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June Highlights

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  Alta Mesa Memorial
  NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE
- ***6/1 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo
- ***6/2 Mon, 7:30 PM***
  Religious Planning Meeting
- ***6/11 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***6/15 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Father's Day &
  Last Service of the Year
  Mukojima Open House

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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, congratulations and best wishes to Heather, Erin N, Derek and Erin T!

Life Lessons from Harry Potter

By Erin Nishimura

The phenomenon known as Harry Potter started in June 1997. I wasn't even two years old, but the book series about a young boy and his friends going to wizard school and fighting evil captured the attention of the world.

I started reading the books in second grade. Like a lot of kids, there were times when I felt like I didn't quite belong at school, so it was a nice change to be included in the adventures of my fellow misfits Harry, Ron, and Hermione.

When they battled dragons and Dementors and the evil Lord Voldemort, I was alongside them. Their school, Hogwarts, is my home. It's pretty safe to say that the series has grown into my lifelong obsession.

I have all the books and movies, countless Harry Potter-themed t-shirts, and I've dressed as several of the characters for Halloween. I'm also convinced that I'm going to live in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter theme park in Florida when I grow up. So it shouldn't be a surprise that I was excited when the theme for last year's Coast District YBA conference was "Harry Potter and the Path to Enlightenment." I immediately volunteered to help with our chapter's workshop.

The first thing we had to do was figure out the theme of the workshop. In the books, Harry is a very independent, noble, almost self-

My Second Home

By Derek Tahara

I started attending Dharma School in Kindergarten. Coach Doug and Mrs. Tsuchida were my teachers.

Being so young, I didn't know why I was going , if I event wanted to go or if I knew anyone else that was going with me, but I took this as an opportunity to try to make new friends and learn some simple concepts of Buddhism.

Little did I know that the friends I made in Kindergarten would be graduating with me and that Coach Doug is my YBA advisor.

As the years went on, I started to realize why I was going to church: not only to have fun with friends, but also to learn about the teachings of the Buddha and try to apply that to my daily life.

One of my fondest memories of Dharma School didn't even happen **at** Dharma School. It was in 8th grade when Mrs. Imai took us to Baskin Robbins and bought us ice cream. This was a tradition she did for all her 8th grade classes because it was fun for her and fun for us.

It also cemented a special bond between her and us getting away from Buddhism and having fun and connecting our lives with a little taste and small talk.

Another event that will always have an influence on my life is the

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Religious Planning—June 2014

May 25, 2014, Sunday 9:30AM—Alta Mesa Memorial

NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE

June 1, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM—Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 AM Japanese Language Service

June 8,, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM

DS Attendance Awards

June 15, 2014, Sunday, 10:00AM—Father's Day/Graduation

LAST DAY OF DHARMA SCHOOL | LAST SERVICE OF THE YEAR

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

3 TICKETS TO 8/13 GIANTS GAME

August 13 San Francisco Giants game

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BWA Fundraiser Celebrates Statue Dedication 5/11

5/11 STATUE DEDICATION

BWA held a dedication service for the Shinran Shonin Memorial Statue. BWA donated the statue and the surrounding plants to the temple in honor and memory of past BWA members. It was with deepest gratitude to our Issei and older Nisei's of BWA.

TERIYAKI CHICKEN HELP

For the temple's Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser we prepared and packed O-tsukemono on May 18th.

YUMMY COOKING CLASS

Our first Japanese cooking/ demonstration class was on May 24th. Our Oku-san, **Mika Muko-jima**, was our chef. She taught us how to prepare Om Rice.

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Marie Ochi-Jacobs

In memory of BWA friends

Dennis & Rumbo Tsukagawa

In memory of mother: Florence Tsukagawa and Shinran Shonin Dedication

June Yusa

Shinran Shonin Dedication

NEXT MEETING

June 14, 2014, 9AM in Sangha Hall

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Life Lessons from Harry Potter (Cont'd fr P.1)

sacrificing, person. He believes that it's his job, and his job alone, to stop his nemesis Voldemort from taking over the wizarding world. He thinks it's his own personal burden.

