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Calendar Highlights

- ***6/6, Sun 10:00 AM***
  June/July Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service. Graduating Senior Speakers: **Joseph Adachi & Bryan Tachibana**
- ***6/7, Mon 7:30 PM***
  Religious Planning Mtg
- ***6/9, Wed 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Mtg
- ***6/13 Sun 10:00 AM***
  Graduating Senior Speakers: **Curtis Koyama & Scott Tahara**
- ***6/20, Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Graduation & Fathers' Day
- ***7/11, Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon
  Guest speaker: **Rev. Sunnan Kubose** of the Bright Dawn—Institute for American Buddhism (also known as The Gyomay M. Kubose ***Dharma Legacy)***
- ***7/17, Sat, 4:00 PM—10:00 PM***
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  Obon Bazaar

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The Most Significant Experience of My Life

As we did last year, we will publish the Dharma Speeches of our graduating high school Seniors.

Please join me in congratulating these distinguished and well-grounded young adults as they transition to the next exciting phase of their lives.

—Reverend Dean Koyama

By Alyssa Imai

Good morning everyone. Today I'd like to share the most significant experience of my life—***growing up at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.***

Not only did I learn the basic principles of Buddhism, but also respect and compassion for other people. The Sangha taught me about an honest day's work, compassion for other people, and gratitude for simple kindnesses. These are life lessons I will carry with me to college, in a job, with my family, and throughout my entire life.

One of the most amazing things about our Sangha is their willingness to help. This goes from watering the plants, to taking care of the temple grounds, to feeding dharma school students and packing their lunches, all the way to helping and organizing our Bazaar.

Why Willamette? Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

By Kendrick Arakaki

Willamette University is a small liberal arts college located in Salem, Oregon. How small is small? The university sits on 69 acres, or a mere 4 blocks.

It's quite different then most of the universities and colleges my friends are attending. Most of their colleges have a student body of well over 10,000 undergraduates with much bigger campuses. Since I decided to attend Willamette, my friends have asked, "***Why Willamette***?" My simple response, ***Mountain View Buddhist Temple.***

I've been a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for 12 years. Twelve years of coming to temple every Sunday, volunteering in Obon, and more importantly attending service with the Sangha every Sunday. I can say with confidence that Temple has been just about the only constant in my life.

Since 6th grade, I have played the Alto Sax, Bari Sax, French Horn, Taiko, Ukulele, and Guitar. My parents didn't appreciate me switching, but they eventually learned. They bought the alto sax, then a bari sax mouth-

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6 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sun. Svc./Shotsuki/Hoyo Service 11:00 AM Dharma School 11:30 AM YBA meeting 12:15 PM YBA/YBA Hall	7 11:00 AM Senior activity comm. 5:30 PM Girl Scouts/Sangha Hall 6:00 PM Girl Scouts/YBA Hall 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Religious planning meeting	8 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Tri-City Newsletter 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	9 7:00 PM Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Taiko 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting	10 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko	11 4:00 PM Girl Scouts/Sangha Hall overnight 4:30 PM Calligraphy class 7:00 PM Fuji Club 7:30 PM ABA/conf. room & YBA Hall ECHO DEADLINE	12 9:00 AM BWA meeting 11:00 AM Memorial Service Dharma School activity/Sangha Hall etc.
13 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service 11:00 AM Dharma School 12:00 PM Taiko Dharma School activity/Sangha Hall	14 7:00 PM 50th Anniv. comm. meeting 7:00 PM Kendo	15 7:00 PM Nakayoshi Gakko meeting	16 7:00 PM Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Taiko	17 9:00 AM Senior activity/movie "Hatchi" Echo	18	19 7:00 AM Nakayoshi Gakko/maintenance 8:00 AM Boy Scouts Archery/gate ball & patio
20 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Fathers Day & Graduation	21 7:00 AM Nakayoshi Gakko session 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Dharma School cabinet meeting	22 7:00 AM Nakayoshi Gakko session Rev Koyama vacation	23 7:00 AM Nakayoshi Gakko session 7:00 PM Taiko Rev Koyama vacation	24 7:00 AM Nakayoshi Gakko session	25 7:00 AM Nakayoshi Gakko session	26
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Religious Planning Committee Report—May/June/July

May 30th, 9:30 AM—Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service (Palo Alto)

No service at the Temple.

June 6th 10:00 AM—Shotsuki Hoyo (Chaired by 1st Grade)

Graduating High School Seniors **Joseph Adachi** & **Bryan Tachibana** give their Dharma Talks.

