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Oct Highlights

- ***9/28 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Sangha Day Picnic
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- ***9/29 Mon, 7:30 PM***
  Religious Planning Meeting
- ***10/5 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo
- ***10/8 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
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There Are Many Buddhas Around Us

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

I took my family to Japan for three weeks this past August. Because it had been two years since we had gone back to Japan, both Mika's and my parents were really excited about seeing Kurumi and Oji. They enjoyed the kids and took good care of them during our stay.

Kurumi and Oji were really happy to be spoiled by their grandparents. One morning, my daughter told me, "Daddy, I wish you were like Grandpa. He listens to whatever I say. I can eat as many chocolates as I like! He is always nice to me." When I heard that, I felt really sad…

Nonetheless, during our stay, Mika and I were free to go shopping and have dinner together. We were able to have a really good time, just the two of us, as if we were a young couple again, going on dates.

On the last day in Japan, both my parents and Mika's parents came to the airport to see us off. But as soon as we reached the security check gate, Kurumi started crying, "I don't want to leave Grandpa and Grandma!" and she wouldn't move. The grandmothers also cried, seeing Kurumi sobbing and knowing that she didn't want to leave them. I felt really sorry for poor Kurumi, realizing how much she had enjoyed the time with her grandparents.

But with the departure time getting close, somehow I persuaded her to say good-bye, telling her that we would see them again soon. Although she continued crying for a while, she finally hugged each grandparent and said good-bye. Then we were able to go through the security gate.

Though it was sad to see Kurumi still crying in the plane, it made me appreciate how much our parents love our kids, playing with them and indulging them during our stay. Grandparents treat their grandkids with kindness unconditionally. Kurumi said, "They were very kind, like Buddha." I learned again the value of grandparents in our children's lives.

But unlike lenient grandparents whom the children may see after a long absence, parents have the responsibility of training their child strictly every day. Sometimes parents have to scold a tearful child. The ones who must raise a child while crying, laughing, scolding, and sometimes even while being disliked—are the father and mother.

For example, if parents only satisfy their child's every wish, how can that child learn to cope in life? If parents only give their child his favorite food, buy whatever he wants, and indulge whatever he says, perhaps that child will never become a capable adult. In my family, only the grandparents whom we can only see once a year are allowed to spoil my kids. But we, their parents, must be strict with them. Even if my kids ask us for chocolates, we have to

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Religious Planning—September 2014

October 5, Sunday 10:00AM—Shotsuki Hoyo

October 12. 2014, Sunday 10:00AM

Guest Speaker: **Mike Inouye**

October 19, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM

Bishops' Memorial Service

October 26, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM

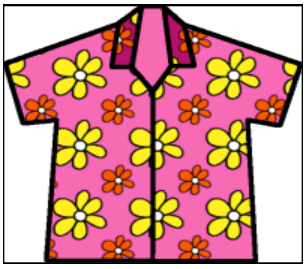
Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

Luau and Wine Tasting on Deck for ABA



FUN-FILLED PAST EVENTS

Wed, August 13th

Thanks to **Irene Uchiyama** who organizes the SF Giants games for us each year. She does a great job SF Giants won the game!

Sat, August 23rd, 5PM

Morgan Hill Steak Dinner

Jits Higa and other MVBT members helped with food preparation. All of them enjoyed the food and the bingo that followed. We had some lucky winners. Thanks to **Jits Higa** for organizing this fun activity.

Sun, Sept 7th

Motown the Musical

Thank you **Joanne Makishima** for taking the lead in coordinating this event. One person said he didn't want it to end. Everyone felt that way! The performance was great!

Wed, Sept 10th

49ers Levi's Stadium Tour

Thanks to **Irene Uchiyama** for organizing this tour. Some of the areas the group got to see: the visitor's locker room, the cheerleader's area and the Museum which holds the super bowl trophies and rings. Sounds like a super trip!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, Oct 4th

ABA Luau

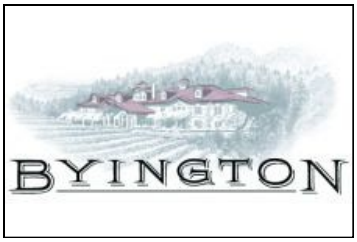
Dave Kawamoto will be Head Chef for the ABA Luau. This Luau will provide ABA with food for its Meet and Mingle dinner. Those who might be interested in joining ABA will be invited as guest. We will have a short meeting; then dine; then mingle and finish off with the battle of the sexes game.

Sat, Oct 18th

Wine tasting at Byington Winery

There will be a picnic area reserved for the group. This area will be for pot luck lunch. No charge for the tour…only tip for the docent (about $1/person).

