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July Highlights

- ***7/5 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Kangi-e / Hatsubon Service
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. ZuikeiTaniguchi
- ***7/8 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***7/18-19 Sat - Sun***
  Obon Festival & Bazaar

August Highlights

- ***8/29 Sat, 10:00 AM***
  Seminar with Dr. Ken Tanaka

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Encounter: A Precious Light of Life

Mountain View Buddhist Temple had four high school graduates this year. I feel really sad that those who have been a part of our temple from childhood and who always made the place lighter and livelier, will come less often to the temple because they have gone off to college. Yet many people have the impression that nothing is more precious than the moment we see high school graduates starting a new phase of their lives. I would like to congratulate the graduates on their milestone and sincerely hope that each of them stepping forward into a new life will have a brilliant one.

As we all know, the time we spend in this world is not long. If a man lives a long life, it is rarely even 100 years. But when we consider our life span to the 150 billion year history of the universe, the 4.5 billion year history of our earth, or the 2 billion year history of the beginning of all life on earth, 100 years is but a blip in the entire scene. When we look back at such a comparatively short life, it is remarkable when one can live in such a way as to be able to say, "Oh, my life was so wonderful." I think a person who can live like that is so lucky.

When thinking about a lifetime, even just one encounter can have a strong influence. Life consists of various encounters. An encounter with people, events, nature – it is a constant string of encounters. The famous philosopher Martin Buber said, "True life is a series of

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Facilities Planning Committee Message

By MVBT Facilities Planning Committee

To plan for, and ensure, a strong and lasting religious and cultural future of Mountain View Biuddhist Temple, the MVBT Board of Directors created the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) in October 2003, whose goal was to create a long-range master plan to upgrade and remodel the Temple land and facilities.

Phase I of the plan was the remodel of the Hondo and YBA Hall and the expansion of the Nokotsudo. Thanks to the generous support of the Sangha, the goals to remodel the buildings and improve the infrastructure of the grounds were met and the upgraded facilities are available for all to enjoy.

Phase II is to upgrade and remodel the Sangha Hall and Education Building to bring them up to current requirements for safety and accessibility. In conjunction with Phase II, the FPC has begun to investigate the development of the four acres behind the classrooms and Sangha Hall. (Also known as the Obon parking lot.) The focus of this investigation is to determine the best way for the Temple to supplement our donation in-

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Religious Planning—July to September 2015

July 5, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Kangi-e & Hatsubon Service. Guest Speaker: Rev. Zuikei Taniguchi from the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

July 18-19, 2015, Saturuday 4:00 — 10: 00 p.m. and Sunday, noon — 9:00 p.m.

Obon Festival & Bazaar

July 19, 2015, Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Bon Odori

August 29, 2015, Saturday, 12:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Seminar with Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka

September 13, 2015, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Dharma School resumes

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

June winner for the 150 club is **Debbie Kitani**.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple is grateful to Debbie and all our 150 club participants!

THANK YOU.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
JULY	Zones 9 & 10	N / A	N / A
AUG	Zones 11 & 12	No ECHO	N / A
SEPT	Zones 13 & 1	Sept 11 (Fri)	Sept 16 (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

Encounter: A Precious Light of Life (Cont'd from P1)

meetings." Indeed, it is those encounters which determine the course of one's life. Every day, we meet with various things that influence us and shape the course of our development and establish our life. I am sure we will experience a brilliant life upon the awareness we are having various encounters—when we open our eyes and feel the joy of each meeting.

Had our founder Shinran Shonin died without having had one certain encounter, his life would have been lonely and in vain. But at age 29, Shinran met Honen Shonin and from him learned "the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha."

Before meeting Honen, Shinran had practiced asceticism at the Nembutsu Meditation Hall on Mt. Hiei for 20 years, so he must have known about Amida Buddha and the recitation of the Nembutsu. Yet he had not been able to experience the deep world of the Nembutsu. Shinran first realized the preciousness of the Nembutsu when he met Honen. From that point, he was able to appreciate it more deeply from the books of the Seven Pure Land Masters.

Before he met Honen, Shinran was like a person who suffers from thirst even though he is standing in water. If Shinran had never met Honen, his life would really have been in vain. Honen not only shared the relationship of master and pupil with Shinran, but was respected by Shinran as a Mahasthamaprapta Bodhisattva.

