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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

In this issue, 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!

Summer Highlights

- ***6/26, Sun—***
  Summer Recess Begins
  No Services at Temple
- ***7/10 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Obon/Hatsubon Service
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Grant Ikuta,
  Steveston Buddhist Temple, Richmond, British Columbia
- ***Obon Festival & Odori***
  7/16 Sat, 4 PM – 10 PM
  7/17 Sun, 12 PM – 9 PM

  Obon Odori (dancing) 7:00 PM

  Raffle Drawing 8:00 PM
- ***7/18-22, Mon-Fri***
  Post-Bazaar Clean-up
- ***8/3, Wed, 10:00 AM***
  Ground-breaking Service

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MVBT Means Seeing, Giving and Receiving

By Bobby Woo

Some might know me as Buddha from our YBA Firework skit, but that's not my name. Through my many years of attending temple, I have made not only unforgettable memories, but also learned life lessons I will always remember.

Being Buddhist has helped me live every day with an open mind. At my first YBA conference in Fresno, I learned to live in the moment. The theme of the conference was "Just for Today".

When I first heard it, I honestly did not think much of it—just live in the moment. After my first full day of activities, I was finally able to comprehend living in the moment. I learned to live each day to its fullest because you will never have

Everything Good Must End. Enjoy It While You Can

By Lesley Tomosada

My grandma has always told me, **"Everything good must end. Enjoy it while you can, yeah Lesley?"**

Not only is it that everything good will end, but also that everything bad will eventually end as well.

This, in a nutshell is the Buddhist teaching of impermanence, which is a valuable lesson to life lesson to know.

Ever since I was in the second grade, the temple has been a part of my life. However, then I didn't exactly attend the temple. The summer before my second grade, I participated in Nakayoshi Gakko, the two-week Japanese cultural camp held at our temple every year. We were asked to help out at the Color Spot booth at the temple's Obon, as part of being involved in Nakayoshi.

Although for the next couple years after, I was not a part of Nakayoshi Gakko, my family still went to the Obon in the summer. Obon has always been one of my favorite events at the temple. There's always tons of delicious food, fun games, and great people. People will always be willing to help out at the various different booths, and have fun doing it.

I always found it amazing how much effort is put into the events like Obon, with practically all the Sangha helping out. The willingness of all of the Sangha to help always makes the end result amazing, and it inspires people like me and the high school class to help give back to the temple for all the support we receive.

Obon is always a great weekend, but however, time must pass, everything good must end.

My grandma's saying of "Everything must end," has been applicable so many times in my life. Through various graduations, vacations, and even activities.

I've been a member of the marching band at Homestead since my freshman year. Marching band has been one of the greatest parts of high school for me. I met a lot of my closest friends through march-

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that moment again. This is the Buddhist idea of impermanence, nothing lasts forever. Following the conference, I made a point to have no regrets.

At another YBA conference, the theme was "True Colors". This was where we performed our first place YBA skit. The idea of "True Colors" was to be yourself and express your true colors. There I learned that everyone's different and it's okay to express your true self. Following this conference, **I was longer afraid of being myself in front of others.**

While attending temple, I have witnessed the three aspects of the giving cycle, seeing, giving and receiving. As a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, I have seen many members donate their time to help each other and others in the community. I have seen the whole temple work extremely hard in December making mochi. I have seen our senior women wake up very early to prepare sushi for Obon.

I have also seen young Dharma school children work booth shifts at Obon. As a young boy, I was taught to help those in need and their gratitude would be my reward. The Temple would sponsor many community events or projects throughout the year where members would donate goods or time to support the Temple and community.

The older children would serve tea and dessert to the Temple elders at the annual banquet where we honor and thank them for all they had done. I remember when families cooked and delivered meals to a family, whose Mother was undergoing cancer treatments.

The Temple is a wonderful place where I can be with others who believe that giving your time for the well being of others is worthy and rewarding.

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For the giving part of the cycle, I helped out at mochitsuki completing a variety of jobs. I have pounded and bagged mochi. I have worked many different YBA Obon shifts including, making and selling Spam musubi. In addition, I have helped out during the teriyaki chicken sale, Hanamatsuri, and being a Nakayoshi Gakko Sempai.

