



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
NOVEMBER, 2014 NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER SERVICE: Our November service will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sangha Center at 4110 N. MLK Blvd just north of Alexander and south of Craig Road. Reverend William Masuda, who's from the Bay Area will be our guest minister and giving our Dharma talk. Please invite your friends and relatives 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's (BCA) 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.

VETERANS' DAY SERVICE THEME: All Sangha members who served in the military are asked to send their pictures to President Stan Isa who, along with his graphic artist wife Nancy, will be doing something special for our November 9th service. All vets are encouraged to send an electronic copy to haraisa@earthlink.net or to send a loaned picture to their house address: 1803 Dalton Drive, Henderson 89014.

In November, Shin Buddhists conduct a perpetual memorial service. This is called *Eitai-kyo Hoyo* or Remembering with Gratitude. The following is an excerpt from an article, "Eitai-kyo Perpetual Memorial Service" "Eitai-kyo" 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 Eitai-kyo Service, let us reflect upon the dedicated lives of our deceased members & friends and express gratitude to them. (By Reverend Hoshi Matsubayashi in *The White Path*, October 2002)

Rev. Turner gave an outstanding presentation on Sunday, October 5 at the Unitarian Church about agnostics, atheists, humanists compared to Buddhists. His presentation and the planned debate were well received. His previous Dharma message about our lives and the ambiguity it offers us was part of what he shared. He spoke about embracing the ambiguity and the changes that life brings.

DONATIONS: Sho Fukawa (Aug, Sept & Oct); Carolyn & Richard Higa; Sandi Hiyane (annual); Dale & Rosan Ito (annual); Al Kayatani; Rosie Kakuuchi (July, August & September); Frances Miyasato (annual); Kazuo & Edna Shiotani (September); Alan & Oh Takemoto (annual); Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi (annual); Sadako Wanless (annual).

2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED: Jim Akamine; Ken & Gladys Akita; Emiko Aoki; Minoru & Sharleen Aoki; Ann & Noboru Aoyagi; Cathy & Delwayne 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 Iida; 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; Daniel Miyake; Frances Miyasato; Derek Morishita; Kyle Morishita; 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; Madeline & Akira Sonomura; Roy & Caryl Suzuki; Alan & Oh Takemoto; Michael & Sharon Tanaka; Sadie & Wayne Tanaka; Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi; Flora Tsuma; Sadako Wanless; Scott & Tami Watanabe; Grace Wertz; M.M. Wieczorek; Mas Yamada; Patty & Fred Yamano; Stan Yokoyama; Katherine & Ryan Yoshikawa; Shirley Yoshioka.

BUILDING/MISC. DONATION: Bill & Joyce Teague (San Diego) and Raymond Kawamoto (Woodland Hills, CA). Mr. Kawamoto won the Obon Grand Prize (Southwest Airline Tickets). He sent a very nice note of his trip to Washington, D.C. and attached a check for our building fund. His note will be on our bulletin board in the lobby so everyone can read it. Palm Mortuary sponsored some of the food served at the grand opening. Several political candidates made cash donations. Rev. Hoshu Matsubayashi donated \$100.

SPECIAL GUESTS FOR OUR GRAND OPENING: Rev. Marvin Harada, OCBC; Mayumi Coffman, President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Kathleen Blakely, Honorary Consul General of Japan in Las Vegas; Betty Atkins, VP, Japan America Society; Dr. Terry Wong, President, Asian Chamber of Commerce; Judge Kalani Hoo, Department 1 justice of the peace on the North Las Vegas Justice Court; Derek Uehara, Uehara Financial, Sangha's Financial Planner; Jim Cavin, Cabinet Maker (made the *obutsudan* cabinet and offertory box); Roy Nakamura, President, Horizon Web Marketing; Robert Young, Chairman of the Board, Asian Chamber of Commerce; Delwayne Arakaki, President, JACL; Janet & Bill Sakahara, founding members; Carmen Gilbert, Representing Sen. Harry Reid; Stephen Sifuentes, Representing Sen. Dean Heller; Kim Pool, Representing Rep. Dina Titus.

