



MARCH SERVICE: Our March (Spring Ohigan) service will be conducted by Reverend Henry Adams from the San Mateo Buddhist Temple on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sangha Center, 4110 Martin Luther King Blvd, 89032, between Alexander and Craig Road. 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, 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 when we should “cross-over” and see how the universal “others” touch our lives.

ADULT DHARMA STUDY CLASS & DISCUSSION: Please plan to stay after the service for an informal Dharma lesson from Rev. Adams, followed by a discussion of the topic.

FEBRUARY’S DHARMA MESSAGE: Reverend George Matsubayashi, who was accompanied by his wife Kay, gave an insightful Dharma message regarding the passing of Shakyamuni Buddha and how we can better understand and accept the passing of our loved ones. He also talked about how lucky we are to be alive, since millions of our ancestors had to have lived for us to be born. Rev. Matsubayashi also chaired a round table discussion after the service.

GUESTS AT THE SERVICE: Linda Clarke; Mimi Santini-R.H.; Teresa Silverman (student of Muriel's who displayed their floral arrangements at the entrance); Jessica Thomas; Erika Masaki (new member); Armanda Partin; Mits Sato, Las Vegas.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS were brought to the service by Brenda and Dennis Creed, Agnes Tsuchiyama, Kumiko Kashiwada, Rosie Kakuuchi, and Muriel's student with the floral arrangements at the entrance.

TOBAN—SETUP AND CLEAN UP: Al Kayatani, Roy Suzuki, Patty Yamano, Margaret Nakata, Harriet Huber, & others.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Cathy Arakaki, Kenneth & Akiko Akita, Sandi Ciel, Dennis & Brenda Creed, Thomas & Lynn DeMann, Sharon Edwards, Shioji Fukawa, Stan Fuke, Sally Hanagami, Deborah Harlig, David Hopper & Eileen Castle, Norm Hirata, James & Harriet Huber, Sandi Hiyane, Koichi & Catherine Iida, Stan & Nancy Isa, Hedy Ito, Dale & Rosan Ito, Alice Kado, Tohru Katano, Garrett & Jennifer Kakita, Rosie Kakuuchi, Kumiko Kashiwada, Bitu & Steve Yeager, Al & Marge Kayatani, Georgiana & Albert Kobayashi, Helen Koga, John Kosora, Jim & Gay Kurashige, Daniel Lee, Hank & June Maruyama, Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda, Aiko Mayeda, Erika Masaki, Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga, Charles & Ulrika Miyashiro, Frances Miyasato, Bill & Nanette Muraoka, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Mits Nakayama, Takako Ogata, Mary Ozaki, Eleanor Oshiro, Robert & Chizuyo Reynierse, Muriel Scrivner, Brian & Mel Segawa, Ron & May Soeda, Aileen Sung, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Agnes Tsuchiyama, Grace Wertz, Masaichi Yamada, Ty Yamamoto, Fred & Patty Yamano.

If your name was not included, please notify Sangha Treasurer Jim Kurashige, 7528 Lassen Peak Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89149, and please report any mistakes at 702-839-8558 or by email at lasvegasbuddhistsangha@aol.com. Thank you.

DONATIONS: Cathy Arakaki, Kenneth & Akiko Akita, Dennis & Brenda Creed in Memory of Richard Izumi, Shioji Fukawa in Memory of Parents Jintaro & Kura Fukawa, Sally Hanagami, Norm Hirata, Sandi Hiyane, James & Harriet Huber, Hedy Ito, Rosie Kakuuchi in Memory of Jack Kakuuchi, Kumiko Kashiwada, Al & Marge Kayatani, Helen Koga, Jim & Gay Kurashige, Hank & June Maruyama, Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga, Bill & Nanette Muraoka, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda, Takako Ogata, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Ron & May Soeda, Mike & Becky Suyeyasu, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Wayne & Sadie Tanaka, Agnes Tsuchiyama in Memory of Henry Tsuchiyama, Masaichi Yamada, Fred & Patty Yamano. Attendance: 68. Total Donation: \$826.60 (Temple Service Donation \$590.00 {\$227 Cash}; Pay Pal Website Donations \$182.98; and Amazon Smile \$53.62)

WEBSITE & AMAZON DONATIONS: Approximately 9 members have started to make regular monthly donations through our website. It's very easy to do, it allows you to make donations when you can't attend a service, and you can also make donations in memory of your loved ones. Also, if you shop at Amazon, simply do it on smile.Amazon.com and designate the Sangha as your charity. Amazon will donate a small amount for each purchase. As you can see in the above paragraph, we received \$53.62 last month from Amazon Smile.

