



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
JULY, 2014, NEWSLETTER



JULY SERVICE: Our next service will be held on Sunday, July 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at our new Sangha Center, 4110 Martin Luther King Blvd., a half block south of Craig Road and less than a mile north of Cheyenne. Our minister will be assigned by Rev. Harada.

HOSTING REV. SHINSEKI: We thank Sharleen and Minoru Aoki for picking up Reverend Shinseki on Saturday, Wayne Tanaka & Mike Suyeyasu for getting him to the service on Sunday and Ellie Oshiro for getting him back to the airport on Sunday.

2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: is Jimmy Kurashige who received a \$1,000 check from the Sangha. He is the son of Sangha members Gay and Jim Kurashige and is graduating from Centennial High School and will attend UNLV. Jimmy brought his grandmother Mrs. Kurashige, who is a member of the Mt. View Buddhist Temple.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS we thank the following who brought flowers: Gladys & Ken Akita, June Maruyama, and Sadako Wanless.

DONATIONS: Cathy Arakaki; Ken & Gladys Akita; Sho Fukawa; Hana Fukumoto; Sally Hanagami; Richard & Carolyn Higa; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Harriet Huber; Dale & Rosan Ito (annual); Rosie Kakuuchi; Kumiko Kashiwada; Al Kayatani; Jim & Gay Kurashige; Sueno Migaki; Frances Miyasato (annual); Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Takako Ogata; Ellie Oshiro; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Paul & Alice Sakamoto; Ron & Mae Soeda; Muriel Scrivner; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Alan & Oh Takemoto (annual); Wayne & Sadie Tanaka; Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi (annual); Flora Tsuma; Sadako Wanless (annual); Grace Wertz; Mas Yamada; Anonymous Buddhist.

2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED: Frances & Jim Akamine; Ken & Gladys Akita; Emiko Aoki; Minoru & 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 & Arthur Harlig; Richard & Carolyn Higa; Sandi Hiyane; Tomico Honda; Dave Hopper; Harriet Huber; Koichi & Catherine Iide; June Ikeda; Nancy & Stan Isa; Dale & Rosan Ito; Alice Kado; Sadae Kasamoto; Kumiko Kashiwada; Al & Margaret Kayatani; Georgiana & Albert Kobayashi; Helen S. Koga; Rosie Kakuuchi; James & Gay Kurashige; Pati Lira; Hank & June Maruyama; Roy & Kanyarat Matsuda; Aiko Mayeda; Sueno Migaki; Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga; Frances Miyasato; Bill & Nanette Muraoka; Brian Nagata; Ben & Marilyn Nakagawa; Gene Nakamura & Tilda Silao; Dennis & Margaret Nakata; Kumiko Nakata; Mits Nakayama; Steve & Myrtle Noguchi; Takako Ogata; Crystal & Rodney Okano; Ellie Oshiro; Mary Ozaki; Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse; Paul & Alice Sakamoto; Lily Sakemi; Muriel Scrivner; Kazuo & Edna Shiotani; Ron & May Soeda; Akira Sunomura; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Alan & Oh Takemoto; Michael & Sharan Tanaka; Sadie & Wayne Tanaka; Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi; Flora Tsuma; Sadako Wanless; Scott & Tami Watanabe; Grace Wertz; T.R./M.M. Wiczorek; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Stan Yokoyama; Katherine & Ryan Yoshikawa; Shirley Yoshioka.

MEMORIALS: Ken & Gladys Akita – Tamako Akita; June Maruyama - mother, Hesako Hamada & brother, Jim Hamada; Margaret Nakata – sister, Nellie Moon.

BUILDING/MISC. DONATION: most recent donations added to last month's complete list: Clara Hamasaki—building fund; Harriet Huber – building fund; Rosie Kakuuchi – refreshments; Ruth Y. Lord – building fund (Harriet Huber's friend); Dennis & Margaret Nakata – vertical blinds; Mits Nakayama – building fund; Herbert & Etsuko Osaki – visitors from Portland, Oregon; Grace Wertz – building fund. Building Fund Donations as of June 8, 2014 - \$38,408.00

Since there is no service during August, both months' memorials, birthdays & anniversaries are listed below:

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; 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; 8/31 Mel Igawa.

