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June Highlights

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  Reverend Koyama's Farewell Party
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- ***6/16 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Graduating Senior Talks***:***
  Camille Hironaka &
  Kevin Schindler

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  Graduation & Dharma School Attendance Awards

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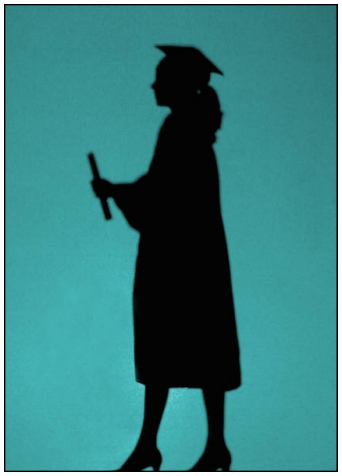
June—Season of Aspiration

By Rev. Kenji Akahoshi

There are two events that usually happen in June that dominate the newspaper advertising section: Graduation and Father's Day.

For students, graduation marks the threshold of a new adventure. This change in the future brings a sense of anticipation. For adults, the beginning of summer may invite new adventures in travel. For gardeners and farmers, June previews the efforts of sun, water, dirt, hard work, and love. There is a sense of **aspiration** in June.



How might we relate a Shin Buddhist principle to these days promoted by Hallmark cards?

The 18th or Primal Vow, includes this sense of **aspiration**, as part of three characteristics of sentient beings, who will be awakened. Dharmakara Bodhisattva states "the sentient beings who, with sincere and entrusting heart, **aspire** to be born in my land…". Although the three characteristics are ascribed to sentient beings, it is Shinran's view that the original source and fulfillment of

The Only Constant in Life is Change

By Bob Imai

Hello Everyone, I hope this message finds you well and happy.

I don't know where the time has gone, but we are almost through another Dharma School year. I remember as a young child how long the school year seemed waiting for summer vacation. As I get older it seems that time just flies.

As Reverend Koyama has said many times "The only constant in life is change". Unfortunately we've had a number of long-term Mountain View Buddhist Temple members pass away this year.

On a personal note, my wife Leslie's brother entered in to rest peacefully after losing his battle with cancer. It was an honor and privilege to be asked by the family to give his eulogy.

Few things in life are as tragic as a cancer diagnosis and the treatments. The family and friends of a cancer patient must also learn to deal with the news and how to support the patient. My brother-in-law was an inspiration with his passion for life and his never-ending spirit to fight the good fight every day.

He reminds me that every day is a gift and to realize that there is no guarantee of tomorrow.

Be grateful for the many blessings that you have received and the family and friends who love you.

Also, we were very shocked when the Bishop reassigned Reverend Koyama to the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, effective June 1st, only a few weeks away. He and his family

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Religious Planning—June 2013

Jun 2, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM —June/July Shotsuki Hoyo

Graduating Senior Talks: **Faith Furuichi** & **Jaimie Nishimoto** | Reverend Koyama's Farewell Party

June 9, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM

Graduating Senior Talks: **Jennifer Adachi** & **Deanna Okuno**

June 16. 2013, Sunday—Last Sunday Service

Graduating Senior Talks: **Camille Hironaka** & **Kevin Schindler** | Fathers' Day Graduation | Dharma School Attendance Awards

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

March Was Girl Scout Month!

The Brownies were treated to a night of fun by both the Juniors and Cadettes. The Cadettes led a meeting and taught them how to make musubi while the Juniors provided the campfire.

We would like to thank the Sangha for supporting the Juniors' onigiri sale. With the proceeds, the Juniors completed their service project, providing lunch for the monthly Senior luncheon program at the Chinese Community Center of the Peninsula.

The scouts were responsible for the entire meal including set-up and clean-up. They planned, prepared and served a pasta meal which included salad, garlic bread, and homemade apple crisp. The meal was enjoyed by all of the attendees. The second year Juniors, by completing both the Amaze Journey and service project, have earned their Bronze Award.