On multiple occasions, he refuses the help of his friends because he doesn't want them to get hurt. In the fifth book, for instance, when he's planning to rescue his godfather Sirius Black, he tells Ron, Hermione, and the others that they should stay back at school. And again at the end of the sixth book, he tries to convince his friends to stay behind while he leaves school to hunt and destroy Voldemort on his own. But on both occasions, his efforts are futile, and it turns out that he needs the help of his friends. He needed Ron's strategizing and loyalty. He needed Hermione's intellect and compassion. He wouldn't have been able to defeat Voldemort without them, or his other allies, the Order of the Phoenix and Dumbledore's Army.

Therefore, we decided that the workshop's theme should be interdependence.

To start our workshop, we thought it would be best to split everyone into seven groups and give each group a clue. The context would be that each group's clue will eventually lead to one of seven Horcruxes, which are, objects that are significant to Voldemort because they contain pieces of his soul.
For example, he had a necklace that was a family heirloom. Harry needed to find and destroy all seven horcruxes before he would be able to defeat Voldemort. Each group's clue would lead to a location where they would face a task that they could only complete together.

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For instance, we set up an obstacle course that the entire group had to complete while linking arms. Then once they finished, they would get another clue leading to another task and so on until they found their Horcrux.

The groups were under the impression that they were competing against each other to see who could find their Horcrux first, but tied to each Horcrux was a strangely shaped piece of cardboard wrapped in tin foil. Once each group finished their task, we told them to figure out what to do with the extra piece.

The pieces were part of a sword replica, which represented the Sword of Gryffindor, one of the few objects that can destroy a horcrux.

At the end of the workshop, all of the groups had to work together to assemble the sword, destroy the Horcruxes, and help Harry defeat Voldemort. No one person could find a Horcrux without their group, and no one group could defeat Voldemort without the help of the other groups.

Like Harry learns throughout his quest, we wanted the people going through our workshop to learn that nothing can be done alone.

Everything is a group effort. Everything and everyone is connected.

Harry's mentor Dumbledore expressed this sentiment best when he said that "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

So while I'm up here, I would like to thank a few people who have stuck with me until the very end.

Thank you to my parents for putting up with me for eighteen years, I don't know how you did it, to my sister who only had to put up with me for sixteen years, and to my grandparents for supporting me.

And to all of you listening to me,, thank you.

My Second Home (Cont'd fr P.1)

Mountain View Obon in the summertime. As a kid, I went for the food and games. It wasn't until I joined YBA that I noticed how hard everybody was working.

This made me realize that there is a lot of preparation and hard work that goes into making the Obon a success. Although I have many shifts for the YBA spam musubi booth, I still find some time to play games and eat lots of food just like I did when I was younger.

As an incoming freshman in the high school Dharma School class, I was shy and quiet. I knew a lot of people in the class, but I was just afraid to speak up and talk about how and what I really felt. After we all went around and introduced ourselves, some of the seniors like Nicole and Ashley Andrews started talking to me about high school and how new of an experience it was and it made me feel instantly better.

One day during Dharma School, we did an activity where we would write a personal insecurity on a piece of paper and then people would go around the room writing positive comments about your insecurity or yourself. This made me appreciate the fact that the people in the room were willing to accept you for who you really are. I felt as if I had found my second home in the world: the Mountain View Dharma School.

Although the activity we did in Dharma School made me feel better about my insecurity, I was still too shy and passive to participate in certain discussions and activities in both Dharma School and YBA.

I remember at the end of freshman year when the YBA was having cabinet nominations, one of the older boys nominated me to run for Coast District representative for our YBA. I turned it down because I was too shy and didn't know what to expect from that position.

After the meeting, my dad told me I should've said yes to run for a cabinet position. I thought about it for a while and knew he was right. I regretted it but you have to move on. I learned over the next three years in Dharma School and YBA that you have to take the opportunities given to you or else you'll regret them. Not just the conferences and the retreats, but most importantly the sermons by Reverend Mukojima and Reverend Koyama and the other guest speakers that I've heard at temple and at conferences have given me the opportunity to look at my life and fully assess it. Is this where I want to be? How can I make my life better with these teachings of the Buddha?

