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April Highlights

- ***3/31 Mon, 7:30 PM***
  Religious Planning Meeting
- ***4/6 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo
- ***4/9 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***4/13 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Hanamatsuri
  Hatsumairi
- ***4/25-26 Sat/Sun***
  FDSTL Conference

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Embraced by the Eyes of Compassion

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

In Shin Buddhism, the working of Amida Buddha can be expressed as "Light" or "Warm Light." And this Light continually shines on all life, nurturing and supporting all living beings equally and without prejudice.

A couple of days ago, we celebrated my wife's birthday. She has done housework without complaint with the nonstop, 24-hour challenge of bringing up our two small children. So on her birthday, I took her out for a special dinner with our kids to show my gratitude for her dedication.

Because I wanted to arrange for a romantic evening with her, I made a reservation at a nice Italian restaurant which she loves. But that evening, Kurumi and Oji couldn't stay still even for a moment and were really noisy. In spite of being in a nice restaurant, we ended up catering to the kids as we usually do and forgetting about the romantic part. We couldn't help but smile a wry smile because it was far from a special dinner that evening.

But when the kids and I sang "Happy Birthday" to her, I took some comfort from the fact that Mika looked at our kids with a warm and loving gaze, her eyes narrowed by her smile. And though she seemed happy and enjoying herself at that moment, I couldn't help but realize that I should ask the members to watch our kids once in a while so that Mika and I could have an actual romantic dinner!

Have you ever looked closely at the eyes in a depiction or statue of the Buddha? In Buddhism, we call the Buddha's eyes the "Eyes of Compassion." In this expression, his eyes are mere slits. I'm sure there are some who misinterpret

Updates from the BCA National Meeting

By Bob Imai

I was fortunate to attend this year's Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) 2014 Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting on February 26—March 1 in Bellevue, WA. Also attending with me was Reverend Mukojima, Richard Endo and Peter Matsumoto.

This is the annual meeting of all the BCA Ministers and BCA Temple/Church representatives. Similar to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Annual Meeting, the BCA National Council reviews the various BCA departments: Budget and Finance, Ministers' Association, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Endowment, Center for Buddhist Education, Campaign Committee, Affiliated Organizations, District Reports and Committee Reports.

I've highlighted a few important details from the meeting.

BISHOP'S REPORT

Monshu Accession

Monshu Koshin Ohtani will retire on June 5, 2014. **Shimon Kojun Ohtani** will assume the Monshu position on June 6, 2014. Official commemorative services and events will take place in two years.

***Fundraising*—Rev. Kodo Umezu**

The Bishop is sure that the BCA and the Endowment Foundation will work together to meet the BCA financial challenges. The Bishop thanked everyone for helping pay off the loan to the California Bank and Trust. He will also be working closely with the Institute of Buddhist

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Religious Planning—April 2014

April 6, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM—Shotsuki Hoyo

April 13, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM—Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi

April 20, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM

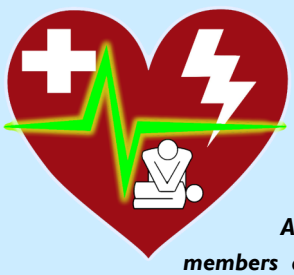
April 27, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM



CPR/AED Training Class

1:30-5:30PM Sunday, June 8th in the YBA Hall

Registration required by May 25th

ABA is hosting the annual CPR/AED training class. Open to temple members and members of affiliated organizations on first-come, first-served basis.

The training fee is $58/person and class size is limited to 10.
Checks payable to MVBT-ABA with note: CPR/AED class.

If you were trained in 2012 or earlier, you need to take another class. If you did it last year but forgot everything , you should take another class. You can never be "over-trained"!

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Embraced by the Eyes of Compassion (Cont'd fr P.1)

this look, thinking that the Buddha's eyes are closed. But certainly his eyes are open. He is not sleeping.

When opening the eyes wide, the outer world (others) can be seen clearly but the inner world (oneself) cannot be seen at all. The other way around, when closing the eyes, the inner world can be seen clearly but the outer world cannot be viewed. I have never seen a Buddha image which has its eyes completely open; nor have I seen one with eyes completely shut. The Buddha always keeps his eyes slightly open. We call it hangan or "eyes half closed."