During the teriyaki chicken sale, I have done multiple jobs including adding the chicken in the box, bagging the boxes, carrying orders to customers' cars, and bagging fortune cookies. At Hanamatsuri, I served tea and desserts to the other members.

The biggest giving I have done for the temple would be donating two weeks of summer vacation to be a Junior Sempai at Nakayoshi Gakko. I attended Nakayoshi Gakko when I was young and returning as a Junior Sempai was the perfect example of giving. Being able to provide the younger generation with the same great experience I was able to enjoy is truly remarkable.

For the receiving part of the cycle, I realized that I have received way more than I have given. The Temple is a place where I can gather with others and where I can learn and practice Buddhism. There is not another place where I can do this and feel comfortable. I am also able to listen to Reverend's sermons and learn from the many teachings he gives. These teachings are very important because I am used to receiving them every week and applying them to my life. In college, I will miss these kindly reminders of Buddhism every Sunday.

Through the Temple, I was able to join the YBA where we have many fun activities. These activities are truly unforgettable and I would not trade any of these experiences for anything. In addition, I was able to meet many YBA members from other temples in California and made friends with other young Buddhists.

If I did not attend temple, I would not be aware of the giving cycle—**seeing, giving and receiving.** That's why I am truly thankful for what the Temple has given me.

Bobby Woo graduated from Cupertino High School, where he played basketball for four years and was a member of the Key Club and NHS.

Bobby has attended MVBT since the 3rd grade. He has been a Nakayoshi Gakko Sempai and an assistant coached for 5th & 6th grade girls Tri-City team.

He will attend UC-Santa Cruz in the fall to study Managerial Economics.

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ing band, as well as made a ton of other really great friends. As with the Sangha, when the whole band helps out and works hard, the end result is amazing. We were once told, **"The more you give, the more you get, and the more you get the more you have to give."**

On what was supposed to be the day of our last competition, our director called us all to a meeting in the morning.

"As you all know, it rained non-stop last night…" he started.

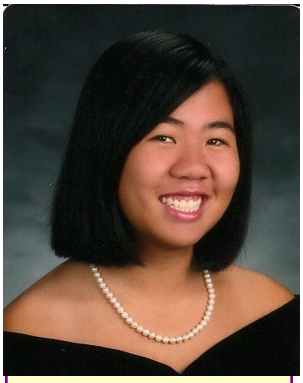
Everyone knew what was coming. "Well, today's competition has been cancelled. I'm sorry."

The 205 members of the band were devastated. Many seniors cried. We all knew the end was coming, but canceling our last show was shocking. I didn't want to face impermanence; I wanted to stay in marching band forever with my friends. But this wasn't the case; I had to face impermanence and marching band was ending.

However, at the beginning of the season, I promised myself to make the season the best one yet, and not waste it moping over the inevitable end. In the end, I had a life-changing experience in band, because I learned to make the best of it, enjoy what I had in the moment, and have fun.

Buddhism truly teaches valuable lessons about life. With impermanence, it teaches us that time moves on. With this, problems are easier to conquer. It also teaches us to cherish what we have before its gone and make the best out of it. Perhaps the greatest example yet of impermanence will occur this coming week with graduation. The seniors will all leave on their own adventures, but no one knows what the future will hold.

As my grandmother always says "Everything good must end. Enjoy it while you can." Attending this temple has further helped me realize this, and I will always be grateful for and cherish the time I've had here.



Lesley Tomosada ***graduated from Homestead High School, where she was in the Marching Band for the past four years. She was also a member of CSF , HOP & JNHS.***

She will attend UC Irvine in the Fall.

Impermanence Has Led Me to Become a Stronger Person

By William Hamada

On June 9th, I graduated from high school. Spending my last hours with my class of 2011 at an all-night party, I felt no pain, shed no tears, but was rather filled with emotions of happiness and joy.

I believe growing up with the Buddhist idea of impermanence has led me to become a stronger being. These inevitable changes in life do not faze me. I have come to the realization that these goodbyes and later, new hellos will occur regardless of my wish to keep time constant.

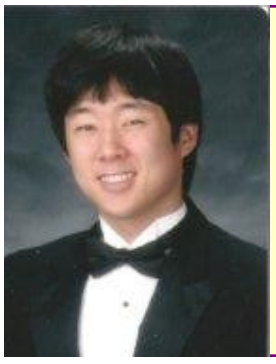
Thus, rather than weep, I embrace these changes in life. Even today, as I stand on this podium saying goodbye to all of you, some I have known since birth, I am not sad.

