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October Highlights

- ***10/4 Sun, 10:00 a.m.***
  - ***Sangha Day Picnic***
  - ***NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE***
- ***10/10 Sat, 8:00 p.m.***
  - ***ABA Fundraiser Dance for the Ages, "Together"***
- ***10/11 Sun, 10:00 a.m.***
  - ***Shotsuki Hoyo***
- ***10/14 Wed, 7:30 p.m.***
  - *Temple Board Meeting*
- ***10/18 Sun, 10:00 a.m.***
  - ***Bishop's Memorial Service***
  - ***ABA Memorial Service***
- ***10/25, Sunday***
  - ***CD Nembutsu Family Conference***
  - ***NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE***

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For The Sake Of Future Generations

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

We all know California has a serious water shortage because of the severe ongoing drought. Because of this dire situation, the city of Mountain View forbids garden water usage between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The city will impose a huge fine on anyone caught doing otherwise. This is a challenge for our Temple whose grounds include many kinds of beautiful trees and flowering plants. However, we all have a responsibility to both treasure and conserve our precious water upon which all living beings depend.

Imagine what would happen if there were no water on Earth. Of course, if life depends on water, life cannot be sustained without it.

About 3.5 billion years ago on this planet, the most primitive forms of life appeared. This likely occurred in the ocean shallows where water, soil and air influenced each other. At present, there are about 190 million known kinds of life on our planet. Due to countless causes and conditions, these many forms of life are constantly being born, evolving and dying. Some species of life have also ceased to exist.

About 70 percent of the earth's surface is ocean. Water evaporation rising from the ocean becomes clouds that carry rain or snow. This precious moisture is distributed across the land masses to grow the mountain forests, become valley water in which fish thrive, create streams that are home to insects, join large rivers fertilizing agricultural fields, support human life, help industrial production, and finally flow into the ocean again. All living beings in this world depend on this great movement of water. The working of many beings helps purify the water and makes this water circulation possible.

This is all to say that all living beings are linked by and dependent upon water to survive. This is the real state of Nature in this world. I believe that the ideal "water with the eight excellent qualities" in the Pure Land arises from this. This water is described in the Amida Sutra as being pure, cool, sweet, soft, moistening, comforting, thirst quenching and revitalizing.

If we look around the world, we know that many countries have disturbed the water cycle by polluting its sources and destroying seashore and riverside habitat, and in doing so have reduced the living spaces of and killed countless beings. Pollution caused by both domestic runoff and industrial wastewater; and air pollution created by automobiles and factories; and deforestation have damaged and sometimes destroyed animal and plant species and badly affected human health. These are irreversible crimes against Nature commit-

Greed

Anger

Stupidity

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27 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	28 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	29 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	30 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	1 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 7pm - FPC Meeting	2	3
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Religious Planning — October 2015

October 4, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park

No services at Temple

October 11, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 a.m. Japanese Language Service

October 18, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Bishop's Memorial Service & ABA Memorial Service

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Koshin Ogui**, minister at White River Buddhist Temple

October 25, 2015, Sunday — CD Nembutsu Family Conference

Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference at Monterey Buddhist Temple.s
No services at Temple

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

We have winners for the months of August and September. Our August winner for the 150 Club is **Cheryl Shay**, and our September winner is **Arleen Tahara**.

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

Thank You!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
OCT	Zones 13 & 1	N / A	N / A
NOV	Zones 2 & 3	Oct 16 (Fri)	Oct 21 (Wed)
DEC	Zones 4 & 5	Nov 13 (Fri)	Nov 18 (Wed)

Please note the article deadlines, printing dates and email submission process. This will provide time for layout and production. Thank you.

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

For The Sake Of Future Generations (Cont'd from P1)

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ted by humankind in our insatiable pursuit of immediate benefits.

Sakyamuni Buddha has a name for those blinded by greed: hungry ghosts. He admonishes our foolishness and selfishness. When we want something, we crave it even if our desire injures others. When things don't turn out as we desire, we get furious, expressing our hatred. We shamelessly deceive others to get our way. With such behavior, we show how we are constantly confused by the three minds of **Greed, Anger, and Stupidity/Ignorance,** which we call the **three poisons**, or **GAS**. GAS creates the "hell" that is the ultimate world of suffering.