Hangan means to see the unity of both the inside and outside view. It is to see both the inner world and outer world equally without prejudice. This means to see others warmly and compassionately as if seeing oneself. These are the "Eyes of Compassion."

Because compassion is wisdom working toward all living things, the eyes that are cast on each one of us with the light of wisdom are the eyes of Buddha's compassion. Although it is hard with our delusional mind to always be aware, we have been lifted by Buddha's compassion and guided by the light of wisdom. Buddha's mind is always directed at each one of us, much like the warm sunlight that shines on even the nameless grass, or like a parent's smiling eyes that are lovingly fixed on a child.

Consider a mother and her baby. The reason the baby can eventually say "Mommy" is because the baby has repeatedly heard its mother's voice saying it countless times. To my delight, recently Oji was finally able to say, "Ma-ma!" I am sure that the reason my son can now call out, "Ma-ma!" is because my wife affectionately greeted him over and over, "It is Mommy," from the time she knew she had new life in her womb. A child is raised by his or her parent's love and affection.

Therefore, the reason we can now place our hands together and recite the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," is because we have been raised by Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. We can hardly imagine how vast and deep Amida Buddha's working for each one of us is.

The Nembutsu is Amida Buddha's name. We each have a tendency to believe that we place our hands together and recite the Nembutsu on our own power, but in fact, it is Buddha's guidance which makes us Gassho and recite his name. Amida Buddha's sincere mind of compassion, which cannot help but embrace us, became "Namo Amida Butsu," and it has been given to the heart of each one of us.

In this way, the light of Amida Buddha always shines upon and lifts us up. Its ceaseless and continual working will always lead us to the way of the truth. I sincerely hope that all of us will fully realize how precious it is to be embraced by Amida Buddha's warm compassion and loving look which is like a parent whose gaze cannot leave a child abandoned.

In the same way that it is hard for Kurumi and Oji, who are simply children playing and growing every day, to be aware of their mother watchful eyes, it may also be really difficult for those of us who lead busy lives to be aware of Amida Buddha's compassionate gaze. But I am sure that when we utter, "Namo Amida Butsu," we will be awakened by the calling voice of Amida Buddha saying to us, "I will never abandon you."

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一四年四月法話
― 慈眼に包まれて ―

住職 向嶋諦史

浄土真宗では、阿弥陀仏のはたらきを表す言葉として「光明」または、「暖かい光」というふうに表現しています。そして、その光明には、一切の衆生を絶え間なく照らし続け、全ての生命を平等に育てていくというはたらきがあるのだといわれています。

さて、先日、妻が誕生日を迎えました。日々育児に奮闘しながら、一切泣き言を言わずに家事をこなしてくれている妻に誕生日のお祝いと日頃の感謝を込めて家族で外食に出かけました。彼女の好きなイタリアンレストランを予約したのですが、現実は大変厳しいもので、来実と晃司が少しもじっとできずに終始騒いでいました。結局、二人をなだめるのに精一杯で、特別な夕食というよりは、日常と何ら変わらない忙しい夕食となってしまい、苦笑いするしかありませんでした。

しかし、子供達と誕生日の歌を唄っている際、妻が目を細めながら愛おしい我が子二人に暖かい慈愛の眼差しを注いでいるのを見て、少し救われました。妻は大変喜んで、満足してくれたみたいですが、今度は子供達をご門徒さんに預かっていただいて、夫婦水入らずのロマンチックなディナータイムを持ちたいものとの厚かましい思いが頭をかすめたことでした。

さて、皆さんは仏さまの目をはっきりと見られたことがあるでしょうか。仏教では、仏さまの眼を「慈眼」、もしくは、「慈悲の眼」と呼んでいるのですが、かなり切れ長な眼を細められています。皆さんの中には仏さまは眼をつぶっているのではないかと勘違いをしている方がおられると思いますが、確かに眼は開いておいでです。決して眠ってなどおられません。

眼を大きく見開けば外の世界（他人のこと）はよく見えますが、内の世界（自分のこと）は全く見えません。逆に、眼を閉じると内の世界はよく見えますが、外の世界は見えません。眼を大きく見開いた仏さまのお顔は拝見したことがありませんが、眼を閉じておられるのもありません。いつも目を細めておられます。これを仏教では「半眼」と呼んでいます。

