



**MARCH SERVICE:** Our March (Spring Ohigan) service will be conducted by Rev. Jon Turner of the Orange County Buddhist Church on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the JACL Activity Center, 1401 Arville, which is just south of Charleston. The Ohigan (the other shore) service is conducted twice a year during the equinox when the days and nights are of equal length and the weather is supposedly neither too cold nor too warm. Harmony throughout the universe is stressed. Reflecting upon this harmony of nature through following the Six Paramitas, Buddhists are to devote themselves to these six Paramitas in their lives: The Path of Giving—*Dana*; The Path of Right Behavior—*Sila*; The Path of Endurance & Patience—*Ksanti*; The Path of Endeavor or Effort—*Virya*; The Path of Meditation—*Dhyana*; and The Path of Wisdom—*Prajna*. *Spring Higan* is right around the corner when we should “cross-over” and see how the universal “others” touch our lives. If there is a Sangha volunteer who will use the theme of the Six Paramitas with the Dharma Class activity for Ohigan, please contact Caryl at 228-3071. The students will be given a blank sketch pad to be filled throughout the year, along with their gratitude jars so that by December, a significant event and drawing could be chronicled in next year’s Dharma School calendar. Each Dharma class student will also be given a copy of the book, *Stories for Wisdom* by Shojo Honda, donated by Rev. Brian Nagata and the Numata Foundation.

**FEBRUARY’S DHARMA MESSAGE:** Reverend Marvin Harada gave an insightful Dharma message about the two most important meals for Shakyamuni Buddha, when he was given food to save his life as an ascetic and then when he was accidentally poisoned with a meal that ended his life. He also mentioned the three pillars of listening: how the message could be used by oneself, listening as though it’s the first time hearing it; and then listening as though it could be the last time one is hearing it.

Thanks to Megan, Michael & Cathy Arakaki who came out to the Chinese New Year’s downtown parade. We followed the Wayne Tanaka with his Tanaka Elementary School dragon. The weather was pleasant and event fun! That evening, President Stan Isa and VP Jim Kurashige volunteered to help JACL president Delwayne Arakaki break down the booth and take the equipment back to the JACL Center. An incredible number of hours was given by Delwayne, who next year should get more help from our Sangha. Special thanks to the Kurashige family for bringing Hana Fukumoto to the service.

**FEBRUARY SANGHA MOVES:** Jon Ogata is moving to Seattle (Bothell) in mid-March; he is transferring to another Marriott property. Also, Alan & Oh Takemoto have moved to Henderson. They donated a refrigerator, washer and dryer to use in our new Sangha Center, which Stan Isa, the Kurashige family, Wayne Tanaka and Roy Suzuki helped move into storage.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS & TOBAN:** Brenda Creed, Shoji Fukawa, Rosie Kakuuchi, Roy Suzuki & Sadako Wanless brought flowers. Sho Fukawa, Takako Ogata, Sadako Wanless, Pati Lira & Mabel Fukumoto all came early to help set up.

**GET WELL WISHES:** to Sally Hanagami who spent three months in Spring Valley Hospital after taking a fall at McCarran Airport. Unfortunately she is still unable to drive; so if you’re in the Lakes area, give her a call at 255-4004. Also board member Michael Tanaka is still involved with treatments at UCLA; so we wish both of them a full recovery soon.

**DONATIONS:** Frances & Jim Akamine; Sharleen Aoki; Alice Branton; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Sho Fukawa; Mabel Fukumoto; Sally Hanagami; Richard & Carolyn Higa; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Harriet Huber; Dale & Rosan Ito; Rosie Kakuuchi; Kumiko Kashiwada; Kurashige Family; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Frances Miyasato (annual); Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Gene Nakamura & Tilda Silao; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Takako Ogata; Crystal & Rodney Okano; Ellie Oshiro; Michael & Sharon Tanaka; Roy & Carly Suzuki; Sadako Wanless (annual); Grace Wertz; Mas Yamada; Anonymous Buddhist.

**2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED:** Frances & Jim Akamine; Ken & Gladys Akita; Sharleen Aoki; Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Tom & Lynn DeMann; Sho Fukawa; Mabel Fukumoto; Clara Hamasaki; Sally Hanagami; Richard & Carolyn Higa; Sandi Hiyane; Dave Hopper; Harriet Huber; Dale & Rosan Ito; Alice Kado; Sadae Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Helen S. Koga; Rosie Kakuuchi; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Suena Migaki; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Frances Miyasato; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Gene Nakamura & Tilda Silao; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Takako Ogata; Crystal & Rodney Okano; Ellie Oshiro; Mary Ozaki; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Muriel Scrivner; Ron & May Soeda; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Michael & Sharan Tanaka; Sadako Wanless; Grace Wertz; T.R./M.M. Wiczorek; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Stan Yokoyama; Katherine & Ryan Yoshikawa. If your name is not listed, please send your \$20 dues or if we have inadvertently left off your name, let the treasurer Pati Lira know at 4874 Nardini Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89141, or you may call Pati regarding any errors at 363-5408. The Sangha Board has proposed a tiered dues approach for 2015: Free for anyone over 80; \$20 for those retired from 65 to 80 and to raise the dues for those still working under age 65.