Contact: **Dennis Tsukagawa**



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teach them they cannot have them all the time because too much candy causes tooth decay and poor health. If kids grow up without learning patience, they tend to become wishful thinkers who believe that they will always get what they want.

Unfortunately in life, we often suffer because things don't turn out as we would like. Sometimes when things get difficult, we give ourselves up to despair and may even think, "I don't care what happens in my life." When life is difficult, it is very important to always try to do our best to overcome those obstacles we face. Those who give up easily may not be able to get through the tough times in life.

Perseverance is what one needs to practice when still young because it is really hard to learn as an adult.

I think that, like my daughter, there might be many of you who think that Buddha is kind. But someone who grants all of our wishes is not Buddha. Off course, Buddha is full of compassion, but that doesn't mean that Buddha spoils people. One who just spoils without letting people learn to be patient is not Buddha but actually a demon.

Although I am not suggesting my parents are demons, to indulge children all the time just makes them impatient and demanding. In this way, we mistake a demon for Buddha.

Thanks to people who point out our faults and shortcomings and who nag and scold us with love, we are able to learn to persevere and choose the right direction. It is natural to think of one who admonishes us—even with love—as a demon and a nuisance whom we should avoid. But we should actually regard that person as a precious Buddha.

I am afraid that our way of seeing things is often distorted by pleasant words we would rather hear and by our desire to have things our way. When this happens repeatedly, we lose the Right View.

I ask you to please look around you, mindful of the Nembutsu teaching. It may surprise you to realize that there are many Buddhas around us. There is the Buddha who makes a sarcastic remark to us. There is the Buddha who points out a weakness we don't want to hear about. Because of those Buddhas, we may be inspired to look critically at ourselves or to make a change in our behavior in order to make each day and each moment a full one.

Mr. Eiji Yoshikawa, who wrote a novel called Shinran, said, "Everyone is my teacher except me." So even if we are told something unpleasant, let us listen gratefully, as if they were Buddha's words.

I am wondering when my daughter will become aware that I am not her demon.

In Gassho

Welcome Back Dharma School!

Thank you to parents **Joy Morimoto**, **Monica Smith**, and **Julie Uyekubo** for organizing the Dharma School Welcome Back lunch for everyone on September 7th

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

If you are not a temple member and wish to attend the Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park on 9/28, 10AM - please let **Lisa Schindler** or **Debby Inenaga** know so we can get an accurate headcount We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Just a friendly reminder—if you haven't yet signed up to coordinate a Dharma School event for this school year, please do so now.

There are only a few slots left, so those you who have already signed up—**THANK YOU!**

The DS teachers and cabinet really appreciate your help and support. We couldn't have the quality program that we all enjoy if it weren't for you! Get the sign-up link by emailing your Parent Volunteer Coordinators Traci or Tricia at: dsparentassoc@mvbuddhisttemple.org

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一四年一〇月法話

ー仏さまがいっぱいー

住職 向嶋諦史

八月の夏休みに家族を連れて三週間ほど日本へ帰国しました。二年ぶりの帰国とあって、両親は来実と晃司との再会を大いに喜んで、滞在中は二人の世話を本当によくしてくれました。来実はそんな祖父母に毎日やかされて大変心地よかったのでしょう、ある日、私は娘から「じいじが来実のダディだったらよかったのに。だって、じいじは何でも私の言うことを聞いてくれるし、チョコレートは食べ放題。じいじはダディと全然違って、優しいよ」と、何とも悲しくなるような言葉を吐かれました。

しかし、そのお陰で、私と妻は子供達から解放され、夫婦水入らずで買い物に出たり、食事に行ったりと久しぶりの恋人気分で楽しい時間を過ごすことができました。

そして別れの日、私達の両親が空港まで見送りに来てくれたのですが、別れの瞬間、来実が突然「じいじとばあばと離れたくないよー！」と言って急に大声で泣き出しました。一向にその場から動こうとしない来実でしたが、何とか諭して、ようやく祖父母と抱き合い、別れを告げて、私達とセキュリティゲートを通ってくれました。機内の中でもしばらくぐずっていましたが、その涙を見てこの短期間でどれほど祖父母が孫に愛情を注いでくれたかを改めて悟りました。やっぱり、おじいちゃん、おばあちゃんは無条件でやさしいものです。娘曰く「まるで、まんまんさん（仏さま）のように優しかった」と喜んでいました。

しかし、ここで反論するわけではありませんが、久しぶりに会う祖父母と違って、親というのは誰よりも子供を厳しく躾けなくてはならない立場です。時には、涙ながらに説教しなくてはならないこともあります。泣いたり笑ったり叱ったり、そして嫌われもしながら、子供を育てるのが親です。

