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I Can't Let Go

By Reverend Dean Koyama

The light of compassion that grasps us illumines and protects us always;

The darkness of our ignorance is already broken through;

Still the clouds and mist of greed, and desire, anger and hatred,

Cover as always the sky of true and real shinjin.

I have begun my 9th year at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

As I reminisce about my first impressions, I was impressed with how much space we have. I had just arrived from a small temple of about 200 members to one with over 500. At my previous temple, we were very happy when our Dharma School enrollment surpassed 30 kids. We have over 30 students just in our High School Dharma class.

But most of all, I was amazed at how much space there is in my office. I have a desk, a filing cabinet, and most of all bookshelves for my library of Buddhist books. And the one thing I didn't have before: counter space.

It is traditional to tidy up before the New Year. I remember looking at my office, not knowing where to begin. Over 8 years, I have accumulated so much and I was so overwhelmed that I couldn't do anything.

Human beings are creatures that accumulate, grasp, and cling to things. And the more space we have, the more we accumulate.

A month ago, my niece from Orange County was here playing in a high school basketball tournament

President's Message—2011 Mountain View Buddhist Temple

By Glenn Kitasoe

2011 MVBT, sounds like a movie. 2011 is going to be different, something that has been in the works and on the minds of Temple Members for years and we are close to finally seeing it come to fruition. It's our Temple Renovation, starting with the YBA Hall and Hondo. Eventually Sangha Hall and Dharma School Classrooms too. It's a much needed renovation to make our Temple Facilities safer and more accessible to all our members.

No one person can make this happen but as a Temple, as a Sangha we can. Great teams that make things happen do it as One Team. They are the ones who are successful.

We as a Sangha have to think as a Team and work together to make it happen. There will be many things going on this year but one item I would like to ask each and everyone of you to act on as a part of that Team is to donate to the **MVBT Capital Campaign**.

Russ Nakano and his team have a done a wonderful job of educating

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Religious Planning Committee Report—December/January

Jan 30th, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: ABA***

Feb 6th, Sunday 10:00 AM —Shotsuki Hoyo Service ***Chaired by: Boy Scouts***

Feb 13th, Sunday 10:00 AM —Boy Scout Service ***Chaired by: Boy Scouts***

Feb 20th, Sunday 10:00 AM —Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Chaired by: Boy Scouts

Anyone who would like to have their pet remembered at this service, please bring a framed (free standing) photograph of your pet with the pet's name as you would like it to be read during service. This is for any pets that have passed away anytime in the past, not just in the past year. This is also open for those pets that have been memorialized in the past years we have held Pet Memorials (repeats are welcome and encouraged).

Adult Discussion following service: Sutra Chanting

Feb 27th, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: Boy Scouts***

Rev. Koyama will be out of town so the Scouts will fill in for his Dharma Talk

What Do These Icons Mean?

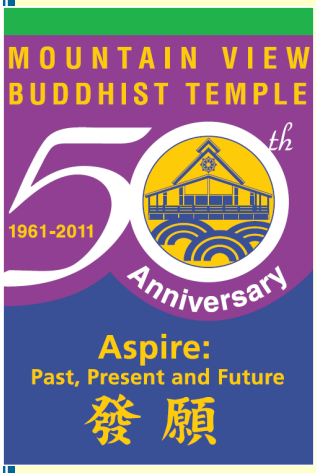
In an effort to consolidate information within the Echo as well provide more information on services, the following icons indicate various activities for Sunday Services:

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM



50th Anniversary Meeting

February 14, 2010, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room

All meetings will be scheduled for the second Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted. Mark the dates on your calendar. These meeting are important, with critical decisions being made and your input. Pass on the information to your organization on the progress.

Please note that the date of the 50th Anniversary date has been changed to **March 17th and 18th, 2012.**

PLEASE ATTEND.

