



APRIL SERVICE: This year's *Hanamatsuri* service will be held on Sunday, April 14th, 10 a.m. at the JACL Activity Center, 1401 Arville, which is south of Charleston Blvd and on the east side of Walmart. Our guest speaker is Reverend George Matsubayashi, retired Rinban of the LA Betsuin and former minister of the Venice Hongwanji in Southern California. While here, the minister is conducting our class in Buddhism on Saturday, April 13th at SW Behavior School and may also have an individual family memorial service at the JACL Center if reserved ahead of time on Saturday or Sunday evening; so let us know.

Although the service will begin at 10 a.m., we will set up the *hanamido* from **8:30 a.m.** **If you would like to help with decorating the *hanamido*, please arrive at that time.** After the service, **we are having our Hanamatsuri potluck and would like each family to bring a favorite dish to share with the other members and any extra guests.** As usual, recipes are welcomed so others may try making your family's favorite dish in the future.

Hanamatsuri is a service held to celebrate the birth of Gautama Buddha in Lumbini Garden approximately in 564 B.C. Amida, the Buddha of Infinite Wisdom and Compassion, made himself known among people as Gautama Buddha. During the service, a flower shrine known as a *hanamido* is set up in front of the main altar as a symbol of Lumbini Garden. A statuette of the infant Buddha is placed in the *hanamido*. The members of the congregation pour sweet tea over the Buddha who has one hand pointing skyward and the other pointing downward. According to ancient legend, Buddha was born as the connection between heaven & earth. The happiness surrounding his birth brought joyful music and flowers in full bloom through which sweet rain fell that is symbolized by the tea poured over the statuette of the Buddha.

MARCH DHARMA MESSAGE: Our Sangha thanks Reverend Alan Sakamoto for the informative class he held both Saturday and Sunday afternoon the weekend of the March service on the Six Paramitas, which he said is an offshoot of the Noble Eightfold Paths. If you were unable to attend the class, Dr. David Hopper has a video of each of the 5 monthly classes on Buddhism that have been held so far and the handouts are listed on our webpage, www.lasvegasbuddhist.org. In addition to his class, Reverend Sakamoto showed the Disney film "Cars" and gave his Buddhist perspective of the adventures of Lightning McQueen, #94 in the movie. He was helped with his Dharma talk by Miles Roebuck who did the video portion of the program.

BUDDHISM CLASS: Saturday, April 13: Life of the Buddha and its relevance for today with Reverend George Matsubayashi.....1 to 3 p.m. A review of the life of the Buddha: Early life, Renunciation, Ascetic practice, Enlightenment. Turning the Wheel of the Dharma; Passing into Nirvana. The Buddha's message and its relevance for our world today.

GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS: It was good to see Tomi Honda and her sons, Michael and Rick for Gump Honda's third memorial service. Son Russ was unable to attend, but his wife, Kinuko, was there as well as Michael's wife Linda. We were also lucky to have four of our youngest members, Emi Yamasaki and the Sando children: Jared, Jalen, and Maile. We were grateful that Chelsea Kurashige helped the three Sandos decorate cupcakes using a St. Patrick's Day theme. Chelsea and her mom Gay baked the chocolate cupcakes and had the basic white or green frosting on them for the children to add their sprinkles and candied decorations.

FLOWERS were brought by Alice Branton, Eileen Castle, Tomi Honda, Pati Lira, and Sadako Wanless. In the future, if you're bringing flowers, please let the service chair whoever that may be to include your name for the program ahead of time.

DONATIONS: Ken & Gladys Akita; Sho Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Mabel Fukumoto (January-February-March); Sally Hanagami; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Tomico Honda; Harriet Huber; Alice Kado; Kumiko Kashiwada; Jim & Gay Kurashige; Rosie Kakuuchi; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Sueno Migaki (January-February-March); Frances Miyasato (annual); Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Takako Ogata; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Mike Suyeyasu (February & March); Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; Sadako Wanless (annual); Grace Wertz; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara (annual); Anonymous.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED: Ken & Gladys Akita; Emiko Aoki; Sharleen Aoki; Ann & Noboru Aoyagi; Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Tom & Lynn DeMann; Mitch & Namie Dukes; Sho Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Mabel Fukumoto; Clara Hamasaki; Sally Hanagami; Deborah Harlig; Carolyn & Richard Higa; Sandi Hiyane; Tomico Honda; Dave Hopper; Harriet Huber; Nancy & Stan Isa; Alice Kado; Rosie Kakuuchi; Sadae Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Georgianna 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; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Kumiko Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Takako Ogata; Eleanor Oshiro; Mary Ozaki; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Lily Sakemi; Muriel Scrivner; Kazu & Edna Shiotani; Ron & Mae Soeda; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Michael Tanaka; Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; June Tateishi; Kyle Watanabe; Scott & Tami Watanabe; Grace Wertz; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara; Stan Yokoyama; Katherine, Ryan & Emi Yoshikawa If your name is not listed, please send your \$20 dues to the treasurer, Pati Lira, 4674 Nardini Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89141. Also, please report any mistakes to the Sangha Treasurer at 496.3112 or by email at capopati@yahoo.com.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: Alice Branton – father, Masichi Tanimine; David Hopper – son, Mike; Tomico Honda – husband, Gumpe; Pati Lira – father, Hector; Sueno Migaki – husband, Joe & Joe’s father; Daniel Miyake – father, Harry Miyake; Dennis & Margaret Nakata – mother, Sakashi Nakata; Takako Ogata - husband, Sakae Bert Ogata; Ellie Oshiro – husband, Ron; Sadako Wanless: brothers, Toshiyuki and Keiji Matsuda; Masaichi Yamada - wife, June Kiyoyama.

