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Sep Highlights

- ***9/5, Sun 10:00 AM***
  Aug/Sep Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service
  (No Dharma School)
- ***9/6, Mon 7:30 PM***
  Religious Planning Mtg
- ***9/8, Wed 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Mtg
- ***9/12, Sun 10:00 AM***
  Fall Ohigan & Welcome Back to Dharma School

  11:00 AM—First Day of Dharma School
- 12:00 PM—Welcome Back Luncheon hosted by Dharma School
- ***9/27, Sun 10:00 AM***
  Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park
  (No Services at Temple)
- ***10/9, Sat 8:00 PM***
  ABA Benefit Dance for the BCA Center for Buddhist Education

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Crossing Over

By Reverend Dean Koyama

This summer, I had quite a few physical opportunities to "cross over" to distant lands. I crossed over the blue Pacific Ocean to vacation in Hawaii. Then I crossed over the green Sierra Nevada Mountain range to attend a Minister's meeting in Reno. This was immediately followed by a third trip to cross over the golden, hot desert and state lines into Tempe, Arizona. Each trip had a distinct purpose. The first was for pleasure; the second, for work; and the third, for family obligations.

Yet, on all these trips spanning many miles of crossing over, it was always good to be back home.

Similarly, we will also be "crossing over" in time and seasons, from Summer to Fall. With this in mind, we will be welcoming all of you "back home" to the Temple on September 12th with our Fall Ohigan Service.

"Crossing Over" is the theme of O-Ohigan. The idea is to "cross over" this shore of delusion and ignorance and arrive upon the "Other Shore" of the Pure Land or Nirvana -Enlightenment. In fact, the fundamental theme or purpose of Buddhism is to transform delusion and ignorance into enlightenment.

What does the Pure Land really mean?

Every once in awhile, I am asked, "Is the Pure Land real?" or "Does the Pure Land really exist?" The Buddha warned us about asking these kinds of question and instead challenged us to ask, "What does it mean?" or "What does the Pure Land really mean?"

I try to answer this question by explaining our O-naijin or altar. The O-naijin is a physical representation of the Pure Land based upon the sutras delivered by Sakyamuni Buddha. I once asked our Dharma School students "When you look at the altar, what words come immediately to mind?" and I wrote their re-

Sense of Community

By Glenn Kitasoe

We have many different events at our Temple, and some take more effort than others. Most are Temple Fundraisers, a means to make monies to cover our expenses. Temple Members know how much work is involved; it's all voluntary and can take many people hours to put on these events.

Obon is our biggest fundraiser, in terms of monies raised and in number of people hours needed to put on an event of this magnitude. Obon actually starts with meetings in April to get all members on track for this event. As the days progress so does the activity level.

During Obon it intensifies so Friday through Sunday feels like a week. The amount of time spent probably works out to a week's worth.

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26 10:00 AM Sangha Day picnic/Cuesta Park	*27* 7:00 PM Kendo	*28* 6:30 PM Taiko 7:00 PM Shodo Kai 7:30 PM 50th anniv. album meeting	*29* 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Tri-City Assn. meeting/Ech	*30* 9:00 AM Senior activity 10:00 AM Homestead HS/Sangha Hall kitchen 6:30 PM Taiko		

Religious Planning Committee Report—July/Sep

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.

Sept 19th 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: High School Class***

Rev. Koyama will be speaking at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple.

Sept 26th 10:00 AM—SANGHA DAY PICNIC ***Chaired by: Fuji Club***

NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE. Service will be at Cuesta Park for the Sangha Day Picnic.

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 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

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

Sep 25, 2010 at the JSC

The Keynote Speaker will be Peter Hata, a Minister's Assistant from West Covina Higashi Hongwanji and manager of the website Living Dharma. There will also be a Dharma Talk from Rev. Ken Yamada of the Berkeley Higashi Hongwanji Temple. Registration is $60 for BCA Members and due on Aug 25.

