



**LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
NOVEMBER 2013, NEWSLETTER**



NOVEMBER SERVICE: Our November service will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the JACL Activity Center at 1401 Arville, south of Charleston and across the street from the back lot of Walmart. Reverend Dennis Shinseki, from Monterey Buddhist Temple, who is the cousin of General Shinseki (currently in charge of the Veterans' Administration), will be giving our Dharma talk. Please invite your friends and relatives who are welcome to join us for our November Thanksgiving theme of bringing canned goods for our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. In addition, each year, our Sangha donates to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)'s Annual Thanksgiving Donation. So if any member would like to add to this donation, please designate how much you want to give and in turn, our Sangha will send a total check or the individual ones collected to BCA headquarters in San Francisco.

In November, Shin Buddhists conduct a perpetual memorial service. This is called Eitaikyo Hoyo or Remembering with Gratitude. The following is an excerpt from an article, "Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service." "Eitaikyo" means to chant the Buddhist sutra perpetually. This special service is observed to ensure the continuation of the teaching of the Buddha among our Sangha. As noted by the famous Japanese songwriter Rokusuke Ei, who wrote the song Sukiyaki as well as a book entitled *The Great Birth*, "A person dies twice. The first time is the physical death and the second time is when the person is forgotten." Shakyamuni Buddha describes death as one of the four kinds of suffering along with birth, old age, and sickness. Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Jodo Shinshu Sect, stated that the Buddha Dharma must be carried on from generation to generation by those who have been born first to guide those who come later. This is so that the boundless ocean of birth-and-death continues. As we observe the Eitaikyo Service, let us reflect upon the dedicated lives of our deceased members & friends and express gratitude to them. (By Reverend Hoshi Matsubayashi in TheWhitePath, October 2002)

OCTOBER CLASS ON BUDDHISM IN THE MOVIES: Rev. Jon Turner's class entitled "Buddhism in the Movies" was well received with the follow up information available to all Sangha Members. This link to the video that was shown hopefully is meaningful and enjoyable for all to view. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXDMoiEkyuQ> In addition, Orange County Buddhist Church has a website that may be of interest to our Sangha members: <http://www.hongwanjiplace.com/>. Participants who attend that Saturday session do not need to defray the cost of the minister's orei.

GUESTS: Jerry and Arlene Ogata, Jon Ogata's parents; Hunter and Rumi Arakawa, from Fresno, California; Akira Sonomura, Las Vegas.

OCTOBER SERVICE: Rev. Turner gave his Dharma message followed by a lesson on "Unintended consequences." He talked about our future and the ambiguity it offers us. He spoke about embracing the ambiguity and the changes that life brings. He offered enlightening consequences of our travels through our life journey.

SERVICE DONATION: Cathy Arakaki; Alice Branton; Sho Fukawa; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Harriet Huber; Helen Koga; Rosie Kakuuchi; Kurashige Family; Hank & June Maruyama; Frances Miyasato (annual); Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Sueno Migaki; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Takako Ogata; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Oh & Alan Takemoto (annual); Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi (annual); Sadako Wanless (annual); Grace Wertz; Patty & Fred Yamano; Tom & Sumiko Yanagihara (annual); Anonymous Buddhist; Mr/Mrs Jerry Ogata (Hawaii)

MEMORIAL DONATION was received from Sho Fukawa—in memory of his wife, Mary.

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014: We would like to have our memberships paid during the next couple of months; so if you would include it at the next service or two, that would be appreciated. Helen S. Koga & Frances Miyasato recently paid their dues for 2014.

2013 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 & Albert Kobayashi; Dan & Katie Kosora; John Kosora; 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; 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 & Ryan Yoshikawa; Shirley Yoshioka.

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND DONATIONS: The first wave of solicitation letters went out last week and we have already gotten donations. Look at the list of donors and if you know any of them, please make it a point to thank them for their generous donations. Thank you cards are being sent to the following who donated to our building fund: West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple; Raymond and Juli Kawamoto - Woodland Hills, CA; Mary Tamura -Torrance, CA; Helen Mori - Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; E. Masuyama - Cerritos, CA; George Yoshioka - Placentia, CA.

