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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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  Religious Planning Meeting
- ***2/10 10:00 AM***
  Boy Scout Sunday
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  Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service
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Tasting the Dharma and Listening to the Light

By Rev. Dean Koyama

Recently, I came across some unusual Buddhist expressions. The first was, "***See with your heart***." Normally, we see with our eyes.

The next was, "***Listen with your feet***." Again, normally we listen with our ears.

Then there was the expression dealing with the objects of our senses, "***Taste the Dharma***." Since Dharma refers to the teachings or truths of Buddhism, more often the expression of "Listen to the Dharma" would be used. How can we "taste" the Dharma? Shinran used the expression: "***Listen to the Light***." Normally it should be "See the Light." Is it possible to hear a light?

I think what all these expressions are trying to teach us is that we have to break away from our usual way of thinking, seeing, hearing, smelling, touching and tasting. ***In other words, we must put our whole being into whatever we are doing.***

As an example, the other day Linda called to tell me that she was busy running errands and would be home late for dinner. Actually, she called asking me to get dinner ready.

Wishing You a Safe, Happy, Prosperous New Year

By Bob Imai

I want to wish each and everyone a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. Where did 2012 go? As I mature, (that is a question in itself) time seems to go by faster and faster.

If we look back at 2012, we had the normal list of Temple Services, fundraisers and special gatherings. We had the privilege of having **Socho Koshin Ogui** as our special guest speaker at our Spring Ohigan Service. We celebrated our **50th Anniversary** and our special guest speaker for the day was **Reverend Kodo Umezu**.

Again, on behalf of the Temple and myself, a heartfelt thank you to all the members, family, friends that make the Mountain View Buddhist Temple such a very special place. I'd also like to thank all the volunteers that make the Temple run so smoothly.

As the first year of my presidency comes to an end, I've learned so much about the Temple and what it takes for it to run smoothly. I'm very grateful and humbled by what our Temple volunteers do for the Temple and the commitment and time they spend for our benefit.

Let me highlight a few of my observations and things I think every member should know.

Did you know that we have two new co-treasurers? **John Arao** and **Dave Maruyama** started in the middle of last year. John is focused on financial reporting and working with the banks and Dave handles the day-to-day operations. John and Dave conducted a budget planning meeting at the end of 2012 for 2013.

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Religious Planning—January/February/March 2013

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

11:00AM—Annual Temple General Meeting.

February 3, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM —Shotsuki Hoyo

February 10, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM—Boy Scout Sunday

February 17, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM—Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service

February 24, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM

February 26-March 3, 2013, BCA National Council Ministers' Meeting (San Mateo)

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!.

First-come, first-served

Craving more mochi?

Contact the Temple Office

650-964-9426

Tasting the Dharma and Listening to the Light (Cont'd fr P.1)

But she was so thoughtful and nice because she had already planned and bought what we were going to have for dinner. She explained that she had gone to Costco and bought a rotisserie chicken and a spinach salad, and asked if I could just make the rice. Of course, being the dutiful and loving husband that I am, I made the rice.

Then I thought, well, since she went to the trouble of getting dinner, the least I could do was prepare it in an appealing way, not just served in their containers.

So I proceeded to carve the chicken just like a turkey and put it on a fancy serving plate. Next, I decided that I was going to put the salad into a nice wooden salad bowl. I went out to the refrigerator in the garage and looked for the salad. I found a bag of salad on the top shelf. As I took it out I noticed that it wasn't a spinach salad but an almond, cherries and blue cheese salad. I thought to myself, I could have sworn she told me that she bought a spinach salad. "Here she goes again, she must be getting senile or having a senior moment," I thought.

I took opened the salad package, poured the lettuce and greens into a salad bowl, and even added the individually wrapped cherries and almonds. Then I decided not to add the blue cheese, because not all of us (including me) like blue cheese.

When she got home, we got ready for dinner and I couldn't wait to hear the compliments and appreciation from her about how I got dinner ready.

Instead, she said, "OH NO. Why did you make this salad? I told you that I bought a spinach salad."

And I replied, "You said a bag of salad and this was the only salad I saw in the refrigerator."

She said, "No. I said a Spinach salad. It is in a container in the refrigerator. You just didn't listen and look hard enough."

So often we take things for granted. When we think we are hearing and truly listening, we may be hearing only what we want to hear, or seeing only what we want to see. So these expressions—"Listening with your feet," "Seeing with your heart," "Tasting the Dharma" and "Hearing the Light" are meant for us to put all of our effort and being into understanding the realities of this human life just as it really is, and then awaken to a life of true and deep appreciation and gratitude.

I heard this story from Rev. Marvin Harada of the Orange County Buddhist Temple:

There was a minister who took care of a temple out in the country. He was scheduled to conduct a service and give the Dharma talk that evening, but a big storm blew in. The wind was strong and rain pelted down. And because the rain was so fierce, no one came to the temple for service.

Later that night, the minister finally arrived home soaking wet. His wife asked how the service went. The minister replied, "Fine."