These sermons have taught me to look deeper within my life and always find positive effects about the situation at hand, no matter how bad it is.

Now it is my great pleasure to take the opportunity to thank all of you for raising me in an accepting, comfortable place, one that I will always be able to call my second home.

derek tahara

YBA Camping Trip June 20-22nd!

This month, YBA members have been hard at work practicing for the Bay District Volleyball Tournament on May 24th-25th. We will be sending two teams to compete! Go MV!

In addition, the YBA made food and corsages for our annual Mother's Day brunch. We hope everyone had a great Mother's Day!

YBA will also be helping out with the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser!

At our May meeting, we began to discuss our annual camping trip, scheduled for June 20th-22nd. We are all very excited!

In Gassho,

Haley Sawamura
YBA President

heather fong

Live in the Moment. Be Compassionate.

By Heather Fong

Live in the moment. Be compassionate. Make decisions knowing that everyone is connected.

Buddhism never taught me anything new. Instead, it reinforced lessons I already knew.

Take middle school, for example. Many of my peers moan about how uncomfortable and self-conscious they felt, but I look back fondly.

Graduation came so quickly, and I kept thinking, "No! I'm not done yet!" I remember wishing that I had enjoyed my time to the best of my ability before, rather than trying to capture the wisps of middle school left. I had no name for it, but I knew that it was lesson that I should have learned and employed.

After I learned more about living in the moment through Buddhism, I was able to savor my first conference, the best conference I've ever been to. The workshops were interesting, the icebreakers were awkward but not overly so, my fellow delegates hilarious and friendly, and, perhaps, best of all, there was hospitality room filled with food for midnight snacking. It was the latest I've ever stayed up at a conference, but the lack of sleep was worth it.

I also learned to enjoy the subsequent conferences. They never quite matched my first experience, but I was able to appreciate all the hard work that went into them, and to enjoy them and learn as much as possible.

I learned to appreciate all the delicious food that more than made up for the DJ that played too many rap-heavy, ironically un-Buddhist songs. I learned to savor every experience, even when the moment wasn't the most enjoyable.

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There are little kids who are the sweetest people ever, and they automatically make anyone who seems upset happier. I, on the other hand, wasn't one of those angelic girls. As a kindergartener, I made my supposedly best friend cry when she couldn't understand how to play Monopoly. It took us a decade to become friends again.

Over the years, I've gotten better. I'd try to make upset loved ones laugh. Even when I didn't know what to say, I would bake them something to show that I cared, that I was there for them. In my eyes, food always healed. It wasn't until I joined temple that I realized that I was practicing compassion through my desserts.

I thought I knew everything about compassion, being the stereotypical naïve and all-knowing teenager. This notion was overturned last month when I participated in my school's Challenge Day, an event that challenges people to accept themselves and others. I have a hard time explaining what activities occur, but in a nutshell, Challenge Day is where you talk about your feelings and cry. I've never felt so dehydrated in my life.

People I had never interacted with enveloped me in hugs, or offered me tissues when they saw my tear-stained face. It was the most intense compassion I've ever received. I wasn't the only recipient; others were lucky enough to experience this as well. There was this sense of togetherness, established by the love and understanding people were giving out.

At the end of the day, we were given time to roam. It was meant so that people could talk in this space made sacred by acceptance and hope.

I thought it would be uneventful, with people staring at the ground waiting for the moderator to switch to another activity. Not five seconds after the start of this free period, apologies and appreciation sounded all around me. No matter how strong we are, parts of our

Be Compassionate. Live in the Moment (Cont'd fr P.6)

emotional well-being depend on how others treat us. Apologies didn't completely heal wounds; but I could see fences being mended, eyes softening, people hugging it out.

We are interdependent.

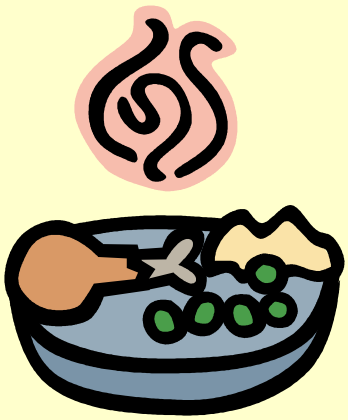
I now understand that this isn't weakness; it's power, a strength, that we can make others feel so good.

