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- ***12/1 Mon, 7:30 PM***
  *Religious Planning Meeting*
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- ***12/10 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  *Temple Board Meeting*
- ***12/14 Sun***
  ***Mochi-Tsuki***
  NO SERVICES
- ***12/21 Sun, 9:45 AM***
  ***Short Service and Osoji/Temple Clean-up***
- ***12/22-1/1/15***
  ***Christmas/New Year Holidays***
  OFFICE CLOSED
- ***12/31 Wed, 7:00 PM***
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## Let Us Hoist the Buddhist Flag!

***By Rev. Yushi Mukojima***

The other day in my Sunday Service Dharma Talk, I had the opportunity to talk about the Buddhist flag. But at that time I felt sad because we didn't have a Buddhist flag at our temple. So I asked ABA (Adult Buddhist Association) if they could donate one to the temple.

After the service, some members told me that we do have the Buddhist flag but that for some reason it has been kept in a cabinet in the Sangha Hall. It seems it was not displayed for a long time. As soon as the members brought it to the Hondo, I asked them to display the Buddhist flag to the right and the American flag to the left before the Onaijin.

Because many of our members are seeing it for the first time, I am really glad we now display the flag which symbolizes Buddhism.

This flag is called the Six-Colored Flag. It was designed and first displayed in Sri Lanka in 1885 by **Mr. Henry Olcott**, an American who was a devout Buddhist. His sincere wish was that the flag would become the universal Buddhist flag without distinction of any of the many Buddhist schools.

Then in 1950, when the World

## Winning the Lottery

***By Bob Imai***

If you are reading my President's Message, did you know that you have hit the lottery?

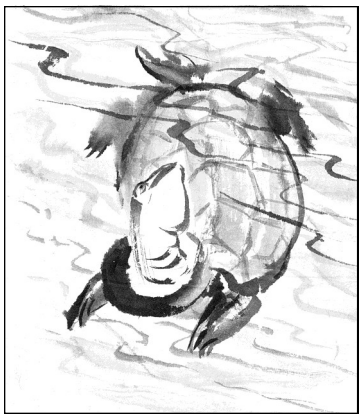
Yes—the lottery—of being born as a human being.

Scientists have calculated the probability of human birth at about one in 400 trillion. Once born, you have much better odds of winning the California Lottery at only one in 175 million.

The Buddha stated that our human birth is very rare. To illustrate this point, Buddha told this story to group of monks.

*Suppose that this great earth was totally covered with water and a man tossed a yoke with a single hole into the water.*

*A wind from the West would push it East; a wind from the East would push it West; a wind from the North would push it South; a wind from the South would push it North. And suppose there was a blind sea turtle that surfaced only once every 100 years.*



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 30<br>10am - Eshini/Kakus<br>11am - Dharma<br>12:15pm - Taiko - | 1<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @<br>7:30pm - Religious | 2<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Nakayoshi<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 3<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Temple Choir<br>7:30pm - Tri-City | 4<br>7pm - Tri-City Adult<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 5<br>5pm - Stephenson | 6<br>8am - BWA - Udon<br>11am - Memorial<br>12pm - TCYG @<br>5pm - TCYG @ |
| 7<br>8am - Senior Group<br>8:30am - BWA -<br>10am - Bodhi Day<br>10am - Shotsuki<br>11am - Dharma<br>12pm - YBA General<br>12:15pm - Taiko - | 8<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 9<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>6:30pm - Tri-City<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 10<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Temple Choir<br>7:30pm - Temple | 11<br>7pm - Tri-City adult<br>7pm - Tri-City Adult<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 12<br>5pm - CDYBL<br>7pm - Fuji Club @<br>7:30pm - ABA | 13<br>6am - CDYBL<br>9am - BWA Meeting<br>10:30am - Memorial<br>12pm - CDYBL<br>5pm - Boy Scout/Fuji |
| 14<br>Mochitsuki<br>9pm - Janitorial | 15<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 16<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 17<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Temple Choir | 18<br>7pm - Tri-City adult<br>7pm - Tri-City Adult<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 19<br>5pm - YBA @ Sangha<br>6:30pm - Miroku @ | 20<br>12am - YBA @ |
| 21<br>9:45am - Short<br>10am - Osoji (clean | 22<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 23<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 24<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6pm - Boy Scouts | 25<br>CRISTMAS<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 26<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6pm - Rental (J.G.) | 27<br>9am - Rental (J.G.) @ |
| 28 | 29<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 30<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 31<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Joya-e Service | 1<br>NEW YEARS DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>10am - Shusho-e | 2 | 3<br>10am - TCYG @<br>11am - Memorial |



