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  Obon Festival & Bazaar

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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
Congratulations and best wishes to Camille, Deanna, Faith, Jaimie, Jennifer and Kevin!

Words on Perspective

By Kevin Schindler

I want to speak about **perspective**—how it works and how my understanding of life itself has changed as I've attended this church. I came to this temple in 2nd grade and I didn't like it very much. I was, in my own mind, forced here against my own beliefs.

On most Sundays, I was already up by 8:30, wandering the house and sometimes watching TV. I never had a good excuse, so I was "forced" to attend every Sunday. I can remember a very specific time when I got out Monopoly, brought it to my parents' bedroom, and insisted that we play a game, so that I could avoid going to church. It worked once, but they were not so easily fooled again.

Let me outline this idea by comparing it to a restaurant menu. We start with the kids menu. When you are a kid, you don't need to know fancy terms, you usually aren't even ordering for yourself, and you "willingly" order a grilled cheese, or macaroni and cheese, or chicken tenders. That is your basis of thought.

As you get older, you appreciate steak, eggs, and why it's called a club sandwich or a Caesar salad. You begin to understand the difference between medium-well, poached, and over-easy, not to mention rare, medium-rare, or well-done.

Lessons We Learn and Friendships We Carry

By Deanna Okuno

I've attended church since preschool, mainly because of my parents. It wasn't until high school that I realized that Buddhism has been a really big part of my life.

From Dharma School through YBA, I have so many memories here at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple that it's impossible to think back without mentioning some of my favorite times.

I won't forget the first conference dance—my first real dance. I remember thinking, "What is this and is this how high schoolers dance?" No more jumping up and down and singing the words to the songs. As a freshman, I remember idolizing the seniors, wanting to be that cool. But now I think, "Umm, this is it?" We haven't changed that much.

I remember how Jen and I made sure we were always in the same car to events, but I don't know why because we pass out and sleep as soon we got in the car.

I remember all the YOLO moments, like going to the beach "after sunset", trying to harmonize "A Special Place" and then trying to contain our laughter when we can't hit the high notes. These are some of my fondest memories being a part of this temple, and even though there won't be any more conferences and only one last beach camping trip, I'm thankful for them.

One thing I've learned with Buddhism is impermanence. Everything eventually comes to an end,

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Religious Planning—July 2013

July 7, 2013, Sunday 10:00 AM —Kan-gi E Obon Hatsubon Service

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Kojo Kakihara** of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple

July 9, 11, 16, 18 , 2013, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 PM—Odori Practice

July 9, 11 & 16 in the Sangha Hall. July 18th is outside around the yagura.

Senior Get Ready for Obon—Activities Resume Sept. 5th

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Don't forget about our Senior Cook Book! They are available at the Temple office and during Obon.

Great gifts and only $18!

SENIOR CRAFT RESUMES SEPTEMBER 5TH

June 6th was our last gathering before the summer break.

We will resume September 5th. Please mark this date on your calendar.

9:00 AM to 12 noon, Thursdays.

RENO TRIP

September 18-19

We will be taking sign-ups for another Reno trip. Another fun overnight venture with friends.

Please call **Chuck Uyeda** for reservations.

We are quite busy preparing for our annual bazaar. **Jeanne Ohara** is in charge of the Bazaar Craft Booth and is asking for donations. We have many talented crafters that have helped in the past. Again, thank you all for your continued support.

Senior Activities & Crafts

Get Ready for Obon Bazaar and Learn to Make Sushi!

Thank you to all the BWA ladies who provided the delicious rice dishes for Rev. Koyama and family's thank you-farewell lunch.

BWA is busy preparing for our temple's Obon-Bazaar. We have taken inventory of supplies and lining up our ladies for duties.

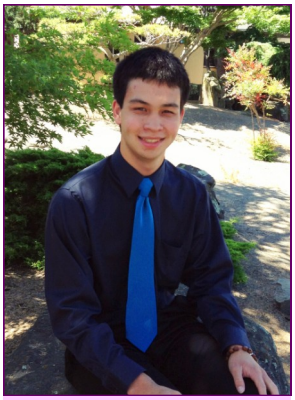
We ask anyone interested in learning how to make sushi to come and help Saturday, July 20 at 9AM and Sunday, July 21 at 6AM and we will gladly teach you. Any help given at this time would be greatly appreciated!

