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April Highlights

- ***4/5 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo

  11:00 AM
  Japanese Language Service
- ***4/8 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***4/12 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Hanamatsuri Service
  Hatsumairi during Service
- ***4/19 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Sunday Service
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  Sunday Service

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The Warm Eyes of Buddha's Child

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Recently, the weather has been getting warmer and we are able to feel the arrival of spring. Although we have had a comparatively mild winter in California, it was extremely cold in the Midwest and East Coast this winter. The record cold was so severe that the Niagara Falls were frozen. Lately, abnormal weather caused by global warming is affecting countries all over the world.

Fukui Prefecture, where I am from, has always been known as a region with heavy snowfalls. Every winter, people living there have to endure the danger of accidents, traffic jams, and even buildings that collapse. Because of this, adults sometimes regard snow that threatens daily life as an evil. Although snow has fallen in this region long before we were born, whenever we have a prolonged snow storm, we tend to have negative thoughts about the snow itself.

Four years ago, my family and I went back to Japan during the winter season. It was our first time to do so in a while, so we had the opportunity to see snow. As it was my daughter's first time to experience it, she enjoyed rolling over the blanketed snow many times in her joy. She loved building a snowman, playing with the sled, and having snowball fights with her cousins almost every day.

We adults, however, were constantly complaining, "How terrible it is to have this much snow!" Or, "We don't need any more snow!" So when Kurumi overheard us griping about all the problems and inconvenience, she whispered to herself, "Ah, I pity snow…" and looked sad.

Seeing how disgusted we adults were, she really felt sorry. When Kurumi watched snow falling from the sky, she was impressed by the marvel of the natural world, and couldn't take her eyes off the beauty of the glistening snow crystals. She greatly enjoyed the snow. So her feelings about the snow were quite different from ours.

When I glimpsed a child's innocent mind that felt sympathy for snow, it made my own mind pull back to the pure and rich mind that I have lost in growing older, and my mind filled with fresh and warm feelings.

There is a wonderful poem called "Blanket of Snow," which was written by **Misuzu Kaneko**, a poet from Japan's Yamaguchi Prefecture who wrote many children's songs.

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Religious Planning—February 2015

April 5, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 AM Japanese Language Service

April 12, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Hanamatsuri Service - Celebrating the Birth of Sakyamuni Buddha

Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation) during service

Luncheon and Program to follow Dharma School classes

April 19, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM

April 24—26, 2015 — FDSTL Conference

Federation of Dharma School Teachers League Conference in Los Angeles

April 26, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 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 **Joyce Tamaru's Grandkids ! Congratulations !**

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

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Article Deadline	Echo Print
MAY	Zones 5 & 6	Apr 10 (Fri)	Apr 15 (Wed)
JUNE	Zones 7 & 8	May 15 (Fri)	May 20 (Wed)
JULY	Zone 9 & 10	June 12 (Fri)	June 17 (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

The Warm Eyes of Buddha's Child (Cont'd from P1)

Blanket of Snow
by *Misuzu Kaneko*

Snow on top, it must feel cold,
The chill moon shining down.
Snow on the bottom, it must feel heavy
Hundreds of people on you.
Snow in the middle, it must feel lonely,
No earth or sky to look at.

Issui-Shiken

…

Four views of the same body of water

When I first read this poem, I was really surprised at her eyes filled with fresh and rich sensitivities like noticing the snow existing in top, bottom and middle layers. We only see the attractive things in the world with our eyes full of selfishness and we label things as good or bad solely as it benefits us. We always think about everything selfishly but her gentle mind is considerate of and in sympathy with others. In Misuzu's poem, her "warm eyes" filled with a gentle mind encourage me to clear my mind again and look at all things honestly…even the less obvious things.

Although we have been taught we cannot see the truth with our eyes, I had a deep realization that we always see things only at our own convenience, knowledge, and selfishness. Our eyes can no longer see the unvarnished truth as it is.

Buddhism has a teaching called ***Issui-Shiken***, which means **four views of the same body of water**. It teaches us that anyone looking at the same thing will have different ideas of what they are looking at. Even when considering the same body of water, a person recognizes it as drinking water. But to a fish, it is the place where it feeds and lives. To a heavenly being, it appears as a shiny piece of lapis lazuli or perhaps a precious crystal. And the hungry ghosts see it as boiling water because when they try to drink it, it immediately bursts into flame. This metaphor shows us that the same body of water will be described differently by a human, a fish, a heavenly being or a hungry ghost.