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## *Religious Planning—December 2014*

***December 7, Sunday 10:00AM—Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day***

11:00AM Japanese Language Service

***December 14, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM—Mochi-Tsuki***

NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE

***December 21, 2014, Sunday 10:00AM Osoji/Temple Clean-up***

9:45AM Short Service before Osoji

***December 31, 2014, Wednesday, 7:00PM—Joya-E***

***January 1, 2015, Thursday 10:00AM—Shusho-E***

**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**

**O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM**

**Adult Discussion—11:00 AM**

**Dharma School—11:00 AM**

## *Boy Scouts December Schedule*

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| **12/03** | **PLC** |
| **12/06** | **STEM Merit Badge Midway** |
| **12/07** | **Community Service/Christmas in the Park /Ice Skating Vinu & Penguins** |
| **12/08** | **Merit Badge Midway Signups (See 1/31)** |
| **12/10** | **Advancements - Physical Fitness Followup - Kevin** |
| **12/13** | **COH 5:00-6:00 & Holiday Dinner at 6PM** |
| **12/17** | **Santa Sumo - Carson** |
| **12/20-21** | **Disneyland = CANCELLED** |
| **12/24** | **No Meeting** |
| **12/27** | **Sunset Beach - Charlie** |

## Let Us Hoist the Buddhist Flag! (Cont'd fr P1)

Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) was organized in Si Lanka, the flag was finally adopted as "An International Buddhist Flag." Like the Wheel of Dharma, the flag became a Buddhist symbol known throughout the world.

The Buddhist flag has six parts. Its arrangement of colors is, from the left, blue, yellow, red, white, orange, ending with one strip consisting of these same colors arranged horizontally.

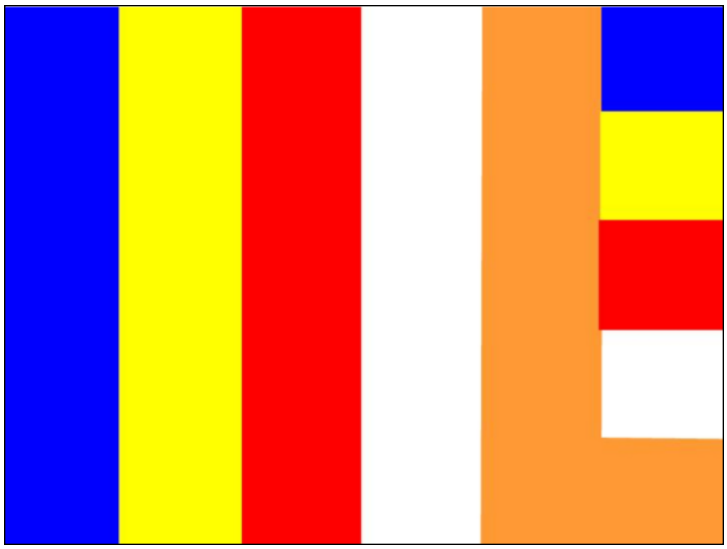
There are several speculations about the origins of these colors. The first is that these six colors represent the colors of the aura that emanated from Sakyamuni Buddha's body when he attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree (Bodhi).

The second is that these six colors emanated from the Buddha's body when he first preached the Buddha Dharma to his disciples (the world's first Dharma Talk).

The third is that these colors formed his aura when he died (Nirvana). In any case, we can say that these six colors represent the Buddha's wisdom and compassion which shine in the ten directions to guide all living beings. In short, these six colors symbolize the precious teachings and ideals of Sakyamuni Buddha.

First, the Blue light is the color of Sakyamuni Buddha's bright hair. It symbolizes the meditation and concentration which come out of the great power of living with a clear mind, filled with noble aspiration and cultivating the spirit of loving kindness.