NEXT MEETING

July 13th, 9:00AM , YBA Hall

Buddhist Women's Association

Words on Perspective (Cont'd fr. P1)



Kevin Schindler

Mountain View High School 2013

Bound for Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo

I also remember vividly when I first heard the dish crème brulee. After that, I was always searching for it as though the fact that I knew such a fancy worded dish would gain me fame with my friends.

To parallel this to my Dharma school experience, my transition period means that I moved from being someone who hated coming to church, to someone who was excited to participate in activities.

This started in the Harbins' class, where we departed from boring book reading and into more interesting activities that happened outside, often scavenger hunts or dodge-ball. We would play darts for prizes and sometimes there would be small snacks.

This was about the time I really got to know Deanna, Jaimie, Alec and Derek, and when I started to make friendships that I still have today. Because of these friendships, I was able to enjoy church. I knew that most of the time, they would be there to hang out with me. In a way, you guys are my club sandwich.

This is also when I began to nit-pick the ideas of Buddhism and began my sarcastic and questioning phase. For example, the Dharma wheel could easily be a four-spoked one. Right mindfulness could surely encompass thoughts, conduct and speech. Wouldn't you also agree that evil consequences come of craving desires and ignorance? Thus, we can unify both right livelihood and effort. Third would remain right mindfulness: To cherish pure and good thoughts. Fourth (formerly eighth) is still right meditation. Four instead of eight. Life simplified.

But enough over-analysis and back to the menu metaphor. It wasn't until high school that I understood the differences between flash-fried, pan seared, and sautéed. You learn what Cajun means, and why most restaurants they just lie and add more pepper to everything. Hors d'oeuvres is basically a very expensive and fancy version of saying appetizer. I've matured both as a person of the culinary arts and as a Dharma student, so **my understanding of the subtleties of life has evolved into something more mature**.

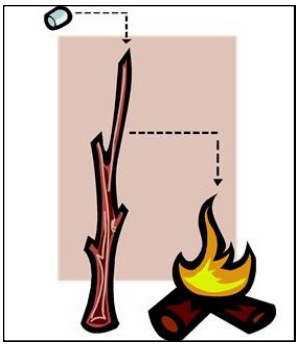
Through high school Dharma class, I learned how Buddhism, unlike many other religions is a guideline-based religion. Our class discussions aim to not only bring about new ideas and ideals, but also enforce the path to understanding and acceptance in the world around us. It's not about the specifics.

I've learned that trying to pick apart the whole dish can be good sometimes, but at other times, to look at a dish as a whole, for its entire meaning.

The meaning of Buddhism is not to constantly try to completely understand each one of Reverend Koyama's Dharma talks, read each Paramita, each fold of the Eightfold Path, or each treasure in the Three Treasures of the Truth, but **to enjoy life as it meets us**.

With every friendship, experience, Obon, memorial, service, conference, moment, obstacle, we gain maturity and understanding and I am so glad that this church has proven that to me.

YBA Camping Trip Ends the Year



The YBA had its final meeting of the year on June 2nd.

On May 25-26, many of YBA members participated in the Bay District Volleyball Tournament. Although we didn't win the tournament, both our "Rainbow Sherbet" teams did an amazing job and had a great time!

We also finalized what we will sell in our obon booth this year! We'll be making 200 more spam musubi and we'll also be selling chili over rice and chili over Frito chips!

Finally, we continued 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

Lessons We Learn and Friendships We Carry (Cont'd fr . P1)

and it's kind of sad, but it forces me to take a step back, not take things for granted, and appreciate the things I have.

I am so thankful for all the amazing people I have met because of temple. For example, I met a girl through Nakayoshi Gakko, and at the time, we both hated each other. Then, she joined the temple and started to attend Dharma School. We started to accept each other and got to know one another. Now we're the best of friends.

Now that it's coming to an end, I look back and cherish all the little things that have made YBA and this temple such a huge part of my growth as a person.

I've learned to accept others for who they are and to appreciate their individuality.

I'll never fully understand **Kevin's** weird commentary on pretty much everything. He's so sarcastic it sometimes makes me a little uncomfortable and awkward, but I appreciate his humor and charismatic personality.

