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  Shotsuki Hoyo
  Monthly Memorial Service
- ***5/2 Mon, 7:30 PM***
  Religious Planning Mtg.
- ***5/4 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Mtg.
- ***5/8 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Gotan-e & Mothers' Day
  Graduating Senior Talks:
  Janelle Inenaga &
  Amanda Yam
- ***5/12-22 (Thu-Sun)***
  MVBT 50th Anniversary
  Japan Tour
- ***5/15 Sun, All Day***
  Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser
- ***5/21 Sat, 3:00 PM***
  Dharma School Campout
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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

For the next three issues, we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates!

To Be Independent and Compassionate

By Katie Kobashigawa

I am truly thankful for this opportunity to speak today. In a way, it is ironic that I am the first senior to speak because I have not been known for my perfect attendance.

I first started coming to the church when I was in third grade. My mom and grandmother, Taye Kurashige, are members of the church and my grandpa and great-grandma were also. My grandma has been an inspiration to me in many ways and many times was the person who brought me to church. Before attending the church, I went to my dad's Methodist Church so coming to the Buddhist Church in third grade with my mom, everything was new to me. However, the people are very accepting and right away, I felt very comfortable. Sometimes even too comfortable.

In Reverend Koyama's and my first year at the church, we were both at the Tri City Halloween Party and I was dressed as a Hawaiian Tourist with a fake camera that squirted water out of the lens instead of taking a picture. I was with Haley Sugimoto and we thought it would be hilarious to play a trick on Reverend and "take a picture of him."

Being the sneaky girls that we are, we calmly asked reverend to smile and he gave us a big cheesy smile, unaware his face would soon be soaked with water. Our plan was successful and shortly after he

Enjoying Life and Doing What One Thinks Is Right

By Alex Muselman

I have only been a member for four years. Even in this small period of time, the temple has opened my life to new, amazing experiences and I am grateful for being part of such an inspiring community.

First of all, I would like to read a brief Buddhist reading. One of Buddha's students asked Buddha, "Are you the messiah?" "No," answered Buddha.

"Then are you a healer?" "No," Buddha replied.

"Then are you a teacher?" the student persisted. "No, I am not a teacher."

"Then what are you?" asked the student, exasperated.

"**I am awake**," Buddha replied.

As children, all of us begin to develop our ways of thinking. We learn responsibility, morality, and friendship from our family and friends. Even though my parents taught me well, there was always something missing. **A place not just to learn how to be a good person, but also to see good acts being accomplished with my own eyes**. Something that the temple added to my life.

I was brought up atheist, only with some Catholic roots from my father's side of the family. None of my school friends ever went to church. Thus began my appetite for knowledge. Occasionally, I would go to my grandmother's

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Shotsuki Hoyo 11:00 AM Dharma School 11:30 AM YBA/YBA Hall 3:00 PM Tri-City Keiro Kai/Sangha Hall 6:00 PM -8:00 PM YBA/Sangha Hall/volleyball	2 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:00 PM Religious Planning meeting 7:00 PM Tri-City Scholarship/ Echo room	3 6:30 PM Cub Scouts/YBA Hall 7:00 PM Nakayoshi Gakko/Sangha Hall, & all classrooms	4 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 6:00 PM Tai Chi/Sangha Hall 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting	5 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko	6 4:30 PM Calligraphy 6:00 PM Tri-City Youth Group/Sangha	7 9:00 AM BWA meeting 9:00 AM YBA Mothers day prep 10:00 AM -12:00 PM YBA/Sangha Hall/volleyball 12:30 PM Memorial Service 4:00 PM Cub Scouts camping out overnight/Sangha Hall 4:00 PM Memorial Service
8 8:00 AM YBA/Mothers Day brunch 8:30 AM O-asaji 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Gotane Service 11:00 AM Dharma School 12:00 PM Taiko	9 11:00 AM Senior activity meeting 7:00 PM 50th Anniv. meeting 7:00 PM Kendo	10 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Shodo Kai	11 10:00 AM BWA/mix teiyaki sauce/Sangha Hall 6:00 PM Tai Chi/Sangha Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Temple choir	12 9:00 AM Senior activity 6:00 PM Taiko	13 8:00 AM BWA make tsukemono 4:30 PM Calligraphy 6:00 PM YBA fortune cookie prep 6:30 PM Fuji Club 6:30 PM Kozos/Sangha Hall gym 7:30 PM ABA/conf. room & YBA Hall ECHO DEADLINE	14 6:00 AM Cook chicken 10:00 AM Scouts/chicken cooking for chicken salad prep 10:00 AM -12:00 PM YBA/Sangha Hall/volleyball 6:00 PM Scouts/chicken salad prep
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29 9:30 AM Alta Mesa Memorial Park	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	31 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM 50th anniv. album meeting				

