



SANITARY PRECAUTIONS AT OUR JUNE 14 SERVICE (CDC Guidelines on next page)

There seems to be some confusion as to when to wear a mask and when you can show your face. The purpose of wearing a mask is to **protect the people around you**. If you are not able to maintain social distancing, or are in a closed environment for any length of time, you should definitely wear a mask.

If you live in the same house as several family members, of course you can ride in the same car, eat at the same table in a restaurant, or sit on the same blanket at the beach, and not wear a mask.

We will have our first service on Sunday, June 14. MA’s David Hopper and Michael Tanaka will preside. **Bishop Marvin Harada postponed his trip to Las Vegas for one more month**, so we will see him at our Sunday, July 12, service.

If you, or anyone in your household has a headache, sore throat, cough, fever, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, PLEASE STAY HOME! Attendees’ temperatures (no contact) will be checked before entering (100.4 degrees max). We will all be in an enclosed area, and even if we have 6 feet between the seats, and 6 foot spacing in lines (floor will be marked) we should all wear masks, and use hand sanitizer before entering (both provided by the Sangha). We will take every precaution, including chanting and singing quietly to minimize exhalations. Bottled water will be available. Do your best to avoid touching your face! No hugs or handshakes! No service handbooks—everything will be up on the screen. **There is a limit of 50 people at the service**, so we will keep a head count. However, we have almost never had that large of a crowd.

The building will not have been used for months, so no virus should be viable on any surface, but we had a crew go through and sanitize everything, especially the bathrooms, on Saturday, June 6. If you do use the restroom, remember to flush, and wash your hands thoroughly before leaving. Use a paper towel when touching the door handle. Only 2 people in the bathroom at a time, please! Use hand sanitizer again as soon as possible!

We will repeat and emphasize all safety precautions before and during the service (guidelines will be posted throughout), so please pay attention to our email and newsletter instructions.

Many of us are over 60, so we should exercise extra caution. Let’s make our first service an enjoyable and SAFE gathering! This will be a “dry run” for our service with the bishop on Sunday, July 12.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES FOR 2020

(Our apologies if you have paid your dues and your name doesn’t appear below.

Please inform us at our email: info@lasvegasbuddhist.org)

Jim Akamine
Kenneth & Akiko (Gladys) Akita
Delwayne & Cathy Arakaki
Brenda Creed
Dhyana Estrada
Sally Hanagami
Sandi Hiyane
David Hopper & Eileen Castle
Harriet Huber
Koichi & Katie Iida
Dale Ito
Hedy Ito
Helen Itow
Rosie Kakuuchi
Tohru Katano
Andrew & Shannon Lee
Daniel Lee
Jan-le Low

June Maruyama
Susan Mayhew
Jimi and Barbara Mitsunaga
Frances Miyasato
Charlie & Uli Miyashiro
Derek & Michelle Morishita
Kyle & Heidi Morishita
Cathy & Cliff Moses
Bill & Nanette Muraoka
Rev. Brian Nagata
Marilyn Nakagawa
Gene Nakamura
Mits Nakayama
Sharleen Nakaoka-Aoki
Rodney & Crystal Okano
Harry & Jane Oyama
Mary Ozaki
Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse

Bill & Janet Sakahara
Jason & Marlo Sando
Brian (& Summer) Segawa
Tilda Silao
Akira & Madeline Sonomura
Roy & Caryl Suzuki
Alan & Oratai Takemoto
Wayne & Sadie Tanaka
Bill & Joyce Teague
Agnes Tsuchiyama
Dennis Tsukagawa
Deborah Tyrone
Derek Uehara
Bob & Sachi Uyematsu
Charles & Mary Van Acker
Grace Wertz
Fred & Patty Yamano

KAY TAKEMOTO OBITUARY



Kazumi (aka “Kay”) Takemoto, age 96, died peacefully at her home in La Mirada, California, on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. She was born on September 7, 1923, to Kaichi and Misao Sanwo in Kerman, California. She was preceded in death by her husband, Akeo [aka “Art”] Takemoto, who died on January 7, 2007. Although she could never understand or accept that her husband would leave her behind, with the heroic and gracious attention of her son Ken, she gently allowed herself to drift away into a deep sleep. She was also preceded in death by her four brothers, who affectionately called her “Cat”: Noble (1989), Mack (2006), George (2016), and Frank Sanwo (2017).