I'll never understand where **Jaimie** gets her energy. Seriously, it seems like she's always hyped up on caffeine or something. But I love how enthusiastic she is about everything, whether she's excited or just 500% done with it.

I'll never understand how **Faith** can be so quiet, but she keeps the mystery alive and waits for something worth saying instead of rambling about nothing.
Camille, I'll never understand why she's also quiet, when I know she always has something smart and witty to say. Maybe she's just humble and modest.

And **Jen**. There's a lot I don't understand about her. But that's the fun part about our friendship, we learn to so much from each other and we're so different, but at the same time we're like the same person. She is like my sister and I love her.

By August or September, we're moving onto college, leaving this behind, and taking all of the lessons we've learned, memories we've made, and friendships we carry. We'll be put in a place where we barely know anyone. It might seem overwhelming and scary, but if there's one thing I've learned from my time at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, it is to not be afraid to reach out and meet new people.

People will either love you or not. But the great thing is that there are so many people out there that you don't have to worry about those who don't.

There's a quote that says, "**Be who you are and say how you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.**" Don't try to change yourself for others to like you, and don't worry about other people's judgment, because the people who are worth being friends with you will accept you for who you are, and not for what they want you to be.

This is it Seniors. I'm so proud of all of you and I know you'll all do great things. Thank you all for loving me for me, accepting me and all of my awkward, spastic, weird self and for being my second family.

Congratulations Class of 2013. We did it!

And don't forget to always wear your party pants!

Deanna Okuno

Homestead High School 2013

Bound for Arizona State University

PLANTS NEEDED!

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

Contact the Temple Office 650.964.9426

The Path Less Traveled by: the Middle Path

Camille Hironaka

Homestead High School 2013

Bound for Tufts University

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I

I took the one less traveled by

And that has made all the difference.

–Robert Frost

By Camille Hironaka

Leaving for college is a huge change. Like any turning point, I don't know which path I'll take. But at this very moment, I have the opportunity to choose.

Because of my experiences in YBA, I see not two paths, but three—two forks and the middle path. Like Robert Frost, I'm choosing to take the road less traveled. **That is the middle path.**

The middle path is an idea I first learned about at the YAC Retreat two years ago. It is my favorite lesson. It is the idea that we cannot live on extreme values or through extreme methods. Instead, **we must live in a balance.**

For a long time, I struggled to grasp this concept. When I started high school, things were black or white. No grey in my world. Coming into YBA with this view, I was unhappy. I still remember my first YBA meeting. I didn't have an established friend group and wasn't particularly outgoing. It's not easy being the quiet kid in YBA, and because of that, I was an outsider.

To put it simply, I had no friends in YBA. So for a while, I hated going to YBA meetings because of how scared and alone I felt. My inability to see the middle path made this problem worse, because

I convinced myself I would ***always*** be an outsider. I told myself I would ***never*** fit in, that I could ***never*** be as outgoing and popular as the other kids, and that as long as I was me, I could only be that quiet, unnoticed kid in the corner.

Because of my extreme view of life, I saw only two dismal paths. I could give up who I was and try to fit in or stay true to myself, and remain invisible and unheard.

However, slowly but surely, I began to stumble toward the middle path. I started talking to acquaintances, who quickly became my best friends. I applied to the YAC Retreat, after copious amounts of encouragement from both students and adults.

I attended YAC, where I learned self-confidence and how to raise my voice. And I began to understand how unrealistic my views had been. **I realized that changing didn't mean giving up my individuality**. Instead, it meant I can adapt to a given situation and make the most of it.

I had found my middle path. It was the road that allowed me to feel comfortable in my own skin and to branch out.

Walking the middle path helped me figure out who I am and how to work confidently. I look forward to YBA meetings. I'm a quiet person and I am comfortable with that. I have friends who love me and people who respect me, just because I'm me. I can raise my voice, meet a new person, crack a joke, or laugh loudly, and people will listen to and respect me. My quiet side and my outgoing side are not, as I originally thought, contradictory and there can only have one or the other. Instead, they are simply pieces of the puzzle that make up my life.

Learning to walk this path has not been easy. I've gotten lost plenty of times. So I'd like to thank people that were kind enough to guide me back.

