KAMINARI TAIKO RECEIVES GRANT

Congratulations to Kaminari Taiko’s leader Jennifer Caballero! During October, 2020, she applied for the NV Governor’s Office of Economic Development for a Pandemic Emergency Technical Support (PETS) grant. Originally she applied for $10,000 but in January Jennifer was emailed to resubmit the application for $20,000 being an arts/cultural organization and updating what the funds would be used for such as assistance with rent, utilities, PPE, inventory, and other expenses related to the lost income due to the pandemic. With these funds, and the help from Sangha with regards to rent, Kaminari Taiko is back to where they were financially in 2019. These funds will help the group get back to in-person practices hopefully in April and buying more items to make it safe for in-person practices or performances. Since this is a full grant, Kaminari is not required to pay back the funded amount; but should the State of NV require it, they will need to show receipts or invoices related to their application.

REMOVING OF SANGHA/JACL STORAGE ROOM

Delwayne Arakaki is to be commended for finding a close, new & reasonably priced storage facility about a mile from our Sangha Center on Revere between Craig & Alexander! On Friday, Jan 22, a small group of volunteers reported first at 9 a.m. (our apologies to Dale Ito, John Kosora & Muriel Scrivner) then at noon (with Delwayne, Dale, Dan Lee, Caryl Suzuki, Dennis Tsukagawa, and Bob & Sachi Uyematsu). It took less than 4 hours to dismantle the shelves in the storage room next to the Sangha Center, load as much as the vans, trucks & cars would hold, and then re-assemble the shelves and move those boxes into the new storage facility! On Saturday morning, a second crew led again by Delwayne with Stan Isa, Dale Ito, Bill Muraoka, Gene Nakamura, Sharleen Nakaoka-Aoki, Alan & Oh Takemoto and Wayne Tanaka worked from 9 a.m. loading the various vehicles to move the bigger and mostly unboxed items. Then on Monday with the help of his son Michael, Delwayne dismantled some plastic shelves and moved the dozen tables and left the few items to be given away or sold.

REV. MATSUBAYASHI PRESIDES IN FEBRUARY

Our favorite retired minister, Rev. George Matsubayashi, will Zoom in with his Dharma message on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2021. The reverend will also be swearing in this year’s officers and directors. Immediately after the service, the Makino’s bento orders will be distributed. We will stop distribution at noon, so please be at the Sangha Center by then. If you haven’t paid, please bring a check or cash.

As a reminder, all bento boxes are sold by PRE-ORDER ONLY. Please order on the website or by sending email to Roy at roy.n.suzuki@gmail.com. Please order by February 8. In the past, some orders were not filled due to late submissions, so please be sure to send in your order early.

MYRTLE NOGUCHI

Myrtle Noguchi, who was a math teacher in LAUSD and, retired here in the Sun City subdivision during the 1990s with her late husband Steve. They were part of the Sangha for many years, but Myrtle passed away late in December and her ashes taken back to Hawaii where she grew up.

MEMORIAL LIST UPDATE

If you have any changes to make, please send them to: roy.n.suzuki@gmail.com

2021 DUES!

The new year is here! Please send in your dues! Anything you send in, be it $20 or $2,000, will be counted, just note it on your check or on your website DONATION! THANK YOU!
LITTLE TOKYO CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

In the latest issue of the 2021 New Year’s edition of Nikkei Times published in San Francisco, Dean Matsubayashi, the late son of Reverend and Mrs. Matsubayashi, was featured in the article entitled, "Little Tokyo celebrates completion of community recreation center.” Copies of that issue of the Nikkei Times are on the front desk of the Sangha Center foyer on pp 2-3 as well as the complete article being posted on the Sangha bulletin board. In the article, it mentions how the rec center was a "crowning achievement” due to the fact that the Budokan’s development was crucial to the mission of preserving Little Tokyo as the historical, cultural and symbolic home for the Southern California Nikkei community. Dean was among others who worked tirelessly for many years after the city of LA donated a site that was dedicated as a community space for sports (like basketball and volleyball), fitness, and special events. The project cost about $33.8 million and had an official virtual celebration on October 24 on YouTube that included Reverend and Mrs. Matsubayashi’s participation.

NEW BUDDHIST DISCUSSION GROUP STARTED!

Now is the perfect time to learn and refresh yourself on Buddhism. Take advantage of the pandemic to learn from our new Bishop of BCA, Rev. Harada, who will teach us about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Rev. Harada will discuss various aspects of Shin Buddhism and answer your questions on Zoom beginning Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The class will be held on Zoom every third Wednesday of each month. It is open to all members of Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha.

If you know someone who may be interested that is not a member, please email one of our minister assistants, David Hopper at drdave@gmx.com or Michael Tanaka at michaelmtanaka@yahoo.com. To sign up for the class, please contact Sharleen Aoki at sharperiwinkle@yahoo.com or Cathy Arakaki @ arakakict@gmail.com.

See you in class!

ZOOM MEDITATION CLASS CHANGES
David Hopper MA

With the pandemic and the multitude of physical and mental problems associated with it, this is an important time to learn and use meditation techniques. The meditation class may seem somewhat strange using a Zoom format but, it’s safer, easier and is done in the comfort of your own home. You can even attend in pajamas and turn off the video portion so nobody can see you but you can still participate with sound only.

