



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA  
MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER



**MAY SERVICE:** Our Gotan-E & Mothers' Day service will be held on Sunday, May 12th from 10 a.m. at the JACL Activity Center, 1401 Arville, just south of Charleston, on the east side of the street. The Dharma School children will be serving pancakes from 9 a.m. to all who show up early. We are fortunate that Reverend Marvin Harada, our supervising minister from Orange County Buddhist Church and an executive assistant to Bishop Umezu, will be our visiting minister.

**Gotan-E** is a service that is sometimes called the Wisteria Festival (Fuji Matsuri) and it celebrates the birth of Shinran Shonin, who was born near Kyoto on May 21, 1173. As the founder of our Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin emphasized the 18<sup>th</sup> vow that taught the meaning of the Nembutsu and faith. He was the first Japanese Buddhist priest 750 years ago to break the vow of celibacy to marry and raise a family. He also spread the teachings of the Buddha, not only to the educated, but to all who would listen.

**HANAMATSURI SERVICE:** was held with Reverend George Matsubayashi who was hosted by Harriet Huber. In addition, we thank Sandi Hiyane, who donated the Dharma School students' birthday gift cards. Moreover, we also appreciate Dale & Rosan Ito who came on Thursday, April 11 to set up the flowers on the Hanamido. We also thank the other Sangha members who came early to set up chairs, the obutsudan and the pot luck items to share with others.

**BUDDHISM CLASS:** Reverend Harada will be conducting a class on "Resolving Life's Problems Through Buddhism" on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Please plan to attend what has proven to be a very interesting and informative series of lectures by our visiting ministers. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

**MAY MEMORIALS:** 5/1 Tom Wanless, husband of Sadako Wanless; Shig Yoshioka, husband of Shirley Yoshioka; 5/3 James Tanimine, brother of Alice Branton; 5/5 Mitsuji Kasamoto, father-in-law of Sadie Kasamoto; 5/19 Misao Wakayama, mother of Myrtle Noguchi.; 5/24 Sadie Shintani, sister of Margaret Nakata.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:** 5/8 Frances Akamine; 5/10 Sharleen Aoki; 5/11 Sueno Migaki; 5/13 Muriel Scrivner; 5/14 Nancy Isa, May Soeda; 5/22 Minoru Aoki; 5/27 Marlo Sando, Kathryn Tanaka, Sumi Yanagihara.

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES:** 5/20 Fred & Patty Yamano.

**APRIL DONATIONS:** Sharleen Aoki; Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton; Dennis & Brenda Creed; Sho Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Mabel Fukumoto; Sally Hanagami; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Harriet Huber; Dale & Rosan Ito; Alice Kado; Kumiko Kashiwada; Rosie Kakuuchi; Kurashige Family; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Sueno Migaki; Daniel Miyake; Frances Miyasato (annual); Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Takako Ogata; Ellie Oshiro; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Mike Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi (annual); Flora Tsuma; Sadako Wanless (annual); Grace Wertz; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara (annual); 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 & 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; June Ikeda; Nancy & Stan Isa; Dale & Rosan Ito; Alice Kado; Rosie Kakuuchi; Sadae Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Georgiana Kobayashi; Wayne & Myrna Kozai; Jim & Gay Kurashige; Pati Lira; June & Hank Maruyama; Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Sueno Migaki; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Frances Miyasato; Daniel Miyake; Ben & Karen Mizusaki; Cathy & Cliff Moses; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Aiko Nakao; 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 & Mae Soeda; Aileen & Brent Sumida; Mike & Becky Suyeyasu; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; 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; If your name is not listed, please send your \$20 dues to the treasurer, Pati Lira at 4874 Nardini Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89141 (496-3112).

**CRAFTS DONATION:** Thank you to all the people who purchased craft work from the Sangha Crafts Group. They donated a total of \$347 to the LV Buddhist Sangha Building Fund.

**CRAFTS GROUP:** All those that would like to volunteer to work on crafts to sell at Obon are ask to contact Patty Yamano, [patty.yamano@gmail.com](mailto:patty.yamano@gmail.com) or 818 219-6982. We need people who can sew straight lines and anyone that can iron is encouraged to volunteer. We will have a sewing bee in May (meeting at the JACL with sewing machines) or you can pick up a sewing packet (with sewing directions) at the June Sangha service.

**SANGHA BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, April 24 at 6 p.m.at Ricardo's which is at Flamingo and Decatur. Please give any agenda items to Stan Isa at 435-0418. We will also have a meeting with Rev. Harada after the service on Sunday at a restaurant.

**TOBAN:** For May, the Dharma School students are asked to come by 8:30 a.m. to sweep the floor before setting up the chairs and partitions before the Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast. Also, the restrooms need to be cleaned. No other refreshments are necessary because of the food being served before the service.

**OBON UPDATE:** Plans are underway with Dale Ito chairing the event once more. We have been able to reserve Cimarron Memorial High School on the second Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have any new ideas for the Obon, please call Dale Ito at 869-0557. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dale who has been training our next Obon chair, President Stan Isa, as to what needs to be done for the various jobs.

This is the tentative list of volunteer committee members; so if anyone wants any changes, please call Dale at 869-0557.

Ann Mikami--Obon dance practice  
Bob Reynierse & Paul Sakamoto--raffle  
Emily Aoki & Harriet Huber--norimaki sushi  
Alice Branton-chirashi  
TBA--booklet ads  
Chicken--Sho Fukawa  
Shave Ice--Dharma School Students  
Bento Sales--June Maruyama  
Bento distribution--Rosan Ito & Chris Kakuuchi  
Master of Ceremonies--Wayne Tanaka  
Cleanup--Minoru Aoki

Sandi Hiyane--quality control  
Kumiko Kashiwada--desserts  
Chizuyo Reynierse--inarizushi  
Delwayne Arakaki--rice cookers  
Beef--Bill Muraoka & Alan Takemoto  
Spam Musubi--Caryl Suzuki  
Drinks--Alan Takemoto  
Crafts Sales--Sally Hanagami & Patty Yamano  
Bento Ticket printing --Joanne Ruyle  
Program Booklet--Roy Suzuki

**OBON DANCE PRACTICE** will be led by Ann Mikami who has the following dates set aside for the JACL Activity Center: tentatively for June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; and August 3. All practices at 9:00-11:00 a.m.



Kay Matsubayashi, Sue Kawashima, Len Kado, Alice Kado, & Rev. Matsubayashi.



Patty & Fred Yamano man the craft sales table at the Hanamatsuri Service. All proceeds will go into the building fund.