June 13th 10:00 AM (Chaired by the Temple)

Curtis Koyama & **Scott Tahara** round out the speeches of our graduating High School Seniors.

June 20th 10:00 AM—Graduation & Father's Day (Chaired by DS Superintendent)

We will recognize the graduating High School and Junior High School students and present Girl Scouts Padma Awards. This will be the final Service for 2009-2010 Dharma School year.

July 11th 10:00 AM—Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon

Our Guest Speaker for the service will be Rev. Sunnan Kubose of the Bright Dawn – Institute for American Buddhism (also known as The Gyomay M. Kubose Dharma Legacy).

July 18th (prior to Odori)—Obon Odori 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

Upcoming MVBT Events & Other Buddhist Education Opportunities

Fall Ohigan—Sat, October 23

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Harry Bridge from the Buddhist Church of Oakland. We are considering planning a ***Music Seminar—any musicians who would like to participate please let us know.*** Please contact John Arima or your organization's representative to the Religious Planning Committee. To read about some of Rev. Harry's thoughts on Shin Buddhism and Music, please read his article in the April edition of Wheel of Dharma.

Other Buddhist Education Opportunities

2010 Pacific Seminar—Jun 25-27

Held at the JSC, the Seminar is titled: ***"Shinran's Path in America – Yesterday and Today".*** Explore the path of the Nisei – their life challenges and spirituality and listen to diverse perspectives on temple traditions and values.

Registration Deadline: May 31
Cost: $125

The Most Significant Experience of My Life (Cont'd from Page 1)

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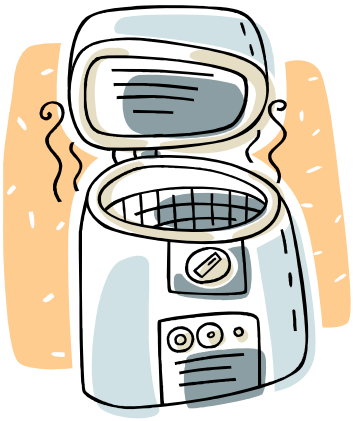
all in one day?

How many people do you know who are willing to get up at 4am to cook a massive amount of rice, to wash it, steam it, pound it, cut it, shape it, package it, and weight it, all in one day? Every year at Mochitsuki, we have numerous volunteers who do just that.



So many of our Sangha members are passionate about this event, it is impossible for me not to share some of that passion. This carries over into other aspects of my life. I have always tried to make more of an effort when working with someone because I know how much fun and easy it is when working together. And I learned that at this temple.

I am also deeply inspired by the ladies in the BWA. No matter what, they always seem to be doing something and laughing and gossiping while they're at it. Especially at the Obon festival, where the BWA spends many hours chopping, cooking, and preparing the chirashi, ohagi, udon, and various other foods. On top of all that they also always find the time to make lunch for all the people who helped out that day.

Even when the BWA holds their own fundraisers, they always give back some of their proceeds to the temple and the youth groups. These ladies who are all more than three times my age work tirelessly and there can be no excuse for me to sit around uselessly. I have to be helpful and it is always my joy to be able to be of any use to these wonderfully kind women who do not even ask for anything more than a word of thanks for all the things they do.

Many of these ladies are my role models and I can only hope to become half as kind and dedicated as they are. Many of these ladies are also my friends, and I am lucky to call them as such because I know how much they care for me.

The other aspect of our Sangha is its compassion and how aware we are of others' lives, efforts, and hardships.

"The act of compassion begins with full attention, just as a relationship does. You have to really see the person. If you see the person, then naturally, empathy arises. If you tune into the other person, you feel with them. If empathy arises, and if that person is in dire need, then empathic concern can come. You want to help them, and then that begins a compassionate act. So I'd say that compassion begins with attention."

—Daniel Goleman

Recently, the hike for hope was held at Shoreline in support of Levan Grey's struggle of living with bile duct cancer and the proceeds went to support research on its cure. On the day of the walk, I was overjoyed at how many of our temple members showed up to support Levan. Even people who could not walk the 5 kilometer course came to help set-up, provide food and cheer on the walkers.

The compassion that all of those people showed was touching. By simply being there and showing that they cared, I saw how much it meant to my friend, Angeline Grey, and her family.

