



Dec/Jan Highlights

- **12/22-30**
Year End Holiday Break
(Office Closed)
(No services)
- **12/28 Sun 10:00 AM**
O-soji
(Temple Clean Up)
- **12/31 Wed 7:00 PM**
Joya-E
(Year End Service)
8:00 PM
Toshi Koshi Soba
- **1/1/09 Thu 10:00 AM**
Shu sho-E (New Year's
Day Service)
- **1/4 Sun 10:00 AM**
January Shotsuki
Monthly Memorial
- **1/18 Sun 10:00 AM**
Shuso Shinran
Shonin Goshoki
Hoonko
(Shinran Shonin's
Annual Memorial Service)

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Volume 48 Number 1

The Missing i-Pod

I can't believe how fast this year has flown by. It seems like I fell asleep and woke up to realize we are approaching the end of 2008. And as the year's end approaches, it seems to fly by even faster.

Earlier this year, I had been appointed as the Coast District Ministers' *Kyoku-cho* (District head) and a member of the Board for the Center for Buddhist Education. As part of my responsibilities, I must attend the Buddhist Churches of America National Board meeting, in June and December. The National Board consists of representatives of all

By Reverend Dean Koyama

*We who aspire for
Amida's fulfilled land,
Though we differ in outward
condition and conduct,
Should truly receive the
Name of the Primal Vow
And never forget it, whether
waking or sleeping.*

*From Shinran's
Koso Wasan, #96*

the 8 BCA Districts, plus the BCA officers and the ministerial *Kyoku-cho*. Prior to this daylong meeting, the *Kyoku-cho* of the 8 districts also meets with the Bishop and the head of the Ministerial Association. Since many of the representatives coming for the National Board meeting serve on different committees, there are many meetings scheduled to save on transportation costs.

I had a *Kyoku-cho* meeting on Friday from 10 AM to 5 PM. Then from 5 PM until 10 PM, I had a CBE meeting. Since I am the recording secretary

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May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Directors to sincerely thank

President's Message

By Russ Nakano

all the members, friends and families for the generous donations, help and support of the many programs, activities and fundraisers throughout the year which have defined the success and growth of

the Mountain View Buddhist Temple this past year.

Thanks also to the Board of Directors, the Cabinet Officers, the Temple organizations and affiliates for your time and energy spent maintaining the propagation of the

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The Missing i-Pod (Cont'd from Page 1)

for both groups, I had to stay awake, pay attention and take the meetings' minutes. Needless to say, by the end of the 12-hour day, my brain was fried. All I wanted was to get to my hotel room and relax. I brought my i-Pod so that I could listen to my oldies but goodies tunes to relax.



The next day, I decided to walk back to the Jodo Shinshu Center, only about a mile away, where I had left my car. After I checked out, I set off through downtown Berkeley. After several blocks, it dawned on me that I wasn't sure whether I had packed my i-Pod. I remembered seeing it on the desk in the hotel room, but I couldn't remember if I had put it in my bag.

So I stopped, put my bag on top of a trashcan and started rummaging through it. I realized that I had just passed a storefront where a homeless man had spent the night with all of his belongings strewn

about in a shopping cart. I must have looked like a homeless person as I was taking out my clothes by the trashcan!

I couldn't find it. Because I was still groggy from the 12-hour marathon meeting day, I started to wonder if I really had my i-Pod in the hotel. I didn't use it because I watched TV instead. I decided that when I got back to the JSC, I would look in my car. Perhaps I had forgotten to put it in my bag to begin with.

I looked in the car. No i-Pod, but I knew I brought it. Where was it? I decided to look again in my bag, so I opened the trunk and began taking out all my clothes. Finally I discovered the i-Pod! I threw all the clothes back into my bag, and went to my meeting, which began at 8:30 AM Saturday morning.

We had finally finished most of the major issues when I discovered that it was already 5 PM. After being in meetings from 10 AM to 10 PM the day before and another all day meeting, I came to a brick wall. There were probably another 2 hours left for the meeting, but I couldn't take any more and decided to leave early.

I called my wife, Linda and told

her that we were going to eat sushi and drink sake. (She didn't complain.) I was looking forward to eating sushi paired with the most expensive bottle of sake because I deserved it. I was going to cruise home listening to my i-Pod, volume turned way up.