For a while, life has gotten in my way of being a practicing Buddhist. Last year was academically taxing for me, and I spent most of my Sundays immersed in textbooks instead of being at service. Even though this year has been easier, there's still a never-ending to-do list for college.

I was always a bit guilty, especially since many of my peers have sparkling attendance records. As I was writing this speech, I realized something. I realized that life hadn't gotten in the way of Buddhism; they had meshed together. Just because I wasn't going to service and Dharma school doesn't mean I forgot my lessons.

In fact, I think my time away forced me to see how Buddhism weaves into my life at school, like Challenge Day, and at home.

Though I may not be directly involved in Buddhist activity when I go to college, I know that the ideals I've learned to treasure will continue to live on.



2014 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

On behalf of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and Zone 13, we would like to thank all of you who came out to help support our annual fundraiser, and the purchasing of the chicken teriyaki bentos.

Gassho,
Dave Maruyama
Dennis Tsukagawa
Co-chairs

Save the Dates for Obon—July 19-20th

The annual Obon and Bazaar is rapidly coming up.

Be sure to save the second and third weeks of July, the big weekend, July 19th-20th, and the following week for takedown and cleanup.

The first planning meeting was held on April 30th. The next two planning meetings will be on May28th and on June 25th.

These meetings will be held in the YBA Hall and begin at 7:30pm.

We encourage all members of the Temple and affiliated organizations to volunteer for their usual commitments and to "raise the bar" by volunteering for 1-more shift .

In early June we will send out online sign-up requests for help needed by the various booths and activities. Each sangha member helping "+1" would greatly help everyone. **Remember look out for the online sign-ups in June.**

The key dates and times leading up to the festive week-end are shown in page 14. Look these table over and remember to "save these dates".

Ron Murata and Russ Nakano
2014 Obon and Bazaar Co-chairs

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Dana—To Give Unselfishly to Others

By Erin Tokutomi

Today, I thought I'd talk about one of the six paramitas—**dana.**

It means to give unselfishly to others, but in all honesty, when does it get to the point of giving too much? Can you give too much? Is there even such a thing?

Now, since I'm an otaku, I thought I'd pull in some of the things I've learned from anime as well. This particular story really made me think. It's a bit odd, but it really does represent this idea of unselfish giving very well.

If any of you have watched Fruits Basket, you might recognize it. It's called "The Most Foolish Traveler in the World."

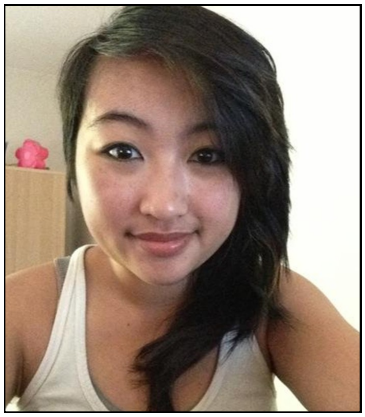
Once upon a time, a foolish traveler went on a journey.

He was so foolish that he was easily tricked by others. When he came across a village, he was tricked by the villagers, and soon, he had lost his money, his clothes, and even his shoes.

But since the traveler was a fool, even when the villagers thanked with the lies saying "You saved me!", he believed them and kept saying, "oshiawase ni, oshiawase ni," "Be happy, be happy!"

However, the traveler became bare-naked with nothing left to cover himself with. So he went into the forest. But this time, he met monsters living in the forest.

The monsters wanted to eat the traveler's body, so they began to trick him with lies. And of course,



the traveler fell for it. He gave away his legs and arms, one by one.

In the end, the traveler only had his head left. Then he gave away his eyes to the last monster. As the monster ate the traveler's eyes, it said, "Thank you. I'll leave you a present in return." And left something behind. But it was just a piece of paper that had "fool" written on it.

The traveler began to cry. "Thank you. Thank you! I've never gotten a present before. I'm happy. I'm so happy. Thank you. Thank you!" he said, and tears poured out of his already gone eyes.