The Yellow light is the color of Sakyamuni Buddha's glowing body. It symbolizes the diamond-like mind which is the immovable and unshakable attitude of those who are taking the Middle Path.



The Red light is the color of Sakyamuni Buddha's passionate blood. It symbolizes endeavor which is the ceaseless working to embrace and guide all living beings by having the mind of unconditional compassion.

The White light is the color of Sakyamuni Buddha's shining teeth. It symbolizes the pure mind which cleanses the suffering caused by various evil and blind passions. It also symbolizes the pure white lotus flower that blooms so beautifully without a single speck of mud on it though it grows in the mud.

The Orange light is the color of Sakyamuni Buddha's precious robes. It symbolizes the mind of patience that endures all insult and persecution, resists temptation, and avoids anger by having the right wisdom.

Lastly, the panel of horizontal colored stripes shows the brilliance of enlightenment and symbolizes the ultimate enlightenment attained by practicing the above-mentioned five minds. It also symbolizes the Buddha's wish for the races of the world to live in harmony under the Buddha's teaching—namely, to live in eternal world peace.

Finally, the horizontally arranged design symbolizes spacelessness, or the workings of the infinite light of wisdom which transcend space and illumine all living beings wherever we are in any world; and the vertically arranged design symbolizes timelessness, or the workings of an infinite life of compassion which transcend time throughout three

# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
## 二〇一四年一二月法話

## ― 仏旗を掲げよう！ ―

住職 向嶋諦史

先日、日曜礼拝の法話の中で、仏旗についてお話しする機会がありました。その際、当仏教会には仏旗がないということを嘆きながら、ついつい壮年会（ABA）に寄付をお願いしてしまいました。すると、法要後、数名の門徒さんが近寄ってきて、仏旗が会館の棚の中にしまってあると教えてくれました。何らかの理由で、ここ数年使われていなかったみたいです。早速、大変立派な仏旗を本堂にまで持ってきてくれましたので、これを機会に、内陣前の両脇、右側に仏旗、左側にアメリカ国旗を立てさせていただきました。

ご門徒さんの中で初めて目にする人もかなり多かったようで、世界中の仏教徒が仰ぐ、仏教を象徴する旗を本堂に掲げることができて大変うれしく思います。

この旗は六金色旗と呼ばれていますが、一八八五年にアメリカ人で敬虔な仏教徒であったヘンリーオルコット氏がスリランカで、宗派を問わない世界共通の仏旗を考案したといわれています。

そして、一九五〇年にスリランカで、第一回世界仏教徒会議が開かれた際、この旗が正式に「国際仏旗」として採択され、法輪と共に万国共通の仏教の象徴となりました。

色の配列は左から、青・黄・赤・白・樺、そして、一番右の列には、横縞のデザインを用いて、上から青・黄・赤・白・樺の混合色となっています。

これらの色に関する起源は諸説あります。一つは、お釈迦さまが菩提樹の下で悟りを開かれた（菩提）ときに、体から青・黄・赤・白・樺・混合色の光が放たれたといわれています。二つ目は、お釈迦さまが初めて弟子に教えを説かれた（初転法輪）とき、また、三つ目は、お釈迦さまが入滅（涅槃）されるときに身体から、これらの美しい光を放たれたとされています。どの説も有力ですが、どちらにおいても、これらの六色は、十方世界をあまねく照らし、全ての衆生を導いて下さる仏さまの智慧と慈悲をあらわしています。

そして、この六色には、お釈迦さまの説かれた教えと理想が表されています。

まず、青色は、瑞々しいお釈迦さまの髪の色で、慈愛の心を育てることにより、何事にも心を乱すことなく、常に高い志をもって生き抜くことのできる強い精神力、「定根」、「禅定」を表しています。

黄色は、燦然と輝くお釈迦さまの身体の色で、中道を歩む者の確固たる揺るぎない姿、「金剛心」を表しています。

赤色は、情熱ほとばしるお釈迦さまの血の色で、大いなる慈しみの心をもって、あらゆる人々を救済することが止まることのないはたらき、「精進」を表します。

白色は、鮮やかなお釈迦さまの歯の色で、諸々の悪業や煩悩の苦しみを清める、「清浄心」を表します。また、泥中に咲く蓮華のように、一点の汚れもない純白の美しい花を表しています。