After dating Art both secretly and then more openly for many years, she married him and moved to San Francisco in 1947. They moved to Kyoto, Japan, in 1951 and returned to Los Angeles in 1955. Although she focused on raising what she called, “My Three Sons,” she also became an essential partner at Vista Buddhist Temple, where she helped write, design, and publish monthly temple bulletins. While her “three sons” kept a low profile at temple gatherings, she supported her husband with her smile, energy, and enthusiasm at Orange Country Buddhist Temple, Gardena Buddhist Temple, West Los Angeles Temple, and Senshin Temple. After Art retired from temple work, Kay began to cultivate her interest in art, earning an AA Degree from Cerritos College and taking lessons in *sumi-e* and calligraphy. When she lost her hearing, she zealously sang off-key and chanted sutras—embarrassing her sons. To the end, without any prompting or calculation, she would place her palms together and say the *nembutsu* or scream, clap, and cheer for her beloved Los Angeles Lakers.

Her son Akira (Ron) and his wife Maya live in Walla Walla, WA. Her son Alan and his wife Oh live in Henderson, NV. Her son Ken bought the house next door and cared for both his father and his mother. She also has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Tetsuo Takemoto, and his wife Rebecca and daughters Emi and Miya, live in Seattle. Ayako Takemoto, and her husband Eric and son Senzo, live in Denver, CO.

The family will plan a Memorial Gathering in early June that will most likely be conducted online via zoom by Rev. Furumoto at Senshin Buddhist temple. For more information about this gathering, please contact Akira Takemoto at takemoto@whitman.edu. When travel becomes safe, the family plans to visit Senshin Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles, where both Art and Kazumi Takemoto now rest. Memorial contributions may be made to Senshin Buddhist Temple or the Sangha. Online messages may be sent to takemoto@whitman.edu. Letters or notes will be welcomed by Akira R. Takemoto, 630 Pearson St., Walla Walla, WA, 99362.

RUMMAGE SALES, OBON CANCELLED

Our rummage sales and Obon have been cancelled due to the governor’s restrictions, and the unavailability of the Clark High School facilities.

As soon as we have any information, we will let you know of any other fundraising activities.

FACE MASK AND TAKUAN DELIVERY

Dennis Tsukagawa delivered masks and takuan donated by Patty Yamano to the people living in Henderson, and some others. He delivered to:

Harriet Huber, Brenda Creed, Julie and Darrell Matsuyama, Jimi and Barbara Mitsunaga, Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto, Marlo Sando, Jim and Eleanor Shibata, Stan Isa, Sharleen Nakaoka-Aoki, Bob and Sachi Uyematsu, Dan Lee, Shannon and Andrew Lee.

Dennis received \$140 in donations, with many recipients promising to mail in donations to the Sangha.

Kyle and Heidi Morishita made a few more deliveries and sent this update:

We made more takuan and protective mask deliveries today.

We received generous donations via check from Charlie Miyashiro and Koichi Iida. We also received a check from my law firm (De Castroverde) for the masks. I will get those checks to Chelsea.

To date, **Patty's takuan and masks raised \$985** and she has agreed to donate all of it to the Sangha.

NOTES:

1. To thank him for all of his donations (wine/sake/food) to the Sangha, we delivered to Aaron Diec of Southern Wine and Spirits. He was very grateful and asked we extend his gratitude to the Sangha.

2. We delivered to Edna Shiotani. She was extremely happy and appreciative.

Thank you, Patty, for all your work!!!!