And then the traveler died soon after with a smile still upon his face.

What do you think of this traveler?

Raise your hand if you think he was foolish. Raise your hand if you think he was kind.

Initially, people probably think that he was foolish. He had given everything that he owned to people that he didn't even know.

But it made him happy.

He was happy to have saved someone, to have helped someone.

Yet everyone took that for granted. He lost everything to make the lives of others' better. But in his eyes, they weren't lost causes. They were people, or monsters, that benefitted from his sacrifices more than he benefitted from them in his life.

But this brings me back to my original question: When does giving become too much? From a Buddhist's perspective, I would say that giving too much is nonexistent, because there is always something you can give.

It doesn't have to be an arm or a leg like what the traveler had done, but we do it every day when dealing with smaller things.

Such as right now, you are giving me your time and attention. Let's be honest, it's easy to zone out when someone else is talking.

However, I believe that it's easy to give too much. Sometimes, a person can get caught up in giving.

They will give up too much time to one particular thing, and it leaves them stressed out and frustrated. That's why I think it's good to be a little selfish. It saves your sanity.

I don't really know how to end this, so I'll just say thank you for listening.

Where is Your True Home?

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

When the remodel of the minister's residence was finally completed at the end of February, my family was happy to move into the beautifully updated space. Since our arrival last July, most of our belongings had been stored in the garage, and it took many trips to carry all the boxes into the house and get them all unpacked. But at last my family is able to live really comfortably with nice furniture and plenty of room.

Mountain View is my fourth BCA temple, making the parsonage the fourth house into which we moved. Once again I am deeply grateful to have our own place wherever we have been assigned.

In Buddhism it is said that each of us lives in two worlds. They are the world we go out into and the world we come home to. The world we go out into means when we leave home to go to school, work, the temple, and so on. To enter these worlds, we have to prepare something which meets their requirements. For example, when we go to school, if we had a homework assignment, we must finish it before arriving. And although the Temple should always welcome everybody, it has an unspoken dress code, so we need to dress appropriately.

We'd never be accepted there if we weren't wearing any clothes! In my case, I have to prepare my Dharma Talk for the Sunday service. If I stood before the Sangha without having prepared a Dharma Talk, I would surely be criticized by members. So we may not be successful in the world we go to if we cannot meet its rules. For these reasons, we can truthfully say that the world we go out into is a severe world.

On the other hand, we can reenter the world that we return to without much preparation or concern. This is a place of unconditional acceptance. It is where we are always welcome even if we arrive empty-handed, and where we will be accepted just as we are.

In this sense, we can say that our true home is the world we come home to.

In Buddhism, we often compare our life to a journey. Basically, a journey where we leave our daily life behind for a short period is fun. There are countless benefits, such as the beautiful scenery, staying at hotels, befriending strangers, tasting local foods, and so on. Sure, there are many reasons a journey is fun, but one thing is clear. The reason why we can really enjoy any trip is because we have our own home to which we can return eventually. No matter how carefully we plan a wonderful trip, if we don't have a home to return to, we will not be able to enjoy ourselves with a sense of ease.

Surely the reason why children can go off to school with joy every morning is because they know they can return home where their parents will be warmly waiting. Even if they have some problems at school, they can leave each day with a smile, confident that they will be lovingly received when they get back. It's no exaggeration to say that we are able to fulfill our lives because of the assurance we have a home.

But when we try to understand the impermanence of our world, we realize that our home is not actually a real "world we come home to" and is only temporary. Even if we believe that it is our true home, it is quite possible that divorce or domestic trouble will cause disruption there. We are now living in a world of delusion: "birth, sickness, old age and death." Even if our home is harmonious and seldom has any troubles, when we lose our beloved family member, our home will no longer be "the world we come home to" with its profound sense of security.

Fortunately, we have chosen to walk together along the path of the Nembutsu. And Amida Buddha showed us that the Nembutsu path is the path to the Pure Land. Yes, this Pure Land is like the world we come home to that allows us to attain Buddhahood and where all Buddhas who are our predecessors welcome us unconditionally. It is our true spiritual home in life.

