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  Lesley Tomosada
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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

For the next two 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!

Lesson Learned: YBA Members Make Good Prom Dates

By Nicole Andrews

The one and most important lesson I have learned from Dharma school, temple and YBA is: YBA members make good prom dates! Just kidding, however I did meet my senior prom date through YBA. But don't get any ideas because we are just friends.

I met my friend Tyler while attending the YAC retreat last summer at the Sacramento Betsuin where he attends temple. After the week long retreat we had become not just DBFL's, Dharma Buddies for Life, but best friends extending beyond our connections of Buddhism and YBA.

So senior prom is this May, but prom bids went on sale in early April and that's a very stressful time, when all the seniors start thinking about who they want to ask to prom. Weeks before prom tickets went on sale, I had spent many days contemplating if I should ask Tyler to prom. Although I was about 75% sure he would say yes, my biggest fear holding me back from asking him was the dreadful "No". However, with encouragement from my friends and Ashley, I gathered enough confidence to ask him.

To ask him I bought a card from Hallmark and redecorated it to say what I wanted. I thought it would be lame if I just called him and asked, so that's why I went with a card. So I crossed the original words out and added new

Defining Gratitude

By Ashley Andrews

Gratitude is defined as the quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful. To be grateful is defined as warmly or deeply appreciative of kindness or benefits received. In Buddhism we are often reminded to be grateful for the things we are given and receive in life. Sadly, I only now can say that I am truly grateful and appreciative of all the things I have been given.

This is because going off to college has made me realize that I will not have all the comforts of home that I have now. These include seeing my family and friends every day, having home cooked meals, and not having to worry about all the grown up tasks.

Since the beginning of senior year, all I wanted was for it to be over. I wanted graduation to come faster and summer to start sooner. Even though it is only a matter of a couple weeks, I was jealous of my friends who were graduating in May instead of June. I don't know why I was so eager to be finished with school though, maybe it was from the excitement of starting a new chapter in my life or the fact that I dislike homework.

But now that graduation is drawing closer, I cannot help but be sad that I will be leaving high school and my life in Sunnyvale behind.

In the fall, I will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo which is about 3 hours south. All of my family members will be in a 3 hour distance from me, whether they

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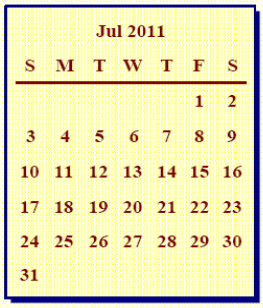			*1* 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 7:00 PM Temple Choir	*2* 6:00 PM Taiko	*3* 4:30 PM Calligraphy	*4* 2:00 PM Girl Scouts Service Bridging/Sangha Hall
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Religious Planning Committee Report—May/June

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

NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE.

June 5th, Sunday 10:00 AM —Shotsuki Hoyo (June & July) Service Chaired by: 3rd Gr

Graduating Senior Speeches: **Bobby Woo** and **Lesley Tomosada**

June 12th, Sunday 10:00 AM Chaired by: Dharma School

Graduating Senior Speeches: **William Hamada** and **Adam Oshiro**

Adult Discussion: **Finding a Path: a journey to Jodo Shinshu**

June 19th, Sunday 10:00 AM—Fathers' Day & Graduation

Graduating Senior Speeches: **Haley Sugimoto** and **Kelsey Sawamura**

June 26th

NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE. Summer recess begins.

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

Additional Information about this upcoming seminar is available through our MVBT website.

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

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Practice & Personal Development

June 24-26, 2011

Jodo Shinshu Center

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

Sponsored by the Institute of Buddhist Studies & the Center for Buddhist Education

For more information, please visit

MVBT Website www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

or

JSC Website www.cbe-bca.org

Lesson Learned: YBA Members Make Good Prom Dates (Cont'd fr Page 1)

***Nicole Andrews** will graduate from Homestead High School, where she played basketball and was a member of CSF for the past three years. She is the current YBA vice president.*

Nicole loves sports, movies, her friends and family, and coming to Temple

She will attend UCLA in the Fall to study biochemistry in the hopes of becoming a medical researcher for cancer treatment.

words. Then, I sent it in the mail on a Friday and had to wait until Monday, which was only two days but seemed like eternity, for him to get it in the mail.

And when he did, he thought it was funny and said "Yes". It's ironic that I'm going with him because I remember when I first met him during the retreat, I got bad vibes from him because I thought he didn't like me. But then he said he must have just been tired or something because now we are really good friends.

You might be wondering how my prom story ties into the temple and Buddhism, besides the fact that I met my friend through YBA. But if not for the temple and being in the YBA I never would have had the courage or gumption to ask Tyler to prom.

