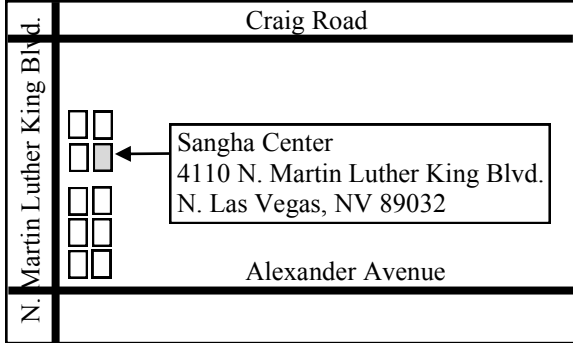




LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA  
MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER



**MAY SERVICE:** The Nyu Butsu Hoyo (New Buddhist Gathering) for our Sangha Center, along with our annual Gotan-E & Mothers' Day service will be held on Sunday, May 11th from **10 a.m.** at the new Sangha Center, 4110 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, N. Las Vegas 89032, less than a block south of Craig & Camino del Norte (See map below). Bishop Umezu and supervising minister Reverend Harada will be our guest ministers for this auspicious occasion. Rev. Brian Nagata will also be in attendance. A special luncheon with food from a Japanese restaurant will be served to all who attend the service. Since there will be another celebration in the fall when the facility will be fully completed, we are limiting this service to our members and families. In the fall, all out of town as well as all local donors will be invited.



**Directions to the new Sangha Center:**

**Heading south on 95,** merge on to N. Rancho Dr., turn left on Craig Road, go 3.9 miles, turn right on MLK, go .3 miles, the building will be on your left.

**Heading north on 95,** turn right on Cheyenne, go 4.7 miles, turn left on MLK, go 1.1 miles, the building will be on your right.

**Heading north on 15,** turn left on Cheyenne, go 3.2 miles, turn right on MLK, go 1.1 miles, the building will be on your right.

If you have a GPS, input: 4110 N Martin Luther King 89032

**Gotan-E** is a service that is sometimes called the Wisteria Festival (Fuji Matsuri) and it celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin who was born near Kyoto on May 21, 1173. As the founder of our Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin, emphasized the 18<sup>th</sup> vow that taught the meaning of the Nembutsu and faith. He was the first Japanese Buddhist priest 750 years ago to break the vow of celibacy, marry and raise a family. He also spread the teachings of the Buddha, not only to the educated, but to all who would listen.

**Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast** Postponed this year: Our third annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Dharma Class students to honor their mothers will occur next Mothers' Day, 2015. Since a box lunch has been ordered for every attendee to this Nyu Butsu Hoyo, a small token of appreciation will be attached to those box lunches for the mothers of the Dharma Class students.

**APRIL HANAMATSURI SERVICE:** was held with Reverend George Matsubayashi and chaired by Rosie Kakuuchi. We also appreciated Dale & Rosan Ito and Gay & Jim Kurashige who came earlier in the week to set up the Hanamido. Moreover, we also thank the other Sangha members who came early to finish putting on the flowers, set up chairs, the obutsudan and the pot luck items to share with others.

**GUESTS AT THE APRIL SERVICE:** Japanese language teacher Koichi Iida brought his son Thomas to our service. Also, Ryan Yoshikawa celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> yakudoshi birthday with his parents from Hawaii; so Katherine, Em and Uncle Mitch brought Grandpa Yoshikawa as their guest to the service. Rosie Kakuuchi's granddaughter, Keiko Lynn, and her two great grandchildren, Natalie & Dylan, were also our guests.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Megan Arakaki who won her category in the Japanese School speech contest.

**MAY MEMORIALS:** 5/1 Tom Wanless, husband of Sadako Wanless; Shig Yoshioka, husband of Shirley Yoshioka; 5/3 James Tanimine, brother of Alice Branton; 5/5 Mitsuji Kasamoto, Father-in-law of Sadie Kasamoto; 5/19 Misao Wakayama, mother of Myrtle Noguchi.; 5/24 Sadie Shintani, sister of Margaret Nakata.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:** 5/8 Frances Akamine; 5/10 Sharleen Aoki; 5/11 Sueno Migaki; 5/13 Muriel Scrivner; 5/14 Nancy Isa, May Soeda; 5/22 Minoru Aoki; 5/27 Marlo Sando, Kathryn Tanaka; Sumi Yanagihara, Margaret Kayatani; 5/29 Kenji Okano.

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES:** 5/20 Fred & Patty Yamano.

