



## Oct Highlights

- **9/27, Sun 10:00 AM**  
Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park  
(No Services at Temple)
- **10/3, Sun 10:00 AM**  
Oct Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service
- **10/4, Mon 7:30 PM**  
Religious Planning Mtg
- **10/9, Sat 7:00 PM**  
ABA Benefit Dance
- **10/10, Sun 10:00 AM**  
Coast District Dharma School Activity Day, Sea Cliff Beach, Watsonville
- **10/13, Wed 7:30 PM**  
Temple Board Mtg
- **10/23, Sat 9:00 AM**  
Fall Ohigan Seminar  
Guest Lecturer: Rev. Harry Bridge, Oakland Buddhist Temple
- **10/24, Sun 10:00 AM**  
Guest Speakers: Ashley & Nicole Andrews

## Check One Off The Bucket List

One of my lifelong dreams has been to swim with dolphins. As a kid, I grew up watching Flipper, the TV show. It was so cool when the boy would hold onto Flipper's dorsal fin and swim so fast around the lagoon. For a time, this also led me to want to be a trainer at Sea World for the dolphins and killer whale shows. To this day, when they ask for volunteers at the dolphin and whale shows, I raise my hand, but they always pick some cute kid instead.

As we were flying to Hawaii for our summer vacation and looking at the airline magazine, Linda pointed to an ad "To swim with

**By Rev. Dean Koyama**

the dolphins" at a High End Resort. She says, "You should do this, this time. It's your lifelong dream."

However, it was several hundred dollars per person and I didn't want to be the only one to do it. I want it to be an experience for all of us. So I have always refrained.

A few days after we had arrived, we decided to go snorkeling. As we got out of our car, a very friendly and humorous fellow approached and asked if we wanted to rent kayaks. We had never kayaked before. But this

*Proclaiming the unexcelled Mahayana teaching,*

*He would attain the stage of joy and be born in the land of happiness.*

*Nagarjuna clarified the hardship on the overland path of difficult practice,*

*And leads us to entrust to the pleasure on the waterway of easy practice.*

*Shinran's Shoshin-ge, the Collected Works of Shinran, p. 71*

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Your Zone chairs are a dedicated group of volunteers. They are distributing any information that needs to be passed out, tickets for our different events or collecting the different donations for our special services. They are the ones who get things done and organize

## Zone Chairs Working for Temple Members

**By Glenn Kitasoe**

the events at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, from Sangha Day Picnic, Keiro Kai, Mochitsuki, Chicken Teriyaki, and Obon. Did you also know that each and every month one of our Zones takes care of the Shotsuki Hoyo Service, bringing Osonae for the Onajin and preparing refreshments after the service.

Being part of the board you see how things are done behind the scenes and something I feel we

should all be a part of. We have so many wonderful members its a privilege to work with them. I hope everyone when asked will also be a part of our Board and Zone group functions. You will have a more appreciation and gratitude for what goes on at Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

**In Gassho,**

**Glenn Kitasoe**  
MVBT President

# october 2010

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## Mountain View Buddhist Temple

## Religious Planning Committee Report—October

**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.

**Oct 3rd 10:00 AM—Shotsuki Hoyo Service** **Chaired by: 5th/6th Grade**



**Oct 10th 10:00 AM—Coast District Dharma School Activity Day**

Normal Sunday service, but no Dharma School.



**Oct 17th 10:00 AM** **Chaired by: 4th Grade**



**Oct 24rd 10:00 AM** **Chaired by: 3rd Grade**

Guest Speakers: Ashley & Nicole Andrews



**Oct 31st 10:00 AM**

Dharma School Halloween Activity for Pre-K



### 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

#### 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 was due on Aug 25.

For  
more information  
on seminars  
at the JSC,  
please visit  
[www.cbe-bca.org](http://www.cbe-bca.org)

# The ECHO

## Check One Off The Bucket List (Cont'd from Page 1)

fellow was very persistent. He said he would give us a good deal even help us into and out of our kayaks. He would give us 2 kayaks for \$25 a piece for the whole day.

