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June Highlights

- ***6/6 - 7 Sat - Sun***
  Dharma School Campout
- ***6/7 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July

  11:00 AM
  Japanese Language Service
- ***6/10 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***6/14 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Graduation & Awards Service

July Highlights

- ***7/5 Sun, 10:00 AM***
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- ***7/18 - 19, Sat & Sun***
  Obon Festival & Bazaar

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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to Kaylyn, Meiko, Emily and Niko !

The Two I's of Buddhism

By Kaylyn Arima

"We human beings are social beings. We come into the world as the result of others' actions. We survive here in dependencies of others...there is hardly a moment of our lives when we do not benefit from others' activities."

My name is Kaylyn Arima, and I am a graduating senior from Mission San Jose High School. I will be attending Santa Clara University to pursue a degree in marketing at the Leavey School of Business. I have been attending Dharma School here for the past 13 years, starting in kindergarten, all the way up to this year.

As I have been going through my senior year in high school, I have been able to truly begin to understand one of the fundamental lessons that I have always heard about in Dharma School: the two I's of Buddhism, impermanence and interdependence. I was first introduced to addressing these ideas as the "two I's" by Rev. Bob Oshita at the Sacramento Betsuin when I went there for the YAC Retreat the summer before my junior year.

This past year, as I had to work on college applications and look back on the last four years; what classes I took, what I got out of them, and how I "grew" as a result from the experiences I had. However, what

No Self, No Attachment, and the Journey to the Middle Path

By Meiko Flynn-Do

Good morning everyone. As Brent just mentioned my name is Meiko Flynn-Do and today, it is now my turn to give my senior talk. I think that these talks are an opportunity to thank you for all your love and support and hopefully to show you that I have learned at least a small bit from my almost sixteen years attending this temple.

I would like to begin by talking about a few Buddhist concepts that have confused me for quite some time; a good portion of my journey through Buddhism has been one of questioning, so it seems appropriate that I begin with the ideas that I have been attempting to understand.

One of the biggest questions I have struggled with is the idea of no attachment. In Buddhism, the belief of no attachment is that the cessation of suffering occurs when we are able to let go of all of our connections to this earthly world, all the delusions, anger, and ignorance that tie us to this pain. The idea of no attachment is central in Buddhism because it is based on the Four Noble Truths, one of the most fundamental principles of Buddhism. As a refresher, the Four Noble Truths are (1) Life is suffering (2) Suffering is caused by attachments to this world (3) There is an end to suffering and (4) We can overcome this cycle of suffering through the Eightfold Noble path.

When presented this way, the concept of no attachment makes a lot of sense. It is clear that the

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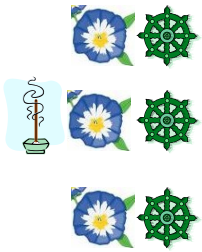
Religious Planning—June 2015

May 24, 2015, Sunday, 9:30 AM — Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service
at Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto

NO SERVICE AT TEMPLE



May 31, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM

June 7, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 AM Japanese Language Service

June 14, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 AM — Graduation & Awards Service

Last Dharma School until September

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

May winner for the 150 Club is **Lois Okino.** Congratulations to Lois!

Mountain View Buddhist Temple is grateful to Lois and all our 150 Club participants!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
JUNE	Zones 7 & 8	N/A	N/A
JULY	Zones 9 & 10	June 12 (Fri)	June 17 (Wed)
AUG	Zones 11 & 12	NO ECHO	N/A

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

No Self, No Attachment, and the Journey to the Middle Path (Cont'd from Pg 1)

MEIKO FLYNN-DO

Archbishop Mitty High School 2015

Bound for Stanford University

struggles and pain that we experience as humans are caused by our attachments, our greed, our anger, and our ignorance. Why is it then that I have struggled to believe wholeheartedly in the practice of no attachment, of trying to release the things that cause me to live in this world of delusions? Why is it that this is an idea that I have been challenged by?

