



REVEREND KEN YAMADA TO PRESIDE AT OUR MARCH 10 SERVICE

Kenneth Tadao Yamada had a successful reporting career until, watching his brother die of cancer, he found a path toward Buddhism. He was assigned as the resident minister of the Berkeley Higashi Hongwanji in January, 2005. He is currently the editor at Shinshu Center of America.

A Sansei, he was born in Oakland, Calif., raised in nearby El Cerrito, and is the father of two.

LADY TAKEKO KUJO

FOUNDER OF BUDDHIST WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

Dr. David Hopper



- Founded BWA in 1904 during Russo-Japanese War. Helped soldiers & their families.
•1920 - Founded Kyoto Women’s College & became president of the United Buddhist Women’s Association.
•1923 - Aided victims of great Tokyo earthquake. Founded Asoka Hospital in Tokyo.

- Wrote several books of poetry & a play.
•1928 - Died of septicemia helping the poor.
•Kisoragi = memorial day on February 7.
•1900 - BWA in U.S. began in San Francisco.
•Lady Yoshiko Ohtani (1917-2000) revived BWA worldwide after WWII.

OBON DONATIONS

The Sangha Board has decided to once again use a \$2,000 cash prize for the Obon Raffle.

Last year, June Maruyama donated the \$2,000 in memory of her brother, Yukio Hamada, who had passed away in June. Since she is already donating \$16,000 for the columbarium, we are relying on other donors to help us fund the grand prize for our biggest money-making project.

Every year, the raffle is the biggest single source of income at the Obon Festival. We hope that one or more generous members will help us to make this year’s fundraising even more successful than last year’s by donating the cash we need for the grand prize. The Sangha appreciates any donation, no matter how small, for this great cause.

John Kosora will donate the second prize, a 55” 4K TV.

MARCH OHIGAN SERVICE

The Ohigan (the other shore) service is conducted twice a year during the equinox, when the days and nights are of equal length and the weather is supposedly neither too cold nor too warm. This year, the vernal equinox falls on Wednesday, March 20. Harmony throughout the universe is stressed. Reflecting upon this harmony of nature, Buddhists are to devote themselves to these six Paramitas in their lives: The Path of Giving—Dana; The Path of Right Behavior—Sila; The Path of Endurance & Patience—Ksanti; The Path of Endeavor or Effort—Virya; The Path of Meditation—Dhyana; and The Path of Wisdom—Prajna. Spring Higan is when we should “cross-over” and see how the universal “others” touch our lives.

HANAMATSURI

Hanamatsuri, or Spring Flower Festival, commemorates the birth of Buddha, and it will be celebrated at our service on Sunday, April 14, at 10 a.m.

The hanamido is a small house of flowers. During oshoko, everyone is encouraged to pour sweet tea over the small statue of the Buddha inside, celebrating his birth, when he stood and pointed to heaven and earth, and sweet rain fell. Following the service, we will have our traditional Hanamatsuri Potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

The columbarium will be completed within the next 3 weeks, so it will be moved to the Sangha Center and placed within the designated area that is being prepared for it.

It will be dedicated during the service on Sunday, April 14.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Table with 2 columns: Category and Phone Number. Includes Center Rental, Dharma Ed., Illness/Death, Sangha Crafts, Editor, and their respective phone numbers.



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SANGHA DUES AND DONATIONS

It takes money to keep the Sangha running. Our major expense is flying visiting ministers into town and paying for their lodging. Other expenses include building repair, HOA fees, and utilities. We also have expenses for charitable activities, such as helping elderly members with home repair and transportation.

Besides the Obon and the craft fair, our income is derived from membership dues (\$20) and other donations. So, if you have not paid your dues yet for this year, please do so. And, if you would like to make monthly donations even if you can't attend some services, please remember that you can easily make donations through a link on our website:

lasvegassangha.org.

LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA COLUMBARIUM RESERVATIONS



The Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha Columbarium, which is scheduled to be finished on April 1st, will provide niches which are available for reservations exclusively for those who have been Sangha Members for a minimum of 2 years.

A survey of prices in Las Vegas yielded an average cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per niche. Sangha costs are: \$500 per Family niche, \$650 per Large niche, or \$800 per XL niche, plus \$75 per year for maintenance for all sizes. The size of each niche is 7"W X 8"H by 12"D (Family), 7"W X 10"H by 12"D (Large), 7"W X 12"H by 12"D (XL-Tall), or 12.5"W X 7"H by 12"D (XL-Wide). For an extra \$500, any size niche will be designated "Perpetual," which means that all maintenance fees are waived in perpetuity.

We will provide a Columbarium Lease Agreement Form and you may submit it to MA Michael Tanaka with your check.

You will be contacted to confirm receipt of your initial fee and the assignment number of your niche.

For questions, please contact: MA Michael Tanaka at michaelmtanaka@yahoo.com, or 702.878.6930.

Thank you for your support for the well-being and future growth of our Sangha.

VENDORS FOR OBOON FESTIVAL 2019

Tilda Silao

The Vendor applications for OBOON 2019 are going out mid-February. If you know or would like to invite a vendor to show at our 2019 OBOON, please either send me their email or have them email me at: tildamarie.events@gmail.com.

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN BUDDHISM

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During Time of The Buddha in India, 563-483 BC:

- Women were inferior to men.
- Roles = childbirth, cook, clean, childcare, husband.
- Denied education. No religious rites.
- Co-wives were common.
- Female babies given away or killed.
- Widow to die in her husband's funeral pyre.

Prajapati, Buddha's stepmother-aunt:

- Raised Siddhartha after Queen Maya died.
- Became a widow when King Suddhodana died.
- Sought to become a disciple of the Buddha.
- She was initially rejected by the Buddha.
- Buddha established rules for monks and nuns.
- Accepted as an equal to men along with other women into the sangha.

Shinran's Attitude Towards Women:

- Founder of Jodo Shinshu.
- Monk who married. Wife was Eshinni.
- Human body was corrupt.
- Immeasurable Life Sutra contains 48 Vows.
- Vow 35 is often misinterpreted.
- Japanese interpretation of nyonin was female-person. Proper interpretation is weak-person.
- Men & women are "Buddhas to be."

Equality in Buddhism:

- The Dharma has no gender.
- Socio-cultural environment affects a sangha.
- The Buddha only refers to "all beings."
- On the other hand, the pursuit of Buddhist practice and attainment is not bound by considerations of gender—"what difference does being a woman make when the mind's well-centered, when knowledge is progressing, seeing clearly, rightly, into the Dharma. Anyone who thinks 'I am a woman' or 'a man' or 'Am I anything at all?'—that's who Mara's fit to address" (Soma Sutta, SN.I.129).

The Path to Shinran:

- Empress Wu Zetian (625-705 CE) - major force in spread to China.
- Only female emperor of China.
- Chose Buddhism over Taoism & Confucianism.
- Prince Shotoku (574-622) - founder of Japanese Buddhism.
- First author with Commentaries on the 3 Sutras:
- Lotus, Vimalakirti & Srimaladevi Sutras.

JUNE MARUYAMA IS IN A GROUP HOME

June has moved to a group home at 9712 Ennis Ave., 89129, on February 18. It's just north of Cheyenne and west of Grand Canyon. She's getting more personal attention and better food, including rice.

She would appreciate any visitors. Please call ahead to the home administrator, Bea, at 702.360.0415 when you plan to visit.



Rev. Ken Yamada

**Please join us for our next service!
Rev. Ken Yamada
will be our guest minister.
We hope to see you here!**

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Service Starts at 10:00 A.M.

(Remember that this is the first day of Daylight Savings Time)

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