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December Highlights

- ***12/6 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Bodhi Day Service
  11:00 AM
  Japanese Language Service
- ***12/9 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***12/13 Sun***
  Mochitsuki
  No Services
- ***12/20 Sun, 9:45 AM***
  Short Service & Osoji (Temple Clean-up)
- ***12/31 Thu, 7:00 PM***
  Joya-E Service -
  New Year's Eve Service
- ***1/1/16 Fri, 10:00 AM***
  Shusho-E Service -
  New Year's Day Service

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Are You an Evil Person?

Do you often argue with others? I am afraid that I have often argued with my wife. In Japan, when we don't get along with others or have difficulties in personal relations, we call this situation a "bump." I imagine many of you also live stressfully, bumping into many obstacles.

The reason why we bump into things is because we can't see what is around us very well. If we could see the path ahead of us clearly, we would never run into anything. The fact that we bump into things all the time indicates that we are in darkness; namely,

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

we live in the world of delusion and cannot see what is really in front of us. We have a tendency to believe that without any doubt. "I alone can see everything." Because we walk assuredly anywhere as if we owned the place, we who cannot actually see anything will often bump into each other.

In Buddhism, the world of darkness refers to the foolishness that prevents us from seeing our true self that is full of self-centeredness. Selfishness can be divided into the three minds. First, there is the mind of believing which is certain that I alone

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End of the Year President's Message

By Peter Matsumoto
MVBT President

Serving as your Temple President has been rewarding and eye opening. I didn't realize that there are so many individuals and groups who dedicate their time and energy in supporting the Temple. **Reverend Mukojima** looks after our spiritual well-being through his guidance and teaching of the Dharma. **Temple members, BWA, ABA, Dharma School, Miroku, YBA, Senior Group, Osaji Group, Cub/Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Fuji Club, Choir and Taiko** offer enriching activities and programs to our Sangha, in addition to all their efforts in organizing fundraisers, chairing Sunday services, and providing manpower. Vital to maintaining our Temple is our **office staff, Echo staff, and maintenance and facilities crews. Reverend Mukojima, the *Sodan* committee and *Otoki* group** are there to provide support and comfort during our time of grief. **Our Temple Board and the many Board committees** spend countless hours looking after the welfare of the Temple. With much appreciation and gratitude, I want to say ***domo arigato gozaimasu.***

In Gassho,
Peter Matsumoto
MVBT President

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 6pm - Adult Taiko @	4	5 8am - BWA - Udon
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Religious Planning — December 2015

December 6, 2015, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Services

Bodhi Day Service: Siddhartha Gautama, as he meditated under the Bodhi Tree, attained Enlightenment and became the Sakyamuni Buddha

December 13, 2015, Sunday — Mochitsuki

No Services

December 20, 2015, Sunday, 9:45 a.m. — Short Service

10:00: Osoji — Temple Cleanup

December 27, 2015

No Services

December 31, 2015, Sunday, 7:00 p.m. — Joya-E - New Year's Eve Service

Joya-E Service: Express our gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year

January 1, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shusho-E- New Year's Day Service

Shusho-E: Renew our resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

2015 Sangha Day Picnic Appreciation

Thanks to everyone for coming out the Sangha Day Picnic that we had in October.

The weather worked out perfect, and I think everyone had a good time!

A total of 217 people attended.

A special thanks goes out to the Zone 8 families, Mrs. Jean Higa and Mrs. Alice Ikenaga, who prepared the home-made marinating sauce for the steaks; Randy Sato for helping me purchase the Bingo and Raffle prizes; and Bob Imai for driving the "Red" truck to and from the park!!

Thanks also to the Cooking crew who prepared the steaks, polish and hot dogs, and the chili; the YBA for chairing the children's game and 50/50 raffle; ABA for taking care of the Bingo; Mr. Endo and Zone 8 for the raffle; Girl Scout 60736 for the Guessing game; and Boy Scout Troop 87 for setting up and manning the Monkey Bridge.

In Gassho,
Craig Hamasaki
Zone 8 Chairperson

Are You an Evil Person? (Cont'd from P1)

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am always right. Second, there is the mind that wants to have its own way in everything. And third is the mind that loves only itself.