MARCH MEMORIALS: 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; 3/7 Noburo (Nob) Takemoto, brother in-law of Dennis Nakata; 3/8 Masako Yoshimura-Sakahara, mother of Bill Sakahara; 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 Kiyo 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; 3/31 Brian Kennedy, brother of Eileen Castle.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: 3/1 Kota Watanabe; 3/3 Hana Fukumoto; 3/5 Aiko Mayeda; 3/9 Flora Tsuma, Summer Segawa; 3/15 Delwayne

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE!!! — GET INVOLVED – VOLUNTEER!

Saturday, March 19 from 8am-2:00pm

Items needed:

Gently used children and adult clothes; Shoes in good condition; Small working household appliances; Household items and Toys in good condition; Tools – yard, garage, car, etc.; Jewelry – costume or otherwise. **Items not sold will go to charity.**

NEED BAKED GOODS, contact Eileen Castle, ecastle@hopperinstitute.com

~Contact Tilda Silao, lvsangha.info@gmail.com~

Arakaki, Dan Kosora, Shioji Fukawa, Becky Suyeyasu; 3/16 Clifford Moses; 3/19 Anne Aoki & Gay Kurashige; 3/22 Rodney Okano; 3/27 Kie Watanabe.

ANNIVERSARIES: 3/16 Kazuo & Edna Shiotani; 3/28 Gay & Jim Kurashige. Sandi Hiyane is trying to keep up the anniversary, memorial and birthday lists. If you have any additions or changes, please email them to her at: shiyane2010@hotmail.com.

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: was held on Monday, February 29. *Obon will be on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Clark High School please save that date!* Details will be announced in the near future.

HANAMATSURI: Our Hanamatsuri service is scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 10:00 am. with our annual Hanamatsuri Potluck following the service. 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. Thank you in advance for your help!

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. Submission is due by May 20, 2016.

MINISTER HOSTS: March 13, Rev. Henry Adams, San Mateo Buddhist Temple—G. Nakamura; April 10, Rev. Brian Nagata, Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai—P. Yamano; May 8, Rev. Jon Turner, Orange County Buddhist Church—D. Hopper; June 12, Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Buddhist Study Center of Hawaii—W. Tanaka; July 10, TBD ; August 14, Rev. Marvin Harada, Orange County Buddhist Church; September 11, Rev. Koshin Ogui, White River Buddhist Temple—Kyle; October 9, Rev. Ron Takemoto, Whitman College—A. Takemoto; November 13, Rev. Jerry Hirano, Salt Lake City Buddhist Temple—M. Aoki; December 11, Rev. Patti Nakai, Buddhist Temple of Chicago. If you would like to volunteer to host a reverend in July or December, please call Roy at 702 228 3071 or send an email to lvjacl@cox.net. Any costs you incur will be reimbursed by the Sangha.

GUEST LAY SPEAKERS: We would like to encourage our new members to speak for a few minutes about their backgrounds and what brought them to our Sangha. Please let us know if you would like to speak at our next service.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Dharma school is an integral part of our monthly service and we are actively seeking more students - ages 3 - 14. We invite you to come by and check out our activities during the main service. Contact Patty Yamano at patty.yamano@gmail.com.

SANGHA CENTER CLEAN UP DAY!!! First Sunday of each Month, except August
April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

2016 Officers and Directors Sworn In by Rev. Matsubayashi



Wayne Tanaka, Chelsea Kurashige, David Hopper, Al Kayatani, John Kosora, Gene Nakamura, Rev. Matsubayashi, Tilda Silao, Eileen Castle, Muriel Scrivner, Gay Kurashige, Patty Yamano, Harriet Huber, Myke Tanaka, Brian Segawa



Dharma School teachers Chelsea Kurashige and Patty Yamano with their students and their Three Treasures projects

Kumiko Kashiwada and Sho Fukawa with Rev. Matsubayashi