Our high school class has done many things to help us become more aware of many different aspects of our society. Through the various activities and stories of our guest speakers, it became clear how we need to empathize with others. One moment that particularly touched me, and all

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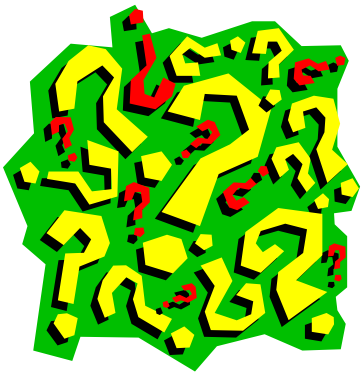
of the high school class, was when one of our guest speakers told us what it was like to be a young, Asian-American mayor and all the difficulties it entailed. After hearing about all the difficulties he went through as a non-stereotypical mayor, I immediately wanted to be more tolerant and accepting of those different from myself so I would not cause the hardships he had to go through. I also became very grateful to those willing to represent me in government.

Just by listening to what his life was like, I wanted to change mine. This empathy I feel was founded here at the temple. I have learned so much about compassion from the various stories and talks given from Sensei and the way our temple members behave and live a life of compassion. This caring for others is shown in so much of what the people at the temple do, whether it be helping someone who's cleaning up alone or organizing a walk for a friend who is sick. Now, I too cannot help but care whenever I see someone struggling because of how natural it is at our temple.

I have grown up learning kindness because of all those little encouragements, minutes really hours of patience, seconds of thoughtfulness shown to me. Not too long ago, I was running errands with my Grandmother. As we pulled up to a small, well tended house, an old man came out to meet us. After talking with my Grandma for a minute, she introduced me as her granddaughter. The man looked at me, studied my face and proclaimed, "Hey, I know you. You're that annoying kid who kept following me around asking me questions all the time!"



Many of the seniors at our temple know, yes, I am that kid who would follow someone around and interrogate them about what they were doing. And I'd like to thank all of them for being so wonderfully patient with me and answering most of my questions.

As Sensei knows very well from the Sangha Class, not much about this has changed. I'm still asking questions, I'm still quite curious about everything new, and I'm not afraid to ask about anything. This is something that I could never give up, and aspect of myself I am very proud of. I'm not nervous when talking to strangers, I don't feel stupid if I ask questions, and this is all because of how I grew up at the temple.

I haven't been able to mention everyone, but the support I received from the Sensei, my Dharma school teachers, my Grandmother and parents have brought me to this point of being able to give a dharma talk about how important you all are to me. I am so grateful to my parents for dragging me to the temple at the early hour of 10am, to my Grandmother for showing me the amazing things that happen at the temple outside of Sunday Service, and to my family for making sure I learned the values so beloved of our temple.

Marcel Proust a French author once said, "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

To me, my family and our Sangha is my charming gardener and it is through everyone here that I am proud to be who I am today.

Thank you so much for bringing me happiness.

Alyssa Imai is a 2010 graduate of Mountain View High School.

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—Marcel Proust

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piece, and finally decided to rent the French Horn freeing themselves of another music instrument at home.

Sports wasn't all that different either. I started by playing basketball, then progressed to volleyball. I eventually dropped volleyball to run for Mountain View's Cross Country and Track and Field team.

With college approaching this fall, I've reflected on what the temple has meant to me and it's affect on whom I am. This temple has always been a very close community. Take a look around right now and see how many familiar faces there are.

Most Sundays, Mr. and Mrs. Flynn-Do and Ms. Matsumoto engage the YBA class in discussions about issues that most of us tend to shy away from. But within the YBA, I find it effortless to contribute to the discussion. For the most part, any comment is taken into consideration rather then being shrugged off. However, off temple grounds, I don't have the same sense of security. I'm the kid in school that speaks only when spoken to for fear of being judged. Only within the temple, have I felt completely comfortable speaking my mind.

As I continue to reflect on how the temple has affected me, I can't help but think of the commitment and selflessness of the Sangha. For Obon, I can only imagine what types of preparations are needed for Obon. Here's a list of a few jobs that need to be performed,

Cutting peppers, onions, meats, skewing kabobs, preparing spam, cooking spam, marinating spam, rolling, cutting, and packaging the California rolls, husking and cooking corn, cooking for the workers, setting up the booths, placing tables in the booths, hanging the cho-chins, setting up the exhibitions in the YBA hall, making and hanging signs, decorating the yagura, being a runner for the food booths, run the booths, preparing for Taiko, playing Taiko, putting away Taiko, and the list goes on and on.