It seems we cannot see nor think about anything without the glasses of our self-centered passions. We always make a value judgment that things which are convenient for us are good, and things which are inconvenient for us are bad.

Worse, we cannot even see with our own eyes that we are full of selfishness and arrogance. Amida Buddha makes us become aware of this truth.

Because we are just ordinary people without true wisdom, it is extremely difficult for us to see things as they really are. In spite of this, the working of the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," makes us reflect deeply on our true selves and shines the light of wisdom on our minds sunk deep in darkness. This truth became apparent to me once I could see my daughter's innocent mind.

In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, a child is often called "Buddha's child." Kurumi is truly my beloved Buddha's child, for she made me return to the pure mind of seeing things as they are, something I have lost in growing older. I now truly appreciate my circumstances that allow me the opportunity to rejoice in the Buddha Dharma at the Sunday Services with my daughter.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一五年四月法話

― 仏の子の眼差し ―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

最近、少しずつ日差しが暖かくなり、春の訪れを感じる季節がやってまいりました。今年のカリフォルニアは比較的暖冬でしたが、中西部や東海岸の冬は大変厳しかったようです。記録的な大寒波が襲い、あのナイヤガラの滝が凍ったほどです。最近、地球温暖化に伴う異常気象が全世界で猛威をふるっているようです。

さて、私の故郷、福井県も雪国として有名で毎年多くの雪に悩まされます。雪は交通事故や渋滞を巻き起こし、時には家屋を倒壊にまで追いやってしまうほど大変危険な存在です。大人にとって、日常生活を脅かす雪は魔物のようにさえ見えます。ですから、私達が生まれる以前からその地方で降り続けてきた雪にもかかわらず、延々と降り続ける雪を見ては、雪の存在そのものに対して否定的な考えをもったりもします。

四年前、久しぶりに冬の季節に日本に帰国した際、雪を見る機会がありました。来実にとっては初めての雪で、嬉しさのあまり何度も積もった雪の上で転がっていました。そして、毎日ように、いとこと雪だるまを作ったり、ソリで遊んだり、雪合戦などをして大いに雪を楽しんでいました。

そんな中、私達大人が「もうこれ以上雪が降ってもらっては困る」とか、「もう雪はたくさん」などと口にしているのを聞いていた来実が「雪がかわいそう」とつぶやいて突然悲しそうな顔をしました。大人の雪に対するうんざり感に娘は雪が不憫でならないと言うのです。しんしんと降る雪をじっと見つめて自然界の不思議に感動し、キラキラ輝く雪の結晶の美しさに思わず見入ってしまう娘と、私達大人とは雪を見る視点が全く違ってしまっているのです。

来実がつぶやいた「雪がかわいそう」と言う清らかな子供の心に触れた時、私は遠く失ってしまっていた子供の頃の純粋な心に引き戻され、新鮮で暖かい感情にすっぽりと包みこまれたことでした。

山口県出身の童謡詩人である金子みすずさんに「つもった雪」という詩があります。

上の雪　さむかろうな　冷たい月がさしていて
下の雪　重かろうな　何百人も乗せていて
中の雪　さみしかろうな　空も地面もみえないで

この詩に初めて出遇った時、上、下、中の雪の存在に気付かれたみすずさんの瑞々しい感性に溢れたただならぬ視線にただただ驚かされたものです。私達は、いつも目立つもの、目に見える世界ばかりを自分中心の視線で見つめ、自分の都合でのみ善悪を判断して生きています。

みすずさんの詩を通して、彼女の優しい心に溢れた「あたたかい眼差し」が、私達に今一度心を澄ませて、全てのものに向き合いなさいと勧めて下さっているようです。

人間の目は真実を見ることができないと教えられてきましたが、自分の都合や、知識、はからいでしかものを見ることができないということを改めて思い知らされました。もはや私達の目ではものごとをありのままには見れません。