Linda said, "Why don't we try it?" But being "Mr. El Cheapo." I kept thinking, "We can go snorkeling for free." Reluctantly, I agreed. What the heck, we only live once. Let's go for it. We made the deal.

Life vests on, we were ready to kayak. Among Justin, Tommy, Linda and me, who was going to ride with whom?" Justin quickly volunteered, "I'll ride with Tommy." To which Tommy immediately responded, "I'll ride with Justin." So that left me with...Linda.

Justin and Tommy took off effortlessly. Linda and I had problems. I rocked the kayak so much that there was already water in the seating area for Linda. He handed us our paddles and we were finally off.

Justin and Tommy were already quite far ahead, but Linda and I finally lumbered to the middle of the bay. Just as we caught up to them, Tommy and Justin told us they think they saw dolphins headed to the other side of the bay.

"Really????!" I said. I was so excited. Here is my chance, to see dolphins up close in the wild. Not in some tank or man-made hotel lagoon. And best of all, it was free.

"Let's go take a look," I said. So Justin and Tommy take off again, cruising away with nice easy strokes. With every stroke, they were able to glide effortlessly across the bay.



Linda and I started after them, but our paddles were not synchronized at all. We would curve off away from where we wanted to go, and our paddles banged against each other.

My chance to see the dolphins was slipping away. "The dolphins are getting away, "I yelled at Linda. Come on paddle right."

Here it comes ... I'm losing my patience. My dream of swimming with the dolphins was escaping.

Here it comes...in desperation, I blurt out...

"Never mind, I'll do it myself." Linda said "Fine" and stopped paddling. I kept going by myself for a minute or so. Then I started to get tired. I had to rest. And so there we were floating in the middle of the bay all alone. My head was hanging down.

"Swimming with dolphins will just have to stay on my bucket list," I thought. "Maybe I will have to bite the bullet and pay to swim with the hotel dolphins."

And just then, I looked up, and in the distance, pair of dorsal fins were fast approaching. Then more dorsal fins appeared. I got my snorkel fins on, jumped in the water, and a pod of about 20 to 25 dolphins appeared. Some came to within 5 feet of our kayak.

It was an experience to remember. I can now take this lifelong dream off my bucket list.

Nagarjuna, the first of the 7 Masters of our Jodo Shinshu tradition gives us the metaphor that Buddhist practice like meditation, keeping precepts, giving, patience, concentration and others can be likened to traveling overland through steep mountains and canyons.

But the easy practice of just saying the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu is like crossing over the water in a boat. Even though I was on the water in a kayak, by using my self-effort and self-centered power, it was difficult to cross the bay in order to pursue the dolphins. However, realizing my impatience, awakening to my self-centered



## Check One Off The Bucket List (Cont'd from Page 4)

effort and motivations, I came to a point where I could go no longer.

This giving-up or letting-go does not mean that everything becomes hopeless. On the contrary, it is at this point where the truly hopeless becomes transformed into ultimate potential.

This is the point of Namu Amida Butsu. Instead of me chasing the dolphins, the dolphins came toward me. Instead trying to practice wisdom and compassion, wisdom and compassion already embrace me.

So although we say that the Fall and Spring equinoxes are the most ideal time to practice giving, discipline or right behavior, patience, endeavor, meditation, and wisdom it is limited when we practice them for our own self-centered motivation.

However, when we realize how truly limited we are and are awakened to the reality of wisdom and compassion constantly embracing us just-as-we-are, we in turn can begin to practice giving, discipline, patience, endeavor, meditation, and wisdom not with the thought

that it will get us somewhere, but with the thoughts of appreciation and gratitude of being there already.

Now that I've experienced sharing a kayak with Linda, I have to wonder if I should keep on my bucket list the wish to go touring the countryside on a tandem bicycle.

**Gassho,**

**Rev. Dean**

感謝

save the date!