All of us are constantly confused by our selfish minds. Even if we are wrong, we cannot apologize. We take for granted another's kindness, so we cannot show our thanks. And because we cannot forgive another's fault, we always complain about it. It is our sad nature that when we accuse others, we brush aside our own shortcomings and unconsciously see ourselves as a standard of justice, and this situation makes us angry.

In Jodo Shinshu, we call this kind of person a "good person." Because those who have like minds often live together, it is inevitable that the conflicts between us will never end. We always get angry about one thing or complain about something else. That is how selfishness works.

I would like to share an interesting story about this with you. There once were two families, Family A and Family B. They lived not too far apart. The families were a complete contrast to each other. For example, Family A argued often. Neighbors and passersby could hear people crying and shouting, and things being thrown and getting broken. Every morning when Family A's husband went to work, he looked distraught.

By contrast, everyone in Family B was always happy, harmonious and had a big smile. Their home always seemed pleasant to neighbors and passersby. When Family B's husband went to work each morning, he looked peaceful and greeted others smiling with, "Good morning!"

One day, Family A's husband and Family B's husband ran into each other on the way home from work. As they walked together from the station to their houses, Family A's husband began talking about his family with a sigh. "My home is like a hell. To be honest, I don't want to go home. I really envy your harmonious family. I don't understand why my family is like this..." After a while, Family B's husband said with a smile, "I think that your family is full of good people. That is why your family argues all the time. But because my family is full of evil people, there is no reason to argue."

After the two men parted, Family B's husband went home. But when he entered the house, he fell over a flowerpot that was placed right in front of the door and broke it. On hearing the noise, his wife came out quickly and asked him if he was okay. "You are not hurt? I took the flowerpot out this morning for sun. I am really sorry that I completely forgot to put it away." She bowed repeatedly and apologized. Then her husband said, "No, it's my fault. I should be paying more attention. I broke your favorite flowerpot. I am so sorry." He also bowed. Because they apologized to each other for their faults, there was no reason to fight.

Now, let us apply this situation to Family A. Because Family A is full of good people who each believes that they alone are right, they never admit their faults, so, in a fit of anger, they roundly accuse and heckle each other.

The reason why we also suffer bumping into others in our daily lives is because we are always in a good person's position: we believe that we are always right.

From the Jodo Shinshu point of view, **an evil person refers to**

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Selfishness divides into three minds.

1st: The mind of believing that I alone am always right.

2nd: The mind that wants to have its own way in everything.

3rd: The mind that loves only itself

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Are You an Evil Person? (Cont'd from P4)

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a humble person illumined by the light of wisdom who is aware that his true self is filled with self-centeredness and arrogance. **An evil person in Jodo Shinshu is one who can reflect deeply on his foolish way of living** that is ruled by selfishness. He lives cultivating the obedient mind and the mind that respects others.

A society that embraces the Nembutsu teaching is not a world full of arrogant good people who only judge other people and criticize their faults. **In this world, we need to become evil people**—namely those who are able to feel shame—who will acknowledge our shortcomings and mistakes and are able to apologize to one another. Because we are living in darkness, we tend to believe, "I am a good person." But **a society established only by good people can only create a hell.**

The teaching of Nembutsu is the light of wisdom. **Please remember that those who always try to see and reflect on their mistakes can visualize world peace; and those who always believe that they alone are right, are actually talking about hell.** Let us try to realize the precious world that is established by evil people; namely, a community and families filled with peace and harmony who rejoice in the light of Nembutsu!

Are you a good person? Or an evil person?

Please look forward to welcoming a wonderful New Year!

In Gassho,

Dharma School News

DANA PROJECT

Dharma School is sponsoring a Holiday Food Drive as our fall DANA project. The food drive is running from Sunday, November 1st through Sunday, December 6th. The food collected will go to local families & seniors in need as well as the homeless. Donations of non-perishable food items may be placed in the barrel located in the back of the Hondo or in the barrel located in the YBA hall. Thank you to co-chairs **Lisa Nishimoto** (Inishimoto @gmail.com) and **Joni Furumasu** (jofurumasu@yahoo.com) for organizing this project for Dharma School.

KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

Thank you to parent volunteers **Debbie Kitani**, **Dana Nakagawa**, **Grace Kosakura** and **Linda Uyechi** for coordinating the Dharma School duties for the Keiro Kai luncheon and thank you to all of our Dharma School students for making such wonderful and colorful placemats for the event in appreciation of our Keiro's.

DHARMA SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have not already done so, please turn in your Dharma School student registration forms to **Janice Lee** (michiko1084@yahoo.com).

DHARMA SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lastly, please make sure that you have signed up to help coordinate a Dharma School activity this year. We are still looking for someone to help with refreshment coordination, with the Dharma School campout and with the post-Obon classroom/clean up prep. Here is the link to the sign ups:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea9ac28ab9-mvbt4

If you would like information on these duties, please email

dsparentassoc@mvbuddhisttemple.org

After you sign up for a volunteer position, you will receive additional information regarding the Coordinator duties. Additionally, you will be given name and contact information of the previous year's Coordinator or Advisor whom you may use as a consultant if you have additional questions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Temple's Mochitsuki on December 13th and Osoji on December 20th!

DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged.

Jeff & Jean Sato

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
DS Superintendent

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一五年十二月法話

―あなたは悪人ですか？―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

皆さんは、人とよく喧嘩をする方ですか？残念ながら私は妻と些細なことでよく喧嘩をしてしまいます。日本では、人間関係に問題が生じた時のことを「ぶつかる」という表現をしますが、皆さんも、いろんな物にぶつかってストレスを抱えながら生活していませんか？

では、何故ぶつかるのかといいますと、実は周りがよく見えていないのです。前方や足元がしっかりと見えていれば決してぶつかることなどありません。ぶつかるということは、私達が無明の世界、つまり、迷いの世界にいるということなのです。自分だけは何もかも見えていると信じて疑わない者同士が我が物顔で歩いているから、見えていない者同士がぶつかってしまうのです。

無明の世界というのは、我執に満ちた己の心が全く見えていないことをいいます。我執を三つの心に分けますと、一つ目に、自分が常に正しいという心。二つ目には、自分の思い通りにしたいという心。三つ目には、自分がかわいいという心となります。

この我執の心に振り回されて生活しているのが私達ですから、自分が悪くても謝る事ができない。相手の好意を当たり前のように受け止めて感謝することもできない。そして、他人の欠点を許すことができずにいつも愚痴をこぼします。私達の悲しい性は、いつも自分の事は棚に上げて、他人の非を責め続け、常に正義の立場からであるかのように腹を立てているのです。

こういう人を浄土真宗では「善人」と呼んでいるのですが、このような醜い心を持ったもの同士が共に生活をしているわけですから、争いが絶えるはずがありません。いつも腹を立てて、愚痴を言っている、これが我執のなせる業なのです。

ある有名な例え話ですが、近所に住む対照的なAさんとBさんの家族がいました。Aさんの家庭では、いつも言い争いが絶える事がなく、物を投げる音や物が壊れる音、そして、大きな怒鳴り声が家の中から聞こえてきます。毎朝、仕事に出かけるAさんの顔色はさえません。一方、Bさんの家庭は、いつも和やかで、大きな笑い声が家の中から聞こえてきます。毎朝、出勤するBさんの顔は穏やかで、いつも「おはようございます」と笑顔で挨拶をしてきます。

ある日、仕事の帰りが一緒になったAさんとBさんは、駅から自宅に向かって歩いていました。するとAさんがため息をつきながら「私の家はまるで地獄のようです。正直、帰りたくありません。あなたのような一家団欒の家庭がうらやましい。どうして、我が家はこうなのでしょうか」と、Bさんに話しかけました。するとBさんは笑顔で「あなたの家には善人ばかりいらっしゃるから、争いが絶えないのでしょう。私の家には悪人ばかりが住んでいるので喧嘩のしようがないんですよ」と答えました。

