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- ***12/31/14 Wed, 7:00 PM***
  Joya-e
- ***1/1/15 Thu, 10:00 AM***
  Shusho-e
- ***1/4 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo
- ***1/11 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Hoonko Service—
  Shinran's Memorial
  Guest Speaker: *Rev. Seigen Yamaoka, BCA Emeritus*
- ***1/14 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***1/25 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Temple Installation
  11:00 AM
  Annual General Meeting

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Do You Long for Eternal Youth?

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Happy New Year!

My family is really appreciative of the great kindness, help and support you have given us in the past year. We are grateful for your warm friendship and generosity, and humbly ask for your continued support in the coming year.

Since I first joined the BCA, I have always been referred to as a young minister. But at age 42, I have to admit that I have become a middle-aged man who is worried about getting a pot belly. I have begun taking better care of myself and especially watching what I eat. So I often object to the amount of salt my wife is using in her cooking. Therefore, to my chagrin, I am sometimes treated by her as a nuisance.

It is now claimed that the three most common causes of death are cancer, heart disease and brain disease. In order to live a long, healthy life, we have to pay close attention to all kinds of sickness and disease. Each year, not only do we spend a lot for health insurance, but we also pay big fees for medical treatment, preventative care and dietary supplements to stay healthy. If the elixir of eternal life is ever developed, I am sure orders will pour in from all over the world.

About 1,450 years ago in China, there was a priest who was awak-

THANK YOU to the Sangha & Volunteers

By Bob Imai

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone and I'm completing my third and final year as President. What I'll take away from being President is that it takes a large amount of work and effort to maintain and sustain the Temple. We have a great number of selfless individuals who work tirelessly for the benefit of the Temple. I'd like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple **Sangha** and especially the **many volunteers** that make this a very special place.

I'd like to say a very special **THANK** YOU to **MVBT Board Cabinet, Temple Board of Director's, Buddhist Women's Association, Dharma School Cabinet and Teachers, Adult Buddhist Association, Young Buddhist Association, Miroku, Boy/Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Fuji Club**. Also, thank you to the **Friday Tree Trimming Crew,**

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

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Religious Planning—January 2015

December 31, 2014, Wednesday, 7:00 PM — Joya-E (New Year's Eve)

January 1, 2015, Thursday, 10:00 AM — Shusho-E (New Year;'s Day)

January 4, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 AM Japanese Language Service

January 11, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Hoonko Service — Shinran's Memorial

Guest Speaker: Rev. Seigen Yamaoka, BCA Emeritus

January 18, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM

January 25, 2015, Sunday,10:00 AM - Temple Installations

Installations for Temple, BWA and ABA Cabinets

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

Attend the MVBT Annual General Meeting

All Temple members are invited and welcome to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, January 25, 2015, at 11:00 AM. Hear reports from all Temple organizations about their 2014 activities and 2015 plans. Also, see your Temple's financial statements for 2014 and the budget for 2015. Find out **what are, why we are and how we are.**

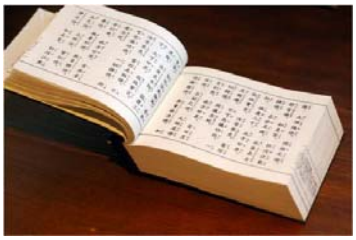
Do You Long for Eternal Youth (Cont'd fr P1)

ened by considering the question, "Is health the only important thing in life?" The priest was T'an-luan (Donran) who is revered as the third of the Seven Pure Land Masters in Shin Buddhism.

When he was young, T'an-luan strived hard to study Buddhism. But he was stricken with a serious illness and suffered greatly. Somehow he recovered, but afterwards he had the realization that to learn Buddhism completely, he would have to live a long and healthy life. So he discontinued his Buddhist study and instead sought the Taoist way of longevity that was popular at the time.

After mastering Taoism, T'an-luan met Bodhiruci, a high Buddhist priest who came to China from India in order to translate Buddhist scriptures. T'an-luan told Bodhiruci that he had mastered Taoism and triumphantly showed him the text of the Taoist secrets. Then he asked Bodhiruci, "I learned the Taoist way of longevity and received this text, but don't you have a similar text in Buddhism that explains how to achieve longevity?"