But where was the i-Pod? It must still be in the trunk. I thought I put it by the driver's seat after finding it earlier in the morning. It wasn't in the glove compartment, or the middle console, and it hadn't fallen in between the seats. It must still be in the trunk where, although I kept thinking that I put it in the car.

I re-parked the car and opened the trunk, but didn't find the i-Pod. For the third time, I took all my clothes out of my overnight bag. I emptied the main compartment to no avail. Then I realized that I put it in a side pocket, thinking it would be easier to get to since I wouldn't have to take out all of my clothes. I opened the side pocket and sure enough, there it was. I screamed in delight and frustration and left my clothes scattered in my trunk.

I could always say there were extenuating circumstances. But that does not deny how for-

Those with a

sincere

mind and heart

shine brightly,

whereas

those with an

insincere mind

prefer

the darkness.

The ECHO

The Missing i-Pod (cont'd from Page 3)

May 2009
 be filled
 with
 Peace,
 Joy
 and the
 Nembutsu

getful I had become. Perhaps, during the course of these days filled with meetings, I was sleepwalking to a certain extent. When we sleepwalk, we are not totally aware of what is going on around us.

The fundamental intent of all Buddhist practice is to become mindful, fully present in the here and now. Yet this is difficult to do especially at this time of the year. We are busily making plans and it is hard to focus on the present when there is so much to do. All the more, it is necessary to stop and pause so that we do not forget the importance of being mindful and awake. It is only when we are truly awake that we can see what is going on around us.

When we become mindful of the reality with which we are living, we come to realize how much we really have been sleeping, unaware of the depth and breadth of the love and compassion with which we have been embraced. Even as we sleep, we continue to be embraced with this wisdom and compassion. We just don't know it.

That is why Shinran Shonin reveals a fundamental teaching to help us wake up. It is a

simple task, yet very difficult to fully appreciate and fulfill. It is the simple recitation of **Namo Amida Butsu**. This **Namo Amida Butsu** is the Name of the Primal Vow of Wisdom and Compassion. It appears simple in that any-

*Reciting
 Namu Amida Butsu
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 winning number for the
 150-club raffle and will
 not cure cancer.*

one can recite the words, "Namo Amida Butsu". Reciting Namu Amida Butsu will not get you the winning number for the 150-club raffle, and will not cure cancer or other life threatening diseases. But it may help solve many of our life's issues by allowing us simply to focus upon this moment with clarity and honesty. By reciting the Nembutsu, we pause to reflect and think upon the Buddha of Immeasurable Wisdom and Unending Compassion. We focus upon the true nature of ourselves as being limited and fallible. And we realize that just as we are, we are surrounded by loved ones who care for us.

Then with a true heart of gratitude and appreciation we respond. Sometimes it is by saying "Thank You." Sometimes it is by returning a favor. Sometimes it is simply listening to another's problems or difficulties. Sometimes it is responding vocally with the words, "**Namo Amida Butsu.**"

For the past year, you have listened to my trials and tribulations. You have put up with my mistakes, arrogance and forgetfulness. And you have always been there as a source of comfort, strength and support.

*Namu Amida Butsu
 allows us
 to focus upon this
 moment with
 clarity and honesty.*

As this 2008-year comes to a close, I can only humbly thank you for all that you have done for my family and me. And I wish for each one of you a Happy and Mindful New 2009 Year. May it be filled with Peace, Joy and the Nembutsu.

**Gassho,
 Rev. Dean Koyama**



BCA SILENT AUCTION

Benefiting the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observance

December 5, 2008

Dear Mountain View Buddhist Temple member,

Make some noise and spread the word.

BCA will conduct a silent auction at the 2009 National Council meeting and they will be deeply appreciative if each temple can be part of the effort. The event will be staged in conjunction with the National Council meeting on Saturday, February 28 at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine, Calif.

Proceeds raised from the auction will help underwrite costs for the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observance that BCA will conduct February 27-28, 2010 in San Jose.

Each temple is requested to participate by donating at least one item with a minimum suggested retail value of \$100 but will also welcome up to five items or more with a total value ranging up to \$500 and above. Higher-end gifts exceeding the \$500 suggested total will be greatly appreciated. Through this fundraiser we hope to raise \$30,000

Here are some Silent Auction suggestions:

- Art Work – Calligraphy, Sumie, Mizuhiki, paintings, glass art, gift cards, etc.
- Japanese accessories
- Gift certificates
- Gift Baskets
- Airline tickets
- Hotel or lodging, rental property
- Tickets to Events – Theater, Amusement Parks, Sports events, etc.
- Handmade items – ornaments, decoration, jewelry, etc.
- Autographed memorabilia
- Wines

Be creative. Our temple's contribution will become a treasure for a winning bidder.

