



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA

NOVEMBER, 2015, NEWSLETTER

FALL SANGHA ASIAN CRAFT FAIRE: Nov. 7 from 9:30am to 4pm. As the Sangha's fourth quarter fundraiser, we will be having a Fall Asian crafts fair with local vendors along with vendors from the Southern California area. Esther Kodama, Now and Zen, will be featuring her line of Japanese Chirimen outfits and vintage ware. Bentos, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be sold. There is a \$1 admission which includes a raffle ticket. Vendors will be donating some of the wares to be raffled off hourly. Since this is a Sangha fundraiser, we are asking all members to help in any way they can. We will need help setting up the booths the day before, Nov. 6. All day on Saturday, we need help in all areas: tickets; food; security; parking lot; craft runners; and just plain help. And, of course, help with clean-up at 4:30pm. There will be a signup sheet at our October Sangha service. Please reserve Nov. 7 and donate some time for our Sangha's fund raiser. If you have a specific skill or would like to volunteer now, please contact Patty Yamano at 818 219-6982 or email her at patty.yamano@gmail.com. There is an Instagram account to advertise our Craft Faire: <https://instagram.com/lvbuddhistsangha/>. Please check this website and let me know your comments.

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016: We would like to have as many Sangha memberships as possible paid before the end of the year; so if you would include it in your donation at the next service or two, that would be much appreciated. In consideration of those who may have difficulty paying the dues, we are keeping them at \$20. However, it takes a substantial sum to run our new building, bring in a minister every month, and publish this newsletter, so we hope you will donate something extra—most other temples have dues of well over \$100.

In addition, for those of us who can afford an additional \$105 for BCA dues, we want to encourage as many members as possible to pay, since it goes towards the salaries for the Bishop and staff, the Center for Buddhist Education programs, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, building upkeep, maintenance, programs, etc. Actually, the cost of running the BCA has risen a lot in the past 29+ years; so if at all possible, we should try to do our share. We wouldn't have attracted the members we currently have, if it weren't for Bishop Umezu and the other BCA ministers who have been our guest speakers over the years. Since the Sangha is not officially a member of the BCA yet, you may pay your dues as an individual or family.

30th ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU'S: A very special thank you to Jan-Ie and Jay-son Low, owners of Satay Thai Bistro, for the outstanding luncheon enjoyed by all! Many thanks to: Wayne Tanaka and Tilda Silao, co-chairs; Kurashige Family; Justin Appel; Gene Nakamura; Harriet Huber; Kakita Family; Segawa Family; Becky & Mike Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Muriel Scrivner; Derek Morishita; John Kosora (program MC); and Derek Uehara (raffle MC). Photos on next page.

NOVEMBER SERVICE: Our November service will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 (three days before the Veteran's holiday*) at 10:00 a.m. at the Sangha Center at 4110 Martin Luther King Blvd., just north of Alexander and south of Craig Road, Las Vegas 89032. Reverend Alan Sakamoto, previously of the Orange County Buddhist Church, and now the resident minister for Fresno, will be our guest speaker. Please invite your friends and relatives who are welcome to join us for our November Thanksgiving themed service. Members are encouraged to bring canned goods for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. In addition, each year our Sangha donates to the Buddhist Churches of America's (BCA) Annual Thanksgiving Donation. So if any member would like to add to their donation, please designate how much you want to give, and in turn, our Sangha will send a total check or the individual ones collected to BCA headquarters in San Francisco.