仏教に、「一水四見」という言葉があります。同じ水を見ても、見る者によって、それぞれ見方が違うという意味です。水は、人間にとって飲み水であっても、魚にとっては住処であり餌を求める生活の場です。天人には、輝きを放つ水晶のように見え、餓鬼には飲もうとした瞬間、火に変わる苦しみの水です。たとえ同じ水であっても、人間・魚・天人・餓鬼とでは、おのおの異なって見えるという教えです。

私達は、自己中心という色眼鏡をかけてしかものを見ることも考えることもできません。そして、自分に都合の良いものを善とし、自分に都合の悪いものを悪として価値判断をして生きています。

更に言うと、この煩悩にまみれた自分の姿でさえ自分の目で見ることができていないのです。このことを教えて下さっておられるのが阿弥陀仏なのです。

ものごとをありのままに見ていくということは、真の智慧を持ち合わせていない私達凡夫の目では大変難しいことです。しかし、そのような私であっても、「南無阿弥陀仏」のお今仏のおはたらきによって、浅ましい我が身が振り返えさせられ、その暗い心の闇を智慧の光が照らして下さっているのだということを、無垢な娘の心に触れることによって教えられた気がします。

子供は仏の子とよく言われますが、大人になって見失ったありのままに見ていく純粋な心を甦らせてくれた来実はまさに私の愛おしい仏の子でありました。そんな娘と日曜礼拝で仏さまのみ教えを一緒に喜ばせていただいている私は何とも幸せな身であります。

合掌

南無阿弥陀仏

ABA News

PAST EVENTS

February 21, 2015

New Years Celebration

Thanks again to **Eileen Fujikawa** and **Kathy Fujii** for getting together the New Year's Dinner in record time. Thank you to **Mel Inouye** for being the MC, **Joyce Okumura-Lee** for her creative dinner table centerpieces and **Ron Murata** for his photo slide show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday , March 28th

Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup

ABA members will conduct a community service activity that involves cemetery clean up. Clean up shall be at the Alta Mesa Cemetery from 9:00 to 11;30 AM (near the area where the annual Alta Mesa Community Memorial Day Service is held). Members are asked to bring cleaning cloths for the headstones, scissors to cut grass and possibly flowers to decorate the graves. Lunch to follow at the church.

Saturday, April 18th

Byington Wine Tasting

Members interested should contact **Mieko Nakano** or **Dennis Tsukagawa.** A potluck lunch is being organized.

Saturday, August 8th

Santa Cruz Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing"

The deadline to sign up is March 20. Contact Jean Shimoguchi

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ABA gratefully acknowledges a generous donation from

Gustavo Tamae Kakazu

Final resting place of many Temple members and friends. Also, Steve Jobs, David Packard & Tennessee Ernie Ford.

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

All Hands Needed

Sunday, May 17

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 17

Our 2015 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Tickets have already been distributed to the Zone Chairs.

To all Temple members, affiliated organizations, friends, and non-affiliated organizations like Nakayoshi Gakko and Tri-City, we ask for your assistance once again this year to help make this Temple fundraiser a success.

Please remember these key dates:

May 4, Monday ---------- Preliminary count due

May 8, Friday---------- Final count due

May 13, Wednesday---- Chicken Cleaning & Turn in all money & all tickets

May 16, Saturday-------- Chicken Cooking

May 17, Sunday---------- Packing the bentos & Pick up

On behalf of everyone in Zone 2, I would like to thank the entire Sangha and our many friends for their kind support.

David Kariya – Zone 2
2015 Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

The Girl Scouts have been busy with cookie sales this past month. **Thank you to everyone** who has supported the Girl Scouts by buying cookies.

In February the Girl Scouts in the Padma Award program visited the San Mateo Buddhist Temple and participated in their Scout Sunday Service.

The Girl Scouts are in charge of the March Sunday Services. Girl Scout Sunday will be on March 29. The Padma Award Scouts did a Dharma Lesson for service on March 1.

Thank You for Buying Girl Scout Cookies

YBA Activities

On March 21, the YBA helped host the Coast District YBL Conference, along with the San Jose and Watsonville YBA chapters. Thank you to **Rachel Nakamura** and **Devon Matsumoto** for being two of the conference co-chairs.

On Sunday, March 29, the YBA will be hosting our Japanese breakfast fundraiser from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. We hope you can make it out before service to enjoy a full Japanese breakfast, which includes some delicious miso soup, salmon teriyaki, rice, and eggs. We hope to see everyone there!

