



Calendar Highlights

- **2/27, Sat 1:15 PM**
BCA Shinran Shonin
750th Memorial
Observance Opening
Service
Fairmont Hotel, San Jose
- **2/28, Sun 7:30 PM**
BCA Shinran Shonin
750th Memorial
Observance Closing
Service
Fairmont Hotel, San Jose
(No Services at Temple)
- **3/1, Mon 7:30 PM**
 Religious Planning Mtg
- **3/7, Sun 10:00 AM**
 March Shotsuki Monthly
 Memorial Service
- **3/10, Wed 7:30 PM**
 Temple Board Mtg
- **3/21, Sun, 10:00 AM**
 Spring Ohigan Service
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Masumi Kikuchi
 12:00 PM
 New Member Luncheon
- **3/28, Sun, 10:00 AM**
 Girl Scout Sunday

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Volume 49 Number 3

My O-Butsudan

When I was growing up, we didn't have an O-butsudan in our house. In fact, I didn't have any real connection to the temple at all. I didn't go to the Dharma School. I didn't go to the Japanese language school. I wasn't even in YBA. I didn't join the Sr. YBA until I was in college. It wasn't until my mother died that an O-butsudan, for the very first time came into our house.

Now, I never believed that my mother's soul was inside the O-butsudan. But I didn't know

By Reverend Dean Koyama

the real meaning or purpose for the O-butsudan either. All that I knew was that the O-butsudan reminded me of my Mother's death. Then one day, the minister came to our house and explained the fundamental purpose of the O-butsudan. He explained that Buddhism is not just a teaching to worship our loved ones who have passed away. Rather, Buddhism is a teaching that transcends our ignorance of birth-and-death and the

*The light of wisdom
exceeds all measure,*

*And every finite
living being*

*Receives this illumination
that is like the dawn*

*So take refuge in Amida,
the true and real light.*

Jodo Wasan, #4, page 325

Managing the Temple/Growing the Temple



By Glenn Kitasoe

giving of monies and even more, of their time. The sense of community is so prevalent here at Mountain View Buddhist Temple that it is contagious.

Our Temple has been fortunate to have had leaders from day one with the foresight to make decisions—like buying the land that the Temple sits on and

building the structures that we sit in and have our sermons. All of this because of their wisdom, foresight, sweat, and financial giving.

Saying that, we have to plan to continue what those first Temple members have started. One place to look at is our membership. Currently at 505, we lost 20 Temple members in 2009. Our membership dues are \$175 for a single.

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Updated 2/11/2010 (events subject to change)

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Religious Planning Committee Report—March Services

February 28th—Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observation Closing Service

No service at the Temple. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observation Closing Service (Fairmont Hotel in San Jose), beginning at 9:30AM.

March 7th 10:00 AM—Shotsuki Hoyo & Hinamatsuri (Chaired by Girl Scouts)

O-asaji (Early Morning Chanting 8:30 AM) Dharma School (11:00 AM)



March 14th 10:00 AM (Chaired by the Girl Scouts)

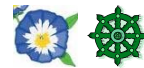
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March 21st 10:00 AM—Spring Ohigan (Chaired by the Girl Scouts)

O-asaji (Early Morning Chanting 8:30 AM) Dharma School (11:00 AM)

Rev. Masumi Kikuchi will be our guest speaker. Rev. Kikuchi was a minister with the Buddhist Churches of Canada from 2002 to 2008 and is currently studying at Ryukoku University. New Member Luncheon will follow refreshments.



March 28th 10:00 AM—Girl Scout Sunday (Chaired by the Girl Scouts)

O-asaji (Early Morning Chanting 8:30 AM) Dharma School (11:00 AM)

Adult discussion to follow the service



What Do These Icons Mean?

In an effort to consolidate information within the Echo as well provide more information on services, the following icons indicate various activities for Sunday Services:



Shotsuki Hoyo Service



O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM



Adult Discussion—11:00 AM



Dharma School—11:00 AM

Save the Date! April 3, 2010, 9:00 AM Bile Duct Cancer Walk at Shoreline Park

benefiting

**Johns Hopkins Bile Duct Cancer Research &
Levan and Jim Gray (Temple member)**

Levan Gray was diagnosed with this rare form of cancer in April 2008. As she continues treatments, our support for research will bring them closer to finding better diagnostic tools and one day, a cure. Please join us for the family friendly 5K hike for hope. Flyers are forthcoming.