In November, Shin Buddhists conduct a perpetual memorial service. This is called Eitai-kyo Hoyo or Remembering with Gratitude. The following is an excerpt from an article, *Eitai-kyo Perpetual Memorial Service*. "Eitai-kyo" means to chant the Buddhist sutra perpetually. This special service is observed to ensure the continuation of the teaching of the Buddha among our Sangha. As noted by the famous Japanese songwriter Rokusuke Ei, who wrote the song Sukiyaki as well as a book entitled *The Great Birth*, "A person dies twice. The first time is the physical death and the second time is when the person is forgotten." Shakyamuni Buddha describes death as one of the four kinds of suffering along with birth, old age, and sickness. Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Jodo Shinshu Sect, stated that the Buddha Dharma must be carried on from generation to generation by those who have been born first to guide those who come later. This is so that the boundless ocean of birth-and-death continues. As we observe the Eitai-kyo Service, let us reflect upon the dedicated lives of our deceased members & friends and express gratitude to them. (By Reverend Hoshi Matsubayashi in *The White Path*, October 2002)

OCTOBER SERVICE: Reverend Patricia Usuki's Dharma message was focused on the growth of each of us as individuals and as a group and the "bumps" we encounter during our growth. The main focus was our Sangha's growth in the 30 years that we worked so hard to develop and all the "bumps" that we overcame during our formative years. She encouraged us to "Think Big" as the letters she distributed to our Dharma school students and some of our lady members. She used these letters effectively as she described our growth and development. She captivated the attention of all that were present. Thank you Rev. Usuki! Rev. Marvin Harada represented Bishop Umezu of the BCA to help celebrate our Sangha's 30th Anniversary. Reverend Harada also helped by transporting Rev. Usuki to and from the airport and hotel.

CENTER RENTAL: The holidays are fast approaching. If you would like to reserve the Center for your holiday gathering, call Tilda Silao at 619-888-5301. Some December dates are already booked, so check the calendar: <http://www.lasvegasbuddhist.org/calendar>.

This will help us to defray the building expenses.

BOARD MEETING: Our next board meeting is on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 pm. All members are invited to attend or call in any suggestions for improvement to our Sangha Secretary, Eileen Castle, ecastle@hopperinstitute.com or at (702) 371-0947.

RUMMAGE SALE DONATION: Our thanks to Deborah Harlig, who donated a large amount of furniture and clothing that belonged to her late husband.

Thanks to Gene Nakamura, Justin Appel, Wayne Tanaka, and Mike Suyeyasu for moving the donated items.

Japanese/English Volunteer Translators Wanted! November 10, 2015, 4pm - 6:30pm.

LVCVA will be having an invitation-only trade event at the Convention Center. We are currently seeking 10 Japanese/ English volunteer translators to help out with the Travel Mart portion of the event. If you are fluent in Japanese and English, this is a great opportunity for you to learn about the tourism business and help promote Japanese visitors to Las Vegas.

As a volunteer translator, you will receive a \$50 gift card. If you need a letter for volunteer hours or school credits, we would be happy to provide that as well.

If you are qualified and interested in being a volunteer, please provide a brief bio and your contact information (name, phone number and email address) by Thursday, October 29, 2015 to Jan-le Low at: janie@goldencatalyst.com. Thank you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 11/2 Janet Sakahara; 11/9 Harriet Huber and Jalen Sando; 11/13 Sally Hanagami; 11/15 Hiroaki Aoki; 11/17 Henry Maruyama; 11/19 Ellie Oshiro; 11/21 Georgiana Kobayashi; 11/24 Steve Noguchi; 11/24 Koichi Iida; 11/28 Kumiko Kashiwada.

ANNIVERSARIES: 11/3 Tom & Sumi Yanagihara; 11/4 James & Harriet Huber.

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS: If you would like to bring memorial flowers, please do so. If it gets close to the start of the service and there are no flowers brought, we'll send out someone to get some. If you do bring some flowers for any following memorials, please remember to bring a vase and to take your flowers home after the service.

- 11/03 Mitsugi Higashi, father of Gladys Akita
- 11/11 Mitsuno Kobayashi, mother of Albert Kobayashi
- 11/14 Keiichi Fukumoto, father in law of Hana Fukumoto
- 11/16 Mr. & Mrs. Chisato Sasaki, Parents-in-law of Sho Fukawa
- 11/21 Sueko Tomikawa, sister of Chizuyo Reynierse
- 11/23 Eige Koyanagi, brother of Chizuyo Reynierse
- 11/26 Ralph Branton, Husband of Alice Branton
- 11/30 Kojiro Hamada, father of June Maruyama

TOBAN FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SERVICES: For December, remember that we'll have our Bonenkai pot luck luncheon on Sunday, December 13th. If there are any Dharma School students who want to display their talents (gymnastics, musical instruments, martial arts, etc.) we can have an informal Bonenkai Talent Show during the pot luck.

