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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

March Highlights

- ***3/1 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Sunday Service
- ***3/8 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo

  11:00 AM
  Japanese language service
- ***3/11 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***3/15 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  New MVBT members introduced
- ***3/22 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Spring O-higan Service
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Ron Kobata

  1:00—4:00 PM
  O-higan Seminar
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Ron Kobata
- ***3/29 Sun, 8:00-9:30 AM***
  YBA Japanese Style Breakfast
- ***3/29 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Girl Scout Sunday Service

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How Excellent the Nembutsu Is!

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Recently Buddhism has become well known among many people in America because of the influence of two Buddhist teachers, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh. Whenever they give a U.S. lecture, people pour in from all parts of the country to hear what they have to say. People interested in meditation who practice it in their daily lives are also among this group.

Our school is Jodo Shinshu. To explain our practice simply, it is that if you entrust yourself to the Amida Buddha's Primal Vow and say the Nembutsu, you will attain Buddhahood. All we need to do to attain Buddhahood is simply to have an entrusting heart and recite the Nembutsu, ***Namo Amida Butsu***. This simple practice is Jodo Shinshu.

Namo
Amida
Butsu

Still, among those who are interested in Buddhism, there are undoubtedly many who assume that we must meditate and endure harsh monastic practices all day like fasting and chanting without sleep or rest, or standing under a freezing waterfall, and so on. I always say, "We don't have these types of practices and I cannot follow them at all," when I explain

MVBT President Message

By Peter Matsumoto

A little over a year ago, I was happy with my annual role as the mochi rice taster. As I was tasting the mochi rice during the 2013 Mochitsuki, I felt a common bond with all the workers. There was a sense of community that I truly enjoyed being a part of. I never thought of becoming the Temple President. However, I've seen my two daughters start Dharma School at a young age. They participated with the Taiko classes and became YBA members. All the programs the Temple provides help our children to grow into mature responsible adults. Reflecting how I felt and recently retired, it was at that time I agreed to be the President Elect. Now that I've had a year to observe, I'm grateful for the dedication of individuals who have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy for this Temple. As I step into the MVBT Presidency, I hopefully will have the same enthusiasm and energy as our Sangha.

TEAM

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march 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BCA National 10am - Sunday 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	2 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	3 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Nakayoshi	4 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	5 8am - Senior 6pm - Memorial Svc	6	7
8 10am - Shotsuki 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	9 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	10 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	11 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	12 8am - Senior	13 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	14 9am - BWA Meeting
15 Sunday Service & 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko 4pm - Boy Scouts @	16 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	17 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	18 Senior Act. Black 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	19 8am - Senior	20 CDYBL Conference	21 CDYBL Conference
22 10am - Spring 12pm - Dharma 12:15pm - Taiko - 1pm - Spring Ohigan 2pm - Taiko	23 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	24 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	25 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	26 8am - Senior	27	28
29 8:30am - YBA 10am - Girl Scout 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	30 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Tri-City	31 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	1 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	2 8am - Senior	3	4 2:30pm - Miroku @

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Religious Planning—February 2015

March 1, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM

Note: Rev. Mukojima is at BCA Minister's Association & National Council Meeting

March 8, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 AM Japanese Language Service

March 15, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM

MVBT New Members Introduction with Luncheon following.

March 22, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM—Spring O-higan Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ron Kobata

March 22, 2015, Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM —Spring O-higan Seminar

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ron Kobata

March 29, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Girl Scout Sunday

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

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

150 Club News

Our winner for the month of February is **Julie Ryu !**

To all our 150 Club participants, THANK YOU for helping the Mountain View Buddhist Temple!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Article Deadline	Echo Print
APR	Zones 3 & 4	Mar 13 (Fri)	Mar 18 (Wed)
MAY	Zones 5 & 6	Apr 10 (Fri)	Apr 15 (Wed)
JUNE	Zones 7 & 8	May 15 (Fri)	May 20 (Wed)

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

How Excellent the Nembutsu Is! (Cont'd from P1)

An effortless practice that all people can follow is the most superior and noble practice

Nembutsu is our expression of deep gratitude for the unconditional compassion of Amida Buddha.