For more details please check: www.bileductcancerwalk.org

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My O-Butsudan (Cont'd from Page 1)

O-butsudan helps us to express our deepest appreciation by remembering our loved ones who have helped us encounter the teachings of the Buddha. In other words, the O-butsudan helps us to praise the Amida Buddha that embraces all living beings who are filled with blind and ignorant passions.

When I heard this explanation, I was filled with more questions. This led me to study Buddhism at our Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley and later to Japan to study at the Ryukoku University.

Just before going to Japan, Linda and I got married. When we arrived, we had nothing except what we carried in our suitcases. We soon found a small 2-room apartment that we could afford.

We had to get everything to furnish the apartment: a stove,

refrigerator, water heater, washing machine, and a futon bed mattress. I had a scholarship of about \$600/month. Our rent was about \$400/month. So we didn't have much money to buy things. We did receive some things from the other foreign students studying in Japan. But most of our furnishings were found in the community garbage. In fact, my sempai, Rev. Marvin Harada taught us how to scout around the streets to see what people have thrown out.

Sometimes we would call each other when we would see something that one of us might want or need. We would then ride our bikes in the middle of the night, pick up whatever was in the garbage and carry it into our apartment under the cover of darkness. We found a dresser, bookshelves, kotatsu table, stereo and television.

In Japan, when a couple gets married, it is a tradition to start a new life with everything new. So a person may be living in an apartment for some time, and when he/she get married, they just throw all their things in the garbage because they will be getting all new furniture, dishes, and appliances.

After, we had settled down, we thought we should buy a brand new O-butsudan. In Kyoto, there are specialty shops that sell only O-butsudan. We soon discovered that there are so many kinds and sizes but they were all extremely expensive. Even a small O-butsudan was beyond our meager budget. So we decided that if we had any money left over when we were to return to America, we would buy one then.

Several months went by. Then one day, I went out to throw out the trash. As I approached the garbage area, I spotted a small wooden black box sitting on top of the pile. As I got closer, I knew it was a butsudān. It was an old worn out Butsudān with scratches and scuffs. The door hinges were broken, but I carried this thrown out Butsudān into our apartment. I spent the next few days repairing and repainting the O-butsudan. I went to the Butsudān stores to buy the incense burner, candle holder, flower vase, and bell. I also



My O-Butsudan (Cont'd from Page 4)

bought a scroll that had the Chinese characters for Namo Amida Butsu. I was so happy that finally our apartment had a O-butsudan. It felt like our apartment was finally complete.



I went to Japan to study Buddhism, so naturally, it became my responsibility to take care of the O-butsudan and keep it clean. I thought that this should be an easy and simple job.

For the first several months I was very diligent, but then school started in April and it got very busy especially because everything was in Japanese. I would often spend about 3 to 4 hours every night listening to my lecture tapes hoping to find at least one or two words in the Japanese-English dictionary. It took so much time that I completely forgot about my responsibility to keep the O-butsudan clean.

Then one day in October, Linda said to me that it was the anniversary day when her father passed away and asked if I would conduct a service for him. I had never met Linda's

father because he died many years before we had ever met. I thought that this would be a good opportunity for me to express my appreciation and gratitude to him. We sat in front of our O-butsudan, chanted the sutra, burned incense, and recited the Nem-buttsu. And for a little while we simply and quietly reflected upon Linda's father.

Then Linda broke the silence by saying, "It was a wonderful service." I felt so good about myself. I came to Japan to study Buddhism and learn to be a minister. I just conducted a service just as I had been taught in school and my wife is giving me wonderful feedback about how I did.



She continued, "But you could have at least cleaned the O-butsudan first. It is a little dusty."

I looked at the O-butsudan and realized that she was right. About a month's worth of dust had settled upon my little thrown away O-butsudan. No

longer was it shiny black and gold, but a dull gray and yellow.

I couldn't even do a simple thing like keeping the O-butsudan clean. Even though I thought I could do a good thing, I realized as in Shinran's wasan, that I am simply a being burdened with many imperfections. Even though I may try to wipe away the dust from my O-butsudan, the dust continues to settle upon it. And like the dust that continues to settle upon the O-butsudan no matter how many time I may wipe it and especially if I don't wipe it at all, my imperfections continue to settle upon me.