樺色は、尊いお釈迦さまの身体を包む袈裟の色で、正しい智慧の目をもって、あらゆる侮辱や迫害、誘惑などに耐えて怒らぬ「忍辱心」を表します。

混合色は、悟りの輝きを表し、前述した五つの心を実践する事に依って到達する究極の悟りを表しています。また、仏の教えの下に、あらゆる人種が和をもって生きることへの願い、つまり、永遠の世界平和を表しているとも言われています。

そして、仏旗の横並びのデザインは、世界のどこにいようとも、処を越えて、全ての衆生を照らす無量光・のはたらきを表し（空間的無辺性）、縦並びのデザインは、どの時代に生きようとも、過去・現在・未来の三世に渡って、全ての衆生を包み込む無量寿・慈悲のはたらき（時間的無限性）を表しています。

つまり、仏旗は、その色とデザインを通して、普遍的真理を説く仏の教えを表し、人種、国籍、男女、肌の色にかかわらず、全ての者が仏性をそなえているということを示して下さっています。

この尊い仏旗を掲げるということは、仏教徒・念仏者としての自覚を表明することであり、仏さまの無限の智慧と慈悲のおはたらきを仰ぎながら、慎みの心を忘れずに、自利利他の精神を持って、敬いの心、慈しみの心、そして、感謝の心をお念仏と共に実践するという仏さまとの約束であります。

日曜礼拝にお越しの際は、本堂に掲げてある仏旗を今一度注意深くご覧になって下さい。その繊細なデザインと色から仏さまの呼び声が今にも聞こえてきそうです。

さて、今年も残り後わずかとなりました。一年を通して、ご門徒の皆様には変わらぬご支援を賜りましたこと心から感謝申し上げます。今後とも家族共々、お育て賜りますよう宜しくお願い申し上げます。それでは、皆さん、良いお年をお迎え下さい。

## Let Us Hoist the Buddhist Flag! (Cont'd fr P4)

worlds—past, present, and future—and embrace all living beings regardless of which period we live in.

So the color and design of the Buddhist flag shows us both the universality of the truth of the Buddha's teaching as well as the potential of Buddha-nature which all sentient beings possess regardless of race, nationality, gender or skin color.

To display this precious Buddhist flag is to express our responsibility and acceptance as a Buddhist Nembutsu follower to promise to the Buddha that as we embrace the Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion, we will never forget our innate modesty nor the spirit which seeks the benefit of others. With the Nembutsu, we will always extend our sincere mind of respect, loving kindness and gratitude to others.

The next time you come to the Sunday Service, please take a good look at the Buddhist flag displayed in the Hondo. Now that you understand what it represents, I believe that looking at the flag, with its delicate design and colors, will make you feel as if the Buddha were calling to each one of us.

There are a few weeks left in this year. My wife and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our Sangha for your ongoing support throughout this year.

We sincerely hope all of you will give us your continued guidance and encouragement next year.

Please look forward to welcoming a wonderful New Year!

**In Gassho,**

## Please Join the Special Year-End and New Year's Service

**JOYA-E**

***Year-end Service***

***Wednesday, Dec 31 at 7:00PM***

Rev. Mukojima invites the Sangha to the final service of 2014, the ***Joya-E*** (year-end) gathering

The service includes sutra chanting, meditation, a Dharma Message from Sensei and the ringing of the Kansho (bell).

After the service, Rev. and Mrs. Mukojima invite everyone to enjoy traditional ***Toshikoshi-soba*** (buckwheat noodles) in the YBA Hall.

**SHUSHO-E**

***New Year's Day Service***

Welcoming the New Year at our first service is a great way to start the Year of the Goat. Our short service will begin at 10:00AM in the Hondo.

Rev. Mukojima looks forward to sharing his first Dharma Talk with you, followed by a toast to the New Year.