-Kyle & Heidi

WE’RE ON YOUTUBE!

Through the efforts of MA David Hopper, we now have a YouTube channel! Log in to YouTube, and you can type in Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha for videos that our MA’s will be uploading. Click on [Subscribe](#) to get all of the Sangha videos.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| 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 |

GETTING ON YOUR FEET AGAIN DURING THE RECOVERY FROM COVID-19.

By MA Dr. David Hopper

It's been months which seems like forever that we've been forced to alter all aspects of our lives to deal with this pandemic. Like the government, we have learned many things that will help us deal with any future epidemics that may come our way. The Sangha is putting into place policies and procedures to respond better to future emergency health crises. For most of us, this is the first time we have had to deal with a pandemic. We definitely learned that anything can happen no matter how prepared we think we are. Every business, family and organization are busy updating and improving their emergency response plans for the future.

Despite the surprise from the Coronavirus, once again, we find that there was an outpouring of compassion from everywhere. We all heard of people doing bad things but, they were a small minority and most of that behavior was early on in the pandemic. It is easy to point to the Three Poisons as the primary cause of that behavior (greed, anger, and ignorance). Fear is a product of ignorance so fear and panic lead to much of the behavior as well.

Many of our Sangha members reached out to help other Sangha members as well as family, relatives, and neighbors. Even strangers have been helped by Sangha members. Most of these members do not want to be identified so I will not mention names at this time. A member made cloth masks for all members of the Sangha as well as local hospital staff dealing with the Coronavirus. That person also made takuan for all. Other members delivered masks and other items to all Sangha members. Many donations were made during this pandemic. As we learned more about the Coronavirus and how to protect ourselves from it, we have been able to help others even more.

Social media has certainly shown its value during this pandemic. I established a Sangha channel and was able to record solo dharma talks while being quarantined at home. If you wish to view these Dharma talks or training episodes on Meditation, please go to YouTube.com and search for Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha. You may select it as one of your channels. FaceBook was helpful in posting the first Dharma talk, unfortunately the vast majority of views were nonmembers. These videos are still useful as they address how the Dharma can help you deal with the pandemic. Hopefully, we will be able to attract new members through the YouTube channel.

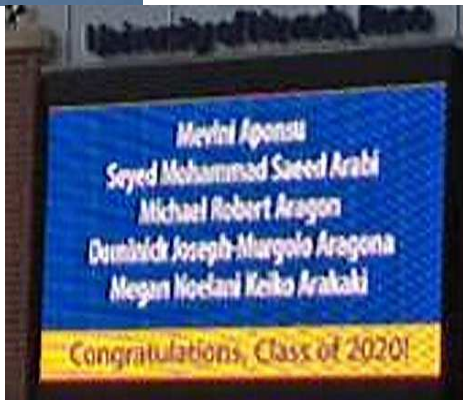
As we move forward with the reopening of the Sangha, we will provide the safest environment possible for all who attend. We will keep you advised as to service information and you can be assured that all CDC and State requirements will be met for your safety as we return to a more normal life once again. I know that MA Myke and I are excited about being installed as certified minister's assistants by Bishop Harada in July. We hope to see you there! Namō Amida Butsu.

Megan Noelani Keiko Arakaki

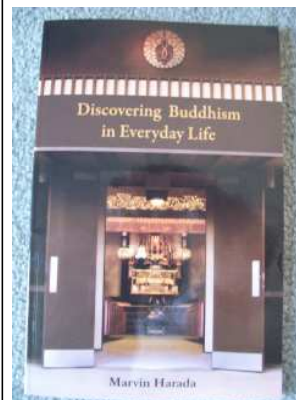


Megan Arakaki, daughter of Cathy and Delwayne Arakaki, graduated from UNR on May 15 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She had a double major of International Business/Management with a

minor in Information Systems. She received Cum Laude and In Cursu Honorum distinctions. Megan will pursue a Masters degree after a year's respite.