Ever since I can remember I've always been a shy quiet girl, never a social butterfly. I am a very introverted person, usually keeping thoughts to myself and withdrawn when I meet new people. Especially when in class, I barely speak a word and never raise my hand. I remember when hosting the Coast District Conference this past March I was talking to some of the younger YBA members and telling them to be really energetic and just talk to everyone they meet and they joked, saying it was easy for me because I'm really social and talkative, but in the back of my mind I was thinking how I'm actually the complete opposite of what they think I am.

Probably the only reason they think I'm really social is because honestly the temple is the one place I feel comfortable enough to be as talkative and free to express my thoughts as I want.

Since I started coming in the seventh grade, I've felt very welcomed and instantly integrated into the Sangha even though my knowledge of Buddhism or temple affairs was quite lacking. Unlike school, I enjoy sharing my opinions and views on various topics during the high school Dharma class discussions and I enjoy taking an active position in the YBA.

One thing about the Sangha that I love the most that really gave me confidence in myself and actions, is the true encouragement and support the youth receives in whatever endeavors we take on.

Whenever the YBA hosts a fundraiser, such as a bake sale or our annual Spaghetti Dinner, or just helps out at events like Keiro Kai, the Sangha always takes notice and is very supportive of the organization and our actions. All members make us feel special, praising our actions by always saying what a great job we've done or how wonderful it is to see us take an interest in the temple.

Even when YBA does events away from the temple, the YBA knows we have the temple's backing and interest. For example, when we go to the annual Bay District Volleyball tournament Mountain View usually dominates and places in the top two or three spots and somehow news of our victories always gets back to the temple so fast that by the time Sunday comes, all the members are really enthusiastic and eager to congratulate us, which is always really nice. In addition, it is especially encouraging to know that the Sangha and also the BCA has such trust in the youth for the future of the temple and just Buddhism in the country.

Because of the kindness and support of the temple, I feel more confident as a person and know that whenever I come here I will always find approval and welcoming in my ideas and actions.

From coming here I have learned to be a leader, more outgoing, and confident in myself and I take pride in being from Mountain View Temple.

When I go off to college I hope to find a community that is as welcoming and supportive as the Sangha is here. I will take the lessons and all the encouragement from the temple and apply it to my endeavors and studies at UCLA. And when I come back to temple, I know I will always be greeted by kindness and support from this wonderful Sangha.

Defining Gratitude (Cont'd fr Page 4)

are in Los Angeles or Sunnyvale. This 3 hour distance means that I will not be able to visit my family weekly or come home whenever I want. Knowing this, each opportunity that I have to spend with my family becomes more precious and valuable.

Coming to temple along with being a graduating senior has helped to open my eyes to be more grateful and appreciate the little moments in life we are given. This year, my grandparents, Aki and Toki Nakano, celebrated their 50th anniversary. My aunts and uncles and cousins from Los Angeles all drove down for the weekend to celebrate their anniversary. Even though the stay was only going to be for one night, my family was willing to make the 6 hour drive up and back to celebrate this once in a lifetime event. At the time I did not realize the sacrifices that my family made in order to be at the celebration because I was too caught up in the excitement, but looking back on it I am grateful for my family and the things they are willing to do for each other. I only wish that I slowed down and truly lived in the moment.

In addition to our celebration, the family is going to Hawaii this summer. I am really looking forward to this trip because obviously it is Hawaii, but also I think that this will be one of the last trips my family will be taking for awhile. This is because as my cousins and I get older, our schedules become busier, which makes it harder to plan vacations and Christmas. With Nicole and me entering college, it means 5 out of 11 grandchildren will be in college and everyone is more spread out and running on different schedules. When in Hawaii, I plan to spend as much time with my family and take in every moment because each second I can spend with my family is truly precious to me.

Through Buddhism, we are always reminded to be grateful for the things we have in life, whether they are moments with your family or tangible objects.

It is because of the Sangha and the temple that I am able to understand what it means to truly be grateful and appreciative. The Sangha shows compassion and kindness to all the current and new members, which is one of the reasons why I enjoy coming so much. Whether it is someone I know or someone I have never met before, they are always warm and friendly, making me feel welcomed.

One instance that I remember the most, happened this year. It was the temple's annual meeting and the YBA was in charge of watching the dharma school kids. Instead of watching the younger grades, I had to attend the meeting and inform everyone about the YBA's yearly events. I was unprepared and nervous to go up to the microphone and make an announcement in front of all the meeting attendants. Luckily, Mr. Sawamura wrote on a piece of paper some points I should remember to talk about while up at the mike.