Thus we can see his remarkable words in the Tannisho regarding Honen: "I have nothing to regret, even if I should have been deceived by my teacher Honen Shonin and, saying the Nembutsu, fall into hell."

I believe that this statement clearly reflects Shinran's wonder over his encounter with Honen Shonin. Shinran can say these startling words with conviction because by encountering the noble master, Shinran became a contented person.

What do we humans live for? I believe that it is to find our true spiritual support which we can truly depend on throughout life. Although it varies from person to person, it is not only family or friend, but might also be job, religion, and so on, which supports our life. Fortunately, as a Jodo Shinshu minister, I was able to encounter the precious Nembutsu teaching which will surely lead any person to the way of true awakening. I also have a wonderful family and many friends and I cannot be more grateful for this. Yet we should remember that life can be severe, and that the joyful encounter also includes the sorrowful separation.

We will experience many separations like a loved one passing away or a high school graduate leaving his hometown for college life. Although their qualities are different, each parting is a sad occasion. However, all of us—those who are guaranteed Buddhahood because we have encountered the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha — have an everlasting firm tie embraced by the Nembutsu. It is the same encounter with Amida Buddha in which Shinran rejoiced. By this precious encounter, all of our lives are linked together which gives us courage and hope to live in the warmth of great compassion.

The Nembutsu teaching that Shinran handed down to us is the precious light which always illumines our life and shines brightly on all of our encounters.

Again, to the four graduates who have embarked on a new life, my heartiest congratulations. I sincerely hope that many wonderful encounters are in store for you.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一五年七月法話

―出遇いは人生の光―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

今年、当仏教会で四名の卒業生を送り出しました。幼い頃から日曜礼拝にお参りに来て、友人達と共に仏教会を支え、いつも周りを明るく賑やかにしてくれた彼らが大学進学の為とはいえ仏教会から足が遠のいてしまうのは何とも寂しいことです。ですが、新しい人生に向かって巣立っていく彼らの姿を見送る瞬間は何ものにも換え難い感動があります。

新しい一歩を踏み出した卒業生に心よりお祝い申し上げるとともに、輝かしい人生を歩んでくれることを念じています。

さて、私達人間が、この世に生を受けて生きる寿命というものは、そう長いものではありません。長く生きて百年といいますが、百五十億年の宇宙の歴史、四十五億年の地球の歴史、そして、二十億年の地球上での生命の歴史から見ればそれはほんのわずかな期間です。そんな短い一生を振り返って、「ああ、私の人生は実に素晴らしいものだった」と言える人生を歩めたら、どれほど素晴らしいことでしょう。そのような生き方ができる人は大変恵まれているように思います。

私達の一生を考える時、たった一つの「出遇い」によって、その人の人生が大きく左右されることがよくあります。私達の人生は、いろんな出遇いによって成り立っています。人との出遇い、事柄との出遇い、自然との出遇い、さまざまな出遇いの連続です。

かの有名な哲学者、マルチン・ブーバーは人生について、「真の人生とは出遇いである」と言っています。人生は出遇いで決まる。正にその通りでしょう。私達は日々様々なものに出遇い、そこから色んな影響を受けて、自己が形成され、その人の人生が築かれていきます。それだけに、様々な出遇いにしっかりと気付き、目を開き、喜びを感じていくことで、私達の一生が輝かしいものに変わっていくのではないでしょうか。

私達の宗祖である親鸞聖人に、もし、ある「出遇い」というものがなく一生を終わっておられたら、聖人の人生はきっと寂しいものとなっていたに違いありません。その聖人が二十九歳でめぐり遇われたのが、法然上人であり、その説かれるところの「阿弥陀仏の大悲心」だったのです。

親鸞聖人は、それまで比叡山で二十年という長い間、念仏三昧堂で修行しておられました。ですから阿弥陀仏についても当然知っておられましたし、お念仏も称えておられたに違いありません。しかし、そのお念仏の中にある深い世界に触れることができませんでした。それが、法然上人によってはじめて知らされ、高僧方の書物を通してより深く味わうことができたのです。