It's truly amazing how we pull off Obon. When I think about it, I can only attribute it to our Sangha's activeness. When someone has finished one task, the next thought is usually, "What do I do next?" We reach out to help others to make sure everything gets done. It's this, "What can we do" attitude that we have that allows us to have successful Obons year after year.

I have seen many members of the Sangha helping around temple with what they can. Ms. Hirotsu creates the wonderful sauce for the YBA Spaghetti Dinner. Mr. Tahara, Ms. Sugimoto, and Mr. Sawamura contribute their minds as advisors for the YBA. We may never see them, but parents wake up at 4am to cook rice for Mochitsuki and Chicken Teriyaki. Everybody in the temple has at one time or another, given selflessly for the benefit of the temple.

How much did MVBT affect my criteria for colleges? Significantly Four things: close-knit community, active environment, friendliness, and selflessness.

Willamette University consists of 1,800 undergraduates, roughly the size of Mountain View High School's student body. This makes for a much smaller community compared to most other colleges, which means getting to know people a lot better. Mountain View Buddhist Temple let me appreciate the value of a small and connected group of people.

Like the temple, Willamette students are constantly looking for ways to contribute to the community. Bearcats Offering Others

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Meals provides hot meals for local people in need. Willamette's motto "Not unto ourselves alone are we born" inspires its students to be active in the community and to have a deeper understanding of the world.

Not unto

ourselves alone

are we born

—Motto of Willamette University

When I went to visit, I was allowed to sign up for two classes. I scanned the class list and I was baffled at the fact that I couldn't find a psychology class to attend. I decided to sign up for a Politics class and an Exercise Theory class. I had always been interested in those subjects, yet never really found time to explore my interest in it.

After the registration, I made my way over to the politics class. I entered the room and made my way to a free seat. A few seconds later, another person took the seat next to me. She turned to me and introduced herself. I wasn't expecting to exchange words because I was just a "ghost" sitting in on her class. But she gave me a brief overview of what the class has been studying. After a brief conversation, the professor walked in and immediately started to discuss the content of the book.

As the professor referred to the book, the student I had talked briefly to shared her book and made sure I knew where the professor was reading from. The professor asked us to discuss the politics of Machiavelli's "The Prince" with the people beside us. I immediately became part of a discussion with several other people of whom I did not know. Rather then being the quiet and timid kid, I felt welcomed and comfortable sharing my opinions. It felt as if I were sharing my opinions with friends and with the Dharma school class. The student's kindness broke the ice and allowed me to not be timid and reserved.

After Politics, I made my way to the recreation center for the Exercise Theory class. I was hoping to find the same kindness expressed by the Politics student, but unfortunately, the class was canceled.

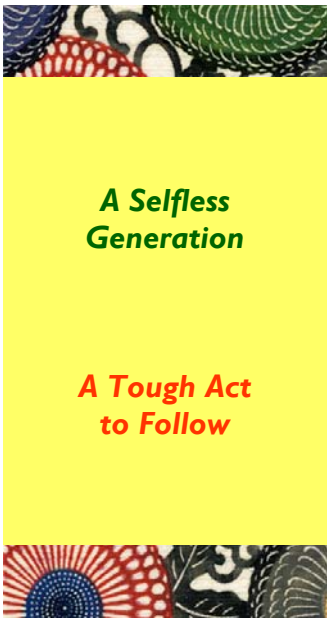
Near the end of the day, I attended a student panel discussion. After the discussion, I asked one of the panelists about his experiences on the Cross Country team.

In all honesty, I was expecting him to answer my questions and to continue with his own schedule. Instead, he answered each of my questions in great detail and enthusiasm. After I asked my questions, he asked me if I wanted to meet some of the Cross Country and Track guys. It was much more than I expected. A total of four guys took time out of their schedules to meet with me. I wasn't expecting that degree of friendliness and selflessness. I was just a prospective student who was thinking about going, yet they didn't mind spending fifteen minutes sharing their experiences at Willamette.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple has shaped me to be who I am today. Being part of the temple allowed me to appreciate the small community, active environment, friendliness and selflessness of others. These four things became the main criteria in picking my college. If my parents hadn't brought me to Temple for twelve years, I wouldn't be who I am today.

Kendrick Arakaki is a 2010 graduate of Mountain View High School. This fall, he will attend Wlillamette University in Salem Oregon.

