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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 Haley, Alec, Cori, Jackie and Kameko!

So What Is Buddhism?

By Haley Sawamura

This is a question that I have often been asked, but have always struggled to answer. I could never find the right words to explain such a big part of my life.

Like the rest of the Sangha, I am a Buddhist who has grown up in a Judeo-Christian dominated society. On paper, I look like a pretty good Buddhist: perfect attendance for Dharma School, Youth Minister's Assistant, and YBA president. However, I haven't always valued or embraced my Buddhist religion.

As a child, I often found myself wishing to be more similar to my school friends in the religious aspect. Their religions seemed more straightforward and spelled out for them. Growing up, I would never really talk about attending a Buddhist temple every Sunday. How could I explain Buddhism to my friends when I was just as confused as they were about my religion? There were times when I desired a God to believe in. I wanted something, or someone else to put my faith in, and Buddhism didn't seem to hold a place for that.

It wasn't until high school that I finally began to understand and appreciate Buddhism as a part of my life. High school has been a time in which I have gone through the process of forming my identity and figuring out who I am and who I want to be. It is also a time of change, competition, and pressure. I have learned more about myself

A Brief Talk from a Man of a Few Words

By Alec Matsumoto

I am a man of few words and if you have heard my other two Dharma Talks you know that they were short, so I will keep this short, but for me it is long.

YBA, the Temple, and YAC (Youth Advocacy Committee) all have played an important part in shaping my life. I have grown up at this temple, attending services as soon as I was born through today. I have helped out at many temple functions like Obon, Mochitsuki, Osoji, and Chicken Teriyaki. Here I was able to witness and learn one of the most important things anyone can learn, and one of the values that I hold highest—that of hard work.

My dad would take me to many of these pre-event set ups like Obon construction. I would see many people coming together to set up all of the booths in a timely manner throughout the week, lifting the heavy materials. At Osoji and other clean up days I would see the hard work of the "older" guys cleaning up many of the fallen foliage making the temple grounds look nice, raking up the piles of leaves that had accumulated throughout the year, only stopping for a short lunch break then going right back out to do some more.

As one of the younger ones out there with Devon and Alex T, it showed me that age doesn't matter and that anyone can work hard.

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29th Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

When: **Sunday, August 17, 2014**

Course: **Sunnyvale Muni Golf Course** - (408) 738-3666
605 Macara Lane (off Maude Avenue) Sunnyvale

Time: **First tee-off at 10:00am**
ALL GOLFERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE 9:30am

Fee: **$100.00** (Includes green fees, trophy, barbecue dinner, prizes & appreciable contribution toward the Scholarship Fund).
Carts are NOT included.

Entry Fee Deadline: **Wednesday, August 6, 2014.** You may make up your own foursome.
Only the first 48 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for $20.00 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 4:30pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by August 6, 2014

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

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

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

NAME	NCGA/GHIN Handicap	or Avg SCORE	CART Yes/No
1.			
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** Maximum Handicap: Men – 32 Women – 36*

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

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

haley sawamura

So What Is Buddhism? (Cont'd fr P.1)

and have become more aware of how I can personally relate to my religion. Buddhism is there to help me fall asleep at night because it reminds me that I will make better mistakes tomorrow. Buddhism is with me when I wake up at five in the morning to watch the sunrise, because it reminds me to live in the moment. Buddhism is there when I choose to stay in on a Friday night to spend time with my parents because I might not get the opportunity to do so in the future. Buddhism has always been with me; it was just a matter of growing up and becoming cognizant of how it is present in my everyday life.

This year, I was selected to be a peer tutor for the AVID senior class at my high school. AVID is a college readiness program that provides academic and social support for students who are traditionally underrepresented and underserved. Many AVID students come from lower economic and educational backgrounds, some are English language learners, and a large percentage will be the first generation in their families to graduate from college.

I was initially very apprehensive and nervous to tutor the 12th grade AVID class. What if I didn't know the answers to their questions? What if they were taking harder classes than I was? Would they value my opinion? Would they even like me?

During one of my first math tutorials, a student presented a question that no one else in the group was able to help him with. He turned to me, but I couldn't remember exactly how to do that type of problem. All of my fears about failing as a tutor came rushing back. We attempted to work through the problem, but were not able to get to the answer. However, none of the students looked down on me for failing to solve the problem. They were accepting and understanding.

