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- ***4/26 Sat***
  FDSTL Conference
- ***5/4/14 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo
- ***5/5 Mon, 7:30 PM***
  Religious Planning Meeting
- ***5/7 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***5/11 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Gotan-e

  8:00 AM
  Mother's Day Brunch

  9:00 AM
  Dedication of the Shinran Shonin Statue
- ***5/18 Sun***
  Chicken Teriyaki
- ***5/25 Sun, 9:30 AM***
  Alta Mesa Memorial
  NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE

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Seeing Ourselves in the Dharma Mirror

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Recently, when I watch TV or look at magazines, I find that there is so much information about beauty. I also pass many day spas wherever I go. My wife worked at a spa in Japan until she came to the U.S. She had her own salon and gave customers facial massages and treatments and skin care advice. In those days, there were much fewer spas as there are now, so I am still impressed by Mika's foresight.

Spas have become increasingly popular not only in Japan but throughout the developed world. They are enjoyed by women of all ages, from young girls to the middle aged to retired seniors. Concern over pimples, wrinkles, skin discoloration, and diet is a never-ending worry for those who pursue physical beauty. Nowadays, there are even spas for men because men are making more efforts to improve their physical appearance. Whether male or female, there are many more people all over the globe who have an interest in physical beauty.

When Mika and I went to Bali on our honeymoon, she encouraged me to go with her to a for a five-hour spa experience. I didn't want to go because I thought five hours was too long! I did go under pressure from my wife, but once I tried it, I so much enjoyed the relaxation that five hours passed very fast. The facial and body massages also relieved my fatigue and refreshed my mind as well as my body. I had no interest at all in beauty before this, and since then I have little interest in any special regimen besides basic self care and checking myself out in a mirror.

If you were asked, "Do you really look at yourself?" how would you answer? I think that there might be some who would answer that the answer goes without saying because they know themselves better than anyone else.

At home, we all have at least one mirror which we use to look at ourselves. In fact, we see our face and body reflected in the mirror many times in a day. And we arrange our hair in the mirror and use makeup in an effort to make ourselves more attractive. The reason we do this is because we want to appear pleasant and good-looking to those around us. We wish to be charming by displaying an ideal face and body.

In contrast, we almost never look at our reflection in the mirror of the Buddha Dharma–Nembutsu. If we do so, we can clearly see our truest nature. The precious mirror of the Dharma honestly exposes our lives, our mind, and our true selves.

The following story is from a book called Shoseki-shu: Four priests made a plan to begin a silent ascetic practice. They met on an appointed day to meditate together in silence. As their practice continued late into the night, the oil in the lamp was consumed and the light went out. Suddenly, it was completely dark. One priest inadvertently said "Oh, the light went out!" The priest next to him said, "You are not supposed to talk!" The third priest said, "So, you talked, too!" After a little while, the priest who had remained quiet said, "I was the only one who was silent." Of course, now all of them had talked!

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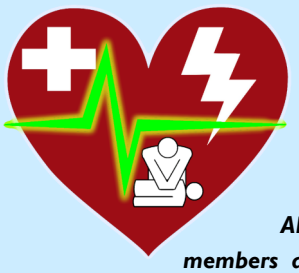
NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 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)

When I first heard this story, I burst out laughing because of the monks' folly. However, on deeper reflection, this story makes me aware of how dreadful our self-assertion is because it shows it is human nature to expose, criticize and judge other people's weakness. Just like the four monks, we readily condemn and judge others without looking at ourselves.

When we accuse others, we brush aside our own shortcomings and set ourselves up as the standard of proper behavior without being aware of it. It is indeed an arrogant and silly attitude. In Buddhism, we call this "ignorance" and it expresses the world of delusion where one is unable to see oneself at all.

But to see oneself reflected in the mirror of the Dharma–Nembutsu under Amida Buddha's light of wisdom is to become fully aware of our own foolishness, living in a self-centered way. To "really look at oneself" is to reflect deeply on our arrogance and vanity.