In the same way, even though I try to get rid of my imperfections, my imperfections continue to manifest themselves in my life. My imperfections cause me to forget to clean my O-butsudan. My imperfections also made me forget about the unobstructed and unhindered wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

What made me forget that I am a being burdened with heavy karma is the working of my imperfection. This is why Shinran calls us human beings as finite living beings. It is because we are this kind of limited human being that we are embraced with the infinite wisdom and compassion of the Buddha. The dust on the O-butsudan

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My O-Butsudan (Cont'd from Page 5)

reminded me that I am a being filled with imperfections.

It is for this reason that Shinran encourages us to take refuge in Amida, the true and real light. When we are stumbling around in darkness, we cannot see what we keep running into. But the smallest of light, like the first glimmer of the dawn, helps us see what we have been bumping into all this time.

Shinran realized that it is extremely difficult to do even a simple thing like keeping the

dust off an O-butsudan. That is why he encourages us to take refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma and Sangha.

*So simply
just say,
"Namo Amida
Butsu."*

But even simpler, he also encourages us, even though we may be imperfect, to recognize that we are embraced with the perfection of the Buddha when we say Namo Amida Butsu.

So simply just say, "Namo Amida Butsu."

Gassho,

Rev. Dean

Managing and Growing the Temple (Cont'd from Page 1)

However, did you know almost \$90 goes to the BCA, leaving us \$85 to run our Temple? Total dues (if everyone pays) are \$88,375, and of that, \$45,450 goes to the BCA, leaving \$42,925 for the Temple. Our operating expenses are much greater, but we have Chicken Teriyaki sales, Donations to the Temple, Mochi-tsuki, and Obon to offset that.

We have to think about the future and how to add to our membership. We need to keep growing. New members bring new ideas, leaders, and networks, continuing what the original Temple members started.

One item that a Mountain View Buddhist Temple group

incorporated to make the Temple friendlier to newcomers is our Greeter Program. This just started in January of this year. You may have already seen them in action greeting any new person coming into the Hondo for Sunday service.



Richard Endo is our main information person, but we have a group coordinated by Ken Nakano with many of the O-asaji Group volunteering their time to make people feel welcome. There is nothing better than

having someone welcome you and also answer any questions you may have. What a great way to make an impression. I know many of you joined the Temple because of how you felt about the people here at Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Our Temple is in great shape, but like our Elders we have to think to the future. So ask that new Dharma School parent or friends, to join our Temple. Those earlier Temple members started our Temple. Let's make sure we continue the dreams they had.

2010 will be a great year!!

**In Gassho,
Glenn Kitaoe**

Welcome New BWA Members

CD BWL CONFERENCE

**Monterey Peninsula
Buddhist Temple**

March 27, 2010 (Saturday)
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Transportation by chartered bus

BWA has started to take sign-ups for this conference. Those interested may contact:

Mitsue Fukuda (650) 948-5759
or Sumi Uyeda (408) 736-5141
for reservations.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the following members for contributing finger food for the Hospitality Room at the Fairmont Hotel on Friday, February 26, 2010, during the BCA National Council and

BCA Ministers' Conference: **Amy Imai, Aggie Hirotsu,, Mary Kato, Tomiko Maruyama, Kimi Nishimura, Kazuko Tashiro, Sumi Uyeda.**

*To the members who helped with preparing and serving udon dinner to the CD Council members on January 21, 2010, and to **Tomiko Maruyama and Misao Tanouye** for being in charge, and to **Chuck Uyeda** for the cleanup of dishes and pots and pans.*

A WARM WELCOME

To two new members:

Carolyn Sakae
Shige Barry

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Amy Imai
In appreciation (\$20)

Aiko Sugimoto
In appreciation (\$20)

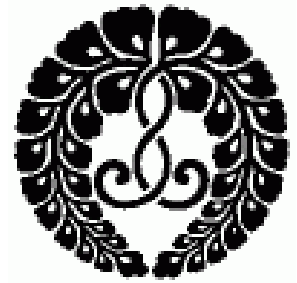
Sakai Family
In memory of Doris Yukie Sakai (\$200)

Kimi Nishimura
In appreciation (\$15)

Taye Kurashige
In appreciation (\$15)

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2010
Saturday, 9:00 AM



**Buddhist
Women's
Association**

Upcoming MVBT Events and Other Buddhist Education Opportunities

MVBT Spring Seminar 2010 CANCELLED

This is due to the focus our Coast District Ministers as well as all the Ministers in the BCA have on the Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observation.