Bodhiruci spat at the ground and gave T'an-luan a fierce look. He thundered, "What, are you losing your head? You must seek the real Dharma of longevity and emancipation from birth and death in the right away. The immortal text that explains limitless life is this," and he thrust *The Meditation on the Buddha of Infinite Life Sutra* at him.



When T'an-luan read this Sutra, he understood completely that he had been mistaken. He burned the Taoist text and converted to Pure Land Buddhism, sincerely taking refuge in Amida Buddha. Suddenly T'an-luan could see that his desire of longevity was nothing but an immediate desire, and it did not free him from the world of delusion.

T'an-luan had thought that he mastered the logic of Buddhism, but, while he became sick, he was not able to recognize that the disease that suddenly attacked him was a sickness which Sakyamuni Buddha described as one of the Four Sufferings. When the Suffering of Sickness plagued him, he was confused by it and thus sought the Taoist way of longevity where he strayed onto an untruthful path.

No matter how much one discusses Buddhism, if the teaching isn't absorbed, one's belief can easily collapse. In T'an-luan's case, his delusion changed into a deep awareness of man's foolishness and weakness. By experiencing the world of delusion, T'an-luan was able to become a superior Nembutsu priest.

It is natural for us to strive to be healthy and live a long life. I also try to take good care of my health, and I am truly grateful for being healthy. But to our sorrow, no matter how seriously we take care of ourselves or how healthy we are, it is nothing but good health for a short while. Someday without fail, it is going to part from us.

Going back to the idea of an elixir to keep us youthful. If our wish for longevity is realized, what would the world come to? Will wonderful new opportunities really open for us? I definitely do not think so. With the gift of perennial youth, the world population would suddenly increase and there would be food shortages throughout the world. Yet no matter how much we are starved, we wouldn't die because we must live forever. So how would this suffering differ from the suffering of illness and old age? In that respect, I think that there is a wise saying known

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一五年一月法話
― 不老不死を願いますか？ ―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。旧年中はご門徒の皆様には本当に温かいご厚情を寄せて頂きました事、誠に有難く心から厚く御礼申し上げます。本年も家族共々何卒宜しくお願い申し上げます。

さて、北米教団に赴任して以来、若手開教使と言われ続けてきた私も、気づけばはや四十二歳の身となり、お腹まわりが気になる中年おやじになってしまいました。最近では健康に敏感になり、特に食生活で妻の塩加減に口出しすることもしばしばで、煙たがられています。

さて、ここ数年間、死亡原因となる病気のベスト3は癌、心臓疾患、脳血管疾患だと言われてます。私達は健康で長生きするためには、さまざまな病気に細心の注意を払わなくてはなりませんが、この健康維持の為に年間一人当たり莫大な医療費やサプリメントの類に出費をしています。もし、不老不死の薬が開発されれば、世界中から注文が殺到することでしょう。

しかし、今から約一四五〇年前の中国に、「健康だけが人生か」という問いかけに出会って、目覚めることのできた人がおられました。そのお方とは、浄土真宗の七高僧として仰がれている第三祖の曇鸞大師です。

曇鸞大師は若い頃に仏教の勉学研究に励んでいたのですが、勉学途中のある時に大病にかかられ相当苦しまれました。その病は後日何とか治ったのですが、仏法を学び尽くすためには健康で長寿でなければならないと考えられました。そこで、仏教の勉強を一時中断して当時盛んであった「不老不死」を説く仙経を追い求められたのです。

仙術を学ばれた後、曇鸞大師はインドから中国に来て仏典の翻訳をしていた仏教の高僧、菩提流支に出会われ、仙術を極められたことを話されました。そして、大師は得意気に仙術奥義の書を差出して、「私は不老不死の術を学び、そのお経を授かりました。しかし、あなたが極めておられる仏教ではこれ以上の長寿の道を説いた尊い経典がございますか？」と尋ねられました。

すると、菩提流支は曇鸞大師の顔をにらみつけながら、大地にパッと唾を吐き捨て、「何を血迷っておる！すみやかに生死解脱の真の長生不死の法を求めよ。限りない生命を得る真の不死の書はこれだ！」と一喝を浴びせ、『観無量寿経』を授けられたのです。これを読まれた大師は「ああ我あやまてり！」と仙経を焼き捨て、阿弥陀如来の教えに転回し深く帰依していかれたというのです。曇鸞大師は、自分の不老不死の願いが、所詮目先の欲望の延長に過ぎず、迷妄の世界から一歩も出るものではないという事に気付かれたのでした。

