



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2012, NEWSLETTER



SECOND OCTOBER SERVICE: We are going ahead with the Introduction to Buddhism class being held on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 at 1 p.m. at the Charleston Library and the second service for this month held at 10 a.m. on the 28th at the JACL Center. **All children are encouraged to come for our annual Halloween costume parade with prizes for everyone who dresses up; plus Reverend Sakamoto is planning a short and special Dharma message just for them.**

NOVEMBER SERVICE: Our November service will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the JACL Activity Center at 1401 Arville, south of Charleston and across the street from the back lot of Walmart. Reverend Dennis Shinseki, who is from Monterey Buddhist Temple and is the cousin of General Shinseki who is currently in charge of the Veterans' Administration, will be giving our Dharma talk. Please invite your friends and relatives who are welcome to join us for our November Thanksgiving theme of bringing canned goods for our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. In addition, each year our Sangha donates to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)'s Annual Thanksgiving Donation. So if any member would like to add to this donation, please designate how much you want to give and in turn, our Sangha will send a total check or the individual ones collected to BCA headquarters in San Francisco.

In November, Shin Buddhists conduct a perpetual memorial service. This is called Eitaikyo Hoyo or Remembering with Gratitude. The following is an excerpt from an article, "Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service" "Eitaikyo" means to chant the Buddhist sutra perpetually. This special service is observed to ensure the continuation of the teaching of the Buddha among our Sangha. As noted by the famous Japanese songwriter Rokusuke Ei, who wrote the song Sukiyaki as well as a book entitled The Great Birth, "A person dies twice. The first time is the physical death and the second time is when the person is forgotten." Shakyamuni Buddha describes death as one of the four kinds of suffering along with birth, old age, and sickness. Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Jodo Shinshu Sect, stated that the Buddha Dharma must be carried on from generation to generation by those who have been born first to guide those who come later. This is so that the boundless ocean of birth-and-death continues. As we observe the Eitaikyo Service, let us reflect upon the dedicated lives of our deceased members & friends and express gratitude to them. (By Reverend Hoshi Matsubayashi in TheWhite Path, October 2002)

SEPTEMBER CLASS ON WHAT IS HAPPINESS: Jon Turner's class entitled "What is True Happiness?" was well received with the followup information available to all Sangha Members. This link to the video that was shown hopefully is meaningful and enjoyable for all to view. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXDMoiEkyuQ>

In addition, Orange County Buddhist Church has a website that may be of interest to our Sangha members: <http://www.hongwanjiplace.com/> We also collected \$260 from participants to defray the cost of rental, orei, etc.

OCTOBER CLASS ON INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM: Our next set of classes cover the Life of the Buddha and the Fundamental Teachings of Buddhism. It will be taught by Rev. Alan Sakamoto, Orange County Buddhist Church Minister. This 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. It will meet on Saturday, October 27, 2012 and Sunday, October 28, 2012, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The 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 or 714-782-4825/702-608-1616.

OCTOBER DONATIONS: SERVICE DONATION for the second service on September 30th: Sharleen & Minoru Aoki; Cathy Arakaki; Rosie Kakuuchi; Daniel Miyake; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Michael & Sharan Tanaka.

SERVICE DONATION for our October 14th service: Sharleen Aoki; Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton Sho Fukawa; Mabel Fukumoto; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Harriet & Jim Huber; Rosie Kakuuchi, Kumiko Kashiwada; Jim & Gay Kurashige; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Aiko Mayeda; Sueno Migaki; Daniel Miyake; Frances Miyasato (annual); Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa (annual); Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Jon Ogata (new member); Takako Ogata; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Alan & Oh Takemoto (annual); Sadie & Wayne Tanaka; Sadako Wanless (annual); and Grace Wertz

MEMORIAL DONATIONS were received from the following members: Sho Fukawa – in memory of his wife, Mary; Mabel Fukumoto – in memory of her husband, Kaizo; Pati Lira – in memory of her sister, Terry Lira; Aiko Mayeda, in memory of her dad, Tom and son, Robert Tsurusato

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012: Jon Ogata, Flora Tsuma and Frances Miyasato.

SPECIAL DONATION: Patty Yamano from the sale of her wall hangings.

REMINDER ABOUT NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: It will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at 5:30 p.m. and no meeting in December. All members are invited to submit agenda items or to attend and hear what Sangha business is being discussed.