例えば、親が子供の言うとおりに、願いを全て満たしてやったら、子供はどうなるでしょうか？好きなものだけを食べさせて、何でも買い与えて、何でも言うことをきいていたら、決していい大人にはなれないでしょう。我が家で、それが許されるのはせいぜい一年に一回会うことのできる祖父母であって、私達親はやはり厳しくなくてはなりません。子供からチョコレートを求められても、健康面から時には我慢させることが必要です。また、辛抱することも知らないで育ってしまうと、子供は人生何でも思い通りになるというような甘い考え方に陥ってしまいかねません。

しかし、人生には全ての苦の原因となる〝思うようにならないこと〟が山ほどあります。時には、壁にぶつかって「もうこの人生どうなってもいい…」というように自暴自棄に陥ってしまうこともあります。そのような時こそ、我慢して、目の前にある障害を越えられるように努力を積み重ねていくことが大切なのです。辛抱できない者は人生の荒波を越えることはできません。それは子供の頃から学ぶべきものであって、大人になってからでは中々難しいものです。

娘と同じように「仏さまはやさしい」と思っておられる方が多いと思いますが、何もかも「よしよし」と言って、願いを叶えてくれるのは、仏さまではありません。我慢させることもなく、ただ甘やかしている人は、仏さまではなく、実は鬼なのです。決して、私の両親を鬼といっているのではないのですが、甘やかすだけでは、人間をだめにしてしまいます。ですから、私達は鬼を仏さまと勘違いしているのです。

自分の悪いところや足りないところを口うるさく注意したり、叱って下さる人がおられるから、我慢することを学んで正しい道へと進むことができるのです。

しかし、私達は、ともすれば、注意して下さる方を、私にとっての鬼にたてしまい、避けようとしますが、実は、私にとって、言い難いことを言って下さっている方こそ本当は尊い仏さまなのです。

それにもかかわらず、真剣に注意をして下さったり、自分が悪者になっても私達のことを思ってしっかりと叱って下さる人を、鬼としか見えないのです。残念ながら、私達のものの見方は、心地よい言葉と欲望の充足度によって歪められ、生まれながらにして正しいものの見方を見失っているのです。

今一度、お念仏の教えをもとに、周りをよく見てください。そこには驚くほど、たくさんの仏さまがおられます。嫌味を言って下さる仏さまもいて下さいます。痛いところを指摘して下さる仏さまもいて下さいます。そういう仏さまがおられるからこそ、私達は自らを省みて襟を正し、日々の生活を実りあるものにする努力ができるのではないでしょうか？

小説「親鸞」を書かれた作家の吉川英治氏は「われ以外みなわが師なり」とも言われています。少々耳の痛いことでも、仏さまのお言葉と受けとって、有難く聞かせて頂きましょう。

さて、娘が私を鬼でなかったことに気付いてくれるのはいつのことでしょうか？

October Monthly Memorial Service

Sunday
Oct 5, 2014

10:00 am

October Shotsuki Hoyo

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:

Sachi Adachi	**Masakatsu Kito**	**Jerry Okumura**
Irene Hatsue Furuta	**Shozo Mayeda**	**Tsui Sakai**
Mary Hayamizu	**Yachi Miyake**	**Hagiyo Sato**
Ted Hayashida	**Yoshiaki Murakami**	**Itoju Sawamura**
Tad Iimura	**Lily Nakamura**	**Yas Shimoguchi**
Masako Inokuchi	**Aiko Nakano**	**Drew Sugimoto**
Fred Inouye	**Takeno Nara**	**Takie Sugimoto**
Toshio Kakigi	**Mikiyo Nishimoto**	**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**
Hoichi Kato	**Hiroshi Obuchi**	**Masayo Yokoyama**
Ihei Kawamoto	**Toemon Ogino**	**Yukiko Yonemoto**
Mamoru Kawamoto	**Shigeto Okimoto**	**Mollie Yoshizumi**
Takeru Kawamoto	**Kayoko Okubo**	

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

We picked two winners at our last board meeting—**Larry Utsurogi** for August and **Jeff Sato** for September. Congratulations to both!

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

In Gassho,
Glenn Kitasoe

Toban & Echo Schedule

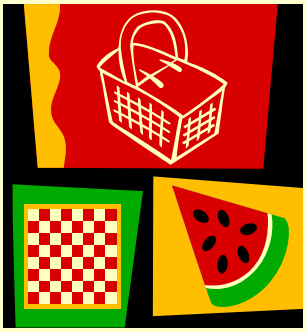
	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
NOV	Zones 6 & 7	Oct 15 (Wed)	Oct 10 (Fri)
DEC	Zones 8 & 9	Nov 19 (Wed)	Nov 14 (Fri)
JAN	Zones 10 & 11	Dec 17 (Wed)	Dec 12 (Fri)

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

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

Sunday, September 28th | Cuesta Park, Mountain View



All Temple members and their families are invited.