Six of the Cadettes have been working on the Girl Scout Amaze Journey for the last two years. This journey is an exploration of how relationships are like mazes, how to have healthy relationships, and how to confront obstacles and improve the world around us. The Cadettes did a great job working and have shared the results as 3 Words on Friendship.

Two Cadettes attended the Service Unit Camporee. As Cadettes, they were the "Crew" that provided the leadership and guidance to the younger Scouts in attendance.

We are preparing for our annual Camp-Out, Bridging Ceremony and the end of our scouting year.

The Girl Scouts would like to share their Dharma messages.

JORDYN SATO

Cadette Girl Scout 8th grade

My Three Words Project

Something that I learned by doing the My Three Words Project was that all the girls who participated in the project looked for the same thing in a friend. They want friends to be kind, loyal, understanding, and most importantly, fun.

I think that these traits are wanted in a friend because nobody wants a mean, inconsiderate, and super serious friend. These types of

June—Season of Aspiration (Cont'd fr P.1)

these conditions are attributed to Amida Buddha.

The point is that June, with its observance of Graduation and Father's Day, may give us an understanding of Shinran's wisdom. Graduation presents us with this experience of a threshold. We are ready to launch our lives toward an unknown shore.

Father's Day is one that recognizes the efforts of others who support us. Often, it is not until we are older that we realize the guidance and aspiration of the father.

The word "**aspiration**" holds a more noble connotation than a similar word, "desire". The connotation of **aspiration** is one of a higher version of oneself.

Using the significant emotions of this season, we might construct an analogy to better understand the message of the 18th or Primal Vow. The process of Dharmakara Bodhisattva becoming Amida Buddha, assures my birth in the Pure Realm or my awakening to true reality.

One erroneous interpretation might have me, the sentient being, possessing a sincere mind, an entrusting heart, and an **aspiration** for awakening. But Shinran's interpretation acknowledges the limits of my ability to be completely sincere and trustworthy. Even my **aspiration** for a higher version of myself, may be in question. Shinran attributes the characteristics of a sincere mind, an entrusting heart, and the **aspiration** for awakening, to Amida Buddha.

How might we understand the meaning of this story? Might we relate this process to be similar to a father and his child?

The child, whose limited experience in life, assumes his completion of a grade level is attributed to his own achievement. He accepts the accolades of graduation, as a sign of personal achievement.

In this naïve stage, there is little consideration for the efforts of teachers, parents, and the multitude of other factors that has made this achievement possible.

Might this be similar to Shinran's assertion that we singular, human beings lack the purity to fully possess true sincerity, pure entrustment, and visionary **aspiration**?

Shinran asserts that these three characteristics must come from Amida Buddha. Amida is defined as light and life, and may represent all the reality outside of myself **and** that which includes myself. We may begin to realize the truth in Shinran's words by the following analogy.

Amida Buddha is often referenced in colloquial Japanese as Oyasama, or parent. How similar is this relationship of father and child to the relationship of Amida Buddha and me?

A **child's aspiration** is limited by his limited life experience. He may aspire to be a major league sports star, but lacks the physical and natural athletic ability to become one. A **father's aspiration** for his child, has the experience and vision to encourage his child to develop a future career according to the child's personal talents.

The father's **aspiration** is not what the father wants the child to be, but instead, what the father knows to be the child's own **aspiration**, when the child matures to a state of awareness. Similarly, our aspiration becomes clearer, as we mature in our spiritual life. A youthful desire to have a life of endless summer, matures into an **aspiration to appreciate** all seasons of life. With this analogy, we begin to appreciate the depth of Shinran's interpretation.

Summer will end, but each season presents its gifts, if we have the eyes for them. Namo Amida Butsu, nudges us from our day-dreaming slumber to really enjoy the summer and the seasons that follow.
Father's Day is a time to recognize and appreciate that parent whose purpose, is to ensure his child's proper **aspiration**. A card or a hug of "thank you," represents that child's awareness of his father's role.