Other Buddhist Education Opportunities

The Center for Buddhist Education will be holding a seminar, "**Caregiving, Funeral & Memorial Rituals**" on **March 27** from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Dr. David Matsu-

moto of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple and the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

There will also be Panel Presentations on "Coping with Stress, Accepting Help & Bouncing Back" and "Hospice and Other Options" as well as an Interactive Q&A Session with several Ministers.

The CBE will be sponsoring "**TechnoBuddha Evolution 2010**" on **April 16-18** at the JSC. This is a networking and reconnecting seminar for 21-39 year olds.

On **May 14-16** at the JSC, the CBE will be holding "**Crossing Over to Shin Buddhism**", a seminar for those coming from a non-Jodo Shinshu background. The Guest speaker will be Rev. Harry Bridge from the Oakland Buddhist Church. Panel discussions and interactive workshops will help participants develop stronger foundations in Shin Buddhist approaches to life. Registration deadline is April 10.

*To register for a
JSC event,
please visit
www.bcasites.net/*

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Thank you from ABA

Thank you to Dennis Tsukagawa for coordinating all of January services that were ABA's responsibility. Dennis sends his thanks to all the members for their participation and support!

A very special thank you to "Rev" Irving Ozawa for his enjoyable drama message! Great job!!!

Don't forget! ABA Reno Trip
April 25-26, 2010
Sunday-Monday

\$64.50 Includes bus & lodging
Interested? Contact Aiko Sugimoto ASAP!

ABA acknowledges another monetary donation for the

installation dinner from Joyce Okamura Lee.

ABA also sends a very belated acknowledgment of a generous donation from Joanne & Sterling Makishima in celebration of the marriage of their daughter.

m o c h i On sale for only \$2.00
Half off!



Get your mochi now before it's all gone!

Another Successful YBA Spaghetti Dinner

YBA would like to **thank everyone** for supporting our annual spaghetti dinner, which was a very successful event. Thank you **Kelsey Sawamura** for chairing this important fundraiser for YBA. **Mrs. Aggie Hirotsu** made the special sauce and helped us Friday night and all day Saturday in preparing the spaghetti sauce. We could not do it without her!

YBA has purchased a Weber stainless steel gas BBQ grill, assembled it and have stored it

in the warehouse for the time being. It can be used for Sangha Hall for all members as a thank you from YBA.

We are sending approximately 10 YBA members to the 750th Shinran Shonin Memorial service on February 28th and some of us will help the Coast District Ministers lead the chanting of the Cho-Rai-Mon.

We also have started planning for the Coast District Jr. YBA Conference, to be held in either March or April 2011.

In Gassho,
Haley Sugimoto
YBA President 2009-2010



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 *Shotsuki* loved ones are:

March
Monthly
Memorial
Service

Sunday
March 7th

10:00 am

Theodore Abe	Shinobu Maruyama	Fumio Okayama
Mine Chikasuye	Helen Matsumoto	Kinuko Sasaki
Alice Asaka Fujii	Tom Matsumoto	Rev. Sensho Sasaki
Satoru Fujikawa	Akira Morishima	Frank Sato
Kazuo Furusho	Cynthia Muranaka	Kanesuke Sato
Harriet Hamamoto	Haruko Muranaka	Brett Sugimoto
Sekitaro Hananouchi	Linda Nakagawa	Thomas Takegami
Masao Hayashi	Haruyo Nakano	Shimoye Yamaji
Itsuyo Hori	Harry Nakano	Tora Tamaji
Ronald Hoshiko	Ken'ichi Nakano	Yoshikichi Yamaji
Koriyu Kariya	Komao Nara	Kiriye Yoshida
Miya Kawamoto	Shizuko Nishimura	
Hakobu Koyano	Shigeru Okamoto	

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

E-mail

dkoyama@comcast.net

Phone (Temple Office)

650 964-9426



The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to express its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of:

Tatsuhiko "Tots" Ikebe

February 11, 2010

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

Namo Amida Butsu

The ECHO

The Larger Sutra—The True Essence of the Pure Land Way

The following is from the JSCC Jodo Shinshu I section. As always, I strongly encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about Buddhism and our Jodo Shinshu traditions to sign up for the JSCC. Please note that this example is simply my response to the question and not the only answer to this question.

Question:

Why did Shinran Shonin declare that the Larger Sutra is the teaching that Śākyamuni Buddha appeared in this world to deliver?