## Winning the Lottery (Cont'd fr P1)

*Now what do you suppose the chances would be that the blind turtle, coming once to the surface every 100 years, would catch his neck into that one yoke tossed over the entire water-covered surface of this earth?*

And the monks answered, "It would be very unusual, Sir, that a blind turtle coming to the surface once every hundred years would catch his neck into the yoke."

And the Buddha replied, "And just so, it is very rare that one attains the human state."

Reverend Mukojima on many occasions has spoken of how rare the chances are and how precious it is to be born as a human being.

Given that the odds of being born into to this life are very close to zero, I ask myself—**Am I doing my best to live my life in a way that honors this precious human birth and makes the best use of it?**

The answer for me is mixed. Most of the time it's plagued with the GAS (Greed, Anger and Ignorance), but on a few rare occasions I am able to live in the NOW and live with a little more wisdom and compassion.

As we come to the end of another year, we are reminded to be grateful and thankful for all that we have. In the month of November, we observe Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial Service). It's our annual memorial service for past members of the Temple.

It is a time for all to extend respect and recognition to the contributions and deeds of past members. Through their efforts, we are able to listen to the teaching of the Buddha today.

I'd like to thank all the past and present members for making the Mountain View Buddhist Temple a very special place.

**Gassho,**

**Bob Imai, MVBT President**

## Don't Miss the Senior Craft Boutique on December 7th!

**COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE**

***Only $18.00***

The Senior Cook Book still available at the Temple office or from any of the committee member.

**WALK AT VALLCO!**

On the second Friday of each month, meet at Vallco Shopping Center, for a WALKING program. We meet at 9:00AM inside the mall, in front of the theaters. Simply park at the JC Penney parking lot and meet inside the mall. For more information, contact **Julie Ushiba**.

**CRAFT BOUTIQUE**

***Sunday, December 7th***

We will be having a sales boutique. **Jeanne Ohara** and **Toshiko Uyehara** are in charge of this event. Any donation for this event will be greatly appreciated. Please support this senior craft event and shop for the holidays.

**LINE DANCING**

***Thursdays, 9:30AM-10:00AM***

Come and enjoy the group, led by **Naomi Ariyama**.

**TRY KARAOKE**

***Thursdays, 10:00-10:30AM***

**Kinji Ushiba** has started a Sing-Along Group. What a nice way to cheer yourself up by singing with all your friends.

**SENIOR KNITTERS**

**Debbie Kitani** has been very helpful to the Senior Craft Class every Thursday, showing the ladies new ways to knit

**LOOKING FOR GO PLAYERS**

We had a generous member that donated a "GO" set. A board game that involves 2 players. The two players alternately place black and white stones on the vacant intersection of the board. We are in need of players that can share their time teaching strategies and getting players interested. Please contact any of our committee members or **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**. Thank you.

**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.

December

Monthly

Memorial

Service

***Sunday***

***Dec 7, 2014***

***10:00 am***

## *December 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:

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| **Yoshiko Akizuki** | **Muriel Izumi** | **Masazo Nakamura** |
| **Ichiro Chikasuye** | **Shogo Kaku** | **Miyuki Nakano** |
| **Emiko Fujikawa** | **David Kawamoto** | **Shunsuke Nakano** |
| **Mamoru Fukuma** | **Junso Kawamoto** | **Leo Nakayama** |
| **Emiko Furuta** | **Tsue Kawamoto** | **Frank Okimoto** |
| **James Furuta** | **James Ichiro Kawaye** | **Kelly Sakae** |
| **Myrna Hayashi** | **Tomiko Kosakura** | **Jiro Sakano** |
| **Sato Hiroshige** | **Tsutomu Koyama** | **Hatsue Sako** |
| **Dorothy Horiuchi** | **Alice Koyano** | **Chiyo Shimoguchi** |
| **June Hoshi** | **Tomoe Kumamaru** | **Yasuki Shinke** |
| **Teruko Ikeda** | **George Kunimoto** | **Laurie Takasugi** |
| **Amy Imai** | **Yoshio Kusaba** | **Robert Taniguchi** |
| **Hana Inouye** | **Nobuichi Masaki** | **Florence Tsukagawa** |
| **Harry Ishii** | **Kiyoko Murakami** | **Hiro Uyehara** |
| **IJ Iwamoto** | **Jane Nakamura** | **Edward Yonemura** |

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 November is **Tad Horino**. Thank you Tad for being a part of the 150 Club!