In addition to setting up chairs, we need volunteers to sweep and mop, and especially **clean the bathrooms**. If you would like to help, please show up early. The Center will be open by 8:30 a.m.

OCTOBER DONATIONS: Jim Akamine, Cathy Arakaki, James & Harriet Huber, Al & Marge Kayatani, Shioji Fukawa in Memory of Wife Mary Fukawa, Hana Fukumoto, Mabel Fukumoto in Memory of Husband Kaizo Fukumoto, Rev Marvin Harada, Sally Hanagami, Rev Peter Hata, Tomico Honda, James & Harriet Huber, Koichi & Catherine Iida, Stan & Nancy Isa, Roger & Linda Itaya, Hedy Ito, Rosie Kakuuchi, Jim & Gay Kurashige, Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga, Bill & Nanette Muraoka, June & Hank Maruyama, Brian Nagata, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Chiyoko Nishimori, Takako Ogata, Eleanor Oshiro, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Louis & Hatsuye Sakaguchi, Bill & Janet Sakahara, Jason Sando/Marlo Tsuchiyama, Ron & May Soeda, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Michael Tanaka, Wayne & Sadie Tanaka, Dennis Tsukagawa, Grace Wertz, Anonymous Cash \$120. Mike & Becky Suyeyasu, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Rev. Patricia Usuki, Masaichi Yamada, Fred & Patricia Yamano, and Orange County Buddhist Church all donated money for Japanese books donated by the Tanaka Family.

***VETERANS' TRIBUTE:** Stan and Nancy Isa put together a brochure last November that they would like to add to. So please help them update our records of any veterans by sending them the name, branch of service, where stationed, and perhaps a few sentences about the experience.
1803 Dalton Dr., Henderson, NV 89014
or stantakeo@yahoo.com



Kakita Family

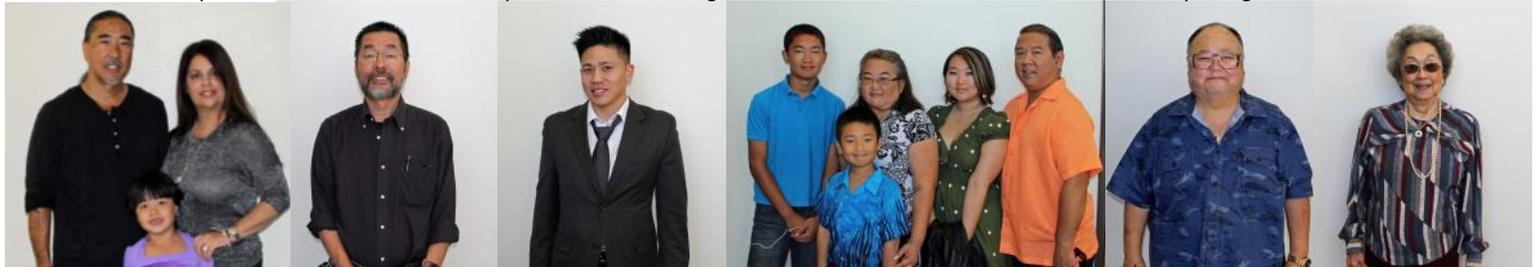
Isa Family

Margaret Nakata

Harriet Huber

Sally Hanagami

Tomico Honda



Segawa Family

Koichi Iida

Kyle Morishita

Arakaki Family

Michael Tanaka

Rosie Kakuuchi



O and Al Takemoto

Bob and Chizuyo Reynierse

Jim Akamine

Akira Sonomura

Takako Ogata

Dr. Charl Edwards

Sho Fukawa

Barbara & Jimi Mitsunaga