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- ***3/9, Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Mtg.
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  Arthur Yamashita
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  Spring Ohigan Service
  New Member Luncheon following Dharma School classes

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In the Shadow of a Blueberry Cobbler

By Reverend Dean Koyama

On a recent Sunday afternoon, someone made a special delivery of an Ikeda's Blueberry cobbler.

Unfortunately, Linda and I were not at home to properly receive such a delicious dessert. However, one of our sons was home.

When we asked, "Who brought it?" he replied, "I'm not sure."

"What did they look like?" I asked.

"You know, an elderly woman, black hair, glasses," he described.

"Well at least you eliminated half of the temple members, the males at least," I retorted. "What else? Is she a temple member? How come you didn't ask for her name?"

"Cuz, I think I'm supposed to know who this person is."

Obviously, my son was embarrassed and felt badly. And we too, are embarrassed and feel badly that we are not able give proper thanks to whoever was thoughtful enough to bring us that delicious blueberry cobbler.

Whoever it was, please know that it was deeply appreciated and gone very quickly.

Thank you.

As I reflect upon this situation, I realize that my life (all of our lives) is truly the result of infinite lives. Some I can recognize and acknowledge. With others, I have no direct contact and thus cannot "see" their influence upon my life. And because I cannot see or fail to see, I do not extend my apprecia-

President's Message—Helping a Temple Family

By Glenn Kitasoe

An important function the Temple provides comes when it is most needed. We are never ready for a death in the family, what to do or where to go for answers.

An invaluable function at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple is our **Funeral Committee**. In your Temple directory there is a section on Funerals and who to call to get the process going.

It's by far the most meaningful process that we help our Members with. Hopefully you never need them, but our committee is ready when called upon. It starts with a phone call to Reverend Koyama, from there he gets the process started. It can be anything from a simple, private service to a full Temple Service at the Hondo.

Reverend Koyama and Don Fukuma are the main people who are always there for the Sodan, organizing the Funeral and guiding the family through their time of grieving.

The **Zone** that the member belongs is also big part of the process. Your Zone Chair has many

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Religious Planning Committee Report—December/January

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

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

Mar 13th, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: Girl Scouts***

Guest Speaker: Arthur Yamashita

Mar 20th, Sunday 10:00 AM —Spring Ohigan ***Chaired by: Girl Scouts***

New Member Luncheon following Dharma School classes

Mar 27th, Sunday 10:00 AM —Girl Scout Sunday ***Chaired by: Girl Scouts***

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

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

Center for Buddhist Education—Events & Information

Upcoming Activities

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

In the Shadow of a Blueberry Cobbler (Cont'd from Page 1)

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tion, as I should. But if I truly think about it, those indirect connections are also very important.

Some time ago, I watched a TV show called, "Dirty Jobs". The host of the show goes to a variety of locations to try his hand at a "dirty", messy, disgusting jobs that probably most of us would avoid at all possible costs. One job included making fireworks—handling the fine dusts of explosives that burst into brilliant colors. Another job was working on a chicken farm where he not only had to sort eggs but also had to clean the bottom of the chicken pens with a tractor. The episode that struck me most was where the host had to clean Porta Potties.

Many of us have had to use a Porta Potty at some point in our lives. We have seen them at outdoor concerts, little league baseball tournaments, and art and wine festivals. We even have to have them at our Obon Festival.

I usually try to avoid them. One summer, I went to an Earth Wind and Fire Concert in Berkeley. While we were waiting to meet our friends at the entrance, I thought I should go to the bathroom before the concert started. Unfortunately, the only toilet outside the Amphitheater was a Porta potty. As I approached the Porta Potty, I realized that I wasn't the only one that had to go. A line of about 5 or 6 people were in front of me. As we patiently waited our turn, we all joked about how we hate using them. Some people were very quick. Others took a long time.

Finally, it was my turn to go. I walked in and couldn't believe the condition it was in. It was so messy and smelly. If I could have, I would have walked right back out and went in the bushes. After I finished I walked out, and right away I said to the next person in line, "It wasn't me that made the mess in there."

So as I was watching the TV show, I could totally relate to the host who "voluntarily" had to clean the Porta Potty. He had to scrub the walls around the top of the toilet, pump out all the stuff inside. And as he was doing so, he was gagging and retching. I finally had to change the channel.