Aさんと別れた後、家に入ろうとしたBさんが玄関のドアの前に置いてあった植木鉢につまずいて、自分も転び、植木鉢も壊してしまいました。その大きな物音に気付いた奥さんが、急いで外に出てきて「お怪我はありませんか？今朝、植木を陽にあてていて、そのまま片付けるのを忘れていました。ごめんなさい」と頭を下げると、「いや、不注意に歩いていた私が悪いのだよ。お前が大事にしていた植木鉢を壊してしまった。ごめんよ」とBさんも頭を下げました。お互いに自分が悪かったと謝るものですから、喧嘩の起こりようがありません。

では、同じ場面をAさんに当てはめて再現したらどうでしょうか。自分だけが正しいと思い込んでいる善人ばかりがいるAさんの家族ですから、自らの過ちを認めることなく、怒りに任せて互いに罵声を浴びせながら相手を徹底的に非難するでしょう。

私達も日常生活に於いて、いろんな人と衝突して苦しんでいるのは、常に自分が正しいという善人の立場に立っているからなのではないでしょうか？

一方、浄土真宗の宗教観から見る悪人というのは、智慧の光明に照らされて、我執に満ちた自分の本当の姿に気づかれた方を言います。ですから、真宗の悪人は、自己中心的な愚かな生き方を反省し、素直な心と相手を敬う心を育みながら生きています。

お念仏を称える者がつくる社会というのは、他人の非だけを責め、裁くことしかできない傲慢でうぬぼれた善人の世界ではありません。互いに自分にある欠点や過失を見出し、互いに謝り合う人々、すなわち、慚愧の心をもつことができる悪人ばかりの世界こそ、この世に必要なのです。

私達は、無明であるが故に、自分を善人と思い込んでいますが、善人同士でつくる社会は地獄しか生みだしません。お念仏は智慧の光明です。どうか、お念仏の光を仰ぎながら、悪人同士で築き上げる世界、つまり平和と調和に満ちた社会や家庭を努めて実現していきましょう。あなたは善人ですか？それとも悪人ですか？それでは、皆さん良いお年をお迎えください。

YBA Activities

MOVIE NIGHT

On November 7, the CDYBL hosted a movie social where we watched *Inside Out* and *Jurassic World*. We had tons of fun mingling and movie watching.

CC JR. YBA CONFERENCE

On November 14, 17 YBA members attended the Central California Jr. YBA Conference in Fresno, where we had a lot of fun participating in the various workshops, meeting new people from other chapters in California, eating the delicious food, and going to the banquet and dance that evening. We also had a skit in the talent show where we showed off our lyrical genius in an E.G.O song. Thank you to all the advisors, **Mr. Yamaguchi** and **Mr. Hamasaki**, for taking the time to drive us to Fresno.

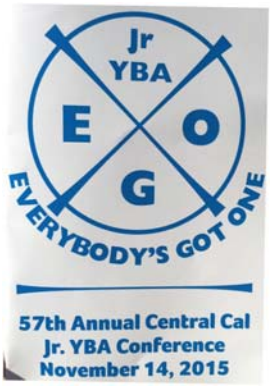
HOLIDAY FUN

We are also planning and looking forward to our holiday activity on December 18.

SAVE THE DATE

We are also having our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday February 13. Save the date and enjoy the delicious cooking of our members!

In Gassho,
Devon Matsumoto
YBA President



Save the Date Saturday, Feb 13, 2016

Spaghetti Dinner

FPC: Status of Vacant Land Development

After the last FPC meeting held on October 12, a shortened list of developers were asked to resubmit their proposals based on our guiding criteria – "least amount of land with the most amount of income, shorter-term lease and inclusion of a large enough green/buffer zone" among other considerations.

After the revised proposals were received, executive members of the FPC and Colliers International, our consultants, interviewed the developers and the results were discussed with the entire FPC on November 12. Based on the results, the FPC has requested Colliers to send "non-binding" Letters of Intent to the developers to finalize details of their proposals for the FPC's evaluation.

