



MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Jan Highlights

- **1/1 Tue, 10:00 AM**
Shuso-E New Year Service
10:30 AM —*Shuso no Kane New Year Temple Bell Ringing*
- **1/6 Sun, 10:00 AM**
Shotsuki Hoyo
- **1/9 Wed, 7:30 PM**
Temple Board Meeting
- **1/14 Mon, 7:30 PM**
Religious Planning Meeting
- **1/20 10:00 AM**
Shuso Shinran Shonin Hoonko (Shinran's Annual Memorial Service)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Orai Fujikawa, Salinas Buddhist Temple
- **1/27 10:00 AM**
Temple Installation
11:00 AM
Annual General Meeting

Eye-Popping Events!

*One more year of life
One more year of being
embraced by the Buddha
This is New Year's Day.*
—Issa

Some 600 years ago, a devout follower named Dotoku traveled to Kyoto on New Year's Day to pay his respects to Rennyo Shonin, the 8th generational descendant of Shinran. When Dotoku arrived after his long journey he exchanged his New Year's greeting saying, "Happy New Year."

By Rev. Dean Koyama

Rennyo, without hesitation, replied in a very matter-of-fact tone, "Dotoku, You look old. How old are you? You should recite the Nembutsu." And then he left.

Similarly, a contemporary and friend of Rennyo was a Zen monk by the name of Ikkyu. Ikkyu is famous for being a free spirited monk who would not hold back but just say what was on his mind. Just before New Year's Ikkyu was

walking around town and saw all the people getting ready for the celebration.



In Japan it is customary to have a flower arrangement of the Sho Chiku Bai. (Pine, Bamboo and

Thank You to So Many—President's Message



By Bob Imai

edge the different members that make the Temple run so smoothly.

First I'd like to thank **Reverend Koyama, Linda and their boys** for becoming a very special part of our Temple family. I'd like to extend a special thank you to Reverend Koyama for all his hard work, spiritual guidance, and keeping the Temple running smoothly on the religious side.

The next group I'd like to acknowledge and thank is the **MVBT Temple Board of Directors** who represent each of the respective zones and members. The

Directors are the voices of the members and the leadership for fund raising activities and special events. Within the Board of Directors is the Temple Cabinet. These individuals have taken on larger roles that maintain the administrative function of the Temple. Without their dedication and support my job would be very difficult.

Next is the **ECHO Staff**. If you are reading this, it's through their efforts that this is possible. This group of individuals on a monthly basis creates, edits, and publishes the ECHO, many for the last 20 plus years. The **Dharma School Board and Teachers** work tire-

As my first year as Temple President comes to an end and I look back over the year, I'm very grateful and appreciative for the many members, volunteers and friends who make the Mountain View Buddhist Temple the best.

We are a Community of over 500 members. I would like to acknowl-

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January 2013

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Religious Planning—January 2013

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWLY UPDATED HONDO

January 1, 2013, Tuesday 10:00 AM Shuso-E New Year Service

10:30 AM Shuso no Kane New Year Temple Bell Ringing:

January 6, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM —Shotsuki Hoyo

January 13, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM

January 20, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM—Shuso Shinran Shonin Hoonko

Shinran's Annual Memorial Service. Guest Speaker: Rev. Orai Fujikawa, Salinas Buddhist Temple

January 27, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM—Temple Installation

11:00AM—Annual Temple General Meeting.



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

Komochi for Sale!

2,436 pounds of mochi were pre-ordered or reserved.

This leaves 460 pounds extra

Craving more mochi?

Contact the Temple Office
650-964-9426



The ECHO

Eye-Popping Events (Cont'd fr P. 1)

Plum Blossoms) The plum blossoms are the first flowers to bloom following the long hard winter signifying strength. Bamboo shows resilience by bending in the strongest of storms. And the Pine stays green throughout the year, signifying long life.

Ikkyu wanted to make sure that all the villagers understood the true aspect of New Year's so he went to the cemetery and found a human skull.

On New Year's Day, the famous Zen master Ikkyu walked around the town going to each house showing everyone the skull he attached to his walking stick saying "O-medetō," meaning "Best Wishes" or "Congratulations."



Of course everyone was mortified.

The word, o-medetō was once written in Japanese with the Chinese characters: お目出度う. We could translate these characters to mean, "eyes popped out."

Ikkyu's choice to use a human skull to greet New Year's makes morbid sense—the eyes are no longer in the skull. But you could also say that when there is a congratulatory occasion such as a birthday, wedding, or New Year's, our eyes also

pop out with excitement, wonder and joy.