Those who reflect deeply on our own shortcomings and faults will never excuse ourselves while blaming others. Instead, our complaints and discontentment will turn into gratitude, and we will have a beautiful mind and heart which respects and understands others. I am sure that having such a mind is the very best way to make us shine radiantly, inside and out, and be able to charm those around us.

We should all take more time to reflect upon ourselves. By looking into the mirror of Dharma, we can see our own past conduct, and realize how foolish and self-centered we truly are.

Each day when we look at ourselves in the mirror to improve and maintain our outer beauty, let us also open our eyes to our true self in the Dharma mirror. That is how we can begin to make our minds and hearts rich and beautiful. In Jodo Shinshu, we should strive to live a life of Nembutsu–a life of less criticism and ever deepening gratitude.

In Gassho,

Volunteer!

April 26

FDSTL Conference

Volunteers Needed

Dharma School Reminder on Upcoming Special Services

The Dharma School Teachers Conference is fast approaching on Saturday, April 26th. A special note of thanks to all of the non-Dharma School members who have volunteered. Your eagerness to help each other regardless of organizational lines or other personal commitments makes MVBT a community I am truly happy to be a part of.

Thank you to **Donna Wing** for organizing our eat-out fundraiser at The Counter on April 2nd, and to everyone who came out to support the Dharma School!

Thanks also to everyone who brought delicious salads for our Hanamatsuri lunch and for helping with setup and cleanup. Special Thanks to **Debbie Kitani**, **Donna Weeks, Lillian Terada, and Terra Briones-Colin** for organizing the luncheon, and **Yumi Higa** for organizing the entertainment.

GRADUATING SENIOR TALKS

A favorite event for everyone is hearing our High School Seniors give their thoughts about MVBT, attending Dharma School, and their lives as they move on after high school. Please support them by coming to hear their talks! See the tentative schedule below.

***4/20*—Erin Tokutomi, Heather Fong, Erin Nishimura**
***5/4* —Kameko Oshiro**
***5/11*—Derek Tahara, Jackie Yee**
***6/1*—Cori Nishimoto, Alec Matsumoto, Haley Sawamura**

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Sat 4/26*—Teacher's Conference**
***Sun, 4/27*—Sunday Sundaes**

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Ashley & Todd Uyehara
New Student Trevor

Diane & Craig Nishimura
Kelly's Birthday

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一四年五月法話

―み教えの鏡に向かう―

住職 向嶋諦史

最近、テレビや雑誌を見ていますと美容に関する様々な情報であふれかえっています。特に、町を歩けば、エステティックサロンをよく目にします。私の妻はアメリカに来る前まで日本でエステサロンを経営し、全身マッサージやお肌の手入れなどといった美容に関する仕事をしておりました。当時、エステサロンは今ほど認知されていませんでしたので、彼女の先見力には驚かされます。

ここ数十年で、エステサロンが日本のみならず、ここアメリカでも大変注目を集め、若い女性から年配の方まで幅広い年齢層に圧倒的に支持されています。美を追求する者にとって、顔のしわ、染み、ニキビなどといった肌のトラブルやダイエットへの悩みは尽きることはありません。今では男性も例外ではなく、男性専用のエステサロンがあるそうです。美容に対する関心は世界中の人々の間で男女問わず増えてきているのではないでしょうか。

実は、私も新婚旅行でパリ島へ行った時に、妻から誘われてエステの五時間コースを受けた経験があります。最初は五時間も長すぎて行きたくなかったのですが、いざやってみますと、癒しの空間に包まれてあっという間に時間が過ぎてしまいました。肌の手入れだけではなく日常の疲れもとって心身ともにリフレッシュさせてもらいました。それ以来、美容に関心を持つようになり、鏡の前に立つ時間も少し多くなった感がします。

ところで、「自分自身が見えますか?」と問われたら、皆さんはどう答えるでしょうか。自分の事は自分が一番良く知っているから、他人に問われるまでもないと答える人が多いのではないでしょうか。

自分の姿を見る方法に鏡があります。私達は鏡に映った自分の顔や体を一日に何度も見ます。そしてその鏡に向かって、髪を整えたり化粧をしたり、実物以上に綺麗にしようと努力します。そこには他人の目を意識し、外観的に少しでもよく見てもらいたいとの願いがあるからです。