President's Message—A Tough Act to Follow



By Glenn Kitasoe

Our Temple Elders are a group of people that will be very hard to emulate. The Nisei and before them, the Issei were a hard-working, never-give-up-generation. Try and follow them during Obon, do everything they do, and get up when they do.

Sansei maybe able to keep up for a few days but will eventually rest due to exhaustion. Nisei will keep going and going like the energizer rabbit on TV. I have seen Elders work till they pass out and we call 911 to take them to the Hospital and the next day or so they are back helping out. You have to shake your head, but that is who they are.

I believe it takes 1 1/2 Sanseis to do their work and 3 Yonseis to do the same. I would not be surprised if it was even a higher ratio. It's just an amazing generation constantly doing what they think needs to be done without anyone asking them to do it. We have so many of these Temple members, you may know already how prolific their work ethic is.

As you go through different activities like Mochitsuki or Obon you see a pattern that these Nisei have. They all step up doing their things year after year with out any complaints, usually with a smile. Some of their activities are documented in our Resource Binders on how to run the Activity but many times there are numerous responsibilities that are done by our Elders that no one knows about. It is just not the Activities we run either, it's those day-to-day things that get done and the rest of us just show up and do not think about it. We take it for granted.

Why am I mentioning all this? We need to watch and emulate them—they are teaching by example. We have to be mindful of what they do, follow and learn. It is going to take more of us to do their job but we have to get started now, slowly taking on more responsibilities.

More of us need to get engaged, helping those Temple members who do so much. We need our Elders showing us how to do things but we have to also make it easier for them too. Show them how much we appreciate them. The more we help them the longer they will be there for us. I could try and list all those Members who do so much for our Temple but our Echo would be too long to publish and they would not want their names published anyway.

They are a Selfless Generation and a Tough Act to Follow.

In Gassho,
Glenn Kitasoe

YBA District Volleyball Tournament Coming up

YBA is chairing all of the services for the month of May. YBA helped bag fortune cookies for Chicken Teriyaki, some members helped clean chicken on Wednesday, May 12th, and then packed the chicken lunches on Sunday, May 16th @ 7 a.m.

We also held our annual Mother's Day Brunch with corsage making Saturday, May 8th and an activity at Sky High.

We are still practicing for the upcoming Bay District Volleyball Tournament to be held on Memorial Weekend, and we are sending two teams – Mountain Dew – Code Red and Mountain Dew – Blue Shock.

Nominations for MV YBA and Coast District are currently being considered and elections will be held in June.

Our graduating seniors have started presenting their Dharma talks with Kendrick Arakaki and Alyssa Imai in May, and Joseph Adachi and Bryan Tachibana on June 6th and Curtis Koyama and Scott Tahara on June 13th.

In Gassho,

Haley Sugimoto
YBA President 2009-2010

2010 Obon Festival & Bazaar—Key Dates & Times

Bazaar Planning Meetings:
Wednesday, May 26, 7:30PM
Wednesday, June 30, 7:30PM
Monday, July 12, 7:30PM (Pricing Meeting)

Odori Practices:
Tuesday & Thursdays in the Sangha Hall Gym
July 1, 6, 8, 13 & 15 at 7:30PM

Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service – Sunday, July 11 at 10:00AM

Wednesday, June 30	Anytime	Set aside drinks for Odori practice
Thursday, July 1	7:30PM – 8:45PM	First Odori practice
Tuesday, July 6	7:30PM – 8:45PM	Odori practice
Wednesday, July 7	8:30AM	Take out items for construction
Thursday, July 8	7:30PM – 8:45PM	Odori practice
Sunday, July 11	**10:00AM**	**Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service**
Tuesday, July 13	8:30AM 6:30PM 7:30PM – 8:45PM 8:30PM	Layout booth materials Construction begins Odori practice Dinner served by MVBT Board
Wednesday, July 14	9:00AM 6:00PM 6:30PM 8:30PM	Make Yaki Manju Clean and prepare chicken Construction Dinner served by YBA
Thursday, July 15	10:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM 7:30PM – 8:45PM 8:30PM	Tempura and Beef Teriyaki vegetable prep Construction Tempura – prepare fish Final Odori practice (outdoors) Dinner served by ABA
Friday, July 16	10:00AM 12:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Continue prep for Tempura Beef Teriyaki meat cutting Construction Beef Teriyaki skewering Booth furnishing/decoration
Saturday, July 17	5:00AM 9:00AM 4:00PM – 10:00PM	Rice cooking Make Sushi, Ohagi and California Roll Obon Festival & Bazaar open
Sunday, July 18	3:00AM 6:00AM 12:00PM – 8:30PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM 8:00PM	Rice cooking Make Sushi, Ohagi and California Roll Obon Festival & Bazaar open Chidori Band begins Obon Odori service Odori dancing Raffle drawing
Monday, July 19	8:00AM 12:00PM	Booth clean up begins Lunch served by BWA
Tuesday, July 20	6:30PM 8:30PM	Booth disassembly begins Dinner served by Dharma School
Wednesday, July 21	6:30PM 8:30PM	Finish clean up Dinner served by BWA