I thank all of you for your support, **you** have allowed me to become who I am today, and have what I have today.

You have allowed me to overcome the hardships that I encountered.

You have given me the strength to move away for college.

Truly, thank you for everything.



William Hamada
graduated from Homestead High School. He played club volleyball for two years and participated in Tri-City for 8 years.

He has attended Temple "his whole life" and has been in the YBA for four years.

He will attend UCLA in the Fall to study mechanical engineering.

On Being a Temple Member and Becoming a Leader

Haley Sugimoto graduated from Los Altos High School, where she was a member of the Knit Together Project Club.

She has attended MVBT since kindergarten, and has been YBA President, and has also held several Coast District positions

Haley will attend Cal State Northridge in the Fall.

By Haley Sugimoto

Being a member of this temple has affected my life more than I ever imagined. Both sides of my families were long time members since day one. I started coming to temple in kindergarten and from what I can remember throughout elementary school, I did not want to go to service. But what kept me going were the friendships I have made especially with Kelsey Sawamura. I never had perfect attendance because I was always supporting my brother, Justin, in watching him play basketball for the Zebras. Because of this it took me until last year, 11th grade, to receive my perfect attendance.

When I was younger, I would always look up to the high schoolers, thinking they were so cool and got to do so many different activities. I could not wait until I was a freshman. Soon enough, that day arrived, I will never forget my first YBA meeting, and people were making their usual motions, as I looked around the room not knowing what was going on.

Now, four years later, I know how to run meetings and am even the co-president of the Coast District Young Buddhist League. Last year I was president of our YBA and I was able to get the basics down and it gave me the confidence to run our monthly meetings.

But this year has really pushed me as a leader. Being the co-president of coast district with Mike Amiya from Salinas, I was able to further my leadership skills because of our conference. With the help of Reverend Koyama, Coast District ministers, Mike Inouye, our very entertaining guest speaker, and our advisors we were able to have a very successful conference!

Words can't express
how much ***gratitude***
I have for this sangha
for allowing me
to accomplish
more than
I ever thought I would

As I reflect on how the temple has shaped who I am today **I have to thank Kelsey Sawamura.** She was the one that pushed, no, more like forced me to apply to the YAC retreat in Sacramento summer of 2009. When Kelsey got in I was so excited for her. I thought I didn't get in because I didn't check my email. Turns out, I got in too and this retreat allowed me to fully open up and express my emotions.

At this retreat, Kelsey and I developed strong friendships with the people that were once strangers. It was because I felt so comfortable in that environment. I was able to show a side of me that I have never shown before.

I was to give my dharma talk two days before the retreat was over. I talked about the struggle of me being adopted and finding the will power to overcome my issues of abandonment by my birth mother. It turns out, this was easy for me to sit down and write exactly how I was feeling. It was because it was easy for me to connect my issue to Buddhism by **being grateful for the things that I have and to be able to live in the moment.**

I was also able to see how it was not abandonment; she gave me up to live a better life. This speech opened up a new door that I never thought I could open. A few months after the YAC retreat, I received an email; an email that asked me to give the exact same speech at Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service. How could I pass this up? This was a one-time opportunity to speak at such a historical service.

At 7:30 in the morning my mom, Megan Sawamura, and I were driving to the service and I started to freak out and I told my mom I changed my mind and to take me back home! But she refused and kept on driving!

As the service began and they called my name to speak, I was full of happiness and gratitude, as I walked to the podium and began my talk, my nerves completely went away. That experience is something that I will never forget.

Being a Sugimoto, I come from a very, very, large family. But being a part of this sangha has made my family even bigger. I want to thank all of you for creating such a warm and loving environment and I loved growing up here.

On Being a Temple Member and Becoming a Leader (Cont'd fr P. 7)

Specifically I want to first **thank the Koyama family**. Reverend, you have guided us and were always there especially after my Grandpa Hiro, passed away. I'll never forget you holding me and hugging me until I could catch my breath after he passed. You will always be more than a reverend to my family and me because **we consider you part of our family**.