しかし、残念ながら、私達はみ教え(念仏)という鏡に自分の姿を映して見ようとすることはありません。み教えの鏡で見えるのは私達の本当の姿です。その鏡は私の生命、私の心、本当の自分がどうなっているかを映す尊い鏡なのです。

『沙石集』という有名な書物に、こんな面白いお話があります。ある日、四人の僧侶が丸一日かけて無言の修行に入ります。夜が更けた頃、四人は灯明を囲んで座禅を組んでいたのですが、油が切れ灯明が消えて真っ暗になったので、一人が「あっ、灯が消えた!」と声を出しました。すると隣にいた僧侶が「しゃべっては、だめではないか!」とつい声を出してしまいます。「そう言うお前も、しゃべっておるではないか!」と、第三のお坊さんも声を上げてしまいます。しばらく経って最後のお坊さんが「無言でいたのは私だけだ!」と威張って言いました。結局、四人全員が声を出してしまい無言の行は呆気なく失敗に終わってしまったというお話です。

この話を初めて聞いたとき、あまりの滑稽なやりとりに思わず笑ってしまいましたが、よくよく考えて見ますと、人間の自己中心の在りようが的確に表現されていて、大変怖いものを感じます。人間の悲しい性は他人の非を暴いて、責めて、そしていとも簡単に裁きにかけます。そして、他人を裁く時、自分の事は棚に上げて一切問題にせず、無意識のうちに自分は正義の立場に立っているのです。非常に傲慢で浅はかなことだと思います。これを仏教では無明といって、自分のことが全く見えていない迷いの世界を表しています。

阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされて、自分の姿をみ教えの鏡に映すということは、いつも自己中心の生き方しかできない自分の愚かさに気付き、その傲慢で自惚れた我が身の姿を反省するという事です。それが「自分自身を見る」ということなのです。

無明の闇を破って、み教えの鏡で本当の自分の姿を知る者は、自分にある欠点や過失を常に反省しているので、自分を正当化して他人を責めることはできません。その上、日々の不平や愚痴が感謝の心に変わり、互いに敬い合う、認め合う美しい心を持つことができるということです。正に、その心を持つことこそが、多くの人を惹きつけ、人として一番美しく輝かせるのではないでしょうか。

鏡で自分の顔を映してより美しく保つ努力をするように、み教えという鏡で自分の心を豊かに育て努めることが人生で何よりも大切なことであります。浄土真宗に於いて、それは報恩感謝のお念仏に生きること以外にありません。

2014 MVBT New Members Welcomed at Spring Ohigan Service

New members to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple were introduced at the Spring Ohigan Service on Sunday, March 23.

We welcomed 15 new members. Pictured with Rev. Mukojima are **Junichi and Jeanne Takimoto** and **Duanni Hurd** with sons **Roland and Winston.**

New members not pictured are **Sharon Gishi, Derek Ives, Gladys Kitagawa, Brent Izutsu, Lolly Mayeda, Dale Nakayama, June Otaguro, Bill Stokes, Wendy Sugimura, Howard Watanabe** and **Thomas and Molly Webb**. Sadly, **Ruth Yamatoda** was a new member, too, but she passed away before this service.

A luncheon for the new members was held after the Ohigan service at Su Hong Restaurant in Palo Alto. Joining the new members for the luncheon were 20 Temple members.

ABA Plans a Busy Spring

HELP WITH CHICKEN!
ABA needs help with the **SECOND** shift cooking crew. Please contact **Sterling Makishima**!

CPR/AED TRAINING
Sunday June 8, 2014
Contact **Eileen Fujikawa**

BASEBALL FOR ABA!
Thank you to the **Makishimas** & **Nakanos** (**Ken & Mieko**) for the wonderful baseball game type snacks & the movie "Mr. Baseball".

Everyone really enjoyed the evening.

