



Calendar Highlights

- **7/11, Sun, 10:00 AM**
Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon
Guest speaker:
Rev. Sunnan Kubose
of the Bright Dawn—
Institute for American Bud-
dhism (also known as
The Gyomay M. Kubose
Dharma Legacy)
- **7/17, Sat,**
4:00 PM—10:00 PM
Obon Bazaar
- **7/18, Sun,**
12:00 PM—8:30 PM
Obon Bazaar
- **7/18, Sun,**
approximately 6:30 PM
Obon Odori Service
- **9/5, Sun, 10:00 AM**
Shotsuki Hoyo
No Dharma School
- **9/12, Sun, 10:00 AM**
Fall Ohigan
2010-2011 Dharma
School Year Begins

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When Catholicism Meets Buddhism

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

I'm Bryan Tachibana, a graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose. Next year I will be attending the University of Miami.

If you are thinking that I am going to Ohio, you are sadly mistaken,

By Bryan Tachibana

that's Miami University. Don't you love colleges? Right now I plan on earning a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training and completing my Pre-Physical Therapy requirements to earn a degree in this field as well.



Before I get into my speech I do have a couple of thank yous. **First off thank you to my parents for raising me and allowing me to find my own path in life** and trusting me to make my own mistakes and learn from them.

Thank you to all those people who have made me who I am today. To my teachers, especially Mr. Lum, Mr. Molina, Mr. Serrania, and Mr. Spitz. And a special thanks to Mark Moreno and Sabrina Veal for allowing me to volunteer my time alongside them and watch professional Athletic Trainers work every day.

Taking Party Pants from MVBT to UCSD

My name is Joseph Adachi and I have been going to the Temple for the last 4 years. This fall, I will be attending University of California San Diego. My time at the temple has been a real pleasure; from learning about Buddhism and Japanese American culture, to making friends with other Buddhists, to attending Dharma School classes.

My first Dharma School lesson was taught by Mrs. Judy McCoy. She had been teaching the high school class many years and this was her last. The first day we were supposed to be make "Party

By Joseph Adachi

Pants". Each of us was given a blank cutout of a pair of long pants and told to decorate them however we liked. An hour of glue sticks, scissors, colored pens, and torn up magazines passed and I was slightly confused. "What are Party Pants?" I thought to myself.

The activity was inspired by a self help book that Mrs. McCoy was reading at the time, which featured a advice on how to live a happier and more fulfilling life.

"Think of the most ridiculous pair of pants you own - maybe with polka-dots, or big stripes with funny frills on them. Picture the way your Party Pants make you



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Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Religious Planning Committee Report—July/Sep

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

Held approximately at 6:30PM, immediately prior to our Bazaar Odori.

Sept 5th 10:00 AM—Shotsuki Hoyo Service



Sept 12th 10:00 AM—Fall Ohigan Service

The first day of the 2010-2011 Dharma School year, and Dharma School & Young Buddhist Association Cabinets installation. Dharma School parents meeting in the Hondo following 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 and in preparation we would like any musicians at the Temple who would like to participate to 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.

Looking Ahead—2010-2011

Starting in September, we will be scheduling Adult Discussion sessions to follow Sunday Services as

well as other programs, Anyone interested in giving input on programs and information you'd like to see at these sessions, please contact John Arima.

Other Buddhist Education Opportunities @ JSC

Curious about Buddhism???

A 3-part introduction to Buddhism for busy people. Wednesday evenings, June 9, 16 & 23.

Monthly "Gomeinichi Eve – Appreciating Shinran Shonin".

June 15th, 5:00PM to 8:00PM.

The 2010 Pacific Seminar "Shinran's Path in America – Yesterday and Today"

June 25-27.

Summer Japanese Buddhist Seminar

June 27, 1:30PM to 3:00PM.

Waking Up to the Dharma

Aug 2-6, 6:30AM to 8:00AM

ABC's of Dharma School

Aug 13-15

4th Annual Baby Boomers' Seminar—The Sounds of Enlightenment"

Sep 25

For
more information
on seminars
at the JSC,
please visit
www.cbe-bca.org

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When Catholicism Meets Buddhism (Cont'd from Page 1)

As the Buddha teaches with the first Noble Truth: Life is suffering. In life I have had my fair share of struggles. From being cut from every team I tried out for at Bellarmine to realizing I had a broken arm on the 14th of May to lack of sleep during high school. I have had personal problems to extremes and also personal successes.