Namo Amida Butsu signifies our acknowledgement of **Amida's aspiration** for us to awaken to the Pure Realm of appreciation for all the seasons in this life.

2013 Chicken Teriyaki Schedule—See You There

May 8th (Wednesday)

Turn on outdoor refrigerators—coordinated by Allan Nara (DONE)

May 15th (Wednesday), approximate times

6 AM	Chicken delivery—coordinated by Don Fukuma
8 AM	Clean & wash barrels —bring down barrels from stage and place in Ping Pong room
7:30AM	Zone to pick up ginger from Imahara Produce for teriyaki sauce
10 AM	Prepare teriyaki sauce (BWA, Amy Imai),
	Chicken cleaning setup (Zone help, 4 men minimum)
	Check all supplies
6 PM	Clean chicken –All affiliated organizations

May 16th (Thursday)

12:00-2:00PM	Imahara Produce delivery.
	Check refrigeration and chicken

May 17th (Friday)

8 AM	Turn chicken (minimum 4 men) and make tsukemono (BWA)
7 PM	YBA Bag fortune cookies (Doug Sawamura and Advisors)
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts set up tables (See drawings and Jeff Sato)

May 18th (Saturday)

6 AM	1st Chicken cooking crew (6AM-12PM)—Bob Matsumoto
	Prepare breakfast for cooking crew (Zone members)
8 AM	Pack tsukemono, wash rice and wash & cut oranges (BWA)
11:30AM	Dharma school prepares lunch for cooking crew—Pauline Shinkawa & Betty Hamasaki
12 PM	2nd Chicken cooking crew (12 PM-4 PM)—Sterling Makishima & ABA

May 19th (Sunday)

4AM	Rice cooking & cooling—Glenn and Candice
	Prepare breakfast for rice cooking crew—Aggie Hirotsu
6AM	Clean up crew, pack rice in cups and start packing chicken
7AM	Set up tables for pickup
9AM	Ready for pickup
12 PM	Prepare lunch

May 19th (Sunday)	**PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATIONS**
9AM to 3PM	**MVBT Sangha Hall pickup**
10AM to 12Noon	**Morgan Hill pickup**
10AM to 2PM	**San Jose pickup**

May 25th (Saturday)

8 AM	Final cleanup & washing

May 19—Sunday

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser 2013

Donation—$9.00
Tickets available from your Zone Chairperson or at the Church office

Final count due: May 10, 2013

Contact Phyllis or Doug Sawamura

(650) 428-1994

March Was Girl Scout Month!

friendships could end in a flash, unlike kind, gentle friendships that could last a lifetime.

But, sometimes even kind friendships have their ups and downs. For example, some friends might fight over who gets to read a book first or who won the race. Some friends might keep secrets from each other and once they find out about that secret and how it affects them, they get mad. The friends may not talk to each other for days, even weeks, but if the friends talk it over and make up, it proves why people want kind and forgiving friends. If a friend is unkind, then the friendship may not last because the friend might tease or talk behind their back.

A different trait that is wanted in a friend is loyalty. Loyalty is where a person is dedicated to supporting another person. An example of a friend not being loyal is when they betray another friend, for example, by telling a secret. This causes tension, a lack of trust, and betrayal. Like the other pair of friends who fought, they might not talk to each other for days, or at the extreme, ever again in their lives. Even though they were great friends at first, their friendship ended because of the feelings of betrayal. **A true friend is, according to the project, one who is loyal and can be trusted.**

Another character trait that is wanted in a friend is understanding. If friends understand one another, they can help each other out in times of need. If they do not understand, then they listen and try to understand and be supportive. An example of a friend understanding another friend is when one friend is having a bad day and does not want to be talked to. The friend who is not having a bad day would just leave the other friend alone so he or she has time to cool off. An understanding friend would be there when he or she is ready to talk about it, and help find things that might make him or her feel better. This pair of friends proves how they can understand each other and help one another out so they can have a better day.