For those of you who don't know me well, I have really bad nerves and become short of breathe when I have to speak in public. When they called the YBA, I went up to the mike and made my announcement, which felt like forever. When I was finished everyone applauded for me and said good job, I was the only person they clapped for. I don't know if it was because they wanted to show support for the youth or because they could sense my nervousness.

Whatever the reason was, it made me feel better and proud of myself that I was able to make an announcement in front of everyone.

This is only one of the many instances where the Sangha has made me feel welcomed by showing compassion towards me. If it were not for everyone's compassion, I most likely would not be here every Sunday, let alone be standing before you.

In addition, coming to temple has allowed me opportunities that I would not have had otherwise, such as making lifelong friends, developing leadership skills, and being a part of a second family.

The temple has given me the chance to participate in numerous YBA outings and events where I am able to give back to the tem-

Ashley Andrews
will graduate from Homestead High School, where she played basketball and field hockey for the past three years. She was also a member of CSF for the past three years. She is the current YBA President.

She enjoys listening to music and hanging out with her family and friends.

She will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and major in graphic design.

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ple. During YBA events, such as conferences and retreats, I met many teens who I connected with due to being close in age and sharing similar interests and understanding of Buddhism. These events were the beginning of my lifelong friendships that I have made over the years.

Being the president of the YBA and an active member has taught me how to be a leader and that you shouldn't be afraid to put yourself out there and let your voice be heard.

These opportunities have changed me in a positive way and made me a better person.

Now that I will be leaving for college, I realize that I will never have opportunities like the ones I have been presented with again. All of my experiences at temple started with the Sangha's efforts to make all feel welcomed.

For this I am truly grateful for the Sangha and proud to say that I am from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Interconnectedness Within Life

Amanda Yam
will graduate from Homestead High School. She was a member of the CSF and has volunteered at the Los Altos Library.

She is the first person in her family to attend MVBT and has been in the YBA for three years.

Amanda will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall to study graphic design.

By Amanda Yam

Through Buddhism, I have learned the interconnectedness within life. **Everyone and everything is related to one another in different ways.**

Simple or small decisions have the power to affect not just one event, but many events surrounding it, like the ripples in water caused by a single touch. My one decision to start attending the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has affected my life in ways that I never expected it would and has led me to be the person I am today.

I remember it was a Saturday night when one of the Andrews twins called me, asking me if I wanted to go to church with them the next morning. They had mentioned this idea before, but I never took it seriously. I was the type of person who shied away from situations such as these – I was always a very awkward, quiet person and I was scared to meet so many new people.

However, that night I decided to take a chance and step out of my comfort zone for once. It was a new experience and, thinking about it, I didn't really see any harm in feeling a bit awkward for a couple hours. Why should I give up a chance to possibly make new friends? And so I told the twins a somewhat reluctant yes and they immediately told me all I needed to know for my first day at temple. Before I knew it I was being led into a room full of people I did not know or barely knew.

And I was terrified.

Most of the people I met, however, were very friendly and welcoming and, although I was too shy to make new friends at first because of my fear of talking to people I didn't know, I can honestly say today that I no longer have this fear.

From coming to this temple, I have made new friends, strengthened current friendships, and, also learned the importance of living in the moment.

An example of this is when I decided to join our YBA's volleyball team for the Bay District Volleyball tournament. Most people who know me will probably say that I am really bad at volleyball. I tried doing it in middle school, but didn't make the team. During freshman P.E. I got hit by the ball more than I was able to hit the ball.

I remember when we played volleyball during the Sangha Day picnic one year, I couldn't even serve the ball over the net. I'd hold the ball in front of me, swing my right arm toward it and miss it completely, so I tried again… and again but I still couldn't manage to get my arm to make contact with the ball. When I finally managed to hit it, it went straight forward hitting Kyle Nishimoto in the back of his head.

This made my decision to join the Mountain View team for the Bay District Volleyball tournament surprising to many people, I'm sure. Although the tournament is mostly for fun, our YBA is very competitive, and they usually win each year. I'm still not sure what made me join, exactly, but in the end I am glad I did.

Even though I was extremely nervous about disappointing or angering the other, more skilled players

Good Things Bring Good Results. Bad Things Bring Bad Results

By Janelle Inenaga

Good things bring good results, bad things bring bad results; let your heart be pure. Reverend Koyama had once said this quote and it has been a reoccurring theme in my life in the past few years. The last part, "let your heart be pure" means to **do the right thing because it's right**, and not because you want to impress someone. I discovered this meaning last year, when I embarked on a journey that changed my life.