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

Crossing Over (Cont'd from Page 1)

sponses on the board. At first, their responses focused upon the physical appearances: gold, ornate, Asian, intricate, expensive, etc. However, after a few minutes, their responsive became more provocative: stuffy, haughty. An 8th grade girl declared "ostentatious" and I had to try to spell that word in front of everyone.

I was taken aback by their responses. Our altar is truly beautiful especially since we recently had a good portion restored with new gold leaf and black lacquer. How could our altar that represents the ultimate in Purity and perfection be considered stuffy and ostentatious? Then I realized the altar isn't just a representation of Enlightenment. It is a representation of "Me."

Last year I was asked to be a guest speaker in the Central Valley area. I was to speak at one temple in the morning and another temple in the afternoon. As I do here, the resident minister introduces the guest speaker before giving his message. I didn't know the resident minister of this first temple very well, but I respect him, as he is one of our more senior ministers in the BCA. The minister talked about the usual: where I was born, where I went to school and which temples I have served. Then he tells his Sangha members, "We are very fortunate to have Rev. Koyama be our speaker this morning because he is the most handsome minister of the BCA."

I sheepishly got up to speak and tried to shake off the minister's compliment by saying, "I think Sensei needs new glasses." But I still appreciated the comment.

Later after finishing the service at the afternoon temple, as I was enjoying some tea and refreshments, one of the members came up to me and said, "I heard you had to speak at such-and-such temple this morning."

I replied, "Yes, I did."

The member continued, "Did Rev. So-and-so introduce you as 'the most handsome minister in the BCA'?"

"Yes, he did. How did you know?" I was truly flattered.

"That's how he introduces all of his guest speakers." My ego plummeted to the ground completely shattered.

Usually, we try to project an image of ourselves as good, decent human beings. We may know that we are not the most beautiful or sexiest people on earth, but we don't consider ourselves the ugliest either. However, it is so very easy for our egos to become inflated with the smallest of compliments. I was riding high that someone thought I was handsome.

Then I discovered that he thinks everyone is. My ego fell because I was no longer special. I was jolted back to reality. This is the world of the shore of delusion and ignorance. This is where we let our ego of self-centeredness dictate how we perceive the world.

But as I truly think about it, is it such a bad thing that this person thinks everyone, including me, is handsome? That is the true world of Compassion and to have that perspective is truly living on the "Other Shore."

By becoming aware of the working of our self-centered nature through the illuminating light and life of wisdom and compassion we can cross over to the other shore of the Pure Land. But the Pure Land is not separate and apart from us. It is us.

Welcome back.
Namo amida butsu. Namandabu
Rev. Dean

The Pure Land is not separate and apart from us. It is us.

Federation BWA Conference Upcoming

BAZAAR

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE who worked so hard and diligently in all phases of the food preparation and undertaking other responsibilities in the kitchen and dining room!!

BWA's contribution to the success of the bazaar was possible because of all the help and support everyone gave. So, **THANK YOU!!**

FEDERATION BWA CONFERENCE

Next committee meeting will be held at MVBT on ***September 18, 2010***. This will be in conjunction with CD BWA cabinet meeting.

On October 9, 2010, 9:30 to 3:00, the Annual BCA FBWA Delegates' Meeting will be at the Sacramento Betsuin. Five MVBT BWA members will be attending,

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Kurato Nakamoto
In memory of Minako Nakamoto ($100)

Shinseki Family
In memory of Jeffry Shinseki ($100)

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, September 18th, 9:00 AM

Buddhist Women's Association

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save the date!

Keri Kai Lunch and Program
Sunday November 14th, 12 noon

Come to celebrate honoring our Seniors
Check for details in the next Echo.

This year's theme is "Kangeki" or Thankfulness

MVBT 50th Anniversary Japan Tour May 12 – 22, 2011

There is still space available for the MVBT 50th Anniversary Japan Tour. The tour will include attending the Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service at our Mother Temple in Kyoto, Japan.

