



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA

SEPTEMBER, 2015, NEWSLETTER

SANGHA CRAFTS GROUP: Thanks to the Bunka ladies Lillian Horiichi, Harriet Yasuhara, Nancy Furuike, Winona Kashiwamura and Kimi Ayala for donating their time to make our Obon crafts sales a great success. Sally Hanagami and Mable Fukumoto represented the original Sangha Crafts group. Both crafts group are giving half to either the Sangha or to the Kitchen Committee. The other half will go to replenishing their craft supplies. Because of all the sales at the Obon, we sold out of almost all items in our inventory! Therefore, we need to start making items for our upcoming Fall Sangha Asian Crafts Faire. **WE NEED HELP!!!** We need people to sew, iron, as well as supply the quality control with an assortment of other jobs. If you are interested in helping the Sangha Crafts, please contact Patty Yamano at patty.yamano@gmail.com or 818 219-6982.

FALL SANGHA ASIAN CRAFT FAIRE: Saturday, November 7, 9:30 am-4 pm. **We need volunteers to help at our 4th quarter fund raiser.** Please mark your calendar so you can help make our 1st annual Craft Faire a success. We not only need volunteers to help, we need vendors...so if you know anyone that might want to participate in our craft faire, please ask them to contact Patty Yamano at patty.yamano@gmail.com or 818 219-6982.

See the attached documents for the information and applications and forward them to anyone you think might be interested. The Sangha Crafts group is also selling raffle tickets for a wall hanging that will be awarded at the faire. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the next Sangha service or by calling Patty Yamano at patty.yamano@gmail.com or 818- 219-6982.

DANCE PRACTICE CONTINUES for a Springs Preserve performance on Saturday, September 26.

Performance time will be at noon or 12:20 for a 30 minute performance, more details to come. Practice dates: Saturdays, September 12 and 19, 10:00 am -12:00 noon at the Sangha Center.

OBON DVD AVAILABLE: Tilda Silao's son, Justin Appel, has made an Obon DVD for sale to any Sangha member for \$25.00 each with half the profit going to the Sangha. DVDs will be available for pickup on the practice dates.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE: Our next service will be held on Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Sangha Center, 4110 Martin Luther King Blvd, North Las Vegas 89032, just south of Craig Road and north of Cheyenne. Reverend Kevin Kuniyuki of Hawaii will be our guest minister.

As Buddhists, we know that September 21st is the Fall Ohigan (Shuki Higan-E) and autumn equinox. It is a time to emphasize the Six Paramitas of Charity, Morality, Patience, Effort, Meditation, and Wisdom. Also, September 1 is BCA Founding Day for us to remember the two ministers, Reverend Shuei Sonoda and Reverend Kakuryo Nishijima, who were sent by the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan as ministers for the Buddhists in America. They arrived in San Francisco on September 1, 1899.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE: was held at 1 p.m on Sunday, August 9 for Sharan "Q" Tanaka, late wife of former board member, Michael Tanaka. Rev. Marvin Harada was the officiant at the memorial service which was held after the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb presentation given by Kumiko Noriega, a CSN teacher.

BOARD MEETING: Our next board meeting is on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm. All members are invited to attend or to mail or call in any suggestions for improvement to our Sangha Secretary, Eileen Castle at ecastle@hopperinstitute.com in order to have a voice and vote on what is on the agenda. The primary focus this month will be on the Obon, and initial planning for the 30th Anniversary event.

KIKUO & KAORU OGAWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: We congratulate this year's winner, Jennifer Kakita, who was honored at our July service. She will use the scholarship money to pursue her teaching license.

OBON THANK YOU LUNCHEON: Is being held after the September service at Makino's at Decatur and Flamingo at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Please RSVP to our Sangha Treasurer Jim Kurashige, 702-839-8558 or by email at lasvegasbuddhistsangha@aol.com. Since we have 120+ volunteers this year, we are limiting the luncheon to the volunteers only, all of whom should receive an invitation by the end of the month. If anyone does not receive an invitation, please call Jim Kurashige at the above number for any so that another invitation letter can be sent out ASAP.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - please help our Dharma School Children who are fundraising for the LV Lucky Duck Family Festival at Town Square. They will be selling duck adoptions at the Obon Festival: \$5 per single duck; \$25 for a Quack Pack (6); \$50 for a Double Pack (12); and \$100 for a Flock of Ducks (24). This fundraiser helps both the Foundation for Positively Kids www.positivelykids.org and the Dharma School (for every single duck sold the Dharma School receives \$2). The Chairpersons are Cathy Arakaki, Melanie Segawa and Katherine & Ryan Yoshikawa.

