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SACRED WORDS

They will be reborn before the Buddhas of the worlds of the ten quarters. They will always hear this sutra at the places of their rebirth. Even when they are reborn among men or gods, they will be given wonderful pleasures. When they are reborn before the Buddhas, they will appear in lotus flowers.

Lotus Sutra Chapter XII—Devadatta (p.203)

Route 91 Harvest Victims 49th Day Service Nov. 19th, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

On the night of October 1st at the Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival, a night of fun and music turned into tragedy. There were 58 victims who's lives were cut short with over 500 wounded. In times of tragedy, the community quickly moved into action, by donating blood, food, water, blankets and money.

We will hold a special 49th Day Memorial Service on November 19th at 10:30 a.m. Please join us to send all the victims to the Buddha Land.

Komatsubara Persecution Service Nov. 12th, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

The Third of Four Major Persecutions in St. Nichiren's life. Before sunset of November 11, 1264, St. Nichiren was ambushed in the forests of *Komatsubara*, in current Chiba Prefecture. He was on his way to a devout follower's residence after secretly visiting his sick mother. He was wounded in the ensuing attack.

Please come join us to commemorate this important event.

Bodhi Day Service & Buddhist Statues Appreciation Dec. 17th, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

We will celebrate Sakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment Day. Traditionally a *bodhi-tree* is placed near the altar, representing the time Buddha became enlightened.

We will also show our appreciation to your Buddhist statues (*Daikoku, Kishibojin, Kannon, St. Nichiren, Buddhas*) or any statue(s) that you place in your altar is welcome. Please either bring ahead of time or on this date. We will conduct a special appreciation blessing.

Following the service, we will hold our Year End Potluck Luncheon. Please bring your favorite food for everyone to enjoy!

Temple Cleaning Dec. 27th, 10:00 a.m.~12 noon (Wed)

On December 27th, we ask for volunteers to come help thoroughly clean the temple. The deep clean is to help rid of any grime and negative energy accumulated over the year. This is in preparation for the coming new year so we can start fresh.

Bring your own cleaning supplies if you wish.

Appreciation for Your Concern

Kumiko Kanai

I have received more than 30 inquiries by phone, e-mail and Facebook regarding the mass shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival from Japan, Los Angeles and Seattle. I appreciated your concern about me. Recently I have been attending country music concerts, but since the festival was held outside, I did not go.

At the Kannon Temple of Nevada, we held the first 7th Day Service together with congregation. Reverends chant *Odaimoku* and read the Lotus Sutra for them every morning till the 49th day.

New Year's Eve Ceremony Dec. 31st, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

Come join us for the last service for 2017! This service is to show our gratitude to the Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, Gohonzon, deities, ancestors and all those around us throughout the year.

All attendees will hit the *hansho* bell a total of 108 times, symbolizing our 108 attachments and illusions. All negativity will hopefully be gone with the sound of the bell to welcome in 2018 with A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Balance

Shoda Douglas Kanai

There is a Japanese term "*okagesama*" which means "thank you." I have always heard this term but never saw it written down (お陰様). Japanese language is very interesting as the characters also convey meaning. The character 陰 means "shadow" thus literally when we say "*okagesama*" we are "acknowledging that which cannot be seen." 陰 is also can be read as "in" and when combined with 陽 "yo" or "bright," we get "in - yo" or "yin - yang."

We tend to only focus on the bright side and discard the shadow as it is deemed negative. Positive only, but positive and positive repels each other. It is only when positive and negative come together, that they stick. We cannot forget the shadow, or unseen forces in our daily lives.

How can we connect both sides? By placing your hands together in *gassho*. This action is bringing both the light and dark, positive and negative into one, into balance. And when we add the *Odaimoku*, we reinforce this balance within ourselves and within nature. To be in balance means to be one with the Buddha, as everything is energy and we flow through it, like a raft floating down a river.

My View Point (As I heard and as I see)

Trip on Route 66

Kumiko Kanai

Last month I drove one part of US Route 66 from Kingman through Seligman to Williams, Arizona. It took about five hours by car from Las Vegas, Nevada to Williams.