My **Grandparents**. They're here from Hawaii to watch me graduate and hear me speak. If that isn't dedication, then I don't know what is.

My **parents**: Mom, Dad, how can I ever thank you enough? All those times I was hysterical, melodramatic, or freaking out, you always managed to meet me with comforting words and open arms. Thank you for your never-ending love and for believing in me, even when I didn't believe in myself.

Ryan, my dearest, darlingest, younger brother. Thank you for being my partner in crime and fashion consultant, and for keeping me sane when mom tries to use the word "swag." Ryan, you're an only child next year. Good luck.

My **friends**, thank you for teaching me the perks of not being a wallflower. You were the ones who first noticed me when I thought I was nothing more than an invisible girl.

The Path Less Traveled by: the Middle Path (Cont'd fr P6)

Somehow, through all our movie nights, San Francisco adventures, and epic games of spoons, you taught me how to be a more confident, caring person.

And finally, to everyone here, the **Sangha**. Thank you for your unending support. I would not be standing here if not for you. I will miss this community when I leave for Massachusetts in August.

Though I will be 3,200 miles away, as long as I continue to strive for the middle path, this Temple will never be far away.

A Place to Feel Valued and Accepted

By Jennifer Adachi

When I first joined the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, my sole intention was to make friends. I didn't come for knowledge about ancient Buddhist texts, and definitely not for spiritual awakening. All I wanted was to be part of the teenage Japanese-American community—to have friends at Obon, to sit and giggle with during service and Dharma school, and to like my profile pictures on Facebook.

I remember seeing other kids running around at Obon with friends, playing games, working in the booths, dancing odori, and shooting each other with little water guns. I wanted to be with them instead of my mom.

The only thing that 12-year-old Jen cared about was being social and having fun. And I guess I succeeded. I met some of my best friends and some of my fondest memories have taken place here. Since I joined the temple I have continued to make new friends and to have fun. All the YBA conferences, beach trips, volleyball tournaments, Nakayoshi Gakko, and Dharma school discussions have been absolutely enjoyable. I have had the time of my life with the most extraordinary people.

What I didn't know 6 years ago was that I would gain so much more. Being a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has played a key role in shaping who I am today—shaping my beliefs, my morals, my persona, and my goals.

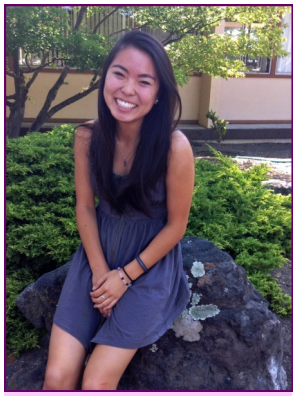
I only discovered the huge impact the temple has had on me recently, when faced with the stressful and intimidating task known as the college application process. Many of the prompts are about a community or environment I value and its impact on me. Without a second of hesitation, I knew those essays would be about this temple and all of you. But how could I accurately summarize this temple and everything it has given me in 500 words or less?

First of all, the temple has given me a place where I feel valued, accepted, and important. Loving adults and peers have taught me more than I'll ever be able to understand. In meetings, emails, or discussions, I always feel like the Sangha welcomes my voice and opinions. In a place where I expected to make a handful of friends my own age, I befriended a whole community of the people of diverse ages and backgrounds.

Secondly, the temple has given me the opportunity to explore and develop my leadership skills. Through the YBA I learned about working with groups and getting big tasks done efficiently. When a couple of friends pressured me into running for YBA vice president, they said "You basically don't have to do anything except come to meetings … and plan the entire spaghetti dinner!" I decided to run but secretly hoped I wouldn't win because I was so intimidated by the idea of planning a dinner for hundreds of people.

Even though I was scared, everyone was supportive and compassionate as I worked and sometimes struggled to organize the dinner. The event and all the wonderful people that helped me taught me a lot about my leadership strengths but also about what I need to work on.

Thirdly, the temple has influenced my perception of the world. I assure you all, it's no exaggeration. Reverend Dean's Dharma talks connected Buddhism to our lives and how we can all strive to be better people. In the Dharma school class, we often discussed being Buddhist in our society and our future goals. We learn about interdependence—our actions



Jennifer Adachi

Mountain View High School 2013

Bound for UCLA

Senior Activities Last Day June 13th

affect the lives of others around us; impermanence—change is constant; acceptance—we should embrace others regardless of differences; appreciation—we should value those around us and our opportunities; and perseverance—we shouldn't give up in spite of adversity.