John's Response:

The Larger Sutra is considered by Shinran a teaching of the "true essence of the Pure Land way". From the translation of the Larger Sutra in the textbook, "The Three Pure Land Sutras" by Dr. Hisao Inagaki, it is stated by Śākyamuni Buddha: "The reason for my appearance in the world is to reveal teachings of the Way and save multitudes of beings by endowing them with true beliefs"

This statement is in the jo-bun section the Larger Sutra. The jo-bun section of a sutra gives the background of the delivery of the sutra. In the statement, we can see that Śākyamuni Buddha tells us that the Larger Sutra is the main teaching

which he is presenting to the world. Also, Śākyamuni Buddha vowed to make the teaching accessible for those seeking enlightenment.

From "The Three Pure Land Sutras": "... out of pity and compassion, I will especially preserve this sutra and maintain it in the world for a hun-



dred years more. Those beings who encounter it will attain enlightenment in accord with their aspirations."

The commitment of Śākyamuni Buddha to present and make accessible the teachings which will allow those seeking enlightenment to attain it is clear.

Through a summary of the Larger Sutra, we are able to see the specific details which caused Shinran to declare it as teaching the "true essence of the Pure Land way" which is

why Shinran declared it is the teaching that Śākyamuni Buddha appeared in this world to deliver.

The shoushu-bun section of the Larger Sutra is section of the sutra which contains the content of Sakaymuni Buddha's teaching.

This section describes how Bodhisattva Dharmakara attains enlightenment and becomes Amida Buddha. Bodhisattva Dharmakara praises the 54th Buddha, Lokesvaraja. In the course of these praises, Bodhisattva Dharmakara expresses his own desire to achieve enlightenment and his determination to accomplish this goal for the sake of saving all sentient beings. (These praises from the Larger Sutra are utilized in Jodo Shinshu services as the San Butsu Ge.)

From this declaration of his aspiration for enlightenment, Buddha Lokesvararaja reveals to Bodhisattva Dharmakara two hundred ten koti of Pure Lands. Bodhisattva Dharmakara then resolves to establish his own Pure Land and declares his 48 Vows to do so. Following the declaration of his 48 Vows,

Bodhisattva Dharmakara summarizes his resolve to attain

JSCC—The Larger Sutra (Cont'd from Page 10)

enlightenment in three specific pledges:

- 1) to make vows, unrivalled in all the world
- 2) to become a great benefactor to save the poor and the afflicted
- 3) to have his Name heard throughout the ten quarters, upon attaining Buddhahood

(These pledges and further declarations of Bodhisattva Dharmakara's resolve are utilized in Jodo Shinshu services as the Ju Sei Ge.) The first part of the shoushu-bun of the Larger Sutra, then closes with Bodhisattva Dharmakara's attainment of Buddhahood, becoming Amida Buddha, and descriptions of his Pure Land.

The second part of the shoushu-bun section of the Larger Sutra describes ways to attain birth in the Pure Land as well as teachings on karma, suffering and warnings against doubt. The sutra describes all Buddhas' reverence towards Amida Buddha and the use of his Name as a way of attaining birth in the Pure Land.

Three grades of those who aspire to be born in the Pure Land are described. The highest grade being monks, the middle grade being those who

cannot become monks but perform meritorious deeds and the lowest grade cannot perform meritorious deeds but use the Name up to ten times.

The three evils of greed, anger and ignorance are then described along with their consequences. Śākyamuni Buddha then goes on to encourage meritorious acts and admonish evil acts. There are further descriptions of evil acts and more encouragements of faith.

The final section of the Larger Sutra is the ruzuu-bun section which closes with Śākyamuni Buddha's promise to keep this teaching in the world for another hundred years after all other teachings have died out. The ruzuu-bun section describes who was given the responsibility to maintain the teachings given in the shoushu-bun section.

From the content of the Larger Sutra we can see the specific details which resonated with Shinran and declare that this teaching is why Śākyamuni Buddha appeared in this world.

The first part of the Larger Sutra focuses on attaining birth in the Pure Land and the bodhisattva ideal of assisting others to attain it as well. The second part of the Larger Su-

tra then focuses on methods to attain birth in the Pure Land and the use of sincere thought and declaration of the Name which alludes to Nembutsu practice.

The alignment of the teachings from the Larger Sutra with the beliefs Shinran came to embrace as Nembutsu practice is the reason why Shinran declared that the Larger Sutra is the teaching that Śākyamuni Buddha appeared in this world to deliver.



The ECHO

Senior Trips and Casino Day Coming Up!