*Keiro Kai Lunch and Program*  
Sunday November 14th, 12 noon

Come to celebrate honoring our Seniors  
RSVP by Friday, October 29th.

This year's theme is "Kansha" or **Thankfulness**

## Congratulations to the 2010-2011 YBA Cabinet

On September 12, 2010, the new YBA cabinet members were installed at the Sunday service.

The newly installed cabinet members include **President Ashley Andrews, Vice President Nicole Andrews, Treasurer Alex Muselman, Recording Secretary Kelsey Sawamura, Corresponding Secretary Kevin Schindler, Historian**

**Camille Hironaka, Religious Chair Amanda Yam, Activities Coordinator Adam Oshiro, and Mountain View Coast District Representative Haley Sugimoto.**

In addition, the first YBA meeting of the 2010-2011 year took place in the YBA Hall Board room where important upcoming events were discussed. Also, new mem-

bers are always welcomed and highly encouraged to join the YBA. Furthermore, I would just like to say that I look forward to the 2010-2011 year as the new YBA President.

**In Gassho,**

**Ashley Andrews**  
**2010-2011 YBA President**

**YBA**

**Updates**

# The ECHO

## Join MVBT Adult Choir—Forming Now!



This is a choir forming for MVBT members between the ages of 13 and 130. Our initial goal is to sing Buddhist Music, from ancient through modern, and perform a few times per year at temple services and festivals.

Hondo. We're currently deciding on a rehearsal night. It will probably be Monday, Wednesday or Thursday night, from 7-9pm.

No experience is necessary! Everyone is welcome!

Rehearsals start the week of October 18th, 2010, and will be one night per week from 7-9pm in the

Please show your interest by signing up for the email list and specifying your preference for rehearsal

night. You can sign up on our temple website (see url below) or by emailing directly to Jim Gray (jgray@elcaminostudios.com), or phone: 650-248-6047.

Also note: If you are interested in accompanying the MVBT choir on piano, organ or guitar, please sign up for that too!

**Join the Choir: <http://mvbuddhisttemple.org/10c-newsitem.html>**

## 50th Anniversary Meeting

**October 11th, 2010, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room**

These meetings are important, with critical decisions being made. Pass on the information to your organization on the progress.

**PLEASE ATTEND.**

## News from MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736



### **BRIDGING**

At the end of June, 17 Girl Scouts moved up to the next level. There were:

- Daisy to Brownies: 6 girls
- Brownies to Juniors: 3 girls
- Junior to Cadettes: 8 girls

### **PADMA AWARDS**

Six (6) Scouts completed the requirements for the BCA Girl Scout Padma Award.

**Brownie**—Vicki Shinkawa

**Juniors**—Brianna Lee, Maddie Matsumoto, Sarah Tan, Grace Tan & Lauren Tan

The Padma award from MVBT and BCA was presented to the girls during the June 20 Sunday Service.

### **SERVICE UNIT AWARDS**

Three leaders from MVBT Troop #60736 were recognized by the Mountain View Service Unit 5 as Outstanding Leaders. (Outstanding Leader Award recognizes an advisor or troop leader, assistant leader or coordinator for outstanding performance in working with girls.) Joy Watanabe, Wendy Ng, Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto

### **REGISTRATION**

Enrollment for the new Girl Scout year beginning in September is currently underway.

We are taking new membership Daisy, Junior and Cadette levels. Temple/Dharma School members have priority enrollment.

### **CADETTES**

We will be starting a Cadette level (6th, 7th, 8th grade) this Fall.

## Results from the Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

The 25th Annual Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, August 29th at the Sunnyvale Golf Course.

Proceeds from the golf tournament fund the **Sasaki Memorial Scholarship**. Annually a scholarship is given to a deserving Mountain View Buddhist Temple graduating High School Senior.

We had 44 golfers participate in this year's golf tournament. Weather conditions were very mild and calm. This produced some very low scores.

