



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA

OCTOBER, 2015, NEWSLETTER

OBON CRAFT SALES: Sally Hanagami made over \$400 singlehandedly for the Sangha. In addition, the second craft group members are Sharleen Aoki, Harriet Huber, Gay Kurashige, Chelsea Kurashige, Margaret Nakata, Ellie Oshiro, the ladies of the Bunka Shishu club, and Patty Yamano. They sold over \$2,700. Part of the monies will be donated to the Sangha Kitchen Fund and the other part to replenish their supplies since they sold out of everything during our Obon festival.

FALL SANGHA ASIAN CRAFT FAIRE: Nov. 7 from 9:30 to 4pm: As the Sangha's fourth quarter fund raiser, 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 their wares to be raffled off hourly. Since this is a Sangha fund raiser, 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, and help in all areas: tickets, food, security, parking lot, craft runners, and just plain help—all day on Saturday, Nov. 7. 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 skills or would like to volunteer now, please contact Patty Yamano at 818 219-6982 or email her at patty.yamano@gmail.com.

DUCK FESTIVAL AT TOWN CENTER: On Saturday, September 19, the marketing committee with Tilda Silao, Gene Nakamura, Gay & Jim Kurashige and Wayne Tanaka helped to make the LV Lucky Duck Festival a huge success! Dharma School met their goal and in 30 days will receive their portion of the fundraising monies. Thank you to Dharma School from the Foundation for Positively Kids. There were fabulous prizes. Also, we thank the LV JACL as well as the Sangha's marketing committee for sponsoring a food booth, including a children's treat. Also, thank you to Katherine Yoshikawa, chairperson for organizing the children's games. The balloons were a big HIT!! Overall the success of the event couldn't be done without Sangha and JACL members who participated both in sponsorship and volunteering.

SPRINGS PRESERVE'S ASIAN FESTIVAL: On Saturday, September 26, the Obon dancers will give a half hour performance led by Ann Mikami. Dances will be Tanko Bushi/Anata Dake O, Sukiyaki, Ei Ja Nai Ka, and Bambutsu No Tsunagari, concluding with Hana Wa Saku hula.

JAPAN FESTIVAL: On Saturday, October 10, with the time to be announced, the Sangha members and especially the Obon dancers are invited the "new" Japan Festival at the Rio. It's being headed by Robert Higashinaka, the original founder of the LV Aki Matsuri. A one day practice at the Sangha Center is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 10:00-12:00.

OCTOBER SERVICE AND 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Rev. Patricia Usuki from the San Fernando Buddhist Temple as our guest minister. Rev. Marvin Harada will also be part of the service.

There will be a catered luncheon after the service, so we need everyone who plans to stay for lunch to please RSVP to our Sangha Treasurer Jim Kurashige, 702-839-8558 or by email at lasvegasbuddhistsangha@aol.com. The cost is \$30/person, and children under 6 are free. *Anyone who can't afford the cost should call, and an accommodation will be made. Anyone with special dietary needs should also call.* This special event is being held on Sunday, October 11 from 10 a.m. at our Sangha Center, 4010 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., which is south of Craig Road.

SEPTEMBER DHARMA MESSAGE: Reverend Kuniyuki spoke to the Dharma students about the three poisons—greed, anger and stupidity (ignorance) = GAS and how to get rid of this GAS; i.e, not to ignore it but to acknowledge it and let it go to reach peace of mind and eventually happiness.

We also thank Mike Suyeyasu and Wayne Tanaka for hosting Reverend and Mrs. Kuniyuki for breakfast before the service as well as the Kurashige family for picking up the most elderly Sangha members for our service. Anyone else needing a ride to our services should contact Jim at the numbers listed above.

GUESTS: Ivan Tsuchiyama, Jared Sando, Junko Shimada, Dennis Tsukagawa of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, and Gene Endslo of Spokane, Washington.

