



Rev. KOHO TAKATA WILL SERVE AS OUR MARCH GUEST MINISTER



Rev. Koho Takata was born and raised as the second son of the 19th generation of Jokoji Temple in Toyama, Japan. He graduated from Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, majoring in Jodo Shinshu (Pure Land Shin Buddhism) in 1993. Rev. Takata received his Tokudo ordination in July 1986 and Kyoshi certification in May 1993.

His orientation as an overseas minister began at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in October 1995. Upon completion of a 2 month orientation program at Headquarters, he was assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as an Associate Minister (December 1995 - May 1998), Kapaa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Kauai as a Resident Minister (June 1998 - October 2005), and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Office of the Bishop as an Executive Assistant to the Bishop (November 2005 - June 2011).

After 16 years service at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of HI, he resigned his ministry from HI Kyodan and transferred his ministry to Buddhist Churches of America, US Mainland in July 2011. His first assignment in US mainland was AZ Buddhist Temple in Phoenix as a Resident Minister (July 2011 - July 2013). He joined in the LA Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple as an Resident Minister since August 2013.

**Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha
Buddhist Women’s Association**

On February 9, Cathy Arakaki conducted a fun activity before service where we made lotion bars. The activity was well received. Future activities are being discussed.

The Officers (Sharleen Aoki, Cathy Arakaki, Dhyana Estrada, and Eileen Castle) were installed by Rev. George Matsubayashi at our service.

Our Sangha sent out get-well wishes to Helen Itow and Oh Takemoto for a speedy recovery. We also wish our BWA Secretary, Eileen Castle, a speedy recovery and hope to see her soon.

We encourage members and others who are interested to attend the BWA general meeting at 9:00 a.m., prior to the March 8 service. Also, Bishop Harada will be conducting an educational session explaining the Hanamido after the set-up from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 at our Center.

With the volume of books we have received for our children’s library, we are asking for bookcases from our Sangha members who have a spare. Those of you interested in joining our BWA, our membership form is attached.

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 Thursday, March 19. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS (see flyers below)

1. Japanese Culture Day: 3/7, 10 am-2 pm
2. Wine Tasting: 3/14, 2-5 pm
3. Mountain’s Edge Rummage Sale: 3/28, 7 am-2 pm
4. Asian Night Market: 3/28, 5-11 pm
5. Kizuna Spring Festival: 4/4, 10 am-5 pm
6. Sangha Rummage & Bake Sale: 4/18, 10 am-3 pm

RESERVE YOUR SEAT FOR THE MARCH 14 WINE AND BEER TASTING FUNDRAISER

Go to our website, www.lasvegasbuddhist.org, click on the DONATE NOW button, and note that it’s for the wine tasting. The price is \$30 per person, or \$10 for non-tasters. Space is limited, so make your reservation now!

THESE MEMBERS HAVE PAID THEIR 2020 DUES!

Another quick reminder to pay your dues. Here is a list of those who have paid: Kenneth & Akiko (Gladys) Akita, Delwayne & Cathy Arakaki, Brenda Creed, Dhyana Estrada, Sally Hanagami, Sandi Hiyane, Harriet Huber, Koichi & Katie Iida, Hedy Ito, Rosie Kakuuchi, Daniel Lee, Frances Miyasato, Charlie & Uli Miyashiro, Bill & Nanette Muraoka, Rev. Brian Nagata, Marilyn Nakagawa, Mits Nakayama, Sharleen Nakaoka-Aoki, Rodney & Crystal Okano, Harry & Jane Oyama, Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse, Bill & Janet Sakahara, Akira & Madeline Sonomura, Roy & Caryl Suzuki, Wayne & Sadie Tanaka, Bill & Joyce Teague, Charles & Mary Van Acker, Susan Mayhew, Deborah Tyrone.

ANDAGI

We are in for a treat at our next service! the Kaminari Taiko group will be serving Andagi, sometimes known as Okinawa Dango, after our service.

Due to a series of mishaps, some of us got some overcooked Andagi from their fundraiser last month. Therefore, they will be serving Andagi to everyone in attendance on March 8. Those who ordered may ask for a refund, consider it a donation, or take home their order.

Kaminari Taiko thanks you for your support!

CHANGE OF QUORUM REQUIREMENT APPROVED

The Sangha Board has approved a change to our By-Laws about quorum to read: Shall be not less than 50% plus one. We currently have 15 board members, so a quorum is $7 + 1 = 8$.

This will allow us to change the quorum as the membership on our board changes, thus eliminating the requirement to change our by-laws for the sole purpose of changing the quorum.

AAPI COMMUNITY COMMISSION SURVEY

As a Commissioner of the AAPI Commission, I am asking various AAPI community members to participate in a survey to better understand our community and its needs and wants. Please go to the following web address to fill out the form: <https://surveyhero.com/c/10254c4a>

You may also go to www.clarkcountynv.gov and click on Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission Survey, which is the 7th bullet point under More Clark County News. When you get to the next page, click on [access it electronically](#) to get to the survey. Thanks, Dan Lee

VENDORS FOR OBON FESTIVAL 2020

Tilda Silao

The vendor openings for Obon 2020 are filling up quickly. If you know or would like to invite a vendor to show at our 2020 Obon, please either send me their email or have them email me at: tildamarie.events@gmail.com. Space is limited!