これは内外一如を見るという意味で、内だけを見るのではなく、内の世界と外の世界を同じように隔たりなく見つめるということなのです。つまり、他人を自分のことのように暖かく見ることができるということです。これを、「慈眼」、「慈悲の眼」というのです。

智慧がものに流れていくはたらきが慈悲でありますから、私達の上に智慧のありったけを注いでおられる眼が仏さまの慈悲の眼なのです。その眼によって、知らず知らずのうちに私達が育てられ、その光明によって、私達は導びかれているのです。名もない草に暖かい陽があたるように、子供一人ひとりの上に暖かい親の眼が注がれているのです。

これを母親と赤ん坊にたとえて言えば、幼い子供が「ママー」と言えるようになったのは、「ママー」と呼べるまで数え切れないほどの母親の呼びかけがあったからなのです。最近、嬉しいことに晃司が「マーマッ！」と母親を呼べるようになったのですが、それも、新しい生命がお腹の中にいた頃から妻の愛情に満ちた呼びかけがあったからこそ、今の息子があるのだと思います。つまり、親の愛情によって子は育つのです。ですから、私達が手を合わすことも、「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏を申すことも、どれほどの阿弥陀仏のお育てがあったかはかりしることはできません。

お念仏は阿弥陀仏の「お名前」です。ともすれば私自らが称えていると思われがちですが、実は仏さまの導きによって、この私が称えさせられていたのです。救わずにはおれないという阿弥陀仏のやるせない慈悲の心が、今ここに「南無阿弥陀仏」となって私達一人ひとりの心に至り届けられているのです。

このように、阿弥陀仏の光明は常に私達一人ひとりを照らし出し、「不断」というはたらきと、「相続」しつづけるというはたらきをもって私達をいつまでも導いて下さっています。親なればこそ我が子を放っておくことができない、見捨てることができないという阿弥陀仏の暖かなお慈悲と眼差しに包まれていることの尊さに気づかせて頂きたいと思います。

毎日自由奔放に暮らしている来実や晃司には、母親の愛情に満ちた眼差しに気づくことが難しいように、私達もまた、忙しい日々の中では阿弥陀仏の私達に向けられた慈悲の眼差しに気づくことは困難かもしれません。しかし、ふと「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏が口からこぼれた時、「決して見捨てはしない」という阿弥陀仏の呼び声に目覚めて頂きたいものです。

合掌

南無阿弥陀仏

Updates from BCA National Meeting (Cont'd fr P.1)

Studies to raise money for a scholarship fund for ministerial aspirants.

Ministerial Situations—Retirements

Rev. Hiroshi Abiko—8/31/13

Rev. Masao Kodani—10/31/13

Rev. John Doami—9/30/2013

Ministerial Situations—Resignation

Rev. Hidehito Sakamoto—12/31/13

Transfers

Rev. Diana Thompson to Tri-State/ Denver Buddhist Temple, 5/1/2013

Rev. Dean Koyama to Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 6/1/13

Rev. Alan Sakamoto to Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 7/1/13

Rev. Yushi Mukojima to Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 8/1/13

Rev. Koho Takata to LA Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 8/1/13

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto to Senshin Buddhist Temple, 8/1/13

Rev. Kenji Akahoshi to Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 8/1/13

Rev. Henry Adams to San Mateo Buddhist Temple, 8/1/13

New Ministers

Rev. Masanori Watanabe (IMOP Class of 2012) arrived from Japan 12/9/13, to Oxnard Buddhist Temple and Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara, 12/13/13.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Temple dues per member are $107.25 with a BCA membership of 14,909 compared to $105.95 dues per member with a BCA membership of 15,105 last year.

BCA Chief Administrative Officer (CAO):

Our own **Kevin Arakaki**, who filled in temporarily became the CAO. As Controller, Kevin improved processes to the point where an outside account firm has said we are now "audit" ready.

Wheel of Dharma

The Bishop has temporarily reassigned the "Wheel of Dharma" to headquarters the beginning of January 2014.

They will be responsible for writing, editing and searching for stories to be included in the "Wheel of Dharma". Previously this job was done by Reverend Kobata.

Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC)

The JSC needs to find a replacement for **Glenn Kameda**, the current facilities manager. The job was posted in the Wheel of Dharma, any interested parties should contact **Alan Kita**.

By-Laws (Passed)

Reimbursement of expenses for Director-at-Large to attend National Council meetings maybe available (depending budget and approval).