The final and probably most important trait that is looked for in a friend is being fun. If you do not have fun with your friends, then you would not want to be around them. Friends that do have fun have play dates or sleepovers, and they enjoy being around each other. When friends don't have fun, they may not talk to each other often and laugh or play like other kids would, and may not create the bond that strong friendships possess.

Like many of the people who participated in the My Three Words project, I want the same traits in my friends so I can have fun, have someone to support and understand me, and know what I would like for them to do if I need help. Without good friends and support, my life would not be as full or enjoyable. That's why friends are so important.

All good things must come to an end. These are sayings that we hear in everyday life. They might be true, but sound negative. We should enjoy today and think in a more positive manner such as "seizing the day" and "life's a journey, so enjoy the ride." As Prince Siddhartha said, "**Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment**."

Buddhist Women's Association

PLANTS NEEDED!

The Obon Bazaar Flower Shop lost a large donation source when Sakamoto Plants closed. If you have extra plants and flowers, please save them for the Flower Shop.

Contact the Temple Office 650.964.9426

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will be truly missed. Sensei has accomplished a lot in his 10 years as our resident minister. The most notable couple of items have been the growth of our Dharma School and our 50th Anniversary Celebration, just to mention a few.

We are also very excited to have Reverend Mukojima and his family join our Temple as our new resident minister effective August 1st.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the Mountain View Sangha for all their support and especially all the volunteers who make this place work. Without them we would not have the very special place we have today. Thank you.

Gassho,

Bob Imai
MVBT President

Congratulations to New YBA Cabinet!

At the YBA meeting on May 5th, we elected our 2013-2014 cabinet! Congratulations to…

President—Haley Sawamura
Vice President—Meiko Flynn-Do
Treasurer—Alec Matsumoto
Rec. Secretary—Heather Fong
Corr. Secretary—Kaylyn Arima
Historian—Erin Nishimura
Religious Chair—Emily Terada
Activities—Jackie Yee
CD Rep—Rachel Nakamura

The YBA made food and corsages for our annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 12th. We loved being able to celebrate and appreciate our Sangha's mothers!

We also discussed the upcoming YBA Bay District Volleyball Tournament (May 25-26), finalized T-shirt designs, and practice schedules. We will be defending our championship title that we've held for the past 5 years! Let's go MV!

This month the YBA will be helping out with the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser! We are just as excited as ever!

Finally, we have begun to talk about our annual YBA camping trip, which will take place on June 21-23. We love camping at the beach, making s'mores, and playing volleyball with friends! Can't wait!

In gassho,

Jennifer Adachi
YBA President 2012-2013

Over 300 Pounds of Food Collected from ABA Food Drive!

THANK YOU to all the temple members who supported our first Asian Food Drive! We appreciate all the generous donations, **ABA collected 300 pounds of Asian Food**! Thank you so much! Great job, **Joanne Makishima**!

Thank you to **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto** for organizing the ABA Reno trip again this year. Hopefully some members came home a little richer. Some members have been trying this for over 20 years so someone must be making money! Everyone had a good time!

CPR/AED CLASS JUNE 9TH
Sunday June 9, 2013
1:00-5:00PM
Includes a light lunch for all participants. The seminar will be from approximately 1 to 5PM.

Cost of the class is $58/person. Contact **Eileen Fujikawa**.