How would you react if you were greeted in such a manner with a human skull? How would you like to be told: "You look old?"

The truth is we get older with each passing day. In Japan, at one time, it was considered that on New Year's Day we become another year older.

I have finished 10 years as the minister of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. It has gone by quickly. When I first arrived, I was in my mid 40's. Needless to say I will be passing the speed limit of 55 later this year. Back then, my children were still all at home and we were busy just trying to get them to school on time. Now, one son has moved back home and the two younger ones are both out of state in college.

This past year was extremely busy helping to make the time fly by even quicker. Last year we were still doing services in the Sangha Hall as our temple and YBA Hall were in the midst of being renovated. We experienced our last child graduating from high school. I traveled to many cities and states checking out the college campuses making sure one would be a good fit for my son. Then at the end of summer we were able to begin moving back into the temple and YBA Hall.

We were able to take the whole family on a vacation to Disney World in Florida. (Actually, Linda

and I went on our honeymoon so many years ago. Back then it was only the Magic Kingdom and Epcot.) It also meant that we had to move our sons to Arizona and Boston for school.

Shortly after that, we were able to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our independence as a Buddhist Churches of America temple with almost 250 people for the service in our newly renovated temple and almost 500 people at our banquet in Sangha Hall.

I can truly say that 2012 was full of eye-popping occasions and events.

When asked why he would carry around a human skull on a day of celebration, Ikkyu said. "If there is death there must have been life. That is a matter of congratulations. But also be aware that since life will end as death, don't waste your time on frivolous pursuits." In other words, both Rennyō and Ikkyu are making the point: **be grateful for another year.**

With that, I would like to thank all of you for making this past year filled with wonderful and successful celebratory events. I ask for your continued support and guidance throughout the New Year of 2013. And most of all, let's not waste a moment of it and see how many times we are able to get our eyes to pop out.

Happy New Year.

**Gassho,
Rev. Dean, Linda,
Justin, Curtis, and Tommy**

Thank You to So Many (Cont'd fr P. 1)

lessly to provide our children with strong and enjoyable Dharma programs. We have Teachers who are new and those who've been teaching over 40 plus years.

Next is the **Oasaji Group**, who practice morning chanting before Sunday service and assist Reverend Koyama with the Sunday Service. On many occasions they've conducted Sunday Service when Reverend Koyama was out of town.

There is a group of individuals who are very special; they are the **Temple Office Volunteers**. This

group of volunteers work in the office from 10am to 2pm, Monday through Friday. Thank you. There are a number of groups who also work tirelessly for the good of the Temple; the **Altar Flower Ladies**, the **Friday Tree Trimming Crew**, the individuals who provide Landscaping and Maintenance for the Temple, and so many others.

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and motivated group of individuals who spend many hours of their personal time for the care and maintenance of the Temple.

Please show your Appreciation and Gratitude by acknowledging them any time you see them.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

In Gassho,

Bob Imai

Mochi-tsuki—Successful Again!

MVBT members, members of affiliated organizations and friends came out on Sunday, December 9th to face-off against 1,925 pounds of mochi gome.

2,896 pounds of mochi was made with steamers beginning about 5AM with the mochi ready for pre-order pick-up by 4PM.

Clean-up began at 3PM and was completed by about 4:30PM. Bagging extra mochi and putting them into the Temple freezers was completed by 6:30PM. Throughout the day, people worked with enthusiasm and energy.

Thank you for your hard work and we hope you also had fun

meeting with friends and making new friends.

A special Thank You to those who came out during the preceding two Saturdays to help setup all the equipment, floor coverings, and tables so the mochi-tsuki could run smoothly on Sunday.

YBA Spaghetti Dinner—February 16th, 2013

On Saturday, Dec 8th, a handful of our YBA members attended a Coast District Conference Planning Retreat in San Jose.

The MV YBA advisors will be hosting a holiday party and sleep-over on December 23rd. We will enjoy dinner, games, a white elephant gift exchange, and karaoke together!

At the YBA meeting on December 2nd, we discussed upcoming events such as our pancake breakfast fundraiser and a possible Orange County road trip.

The Annual YBA Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 16th, 2013. Please help support the YBA by coming out and enjoying a delicious dinner of

spaghetti and side dishes with your friends and family. The cost is once again only \$8/dinner. We will also have bingo for \$5/card and unlimited play. It may be your lucky night to win big!