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Religious Planning Committee Report—April/May

Apr 24th, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: 4th Gr***

Graduating Senior Speeches: **Ashley Andrews** and **Nicole Andrews**

May 1st, Sunday 10:00 AM —Shotsuki Hoyo Service ***Chaired by: YBA***

May 8th, Sunday 10:00 AM—Gotan-e & Mothers' Day ***Chaired by: YBA***

Graduating Senior Speeches: **Janelle Inenaga** and **Amanda Yam**

May 15th, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: 7th/8th Gr***

Rev. Koyama is out of town. _Speaker: **Dr. Russ Nakano**

May 22nd, Sunday 10:00 AM ***Chaired by: YBA***

Rev. Koyama is out of town.

May 29nd, Sunday 10:00 AM—Memorial Day @ Alta Mesa

NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE.

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

Schedule of Speeches for Graduating Seniors

6/5	**Bobby Woo & Lesley Tomosada**
6/12	**Will Hamada & Adam Oshiro**
6/19	**Haley Sugimoto & Kelsey Sawamura**

Center for Buddhist Education—Upcoming Activities

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

Pacific Seminar – 21st Century: The Path to the Pure Land

June 24-26 @JSC

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Practice & Personal Development

Guest Speakers: Rev. Harry Bridge, Rev. Gregory Gibbs, Rev. John Iwohara, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

For more information, please visit

MVBT Website www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

or

JSC Website www.cbe-bca.org

To Be Independent and Compassionate (Cont'd fr Page 1)

***Katie Kobashigawa** will graduate from Mountain View High School, where she is the current ASB secretary. Katie played basketball for MVHS for four years as well as for the Ninja club team.*

Katie was a sempai at Nakayoshi Gakko for three years.

Katie will attend the University of the Pacific to study speech and hearing sciences, in the hope of becoming a speech pathologist.

started chasing us! This is just one example of how church made me feel accepted and comfortable right away. I don't think many people could say that they squirted their Reverend in the face…

While I reflect upon my time growing up at the church and at school, I realize I have been living by the teachings of Buddhism even if I was not aware at the moment. It has taught me **to be independent and compassionate**.

When I was younger, I was naturally shy and afraid that others would judge me. In my freshmen and sophomore years of high school I was not involved in school organizations and did not know many people. It was my experience at a camp called Camp Everytown that I soon began to find an outlet for the teachings of Buddhism, which I had learned.

At this camp, we took part in discussions and activities about racial and gender stereotypes. In one activity we all started in an even line holding hands. From there, we responded to questions about our finances, family, relationships, ethnicity, and religion and if we responded 'yes' to the questions, we would take a step forward.

For example, some questions were, "Have you ever been to a concert or play with your parents?" or "Did your parents go to college?"

The one question that had a big impact on me was, "**Have your parents ever told you that you could be anything you wanted to in life**?"

I was shocked by the number of people that stood still. Once the activity was over, we found ourselves completely separated by our answers. I suddenly realized how much I take for granted in my life and how lucky I am to be surrounded by people that care about me at home, at school, and at church who guide me in the right direction. I came to understand the value of accepting others no matter who they are and serving those who need our hand.

Buddhism teaches about Interdependence. Everything and everyone is connected. The people and stories at Camp Everytown affected me, and yet I had the power to influence others because of this church and my family background.

The next year, I organized Camp Everytown because it had been a life-changing experience for me and I wanted to share it with others. During the camp, I watched one student with low esteem gain confidence and start to believe in himself. Later, he sent me a birthday card thanking me for helping him to change. I thanked him in return for being my friend and for helping me to be a better person.

Buddhism is about reaching your full potential by living life in humility and service. Now that I am soon going to graduate from high school, I believe I am beginning to find my true self. From my experiences at church and school, I have become a leader and developed confidence within myself. In this church, I have developed life-long friends and gained so many aunties and uncles that I know I will be back soon.