The temple has taught me life lessons I will take to college and for the rest of my life. I don't know where I'm going or what I want to do, but I know that the temple has given me a strong foundation. I look at life with appreciation and can accept change and failure as they come. I am aware of my actions and their consequences and most importantly, I know the importance of feeling accepted and loved.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone in the Sangha for giving me endless support and encouragement and for helping me become a better person. Thank you YBA advisors for helping to plan everything and for replying to my crazy emails even in the wee hours of the night. Thank you Dharma school teachers for your creative ways to pull tired high schoolers out of our sleepy shells each Sunday with food and insightful conversations.

Thank you o-asaji group for welcoming and tolerating me as I try to get the hang of the onaijin.
Thank you, Mrs. Hirotsu, for being such a pleasure to work with and for being so helpful during the hectic spaghetti dinner.

Thank you Mom and Dad, for bringing me to temple, encouraging me to try new things, and loving me no matter how stubborn or difficult I may be.

And finally thank you to the current and former YBA members for being so exciting and friendly and for constantly making me laugh. You all have given me so much by being my friends, hanging out with me, and embodying qualities that I hope to have in the future. I will miss you all next year!

Thank you!

Great Turnout for Campout and See You at Obon!

The Dharma School had a successful camp-out event at the temple June 1 and 2. Over 50 adults and children enjoyed the fun activities and dinner on Saturday, and 18+ camped overnight to Sunday morning.

Thank you so much to our parent coordinators of this event: **Christine and Hideki Hirabayashi, Janell Tao, Stuart Ishida, Tony and Miki Bellon, and Ashley Uyehara**. Laser tag, hamster balls, smores, movies, tasty food—a fun time was had by all!

We would also like to thank the **Hamasaki and Shinkawa families** for coordinating the Chicken Teriyaki luncheon on May 18th. And thank you to the families that provided salads and desserts. The chicken teriyaki crew appreciated the yummy food!

Dharma School had a great turn out of children and parents to Rev. Koyama's farewell party on Sunday, June 2. Thank you MVBT for the wonderful lunch. The kids worked in the classrooms for the last couple of months to put together a scrapbook for Sensei.

Thanks to teachers **Tracey Mukoyama and Debbie Ho** for coordinating the scrapbook. We will sorely miss Reverend Dean and all he has done for the Dharma School and our children. We wish him and his family the best of luck in their new endeavors in Palo Alto!

A big congratulations to our graduating Seniors. Dharma School will miss your presence every Sunday next year, but we hope you will be back to visit often!

DONATIONS

Matt & Tracey Mukoyama
Kylie's & Ryan's birthdays

Gail Satake-Nakamura & Stacy Nakamura
Rachel's birthday

Curt Kawabata & Joan Aoki
Stacey's birthday

Mike & Traci Inouye
Kendall's birthday

Mythology and Acceptance

By Jaimie Nishimoto

Before I joined YBA and actually started to enjoy attending temple, I did not understand who I was as a person. I figured out more through mythology class and YBA.

In my freshman year, I was not confident and did not attend conferences because I was scared of meeting new people and trying new things.

However, during sophomore year, I took a risk and attended my first conference. At first I still felt that I made the wrong choice. By the end, I ended up loving it and have attended YBA conferences ever since. Taking the risk of attending the first conference made me more confident, and I knew I wasn't as afraid anymore. Through YBA, I've met new friends and reconnected with old ones. YBA was the best experience during high school with memories I will hold forever.

Mythology class also helped me. For example, we had to bring in a sacred item and share about it. I brought the Purple Heart that belongs to my Grandpa, Jits Higa. I never knew he had earned a Purple Heart, but once he told me I thought of him differently. He became a role model—strong, brave, funny at times (not so much with his jokes) loving and caring. He once told me a long time ago what he spends his money on—clothes, food and his grandchildren. As I was presenting, I started to understand how I take things for granted and have not thanked those important people who have played a significant role in my life.

So now I would like to thank some of those people.

