



Our monthly service will be conducted by Reverend George Matsubayashi on Sunday, February 8, at 10 a.m. Reverend Matsubayashi will also be conducting a hatsumairi service for Ryan and Katherine Yoshikawa's newborn son, Kai, on Saturday.

NEHAN-E: February 15th marks the day that Shakyamuni Buddha died and 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 is 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 and 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, Shakyamuni Buddha died. But, as he stated, his teachings, the Dharma, lives on here and now. Nehan-e is an opportunity for us once again to listen to the words of the Buddha (from "The White Path" newsletter).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: At the January service, Reverend Turner led the installation of the following cabinet and board members for this 2015 year:

President	Stan Isa	Vice President	Gene Nakamura
Secretary	Eileen Castle	Treasurer	Jim Kurashige
Board Members	David Hopper, Al Kayatani, John Kosora, Chelsea & Gay Kurashige, Muriel Scrivner, Kyle Morishita, Tilda Silao, Michael Tanaka, Patty Yamano.		
Advisors	Wayne Tanaka, Roy & Caryl Suzuki		
Service Chair	Harriet Huber and Dharma School Students		
Dharma School Teacher	Patty Yamano, assisted by Chelsea Kurashige		

TOBAN & FLOWERS: Flowers were brought by Patty Yamano and Gladys Akita. Refreshments were donated by Wayne Tanaka, Tilda Silao & Gene Nakamura, Mits Nakayama and Mike Suyeyasu.

JANUARY DONATIONS: Fred & Patty Yamano, Mits Nakayama, Takako Ogata, Muriel Scrivner, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Cathy Arakaki, Rosie Kakuuchi, Bill & Nanette Muraoka, Grace Wertz, Sally Hanagami, Eleanor Oshiro, Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga, Steve & Myrtle Noguchi, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, James Akamine, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Sadae Kasamoto, Dennis & Brenda Creed, Gene Nakamura & Tilda Silao, Frances Yamaoka, Wayne & Sadie Tanaka, Alice Kado, Kumiko Kashiwada, Shioji Fukawa, Jim & Gay Kurashige, and anonymous donations of \$221.

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Senator Pat Spearman and her daughter/assistant, Donna Spearman Davis; Jamie Kuratomi, a UNLV Dental school student, who became a new member; Justin Appel, Tilda's son, who is our photographer; Sadie Kasamoto a former member who moved to Illinois and her sister, Frances Yamaoka and her children Glen and Ellen; Tohru "TK" Katano, who became a new member; Ed Herauche from Arizona; Wayne Tanaka introduced the following new members, Jodi Vidad and children Ren and Reiko.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: James & Harriet Huber in memory of parents, Hanayo & Yoogo Oba; Dr. David Hopper in memory of father, Dr. Bill Hopper; James Akamine in memory of father-in-law, Stanley Okumura; Kenneth & Gladys Akita in memory of parents, Kazuko Higashi & Masaru Akita; Edward Horiuchi in memory of Yasako Horiuchi; Bob Reynierse donation for Calendar, Robert Kiyomura for 49th Day Service; May Soeda from MGM Resorts Foundation.

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED: Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Kenneth & Gladys Akita; James Akamine; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Alice Kado; Harriet Huber; Sadae Kasamoto; Mary Ozaki; Kumiko Kashiwada; Shioji Fukawa; Helen Koga; Muriel Scrivner; Lenore Kakita; Hana Fukumoto; Sally Hanagami; Masaichi Yamada.

TRANSFER OF CHECKING ACCOUNT: On January 14, Dale Ito and James Kurashige transferred the Sangha account into Jim's name as our new treasurer. Jim had deposited \$2252 the day before into the Wells Fargo Sangha Account.

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS: If you would like to bring memorial flowers to the February 9th service, please remember to bring your own vase and to take the flowers home afterwards.

- 2/1 Richard Izumi, father of Brenda Creed
- 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
- 2/10 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
- 2/25 Kura Fukawa, mother of Shoji Fukawa
- 2/28 Fred Fukumoto, husband of Hana Fukumoto; Chizuko Nii, mother of May Soeda

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: 2/1 Roy Matsuda; 2/5 Russell Suzuki; 2/7 Robert Hopper; 2/9 Shirley Yoshioka; 2/11

Deborah Harlig, Denali Connoly; 2/13 Nam'e Dukes; 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, Chizuyo Reynierse; 2/29 Michael Arakaki.

