



**LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
SEPTEMBER, 2014, NEWSLETTER**



SEPTEMBER SERVICE: Our next service will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Sangha Center, 4110 Martin Luther King Blvd, 89032. Reverend Hoshu Matsubayashi will be our guest minister.

As Buddhists, we know that September 21st is the Fall Ohigan (Shuki Higan-E) and autumn equinox. It is a time to emphasize the Six Paramitas of Charity, Morality, Patience, Effort, Meditation, and Wisdom. Also, September 1 is BCA Founding Day for us to remember the two ministers, Reverend Shuei Sonoda and Reverend Kakuryo Nishijima, who were sent by the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan as ministers for the Buddhists in America. They arrived in San Francisco on September 1, 1899.

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS: If you would like to bring memorial flowers, please call Rosie Kakuuchi at 241-9237. Also, please remember to bring a vase and then take your flowers home with you after the service.

- 9/01 Goichi Koyanagi, father of Chizuyo Reynierse
- 9/05 Tee Hajime Tanaka, brother of Michael Tanaka & Cathy Moses
- 9/11 Hideko Tanaka, mother of Wayne Tanaka
- 9/20 Kikuo Ogawa, father of Patty Yamano
- 9/24 Saburo Iwamoto, father of Caryl Suzuki
- 9/26 Toshio Nakamoto, father of Cathy Arakaki
- 9/30 Fumi Fukuda, mother of Kumiko Kashiwada

OBON THANK YOU LUNCHEON: We will be sending orei to both Kaminari Taiko and to Ann Mikami, the dance instructor. Special recognition will be given to volunteers who come to help year after year at the thank you luncheon, which is being held at the Social Club room at the Main Street Station Casino & Hotel, 200 N. Main Street, Las Vegas, NV, 89101, at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Please RSVP at our next service on Sunday, September 14 to Jim Kurashige, 702-839-8558, if you and your family members are able to attend. This is another chance for all Sangha members to get to know each other better. The following is a list of non-members who generously donated their time to help us make the Obon a success. Call Jim Kurashige for any corrections or omissions so that an invitation letter can be sent out ASAP.

Justin Appel	9360 W. Flamingo Road 110-230	Las Vegas	NV	89147
Betty Atkins	8443 Sweet Gale Ct.	Las Vegas	NV	89178
Sayko Bauer	266 Lillium St.	Henderson	NV	89015
David Bonilla	7564 Lassen Peak Circle	Las Vegas	NV	89149
John Callahan & Ricky	1915 Vista Ridge Ct.	Draper	UT	84020
Christine Carabello	8020 W. Manchester Ave	Playa del Rey	CA	90293
Lira Hai-Kelly		Las Vegas	NV	
Chris Hoshizaki	4924 McConnell Ave	Los Angeles	CA	90066
Jon Ito	11555 Missouri Ave	Los Angeles	CA	90025
Michael Kakuuchi &	17692 Sergio Circle #201	Huntington Beach	CA	92647
Chris Kakuuchi	5524 Port Barrington Way	Las Vegas	NV	89130
Ron & Jeanne Kanemitsu	8501 Radiant Ruby Ave.	Las Vegas	NV	89143
Tayeko Kurashige	903 Orchard Way	San Jose	NV	89141
Jan-Ie Low	3900 Paradise Rd	Las Vegas	NV	89169
Minnie MacLean	548 Kings Links St.	Henderson	NV	89012
Sharece Maikui	5012 Teal Petals St	North Las Vegas	NV	89081
Rommel McDougal		Las Vegas	NV	
Kevan Miura	6440 Addamo Peak Court	Las Vegas	NV	89141
David & Susan Miyasato	116 Escada Lane	Las Vegas	NV	89145
Melanie & Lindsey Morimoto	7722 Toland Ave	Los Angeles	CA	90045
Roy Nakamura	8683 W. Sahara Ave. #230	Las Vegas	NV	89117
Tyler Nakata	17543 San Jacinto Ct.	Fontana	CA	92336
Judy Odou	5524 Port Barrington Way	Las Vegas	NV	89130
Cyrus Ortega	4700 Obannon Dr, Apt. C	Las Vegas	NV	89102
Richard Oshita	3200 Marina Port Circle	Las Vegas	NV	89117
Miles Roebuck	PO Box 27077	Las Vegas	NV	89135
Joan Takeuchi	12020 Lucille St.	Culver City	CA	90230
Robert Tranilla	9360 W. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	NV	89147
Derek Uehara	8687 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 100	Las Vegas	NV	89117
Hank Wong	1701 N. Jones Blvd. #1034	Las Vegas	NV	89108
Wayne Yamashita	1751 St Norbert Drive	Danville	CA	94526
Sally & Stan Yasuda	720 Sam Jones Drive	Las Vegas	NV	89145
Brandon Yee	6151 Mountain Vista St #626	Henderson	NV	89014