After that tutorial, all of my anxiety over being faced with a difficult question was thrown out the window. Before that tutorial, I feared making a mistake or coming across as unintelligent in front of the AVID students. I often focus too much on getting something right the first time. That tutorial helped me realize that I'm not always going to know all the answers- and there's something kind of liberating about that.

AVID tutoring brought me back to some key Buddhist teachings that have stuck with me over the years. Buddhism asks us to always reflect on our imperfect selves- and to accept that imperfection. Realizing that I was inevitably going to make some mistakes while tutoring is just one example of accepting imperfection. Buddhism also emphasizes living a full and meaningful life, and sometimes that means taking a risk and testing your limits. Being an AVID tutor has reinforced the importance of stepping outside of my comfort zone. If hadn't done so, I would not have made so many new connections with people that I probably wouldn't have met otherwise. I also wouldn't have been able to take a part in a truly remarkable program, which has probably been the most significant thing I've done in high school.

Experiences such as AVID tutoring that have shown me how truly fortunate I am to be a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. Seeing the teachings of my religion in my everyday life has led me to a greater understanding and appreciation.

Buddhism is here, with me today, because it has given me the confidence and knowledge to put my faith in myself. It has taught me to trust and believe in my ability to choose and become the best person I can possibly be. As I embark on my journey beyond high school, I am armed with the understanding that I can create and forge the path I wish to follow.

"So what is Buddhism?" I cannot wait for someone to ask me that question again.

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A Brief Talk from a Man of Few Words (Cont'd fr P.1)

Oasaji is another group at this Temple. Every Sunday morning they are set up the Onaijin and get it ready for service. Last year they let the YMAs (Young Minister's Assistant) join them and they have always been nice, especially to me since I am always late. They are always kind and supportive whenever I have to doshi. Support and hard work are what runs this temple and makes it what it is.

Being in YBA is a tradition in my family. Both my parents were active in their YBAs as teens and being advisors here has made YBA a big part of my high school life. Unlike others who got active in school clubs, I did not. The only group/ club that I became active in was YBA. It never would have been this way if it wasn't for a member who nominated me for Coast District Rep, and if I had not won the election too. But I did win and became active since by being CD Rep meant I had to attend CD meetings every month, thus exposing me to new people and events. From Sophomore year on to now I have chaired a number of events, been on cabinet for both this YBA and the CDYBL.

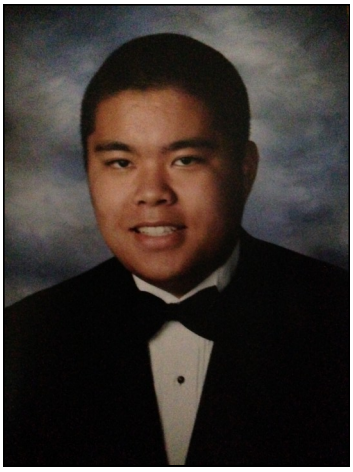
Through YBA and the Temple I was given the opportunity to attend the Youth Advocacy Committee Summer Retreat at the Sacramento Betsuin in 2011. When I was first approached with the idea to apply I was reluctant, it took some convincing from Nicole and Ashley Andrews, YAC Alum, to get me to apply and go. But I still tried my hardest to make my application essay be as bad as possible, but this failed since I was accepted. On the car ride there I was not pleased at all either. But once I got their my attitude did a 360. It turned out to be fun and the food was delicious also. I made many new friends and became a "certified" Youth Minister Assistant. YAC also opened many new doors in YBA, I was able to attend the YAC Summit at the Jodo Shinshu Center and the Young Leaders Today Conference in Sacramento.

Without YAC I would not have been as active in YBA and without YBA I would not have done YAC, this interconnectedness is what I am grateful for. I am also grateful that I got to meet people who are my Buddha Buddies for Life as well as many other people through the YAC programs. It also got me closer to many people in our YBA like Jackie, Niko, Kim, Jaimie, and even Devon. For me YAC and YBA are the not one without the other since the both rely on each other to operate.

I would like to thank my YBA advisors, Uncle Doug, Auntie Phyllis, Uncle Gary, Auntie Arleen, Auntie Alice, Mom, Dad, and Mrs. Nancy Sugimoto for helping me through YBA.