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Catholic church. However, the droning voice of the pastor and the constant threats of being sent to hell dissuaded me from going to church anymore. I believed all religions to be like Catholicism, so I got rid of religion from my life.

Instead, I began to be fascinated by science. Whenever some scientific breakthrough would be on the news, there would always be opposition from the Pope or other religious groups. Because of this, I accepted the fact that science and religion were two separate entities, religion diminishing under the growing weight of science. **Isn't it much easier to understand something you can see rather than something out of reach?**

Throughout the years, I lived by this reasoning. I played Tri-City basketball and went to the Obon festival every summer, but I never knew it was all connected to the Buddhist temple.

Once I reached ninth grade, my sister persuaded me to give YBA a try. What I learned shocked me. In comparison to the constant drilling of the Catholic pastor to know about Jesus' life, Buddhism seemed so much different. Dharma

Enjoying Life & Doing What One Thinks Is Right (Cont'd fr Page 4)

School and YBA weren't just about learning Buddha's life, but also about applying Siddhartha Gautama's lessons to our own life.

Gautama wasn't someone who wanted fame, like a messiah, but a person who saw himself equal to everyone and truly cared for those around him. His teachings seemed more flexible and fitting for any lifestyle. He didn't want humans to solely do good things to go to heaven. Instead, he thought that humans should contribute to the community selflessly for other's happiness.

I still had doubts throughout my first few years at the temple. Would I be sacrificing my scientific beliefs for some religious beliefs?

Because I entered the temple in high school, I didn't get to learn and still continue not to know some important Buddhist ideologies. However, in addition to absorbing various aspects from each Sunday's sermons, I started my own research and introspection.

I read "Angels and Demons," a novel about a clash between an ancient scientific organization and the Vatican City. Suddenly, I realized that my doubts about religion were absurd. In the book, one character says,

"Religion is like language or dress. We gravitate toward the practices with which we were raised. In the end, though we are all proclaiming the same thing. That life has meaning. That we are grateful for the power that created us. **Faith is universal**. Our specific methods for understanding it are arbitrary. Some of us pray to Jesus, some of us go to Mecca, some of us study subatomic particles.

In the end we are all just searching for truth, that which is greater than ourselves."

All religions and types of sciences are just different ways of solving the same question of life: What is the purpose of our lives? At this realization, I finally let go of previous doubts and opened myself fully to the temple.

There are many things I enjoy about the Buddhist temple. I have met amazing people that I will never forget. This includes all of the YBA members and all the temple members I have had the benefit of working with during various activities.

I have never felt intimidated for joining the temple so late because everyone in YBA is so close. I have become friends with people I'll remember for the rest of my life that I probably wouldn't have met if it weren't for the temple.

The temple has allowed me to enjoy volunteering. One of my favorite activities is the annual Spaghetti Dinner. For the Spaghetti Dinner, I have had to help set up the tables and make sure everyone gets the dinner and bingo tickets they need. It takes a lot of preparation. Even though it is a lot of work, it is worth it. I always gain a sense of accomplishment.

To think that Siddhartha Gautama gave up his royalty and luxury for a search for the end of suffering makes my sacrifices seem so small. It is nights like these that I have realized that I can make a difference in some community.

Life is too short to just concentrate on our own self-interests.

I am honored to invest my time into continuing the cycle of YBA members that get to be part of this tradition, putting my life into some greater purpose of making the world even a little more peaceful.

Again, the last four years have been the best years of my life. I am grateful for having all of you as role models. The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has allowed me to discover who I am and who I want to become. To me, Buddhism is about enjoying life and doing what one thinks is right.

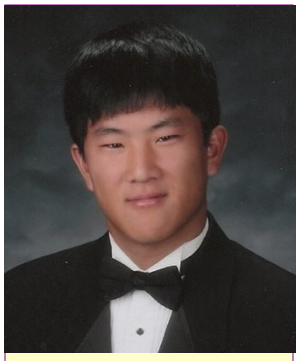
Thank you!

***Alex Muselman** will graduate from Mountain View High School, where he played varsity volleyball for four years and was also a member of Unidos, an English tutoring club.*

Alex also coached the Graham Middle School volleyball team for three years, and was a Tri-City coach for four years.

Alex will study molecular biology at the University of California, San Diego in the Fall.

The Parable of Buddha and Schmillage



Dylan Okuno will graduate from Homestead High School, where he played volleyball for 3 years.