それまでの聖人は、お念仏を称えつつも、まさに、水の中にいて喉の渇きを訴え苦しむ人に譬えられます。もし、親鸞聖人が法然上人に出遇うことがなかったら、その一生は何とも空しい人生であったと思います。親鸞聖人にとって、法然上人は、ただの師弟関係というのではありませんでした。親鸞聖人は、法然上人を「勢至菩薩」として崇められておられたのです。

ですから、『歎異抄』の中で、「たとえ、法然上人にだまされて念仏を称えて、そのあげく地獄に落ちたとしてもさらさら悔やむところはない」という法然上人への絶対的信頼のお言葉を見ることができるのです。

そこには、法然上人との出遇いに対する感動が生き生きと溢れているように思われます。こう言い切ることのできる師にめぐり遇われた親鸞聖人は本当に幸せなお方でありました。

人は何のために生きてゆくのか。それは私達の生命を根底から支えてくれる真の拠り所に出遇うためではないでしょうか。人によってさまざまですが、それは家族や友人だけではなく、仕事や宗教などといったその人の一生の支えになるものです。幸いに私は浄土真宗の僧侶として、誰もが必ず救われていく尊いお念仏のみ教えに出遇えました。そして家族や友人にも恵まれています。これほど喜ばしいことはありません。しかし、出遇いがあれば別れもあるのが人生の厳しさです。

愛する者を亡す別れもあれば、この度の卒業生のように私達の元から離れていく別れもあります。どちらの別れも質こそ違え寂しいものではありますが、阿弥陀仏のご本願に出遇わせていただいた私達は、お念仏に包まれて、仏とならせていただくもの同士として永遠に離れることのない固い絆で結ばれているのです。これこそ親鸞聖人が喜ばれた阿弥陀仏との出遇いであり、この尊い出遇いによって、私達の生命がつながり合って、大悲のぬくもりの中から私達に生きる勇気と希望を与えて下さるのです。

親鸞聖人が伝えて下さったお念仏のみ教えは、私達の人生を常に照らし、全ての出遇いを輝かせて下さっている尊い光なのです。

最後に、改めて、四名の卒業生の前途に彼らの人生を輝かす素晴らしい出遇いが数多く待っていることを念じつつ、心からの拍手をもって送り出したいと思います。

Facilities Planning Committee Message (Cont'd from P1)

LEGEND

	Entrance
Bldg A	Hondo
Bldg B	YBA Hall
Bldg C	Dharma School Classroom
Bldg D	Sangha Hall & Gym
Bldg E	Parsonage
Bldg F	Storage Garage
	Property Line

on regular Temple activities. The Board of Directors has mandated that, if the acreage is developed, it will be only on a lease basis and never sold.

With Board of Directors approval, the FPC has contracted with Colliers International, a leading global commercial real estate company, to outline a scenario to lease the acreage to a development partner who would propose projects such as multi-family residential housing, hospitality, senior housing, or other uses that would be acceptable to the city of Mountain View. Once proposals are received, they will be evaluated by the FPC and presented to the Board of Directors for discussion and eventual implementation.

Look for future articles in the Echo with updates on the progress of the FPC's Phase II plans.

In Gassho,
Facilities Planning Committee

ABA News

May Temple Chicken Teriyaki. Thank you to **Dennis Tsukagawa** for organizing the crew for cooking the chicken and making sure that the crew had lunch. He wanted to be sure that all ABA members were thanked for their hard work .

June 7 CPR & AED Certification. Thank you to **Eileen Fujikawa** for organizing this class. She even made arrangements for lunch and thanked **Carolyn Murata** for the homemade cookies.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, August 29, 2015.
Seminar with Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka.

Come to hear Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka speak on "Qualities and Strengths of Shin Buddhism in America: Through Humor, Metaphors, Action and Nembutsu Meditation." For more details and signup, see the flyer in the issue. See Page 13.

October 10, 2015.
ABA Dance for Baby Boomers, GenXers and Millennials.

"Together" will bring the ages together on October 10th for a night of good times. Featuring the music we grew up with, this will be a chance to reconnect, reminisce and dance the night away. Visit our website

"www.aba-dance.com"

for more information and online registration.