The Composition of a Scout

Alex Tseng-Troop 87 Scribe

Photographs:

Top: Scouts rest before more exciting activities at Camp Oljato

Middle: Hard work along with some other ingredients make great merchandise

Bottom: Is your raft filled with water yet? White water rafting will guarantee it

What is Scouting? Is it a type of organic molecule? Was it a strategy used by the Raiders? Maybe it's a new style of belts at Forever 21... No, it's not any of these things. Scouting is a compilation of everything necessary, and also not:

EXCITEMENT

The many activities of the average scout can be no less than excitingly adventurous. Camping by Huntington Lake at Camp Oljato (Top picture) is a great time to learn all about Scouting and leadership at the same time as getting to know everyone.

LEADERSHIP

What comes to mind when you hear the word "Scout?" It should be something along the lines of leadership. The Scouting community helps all Scouts train their leadership skills in the best way possible. With the various activities to do during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival (Middle picture), like cooking and selling, having fun while practicing your social skills is possible.

CHALLENGES

Scouting can be seen as a cycle of learning and teaching. The older Scouts give a hand to the younger Scouts, who in turn, become great leaders to pass on their knowledge and skills. Scouting can be a great experience as well as a fun one. It's not as hard as trigonometry (trust me on this one...), but it can be a challenging adventure to add onto a list of accomplishments in life.

AUGMENTATION OF CEREBRATING ABILITIES

Did you understand this at first? Me neither. It means gaining knowledge about, well, everything. Do you know how to sharpen a knife? Do you know how to fold the American Flag? Do you know how to stop a major wound from bleeding? A Scout will know all of this and more than hundreds of other skills within the first few years of his Scouting career. Maybe he won't know how to spell the title of this paragraph, but he'll definitely know how to write this in about three other languages.

A Scout may not be the perfect man, able to mow to lawn in 2 seconds flat, but he can save a life, navigate through the wild, be a model United States citizen, and much, much, more.

Scouting Adventures

Scouting contains many activities and adventures. Every summer Troop 87 participates in Camp Oljato, an exciting one week camping trip with other troops from the area. White water rafting is also a fun activity during the summer. The troop travels to Cache Creek, spending the day rafting down a river and spending the night at a nearby campsite (Bottom picture). There are also smaller activities done every week like an egg drop, hovercrafts, and launching rockets. These smaller activities, combined with the great adventures, become an amazing experience, guaranteed to be the best accomplishment on that list. During all of these troop activities and adventures, one cannot escape from the looming grasp of familiarizing oneself with other Scouts, who become close acquaintances. All of this is going to make a Scout have everything he should have: excitement, leadership, challenges, and the augmentation of cerebrating abilities.

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:

Spencer Cowap
Robyn Delgado
Kotome Fujii
Frank Fujii
Masakazu Fujii
Nobu Fukuda
George Furuichi
James Furuta
Tomoye Goto
Shizue Haruta
Ben Hayamizu
Masako Hayamizu
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June/July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
June 6th

10:00 am

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

Hiromichi Hoshino ***April 17, 2010***

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

Last Month to Enjoy Senior Crafts & Activities Thursdays

Don't Miss

"Hachi"

June 17th

June 3rd, 10th, & 17th
Thursdays 9:00AM—12:00PM
Our usual meeting time for our Craft Activity in the YBA Hall, is every Thursday morning from 9:00AM to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome, including the young, the elders and men too. A good time to renew old friends and especially make a new friend and to socialize. We provide coffee, tea and desserts. Please join us

Please mark your calendar that on ***June 17th***, will be our final Thursday. We will provide a special lunch that day and entertain you with a movie called "Hachi," a heartwarming story of a dog. Everyone is welcome, so please joins us.