DONATIONS
Gratefully Acknowledged

Ken & Mieko Nakano
In celebration the birth of their granddaughter

June/July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
Jun 2, 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:

Spencer Cowap
Robyn Delgado
Kazuo Domoto
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
Kisa Ruth Kamei
Kevin Kamimoto
Koyuki Kamimoto
Yasuto Kamimoto
Iris Kawamoto
Kojuro Kawamoto
Yasu Kawamoto
Norma Kochi
Albert Kosakura
Kiyoshi Makishima
Erin Maruyama
George Masuda
Jimmy Matsuba
Frank M. Matsumoto
Jimmy Matsumoto
Natsumi Michihira
Helen Miyake
Chizuko Murai
Katsuki Nakagawa
Shigeo Nakanishi
Megumi Nakano
Kuni Nakagawa
Tsuyoshi Nakashima
Jim Nakayama
Kiyo Ogata
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
Ted Tokunaga
Ito Tsukagawa
Toshie Tsukamoto
Kiyoshi Umeda
Kazuko Watanabe
Kenji Yamane
Naoko Yamashita
Imi Yasuda
Goichi Yonemoto

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 the Temple office.

Temple Office Phone **(650) 964-9426**

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

Eric William Ives ***April 22, 2013***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Senior Activities Last Day June 13th

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Don't forget about our Senior Cook Book! They are available at the Temple office. They make great gifts and are only $18!

SENIOR CRAFT HOURS

Thursdays, 9:00AM-12:00PM

The last day before summer is ***June 13th***. Before you know it, it will be time for bazaar. **Jeanne Ohara** is in charge of the Bazaar Craft Booth and is asking for donations. We have many talented and crafters that have helped in the past. Again, thank you all for your continued support.

We are asking for any used aprons. When we have kitchen duties, a few extra aprons would be most appreciated. Leave it in the office "marked for Seniors" or give it to **Jeanne Ohara**.

LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 9:30AM-10:00AM

Instruction led by **Naomi Ariyama**. An invigorating half-hour.

LEARN CARD GAMES

Play Shanghai a popular game of rummy, or Hana, a Japanese card game. Join the group and enjoy the morning with good friends and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. Don't know how to play either games? We have patient friends, willing and ready to teach you. Good for the mind.

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.

Senior Activities & Crafts

BWA Congratulates Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations Graduates! We wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Thank you to all the members who helped with the chicken teriyaki fundraiser. A special thank you to those who helped BWA.

We are planning and organizing various BWA responsibilities for the upcoming bazaar.

NEXT MEETING

June 15, 9:00AM , YBA Hall

Buddhist Women's Association

Reverend Koyama's Farewell Lunch!

June 2nd | Noon | Sangha Hall

Temple to provide the meat/others please bring a salad or side dish
RSVP to your zone chairperson or affiliated organization by May 24th

150 Club News

The winner for May is **Bessie Hayashida**.

Congratulations!

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

In Gassho—**Glenn Kitasoe**

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
JUL	Zones 2 & 3	Jun 19 (Wed)	June 14 (Fri)
AUG	Zones 4 & 5	No Echo	No Echo
SEP	Zones 6 & 7	Aug 21 (Wed)	Aug 16 (Fri)

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This will provide time to layout and production. Thank you.

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Dharma School Attendance Awards - June 16th

Thank you to our Hanamatsuri Parent coordinators, **Yumi Higa**, for organizing a fantastic and entertaining program, and to **Patty Chow-Tokutomi**, **Sandy Furuichi**, **Yuki Hata-Kita**, and **Lillian Terada**, for organizing a delicious lunch, including setup and cleanup.

Dharma School would also like to thank the BWA for purchasing the yummy cake. We appreciate everyone's help and contributions with making this such an enjoyable event.

Thanks also to **Cindy Hiroshige** for coordinating the Spring Fundraiser Eat-out at Chevys. The **Dharma School raised over $213** and we really appreciate your support.

Graduating seniors will give their talks on the first 3 Sundays in June. Rev. Koyama will attend on June 2nd and June 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dharma School Camp Out
Saturday, June 1—Sunday June 2
Activities, food, movies, s'mores, overnight camping - who could ask for more?! Sign up soon for a fun filled evening

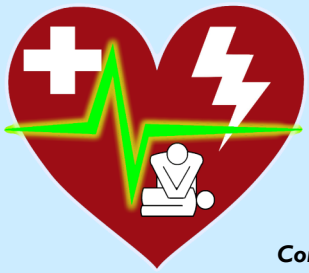
Rev. Koyama's Farewell Lunch
Sunday June 2
Please join the temple in thanking Rev. Koyama and his family for making the last 10+ years fun, educational, and memorable. We will surely miss having them be a part of our temple family. If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please let Lisa Schindler know ASAP.