I would also like to thank all of my Dharma School teachers, Mrs. Bunya, Mom, Uncle Doug, Mrs. Frances Sawamura, Mr. and Mrs. Harbin, Mr. Arima, Mrs. Ochi-Jacobs, Mrs. Aiko Sugimoto, Mrs. Amy Imai, Mr. Bruce, Elise, Brent, Nicky, Mrs. Tsuchida, Uncle Hien and Auntie Akemi and anyone who I missed. I would also like to thank Rev. Koyama and Rev. Mukojima who both have helped me.

I would also like to thank my family, Devon, Maddie, Mom, Dad, grandma, and grandpa for putting up with me these 18 years. Only a few more months until I leave.



I will be attending Fresno State to study Criminology and I plan on attending the Fresno Betsuin whenever I can.

I plan on becoming a Federal Air Marshal after college, because of what I learned from the Golden Chain, to protect all who are weaker than myself. I hope that during all of this I stay within the BCA and hopefully return to this temple. Finally I would like to thank the entire Sangha for being supportive and accepting.

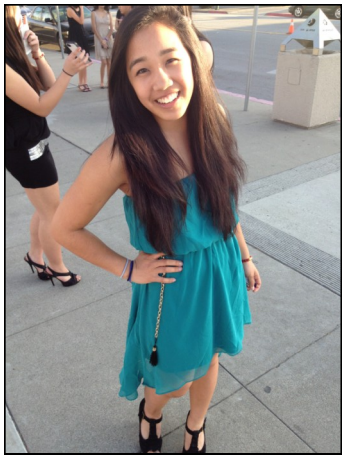
alec matsumoto

kameko oshiro

Finding Buddhism in Basketball

By Kameko Oshiro

I can't believe how fast time has passed. It seems like only yesterday, when I first came to temple as a small, nervous freshman. I am still small, but that's beside the point. At first I only came because my friends and brother went to church, and I had heard that the conferences were really fun and that the food is really good (which is true by the way). However my friends were not the only reasons why I kept coming back. There was such a warm feeling at church and I immediately felt welcomed.



I'm going to talk about how I found Buddhism in basketball, or more specifically interdependence in basketball. Many of you know that I play basketball, and for those of you that don't, I play basketball. Of course I love to make things hard on myself, and I picked the sport where height actually helps a lot. Look at me, I'm pretty short.

The basketball season of my junior year in high school was a really tough year. Right before regular season, my family and I went to Hawaii during winter break. When you are in Hawaii there is so much good food—shaved ice, malasadas, and Zippy's. Let's just say I ate a lot.

When I came home and started practicing again, I was really slow. I'd run a couple times up and down the court and yell, "Okay, sub!" (sound breathless); it was pretty bad. When season started my position on the team went from starter to left bench. I had a really hard time coming to terms with my situation, and I was kind of embarrassed, so I started drawing away from my teammates.

I stopped talking as much in games and didn't stay long to chat after practices. Luckily for me, my teammates noticed the changes in me and through long conversations and suggestions on how to improve I slowly began the climb back to being the player I was before. If it were not for my teammates support and encouragement I probably would have still been stuck in my funk. That to me is interdependence, being able to rely on each other.

Looking back, I realize that interdependence can be found in other parts of basketball as well. Whether it is encouraging a teammate after a complete airball, saying things like, "Don't worry you got the next one!", or doing a play and making a basket off of the play.

Interdependence doesn't just apply to basketball, I see it everywhere, especially here at church. Whenever the church does an event, like the obon, spaghetti dinner, or Sangha Day picnic, everybody does their part, to make the event the best it can be. I am amazed at the things we get done, by working together.

I really wish I could take you all with me when I go to Irvine in the fall, but sadly I don't think you'll fit in my suitcase. I will miss you all and the warm community that I have found here in the church. But I will take what I have learned here and apply it when I go off to college. I want to thank you all for your love and support. I really appreciate it. Thank you!

Donate to the Kangi-e Service
Sunday, July 6

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Togetherness

I joined Dharma School when I was in 5th grade. I vaguely remember the class, but I remember feeling so out of placed because I didn't know anything about Buddhism.

All my classmates knew the story of Siddhartha and knew the eightfold paths. The first service I went to I remember getting so nervous about going up to oshoko because I didn't know which foot went first or when I should bow. But I caught on to it with time and blended in with everyone else.