BUDDHISM BOOK



Bishop Marvin Harada is the author of "Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life."

It is a compilation of articles he has written over 25 years for the Orange County Buddhist Church's newsletter.

It is very easy to read. We have one copy to lend, or you can order your own copy from Amazon.

Please inquire at the next service to see if it's available.

WE WILL HAVE A SECOND SERVICE ON JUNE 28!

We will have our second service on Sunday, June 28. MA's David Hopper and Michael Tanaka will preside. This will be another "dry run" to prepare us all for the service on Sunday, July 12 with Bishop Harada.

Details on whether we will have Bingo, or serve food, will be decided after our service on June 14. Please save the date.

We will see you at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 28.

CLEANUP PHOTOS 6/6/2020



Wayne and John on Bathroom Duty

Dan cleans tables

Sharleen

In preparation for the service on Sunday, June 14, volunteers cleaned up the Sangha Center on Saturday, June 6.

Not pictured are Bill Muraoka, Stan Isa, David Hopper, and Chelsea Kurashige.

The Center will be cleaned thoroughly before every service to ensure the safest possible environment for all who attend.

Gene Nakamura has created a cleanup schedule for the next few services. Each cleaning session will begin at 9 a.m. If you want to help, please bring a mask. The Sangha will provide gloves, sanitizer, and cleaning supplies.



Cathy and Gene

Dennis and Bob mop the floors

Social distancing

| CLEANUP | SERVICE |
|---------|---------|
| June 27 | June 28 |
| July 11 | July 12 |
| July 25 | July 26 |

We hope that we have a great turnout at both the cleanups and the services!



Sachi, Bob and O

Muriel cleans Donation Box

Myke and Gene organize the kitchen

See you all on June 14!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

During the pandemic, many people have had financial hardships, so we are grateful that so many of you have made donations to support our Sangha! Here is a list of those who have made donations this year. If we have not listed your name, we apologize, and please send a correction to: info@lasvegasbuddhist.org. Many thanks to Cathy Arakaki, who has sent out thank you letters and receipts to all of the donors.

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| Kenneth & Akiko Akita | Rosie Kakuuchi | Harry & Jane Oyama |
| Stephen Allott | Tohru Katano | Mary Ozaki |
| Cathy & Delwayne Arakaki | Al & Marge Kayatani | Maria Putz |
| Marietta Arii | Elizabeth Larsen | Bob & Chizuyo Reynierse |
| Charles & Betty Bishop | Andrew & Shannon Lee | Jerry Sakamoto |
| Eileen Castle and Dr. David Hopper | Daniel Lee | Becky Suyeyasu |
| Brenda Creed | Jan-ie Low & Derek Uehara | Sandra Suyeyasu |
| Paula Egea | June Maruyama | Roy & Caryl Suzuki |
| Dhyana Estrada | Rev. George & Kay Matsubayashi | Alan & O Takemoto |
| Robert & Barbara Gaudet | Marc Matsuo | Myke Tanaka |
| Jane Hafner | Jimi & Barbara Mitsunaga | Wayne & Sadie Tanaka |
| Jim & Mitzy Hamasaki | Frances Miyasato | June Tani |
| Sally Hanagami | Kyle & Heidi Morishita | Fred & Carolyn Tomiyoshi |
| Betty Henderson | Cliff Moses | Agnes Tsuchiyama |
| Sandi Hiyane | Bill & Nanette Muraoka | Dennis Tsukagawa |
| Hollywood Buddhist Church | Gene Nakamura | Quinn Turner |
| Harriet Huber | Roy & Toshiko Nakamura | Deborah Tyrone |
| Koichi & Catherine Iida | Sharleen Nakaoka-Aoki | Bob & Sachi Uyematsu |
| Dale & Rosan Ito | Dennis Nakata Estate | Louise Santiago Vilorio |
| Hedy Ito | Mits Nakayama | Irwin & Judy Wong |
| Helen Itow | Takako Ogata | Masaichi Yamada |
| Cindy Iwasaki | Rodney Okano | Patty & Fred Yamano |

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The Buddha said,

Life is a journey.