Sewing Class: A basic sewing class will be given at the JACL center on Tuesday, Oct. 29th at 2 pm, to teach attendees how to make simple wall hangings. This is to gear up for the holiday gifts you might want to make. Where to buy fabrics, and tips on sewing the wall hangings will be discussed. A portable sewing machine should be brought to class, but if you do not have a machine, arrangements can be made. The class is free but project kits will be sold at cost - \$10 and up (depending on size) and a \$4 fee will be charged for the use of the room. The class will be limited to 10 people so please email or call Patty Yamano if you are interested since the class is already filling up. patty.yamano@gmail.com (818)219-6982. Once you are signed up, a list of supplies you need to bring will be emailed to you. If there is enough interest, another class will be held in November.

REMINDER ABOUT NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: It will be held on at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at Mimi's and 7 p.m. for our meeting. There will be no meeting in December. All members are invited to submit agenda items or to attend and hear what Sangha business is being discussed. Input will be requested for items to be included in the new building, and final changes to the interior layout.

TOBAN FOR NOVEMBER'S & DECEMBER SERVICES: We ask that members whose last names are towards the end of the alphabet come early (around 8:30) for toban and to set up the chairs for our last three services. We thank Sadako Wanless and Takako Ogata for always coming early to help with toban. For December, remember that we'll have our *Bonenkai* pot luck luncheon on Sunday, December 9th. The Dharma School students will be ready for our Bonenkai Talent Show during the pot luck.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 11/2 Janet Sakahara; 11/9 Harriet Huber and Jalen Sando; 11/13 Sally Hanagami; 11/15 Hiroaki Aoki; 11/17 Henry Maruyama; 11/19 Ellie Oshiro; 11/21 Georgiana Kobayashi; 11/24 Steve Noguchi; 11/28 Kumiko Kashiwada.

ANNIVERSARIES: 11/3 Tom & Sumi Yanagihara; 11/4 James & Harriet Huber; 11/18 James & Frances Akamine.

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS: If you would like to bring memorial flowers, please contact Rosie Kakuuchi at 655-3028. Please remember to bring a vase and to take your flowers home after the service.

11/1 Iwamatsu Hoshiyama, father of Hana Fukumoto
11/1 George Hoshiyama, brother of Hana Fukumoto
11/03 Mitsubi Higashi, father of Gladys Akita
11/11 Mitsuno Kobayashi, mother of Albert Kobayashi
11/14 Keiichi Fukumoto, father-in-law of Hana Fukumoto
11/16 Mr. & Mrs. Chisato Sasaki, Parents-in-law of Sho Fukawa
11/17 Shig Hamada, brother of Haru Toimoto
11/20 Mas Hamada, brother of Haru Toimono
11/21 Sueko Tomikawa, sister of Chizuyo Reynierse
11/23 Eige Koyanagi, brother of Chizuyo Reynierse
11/26 Ralph Branton, Husband of Alice Branton
11/26 Masaji Maruyama, father of Henry Maruyama
11/30 Kojiro Hamada, father of June Maruyama

AKI MATSURI (Fall Festival) will be held at the Rio this coming Saturday, October 19 with a \$5 entrance fee. We thank Ann & Richard Mikami for organizing the dancers, Patty Yamano for the crafts booth and Delwayne Arakaki for setting up for shave ice and spam musubi. The JACL booth will be adjoining ours. Both Sally Hanagami and Patty Yamano will be bringing the craft items to be sold. The dancers will take the stage at around 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the places listed on this web page: <http://www.lvakimatsuri.com/#!ticket/c152d>

2014 VISITING MINISTER'S SCHEDULE: Reverend Harada will be filling the schedule for our classes & service as follows: Jan 11- 12; Feb. 8 - 9; March 8 -9; April 12 - 13; May 10 - 11 (Mother's Day); June 7 - 8; July 12 - 13; Obon, August 9 (no minister); Sept. 13 - 14; Oct. 11 - 12; Nov. 8 - 9; Dec. 13 - 14.

TAIKO UPDATE: October 27, Sunday - LVKT & Friends Concert. Clark County Library Theater; 2pm, Tickets \$5 for general admission. www.lvtaiko.com for tickets.

November 23, Saturday - LVKT 20th Anniversary Concert; Artemus Ham Hall Theater, UNLV; 7pm, Tickets may be bought by phone, online, or at the box office; pac.unlv.edu; Tickets are \$35 (general); \$30 (Seniors [62+], Military, JCC Members), and \$25 (UNLV/CSN/CCSD Students [w/ ID] and children under 12).



Looks great on the outside!



But look at what we have to do on the inside!

These photos were included in the solicitation mailed to BCA temples and former contributors. If you would like to make a donation, make it out to "LV Buddhist Sangha" and please send it to: Pati Lira, 4874 Nardini Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89141.