GRAND OPENING RAFFLE DONATIONS: Richard Scotti (running for District Court Judge, Dept. 2) was the winner of our Sangha Crafts quilt raffle and in turn, donated \$200 to our Sangha Crafts/Kitchen Fund; Katherine & Ryan Yoshikawa-Step & Repeat Banner; Hui-Lim Ang-2 gift baskets from Colors of Lupus; Horizon Web Marketing-2 Website Optimization; Jennifer Kakita-1 hour nutritional consultation; LV Sangha Crafts-Wall Hanging, baseball cap & apron; Maria McDermott, Massage Therapist-2 One Hour Massages; 2 Colors of Lupus Gift Baskets; 6 Osaka Restaurant gift certificates; Gene Nakamura & Tilda Silao-2 gift baskets; Justin Appel, Appel Photodesign-Gift Basket; Veggie House Certificate; Mt. West Chiropractic-Special Pillow; Cathy Arakaki-Basket of essential oils; Ellie Oshiro-2 gift baskets; Ron Quilang-Gift Basket; Bachi Burger gift card; Elaine Lee-JACL Beaded Jewelry; Muriel Scrivner-2 Ikebana Classes Gift Certificates; 2 PF Chang Gift Cards; 4 808 Sushi gift certificates; 25 Satay Thai Bistro gift certificates; 4 Makino's gift certificates; 3 808 Hawaiian Plate Lunch gift certificates; Naka Sushi gift certificate. **Over \$4,000 in total prize value!**

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: Sho Fukawa – in memory of his wife, Mary.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2015: Early payment of 2015 dues would be much appreciated. In addition, we ask that you consider paying \$105 for BCA dues. It goes towards the salaries for the Bishop and staff, the Center for Buddhist Education programs, the Institute of

Buddhist Studies, building upkeep, maintenance, programs, etc. We wouldn't have attracted the members we currently have, if it weren't for Bishop Umezū and the other BCA ministers who have been our guests speakers over the years, plus our dues will help support our National organization and its programs. The BCA supports our Sangha because they hope to see it grow and flourish. Keep in mind that the Sangha will waive all dues for those who are in financial need.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE: A very special thank you to Jan-Ie Low (Satay Thai Bistro), Maria Pijuan-Seifred (our insurance agent), Takako Ogata, Ellie Oshiro, Gay Kurashige, Patty Yamano, Gene Nakamura & Pati Lira. I really do appreciate all the help I received in the kitchen, and if I forgot anyone please forgive me. Thank you all for your wonderful support—**Margaret Nakata**.

SANGHA CRAFTS NEWS: Over \$500 was made from the quilt raffle...Thank you to all who purchased tickets. Also, the **Sangha Crafts group** made a \$2,000 donation to the Sangha Center's Kitchen Fund. Thank you to all who have supported us by sewing and by purchasing craft items. Your support has been overwhelming! **December sewing class** is being planned to make those last minute Holiday gifts. Quilted Casserole Keeper will be the project of the month. Class is free, but a project kit will be sold. Sewing machines are recommended but not required. Date and time to be announced—**Patty Yamano**. Contact Patty at: 818 219-6982 or patty.yamano@gmail.com.

TOBAN FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SERVICES: We ask that members whose last names are towards the end of the alphabet come early for toban and to set up the chairs for our last three services. We really shouldn't let Takako Ogata, Sadako Wanless, and Dale Ito do it every month. For December, remember that we'll have our Bonenkai pot luck luncheon on Sunday, December 14th. The Dharma School students will present their 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, David Faraher, Koichi Iida; 11/28 Kumiko Kashiwada.

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

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS: If it gets close to the start of the service and there are no flowers, we'll send out someone to get some. If you do bring some flowers for any following memorials, please remember to bring a vase and to take your flowers home after the service.

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| 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 | 11/30 Kojiro Hamada, father of June Maruyama |

AKI MATSURI (Fall Festival) will be held at the Rio this coming Friday & Saturday, October 24 and 25, with a \$10 entrance fee or \$6 advance ticket sale at: Japan Creek Market, 9310 S Eastern Ave #115, Las Vegas, NV 89123, Phone: 702-538-9857; Zen Japanese Curry, 5020 Spring Mountain Road #1, Las Vegas, NV 89146, Phone: 702-985-1192; Japan Mini Mart, 4447 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89103, Phone: 702-248-3661; Nakata Market of Japan, 2350 S. Rainbow Blvd, #7, Las Vegas, NV 89146, Phone 702-257-1414; Tokyo Discount 1, 9890 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89183, Phone: 702-614-7916; Tokyo Discount 2, 4960 S Fort Apache Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89148, Phone: 702-227-3027. We thank Ann & Richard Mikami for organizing the dancers, Sally Hanagami and Patty Yamano for the crafts booth, and Delwayne Arakaki for setting up.



Jim Crockett Rebecca Burton Judge Kalani Hoo Adam Laxalt Sen. Barbara Cegavske Wayne Tanaka Richard Scotti



Stan Isa Stuart Hirai Judge Kalani Hoo Rev. Marvin Harada/John Kosora Wayne Bill & Janet Sakahara