Death is a return to earth.

The universe is like an inn.

The passing years are like dust.

Regard this phantom world

As a star at dawn, a bubble in a stream,

A flash of lightning in a summer cloud,

*A flickering lamp – a phantom – and a dream. **

**Vairacchedika 32.*

One of the most important things we do at our services is to observe the memorials of our loved ones.

In addition to annual memorials, Buddhists observe significant anniversaries of 1, 3, 7, 13, 17, 23, 27, 33, 50, and 100 years.

If you would like to have one of these significant services for your loved one, let us know, and we will make sure a special service is performed by our visiting minister. We can schedule it on a day that the bishop is visiting, if you prefer.

It is customary to bring flowers in a vase on that day and then take it back home after the service. Optional memorial donations may be given to the minister (at a significant anniversary service), and to the Sangha.

Since we haven't had a service for several months, we have listed the memorials for March, April, May, and June.

Our next memorial service will be when Bishop Harada visits us on Sunday, July 12.

March Memorials

- 4 Nao Kasamoto, Husband of Sadae Kasamoto
- 4 Joe Hajime Norikane, Father of Gay Kurashige
- 5 Hector Lira, Father of Pati Lira
- 6 Toshiyuki Matsuda, Brother of Sadako Wanless
- 7 Noboru (Nob) Takemoto, Brother-in-law of Dennis Nakata
- 7 Valerie Tsuchiyama, Daughter of Agnes Tsuchiyama
- 8 Maseko Yoshimura-Sakahara, Mother of Bill Sakahara
- 9 Michiyo Iwasaki, Mother of Cindy Iwasaki
- 13 Kiyoko Tsuma, Mother-in-law of Flora Tsuma
- 18 Ronald Oshiro, Husband of Ellie Oshiro
- 18 Deborah Masako Noelani Kayatani, Daughter of Albert & Margaret Kayatani
- 19 Sakashi Nakata, Mother of Dennis Nakata
- 20 Sada Kitagawa, Mother of Sadae Kasamoto
- 20 June Yamada, Wife of Masaichi Yamada
- 23 Edward Kakita, Husband of Lenore Kakita
- 24 James Hamasaki, Husband of Clara Hamasaki
- 27 Sakae Bert Ogata, Husband of Takako Ogata
- 28 Masaichi Tanimine, Father of Alice Branton
- 30 Keiji Matsuda, Brother of Sadako Wanless
- 30 Michael Hopper, Son of David Hopper
- 31 Brian Kennedy, Brother of Eileen Castle
- 31 Gumpe Honda, Husband of Tomico Honda

April Memorials

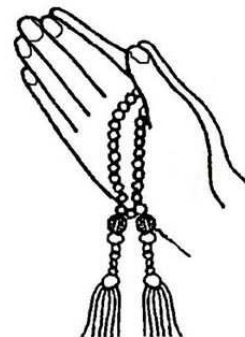
- 8 Helen Harue Estrada, Mother of Dhyana Estrada
- 13 Tom Hanagami, Husband of Sally Hanagami
- 16 Tamotsu Matsuda, Father of Sadako Wanless
- 16 Dr. Stacy Sonomura, Daughter of Akira & Madeline Sonomura
- 18 John Fukumoto, Son of Mabel Fukumoto
- 20 Tsuyako Yamada, Mother of Bill Sakahara
- 21 Kiyoko Koyanagi, Sister-in-law to Chizuyo Reynierse