**MEMORIALS:** Alice Branton - Rana Teresa Branton; Sho Fukawa – Parents; Hana Fukumoto – Fred Fukumoto; Rosie Kakuuchi – Jack Kakuuchi; Sueno Migaki –husband, Mr. Migaki, Dennis Nakata – Sakashi Nakata, mother; Roy Suzuki – Takeko Suzuki, mother

**SPECIAL DONATION - BUILDING FUND** (three lists from Dec, Jan and Feb) Any mistakes, please call our Treasurer. Thank you cards have been sent to the following donors, but if you know anyone on the list, please give them a **personal** thank you to let them know that their Dana is greatly appreciated: Motomi & Jo-Dell Arao, Moorpark; Ichiro & Nobuko Doi, Bountiful, UT; Enmanji Buddhist Temple, Sebastopol; Kiyoshi & Ellen Fujimoto, Pepeekeo, HI; Kimiko & Larry Fukumoto, Cerritos (In memory of Fred Fukumoto); Dennis & Setsuko Furuke, Summerland; Rev. Shousei & Keiko Hanayama, Watsonville; Phyllis & Eugene Hayashibara, Los Angeles; Miyuki Ichinose, Los Angeles; Minoru & Kathryn Inoshita, Glendale; James & Mary Ishiara, Los Angeles; Michiko & Carolyn Itatani Wahler, San Jose; T. Roy & Margo Iwami, Montebello (In memory of Helen Isa); Florance Kajikawa, Torrance; H. Kamiyana, Hilo, HI (Kini Po Po Creations, Inc.); Raymond & Julie Kawamoto, Woodland Hills; Cliff & Mavis Kurakazu, Monterey Park; Tayeko Kurashige, San Jose; Rev. Katsuya & Ayano Kusunoki, Lodi; Tom & Akiko Maeda, Gardena; Ayako Masada, Los Angeles; E. I. Masuyama, Cerritos; Sachi Matsumoto, Lomita; James Mayeda, San Pedro; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga, Henderson; Ted & Tomoko Mizukami, Hermosa Beach; Helen Mori, Rancho Palos Verdes; Stanley & Evelyn Morimoto, Los Angeles; Ken & Kiyoko Nakagawa, Lomita; Gene Nakamura, Las Vegas; David & Lily Nakatani, Torrance; Roy & Terry Nakawatase, Topanga; Y. Mary Nakayama, Westminster; Sumiye Nishida, Phoenix; Chiyoko Nishimori, Somis (In memory of Minobu Nishimori); Chiyoko Nishisaka, Culver City; Cindy Ogawa, West Hills; Tomiaki & Nobuko Okada, Rolling Hills; Rodney Okano, Las Vegas; Eleanor Oshiro, Henderson; Yukiko & Eugene Otake, El Cerritos; Keiko Otani, Redondo Beach; Toshi Otsu, Gardena; Billy & Sandra Saek, Los Angeles; Sachiko Sakamoto, Sylmar; Jane Sakashita, Salt Lake City; Amy Sato, Henderson; Fumie Sayegusa, Torrance; Kaye Bartholomew, John, & Peter Scott, Spokane; Alfred, Doris & Susan Shigaki, Los Angeles; Mary Tamura, Torrance; Henry & Michiko Tanaka, Oxnard; Shigeru & Mary Tokiwa, Campbell; Rev. Jon & Linda Turner, Huntington Beach (OCBC Minister); Kayoko Uno, Monterey Park; Masayo Uyeda, La Mirada; Beverly Yahata, Los Angeles; Hatsumi Yamamoto, Sacramento; Joyce Yamamoto, San Jose; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara, La Mesa; Suzanne Yoshida, Torrance; George Yoshioka, Placentia; Lynn Mikami, Torrance, CA; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Rev. Marvin & Mrs. Gail Harada, Anaheim, CA; B. N. Koga, Salt Lake City, UT; Jerry Ogawa –

Memphis, TN; Craig & Cindy Ogawa – West Hills, CA; Susan Ogawa – Hermosa Beach, CA.