Here is my dilemma: our connections to this earthly world, our attachments, that which bring us heartache and sorrow and pain are also what bring us joy and laughter and love. For instance, I establish relationships with other people and these relationships can bring me both wonderful and frustrating experiences. At temple, my relationship with the Sangha has led me to learn to play taiko, to participate in YBA events, to be overwhelmed while trying to organize these events, to be crazy busy during Obon, to learn, to grow, to experience moments of great happiness, but also moments where I doubted myself and struggled. The dilemma for me here is that it feels like the concept of no attachment asks me to relinquish all of these things, the good and the bad in order to attain ultimate peace. Therefore, for a long time, this concept of no attachment has been one that I have struggled with. Is the release of attachments even a goal worth striving for?

Very recently, we had a discussion in the high school class about this idea of no attachment and as I once again considered the value of no attachment and tried to understand it, I made a connection to another Buddhist idea: no self. No self is a Buddhist belief that, well, there is no one true "self." This may seem a bit confusing; after all, I can touch my own hands, my perspective is the only way I can see the world, and I have used the word "I" at least ten times since the beginning of my speech. However, the concept of no self is actually the belief that there is no "I" except in relation to other people, things, ideas etc. It also seems to me that the concept of no self is intrinsically related to both interdependence and impermanence. It is related to interdependence because "no self" inherently lends itself to the idea that we exist within relationships, within the larger interactions of the world, and it relates to impermanence because these relationships are always changing, ever fluid, and thus there can be no true, permanent "self."

If you recall the first idea I was struggling with, no attachment, this seems to contradict with no self. If no attachment says that we must release our ties to this world of suffering in order to end suffering and no self says that we exist in this world only because of our ties to one another, how can we ever attain enlightenment?

We can reconcile these two ideas by considering what it means to be human, and I believe that to be human is to experience an entire spectrum of emotions; it is to feel joy and sorrow; it is to be at peace, but also to suffer. In fact, the First Noble Truth states that life is suffering; it is inherently human to experience this entire spectrum. Thus, it is almost impossible for us to release all of our attachments to this world and that is where the idea of no self comes in. We are who we are because of our relationships, but the concept of no attachment challenges us to release some of these attachments so that we can find inner peace. Therefore, we must choose what matters to us. We cannot release all that connects us; the Buddha recognized that this does not bring enlightenment or contentedness when he attempted to live a completely aesthetic and separate lifestyle. Instead of rejecting this world and all of its pain, Buddhism, especially Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, teaches that we must walk the Middle Path, striking a balance between the attachments of this world and complete detachment and isolation. What I realized is that the Buddhist idea of no self does not ask us to reject all the pleasures of the world or to live by an extremely strict moral code. Instead, Buddhism gives us a guide in the form of the Middle Path. We must decide what connections we want to create, what relationships we want to build, what ideas we want to uphold. What matters to us is our choice and ultimately it is what makes us human.

Interestingly enough, one of the essays I had to write for my college application was on the topic, "What matters to you and why?" Reflecting on this, I realized that what matters to me, the attachments that I choose to create, are relationships, and one of the most

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I realized was how prevalent impermanence and interdependence were in my life. At first, interdependence was more noticeable than impermanence. There were and still are so many people who have helped me grow as a student and a person. From all my Dharma School teachers and ministers, I have learned about the fundamentals of Buddhism and about how to aspire to be a more compassionate and caring person. At school, my teachers gave me the academic foundation for me to be successful in my future academic endeavors, and my friends have always been there to accept me for who I am and made me feel comfortable with being my true self. I know, looking back now, that I would not be the same person I am today without interacting with any of them at some point in my life.

However, with their presence in my life, impermanence was also present, as my interactions with them shaped the person I am today. As mentioned in my opening meditation, I have been able to benefit from all the people I have met, and I am so grateful that I was lucky enough to have grown up with a Sangha as supportive as the one at Mountain View. But, as I look to the future, I, along with the rest of the graduating seniors, am at a turning point in our lives. As we leave high school, we are leaving the comforts that came with being a dependent minor. We are on the precipice of starting a new chapter in our lives, and with that, comes relative to our limited life experiences, big changes. I won't be able to see many of my high school friends on a regular basis or rely on the adults in my life to do things for me anymore.