I am fortunate to know exactly what I am doing in college, and have the privilege to attend college away from home. But there has been one particular situation that seems to be a never-ending struggle with me is: Religion.

I have been coming to Mountain View Buddhist Temple for 2 years and joined the YBA, thanks to some push by some other YBA members. My days here at have been interesting to say the least.

Even though I knew some of the other high school kids the temple is still awkward, because if you didn't know, I'm actually Catholic. Born and baptized Catholic, both my parents families go to church, my mom's side being Catholic and my dad's side being Protestant.

My Catholic experience didn't stop with church, I've been going to a private, religiously affiliated school

for 14 years. For the first 10, it was Catholic elementary/middle school at St. Martin Sunnyvale. There I was taught about the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, from Adam and Eve to Jesus Christ, and even became an altar server. Following St. Martin, I attended Bellarmine, a Jesuit institution which has been around since 1851, learning not so much about the Bible, but more about perspective and the Jesuit's main teaching to be "Men and Women for [and with] Others."

Over the years I've had my fair share of experiences from those schools, ones that I would not have gotten if I had gone to a public school. I have been on an immersion trip to Tijuana, worked with the community from mentally impaired to children to the poor and less fortunate, and also had the ability to learn and appreciate the aspects of different religions.



One class I was skeptical about taking this year was World Religions. I had already completed my religion requirement for senior year, and I decided to unwillingly add the class thanks to peer pressure from the scheduling office. It turned out to be arguably the most useful class I took this year.

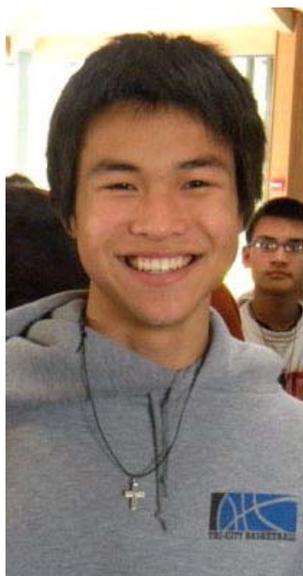
Near the end of the semester we began discussing inter-religious dialogue and started to learn about four different kind of models: replacement, fulfillment, mutuality, acceptance.

Replacement Model: In this model there is only one true religion. All of the other religions are false and in order to go to heaven you must be this religion. If you are anything else, basically good luck being successful in life.

The **Fulfillment Model** most commonly represents the business term of a glass ceiling where a person can only get to a certain point with other religions, but with a particular religion can only achieve heaven or Enlightenment or that equivalent.

The one that really hit me hard was the **Mutuality Model**. The mutuality model is simply placed this: **All religions are true**. None are better than the other religion, and each can be used to attain the same goal. There are different "paths" to achieve the same goal. The goal must be ambiguous because all religions must be able to strive towards it. The one we came up with in class was love, which I thought was a perfect goal due to its many meanings. For example there is love for your friends, family, activities, or even enemies, yes them too.

Here's a situation I witnessed and I want to hear some responses about what emotions or anything that pops into your head. Last year at a festival in San Jose next to the Buddhist Temple, there was a man



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standing outside of Nijiya with a sign draped over his body with a quotation from Romans, a book within the Catholic Bible. At a Buddhist event he was standing with a quotation and shouting out to the crowd and passerby's saying things such as "You all are going to hell because you don't believe in God." "You are all sinners."

***I thank
Catholicism
for the
Ten Commandments***

Here's what I felt. I felt offended that anybody would say that. I'm a Catholic person and others there were Catholic. Not to mention he is misinterpreting the Bible radically, which offended me a bit, because he isn't saying Buddhists are going to hell, everyone attending the celebration is going to hell. But at the same time I laughed because I knew he was wrong, and what he was doing was pointless, not to mention uncalled for.

Now here's another situation. Ever since I have been coming to the temple here, I have received criticism from my peers about going to a Buddhist temple and not a Catholic church. From my Catholic peers I usually get the: are you really? From my mom I get

the: don't tell your grandma about it because I don't want to cause conflict within the family. From some members of Buddhist temples I get the: Why are you here? At YBA events.