Thank you Mom and Dad for your support and guidance throughout my life. You both are mentors that guide me to be the person I am today and put up with me for 17 years so far. Thank you Kyle and Lindsey for being cool siblings.

Thank you Papa Higa for always supporting me at my basketball games and teaching me to never give up. Thank you Grandma for having Tuesday dinners, making my Halloween costumes and yelling at my games (Who would have known a whole lot of yelling would come from a quiet grandmother like you?!).

Thank you Grandpa and Grandma Nish for your love and support. Thank you Reverend Dean for your life lessons. And thank you to my friends who I've made many memories with.

The second lesson learned through being a part of this Buddhist temple is acceptance. When I was in middle school I didn't worry about accepting change as much or making difficult decisions. But once I graduated from middle school, things started to change because I would have to move on to high school and some of my friends would attend a different school. The thought of attending a new school with more people I didn't know scared me, but knowing I had friends who were coming along comforted me.

Now, knowing that I'm graduating high school scares me just like how I felt when I graduated from middle school. Things will be different, but I have to accept change and how fast time flies. We all have to experience change in our lives, whether we are ready for it or not. This temple has been so accepting and kind to not only me but to others as well. Because of this I've learned to become more accepting toward other people. It's the act of kindness and acceptance that I learned. If you do something nice and accept someone else, that person will do the same for you or to another.

To the younger kids, do not be afraid to try new things because if you don't you will regret it later. This is why I recommend attending YBA because it brings new experiences that are to be enjoyed. YBA brought me out of my comfort zone and made me more confident. I highly recommend you join this group.

A friend once taught me that being negative just brings about more negative energy, not only to yourself but to those around you so I would like to pass on this message. There may be tough events that happen in your life, however you learn from them and grow as a person. Everyone has his or her own story in life and it's your job to be the author of your story and to determine your future in life.

Congrats to the other graduates of class of 2013 Jen, Deanna, Kevin, Camille and Faith and good luck in the future.

Jaimie Nishimoto

Homestead High School 2013

Bound for San Francisco State University

2013 Obon Festival & Bazaar—Key Dates & Times

Obon Schedule

Kan-gi E Obon Hatsubon Service

Sunday, July 7 10:00AM

Odori Practices

July 9, 11, 16 7:30PM in Sangha Hall

July18 7:30PM Outside around the yagura

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, July 7	**10:00AM**	**Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service**
Tuesday, July 9	8:30AM 7:30PM – 8:45PM	Take out Items for Construction Odori Practice
Thursday, July 11	7:30PM – 8:45PM	Odori Practice
Saturday, July 13	9:00AM	Prepare Oboro
Tuesday, July 16	8:30AM 6:30PM 7:30PM – 8:45PM	Lay Out Booth Materials Construction Begins (Dinner served by MVBT Board) Electrical crew organize wire for booth Odori Practice
Wednesday, July 17	9:00AM 6:00PM 6:30PM	Make Yaki Manju Clean & Prepare Chicken Construction (Dinner served by YBA) Electrical crew prep
Thursday, July 18	8:00AM 10:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM 7:30PM – 8:45PM	Prepare Kanpyo Tempura & Beef Teriyaki veg. prep Construction (Dinner served by ABA) Electrical crew prep Final Odori Practice (outdoors)
Friday, July 19	10:00AM 1:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Continue prep for Tempura Beef Teriyaki meat cutting Beef Teriyaki skewering Construction/Booth Furnishing/decoration Electrical crew final check out of layout
Saturday, July 20	5:00AM 9:00AM **4:00 – 10:00PM**	Rice cooking Make Sushi & Ohagi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open**
Sunday, July 21	4:00AM 6:00AM **12:00 - 8:30PM**	Rice cooking Make Sushi & Ohagi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open**
Monday, July 22	7:30AM 12:00PM	Booth Clean up Begins Take down signs and put away Take down and put away electrical Lunch served by BWA
Tuesday, July 23	6:30PM	Booth disassembly begins (Dinner served by Dharma School)
Wednesday, July 24	8:30AM 6:30PM	Return all materials to warehouse Finish Clean up (Dinner served by BWA)

Be the One to Save a Life at Obon This Year

The Asian-American Donor Program (AADP) will be registering stem cell/bone marrow donors on **Saturday, July 20 (4pm-8pm),** and **Sunday, July 21 (2pm-6pm).**

AADP is a non-profit organization that helps blood-cancer patients, namely those with leukemia and lymphoma find life-saving transplant matches. Every year, approximately 12,000 people, including children as young as two and eleven years old are diagnosed with various cancers.