Instead of just focusing on achieving enlightenment with meditation, we look at learning different techniques to use meditation for mental and physical wellness. I hear many complaints from patients and friends of being out of shape, overeating, being depressed, agitated, and suffering from anxiety and stress. Suicide rates have more than doubled. There is no doubt that the stress created by this pandemic has contributed significantly to the rise in deaths among the elderly who are not infected with COVID-19 or related to medical issues. At this time, we have so many pandemic-related issues, meditation can be a very powerful tool to help fight the war on these problems. If you are interested in attending the meditation class, please email Sharleen at sharperiwinkle@yahoo.com or Cathy at arakakict@gmail.com. If you have any questions about the class or meditation, please email me at drdave@gmx.com.

BENTO SALE

The LV Sangha Bento Sales have been very successful. Not only do many members order food for their families, some are selling to their bowling clubs, dance classes, etc. One person has sold around 100 bentos!

For this month’s sale, we anticipate exceeding 300 orders! We would like to make it even better by selling as many as possible. Unlike other vendors, Makino has no limits on the number of bentos they can make, so let’s take advantage of it and sell as many as we can!

We also have members who make a donation in addition to purchasing bento boxes. This really adds to the bottom line.

We are looking for other vendors for the months ahead, so if you have a favorite restaurant, let us know so we can investigate getting some different bento boxes.

It looks like this will be another year without our Las Vegas Obon Festival—we are looking into doing a virtual festival, like most of the temples in California are doing. This will take a lot of work, because it will be all new to us, and unfortunately, will not be as profitable as our past festivals.

Thanks for supporting our bento sales!
DONATION OF BOOKS

A copy of "Buddha is our Teacher", is available for every family in the Sangha. It is a book of lessons in Buddhism for Young Readers. My idea was for each member to read through this book, then pass it on or read it to your children/grandchildren. It is a book that is to be shared and discussed with children. This book caught my eye because it was a children's book that not only gave a "Buddhist" thought, but supported it with a paragraph in a supporting story and ended with a discussion, all in 2 pages.

I feel a book like this is important in nurturing Buddhism in our children because it makes them think. Critical thinking has been all but eliminated from our schools and these are the skills that will not only be important in schooling but for lifetime skills. Please take time to read through the book and share it with your children/grandchildren.

A big Thank You goes to Brian Nagata for donating these books to our Sangha. ~ Patty Yamano
Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha
Buddhist Women’s Association
Membership Form

Name ____________________________________________

Address _______________________________________

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Phone number __________________________________

Email _________________________________________

Birthday (MM/DD) _____________________________

Emergency contact: (name and phone number) _____________________________________________

Membership Dues ($20/year)
I am paying by:

☐ Cash

☐ Check check # ____________
   (please make check out to: LVBS and in the memo please indicate BWA)

What would you like to see as part of our activities:

_____________________________________________________________________________________
**Buddhism Study & Discussion Group**

with Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of BCA

Zoom Buddhism Class

Study group meets on the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm each month via Zoom. Learn about Buddhism especially Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Rev. Harada will also answer questions you may have.

**2021 Tentative Schedule**

- January 20, 2021
- February 17, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021
- June 16, 2021

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**Meditation Group with Dr. David Hopper**

Zoom Meditation Class

Group meets on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm each month via Zoom. Learn and experience mindfulness and many other forms of meditation. Experience many different ways to promote wellness, healing, mental focus, and mindful awareness.

**2021 Schedule of Meetings**

- January 13, 2021
- February 10, 2021
- March 10, 2021
- April 14, 2021
- May 12, 2021
- June 9, 2021

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**MAKINO BENTO SALE**

Thank you for your support of our previous Bento sales! Please help us help our friends in the restaurant business survive the 2020 Pandemic! Proceeds go to the Sangha operating fund in place of the cancelled Obon Festival.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Bento Lunches made by Makino will be available at the LV Buddhist Sangha Center, 4110 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., N. Las Vegas from 11 a.m. to Noon, immediately after our 10 a.m. service.

**SOLD BY PREORDER ONLY**

You may preorder and pay for your Bento lunch via our website, www.lasvegasbuddhist.org, or by regular mail using the form below.

Please send your check made out to LBBS to:
Chelsea Kurashige, 7528 Lassen Peak Cir, Las Vegas, NV 89149

DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Bento 1: Chicken
Bento 2: Teri Beef
Bento 3: Salmon

All bento include Veg. Shrimp Tempura, fried rice, sushi, noodles, and vegetables

Questions? Contact Wayne Tanaka: wtanaka@cox.net/702-283-4550

**BENTO LUNCH ORDER FORM**

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Please join us for our next service!
Rev. George Matsubayashi will be our guest minister via Zoom.
We hope to see you here!

Sunday, February 14, 2021
Service Starts at 10:00 A.M.

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If you cannot attend, please remember that you can make a donation on our website:
www.lasvegasbuddhist.org
UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please use this form and send it in to Chelsea. We would like to have you update your form each year so we always have current information. Thanks!

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2021

Date __________________________

Name __________________________ Birth Month & Day ______________

Spouse's Name__________________ Birth Month & Day ______________

Address_________________________ Street __________________________
City __________________________ Zip __________________________

Home Phone Number______________ Cell Phone_______________________

Email address________________________

Children (living at home)

Name________________________ Date of Birth_______________________

Name________________________ Date of Birth_______________________

Children interested in Dharma School? Yes ___ No ___

Emergency Contact: __________________________ Name __________________________ Relationship ________ Phone ________

Previous Buddhist Temple affiliation________________________ When __________

Special Dates (Example - Anniversary, etc.)

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Special Memorial Dates

Name________________________ Date________ Relationship________

Name________________________ Date________ Relationship________

Name________________________ Date________ Relationship________

Yearly dues ($20) enclosed_____

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Signature(s)______________________________