The trip was called *Sojourn to the Past* and I spent ten days focusing on the Civil Rights Movement. Sojourn to the Past defined discrimination for me and I realized that even though most of the African-Americans people weren't Buddhist, they still practiced some of the same concepts. One incident was eye-opening because I never truly understood segregation and discrimination. I remember riding in the bus in Selma, Alabama on a straight road. Our teacher said, "Everybody, look to the left; that is white Selma. Now look to the right; that is black Selma." The black Selma houses looked so much more run down than the white Selma houses. It felt as if they were in two different countries. It was at that moment that I realized that discrimination still exists and how lucky I am to live in a place where I can associate with whomever I want and whatever race or religion I choose.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said "**The choice is not between violence and nonviolence; but between nonviolence and non-existence.**" He, along with thousands of other black people, came together and found other ways to protest, nonviolently. This goes along with the quote "good things bring good results" because they realized that violence wasn't going to get them anywhere. Violence is not the answer to your problems, it only irritates them.

My final story surprised me because I never knew that someone could have so much strength. Medgar Evers witnessed discrimination all his life but still fought in World War II for the United States. He had a commitment to steer his home state toward civilization. Evers delivered many speeches on the rising of racial tensions within the state of Mississippi and was a key player in the Civil Rights Movement. However, as tensions rose, so did the threat of violence.

One night, Medgar Evers came home after a long day of work. His children and his wife had stayed up late that night waiting for him. They heard the car pull up onto the driveway and they heard the car door slam. In that instant, they heard a loud gunfire. His wife, Myrlie Evers, ran to the front door and found her beloved husband on the ground, at her feet. Neighbors lifted Evers onto a mattress and drove him to the hospital, but he was dead within an hour after the shot.

The next morning, police discovered a small clearing in a patch of honeysuckle near the house. There, anyone could have a direct shot at the Evers' driveway. They found a rifle and when they tested for fingerprints, they discovered that the rifle belonged to a man named Byron De La Beckwith. Beckwith was tried twice for murder, but both trials ended in a hung jury and he was never convicted. 31 years later, Beckwith was again put on trial after finding new evidence. He was finally convicted of murder, after living more than three decades as a free man.

After the final trial, Beckwith finally apologized to Myrlie Evers who was still in great grief over her husband's death. Then, the most amazing thing happened. She turned to him calmly and then gracefully forgave him. There's no doubt that she must have felt some anger and hatred toward him, but she decided to focus more on continuing the fight on what her husband believed in, rather than taking her anger out on Beckwith. Even though Myrlie Evers was not Buddhist, she still practiced compassion and acceptance; key concepts that I have embraced throughout my years in Dharma school.

I've embraced "being kind and gentle to every living thing," accepting people for who they are and not judging them, and most importantly, by attending church every Sunday to hear the powerful words of Reverend Koyama.

These past 14 or 15 years have been unforgettable. I have learned countless life lessons in dharma school—like making Mother's day cards and gifts for my mom. On that note, I would like to say Happy Mother's day to my mom.

Mom, you have supported me since the day I was born, and now you are supporting me when I finally leave home to go off to college. **No words can express how grateful I am to have you as my mom and I love you.**

Janelle Inenaga will graduate from Homestead High School, where she played Varsity softball for four years. She was also on the first girls' golf team.

She has attended MVBT since she was three years old and was in the first class of students to attend Nakayoshi Gakko.

Janelle will go to the University of Oregon to study education. She hopes to be a teacher.

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on the team, I realized most of my nervousness was in my head.

Many of the kids were extremely supportive, giving me high-fives when I hit the ball and encouraging words or jokes when I missed. Even the kids who might have gotten a little frustrated with my embarrassing volleyball skills didn't try to kick me off the team or anything. Instead, they tried giving me helpful tips to improve.

During practice, Ashley or Nicole Andrews would always pull me aside to practice my setting or bumping over and over again. I was surprised at their patience, I was sure they were going to get tired of throwing balls at me only to have them ricochet off my arm and roll away in the completely opposite direction.

However, through the great spirit of the team, my volleyball skills somehow managed to improve. Although not very much, to be honest, but the ratio of me hitting the ball to getting hit by the ball certainly got better.

When the day of the tournament finally rolled around and we packed our bags and headed off toward Alameda, I couldn't help but feel incredibly nervous. Despite the encouragement from the team, I was afraid I was going to bring the team down, or embarrass myself, or be that person that misses the ball when the other team just needs one more point to win.