SAN JOSE GIANTS
June 29, 2014, at 1pm
Contact **Joanne Makishima**
$44/person with dinner & drinks.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
Wednesday August 13, 2014
$67 Contact **Irene Uchiyama**.

2014 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser—May 18, 2014

May 7th (Wednesday)

Turn on outdoor refrigerators (Coordinated by Allan Nara)

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 (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 6 people) and make tsukemono (BWA, Reiko Murakami)
7 PM	YBA Bag fortune cookies (YBA Advisors)
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts set up tables (Jeff Sato)

May 17th (Saturday)

6 AM	1st Chicken cooking crew (6AM-12PM) (Bob Matsumoto)
	Prepare breakfast for cooking crew (Zone 13 members)
8 AM	Pack tsukemono (BWA). Wash rice, wash & cut oranges (Need volunteers)
11:30 AM	Dharma school prepares lunch for cooking crew (Debbie Sato)
	Second cooking crew arrives early to have lunch
12 PM	Second cooking crew starts(12 PM-finish) (Sterling and ABA)
	First cooking crew has lunch upon shift completion

May 18th (Sunday)

4AM	Rice cooking & cooling (Glenn Kitasoe and Candice Maruyama)
	Rice cooking crew prepares breakfast
7AM	Pack rice and start packing chicken (YBA). Clean up crew and 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 Buddhist Community Center pickup**
	16450 Murphy Avenue, Morgan Hill
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

Preliminary count due:
May 6, 2014

Final count due:
May 9, 2014

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Women in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism—By the Girl Scouts

Brave

courageous

BOLD

Articulate

Determined

independent

WOMEN

"**Brave, courageous, bold, articulate, determined, and independent**. Raise your hand if some of these words describe someone that you know.

Keep your hand raised if that person is a family member. Now, keep it raised if it is a woman. If you are still raising your hand, she has something in common with women who have influenced Buddhism. We are going to tell you about some brave and bold women and their contributions to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

QUEEN MAYA

First we will go to India 566 BCE. **Queen Maya** is an important person in Buddhism. She is the mother of Gautama Buddha.

Queen Maya had a dream that a white elephant walked around her five times and then struck her on her right side. It meant she would have a powerful son. She gave birth in Lumbini's garden and then died 7 days later. After Siddhartha became enlightened he visited his mother in heaven for 3 months to pay his respects. As the mother of Gautama Buddha, **Queen Maya is an important Buddhist matriarch**.

PRAJAPATI

Maha Prajapati Gotami was a princess and Queen Maya's younger sister. After Queen Maya died, Prajapati married King Suddhodana and took responsibility for raising Prince Siddhartha.

After Siddhartha became enlightened, Prajapati was very determined to join the sangha, but Gautama Buddha refused. She led a following of ladies to practice the Buddha's teachings, and boldly pleaded with Gautama Buddha to allow women to become members of the sangha. She was determined to join the sangha when no women were allowed. It was brave and courageous of her to give up the life of a privileged queen, cut off her hair and wear yellow robes of a monk. Prajapati's contribution to Buddhism is very important. She became the first Buddhist nun, allowing other women to join the sangha.

ESHINNI-KO

Now let's fast forward to 12th century Japan. **Eshinni-ko** and **Kakushinni-ko** are two very important women in our religion. They were the closest family members to Shinran. We have them to thank for much of what we know about our founder. Their letters reveal not only their existence, but also the well-being of Shinran in his last days.

Eshinni-ko was Shinran Shonin's wife, born as an aristocrat's daughter in Niigata prefecture. As a very independent woman, she didn't depend on her husband for food or money. Eshinni-ko was one of Shinran's major benefactors, supporting their family financially when her husband was not able to, due to his exile.

She is known for the 10 letters that she sent to her daughter, **Kakushinni-ko**. These letters tell us how ordinary women practiced Buddhism at the time. They showed us how the Nembutsu guides someone through the typical worries of life. The letters also give us some insight into Shinran's life. Eshinni-ko was a resilient woman because, even though the era might have been tough for a woman, she still found time to live a fulfilling life through the Nembutsu teachings.