The world is filled with the suffering and sadness of all the beings cruelly killed, as well as the suffering and sadness of those who have killed others. This second group also dies in agony by the very poisons they themselves created. In Buddhism, we call this society "the evil world with five defilements."

During this last Dharma Age, the world is full of the **five defilements**. **The first of these is "the defiled age."** It is a period of corruption in which both social evils and the destruction of natural environments by famine, plague, natural disasters and war arise and continue to develop without ceasing. **The second is "the defiled views."** This means the corruption of ideas and thoughts by the spread of wicked thoughts and wrong views by people who are so fixated on their own selfish ways that they never consider others. **The third is "the defiled blind passions."** This is an expression of the corruption of the human spirit. Because people have GAS (greed, anger, ignorance/stupidity) at the root of their ideas, they are ruled by their own selfish concerns. **The fourth is "the defiled beings."** This indicates the corruption of human nature that loses sight of the fact that all things exist only by connecting and supporting each other. And, **the fifth is "the defiled life."** This means that the human life span gradually shortens because the corruption of the dignity of life reduces our precious lives. Unfortunately, we are now living in this horrendous world of five defilements.

Yet Sakyamuni Buddha says, "In Amida Buddha's Pure Land of Utmost Bliss, there are beautiful ponds, lakes and rivers filled with 'water with the eight excellent qualities.'" This water has measureless virtues that produce and raise countless lives. Its virtues are more precious and superior than anything else. The forests and vegetation nourished by this water also grow many other living beings. Therefore, all lives in the Pure Land are connected like a net made up of a series of knots, sustaining, supporting and illumining each other.

When we are lit up by this precious light, we awaken to realize how our own foolishness and arrogance take countless lives that not only muddy the water, but make it disappear from the Earth as well.

This means we must seek and learn more about the true teachings of the Pure Land created by Amida Buddha's vow so that we may sincerely receive the light of wisdom. For the sake of the lives of our children's and grandchildren's generations, let us try to do our best to follow the Buddha's teaching and, in the light of Nembutsu, reflect deeply on our own foolishness so that we don't make this evil world with five defilements any worse.

In Gassho,

Five Defilements

1. **Defiled Age**
2. **Defiled Views**
3. **Defiled Blind Passions**
4. **Defiled Beings**
5. **Defiled Life**

BWA Activities

Buddhist Women's Association

Our apologies for the cancellation of our September cooking class. Due to unforeseen events, we had to cancel the class.

Mitsue Fukuda and **Reiko Murakami** will be flying to Seattle, Washington on October 9 to attend the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association delegates meeting that will be on October 10.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. October 17 at 9:00 a.m., in YBA Hall

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一五年十月法話

― 子や孫のために ―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

今年のカリフォルニアは、例年以上に水不足で大変大きな問題になっています。マウンテンビュー市では、午前九時から午後五時までの間に庭に水をやることが禁じられ、もし、規則を破ってしまうと多額の罰金が科せられるようになりました。多くの木々や美しい草花に囲まれた当仏教会にとっては大変厳しい現実ですが、いのちの生命線である尊い水を私達一人ひとりが意識して大切にしていかなくてはなりません。

もしこの地球上に水が存在しなかったら、どうでしょうか？私達の身近な存在である月と同じように、もちろん、地球上にも生物は生まれていなかったでしょう。今から約三十五億年前、地球上に初めて小さな生物が誕生しました。それは、土と大気と水が相寄る浅い水の中だったといわれています。そして、現在で確認されているだけでも約一九〇万種ものさまざまな生命が、縁に依って生まれ、進化と変化をくり返し、また、あるいは滅んでいったのです。

ご存知のように、地球の面積の七〇パーセントは海だといわれています。そこから蒸発した水蒸気は雲になり、雨や雪になって地上に降り注ぎ、山の樹林を育て、谷水になって魚たちを育て、小川を作って昆虫たちをうみ、大河になって田畑を潤し、人間の生活を支え、その工業生産を助け、また海へ流れいります。この世のあらゆる生命は、この水の大循環によって生かされていますし、逆に多くの生物の働きが、水の循環を助け、水を浄化しているともいえます。つまり、水と土と大気と多くの生命とが一体になって息づいているのです。それがこの世の自然の姿であり、実に浄土の「八功徳水」の理想もここから発っしているのではないでしょうか。