Dylan played Tri City basketball and also served as an assistant coach. He also volunteers at a church in Cupertino.

He is a certified scuba diver and enjoys playing his X-Box, snowboarding and free boarding whenever he can.

Dylan will attend San Jose State University in the Fall.

Once there was a man whose name was Buddha
He slept on the floor and ate with his hands
he lived a simple life and had no pants
He'd given away all that he had
Even his dog, which made him quite sad
He was sent on a quest, far, far, away
In search of Enlightenment, he travelled for days

He walked through a forest without any shoes
With nowhere to go, he was confused
He reached a clearing and saw a small village
He was greeted by a man whose name was Schmillage
Schmillage too, was on a quest
For long lost treasure hidden in a chest
It was hidden deep up in the mountains
This treasure is more valuable than the youth fountain

They travelled together and promised to share
They made a vow, right then and there
They had little food, water, and clothes
Because they spent their money at shows
They were forced to eat only what they caught
It was all fine until they fought

Schmillage got up and left in a rage
He left Buddha tied up and in a cage
Buddha sat and mediated for 3 days
And charged up his strength to break to freedom
By burning his prison up a blaze
And travelled farther away from his kingdom

He travelled for a week and came across a cave
and entered boldly, because he was brave
The cave was both dark and cold
The floor was all covered in mold
He tretched on forward for about an hour
Until he reached the end and saw a flower
He was in Zumbini's garden, the place of his birth
And here he started his very first church

He trained his disciples and they all got strong
They achieved great feats not before long
Shinran was the first to succeed
And he was very wise, Buddha believed

4 years passed and everything was good
Buddha taught as much as he could
He created a small town of a few hundred
But never found the chest and then he wondered

What happened to Schmillage, did he find the treasure?
If so, surely he felt pleasure
He decided once more to search for Schmillage
He left Shinran in charge to defend any pillage
He gathered supplies and soon set off
He grabbed his robes because they were soft
Buddha instantly knew what to do
He travelled north without a clue

But still he knew where Schmillage would be
In a valley with mountain fruits as far as can see
In the distance Schmillage appeared
They both looked up, the treasure revealed

Suddenly the ground started to shake
A booby trap was tripped, a giant lava lake
Soon made a path to both Schmillage and the treasure
Buddha had to choose, he had no leisure

He acted quickly, without a doubt
He grabbed Schmillage and said "we out"
The lava progressed and the treasure was lost
Schmillage was saved, at the treasure's cost

Then Buddha realized, the treasure was the test
And found out the true treasure, friendship's the best

—By Dylan Okuno

50th Anniversary Meeting

May 9, 2011, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Mark the dates on your calendar.

3 Teams in Bay District YBA Volleyball Tourney

Now that the Coast District Conference is done, the YBA has been planning for the Bay District Volleyball Tournament. This year the tournament will be held on May 28th and 29th. The theme is Disney and the YBA team name is "**The Lion Kings and Queens**."

We will be sending three teams to the tournament for a total of 25 players. Usually Mountain View only sends two teams but this year we have a big turnout. 25 players are more players than we have had in the previous years. The YBA has been practicing for the tournament and is looking forward to playing.

The YBA participated in the annual Hanamatsuri performance. The YBA performed a skit to Katy Perry's "Firework." This was the YBA's first place winning talent at the Central California Conference back in November.

Coming up is the YBA's annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 8th. We hope to see everyone there, especially all the mothers.

Finally, the YBA is looking forward to helping out at the annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser.

In Gassho,

Ashley Andrews
YBA President 2010-2011

YBA

Updates

MVBT Chicken Teriyaki—May 15, 2011

Zone 10 is leading the annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser for 2011. Tickets are available from your Zone chairpersons.

For more tickets, Please contact **Sterling Makishima (408.374.1831)**

Donation of $8.00

Pick-up times

MVBT Sangha Hall
9:00 AM - 3 PM

San Jose Shueido
10:00 AM -2:00 PM

Morgan Hill
10:00 AM - 12 PM (noon)

A Full Social Schedule for ABA

At the April ABA meeting those present voted to donate $500 to the Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Relief Fund (BCA).