Although for many of these children and adults a cure exists, only half of those patients needs are being met. The challenge is that they too often are unable to find a donor match.

Race and ethnicity affect matching. Patients will mostly match with a donor within their same ethnic group. Unfortunately, there is a severe shortage of minority donors on the national registry.

If you are between the ages of 18-44 and are in good general health, please stop by AADP's booth to register to be a donor.

It only takes about 5-10 minutes and is as simple as filling out a consent form and doing a quick cheek swab.

You can be the one to save a life!

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OBON 2013
Festival and Bazaar
July 20 & 21
Saturday, 4:00 PM til 10:00 PM
Sunday, Noon til 8:30 PM
Sunday, Bon Odori at 7:00 PM
Food Games/Prizes Exhibits
Books Flower Shop
Homecrafts Children's Crafts
Taiko Entertainment
575 N. Shoreline Boulevard
Mountain View, California 94043
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Sign Up for the Sasaki Golf Tournament by August 7th!

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

28th Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

When: **Sunday, August 18, 2013**

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: **Wednesday, August 7, 2013.** 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 $20.00 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 7, 2013

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

Mail all entries and dinner reservations to: Richard Endo
1158 Crespi Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086 / (408)839-0051

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

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

NAME	NCGA/GHIN Handicap	or Avg SCORE	CART Yes/No
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

** Maximum Handica: Men – 32 Women – 36*

Golfers - $100 x number of golfers	#	$
Dinner Only - $20 x number of people	#	$
Total Amount Due		$

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

Congratulations on Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony

Girl Scouts ended their year with two major events.

Our annual Camp-Out was held on Friday, May 31st. 22 Scouts participated, and made working rockets which will be launched at a later date at NASA.

Our Bridging Ceremony was held on June 3. This was our last meeting of the year. The following Scouts bridged:

DAISY TO BROWNIE

Kendall Ho
Kiera Nishimoto
Tabitha Smith

BROWNIE TO JUNIOR

Jessica Furumasu
Aina Koga

JUNIOR TO CADETTE

Julianne Ho
Lauren Ho
Stacey Kawabata
Kylie Mukoyama
Wendy Sakuma
Akemi Tang
Kalyn Wong

CADETTE TO SENIOR

Erin Hamasaki
Natalie Jue
Brianna Lee
Jordyn Sato

We are very proud of our Scouts who have earned Bronze Awards:

Lauren Hamasaki
Julianne Ho
Lauren Ho
Stacey Kawabata
Kylie Mukoyama
Wendy Sakuma
Vicky Shinkawa
Akemi Tang
Kalyn Wong

The following Scouts are working on Silver Award:

Erin Hamasaki
Brianna Lee
Jordyn Sato

NEW SCOUTS & LEADERS

We are continuing to recruit for new Scouts and Leaders. Please contact us if you have a girl between the grades of Kindergarten and High School who would like to be a Girl Scout.

We are also looking for adults who would like to join a great team of leaders in the Girl Scout mission:

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

150 Club News

The May winners are **Kyoko and Iwao Nakao**

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
AUG	N/A	No Echo	No Echo
SEP	Zones 6 & 7	Aug 21 (Wed)	Aug 16 (Fri)
OCT	Zones 8 & 9	Sep 18 (Wed)	Sep 13 (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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
4 NO SUNDAY 12:15pm - Taiko - 6:30pm - Post	5 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	6 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	7 6pm - Boy Scouts	8 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	9 12pm - Kendo - 7pm - ABA Meeting 7pm - Fuji Club @	10 8am - Kendo -
11 NO SUNDAY 12:15pm - Taiko -	12 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	13 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	14 BCA Ministers Fuken 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Temple	15 BCA Ministers Fuken 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	16 BCA Ministers Fuken	17 BCA Ministers Fuken 9am - BWA Meeting
18 NO SUNDAY 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Sasaki Golf	19 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	20 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	21 7pm - Boy Scouts	22 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	23 7pm - Tri-City Youth	24
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In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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