ところが、世界中を見回してみますと、近年多くの国では、人間のエゴによって、この大切な水の循環が妨げられてしまい、その結果、無数の生命を殺し、その住処を奪っています。家庭排水や工業廃水による水質汚染や、自動車や工場などの排煙による大気汚染、更には、森林伐採などによって、多くの動植物に被害を与え、時には殺してきました。当然人間の健康も害しました。果てしない欲望のままに、目先の利益を追い求める人間が犯した、取り返しのつかない過ちです。

お釈迦さまは、このように欲望に目のくらんだ私達の姿を「餓鬼」と呼んで戒めておられます。欲しいものは人を傷つけてでも貪り続け、自分の思い通りにならなかったら相手を憎んで怒り狂い、人を欺こうとも恥を恥とも思わない愚かな生き方―。この「貪り・怒り・無知」の三つの心、つまり、仏教の三毒が究極の苦の世界「地獄」をこの世に作り出しているのです。

無惨に殺された生物や人々の苦しみや悲しみに満ちた世界、そして、殺した側もまた己のつくった毒に侵されて苦しんで死んでいく世界。このような社会を仏教では「五濁悪世」と呼んでいます。

五濁悪世とは、五つの穢れに満ちた末法の世界を意味します。一つ目は、「劫濁」といって、飢饉や疫病や天災、戦争などの社会悪や自然環境破壊などが増大する時代の濁りを指します。二つ目は、「見濁」で、よこしまな思想や見解がはびこって、他人のことなど顧みず、つねに自己中心的な考え方をする思想の濁り。三つ目の「煩悩濁」は、貪り、怒り、愚かさなどの煩悩が人々の思想の根源にあって、全てを自分に都合よく捉えようとする性根の濁り。「衆生濁」とは、全てのものがつながり合って、支え合って存在していることを見失った人間の資質の濁り。そして最後の「命濁」とは、寿命が短くなること。つまり、いのちの尊さが軽んじられ見失われていく意味での、寿命の濁りを表しています。そして今、私達はこの五濁悪世に生きているのです。

一方、阿弥陀仏の極楽浄土では、池や泉に「八功徳水」が満ちているとお釈迦さまが伝えて下さっています。それは、数えきれない功徳のはたらきを持っています。多くの生命を生み育てるはたらきは、何ものにも勝る功徳です。そして、この水が育てた樹林や草花が、またほかの多くのいのちを育てます。だからこそ、お浄土のあらゆる「いのち」が網の目のように関わり合い、生かし合い、支え合い、光り輝き合っているのです。

そして、その尊い光に照らされたとき、私達が私利私欲のために水を汚し、濁らせ、更には、地球上の水を干上がらせるような使い方をして、無数の「いのち」を奪っていることの恐ろしさに気づかされるのです。

今こそ、阿弥陀仏の願いによってつくられた極楽浄土の真実に学ばなければなりません。子や孫の世代のために、この五濁の世をこれ以上汚さないよう私達一人ひとりがみ仏の教えにしたがい、我が身の愚かさを深く反省し、お念仏の光を仰ぎながら真摯に生かされてまいりましょう。

October

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

October 11, 2015

10:00 a.m.

October 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 **October** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Sachi Adachi	**Masakatsu Kito**	**Jerry Okumura**
Irene Hatsue Furuta	**Shozo Mayeda**	**Tsui Sakai**
Mary Hayamizu	**Yachi Miyake**	**Hagiyo Sato**
Ted Hayashida	**Yoshiaki Murakami**	**Itoju Sawamura**
Tad Iimura	**Lily Nakamura**	**Yas Shimoguchi**
Masako Inokuchi	**Aiko Nakano**	**Drew Sugimoto**
Fred Inouye	**Takeno Nara**	**Takie Sugimoto**
George Ishikawa	**Mikiyo Nishimoto**	**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**
Hoichi Kato	**Hiroshi Obuchi**	**Masayo Yokoyama**
Ihei Kawamoto	**Toemon Ogino**	**Yukiko Yonemoto**
Mamoru Kawamoto	**Shigeto Okimoto**	**Mollie Yoshizumi**
Takeru Kawamoto	**Kayoko Okubo**	

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**

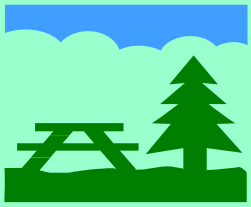
Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

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

Keiko Mizuhara ***Mar 25, 1939 - Aug 4, 2015***

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

Namo Amida Butsu



SANGHA DAY PICNIC

Sunday, October 4th
Cuesta Park, Mountain View

All Temple members and their families are invited.
Please join us for a day of camaraderie, great food and fun games.