However, thanks to all of my years in Dharma School, I have learned that change is not something that should be feared or dreaded. Change is something that should be embraced and accepted. As Buddhists, we have been taught that change is a part of life that just is - a thing that just happens and can't be avoided. However, I am grateful for the change that I see on my horizon, because I know that any changes that are coming - good or bad - will help me grow and mature. As I have had a chance to look back on things this past year, I know that I have only started to begin to truly understand the profound impact interdependence and impermanence have had on my life, and I know that I will have more opportunities to do that as I move forward, because I promise that I'll try my hardest to come back for as many Sunday services as I can. Thank you again to everyone in the Mountain View Sangha for supporting me as I grew up here, and helping shape me into the person I am today.

KAYLYN ARIMA

Mission San Jose High School 2015

Bound for Santa Clara University to major in Marketing

No Self, No Attachment, and the Journey to the Middle Path (Cont'd from Pg 4)

important relationships I have been a part of is my relationship with the Sangha. From my family, who has put up with all the craziness that I create and want to be involved in, to my friends and classmates who I have shared so many moments of laughter wih, to my teachers and advisors, to every single person sitting in this Hondo. You have all been the Middle Path that I choose to walk, a key part of my journey thus far. Thank you for providing me with a space and a community to learn, live, and grow in. Thank you for smiling instead of scolding when I was a kindergartener running through the rock garden. Thank you for teaching me to make mochi every year at mochitsuki and spam musubi every year at Obon. Thank you for helping me find my Middle Path. Thank you for helping me figure out what matters to me, what makes me human.

Please join me in Gassho:
"Amida's Primal Vow is the wish – 'Human beings! Please become truly human."

Meiko Flynn-do

EMILY FURUICHI

Mountain View High School 2015

Bound for Foothill College and will transfer to Cal Poly to major in Engineering

What Being Buddhist Means to Me

By Emily Furuichi

Good morning, everyone. My name is Emily Furuichi and I'm one of the few graduating seniors this year. I wanted to start off with some things that being Buddhist means to me:

On New Years, it has meant making mochi with our family and laughing with Bachan. In the summer, it means standing in a booth for Obon and dancing on Sunday. It is awkwardness and laughter while celebrating the American version of Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter among other holidays.

It means that when you are in the kitchen with your sister and she's cooking pancakes and you're eating them, that it's perfectly natural for both of you to be singing *Buddha Loves You* and transition directly into *Someone Like You* from Adele and then move on to *Next to Me* from Emeli Sandé.

It means that when I volunteer as a Girl Scout for organizations like, Family Giving Tree, Save the Bay or am researching for the Justice journey, I recognize how interconnected we are with our natural as well as social environment.

It means that when I am working with my robotics team and I get frustrated trying to communicate my ideas and getting the other girls to listen, I take a deep breath and clear my head. Then I calmly try again with a different approach.

Here are some of the main ideas from my time here at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple that have stuck with me. 1-Life is impermanent and everything will to change eventually; people must accept this change. 2-Life is interdependent; my decisions and actions affect not only myself but the lives of the people around me and I cannot predict the entirety of the future. 3-Pursuing a desire for things, especially material, makes people unhappy. 4-Be a compassionate person. This is followed closely by be a grateful person. 5-Live in the present moment.

and 6-We are simply human.

Despite how hard we try to be perfect people, it's impossible to achieve absolute mastery of every

NIKOLAS FURUMASU

Homestead High School 2015

Bound for San Francisco State University to major in Kinesiology

Help Others When You Can

By Nikolas Furumasu

Good morning everyone. Happy Mother's Day to all you moms out there. We appreciate everything you guys do for us, even if we don't always show it. I'm Niko for those of you who don't know me. I'm not huge on giving talks, so I'll try to keep this short.

Like Mr. Morimoto said, I will be attending San Francisco State this coming fall. I will be majoring in kinesiology. For those of you who don't know, kinesiology is the study of human movement. I'm hoping to become a physical therapist in the future. Coming into high school, I was already thinking about college (crazy, right?) and what I was going to major in. I was honestly so worried about my future and thinking way too far ahead of myself. However, coming to Temple really helped me to figure out what I wanted to do.