Mrs. Koyama, you are like my second mom. You have been there for me for the good and the bad and I have so much gratitude for you, I admire you and I am so thankful to have you in my life.

Justin, you were one of those high schoolers that I once looked up to and you were the best sempai I ever had.

Curtis, Curtis, Curtis, oh boy, you may think I was in love with you once upon a time but deep down we both know that feeling goes both ways. I know you liked me back!

Tommy, you are my little brother. I am going to miss you so much next year but I know we will keep in touch and you will have an amazing senior year. I can always count on you and lean on you when I need someone, I love you.

I also want to **thank Doug Sawamura** and **Gary Tahara** for being such amazing, hardworking, and fun advisors. You guys put up with us crazy kids and you helped guide me throughout my four years in YBA.

Grandma I want to thank you for everything you do in our family and being able to tolerate my messy room. You are such a strong and hard working woman, **I hope to be able to follow in your foot steps.**

Dad, you are the backbone to our family, you have always supported me and even let me quit basketball when I didn't want to play anymore.

Mom, you have done so much for me and YBA, I appreciate all of your hard work, time, and effort you put in. **You are so beautiful on the inside and out** and I am going to miss all of our bickering next year. Please get an iPhone so we can face time!

Justin, you are my best friend. You are always there for me and I turn to you for everything but I'm going to miss our Chipotle runs the most when I'm gone.

I know **Grandpa** wanted to be here to see me graduate high school and to hear this speech today but he **will always be a part of me** and I know he will always be by my side.

Lastly, **Kelsey, Adam, Bobby, Nicole, Ashley, Amanda, Lesley, Dylan, William, Ally, Katie, Janelle**, and **Alex** thank you for being such a fun and easy going group! **I will miss all of you** and best of luck in college and I know I will be seeing all of you at the annual Obon festival!

Being a member of this church has allowed me to become more interested in Buddhism and more involved with YBA. Words can't express how much gratitude I have for this sangha for allowing me to accomplish more than I ever thought I would in YBA and teaching me so much more about life. I have so much more to learn but I am thankful to have such a strong foundation from growing up at this temple.

I look forward to my first year at college but I cannot wait to come back to service on school breaks.

Thank You.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Ground Breaking Service

Save the date—August 3, 2011, 10:00 AM

A short program to commemorate the start of the Renovation includes a service led by Reverend Koyama, brief message from Mrs. Imai, Chair of 50th Anniversary and official ceremony to break ground.

It's the Climb

Adam Oshiro graduated from Homestead High School. He was a member of NHS and an officer in NJHS.

He has been part of Tri-City for 8 years, and a Nakayoshi Gakko Sempai for 3 years.

Adam will attend UC-Irvine in the fall to study pharmaceutical sciences.

By Adam Oshiro

I will be majoring in pharmaceutical sciences. I actually discovered an interest in this major by accident.

It all started last year during career day at my high school. My friends and I, not taking it really seriously, decided to choose the one that we thought could get us some free food. So we look down the list and we see sushi chef. Thinking that we can get some free sushi we walked to the room that the speaker was in, but when we entered we realized that this was the wrong room.

The speaker of this room, which turned out to be my mom's friend, immediately greeted me. It turns out that I went to the pharmacy room. While I was talking to her, my friends snuck out of the room leaving me behind. Not wanting to look rude, I decided to stay out of obligation. But as I listened, I became more and more interested and pretty soon I knew that this was what I wanted to major in.

So even though I had no intentions of looking for a major, I ended up finding one. This just goes to show that there is no set route in life. **We go into a situation with one intention, but the result may end up being the complete opposite.**

When I first came to the Buddhist temple I just wanted to try something new. I had no intention of actively participating, but as I got to know people, especially the Dharma school and YBA, I found myself wanting to be involved. I became activities coordinator, which is something that I would not have even thought about doing before joining the temple.

In these types of situations, whether going to the wrong room for career day, or arriving at the temple for the first time, I realize that things might not go as planned, but **it is important to live in that moment because it is impossible to predict everything that the future holds.**

This ties in with the lesson of impermanence which seems to be a common theme for a lot of the senior talks. But it makes sense. As seniors, we have already finished reflecting on our high school lives during graduation, but have not really started thinking about our lives in college yet.

We are living in the moment between these two thoughts. There will be of plenty of time to do more reflecting and planning for the future, but for now I think we should enjoy the present with my friends and family.