We will complete a donation form for each item and return it to Charlene Grinolds along with a photo (preferably digital) of the item by February 7, 2009.

Actual items or certificates will be sent to - Shinran Shonin 750th Silent Auction
c/o Orange County Buddhist Church, Attn: Betty Furumoto

Beginning February 1, 2009, items can be previewed on the BCA website,
www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.com and click on the Shinran Shonin 750th link.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Russ Nakano,
(408) 733-7289, rnakano@aol.com, or Ron Murata (408) 739-4165, remurata@comcast.net.
We look forward to your participation.

Gassho,

Russ Nakano and Ron Murata

The ECHO

President's Message (cont'd from Page 1)

Nembutsu through your diligence and sacrifice. I wish to acknowledge the following volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talents working unselfishly behind the scenes to help keep the Temple running so efficiently and looking so esthetic for all to enjoy throughout the year:

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas & A Happy and Healthy New Year!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jean Higa Judy Nakano

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Alice Ikenaga George Abey Haruye Hoshi Toshiko Kawamoto
Muneo Masaki Jean Higa Kimi Kunimoto Al Uyehara
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Gary Hirotsu Jeannie Ohara Aggie Hirotsu Dennis Takahashi
Haruye Hoshi Karen Tashiro Alan Hoshi Steve Tashiro

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Dorothy Chikasuye Miyo Takegami Arleen Tahara Alice Ikenaga
Mitsue Fukuda Heidi Terada Aiko Sugimoto Kimi Kunimoto
Eileen Fujikawa Carolyn Sakae Megan Matsumoto

Gratitude n.
thankfulness,
appreciation,
acknowledgement,
sense of
indebtedness,
feeling
of obligation,
recognition, honor,
thanksgiving, grace.

Gentle Reminder: Oseibo—The End of Year Gratuity, Tip

Much to the chagrin of Reverend Dean and Linda Koyama I am repeating the info on the old Japanese custom of **oseibo** for the benefit of those who need enlightenment.

I became aware of **oseibo** only a few years ago for the first time (since I have only recently become an old Japanese myself). Many temple members donated a little extra to our Reverend and

his family at the year's end in gratitude for extra effort and dedication to our Temple members and programs. Personally, I look at it as a supplement to the Reverend's salary, dictated by the BCA guideline for over 20 years of service as being modest by my estimates for living in the Bay Area.

Obviously, a gratuity is not a requirement by any means but an expression of gratitude

coming from deep within one's heart. I just thought members should know and decide for themselves.

Due to the Koyama family's humility, I am quite sure that they still do not approve of my personal pitch, but too bad! I consider it **presidential privilege**.

**In gassho,
Russ Nakano**

What is the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Class? Answers Here

For anyone interested in learning about Buddhism and our Jodo Shinshu traditions, I strongly encourage you to sign up for the next one. The following is just an example of my response to one of the assignments and not necessarily the best or only answer to the question.

Question

After attaining enlightenment, Siddhartha set out to expound the Dharma. He encountered the five Mendicants with whom he had earlier practiced and it is said that Siddhartha expounded the Four Noble Truths, Eightfold Path, and the Middle Way.

Explain how these components inter-relate to each other. In your explanation show how the Middle Way is essentially the focal point of Siddhartha's teachings.

John's Answer

The basic tenant of the Four Noble Truths sets the foundation of the Buddha Dharma by recognizing our existence in a state of suffering, acknowledging our desires as the source of our suffering, identifying the way to end our suffering is to end our desires, and following the Eightfold Path is the way to

By John Arima

end our desires. The way to follow the Eightfold Path is to travel the Middle Way. The Middle Way does not go to the extremes of strict ascetic practice or of a life of sloth. The Middle Way ensures a healthy body and clear mind with which Self Power can be utilized and Other Power can be accepted. Only along the Middle Way can the Eightfold



Path be travelled.