The thing that had the most influence on me was how everyone is always willing to help one another out and how selfless everyone is. For example, at event set ups, so many people come out to help set up and if one person is struggling to do something or needs help, there's always another person who immediately goes to help that person out. It's really inspiring to see this and it's encouraged me to want to go out and help out more at events or just if there's ever a person who looks like they need help, to just lend a hand. Because of being raised up in this selfless and helpful environment, I decided in my sophomore year that I wanted to do something in the medical field, where I'd be able to help others either get better or stay healthy. It wasn't until my senior year when I really figured out what part of the medical field I wanted to go into. I think a large part of this was seeing my brother go through surgery and have to go through physical therapy on his knee, not once but twice. Being an athlete myself, I can't imagine not being able to play sports, the thought is terrifying. Seeing my brother have to go through this struggle has inspired me, because it sucks seeing someone have something so precious to them taken away. I want to be able to help

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Emily Furuichi

subject matter on Earth in a single lifetime. We can only become the best we can be. For me, being Buddhist means that yes, you will get mad at your friends and occasionally say words that you later regret. The difference is, you don't hold that regret or guilt inside. It means you can take time to cool off and recognize your fault and then have the courage to apologize. It is more important to recognize your mistakes and be compassionate when you can, than to be perfect all the time. That would make you inhuman. It doesn't mean always being self-sacrificing, although don't be totally selfish, but being honest with yourself and having the ability to take a stance. Be able to voice your own opinions while being respectful of others. Understand that not everyone holds your point of view. It is similar to the way people speak in Socratic seminars in school. Use your words to build off of others ideas and improve the conversation, don't tear them down.

Senior year, at least at Mountain View High School, one of the classes they offer for English credit is Philosophy, well actually Philosophy in Literature, but no one says that mouthful. The second week of school in Philosophy class, one of the questions we were asked was "Who are you?" The first answer for the majority of people is "I am <insert name>." Next is describing our appearance. But then most people get stuck. "Who am I?" And so we begin adding likes, dislikes, hobbies, family, pets, and memories to our verbal self-portraits. With each distinction we become more us. Many times when people are grouped together; they are simply all teenagers or those kids are all Asians. But as we answer the question, "Who are you?" we are forced to look deeper and become unique individuals with attachments to a diverse variety of groups.

A little bit lost yet? Let me break it down and give an example. Take a look around. Everyone gathered here today is a human, I assume. But you can separate all the men from the women. You could divide the Dharma school students from the adults. Then make even more categories for people wearing T-shirts, dresses, and button-down shirts...or even further into people wearing solid-colored shirts from those with multicolored. Next, you could group people by age.

Still not alone in the categorization yet? Okay, well how about taking just black-haired, oldest female siblings, age 19, who've broken a hole in the wall, eaten dog food before, and now like eating chicken curry? Odds are, in this room you have just become a unique individual if you fit all the descriptions I have listed. But even all that is not you. You are so much more than I could list off in two seconds and each moment you build on who you are with new experiences and knowledge.

We are simply imperfect humans, but that is a part of what makes every person special and unique. We strive to be the best people we can be; there are times when we fall short of ideal, but being Buddhist means we can pick ourselves up with gratitude for the experience and use it to become a better person. As an individual we can recognize our own faults and try to improve ourselves. This can be in terms of outlook on the world, empathy for others, in school, the workplace, essentially any part of life. The Four Noble Truths explain that the root of suffering is desire and that to attain perfect happiness is to get rid of suffering and therefore all desires. However as we are human, we cannot rid ourselves of all desire and so suffer sometimes and succeed others. In this life, the pinnacle of what we can be, we must strive to be.

In closing, here is a quote from the end of the book, *Siddhartha*, as he talks to his friend, which I think embodies a large part of what being Buddhist means.

"It seems to me, Govinda, that love is the most important thing in the world. It may be important to great thinkers to examine the world, to explain and despise it. But I think it is only important to love the world, not to despise it, not for us to hate each other, but to be able to regard the world and ourselves and all beings with love, admiration and respect." (Herman Hesse, 147)

Thank You. Namo Amida Butsu

Nikolas Furumasu

Help Others When You Can (Cont'd from Pg 6)

By Nikolas Furumasu

people get through that process of rehabilitation as quickly as possible and be able to bounce back 110%. I want to help them return to their daily lives and be able to live life to the fullest and do what they want to do without any restraints. I'm grateful that I've been able to grow up here at the Temple because it's really helped shape me into the person I am today and I've been able to meet so many amazing people here.