The National Council Meeting may be held in February and/or March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2014-15 BCA Cabinet

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Dr. Kent Matsuda of Marin

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Charlene Grinolds of White River

Vice President

Richard Stambul of West Los Angeles

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Jeff Matsuoka of San Francisco

Secretary

Susan Bottari of San Mateo

DHARMA SCHOOL

The 2014 FDSTL Conference will be held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple with the theme "Shinran's Journey, My Journey, Our Journey". The 2015 FDSTL Conference will be hosted by Southern District.

IBS

Friends of IBS fundraiser for scholarship for Ministerial Aspirants studying at IBS is included in this ECHO.

In Gassho,
Bob Imai, MVBT President

2014 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser—May 18, 2014

May 7th (Wednesday)

Turn on outdoor refrigerators (Coordinated by Allan Nara)

May 13th (Tuesday)

10 AM Need someone to pick-up ginger for teriyaki sauce from Imahara's

May 14th (Wednesday)

6 AM Chicken delivery (Coordinated by Don Fukuma)
8 AM Clean & wash barrels – bring down barrels from stage and place in Ping Pong room and prepare teriyaki sauce (Jean Higa)
10 AM Chicken cleaning setup (At least 4 men from Zone 13) and check all supplies
6 PM Clean chicken (All affiliated organizations)

May 15th (Thursday)

Confirm Imahara Produce delivery time
Check refrigeration and chicken

May 16th (Friday)

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

May 17th (Saturday)

6 AM 1st Chicken cooking crew (6AM-12PM) (Bob Matsumoto)
Prepare breakfast for cooking crew (Zone members)
8 AM Pack tsukemono, wash rice, wash & cut oranges (BWA)
12 PM 2nd Chicken cooking crew (12 PM-4 PM) (Sterling and ABA)
Dharma school prepares lunch for cooking crew (Debbie Sato)

May 18th (Sunday)

4AM Rice cooking & cooling (Glenn Kitasoe and Candice Maruyama)
Aggie Hirotsu prepares breakfast for rice cooking crew
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 18th (Sunday) PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATIONS

9AM to 3PM	**MVBT Sangha Hall pickup**
10AM to 12Noon	**Morgan Hill pickup**
10AM to 2PM	**San Jose pickup—NEW LOCATION**
	4th Street Bowl

May 24th (Saturday)

8 AM Final cleanup & washing

May 18—Sunday

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser 2014

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

Final count due: May 9, 2014

Contact
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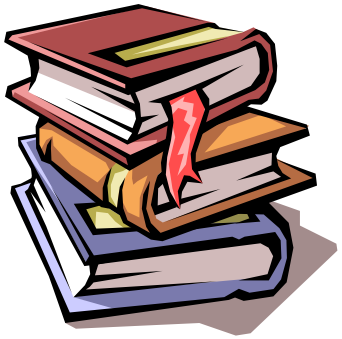
Browse the New Books in the Library

Wading into the Stream of Wisdom

Edited by Sarah F. Haynes

This book is a collection of essays that honor Leslie Kawamura's life and love of learning. Kawamura has played an important role in the development of the Buddhist Studies in North America.



Zen Anarchism-The Egalitarian Dharma of Uchiyama Gudo

By Fabio Rambelli

This book is a collection of essays from the Japanese Zen priest Uchiyama Gudo.

He depicts how Buddhism played a role the history of Japan.

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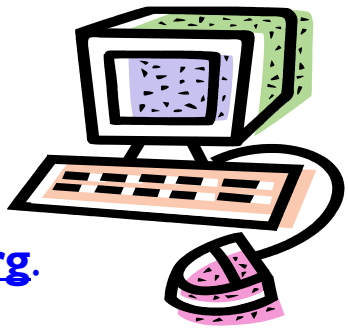

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A Full Slate of Senior Activities this Spring

4/17—GUEST SPEAKER

Join us for a presentation that will enlighten and educate us on the "Stages of Cognitive Sign". Please join us and listen to this informative presentation.

Lunch will be provided. Temple members, join us if possible.

5/21-22—RENO TRIP

We are accepting sign up for the May 21st/22nd Reno Trip, March 1st. Temple members have first choice so please sign up and enjoy the overnight trip. End of March, it will be opened to non-members. The non-members will be put on the waiting list, like in the past. Call **Chuck Uyeda** for reservation. Don't be left out.