In gassho,

Jennifer Adachi
YBA President 2012-2013

YBA
Updates

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:

**January
Monthly
Memorial
Service**

**Sunday
Jan 6, 2013**

10:00 am



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|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ronald Asada | Itsuyo Kato | Shinajiro Satake |
| Ichiro Endo | Katsuko Kochi | Larry Shimamoto |
| Shigeko Betty Fujii | Umeyo Koyama | Tomoye Shimamoto |
| Tomizo Furuichi | Joe Matsumoto | Tom Sugimoto |
| Yoshiye Furuichi | Tsuya Nagasaki | Shig Tachibana |
| Hidemi Furuzawa | Haruyo Nakano | Linda Takahashi |
| Mary Hiramoto | Misao Nakano | Shinsaburo Togashi |
| Kiyoye Hirano | Yashichi Nakano | Yoshimitsu Tokutomi |
| Tom Hirano | Kisaye Nishimoto | Thomas Tsukamoto |
| Frank Hirohata | Katsumi Nishimura | Yoshio Yamaguchi |
| Masaburo Hoshi | June Okino | Yumi Yoneda |
| Kiyoko Inamori | Brad Okuno | James Yoshino |
| Grace Ishii | Satoru Okuno | Ben Yoshizumi |
| Minoru Ishii | Tsuyako Osaki | Henry Yusa |
| Tamaye Ishikawa | John Saito | |
| Shirlee Ishimaru | Doris Sakai | |



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

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

Masako Alice Sato	November 14, 2012
Chizu Uchida	November 29, 2012
Kiyoko Kay Horita	November 30, 2012
Emiko Furuta	December 4, 2012
James Kawaye	December 7, 2012

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

Namo Amida Butsu



Mark Your Calendar—January 10th, 2013 Senior Activities

1/10/13—ACTIVITY RESUMES

We are on holiday break but will resume on January 10, 2013. Mark this date on your calendar and hope to see you all well and ready to go another year.

Let me repeat this message. We are planning our 2013 schedule of events and welcome any suggestions for activities our Seniors can enjoy. It will be greatly appreciated if you can share your thoughts with any Committee Member: **Allan Nara, Chuck Uyeda, Miyo Takegami, Rich Endo, Dennis Tsukagawa, Alice Ikenaga, Amy Imai,** and **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto.**

Thank all of you that supported our Craft Sale on December 2nd. It is one of our fundraiser that defrays cost for future trips and luncheons. Thank you again.

1/24/13—DVD VIEWING

We will be showing the DVD of our 50th Anniversary celebration. A good time to enjoy it with the group. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 AM, and the DVD will

start about 12:30 PM after lunch. Please plan to join us. Everyone is welcome.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

We continue to sell Senior Cookbooks. They make good gifts with the holidays soon approaching. The price is \$18.

SENIOR CRAFT HOURS

Thursdays, 9:00AM-12:00PM

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

LEARN CARD GAMES

Two different card games to be learned and enjoyed. Shanghai is a popular game of rummy, and Hana is a Japanese card game. Join the group and enjoy the morning with good friends and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

SENIOR KNITTERS

Whether you are a beginner or an expert in knitting and crocheting, **Debbie Kitani** has been very

helpful to the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies new ways to knit. Debbie has many new ideas and her knowledge will make your knitting and crocheting more enjoyable.

LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 9:30AM-10:00AM

We continue to have activities that might interest you, such as line dancing for anyone interested in getting morning exercise. Instruction is led by **Naomi Ariyama** and the seniors are enjoying the routine line dancing. An invigorating half-hour for the group.

**Senior
Activities
Resume**

January 10th

150 Club News

The winner for December is **Kenzo Kamei!** The Grand Prize winner for 2012 is **Miyo Yamana**. Congratulations to all! For 2013 150 Club tickets, see your Zone Chairs. **Thank you for your participation!**

Contact **Glenn Kitasoe**
Phone **408-749-9925**
Email: **rgkit114@aol.com**

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
JAN	Zones 5 & 6	Jan 16 (Wed)	Jan 11 (Fri)
FEB	Zones 7 & 8	Feb 13 (Wed)	Feb 8 (Fri)
MAR	Zones 9 & 10	Mar 13 (Wed)	Mar 8 (Fri)

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

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

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Fundraisers Support Youth Groups and Capital Campaign

Donations received by the BWA at the Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Memorial service will be distributed to seven youth groups at the Sunday service on January 27th 2013.

Brad Takasuka for cooking the udon and **Ron Murata** and his mochi committee for setting up the chairs and tables in the dining room. Proceeds will be given to the Capital Campaign.