I want to thank my Dharma School teachers. You guys have always made coming to Dharma School fun, and it's crazy how you guys are able to connect Buddhism with all the fun activities we do. I also appreciate it when you guys bring food in the mornings because I don't eat breakfast and it honestly makes my day. I would also like to thank our YBA advisors, you guys allow us to take on responsibilities and plan the things we want to do. You guys are always there for us if we need any help or advice and I'm thankful for everything you do because you guys make YBA so much fun. I would like to give a huge thank you to Reverend Mukojima and our amazing Temple members, you guys have always been so supportive and welcoming. Lastly, I'd like to thank my family, Mom, Dad, Kev, and Jess, you guys have watched over me these past 17 years and I'm thankful for all that you guys have done. You guys always do something weird or say something funny to make me laugh. You guys can be such fools sometimes and I'm going to miss that. I'm going to take what I've learned these past 17 years and carry it with me to college and so forth.

If you could please join me in Gassho, "It's easy to get so wrapped up in fixing your own life that you forget about helping others. And while it's important to put yourself first sometimes, it's even more important to help others whenever you can."

Thank you!

YBA Activities

UPCOMING V-BALL TOURNAMENT

This past month, the YBA has been working hard to practice for the annual Bay District Volleyball Tournament on May 23 and 24. Good luck to everyone who will be going and representing the Mountain View YBA!

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

We also prepared food for our annual Mother's Day Brunch. We hope everyone who could make it out enjoyed it!

THANK YOU

On May 3, the YBA also held a Yogurtland fundraiser at the Mountain View Yogurtland. Thank you to all who came out and bought yogurt to support the YBA. We hope that you enjoyed it!

UPCOMING EVENT

The YBA is also looking forward to our annual camping trip, which will take place June 19 through 21. We're all very excited!

In Gassho,
Kaylyn Arima
YBA President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

END OF YEAR PREPARATION

Troop Campout will be at the end of May and our Bridging Ceremony will be in June.

SENIOR SCOUTS - SPAM MUSUBI SALE

The Senior Girl Scouts would like to thank the MVBT Sangha for their support of our Spam Musubi fundraiser on May 3rd and making it a success. We sold out and hope everyone enjoyed their musubi! We also want to thank our parents for all their help and support as they always work so hard to help us reach our goals.

COASTAL CLEAN-UP

Two senior scouts and two adults participated in the coastal clean-up at Aquatic Park in San Francisco. We gathered 39 pounds of trash and enjoyed a beautiful morning at the beach. We then enjoyed an afternoon at the Exploratorium.

JUNIOR / CADETTES

Completed their food badge with the help of many parents. For their service project, the girls scouts decided to donate backpacks and school supplies at the start of the school year. They will be having a garage sale to raise funds for this service project.

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

Dan Iwata	***Dec 19, 1924 - Aug 16, 2013***
Shizuko Iwata	***Oct 17, 1926 - April 1, 2015***
George Okashima	***Mar 10, 1935 - April 13, 2015***

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

BWA News & Activities

BWA's COOKING CLASS ON MAY 9

Mrs. Shizue Hiroshige taught how to prepare Hijiki (dried seaweed), and a surprise recipe for chicken thighs at our Cooking/ Demonstration Class held on May 9th. The dishes were healthy and very tasty! With **Mrs. Kiyoko Sato's** wakame rice and **Mrs. Tomiko Maruyama's** mochi, everyone attending had a very nice lunch.

OBON / BAZAAR

BWA will be making maki sushi, inari sushi, chirashi sushi and udon for the Obon / Bazaar. We would truly appreciate all those that helped us last year to help us again this year.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, June 13, 2015, 9 AM, YBA Hall