I Can't Let Go (Cont'd from Page 1)

Not all *of what we* ***accumulate*** *and* ***cling to*** *are* ***physical*** *things.*

Much *of what we have* ***is mental clutter.***

in Pittsburg. As I was trying to find the gym to watch her game, I noticed a huge public storage facility nearby. I noticed this because I had just recently read an article that one-in-10 households rents a warehouse to store some of their belongings. Since then I notice these warehouses all over the place.

There is a relatively new TV show called "Hoarders" which feature people who accumulate to the point that there is literally no open space in their homes. It can be a very debilitating and sometimes dangerous condition. My wife likes me to watch that show so that she can tell me, "Honey, aren't you glad that I'm not that bad?!"

As well, I am not the neatest or most organized of people. I collect and accumulate things. But not all of what I accumulate and cling to are physical things. Much of what I have is what I call, "mental clutter."

Last October, I went to my first high school reunion in Sacramento. It was our 35th year reunion, but I have never had the chance to attend one. So I was looking forward to it for some time. I began calling and e-mailing some of my high school buddies telling them to go.

I was feeling very happy and excited as I parked the car and entered the restaurant. Banners welcomed the Grads of '75.' At the check-in line, people were smiling, hugging and greeting each other.

I was really getting into the festive mood. I began going up to people, saying hello and going through the rituals of "It's been a long time; I remember you; you haven't changed. What are doing now? Are you still living in Sacramento? etc."

I tried to say hello to the almost 80 people who gathered that evening. Then I approached a woman who had been one of the cheerleaders. I extended my hand to shake hers, but before I could say, "Hello," she said,

"I really don't remember you, but thanks for coming."

"Wow," I thought, completely offguard. I meekly responded, "That's okay," but what I wanted to say was, "Well, you weren't a very significant part of my life either."

Funny how sometimes we hold on to these very insignificant and meaningless events in our minds.

There is an old tale of an elderly monk walking through a forest with his younger disciple when they come to a riverbank and see a beautiful young woman standing at the edge of the bank.

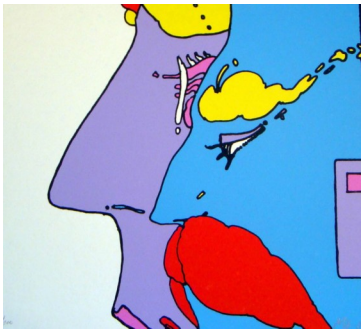
The woman tells the monks that she is afraid to cross the river because she might slip and be carried downstream. She asks if one of the monks might help her across.

These two monks were members of a sect who practiced celibacy and both had taken vows never to touch a member of the opposite sex. The old monk, sensing the extreme anxiety of the young woman, lifted her onto his back and carried her to the other side of the river.

The monks continued on their journey, but the young disciple was shocked and disturbed at having seen his teacher nonchalantly break his vow.

Finally, after several hours of walking, the Master senses some concern and asks his young disciple what was wrong. The disciple replies,

"How could you carry her like that? We are not allowed to touch women, it's against our way of life".



To which the Master answers, "I left the woman at the river's edge a long way back, why are you still carrying her?"

I Can't Let Go (Cont'd from Page 4)

To let go of all the mishaps and difficulties in our lives, sounds like an easy thing to do.

Modern commentaries on this story try to tell us to do simply this: Let go.

One wrote: "If you could have the memory of all your negative experiences erased, what kind of person would you be? Perhaps, ideally, we would be more trusting, loving, happy, and more compassionate."

But is it possible just to simply erase these experiences and let go? I think Shinran clearly says no. It is extremely difficult to do.

In his Shoshinge, Shinran writes:

The light of compassion that grasps us illumines and protects us always;

The darkness of our ignorance is already broken through;

Still the clouds and mist of greed, and desire, anger and hatred,

Cover as always the sky of true and real shinjin.

Although the light of great wisdom and compassion may embrace us, we fail to see it due to our greed, anger, and ignorance covering our eyes. It may be difficult to let go of all the troubles and difficulties that we accumulate.