Senior Activities For Spring

March 1st—Trip Sign-Ups
Sign-ups open for the May 19th and 20th Reno Trip. Call Chuck Uyeda if interested: (408) 736-5141

**Mar 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Apr 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th**
Normal Senior Activity & Craft. 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon. (Thurs)

March 31st—Senior Trip
We will take a trip up to the Sierra Foothill/Daffodil Hill and staying at the Harrah's Casino.

Leave the Temple March 31st at 7:00AM to go to Angel's Camp History Museum, and then continuing onto Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys. Wine tasting and a hosted lunch is included.

We then move on to Daffodil Hill in Sutter Creek, an awesome site of 300,00 blooming daffodils and other wildlife.

Our final stop will be at Harrah's, Lake Tahoe. We will depart Lake Tahoe Thursday at 1:00PM and return Mountain View at approximately 6:00PM.

April 22nd—Casino Day
We will again have Casino Day with Dennis Tsukagawa and his group showing us a fun day playing Blackjack, Craps, Roulette and Pai Gow. Earn points and win prizes.

Activity & Craft—9:00-11:00 AM
Lunch—11:00-11:45 AM
Casino—11:45AM-3:00PM
Everyone is welcome to join us.

May 19th/20th—Reno Trip
First stop at the Nugget then overnight lodging at Silver Legacy. May 20th, Cal Neva, then on to Boomtown.

Cost:
\$72./person, double occupancy
Add \$26.00 for single occupancy.
Call Chuck Uyeda

Recipes Wanted!
We are looking for anyone's favorite recipe. The Senior Activity Group will publish a "Senior Cook Book" working toward our 50th Anniversary project. Please turn in favorite recipes to Jeanne Ohara, Amy Imai or Aiko Sugimoto. We are scheduling many interesting and exciting events throughout the coming year. Please feel free to join us.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the many monetary and material donations that we continue to receive. The proceeds will be used to supplement the lunches, trips and special activities that are planned during the year. These donations enhance the operation of our program.

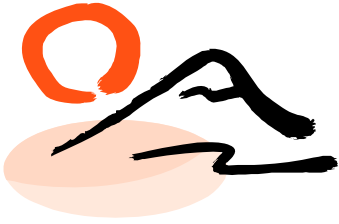
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50th Anniversary Meeting—March 8th, 7:00 PM

The next 50th Anniversary meeting is March 8th, in the Conference room at 7:00PM.

All affiliated organizations—please send one of your representatives to this important meeting to get all the vital information and offer input. Your input is vital and important decisions have to be made. Please inform your organization on the progress and what is required of your group.

Please attend.



Dharma School



Donations

Scott Morimoto
Birthday

BWA
Eshinni-ko Donation

Judy Kaneko
Special

New Members Welcome Lunch—March 21st

Following the Spring Ohigan Service on Sunday, March 21, there will be a new members' welcome lunch.

The following new members from March 2009 to March 2010 will be introduced.

Welcome New Members


Randy & Debbie Sato
Zone 8

**Larry & Barbara
Utsurogi**
Zone 13



Please plan on attending the luncheon to welcome our new members. The luncheon will be at Su Hong Restaurant on El Camino in Palo Alto. Lunch will be at 12:30 and will cost \$13/person. Please call Gary Tahara for reservations 408-736-4854 or sign up at Sunday services or in the office.

Club 150 News

Congratulations to the February, 2010, 150 CLUB winners: **Ben & Kay Horita.**

There are 10 more monthly drawings plus the December bonus drawing.

A few tickets are still available. If interested please call Allan Nara.

Thank you all for participating in the 2010, 150 Club.

Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
MAR	Zones 4 & 5	Mar 18	Mar 12
APR	Zones 6 & 7	Apr 15	Apr 9
MAY	Zones 8 & 9	May 13	May 7