仏教の論理を極めたつもりの曇鸞大師は、不意に襲って来た病魔をお釈迦さまの説かれた四苦の中の一つである病苦として受け取ることができませんでした。実際に自分の身に病苦がやって来ると、大師は慌てふためき、不老不死を説く「仙経」を求めて外道の教えに迷い込んでしまったのです。いくら仏教を論じていても、体解していなかったならば、かくももろく崩壊してしまうものです。しかし、この迷いが後に、人間の愚かさ、弱さの深い自覚となって、念仏者・曇鸞大師をつくり上げたのです。

誰もが健康であること、また長寿であることを願うのは当然のことです。私も最近になって健康維持の為にいろんな努力をし、健康であることの大切さを十分承知しています。しかし、残念ながら、どんなに気をつけようとも、どんなに努力をしようとも、結局はしばらくの健康にしか過ぎず、いつかは私達から離れていくものなのです。

では、万が一、私達の願うこの不老不死が実現したら世界は一体どうなるのでしょうか。果たして、すばらしい世界がやってくるのでしょうか。私は決してそうは思いません。不老の故に人口がどんどん増えて食べるものは確実になくなります。飢えても不死ですから死ぬこともできません。その世界は地獄の如き苦しい世界ではないでしょうか。そういう意味で、「死んでいける有難さ」という言葉があるのかもしれません。

親鸞聖人は「本願力に会いぬれば、空しく過ぐる人そなき」と詠われておられます。どれだけ健康であろうとも、長生きをしようとも、仏に繋がらない人生は、ただ夢まぼろしのように消えていく人生であるということです。親鸞聖人はそんな私達に、健康だけを追い求める人生は泡沫の泡の如く何とも空しい事であるということを明確に教えて下さっています。

私達は、この世に生きている以上は生老病死はつきものです。私達は今一度この真理と向かい合い、人生を通して生老病死を越える真実の道、つまり悟りの世界、阿弥陀仏の極楽浄土に生まれる道を求めなくてはなりません。そして、それは阿弥陀仏のご本願との出遇いによってのみ実現できる道なのです。何とも有難いことではないでしょうか。

生老病死をありのままに受け入れる…、とは言うものの、私達はいつまでも若く健康であり続けたいというのが本音ですね。新年を迎えるにあたり、どうか、親鸞聖人のお言葉を胸に、今年一年、心身ともに健康な生活を報恩謝徳のお念仏と共に歩ませて頂きましょう。

Do You Long for Eternal Youth (Cont'd fr P4)

throughout Japan: "The value of being able to die." Does this saying make sense to you?

Shinran Shonin said, "Of those who encounter the power of the Primal Vow, not one passes by in vain." No matter how healthy we are, or how long we are able to live, if our life is not linked with Buddha, it is a life that is fading away like a dream. Shinran teaches us clearly that a life that seeks only good health is a vain life

As long as we live in this world, we cannot avoid the reality of birth, old age, sickness and death. Throughout our lives, we should understand and accept this reality and seek the way of the truth that transcends the world of delusion. Namely, we should seek rebirth in the world of enlightenment, the Amida Buddha's Utmost Bliss of the Pure Land. This is the state we can reach only by encountering Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. How grateful we should be.

Though our natural wish is to be young and healthy forever, let us accept the reality of birth, old age, sickness, and death just as they are. As we hail in the New Year, let us remember Shinran Shonin's words: "Of those who encounter the power of the Primal Vow, not one passes by in vain." And I sincerely hope that all of us will make both our mind and body healthy by living with the Nembutsu which expresses our deepest feeling of gratitude for Buddha's Primal Vow.

In Gassho,

YBA Spaghetti Dinner

$8:00 per person

BINGO

$5.00 per card

YBA Spaghetti Dinner -- Save the Date -- Feb 14, 2015

The Mountain View YBA is hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, February 14, 2015**.

Dinner is $8.00 per person and will be served from 5-7 pm.

We will also have BINGO, which is $5.00 per person and will be played from 6-8 pm.

The proceeds will go the YBA activities throughout the year. Please **Save the Date**!