But for Shinran, the first step is to embrace and acknowledge them. They become the source for our ultimate happiness and sense of peace and tranquility. They become the cause for us to reflect upon what is real and ultimately realize the Truth of Life.

This is the first step in realizing the working of our ego. ***Only by first acknowledging our ego can we begin the transformation to let go and see the wonderful world that we live in.***

SPIRIT OF SCOUTING

Honoring **JEFF AND JEAN SATO** for their dedication to youth

Recipients of the
ASIAN AMERICAN SPIRIT OF SCOUTING AWARD
honoring service to youth, especially Asian American youth.

Our Temple Members Jeff & Jean Sato have been honored by the National Boy Scouts of America with a special award which was presented to them on Dec. 4 at a special dinner in Los Altos.

Congratulations Jeff and Jean!!

President's Message—2011 MVBT (Cont'd from. Page 1)

and making it as easy as possible to make your donations.

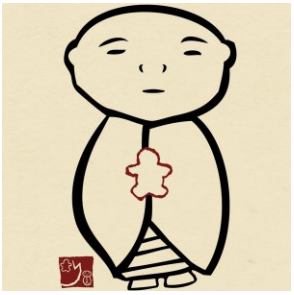
2011. We need to make the most of it, for it will zip by. Next I will be writing on how beautiful our new Hondo with expanded Nokotsudo and YBA Hall are.
Visualize the modern and upscale new Office/YBA Hall with more open office space, handicap accessible restrooms, meeting areas, and kitchen facilities. With the new entryways and handicap accessible restrooms, attending services will truly be accessible to all.

Expanding our Nokotsudo meets the needs of the Temple Membership for years to come. Visualize how beautiful the whole Temple Grounds will be. I can see it. I hope all of you can too.

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitasoe

Dharma School Activities & Updates



We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. This spring we have 14 graduating seniors and their talks will begin in April, so stay tuned.

If you are able to help, please talk to Jim Lund or Kelly Kaneko or email at: dsparentassoc@mvbuddhisttemple.org

CARPOOL HELP

Does anyone live near El Camino and Clark? The Wai family just had twins and their sons Lucas (5th) & Leo (7th) could use a ride to DS.

If you are able to pick them up, please email their father Larry Wai (larrywai@yahoo.com)

SAVE THE DATE

August 5-7, 2011
2011 BCA Nembutsu Camporee, Camp Waskowitz,
North Bend, WA.

Open to all kids entering 4th grade through high school (in 2011). In the past, this event was intended for scout groups; however, this year the Seattle Betsuin would like to open the camp to all youths. More info to come...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for volunteers to help with:

1. Hanamatsuri program
2. Obon display
3. Obon booth coordinator

Updates from MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

In December, the majority of the girls and their families participated in the temple's annual mochitsuki. They earned a Fun Patch for their participation.

Daisy's

The Daisy's made a blanket to donate to Project Linus. Project Linus gives blankets to children who are in the hospital. They continue to work on their petal patches.

Brownies

At their last meeting in December they made a hanging temari for the holidays.

Juniors

The Juniors have been on learning to sew by hand and machine.

Cadettes

The MVBT Cadette Girl Scouts would like to thank the MVBT temple and Sangha for their generous support of our pillow and holiday card sale. It was a wonderful success and we are very grateful to be a part of the temple.

Padma Award

Twelve MVBT Girl Scouts (eight Brownies and four Juniors) worked on their Padma Awards from October - December 2010.

All the scouts spent time studying with Reverend Koyama and advisers about the history of Buddha, the Golden Chain, Gratitude, temple etiquette and Buddhist practices.

How Tokugawa and Meiji Governments Shaped Buddhism

Mandates by the Shogunate during the feudal period strongly influenced the structure of the Hongwanji, as well as its propagational methods and content. This occurred again during the Meiji Restoration. Discuss two positive and two negative results of those mandates by the Shogunate and Meiji governments.