The next step will be to review the responses to the Letters of Intent, after which the committee hopes to decide on one or two finalists to present to the MVBT Board of Directors at their December 9th meeting for final consideration.

If you have any questions regarding the FPC meetings, process and development of the vacant land behind the Sangha Hall, please contact co-chair Mel Inouye at fpc@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

In Gassho,
Facilities Planning Committee

Facilities Planning Committee

Mochi Prices

Komochi
$ 4.00
(1-pound pkg)

Okasane
$ 6.00
(Kagami)
(1-pound pkg)

Noshimochi
$ 16.00
(4-pound pkg)

Mochi-Tsuki — Sunday, December 13

Mochi-Tsuki time is here again and we look forward to seeing everyone at this annual get together. Come and have fun helping and participating in the activities that make this cultural event and fundraiser a success.

Tickets have been distributed to each zone and **the final count is due Monday, December 7, 2015**. Tickets are also available at the MVBT office or thru your zone chairperson.

Work schedule is as follows:

SAT, Dec 5	8:00 a.m.	Pre-preparation, test equipment and hang plastic
FRI, Dec 11	8:00 a.m.	Wash barrels & soak rice
SAT, Dec 12	8:00 a.m.	Final setup, clean area and move equipment
SUN, Dec 13	Mochi-Tsuki Day	
	5:00 a.m.	Start steamers
	5:30 a.m.	Start cooking rice
	6:00 a.m.	Start pounding
	6:30 a.m.	Start shaping mochi
	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Mochi Pickup
	~ 3:00 p.m.	Clean up
TUES, Dec. 15	8:00 am	Final clean up

If you have any questions, please contact **Bob Yamanaga**, Zone 7 (408) 247-1593.

ABA News

October 10: ABA Dance

"Together" was the theme of this dance chaired by Russ Nakano. Thanks to all of you we did it "Together". Due to the success of our dances ABA will donate $20,000.00 to the Temple's "Audio Visual Project".

October 18: First ABA Memorial Service

The first service was held to remember all the ABA members who have passed away since the group's inception. Thank you to the ABA members that assisted in organizing our first memorial with **Reverend Ogui** of White River as our guest speaker. Thank you to **Reverend Mukojima** for suggesting and creating the program.

November 13: Meet and Mingle

ABA's annual Meet and Mingle Dinner is a chance for new and current members to get together and have fun. A great time was held by all who were able to attend. Thank you to everyone who helped with the beverages, dinner, desserts, and a special thanks to the entertainment committee for being very creative. Everyone had a great time!!!

BWA Activities

Buddhist Women's Association

KEIRO KAI

BWA would like to thank all of the Temple members who did such a wonderful job with the Keiro Kai. It was truly an enjoyable day!

BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE

On November 29, BWA will sponsor the Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and BWA

Esshinni Kakushinni

Memorial Service. **Rinban Ken Fujimoto** of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betuin will be the guest minister. After the service, we will have a lunch at Su Hong restaurant; please join us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

We thank everyone who donates to the BWA's Dana Fund. The donations received are given to all the youth groups of the Temple for their educational activities, conferences and seminars.

UDON FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 6

BWA thanks all those that purchased tickets for our annual Udon Fundraiser on December 6.

Tickets may still be purchased for $6.00 from any BWA member. With your support, we again had a very successful event.

THANK YOU

Your generosity and support are truly appreciated. ***Makotoni arigato gozaimashita!***

DONATION

In Gratitude

Carolyn Sakae

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathies to **Cynthia Zable** for the loss of her husband.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. December 12, **2015**, 9:00 a.m. in YBA Hall

Dues and Donations Committee Update

Town Hall meetings with the following Temple Affiliated Organizations have been completed: BWA, ABA,, Dharma School, Girl Scout parents, and Cub and Boy Scouts parents.

During the meeting you will received a handout titled "MVBT General Operations Fact Sheet." One of the FAQs in the handout is:

Question 4: I've heard of various Temple funds. Can you tell me about all of the various funds and what they do?

General Operating Fund

Covers daily operating costs to maintain the Temple. It covers the "cost of living" of the Temple, like utility bills, garbage bills, phone bills, insurance, office supplies and janitorial service. And, the most important cost is the minister's salary.