**MARCH MEMORIALS:** If you would like the minister, Reverend Jon Turner, to perform a memorial service during the March 8-9 weekend, you may contact Roy Suzuki to arrange for the service. If you want to bring memorial flowers, please remember to bring a vase and to take home or give away your flowers after the service. Thank you. 3/2 Hector Lira, father of Pati Lira; 3/4 Nao Kasamoto, husband of Sadae Kasamoto; 3/4 Joe Hajime Norikane, father of Gay Kurashige; 3/6 Toshiyuki Matsuda, brother of Sadako Wanless; 3/8 Masako Yoshimura-Sakahara, mother of Bill Sakahara; 3/10 Kanekichi Hamada, father of Haru Toimoto; 3/13 Koyoko Tsuma, mother-in-law of Flora Tsuma; 3/18 Ronald Oshiro, husband of Ellie Oshiro; 3/19 Sakashi Nakata, mother of Dennis Nakata; 3/20 Sada Kitagawa, mother of Sadae Kasamoto; 3/20 June Kiyu Yamada, wife of Masaichi Yamada; 3/24 James Hamasaki, husband of Clara Hamasaki; 3/27 Sakae Bert Ogata, husband of Takako Ogata; 3/28 Masaichi, Tanimine, father of Alice Branton; 3/30 Keiji Matsuda, brother of Sadako Wanless; 3/30 Michael Hopper, son of David Hopper; 3/31 Gumpe Honda, husband of Tomi Honda.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** 3/1 Kota Watanabe; 3/3 Hana Fukumoto; 3/5 Aiko Mayeda; 3/9 Flora Tsuma & Haru Toimoto; 3/15 Delwayne Arakaki, Dan Kosora, Shioji Fukawa, Becky Suyeyasu; 3/16 Clifford Moses; 3/18 Arthur Harlig; 3/19 Anne Aoki & Gay Kurashige; 3/27 Kie Watanabe.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 3/16 Kazuo & Edna Shiotani. 3/28 Gay & Jim Kurashige. If any additions or changes need to be made, please write it down and/or email it to Sandi Hiyane at [shiyane2010@hotmail.com](mailto:shiyane2010@hotmail.com).

**OBON REPORT:** Date: Saturday, August 9, 2014; **The new cost of the bento lunch will be \$10.** We thank June Maruyama who has resigned from handling the orders for the box lunches and raffle tickets. Sharleen Aoki will take her place and June will train her in the system that she has developed. Committee chairpersons are:

Obon dance practice—Ann Mikami

Ads & raffle prizes—Katherine Yoshikawa

Desserts—Kumiko Kashiwada

Inarizushi—Chizuyo Reynierse

Rice cookers—Delwayne Arakaki

Beef—Bill Muraoka & Wayne Tanaka

Alan Takemoto--drinks

Spam Musubi--Caryl Suzuki

Bento distribution—Rosan Ito & Chris Kakuuchi

Bento Ticket printing—Joanne Ruyle

Program Booklet—Roy Suzuki

Food ticket sales and money collection—Pati Lira

Quality control—Volunteer needed

Okinawa Dango—Frances Akamine

Norimaki sushi—Emily Aoki & Harriet Huber

Chirashi—Alice Branton

Teriyaki sauce—Rosie Kakuuchi

Panko Chicken—Volunteer needed

Bento & Raffle Mailing and Accounting—Sharleen Aoki

Crafts Sales—Patty Yamano & Margaret Nakata

Raffle Ticket Sales—Bob Reynierse & Mits Nakayama

Master of Ceremonies—Wayne Tanaka

Cleanup—Minoru Aoki

Volunteer List for thank you luncheon—Volunteer needed

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pati Lira reported that our monthly income from member donations will be \$600 less than our anticipated expenses once we move into our new Sangha Center. Patty Yamano & Pati Lira will draft another solicitation letter using samples from the OCBC building campaign. If there is someone in Vegas or elsewhere that you know will support our building fund, please let us know their names and addresses and we will give you a letter to send out with your personal message to them. The most effective method is to have the Sangha member call or visit first and follow up with the solicitation letter.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT:** The permits will be available the first week of March. Security system bids will be solicited by Dr. Dave Hopper to protect the builder's equipment during the interior build out. The AC units on the roof will be caged. The kitchen design is being finalized. The sewer connection has been located and the drainage system will be installed this week. We will be getting an estimate on security doors with the Sangha mon (logo) in the design. The marquee sign design is being finalized.

**HANAMATSURI:** Our Hanamatsuri service is scheduled for Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m. with our annual Hanamatsuri Potluck following the service. Reverend George Matsubayashi & his wife Kay will be here on Saturday afternoon for a private service and then on Sunday. Members are asked to come early to put together the hanamido (flower altar) from 8 to 9 a.m. After the potluck, we need everyone to help clean up and put away the chairs and tables.

**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:** Scholarship applications are now available for the Kikuo and Kay Ogawa Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is available to **anyone** that desires to further his or her education, regardless of age. Requirements are: 1) Member of a Buddhist Temple/Sangha 2) High School diploma or GED (can be waived); 3) Application/acceptance to a university, college, trade school, or institution for continuing education. The scholarship for \$1,000 is to be used for tuition and/or books. Applications are available from Patty Yamano [patty.yamano@gmail.com](mailto:patty.yamano@gmail.com) or Caryl Suzuki [yesuzuki@cox.net](mailto:yesuzuki@cox.net).

**SERVICE CHAIRS:** March: Dr. Dave Hooper; April: Rosie Kakuuchi; May: TBA; June: Chelsea Kurashige.



June & Shumei Nagaya with Rev. & Mrs. Harada



Caryl Suzuki, Michael, Megan, and Cathy Arakaki at the CNY Parade



Proposed design for the building complex marquee sign