After seeing the show, I realized, "Somebody has to clean them." Usually we try to avoid the Porta Potties; and if we have to use them we hope that they have just been cleaned. Ultimately, we know that they will be used and they will get dirty.

To clean a Porta Potty is a "Dirty Job." It is not glamorous work, but it has to get done. Perhaps, this example of the Porta Potty is a bit extreme, but is it not the same for people who come to take our garbage, bus our tables at restaurants, cook our food, fix our plumbing or simply bring us little gifts of blueberry cobbler? These are the people who live and work beyond our direct sight as if in the shadows of our existence.

One of my teachers, Rev. Kosho Yukawa, tells the story of a man who thought that his shadow was his most useless possession. So when a merchant offered to buy it, the man gladly sold it thinking that at least he made a profit out of something so useless. Shortly thereafter, everyone who saw this man without his shadow thought that he looked strange and eerie. He seemed to be a ghost and so out of fear, they avoided him at all cost.

As no one can live all alone, the man was found dead not too long after.

We truly live our lives owing so much to the effort of others. The Japanese use the expression **o kage sama de**. Kage literally means shadow. The O and sama are honorific expression thus indicating a person other than one's self. De means because of.

So in other words, **o kage sama de means because of your shadow (efforts) I am able to live**. This truly represents the sen-

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timent behind the Buddha's teaching that all life is interdependent.

In order to see the shadows that embrace our lives, we need the light of wisdom. This light of wisdom helps us become aware that our lives exist beyond our own.

The brighter the light, the darker the shadows become allowing us to truly become aware that our lives are truly enriched by the shadows of others.

Let us enjoy the light and warmth of Wisdom and Compassion as Spring approaches.

Gassho,

Rev. Dean

50th Anniversary Meeting

March 14, 2011, 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 based on 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.

President's Message—Helping a Temple Family (Cont'd from. Page 1)

different duties but one of them is orchestrating their zone members to provide all the needed personnel from ushers to receptionists.

There are people like **Allan Nara** and **Ken Nakano** who help direct the funeral process during the service. **Gary Hirotsu** and **Sterling Makishima** helping with the Koden and **Sharon Noguchi** playing soothing music. There are so many Temple members who step up and help families when it is needed most.

Another person who is there is **Mrs. Amy Imai** and her **Otoki group**. They step in and provide the refreshments that are served after the Funeral service. They provide all the food and other necessities so the family does not have to worry. It's a seamless process that Mountain View Buddhist Temple provides. ***You do not know how much this helps one's family until one goes through such an ordeal.***

Members do this for each other, never complaining, always being there in the background of a funeral to help the grieving family get through one of their hardest days.

It's that totally selfless being that you feel through out the Temple, helping a Temple Member or Family in need.

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitasoe

YBA Updates

A Busy Winter for YBA

During the month of February, the YBA had visitors from Orange County. The Orange County Buddhist Church's YBA members flew out to visit the Jodo Shinshu Center on February 12th. Afterwards, they came back to the Mountain View Temple where our YBA members hosted them.

It was a night filled with games, karaoke and fun. It was a great opportunity for the Mountain View YBA members to meet people from a different district and make new friends.

Since the beginning of the year, the Coast District has been busy planning for the March 12th Conference. This year the conference theme is Buddha Tunes. The Mountain View YBA has been preparing for the workshop that we will be running, which is relating music to Buddhism.

Thank you to **Kelsey Sawamura, Haley Sawamura, Deanna Okuno** and **Jaimie Nishimoto** for being the workshop leaders. Also, thank you to **Haley Sugimoto, Kelsey Sawamura and the advisors** for helping to organize and plan this event since the beginning.

Everyone is looking forward to attending the conference and it will be truly rewarding for the Coast District Cabinet to see all their hard work and effort come together.

In Gassho,

Ashley Andrews,
YBA President 2010-2011

Updates from MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Daisies

The Daisies worked together to make a blanket to donate to Project Linus, which delivers homemade blankets to children in need. They also began work on a special Valentine's Day project for their parents!

Brownies

The Brownies learned about different games played by children around the world and how science interacts in their life, earning the "Playing Around World" and "Science in Action" Brownie Try-Its.

Many of the Brownies participated in our Mountain View area Service Unit sponsored Mother-Daughter Ice Skating night.

They attended a special Self Defense Class held at a local martial arts studio for our troop Brownies and Daisies

Juniors

The Juniors are working to provide refreshments for the upcoming "Father Daughter Dance" sponsored by the MV Service Unit. They will be doing this activity with their dads.