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

JUNE SANGHA BOARD MEETINGS: two meetings were held; on Tuesday, June 3, and Monday, June 9, to discuss a budget for the Sangha, greeting more of the newcomers, new and ongoing expenses for the Sangha Center, and the Obon.

OBON FLYERS: We thank the members of the Kurashige family who sent out 319 letters to former Obon supporters and the 85 Sangha families. Sangha members are encouraged to sell as many raffle tickets as possible and to solicit more of the prizes and ads. We also thank Dale Ito who has consistently been our Obon Chair and who is grooming Jim Kurashige to take over some of the Obon tasks.

OBON GOLF TOURNAMENT: Thanks to Wayne Tanaka and Roy Suzuki for organizing the golf tournament early morning of the Obon at the Badlands Golf Club. Last year, without much effort, we were able to raise over \$1000 and give the out of town guests something to do in the early morning before the Obon started.

OBON DANCE PRACTICE has been conducted on Saturdays since June 7 by Ann Mikami at the JAACL Activity Center. There were about 20 people who showed up to these practices, so we hope that more of our Sangha members will come out from 10 a.m. to noon on the following dates: June 14, 21, 28 & July 5, 12, 19, 26; and August 2. With the JAACL Board Meeting beginning at 11 on June 21, that Saturday the

practice is from 9:00-11:00. DVDs of the required first round dances will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 228-2692, or cell phone 339-1253.

Food Prices: Bento Lunch - \$10; Inari sushi - 5/box-\$3.00; Makizushi - 5/box-\$3.00; Spam Musubi (\$3 apiece or 2 for \$5) Japanese desserts - \$3.00/plate; American desserts - \$2.00/plate; Shaved ice or kintoki - \$2.00; Drinks - \$1.

ADS FOR THE OBON BOOKLET: *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 of business owners, family members or friends who would like to advertise or make a donation, we can make a business card (\$20) or 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 sangha 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.

TO DO FOR OBON: (1) Get a firm number of purchased obento tickets to Jim or Gay Kurashige by Saturday, July 26, which is two weeks prior to the Obon so that Chairman Dale Ito knows how much meat & other last minute items to purchase. (2) Let Alan Takemoto at 203-8882 know if you plan to purchase 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 for the soft drinks you bring. (3) We need adult volunteers to oversee the students who run the shaved ice machine and to collect any money from the food sales. (4) Bring rice that has been cooked 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! (5) 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 can make them! Gokurosama! (6) Last year, the Sangha board voted on bringing in sandwiches the day of Obon so no one would have to bring in other food to share with the other workers during our break prior to the opening of the Obon. However, please let Dale know if you plan to bring donuts for the morning snack or other items to share with all the workers. (7) Report at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 8th, 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. (8) Report at 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 9th, again with cutting boards and knives to cut the cooked chicken and beef. Bring rubber gloves to clean the pots and pans or rags to clean up after ourselves. (9) 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 off.

MOBILE WEBSITE: We give a hearty thanks to Roy Nakamura whose company is donating the creation of a website optimized for mobile devices and is only charging the Sangha what he has to pay to maintain our mobile webpage. Roy made a presentation at our board meeting about the future of internet marketing for our Sangha through the use of technology. He is willing to help with this important process. Plus, whenever Alan Takemoto has the time, he has been responsible for our Facebook page. Here is the link to the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Las-Vegas-Buddhist-Sangha/128199960577927>.



Rev. Shinseki, Mrs. Kurashige, Jim, Jimmy, Gay, Chelsea, & Nicholas Kurashige

Jimmy K. accepting his scholarship



Rev. Jay Shinseki with Dale Ito

Rev. Jay Shinseki delivers his Dharma Message