MOUNTAIN'S EDGE RUMMAGE SALE

As a "dry-run," our rummage sale committee will be participating in a rummage sale at Mountain's Edge on Saturday, March 28, 7am to 2pm. It's at Exploration Peak Park, 9275 S Buffalo Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89178. The committee will take some of our donated items and display them for sale.

If you would like to help, please show up anytime from 5am until closing. Thanks!

2020 TOBAN ASSIGNMENTS

Set up and clean up duties are assigned by last name for one third of our members at a time.

Starting in April, Group 1 will be: Akamine to Katano. Starting in May, Group 2 will be: Kawano to Reed. Starting in June, Group 3 will be: Reynierse to Yoshioka.

The schedule for the rest of the year will continue in sequence. Group 1 will serve on April, July, and October. Group 2 will serve on May, August and November. Group 3 will serve on June, September, and December.

Up until now, members such as Dale Ito have quietly done tasks such as cleaning the bathrooms, while others always do the set up and clean up. Now, we will have a new group of members every month to do these essential tasks.

If it is your turn to help, please show up at 9:15 and stay until everything is done. Thank you for doing your part!

MAKING LEIS AND HAWAIIAN FLORAL ITEMS



Dorinda Burnet is the President of the Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club and one of the commissioners with Dan Lee on the Asian American Pacific Islander Community Commission.

She is an expert in using artificial flowers to make leis and other Hawaiian floral items. If you are interested in learning this skill, she is willing to teach you. The

cost will be \$40 for materials.

If there are 10 to 15 people interested, we can set up a class at the Sangha Center.

Please call Bob & Sachi Uyematsu at 831-566-6483 to put your name on the list.

MINISTER SCHEDULE 2020

MAR 8	REV. KOHO TAKATA
APR 12	REV. MARVIN HARADA
MAY 10	OPEN
JUN 14	REV. KEN YAMADA

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

Japanese Culture Day



Heritage Park Senior Facility
(300 S. Racetrack Rd. Henderson, NV 89015)
Saturday, March 7th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Learn about the history, geography, customs, and culture of Japan through hands-on activities.

Open to all ages!

Enjoy a demonstration of a formal Japanese tea ceremony, hear Taiko drummers, try your hand at origami, try on a kimono, and much more!

Presented by Professor Kumiko Noriega of the College of Southern Nevada.

This program is part of Around the World at Henderson Libraries, a celebration of countries and cultures.

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Saturday, March 14, 2020

Location: 4110 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.
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From: 2pm to 5pm



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\$30 per person

Includes

A Great Presentation!
Tastings with Pairings
5 raffle tickets with great Prizes!!

TASTINGS PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Diec
*Certified
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To Purchase Tickets Online, go to:

<https://www.lasvegasbuddhist.org/make-a-donation/>

In Note/Comment section type in: **March Wine Tasting**

Or

make checks payable to: **LVBS,**

mail to: Gene Nakamura,

9360 W. Flamingo Rd., Ste. 110-230, Las Vegas, NV 89147

No tickets will be mailed; give your name at door

**Non-Tasters
are welcome
to attend for \$10
21 and over only
Includes 5 raffle tickets**

FEATURING CRAFT BEER FROM CANADA!

Rob Gaudet's son, Patrick, is co-owner of a nanobrewery in Edmonton, Alberta, named Bent Stick Brewing Co. Special flavors include: **B.S. Wit-Belgian Style Witbier; Electric Bugaloo; Hay-Maker-Wheated Pilsner; Four-Thirty PM-English Style Stout.** The last flavor is named after the perfect time in the afternoon to drink this rich chocolate and dark malt stout. Come and sample these unique beers!



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2020**



ASIAN NIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY

MARCH 28, 2020

📍 ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITAL
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🕒 5PM - 11PM



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SATURDAY

APRIL 4, 2020

10:00^{AM} - 5:00^{PM}

**Sammy Davis Jr.
Festival Plaza
in Lorenzi Park**

**720 Twin Lakes Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89107**

お餅つき Mochi Tsuki 餡細工 Candy Art
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAN THE SANGHA INFORMATION TABLE.

RUMMAGE & BAKE

SALE



SATURDAY

APRIL 18, 2020



10 AM - 3 PM

AT

4110 N. MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD.
NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV 89032

IF YOU WANT TO DONATE YOUR CRAFTS
OR YOUR SECOND HAND ITEMS,

Contact

Dennis Tsukagawa at: 650-766-8811

or email: alfansot@gmail.com

(No old TV's or electronics)

BENEFITING THE LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
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2020-2021

Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha
Buddhist Women's Association
Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Birthday (MM/DD) _____

Membership Dues (\$20/year)

I am paying by:

Cash

Check check # _____

(please make check out to: LVBS and in the memo please indicate BWA)

What would you like to see as part of our activities?