Buddhist Women's Association

June / July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

June 7, 2015

10:00 AM

June & July Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family 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 **June and July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Spencer Cowap	**Kenzo Kamei**	**Jim Nakayama**
Robyn Delgado	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Kiyo Ogata**
Kazuo Domoto	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Takara Ogawa**
Frank Fujii	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Mika Okita**
Kotome Fujii	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Ichitaro Okumura**
Masakazu Fujii	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Nobu Fukuda	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
George Furuichi	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Mishi Sako**
James Furuta	**Norma Kochi**	**Nizo Sako**
Tomoye Goto	**Albert Kosakura**	**Suye Shimamoto**
Shizue Haruta	**Mitsue Koto**	**Mary Shimizu**
Ben Hayamizu	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Masako Hayamizu	**Erin Maruyama**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Grace Hayano	**George Masuda**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Joe Hayano	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Bessie Hayashida	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Ted Tokunaga**
Sidney Hiramoto	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Ito Tsukagawa**
Asa Hori	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Genzo Horino	**Helen Miyake**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Chizuko Murai**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Kou Imai	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Eiko Yamamoto**
Yukishige Imai	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Kenji Yamane**
Takao Ishikawa	**Megumi Nakano**	**Naoko Yamashita**
John Ishizaka	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Imi Yasuda**
Yotsu Iwata	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**	**Goichi Yonemoto**

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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LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

If you're interested in getting involved, we need the following help:

- New Chairperson(s) for this year's Beef Teriyaki Booth
- Anyone with food safety experience, especially HACCP planning
- New Chairperson(s) for next year's Beer & Sake Booth

Please contact: Brent Izutsu (bizutsu@stanford.edu) &
John Arima (john.arima@gmail.com) if you can help

Planning Meetings Wednesdays, May 27 and June 24
7:30pm to 9:00pm in the YBA Hall Board Room

Pack 87 & Scout 87 Report

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Last month the Troop participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival. They sold their world-famous Yaki -Soba as well as flavored mochi and spam musubi. It was a huge success! A big Thank You to the Temple for allowing the Troop to use its facilities to prepare for this fundraiser.

PALO ALTO TREE PLANTING

Some members of the Troop helped plant new trees around Palo Alto

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Upcoming in May the Troop has various activities planned from its annual Alta Mesa Cemetery clean up, Golden Gate National Cemetery flag planting and various patrol campouts.

In Gassho,
Kyle Sato,
Chartered Organization Representative

DONATE to the Kangi-e Service

Use the MVBT online donation DONATE NOW *or*
send a check to your Zone Chairperson or the Temple Office

Thanks you for your Support

ABA News

April 18th Wine Tasting @the Byington Winery in Los Gatos

Thanks to **Dennis Tsukagawa** for organizing the activity. It was a perfect day, beautiful setting & informative wine tour. Members had a wonderful potluck and many purchased wine. Thank you to **Mieko Nakano** for organizing the communication and details for the wine tasting activity.

May 8th Movie Night Shall We Dance? (Original Japanese version) Movie night followed the short meeting. We had great snacks…..mini pizzas, popcorn, furikake mix, arare and drinks. Everyone enjoyed the movie. Thanks to **Mieko Nakano** & **Joanne Makishima** for the great refreshments & **Sterling Makishima** for the movie.

June 7 CPR Class

Contact**: Eileen Fujikawa**

June 26th Friday Evening at SJ Giants

See **Joanne** Makishima. There is still space available.

SAVE THE DATE

ABA Dance

Together !
Saturday, October 10, 2015

DJ Music: 60's,70"s,80's & 90's

General Fund Donations

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple gratefully acknowledges those who have extended their generosity to support the MVBT General Fund Donation.

The total received since November 2014 is $21,840. Thank you to the MVBT members and friends for your generous and timely donations.

The following individuals and families have contributed in April 2015.

Debra Inenaga

Stuart Ishida

David & Candice Maruyama

Gary & Arleen Tahara

Misao Tanouye

"It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do."

– Jane Austen, *Sense and Sensibility*

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

Seniors Activity Group

10th ANNIVERSARY

May 5th marked our 10th year anniversary enjoying our Senior Activities and Crafts gathering. During the 10 years, it has been memorable for many, making new friends, taking trip, lunches together and staying well with our activities, such as: line dancing, sing along and sing along with body exercise. Also, something good for the mind, we have card playing called "Shanghai" and "Hana ", a Japanese card game. Hoping to soon add Go" and "Mahjong" to our activities. We hope to continue to grow.

IKEBANA

Thank you Julie Misui Nakatani. Our Senior group enjoyed the instructions of learning first hand ikebana from Julie and her assistants Shirley Kodani and Kyoko Ijichi. They showed us how beautifully ikebana can be arranged, and then we had first hands instructions on making our own design. Everyone enjoyed and learned the art of Ikebana. Again, thank you Julie.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 11th, Thursday: LAST Senior Activities and Craft gathering before the summer break. On this day, we will provide lunch at 11:30 AM, and following at 12:15 PM will show a movie called Nebraska", a movie you don't want to miss. Please enjoy the day with us.