May Memorials

- 1 Tom Wanless - Husband of Sadako Wanless
- 1 Shig Yoshioka - Husband of Shirley Yoshioka
- 3 James Tanimine - Brother of Alice Branton
- 5 Mitsuji Kasamoto - Father-in-law of Sadie Kasamoto
- 7 Kaz Takemoto - Sister of Dennis Nakata
- 12 Kazumi "Kay" Takemoto (2012) - Mother of Alan Takemoto
- 19 Misao Wakayawa - Mother Myrtle Noguchi
- 24 Sadie Shintani - Sister of Margaret Nakata
- 24 Teruko Takahashi - Mother of Hedy Ito

June Memorials

- 4 Catherine Sakinada - Grandmother of Cathy Moses & Michael Tanaka
- 4 Masami Tachibana - Father of Georgianna Kobayashi
- 5 Nellie K. Moon - Sister of Margaret Nakata
- 5 Yukio Hamada - Brother of June Maruyama
- 8 Lean-Lee Christina Low - mother of Jan-Ie Low-Uehara
- 10 Tetsuko Norikane - Mother of Gay Kurashige
- 12 Hisako Hamada - Mother of June Maruyama
- 15 Tsurue Otani - Mother of Tomico Honda & Tuney Kodama
- 16 Jim Hamada - Brother of June Maruyama
- 18 Lean-lee Christina Low, mother of Jan-Ie Low
- 23 Shogo Okamura - Father of Janet Sakahara
- 25 Tameko Akita - Mother of Ken Akita



LAS VEGAS BUDDHIST SANGHA
CDC INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19
POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Statement: LVBS will implement guidelines established by the CDC and Governor's Office, State of Nevada for Communities of Faith. LVBS will implement the following policies and procedures in order to protect the Sangha members and staff and prevent the spread of the Coronavirus during the Public Health Emergency. This will be done in a manner that allows for modifications in State and Federal Guidelines as necessary for the continued practice of Jodo Shinshu as a Community of Faith.

PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION

The sangha center will be cleaned and disinfected before each service or other group activities. This includes restrooms, door handles, drawer handles, counter tops, and other objects or areas frequently touched by staff and/or members. Dispensers for handwashing, hand sanitizer, no-touch trash cans, and other items for your safety will be provided throughout the Center.

Safe distancing will be maintained as well as possible such as with alternate seating, distancing in lines, etc.

Members will be reminded of proper hand washing, use of hand sanitizer and face masks. CDC signs will be placed throughout the Center with instructions on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

When members arrive, they will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. A checklist of questions will be posted by the entry doors, and temperatures checked. Information will be shared with members and staff regarding signs and symptoms before day of service so that all participants will know if it is safe for them to attend services.

Hand sanitizer and face masks will be offered to all who enter the Center for the service.

SERVICE PROCEDURES

Family members that have been quarantined together at home may sit next to one another during service. Others should sit in alternating seats. The same applies when sitting at a table if food is served.

All participants and members should wear a face mask.

There is a maximum of 50 people allowed at the service.

Oshoko: Those in line should stand 6 feet apart. Look for tape on the floor and stand behind the next open tape. Hand sanitizer should be used entering the worship area. Clean, new medical gloves may be used once inside the Center. Gloves should not be worn into the Center from outside unless hand sanitized upon entering.

An area will be identified to go to if any person exhibits symptoms of illness. Children will always be under adult supervision.

POST-SERVICE POLICIES

During social activities such as Bingo or refreshments, LVBS will follow basic guidelines used by restaurants for such things as social distancing and wearing a face mask when not eating.

Food and refreshments will not be self-serve during the pandemic. The food and beverages will be divided into sections and will have an appointed server for each section. All food in that section will be served only by that designated person after having used hand sanitizer and wearing a mask. There will be no multiple touches of serving utensils or serving dishes.

Social distancing and strict sanitary procedures will be observed by kitchen staff. Bathrooms will be limited to two (2) occupants at a time. Hand washing for 20 seconds is recommended, and it wouldn't hurt to use hand sanitizer as well.

BE SAFE!