By Cori Nishimoto

My first memory at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple was in the goldfish booth, where I basically worked my whole life there. Since then, I have seen over 50,000 fish distributed to many smiling face. I know it may look like mad house in there, with people screaming "WINNER! or FISH!", ping pong balls flying in every direction possible, kids screaming with happiness and excitement, and adults that might have had a little too much to drink are trying to compete with the little kids, for the prize of a goldfish!

Even with all that chaos going on, our goldfish booth team is always in perfect sync, with each person doing their own jobs, we come together harmoniously to make the booth work successfully.

Working together is involved with all of our church activities, the obon festival has many people behind the scenes, all working for the common goal of a successful and fun festival. I have learned from our other fundraising activities such as the YBA pancake breakfast and the spaghetti dinner, how much work and organization is needed to create a successful and enjoyable event.

While in YBA, the experiences that I have had with going to conferences and mixers, made me realize that there are many other Buddhist out there. Sitting through long lectures, awkward ice breakers and socializing with other chapters has provided me, the opportunity to form life-long friendships from all around California.

In closing I would like to thank Reverend Mukojima, all the advisers, YBA members, my parents and congregation for helping me understand the true meaning of togetherness and shaping me into the person I am today.

cori nishimoto

Don't Miss Your Chance to Become an Obon Sponsor!

The annual Obon and Bazaar is rapidly coming up. And thousands of folks will be attending our two-day event on July 19th and 20th.

Each year, we look to our Sangha and friends for contributions to support our Obon Festival and Bazaar.

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jackie yee

Taller, More Confident and All-around Happier

By Jackie Yee

It was a sunny September morning when I listened to my very first service. I wore a white tank top with white lace detailing and sat a little bit too close to Kim for comfort. I was a mere freshman, trying to explore different religions.

It was a cold Friday night in June, when Jaimie stuck a spoon right in my face, making me fall face first into the dirt on the YBA camping trip. It was a hot Saturday afternoon in March when Alec and I struggled in the back row of our YBA pictures. We jumped up and down continuously until we realized we could stand on rocks. Thank goodness our pictures came out nicely. It is a sunny May morning, and I am here today, to give my senior talk.

First off, Happy Mothers Day to all the real MVP's out there. I hope you all enjoyed your breakfasts and I want to thank you for coming out and listening to my talk today. Not going to lie, I began attending the temple as an attempt to keep in touch with all my friends from Tri-City. However, it was that sunny September morning that I realized what was supposed to be purely a social task, would become one of the largest influences in who I am today.

Coming from a Christian family and having previously attended a traditional church for 14 years, I always felt like just a number. Going to church every Sunday, listening to sermons I didn't necessarily agree on, and saying hello to people I could never remember names of. I had never felt like I belonged until I came to the temple. I still remember walking in and seeing nothing but smiling faces, inviting me in, and making me feel like I had been a member here for years. The feeling of acceptance and sense of unity is what motivated me to keep coming back.

Converting to Buddhism during my early high school career was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I am a strong believer in the "yolo" mentality, but not in the way most people would assume. I believe everyone grows the most in high school and should make and take all opportunities given to them. That being said, it is easy to lose yourself.

Coming to the temple and learning about the nembutsu teachings is what kept me rooted the most in high school. Although I admit, I lost track of my priorities, the constant reminders of Shinran Shonin teachings is what helped grow the most. Realizing my mistakes and taking responsibility for them is what shaped me into the person I am today.

Every year, the annual YBA camping trip is somewhat of a struggle for me. For those of you that don't know me, I am one of the girliest people you'll ever meet. I don't particularly enjoy bugs, outdoor plumbing, and worst of all, no outlets or 4G LTE. However, every year, I put up with it because YBA camping trips are among the best memories I have throughout all of high school. Jaimie and I were some of the last members to arrive to the campsite. As a result, we were responsible for clean-up after dinner. I had just dropped a pan off into the soap bin when, I kid you not, one of the biggest mosquitoes I've ever seen tried to attack me.

Naturally, I begun flailing all over the place only to be stopped by Jaimie sticking out her arm with a spoon she was particularly proud of cleaning. I screamed and next thing I knew, I was on the ground half laughing, half crying. Mr. Sawamura rushed over from the cars to help me up and make sure I was okay. Unfortunately, I got a pair of my most comfortable yoga pants dirty, but besides that, it's a memory that will last forever. As if the temple didn't provide enough support, YBA provided me with even more. I am so fortunate to be apart of such a great YBA where everyone gets along, talks freely, and most of all, is there for each and every one of each other.