Jodo Shinshu to anyone who has that kind of stereotypical view of Buddhist practice. So I sometimes think they must feel disappointment. Even Sangha members have told me that just reciting the Nembutsu is not a very adequate or satisfying practice. I am afraid that the idea that suffering is necessary to achieve Buddhahood seems to charm many people.

Sakyamuni Buddha gave up his family, fortune and royal status in order to devote himself to seeking the truth about life. But not everyone is capable of adhering to severe practices that require giving up family, work, social status, money and everything we know of everyday life. Anyone capable of leaving all these things behind is clearly a superior person with exceptional ability and strength of will, don't you think? So I see why people might be in awe of anyone who can endure a difficult practice in order to open the gate to the Pure Land. Therefore, it is understandable why people regard asceticism as a noble practice that can lead to enlightenment.

But in Jodo Shinshu, we don't accept as a noble practice any efforts not within the reach of an ordinary person. Instead we focus on an easy practice that anyone can follow as a noble practice.

There is a famous fable I would like to share with you which describes this effortless practice: Long ago, a monk turned up in a certain village and began to demonstrate all kinds of severe practices in front of the villagers. Although most of them were Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, they became intoxicated by the monk's mysterious power and immediately became his followers. They seemed convinced this state of mind was dependent on divination, incantation, and so on.

One day in the middle of the village, the monk prepared a furogama, a big drum container filled with water like a bathtub. He stoked up a big blaze under the drum and brought the water to a boil. When villagers gathered, wondering what he would do, the monk suddenly threw himself with a big yell into the boiling water! Everyone was amazed by this unexpected action. Then the monk stood up nonchalantly and calmly stepped out of the furogama. He then pointed at the Jodo Shinshu minister and provoked him: "Your turn next!"

The villagers watched their minister anxiously. "Can our Sensei do such a thing? This is impossible for him to do, isn't?" But the Jodo Shinshu minister approached the drum container with a smile.

Gazing at the boiling water, he got undressed down to only his loincloth and said, "Will somebody bring some water?" When a water bucket was brought, the minister lifted it high above his head. Everyone thought he was going to pour cold water over himself before entering the tub.

Instead he poured the water into the container. Then he stuck his hand into the water, stirred it, and said with a loud voice, "Now the temperature is perfect! Come on, everyone, let us take a bath!" The minister called everyone to join him in the bath.

Needless to say, to take a bath in boiling water is something only certain people with a special ability can do. There is no way an ordinary person could survive it. What this story teaches us is that someone with the ability to step into the boiling water is a special and excellent person. But the boiling water itself is not special. The warm water that everyone could bathe in, created by the Jodo Shinshu minister, is excellent. In other words, an effortless practice that all people can follow is the most superior and noble practice. It is not that the people are superior; it is that the practice itself is superior. I believe that the Nembutsu of Jodo Shinshu is the same thing.

Moreover, Jodo Shinshu teaches that, for us ordinary people, the Nembutsu is not actually a practice. This is because it is impossible for us to accomplish any of the practices that allow us to be born in the Pure Land. So for this reason, in order for us to attain Buddhahood, Amida Buddha took on the burden of all the ascetic practices that we would have to

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇一五年三月法話

― 勝れしお念仏 ―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

ここ数年で、仏教が、ダライラマ十四世やティクナットハン師の活躍で、アメリカに住む多くの人々に知られるようになり、彼らがアメリカで公演をする時は、いつも多くの人がその教えを聞こうと殺到します。そして、その中でも瞑想や禅に興味を持つ人が多く、日々、実践している方もおられます。

私達の浄土真宗は、一言で表現しますと「本願を信じ、念仏を称えて仏に成る」という教えです。仏になる為に、私達が実践することは、阿弥陀仏の本願を信じる事とお念仏を称えることに尽きます。これが浄土真宗の究極の実践であります。

しかし、仏教に興味を持つ人の中に、瞑想や禅はもちろん、滝に打たれたり、断食したり、一日中念仏を称える等といった厳しい修行をするお坊さんを期待している人は少なくありません。実際、そうした人達に、「浄土真宗ではそのような修行はありませんし、私には到底真似できません」と言うと、拍子抜けしたような顔をされるときがあります。また、門徒さんの中にも、お念仏だけでは何か物足りないし、また頼りないと相談しに来られた方もおられます。厳しい修行は多くの人を魅了するようです。

