



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
JUNE, 2011, NEWSLETTER



JUNE SERVICE: Our next service will be held on Sunday, June 10th, which is a week before Fathers' Day. The service will be at 10 a.m. at the JACL Activity Center and will have Reverend Kanya Okamoto who is retired from the Denver (Tri-Sate) Buddhist Temple.

MAY DHARMA MESSAGE: We thank Michael Tanaka for chairing our May service and Mits Nakayama for hosting Reverend Brian Nagata by picking him up from the airport and bringing him to our service as well as eventually dropping him off to catch his flight back. Our thanks also to all of the Dharma School students and parents who hosted our Second Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Applause for Megan Arakaki for the song she sang for the mothers in our congregation.

MAY DONATIONS: Ken & Gladys Akita; Cathy Arakaki, Alice Branton, Sho Fukawa, Carolyn & Richard Higa, Sandi Hiyane (annual), James & Harriet Huber, Stan & Nancy Isa, Dale & Rosan Ito, Rosie Kakuuchi, Kumiko Kashiwada, James & Gay Kurashige, Pati Lira, Hank & June Maruyama, Sueno Migaki, Daniel Miyake, Frances Miyasato (annual), Ben & Karen Mizusaki, Bill & Nanette Muraoka, Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa (annual), Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Mits Nakayama, Ellie Oshiro, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Mike & Becky Suyeyasu, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Alan & Oh Takemoto, Wayne & Sadie Tanaka, Sadako Wanless (annual), Fred & Patty Yamano, Grace Wertz, Mas Yamada. MOTHER'S DAY DONATION: Takako Ogata - memory of Aki Manura & Matsy Ogata. DUES RECEIVED IN MAY: Kimiko Brown; Jerry & Heide Ferguson, Aileen & Brent Sumida.

MEMORIALS: Shirley Yoshioka - Memory of husband, Shig Yoshioka

VISITORS included the BCA Vice President from San Mateo and her friends Bernie and Rod Padilla and Hazel Nakamura.

TOBAN: Thank you to Dale Ito who always comes early as well as to Takako Ogata & Sadako Wanless. Alice Branton and Sharan Tanaka also brought the flowers. **Toban for the June 10th service** will be the following members: John Kosora, Pati Lira, Hank & June Maruyama, Aiko Nakao-Mayeda, and Sueno Migaki—no refreshments are needed; only to help set up and take down the chairs and clean the restrooms.

JUNE MEMORIALS: If you would like to bring memorial flowers, please contact Rosie Kakuuchi at 655-3028. Please remember to bring a vase and please take your flowers home with you after the service. Thank you.

06/04 Catherine Sakinada, grandmother of Cathy Moses and Michael Tanaka

06/04 Masami Tachibana, father of Georgiana Kobayashi

06/05 Nellie K. Moon, sister of Margaret Nakata

06/12 Hisako Hamada, mother of June Maruyama

06/15 Tsurue Otani, mother of Tomico Honda & Tuney Kodama

06/16 Jim Hamada, brother of June Maruyama

06/16 Kansuke Mayeda, father of Richard Mayeda

06/23 Shogo Okamura, father of Janet Sakahara

06/25 Tameko Akita, Mother of Ken Akita

06/29 Ushi Nakane, mother of Hideko Shimabukuro

Our apologies for omitting Mitsuji Kasamoto (5/5), father-in-law of Sadie Kasamoto, in the list of May memorials.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS to the following: 6/1 Lynn DeMann and Akiko Graves; 6/3 Ken Akita; 6/6 Jenna Matsuyama; 6/9 Bob Reynierse; 6/10 Richard Higa; 6/12 Wayne Tanaka and Karin Sakahara; 6/19 Charles Ushiroda; 6/20 Brianne Isa; 6/21 Matthew Arakaki; 6/28 Bill Muraoka; 6/29 Jim Shibata.

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: 6/15 Stan & Nancy Isa; 6/16 Robert & Chizuyo Reynierse; 6/19 Darrel & Julie Matsuyama; 6/30 Steve & Myrtle Noguchi.

BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m. Please call Stan Isa for agenda items to add and feel free to attend. Margaret and Harriet will serve some light dinner.

CURRENT 2012 MEMBERSHIP: 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 & Heidi 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; Fred & Patty Yamano; Tom & Sumi Yanagihara; Stan Yokoyama; Shirley Yoshioka; Stan & Arlene Yokoyama; Tom Yonemura.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON: Congratulations to Chelsea Kurashige who won the Asian Chamber of Commerce's Bill Endow Foundation Scholarship. She is also the recipient of the Sangha and the JACL scholarships for this year. We will be celebrating all of her accomplishments as well as honoring Nicholas Kurashige being the first recipient of the Kikuo and Kaoru Ogawa Scholarship, which was established by Fred and Patty Yamano in memory of her parents. The luncheon will occur at approximately noon immediately after our monthly service on Sunday, June 10 at the Sato-Ya Restaurant, 2550 S. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146 (SE corner of Sahara & Rainbow). Please RSVP to our secretary, Sharleen Aoki either by email at sharperiwinkle@yahoo.com or by calling her at 254-4021.

DINNER MEETING WITH NEW SUPERVISING MINISTER, REVEREND HARADA: On Tuesday, May 15, at the Sushi Factory, Rev. Harada met with Alan (& Oh) Takemoto, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Jerry Ferguson, Dale Ito, Wayne Tanaka and Roy & Caryl Suzuki. Discussed were the following ideas:

- Twice a month or weekly services by using videos of Dharma talks made by BCA or Orange County Buddhist Church ministers.
- Sangha members join the BCA with annual \$100 dues paid by those who can afford it or by the Sangha.
- Have lay members trained as minister's assistants through the BCA formal classes.