April 17-18 Reno Trip
Contact: Aiko Sugimoto Miyamoto

April 23 Sat Wine Tasting
Clos La Chance in San Martin hosted by Connie Saito. Also visit second winery in Morgan Hill.
Contact Dennis Tsukagawa

April 26 Tues San Jose Japantown/Museum Tour (10am)
Museum cost: $3.00.
Contact: Joanne Makishima

June 4 Sat
San Jose Giants vs. Visalia
VIP package $40/person also includes dinner.
Contact Joanne Makishima

Sept 14 Wed San Francisco Giants (day game)
Cost $42 plus train ride. Lower Res. Section 104.
Contact: Irene Uchiyama

COME JOIN ABA!

Do as much or as little as you want! **ENJOY!**

ABA News

50th Anniversary Album
Photo Session, Appointment Schedule

Temple members will have the opportunity to take multi family or extended family portraits. When scheduling your appointment you must schedule additional times for your photo session.

One portrait sitting takes 15-20 minutes. Immediately after your sitting you can preview your portraits. **Choose the portrait you want included in the album and your complimentary 8 x 10.**

August 11-12, 2011	2 PM - 9:20 PM	August (Sat) 13, 2011	9:30 AM - 5:10 PM
August 18-19, 2011	2 PM - 9:20 PM	August (Sat) 20, 2011	9:30 AM - 5:10 PM
September 15-16, 2011	2 PM - 9:20 PM	September (Sat) 17, 2011	9:30 AM - 5:10 PM

To schedule your appointment online go to:
www.signup.olanmills.com
Contract #51918.
(Follow prompts for personal information)

We are anticipating 100% participation from the temple membership and you do not want to miss out on not having your picture included in the Anniversary Album!

Contact: Charlene Temple
with any questions or help in making your appointment.
650-424-1209

Welcome New MVBT Members!

New members were introduced after the Spring Ohigan Service on Sunday, March 20th.

We welcome new members: **Kazuko Machida (Zone 10), Martha Dahlen (Zone 5), Irene Hashimoto & Brian Lobue and their son Zachary (Zone 5), and Amy Guthrie and Richard Acuff and their son David (Zone 10).**

New members not pictured are the **Elton and Dianne Hay (Zone 10) Corey and John Vanderwouv and their children Kendall and Evan (Zone 13) and the Jeff and Janice Lee and their children Joey and Jillian (Zone 10).**

We had a luncheon at Kirin Chinese Restaurant in Mt. View to welcome the new members. There was a total of 20 members who attended the luncheon. Please say hello and welcome our new members to the temple.

Gary Tahara
Asst. Membership Chair

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:

Robert Ariyama
Naka Chikasuye
Rev Philipp Eidmann
Levan Gray
Isano Hamada
Dr. Yuta Hongo
Kay Ikeuye
Robert Imai
Nancy Ishii
Nobukichi Ishikawa
Caroline Izumi
Yasuko Kariya
Joe Masao Kawaguchi
Makoto Joseph Kawaguchi
Shigeko Kawamoto
Kiyono Kawano
Hideo M. Kumamaru
June Kusumoto
Edward Morimoto
Hana Nagao
Charles Nagatoshi
Minako Nakamoto
Yoshito Nakamura
Naoko Nakashima
June Naritomi
Herbert Nishimura
Momoyo Ogino
Yoshihiro Okasaki
Leonard Oku
Joe Okuno
Chizuo Sakae
Koji Sakai
George Sato
Shigemi Sato
Betty Shidawara
Frank Shimizu
Mitsuye Togashi
Sumiye Tomota
George Tsukagawa
Seiko Tsumura
Aleric Uyehara
Torao Watanabe
John Wittlesey
Peggy Yamaguchi
Frances Yamaji
John Yamaji

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**

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
May 1st

10:00 am

Hatsumairi Presentations—April 2011

Lana Izumi Sugimura (10/7/2008)
Wendy & Erick Sugimura

Emily Sachi Sugimura (10/16/2010)
Wendy & Erick Sugimura

Lauren Kazuko Takaoka (17/2010)
Julie Morimoto Takaoka

Logan Katsumi Takegami (3/13/2010)
Kami & Derek Takegami

Garrett Choki Tao (6/4/2010)
Janell & Ryan Tao

Kimiko Leia Aquino (7/9/2010)
Cindy & Nathan Aquino

Mason Michiro Laurel (7/12/2010)
Miyeko & Aaron Laurel

Marcus Kenta Sakurai (8/6/2010)
Tori & David Sakurai

Tyler Tomi Fradenburg
(9/29/2010)
Christine & Josh Fradenburg

Odin Sasaki Vignola (1/12/2011)
Rina & Eric Vignola

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Donates $1,000 to Earthquake & Tsunami Fund

Fundraising held after the Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi Service was very successful. The BWA members and the volunteers from the Senior Activities were helping with the manju making.