When Siddhartha entered the Deer Park after attaining enlightenment, the five Mendicants expressed their disdain towards him for they believed he had earlier abandoned his spiritual training when he accepted rice and milk from Sujata and fell into a life of self indulgence. They felt that if Enlightenment could not be achieved by the path of extreme ascetic practice, there could be no other

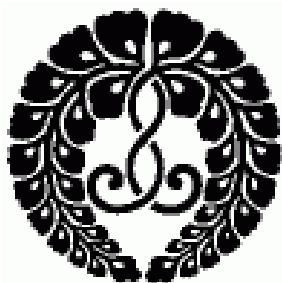
way to attain that Dharma. To the Mendicants, the path of extreme ascetic practice was the only path to Enlightenment and all other paths were those of self indulgence. What the Mendicants did not understand was that the two extremes, extreme ascetic practice and a life of sloth, were the boundary conditions of the paths available.

If we think of Self Power and Other Power as the forces that guide us along the Eightfold Path, we can see how they cannot coexist along the extreme of strict ascetic practice or the extreme of a life of sloth. Following a life of strict ascetic practice can be thought of as an extreme application of Self Power, believing that the only path to Enlightenment is one that is defined by ones self. Following a life of sloth can be thought of as an extreme application of Other Power, believing that one has no need of taking care of ones self and somehow everything will take care of itself. Therefore, because both Self Power and Other Power are necessary to travel the Eightfold Path, then the only way to do this is between these boundary conditions, in other words through the Middle Way.

**In an effort
to make the JSCC
less mysterious
and
show that the work
is very manageable,
the following is
an example of
an assignment
for the
current JSCC
session.**

The ECHO

Thank You and Happy Holidays from BWA



Buddhist Women's Association

The December 7th Udon Fundraiser was very successful. Thank you members for your continuous support and tremendous effort put into this year's Udon Fundraiser, it was a great success. Thank you Isamu Higa and your crew for setting the tables and chairs and cleaning after the fundraiser; Brad Takasuka for cooking the udon; and temple members and families for your generous donations to BWA's Fundraiser.

By Mitsue Fukuda

The holidays will be here soon so take care in this month's cold and chilly weather and with the busy holiday preparations. Have a safe and HAPPY HOLIDAY.

Reminder

Members who have not yet paid their 2008 membership dues, please send in your dues by the end of this month. **Dues are \$15.00.**

Next Meeting

January 17, 2009, 9:00AM

Donations

Gratefully acknowledged

Sumiko Kusaba

In Memory of Yoshio Kusaba,
1st Year Service (\$50)

Frank Hoshida

In Memory Clara Yoshida,
(\$50)

YBA News—Spaghetti Dinner Coming Up February 14th



December and January are busy months for the YBA. On December 14th we will be helping pound and make mochi for the temple's annual Mochi Tsuki. We are also planning our YBA Holiday Party and snow trip where we know we will have lots of fun at both.

Plus we can't forget MVYBA's annual Spaghetti Dinner which we are preparing for the February 14th date. We are very thankful to everyone for all the support you have shown us for this event.

All of the Coast District YBAs are currently getting

ready for the CD YBA Conference which will be held on March 28, 2009 at Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

In Gassho,

Megan Matsumoto
YBA President 2008-2009

Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the temple in memory of the past members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The January Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service will on January 4th at 10:00 AM and held in memory for the following loved ones:



Ronald Asada	Itsuyo Kato	Larry Shimamoto
Ichiro Endo	Katsuko Kochi	Tomoye Shimamoto
Tomizo Furuichi	Umeyo Koyama	Tom Sugimoto
Yoshiye Furuichi	Joe Matsumoto	Shig Tachibana
Tom Hirano	Tsuya Nagasaki	Linda Takahashi
Frank Hirohata	Haruyo Nakano	Shinsaburo Togashi
Masaburo Hoshi	Yashichi Nakano	Yoshimitsu Tokutomi
Kiyoko Inamori	Kisaye Nishimoto	Thomas Tsukamoto
Grace Ishii	Brad Okuno	Yoshio Yamaguchi
Minoru Ishii	Tsuyako Osaki	Yumi Yoneda
Tamaye Ishikawa	John Saito	Ben Yoshizumi
Shirlee Ishimaru	Shinajiro Satake	Henry Yusa



If a name has been inadvertently left off, or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Koyama either by e-mail at dkoyama@comcast.net or call the temple office at (650) 964-9426.