**APRIL DONATIONS:** Will be listed in next month's newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED:** Frances & Jim Akamine; Ken & Gladys Akita; Emiko Aoki; Sharleen Aoki; Ann & Noboru Aoyagi; Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Tom & Lynn DeMann; Mitch & Nam'e Dukes; Sho Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Mabel Fukumoto; Clara Hamasaki; Sally Hanagami; Deborah Harlig; Carolyn & Richard Higa; Sandi Hiya; Tomico Honda; Dave Hopper; Harriet Huber; June Ikeda; Nancy & Stan Isa; Dale & Rosan Ito; Alice Kado; Rosie Kakuuchi; Sadae Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Georgiana Kobayashi; Wayne Kozai; Jim & Gay Kurashige; Pati Lira; June & Hank Maruyama; Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Aiko Mayeda; Sueno Migaki; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Frances Miyasato; Daniel Miyake; Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Cathy & Cliff Moses; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Kumiko Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Jon Ogata; Takako Ogata; Eleanor Oshiro; Mary Ozaki; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Paul & Alice Sakamoto; Lily Sakemi; Marlo & Jason Sando; Muriel Scrivner; Kazu & Edna Shiotani; Ron & Mae Soeda; Aileen & Brent Sumida; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Michael & SharanTanaka; Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; June Tateishi; Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi; Agnes Tsuchiyama; Flora Tsuma; Sadako Wanless; Kyle Watanabe; Scott & Tami

Watanabe; Grace Wertz; T.R. & M.M. Wieczorek; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara; Stan Yokoyama; Katherine, Ryan & Emi Yoshikawa; Shirley Yoshioka; If your name is not listed, please send your \$20 dues to the treasurer, Pati Lira at 4874 Nardini Avenue, LV 89141.

**CRAFTS GROUP:** All those that would like to volunteer to work on crafts to sell at Obon are ask to contact Patty Yamano, [patty.yamano@gmail.com](mailto:patty.yamano@gmail.com) or 818 219-6982. We need people who can sew straight lines and anyone that can iron are encouraged to volunteer. We will have a sewing bee in May (meeting at the JAACL with sewing machines) or you can pick up a sewing packet (with sewing directions) at the June Sangha service. Also, See enclosed form for happi coat order.

**OBON UPDATE:** Plans are underway with Dale Ito chairing the event once more. We have been able to reserve Cimarron Memorial High School on the second Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 6:00 a.m. to 4 p.m If you have any new ideas for the Obon, please call Dale Ito at 869-0557. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dale who has been training our next Obon chair, Vice President Jim Kurashige, as to what needs to be done for the various jobs. This is the tentative list of volunteer committee members; so if anyone wants to volunteer or make any changes, please call Dale at 869-0557.

<b>Obon dance practice</b>	Ann Mikami	<b>Quality control</b>	??
<b>Raffle</b>	Bob Reynierse & Paul Sakamoto	<b>Desserts</b>	Crystal Okano & Kumiko Kashiwada
<b>Norimaki Sushi</b>	Emily Aoki & Harriet Huber	<b>Inarizushi</b>	Chizuyo Reynierse
<b>Chirashi</b>	Alice Branton	<b>Rice cooking</b>	Delwayne Arakaki
<b>Teriyaki Sauce</b>	Rosie Kakuuchi	<b>Booklet Ads</b>	Katherine Yoshikawa
<b>Beef</b>	Bill Muraoka & Alan Takemoto	<b>Chicken</b>	Gene Nakamura & Rodney Okano
<b>Drinks</b>	Alan Takemoto	<b>Bento Sales</b>	??
<b>Spam Musubi</b>	John Kosora & Sandi Hiyane	<b>Crafts Sales</b>	Margaret Nakata & Patty Yamano
<b>Bento distribution</b>	Rosan Ito & Chris Kakuuchi	<b>Bento Ticket printing</b>	Joanne Ruyle
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Wayne Tanaka	<b>Program Booklet</b>	Roy Suzuki
<b>Clean Up</b>	Russ Suzuki		

**OBON DANCE PRACTICE** at the **JAACL Center** will be led by Ann Mikami on Saturdays, 10:00-12:00 on the following dates: June 7, 14, 21,28; July 5, 12, 19, 26.

**AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillator):** Stan Isa can get one, including a cabinet, for \$612. Sharleen and Mino Aoki are donating it for the Sangha Center. The AED will analyze the victim's heart rhythm and shock the most common life threatening ECG patterns. Every minute of delay equals 10% reduced chance of recovery. EMS response averages 8 minutes. This can truly be a lifesaver if it is ever needed. Stan is also looking into getting the fire extinguishers required for our building.



Kay Matsubayashi, Hana Fukumoto, Sally Hanagami, Rosie Kakuuchi, and Rev. Matsubayashi

Eileen Castle, Dave Hopper, Hana Fukumoto, Mike Suyeyasu, Gene Nakamura, and Akira Sonomura



Natalie, Keiko Lynn, & Dylan

Chelsea and Jimmy Kurashige with Michael Arakaki

Kumiko Kashiwada