KAKUSHINNI-KO

Kakushinni-ko was Shinran Shonin's daughter, his sixth and youngest child. While Eshinni-ko took care of Shinran in his productive years, Kakushinni-ko was his caregiver in his final years and in his last days in Kyoto. She was about 30 years old, when he died. After her father died, she created a memorial at her father's gravesite. The mausoleum became the foundation of Hongwanji. It is credited with keeping Jodo Shinshu alive past Shinran's days.

She was devoted to her father and determined to spread his teachings. She took care of his mausoleum, and made sure that the property available to her through her second husband would belong to the Jodo Shinshu sangha. This was the beginning of the Hongwanji temple. Incidentally, the current monshu can trace his lineage to Kakushinni-ko's son, rather than one of Shinran's older male children. **Eshinni-ko** and **Kakushinni-ko** were smart and devoted followers who were at

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the same time women who had to take care of a family and household. It is important to remember that even today women have always been as important as men in the foundation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. **Without these two women, we may not even be practicing Jodo Shinshu Buddhism today.**

And today, there are women who continue to lead us in the practice of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Two current day ministers are **Rev. Seijo Naomi Nakano** and **Rev. Patricia Usuki.**

REV. SEIJO NAOMI NAKANO

Reverend Seijo Naomi Nakano is the current minister at Guadalupe Buddhist Church and San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple. Reverend Nakano was brave to decide to go back to school after 20 years. She spent her first year learning how to become a student again. She was courageous to go into a field of study where it is mostly men. She was determined to become a minister and spent 5 years at the Institute of Buddhist Studies where she received her master's degree. Reverend Nakano's contribution to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is that she became a minister and teaches us the true meaning of the Golden Chain and the teachings of Amida Buddha.

REV. PATRICIA USUKI

Reverend Usuki is currently the head minister at the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Like Queen Maya she is also an important Buddhist woman.

She was born in Toronto, Canada and was brought up in the United Church of Canada. As an adult she began to reflect on her life and the reasons she's been able to enjoy such a wonderful life. In Shin Buddhism she found her answers. She says "I am the beneficiary of the wisdom and compassion of all life that has come together."

In 2007 her master's thesis was published as a book, ***Currents of Change: American Buddhist Women Speak Out on Jodo Shinshu***. This was the first study of women's experiences in the Buddhist tradition, and she was invited to speak at temples across the US. Her own experience in being a Buddhist reverend has been very positive. Rev. Usuki is an important Buddhist woman.

CONCLUSION

Ponder this; would you be here without these women? Would your lives be the same if they never existed? Does the brave, courageous, bold, articulate, independent woman you know sound like any of these women? We hope that you have learned something new through our Dharma talk today, and that you appreciate these historical and current figures a bit more.

The Cadettes in the Padma Award program researched, wrote and presented the Dharma Talk on ***Women in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism****.*

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BWA Fundraiser and Cooking Class Upcoming

CDBWL CONFERENCE

On March 29th, **16 BWA ladies** with **Rev. Mukojima** and family attended the Coast District Buddhist Women's Conference in Watsonville. "Shaon" (gratitude) was the theme. It was an inspirational and educational day for all attending.

We extend our sincere gratitude for the support given us for our successful Chirashi Fundraiser. We would like to thank the volunteers who gave of their time and expertise to help BWA. Arigato gozaimashita!

STATUE DEDICATION

Sunday, May 11, 2014, 9:00AM

Join us for an outdoor service for the dedication of the statue of Shinran Shonin. It will take place before the Gotan-E (Shinran Shonin's birthday) service.

COOKING CLASS

Saturday, May 24, 2014, 10:30AM

Mrs. Mika Mukojima will be giving BWA's first cooking demonstration and tasting class. Space is limited to 20 people. If there is still space available, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Hondo. The cost is $1.00 payable at class.