John Arima's Response

The two mandates examined will be the Tokugawa Shogunate's prohibition of Christianity and the Meiji government's proclamation of Shinto as the State Religion.

The period immediately prior to establishment of the Tokugawa Shogunate filled most of Japan with war. Religious leaders also became engaged in the struggle for power. However, once the Tokugawa Shogunate achieved dictatorial rule over all of the feudal states, it sought to keep peace and order across Japan.

One of the most significant policies was the prohibition of Christianity, driven by the Tokugawa Shogunate's need to establish firm, centralized control.

This prohibition of Christianity initiated a registration system for all families to Buddhist denominations. This produced a positive result of forcing engagement, though sometimes at only a superficial level, with Buddhism and potentially led to more extensive engagements between individuals and Buddhist temples. In addition, it fostered the need to allow Buddhist denominations to develop hierarchical systems to support the initiative. This resulted in further strengthening the Buddhist denominations that would later allow them to survive when Shinto was later proclaimed the State Religion.

However, the registration system often made the Buddhist clergy into obedient government servants rather than providers of spiritual guidance. In addition, the Shushi school of Confucianism was adopted as the orthodox system of morality. While this system had been practiced with Zen Buddhism for the samurai, it was formalized by the government's mandate.

This led to a division of beliefs between classes with the samurai following Confucianism and the general population following Buddhism, adding an additional element of to the hierarchy being enforced by the Shogunate.

The Meiji era drove an unusual combination of restoration and renovation. Restoring the imperial government required a return to older, conservative and nationalistic systems focused on centralized control of the Emperor. By contrast, renovating the nation was focused on keeping pace with more technologically advanced nations of the world.

This combination created an intractable problem achieving progress without compromising past values. In the course of settling into the new system of governance, new scientific learning brought in from Western society replaced Chinese science and Confucian ethics. Samurai leaders, who had been educated in Confucian ethics, had to adapt them to the utilitarian ideas of Western science. This led to anti-religious attitudes that in turn caused other religious problems.

The leaders of the Meiji restoration determined that rehabilitation of Shinto as the State Religion was a matter of vital importance. The biggest negative result of this mandate was vigorous suppression of Buddhism and a loss of the privileges given the Buddhist clergy.

Ironically, it was quickly realized suppressing Buddhism was impossible, leading the Meiji government to establish an ecclesiastical body, the kyobusho, to supervise religious education.

The Meiji government kept its focus on restoration of reverence for the imperial system while simultaneously allowing the deeply established belief of Buddhism to remain in place. There would still be conflict created by extremists who believed that acceptance of any foreign teachings, such as Buddhism, undermined centralized control of the imperial government. However, the tolerance given to Buddhism by the kyobusho actually enabled the Meiji government to become more accepted by the general population.

The following is a short overview of John Arima's response to questions posed in the JSCC History of Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course.

To read the complete essay, please go to www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

YBA Updates

A Busy Winter for YBA

During the month of January, the YBA had several activities. On January 8th, about half of the YBA members participated in the **Coast District broom ball** activity. Broom ball is similar to ice hockey; it is played on the ice but with tennis shoes and broom sticks.

On January 16th, the YBA held a

Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Similar to the Bake Sale, **all proceeds went to the Capital Campaign.**

Thank you to **Haley Sugimoto** and **Kelsey Sawamura** for organizing this fundraiser because without them it would not have been the success that it was. The pancakes were delicious and everyone had a wonderful time.

On January 29th and 30th, several of the members attended the YAC Summit. The YAC Summit was a youth retreat where leaders from different YBA or past participants of the YAC Retreat came together and discussed activities regarding their own YBA. It was also a weekend to meet leaders from other YBAs and have fun.

The YBA is continuing to plan and prepare for the **CDYBL Conference** that will take place in March. The Coast District has been working hard all year round to make sure the conference will be a success.