Thank You for Your Support

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Held Sunday, May 17

On behalf of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and Zone 2, I would like to thank all of you for your support of our annual fundraiser. Because of your generosity and efforts, the event was a great success!

Gassho,
David Kariya
2015 Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson

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.

Congratulations to New YBA Cabinet & Graduating Seniors!

PAST & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Over the Memorial Day weekend, 11 of our YBA members participated in the **Bay District Volleyball tournament**. Our competitive team did very well, finishing second out of seven teams, and losing only one game to the team from Fresno.

The **annual YBA camping trip** will be held from June 19 to June 21. We are all looking forward to

hanging out at the beach, meeting some of the incoming freshmen, and saying goodbye to our graduating seniors.

2015-2016 YBA CABINET

We also elected our 2015-2016 Cabinet. Congratulations to all the new cabinet members!

***President*:**
Devon Matsumoto
Vice *President*:
Jordyn Sato
***Treasurer*:**
Alex Tsukahara
***Religious Chair*:**
Hayley Arima
***Recording Secretary*:**
Maddie Matsumoto
***Corresponding Secretary*:**
Lindsey Nishimoto
***Coast District Representative*:**
Alex Shinkawa
***Activities Chair*:**
Rossten Nakamura
***Historian*:**
Kelly Nishimura

CONGRATUALATIONS!

We would also like to congratulate all four of the graduating seniors. We wish them the best of luck next year!

Kaylyn Arima
Meiko Flynn-Do
Niko Furumasu
Emily Furuichi

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Activities

Eleven of our BWA ladies and Rev. Mukojima attended the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary, Canada. It was a wonderful convention with inspirational Keynote Speakers Rev. Nana Yanase of Japan and Rev. Patricia Usuki of the San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple. Rev. Yanase is also a singer/songwriter with a truly beautiful voice, and Rev. Patricia Usuki is a sansei who was born and reared in Toronto, Canada. Many people attended from Japan, Brazil, Hawaii, USA and Canada.

After the conference, we went by tour bus to Banff. That first night we enjoyed a real Japanese meal. The restaurant was within walking distance from our hotel. We were ready for Japanese food and truly enjoyed it! The next day we took a 10-hour tour of the awesome and majestic Canadian Rockies in the Banff National Park and saw many beautiful turquois lakes and glaciers. We rode to an even higher elevation to the Columbia Icefields and were able walk to on it. One of the highlights of the tour was a stop at the beautiful Lake Louise. Our group was very lucky and was able to see four black bears, one grizzly bear and a group of bighorn sheep. Of course from the safety of the bus, as these wild animals were all feeding along the side of the highway. We were very fortunate as our time in the Banff area was all blue skies and sunshine.

Our group returned a little weary, but happy for the camaraderie, making new friends and strengthening the bonds with our old friends.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, July 11, 2015, 9 a.m. in YBA Hall.

BWA ladies and Rev. Mukojima

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

Ruth Goto ***Feb 21, 1946 - May 14, 2015***

Roy Matsumoto ***Nov 27, 1931 - May 22, 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

GARGE SALE

In May, the Juniors and Cadettes held a Garage Sale.

CAMPOUT

Our annual Troop Campout was held on May 29. We had 100% attendance of our Girl Scouts and Leaders. This year we invited the Girl Scouts from the San Mateo Buddhist Temple to join us. We enjoyed getting to know our sister Girl Scouts from San Mateo (seven Scouts and two Leaders) and look forward to more activities together in the future.

BRIDGING CEREMONY

We finished our Girl Scout year with our Bridging Ceremony on June 5.

One Daisy bridged to Brownies.
3 Brownies bridged to Juniors
2 Juniors bridged to Cadettes

1 Cadette bridged to Seniors
2 Seniors bridged to Ambassadors

THANK YOU

Thank you to the **Mountain View Buddhist Temple**, **the Sangha** and **Rev. Mukojima** for your support and guidance this past year.

Dharma School News

OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT

Dharma School (DS) had their annual campout on Saturday June 6th – Sunday June 7th. Thank you to parent volunteers **Ashley Uyehara**, **Christine Hirabayashi**, **Stuart Ishida**, **Donna Wing** and **Bryan Matsumoto** for coordinating the event. Also thank you to **Mr. Nara** for setting up the PA system for the campout. Much appreciated!