Cost is $81.00 per person.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Only $18.00

Don't forget about our Senior Cook Book, still available. Available at the Temple office or from any of the committee member.

To keep everyone informed, The Senior Activities and Craft Group have been providing your coffee for your Sunday services, meeting and gathering for the half year. We are glad to be able to do this through your continued support to our Craft Sales.

SENIOR CRAFT HOURS

Thursdays, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Please join the group and enjoy the morning with good friends and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to just socialize and sharing new ideas. Whether it be card playing or craft, we have patient friends, willing and ready to teach you. It will also keep your mind sharp.

LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 9:30AM-10:00AM

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

TRY KARAOKE

We have plans to start a Karaoke group, with the many talented members in our group. Please be the first to join in and support this group. It will be fun and we will have someone to show us how it's done. Hope we can bring out the many talented men that can sing too. More information to follow.

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. Recently she has been showing the ladies how to make "knit necklace". Debbie has many new ideas and her knowledge will make your knitting and crocheting enjoyable.

Another member, **Alice Ikenaga** has been sharing her talent on how to make "Rubber Band Bracelet". **Kimi Nishimura**, showing the interested group on making "Yarn Flowers". Very attractive for the Obutsudan.

Want to learn how to make "Scrubbers"? We have several ladies that can teach you. Proud to say we have many talented ladies in our group that are willing to share their ideas.

Our Craft Group is again asking if you have any Japanese fabric and kitchen towels that you were thinking of discarding. Thinking ahead, we can use these items preparing for our bazaar and boutique. If you can donate these items, please drop them off at the office with your name on the bag. We appreciate your support.

Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join in and share new ideas.

We are always looking to make new friends. We want to continue to grow.

Arigato.

Girl Scout Onigiri Fundraiser April 6th!

On Saturday, February 22 our MVBT Girl Scout Troop hosted the Mountain View Service Unit's Father Daughter Dance.

The theme was "Winter Olympics". The Senior Scouts planned and coordinated the dance, with the Cadette and Junior Scouts assisting them. The Scout dads assisted their daughters and some also had time to dance. The Brownie and Daisy Scouts attended the dance with their dads.

There were over 400 people in attendance.

We collected a large number of gloves, scarves, hats, and socks to donate to Community Services Agency of Mountain View/Los Altos and Sunnyvale Community Services.

We have been chairing the March Sunday Services. At the March 2 service, the Girl Scouts' Dharma Talk was to play the "Wheel of Dharma" with the Sangha. We will observe Girl Scout Sunday on March 30 to celebrate the founding of Girl Scouts.

ONIGIRI FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Come hungry to service. The Girl Scouts will be holding their 2nd Onigiri fundraiser.

THANK YOU

for buying Girl Scout cookies!

YBA to Attend Bay District Conference on March 29th

On March 29th, YBA members will be attending the Bay District Conference. This year's theme is **"The Wizard of Oz: Buddha, Dharma, Sangha Oh My!"**

The YBA had a lot of fun hosting the other Coast District chapters for a temple visit on March 16th. The visiting YBA members joined us for both Dharma School and lunch.

Also, a very special thank you to everyone for supporting the YBA Pancake Breakfast!

In Gassho,

Haley Sawamura
YBA President

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Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

Apr 6, 2014

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:

Harry Fujii
Shigeru Fujii
Ichihei Furusho
Juzaburo Furuzawa
Rev. Russell Hamada
Tanejiro Hirano
Dorothy Horino
Robert Hoshida
Hiromichi Hoshino
June Ichikawa
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George Omori
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Junpei Ozawa
Henry Ryu
Margaret Sakino
James Sakuragi
Akiko Satake
Hiram Sera
George Shimamoto
John Shimizu
Tom Shimoguchi
John Shinseki
Taichiro Sugimoto
Jeffrey Swartwood
Ko Tachibana
Amy Takaki
David Takegami
Koichi Yamashita
Tsune Yonemoto
Tsuneno Yoshida

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. Mukojima.

E-mail **ymukojima@gmail.com**

Phone (temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

150 Club News

Our winner for March is **Victor Hernandez.** Congratulations!