A special thanks to **Gary Hirotsu, Keo Hirota, Harry Ohara** and **Dennis Tsukagawa** for their great help. A delicious lunch was prepared by the BWA social chairladies.

BWA donated $1,000 to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund.

BWA will be serving dinner on April 28th at the Coast District meeting to be held in Mt. View.

Five members attended the FBWA Cabinet and Delegates meeting in Watsonville on April 1st in preparation for the FBWA Delegates conference in October 2011 in San Jose.

Donations
Gratefully Acknowledged

Mutsuko Davis
Special ($50)

Aiko Taniguchi
Special ($20)

Next Meeting: May 28th in Mountain. View at noon.

OBON

Festival & Bazaar

PLANNING MEETINGS

7:30 PM, MVBT Board Room

Mark these dates on your calendar

Wed. April 20 –
Coordinator confirmation & planning meeting

Wed. May 25 – Planning meeting

Wed. June 29 –
Final review & pricing meeting

Wed. Aug 17 –
Post Bazaar wrap-up meeting

Please Mark Your Calendars—2011 Bazaar Meeting Schedule

All chairpersons are expected to attend. Like last year, each chairperson will be asked to prepare a work schedule for their booth, activity or department. Please prepare your respective work schedule by the May Bazaar meeting so that **Ron Murata**, manpower coordinator, can develop an overall master schedule.

Several coordinator positions have opened up due to health and other personal issues and we are following up with recommended replacements. However, if after begging and arm twisting by Candice and unsightly groveling by me proves to be unsuccessful, would you accept a bribe?

In gassho,

Dave and Candice Maruyama
Zone 13 co-chairs

Updates from MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

The Girl Scouts enjoyed chairing the March Sunday Services.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Girl Scouts by purchasing Girl Scout cookies.

They went hiking at Sanborn Park as part of Forestry Conservation Days.

They are currently folding origami cranes for the "Cranes for Kids" program in support of the children affected by the recent earthquakes and tsunami in Japan.

Brownies

As part of a World Thinking Day project, the Brownies participated in the "You Make Me Smile" campaign to boost self confidence among women and girls in the community. In celebration of Girls Day they made: hinamatsuri ningyo, omanju using mochi and an, decorative Japanese food garnishes from fruits & vegetables.

The scouts were also busy selling Girl Scout cookies, went hiking at Sanborn Park as part of Forestry Conservation Days and worked on several Brownie Try Its related to food, nature and interaction with plants/animals in our environment.

Eight Brownies were recognized for earning their Padma Award.

Juniors

Four Juniors received their Padma Award. Thank you to the Sangha members who donated items to take to Yu Ai Ka for bingo prizes. This was their community service project requirement for the Padma Award. See Jordyn Sato's Padma essay below.

How Basketball is Related to Buddhism

By Jordyn Sato

Buddhism and basketball are similar in many ways. Basketball players demonstrate right effort and right thoughts, interdependence, and the important proverb, "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again".

Basketball players show right effort on and off the court. They are constantly trying to improve their dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense. Establishing right effort is one way how basketball is related to Buddhism.

Another way basketball is related to Buddhism is showing right thoughts. Basketball players need to prove right thoughts because players will demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Interdependence is another way basketball and Buddhism is related. Every player is dependent on each other. They do this by running the plays their coach tells them to run, passing the ball to each other, rebounding each other's shots, and screening defenders for the person who has the ball.

Lastly, the proverb "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again," is a way of exhibiting Buddhism in basketball. Basketball players try and try again and again to beat difficult teams or try to do a move that they want to improve.

Even famous basketball players like Kobe Bryant express Buddhism while playing basketball. They demonstrate right efforts, right thoughts, interdependence, and the important proverb, "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again."

Save the Date—May 21-22 for Family Campout

Thank you to **Yuki Hata-Kita** for organizing the Hanamatsuri luncheon and **Jim Lund** for putting together the program. Special thanks to **BWA** for providing the cake and cookies for dessert! Thank you for all the families who helped setup, bring salads and/or clean up—very much appreciated!

