



REVEREND GEORGE MATSUBAYASHI TO PRESIDE AT NOVEMBER 12, 2017 SERVICE

Rev. George Matsubayashi, and his wife, Kay, will visit us in November. Rev. George is one of our favorite visiting ministers. Please invite your friends and relatives, who are welcome to join us for our November Thanksgiving themed service. Members are encouraged to bring 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 their 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 Eitaijyo Hoyo or Remembering with Gratitude. The following is an excerpt from an article, Eitaijyo Perpetual Memorial Service\*. "Eitaijyo" 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 Eitaijyo 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)

SANGHA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Sangha is requesting relevant information from member professionals. This info will be published as received in our newsletter, and a full list will be posted on our website.

If you are a member, there will be no charge for this service, but the Sangha always appreciates any donations that could go toward operating expenses and to one day support our very own minister.

The latest person to send in her information is our Sangha Secretary, Eileen Castle. She is a Notary Public and usually carries the notary book and stamp with her. She can also go to a person's home or place of business.

SANGHA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR BALLOTS

The Sangha is requesting nominees for our 2018 officers and directors. Please call or email your nominations so their names can be placed on the ballot.

Ballots will be distributed at our next Sangha service, on Sunday, November 12. Space will provided for write-in nominees, and candidates will be allotted time at the podium.

It takes a number of dedicated volunteers to keep our Sangha going. Unfortunately, the same people end up doing the work year after year, with little or no recognition or appreciation. All of us need to put in some time so our Sangha can grow and improve.

Basically, all it takes is one night per month to attend a board meeting. Your ideas will be heard, and you can have a positive impact on the operation of the Sangha.

Please contact Eileen via phone or email (her information is on the card on the left) if you want to put your name on the ballot. If you know of anyone else who would like to serve, pass that on to us.

And finally, please attend our next service so you can vote for our new officers and directors! If you can't attend please call/email Eileen and she will turn in your ballot for you.

Let's make our Sangha great again in 2018!

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IKEBANA WORKSHOP AT SANGHA CENTER

DATES: Saturday, November 11, and Monday, November 13
THEME: Thanksgiving designs and Centerpieces.
TIME:
COST: \$20.00 includes materials.
FOR: Beginners and advanced students.
RESERVATIONS: Call 702-496-3763 or email Muriel Scrivner at Mflowersensei@aol.com.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Table with 2 columns: Category and Phone Number. Includes Sangha (702)228-3071, Center Rental (619)888-5301, Dharma Ed. (702)371-0947, Illness/Death (702)806-5520, Sangha Crafts (818)219-6982, Editor (702)228-3071.

## MAKE DONATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE!

If you're like most of us, it's somewhat of a hassle making a donation by writing a check at each service, writing it down in your ledger, and then keeping track of it until you pay your taxes. And sometimes, we can't make it to a service and still want to make a donation.

One way to simplify this is to make your donations via our website. Thanks to Matt Campbell and the rest of the team at Horizon Web Marketing (owned by Roy Nakamura), [our donation procedure has been updated](#) to make it really easy for you to make individual donations or [schedule automatic monthly donations](#).

Just go to our website, [www.lasvegas.buddhist.org](http://www.lasvegas.buddhist.org), and click on the big gold **DONATE NOW** button, and you will be led through a few steps that will allow you to use your credit card or your PayPal account to make your one-time or recurring monthly payments.

You can make payments to the Sangha for any reason with this method; just write a message in the Notes section, telling us what you would like to do, such as pay dues, make a memorial donation, or pay for mochi, crafts, etc. THANK YOU!!!

## NOVEMBER MEMORIALS

|    |                           |                                |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3  | Mitsugi Higashi           | Father of Galdys Akita         |
| 11 | Mitsuno Kobayashi         | Mother of Albert Kobayashi     |
| 13 | Aileen Asako Norikane     | Sister of Gay Kurashige        |
| 14 | Keiichi Fukumoto          | Father in law of Hana Fukumoto |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. Chisato Sasaki | Parents in law of Sho Fukawa   |
| 17 | Shig Hamada               | Brother of Haru Toimoto        |
|    | Hank Maruyama             | Husband of June Maruyama       |
| 20 | Mas Hamada                | Brother of Haru Toimoto        |
| 21 | Sueko Tomikawa            | Sister of Chizuyo Reynierse    |
| 23 | Eige Koyanagi             | Brother of Chizuyo Reynierse   |
| 26 | Masaji Maruyama           | Father in law of June Maruyama |
| 26 | Ralph Branton             | Husband of Alice Branton       |
| 30 | Kojiro Hamada             | Father of June Maruyama        |

*Flowers may be brought to the service for placement in front of the Obutsudan. Please bring your own vase and take it with you after the service.*

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME WINNERS



At our October 22nd service, the Sangha had a Halloween costume contest. Michael Arakaki, in the yellow Pokemon outfit, was the winner of the children's division. Meya Stout, in the Power Ranger uniform, was the winner of the adult division. They each won a \$25 Osaka Restaurant gift certificate. Congratulations!

## SECOND SERVICES GO ON AS SCHEDULED

Our second services in November and December will go on as scheduled. Even with all of the holiday travel and family events, it still is comforting to have a church service to attend. Please be at the Sangha Center on Sunday, November 26, and Sunday, December 24, at 10 a.m. See you then!

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY

During our Sunday service, one of our members had a medical emergency in the entry hallway. Luckily, several of our members saw him in distress. New member Clarisse is a registered nurse and offered aid. Dr. Hopper and Eileen Castle were brought in to offer their help as well.

Paramedics were close by and our member was transported to Mt. View hospital. He has a history of this medical issue and this was a repeat of one he suffered less than a month ago. Later in the day, around 6:00 pm, he was medically released after various tests.

The Sangha members were very helpful, and Meya Stout even took care of his child overnight.

We have a great Sangha and it continues to grow strong.

## ASSISTANCE TO ELDERLY AND OTHERS IN NEED

The Sangha has a history of helping members who are elderly or otherwise need assistance. Members volunteer to help with moving furniture/appliances, fixing plumbing, replacing air conditioners and water heaters, and providing transportation to and from Sangha services or doctor's appointments. These services are provided at no cost if needed.

It is not uncommon for someone to need help with financial arrangements, real estate, medical power of attorney, or wills & trusts. The Sangha has members with experience and/or expertise with all of these matters, so we can provide assistance.

Our Sangha Business Directory is a good place to start when you are looking for a reliable & trustworthy professional. This is currently a work in progress, and will be posted on the website shortly. In the meantime, refer to the last couple of newsletters, or call any one of our directors or officers.

If you know someone who needs help, or who will be alone during the holidays, let us know, and we will make sure that one or more of our Sangha members give them the help and companionship that they need.