Now we who sincerely embrace the Nembutsu teaching have entered the stage of the truly settled, thanks to the great workings of

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Amida Buddha. It means that birth in the Pure Land to attain Buddhahood is assured for those of us who rejoice in the Nembutsu teaching. But we do not need to wait for the moment of death.

Because our life's journey also includes the world we come home to—the Pure Land—even if we encounter adverse circumstances in life, we will surely be able to overcome any difficulties with the Nembutsu teaching.

When we comprehend that our true home—namely, where we will return in our afterlife—we are able to live our lives today just as we are, fully and happily and with the deepest feelings of gratitude.

In closing, Mika and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who worked so hard to complete the remodel of the minister's residence. We also thank all the members who have sent us thoughtful housewarming gifts. On June 15, we will have an Open House after the Sunday Service, and we hope that many members will come to see our lovely home.

In Gassho,

THANK YOU!

To Everyone who helped for the

FDSTL Conference

Dharma School Reminder on Upcoming Special Services

A BIG thank you to **EVERYONE** who helped in any way for the DS Teacher's Conference last April 26th. It was a big job and we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you **Jill Kunishige** and **Lisa Kunze** for organizing the Spring Dana Drive. Donating gently used books benefitted the Mountain View Community Services and RAFT, and recycling books helps the Earth as well!

And lastly, thanks to **Randy/Deb Sato**, **Rob/Pauline Shinkawa**, and **Craig/Betty Hamasaki** for organizing the lunch for the chicken teriyaki workers on Saturday 5/18.

DHARMA SCHOOL CAMPOUT

June 7th and 8th

RSVP by Saturday, May 31st by email dsparentassoc@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Please provide the following information:

1. How many adults and how many children will attend?
2. Will you be staying overnight? If yes, will you be tent camping or camping in the gym?
3. Will you be having breakfast on Sunday?

GRADUATING SENIOR TALKS

We still have 3 more graduating seniors giving their talks on Sunday June 1st: **Cori Nishimoto**, **Alec Matsumoto**, and **Haley Sawamura**. Please support them by coming to service to hear their thoughts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 6/1—Teacher recognition

Sun, 6/8—Attendance awards

Sun, 6/15—Last day of service, no DS

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Irving & Marilyn Ozawa
Hanamatsuri lunch and In lieu of The Counter fundraiser

Judy & Tony Fong
Heather's birthday
Tricia Hojo
Kate's birthday

Jason & Liane Detering
Miscellaneous

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一四年六月法話

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― 念仏者の帰る世界 ―

住職 向嶋諦史

二月末に改装工事を済ませた開教使住宅に入居しました。車庫に山のように積んであった荷物を全て運び入れて、整理整頓するのに相当時間がかかりましたが、ようやく家具もそろい新居での快適な生活を送らせて頂いています。

MV仏教会は、四度目の赴任先なので、開教使住宅も四度引っ越したことになるのですが、どこにいようとも我が家を持つことの有難さをしみじみ感じています。

さて、私達は人生に於いて、二つの世界を持っているといわれています。「行く世界」と「帰る世界」です。例えば、「行く世界」とは、学校に行く、仕事に行く、お寺に行く等ですが、このような世界は、必ず行く先の条件に合うように整えなければなりません。私達が学校や仕事に行く時、宿題や与えられた仕事を必ず用意をして行きます。また、仏教会はどなたでも歓迎されますが、最低限の服装規定を設けていますから、それなりの服装を用意しなければなりません。裸では決して受け入れられません。私の場合で言えば、日曜礼拝に必ず法話の用意をして行かなくてはなりません。もし、用意をしていなければ、「先生、仏教会をおやめ下さい」とご門徒さまから見放されてしまいます。これは仕方のないことですが、ある条件が満たされなければ、受け入れてもらえない厳しい世界、それが「行く世界」なのです。

その一方、何も用意しないで、安心して門をくぐれる世界、これが「帰る世界」です。何も持たず手ぶらで帰ろうとも無条件で受け入れてくれる世界。肩の力を抜いて、ありのままの自分で帰れる世界。その意味で「我が家」はいつでも「帰る世界」と言えるのではないでしょうか。