DONATIONS: Cathy Arakaki, who also gave a memorial donation in her father's name, James & Harriet Huber, Al & Marge Kayatani, Shioji Fukawa, Sally Hanagami, Tomico Honda, Rosie Kakuuchi, Kumiko Kashiwada, Jim & Gay Kurashige, Michael Tanaka, Bill & Nanette Muraoka, Dennis & Margaret Nakata, Chiyoko Nishimori, Takako Ogata, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Ron & May Soeda, Roy & Caryl Suzuki (including father's memorial donation), Wayne & Sadie Tanaka, Agnes Tsuchiyama, Dennis Tsukagawa, Grace Wertz, Anonymous Cash-\$120. Mike & Becky Suyeyasu donated \$100 for hapi coats, Koichi Iida and Roy & Caryl Suzuki made donations for books from the Mitzi & Tom Tanaka collection.

SPECIAL DONATION: Cathy Moses and Michael Tanaka donated a very special framed *Oshi-e* art piece, titled "Ohimesama," created by their mother, the late Mitzi Tanaka, in memory of Michael's wife, Sharan "Q" Tanaka. This beautiful piece will be displayed in the Sangha Center entry area.

Oshi-e (押絵/押し絵), which literally means "Pressed Picture," is a traditional form of Japanese handicraft since the Edo period. Like a jigsaw puzzle, the picture is made up of many pieces. Each piece is wrapped in beautiful kimono fabric or paper, padded with cotton in between, and is nailed/glued together to create a three-dimensionally raised ornament.

FLOWERS: The flowers for the service were brought by Kumiko Kashiwara, Chizuyo Reynierse, Caryl & Roy Suzuki, and Wayne & Sadie Tanaka. Takako Ogata set up the *obutsudan* but noticed that a small 3 inch metal flower vase is missing; please let us know if you've seen it.

BOARD MEETING: Our next board meeting is on Monday, September 28, 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.

OBON THANK YOU LUNCHEON: Was held after the September service at Makino's at Decatur and Flamingo at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Over 90 volunteers attended, and everyone enjoyed the great food and camaraderie.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!:

Junko Shimada is our newest member! Please welcome her personally when you see her next month!

If you paid your dues since the last newsletter and you are not listed above, please notify Sangha Treasurer Jim Kurashige, 7528 Lassen Peak Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89149, 702-839-8558 or by email at lasvegasbudhistsangha@aol.com. Thank you.



OCTOBER MEMORIALS: If you are commemorating a memorial in October, please remember to bring a vase and to take your flowers home after the service. Also, if you cannot attend the memorial service for someone in your family, you may remember them by giving a memorial donation that will be listed next month.

- 10/4 Yoshio Wakayama, father of Myrtle Noguchi
- 10/4 Tsumayo Motohiro, mother of Helen Koga
- 10/4 Goichi Koyanagi, father of Chizuyo Reynierse
- 10/9 Hilda Nakaishi, sister of Alice Branton
- 10/13 Florence Tachibana, mother of Georgianna Kobayashi
- 10/13 Toyoki Tom Sakamoto; father of Paul Sakamoto & Aiko Nakao-Mayeda
- 10/14 Kaizo Fukumoto; husband of Mabel Fukumoto
- 10/16 Teresa Lira, sister of Pati Lira
- 10/30 Mary Fukawa, wife of Shioji Fukawa
- October: Robert Tsurusato, son of Aiko-Nakao-Mayeda

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS to the following: 10/3 Pati Lira; Roxanne Okano; 10/5 Karen Tanaka-Kelly; Alice Sakamoto; 10/6 Wayne Kozai; 10/7 Scott Watanabe; 10/12 Joyce Nakagawa; 10/18 Takako Ogata; 10/21 Rodney Tamura; 10/24 Masaichi Yamada; 10/25 Eileen Castle & Sadako Wanless; Gladys Akita; 10/27 SiMei Connolly; 10/28 Victor Ferguson; 10/29 George Yahiro; 10/30 Tami Watanabe, Thomas Iida; and 10/31 Chelsea Kurashige.

ANNIVERSARIES: 10/2 Brian & Melany Segawa; 10/11 May & Ron Soeda; 10/19 June & Hank Maruyama.



Summer Segawa is next in line to offer incense



"Ohimesama," donated by Cathy Moses and Michael Tanaka



Rev. Kuniyuki and John Kosora



Rev. Kevin and Dayle Kuniyuki



Jim Kurashige offers incense