



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA

JULY, 2015 NEWSLETTER

2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: were Tia Okano and Thomas Iida who each received a \$1000 check from the Sangha. Tia, whose parents are Rodney and Crystal Okano, will attend college in AZ on a tennis and academic scholarship. Thomas is the son of Koichi and Katie Iida and will be going to University of NV in Reno where he'll eventually attend medical school.

Jennifer Kakita received the KIKUO & KAORU OGAWA SCHOLARSHIP of \$1,000 from Patty Yamano. Jennifer will be entering the CCSD teacher licensing program.

DONATIONS: Rev Hiroshi & Misaye Abiko; Sharleen Aoki; Cathy Arakaki; Shioji Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Mabel Fukumoto; Shioji Fukawa; Sally Hanagami; James & Harriet Huber; Al & Margaret Kayatani; Garrett & Jennifer Kakita; Rosie Kakuuchi; Kumiko Kashiwada; Jim & Gay Kurashige; Daniel Lee; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Chas Murashige; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Takako Ogata; Rodney & Crystal Okano; Eleanor Oshiro; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Muriel Scrivner; Ron & May Soeda; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; Grace Wertz; Anonymous Cash \$245.

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED: James Akamine; Kenneth & Akiko Akita; Gladys Akita; Emiko Aoki; Sharleen & Minoru Aoki; Cathy Arakaki; Sandy Ciel; Mark Connolly; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Tom & Lynn Demann; Eleanor Oshiro; Sharl Edwards; Shioji Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Mabel Fukumoto; Ronald Ghiraldi; Sally Hanagami; Norm Hirata; Harriet & James Huber; Koichi & Katie Iida; Stan & Nancy Isa; Dale & Rosan Ito; Jackie Ka'anoi; Alice Kado; Garrett & Jennifer Kakita; Lenore Kakita; Rosie Kakuuchi; Sadae Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Al & Marge Kayatani; Georgiana & Albert Kobayashi; Helen Koga; Jim & Gay Kurashige; Jamie Kuratomi; Daniel Lee; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Frances Miyasato; Derek & Kyle Morishita; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Chas & Jessica Murashige; Brian Nagata; Gene & Tilda Nakamura/Silao; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Takako Ogata; Rodney & Crystal Okano; Eleanor Oshiro; Mary Ozaki; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Muriel Scrivner; Kazuo & Edna Shiotani; May Soeda; Akira & Madeline Sonomura; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Alan & Oratai Takemoto; Alicia & Rodney Tamura; Derek & Jan-Ie Uehara/Low; Tami & Scott Watanabe; Grace Wertz; Masaichi Yamada; Fred & Patty Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara; Steve Yeager & Bitu Khamsi; Stan Yokoyama; Katherine & Ryan Yoshikawa; Shirley Yoshioka. If your name was not included, please notify Sangha Treasurer Jim Kurashige, at 702-839-8558, or by email at: lasvegasbuddhistsangha@aol.com. For our June service, we had over 66 people in attendance, with donations totaling at least \$1,060.

In future newsletters, to avoid repetition and to save space, we will list only dues received since the last newsletter. If your name appears above, rest assured that your membership is good for the rest of the year, even if it doesn't appear in the next newsletter. Thank you for understanding.

JULY SERVICE: Our next service will be held on Sunday, July 12th, at 10:00 a.m. at our Sangha Center, 4110 Martin Luther King Blvd., a half block south of Craig Road and less than a mile north of Cheyenne. Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki from the Lodi Buddhist Temple will be our guest minister.

JUNE MINISTER'S VISIT: Reverend Hiroshi Abiko was hosted by Mike Suyeyasu who picked him up from Circus Circus, took him to breakfast and brought him to our June service. Reverend Abiko retired two years ago as the Rinban of the Nishi Hongwanji after being the minister of San Francisco and Palo Alto Buddhist Temples. He now lives in Sebastopol where he and his wife take care of his 96 year old mother.

JULY MEMORIALS:

7/11 Setsuko Iwamoto, sister of Caryl Suzuki;
7/26 Sadako Tanimine, mother of Alice Branton.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

7/6 Henry Ozaki & Grace Wertz;
7/9 Betty Igawa & Dennis Nakata;
7/10 Alice Branton;
7/15 Kanyarat Matsuda;
7/16 Albert Kobayashi;
7/17 Robin Sakahara;
7/21 Adam Graves;
7/22 Myrtle Noguchi & Darcie Matsuyama;
7/27 Agnes Tsuchiyama

JULY WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY:

7/18 Mark and SiMei Connolly

SANGHA BOARD MEETING

will be held on Monday, June 24, at 6 p.m., to discuss Obon, and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Orange County Buddhist Church and our Sangha. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2015 OBON Goals: To sell 1,000 Bentos and 5,000 Raffle Tickets. Sold as of 6-14-15: 71 Bentos & 160 Raffle Tickets. Thanks to Ellie Oshiro for a very special donation for 10 bento tickets for the Kaminari Taiko performers.