2014 DUES

$20 dues now being accepted

NEXT MEETING

May 24, 2014, 9AM in Sangha Hall

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

May 4, 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:

Robert Ariyama
Naka Chikasuye
Rev Philipp Eidmann
Judy Jean Furusho
Levan Gray
Isano Hamada
Dr. Yuta Hongo
Kay Ikeuye
Robert Imai
Nancy Ishii
Nobukichi Ishikawa
Caroline Izumi
Yasuko Kariya
Joe Masao Kawaguchi
Makoto Joseph Kawaguchi
Shigeko Kawamoto
Kiyono Kawano
Hideo M. Kumamaru
June Kusumoto
Edward Morimoto
Hana Nagao
Charles Nagatoshi
Minako Nakamoto
Yoshito Nakamura
Harry Nakano
Naoko Nakashima
June Naritomi
Herbert Nishimura
Hajime Ogata
Momoyo Ogino
Yoshihiro Okasaki
Iko Oku
Leonard Oku
Joe Okuno
Chizuo Sakae
Koji Sakai
George Sato
Shigemi Sato
Betty Shidawara
Frank Shimizu
May Shimoguchi
Mitsuye Togashi
Fusako Tokuda
Sumiye Tomota
George Tsukagawa
Seiko Tsumura
Aleric Uyehara
Torao Watanabe
John Wittlesey
Peggy Yamaguchi
Frances Yamaji
John Yamaji

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**

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150 Club News

Our winner for April is **Dola Tanaka.** Congratulations Dola!

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
JUNE	Zones 9 & 10	May 21 (Wed)	May 16 (Fri)
JULY	Zones 11 & 12	June 18 (Wed)	June 13 (Fri)
AUG	Zones 13 & 1	No Echo	N/A

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

June 12th—Last Day of Senior Activities before Break

6/12—GUEST SPEAKER

Join us a guest speaker with a topic TBD. Lunch will be provided. Temple members, join us if possible.

This will also be our last Senior Craft and Activities before the summer break. Please mark your calendar.

The Senior Activities and Craft Group have been providing coffee for your Sunday services, meeting and gathering for the half year, sharing the cost with the temple. We are glad to be able to do this with your continued support on our Craft Sales.

5/21-22—RENO TRIP IS FULL

Our next Senior Reno trip will be September 17th and 18th. We will take sign up in July. Temple members have first choice so please sign up and enjoy the overnight trip.

On August 1st, it will be opened to non-members. Non-members will be put on the waiting list, like in the past. More information to come.

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 socialize and share 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

For anyone interested in getting some morning exercise. Instruction led by **Naomi Ariyama**. An invigorating half-hour of morning exercise. Come and enjoy the group.

TRY KARAOKE

Looking for anyone interested in karaoke. **Kinji Ushiba** is willing to set up a program for all of us to enjoy. Let us hear from you.

SENIOR KNITTERS

Whether you are a beginner or an expert in knitting and crocheting, **Debbie Kitani** has been very helpful to the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies new ways to knit. Debbie has many new ideas and her knowledge will make your knitting and crocheting enjoyable. New ideas shared every week.

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.

Updates from Boy Scouts Troop 87

On **March 29-30** many of us camped at the Boulder Creek Scout Reservation. It rained. We were wet but we survived and learned how to deal with the rain. Amazingly, we survived the night, as well.

There was another campout for the Penguin Patrol on **April 12-13**. Some scouts attended the Order of the Arrow Ordeal that same weekend. We played soccer, completed community service projects and will be having a cook-off later this month.

The leather merit badge was lots of fun. We made beautiful water bottle holders. We will be painting the inside of our storage bin on April 5 and hope to move our gear into the new area soon.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

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 4** at the Temple and selling Chinese chicken salad on **May 18**. We thank the Temple members for supporting our Troop.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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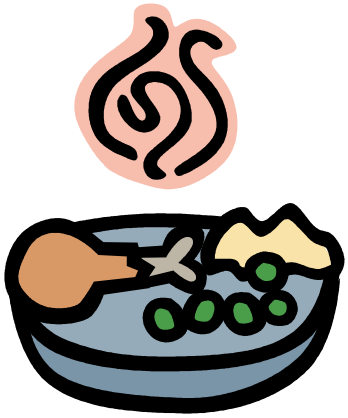
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser May 18th



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In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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