To all our 150 Club participants, **THANK YOU** for helping Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitasoe

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
APR	Zones 7 & 8	Apr 16 (Wed)	Apr 11 (Fri)
MAY	Zones 9 & 10	May 21 (Wed)	May 16 (Fri)
JUNE	Zones 11 & 12	June 18 (Wed)	June 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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A Request on Behalf of our Future BCA Ministers

As active supporters of the Buddhist Churches of America, I must ask for a moment of your time to consider the following:

- *In our contemporary, fast moving society, a graduate level education for our future BCA ministers will be essential, as the needs to serve the sangha, likewise, grows ever more challenging.*
- *The ability of our ministers to know and understand religions outside of and in addition to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism will be ever more critical, as many of our current and potential members exist in very diverse communities.*
- *Ministerial students are in need of scholarships to study. The current tuition cost is $46,800.00 for three years of intensive graduate studies.*

I believe we can all agree that a shortage of ministers is just around the corner. With all these points in mind, I ask you to please consider our "Friends of IBS Annual Giving Program". The monies we collect will go directly to the IBS Ministerial Scholarship fund, and will be distributed each year to assist our ministerial students. I can personally assure you that any contribution you make will be deeply appreciated. I have one additional favor to ask of you. Please help us spread this message by asking your sangha members to contribute. Thank you.

Respectfully, with appreciation, and in gassho,

Rev. Seigen Yamaoka
Vice President for Development

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Yes! Please count me in as a Friend of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. I understand that these funds will be used directly to support the endeavors of our BCA ministers of tomorrow, who wish to study at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. Checks can be made payable to IBS, with the notation "Friends of IBS" on the memo line. Please note that your contributions to the Institute of Buddhist Studies are tax deductible.

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A Request from IBS

ABA Recaps a Fun-filled New Year's Dinner

A belated but special thank you to **Jean Shimoguchi** for her simple but very effective Dharma message in January at the ABA chaired Sunday service. Thanks to **Dennis Tsukagawa** for organizing the January Sunday Services. Thanks to all who helped.

NEW YEARS' DINNER RECAP

Feb. 1, 2014

This year the New Year's Dinner was held at the Temple! But we didn't cook! Our own chef **Dave Kawamoto** did all the cooking with help from special assistants **Barbara Utsurogi** and **Joy Nakamura**. They did a wonderful job creating a variety of foods and plenty of it!

Additional thanks to **Corey Utsurogi** for her help and **Glenn Kitasoe** and **Larry Utsurogi** for their BBQ skills. Thank you to **Sterling and Joanne Makishima** for the entertainment for the evening. All Members (especially the big winners) enjoyed a gambling game called Left, Right & Center. Thanks to **Dave Kawamoto** for volunteering to be the "executive Chef" of this event! Another evening of good food, good company & fun!!!

MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Feb 23, 2014

ABA members thank **Norm Sato** for organizing the trip to the Opera, Madama Butterfly. It was an enriching enjoyable experience.

Volunteer!

April 26

FDSTL Conference

Volunteers Needed

Dharma School Reminder on Upcoming Special Services

A friendly reminder that the temple gets a good deal of its income from donations at special services, and we have a few services coming up!

The first is **Spring Ohigan, March 23rd**. We also have **Hanamatsuri on April 13th**, and **Gotan-e on May 11th**.

You can donate through the temple website any time! Even if you miss a service, or the ECHO comes out too late to remind you, you can always donate online (www.mvbuddhisttemple.org)! Thank you your support.

NEW CORK BOARDS!

A big thank you to **Debby Inenaga** and the MVBT maintenance crew for ordering and installing new whiteboards and cork boards into many of the DS classrooms. I know our teachers and students will get a lot of use out of them!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Don't forget to sign up for volunteer spots during the teacher conference.

At least one spot per family, if possible—we really appreciate (and need) your help: http://vols.pt/hrNGx2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 4/2—Spring eat-out fundraiser at The Counter

Located at the corner of San Antonio Road and El Camino Real. 15% of the proceeds will go to Dharma School, and you can go anytime that day to get credit. Bring in the flyer (in this issue of ECHO), or mention MVBT DS when you order.

***Sun 4/13*—Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi Service**

Luncheon, and program

***Sat 4/26*—Teacher's Conference**

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Gail Satake-Nakamura & Stacy Nakamura
Rossten's 14th Birthday

Janice & Jeff Lee
Jill's Birthday

BWA Fundraiser and Cooking Class Upcoming

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA is happy to announce that **Sumi Uyeda** will be our 2014 Vice President.