10:00 am .....Service
11:00 am .....Children's Races
12:00 noon .....Barbecue Lunch
1:30 pm .....Bingo
2:30 pm .....Raffle
3:00 pm .....Clean up

A representative of your zone or affiliated organization will be calling you for a head count and for a potluck contribution of either a salad, rice or dessert.

If you wish to attend but have not been contacted by September 17th, please email or call **Craig Hamasaki** (chamasaki21@gmail.com) 408-857-6619

Facilities Planning Committee Report

At the August meeting, Colliers International, our consultants, presented the FPC with several proposals from developers that responded to the Request for Proposal (RFP). The developers are highly interested in pursuing the opportunity to develop the land behind the Sangha Hall under a long-term ground lease arrangement.

With FPC input, Colliers has reduced the list of developer candidates to five firms. These firms will be asked to improve and refine their proposals to be competitive and to reflect the Temple's preferences. Colliers will report back to the FPC with these revised proposals hopefully in time for the October 1 FPC meeting.

The criteria for choosing the appropriate developer remains the same: least amount of land with the most amount of income, shorter-term lease is preferred and inclusion of maximal buffer space.

We are also interested in encouraging developers to assist us with developing a master plan for the Temple property to include considerations for our Obon parking needs, future expansion and remodeling plans associated with Phase II.

All FPC members are encouraged to attend the October 1 meeting in the Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the FPC, please contact the committee's co-chair, Mel Inouye at

fpc@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

In Gassho,
Facilities Planning Committee

Dharma School

Dharma School News

Our Dharma School class combinations will remain the same as last year. Here are the classes and the teachers assigned to those classes:

- **Preschool: Tracey Mukoyama, Curt Fukuda & Joann Yamani**
- **Kindergarten & 1st grade: Esther Bunya, Reiko Tsuchida, Frances Sawamura & Debbie Ho**
- **2nd & 3rd grade: Toshiko Uyehara, Diane Umemoto, Chau Arima & Traci Inouye**
- **4th, 5th & 6th grade: Joan Aoki, Sharon Tsukahara & Gail Satake-Nakamura**
- **7th & 8th grade: John Arima & Carol Harbin**
- **High School: Bruce Morimoto, Brent Izutsu & Elise Fujimoto**

We'd also like to acknowledge our librarian **Jeanne Ohara**.

In addition to our teaching core, we have several Dharma School parents & teachers who volunteer their time and energy on the Dharma School cabinet. Our MVBT Dharma School Cabinet for 2015-2016 is:

- **Superintendent: Debby Inenaga**
- **Assistant Superintendent: Curt Fukuda**
- **Dharma Education Coordinator: Brent Izutsu**
- **Secretary: Katie Tamaru-Itow**
- **Treasurer: Karen Bunya**
- **Registrar: Janice Lee**
- **Parent Volunteer Coordinators: Tricia Hojo & Ashley Uyehara**
- **Dharma School Communications: Randy Sato**
- **Taiko Coordinator: Debbie Kitani**

As you all know, it takes a Sangha to raise a Dharma School student. Therefore, we ask that all of our Dharma School families help with the various activities that Dharma School sponsors throughout the year. If you didn't get a chance to sign-up for an activity at the Dharma School Parents Meeting on September 13th, please contact **Tricia Hojo** or **Ashley Uyehara**.

COMING UP SOON

Sunday, September 20th:
4th/5th/6th grade class chairs the MVBT service

Sunday, September 27th:
2nd/3rd grade class chairs the MVBT service.

Sunday, October 4th:
Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park

We hope everyone is planning on attending this fun event. If you are not a Temple member and can come to the picnic, please send an email to Debby Inenaga at inenagad@gmail.com, so that we can give an accurate headcount for food & activity planning purposes.

Sunday, October 11th:
High School class chairs the MVBT service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to Julie **Endo Uyekubo** who coordinated our Welcome Back luncheon on September 13th. We greatly appreciate your help with this large event!