I can honestly say that some of the friendships I've formed through the temple and through YBA are friendships that are going to last a lifetime. I want to thank everyone in YBA for being the brothers and sisters I never had.

Taller, More Confident and All-around Happier (cont'd)

Thank you to the advisors who take out hours of their day to help us and give us as many opportunities that we've had. And a special thank you to the Sawamura family for being my adopted family.

Coming to the temple without my family often made me feel out of the loop, however you guys were always there for me, helping me out with any necessary paperwork, hanging out with me at Obon, and always greeting me with open arms. I honestly don't know what I would do without you guys.

I stand here a taller, more confident, and all around happier person than I was 4 years ago. I am sad to have to leave such an incredible community, but cannot express my gratitude towards everything the temple has done for me.

From introducing me to my love of basketball through Tri- City, to practicing Buddhism in my everyday life, the temple has truly been a blessing.

So to everyone that has helped me throughout my journey, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Flower and Plant Donations

Attention home gardeners. Please consider donating any plant and/or flower for the Obon Flower Booth.

CONTACT

Shawn Imai (Amy Imai's daughter-in-law)

Phone: (408) 356-6586 | Email: simairealtor@aol.com
so that your gift can be properly acknowledged.

Drop off plants at the Flower Booth ***Saturday, July 19th before Obon opens***. Thank you!

Dharma School Reminder on Upcoming Special Services

The DS campout was held June 7 & 8 and was a great success. Thank you to parent volunteers **Ashley and Todd Uyehara, Grace and Keith Kosakura, Tony and Miki Bellon**, and **Christine and Hideki Hirabayashi** for coordinating the event.

CONGRATS TO GRADUATES

Congratulations to all our graduating high school seniors. Your weekly presence will be missed next year. We hope you will visit often, and represent "college students" during O-shoko time at service!!

SEPT 7th—DHARMA SCHOOL

Reminder: Sunday services and Dharma School resume on Sunday September 7th, with a mandatory Dharma School Parent meeting following service, and a Dharma School welcome back lunch at noon in the game room of Sangha Hall.

We will also hold August and September Shotsuki service that Sunday as well.

Have a great summer and we'll see you at Obon Festival and Bazaar

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Gratefully Acknowledged

Joan Aoki & Curt Kawabata
Stacey's Birthday

Stacy Nakamura & Gail Satake-Nakamura
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Alison Lund's Birthday

Have a Great Summer!

Dharma School Starts

September 7th

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Shinran Shonin Dedication a Success

5/11 STATUE DEDICATION

BWA extends our sincere gratitude to **Kiki Yonemoto** who did back breaking work for the Shinran Shonin Monument. We also thank **Jeff Sato**, **Yosh Umemoto, Bob Imai, Bob Matsumoto, Bob Tanaka, Harry Ohara** and **Haruye Hoshi** for their help with the preparing for the erecting of the statue and surrounding grounds.

The dedication service was truly special. We thank those that participated and attended the service.

Thank you Boy Scouts for setting up and putting away the chairs and passing out the programs.

We are very grateful for **Rev. Yushi Mukojima's** support and guidance.

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Mitsue Fukuda

Shinran Shonin Dedication

NEXT MEETING

July 12, 2014, 9AM in Sangha Hall

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Friends of IBS Annual Giving Program

At the BCA National Council meeting I officially introduced the "Friends of IBS Annual Giving Fund" for our ministerial aspirants studying at IBS. We are excited to know that we do have potential ministers that plan to complete studies and become Kaikyoshi ministers soon. The education is expensive for 3 years intensive graduate studies. Rev Yamaoka heads up IBS Development and worked with Bishop Umezu to come up with the proposed scholarship fundraiser to help students through by establishing the "Friends of IBS Annual Giving Program". Currently we have 12 ministerial aspirants and we hope to help them with the tuition cost, approx. $46,800 for 3 years of extensive study at IBS.

Today I am excited for our students at IBS and that financial support will be available for them and I ask for your support for this worthwhile "Friends of IBS Annual Giving Program"

The funds will go directly to the IBS Ministerial Scholarship Fund and will be distributed each year to assist our ministerial students.

Can I ask that each of you if you can help in a small way to help provide funds for the ministerial aspirants that will hopefully become our future ministers?