Now this was the worst one I received criticizing my attendance at a Buddhist Temple. "Omg Bryan. Seriously, you're not Buddhist, stop going to church. Nobody even likes you there anyway, so just stop showing up." That's without the swear words.

I remember reading this on formspring, a site where you can anonymously post questions or comments about people, and just staring. I was enraged to the point of feeling unaccepted by friends, almost getting that empty feeling inside when there is nobody. I did not know how to react and the question remains to sit within my formspring inbox. My peers all either did not understand what I was doing or did not approve of the transformation that I was and still am going through.

Here's the truth, I am technically a Catholic, unwillingly placed into a society that was not of my choosing, and now I am being criticized for attempting to discover where I fit spiritually. I am baptized, but am unwilling to be confirmed, a sacrament within the Catholic church where the Bishop helps the person opting to perform the sacrament to re-establish Baptismal rights, and I refused to be confirmed this year at Bellarmine.

I know plenty of people who were Confirmed against their will and

plenty of people who chose to be baptized. Each one of them deserve an equal amount of respect so long as they are attempting to take their own path towards a goal. The mutuality model that I was talking about before is something that I took seriously without knowing. Buddhism and Catholicism are on the same level playing level for me, and no other religion stands on a pedestal.

***From
Buddhism
I will take away
the 8-Fold Path
the Paramitas,
and
the 4 Noble Truths***

For me I love my past. There are certain parts especially spiritually that I am not fond of remembering, but every single action that I took, made me the person who I am today. I thank Catholicism for the Ten Commandments. They have given me a basis off of how to live life, I don't necessarily believe in God, but I do take away certain aspects from the religion. One, especially the big one is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This quotation is about treating people the right way, and I try to follow this everyday.

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When Catholicism Meets Buddhism. (Cont'd from Page 5)

From Buddhism I will take away the 8-Fold Path, the Paramitas, the 4 Noble Truths, and anything else that will help make me more of me. But the actual reason why I have stuck with Buddhism is the difference in the types of religion. Buddhism is more of a realistic religion, while Catholicism is a faith based religion and I find it hard to believe in a concept that is not solidified.

If there's anything I've learned over my years in high school is change. Change can come at any point in your life, whether you like it or not. One thing Buddhism has really taught is that to appreciate the life that you have now, as Thich Nhat Hanh said, "Life can be found only in the present moment. The past is gone, the future is not yet here, and if we do not go back to ourselves in the present mo-

ment, we cannot be in touch with life."

My change is here and now, I've been changing everyday from college to spiritual experiences. You are too, respect it both within yourself and others.

Taking Party Pants From MVBT to UCSD (Cont'd from Page 1)



feel when you go out in them without the slightest bit of embarrassment. Party Pants make you feel young and funny and care-free!"

At this point I suppose I knew WHAT the Party Pants were, but I was still at a loss to understand WHY and more importantly to what purpose I was now getting my hands covered in glue. In other words, what does this arts and crafts lesson teach us about the meaning of life and how to live it?

This year as a senior, I am undergoing one of the most drastic changes of my life. The past several months have marked the transition from my childhood, to a point in my life where I am expected to be responsible for the decisions that I make. 18 is a trying year in an adolescent's life, and the sudden increase in responsibilities and expectations comes with a lot of stress. Over the course of the year, I went from being stressed about college applications, to college decisions, then to prom, then finals and graduation and now my senior talk in a

seeming never ending cycle of sleep deprivation and adrenaline.

The year has also come with its share of disappointments—from college non-acceptance letters, scholarship rejection letters, to the general feeling that I'm not good enough and the past 4 years of my life have been for nothing.

But thank you Dharma School and Mrs. McCoy! It has been 4 years and a whole lot of "life" has passed me by since we sat in a classroom and decorated our individualized trouser pants. I think now, I finally understand the meaning of the "Party Pants" activity!

We often spend a great deal of time trapped in our insecurities and take our disappointments too seriously—in reality, life is short. **Buddhism teaches us to "wear our Party Pants"**; to meet every day's problems with humor and optimism and to keep in mind what is really important to us.

When I go off to college this fall, I will start my life with nothing. I

will no longer have my family for shelter, love, and clean laundry. I will no longer have my friends for help and camaraderie. And I will no longer have the Sangha for its continual guidance and support.