お釈迦さまが、妻子、財産、そして王族という身分を捨てたように、俗世を捨てて行う厳しい修行は、誰にでもできるものではありません。それを実践できる人は、強靭な精神力と類まれな才能を持ち合わせた特別な方です。誰にも真似ができない修行には神秘的なものを感じますし、その行を修めた者だけが浄土への門を開くことができると考えます。ですから、多くの人は難行、苦行を悟りに導く尊い修行と仰ぐのです。

しかし、浄土真宗の立場で見ますと、凡夫に修めることのできない狭き門を尊い修行とは言いません。反対に、どんな人にでも行うことのできる易しい修行こそ、尊い行であると教えています。

浄土真宗の易行を表すのに有名な喩え話がありますので、紹介したいと思います。ある村に一人の修行僧がやって来て、村のあちこちで荒行を披露しました。この村には、浄土真宗の門徒が多かったのですが、この修行僧の特別な力を見て、大半の者がその不思議な力に陶酔し、即、信者となりました。(加持祈祷に頼る心理でしょうか)。

そんなある日、この修行僧は、村の真ん中に大きな風呂釜を用意し、たくさんの薪を焚いて熱湯を沸き立たせました。村人達が、何事が始まるのかと集まって見ていると、修行僧が突然、「えいっ!」と気合を入れて、その熱湯の中に身を投げ入れました。皆が、「あっ」と驚いていると、修行僧は涼しい顔をして立ち上がり、悠然と風呂釜から出てきました。そして、村人の中にいた浄土真宗の住職に向かって「次はお前の番だ!」と言って指差しました。村人達が「うちのご縁さんは無理だよなあ?」と不安げに見ていると、住職はにこにこしながら、風呂釜に近づいていきました。

熱湯を前にした住職は、着物を脱いで、ふんどし一丁になると、「誰か冷たい水を持ってきておくれ」と言いました。そして、持って来てもらった水桶を、頭の上に差し上げた住職は、自分にかけるのかと思いきや、熱湯の中にザァーザァーと入れてしまいました。そして、風呂釜の中に手を入れてかき混ぜると、大声で、「おお、ええ湯かげんじゃ。皆も一緒に入ろう!」と言って、村人達を招き寄せたのでした。

熱湯の中に入るのは誰にでもできることではなく、特別な能力を持った人にしかできません。決して私達のような凡人にはできません。しかし、この話が伝えているところは、熱湯に入れる能力を持った人は特別ですが、皆が入れない熱湯は特別ではないということです。住職が作った皆が入れる温かいお湯こそがすばらしいのです。つまり、誰もができる易しい行だからこそ特別であり、尊い行だといえるのです。それは人が勝れているのではなく、行そのものが勝れているのです。お念仏も正にそういうことなのです。

しかし、浄土真宗では、凡夫の私達にとってお念仏は行ではないと教えています。浄土に往生する為の修行を何一つとして完成できない凡夫の私達の為に、本来私達がしなくてはならないさまざまな厳しい修行を阿弥陀仏が代わりに成就して下さり、一切衆生を救うという阿弥陀仏の本願がお念仏となって私達に今、届けられているのです。つまり、「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏は、阿弥陀仏が私達一人ひとりの為に仕上げて下さった尊い宝物なのです。ですから、私達の称えるお念仏は、もはや行ではなく報恩感謝のお念仏となるのです。

「雑行を棄てて、本願に帰す」という親鸞聖人のお言葉を深く味わいながら、お念仏のお心を頂戴し喜ばせていただきましょう。

How Excellent the Nembutsu Is! (Cont'd from P4)

perform and accomplished all of them by himself. This is how his sincere wish—namely the Primal Vow, which surely saves all living beings—was transformed into the Nembutsu and given to all of us. The Nembutsu is the precious treasure that Amida Buddha realized for the sake of each one of us. That is why our utterance of the Nembutsu is no longer a practice. Instead, it is our expression of deep gratitude for the unconditional compassion of Amida Buddha.

"I discarded sundry practices and took refuge in the Primal Vow." With deep appreciation of these words of our founder, Shinran Shonin, let us humbly receive the heart of the Nembutsu and rejoice in the Primal Vow, which is directed at each one of us.