This year's 2010 Champion and Men's low net went to **Dale Sasaki (net 64)**. The Women's low net went to **Candice Maruyama (net 76)**. I'd like to thank all the

golf and dinner crew volunteers for all their hard work in making this fundraiser so successful. I'd also like to thank all golfer, guests and Temple members who year after year support the golf tournament. Special thanks to all the donations we received.

**In Gassho,  
Tournament Committee**



## Federation BWA Conference Upcoming

### **FEDERATION BWA DELEGATES' MEETING**

**October 9, 2010, 9:30 to 3:00**

Six Mountain View delegates and officers (Mitsue Fukuda, Toshiko Kawamoto, Tomiko Maruyama, Marie Ochi-Jacobs, Misao Tanouye, Sumi Uyeda) will be attending this National Federation BWA meeting at the Sacramento Betsuin.

### **NOVEMBER SERVICES**

BWA will be responsible for the month's services. Religious chair, Reiko Murakami, is planning and preparing the schedules and will be contacting members to participate in these services.

November 28th is a special memorial service for Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko and for the late BWA members. **REV. JAY SHINSEKI** will be guest minister.

### **DONATIONS**

*Gratefully Acknowledged*

**Isamu and Yuki Higa**  
Special donation (\$50)

### **NEXT MEETING**

Third Saturday,  
October 16th 9:00 AM



**Buddhist  
Women's  
Association**

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

ABA members are thankful to Irene Uchiyama & Joanne Makishma for coordinating all aspects of their trip to the Giants game. Everyone had a great time...unfortunately the Giants lost in extra innings.

**KEEP ON DANCIN'** especially on Saturday October 9, 2010. Come to the second annual ABA dance featuring the band "Somethin' Else"!!! Same great

band but they have added a female singer. Complimentary desserts & coffee at 10:30. Go to the following website below for more information and to register.

Deadline is September 25th

### **INTERESTED IN JOINING ABA?**

Come to Appreciation/New Member Dinner on Friday, November 11, 2010. Look for details in the next Echo.

### **DONATIONS**

*Gratefully Acknowledged*

**Rev. Laverne & Helen Sasaki**  
For invitation to see the Giants

**Isamu & Yuki Higa**  
Special donation

**Marilyn & Irving Ozawa**  
In memory of mother, Hatsuyo Ozawa

**Register for Keep on Dancin' <https://sites.google.com/site/abadance>**

# The ECHO

## Salvation: the Difficulty of the Easy Path—JSCC Course Essay

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

### Question

What religious understanding do you draw from the teaching of the “two aspects of the deep mind”?

### John’s Response

It is stated that the “two aspects of the deep mind” is the foundation of the Jodo Shinshu teaching of salvation based on the Other Power of Amida’s Vow. This is a very difficult concept for foolish beings to understand and especially difficult for those raised in Western culture where the meaning of salvation has deep Judeo-Christian roots. In order to more fully examine this concept, first the context in which Shan-tao explains the three minds necessary for birth in the Pure Land in his Commentary on the Contemplation Sutra will be discussed. This will lead to an examination of the “two aspects of the deep mind” with respect to salvation and the resulting conclusions of the personal religious understanding drawn from the teaching of “two aspects of the deep mind”.

In order to fully understand the “deep mind”, it is helpful to examine the three minds. From Dr. Hisao Inagaki’s translation of the

Contemplation Sutra, faith is used instead of mind.

“Those born in the Western Land are of nine grades. Those who attain birth on the highest level of the highest grade are sentient beings who resolve to be born in that land, awaken the three kinds of faith and so are born there. What are the three? They are, first, the sincere faith; second the deep faith; and third the faith that seeks birth there by transferring one’s merit. Those who have these kind of faith will certainly be born there.”



Shan-tao explains the three minds in his Commentary on the Contemplation Sutra. The sincere mind is the mind with which sentient beings understand and practice if they take as essential what was practiced by Amida with a true and real mind.