Please join us for a day of camaraderie, great food and fun games.

Service ..... 10:00 AM

Children's Races ..... 11:00 AM

Barbecue Lunch ..... 12:00 PM (Noon)

Bingo ..... 1:30 PM

Raffle ..... 2:30 PM

Clean Up ..... 3:00 PM

A representative of your zone or affiliated organization will call you for head count and a potluck contribution of either a salad, rice or dessert.

If you wish to attend but have not been contacted ***by September 17th***, please email or call

Bob Yamanaga | zznot@sbcglobal.net | 408-247-1593

Thank You from Lisa Schindler

A **HUGE thank you** to the Dharma School families, teachers, cabinet, and all of MVBT for your support through my last 2 years as DS Superintendent.

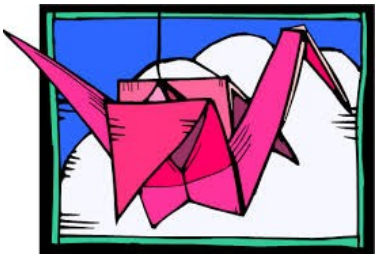
I'm sure each of you have been mad or upset with me at least once and probably many more times than that, as I know I made many mistakes and did a lot of things wrong, but I thank you for your patience.

You all have taught me a lot, not just about MVBT, but about myself, along the way. I am filled with gratitude to all of you for the whole experience.

Thank you so much!

In Gassho,
Lisa Schindler

Don't Miss Origami on October 16th



ORIGAMI CLASS—OCT 16

Charles Esseltine, an origami artist, will instruct us on Origami, the art of folding paper and show us many different skills. Please join us and learn the beauty of the art of Origami. Mr. Esseltine has been teaching origami to "...children of all ages" for over 20 years. From the traditional Japanese crane to the very complicated Darth Vader ("Star Wars") model, his creations are numerous and often sprinkled with humor. It will be a hands-on lesson, and we will also provide lunch at 11:30 AM before the class.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18.00

At the Temple office or from any committee member.

SENIOR CRAFT HOURS

Thursdays, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Light refreshments, coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to share new ideas and to make new friends. We want to continue to grow.

Jeanne Ohara is asking our skilled seniors to make scrubbers and towels for the kitchen. Our Senior Boutique Sale is Sunday December 7th. Any donation will be accepted and appreciated. Arigato.

LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 9:30AM-10:00AM

Many seniors are enjoying routine line dancing. A short but invigorating half-hour. Come and enjoy the group led by **Naomi Ariyama**.

TRY KARAOKE

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30AM

After line dancing, **Kinji Ushiba** is starting a karaoke group. What a nice way to cheer yourself up by singing along with your friends. Join the sing along.

SENIOR KNITTERS

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

Congratulations to Dharma School 2014-2015 Cabinet!

Superintendent – Debby Inenaga

Education Coordinator – Brent Izutsu

Parent Volunteer Coordinators – Traci Inouye, Tricia Hojo

Taiko Coordinator – Debbie Kitani

Secretary – Katie Tamaru-Itow

Treasurer – Karen Bunya

Registrar –Janice Lee

Communications/Website – Curt Fukuda

Ex-Officio – Lisa Schindler

YBA Updates

YBA Cabinet Installed September 7th

On September 7, 2014, the YBA had our 2014-2015 Cabinet installation during service, and also had our first general meeting of the year.

We have 26 returning members, and we welcomed 3 new members.

Our next meeting is on October 5.

The YBA is also planning some fun games for Dharma school children at the Sangha Day Picnic, and is also organizing a 50/50 Raffle. Half of our revenue from the raffle will go to the winner, and the other half will be going to Yu Ai Kai in San Jose.

Lastly, as the new president for the MVBT YBA, I would like to thank the entire MVBT community for all their support for our organization, and I'm looking forward to having another great year for YBA!

In gassho,

Kaylyn Arima
YBA President

I can't wait to join the fun and be a Girl Scout!

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

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

1st & 3rd Mondays

September 15
(first meeting)

6:30 PM

Leaders

Daisy & Brownies: Debbie Ho & Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto

Juniors: Joan Aoki

Cadettes: Joy Watanabe

Seniors: Leslie Imai & Tricia Uyeda

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