Thanks to everyone who came out to Spaghetti Dinner to support the YBA. Thank you to **Nicole Andrews** for chairing the event and **Mrs. Aggie Hirotsu** for her help again this year. It is greatly appreciated and the spaghetti was delicious, as always.

In Gassho,

Ashley Andrews
YBA President
2010-2011

Buddhist Women's Association

Thank You Message from Mitsue Fukuda

For many years, I contemplated becoming a member of a Buddhist Temple. In 1998, I made my decision to join the Buddhist Temple in Mountain View.

My religious background in Buddhism goes back to my childhood. I was born and reared among seven brothers and sisters on Lanai, one of the eight major islands of the State of Hawaii. My parents, who were Japanese immigrants, became members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and participated actively in the functions and activities of the community temple.

Although our temple did not have Dharma classes, I attended Sunday sermons. From the sermons and through my observation of the life my parents lead, I gained invaluable knowledge of the teachings of the Buddha.

I recall my Father sitting before the Butsudan with a tiny book in his hands and chanting quietly every morning and evening, encouraging us to do the same. My Mother cared devoutly for the Butsudan, offering fresh flowers from her garden and the steaming hot rice.

Their unfaltering and compassionate support to family, friends and the Sangha inspired me to become a follower of the Buddhist religion.

Since becoming a member of the Temple, I have come to know many with whom I have formed strong ties. The experience of serving five years as President of Mountain View's Buddhist Women's Association has been most gratifying. As my term ends, I wish to extend my appreciation to the Sangha for its support.

A special thank you to Reverend Dean Koyama and his family for their support and assistance.

In Gassho,

Mitsue Fukuda, President
Buddhist Women's Association
2006-2010

Thank You for Sharing a Bowl of Soba—by Linda Koyama

Another year has come and gone and as we say good-bye to 2010, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who braved the cold weather to attend New Year's Eve service and to share a bowl of soba noodles with everyone.

We appreciate this opportunity to thank all the members for taking care of us throughout the year and ask for your continued support in the new year of the rabbit.

A special thank you to the following people who helped with the preparation of the soba this year: **Amy and Eric Arakaki, Nancy Sugimoto and Joyce and Tom Tamaru**. Thank you also to **Kevin, Kyle and Kendrick Arakaki** for washing all the dishes too!

I would also like to extend my appreciation to all of you who brought goodies to share and who helped clean up afterwards.

The toshi koshi soba would not be possible without the generous donation from **Imahara Produce**.

Year after year they donate the ingredients so that we can enjoy the soba together. Let us support Imahara Produce as well.

今年も　よろしく　お願いします

Center for Buddhist Education—Events & Information

Upcoming Activities

International Conference on Other Centered Approaches – New Directions in Buddhist Psychology

Feb 18-20 @ JSC

Western psychology has been dominated by the notion of self. Yet, our spiritual and psychological well-being is not measured by self-concern, but by a directional shift of attention which involves understanding, appreciation, and compassion for others.

This conference, rooted in Buddhist psychology, will present other-centered approaches, which offer fresh, new tools to address challenges in the field of mental health, education, religion, human relations, chaplaincy, and more.

Sponsored in part by the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Center for Buddhist Education

Techno Buddha Conference – The Journey

Mar 4-6 @ JSC

Join us for a weekend of good food, fun workshops, and new friends. All young adults (21-39) interested in Buddhism welcome!

Guest Speaker: Rev. Bob Oshita

Sponsored by the Center for Buddhist Education

Crossing Over to Jodo Shinshu – Who is Amida?

May 13-15 @JSC

Panel discussions and interactive workshops will provide participants with a stronger foundation in Jodo Shinshu approaches to life.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Patricia Usuki
Sponsored by the Center for Buddhist Education

Other Opportunities

CBE 500 Club

Please consider supporting the Center for Buddhist Education by joining their "500 Club" in 2011.