You can send your donation directly to IBS (note: Scholarship Fund) at 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA., 94704 or you can send it to our temple, attention Rich Endo. Thank you.

Gassho,

Rich Endo

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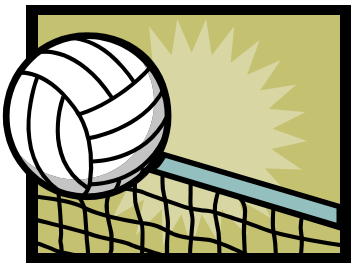

Great results from the Bay District Volleyball Tournament—our competitive team went undefeated!

YBA's annual camping trip was from June 20th-22nd. We went to the beach, roasted marshmallows, and participated in our annual Iron Chef Cook-off.

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Activities
Alex Tsukahara

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Devon Matsumoto

In Gassho,

Haley Sawamura
YBA President

2014-2015 YBA CABINET

Congratulations to the new cabinet!

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Kaylyn Arima

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CONGRATULATIONS

To our 11 graduating seniors—

Heather Fong
Kim Inenaga
Alec Matsumoto
Cori Nishimoto
Erin Nishimura
Kameko Oshiro
Haley Sawamura
Derek Tahara
Alison Takahashi
Erin Tokutomi
Jackie Yee

OBON JULY 19 & 20

Kangi-e Service

Sunday
July 6, 2014

10:00 am

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 May is **Candice Maruyama.** 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
JULY	Zones 11 & 12	June 18 (Wed)	June 13 (Fri)
AUG	Zones 13 & 1	No Echo	N/A
SEP	Zones 2 & 3	Aug 20 (Wed)	Aug 15 (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

Senior Activities Resume September 4th

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.

WANTED: OBON DONATIONS

The bazaar is approaching and **Jeanne Ohara**, chairman for the Bazaar Home Craft booth is grateful for any donations. She is requesting it be dropped off at the temple office. Please label the items and donations with your name to Bazaar Craft and mark: Attention Jeanne Ohara. Thank you for you continued support.

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.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

9/17—DAY TRIP TO GRATON

One day trip to Graton, in Rohnert Park, on Wednesday September 17th, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Signup for temple members and non-members can sign up July 1st. Although, non temple members will be on standby until August 1st.

Call Chuck Uyeda for reservation. Price for the trip is $31.00.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18.00

At the Temple office or from any of the committee member.

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.

HOSHIDA KIMONO

JAPANESE WEARABLE ART

TRUNK SALE

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 | 6 – 9 PM

Sangha Hall Lobby

Vintage and new items for sale:

Kimonos – silk, cotton, synthetic | Haoris – silk, synthetic | Obis and accessories | Getas and tabis

Cash, checks, credit cards accepted. A portion of proceeds to benefit Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Questions? Call Julie Hoshida Joyce (650) 799-7567

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 **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
27 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation	28 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	29 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko -	30 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation 7pm - Temple Choir	31 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation 8pm - Jun Daiko -	1 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation	2 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation
3 All Facilities Closed Rev. vacation	4 Rev vacation 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Dharma 7pm - Kendo @ 7:30pm - Religious	5 Rev. vacation 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	6 Rev. vacation 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	7 Rev. vacation 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	8 Rev. vacation 7pm - ABA Meeting 7pm - Fuji Club @	9 Rev. vacation
10 Rev. vacation	11 Rev vacation 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @	12 Rev. vacation 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	13 BCA Minister Fuken 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	14 BCA Minister Fuken Rev. vacation 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	15 BCA Minister Fuken 3pm - CDYBL	16 BCA Minister Fuken 12am - CDYBL 9am - BWA Meeting 4pm - Boy Scouts @
17 Sasaki Golf 12am - Boy Scouts 2pm - Sasaki Golf	18 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @	19 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	20 Rev. vacation 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	21 6pm - Jun Daiko @ 7pm - Tri-City Adult	22 6pm - Jun Daiko @	23 9am - Jun Daiko @
24 9am - MVBT Taiko	25 6pm - Jun Daiko @ 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @ 7:30pm - Religious	26 6pm - Jun Daiko @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	27 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	28 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	29	30 12pm - Boy Scouts
31	1 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 4:30pm - Senior/Gra 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @ 7:30pm - Religious	2 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 8pm - Jun Daiko @	3 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Tri-City	4 9am - Senior 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	5	6

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In gassho,
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