This song pretty much sums up what I've learned was written by a young Buddhist.

There will always be another mountain
I'm always gonna want
to make it move
Always gonna be an uphill battle
Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose
Ain't about how fast I get there
Ain't about what's waiting on the
other side

It's the climb.

For some of you adults, that was written by Hannah Montana.

Thank You.

Living Life As a Buddhist

By Kelsey Sawamura

Know your true self, become your true self, live your true life.

Good morning everyone! How many of you have heard the quote that I opened with?

The opening gassho that I used was a phrase repeatedly stated by Reverend David Matsumoto, who was an interim minister here at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple many years ago, and is currently the minister at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

Although I was only around 7 years old at the time, I can vividly remember Reverend Matsumoto giving his Dharma talks. Back then, this quote didn't really mean much to me because I was so young, but now it's one that rings true for me and has throughout high school.

Know your true self.

In many ways, I feel this is the true essence of why we are all Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, and why we choose to practice Buddhism. All of the lessons that we study, all the Dharma talks that we listen to, help us to know our true selves.

Living Life As a Buddhist (Cont'd fr. P.8)

For those of you who don't know me well, you might say that I'm quiet (even shy), but for those of you who really know me would probably say that I can be loud, and I talk a lot. However my freshman year of high school I was timid and public speaking terrified me. I knew I had a voice in me, but I never let people hear it. Throughout freshman year, I wasn't strong enough to stand up for myself, and I was too scared to speak my mind. It was then that I realized it was time for a change because I wasn't being the person that I knew I was capable of being.

I started playing basketball for Mountain View High during my freshman year with many of my good friends. I don't really like basketball, but I played because my parents wanted me to and it was also a good activity to help stay in shape.

This experience also allowed me to spend time with my older sister Megan who also played. Although Megan was on the Varsity team and I was just starting on the JV team, our practices were often shared and having a big sis on the team allowed me to meet my sister's upper classman friends and helped me to open up amongst this tightly knit group.

Being both a younger sister and an older sister offers one a unique perspective on who I am. On one hand, I am supposed to look up to my older sister for guidance and real life experiences, yet on the other hand, I am also supposed to give guidance and offer support for my little sister Haley. I feel that being in this middle position, relates well to the "middle path" often talked about in Buddhism.

***Know** your true self.*

***Become** your true self.*

Live your true life.

Become your true self.

Sophomore year, I started to open up and become more social. It all started when I decided to expand my horizons in school by running for class President and taking an AP English class. Sometimes becoming your true self can be a little scary because it can put you into situations you never before experienced. Once you are there, however, a whole new realm unfolds and you discover new things about yourself that truly become comforting and self-satisfying.

As class President, I was able to work with many different people who helped me become my true self. Our ASB Advisor, Mr. Blair, was a constant encouraging force who helped me throughout my 3 years in ASB. He has been someone that I look up to, and someone who has never failed in helping me succeed.

I usually don't like trying new things, and taking the AP English class was a huge change. Although it was a very tough class, I passed and felt good about the challenge.

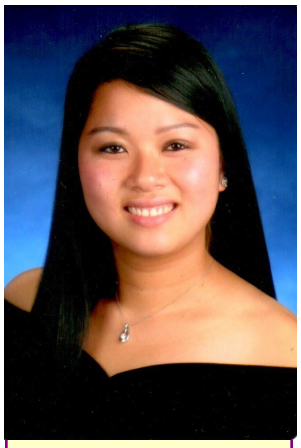
And the summer going into my junior year, I attended the week-long BCA Youth Advocacy Committee Retreat (YAC) at the Sacramento Betsuin. At this particular retreat, I was really able to grow as a person and test my limits. It was the first time that I had ever written and given a Dharma talk, or been the lead chanter (Doshi) for part of the Shoshinge.

Because I was required to do both of these things, I didn't have a choice. Being forced to step out of my comfort zone was a challenge for me, but what I found out was that everyone who attended this event was in the same boat as I was. It was easier and comforting to know that we all shared the same feelings about doing things for the first time, and we bonded over that.

I also developed friendships during this week that I know are going to last a lifetime while also getting closer to an old friend.