We will be joined by several thousand others from Japan, BCA, Hawaii, and other parts of the world to observe this once-in-a-lifetime event. We will also travel to historical sites important in the life of Shinran and his wife, Eshin-ni. This will include traveling through the Japan Alps by cable car and skyway trams for breathtaking views of the scenery, as well as a couple of stays at traditional Japanese Inns in the Toyama-Niigata area famous for their fine foods, natural spring baths and delicious sake.

The first informational meeting for those signed up will be on **WED, Sept. 22nd at 7 PM.** A $500 deposit is required and the first installment payment of $1,000 will be needed by December 1, 2010. The final payment will need to be paid by March 1, 2011.

Also during our 5-day stay in Kyoto, the 14th World Buddhist Women's Conference will be held on May 16 and 17th. You may participate and observe in this conference for a separate registration fee, which will include a banquet with our Gomonshu, Koshin and Lady Noriko Ohtani.

Please contact Rev. Koyama or the temple website for the detailed itinerary and registration form.

Tour Spaces Still Available

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

Obon is our Community coming Together

Temple Members, family of members, friends of members, cousins of members, teammates of families, acquaintances of members, and various groups who use the Temple for their activities are all involved. Our Obon is multi-racial, participants range in age from 3-90 plus, and you don't have to be a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist to be a part of our Obon.

What am I getting to, if it were not for our Obon and other events, we would not get together, a Sense of Community. Everyone is doing their thing, coming together with one common goal of helping Mountain View Buddhist Temple run the Obon. Plain and simple, it's more work than you want to think about, but during that time, you are re-acquainting yourself with people who you may not have seen since last Obon or meeting new people. It's amazing how people come together, work unselfishly and, I believe, genuinely enjoy themselves.

Obon is a major project but one that goes beyond making monies. It is a time where people from all walks of life: young and old, wealthy and not-so-wealthy, come together for a common goal. It's certainly cultural, but beyond that it's our Community coming together. It's keeping our values and showing the younger generation what community is about. I hope we never give up on the idea of Obon and all the work needed, for it teaches us more about how we all can work together, without any barriers, to forge a Sense of Community.

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitasoe

50th Anniversary Meeting

September 13, 2010, 7:00 pm

Many decisions must be confirmed and a budget for the event will be determined. Everyone is urged to attend.

PLEASE ATTEND.

Contact Information Requested in Case of Emergencies

I have addressed this before but thought it needed to be reinforced. Our Temple members are precious and we want to do anything that would help them.

One item that I feel is important is a contact person in case of emergencies. We have had at least 3 medical emergencies where we have called 911 at the Temple. As a Temple, we want to take care of you and do what we can in a medical emergency.

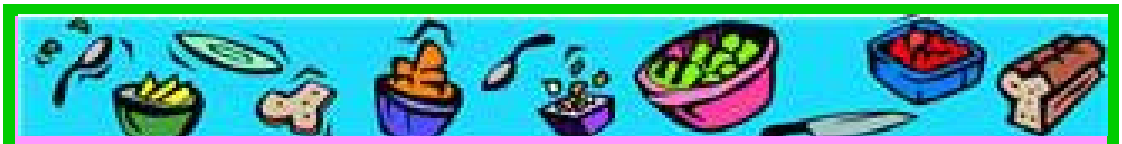
We would like to have a contact phone number and or cell number of family or friend in case such a emergency arises. This is not an age-related issue; an emergency situation can happen to anyone.

I will have the Zone Chairs ask for this information. It is completely voluntary, but it is also for your own safety. The information will be kept privately in the Office and marked for Emergency Use Only.

Please help us help you.

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitasoe



Sangha Day Picnic

Sunday, Sept 26th, @ Cuesta Park. Mountain View

All members and their families are invited. Come for food and fun (games for all ages). Enjoy the day eating, playing, renewing friendships, making new friends or just plain relaxing! We will start early with a fun walk at 9:00am for the early folks.