These new challenges will come with their fair share of failures, stress and disappointments—I'm sure. But when I begin to feel overwhelmed with finals and public restrooms and girls and dirty dishes, I'll take a trip down to the local thrift store and buy myself the most ridiculous red trousers.



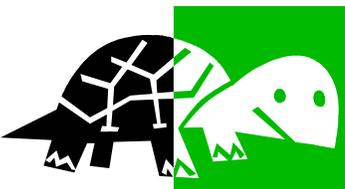
Joseph Adachi will attend UCSD in the Fall., and is looking forward to getting a new pair of party pants.

Impermanence—One of the Basics of Buddhism

Impermanence...Everything is changing...nothing stays the same. This is one of the basics of Buddhism.

When Sensei started the senior talks, I was thinking...alright my talk isn't for a long time so I don't have to worry. But time flew by and now I am here before you giving my senior talk. I grew used to having Dharma School every week and I am sad that my time here at the temple has gone by so fast. This has been a second home to me and is a comfortable place where I could express my opinions and be myself. However, I know that nothing can stay the same and I won't be attending Dharma School next year.

I have just graduated from Homestead High School and celebrated with my friends and classmates. I will be moving on, but this past week has been a time of reflection. As I was reminiscing, I also thought about my time spent here at the temple. I remember what triggered my interest in Buddhism and how I could relate it to my everyday life. When I was in 4th or 5th grade, a guest speaker came and told the story of the tortoise and the hare and related it to Buddhism.



I would like to share this story with you today. The Hare was once boasting of his speed before the other animals. "I have never yet been beaten," said he, "when I

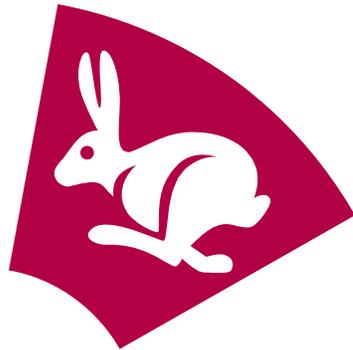
By Scott Tahara

put forth my full speed. I challenge any one here to race with me."

The Tortoise said quietly, "I accept your challenge."

"That is a good joke," said the Hare; "I could dance round you all the way."

"Keep your boasting till you've won," answered the Tortoise. "Shall we race?"



So a course was fixed and a start was made. The Hare darted out of sight at once, but soon stopped and, to show his contempt for the Tortoise, lay down to have a nap. The Tortoise plodded on, and when the Hare awoke from his nap, he saw the Tortoise just near the winning-post and could not run up in time to save the race.

Then the Tortoise said: "Slow but steady progress wins the race."

The questions the guest speaker asked were What did the tortoise do wrong? Why was he selfish?

Answer: the tortoise didn't wake up the hare and was only thinking of himself.

When the guest speaker gave this answer, I realized I could help others and not just think of myself. This introduced me to how I could relate Buddhism to everyday situations.

I believe attitude has a factor in how others perceive you. I remember during my sophomore year, I signed up for the CC Jr. YBA volleyball mixer in Fresno. I went but throughout the whole trip, I had a negative attitude because of a lame excuse of not knowing anyone.

Now, thinking back to myself... come on the whole point of the mixer is to not know anyone and to meet new people.

A few days after the mixer, my parents talked to me about my attitude that past weekend because they also noticed that I had a negative attitude. They told me nobody wants to be with a person with a horrible attitude and that might make people not want to talk to me.



Looking back, this event was one of my biggest regrets in YBA because now I wish I had a better attitude during that mixer. It had taught me to try and change my attitude and become a more out

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Impermanence—One of the Basics of Buddhism (cont'd from Page 7)

**Let
everything
you do
be done
as if it
makes
a difference.**

—William James

going person in spite of my shy nature. Since then, I have had more fun at the different YBA events that I have participated in.

I would like to thank all of my high school Dharma school teachers for such inspiring classes. During the class discussions, we are able to express our opinions and have thought provoking subjects. The teachers also give a comfortable environment that allows everyone to participate.

