



Our monthly service will be conducted by Reverend Jon Turner of the Orange County Buddhist Church. The service will be at the JACL Activity Center, 1401 Arville, just south of Charleston Blvd., on Sunday, February 10. We will have a class on "Buddhism as it Relates to Everyday Life" both Saturday and Sunday at 1-3 p.m. at SW Behavior School.

NEHAN-E: February 15th marks the day that Sakyamuni Buddha died & entered Nirvana. As the Buddha lay down to breathe his last breath, he said to his disciples who had gathered around him, "Make of yourself a light. Rely upon yourself; do not depend upon anyone else. Make my teachings your light. Rely upon them; do not depend upon any other teaching. Life is ever changing; none can escape the dissolution of the body. Thus I am now to show by my own death; my body falling apart like a dilapidated cart. Do not lament, but realize that nothing is permanent & learn from it...the emptiness of human life. The true Buddha is not a human body--it is Enlightenment. A human body must die, but the Wisdom of Enlightenment will exist forever in the truth of the Dharma & in the practice of the Dharma. He who sees merely my body does not truly see me. Only he who accepts my teaching truly sees me." Soon thereafter Sakyamuni Buddha died. But, as he stated, his teachings, the Dharma, lives on here & now. Nehan-e is an opportunity for us once again to listen to the words of the Buddha. (from "The White Path")

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: At the January service, Reverend Bill Dearth led the installation of the following cabinet and board members for this 2011 year:

President:	Stan Isa
First Vice President	Jim Kurashige
Second Vice President	Harriet Huber
Secretary	Sharleen Aoki
Treasurer	Pati Lira
Board Members	Sandi Hiyane, David Hopper, John Kosora, Gay Kurashige, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Jon Ogata, Ellie Oshiro, Michael & Sharan Tanaka, Kyle Watanabe, and Patty Yamano.
Advisors	Wayne Tanaka, Roy & Caryl Suzuki
Service Chair	Rosie Kakuuchi

GUESTS: Relatives to celebrate the Hatsumairi for Emi Kaneda Yoshikawa were Charlotte, Rosemarie & Ron Peck, plus Namie & Mitch Dukes, and parents Ryan & Katherine Yoshikawa. In addition, Ted Horiuchi, a friend of Mary Ozaki, was in town for the Consumer Electronic Show visiting from Arizona.

TOBAN & FLOWERS: We appreciate the members such as Sadako Wanless and Takako Ogata who came early and set up the Obutsudan, chairs and tables. In addition, flowers were brought by Alice Branton & Sadako Wanless.

JANUARY DONATIONS: Cathy Arakaki; Sharleen Aoki; Alice Branton; Sho Fukawa; Sally Hanagami; Tomico Honda; Harriet & James Huber; Stan & Nancy Isa; Kumiko Kashiwada (December & January); Rosie Kakuuchi; Kurashige Family; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Daniel Miyake; Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Takako Ogata; Eleanor Oshiro; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Kazuo & Edna Shiotani; Ron & May Soeda; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Michael Tanaka; Scott & Tami Watanabe; Grace Wertz; Takako Ogata, in memory of T. Imamura.

MEMBERSHIP: Emiko Aoki; Sharleen Aoki; Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Tom & Lynn DeMann; Sho Fukawa; Mabel Fukumoto; Clara Hamasaki; Sally Hanagami; Deborah Harlig; Richard & Carolyn Higa; Sandy Hiyane; Tomico Honda; Dr. David Hopper; Harriet & James Huber; Kumiko Kashiwada; June Ikeda; Stan & Nancy Isa; Alice Kado; Rosie Kakuuchi; Georgiana & Albert Kobayashi; Wayne Kozai (new); Kurashige Family; Pati Lira; Aiko Mayeda; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Daniel Miyake; Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Jon Ogata; Takako Ogata; Eleanor Oshiro; Mary Ozaki; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Alice & Paul Sakamoto; Jason & Marlo Sando-Tsuchiyama; Muriel Scrivner; Kazuo & Edna Shiotani; Ron & May Soeda; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Michael Tanaka; Sadie & Wayne Tanaka; Scott & Tami Watanabe; Agnes Tsuchiyama; Grace Wertz; Fred & Patty Yamano; Tom & Sumi Yanagihara; Stan Helen Yokoyama.

HIDEKO SHIMABUKURO PASSED AWAY on January 9, 2013. Koden was sent to Seibi Okita in Glendale, CA.