Building Renovation Fund (formerly known as Expansion Fund)

Covers costs related to major repairs, emergencies and renova-

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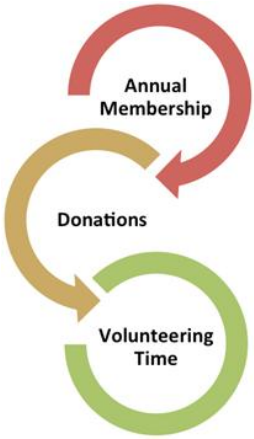
What Can I do?



150 Club News

Our November winner for the 150 Club is **Jenelle and Stephanie Kitasoe**. Congratulations!

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

Don't miss your chance to be the next winner, see your Zone Chairs for the 2016 150 Club tickets.

Thank you!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
DEC	Zones 4 & 5	N / A	N / A
JAN	Zones 6 & 7	Dec 11 (Fri)	Dec 16 (Wed)
FEB	Zones 8 & 9	Jan 15 (Fri)	Jan 20 (Wed)

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

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIES AND JUNIORS

The Brownies and Juniors have been working on their Detective badge and made cards for Operation Holiday Cards, which sends these homemade cards to Troops overseas.

CADETTES

The Cadettes started the year with an overnight at Rainbow's End and a wall climbing activity.

Currently, the girls are diligently preparing handmade products to sell at the NorCal Girl Scouts Winterfest arts & crafts fair in December.

SENIORS

The Senior scouts hosted a Father-Daughter Dance for the girl scouts of Mountain View. The Halloween themed event was

attended by about 500 girls and their dads all decked out in fabulous costumes. The event was very successful and everyone had a wonderful time. The Mountain View Girl Scouts are very grateful to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for hosting the event.

The Senior scouts also participated in the Midori Kai event selling drinks and over 700 Spam Musubi. They are working to support an international trip in 2017.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all that supported our Girl Scout Nut sales!

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group Activities — Break Until January 7

November 19 was our last Senior Activities and Craft day due to the approaching holidays.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December 6, Sunday: **Jeanne Ohara** and **Toshiko Uyehara** will be chairing our Senior Craft Boutique. This is the Senior Crafts second fundraiser. The craft items sold are made mostly by our Senior ladies. The handcraft items are affordable gifts for all occasions, such as for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas. Sales will be 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to shop and support the Senior Craft group in the foyer in the Sangha Hall. Stop and shop when you pick up your udon at the BWA fundraiser. Thank you.

NEXT YEAR

January 7, 2016, Thursday: We will resume the Senior Activities and Crafts on January 7, 2016. Mark this date on your calendar.

January 21, Thursday: Looking ahead, a movie is planned for our scheduled event with lunch, on January 21. Please plan to join us. Movie to be announced.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18.00

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

December 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 **December** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Yoshiko Akizuki	**Muriel Izumi**	**Miyuki Nakano**
Ichiro Chikasuye	**Shogo Kaku**	**Shunsuke Nakano**
Emiko Fujikawa	**David Kawamoto**	**Leo Nakayama**
Mamoru Fukuma	**Junso Kawamoto**	**Frank Okimoto**
Emiko Furuta	**Tsue Kawamoto**	**Kelly Sakae**
James Furuta	**James Ichiro Kawaye**	**Jiro Sakano**
Myrna Hayashi	**Tomiko Kosakura**	**Hatsue Sako**
Sato Hiroshige	**Alice Koyano**	**Chiyo Shimoguchi**
Dorothy Horiuchi	**Tomoe Kumamaru**	**Yasuki Shinke**
June Hoshi	**George Kunimoto**	**Laurie Takasugi**
Teruko Ikeda	**Yoshio Kusaba**	**Robert Taniguchi**
Amy Imai	**Nobuichi Masaki**	**Florence Tsukagawa**
Hana Inouye	**Kiyoko Murakami**	**Hiro Uyehara**
Harry Ishii	**Jane Nakamura**	**Edward Yonemura**
IJ Iwamoto	**Masazo Nakamura**	

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**

December

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

December 6, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Dues and Donations Committee (Cont'd from Pg 9)

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tions to the Temple facilities (e.g. the parsonage renovation and Sangha Hall repairs).