They are learning the Japanese art of Sashiko embroidery.

Cadettes

This month the Cadettes worked on planning activities for the remainder of the year.

They are helping with Thinking Day, doing some camping and learning outdoor skills, and taking a first aid class. The girls would really like to do a snow trip, but after learning about all the costs involved they know they need to raise a bit more money to cover their costs. They will sell a lot of cookies and plan their snow trip for next year.

Padma Award

Our Scouts in the Junior level Padma Award program are finishing up their requirements. They visited a Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, San Jose J-Town, and the San Jose Japanese American Museum. After completing their community service project of collecting Bingo prizes for the Yu Ai Kai Japanese Senior Center, they will have earned their award.

Hatsumairi Infant Presentation—April 10, 2011

Attention New Parents

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child to the annual Hatsumairi Service (Infant Presentation) on Hanamatsuri. These special services will be held on **Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 10:00AM.**

The ceremony is to introduce the child to the Sangha and to welcome him/her to the Dharma. The Naijin or altar symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Please fill out application below and mail it to the Temple by ***March 27, 2011***.

Rev. Koyama
Resident Minister

Jean H. Higa
Corresponding Secretary

Register for Hatsumairi by March 27, 2011.

At this time, all infants up to the age of 1 year are brought before the temple altar.

The ceremony includes a pledge by all the parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their newborn infant. It is a time to share (with your child) your true hopes and aspirations and manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

It is not necessary to fill in every blank. ***Please return form by March 27, 2011.***

Buddhist Women's Association

Updates from Kimiko Nishimura—BWA President

BWA Fundraiser
Udon proceeds donated to Capital Campaign in January.

Donations
Gratefully Acknowledged

Dennis and Ron Tsukagawa
In Memory of Mother Florence ($20)

Shozo and Mary Mayeda
Year-end Donation ($350)

Eshinni-Ko, Kakushinni-ko, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and the BWA Memorial

Donations from this service were given to these temple youth organizations:

Miroku preYBA
YBA
Cub Scouts
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Dharma School
Fuji Club

50th Anniversary Album… Toshiko Kawamoto and her committee have submitted the photographs and manuscripts in December to the Album staff.

Membership dues ($15) for 2011 are now due.

Congratulations 2011 BWA Cabinet

President	***Kimi Nishimura***
Vice President	***Toshiko Kawamoto***
Recording Secretary	***Marie Ochi-Jacobs***
Corresponding Secretaries	***Aggie Hirotsu, Miyo Takegami & Kazuko Tashiro***
Treasurer	***Misao Tanouye***
Assistant Treasurer	***Mary Kato***
Social Chairpersons:	***Tomiko Maruyama, Hideko Matsumoto & Kiyoko Sato***
Religious Chairperson	***Mitsue Fukuda***
Dana Chairpersons:	***Toshiko Kawamoto & Misao Tanouye***
Historian	***Julie Ushiba***
Official Delegates	***Kimi Nishimura, Mitsue Fukuda, Toshiko Kawamoto & Misao Tanouye***
Minister	***Rev. Dean Koyama***

ABA News

Sign Up for March 16th Wine Tasting Trip

Former ABA member **Connie Saito** has arranged to share her expertise with us again. She has arranged for a tour at the Clos Le Chance Winery and possibly one or two other wineries. Picnic tables have been reserved so ABA members can bring lunch.

Sign ups were taken at the ABA meeting. If others are interested or have questions. ***please email Dennis Tsukagawa.***

Annual Reno Trip
Sun-Mon, April 17-18, 2011
Transportation by chartered bus
One-night lodging @ Silver Legacy
$74.00 per person

Deadline—March 11, 2011 or when all spaces are taken which ever comes first.

This is a popular trip so if you want to get in on the fun & winnings sign up immediately.

If you have any questions ***please email Aiko Sugimoto***.

Societal Influence of the Teaching of the Two Truths on Jodo Shinshu

Historical events from the end of the Edo period to the post-war era strongly influenced Buddhist schools in Japan. How did the Hongwanji handle and "react" to the restrictions by the Shogunate and military governments, and also the new freedoms, such as freedom of religion and reconstruction of the religious institutions and organizations? How might this assist us in challenges currently facing today's society?