Your Zone Chairs have the 2015 tickets. Get yours so you may be the next winner in 2015!

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

## *Toban & Echo Schedule*

| | Toban | Echo | Article Deadline |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAN | Zones 10 & 11 | Dec 17 (Wed) | Dec 12 (Fri) |
| FEB | Zones 12 & 13 | Jan 14 (Wed) | Jan 9 (Fri) |
| MAR | Zones 1 & 2 | Feb 18 (Wed) | Feb 13 (Fri) |

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This will provide time to layout and production. Thank you.

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

## BWA Udon Fundraiser Coming Up December 7th!

BWA had a very busy November. We would like to thank everyone for their Dana gift to support the youth groups of our temple.

In our last Japanese Cooking Class with **Reiko Murakami** shared her family recipe for Ozoni. It was just in time for the Temple's Mochi -tsuki Fundraiser and New Years.

Japanese cooking classes resume in January, 2015.

**UDON FUNDRAISER**

***Sun, December 7th***

We would also like to thank you for purchasing tickets for our annual Udon Fundraiser. We are truly grateful for the Sangha's support in all we do.

Pickup will be in the Sangha Hall from 12 noon to 2pm.

***Arigato gozaimashita***!

**NEXT MEETING**

Saturday, December 13th at 9AM in the YBA Hall.

**Buddhist Women's Association**

## YBA to Host Winter Retreat on December 12th

On November 8, 15 YBA members attended the CC Jr. YBA Conference in Fresno, where we had a lot of fun participating in the various workshops, meeting new people from other chapters in California, eating the delicious food, and going to the banquet and dance that evening.

We also had a skit in the conference talent show, where we tied for second place.

Thank you to all the advisors, **Mr. Yamaguchi**, and **Mr. Hamasaki** for taking the time to drive us to Fresno.

The YBA will also be hosting the CDYBL Winter Retreat in Mountain View on December 12 and 13, where we are going to continue planning for the Coast District Conference in March.

We are also planning and looking forward to our holiday activity on December 19!

**In Gassho,**
**Kaylyn Arima, YBA President**

## Updates from Dharma School

Thank you **Jason & Liane Detering** for organizing the dining out fundraiser at Aqui Cal-Mex, restaurant in Cupertino on October 22nd.

***We greatly appreciate the support of everyone that attended.***

The 7th/8th and high school classes hosted a Halloween party for the younger students on October 26th. Activities included various arts and crafts, games (knocking down the demons of GAS) and a haunted maze.

Thank you to the DS parents for providing the treats for the Halloween goodie bags.

Dharma School students will soon be receiving the annual "My Offering" envelopes. **Students, not parents,** should collect their spare change and donate any amount that they wish.

These donations will be sent on to the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League to enable future dharma projects. Envelopes will be collected in early December.

