



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
JULY, 2013, NEWSLETTER



JULY SERVICE: Our next service will be held on Sunday, July 14th, at 9:30 a.m. at the JACL Activity Center, 1401 Arville Street, south of Charleston Blvd, LV 89102. Please pass it on that the Sangha Board approved having the formal Saturday study session and a short lesson during the service on Sunday. Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, CA will be our guest minister. For his Saturday class, Reverend Kuwahara's topic is "Fundamental Buddhist Teachings." Barbara Mitsunaga will give a short personal story about her WWII internment experience. Service Chairpersons: July, Rosie Kakuuchi; September, Jim Kurashige; October, Pati Lira; November, Harriet Huber; and in December, Rosie again. Please bring any raffle prizes or Obon booklet ads that you may have solicited so that Wayne Tanaka and Katherine Yoshikawa (see message later in this newsletter) can add them to their lists.

DHARMA MESSAGE: Reverend Bill Dearth presented our Saturday class comparing Christianity to Buddhism. On Sunday, Dr. David Hopper was our service chair and Reverend Dearth's Dharma message and follow up class at the end of the service covered The Enlightened Samaritan. We also thank Gay Kurashige for picking up Reverend Dearth, Patty Yamano for getting him back to the hotel on Saturday and Ellie Oshiro for taking him back to the airport after the scholarship luncheon on Sunday.

BUDDHISM CLASS: Rev. Kuwahara will conduct a class on "Fundamental Buddhist Teachings" on Saturday, July 13th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Southwest Behavior School, 6480 Fairbanks Rd., 89103. There is a suggested donation of \$10. Light refreshments will be served. Video of the class will be available upon request.

2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: Miles Roebuck received a \$1,000 check for the Kikuo and Kay Ogawa Memorial Scholarship. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Miles is the son of Sangha member, Eileen Castle and is graduating from Cimarron Memorial High School and hopes to attend culinary school. Miles gave a great speech during the service to explain his plans to set up a business catering to people like himself with diabetes or other disorders having to restrict carbohydrates and sugar. Miles brought his cheering section of his grandmother, Una Hopper, Uncles Steven Hopper and Dr. Bradley and Mrs. Sandra Hopper along with their daughter, Miranda Hopper. At the luncheon, Eileen's daughter, Erica Castle, joined the group to celebrate.

GET WELL WISHES We were originally told that Cathy Moses retired from Circus Circus after years of helping the Sangha with complimentary or reduced hotel rates. However, instead, her absence from work was caused by being out on extended medical leave. She will be returning to work shortly and doesn't plan to retire until she's 60, many years from now. The Sangha will be sending her a get well gift card.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS were brought by and Sadako Wanless and June Maruyama.

FAREWELL WISHES go out to Daniel Miyake and Mariko & Charles Ushiroda, who left in April; to Karen and Ben Mizusaki who left in May; and eventually Sadako Wanless is leaving to live closer to her son in Arizona. If a any member can drive Takako Ogata who lives on East Stewart to the monthly service, please call her at 459-4742. Previously, Sadako drove her our service and Obon dance practice.

MONTHLY DONATIONS: Sharleen Aoki; Alice Branton; Mitch & Namie Dukes; Sho Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Sally Hanagami; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Tomico Honda; David Hopper; Rosie Kakuuchi; Kumiko Kashiwada; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Sueno Migaki; Frances Miyasato (annual); Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa, Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Takako Ogata; Ellie Oshiro; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Ron & May Soeda; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Oh & Alan Takemoto (annual); Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi (annual); Sadako Wanless (annual); Grace Wertz; Patty & Fred Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara (annual); Ryan, Katherine & Emi Yoshikawa; Anonymous.

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 Hiyane; Tomico Honda; Dave Hopper; Harriet Huber; June Ikeda; Nancy & Stan Isa; Dale & Rosan Ito; Alice Kado; Rosie Kakuuchi; Sadae Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Georgiana Kobayashi; Dan & Katie Kosora; John Kosora; Wayne & Myrna 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; Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa; 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 & May Soeda; Aileen & Brent Sumida; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Oh & Alan Takemoto; Michael Tanaka; 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. Wiczorek; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara; Stan Yokoyama; Katherine & Emi Yoshikawa; Shirley Yoshioka. We continue to solicit past members to donate the \$20 membership fee; so if you get an envelope in this newsletter, it's because we hope you'll support our Sangha with your 2013 membership. Please send you dues to Sangha Treasurer Pati Lira at 4874 Nardini Ave, Las Vegas 89141.

MEMORIALS DONATIONS: June Maruyama – in memory of her mother, Hesako Hamada and brother, Jim Hamada; Dennis & Margaret Nakata – Margaret's sister, Nellie Moon.

BUDDHISM CLASS DONATIONS:

David Hopper; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Patty & Fred Yamano.

JULY MEMORIALS: 7/11 Setsuko Iwamoto, sister of Caryl Suzuki; 7/26 Sadako Tanimine, mother of Alice Branton.