John Arima's Response

The transition from the Edo Period to the Meiji Restoration saw a major realignment in government control, affecting all classes of Japanese society. The entire feudal system surrendered control to the emperor, and many daimyo were incorporated into the new government. The zaibatsu, industrial conglomerates, began to dominate the economy of Japan.

Although the Hongwanji had sided with the Emperor, but when the Meiji government took control, Shintoism was promoted and all other religions were pushed aside. However, the government soon found that a population raised with Buddhist customs would not easily be lead away. Under this context, Konyo promoted Buddhism. The application of ***shinzoku nitai*** was to make Buddhism beneficial to the new Japanese society.

This response is similar to Rennyo's interpretation of the relationship between Buddhism and secular law. In Rennyo's time, ***shinzoku nitai*** was used to ensure survival of the Hongwanji. Just as Rennyo took measures 400 years prior to adapt Jodo Shinshu to feudal rule, Konyo guided the followers of the Hongwanji to do the same with Imperial rule.

During the Taisho Period, Buddhist temples were established as language and cultural to educate local peoples outside of Japan. Jodo Shinshu adapted, this time to military rule that lead to Japan's entry in to World War II. The application of ***shinzoku nitai*** was exploited to increase commitment and devotion to the Emperor.

Past applications of ***shinzoku nitai*** shows us that conformity to the political norms may be necessary for the survival of a religious organization. The relationship between Jodo Shinshu and society changed in response to the political change. Application of ***shinzoku nitai*** has made Jodo Shinshu a religion without strong social influence or strong social critique.

As Jodo Shinshu tries to grow, especially in America and other western societies, the lack of strong social commentary creates a void in what many Western people seek in a religion.

The ability to use Jodo Shinshu teachings to question society and effect positive change must become the manner in which individuals realize zokutai, the mundane truth. Just as the analogy of the finger pointing to the moon can be used to explain ***shinzoku nitai***, we need to build another analogy. In this one, zokutai is alignment with political and societal norms in a manner that effects positive change.

Without such an alignment, a religion cannot be relevant to its members' lives. Only when a religion becomes relevant to an individual's life can the realization of shintai, the highest truth, become attainable.

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

Thank You from Dharma School

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Yuki Hata-Kita & Eugene Kita
(Mitchell's birthday)

BWA
(Eshinni-ko donation)

Senior Activities

Tai-Chi Classes Beginning Every Thursday

Activities & Crafts Up & Running
Every Thursday
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

We have a wonderful project going for our ladies—making lap blankets to give to our members that are in Rest Homes, Home Care etc. It is a nice way to show that we care and that our thoughts are with them.

Tai-chi Instruction
Every Thursday
9:30 AM—10:00 AM
John Abe from the Union Bank has graciously consented to spend time with us instructing Tai-chi. He promises that this is a low impact Tai-chi session and good exercise for everyone. Another way to keep in great shape and stay well.

Light refreshments of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join in and share new ideas. Please feel free to join us, for we are always looking to make new friends.

Onenju Repair—March 17
Esther Bunya will show us how to repair any of our broken onenju (ojuzu). Lunch will be provided at 11:30 AM, then following, we will learn how to repair our onenju. Please join us.

Day Trip to Carmel—April 14
We are now taking sign ups for the Carmel 17-Mile Drive day trip. We will have lunch at Portovella Restaurant in Carmel. The choices on the menu for lunch are: Petite Filet Mignon, Grilled Salmon, and Vegetable Pasta. To sign up, ***call Chuck Uyeda.***

Reno Trip—May 18-19
We will be taking sign ups from March 1st. Please plan to join us for this fun over night trip.

Eye Health—June 16th
Keith Kosakura, an optometrist will be our guest speaker, educating us on eye health.

The MVBT Capital Campaign Committee and the MVBT Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and humbly thank the following donors who have contributed and/or pledged to the MVBT 50th Anniversary Project.

$250,000 & above
Anonymous

$150,000 & above
Hiroji Kariya
James & Fumie Satake Family Fund

$35,000 & above
Nakayoshi Gakko
Mel & Audrey Inouye
In memory of Fred & Hana Inouye and Yoshio & Mikiyo Nishimoto
Ed & Julie Ryu

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Alice Ikenaga
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Bob & Leslie Imai
Alice & Sadao Ishida
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Matt & Tracey Mukoyama
Toshiko Uyehara
(In memory of Aleric C. Uyehara)

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MVBT Dharma School
MVBT Fuji Club
Charlotte Diener
(In memory of Yas Shimoguchi)
Aiko Sugimoto
Taneyo Yamaji

MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Donations/Pledges Received

If your heart is in your dreams,

no request is too extreme.