When we got there and started playing though, I found that I had nothing to worry about. I'm not sure if it was the sense of competition during the games, or if the team was being extra careful about putting players near me, but we didn't lose, and I actually managed to hit some balls during the tournament. It's hard to describe the shock of actually managing to bump a volleyball over the net and not having it come back.

It's also hard to describe the feeling I got when I heard people cheer every time this happened. **All I can say is that it was a very good feeling.**

I had always avoided doing things that I wasn't good at or that required me to step out of my comfort zone. I'd fear embarrassing myself, failing, or disappointing others. However, through my experiences at the temple, such as joining the volleyball tournament, despite my obvious lack of skills, has taught me to just live in the moment. I have also learned that I shouldn't always let my ego prevent me from trying new things.

I've realized that I shouldn't let the fear of how people will think of me or how my actions will affect me in the future hold me back from appreciating the good things in the moments that are happening right now.

As I move on to college I know there are going to be many new opportunities, and I am going to have to choose whether or not I will want to experience them. Hopefully, I will choose to live in the moment and not avoid any chances due to fears of embarrassment or failure and I hope to carry this lesson with me throughout my life.

However, as of now I am going to appreciate this time today, being a part of the YBA and the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

50th Anniversary Meeting

June 13, 2011, Monday, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room

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

There will be no meetings during the summer and relocation.

The next meeting will be in the fall, October 10th.

Mark these dates on your calendar.

2011 Obon Festival & Bazaar—Key Dates & Times

Bazaar Planning Meetings:
Wednesday, May 25, 7:30PM
Wednesday, June 29, 7:30PM (Pricing Meeting)

Odori Practices—3 DAYS ONLY:
July 11, 12 & 14 at 7:30PM
Sangha Hall Gym

Detailed Food Preparation Schedule—will be posted in Sangha Hall.

Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service—Sunday, July 10 at 10:00AM

Wednesday, June 22	9:00AM	Clear warehouse for Obon construction
Wednesday, July 6	8:30AM	Take out items for construction
Saturday, July 9	9:00AM	Prepare Oboro
Sunday, July 10	**10:00AM**	**Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service**
Monday, July 11	7:30PM – 8:45PM	1st Odori practice (1 of 3)
Tuesday, July 12	8:30AM 6:30PM 7:30PM – 8:45PM 8:30PM	Layout booth materials Construction begins Odori practice (2 of 3) Dinner served by MVBT Board
Wednesday, July 13	9:00AM 6:00PM 6:30PM 8:30PM	Make Yaki Manju Clean and prepare chicken Construction Dinner served by YBA
Thursday, July 14	8:00AM 10:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM 7:30PM – 8:45PM 8:30PM	Prepare kanpyo Tempura and beef teriyaki vegetable prep Construction Tempura – prepare fish **Final Odori practice (outdoors)** Dinner served by ABA
Friday, July 15	10:00AM 12:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Continue prep for Tempura Beef teriyaki meat cutting Construction Beef Teriyaki skewering Booth furnishing/decoration
Saturday, July 16	5:00AM 9:00AM 4:00PM – 10:00PM	Rice cooking Make Sushi, Ohagi Obon Festival & Bazaar open
Sunday, July 17	4:00AM 6:00AM 12:00PM – 8:30PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM 8:00PM	Rice cooking Make Sushi, Ohagi Obon Festival & Bazaar open Chidori Band begins Obon Odori service Odori dancing Raffle drawing
Monday, July 18	8:00AM 12:00PM	Booth clean up begins Lunch served by BWA
Tuesday, July 19	6:30PM 8:30PM	Booth disassembly begins Dinner served by Dharma School
Wednesday, July 20	6:30PM 8:30PM	Finish clean up Dinner served by BWA

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

The End of Summer Family Fun Night

August 12, 2011, starting at 7:00 pm

Outdoor movie, s'mores and more! More details to come.

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

Dr. Hunter Doi—April 2, 2011

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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:

Spencer Cowap
Robyn Delgado
Kotome Fujii
Frank Fujii
Masakazu Fujii
Nobu Fukuda
George Furuichi
James Furuta
Tomoye Goto
Shizue Haruta
Ben Hayamizu
Masako Hayamizu
Grace Hayano
Joe Hayano
Sidney Hiramoto
Asa Hori
Genzo Horino
Josephine Hoshiko
Kou Imai
Yukishige Imai
Takao Ishikawa
John Ishizaka
Yotsu Iwata
Iris Kawamoto
Kojuro Kawamoto
Yasu Kawamoto
Norma Kochi
Albert Kosakura
Kiyoshi Makishima
Erin Maruyama
George Masuda
Frank M. Matsumoto
Jimmy Matsumoto
Natsumi Michihira
Helen Miyake
Chizuko Murai
Katsuki Nakagawa
Shigeo Nakanishi
Megumi Nakano
Kuni Nakagawa
Tsuyoshi Nakashima
Jim Nakayama
Takara Ogawa
Mika Okita
Ichitaro Okumura
Ryu Ozawa
Yoshio Ozawa
Mishi Sako
Nizo Sako
Suye Shimamoto
Mary Shimizu
Margaret Shinseki
Trevor Sugimoto
Yuki Taniguchi
Barry Tokunaga
Ito Tsukagawa
Toshie Tsukamoto
Kiyoshi Umeda
Kazuko Watanabe
Kenji Yamane
Imi Yasuda
Goichi Yonemoto