In Gassho,
Kaylyn Arima
YBA President

Japanese Style Breakfast

Fundraiser

Sunday March 29

Japanese Style Breakfast

BWA Activities

BWA's COOKING CLASS HELD ON MARCH 14

Kiyoko Sato (chef) taught us how to make "Tamago Yaki" (Japanese rolled omelette). We are grateful for those who had signed up for the cooking/demonstration and tasting class.

FUNDRAISER ON HANAMATSURI SUNDAY

Our Chirashi Fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 12, 2015. The cost is $5.00. Pick-up will be after the Hanamatsuri Service at 11:30 AM in the Sangha Hall Foyer. Tickets are available from all BWA members.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations gratefully acknowledged:

Frank Hoshida
Wife Clara's fourth year memorial

Okuno (Terada) Family – Mother's funeral

Julie Ushiba
Thank you

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 9AM, YBA Hall

Buddhist Women's Association

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

April 5, 2015

10:00 AM

April 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 **April** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Harry Fujii	**Kazuko Makishima**	**Akiko Satake**
Shigeru Fujii	**Tokiyo Maruyama**	**Hiram Sera**
Ichihei Furusho	**Ryu Masaki**	**George Shimamoto**
Juzaburo Furuzawa	**Kiwa Matsuba**	**John Shimizu**
Rev. Russell Hamada	**Ryuichi Miyamoto**	**Tom Shimoguchi**
Tanejiro Hirano	**Emi Morishima**	**John Shinseki**
Dorothy Horino	**Fuji Nakano**	**Taichiro Sugimoto**
Robert Hoshida	**Jishichiro Nakano**	**Jeffrey Swartwood**
Hiromichi Hoshino	**Kenjiro Nakashima**	**Ko Tachibana**
June Ichikawa	**Henry Nishimura**	**Amy Takaki**
Toshiko Ikebe	**George Omori**	**David Takegami**
Tojiro Ishimaru	**Ochiyo Omori**	**Heidi Terada**
Shigehito Kashima	**Junpei Ozawa**	**Megan Yang**
Akira Kato	**Henry Ryu**	**Koichi Yamashita**
Hatsuye Kato	**Margaret Sakino**	**Tsune Yonemoto**
Setsuo Kuboyama	**James Sakuragi**	**Tsuneno Yoshida**

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

Kimi Okubo ***April 15, 1921 - February 18, 2015***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

MVBT Boy Scout Troop 87

SCOUT SUNDAY

During the month of February, Troop 87 participated in the annual Scout Sunday at the Sunday Service at the Temple. It was a great experience for all of the scouts to show their appreciation towards the Temple, and it was a good opportunity to see what the Sunday Service was like at the Temple. Special thanks to the Temple for chartering and supporting Troop 87!

PAST OUTINGS

During the month of February, many of the scouts in Boy Scout Troop 87 went on a Ski Trip over President's day weekend. They skied at Mt. Rose Ski Resort for the five days that they were there, and had a lot of fun hurtling down the Sierra slopes. Over the weekend of February 21-22, the Scouts went to the Boulder Creek Scout Reservation to have a few days of fun and to sign off on merit badge and rank requirements. It was definitely a fun weekend for them! Also, many scouts spent the last weekend of February on board the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, which is currently docked in Alameda as a museum ship. This was an interesting adventure, especially since it dwelled into United States history. During the last scout meeting of February, the scouts held an election to select new scouts for the various positions of responsibility, such as Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Historian, Quartermaster, and many other positions.

On March 8, the many scouts prepared food at the Temple and brought it to a shelter for the people who have low incomes or are in poverty. Over the March 14-15 weekend, the scouts went up to Camp Herms, near Berkeley, where they got the chance to enjoy the view, the hiking, and got scouting requirements signed off.

UPCOMING OUTING

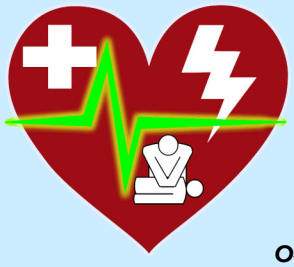
Upcoming events include the Spring Court of Honor over the March 21st-22nd weekend. There, scouts will receive their rank advancements, merit badges, and other awards as appropriate. Scouts will also get the opportunity to go to the Chabot Space and Science where they will get the opportunity to earn the Astronomy Merit Badge. The scouts will also be going on a Kayak Campout on April 4th-5th at Del Valle Regional Park, which is sure to be a lot of fun.