DONATIONS
Gratefully Acknowledged

Dennis & Rumbo Tsukagawa
Mother's 7th Year Memorial (\$20)

Rev. Dean & Linda Koyama (\$50)

The UDON fundraiser was a great success. Thanks to all the members of the BWA and Temple for all their help. Thanks to

We will welcome two new members. They are **Sanae Nakamura** and **Setsuko Taguchi**.

NEXT BWA MEETING
January 12, 2013, 9:00AM
in the YBA Hall.

ABA Annual Dinner—Late Feb or Early March



Thank you to all the ABA members who came out to help with Mochitsuki! Zone 4 was in charge of mochitsuki this year and ABA member **Ron Murata** was the chairperson. Special thanks to those in **Zone 4**.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

ABA will have their annual dinner on February 23rd or in March. Please watch for the date TBD! Plan to come and enjoy a good served dinner out!

DONATIONS
Gratefully Acknowledged

Toshiko Uyehara

Girls Scouts Give Back with Two Service Projects

MVBT Girl Scouts continue with different activities.

Winterfest is a Northern California Girl Scout event that draws hundreds of Scouts from the Bay Area.

The Troop participated in the temple's annual Mochitsuki. (See photo, below)

SERVICE PROJECTS

Hope Good Turn Day

Collecting clothes to be donated to Hope Services.

Operation Holiday Cards

Making cards to be sent to our Troops.

Daisy, Brownie and Junior Scouts attended the Service Unit ice skating activity.

Cadettes had a fun time at Winterfest. They made crafts to sell and a project that the other Scouts attending can participate in.



MVBT Girl Scout



Troop #60736

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Gym
575 North Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Order Deadline: January 27, 2013



Mountain View YBA Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Fundraiser

Saturday February 16, 2013

Dinner served from 5-7 PM and Bingo played from 6-8 PM

The Mountain View YBA (Young Buddhist Association) is pleased to announce that our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held on February 16, 2013. Both members and non-members alike are invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal and a fun night with one another. The dinner will cost \$8.00 per person, and if you would like to play Bingo too, it will cost \$5 per person. Dinner will be served from 5-7 PM and Bingo will be played from 6-8 PM. Proceeds allow the YBA members to attend conferences as well as pay for other activities throughout the year. We also appreciate any donated goods, services, and of course any monetary donations. We all hope to see you there!

To Pre-Order Dinners:

- Please fill out the order form below
- Submit pre-payment and this order form in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope, or drop it off in the MVBT Temple Office.

Checks should be made payable to: Mountain View YBA

Please try to pre-order if possible. A limited amount of Dinner and Bingo tickets may also be purchased at the door. If you have any questions about the dinner or bingo donations, please contact **Kevin Schindler** at (650) 464-5412 or at kschndlr@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your continued support of the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,
Kevin Schindler
Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please check one box: [] Eat In -OR- [] Take Out

	<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Total</u>
Number of Dinners:	_____	x \$8.00	\$ _____
Number of Bingo:	_____	x \$5.00	\$ _____
Additional Donations:			\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

For YBA Treasurer's use. Check #: _____ Cash collected: \$ _____

The ECHO

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Dharma School!

There weren't very many Dharma School classes but there were lots of opportunities to get together at the temple to lend a hand and have fun at the same time.

December 9th was the temple mochi-tsuki fundraiser. December 16th was the Osoji temple cleaning.

Thanks to all the teachers, students, parents, and friends who came out to help at these events.

Remember that Osoji, New Years Eve, and New Year's Day services are all "make up" services and an easy way to get credit for absences throughout the year.

You can also attend services at temples in other towns.

So, if you will be visiting relatives in other parts of the state or country, don't forget to let your teacher know if you attend service there as well!

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged
Nathan Aquino & Cindy Hiroshige
Brad's birthday and Calendar

Eric & Lisa Kunze
Anna's birthday

Karen Bunya & Jon Wakimoto
Jenna Wakimoto's birthday

Happy Holidays from Boys Scouts Troop 87!

This month promises to be full of happiness, family, fun, and indigestion!

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- 12/19—Pioneering Merit badge!
- 12/26—No meeting
- 12/28-30—Sunset Beach



What's next month, you ask? Well first of all, it's 2013! Yaaay!

Here's a possible even
1/26-27—Mount Diablo
(Huff and puff!)



MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 27, 2013 | 11:00 AM

In the Hondo immediately following service.
Lunch will be provided after the meeting

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**In gassho,
The Echo Staff**

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