“What is given [by Amida] constitutes our aspiration; it is all true and real. Further, what is true and real falls into two types: self-benefitting with a true and real mind and [Amida’s] benefitting other with a true and real mind.” Thus, the sincere mind is the mind which has become a single mind

with Amida Buddha.

The deep mind is the mind which realizes the reality of our true nature as foolish beings and also fully entrusts in the Other Power of Amida’s Vow to ensure one’s birth in the Pure Land. Shan-tao’s discussion of the deep mind is very focused around Nembutsu practice as taught by Sakyamuni in the Amida Sutra to single-heartedly say the Name of Amida. Nembutsu practice is the true practice and other practices are auxiliary acts.

“Further, right practice is divided in two. First, single-heartedly practicing the saying of the Name of Amida alone – whether walking, standing, sitting, or reclining – without regard to the length of time, and without abandoning it from moment to moment: this is call “the act of true settlement,” for it is in accord with the Buddha’s Vow. [Second,] if one engages in worship, sutra-recitation, and so on, these are called “auxiliary acts.” All forms of good other than these two kinds of practice – true and auxiliary – are called “sundry practices”. . . They are all “irrelevant and sundry practices.”

Thus, the deep mind is the mind which has achieved shinjin and reached a state of non-retrogression.

The mind that seeks birth there by transferring one’s merit aspires for birth in the Pure Land via the merits of Amida’s Vow.

“Just be decisively settled, single-

## Salvation: the Difficulty of the Easy Path—JSCC Course Essay

heartedly hold to the Vow, and rightly and directly go forward, without paying attention to what others may say. If your heart advances and retreats, and you look back with weak and cowardly thoughts, you will fall from the path and forfeit the great benefit of birth.”

Thus the mind which seeks birth by transferring one’s merits is the mind which is gaining shinjin awareness, but has not yet become truly settled. This mind has not yet achieved a state of non-retrogression.

The three minds are analogous to how one can progress from being a foolish being, ignorant of one’s blind passions, to achieving shinjin, to achieving single-mindedness with Amida and achieving birth in the Pure Land.

With regard to the deep mind, there are two aspects distinguished by Shan-tao:

“(1) to accept in deep faith the fact that we are ordinary beings of karmic evils, who have been transmigrating since the eternal past without a chance to escape;

(2) to accept in deep faith the teaching that Amitabha’s Forty-eight Vows embrace us and that we shall definitely attain birth through the Power of his Vow.”

The manner in which these two aspects establish the basis for salvation centers around what specifically salvation means within the context of Jodo Shinshu thought.

“salvation 1: the saving of a person from sin or its consequences esp. in the life after death 2: the saving from danger, difficulty, or evil 3: something that saves”

From the Western definition of “salvation” we see that the primary meaning is based on the concept of sin and its Judeo-Christian context. The second meaning is more in line with the Jodo-Shinshu context of “salvation”. If the goal which Jodo-Shinshu followers are seeking is birth in the Pure Land, then the salvation is to be saved from the “Difficult Path” of achieving that goal.

T’an-luan defined the difference between “Easy Path” and “Difficult Path” by emphasizing the reliance of “Difficult Path” on Self Power. It is this reliance on Self Power that allows the possibility of continually falling back into the world of delusion. This leads to the second aspect of the deep mind, entrusting in the Other Power of Amida’s Vow which ensures birth in the Pure Land, being that salvation. However, when one begins to think of what penance one must serve to eliminate the effects of one’s past karmic evils, the Judeo-Christian concept of paying penance turns one’s thoughts to Self Power practices. This tension between the two aspects creates the difficulty of the “Easy Path” which is how to achieve true shinjin awareness when we bear the burden of our past karmic evils.

My personal religious understanding drawn from the teaching of “two aspects of the deep mind” is

that one must accept one’s karmic evils without dwelling on them. If one dwells on their karmic evil, one will never be able to fully entrust in the Other Power of Amida’s Vow and therefore will never be able to achieve shinjin. The tension between the two aspects is created from within one’s self and therefore can only be broken when one becomes truly settled and fully entrusts in Amida’s Vow.