The income source for the Building Renovation Fund is the net proceeds from the annual Obon Festival. Unfortunately, the Temple has had to take money from the Building Renovation Fund to the General Operating Fund annually to cover shortages in the General Operating Fund.

Capital Campaign

Is targeted to certain renovation projects like the MVBT 50th Anniversary Project. Phase I of the project renovated YBA Hall and the Hondo. Phase II will renovate the Classroom Buildings and Sangha Hall.

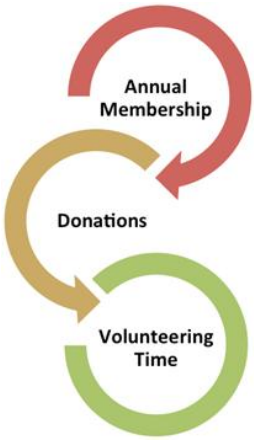
Other funds with specific purpose:

Eitaikyo Fund - Specific to the maintenance of the Onaijin

Nirvana Room Fund – Specific to Nokotsuko care

Questions? Send email to dana@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

In Gassho,
Dues & Donations Committee



Keiro Kai 2015 Appreciation Luncheon

On November 15, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple hosted a Keiro Kai luncheon honoring all our members over 70 years young. The joyous event was attended by 113 Keiros.

We were once again very fortunate to have the ever effervescent Mike Inouye as our emcee, who opened the afternoon festivities with a warm welcome followed with the Flag Ceremony by the Boy Scout Troop 87 and Girl Scout Troop 60736. Temple President Peter Matsumoto gave his traditional welcome address followed with Gassho by Reverend Mukojima and a heartwarming toast by Jean Shimoguchi. Sincere thanks to all for your kind words.

The entertainment this year was provided by our Temple's social leaders, the ABA DABA DOOS who reprised the hula to the familiar tune of the "Hukilau" and then led the Keiros in the ageless rendition of Don Ho's "Tiny Bubbles." Both performances were at least spirited, if not skilled, and personified by our fun ABA organization's inclination towards events usually ending in "tiny bubbles that make us warm all over!"

Special thanks go out to contributors to the Keiro Kai Luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Naomi Higaki of the Bay City Nursery, Mr. Preston Oka of Yamagami's Nursery, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kumamaru of Shuei-Do Manju shop, Mr. Robert Imai of Sugar Butter Flour Bakery and all the MVBT members who donated to the event.

We would also like to thank the Fuji Club for the table centerpieces, the ABA members for helping with registration, the Dharma school children for the unique placemats and the Dharma School parents for organizing and helping serve and clean up in the kitchen.

Thanks also to the YBA kids for rushing back from their conference in Fresno just to help honor the Keiros with their serving beverages and desserts. A big thanks as usual to all the Scouts for setting up the Sangha Hall's tables and chairs besides performing the Flag Ceremony. Thank you Kubota Restaurant for the delicious bentos, and lastly, thanks to the Zone 4 Keiro Kai Committee for all your help this year.

Arigato,
Zone 4
2015 Keiro Kai Committee

january 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Office Closed 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	29 Office Closed 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	30 Office Closed 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	31 Office Closed 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 7pm - Joya-e Service	1 Office Closed 10am - Shusho-e	2
3 10am - Shotsuki 12pm - Miroku 12pm - Miroku Mtg. 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	4 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	5 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai	6 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	7 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	8 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	9
10 10am - Hoonko 12:15pm - Taiko -	11 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	12 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai	13 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	14 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	15	16 9am - BWA Meeting
17 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	18 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	19 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 7pm - Shodo Kai	20 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	21 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	22	23
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Upcoming Services

January 1, 2016, Friday
New Year's Day / Shusho-E

January 3, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

January 10, Sunday
Hoonko Service

January 31, Sunday
- Temple, BWA & ABA Installation
- Temple General Meeting

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In Gassho,
The Echo Staff

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