Condolences



The Mountain View Buddhist would like to express its heart-felt condolences to the family and friends of:

May you find comfort in the embrace of Infinite Light and Life, the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

Robert Taniguchi *Namo Amida Butsu*

December 9, 2008

January
Monthly
Memorial
Service

Sunday
January 4th

10:00 am

The ECHO

Religious Planning Committee Report—January

Upcoming

Hoonko

Memorial Service

For

Shinran Shonin

January 18th

10:00 AM

MVBT Services

We start the New Year with our 10:00AM Shusho-e Service on January 1st. Please come and join us to celebrate the beginning of 2009!

On January 4th, is our Shotsuki Hoyo service. The Fuji Club will be chairing this service. The Fuji Club will also be chairing the following service on January 11th.

On January 18th, we will celebrate Hoonko, the annual memorial service for Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Jodo Shinshu practice. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Sensho Inouye from the Fowler Temple.

On the final Sunday of January, the 25th, we will hold the Installation of our Temple's 2009 Board of Directors Cabinet. Following the service will be our Temple's Annual Meeting. Please stay in the hondo following service to hear the reports from our Temple Board and our Temple affiliated organizations.

By John Arima

Buddhist Education Opportunities at MVBT

The third "Bonehead Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu" seminar with Rev. Koyama, on January 21st will cover the life of Shinran Shonin and the concepts of Shinjin, Nembutsu and a Life of Gratitude.



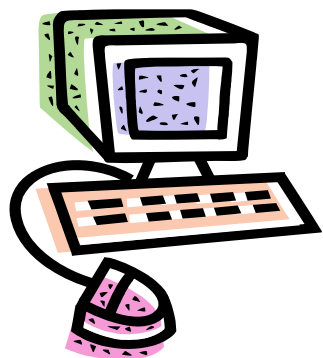
The remaining session will be on the third Wednesday of February. Anyone interested this seminar series, please visit our Temple website, or contact Rev. Koyama or John Arima for more details.

Anyone interested in helping our Temple continue to have great learning opportunities like Rev. Koyama's "Bonehead Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu" seminars, please contact John Arima about how you can get

involved. The Religious Planning Committee is looking for people who want to help form an informal group to help generate ideas and coordinate planning for new seminars. We are especially looking for people who would like to give input on our 2009 Spring Seminar. It's going come up on us quickly so we need to start preparing, now.

Other Buddhist Education Opportunities

Enrollment is currently open for the next session of the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course. Enrollment closes February 15th, but the last session filled up before the deadline, so it's best to enroll early. The cost is \$360 per year and the full course runs for two years. Each month there is a 30-40 page reading available for download and the assignment is to give a written response to one of several questions about the readings. The assignments are essay form and range from 400-800 words. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the JSCC, please contact John Arima.



CURRENT EVENT SCHEDULE AND TEMPLE CALENDAR VISIT THIS LINK

http://mvbuddhisttemple.org/home/index.php?option=com_gcalendar&Itemid=38

Religious Planning—“Dharmathon” at CBE

The Center for Buddhist Education invites the public to join in a monthly appreciation of Shinran Shonin's life and teachings and their relevance today, in 21st century America. The “Inspired by Shinran Shonin!” Dharmathons take place monthly in 2009, on or around the 16th day at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. The gatherings feature dharma talks, chanting, films and cultural presentations reflecting a diversity of perspectives on the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Anyone interested in participating, please contact the CBE at (510) 809-1460 or visit www.cbe-bca.org.

The first of these “Dharmathons” will celebrate Hoonko. The schedule for January's “Dharma-thon” is:

Evening Service

Thursday, 1/15/09, 7:30 PM

“Inspired by Shinran Shonin Dharmathon” Sangha members from various temples.
Early Morning Service

Friday, 1/16/09 6:30 AM

with Chagayu Breakfast

Hoonko Service

Friday, 1/16/09, 10:00 AM

Speaker: Rev. Ryo Imamura
O-zenzai (red bean soup)
Reception

Please let the CBE know by January 12th if you are going to attend. RSVP to director@cbe-bca.org or phone: (510) 809-1460

Please note the number in your party, and which event: Evening Service, Early Morning Service, and/or Hoonko 10AM Service.

Please contact John Arima or Rev. Koyama if you are interested in going and perhaps we can coordinate attending these services as a group from the MVBT.