9:00am Fun walk
10:00am Service
11:00am Children's races
12 noon Barbecue / lunch
1:30pm Bingo
2:30pm Raffle

Your Zone chairperson or representative will be calling you for a count and a potluck request of either salad, rice or dessert in September. ***If you have not been contacted by Sept 20th a wish to attend, please call Rich Mori (408 735-9744 or Russ Nakano (408 733-7289)***

JOIN THE FUN !!!

Sangha Day Picnic Committee – Zone 4

Thank You from the Homecraft Booth

We thank the Temple members and friends of the Temple, the Thursday Senior Activity Group, and the MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736 for filling the Homecraft Booth with an array of wonderful homemade items.

We sincerely appreciate your time, effort and generosity in supporting this Temple fundraiser.

We are grateful to the donors and shoppers alike who contributed to the success of the Homecraft Booth this year.

We are already looking ahead and starting to develop projects that will produce items for next year's bazaar and would greatly appreciate donations of craft materials. The following items would be particularly useful:

Cotton fabrics
Asian prints are especially popular with shoppers. Even scraps of fabric are useful for trimming and accenting items.

Yarn for afghans

Washi paper
We would be able to make use of even small pieces of paper.

Cotton rice sacks for aprons
New cotton rice sacks are no longer available as rice is now being packaged in paper bags. Our only sources of fabric rice sacks are those who have old ones and are willing to donate them. Rice sack aprons continue to be one of the best sellers.

Thank you for continuing to support the Homecraft Booth.

In Gassho,

Jeanne Ohara &
Miyo Yamanaga

Old-Timers' Reunion Oct 9th @ Michael's at Shoreline

Oct 9th

11AM-2:30PM

Michael's at Shoreline

Reservations by 9/25

Traditionally it was a gathering for the old timers who lived in the area before the war. Everyone is invited to find out about the past and share stories with those who lived it. This year's emphasis will be on "Camp Memorabilia" (arts, crafts, and photos). Please bring them to the event.

Call Aiko Sugimoto
(408) 248-0546 to RSVP

Cost:
$25 per person for a buffet lunch

Reservation Deadline
Sep. 30th

Update from Haley Sugimoto, Outgoing YBA President

YBA Activities Update

Thanks to all of our YBA members and YBA parents for the hard work put forth for the Temple Obon in July. We helped skewer beef, decorate the yagura, shuck corn, and made the spam musubi. The spam musubi and California rolls sold out early on both nights of the Obon.

Eight YBA members went to the end of the year Coast District Beach Bonfire outing at Rio Del Mar. It was well attended by Coast District YBL with approximately 28 members attending from Watsonville, Salinas, San Jose and Mountain View.

I would like to thank everyone for all of the support the YBA receives every year from the Temple and its members. The support is greatly appreciated and we hope to have another fun and exciting year with the new YBA cabinet.

I enjoyed my time serving as YBA president and learned so much about leadership, friendship and how Buddhism impacts our lives in so many different ways. I will never forget this past year and I will surely miss it.

In Gassho,

Haley Sugimoto
YBA President 2009-2010

The "Mind that is Single" Is Not "Single Mindedness"

Be sure to read

John Arima's

JSCC Course Essay

The following is from the JSCC Jodo Shinshu II. As always, I 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 is simply my response to the question posed by the course and not the only answer.

What is the relationship between the "mind that is single" and the practices of the five gates of mindfulness?

To examine the relationship between the "mind that is single" and the five gates of mindfulness, we must first examine the meaning of a "mind that is single". Through the study of T'an Luan's Commentary on Vasubandhu's Treatise on the Pure Land, Shinran was able to realize that "single mindedness" is not an individual's focused desire for enlightenment; but the "single mindedness" of shinjin. From Shinran's Kyogyoshinsho, Chapter on Shinjin, is a response to the question of why Vasubandhu, the author of the Treatise, refers to "the mind that is single" when the Primal Vow established The Threefold Mind of a sincere mind, entrusting, and aspiring for birth in the Pure Land.