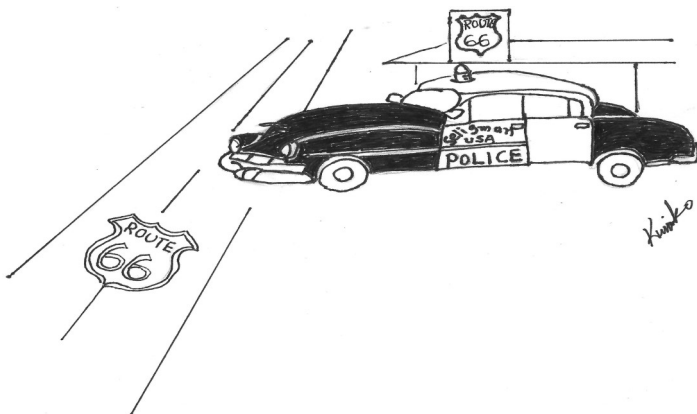
Total distance of Route 66 is 2,448 miles from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California.

We visited three museums in Kingman. We saw many living tools used by American Indians and pioneers from the 1800s and many classic cars from 1950s. I learned many things such as conflict between the Indians and pioneers, crucial surveys for securing the route in cold winter and the Beal's Wagon Road and Camel Corporation. Former US Navy Lieutenant Edward Beale commanded the survey and build a 1,000 mile wagon road from Fort Defiance, New Mexico to the Colorado River, Arizona. He experimented with camels in the desert that could be used to carry at least twice the amount of weight as horses for 49 days and consumed less water. We surprised to know that the route was originally opened by American Indians for trading posts.

When Interstate 40 was completed, Route 66 was closed in 1985 and forgotten. However, a barber, Angel Delgadillo, his brother and his friends of Seligman, Arizona, established Historic Route 66 Association in 1987. They called out to other cities and states. Because of their hard work, the route was recognized as the current famous "Route 66." Many people around the world enjoy to drive the route year around.

In Seligman, many historical cars such as Disney's "Car" animation movie attract tourists.

As I drove along Route 66, I listened to Elvis Presley CD and hummed his songs. ♪ ♪ "You ain't nothin' but a Hound Dog!" ... "Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock!" ♪ ♪



2018 Pilgrimage to St. Nichiren Memorial Sites

Rev. Shokai Kanai

Commemorating the 800 Anniversary of Nichiren Dai'Shonin's birth, Kannon Temple will have a pilgrimage to our founder's memorial sites from October 8th to 16th, 2018. We would like to invite any interested people from out of state or country. Therefore, participants will gather at a hotel in Tokyo.

The memorial sites will be his birthplace and where he grew up (Tanjoji Temple), ordained, studied, first chanting O'Daimoku (Kiyosumi), where he expounded the Lotus Sutra in Kamakura (Myohoji, Ankoku Ronji, Kosokuji, Hachiman Shrine), Izu Exile (Butsugenji and Renkeiji), where he held the 100 days preaching (Nakayama Hokekyoji, Treasure House keeping his writings), where he educated his followers for nine years (Minobusan Kuonji, Shisinkaku, Mausoleum) and where he entered into Nirvana (Ikegami Honmonji) on October 12th and attend the *Oeshiki* Service on 13th.

This pilgrimage is aimed for those who have never visited Japan, so the participants will experience many modes of transportation, such as chartered bus, Japan Railroad train, the Bullet Train, cable car, highway long distance bus and subway.

At Minosusan, we will attend the 6 a.m. morning service, conduct an entrusted memorial service to us for our founder Nichiren Dai'Shonin from Archbishop Nisso Uchino. We will stay overnight at Ikegami Honmonji, participate in *Shodai-Angya* in the *Mando* Parade, later watch the beautiful lighted *Mandos* along the parade route and participate in *Shodai-gyo* by beating hand drums throughout night on October 12th. Then we will attend the 7 a.m. *Oeshiki* Memorial Service to commemorate Nichiren's passing away at 8 a.m. the next morning.

More details will be announced later, but those who are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Kannon Temple of Nevada for more information.

New Building Fund commemorating the 800th Anniversary of St. Nichiren's Birth
\$111,205.96.

498 *shakyo* tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, 19,290,000 times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of October 23, 2017

Thank you very much! Please continue your support.

EVENTS

November

5 th (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing
12 th (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Komatsubara</i> Persecution Service
19 th (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Route 91 Victims 49 th Day Service
26 th (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)

December

3 rd (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing
10 th (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)
17 th (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Bodhi Day/Statue Appreciation & Year End Potluck Luncheon
24 th (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	No Service
27 th (Wed) 10:00 a.m.	Year End Temple Cleaning
31 st (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	New Years Eve Service & Tolling Of Bells

- Shoda Kanai Shonin in Seattle for visitations 12/8 ~ 11

*** Those interested in Study Class and/or Counseling, please contact the temple to make arrangements ***