They bring in various guest speakers, but the one that stood out the most to me was when a mother of a bullied daughter came to tell us her story. I was horrified of the facts that the mother told our class and realized that bullying was a serious problem in our schools. I felt that everyone was able to connect with this story because everyone has been bullied at one time or another. This speaker taught me the consequences of bullying and I have learned to become more accepting of others.

I would like to read a quote by William James, "**Let everything you do be done as if it makes**

a difference."

I believe that this is a perfect example of the Sangha our church has built. Examples are mochitsuki, teriyaki chicken fund raiser and Obon. Everyone in the Sangha realizes they have a part in this temple and puts 100% of their effort in doing their job.

Obon is a perfect example of everyone coming together and working for one common goal, making the festival a success. We have people working weeks before to plan and help set up for the Obon. We have workers prepping before the Obon even starts to make sure their booths are a success. Then everybody comes together to dance in the traditional Obon odori to remember their past loved ones.

All of these experiences helped me incorporate Buddhism into my everyday life. Through the guidance of the temple, I have learned patience, acceptance, respectfulness, maturity and kindness.

I would like to thank my teachers for guiding me through the years; and Sensei for his entertaining and

enlightening talks. I thank my family for supporting me and taking me to the temple throughout the years. I thank all the friends I have made while attending church. And lastly I thank the Sangha for nurturing and molding me into the person I am today.

Thank you for listening.



Scott Tahara is a 2010 graduate of Homestead High School. He will attend Sacramento State University in the Fall

50th Anniversary Meeting—No Meeting in July

The date of the August meeting will be determined at the June 14th meeting.

**The 50th Anniversary celebration date is Saturday, October 22, 2011.
Confirmation Service, Sunday, October 23, 2011.**

Please all affiliated organization, send one of your representatives to these important meeting to get all the vital information and offer your ideas for we need your inputs. Important decisions are still being made. Pass on the information to your organization on the progress.

PLEASE ATTEND.

To Survive and to Find Happiness



Throughout my 18 years of existence, I like many fellow philosophers have stumbled upon the important fundamental questions of life. For instance, why is abbreviated such a long word? Or why is a boxing ring a square? Or can a hearse carrying a coffin drive in the carpool lane? Yes, these questions seemed important but a newer more pressing matter was upon me. What am I going to write about in my senior talk?

I drafted a few speeches and read them aloud and yet none of them really captured what the Temple has meant to me. I then wondered, well why do I go to Temple? The short answer? Well my dad works there and it would be rude not to show up.

But seriously, why do we go to Temple? Why do church-goers go to church? Why do Jews go to synagogue or Muslims to their mosques? And then it hit me, and I realized what I wanted to talk about.

Generally speaking, I believe most people struggle to do two things in life. One is to survive, and the other is to find happiness. At the conclusion of my senior year, I believe that my supreme motivation for coming to temple is to learn different ways to attain gratitude and ultimately happiness. This was not always the case.

By Curtis Koyama

From my toddler days I came to temple because I had to. That's where my Mommy and Daddy were. I recalled eating snacks in the pews and coloring in the lines during Dharma school. I had no self-motivation to do anything in those days.



As I grew older, in my elementary school years, Temple became more of a chore rather than anything. Shocking coming from the son of a Buddhist minister huh?

However, going to Temple in my Middle School and Early High School years was fueled by the prospect of girls and friends. All of a sudden there were girls who liked me, conferences, volleyball tournaments, picnics, and other good stuff for a teenage boy with lots of hormones to do. Going to the Temple for spiritual guidance or happiness? Out of the question. What then made this change in my perspective? It was the following experiences that really changed my outlook on life.

In my freshmen year, our YBA teacher Mrs. McCoy brought in a Stanford student named Tyler Dum. He had multiple types of cancer and had prosthetic eyes

and a prosthetic leg. He went through many operations and chemotherapy. Looking at Tyler, I immediately felt sorry for him. He was blind and had to maneuver with one real leg.

Throughout all this, Tyler remained one of the happiest and joyful people that I have ever met. He said he was studying to become a physical therapist. Tyler taught me how to play the hand you are dealt, and to always sort to the positive. He remains one of the few people I regard to as enlightened or as close to enlightened as possible.

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Ironically, sometimes you need to familiarize yourself with the prospect of death, before you can begin to understand what life is all about. My mom had breast cancer several years ago. I remember the news erupted like a bomb-shell.