"Here, in considering the literal meanings of the terms for them, we find that the three minds are the mind of truth and reality, free from any taint of falsity; they are the mind right and straightforward, free from any taint of wrong or deceit. Truly we know, then, that this is called shinjin because it is untainted by the hindrance of doubt. Shinjin is the mind that is single. The mind that is single is shinjin that is true and real. Therefore, the author of the Treatise states, at the outset, "With the mind that is single." Reflect on this."

Shinran realized that Vasubandhu

The "Mind that is Single" Is Not "Single Mindedness" (cont'd fr. p. 9)

was saying that there is a path for anyone to be born in the Pure Land and achieve enlightenment. This path was to entrust in the Other Power of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow and achieve shinjin awareness. If we take the perspective that all shinjin comes from the Other Power of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, then every sentient being who achieves shinjin awareness shares the same shinjin and is of a "single mind".

Vasubandhu was originally ordained in the Sarvastivada school, a Hinayana order of Buddhism but later converted to Mahayana, becoming a Yogacara master. The Yogacara school focused on the idea that all existence was a result of consciousness. Realization of the unity of one's consciousness with the world through meditation leads to Enlightenment. Based in Yogacara thought, Vasubandhu developed a system of practice to achieve birth in the Pure Land called the 5 gates of mindfulness. Those gates are:

1. Worshipping Amida Buddha
2. Praising his virtue by invoking his Name
3. Aspiring for birth in the Pure Land
4. Contemplating Amida, the Pure Land, and the Bodhisattvas dwelling there
5. Transferring merit to other sentient beings in order to save them from suffering.

Through the first 4 gates, one received the benefit of achieving birth in the Pure Land. The fifth gate is an expression of the bodhisattva ideal of benefitting others to help them achieve birth in the Pure Land. Once all 5 gates have been passed, one attains Enlightenment. This system of practice has two aspects: causal practices and resultant states. The 5 results corresponding to the 5 practices are:

1. Approaching the gate
2. Joining the Great Assemblage
3. Entering the house
4. Entering the inner chamber
5. Playing in the garden

From "The Three Pure Land Sutras" by Dr. Hisao Inagaki, the following is an explanation of the 5 results:

"The 5 resultant states are shown by the analogy of gradual access to the inner chamber of a house; after reaching it, one comes out in the garden. The Great Assemblage is that of innumerable Bodhisattvas in the Pure Land. Those born there all become Bodhisattvas and as such participate in the endless Buddhist activity."

The analogy shows each gate leading to a progression towards birth in the Pure Land until bodhisattvahood is achieved. Once this state has been reached, the reference of "playing in the garden" as a result of the fifth gate is the return of the bodhisattva to aid others to attain Enlightenment.

As one contemplates the five gates, it appears that they are practices based primarily on Self Power. Since the origin of these gates was the Yogacara thought of Vasubandhu, it is natural that it is based in meditative practice. However, the "mind that is single" is shinjin and originates from the Other Power of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. There needs to be a bridge between the "mind that is single" and the practices of the five gates of mindfulness. The bridge which defined the relationship between the "mind that is single' and the five gates of mindfulness is the single-mindedness of Amida Buddha. From Shinran's Kyogyoshinsho, Chapter on Practice is part of a response to a question on those who have passed the 5 gates of mindfulness:

"Generally stated, it is because birth in the Pure Land, and the practices performed by the bodhisattvas, human beings, and devas there as well, are all brought to fulfillment by the power of the Primal Vow of Amida Tathagata. If one asks why this should be so, the reason is that were it not for the Buddha's power, the Forty-eight Vows would have been made in vain. Here, let us verify this by taking up the 3 relevant Vows."