HAPPI COATS

Dharma School is having MVBT Happi Coats made for Obon according to the pre-orders received. For those that pre-ordered, we will be sending out

information on how to pick up the Happi Coats when they are ready.

OBON FESTIVAL

Dharma School is in-charge of the Grab Bag, Duck Pond and Shooting Gallery game booths for Obon. All Dharma School families are required to volunteer at our annual Obon Festival. Please volunteer and sign-up for one work shift per Dharma School student. Please note that a parent and child workshift counts as two shifts (for Grab Bag and Duck Pond). If you are not available for any of the remaining open shifts, please contact **Traci Inouye** at traciendo@aol.com, and we will identify an alternative time (either that weekend or the week prior) that you can be plugged in to help.

You can sign up for your shifts here

http://www1.mysignup.com/mvbt_obon_dharma_school_booths

Dharma School is also in charge of the post-Obon clean-up/classroom prep and Obon clean-up dinner. Help will be needed for these activities. Please look for an email with information on how you can help!

SUMMER BREAK

Dharma School is on break for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone when we resume on Sunday, September 13th.

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
DS Superintendent

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group: Obon and then Summer Break

SUMMER BREAK

We will resume our Senior Activities and Craft on September 3rd. Please mark this date on your calendar and continue to enjoy the fellowship with the Senior Activities and Crafts Group. Everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Obon / Bazaar, July 18th and 19th. It is soon approaching and the Senior Crafts 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 items for the Homemaking Booth. It is through your efforts that the booth has become popular and has been successful. If you have any items that you wish to donate, mark the package with your name on it and address it to either Jeanne Ohara or Toshiko Uyehara and drop the item off at the Temple office. The wish list is more kitchen towels, the most popular item. Thank you for your time and effort.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

September 10th, Thursday. We will be making manju for the annual Midori Kai Boutique. We will again be asking for your help and support for this major fund-raising event.

September 16th and 17th, Wednesday and Thursday. We will taking our second Reno trip. Temple members can sign up in July by calling **Chuck Uyeda**. Non-members are also welcome to sign up, but will be put on the waiting list allowing Temple members to have first choice. Don't be left out, call early. Price is $83.00, tip included.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

If you're interested in getting involved, please go to our Temple Website (http://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org/) to find links to sign up to help.

The Final Planning meeting will be on Wednesday, June 24 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the YBA Hall Board Room

Please contact Brent Izutsu (bizutsu@stanford.edu) & John Arima (john.arima@gmail.com) with any questions.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Become an "Obon Sponsor"

OBON SPONSOR

The 2015 annual Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival & Bazaar is coming up the weekend of July 18th and 19th where thousands of folks will be attending this two-day event from near and far. Each year, we look to our friends and Sangha members for their support making contributions to this festive event.

Your donations will be acknowledged with your names on our "Donation Board" in Sangha Hall. We will be very happy to put your name, your business name, or if you would like to have a donation in memory of a friend or family member, just let us know.

HOW TO DONATE:

Please make checks payable to Mountain View Buddhist Temple and mail it to: 575 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View, CA 94043. Please note on both the check and the envelope that it is for the Obon Festival & Bazaar with "Obon Sponsor" so we know the donation is not intended for the Kangi-e Obon/Hatsubon Service that is being held Sunday, July 5th at 10 a.m.

Note: Donations to the Obon Festival & Bazaar are directed to the Temple's Expansion Fund, which currently pays for major repairs to our buildings and facilities and builds up the financial foundation for future Temple building projects. Donations made in memory of loved ones to the Kangi-e Obon/ Hatsubon Service go directly to the Temple's General Fund, which pays for the regular operations and expenses of the Temple.

You may also donate through our website as well by clicking on the "DONATE NOW" button located on the right hand side of the Home page. Put your sponsor donation amount in "Miscellaneous Contributions" and put "Obon Sponsor" in the Donation Notes box

Thank your for being an Obon Sponsor.