MISC DONATION: We thank Miles Roebuck for cutting the wood used in part for the Dharma Class Obutsudan that were glued together during this past service & class. Also, we thank the Mitsunagas for their donation of a slow cooker that we will use for the Mothers' Day breakfast as well as the family butsudhan that we have shared with Reverend Bill Dearth from OCBC.

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS: If you would like to bring memorial flowers to the February 8th service, please remember to bring your own vase and to take the flowers home afterwards. Also, the Sangha appreciates any donation made in memory of the following:

- 2/1 Richard Izumi, father of Brenda Creed
- 2/3 Kiyu Saisho, Mother of Mariko Ushiroda
- 2/4 Yumi Peck, wife of George Peck

- 2/5 Jack Kakuuchi, husband of Rosie Kakuuchi
- 2/6 Henry Tsuchiyama, husband of Agnes Tsuchiyama and father of Marlo Sando; Jintaro Fukawa, Father of Sho Fukawa
- 2/7 Tokie Ushiroda, mother of Charles Ushiroda
- 2/10 Takeko Suzuki, mother of Roy Suzuki
- 2/11 Rana Teresa Branton, daughter of Alice Branton
- 2/13 Shoji Tsuma, husband of Flora Tsuma
- 2/22 Noboru Muraoka, father of Bill Muraoka; Tadashi Fukumoto, brother-in-law of Hana Fukumoto
- 2/23 Misuye Takemoto, mother of Margaret Nakata
- 2/24 Shimayo Mayeda, mother of Richard Mayeda
- 2/25 Kura Fukawa, mother of Shoji Fukawa
- 2/28 Chizuko Nii, mother of May Soeda; Fred Fukumoto, husband of Hana Fukumoto
- Feb. Masaichi Tanimine, father of Alice Branton; Ernestine Moses, mother of Clifford Moses

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS to the following: 2/1 Roy Matsuda, 2/5 Russell Suzuki; 2/7 Robert Hopper; 2/9 Shirley Yoshioka; 2/11 Deborah Harlig; 2/16 Ron Soeda; 2/20 Daniel Creed; 2/21 Mabel Fukumoto; 2/22 Emiko Aoki; 2/23 Margaret Nakata; 2/25 Calista Mayumi Suzuki; 2/28 Ellie Shibata and Chizuyo Reynierse; and 2/29 Michael Arakaki.

MONTHLY SANGHA BOARD MEETING: The Sangha Board will meet at 5:30 pm at the JAACL Center on the following dates: Wednesday, Jan. 30; Tuesday, March 26; Tuesday, May 28; Wednesday, July 31; Monday, Sept. 23; Tuesday, Nov. 26.

MONTHLY BUDDHISM CLASSES: We thank the members who attended the first class held on Saturday and Sunday, January 12 & 13, with Reverend Bill Dearth: Sharleen Aoki; Eileen Castle; Dr. Dave Hopper; Ellie Oshiro; Sharan & Michael Tanaka; Roy & Caryl Suzuki.

SUPPORT THE NEW SANGHA WEBSITE! The Sangha is establishing a new website with the help of Horizon Web Marketing, headed by Roy Nakamura. Our cost for the website is \$1,200, which is a \$1,300 discount from the normal price. Our monthly fee is \$75, which is a \$25 discount. Roy Nakamura has been extremely generous, and has been great to work with. His Web Master, Robert Gillmer, is very knowledgeable and will help us keep the website current. Our website and our Facebook page should be a great way to attract attention to us. Benjamin Gras visited us at our last service. He is a Jodo Shinshu follower from Paris, France, and he found us through Alan Takemoto's Sangha Facebook page. The Yoshikawa family also found us through Facebook, are new members, and had their Hatsumairi (newborn service) in January during our service, so this is an example of how having a presence on the Web can help us recruit new members. Many years ago, we started a website, but it went nowhere because no one contributed any content, and it was never updated. Now that we are starting a new one, and we're paying professionals to make it effective (like we did with Derek Uehara managing our assets—made over \$17,000 in dividends in the last 12 months), please send in something we can put on the website! We should all do what we can to make this a success! One thing that is really effective on any website is testimonials. Satisfied customers/members write about how being a member/participant has helped them in their daily lives or helped them connect with new and old friends. We hope that many of you will write a sentence or two about how being a Sangha member/Buddhist has benefited you. If you want it to be anonymous, we can do that. We want those who browse our website/Facebook page to feel welcome and to see that becoming a member is something that will help them. Please contact Roy Suzuki at 228-3071 or lvjacl@cox.net, or send him a letter at 8301 Slate Harbor Circle, LV, NV 89128.