仏教では、人生をよく旅に譬えることがあります。日常生活から乖離できる旅とは本来楽しいものです。美しい景色を見たり、ホテルや旅館に泊まったり、見知らぬ人と仲良くなったり、その土地のおいしい料理に出会ったり、旅が楽しい理由は数え切れないほどあります。しかし、いろんな理由がある中で、ただ一つ明確に言える事は、旅が旅として楽しめるのは、やがては帰れる我が家が待っているという事なのです。どれほど素晴らしい旅を予定しても、もし帰る家がなければ、その旅は不安一杯で楽しむことなどできません。

更に言えば、子供達が毎朝元気良く学校に行く事が出来るのも、両親が家で子供の帰りを待っていてくれるからなのです。たとえ、学校で少々嫌なことがあっても、親の待つ帰る家があるから安心して笑顔で家を出ることができるのです。ですから、人生は我が家があってこそ成り立つものといえるでしょう。

しかし、私達の無常の世界に目を向けますと、この「我が家」も、実は本当に「帰る世界」ではなく、一時的なものでしかないということに気づかされます。この世界で、いくら「我が家」と言えども、離婚やもめことが、帰るべき「我が家」を奪い去ることもしばしばあります。私達は「生・老・病・死」の迷いの世界を生きていますから、たとえ和やかで、揉め事のない家庭でも、ひとたび愛する家族を失えば、「我が家」はもう安んじて帰る世界ではなくなってしまうのです。

しかし、幸いにも私達は今、お念仏の道を歩ませて頂いています。阿弥陀仏が示して下さったお念仏の道は、極楽浄土に向かう道であります。そう、このお浄土こそ、私達の生命が、仏となられた先人方に無条件で「おかえり」と迎え入れて下さる本当の「帰る世界」なのです。

今、お念仏を喜ばせて頂いている私達は、阿弥陀仏のおはたらきによって、正定聚の位に入らせて頂いています。臨終を待たずとも、阿弥陀仏の本願に帰依する私達は今すでに仏の仲間に入らせてもらっており、この娑婆世界の生命が尽きる時、私達の生命は必ず仏としてお浄土に生まれることが定まっているのです。私達の人生という旅も、お浄土という帰る世界があるからこそ、たとえ人生の苦境に立たされてもあらゆる困難をお念仏の教えと共に乗り越えていくことができるのです。帰る世界が定まった生命だからこそ、ありのままの人生を感謝のうちに精一杯燃やし尽くして生き抜くことができるのです。これこそ、真の念仏者の生き方なのです。

最後に、開教使住宅の改装にあたりご尽力下さった皆様方、また、引っ越し祝いを贈って下さったご門徒の皆様方に心より御礼申し上げます。六月十五日の日曜礼拝後にオープンハウスを予定していますので、是非お気軽にお越し下さい。

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday
June 1, 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:

Spencer Cowap	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Kiyo Ogata**
Robyn Delgado	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Takara Ogawa**
Kazuo Domoto	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Mika Okita**
Kotome Fujii	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Ichitaro Okumura**
Frank Fujii	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Masakazu Fujii	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
Nobu Fukuda	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Mishi Sako**
George Furuichi	**Norma Kochi**	**Nizo Sako**
James Furuta	**Albert Kosakura**	**Suye Shimamoto**
Tomoye Goto	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Mary Shimizu**
Shizue Haruta	**Erin Maruyama**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Ben Hayamizu	**George Masuda**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Masako Hayamizu	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Grace Hayano	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Joe Hayano	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Ted Tokunaga**
Sidney Hiramoto	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Ito Tsukagawa**
Asa Hori	**Helen Miyake**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Genzo Horino	**Chizuko Murai**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Kou Imai	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Kenji Yamane**
Yukishige Imai	**Megumi Nakano**	**Naoko Yamashita**
Takao Ishikawa	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Imi Yasuda**
John Ishizaka	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**	**Goichi Yonemoto**
Yotsu Iwata	**Jim Nakayama**	

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.

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150 Club News

Our winner for May is **Masae Okuno.** Congratulations Masae!

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.