QUESTIONS & CONTACT

Dennis Tsukagawa
2015 Donation Chair
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2015 Obon Festival & Bazaar

Key Dates & Times

Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service: Sunday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m.
Odori Practice: July 7, 9, 14, 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Sangha Hall

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, July 5	**10:00 a.m.**	**Kan-gi E Obon/Hatsubon Service**
Tuesday, July 7	8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Take out Items for Construction Odori Practice
Thursday, July 9	7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Odori Practice
Tuesday, July 14	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Lay Out Booth Materials Construction Begins (Dinner served by MVBT Board) Electrical crew organize wire for booth Odori Practice
Wednesday, July 15	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Make Yaki Manju Clean & Prepare Chicken Construction (Dinner served by YBA) Electrical crew prep
Thursday, July 16	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Prepare Kanpyo Tempura & Beef Teriyaki veg. prep Construction (Dinner served by ABA) Electrical crew prep Final Odori Practice (outdoors)
Friday, July 17	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Continue prep for Tempura Beef Teriyaki meat cutting Beef Teriyaki skewering Construction/Booth Furnishing/decoration Electrical crew final check out of layout
Saturday, July 18	5:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. **4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** 10:30 p.m.	Rice cooking Make Sushi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close** Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) parking lot
Sunday, July 19	4:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m. **12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** 9:30 p.m.	Rice cooking Make Sushi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close** Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) parking lot
Monday, July 20	7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Booth clean up Begins Take down signs and put away Take down and put away electrical Lunch served by BWA
Tuesday, July 21	6:30 p.m.	Booth disassembly begins (Dinner served by Dharma School)
Wednesday, July 22	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Return all materials to warehouse Finish Clean up (Dinner served by BWA)

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Invites You to a Seminar with

Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka

"Qualities and Strengths of Shin Buddhism in America: Through Humor, Metaphors, Action and Nembutsu Meditation"

SATURDAY, August 29, 2015
12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka, a popular and renowned Shin scholar and speaker, will present innovative methods of accessing the Shin Dharma. Dr. Tanaka is currently Professor and Dean of Buddhist Education at Musashino University in Tokyo. He is President of the International Assoc. of Shin Buddhist Studies and President of the Japanese Association for the Study of Buddhism and Psychology. His academic background includes Stanford University (B.A.), Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) (M.A.), Tokyo University (M.A.) and University of California at Berkeley (Ph.D.). He grew up in California, is a former minister of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and former IBS professor, and is a Shin author (Oceans, The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Doctrine and American Buddhism).

Please register with the Mountain View Buddhist Temple by **August 21, 2015** :

Phone (408) 691-7377 or
E-mail smyoshiaki@gmail.com.

Registration cost is $10 donation for non-Temple members. Temple members are guests of MVBT ABA.

Seminar to be held at:
MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE in YBA Hall
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

12:30 p.m.	–	Registration
12:45 p.m.	–	Service
1:00 p.m.	–	Session I: Humor
2:15 p.m.	–	Session II: Metaphors and Daily Action
3:30 p.m.	–	Session III: Nembutsu Meditation
4:45 p.m.	–	Questions & Answers with Discussion

Mountain View Buddhist Temple 30th Annual
Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

When: **Sunday, August 16, 2015**

Course: **Sunnyvale Muni Golf Course** - (408) 738-3666
605 Macara Lane (off Maude Avenue) Sunnyvale

Time: **First tee-off at 10:00 a.m.**
ALL GOLFERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE 9:30am

Fee: **$100.00** (Includes green fees, barbecue dinner, prizes & appreciable contribution toward the Scholarship Fund). Carts are NOT included.

Entry Fee Deadline: **Friday, August 7, 2015.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 48 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for $20.00 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by August 7, 2015.

Make checks payable to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple, with footnote *Sasaki Scholarship*.

Mail all entries and dinner reservations to: Richard Endo
1158 Crespi Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086 / (408) 839-0051

----------Please mail this portion with your check:----------

30th Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

NAME	NCGA/GHIN Handicap	or Avg SCORE	CART Yes/No
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

** Maximum Handicap: Men – 32 Women – 36*

Golfers - $100 x number of golfers	#	$
Dinner Only - $20 x number of people	#	$
Total Amount Due		$

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

e-mail address: _____

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16 2pm - Sasaki Golf	17 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	18 7pm - Cub Scouts @	19 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Obon	20	21	22
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