June/July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
June 5th

10:00 am

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**

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Keeping Busy with CD Meeting and FBWA Meetings

CD Minister/CD Council meeting was held in Mountain View on April 28th. BWA served a delicious lunch prepared by **Tomiko Maruyama, Hideko Matsumoto, Kiyoko Sato, Misao Tanouye, Mitsue Fukuda, Toshiko Kawamoto, Maryu Kato, Tamae Nagatsuyu, Nobuye Yasuda, Dorothy Chikasuye, Aggie Hirotsu, Cindy Zable** and **Kazuko Tashiro**.

Three members will be going to Japan in May for the Shinran Shonin 750th. They are **Shizuye Hiroshige, Chiharu Nishimura** and **Fumie Satake**.

The BWA helped the Senior Activity and Craft Group with their Fundraising Manju on Thursday May 12th .

They sold the manju on Sunday at the Chicken teriyaki take out.

FBWA Cabinet & Delegates Mtg
May 28th at noon in Mountain View. We will be serving lunch.

Next Meeting: June 11th, Saturday at 9:00 AM.

Get Your 50th Anniversary Commemorative Nenju

The 50th Anniversary Committee has selected a custom-made wrist Nenju designed and manufactured by Hoseki Designs as the official gift to Temple members and Dharma School members to commemorate our 50th anniversary.

They will be made with high quality, no-fade, polished Druk beads and jeweler's elastic, using the logo and colors designed by Ray Murakami. Additionally, we will have an odayama bead with the round Temple logo and 50th Anniversary dates visible inside the bead. Custom sizing is available by Hoseki Designs for a small additional cost (after purchase only).

Each registered Temple member as well as well as each Dharma School student enrolled during the 2011-2012 year will receive one wrist onenju. Additional wrist onenjus will be available for purchase.

There will also be full-sized, non-elastic onenju (see left) for purchase on a first-come, first serve basis.

View the color images of the onenjus at the Temple website at www.mvbuddhisttemple.org.

If you are interested in purchasing an onenju, please email **Jeff Sato** at satoj@comcast.net, or leave a note in the Boy Scout box in the Temple Office. Do not pay at this time.

The pricing is as follows:
Wrist Onenju:—$25.00 each
Full Sized Onenju:—$40.00 each

The price for the full-sized onenju is higher than originally estimated. For those who have already signed up, please let Jeff Sato know if you would like to adjust the quantity you have reserved.

YBA Updates—Helping Out and Playing Volleyball

The YBA held its annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 8th.

Thanks to all the YBA members for their help and hard work. Also, we hope that everyone who came out for the brunch had a great time.

In addition, the YBA helped out at the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser on May 13th and 15th, bagging fortune cookies and boxing lunches.

The YBA is still preparing for the Bay District Volleyball Tournament that takes place the last weekend of May. All three teams are looking good.

In addition, the YBA members chaired the Sunday services for the month of May and gave the dharma talk on May 22nd.

During the May meeting, the YBA held cabinet nominations for the 2011-2012 year.

In Gassho,

Ashley Andrews
YBA President 2010-2011

Updates from MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Brownies

Brownies completed four Try-Its (pertaining to interrelationships with the outdoors & plants, exercise and careers). They interviewed a kindergarten teacher to learn about jobs in education and toured Star One Credit Union to learn more about jobs in finance.

Juniors

Enjoyed a sleepover at the Oakland Zoo to earn two badges, Wildlife and Plants & Animals. They have also earned their Outdoor Cooking badge

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

Cadettes

Went on fieldtrips to Nob Hill and Nothing Bundt Cakes to learn about production and distribution. They also learned how to decorate cakes with fondant.

"Life" and Buddhism

By Victoria Shinkawa

My favorite TV show is "Life." It is a show on the Discovery channel about how animals survive and must depend on each other.

One example was of a pelican eating a fish to survive. This is interdependence because the pelican depended on the fish so it would give it food to live. While this is sad for the fish, the life cycle must go on.