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# The ECHO

## White Elephant Sale Coming in October

### **OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Mark your calendar for our annual White Elephant Sales. Saturday, October 2nd, sales will start at 10:00AM and Sunday, Oct 3rd at 11:00 AM after the morning Shotsuki Hoyo service. Along with the White Elephant Sales, there will be a booth that our own Senior Craft ladies have busy preparing for this event. You may find some bargains with the coming holiday soon approaching.

### **OCT 21ST DAY TRIP**

is a one day trip planned that will take us into Salinas, Watsonville, and Moss Landing, to visit Vision Quest, Gizdich Ranch and lunch at

the popular Phil's Sea Food Restaurant. If you are interested in signing up, the cost is \$70.00. Call Chuck Uyeda.

### **NOV 18TH BINGO & LUNCH**

We will be having our annual fun Bingo session with prizes and providing a special lunch. Please come and enjoy the fun and win some prizes. Mark this date on your calendar. It will be last day of craft, before the holidays. We will announce when we will resume in January, 2011.

The Senior Craft Group has made a difference with their hard work preparing for the bazaar. Again, this has been a great year for the Craft and Homemaking

booth. We want to thank our senior members for donating their crafts and being involved. The chairmen of the booth, Jeanne Ohara and Miyo Yamanaga expresses their gratitude also.

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 during the year and enhance the operation of our program.

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## Senior Activities

## Thank You from Dharma School—Donations

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jon Hamada  
Kelly Nishimura  
Sara Ho  
Allison Lund  
Eric Terada  
Jason Wakimoto

### **GRADUATION**

Robert & Leslie Imai—*Alyssa*  
Gary & Arleen Tahara—  
**Scott & Derek**  
Rev. Dean & Linda Koyama—*Curtis*  
Bob & Naomi Matsumoto—*Alec*

*Jane Hamada*—Jeff Shinseki funeral

*Doris Kuboyama*—End of year



## 150 Club News

We had a winner for the September, 2010, 150 Club winner, **Makena Inouye.**

There are 3 more monthly drawings plus the big December bonus drawing.

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

The new 2011, 150 Club tickets will be available soon.

## Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
OCT	Zones 5 & 6	Oct 20	Oct 15
NOV	Zones 7 & 8	Nov 18	Nov 12
NOV	Zones 9 & 10	Dec 15	Dec 10

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](mailto:echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org)

## 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:



**Sachi Adachi**  
**Mary Hayamizu**  
**Ted Hayashida**  
**Masako Inokuchi**  
**Fred Inouye**  
**Toshio Kakigi**  
**Hoichi Kato**  
**Ihei Kawamoto**  
**Mamoru Kawamoto**  
**Takeru Kawamoto**  
**Masakatsu Kito**

**Yachi Miyake**  
**Yoshiaki Murakami**  
**Lily Nakamura**  
**Aiko Nakano**  
**Takeo Nara**  
**Mikiyo Nishimoto**  
**Hiroshi Obuchi**  
**Toemon Ogino**  
**Shigeto Okimoto**  
**Kayoko Okubo**  
**Jerry Okumura**

**Tsui Sakai**  
**Hagiyo Sato**  
**Itoju Sawamura**  
**Drew Sugimoto**  
**Takie Sugimoto**  
**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**  
**Masayo Yokoyama**  
**Yukiko Yonemoto**  
**Mollie Yoshizumi**



**Oct**  
**Monthly**  
**Memorial**  
**Service**  
  
**Sunday**  
**October 3rd**  
  
**10:00 am**

In addition we are observing these **Buddhist Churches of America Bishops** who helped establish and strengthen the temples here in America allowing us the opportunity to hear the teachings of Nembutsu as understood by Shinran Shonin. They are:



*Bishop Shuye Sonoda*  
*Bishop Tetsuei Mizuki*  
*Bishop Kentoku Hori*  
*Bishop Koyu Uchida*