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
Dharma School
Superintendent

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Eitaikyo,

Eshinni-ko/ Kakushinni-ko Service and Bodhi Day

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW," or send a check to the Temple office

JAPAN TOUR

Trip Information will be available in future Echos and via email.

Itinerary will be available soon.

Questions? Want to get on the email distribution? Contact Sterling Makishima

atsmyoshiaki@gmail.com

ABA News

August 8, Shakespeare's *MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING*

Thank you to **Jean Shimoguchi** for totally organizing this event. She enjoyed the play as well.

August 22, Morgan Hill Steak Dinner

Thank you to **Jits Higa** for organizing the MVBT ABA to attend the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center's annual Steak Dinner. He sold 54 MVBT ABA members dinner tickets for $14 per person. Members got a delicious steak dinner with bread, corn, green salad & strawberry shortcake for dessert. After there was Bingo in which many MVBT members won.

August 27, SF Giants Game

Thank you to **Irene Uchiyama** for coordinating this activity. We wouldn't be enjoying the SF Giants without her organization & coordination. Thanks so much!!! **We won the game!!!**

August 29, Seminar with Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka

Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka presented an excellent seminar on Shin Buddhism through humor, metaphors, action & meditation. Thank you to **Jean Shimoguchi** for the creation of the wonderful picture album of Rev.Tanaka's life. It was truly special. There are a few copies of Rev. Tanaka's new book for sale titled "*Buddhism on Air: Televised Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion*."

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18, Friday, Garden Tour

Visit three nurseries in the Watsonville area for new idea, especially on water conservation. Contact **Joyce Okumura-Lee** for more information.

October 10, Saturday, ABA Dance "Together"

Register now for $25 or $35 at the door.

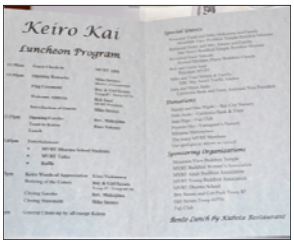
October 18, Sunday, ABA Memorial Service

This service will remember all ABA members who passed away. **Rev. Koshin Ogui** of White River Buddhist Temple will be the guest speaker.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ABA gratefully acknowledges the following donation:

Watsonville ABA
In appreciation for the Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka seminar



SAVE THE DATE

Keiro Kai Luncheon

Sunday November 15, 2015

12:00 Noon

Come to celebrate and honor our Seniors

Invitations will be mailed out to all Temple Members

YBA News

On September 13th, the YBA 2015-2016 cabinet was installed by **Rev. Mukojima** during service and also had our first general meeting of the new school year.

We will have approximately 25 returning members and welcoming 10 new incoming Freshmen.

Our next meeting will be on October 11th.

The YBA is also planning to coordinate games for the Dharma School children at the Sangha Day Picnic and will be having a 50/50 Raffle.

As the new YBA president, I look forward to working with all of our Temple organizations and thank our Sangha for your support.

In Gassho,
Devon Matsumoto
2015-2016 YBA President

MVYBA

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Seniors Activity Group News

SENIOR HOURS

Every Thursdays,
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join in to share new ideas and to make new friends. We want to continue to grow.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NEW DATE: October 22, Thursday:

We will have a guest speaker, **Christine Akutakawa**, an Estate Planning Attorney. She will educate us on Living Trusts, Wills, Power of Attorney, Transfer Property into Living Trusts, and have questions and answers on estate planning issues. Everyone is welcome to hear Christine's presentation at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will provided at 11:30 a.m., before our guest speaker's informative talk

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE
Only $18.00

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

KNIT WITH DEBBIE
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon:

Debbie Kitani has been very helpful with the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies new ways to knit. Whether you are a beginner or an expert in knitting and crocheting, her new ideas and knowledge will make it enjoyable

LINE DANCING
Thursdays, 9:15 -10:00 a.m.

Line dancing with **Naomi Ariyama** instructing.

SING ALONG plus EXERCISE
Thursdays, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Join **Kinji Ushiba** with the "Sing Along Group." With the Sing Along, we have included upper body exercise as you sing along, lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day!