CBE Vehicle Donation Program

If you need to get rid of a vehicle – running or not – there is a way to also help support the CBE.

Administered by Orange County Buddhist Church, this supports the CBE's Annual Program Fund.

For more information, please visit

MVBT Website www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

or

JSC Website www.cbe-bca.org

Senior Activities

A Full Slate of Senior Activities for Spring

Activities & Crafts Up & Running

It was a delight to see the ladies back in good health, ready to start another busy and exciting year.

The schedule is from 9:00AM to 12 noon, every Thursday. Light refreshment (coffee, tea and desserts) are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join and share new ideas. Please feel free to join us, for we are always looking forward to making new friends.

Elder Abuse Speaker—2/17

February 17th, we will have a guest speaker, Sumi Tanabe, talking about "Elder Abuse." This may not affect you, but one can be enlightened on the subject. We will also provide lunch, so mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us and learn something about Elder Abuse.

Onenju Repair—March 17

We will have a lesson on repairing our many broken onenju. Esther Bunya has graciously accepted to help and lead us in the repair. Please bring in the precious onenju that you need to get repaired.

Day Trip to Carmel—April 14

Looking ahead. On April 14th, we have a great and a beautiful scenic trip planned to Carmel, a 17 Mile Drive tour. It will be a one day trip. We have lunch included at Portovello Restaurant. You can sign up for this event beginning February 1st, by calling Chuck Uyeda. The price is $85.00. More information will be provided.

Reno Trip—May 18-19

On May 18-19, will be our usual Reno trip. Sign up begins March 1st. You're welcome to ask your family and friends to join this fun trip.

We thank you all again for your support and generosity during the past year. We ask for your support again this year. This is what keeps our Senior Group together and subsidizes our lunches and trips. ありがとう。

ABA News

New ABA Board Welcomed at Dinner and Installed 1/23

ABA members enjoyed an evening of good food & great company at their annual New Year /Installation Dinner on January 8th at Michael's at Shoreline. The ABA Board was formally installed at the Sunday Service on January 23rd.

The co-chairs Min & Ann and Mel & Audrey thank all the members who so willingly participated in all the activities—it made it more fun for everyone! Thanks to **Akio, Sumi & Chuck (& Friends), Dr. Sum Ting Wong (Russ), Judy & her dancers and Marilyn** for their wonderful additions to the evening' s entertainment & fun. ABA missed the famous Koyama Duet this year; hopefully they will be available next year! Also thank you to **Alice & Sadao (& Catherine)** for the programs & wonderful slide show.

A very very special thank you to our own Broadway star **Cindy Nakano** who wowed us with her rendition of two Broadway favorites! Thanks for taking time to spend an evening with the older generation. Thank you to those who donated to help make this event even more fun.

January was ABA's month to be in charge of Sunday services. Thank you to **Dennis Tsukagawa** for coordinating all that goes on—from the greeters, chairpersons, guest speakers & readers through refreshments after services.

A big thank you to all ABA members who helped!

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:

Bill Asada	**Rev. Ryumei Iguchi**	**Tsuneo Nishimura**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**Tatsuhiko Ikebe**	**Edward Okamura**
Thomas Gishi	**Francis Ikenaga**	**Jane Okumura**
Yusaku Haruta	**Jiro Iwata**	**Frank Sakino**
Chiyo Higuchi	**Jack Kawamoto**	**Kiyoshi Sawamura**
Tomiuemon Hiramoto	**Chiyeko Matsumoto**	**Zensaku Shishido**
Chiyoko Hirohata	**Frank Matsumoto**	**Mary Somen**
Shuichi Hori	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Rodney Togashi**
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Henry Hideo Hoshi	**Shigeki Murai**	**Mildred Yamanaga**
Clara Hoshida	**Akiko Nakagawa**	**Tsutomu Yamanaga**
Matsuyo Idehara	**Niro Nishimoto**	**Kenneth Yasuda**

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**

Feb

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

February 6th

10:00 am

Family Memorial Services

As a reminder, Family Memorial Services are conducted for loved ones on certain anniversaries. If your loved one passed away in one of the following years, you may wish to schedule a family memorial service

MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS FOR 2011

2010, 2009, 2005, 1999, 1995, 1987, 1979, 1962, 1912

ARRANGING SERVICES

As the schedule for the temple tends to fill quickly, you are advised to make arrangements with Rev. Koyama and the temple as soon as possible to accommodate your date and time requests.