Graduation Presentation and Attendance Awards
(No Dharma School)
Sunday June 16

DONATIONS

Tricia & David Hojo
Kate's 4th Birthday

Matt & Tracey Mukoyama
Kylie and Ryan's Birthdays



SAVE A LIFE—CPR/AED Training

1-5PM Sunday, June 9th in the YBA Hall

Light lunch before class. $58/person and **registration is required.**
Registration deadline is May 31st.

Contact Eileen Fujikawa | fujikawabachan@gmail.com | 408-996-0845

Boy Scouts Troop 87 Welcomes Summer!

Hello everyone! This month, with summer upcoming, there's even more stuff than ever!

TROOP 87 ACTIVITIES

Chicken Teriyaki Sales—5/18
Sell, sell sell!

Chicken Salad Sales—5/18-19
Buy, buy, buy!

Catapults—5/22
They throw things

Memorial Day Cemetery Decorations—5/25

The Scout Games/JFK Day—5/29
May you be ever prepared!

Cub Parent Weekend—6/1-2
Minecraft-themed, so I hear.

Obon—7/21-22
Protective gear is advised.

Oljato—7/28-29
Showers advised.

Well, now that I'm done listing things and making lame jokes afterwards, I'm just going to state that this month will yet again be pretty darn amazing for Troop 87!

Kevin Duan
Scribe, Troop 87

Hatsubon Service July 7th, 10:00AM

On Sunday, July 7th, we will observe our annual Obon and Hatsubon Service which begins at 10:00 AM.

As you may be aware, the Obon observance is a very solemn occasion to remember not only the lives of our ancestors but also the lives of those loved ones who have recently passed away. It is to appreciate all that they have done and to recognize the continuation of their deeds upon our lives.

By remembering them, we acknowledge a true debt of appreciation and gratitude to them thereby awakening and affirming our own lives as well.

Our special speaker for this service will be the **Reverend Kojo Kaikhara**, currently the resident minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple in Washington state. He is a young minister previously served at the Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Betsuin.

For those observing Hatsubon, the first Obon Memorial service at the temple, the family members will be invited to burn incense in memory of their loved ones and present a lighted candle before the Homyo or Dharma name.

If you have experienced the passing of a family member in another area and would like to observe Hatsubon on this day, please contact the temple office at 650-964-9426 by July 1st so that arrangements can be made.

The following is a list of those who have passed away since the last Obon service:

Ted Tokunaga *6/28/2012*	**Masako Sato** *11/14/2012*	**Torao Yokoyama** *3/1/2013*
Katherine Jofuku *7/8/2012*	**Kay Horita** *11/30/2012*	**George Noguchi** *3/15/2013*
Jimmy Matsuba *7/24/2012*	**Emiko Furuta** *12/4/2012*	**Patricia Togashi** *3/20/2013*
George Abey *8/6/2012*	**James Kawaye** *12/7/2012*	**Etsuko Gishi** *4/5/2013*
Nancy Smith *9/27/2012*	**Virgina Asada** *1/23/2013*	**Eric Ives** *4/22/2013*
Shozo Mayeda *10/7/2012*	**George Ishimaru** *2/21/2013*	**Judy Furusho** *5/4/2013*
Irene Furuta *10/12/2012*	**Kay Ishizaka** *2/21/2013*	

We would also like to remind you that our Obon Odori will begin at 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 21st.

As it is customary in our Jodo Shinshu teachings to express our appreciation by reciting the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, in the same way, it is a tradition to dance as an expression of joy for all the benefits and gifts that we have received from our loved ones who have passed away.