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June 12th—Last Day of Senior Activities before Break

On May 5th, Senior Craft Group has marked its 9th anniversary. We have come a long way with new friends, fundraisers, a Senior Cook Book, and new ideas in craft, plus a place to enjoy card playing and developing a "sing along karaoke" group. Many interesting day and overnight trips have been planned and to include our twice a year Reno trips.

We also have guest speakers and provide many lunches. We hope to continue this program and to keep it strong for our Seniors.

6/12—GUEST SPEAKER

Duanni Hurd, speaking on "Stages of Cognitive Decline". A informative presentation you don't want to miss. We will also provide lunch at 11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome.

June 12th will be our last Senior and Craft Activities for the summer break. Please mark this date on your calendar.

9/4—ACTIVITIES RESUME

We will start again in and will prepare manju on September 11th for the Midori Kai Boutique September 13th. Requesting for your support again.

9/17-18—RENO TRIP

Sign-up on July 1st. Enjoy the overnight trip by calling Chuck Uyeda. More information to follow.

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

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30AM

A new and exciting program added **Kinji Ushiba** volunteered to start a karaoke or a sing along group. What better way to cheer yourself up by singing along with all your friends in the morning. Please join the sing along with 18 others. Both Japanese and American songs.

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.

2014 Obon Festival & Bazaar | Key Dates & Times

Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service — Sunday, July 6 at 10:00AM
Odori Practice: — July 8, 10, 15, 17 at 7:30PM in Sangha Hall

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, July 6	**10:00AM**	**Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service**
Tuesday, July 8	8:30AM 7:30PM – 8:45PM	Take out Items for Construction Odori Practice
Thursday, July 10	7:30PM – 8:45PM	Odori Practice
Tuesday, July 15	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 16	9:00AM 6:00PM 6:30PM	Make Yaki Manju Clean & Prepare Chicken Construction (Dinner served by YBA) Electrical crew prep
Thursday, July 17	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 18	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 19	5:00AM 9:00AM **4:00PM – 10:00PM** 10:30PM	Rice cooking Make Sushi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close** Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) parking lot
Sunday, July 20	4:00AM 6:00AM **12:00PM – 9:00PM** 9:30PM	Rice cooking Make Sushi & Ohagi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close** Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) parking lot
Monday, July 21	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 22	6:30PM	Booth disassembly begins (Dinner served by Dharma School)
Wednesday, July 23	8:30AM 6:30PM	Return all materials to warehouse Finish Clean up (Dinner served by BWA)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 12:15pm - Taiko - 1pm - SV JACL @	30 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @	1 Cub Scouts 6L30pm 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	2 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	3 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 10am - Kangi-e- 12:15pm - Taiko -	7 7am - Boy Scouts @ 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @ 7:30pm - Religious	8 7am - Boy Scouts @ 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	9 7am - Boy Scouts @ 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	10 7am - Boy Scouts @ 6:30pm - Taiko - 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	11 7am - Boy Scouts @ 7pm - ABA Meeting 7pm - Fuji Club @	12 9am - BWA Meeting
13 12:15pm - Taiko -	14 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	15 6pm - Bazaar 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	16 8am - BWA - Manju 6pm - Bazaar 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	17 8am - BWA - Bazaar 6pm - Bazaar 6:30pm - Taiko - 7:30pm - Odori 8pm - Jun Daiko @	18 8am - BWA - Bazaar 6pm - Bazaar	19 Obon Bazaar 9am - BWA - Bazaar
20 Obon Bazaar 6am - BWA - Bazaar	21 8am - Post Bazaar 9am - BWA - Lunch 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	22 6pm - Post Bazaar 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko -	23 3pm - BWA - Dinner 6pm - Post Bazaar 7pm - Dharma 7pm - Temple Choir	24 6pm - Post Bazaar 8pm - Jun Daiko -	25 All Facilities Closed	26 All Facilities Closed
27 All Facilities Closed	28 All Facilities Closed 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	29 All Facilities Closed 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko -	30 All Facilities Closed 7pm - Temple Choir	31 All Facilities Closed 8pm - Jun Daiko -	1 All Facilities Closed	2 All Facilities Closed

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Last Service June 15th

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In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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