Again, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many monetary, crafts and materials donated 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—*June 14th, 7:00 PM, Conference Room*

All affiliated organizations—please send a representative to this important meeting to get all the vital information and offer input. Your input is important as decisions are being made. Pass on the information to your organization on the progress. ***PLEASE ATTEND.***

Did You Do It ? Save October 16th for ABA's Dance

Thank you to Dennis Tsukagawa for setting up the ABA chicken teriyaki cooking crew. Also thank you to all the ABA members that helped at the annual chicken teriyaki event. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget!
Come to the ABA dance featuring the band **Somethin' Else!!!** It was great fun the first time. If you missed it don't repeat the mistake again. Mark **Saturday, October 16, 2010** on your calendar now!

Buddhist Women's Association

BAZAAR
We are planning and organizing various BWA responsibilities for the upcoming bazaar in July. Members will be contacted to come out and help in this important fundraiser.

SPECIAL THANK YOU
To all the members who helped with temple chicken teriyaki fundraiser.

NEXT MEETING
June 12, 2010
Second Saturday, 9:00 AM

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Dharma School

Donations—Thank You!

Birthdays

Erich Lund
Rachael Nakamura
Emily Terada

Special for Alyssa Dharma Talk

Leslie and Bob Imai

Family Campout—6/12-13

Don't miss the Dharma School Family Campout at MVBT.

Father's Day—6/20

Last service of the year and includes special presentations

Congratulations Hatsumairi Families!

Damon Tatsuo Uyehara (6/5/2009)—Ashley & Todd Uyehara; ***Ken Miyazawa Abe*** (8/10/2009)—Yoko & Kraig Abe; ***Cassidy Sayuri Ishida*** (9/13/2009)—Catherine Borillo & Stuart Ishida; ***Kylie Grace Higa*** (12/29/2009)—Ann & Norman Higa

Club 150 News

Congratulations to the May, 2010, 150 CLUB winners: **Ken Nakano.**

There are 8 more monthly drawings plus the big December bonus drawing.

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

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
JUN	Zones 10 & 11	Jun 16	Jun 11
JUL	Zones 12 & 13	N/A	N/A
AUG	Zones 1 & 2	Aug. 19	Aug 13

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

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 HOLIDAY NO SUNDAY SERVICE	5 7:00 PM Kendo HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	6 7:30 PM Odori practice/Sangha Hall	7 7:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting	8 7:30 PM Odori practice/	9 7:00 PM Fuji Club 7:30 PM ABA meeting conf. room/YBA Hall	10 8:00 AM BWA meeting 9:00 AM BWA meeting/Sangha Hall/oboro
11 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Kangi-e-Obo Hatsubon Service/Rev 12:00 PM Taiko	12 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Bazaar pricing meeting Start up outside reefers	13 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Construction 7:30 PM Odori practice/Sangha Hall	14 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Construct 7:00 PM Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	15 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Constru 7:30 PM Odori	16 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Construction	17 4:00 PM Obon Bazaar & Festival 4:00 PM Taiko 10:00 PM Bazaar closes
18 12:00 PM Obon & Festival 12:00 PM Taiko performance 6:00 PM Chidori Band/outdoors 7:00 PM Odori (dancing)outdoors 8:30 PM Bazaar closes	19 8:00 AM Clean up 7:00 PM Kendo	20 6:30 PM Clean up	21 4:00 PM BWA Sangha Hall/Dinner for work crew 6:30 PM Clean up Move all furnishings from all rooms/janitorial service	22 6:30 PM Clean up Rev Koyama vacation	23 Rev Koyama vacation	24 Rev Koyama vacation
25 NO SUNDAY SERVICE Rev Koyama vacation	26 Rev Koyama vacation Sangha Hall, YBA Hall, all classrooms closed/Janitoria service	27 Rev Koyama vacation Sangha Hall, YBA Hall, all classerooms closed/Janitorial service/basketball court floor finish	28 Return all furnishings to all rooms/after janitorial service Rev Koyama vacation	29 Rev Koyama vacation Sangha Hall, YBA Hall, all classrooms closed/Jan service	30 Rev Koyama vacation	31

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Start Getting Ready for Obon Bazaar July 17-18th!

Be sure to read the speeches by our graduating Seniors Kendrick Arakaki and Alyssa Imai.

A complete schedule for the Obon Bazaar is also in this issue.

You can always find a color pdf version online at: www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
The Echo Staff

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