Obon / Bazaar, July 18th and 19th. It is soon approaching and co-chairmen Jeanne Ohara and Toshiko Uyehara are requesting from our own Temple members and friends if they can again donate their time in making arts and craft item for the Homemaking Booth. Wish list is more kitchen towels. If you have any items that you wish to donate, mark the package with your name on it and address it to either Jeanne or Toshiko and drop the item off at the Temple office, or at our Thursday meeting. Thank you for your time and effort.

September 16th and 17th. we will be taking our second Reno trip. Temple members can sign up in July by calling Chuck Uyeda. Don't be left out, call early. Price is $83.00, tip included.

BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

We will resume our Activities and Craft in early September. Enjoy the summer break and stay well.

DONATIONS

The Senior Activities and Crafts has paid for the coffee that is enjoyed by all organization for the next six month period. The Temple takes care of the other six months.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Senior Activities & Crafts

Wanted: Flower and Plant Donations

Attention home gardeners. The **2015 Obon Festival Flower Shop** would appreciate and welcome any plants and/or flowers you would be willing to donate.

If you are able to contribute, please **contact Shawn Imai** at (408) 356-6586 or simairealtor@aol.com, so that your gift can be properly acknowledged.

We would appreciate it if you could drop the plants off at the Flower Booth before the Obon Festival opens on Saturday, July 18. If you need your donations to be picked up, please contact Shawn Imai at the above phone number or email address.

Dharma School News

ACTIVITIES

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Dharma School spring book drive Dana Project and to **Lisa Kunze** & **Traci Inouye** for chairing the activity. We donated over 400 books to Sunnyvale Community Services with an estimated value of around $2,000. The organization was very appreciative of our donation and will use the books to give to children of clients who come in for services and as part of their holiday gift program.

Thank you to **Betty Hamasaki**, **Debbie Sato** and **Pauline Shinkawa** for coordinating the lunch for the chicken teriyaki cooking crew on Saturday, May 16th. Also thank you to the parents that helped bring salads and desserts and assisted with the set-up and clean-up. Your help is always much appreciated.

Dharma School is having **MVBT Happi Coats** made for Obon. We will be ordering based on presales only. Price per happi coat will be in the range of $56.00 to $58.50 each. The final price will be determined based on the order quantity that we have. Both child and adult sizes are available. **Orders are being accepted through May 31st.**

Here is the link to the order form:

http://goo.gl/forms/lEWgxGMUEj

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors: **Meiko Flynn-Do**, **Kaylyn Arima**, **Emily Furuichi and Nikolas Furumasu**. Thank you for your insightful and inspiring senior speeches and good luck in the future with whatever you pursue!

Come on out to the annual **Dharma School Campout** which will be held **June 6-7** at MVBT. Fun-filled activities for all ages will start on Saturday afternoon (3 PM) and will include a jump house and human hamster balls as well as other activities. A delicious dinner will be served, followed by dessert and a movie! You have the option of camping outdoors on the grass or indoors in the gym. On Sunday morning, we will wake up for breakfast and attend Sunday Service. If you prefer not to spend the night, you can participate in the Saturday activities and return in the morning for breakfast and service. It's all up to you!

Note: *There is no cost for this event. A parent or responsible adult must accompany all children staying overnight (this is not a drop-off activity). If you plan to stay overnight, please bring your own equipment (tents, sleeping bags).*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events for Dharma School:

- DS Campout - June 6-7
- DS April, May, June birthdays celebrated for DS students up to 5th grade – June 7
- Graduation & Attendance Awards – June 14

Coming Soon! Dharma School Obon booth sign-up's. We'll need everyone to pitch in so that we can fill all of our Obon booth timeslots for the Duck Pond, Grab Bag and Shooting Gallery booths. More information will be sent out soon via email.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Dharma School gratefully acknowledges the following donation:

Fukuda Family
Eileen Fukuda's birthday

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
Dharma School
Superintendent

july 2015

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In Gassho,
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