In Gassho,

SAVE THE DATE for

- Humor
- Metaphors and Action
- Nembutsu Meditation

Saturday, August 29, 2015

ABA News

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRTION

ABA had a New Year's dinner on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Michaels at Shoreline restaurant. Thanks to **Eileen Fujikawa** and **Kathy Fujii** for getting together the New Year's Dinner in record time. We certainly appreciated having somewhere to go to celebrate the new year and, most of all, to celebrate the friendships we have had through the years. Thanks to **Reiko Tsuchida** for getting us the place. Eileen and Kathy did a super job.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

ABA is sponsoring a seminar with **Reverend Ken Tanaka**. He will be speaking on the topic "The Distinct Qualities and Strengths of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism In America: Through Humor, Metaphors, Action & Nembutsu Meditation."

The seminar will be on Saturday, August 29, 2015 from 1:00 to 5:30 PM at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Everyone is welcome to attend. We just ask that you let ABA know if you're coming so that we may know how many guests to expect.

SAVE THE DATE

ABA Dance
Saturday, October 10, 2015

Details to be available soon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ABA gratefully acknowledges the following donation:

Ken & Mieko Nakano
Birth of their second granddaughter

Haruye Hoshi
In memory of Brother, Alan Hoshi

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

All Hands Needed

Saturday, May 17

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 17

The MVBT 2015 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 17th. All Temple members, friends, affiliated organizations and non-affiliated organizations will be asked to help during the week of our annual fundraiser. Tickets will soon be distributed by your zone chairpersons.

On behalf of Zone 2, thank you in advance,

Dave Kariya
2015 Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson

MVBT President Message (Cont'd from P1)

I want to thank **Bob Imai** for his time and leadership, serving as Temple President for a total of three years. Bob unselfishly extended his term an additional year and his guidance and mentorship is greatly appreciated. I want to thank the current Cabinet for their support during this transitional year. I also want to thank the Sangha and all the affiliated organizations for their support, and especially thank the BWA who often are behind the scenes with all they do for the Temple. I want to thank **Rev. Mukojima** for his support and encouragement.

Looking forward, MVBT will be facing new challenges. The MVBT Board of Directors will be making important decisions that will affect current and future temple members. The Board of Directors is fortunate to comprise of people with diverse expertise, who have been a tremendous help for the Temple. We need to continue to find new and younger Board members to step up and be part of making these important future decisions. As I begin my term, I will listen and hopefully act on the needs of the Sangha and Temple.

In Gassho,
Peter Matsumoto
MVBT President

YBA Activities

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the YBA at our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 14. Thank you to **Rachel Nakamura** for planning and coordinating the dinner. We hope that you all enjoyed your spaghetti and Bingo!

On March 21, Mountain View will be sending a total of 24 delegates to the Coast District YBL Conference, and we are all excited to see what workshops and fun activities are planned for the conference!

The YBA will also be hosting a Japanese Breakfast Fundraiser on March 29. We hope to see you all there!

In Gassho,
Kaylyn Arima
YBA President

Japanese Style Breakfast

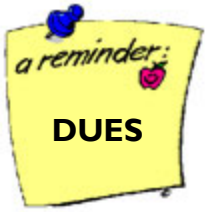
Fundraiser

Sunday March 29

Thank You for Your Support

BWA Activities

On February 15th at the Nirvana Day Service, BWA presented our Dana gifts to our Temple Youth Groups. The generosity of our Sangha enabled us to exceed the amount given last year.



BWA membership dues of $20 are now being collected.