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Senior Activities & Crafts

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday

DECEMBER 13, 2015

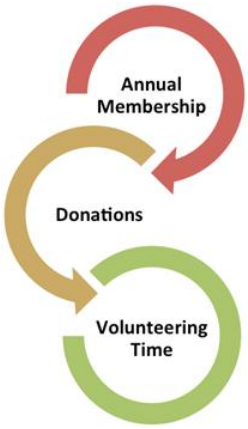
MVBT MOCHI-TSUKI FUNDRAISER

ENJOY THE FUN, BE A VOLUNTEER

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Dues & Donation Committee: Town Hall Meetings Started

What Can I Do!



HEAR & LEARN ABOUT THE TEMPLE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

The Dues & Donation Committee has started town hall meetings with the Temple Affiliated Organizations. The first was held on Friday, September 11, with the Adult Buddhist Association (ABA). The guest speaker was Jean Shimoguchi. The second town hall meeting was held with the Dharma School parents on the first day of Dharma School on Sunday, September 13, with guest speaker Mike Inouye.

The town hall meetings with the remaining affiliated organizations will be held in the next month or two at their regular monthly meetings. Town hall meetings with the Zones will also be scheduled. Please attend these meetings to learn about the MVBT General Fund, which manages the income and expenses of your Temple.

The founders of our wonderful Temple provided us with a place where we recite the nembustsu, meet friends, have fun and learn about the Jodo Shinshu teachings. We must maintain and improve upon what the founders built for us, our children and our grandchildren. The Dues & Donation Committee encourages everyone who uses the Temple buildings and grounds to join the Temple, donate and volunteer – do one or all, do whatever you can.

In Gassho,
Dues & Donation Committee

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

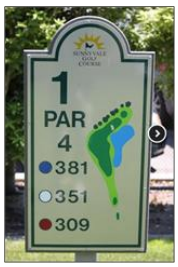
On August 16th, 2015, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple celebrated its 30th Anniversary of the Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. The golf tournament was started to create a scholarship fund for High School graduating seniors of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple in the name of **Reverend & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki**. All proceeds of the golf tournament go to the fund. This year's scholarship recipients are **Meiko Flynn-Do** and **Kaylyn Arima**, in total 47 scholarships had been given out.

This year's tournament was another huge success with 63 golfers and 40 guests joining us for a BBQ steak and chicken dinner after the tournament. Everyone had a beautiful day on the golf course, although it was very warm, mid-90's. This year's men's low net winner and tournament champion was **Gary Imamura** (63) and women's low net winner was **Joyce Tsunoda** (70).

Reverend LaVerne Sasaki, son of the late Reverend & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki, wife **Helen**, a few of their children and grand children attended this year's event. LaVerne and Helen have been the number one supporters of the Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament. This year they gave each golfer a flash light to commemorate the 30th Anniversary.

On behalf of the Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament committee and volunteers, we **THANK YOU** for your generosity and support! We look forward to seeing you next year on the green!

In Gassho,
Bob Imai and Rich Endo
Sasaki Golf Co-Chairpersons



永代読経

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo (永代読経).**

Ei means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. ***Tai*** means generations. ***Kyo*** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. ***Doku*** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious purposes such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of $500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Ministers' spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years. No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Buddhist Name _____

English: _____ Japanese: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

MVBT Office Record Use Only

Amount of Donation: _____ Date of Eitaikyo (Initial) Service: _____

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Sunday 12pm - Miroku 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	2 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	3 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	4 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	5 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	6	7
8 10am - Shotsuki 12:15pm - Taiko -	9 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	10 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	11 Office Closed Veterans Day 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	12 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	13 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	14 9am - BWA Meeting
15 10am - Eitaikyo 12pm - Keiro Kai 12:15pm - Taiko -	16 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	17 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	18 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	19 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	20	21
22 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	23 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	24 Office Closed 4:30pm - Miroku @ 6pm - Taiko - Adults	25 Office Closed 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	26 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day 6pm - Adult Taiko @	27 Office Closed	28
29 10am - Eshinni- 12:15pm - Taiko -	30 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	1 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	2 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	3 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	4	5 8am - BWA - Udon

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Upcoming Services

November 15	**Eitaikyo Service** **Keiro Kai Luncheon**
November 29	**Eshinni-ko / Kakushinni-ko Service**
December 6	**Bodhi Day Service**
December 31	**Joya-e Year-End Service**

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In Gassho,
The Echo Staff

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