsurusato, son of Aiko Mayeda

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS** to the following: 10/3 Pati Lira; Hideko Shimabukuro; 10/5 Karen Tanaka-Kelly, Alice Sakamoto; 10/6 Mariko Ushiroda; 10/12 Joyce Nakagawa; 10/18 Takako Ogata; 10/24 Masaichi Yamada; 10/25 Sadako Wanless, Gladys Akita; 10/28 Victor Ferguson; 10/29 George Yahiro; and 10/31 Chelsea Kurashige. We again thank Michael and Sharon Tanaka for donating the gift cards to the Dharma Class children who have birthdays each month!

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 10/11 May & Ron Soeda; 10/19 June & Hank Maruyama.

**SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING:** is on Monday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. Any member of the Sangha is invited to attend. #1 agenda item is to discuss the Obon follow up.

**SAN DIEGO OLD GLOBE PRODUCTION OF ALLEGIANCE:** stars Lea Salanga, who was the lead in Miss Saigon. She is wonderful and the show is amazing. It received a standing ovation. The music and set are great. The lead, Lea, plays the Japanese American daughter of an artichoke farmer in Salinas, and her grandfather lives with them. He speaks little English. She went to Salinas High and meets a boy, Frankie Suzuki, then Pearl Harbor happens and they all get interned. That's where she falls in love with Frankie, and eventually marries him. It's really long past time this story was told on a huge scale, and this musical does it. It may go to Broadway and tour all over because it's that good!

**MANAZANAR FISHING CLUB:** A film in New York which is worthy of attention happened to be showing on Friday, September 14, at the AMC Empire 25 theater in Times Square. This tells a story of some people incarcerated at Manzanar. This shows how some men survived the ordeal by fishing. Please feel free to contact the film's producer Cory Shiozaki at [feamotrout@earthlink.net](mailto:feamotrout@earthlink.net) or 310-729-6541.

### Classes in Buddhism

What is True Happiness? Taught by Jon Turner, Orange County Buddhist Church Minister's Assistant. What does it mean to have true and real happiness? How does Buddhism offer an antidote to suffering? Is it even appropriate to concern ourselves with our own happiness? It often seems that if we just tried harder we could remake the world into a place that matches our ideals. Only then can we realize our dreams. However, it is also possible that we never appreciate what we have. Perhaps this is the real problem.

Saturday, September 29, 2012, and Sunday, September 30, 2012, 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Life of the Buddha and the Fundamental Teachings of Buddhism. Taught by Rev. Alan Sakamoto, Orange County Buddhist Church Minister. Course will present the fundamentals of Buddhism and how this has been both expressed and practiced throughout India, China and Japan over the past 2500 years.

Saturday, October 27, 2012 and Sunday, October 28, 2012, 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Both classes will be held at the West Charleston Library, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146. Registration fee for classes: \$10.00/ weekend. Light refreshments will be served. For scheduling and any other questions, contact Heide Ferguson at: [HeideNina@aol.com](mailto:HeideNina@aol.com) or 714-782-4825/702-608-1616.



Mits Nakayama, Rev. Sasaki, Agnes & Digger Sasaki

Robert Yamamoto, Helen & Rev. Sasaki, Sharon Yamamoto, daughters Zoe & Ava

Rosie Kakuuchi and Hideko Shimabukuro