One of my favorite things about this retreat was that at the end of each day we wrote a journal type of letter about how we were feeling and what was going on. By reflecting on everything, it really helped me evaluate who I was as a person and helped me focus on who I wanted to be during this retreat and in general.

This past year has probably been one of the best years of my life



***Kelsey Sawamura** graduated from Mountain View High School, where played basketball for all four years. She also served as her class Vice President.*

She has attended MVBT since Kindergarten, achieving perfect attendance for 12 years.

Kelsey will attend UC-Santa Cruz in the Fall.

Living Life As a Buddhist (Cont'd fr. P.9)

because I have done things I never thought I would do. For example, I was a workshop leader for the Coast District Conference, and I didn't think that I would have been able to do it, but I knew that I wasn't going to have another chance to do so, so I did it.

3 weeks ago, I participated in a volleyball tournament in Alameda for the first time. As some of you many know, due to my lack of volleyball skills, I don't usually play volleyball. However this was my last chance to participate. Even though I was the only person on my team who couldn't get their serve over the net, I didn't care because I was still having fun.

I also sang during the senior slideshow for my school's dance spectrum show, I went to prom with one of the nicest and cutest guys from my school, and I got into college. I would say that this year has been pretty great.

Live your true life. Many of the speakers this year and in past years have mentioned that they've learned about impermanence, interdependence, compassion and wisdom through Buddhism. Of course, I've learned about all of those, but Buddhism and attending church have meant so much more to me than just those things. **I've learned about myself and have grown immensely as a person by trying to live my life as a Buddhist and trying to live my true life.**

Everything that I have learned through my experiences here are springboards that I know I will be able to use in college. Even though it's going to be a new and different environment for me at UCSC, I know that I'll forge ahead in my journey with confidence and with the right mindset. Because as a newly graduated senior, all that's in front of me is change and I can say that I'm ready for what life has in store for me next. **Know your true self, become your true self, live your true life.** Thank you.

MVBT Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser a Great Success Once Again

Thanks to all the Temple members, organizations; **BWA, YBA, ABA, Miroku, Nakayoshi Gakko, Dharma School, Girls/Boys Scouts, Friends,** and **Relatives**.

On behalf of Zone 10, I would like to thank the entire Sangha for their great support.

We look forward to Sangha support again next year with Zone 11 (Bryan Nishimoto) chairing the event.

In Gassho,

Sterling Makishima

Thank You from Dharma School

Chicken Teriyaki Lunch

Thank you **Debbie Sato** and **Rob Shinkawa** for organizing the lunch (May 14, 2011.)

Second Annual Family Activity and Campout

In conjunction with the Coast District Activity Day. **Sharyl Yamamoto** led the insect discovery lab (SaveNature) and we had a bounce house and laser tag. We had about 40 in attendance and nearly 30 people sleeping overnight! Special thanks to **Lian Imai** and **Janice Lee** for coordinating the wonderful meals. (May 21-22, 2011)

Eat-out at Armadillo Willy's.

We had a great turnout at the Armadillo Willy's eat-out fundraiser for the 50th anniversary campaign. **We raised $350** (that's a lot of BBQ)!

Thank you **Linda Uyechi** for organizing the event! (May 25, 2011)

Spring Dana Project

Organized by **Tony Bellon**, sold disaster kits. A percent of sales will be donated to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund.

Donations

Anonymous for Special

Carol Harbin

Corey Harbin's birthday

Jill Kunishige & Jim Lund

Allison's birthday

Sign Up for the Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

26th Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

When:	**Sunday, August 21, 2011**
Course:	**Sunnyvale Muni Golf Course** - (408) 738-3666 605 Macara Lane (off Maude Avenue) Sunnyvale
Time:	**First tee-off at 10:00am** **ALL GOLFERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE 9:30am**
Fee:	**$100.00** (Includes green fees, trophy, barbecue dinner, prizes & appreciable contribution toward the Scholarship Fund). Carts are NOT included.
Entry Fee Deadline:	**Monday, August 8, 2011.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 48 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for $15.00 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 4:30pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by August 8, 2011

Make checks payable to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple, with footnote *Sasaki Scholarship*.