The ECHO

To Survive and to Find Happiness (cont'd from Page 9)

**You
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the Grim Reaper**

**by
living longer.**

**You beat
the Reaper**

**by
Living well.**

—Randy Pausch

Yet though it was truly a horrible experience, it solidified the idea that life is short and unpredictable. We aren't guaranteed a set number of years. Today could be our last day. Her battle with cancer taught me how to say the things that mean the most when you have the chance, because you never know when it's too late.

At this time, I'd like to tell my Mom, Dad, Justin, and Tommy, that I love you guys with all my heart.

As you get older, you realize the world has a very dark side to it. I attended a camp called "Camp Everytown" which tackled issues such as racism, sexism, and prejudice. Not only did I discover my own prejudice and programmed stereotypes, I learned the experience of fellow students, and the struggles they had with family, friends, and society. It opened my eyes to see that I really have a solid life complete with family, food, shelter, friends, and a Temple to go to when I have hard times.

Now it always seems that you learn how special something is to you right before you have to say goodbye. The temple wasn't just literally my home. It was my skate park, my basketball court, my driving range, my relaxation spot, my homework study space, my thinking space, and much much more.

Experience after experience always could be related to the Temple and coming to the Temple every Sunday served as a reminder

to slow down and take things into perspective. The greatest lesson I have attained from Buddhism is to always be grateful for what you have because someone else in the world is suffering.



Before I end my talk I have a few words of advice. To all the little kids, coming to Temple might seem like a drag. I remember how hard it was to sit still when I was your age. But give it some time, and when you are my age, you will thank your parents for bringing you and raising you in such an awesome environment.

To all my middle school and high school kids, often times we distance ourselves from our families and never really take the time to appreciate our parents. Don't let a day go by where they don't know how much you appreciate everything they do for you.

For all my other people of the Temple. My advice to you is to never forget that your efforts around the Temple never go unnoticed. You are truly some of the hardest, most generous working people that I have ever met. The time you put into Obon, Chicken

Teriyaki, and practically every other fundraiser is truly amazing. I can speak for all of the young folks and say that you are all our heroes.

Happiness often seems like an impossible quest. But I thoroughly believe that following the Teachings of the Buddha, and putting them into practice can improve your quality of life immensely.

Time is short, but as Randy Pausch said, "you don't beat the grim reaper by living longer. You beat the reaper by living well." What well means to you is your own opinion. For me however, it is to be happy with what you have, love your family and friends, and to take chances. This last point is very important to me. You usually never regret the dumb things you do in life. On your deathbed, it will be all of the things you didn't do that you regret. Just like Obon dancing or the familiar Nike slogan, sometimes you just need to go out and just do it.

In conclusion, although I may not know why hot dogs come in packages of 8 while hot dog buns come in packages of 10, or why the third hand on the watch is called the second hand, I believe I do realize how much this Temple has shaped and changed me. And I can honestly say, I have found happiness in my life because of it. Thank you.

Curtis Koyama is a 2010 graduate of Mountain View High School and will attend Arizona State University in the fall.

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:

Kent Abe	Akira Inamori	Kakuemon Nagasaki	Kitao Sakai
Thomas Arakaki	Atsushi Inouye	John Nagatoishi	Miyuki Sakano
Masataro Fujii	Asa Ishimaru	Edward Nakano	Shimano Satake
Masao Fukumoto	Satoshi Ishimaru	Janice Nakashima	George M. Sato
Dorothy Furuichi	George Izumi	Magoji Nakashima	Koma Shinke
Masuo Hamada	Kimiko Kashima	Alice Nishimura	Hisayo Shinta
Hiroshi Haruta	Shigeo Kashima	Tomisaburo Oda	Sam Sugimoto
Mary Haruta	Itsume Kawamoto	Frank Ogata	Dora Suzuki
Ronald Higaki	Shina Kinaga	Iyano Ogawa	June Tokunaga
Akira Hiroshige	Sumiye Kito	Chieko Okamoto	Jack Tsuchida
Matsujiro Hiroshige	Albert Kobayashi	Alfred Okubo	Nobuko Tsuchida
Minoru Hiroshige	Toshio Kochi	Tsuyo Okumura	Yukiye Watanabe
Takeshi Hori	John Kondo	Kin'ichi Okuno	Tom Yamaji
Minoru Horino	Kazuo Kurashige	Toshiko Okuno	Yumi Yokoo
Edith Hoshi	Chiyomi Masuda	Chiyo Ozawa	Totaro Yoshida
Aya Ichinaga	Haru Matsuzaki	Haruno Saito	
Misaye Ikebe	Kazuo Mayeda	Harry Sakae	
George Ikemiya	Yoshino Miyamoto	Warren Sakae	