Family Activity & Campout

May 21-22, 2011. Our family activity and campout. A variety of activities for all ages are planned for Saturday afternoon, starting at 3pm. We will then have dinner around 5pm and for those interested, a sleepover--camping in tents behind the Temple or sleeping in the gym.

Senior Activities

Reno Trip Coming Up May 18 and 19

Semi-Annual Reno Trip—May 18-19
Our semi annual Reno trip will be on May 18th and 19th. Please be at the temple grounds at 6:30 AM, to leave at 7:00AM.

We still have a few opening, so sign up and enjoy the fun an over night trip. We will stay at the Silver Legacy. Cost is $74/person. ***Contact: Chuck Uyeda***.

Eye Health—June 17th, 11:30 AM
Keith Kosakura, an optometrist will be our guest speaker, educating us on eye health. We will provide lunch before his presentation. Please join us.

Tai-chi—Wednesday Evenings
John Abe from the Union Bank has volunteered to teach Chinese Traditional Tai-chi **Every Wednesday evening at 6:00—6:45 PM**. There are many advantages to Tai-chi, such as preventing hip fracture, better muscle coordination, and rhythmic relaxing breathing. Please come and enjoy this healthy lesson on balance and fall prevention.

Line Dancing—Thursdays AM
Naomi Ariyama has been teaching line dancing in the Sangha hall from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM during our craft session. Our senior ladies are enjoying this and getting their exercise. This is not only for seniors, everyone is welcome.

Senior Craft & Activities
Thursdays, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Our senior ladies continue to make lap blankets for members who are in Rest Homes and Home Care. Over a dozen lap blankets have generously been donated. If there is a temple member we may have omitted and want us to visit with the blankets, please let one of our committee members know.

Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome.

Again, thank you to our Seniors for making Thursday a special day to socialize and gather, donating your time and energy. Many of the donations are provided for our many trips and lunches possible.

Keep up the good work and continue to stay well.

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MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Donations/Pledges Received

While we should be grateful that MVBT is not in the path of a devastating tsunami, our entire Bay Area is in constant danger of an 8.0+ earthquake that could topple our Hondo and YBA Hall if we do not renovate and remodel as required by our state's seismic experts. That is why our Capital Campaign is so important for the ultimate safety of our members and guests.

I am pleased to report that Temple members and their extended families alike generously responded not only to support our 50th Anniversary Project's Campaign but have also donated bountifully to the BCA's "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Fund."

Total contributions have been recorded from over **90 households out of our membership's 339 and seven Temple affiliates.** I continue to keep the monthly update to sincerely acknowledge all those who are supporting our 50th Anniversary Project and Capital Campaign. Since last month another huge "thanks" goes out to the following donors:

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Pledges	$806,890.00
TOTAL	**$1,144,795.00**

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The latest update on our MVBT Capital Campaign

150 Club News

The winner for the April 2011, 150 Club was **Arleen Tahara**.

There are 8 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
MAY	Zones 6 & 7	May 20	May 13
JUN	Zones 8 & 9	June 14	June 10
JUL	Zones 10 & 11	N/A	N/A

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Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

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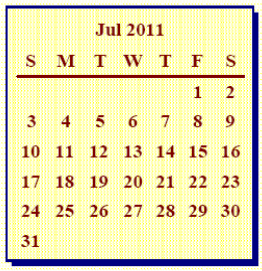			1 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 7:00 PM Temple Choir	2 6:00 PM Taiko	3 4:30 PM Calligraphy	4 2:00 PM Girl Scouts Service Bridging/Sangha Hall
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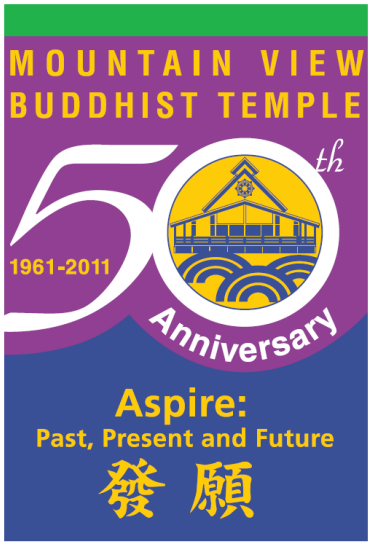

Be sure to read our first three graduation high school seniors perspectives on their MVBT experiences. Please check the schedule for specific dates for the rest of the speakers.

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The Echo Staff

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