In other words, because of the single-mindedness of Amida Buddha as he performed his practice of declaring his Forty-eight Vows for the benefit of all sentient beings, the practices of the five gates of mindfulness are present within the "mind that is single". By virtue of merit transference, all who single-mindedly practice while entrusting, without doubt, in Amida Buddha's Primal Vow will realize the benefit of the corresponding resultant states of the five gates of mindfulness. This suchness is the relationship between the "mind that is single" and the practices of the five gates of mindfulness.

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Join ABA for Keep on Dancin' Benefit Dance—Oct 9th

ABA member plan to enjoy a Giants' game on August 25th. Irene Uchiyama & Joanne Makishima are coordinating this activity. 37 seats will be taken by MVBT ABA. Go Giants!!!

CHANGE THAT DATE!!!
The ABA dance has been changed from October 16 to OCTOBER 9, 2010!!! It will feature the same great band "Somethin' Else". If you missed it last year don't make the same mistake again this year. Come to the ABA Dance "Keep On Dancin'"!!!

REMEMBER OCTOBER 9TH!
Go to the website below for more information and to register:

Deadline is September 25th.

DONATIONS
Gratefully Acknowledged

Yanaba Family
In memory of Mieko Nakano's father

Register for Keep on Dancin' **http://sites.google.com/site/abadance**

Thank You

From
Ken Nakano &
Doug Sawamura
Zone 12
Bazaar Co-chairs

Congratulations on Another Successful Obon Bazaar!

On behalf of the MVBT and Zone 12, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's Obon Festival & Bazaar the best ever! Thanks to everyone's hard work, we exceeded last year's gross revenue. This is a huge accomplishment given our current economy. All booth chairs and committee leaders will be meeting on August 18 to review this year's results.

Next year, Zone 13 will be chairing this event so please give Dave Maruyama and his team all your support!

150 Club News

We had a winner for the July, 2010, 150 Club winner, Aggie Hirotsu and for the month of August, Jane Tokutomi.

There are 4 more monthly drawings plus the big December bonus drawing.

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

Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
SEP	Zones 3 & 4	Sep 16	Sep 10
OCT	Zones 5 & 6	Oct 20	Oct 15
NOV	Zones 7 & 8	Nov 18	Nov 12

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

The 12 Points of Scouting

Alex Tseng-Troop 87 Scribe

Photographs:

Top: Scouts are collecting money for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival fundraiser

Middle: Scouts create a Monkey Bridge at the Sangha Picnic

Bottom: Chopping firewood at Yosemite is volunteering and a day of fun rolled into one

Scouting. As the unbelievably amazing lifestyle it is, it includes a copious 12 points, also known as the Scout Law. I would like to talk about just a few of these points.

HELPFUL

A Scout must be helpful. It doesn't mean that he has to work incredibly hard every day of his life 24/7, but he should as soon as he is able. Being helpful is the type of value that really makes Scouting a pleasure to yourself, and others around you.

FRIENDLY

Well, actually, two of the points are *friendly* and *kind*, but I think that they can be paired together. Remember The Grinch Who Stole Christmas? The Grinch was definitely NOT friendly. A Scout will be the complete opposite, being not only comrades, but true friends, to all.

COURTEOUS

What does it mean to be courteous? Well, courtesy can be as simple as holding a door open for someone. In the olden days, a common rule of thumb was to hold the door open for anyone who is ten seconds away. When you actually think about it, that's a long time. Nowadays, this rule is almost completely obliterated in a hurricane of bad manners and raucous behavior. However, if everyone does a little here and there, we can definitely reverse this and bring peace to even the smallest of communities

CHEERFUL

It is imperative that a Scout be cheerful. It is said that smiling is a chain reaction. When I walk down the street and someone smiles at me, I can't help but smile back, as my mood lightens, and I start smiling at other people too. As you can imagine, this can go pretty far. I'm not sure who started this chain reaction, but I think it might have been a Scout.

CLEAN

A Scout MUST be clean! I mean, seriously, would you want to be close friends with someone who smells like they don't even know what the word "soap" means? But clean can not only be physical, but mental and social. A Scout must be mentally clean, not clogged up with junk and runaway thoughts. Also, socially, a Scout must be a good acquaintance, one who possesses all 12 traits.