Aug/Sept

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
Sept 5th

10:00 am

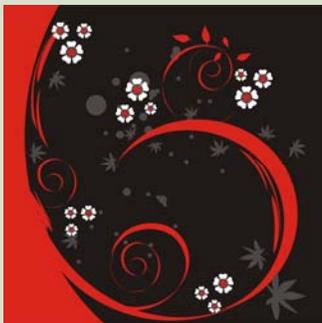
If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of *Shotsuki* names, please contact Rev. Koyama

E-mail

dkoyama@comcast.net

Phone (Temple Office)

650 964-9426



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

Levan Gray

May 10, 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

Calling all ABA Members!!!

Please come to help anywhere any time you can with MVBT's annual fund raiser. The Obon Bazaar is on July 17/18 but all during the week prior the temple is bustling with activities to prepare for this huge event.

Please contact Alice Ishida; Aggie Hirotsu or Ann Uyehara if you can help anytime at all between July 13 -18. Help is also needed after the event for take down and clean up.

Thanks in advance for your support.

ABA would like to thank the following for their generous donations to ABA:

Carolyn & Ron Murata

Celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, Chloe Sayuri Murata

George & Patty Ogino

For hosting them on the annual Reno trip.

Homecrafts

The temple bazaar is fast approaching and we are asking for your support of the Homecraft Booth. The success of the booth is dependent on the donations of crafted articles by members and friends of the temple. Aprons, blankets and afghans, kitchen and baby items, and accessories of all types are always very popular, but we welcome all donations. You may drop them off at the temple office, and please fill out a donation form so that we may acknowledge your contribution. Thank you for your support.

In gassho,
Jeanne Ohara & Miyo Yamanaga

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 YBA Cabinet

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V-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Religious Chair

Corresponding Secretaries

Activities Chair

Coast District Rep

Ashley Andrews

Nicole Andrews

Alex Muselman

Kelsey Sawamura

Amanda Yam

Kevin Schindler & Camille Hironaka

Adam Oshiro

Haley Sugimoto

YBA Camping Trip and Obon Coming Up

We sent 2 teams to the Bay District Volleyball Tournament on Memorial Weekend. Mountain Dew Code Red took 1st place and Mountain Dew Blue Shock took 3rd place! Thanks to both teams for representing Mountain View YBA.

We had our last Coast District Meeting and are planning our Coast District YBL conference for next spring. Our theme is Buddha Tunes. We will have a beach bonfire with

Coast District on Aug. 7th. Mountain View YBA will have our camping trip on June 25-27 to invite incoming freshmen and send off our graduating seniors. We are also inviting YBA alumni.

Thank you very much to the 2009 -2010 cabinet. We had a very fulfilling year.

Now, we need to get ready for the Obon! YBA will make spam

musubi and package and sell California roll. We will also be decorate the towers and booths and help shuck corn, skewer beef and help in other areas.

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



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Last Month to Enjoy Senior Crafts & Activities Thursdays

Senior Activities Resume in September

June 17th (Thur) 9:00— 12:00 Last Craft & Activity Day

Please mark it on your calendar that this will be our final Thursday for the summer break. Our usual meeting time for our Craft Activity in the YBA Hall, Everyone is welcome, including the young, the elders and men. 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

Sept 2nd (Thur) 9:00— 12:00 Craft & Activity Day Resumes

Looking ahead, we have some interesting tours and events you may want to note on your calen-

dar. We will be involved with **Midori Kai, having a manju sale on September 11th.** Also in September, we will have our second Reno trip, and the sign up for this is 1st of July.

October Day Trip

To Apple Hill, Vision Quest, Gizdich Ranch and lunch at Phil's Fish. This will take us into Salinas, Moss Landing and Watsonville.