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

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Hoonko

ABE, MARGARET	25	MARUYAMA, DAVID & CANDICE	20
ABEY, GEORGE & SUE	25	MARUYAMA, YOSHITO & TOMIKO	30
AOYAGI, KIYOSHI & HIROKO	10	MASAKI, MUNEO & TOSHIKO	25
ARAKAKI, ERIC & AMY	20	MATSUMOTO, HIDEKO	25
ARIMA, JOHN & CHAU	25	MATSUMOTO, PETER & SHIRLEY	20
BUNYA, FRANK & ESTHER	25	MAYEDA, CARL & PEGGY	25
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KURASHIGE, TAYEKO	20	SUGIMOTO, ROD & NANCY	20
KUSABA, SUMIKO	20	TACHIBANA, JUNE	10
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TASHIRO, STEVE & KAREN.....	20	WOO, AARON & KELLY KANEKO.....	20
TERADA, MINORU & HEIDI.....	50	WOO, VICTOR & CINDY.....	100
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TOKUTOMI, JANE.....	25	YASUDA, NOBUYE.....	15
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TOMOTA, HAROLD	25	YOSHINAKA, KIYOSHI & SHIZUE.....	25
TSUCHIDA, STEVE & REIKO.....	25	YOSHINO, EDNA	20
TSUKAGAWA, DENNIS K.....	20	YUKAWA, TERUO & EDNA.....	25
TSUKAMOTO, MINORU & KYOKO	15	YUSA, JUNE	20

Shusho-e (New Year's Service)

KUBOYAMA, DORIS	25
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Nirvana Room

FUKUMA, NAOYE.....	100
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Shotsuki Hoyo

HANEDA, NOBUO & TOMOKO	50
IGUCHI, MICHIYO	20
KUBOYAMA, DORIS	25
KUBOYAMA, DORIS	50
TERADA, PETER & LILLIAN.....	20
YASUDA, NOBUYE.....	25
ZABLE, CYNTHIA	20

In Memory of Chiyo Higuchi

HOSHIDA, FRANK	20
TERADA, MINORU & HEIDI.....	25

In Memory of Grandfather, Tomiemon Hiramoto

HIRAMOTO, LLOYD & JANIS.....	25
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In Memory of Chiyoko Hirohata

SATAKE, JAMES & FUMI	50
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In Memory of Shuichi Hori

SUGIMOTO, HIRO & DORA.....	25
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In Memory of Father and Brother

HOSHI, BETTY	50
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In Memory of Clara Hoshida

HOSHIDA, FRANK	35
TERADA, MINORU & HEIDI.....	25

In Memory of Mother, Matsuyo Idehara

IDEHARA, ROY.....	200
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In Memory of Jiro Iwata
 IWATA, DAN & SHIZUKO30

In Memory of Frank S. Matsumoto
 MATSUMOTO, HIDEKO25
 MATSUMOTO, PETER & SHIRLEY.....25

In Memory of Matsutaro & Chieko Matsumoto
 MATSUMOTO, JOHN & EDITH25
 MATSUMOTO, ROBERT & NAOMI.....25
 MATSUMOTO, ROY.....25

In Memory of David Matsuo
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In Memory of Shigeki Murai
 MURAI, STANLEY25

In Memory of Niro Nishimoto
 KAMEI, KENZO & RUTH25
 SASAKI, MARY25

In Memory of Tsuneo Nishimura
 NISHIMURA, CHIHARU.....20

In Memory of Ed Okamura
 IMAI, AMY25
 KUNIMOTO, KIMI.....20
 OKAMURA, STAN & MARTHA.....20
 SAKAE, CAROLYN.....20

In Memory of Kenneth Okamura
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In Memory of Mother, Jane Okumura
 OKUMURA-LEE, JOYCE50

In Memory of John Saito
 SAITO, GEORGE..... 100

In Memory of Kiyoshi Sawamura and Matsuyo Idehara
 HOLZKNECHT, ROB & JAIMIE20
 MACHIDA, GLENN & JACQUELYN.....40
 SAWAMURA, STEVEN & ROBIN.....50
 SAWAMURA, TAD & FRANCES50

In Memory of Kiyoshi Sawamura
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 SAWAMURA, SHIN & HIDEKO.....25

In Memory of Edward Shinkawa
 SHINKAWA, ROBERT & PAULINE50



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In Memory of Zensaku Shishido

FUJIKAWA, RICHARD & EILEEN.....	25
SHISHIDO, RYO	20

In Memory of Mary Somen

MORIMOTO, BRUCE & JOY	50
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In Memory of Toshio Yamaji

YAMAJI, TANEYO	20
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Altar Flowers

FUKUMA, DON & HELEN	100
HIRONAKA, WALLACE & NANCY.....	25
MATSUMOTO, HIDEKO	25
SAWAMURA, SHIN & HIDEKO.....	25

Funeral Services

In Memory of Kiyoye Hirano

HIRANO, JOANNE.....	200
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In Memory of Doris Yukiye Sakai

SAKAI FAMILY	300
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Memorial Services