*Bishop Hosho Sasaki*  
*Bishop Kenju Masuyama*  
*Bishop Ryotai Matsukage*  
*Bishop Enryo Shigefuji*

*Bishop Shinsho Hanayama*  
*Bishop Kenyu Takashi Tsuji*



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**  
**Phone (temple office)**

**dkoyama@comcast.net**  
**650 964-9426**

## MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*Sweet dreams are made of these  
Who am I to disagree  
I traveled the world  
and the seven seas  
Everybody's looking  
for something...*

These are the aspirations of Annie Lennox and the Eurythmics and may also roughly coincide with the theme of next year's 50th Anniversary: **"Aspire-Past, Present and Future."** As we strive to honor the past and plan for the future we must diligently live our present life following the proper path with strength, joy and gratitude, all the while working and aiding others for the benefit of society. This creed sounds familiar, doesn't it? Well, it should! I will try to speak more of our commitments to the Jodo Shinshu daily creed at a later date.

Please forgive me as I am getting ahead of myself. This will be the first of many articles to enlighten you and keep you abreast of our upcoming capital campaign:

**MVBT 50th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT**

Today I will speak briefly of the background leading up to our capital campaign project.

In 2003 the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) was formed with the task of researching the needs and desires of the members of the MVBT in regards to the buildings and facilities spanning the next 10-50 years. After 7 years of diligent meetings, forums and delibera-

tions a four-phased master plan had been established and presented to the Temple Board of Directors.

The resulting four-phase master plan is as follows:

**Phase 1** concerns the seismic upgrade and facility renovation of the Hondo in respect to ADA requirements of handicap ramps and restrooms. An expansion is also planned for the Hondo by the addition of a much larger columbarium or "Nokotsudo" including a sitting room for quiet reflection.

**Phase 2** addresses the renovation of YBA Hall to fulfill it's required seismic and ADA upgrades of the restrooms, expanded kitchen and storage facilities as well as providing a new location for a library/meeting room, enhanced business office and better defined entrance.

**Phase 3** involves relatively minor renovations of the Dharma School classrooms including ADA upgrades of the restrooms. The current buildings are seismically sound. This phase has an optional building addition to basically double its square footage if campaign funds are available in the future.

**Phase 4** will address the concerns of the Sangha Hall complex. Although deemed seismically sound there are somewhat major renovations needed such as ADA upgrades of the four restrooms, restoring the gym showers, enlargement/additional classroom

space plus internal and external handicap ramps. Restoring the gymnasium ceiling and walls are needed as well as minor upgrades to the kitchen and the addition of exterior storage buildings.

Finally, an integral part of this master plan is a general upgrade of ergonomically connecting walkways which will ease the burden of walking between facilities by shortening the distance and aiding the flow from building to building in a cohesive, esthetic design.

In June 2010 the Temple Board of Directors voted and unanimously approved to proceed with Phases 1 and 2 with the process starting in August 2010 and planned groundbreaking for construction beginning in August 2011. The combination of phases 1 and 2 were highly recommended for two reasons: The Hondo and YBA Hall both entail mandatory seismic upgrades for the ultimate safety concerns of the members and the significant monetary savings of addressing both structures concurrently by the construction authorities.

Phases 1 and 2 are now referred to collectively as the **"MVBT 50th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT"** and is the focus of our upcoming capital campaign.

Next time I will attempt to enlighten you about our campaign history and the current campaign goals.

**In gassho,  
Russ Nakano**

*The first  
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# november 2010

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## Mountain View Buddhist Temple

# The ECHO

## What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

# 永代読経

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.

### 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—Fall Ohigan Seminar October 23rd



October is full of activities! Mark your calendars for the ABA Benefit Dance on October 9th, the Coast District Dharma School Activity Day at Sea Cliff Beach on October 10th and the Fall Ohigan seminar at MVBT on October 23rd,

You can also find a color pdf version online at:  
[www.mvbuddhisttemple.org](http://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org)

**In gassho,  
The Echo Staff**

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