AUGUST MEMORIALS: 8/4 Tamae Koyanagi, mother of Chizuyo Reynierse; 8/6 Yonetaro Nakata, father of Dennis Nakata, and Yoshi Maruyama, mother of Flora Tsuma; 8/11 Toraji Takemoto, father of Margaret Nakata; 8/27 Francis K. Maruyama, father of Flora Tsuma; and 8/29 Hagino Ito, mother-in-law of Hana Fukumoto, 8/30 Yoshito Matsuda, father of Sadie Tanaka and Kenichi Tsuma, father-in-law of Flora Tsuma.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: 7/6 Henry Ozaki & Grace Wertz; 7/7 Jon Ogata; 7/9 Betty Igawa & Dennis Nakata; 7/10 Alice Branton; 7/15 Kanyarat Matsuda; 7/16 Albert Kobayashi; 7/17 Robin Sakahara; 7/19 Noburo Aoyagi; 7/20 Ann Aoyagi; 7/21 Adam Graves; 7/22 Myrtle Noguchi & Darcie Matsuyama; 7/27 Agnes Tsuchiyama.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: 8/2 Ryan Suzuki; 8/4 Cristal Isa & Darrel (D.J.) Matsuyama, Jr.; 8/8 Harry Ogawa & Nicholas Kurashige; 8/11 Mary Ozaki; 8/21 Catherine Moses & James Kurashige; 8/22 Kazuo Shiotani; 8/25 Monica Kaili; 8/28 John Kosora & David Hopper; 8/29 Don Frazer; 8/31 Mel Igawa.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: 8/4 George & Jane Yahiro; 8/5 Albert & Georgianna Kobayashi; 8/13 Mike & Becky Suyeyasu.

JUNE SANGHA BOARD MEETING: an informal meeting was held without a quorum on Tuesday June 18 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our Sangha and the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC). The agenda also included a discussion of the property on Post Road. Realtors Becky and Mike Suyeyasu were given the go ahead to put a bid out on the building which will lead to a counter offer by the party selling the property. Reverend Harada is coming back to town to give his input about suitability of the building for our activities. His comments will be reviewed at the formal board meeting which will be held with a 6 p.m. dinner and a 7 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, June 25, at Mimi's Cafe at 7315 Arroyo Crossing Parkway 89118. Although all cabinet and board members are asked to submit agenda items to President Stan Isa, any Sangha member is also encouraged to do so and attend our monthly meetings. We make more progress as a Sangha, the more we communicate; so please give your ideas to Stan.

OBON MAILING: We thank all the members who came in early to help stuff the 410 envelopes sent out to our members, volunteers and Obon supporters from previous years. Sangha members are encouraged to sell as many raffle tickets as possible and to solicit more prizes and ads. We also thank Dale Ito who has been consistently our Obon Chair and is grooming both Stan Isa and Jim Kurashige to take over some of the Obon tasks.

OBON GOLF TOURNAMENT: Thanks to Paul Sakamoto for organizing the golf tournament for early morning of the Obon at the Palm Valley Golf Course in Sun City Summerlin. (See attached flyer & letter) Rev. Harada is putting together a foursome and we have commitments from other local supporters such as Roy Nakamura of Horizon Web Marketing, which does our website.

OBON HAPPI COAT ORDER: We still have a few of the large sized happi coats for sale that were sewn last year by Margaret Nakata and her sister. Any donated amount will go directly to our Sangha building fund.

OBON DANCE PRACTICE are being conducted by Ann Mikami at the JACL Activity Center. We hope that more of our Sangha members will come out on the following dates: June 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27; and August 3 at 9:00-11:00. DVDs of the required first round dances will be provided for home practice. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 228-2692 or cell phone 339-1253.

OBON PROGRAM AD SPACE STILL AVAILABLE! – Hi Sangha members! My name is Katherine Yoshikawa. I will be helping out this year with soliciting ads for the Obon program booklet. If you know any business owners, family members or friends who would like to advertise or make a donation, we can make a business card (\$20), half page (\$30), or full page (\$50) ad in the obon program booklet. The ad can feature your business name, logo, tag line, products offered, website, telephone number, personal photos and more. Ad orders must be turned in no later than July 31st. If you are interested in ad space, please contact KatherineYoshikawa@gmail.com or (702) 806-7462. Please don't hesitate to email or call with any questions.

GET A FIRM NUMBER OF PURCHASED OBENTO TICKETS to June Maruyama (869-0680) by Saturday, July 27, which is two weeks prior to the Obon, so that Chairman Dale Ito knows how much meat & other last minute items to purchase.

PLEASE BUY ON SALE any of the following name brand drinks: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, **Dr. Pepper, Sprite or 7-Up.** Please save your receipt if you wish to be reimbursed. Let Alan Takemoto at 203-8882 know what you purchased.

WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS to oversee the students who run the shaved ice machine and to collect any money from the food sales.

PLEASE BRING COOKED RICE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, but let us know so the rice chairperson makes certain enough is cooked. **This request is so important for everyone to do since every box lunch needs rice!**

BRING DESSERTS TO BE SOLD AT THE OBON. Please do not cut your desserts since individual servings and pricing will be done there. Both Japanese & American desserts will be greatly appreciated; however **we really need Japanese desserts from those persons who**



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can make it! Gokurosama!

THE SANGHA WILL PROVIDE SANDWICHES for workers on the day of Obon. Please let Dale know if you plan to bring donuts or other snack items to share with all the workers.

REPORT AT 9 A.M. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH for only 3 hours with cutting boards and knives to clean the chicken. Bring rags to clean **up the cafeteria that has not been used since the end of school.**

REPORT AT 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH again with cutting boards and knives to cut the cooked chicken and beef. Bring rubber gloves to clean the pots and pans, and/or rags for clean up.

PLEASE STAY UNTIL EVERYTHING IS PUT AWAY AND THE CAFETERIA IS CLEANED UP--

usually well before 4 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to bring younger friends and relatives and to team up so that you get someone to take your place as you rest up during your breaks. We commend Dale Ito for always being the last to leave as the rented chairs are picked up at 4 p.m. and custodian and cafeteria workers are paid.