Thank you,
Rachel Nakamura
YBA Vice President
Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

Year-End and New Year's Day Services

JOYA-E

Year-end Service

Wednesday, Dec 31 at 7:00 PM

The Sangha is invited to the final service of 2014, the ***Joya-E*** (year-end) gathering on New Year's Eve.

This service is held to express gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year.

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

Thursday, Jan 1 at 10:00 AM

The new year is a new beginning.

Attend the Shusho-E service to renew your resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

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

THANK YOU to the Sangha & Volunteers (Cont'd fr P1)

Altar Flower Ladies, ECHO Staff, Oasaji Group, and Temple Office Volunteers.

I'd also like to say thank you to **Reverend Mukojima** for his friendship, spiritual guidance, and hard work on teaching us the Dharma. The **Mukojima's** have become an integral part of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Family.

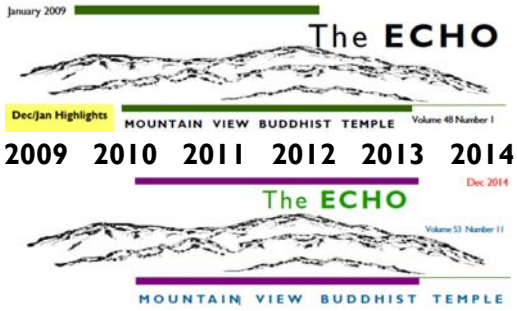
It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that I wish you and yours a Happy Holiday Season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

In Gassho,
Bob Imai
MVBT President

Thank you, Laurie Iwami

On behalf of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, I'd like to acknowledge and thank **Laurie Iwami** for **six years** of being the ECHO Editor. Through her efforts, the ECHO is now processed through software and has decreased the processing time and increased efficiency.

Thank you,
Bob Imai
MVBT President



ABA Activities

A special **Thank You** goes out to **Kathy Fujii** on coordinating several fun ABA activities. The latest was to go to San Francisco to see the Broadway play 'Kinky Boots'. ABA attendees said that it was a great play and had a great time.

Another **Thank You** goes out to all the ABA members that helped out at the Mochitsuki fundraiser.

Many ABA members helped with Osoji (Cleanup) of the Temple and grounds on Sunday, December 21.

January is ABA Sunday Month. ABA will be chairing the Sunday Services.

The 2015 SF Giants game for ABA will be on Thursday, August 27, 2015, against the Chicago Cubs. The game is an afternoon game in the Club Level seating on the 3rd base side.

In Gassho,
Sterling Makishima
ABA President

January Is

ABA Month

For

Sunday Services

Komochi for Sale

Not too late to get your mochi
$4.00 for 1lb komochi

Contact the Temple Office
M-F, 10 AM – 2 PM
650-964-9426

January

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

Jan 4, 2015

10:00 am

January 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:

Ronald Asada
Tsuyuko Virgina Asada
Ichiro Endo
Shigeko Betty Fujii
Tomizo Furuichi
Yoshiye Furuichi
Yasuko Betty Furusho
Hidemi Furuzawa
Mary Hiramoto
Kiyoye Hirano
Tom Hirano
Frank Hirohata
Masaburo Hoshi
Kiyoko Inamori
Setsuko Sara Ikeuye
Grace Ishii
Minoru Ishii
Tamaye Ishikawa
Shirlee Ishimaru
Ronald Iyemura
Itsuyo Kato
Katsuko Kochi
Joe Matsumoto
Tsuya Nagasaki
Haruyo Nakano
Misao Nakano
Yashichi Nakano
Kisaye Nishimoto
Katsumi Nishimura
June Okino
Brad Okuno
Satoru Okuno
Tsuyako Osaki
John Saito
Doris Sakai
Shinajiro Satake
Larry Shimamoto
Tomoye Shimamoto
Tom Sugimoto
Shig Tachibana
Linda Takahashi
Shinsaburo Togashi
Yoshimitsu Tokutomi
Thomas Tsukamoto
Yoshio Yamaguchi
Yumi Yoneda
James Yoshino
Ben Yoshizumi
Henry Yusa

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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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2015 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2014	3rd Year Memorial	2013	7th Year Memorial	2009
13th Year Memorial	2003	17th Year Memorial	1999	25th Year Memorial	1991
27th Year Memorial	1989	33rd Year Memorial	1983	50th Year Memorial	1966

BWA Thanks You for Your Donations & Support

BWA extends our deepest condolences to the families of **Mrs. Nuiko Okuno** and **Mrs. Trudy Nakano**. **Mrs. Okuno and Mrs. Nakano** were longtime members and Mrs. Nakano served as BWA President in 1961.