TOBAN FOR NOVEMBER'S & DECEMBER SERVICES: We ask that members who last names our towards the end of the alphabet come early for toban and to set up the chairs for our last three services: For December, remember that we'll have our Bonenkai pot luck luncheon on Sunday, December 9th. With the stage to use, the Dharma School students will be ready for our Bonenkai Talent Show during the pot luck.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 11/2 Janet Sakahara; 11/9 Harriet Huber and Jalen Sando; 11/13 Sally Hanagami; 11/15 Hiroaki Aoki; 11/17 Henry Maruyama; 11/19 Ellie Oshiro; 11/21 Georgianna Kobayashi; 11/24 Steve Noguchi; 11/28 Kumiko Kashiwada.

ANNIVERSARIES: 11/3 Tom & Sumi Yanagihara; 11/4 James & Harriet Huber; 11/18 James & Frances Akamine.

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

11/03	Mitsubi Higashi, father of Gladys Akita
11/11	Mitsuno Kobayashi, mother of Albert Kobayashi
11/14	Keiichi Fukumoto, father in law of Hana Fukumoto
11/16	Mr. & Mrs. Chisato Sasaki, Parents-in-law of Sho Fukawa
11/17	Shig Hamada, brother of Haru Toimoto
11/20	Mas Hamada, brother of Haru Toimono
11/21	Sueko Tomikawa, sister of Chizuyo Reynierse
11/23	Eige Koyanagi, brother of Chizuyo Reynierse
11/26	Ralph Branton, Husband of Alice Branton
11/26	Masaji Maruyama, father of Henry Maruyama
11/30	Kojiro Hamada, father of June Maruyama

AKI MATSURI (Fall Festival) was held at ChinaTown Plaza this past Saturday, October 20. We thank Ann & Richard Mikami for organizing the dancers (Harriet Huber and Sandi Hiyane) along with Delwayne Arakaki for setting up an adjoining booth to our Sangha craft group's. Sally Hanagami, along with some friends of hers set us a booth to sell their hand made items

Update from Tom & Lynn DeMann: The town we are in has absolutely nothing to do. Everything is very expensive. The grocery stores have prices that are way too much. Lynn had to fly in to Las Vegas this past week and got homesick being there. If it were me, I might have not come back. We had everything that we needed at Siena including a beautiful home. We have a very small apartment here which is extremely expensive. Tell everyone at the Sangha that I miss being there.

The only good thing about this town is the Temple here. It is not a Shin Temple but everyone there is extremely nice. It is a Thai Temple that has Buddhism classes for 2 1/2 hours every Tuesday night and I never miss. It is the only positive thing here. Lynn is overwhelmed with her job which is not helping. She actually works almost every waking moment.....she has absolutely no free time. There is no family here to give her some support. Our son moved to Texas from Las Vegas and our daughter is still in Michigan. I am working out of the house as independent contractor for a division of Amazon. With her doing nothing but work, I keep myself busy working all the time as I can set my own hours. At least I read a lot about Buddhism to keep my practice going and I am helping out at Bright Dawn as much as I can.

2013 VISITING MINISTER'S SCHEDULE: If any member is able to pick the minister sent from Orange County Buddhist Temple from the airport and deliver them to Circus Circus, then to our service, and back to the airport, we appreciate the help.

YOUTH & BEGINNERS' TAIKO CLASSES: will begin on 10/27 from 4 to 6 p.m for ages 8-16 and 10/28 from 10 a.m. to noon for anyone 13 and older at the JACL Activity Center. For more info, email lvktaiko@gmail.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Please email or call in your nominations for next year's leaders. There are many changes on the horizon for our Sangha, so we need your ideas and input. Contact us at lvjacl@cox.net or 480-0352.

LAY SPEAKERS NEEDED: This year, we started having lay speakers tell us about themselves and their experiences with Buddhism. We have not been able to find any volunteers for the last couple of services. Please volunteer to tell us a little about yourself so we can all get to know each other a little better.

Bill Endow Tournament: The Sangha donates \$300 annually to the Bill Endow Foundation to support its scholarship. Each year, the foundation awards 15 \$2,000 scholarships to Asian American high school seniors who excel in community service, leadership, and academics. Last May, Chelsea Kurashige was the recipient of one of the scholarships at their scholarship dinner. If you would like to participate, or donate to this great cause, please contact Roy Suzuki at lvjacl@cox.net.

**Asian Chamber of Commerce and William "Bill" Endow Foundation
Present**

**Fifteenth Annual
William "Bill" Endow Memorial Golf Tournament
Proceeds from this event provide scholarships to
Outstanding Asian American High School Seniors**

**Rio Secco Golf Club
2851 Grand Hills Drive, Henderson, Nevada, 89012**

Saturday, December 1, 2012
Continental Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
Shotgun Start, 9:00 a.m.
Awards Luncheon and prizes, 1:30 p.m.
Four Ball Scramble Format

\$150.00 per golfer or \$600 per team of 4
Individual entries will be assigned a team
Deadline is Tuesday, November 27, 2012