The fish in turn relies on smaller fish to eat to survive. If the pelican did not eat the fish, the pelican might die and if the pelican died, the animal that ate the pelican would die, etc. This shows me that all things depend on other things.

Interdependence teaches me that I have to rely on others and other things to survive living or non-living. I should be more appreciative of what I have and say thank you to those that I rely on.

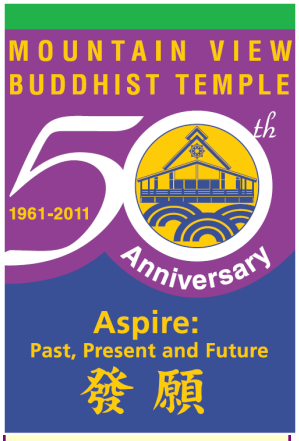
Interdependence also teaches me that I should also try to be responsible because someone might trust and rely on me. For example, if someone gave me something important to keep and if I lose it, they would not trust me anymore. I think that it is important that people can trust you.

At church, I learned that nothing ever stays the same; this is called impermanence. Only the fact that change will occur is constant. The fish's life changed because he was eaten and died, the fish no longer exists. Buddhism teaches me that I will change and other things around me will change. I cannot change these things, but I can adapt.

I learned that I should learn to let go of some of the things that do not really matter to me and not get so upset by them. Such as when my brother annoys me and teases me. I can ignore him or tell him to stop calmly. This is because I can adapt and my annoyance is not permanent. I think that it is important that I learn to adapt to my situation.

What I have learned through Buddhism and by watching "Life" was that we all depend on each other and things will always change.

Victoria Shinkawa's Padma Essay



The latest update on our MVBT Capital Campaign

MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Donations/Pledges Received

I see friends shaking hands, saying, how do you do. They're really saying, I love you!
—Louis Armstrong

As Louis sang, it truly is a wonderful world as I constantly witness MV Temple members greeting each other daily as if they hadn't seen each other in years! We are one-third of the way towards our Phase I Campaign goals. Keep it going!

PLEASE NOTE:
Pledge deadline is June 1, 2011.
But no deadline for donations!

Total contributions thus far have been recorded from over 100 households out of our membership's 339, eight Temple affiliates and even, 17 non-members. As a regular feature I will continue to keep a monthly update in this column 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 for their generosity:

MVBT Capital Campaign Donation/Pledges (4/8-5/6)
(in the order received)

Tom & Joyce Tamaru
Steve, Janet, Adam & Kameko Oshiro
Nobuye Yasuda
Roy & May Matsuzaki
Rod & Nancy Sugimoto
James & June Thoni
Gary & Agnes Hirotsu
Michie Shiroma
(In memory of Koichi Yamashita)
Toshihiro Michihira
MVBT Dharma School
Ken & Mieko Nakano
Jean Kurasaki
Allen & Linda Sasaki
(In memory of Tom M. Oza)
Marin Community Foundation, 2128 fund
(Russell Satake & Anita Lusebrink)
(In memory of Shinajiro, Shimano & Akiko Satake)
George & Kazuko Morimoto
Akira & Tokiko Nakano
Shin & Hideko Sawamura
Steve & Karen Tashiro
Keith & Deborah Kitani
Shigeru & Kazuko Tashiro
Margaret Tashiro
Stan & Martha Okamura
Muneo and Toshiko Masaki
Jits & Jean Higa
Takashi & Irene M. Tsujita
(In memory of Tsutomu and Umeyo Koyama)

Confirmed Totals, to date (5/6/11)	
Donations	$634,808.18
Pledges	$569,756.76
TOTAL	**$1,204,564.94**

150 Club News

The winner for the May 2011, 150 Club was **Harry Ohara**.

There are 7 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
JUN	Zones 8 & 9	June 14	June 10
JUL	Zones 10 & 11	N/A	N/A
AUG	Zones 12 & 13	N/A	N/A

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

Practice Tai-chi or Try Line Dancing

Eye Health—June 16th, 11:30 AM

Keith Kosakura, an optometrist will be our guest speaker, educating us on eye health. We will also provide lunch at 11:30 AM 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

A reminder and information for all. **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.

Last Senior Craft & Activities

June 16th, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

We will resume on September 1st. Please mark your calendar.

Manju Making

September 8th, Thursday

We will be making manju—for the Midori Kai Boutique on September 10th. The proceeds will to be donated to our 50th Anniversary celebration. Thanking you in advance for your continued support.