OBON UPDATE: We thank the members who came early to stuff the 220 envelopes and to Chris Kakiuchi who updated the mailing list using the raffle stubs from last year. Also, Delwayne Arakaki sent out the letters allowing us once more to share the JACL bulk mailing rate which saves us about half the costs of the mailing. If you missed the May service, the information sent out in those envelopes are enclosed with this newsletter. June Maruyama will take the orders for bentos and the money to cover those and the raffle tickets may be sent to her. Dale Ito and Stan Isa are co-chairing the August 11th event which will be held at a new and different location this year: Spring Valley High School, 3750 Buffalo Drive, 89147, just north of the intersection of Flamingo Road & Buffalo. ***Please get in touch with Dale Ito or Stan Isa*** regarding any raffle prizes that you have solicited or are willing to donate. Any last minute donations will also be appreciated and raffled off at Obon despite not being on the official list.

DANCE PRACTICE will be conducted with Ann Mikami at the JACL Activity Center on the following days:

JUNE 2 & July 14: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. June 9, 16, 23, 30, JULY 7, 21, 28 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.

DVDs of the required first round dances will be provided. We hope many new dancers will participate this year. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 228-2692 or cell phone 339-1253.

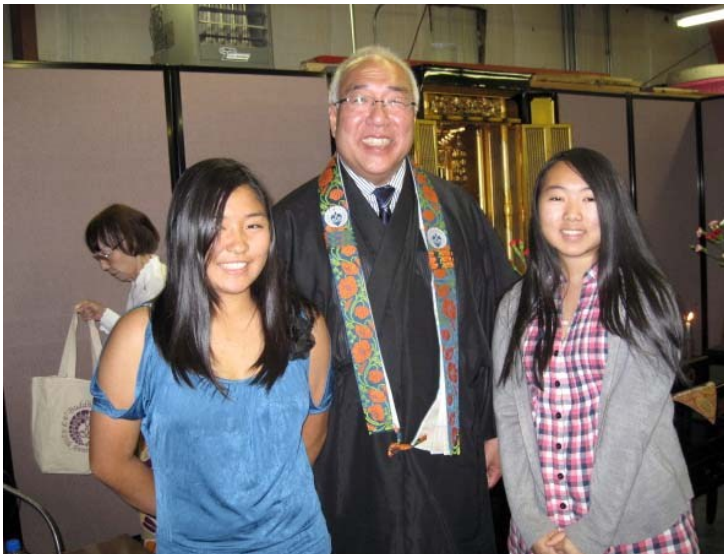
Food Prices: Bento Lunch - \$8; Inari sushi - 5/box-\$3.00; Makizushi - 5/box-\$3.00; Spam Musubi (price to be determined). Japanese desserts - \$3.00/plate; American desserts - \$2.00/plate; Shaved ice - kintoki - \$2.00; Drinks - \$1.

Donations or purchases of the following drinks will be much appreciated: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, 7-up and bottled water. Because other brand names cause a distribution problem, please stick to these basic brands only. Please call Hank Maruyama at 869-0680 so that he may keep a running tally of the amount of each and solicit whatever else we need for that day. We also thank members like Dale & Rosan Ito who donate a full page ad in addition to a large amount of bottled water each year.

Rosie Kakuuchi is in charge of the Obon program ads. Our first obon Ad for 2010: Island Dental Center (\$30.00). Some of our ads are from Sangha members whose children are in businesses that advertise annually. In addition to the raffle prizes, the Sangha also appreciates it if all ads and money be solicited by members and given to Rosie so that she knows exactly what needs to be included in the program booklet. If you own a business or know of someone who would support our Sangha by taking out an ad, the prices are \$50 for a full page, \$30 for half page and \$25 for a business card. The Obon Committee Chairs request that ***ALL YOUNGER MEMBERS/ FRIENDS come out on FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th*** at 9 a.m. Besides the cleaning of the kitchen and the chicken preparation, we need help to relieve the physical strain put on some of the retirees in cleaning and moving out the 120 tables and setting up the 700 chairs. We are renting the same kind of plastic chairs as last year. After the Obon, the tables and regular chairs must be put back in place, and ***everyone's help is needed at that time, too.***

JACL RECIPE BOOK: The Las Vegas JACL has the second edition of the local cookbook of J-A favorites now on sale for \$20. Included are recipes from some professional chefs like Wolfgang Puck and Van Atkins, so this book is a good addition to the first JACL cookbook from 5 years ago. We sold some copies at the May service, but if you missed that opportunity, please let Irene Koseki know via email at wmkoseki@cox.net. We'll have them at the next service as well at our Obon.

A NOTE FROM PATTY YAMANO: Since retiring, I've taken up sewing as well as other activities. I've started making wall hangings using Asian motifs. Tsurus, geishas, Mount Fuji and kois are the basic panels I use. I originally got my materials from a small fabric store on Kauai, but now I buy most of the material on line. I quilt as well as make wall hangings. The wall hangings range from \$25 to \$55. The quilts range from \$50 to \$200 depending on the size and amount of fabric. Since I was doing it was a hobby and didn't know what to do with my projects, I thought I would use them as a fund raiser for the Sangha. Rev. Nagata took some back with him to sell in Oakland. (Note: The Sangha received a \$150 check for Patty's sales at the last service) Contact Patty at: dr.yam@tech2learn.net or 818 219-6982.



Chelsea Kurashige, Rev. Brian Nagata, & Megan Arakaki



Patty Yamano & Rev. Brian Nagata