We hope that you will participate in the service as well as dance at the Obon.

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2013 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Obon Raffle Tickets

The raffle tickets are now available and are in the process of being distributed to all the Temple Members for the upcoming MVBT Obon Festival on July 20th & 21st.

Temple Members will receive six packets/books, each of which includes six tickets. This year we are trying something different—if an individual purchases 5 tickets or $10, the 6th ticket is free. Otherwise, each ticket is $2/ticket.. Help us sell as many tickets you can!

Prizes have also been increased. 1st prize is $2,500, 2nd prize $800 and 3rd prize is $300. In addition, there will be more cash prizes.

Although we would like the tickets as early as possible, please turn them in no later than 7:00pm on Sunday, July 21st at the raffle booth. The drawing will be on Sunday evening after Odori is over. Any unsold tickets can also be given to the raffle booth to sell.

If you need more tickets, please contact your zone chair or **Rich Endo** at 408-739-5269 or by email at riche58@sbcglobal.net or **Russell Okuno** at 408 910-3713 or by email at takeo54@yahoo.com and we will get you more tickets.

Thank you for your help.

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Rich Endo,
Bazaar Chair

Russell Okuno,
Bazaar Assistant Chair

Recognition for Japanese Centenarians

In Japan, Respect for the Aged Day is observed every September 15th.

The Prime Minister of Japan presents a certificate and a commemorative gift to each centenarian, honoring his or her long years of service to the community.

Centenarians who live abroad but still hold Japanese citizenship also qualify to be honored in this annual event. Former Japanese nationals who naturalized to US citizens will receive a certificate and a commemorative gift from the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco.

If you know someone who is eligible and resides in our jurisdiction, please call or send a fax to **Consul Ishido** or **Mrs. Mainard** to provide the necessary information.

Deadline is Monday, June 3rd.

Qualifications:

Any Japanese or former Japanese national who was born between **April 1, 1913 and March 31, 1914**.
Any Japanese or former Japanese national who was born before **March 31, 1914 and has not yet been honored .**

Required information:

Centenarian's Japanese name in kanji and katakana characters

Gender ***Date of birth***

Registered domicile in Japan (Only prefecture and city can be accepted.)

Current address

Current telephone number (including area code)

Contact information:

Telephone 415-777-3533 (Consul Ishido , ext 402 / Mrs. Mainard, ext 458)
Fax number 415-974-3660

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 12:15pm - Taiko -	1 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	2 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	3 6pm - Boy Scouts	4 INDEPENDENCXE OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am - MVBT 7pm - Tri-City Adult	5	6
7 10am - Kangi-e- 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	8 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	9 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	10 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Temple	11 6:30am - MVBT 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	12 7pm - ABA Meeting 7pm - Fuji Club @	13 9am - BWA Meeting
14 NO SUNDAY 12:15pm - Taiko -	15 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	16 6pm - Construction 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7:30pm - Bazaar 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	17 6pm - Construction 7pm - Boy Scouts	18 6:30am - MVBT 6pm - Construction 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	19 6pm - Construction	20 4pm - Obon Bazaar 8:30pm - Bazaar
21 NO SUNDAY 12pm - Obon & 6pm - Chidori Band 7pm - Odori 8:30pm - Bazaar	22 8am - Post bazaar 6:30pm - Post	23 6:30pm - Clean up 6:30pm - Post	24 6:30pm - Clean up 6:30pm - Post 7pm - Dharma	25 6:30am - MVBT 6:30pm - Clean up 6:30pm - Post	26 6:30pm - Post	27 Rental (FM) Time 6:30pm - Post
28 NO SUNDAY	29 All facilities closed 6:30pm - Post	30 All facilities closed 6:30pm - Post	31 All facilities closed 6:30pm - Post 7pm - Dharma	1 All facilities closed 6:30pm - Post	2 All facilities closed 6:30pm - Post	3

Graduating Senior Talks Begin June 2nd

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In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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