One Last Note

Due to the tough economic conditions we are in, the BCA has had to cut the budget allocated to the Center for Buddhist Education. For all MVBT affiliated organizations and any members able, I encourage you to consider giving support to the CBE. The CBE has made great strides forward spreading of the Dharma and working to ensure the future of our Jodo Shinshu teachings. Please help them continue there good works.

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1/15-16/09

Save the Date—Jan 10, 2009 for ABA Fun Evening!

After a busy December with mochitsuki and the hustle & bustle of the end of the year ABA will have its annual New Year /Installation Dinner!

ABA Dinner

Michael's at Shoreline
Saturday January 10, 2009
5:30pm - 9:30pm

Cost—\$30

Includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée of your choice (roast pork loin, portabella chicken, salmon) & dessert

The evening will begin with the installation of the 2009 ABA officers. All of that will be combined with entertainment, fun & laughter. If you have not yet signed up please contact Ann Uyehara.

Deadline

December 27, 2008

Donations

Gratefully acknowledged

Mel & Audrey Inouye



The ECHO

Spring Activities—Updated Schedule & Movie Day

**Senior
Activities
For
Spring**

Craft Program Resumes

January 8, 2009
9:00AM until 12:00 noon.
Bring a friend make a friend,
Coffee, tea and dessert.

CORRECTION— January 15th Movie Day

9:00AM to 11:30AM—
Craft & Activity
11:30 AM—Lunch

12:30 PM—Movie Day
"Always"
Sancho No Yuhi)
(Sunset on the Third Street)

This heart-warming movie won the coveted Japanese Academy Award in 2006. The movie is set in 1958 Tokyo and is a story of a young boy who is abandoned by his mother and becomes the

ward of a struggling but kind author of children's stories.

Intertwined with the story of the boy is that of a young country girl who comes to Tokyo to be an auto mechanic apprentice in a small auto repair shop. This highly acclaimed picture that took Japan by storm was directed by Takashi Yamazaki and stars Hidetaka Yoshioka, Shinichi Tsutsumi, Koyuki, and Maki Hirokita. In color with English subtitles.

Many interesting activities are being planned for next year 2009, including the following:

February

Guest speaker, informing us on Alzheimer's Disease or Glaucoma. Lunch provided.

March 18th (Wednesday)

Trip to the California Academy of Science. Check back for more information.

April 16th

Elkhorn Slough Safari trip

Mark these date on your calendar. We hope there won't be any changes to these planned ventures, and we are looking forward to these trips.

Again, through your continued support, we are able to make these trips. Thank you to the many that have donated monetary, crafts and food items, and especially your time and effort. We are truly grateful to you all for sharing with the group.

Arigato ありがとう。

150 Club News

At the 12/10 Board meeting, the winner of the drawing for December, 2008, was **Heidi Terada** and the Big Bonus drawing was **Peter Terada**.

Thank you all for participating in the 2008-150 CLUB Temple Fundraiser. **The 2009 150 Club tickets are now available.** Check with you zone person or call Allan Nara for tickets. More than one ticket is OK. **Good luck.**

Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
JAN	Zones 2 & 3	Jan 22	January 16
FEB	Zones 4 & 5	Feb 19	February 13
MAR	Zones 6 & 7	Mar 18	March 13

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This is provide time to layout in the new format. Thank you.

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Mountain View YBA Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo

February 14, 2009



Spaghetti Dinner: \$7.50

Bingo: \$5.00



Dinner will be served from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Bingo will be from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Tickets and take out will be available at the door

Please come join us for a delicious meal
and a night full of fun!

If there are any other further questions, please
contact:

**Eric Jong at: jong.eric@yahoo.com or call
(650) 967-8945.**



Dharma School



DANA

(Sanskrit)

One of the six Paramitas.
An act of selfless giving.
An offering from the heart.

Dharma School **DANA PROJECT**

Thank you to Joni Furumasu and Margie Nishimoto for chairing this project.

With the support of our Dharma School families and Sangha, we were able to fill several barrels of food for the Community Services Agency of Mtn. View/Los Altos and approx. 65 gifts for the Family Giving Tree.