But the wife was curious, "Wasn't the storm awful?"

To which the minister nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, it was terrible. It was so bad that no one came to the service."

This surprised his wife, "If no one came to the service, how come you came home so late?"

The minister said, "I had to conduct the service and give my sermon."

The wife said, "But if no one came, who was there to listen to your sermon?'

The minister replied, "Me."

If I were that minister and a big storm prevented all of you from coming to a service, would I still conduct the service and give the sermon?

Wishing You a Safe, Happy, Prosperous New Year (Cont'd fr P. 1)

Expenses for 2012 are running about $337,000 and our income is about $50,000 below expenses. Thus, the Temple is running at a $50,000 deficit and projections are the same for 2013.

We cover the shortfall by using the Expansion Fund. The Budget Committee is looking at a number of alternatives to reduce the shortfall and see if this trend continues.

Do you know how income is generated for the Temple?

Temple Dues

We have approximately 500 members who pay $200/year. The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) assesses each member $106/ member (2013). That leaves the Temple with $47,000 (500 x $94)

Fundraising Activities

Chicken Teriyaki, Obon Festival Bazaar and Mochitsuki are our major fundraising activities. The Obon Festival Bazaar proceeds goes to our Expansion Fund, except for $17,000 (general fund).

Donations

Donations are the major source of income. Donations are down over the past few years. I'm guessing this is due to the economy, special donation drives such as the Japan Tsunami relief and 50th Capital Campaign drive.

Do you know that the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th, right after service?

This is a time to see a more detailed MVBT Financial report, special program and affiliated organization reports.

You'll also be able to ask questions. Lunch will be provided. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

In gassho,

Bob Imai

Tasting the Dharma and Listening to the Light (Cont'd fr P. 4)

I must confess: **Probably not**. I might do the chanting but I don't think that I would give the sermon. Upon hearing that there are such people as dedicated as this minister, I feel ashamed and embarrassed. But I as I think about it more, I realize that if it is possible for this minister to be so dedicated, why shouldn't I as well? I think it would help drive me to improve myself.

I have said many times that the temple is a dojo: a place to listen to the Dharma; a place to practice the way of the Buddha; a place to practice the Nembutsu. Just by being a place to practice means that we are not already experts or masters.

If we were truly masters or experts, we wouldn't have to practice. We would already be Buddhas. We are not perfect, yet. We are not yet Buddhas.

However, relying on the Buddha, the Dharma —the teachings, and the Sangha— the family and community which includes all of our loved ones who have passed away, we can practice together. We can help inspire each other. We can help and encourage each other to live our lives to their fullest.

Not in the sense of getting or doing everything we want, but rather in the sense that we become truly aware and appreciative of the kindness and wisdom that we receive from others.

To truly become aware of this kind of life is:

Listening with your feet
Seeing with your heart
Tasting the Dharma
and Hearing the Light

Gassho,
Rev. Dean

February

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
Feb 3, 2013

10:00 am

Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

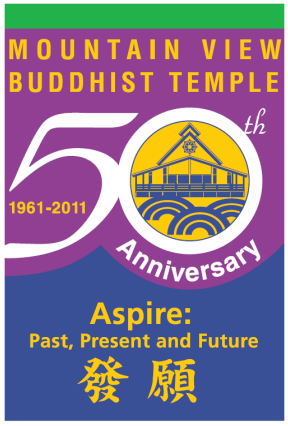
The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the temple in memory of the past members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada
Tom Fukuda
Hatsugoro Fukushima
Ben Furuichi
Thomas Gishi
Yusaku Haruta
Chiyo Higuchi
Tomiuemon Hiramoto
Chiyoko Hirohata
Jeanette Hirota
Shuichi Hori
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.
Henry Hideo Hoshi
Clara Hoshida
Matsuyo Idehara
Rev. Ryumei Iguchi
Tatsuhiko Ikebe
Francis Ikenaga
Jiro Iwata
Jack Kawamoto
Chiyeko Matsumoto
Frank Matsumoto
Matsutaro Matsumoto
David Toshio Matsuo
Shigeki Murai
Akiko Nakagawa
Niro Nishimoto
Tsuneo Nishimura
Edward Okamura
Jane Okumura
Frank Sakino
Kiyoshi Sawamura
Zensaku Shishido
Mary Somen
Rodney Togashi
Haruo Yamaji
Toshio Yamaji
Mildred Yamanaga
Tsutomu Yamanga
Kenneth Yasuda

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**



Reminder—Pick Up 50th Anniversary Onenju & Albums

In commemorating the Mountain View Buddhist Temple 50th Anniversary, all Temple members can receive an onenju and a 50th anniversary album.

Temple members who have not yet received or picked up their onenju/album should do so as soon as possible.

Please contact your Zone chairmen. Thank you.

Senior Activities and Crafts Up and Running for 2013

Senior Activities & Crafts

We are planning our 2013 schedule of events and welcome any suggestions for activities our Seniors can enjoy. 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**.