May 5th 2011, marked exactly the 6th year anniversary of the Senior Craft Program. It started with 55 ladies and men and it is still growing. A successful and a very popular program, it continues to do well, promoting fundraisers, craft for everyone, socialization, sharing ideas and making new friends. Along with card playing, we have line dancing which is being enjoyed by many.

Our senior ladies continue to give their time and energy making lap blankets for our members in Rest Homes or Home Care. This is a nice way to show that our thoughts are with them. Over a dozen lap blankets have been donated for our rest homes friends. 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.

Our craft sessions are from 9:00 AM to 12 noon, every Thursday. Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to join us, for we are always looking to make new friends.

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. Making friends here is also important. Keep up the good work and continue to stay well.

Senior Activities

No White Elephant Sale!

Due to construction that will be taking place at the temple, **there will NOT be a White Elephant Sale this year**. We appreciate your past donations and would like you to have your treasures kept for us until next year.

Thank You from Dharma School

Special thanks to **Debbie Sato** and **Robert Shinkawa** for organizing the lunch for the teriyaki chicken crew. Also special thanks to **Tony and Miki Bellon** for selling the emergency packs as the spring dana project.

Second annual Dharma School campout will be May 22-23 with thanks to Janice Lee and Lian Imai for organizing the food and the DS Cabinet for the activities.

Donations

Curt Kawabata & Joan Aoki for Stacey Kawabata's birthday

Hirota family—Jeanette Hirota memorial

T.E. and J.C. Kawamoto "in appreciation"

Stacy Nakamura & Gail Satake-Nakamura for Rachel's birthday

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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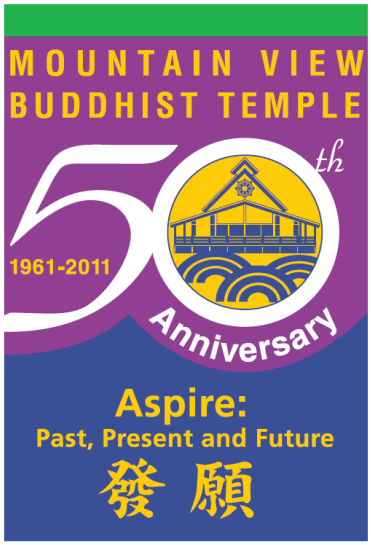
3 11:30 AM YBA/YBA Hall NO SUNDAY SERVICE	*4* 7:00 PM Kendo HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	*5* 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	*6* 5:00 PM Sangha Hall kitchen hood clean up/??? 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting Grease trap clean out	*7*	*8* 6:30 PM Fuji Club 7:30 PM ABA meeting conf. room/YBA Hall	*9* 8:00 AM BWA meeting/Sangha Hall 9:00 AM BWA meeting/Sangha Hall/make oboro
10 10:00 AM Sunday Service/Kangi-e-Obor Grant Ikuta 12:00 PM Northern Calif. Kendo Federation/Sangha Hall	*11* 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Odori practice Start up outside reefers	*12* 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Constr. 7:30 PM Odori practice/Sangha Hall	*13* 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Constr.	*14* 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Constr. 7:30 PM Odori practice/outside	*15* 6:00 PM Taiko 6:30 PM Construction	*16* 4:00 PM Obon Bazaar & Festival 4:00 PM Taiko 8:30 PM Bazaar closes
17 12:00 PM Obon & Festival 6:00 PM Chidori Band 7:00 PM Odori dancing/outdoors 8:30 PM Bazaar closes NO SUNDAY SERVICE	*18* 8:00 AM Clean up	*19* 6:30 PM Clean up	*20* 4:00 PM BWA work crew dinner/Sangha Hall 6:30 PM Clean Rev. Koyama/vacation	*21* 6:30 PM Clean up	*22*	*23*
24 NO SUNDAY SERVICE	*25* Sangha Hall, YBA Hall, all classrooms closed/Janitor Svc.	*26* Sangha Hall, YBA Hall, all classrooms closed/Janitc Sve/gym floor closed	*27* Return all furnishings to all rooms/after janitor service Rev. Koyama/vacation	*28* Sangha Hall YBA Hall, all classrooms closed/janitor svc.	*29*	*30*
31 12:00 PM Northern Calif. Kendo Federation NO SUNDAY SERVICE Rev.						

Graduating Senior Speeches Continue



Be sure to read the next installment of graduating high school seniors perspectives on their MVBT experiences. Please check the schedule for specific dates for the rest of the speakers.

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

In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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JAPAN Earthquake & Tsunami Relief Fund

Please help by donating to the Relief Fund. Make checks out to Mountain View Buddhist Temple with a note in memo; **Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund**.

Collections will be taken at Sunday Services and at the Office.

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