The LVBS is sponsoring children's games and prizes for the LV Lucky Duck Family Festival and need volunteers, children and parents to help supervise. Please email Katherine and Ryan Yoshikawa chairpersons) at katherineyoshikawa@gmail.com to join the team.

Sunday, October 11, at 10 a.m., 30th Anniversary service and catered luncheon after the service.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES

RECEIVED: Agnes Tsuchiyama & Family, Jason Sando & Marlo Tsuchiyama.

To avoid repetition and to save space, we will list only dues received since the last newsletter.

If your name appeared in past newsletters, rest assured that your membership is good for the rest of the year. 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 lasvegasbuddhistsangha@aol.com. Thank you.

8-9-15 DONATIONS:

Cathy Arakaki; James & Harriet Huber; Kumiko Kashiwada; Al & Marge Kayatani in Memory of Daughter Deborah; Jim & Gay Kurashige in Memory of Father Kazuo and Grandmother Iyano; Taya Kurashige in Memory of Husband Kazuo and Mother Iyano; Daniel Lee; Cathy Moses & Michael Tanaka (Orei for Sharan Tanaka's Memorial); Gary and Karen Mukai; Dennis & Margaret Nakata in Memory of Father Yonetaro Nakata & Father Toraji Takemoto; Chiyoko Nishimori; Takako Ogata; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Roy & Caryl Suzuki Hatsubon in memory of brother, Doug Iwamoto; Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; Anonymous Cash \$233 with total donations of \$828. Thank you everyone for helping support our Sangha.

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS:

If you would like to bring memorial flowers, please call Harriet Huber, the Service Chairperson, at 702-335-8123. Also, please remember to bring a vase and then to take the flowers home with you after the service.

- 9/01 Goichi Koyanagi, father of Chizuyo Reynierse
- 9/05 Tee Hajime Tanaka, brother of Michael Tanaka & Cathy Moses
- 9/11 Hideko Tanaka, mother of Wayne Tanaka
- 9/18 Harold Connolly, Father of Mark Connolly
- 9/20 Kikuo Ogawa, father of Patty Yamano
- 9/22 Ted Koga, Husband of Helen Koga
- 9/24 Saburo Iwamoto, father of Caryl Suzuki
- 9/26 Toshio Nakamoto, father of Cathy Arakaki
- 9/30 Fumi Fukuda, mother of Kumiko Kashiwada

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS to the following:

- 9/05 Alicia Tamura; 9/07 Scott Watanabe; 9/12 Bill Sakahara; 9/13 Mike Suyeyasu; 9/14 Edna Shiotani; 9/15 Gene Nakamura; 9/17 Helen Koga; 9/19 Kimberly Tanaka; 9/21 Sandi Hiyane; 9/22 Aileen Sumida; 9/24 June Maruyama & Roy Suzuki; 09/25 Stan Isa & Nan Muraoka; 9/27 Jared Kinya Sando & Maile Sando; 9/28 Patty Yamano; 9/30 Tami Watanabe.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES to the following:

- 9/5 Ken & Gladys Akita; 9/7 Roy & Caryl Suzuki; 9/19 Minoru & Sharleen Aoki and Bill & Janet Sakahara.



Patty Yamano presents Ogawa Scholarship Plaque to Jennifer Kakita and family



Kumiko Noriega w/ Hiroshima slide



Judge Bitu Khamsi with husband Steve Yeager



Mike Suyeyasu, Alvin Takashima, Alan Takemoto, Susan & David Miyasato.



Crystal & Rodney Okano



Yoshikawa Family



Channel 5 Anchor Jason Feinberg & Tilda Silao



Ron & May Soeda, Jan-Ie Low & Derek Uehara



Wayne Tanaka, Dave Hopper, and Eileen Castle