NEXT MEETING
Saturday, March 14, 2015, 9AM, YBA Hall

Buddhist Women's Association

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

March 8, 2015

10:00 AM

March 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 **March** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Theodore Abe	**Tom Matsumoto**	**Rev. Sensho Sasaki**
Mine Chikasuye	**Akira Morishima**	**Frank Sato**
Alice Asaka Fujii	**Cynthia Muranaka**	**Kanesuke Sato**
Satoru Fujikawa	**Haruko Muranaka**	**Brett Sugimoto**
Kazuo Furusho	**Linda Nakagawa**	**Patricia Yukie Togashi**
Harriet Hamamoto	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Thomas Takegami**
Sekitaro Hananouchi	**Harry Nakano**	**Shimoye Yamaji**
Masao Hayashi	**Ken'ichi Nakano**	**Tora Tamaji**
Itsuyo Hori	**Rokuro Nakano**	**Yoshikichi Yamaji**
Ronald Hoshiko	**Komao Nara**	**Kazuo Yanase**
Koriyu Kariya	**Shizuko Nishimura**	**Torao Yokoyama**
Miya Kawamoto	**George Tetsuo Noguchi**	**Kiriye Yoshida**
Hakobu Koyano	**Shigeru Okamoto**	
Shinobu Maruyama	**Fumio Okayama**	
Helen Matsumoto	**Kinuko Sasaki**	

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**

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to express its heartfelt condolence to the family and friends of::

Alan Mitsuo Hoshi ***August 10, 1945 - January 13, 2015***

May you find comfort in the embrace of Infinite Light and Life,
the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu

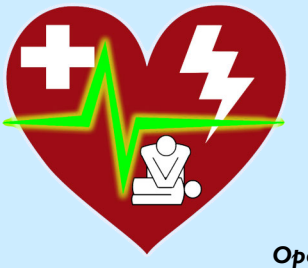
MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE, "MASQUERADE BALL"

In January, the Senior Scouts hosted the Father Daughter Dance, "Masquerade Ball" for the Mountain View Service Unit here at MVBT. The Senior Scouts planned, coordinated and lead several other Girl Scout troops in the implementation of the dance. There were over 500+ girls/ fathers in attendance. It was a very successful and magical night. The Seniors then hosted an Appreciation Lunch for all the volunteers who worked and helped with the dance.

BWA APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The entire troop planned, coordinated, cooked and hosted a luncheon for the BWA in January. This is their second year to host the luncheon. The Girl Scouts wanted to show their appreciation to the BWA who have provided many, many years, time and resources in their service to the Temple and Sangha. The BWA are also great role models for the Girl Scouts. They enjoyed a craft activity of candle making before lunch.



CPR/AED Training Class

Sunday, June 7th in the YBA Hall, 1:30 - 5:30 PM

Registration required by Monday, May 25th

Open to Temple members and members of affiliated organizations on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you were trained in 2013 or earlier, you need to get recertified. If you were trained last year, but you can't remember anything, you should also take another class -- you can never be "over-trained"!

The training fee is $68/person and class size is limited to 12.
Make checks payable to "MVBT- ABA" with a note "CPR/AED class."

ABA will provide a light lunch, so that you can attend the morning Sunday Service and stay for the class.

Contact Eileen Fujikawa
fujikawabachan@gmail.com | 408-996-0845

FDSTL Art Contest

GRATITUDE 2015

Save the Date!

Oct 25, 2015

Nembutsu Conference

Dharma School Thanks You for Your Help & Donations

Greetings everyone!

CALLING FOR ARISTS!

The Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League is sponsoring an art contest with the theme **"Gratitude"** for Preschool thru 5th graders.

What is gratitude?
How do you show gratitude?
When do we express gratitude?
Or provide your own aspect of gratitude…

Students may submit an original drawing, painting, collage or photograph 11" x 17" or smaller. Deadline for submission is the end of March. The winning artwork will be displayed at the 2015 Federation of Dharma School Teachers League conference to be held April 24-26, 2015 in Los Angeles. For more details, please contact your Dharma School teacher or Debby Inenaga (inenagad@gmail.com).

DANA PROJECT

Dharma School will be running their annual spring Dana project shortly – details coming soon.

HANAMATSURI

Dharma School classes are beginning their preparation for their Hanamatsuri program performances. Please let your Dharma School teacher know if you will or will not be attending the MVBT Hanamatsuri luncheon and program that will take place after service and Dharma School class on Sunday, April 12th.

NEMBUTSU CONFERENCE

Save the Date! The 2015 Nembutsu Conference and Coast District Dharma School Activity Day will be held on **October 25th** and will be sponsored by Monterey and Watsonville Temples. Information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
Dharma School Superintendent

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YBA Fundraiser: *Japanese Style Breakfast*

Sunday, March 29, 2015

8:00 — 9:30 AM

Adults: $6 Children: $4

Mountain View YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our first Japanese Style Breakfast Fundraiser. All are invited to join us for good food and good company.