In Memory of Grace Hayano, 49th Day Service

CHIKASUYE, ED & DOROTHY	20
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In Memory of Chiyo Higuchi, 1st Year Service

FUJII, BOB & IDA	50
FUJII, KENNETH & TRUDY	20
HOSHIDA, FRANK	25
HOSHIDA, MICHAEL & DIA.....	20
JOYCE, JULIE HOSHIDA	250
KANEMORI, AMY	50
KANEMORI, GARY & SANDRA.....	30
LEE DOROTHY	50
MINAMOTO, EUGENE & GAIL.....	30

In Memory of Kiyoye Hirano

NAKANO, RUSSELL & JUDY	100
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In Memory of Misao Helen Nakano

MORIMOTO, BEN	150
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In Memory of Kenzo Yasuda

YASUDA, NOBUYE.....	500
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Special

In Honor of Jim & Fumi Satake's 30th Wedding Anniversary

HAMAI, EMIKO.....	50
KITAYAMA, KIMIKO	30



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Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial

ARIMA, JOHN & CHAU	110
MURATA, RON & CAROLYN	110
ABE, MARGARET	In Memory of Kent Abe, February 14th birthday.....50
HIRONAKA, WALLACE & NANCY	ECHO.....25
HIRONAKA, WALLACE & NANCY	Maintenance Crew25
IVES, DEREK.....	In Appreciation for Transportation To and From Temple ...30
JUN DAIKO.....	In Appreciation for Support of Jun Daiko..... 350
HIRONAKA, WALLACE & NANCY	Maintenance Crew25
KITASOE, GLENN & LORRIE.....	Special..... 350
RYU, ED & JULIE.....	150 Club Win 250
YOSHINO, EDNA	Niche Service..... 100

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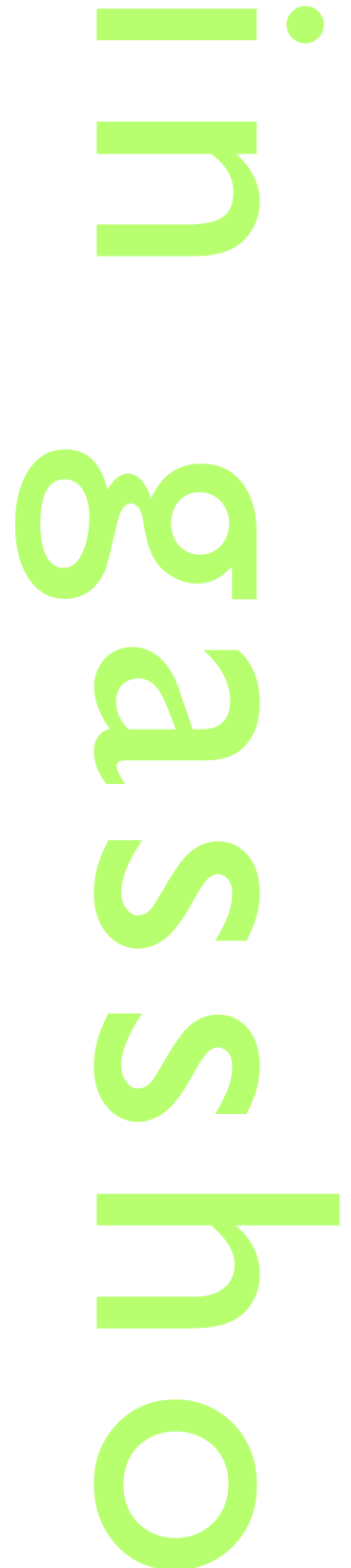
A donation from Frank and Betty Okuno should read In Memory of Brad, not Bruce.

2010 Memorial Services

Traditionally, Memorial Services are conducted for loved ones on certain anniversaries. If a death occurred in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a Family Memorial Service.

2009	1st year Service
2008	3rd Annual Service
2004	7th Annual Service
1998	13th Annual Service
1994	17th Annual Service
1986	25th Annual Service
1978	33rd Annual Service
1959	50th Annual Service

As the schedule for the temple fills up quickly, you are advised to make arrangements with Rev. Dean Koyama as much in advance as possible to accommodate your date and time requests. Call the temple office to schedule your Family Memorial Service at 650 964-9426.



Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Observance 2/28



No services at the Temple on 2/28, so that you may attend the Closing Services at the Fairmont San Jose.

Spring Ohigan service is March 21st.

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**In Gassho,
The Echo Staff**

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