**DONATIONS**

***Gratefully Acknowledged***

**Jason & Liane Detering**

**Ryan & Janell Tao**
**Toshiko Uyehara**
***Jeremy Tao's birthday***

**Jeff & Jean Sato**

**Ryohei & Joyce Tamaru**
***Allyson & Evan Itow's birthdays***

# january | 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 28 | 29<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 30<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 31<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Joya-e Service | 1<br>NEW YEARS DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>10am - Shusho-e | 2 | 3<br>10am - TCYG @<br>11am - Memorial |
| 4<br>10am - Shotsuki<br>12pm - YBA General<br>12:15pm - Taiko -<br>4pm - Boy Scouts @ | 5<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @<br>7:30pm - Religious | 6<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Nakayoshi<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 7<br>6pm - Boy Scouts -<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Temple Choir<br>7:30pm - Tri-City | 8<br>8am - Senior<br>7pm - Tri-City Adult<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 9<br>7pm - Fuji Club @<br>7:30pm - ABA | 10<br>8am - Girl Scouts<br>2:30pm - Miroku @ |
| 11<br>10am - Hoonko<br>12:15pm - Taiko - | 12<br>11am - Senior Group<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 13<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 14<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Temple Choir<br>7:30pm - Temple | 15<br>8am - Senior<br>7pm - Tri-City Adult<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 16<br>12am - YAC Reunion @ Sangha Hall; All | 17<br>9am - BWA Meeting<br>11am - Memorial |
| 18<br>YAC Reunion @ Sangha Hall; All<br>10am - Sunday<br>12:15pm - Taiko - | 19<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 20<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 21<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - Temple Choir | 22<br>8am - Senior<br>7pm - Tri-City Adult<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 23<br>6pm - TCYG @ | 24<br>10am - TCYG @ |
| 25<br>10am - Sunday<br>11am - Temple<br>12pm - Dharma<br>12:15pm - Taiko - | 26<br>6:30pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Kendo @ | 27<br>6:30pm - Taiko -<br>7pm - Cub Scouts @<br>7pm - Shodo Kai<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 28<br>6pm - Boy Scouts<br>7pm - CD Council<br>7pm - Temple Choir | 29<br>8am - Senior<br>7pm - Tri-City Adult<br>8pm - Jun Daiko @ | 30<br>4pm - Mtn. View<br>6pm - TCYG @ | 31<br>8am - Rotary Crab |

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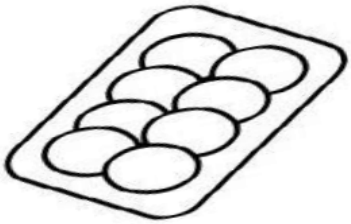

## ***Sunday, December 14th, 2014***

Mochitsuki time is here again and we look forward to seeing everyone at this annual get together. Come and have fun helping and participating in the activities that make this cultural event and fundraiser a success.

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| **Komochi** | **$ 4.00/ 1 lb.** | **package** |
| **Okasane** | **$ 6.00/ 1 lb.** | **package** |
| **Noshimochi** | **$ 16.00/4 lb.** | **package** |

Tickets have been distributed to each zone and a final count is due Monday, December 8, 2014. Tickets are also available at the MVBT office or through your zone chairperson.

### WORK SCHEDULE

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|---|---|---|
| Saturday, Dec.6 | 8:00 am | Equipment & area setup, test equipment, hang plastic |
| Friday, Dec.12 | 8:00 am | Wash barrels and soak rice |
| Saturday, Dec. 13 | 8:00 am | Final set-up, clean area, move equipment |
| Sunday, Dec. 14<br>Mochitsuki Day | 5:00 am<br>5:30 am<br>6:00 am<br>6:30 am<br>12:00-4:00 pm<br>3:00 pm | Start steamers<br>Start cooking rice<br>Start pounding<br>Start shaping mochi<br>Mochi pick-up<br>Cleanup (Everyone) |
| Tuesday, Dec.16 | 8:00 am | Final clean-up |

If you have any questions, please contact:

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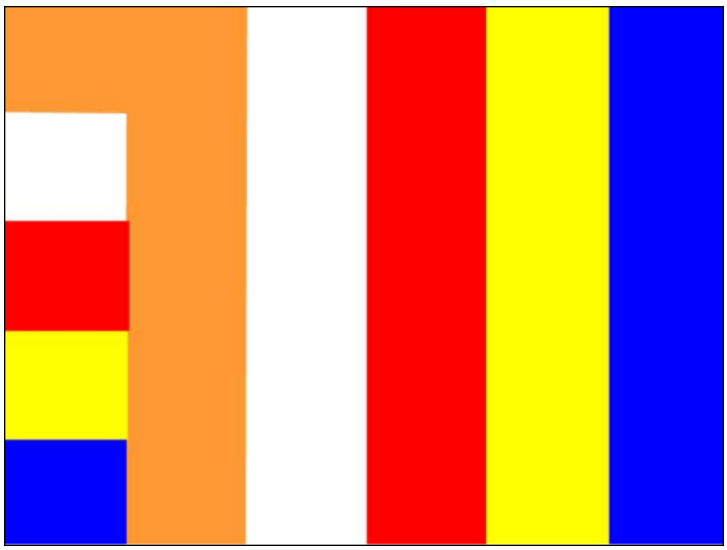

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