TROOP SIZE GROWING

Recently, the troop has welcomed about 10-15 Cub Scouts who had completed their Webelos rank, which is the highest rank in cub scouts. Now, our troop has ballooned into a troop of 50-60 scouts. The older scouts are definitely looking forward to mentoring the younger scouts and teaching them the useful skills and principles that the Boy Scouts emphasizes.

Vinu Weerasinghe
Troop 87 Scribe

Scout Sunday, February 8



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

Dharma School News

Greetings everyone!

SERVICE CHAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

April 5: 4th/5th/6th grade class
April 19: 2nd/3rd grade class

If you will not be attending service and your class is chairing the service, please let your Dharma School teacher know.

HANAMATSURI

Dharma School parents –we need your help!

Dharma School will be hosting the Hanamatsuri luncheon on Sunday, April 12. We are asking Dharma School parents to bring salads and/or desserts for the luncheon.
Dharma School classes are preparing for their Hanamatsuri program performances that will be held on Sunday, April 12 after the service and luncheon. Please let your Dharma School teacher know if you will or will not be available for the performance that day.

FDSTL CONFERENCE

The annual Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) conference will be held April 24-26 at the Concourse Hotel near LAX and sponsored by the Southern District. The conference theme is "Let Go of Everything You're Afraid to Lose". It will focus on rituals that we practice in our temples and their role in highlighting one's ego. The program will also include instruction in leading chanting of the Shoshinge Wasan. which will be put into practice during a formal closing service on Sunday. The featured speaker is **Rev. Mas Kodani.**

At MVBT on Sunday, April 26th, we will be having "Sunday Sundae's" after service in lieu of Dharma School class since the FDSTL conference will be going on that weekend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Dharma School gratefully acknowledges the following donation:

BWA
Eshinni-Ko donation

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
Dharma School
Superintendent

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Japanese Style Breakfast

YBA Fundraiser

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

Please attend our special Senior Activities programs. Everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 23rd, Thursday: We will have our own Temple member presenting a demonstration on Ikebana, the beautiful technique of flower arrangement. **Julie Nakatani**, a professional and having the Flower Name "Misui" (meaning "beautiful water") will be showing her expertise on Ikebana. We will also have the opportunity to have hands-on instructions by Julie. We can all learn the beauty of Ikebana.

We will have lunch provided at 11:30 AM. Following at 12:15 PM, we will have the class on Ikebana.

May 20th/21st, Wednesday & Thursday, Overnight Reno Trip: Temple members have first choice and can sign up in March. After March, signs up will be opened to non-Temple members. The price is $81. If you would like to go, call **Chuck Uyeda** now to make your reservation. Non-Temple members can call **Chuck** and hold a place and be on standby.

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**.

SING ALONG

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.

Senior Activities & Crafts

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

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

Apologies for any inadvertent omissions or errors

Kindly notify Steve Tsuchida dana @mvbuddhisttemple.org

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Register for Hatsumairi by March 31

Hatsumairi — Infant Presentation — April 12, 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 contact Rev. Mukojima by **Tuesday, March 31, 2015**.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 6am - Boy Scouts @ 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	27 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	28 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	29 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	30 8am - Senior	1	2 2:30pm - Miroku @
3 10am - Shotsuki 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	4 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	5 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	6 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	7 8am - Senior	8 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	9 6pm - YBA -
10 Mothers Day 7am - YBA Mother's 10am - Gotan-e 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	11 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	12 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	13 6pm - Boy Scouts 6pm - Chicken	14 8am - Senior	15 8am - BWA @	16 Chicken Teriyaki
17 5am - Chicken 10am - Sunday 12pm - Dharma 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	18 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	19 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	20 Senior act. (Reno) 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	21 Senior act. (Reno) 8am - Senior	22	23 9am - BWA Meeting
24 9:30am - Alta Mesa 12:15pm - Taiko - 2pm - Taiko	25 Memorial Day 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	26 6:30pm - Taiko - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	27 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	28 8am - Senior	29 4pm - Girl Scouts -	30 12am - Girl Scouts - 9am - Taiko Retreat
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