We lost another long-time member Betty Furusho. Her husband was MVBT President in 1975. Our deepest condolences to her family. A private funeral was held on February 19th.

CDBWL CONFERENCE

March 29, 2014

Nineteen BWA members, Rev. and Mrs. Mukojima and their children will be traveling by chartered bus to attend the Coast District Buddhist Women's League Conference in Watsonville. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Jokai Abiko**.

CHIRASHI FUNDRAISER

April 13, 2014

Only a limited number of tickets so buy your tickets early from any BWA member. $5 with 12 noon pick-up in the Sangha Hall.

COOKING CLASS

Saturday, May 24, 2014, 10:30AM

BWA will host its first Japanese cuisine cooking class with **Mika Mukojima** as our first demonstrator. Please watch for the fliers and sign-up forms at church.

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Ikeuye & Sato Families
In memory of Setsuko Ikeuye.

Kiyoko Sato
For Yasuko Sato, sister in Japan

Janet Hagihara
In memory of Muriel Izumi

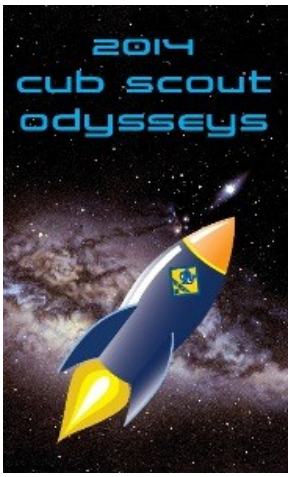
2014 DUES

$20 dues now being accepted

NEXT MEETING

Apr 19, 2014, 9AM in YBA Hall

2014 Cub Scout Odysseys—July 7-11, 2014



BB's, archery, rockets, water-play, friends and fun...everything you need to have a serious BLAST this summer...crafts, woodworking, cooking and even advancement towards Cub Scout and Webelos awards. What more could you want from a summer camp?

Join us—it'll be space-tacular!

The Pacific Skyline Council of the Boy Scouts will be hosting a Cub Scout Day camp being held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple July 7 through 11, 2014, from approximately 9:00 AM—3:00 PM each day.

The camp is open to all boys of Cub Scout age (first through fifth grades) whether they are registered Cub Scouts or not.

Since it will be held on Temple grounds, **sons and grandsons of Temple members, as well as members of MV Dharma School can enroll at half price** ($115 instead of $230 if enrolled before March 31; $125/$250 after that date). There is a small surcharge if the boy is not already a registered Cub Scout.

This will be a good opportunity to have a great time and see what it is like to be a Cub Scout!

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Updates from Boy Scouts Troop 87

In ***February***, Troop 87 held elections of new troop leadership positions.

On ***March 1*** we had a junior leader training course where the new boy leaders of the Troop were trained.

On ***March 8*** we had a Court of Honor where our new leaders were officially installed in their positions which will last for the next six months.

Many of the scouts received rank advancements, merit badges and other awards at the Court of Honor as well.

On February 25 and March 10 some of the Scouts attended Webelos bridging ceremonies where we welcomed new members into the Troop. Some of our scouts were also elected to join a scouting group called Order of the Arrow. Last Wednesday many of us participated in a drug and alcohol awareness program at our scout meeting and some of us worked on our patrol flags.

This weekend there is a camp-out at the Temple where we'll be learning basic backpacking skills.

Some of us will also be attending a leather crafting merit badge class and paddling practice for our canoe trip this summer.

Next weekend some scouts and Cub Scouts will be sleeping overnight on the Pampanito submarine in San Francisco Bay.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

On April 26-27 the Troop will be selling yakisoba, mochi and spam musubi at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Cupertino.

We will also be holding a pancake breakfast on May 5 at the Temple and selling Chinese chicken salad on May 18.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8:30am - O-asaji 10am - Service 11am - Dharma 12:15pm - Taiko - 2:30pm - Tri-City	28 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @	29 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai 8pm - Jun Daiko @	30 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Obon	1 9am - Senior 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	2	3 8am - Boy Scouts @ 2:30pm - Miroku @
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Happy Spring!

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In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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