SPECIAL DONATIONS: Miyoko Kobata (wedding party) presided by Reverend Alan Sakamoto on 3/9/13; Gumpe Honda’s children: Michael, Rick & Russ; Hana Fukumoto’s 90th birthday donation from the Sangha Crafts Group.

BUDDHISM CLASS DONATIONS: David & Eileen Hopper; Harriet Huber; Alice Kado; Margaret Nakata; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Patty Yamano.

LOST VIDEO PROJECTOR: Although a video projector was donated exactly a year ago by Michael & Sharan Tanaka in memory of Mitzy & Tom Tanaka, it was nowhere to be found in the Sangha storeroom for the March service. So we thank Delwayne Arakaki JACL President who came in to loan us the JACL projector. If anyone has inadvertently borrowed our video projector or knows its whereabouts, please let us know. We’ve used it within the year since it was donated; so we’re hoping we can track it down.

SANGHA BOARD MEETINGS All members are invited to attend any of the following board meetings: TUE, 3/26; WED, 4/24; TUE, 5/28; TUE, 6/25; WED, 7/31; WED, 8/28; MON, 9/23; WED, 10/30; TUE, 11/26; and WED, 12/18. All meetings start at 5:30 pm. If you plan to attend, let Sharleen Aoki know at 254-4021 or shaperiwinkle@yahoo.com so enough food will be available. Latecomers are welcome, since the first part of the meeting is for food and fellowship.

APRIL MEMORIALS: It is unnecessary to bring memorial flowers since we will be having the floral Hanamido on display for our Hanamatsuri service. However, if you wish to make a special memorial or Hanamatsuri donation, please do so with our treasurer, Pati Lira. 4/13-Tom Hanagami, Husband of Sally Hanagami; 4/15-Kichiko Maruyama, Mother of Henry Maruyama; 4/16-Tamotsu Matsuda, Father of Sadako Wanless; 4/18-John Fukumoto, Son of Mabel Fukumoto; 4/20-Tsuyako Yama, Mother of Bill Sakahara; 4/21-Ochito Kosora, Mother of Dan Kosora; 4/21-Fusako Koyanagi, sister-in-law of Chizuyo Reynierse, and Tsuyako Yamada, mother of Bill Sakahara.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS to the following: 4/4-Jason Sando; 4/5-Steven Suzuki; 4/8-Tom Yanagihara; 4/11-Thomas DeMann, Stefanie Muraoka; 4/13-Kyle Watanabe; 4/15-Alan Takemoto; 4/21-Kimiko Brown, 4/22-Darrel Matsuyama; 4/24-Megan Arakaki; 4/29-Brent Sumida; 4/30-Mits Nakayama.

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES: 4/2-Cathy & Delwayne Arakaki; 4/11-Katie & Dan Kosora; 4/13-Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; 4/27-Jason & Marlo Sando.

THANK YOU TO: Sharan Tanaka, who volunteered this past year to organize all the birthday cards and small gifts for the Dharma School students. For 2013, Sandy Hiyane has agreed to take over that task as well as keep up with the memorials and new membership forms.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST RSVP: Our Third Annual Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast will be held before our May 12 service, starting at 9 A.M. Everyone is invited. The Dharma School students will do the cooking and serving. Please RSVP to ycsuzuki@cox.net so we can estimate the supplies needed. This is FREE (donations accepted), so please come and join us!

TOM & LYNN DEMANN UPDATE: “We have decided to relocate from the Bay Area in California. Prices are ridiculously high and housing is unaffordable. Also, we will be with family again which we have missed tremendously. We are moving to a very small town just outside of Fort Worth, TX. It has many Temples and meditation centers in the area. The nearest Temple is 1.5 miles from where we will be living. It is nice to see that there are now ongoing classes in Buddhism which is being offered by the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha. Buddhism provides such a great and peaceful path. I am sorry that we are not there to take part in these as they appear to be interesting. Our best to everyone and maybe one day we will be back if even for just a visit. We have fond memories of the Sangha.”



Eileen Castle, Margaret Nakata, and Alice Kado listen to Rev. Sakamoto’s talk. Not pictured: Patty Yamano, David Hopper, Harriet Huber, Roy & Caryl Suzuki.



Rev. Sakamoto explains the relationship between the Noble Eightfold Path and the Six Paramitas, and how Buddhism encourages letting go of attachments.