Mail all entries and dinner reservations to: Richard Endo (408) 739-5269
1158 Crespi Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

----------Please mail this portion with your check:----------

26th Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

NAME	Handicap	or Avg SCORE	CART Yes/No
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* *Maximum Handicap: Men – 32 Women – 36*

Golfers - $100 x number of golfers	#	$
Dinner Only - $15 x number of people	#	$
Total Amount Due		$

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

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

50th Anniversary Meeting

October 10, 2011, Monday, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room

No meeting during the summer and relocation.

150 Club News

The winner for the June 2011, 150 Club was **Audrey Inouye**.

There are 6 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
JUL	Zones 10 & 11	N/A	N/A
AUG	Zones 12 & 13	Aug 18	Aug 12
SEPT	Zones 13 & 14	Sep 22	Sep 16

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

Last Obon Reminder and Into the Home Stretch

Last Bazaar Planning Meeting:
Wednesday, June 29, 7:30PM (Pricing Meeting)

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

CORRECTION—beef teriyaki meat cutting on July 15 will start at 1:00PM.
Volunteer sign up sheet is available on the mysignup.com website. Enter the following email (**mtnviewbuddhisttemple@gmail.com**) into the yellow search window, halfway down on the left side of the website homepage. Let's have everyone sign in now so that coordinators can monitor their manpower needs.

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

MVBT 50th Anniversary T-Shirt Preorder Form

T-Shirts will be available for pick up during the following dates & times:
Thursday, July 14, 7:00pm-7:30pm in the Sangha Hall Foyer
Friday, July 15, 7:00pm-7:30pm in the Sangha Hall Foyer
Saturday-Sunday during the Obon Festival at the T-Shirt Sales Booth near Sangha Hall

LAST DAY TO PREORDER
Friday, July 1, 12:00pm
Give preorder forms to Doug Sawamura or drop off at MVBT office. You can pay later.

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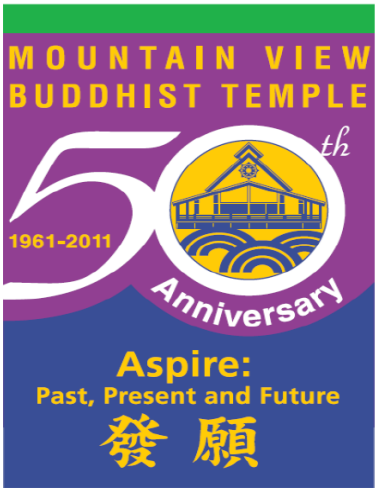

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Kendo 7:30 PM Religious planning Rev.	2 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Taiko	3 10:00 AM Temple Ground Breaking Service 6:00 PM Boy Scouts & parents	4 6:30 PM Taiko	5 4:30 PM Calligraphy	6 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Tri-City Youth Group/ gym
7 12:00 PM Northern Calif. Kendo Federation/Sangh NO SUNDAY SERVICE	8 7:00 PM 50th Anniv. 7:00 PM Kendo	9 6:30 PM Cub Scouts BCA Ministers Fuken Seminar	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Temple Board meeting BCA Ministers Fuken Seminar	11 2:00 PM -9:20 PM Olan Mills picture taking/rm 7 & 8 BCA Ministers Fuken Seminar	12 2:00 PM -9:20 PM Olan picture taking /room 7 & 8 4:30 PM Calligraphy 6:30 PM Fuji Club	13 9:00 AM BWA meeting 9:30 AM -5:10 PM Olan picture taking /room 7 & 8 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Tri-City Youth Group/Sangha Hall/gym
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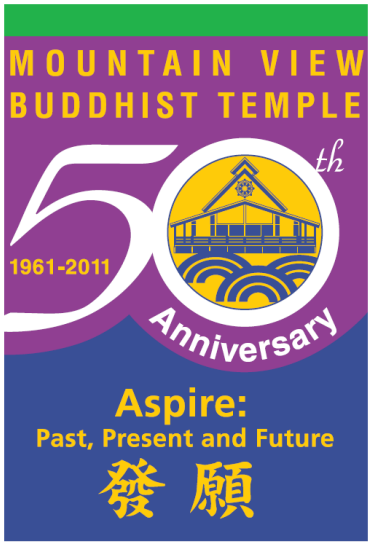
Congratulations High School Graduates



Be sure to read the last installment of graduating high school seniors perspectives on their MVBT experiences. Congratulations to all 14 of our high school graduates!

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

In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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