When you wish
upon a star as dreamers do.

—Jiminy Cricket, fr. Pinocchio

Since last month total contributions have been recorded from ***39 households*** of our membership's 338 and ***six Temple affiliates***. Wonderful donations were presented at Sunday Services from the ***BWA in the amount of $1,732.70*** from their Udon Fundraiser Lunch in December and two donations from the ***YBA fundraisers***, the December Bake Sale and the January Pancake Breakfast, together raising ***$1,500*** for the Campaign.

I am proud to also mention a very generous ***five-year pledge in the amount of $35,000 by Nakayoshi Gakko*** as an expression of their gratitude to the Temple for the commitment of keeping the facilities safe and comfortable for all to enjoy.

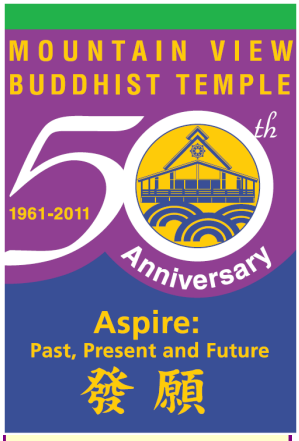
As a regular feature I would like to keep a monthly update in this column to acknowledge all those who are supporting our 50th Anniversary Project and Capital Campaign.

A huge thank you goes out to:

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

YBA #1, Bake Sale
Mel & Audrey Inouye
(In memory of Fred & Hana Inouye and Yoshio & Mikiyo Nishimoto)
Hiroji Kariya
Elton & Dianne Hay
BWA—from Udon Fundraiser
James & Fumie Satake Family Fund
May Shimoguchi #4
(In memory of Yas Shimoguchi)
Reverend Dean, Linda, Justin, Curtis & Thomas Koyama
Masae Okuno
Taneyo Yamaji
Allan & Marie Jacobs
Ed & Julie Ryu
Kazuo Kato
YBA #2, Pancake Breakfast
Toshiko Uyehara
In memory of Aleric C. Uyehara
Nakayoshi Gakko
Mary N. Sasaki
Aiko Sugimoto
Alice & Sadao Ishida
Haruye Hoshi
Harbin Family
MVBT Fuji Club

Confirmed Totals, to date	
Donations	$255,984.94
Pledges	669,750.00
TOTAL	**925,734.94**



The latest update on our MVBT Capital Campaign

150 Club News

The winner for the February 2011, 150 Club was **Aiko Sugimoto**.

There are 10 more monthly drawings plus the December BONUS drawing.

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

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
MAR	Zones 2 & 3	Mar 16	Mar 11
APR	Zones 4 & 5	Apr 14	Apr 8
MAY	Zones 6 & 7	May 20	May 13

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

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
March 6th

10:00 am

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:

Theodore Abe	**Shinobu Maruyama**	**Fumio Okayama**
Mine Chikasuye	**Helen Matsumoto**	**Kinuko Sasaki**
Alice Asaka Fujii	**Tom Matsumoto**	**Rev. Sensho Sasaki**
Satoru Fujikawa	**Akira Morishima**	**Frank Sato**
Kazuo Furusho	**Cynthia Muranaka**	**Kanesuke Sato**
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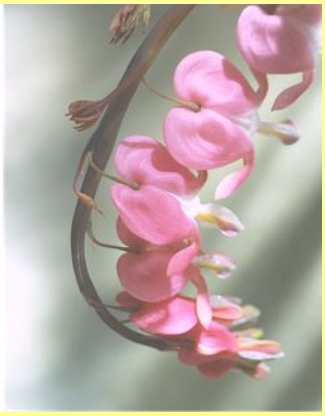

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to express its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of:

June Okino ***January 20, 2011***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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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 11:30 AM YBA/YBA Hall 12:00 PM Northern Calif. Kendo Federation/Sangha Hall	*4* 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Religious planning meeting	*5* 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Nakayoshi Gakko room #8 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	*6* 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 7:00 PM Temple Choir 7:30 PM Tri-City Youth Group	*7* 8:00 AM BWA manju making/Sangha Hall 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko	*8* 4:30 PM Calligraphy 6:30 PM Fuji Club 7:00 PM ABA meeting/con room & YBA	*9* 3:00 PM Cub Scouts/ overnight
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