We had a very busy November with chairing services and our biggest service being the **Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and BWA Memorial Service**. Everyone enjoyed having **Rev. Shousei Hanayama** from Watsonville Buddhist Temple as our guest minister. It was very nice that he brought his wife and children. We hosted a lunch at Kirin Chinese Restaurant after the service with 32 in attendance.

We sincerely thank you for your generous donations to our Dana Fund. Your donations will be given to our Temple's youth organizations.

With your support, we again had a very successful Udon Fundraiser on December 7, 2014. With deepest gratitude, we thank you the Sangha for all the support given to BWA throughout the year.

Makotoni arigato gozai mashita!

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, January 17, 9AM, YBA Hall

Buddhist Women's Association

YBA Hosted Coast District YBL Minister's Retreat

On December 19, the YBA had our annual Holiday Party and Sleepover. We had an Asian-themed potluck, a gift exchange, as well as a bake-off. Thank you to all the advisors for helping organize the party, as well as the families for attending.

We also hosted the Coast District YBL Minister's Retreat in Mountain View December 12 - 13, where we planned for the upcoming Coast District YBA Conference in March 2015.

The YBA also enjoyed helping with Mochitsuki on December 14.

Please **Save the Date** for our annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on Saturday, **February 14, 2015**.

In Gassho,
Kaylyn Arima
YBA President

YBA Happenings

Thank You's from Dharma School

Thank you to **Dana Nakagawa**, **Yumi Higa**, **Debbie Kitani** and **Linda Uyechi** for taking the lead in helping with the Keiro Kai luncheon on behalf of the Dharma School. Thank you to all of the Dharma School students that helped out as well. We greatly appreciate your time and effort.

Thank you to all of the Dharma School students who turned in their "My Offering" envelopes. We will be passing on your donations to the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League to help with future Dharma projects. If you still have your envelope and would like to turn it in, please contact Debby Inenaga at inenagad@gmail.com.

Thanks much.
Debby Inenaga
Dharma School Superintendent

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

John & Chau Arima
Esther Bunya's nenju repair

Todd & Ashley Uyehara
Trevor's birthday

Janice Lee
Joey's birthday

Curt Fukuda & Monica Smith
Richard's birthday

Aqui
Community Night fundraiser

Dharma School

2014 Mochitsuki – Pounded & Made over 3,000 Pounds

Thank you to all Temple members and friends who helped at the Mochitsuki. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated to make the 2014 event very successful. In 12 hours of work, we made over 3,000 pounds of mochi. The Mochitsuki Committee hopes you had fun making the mochi and mingling with friends.

Thank you to the crews who setup the equipment and prepared the rooms on the weekends and days prior to Mochitsuki Sunday. Thank you to all who prepared the mochi on Sunday, December 14, 2014.

And, a BIG thank you to the crew who made lunch. It was delicious. Finally, thank you to those who stayed until the end to clean up.

Thank you all Temple members and friends who sold and bought the mochi tickets. With your help, we were able to have this successful fundraiser that supports the Temple General Fund.

In Gashho,

Zone 6 Mochitsuki Committee

150 Club News

Congratulations! Our winner for December is **Akio Yamamoto**! The Grand Prize winner for 2014 is **A. Tsutsumi!**

Your Zone Chairs have the new 2015 tickets. You can be the next winner in 2015!

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

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
FEB	Zones 12 & 13	Jan 21 (Wed)	Jan 16 (Fri)
MAR	Zones 1 & 2	Feb 18 (Wed)	Feb 13 (Fri)
APR	Zones 3 & 4	Mar 18 (Wed)	Mar 13 (Fri)

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Seniors Activity Group Will Resume January 8 — Join Us!

From our Senior Activities Group, we wish you all a Healthy and Safe Holiday Season.

Our Senior Activities and Crafts are taking a break for the Holidays. We will start up on January 8, 2015. Hoping to see everyone back healthy and well.