January

- 1/1 10 AM Shusho-e New Years Day Service
- 1/4 10 AM Sunday Service, DS, & Shotsuki Hoyo
- 1/11 10 AM Sunday Service & DS
- 1/18 10 AM Sunday Service & DS
- 1/25 10 AM Sunday Service & DS

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Pre School
Gabriel Selaya
River Nakamura

DONATION THANK YOU'S

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| Lauren Ho - birthday | Scott Morimoto - birthday |
| Allyson Itow - birthday | Erin Nishimura - birthday |
| Devon Matsumoto - birthday | Evan Tsukahara - birthday |
| Maddie Matsumoto - birthday | Jenna Wakimoto - birthday |
| Ryohei and Joyce Tamaru-Allyson Itow's birthday | |

february 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Morning chanting 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Shotsuki Hoyo 11:00 AM Dharma School 11:30 AM YBA meeting 12:00 PM Taiko 12:15 PM YBA/YBA Hall	2 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:00 PM Religious planning comm. meeting	3 6:00 PM Taiko 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	4 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts & parents meeting 7:30 PM Tri-City Youth Group	5 9:00 AM Senior activity/crafts 6:00 PM Taiko	6 10:00 AM Rotary food delivery 4:30 PM Calligraphy class 7:00 PM Fuji Club	7 8:00 AM Rotary Crab Feed/prep 4:30 PM Rotary Club Crab Feed
8 8:30 AM Morning chanting 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Nirvana Day/Scouts Sunday 11:00 AM Dharma School 12:00 PM Taiko	9 11:00 AM Senior activity comm. meeting 7:00 PM Kendo	10 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Tri-City Newsletter 7:00 PM Nakayoshi Gakko/meeting/room 7 & 8 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	11 6:00 PM Cub Scouts/Blue & Gold dinner/pancake room 7:00 PM Cub Scouts & Scouts 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting	12 9:00 AM Senior activity/crafts 6:00 PM Taiko	13 4:30 PM Calligraphy class 5:00 PM YBA food prep 7:30 PM ABA meeting conference room/YBA Hall	14 9:00 AM BWA meeting 9:00 AM YBA Sangha Hall prep 10:00 AM Kinyu Kai 5:00 PM YBA Spaghetti Dinner
15 8:30 AM Morning chanting 10:00 AM Sunday Service 11:00 AM Dharma School 12:00 PM Taiko	16 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo	17 6:00 PM Taiko 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	18 6:30 PM Echo 7:00 PM Bonehead Buddhism & Jodo Shinshu /conf. room & YBA Hall 7:00 PM Cub Scouts & Scouts	19 9:00 AM Senior activity/crafts 12:00 PM Senior activity/speakers 6:00 PM Taiko	20	21 4:00 PM Memorial Service
22 8:30 AM Morning chanting 10:00 AM Sunday Service 11:00 AM Dharma School 12:00 PM Taiko	23 7:00 PM Kendo	24 6:00 PM Taiko 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	25 7:00 PM Cub Scouts & Scouts	26 9:00 AM Senior activity/crafts 6:00 PM Taiko	27	28 10:00 AM Kinyu Kai

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Updated 12/12/2008 (events subject to change)

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

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2009 Dharma-thons & Appreciation Gatherings

at the Jodo Shinshu Center

2140 Durant Ave. (between Shattuck & Fulton), Berkeley, California

JANUARY 15-16, 2009

SHINRAN SHONIN APPRECIATION (HOONKO)

For Hoonko only: RSVP's by 1/12th are appreciated! Email: director@cbe-bca.org Ph: (510) 809-1460

***Evening Service: Thursday, January 15, 2009 7:30 p.m.**

"Inspired by Shinran Shonin Dharma-thon" with Sangha members from various temples.

***Early Morning Service: Friday, January 16, 2009 6:30 a.m.** with Chagayu Breakfast

***Hoonko Service - Friday, January 16, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.**

Speaker: Rev. Ryo Imamura
O-zenzai (red bean soup) Reception

MONTHLY DHARMA-THONS &

SHINRAN SHONIN APPRECIATION DAYS (GO MEINICHI):

12 NOON – 12:45 PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

MONDAY, MARCH 16

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

FRIDAY, MAY 15

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

THURSDAY, JULY 16

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

*Date and times subject to change. Check website monthly: www.cbe-bca.org
Please call if you are interested in participate in one of the monthly gatherings.
Call (510) 809-1426 or email: jhatta@cbe-bca.org*

In this Echo—Happy Holidays and A Joyous New Year



Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Please check the calendar for upcoming New Years' events.

Remember that you can also find a color pdf version online at:
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In gassho,

The Echo Staff

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