12 out of 12 is 100%

Earlier, I talked about 6 points of the Scout Law. Those are just some of the important traits of a Scout. The other points are: Trustworthy, Loyal, Obedient, Thrifty, Brave, Reverent. Together, these 6 with the earlier6 make the 12 points of the Scout Law. Now, all of these points are important, but they are a little bit harder to talk about, so instead of having a big paragraph, the other 6 points will only have a sentence (Sorry, but I only have so much room)

TRUSTWORTHY—A Scout deserves trust, and people can depend on him

LOYAL—A Scout it true to everyone around him

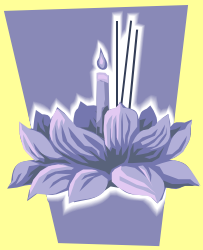
OBEDIENT—A Scout follows all rules of his community and country

THRIFTY—A Scout can pay his way and help others

BRAVE—A Scout can face danger despite fear, and has courage

REVERENT—A Scout it faithful toward God and is dutiful

Condolences



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

Jeffrey J. Shinseki	***June 14, 2010***
Josephine Hoshiko	***July 30, 2010***

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

Senior Activities —Fall Trips

Senior Activities for September & October

September 2nd Thu
We will resume our usual Craft Activity in the YBA Hall, every Thursday from 9:00AM to 12PM. Everyone is welcome. 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 11th Sat
We will be involved with Midori Kai, having a manju sale .

September 22nd & 23rd
Our Reno Trip. The bus is filling up fast. Please call Chuck Uyeda (408-736-5141) for this trip

October 2nd & 3rd
2-day While Elephant and Craft item Sales. Exact time will be announced in the next issue. Mark the dates on your calendar.

October Day Trip
A 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. We will stop at Vision Quest and have a private tour of circus animals at this ranch, which is like a refuge for exotic animals. After lunch, we will take a trip to Gizdich Ranch, where we can sample their famous apple pie. Please sign up for this tour. The trip will be $70.00. Call Chuck Uyeda.

The Senior Craft Group have been working on many crafts preparing for upcoming programs. It will be a great year for the Craft and Homemaking booth. Thank you to the Craft members for supporting the bazaar.

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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Our Sangha includes over 520 members

Membership Update

Our Sangha has **335 families/ households** which include over 520 individual members.

As of August 11th, **88% of our membership have paid their 2010 dues**. Reminder statements will be sent in September.

Recent new members in Zone 10: **Amy Guthrie & Richard Acuff**.

New members are always welcome. Download information regarding membership at the Temple website, or phone the office (650) 964-9426.

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 August and September Shotsuki will be combined on September 5, 2010. The Shotsuki loved ones are:

Aug/Sep

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

September 5

10:00 am

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

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**

october 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Shotsuki Hoyo 11:00 AM Dharma School 11:00 AM White Elephant sale 11:30 AM YBA mtg. & Hall 12:00 PM Taiko	*4* 11:00 AM Senior activity comm. meeting 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Religious planning meeting	*5* 6:30 PM Taiko 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	*6* 7:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 7:30 PM Tri-City Youth Group	*7* 12:02 PM Senior activity 6:30 PM Taiko	*8* 4:30 PM Calligraphy class 6:00 PM ABA dance set up 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Fuji Club 7:30 PM ABA/conf. room & YBA Hall	*9* 8:30 AM BCA/FBWA/Sancra ABA Dance/Sangha Hall
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What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo (永代読経).**

Ei means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. ***Tai*** means generations. ***Kyo*** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. ***Doku*** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

永代読経

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious services such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of $500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Minister's spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years. No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

In this Echo—Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing summer.

Mark your calendars for Sept 5 for the Aug/Sept Shotsuki Hoyo service. Please note that there is no Dharma School that day. The first day of Dharma School is the following Sunday, September 12th. Check the calendar for the complete list of events.

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

In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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