Sign up for this tour is August 1st. The trip will be \$70.00. Call Chuck Uyeda.

The Senior Craft Group have been working on many crafts preparing for the bazaar. Again, it will

be a great year for the Craft and Homemaking booth. We want to thank the Craft members for being involved and helpful supporting the bazaar.

Again, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the monetary donations, the time and energy spent supporting our craft projects and the materials 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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BWA Is Ready for Obon Bazaar

BAZAAR

BWA members are geared up for a very busy bazaar week. They have ordered food and supplies needed in the dining room. Lists for various crews are updated, and contacts made with the individuals.

Food preparations begin on Saturday, July 10, and continue every day throughout the week. In addition, BWA will prepare the luncheon for all the workers on Saturday, July 19, and dinner for workers on Wednesday, July 21. BWA is ready to work!

Federation BWA Conference

With the Coast District BWA hosting the Federation BWA Conference in October, 2012, the conference committee met on May 29, 2010 at San Jose Betsuin to discuss

and start the groundwork. MVBT BWA is in charge of registration (Sumi Uyeda) and hospitality room (Amy Imai and Mitsue Fukuda).

Next meeting, in conjunction with CD BWA cabinet meeting, is scheduled for September 18, 2010, 1:00 PM, at MVBT.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

To **Alyssa Imai** for her graduation article in the June ECHO. Her personal observation and description of BWA ladies as kind, friendly, and dedicated, have given members a special encouragement and a good, uplifting feeling. BWA is very grateful for such a warm acknowledgment

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Hiroji Kariya

In memory of Yasuko Kariya (\$100)

Sasayo Okazaki

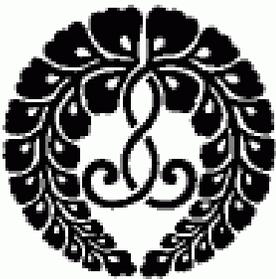
In memory of Yasuko Kariya (\$25)

NEXT MEETING

July 10, 2010

8:00 AM at Sangha Hall

NOTE: Oboro making immediately following the meeting.



Buddhist Women's Association



Thank You for a Successful Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

Our Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser last month was a great success thanks to you!

Thanks to all the Temple members, affiliated organizations, friends, and non affiliated organizations like Nakayoshi Gakko and Tri-City, who once again helped make this Temple fundraiser a



success. On behalf of zone 9, I would like to thank the entire Sangha for their great support.

Gary Tahara



KIMONO TRUNK SHOW

Thursday, July 8, 2010
6 – 9 P.M.

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?Questions? Call Julie Hoshida Joyce (650) 799-7567

Club 150 News

Congratulations to the June, 2010, 150 CLUB winner, **Ben & Kay Horita**. There are 6 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
JUL	Zones 12 & 13	N/A	N/A
AUG	Zones 1 & 2	Aug. 19	Aug 13
SEP	Zones 3 & 4	Aug. 23	Aug 15

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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Mountain View Buddhist Temple 25th Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

When: Sunday, August 29, 2010
Course: Sunnyvale Muni Golf Course - (408) 738-3666
 605 Macara Lane (off Maude Avenue) Sunnyvale
Time: First tee-off at 10:00am
ALL GOLFERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE 9:30am
Fee: \$100.00 (Includes green fees, trophy, barbecue dinner, prizes & appreciable contribution toward the Scholarship Fund).
 Carts are NOT included.
Entry Fee Deadline: Friday, August 13, 2010. You may make up your own foursome.
 Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for \$20.00 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 4:30pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by August 13, 2010

Make checks payable to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple, with footnote *Sasaki Scholarship*.

Mail all entries and dinner reservations to: Richard Endo (408) 739-5269
 1158 Crespi Drive
 Sunnyvale, CA 94086

-----Please mail this portion with your check:-----

25th Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

NAME	Handicap	Or Avg SCORE	CART Yes/No
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Golfers - \$100 x number of golfers	#	\$
Dinner Only - \$20 x number of people	#	\$
Total Amount Due		\$

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Dharma School Ends 6/20

Obon Bazaar July 17-18th



Heartfelt and humorous, speeches by our graduating high school seniors Joseph Adachi, Curtis Koyama, Bryan Tachibana and Scott Tahara are included in this month's edition

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

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