MONTHLY SANGHA BOARD & MINISTERS FOR MONTHLY SERVICES: Anyone who would like to participate is invited to attend the board meetings. The Sangha Board will meet at 6 p.m. at our Sangha Center on the following dates: Tues Jan 27, Tues Feb 24, Tues Mar 24, Wed Apr 29, Tues May 19, Wed June 24, Wed July 22, Tues Aug 25, Tues Sept 29, Tues Oct 20, Tues Nov 17, and Tues Dec 15. All services are on the second Sunday of the month as follows: February 8, Rev. George Matsubayashi (hosted by Kurashige Family); March 8 Rev. Peter Hata (Ellie Oshiro, Sat, Gene Nakamura, Sunday); April 12 TBA; May 10 Rev Kenji Akahoshi (Kurashige Family); June 14 Rev. Abiko (Mike & Becky Suyeyasu); July 12 Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki; Sep 13 Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki (Wayne Tanaka); Oct 11 Rev. Patty Usuki (Kurashige Family); Nov 8 Rev. Alan Sakamoto and Dec 13 former BCA Bishop Koshin Ogui. Anyone who would like to host a visiting minister by picking them up at the airport, delivering them to the hotel, to our service and to the airport, please contact Roy Suzuki at lvjacl@cox.net.

CHINESE NEW YEAR DANCE PRACTICE: To prepare for the Chinese New Year's Celebration (Feb 21-22), practice will be on January 31, February 7 and February 14 from 10:00-12:00. We will have a 30 minute performance, so we will have time for about five dances, but will have more ready if needed. Dances scheduled: Tanko Bushi (updated), Mottainai, Memanbetsu Bayashi, Sukiyaki, Gassho Ondo. This event will be at the LINQ which is behind the Flamingo Hotel.

CHINESE NEW YEAR IN THE DESERT: As part of the School-Community Partnership Program, students are invited to the Chinese New Year (CNY) in the Desert/ Las Vegas Spring Festival. This is a two-day event sponsored and endorsed by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), the LINQ Promenade, and the Clark County School District. CNY in the Desert will be celebrated on February 20 and 21, 2015 at the LINQ Promenade, 3435 Las Vegas South Blvd. Hopefully, our Dharma Class will march in the CNY Parade on **Saturday, February 21, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.** Since our Dharma Class students participated in the CNY Parade last year, we hope more students will come out this year. Also, if anyone would like to build a float for the parade, the CNY office has received a donation to reimburse you up to \$100 for decorations and materials. If you are interested, please email let us know at lvjacl@cox.net ASAP.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE ORDER: Kaiya Kakita, 9, daughter of Garrett and Jennifer Kakita, is selling Girl Scout cookies. Please support our Dharma Class student by placing an order at jenniferkakita@yahoo.com. The cookies will be delivered at our February 8th service.

UNLV DENTAL SCHOOL PARTICIPANT: New Sangha member, Jamie Kuratomi, originally from Watsonville, is a fourth year dental student who is soliciting members who may need some free dental work. Please see the form that is attached.

DHARMA CLASS' 2015 CALENDAR: is on sale for a suggested donation of \$10 (any amount is acceptable). This year's calendar includes artwork by Megan & Michael Arakaki, exchange student Hirona Senta, Cianni Connally, Brienne Isa, Carter & Kaiya Kakita, Jimmy Kurashige, and Sean & Steven Suzuki. The calendar lists Buddhist events, & Dharma students' birthdays.

JACL'S ARVILLE CENTER: On Saturday, January 20, a number of JACL & Sangha members helped JACL President (and Sangha Member) Delwayne Arakaki and his son Matthew to transfer all the leftover items to the storage place on Charleston Blvd. Thank you to the following: Sangha President, Stan Isa and his family; Sangha Treasurer Jim Kurashige's family; Board members Gene Nakamura & Tilda Silao; former President Minoru Aoki; members Mike Suyeyasu and Jamie Kuratomi. JACL members included Rodney Tamura, Keiko Hart and her daughter Linda, Elaine Lee, and Yas Tokita.

JUSTIN APPEL PHOTOGRAPHY: Justin donated both his time and printed photos free to the Sangha members who were at the Sangha Center Grand Opening in October. Justin is available for any special family event needing a photographer/videographer. Contact him at: appelphotodesign@gmail.com.



Rev. Jon & Linda Turner, flanked by State Senator Pat Spearman (right) and her daughter/assistant, Donna Spearman-Davis



The Moving Crew: Tilda Silao, Minoru Aoki, June Rogovsky, Cyrus Ortega, Yas Tokita, Delwayne & Mathew Arakaki, Keiko Hart, Caryl Suzuki, Muriel Scrivner, Jamie Kuratomi, Leo Soohoo, Rodney Tamura, TK Katano, Gene Nakamura.