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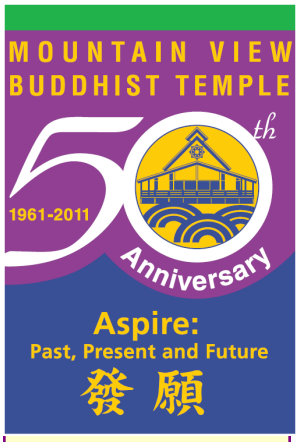

The latest update on our MVBT Capital Campaign

MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Donations/Pledges Received

If I were a rich man,

Ya ha deedle deedle,
bubba bubba
deedle deedle dum.

All day long

I'd biddy biddy bum.
If I were a wealthy man.

—Tevye, fr. Fiddler on the Roof

Yes, it would definitely help if we were all wealthy men when it comes to supporting a capital campaign for a most worthy cause like our **50th Anniversary Project**. We have barely just begun, yet due to an early show of support by Temple affiliates and Temple Board members, there is already good news to report.

As a regular feature I will update this column of all those who have donated and/or pledged so far.

A huge thank you goes out to:

MVBT Capital Campaign Donation/Pledges (in the order received):

MVBT Dharma School
MVBT Senior Activities Group
(White Elephant sale)
Ed & Julie Ryu
May Shimoguchi
(In memory of Yas Shimoguchi)
Chuck & Sumi Uyeda
MVBT Adult Buddhist Association
Russ & Judy Nakano
May Shimoguchi #2
(In memory of Yas Shimoguchi)
Glenn & Lorrie Kitasoe
Allan & Sylvia Nara
Bruce & Joy Morimoto
John & Lois Arao
Rich & Emilie Endo
Doug & Phyllis Sawamura family
Stacy & Gail Satake-Nakamura
Eric & Amy Arakaki
Bob & Naomi Matsumoto
Charlotte Diener
(In memory of Yas Shimoguchi)
Alice Ikenaga
Min & Ann Uyehara
Ron & Carolyn Murata
Shozo & Mary Mayeda
Donald Fukuma
Rich & Emi Mori
Matt & Tracey Mukoyama
Bob & Lesie Imai
May Shimoguchi #3
(In memory of Yas Shimoguchi)
Amy Imai
Allan & Marie Jacobs
Dave & Candace Maruyama
Young Buddhist Association

Confirmed Totals, to date

Donations	$69,802.24
Pledges	389,900.00
TOTAL	**458,802.24**

150 Club News

We had our first winner for 2011. The winner for the January 2011, 150 Club was **Naomi Higaki**.

Thank you all for participating in the 2011, 150 Club.

There are a few tickets still available and the odds of winning are very good. **Please call Allan Nara at 650-967-2266.**

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
FEB	Zones 13 & 1	Feb 17	Feb 11
MAR	Zones 2 & 3	Mar 17	Mar 11
APR	Zones 4 & 5	Apr 20	Apr 15

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

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

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6 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Shotsuki Hoyo 11:00 AM Dharma School 11:30 AM YBA/YBA Hall 12:00 PM Taiko	7 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Religious planning meeting	8 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	9 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting	10 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko	11 4:30 PM 6:30 PM Fuji Club 7:00 PM ABA meeting ECHO DEADLI	12 9:00 AM BWA meeting CDYBA conference
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