NEW 2015 MEMBERSHIP

RECEIVED: Jacob Murdock, who is in charge of the Mob Museum; his brother is a member of the Denver Buddhist Temple.

OBON DANCE PRACTICE has been conducted on Saturdays from 10 am to noon since June 6 by Ann Mikami at the Sangha Center. There were over 20 people who have shown up to these practices but only Brian Sagawa, his daughter Summer, and Tilda Silao & Gene Nakamura are Sangha members. We need more Sangha members to participate since Obon is a Sangha fundraiser. We hope that more of our you will come out for practice on June 20 (9-11 a.m.) & 27; July 11, 18, 25, and one last practice on August 1, with our Obon the following Saturday, 8/8. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 228-2692 or cell phone 339-1253.

OBON MAILING: We thank the members of the Kurashige family who sent out 319 letters to former Obon supporters and the 85 Sangha families. Sangha members are encouraged to sell as many raffle tickets as possible and to solicit more of the prizes and ads. We also thank Dale Ito who has consistently been our Obon Chair and who is grooming Jim Kurashige to take over some of the Obon tasks. Jim recently had surgery caused by helping a woman he was arresting. Get well wishes were sent by our Sangha.

THINGS TO DO FOR OBON

- **Obon Program Ad Space Still Available!** – Hi Sangha members! My name is Katherine Yoshikawa. I will be helping out this year with soliciting ads for the Obon program booklet. If you know of business owners, family members or friends who would like to advertise or make a donation, we can make it with a business card (\$20) or half page (\$30) or full page (\$50) ad in the obon program booklet. The ad can feature your business name, logo, tag line, products offered, website, telephone number, personal sangha photos and more. Ad orders must be turned in no later than July 31st. If you are interested in ad space, please contact KatherineYoshikawa@gmail.com or (702) 806-7462. Please don't hesitate to email or call with any questions.
- Get a firm number of purchased obento tickets to Jim or Gay Kurashige by Saturday, July 25, which is two weeks prior to the Obon, so that Chairman Dale Ito knows how much meat & other last minute items to purchase.
- Let Drinks Chair Garrett Kakita know if you purchase any of the following name brand drinks: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite or 7-Up). Please bring the drinks on Friday or Saturday, and save your receipt if you wish to be reimbursed.
- We need adult volunteers to oversee the students who run the shaved ice machine and to collect any money from the food sales.
- Bring rice that has been cooked early Saturday morning, but let us know so the rice chairperson makes certain enough is cooked. This request is so important for everyone to do since every box lunch needs rice!
- Bring desserts to be sold at the Obon. Please do not cut your desserts since individual servings and pricing will be done there. Both Japanese & American desserts will be greatly appreciated; however we really need Japanese desserts from those persons who can make it! Gokurosama!
- The Sangha will provide sandwiches the day of Obon so no one will be obligated to bring food to share with the other workers prior to the opening of the Obon. However, please let Dale know if you plan to bring donuts for the morning snack or other items to share with all the workers.
- Report at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 7th for only 3 hours with cutting boards and knives to clean the chicken. Bring rags to clean the cafeteria that has not been used since the end of school.
- Report at 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 8th again with cutting boards and knives to cut the cooked chicken and beef. Bring rubber gloves to clean the pots and pans or rags for cleanup.
- Stay until everything is put away and the cafeteria is cleaned up-- usually well before 4 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to bring younger friends and relatives and to team up so that you get someone to take your place as you rest up during your breaks. We commend Dale Ito for always being the last to leave as the rented chairs are picked up at 4 p.m. and custodial and cafeteria workers are paid off.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Roy Nakamura whose company, Horizon Web Marketing, is only charging the Sangha what he has to pay to maintain our webpage. A number of members use the webpage to get the latest news about our Sangha. If want to see event photos or old/current issues of the newsletter, they are all available on our website. Plus, whenever Chelsea Kurashige or Alan Takemoto have the time, they have been responsible for our Facebook page. Here is the link to the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Las-Vegas-Buddhist-Sangha/128199960577927>.

OBON GOLF TOURNAMENT: Last year, we were able to raise almost \$3,000 and gave the out of town guests something to do in the early morning before the Obon started. Early Bird Entry Fee is \$125 at Badlands Golf Club. The tee time is 6:30. Please encourage your friends to participate! It is a 4 person scramble format, so it should be a lot of fun!

FATHER'S DAY IMAGES!



Rev. Abiko gives a special message to the Dharma School Students



Tia Okano and Thomas Iida received \$1,000 Sangha Scholarships



Jennifer Kakita receives her scholarship from Patty Yamano



Rev. Abiko and Dr. Daniel Lee found they had a lot in common



Takako Ogata, Gay Kurashige, Sandi Hiyane, Chizuyo Reynierse, Rosie Kakuuchi, and Hana Fukumoto