1/24/13—DVD VIEWING

We will be showing the DVD of our 50th Anniversary celebration. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 AM, and viewing will start about 12:30 PM after lunch. Please plan to join us.

2/14/13—GUEST SPEAKER

Our speaker has not been confirmed, but lunch will be provided.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

We continue to sell Senior Cookbooks. The perfect gift for someone who has everything. 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.

LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 9:30AM-10:00AM

Line dancing is great morning exercise. Instruction is led by **Naomi Ariyama** and the seniors are enjoying the routine line dancing. An invigorating half-hour for the group.

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.

MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 27, 2013 | 11:00 AM

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

150 Club News

The winner for January is **Miyo Takegami**. Congratulations!

To all **One Hundred and Fifty** participants of the 150 Club, thank you for helping Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

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

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
FEB	Zones 7 & 8	Feb 13 (Wed)	Feb 8 (Fri)
MAR	Zones 9 & 10	Mar 13 (Wed)	Mar 8 (Fri)
APR	Zones 11 & 12	Apr 17 (Wed)	Apr 12 (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

Congratulations to BWA Cabinet 2013-2014

Buddhist Women's Association

President	***Reiko Murakami***
Vice President	***Amy Imai***
Recording Secretary	***Marie Ochi-Jacobs***
Corresponding Secretaries	***Aggie Hirotsu, Kazuko Tashiro & Miyo Takegami***
Treasurer	***Joyce Tamaru***
Assistant Treasurer	***Julie Ushiba***
Social Chairpersons	***Tomiko Maruyama, Kiyoko Sato & Carolyn Sakae***
Religious Chairperson	***Irene Hashimoto***
Historian	***Kimi Nishimura***

They will be installed at the Sunday Service on January 27, 2013

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Ben Horita
In memory of wife, Kay ($100)

Takashi Furuta
In memory of wife, Emi ($100)

NEXT BWA MEETING

February 16, 2013, 9:00AM in the YBA Hall.

ABA Annual Dinner— March 30th

ANNUAL DINNER

ABA will have their annual dinner on **Saturday, March 30, 2013** at Michael's at Shoreline. Enjoy an evening out with good food and good friends. Interested? Contact **Ann Uyehara**.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FOR APRIL 2013

ABA is asking for donations of Asian non-perishable food items e.g., ramen, dry mushrooms, canned Asian foods.

These items will be collected and passed on to the West Valley Community Service for distribution. There will be a collection bin in the lobby of YBA Hall during the month of April. Please contribute!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Lois Okino & Will Dea
Phyllis & Russell Chan
Terri & Norris Hirota
Janis & Lloyd Hiramoto

YBA Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner Coming Up!

At the YBA meeting on January 6th, we discussed upcoming events such as our **pancake breakfast fundraiser (Jan 20th),** our **spaghetti dinner fundraiser (Feb 16th),** and a possible Orange County road trip in the summer.

The MV YBA advisors hosted a holiday party and sleepover on December 23rd. We enjoyed dinner, games, a white elephant gift exchange, movies, and karaoke together!

YBA will attend Coast District meetings to help plan for our CDYBL Conference on March 16th.

In gassho,

Jennifer Adachi
YBA President 2012-2013

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

	Quantity		Total
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: $_____

Happy New Year from the Dharma School!

Happy 2013!

The Dharma School Cabinet would just like to take this opportunity to thank Sensei, Linda, and all the Dharma School Teachers for all their help and support through 2012.

Thanks to all the Dharma School Parents and everyone who volunteered and supported us as well.

We appreciate all that you do and are look forward to your continued guidance and friendship in 2013!

Happy Holidays from Boys Scouts Troop 87!

After a long break of doing all sorts of things that people usually do on breaks, we're coming back a little slowly this month. January meetings include:

1/16—Advancements
Fire-related things! Since fire happens to be fire, and fire more or less causes 100% of fires, take care not to set yourself on fire!

1/23—Pioneering Merit Badge

1/30—Fix Patrols
We will be re-arranging patrols.

We will be a little light on weekends.

1/26-27—Mount Diablo
It has "Diablo" in there for a reason!

Something for next month:

2/13- Elections!
Electing new positions for the people in the troop!

So all of you, have a super fantastical month!

Go Troop 87!

Family Memorial Services

As the schedule for the temple fills quickly, you are advised to make arrangements with Rev. Koyama and the temple as soon as possible to accommodate your date and time requests.

Call the temple office at (650) 964-9426 or e-mail Rev. Koyama at dkoyama@comcast.net.

Traditionally, Family Memorial Services are conducted for loved ones on certain anniversaries. If your loved one passed away in one of the following years, you may wish to schedule a service:

Year of Death	Service
2012	1st year
2011	3rd Annual
2007	7th Annual
2001	13th Annual
1997	17th Annual
1989	25th Annual
1981	33rd Annual
1964	50th Annual
1914	100th Annual

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