Harriett Yasuhara, Lillian Horiuchi, Nancy Furuike, Kimi Ayala & husband, Winona Kashiwamura from the Bunka group also helped.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS to the following: 9/07 Scott Watanabe, 9/11 Carolyn Higa, 9/12 Bill Sakahara; 9/13 Mike Suyeyasu, 9/14 Edna Shiotani, 9/15 Gene Nakamura; 9/17 Helen Koga, 9/19 Kimberly Tanaka, 9/21 Sandi Hiyane, 9/22 Aileen Sumida, 9/24 June Maruyama & Roy Suzuki, 09/25 Stan Isa & Nan Muraoka, 9/27 Jared Kinya Sando & Maile Sando, 9/28 Patty Yamano; 9/30 Tami Watanabe.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES to the following: 9/5 Ken & Gladys Akita, 9/7 Roy & Caryl Suzuki, 9/19 Minoru & Sharleen Aoki and Bill & Janet Sakahara.

SPECIAL BUDDHIST SERVICES: Rev. Jon Turner will be giving a Dharma message at a Unitarian Church on Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m. Their address is [3616 East Lake Mead Boulevard \(just east of Pecos Road\) Las Vegas, 89115](http://3616 East Lake Mead Boulevard (just east of Pecos Road) Las Vegas, 89115). He will be speaking on Buddhist Interdependence and then having a second presentation/discussion Buddhist & Atheism at noon. The Unitarian Church website is www.uuclv.org

KIKUO & KAORU OGAWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: We congratulate this year's two winners who were honored at our Obon: Jimmy Kurashige who is going to college while awaiting a slot with the USAF and Anne Aoki who is at the University of Utah.

SANGHA CRAFTS GROUP: The Crafts Members thank everyone who purchased crafts from our Obon booth and helped raise over \$1500 for the Building/Kitchen Funds. They are now selling raffle tickets for a queen bedspread that will be awarded at the Grand Opening on Oct. 18th. The tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the next Sangha service or at the Grand Opening.

SANGHA CENTER'S GRAND OPENING: On Saturday, October 18, we will invite a number of community dignitaries so they in turn can spread the word about the cultural activities available. There will also be an open house to publicize the cultural and ethnic groups in our community.

AKI MATSURI: One of the contact persons is YUKO TAKAGI whose email is gogoyukong@yahoo.co.jp. This year's Aki Matsuri dates are Friday & Saturday, October 24 & 25, at The Rio All Suites Hotel & Casino, 3700 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We will publicize the dance practices for Aki Matsuri that will occur at the Sangha Center.

BOARD MEETING & MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS: The Sangha Board will meet at 5:00 pm at our Sangha Center on Friday, September 5. All members are invited to attend and to have a voice and vote in what is on the agenda. Agenda items so far include the financial success of this past Obon; 10/18 Grand Opening Plans; Scholarship money for Miles Roebuck; Ministerial assignments (Nov. 9, Rev. Will Masuda; Dec. 14, Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki from Hawaii; Jan. 11, Rev. Jon Turner; Feb. 8, Rev. George Matsubayashi; May 10, Rev. Kenji Akahoshi from San Diego).

OBON FESTIVAL PHOTOS: More photos will be posted on our website, www.lasvegasbuddhist.org.



Ron Eto, Tracy Okida, & Rev. Harada came in second in the golf tournament



Gene Nakamura led several of the Obon Dance numbers



Rev. George Matsubayashi and his wife Kay, travel from Los Angeles to attend our Obon Festival every year



As you can see, the dance floor was packed. Gene Nakamura designed and built the *yagura* in the middle of the dance floor.