On January 22, **Dennis Tsukagawa** will teach us new games that will be interesting and fun to learn. Good for the mind and to keep us alert. Please join us for lunch at 11:30 AM, and then enjoy the games.

We are making plans for the coming year and want to make it exciting and eventful. If there are any suggestions that you can offer, please let any of our committee members hear from you. Committee members are: **Allan Nara, Chuck Uyeda, Dennis Tsukagawa, Rich Endo, Kimi Nishimura, Miyo Takegami, Alice Ikenaga, Carolyn Sakae** and **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**.

BOUTIQUE SALE HELD

On December 7th, we had a very successful boutique sale. With the holiday season soon approaching, the sales proved to be popular. The beauty of the many craft sold, was made from our very own senior ladies and friends. A big thank you to all who supported our second fundraiser for the year. This allows us to provide lunch and subsidize our trips. A special **thank you** to **Jeanne Ohara** and **Toshiko Uyehara** for co-chairing this event. Also many thanks to **Reiko Tsuchida**, **Kay Tachibana, Hiro and Kathleen Kobata, Haruye Hoshi, Alice Ishida, Dennis Tsukagawa,** and **Richard Endo** for supporting this event. This was a team effort program with the Senior Temple members and friends pulling together.

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, the Seniors meet at Vallco Shopping Center for a WALKING program. We meet at 9:00AM inside the mall, in front of the theaters. For more information, contact **Julie Ushiba**.

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 started a Sing-Along Group. We sing a great selection of Japanese and English songs that are Oldies but Goodies.

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, her knowledge will make your knitting and crocheting more enjoyable.

LOOKING FOR GO PLAYERS

We had a generous member that donated a "GO" set. 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**.

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.

Gassho,
Aiko

Senior Activities & Crafts

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Keiro Kai 2014 Appreciation Luncheon

Our deepest gratitude for our Keiro's unwavering guidance

On November 16th, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple hosted a Keiro Kai luncheon honoring all our members over 70 years old. It was a wonderful event and we had 114 keiros attend.

This year's theme was "Michibiki" which means Guidance. Keiro honorees established the Japanese American Community and our Temple with their uncommon efforts. Because of their dedication, it has expanded and has had a strong influence on American society. Now, we the younger generation are able to feel comfortable living in this precious community. We are truly grateful for the Keiro guidance.

The luncheon began with a warm welcome from Mike Inouye, our MC, and Bob Imai, our Temple president. We opened the event with a joint flag ceremony from MVBT Boy Scout Troop 87 and Girl Scout Troop 60736. Lunch started with Gassho by Reverend Mukojima and a warm toast to the Keiros by Russ Nakano. Thank you all for your support and kind words.

This year a few Dharma school students shared stories with us about their experience with our Keiros and we were again lucky to have the beautiful sounds of drumming from the MVBT Taiko. Thank you to the MVBT Taiko and Dharma School for the wonderful entertainment.

Special thanks goes to our Keiro Kai luncheon donors: Mr. and Mrs. Naomi Higaki, Yamagami Nursery, Dale Ando, Mitsuwa Marketplace, the Fuji Club, and many of our Temple members.

We would also like to thank the Fuji Club for the plants for the tables, the ABA for taking care of registration at the event, the Dharma School for the beautiful placemats and for organizing and serving the drinks and cake, the Boy Scouts for setting up the tables and helping with the decorations, and the YBA for pitching in to help wherever needed.

Arigato, 2014 Keiro Kai Committee

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Shotsuki 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	2 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @ 7:30pm - Religious	3 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Nakayoshi 7pm - Shodo Kai 8pm - Jun Daiko @	4 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Tri-City	5 8am - Senior 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	6 6pm - TCYG @	7 2:30pm - Miroku @ 3pm - ABA - New
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15 10am - Nirvana 12:15pm - Taiko -	16 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @	17 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai 8pm - Jun Daiko @	18 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	19 8am - Senior 7pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	20 6pm - TCYG @	21 10am - TCYG @
22 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	23 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Kendo @	24 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai 8pm - Jun Daiko @	25 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	26 8am - Senior 6pm - Tri-City Adult 8pm - Jun Daiko @	27 6pm - TCYG @	28

Have a Happy and Fulfilling New Year!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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In gassho,
The Echo Staff

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