Breakfast is $6.00 for adults and $4.00 for children.

The proceeds from this fundraiser go to YBA activities throughout the year, such as conferences, where members can learn about Buddhist teachings.

We appreciate your support!

Seniors Activity Group

Senior Activities & Crafts

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March 18th, Wednesday: We are taking a one-day trip to **Black Oak Casino**, a popular request. February 15th was the deadline for Temple members to sign up, and now, it is open to non-members. The price is $31.00 per person. If interested, please call **Chuck Uyeda** and sign up.

April 23rd, Thursday: Planning on a guest speaker. It will be announced next month. We will also have lunch provided, so please attend our Senior Activities program on this day.

May 20th/21st, Wednesday & Thursday: This is our overnight planned Reno trip. Temple members have first choice and can sign up starting March 1st. Then it will be opened to non-Temple members after March. The price is $81.00 per person. Non-Temple members can also call **Chuck Uyeda** and hold a place and be on stand by. Call Chuck after March 1st, to make your reservation.

Future Planning: We are making plans for the coming year and want to make it exciting and eventful. If you have any suggestions, 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.**

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.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18.00

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

WALK AT VALLCO!

On the second Friday of each month, the Seniors meet at Vallco Shopping Center for a WALKING program. We meet at 9:00 AM 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

Still looking for two "GO" players., a board game that involves two players. The two players alternately place black and white stones on the vacant intersection of the board. Let's make use of the board that was generously donated.

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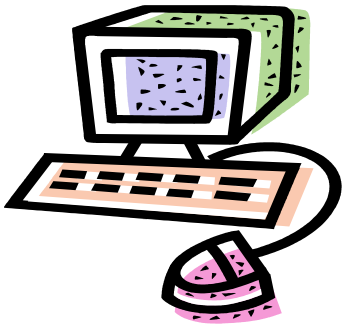

Mochi Sale – 75% OFF
Was $4 – Now $1

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

Welcome

New MVBT Members

on

Sunday, March 15

MVBT New Members and Welcome Luncheon

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple warmly welcomes the following new members who joined between March 2014 and March 2015:

Zone 4
Ray Yokoyama

Zone 6
Kristi Matsumoto
Chen-Kang Yang & Masako Sugano
Susan Yuen

Zone 7
Mari Nomura
Ryan & Janell Tao
Todd & Ashley Uyehara

Zone 8
Walter Low & Jody Chikasuye

Zone 9
Keiko Morita

Zone 10
Kyle Sato
Gustavo Tamae Kakazu

Zone 12
Nathan Aquino & Cindy Hiroshige

The Temple will formally welcome these new members and their families at the **Sunday Service on March 15** with a luncheon following the service. The luncheon will be at the Su Hong restaurant in Palo Alto starting at 12:30 PM. The cost will be approximately $15 per person.

All Temple members are welcome to attend.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Hatsumairi Infant Presentation—April 12, 2015

Register for Hatsumairi by Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

ATTENTION NEW PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** (Infant Presentation) held during the Hanamatsuri Service. This special service will be held on **Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 10:00AM.**

The ceremony introduces your child to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma. The Naijin (or altar) symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple by **Tuesday, March 31, 2015**.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister

At this time, all infants up to the age of one year are brought before the Temple altar.

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their newborn infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form by Tuesday, March 31, 2015 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukjima@gmail.com)

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Yonemoto, Alice

Yukawa, Teruo & Edna

We rely on the critical financial support of many people to make this a healthy and vibrant collective.

Costs for merely maintaining what we have continue to rise and income for the Temple has declined.

Apologies for any inadvertent omissions.

Kindly notify Steve Tsuchida dana @mvbuddhisttemple.org

april 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:30am - YBA 10am - Girl Scout 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	30 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Tri-City	31 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	1 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	2 8am - Senior	3	4 2:30pm - Miroku @
5 10am - Shotsuki 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	6 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	7 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	8 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	9 8am - Senior	10 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	11 9am - BWA Meeting
12 5am - BWA @ 10am - Hanamatsuri 12pm - Hanamatsuri 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko 4pm - Boy Scouts @	13 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	14 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	15 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	16 8am - Senior	17	18
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