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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

February Highlights

- ***2/7 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 AM
  Japanese Language Service
- ***2/10 Wed, 7:30 PM***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***2/13 Sat, 5:00 PM***
  YBA Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo
- ***2/21 Sun, 10:00 AM***
  Nirvana Day &
  Pet Memorial
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev Orai Fujikawa

Oji Is Fine!

Two months ago, I found a small bump inside my three-year-old son Oji's mouth. I watched it for several days and it suddenly got worse. In two days, the swelling grew to the size of half of his upper jaw! Because of this, it was hard for him to eat or talk.

I took him immediately to see the dentist who put him on antibiotics right away. But a week passed and the swelling was still there, so the dentist pulled Oji's tooth. Usually after tooth extraction, the wound drains and the swelling goes down. But after another week on a second antibiotic, Oji showed no improvement at all. So the dentist encouraged me to take Oji to an oral surgeon.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

We immediately saw the oral surgeon recommended by the dentist. She told me that she suspected a tumor because my son's case was very unusual. So she encouraged me to take Oji at once to Stanford Hospital Emergency to get a CT scan.

Of course I was really shaken up by this rapid development, but we went straight to Stanford Hospital Emergency, checking in around 2:00 in the afternoon. The specialist was really busy that day and finally saw Oji four hours after our arrival. As a result of

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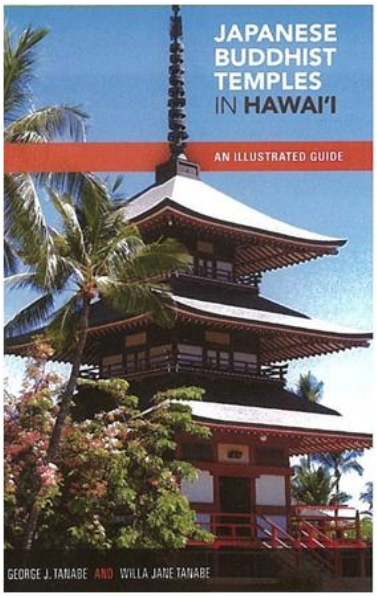
Exhibit on Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii



The **Mountain View Buddhist Temple** is delighted to host "Approaching the Sacred: Japanese Buddhist Templates in Hawaii," a photographic display focusing on various Japanese Buddhist temples. Thanks to a generous grant from the **Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH),** MVBT was presented with an opportunity to present this exhibit at no charge.

Drs. George and Willa Tanabe, professors emeriti of religion and art, respectively, at the University of Hawaii, visited every temple in Hawaii (90 in all) over a three year period. *Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii: An Illustrated Guide* (UH Press, 2012) resulted from their research, which provides an overview of Buddhism in Hawaii as well as a Temple by Temple description. In conjunction with the guide, they curated a traveling photographic display "Approaching the Sacred,"

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Mountain View Buddhist Temple Calendar — **Feb 2016 (Pacific Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Sunday 10am - Temple 12:15pm - Taiko -	1 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	2 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	3 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	4 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	5	6
7 10am - Scout 12pm - Miroku 12pm - Miroku Mtg. 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	8 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	9 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	10 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	11 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	12 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	13 9am - BWA Meeting 5pm - YBA Spaghetti
14 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	15 Office Closed Presidents' Day 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	16 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	17 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	18 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	19	20
21 10am - Nirvana 12:15pm - Taiko -	22 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	23 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	24 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	25 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	26	27 9am - Boy Scouts @
28 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	29 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

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Religious Planning — February 2015

February 7, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 a.m. Japanese Language Service

February 14, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Sunday Service

February 21, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Nirvana Day & Pet Memroial

Nirvana Day: Observe the passing of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Orai Fujikawa**

February 28, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Sunday Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

Komochi for Sale

2,853 pounds of mochi were made
This leaves 526 pounds extra for sale

$2 per 1-lb pkg

Contact the Temple Office
M-F, 10 AM – 2 PM

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Nirvana Day, Spring Ohigan & Hanamatsuri

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

Oji Is Fine! (cont'd)

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her examination, the specialist canceled the CT scan and said she would perform a biopsy right away.

After another hour wait, medical staff came into our room, administered an anesthetic to **Oji** and laid him on the bed. As Oji got drowsy, they made his mouth open wide. Then the specialist scraped some cells from the bump. When I saw the blood all over my little son's mouth, I felt such pity for him that tears came to my eyes.

After that, I waited an hour with Oji until the anesthesia wore off. Finally the doctor allowed us to go home around 11:00 p.m. It was a really long day, but Oji did a great job.

After the biopsy, the doctor had told me that it would take about three days to get the results back. During that time, my wife and I repeatedly assured one another that Oji would be absolutely fine. But neither of us was able to sleep well because of our fear and anxiety. When I was working or even just watching TV for laughs, only the worst-case scenario would come to mind and I was not able to concentrate my attention on much of anything else at all.

Finally four days later, I received a phone call from the doctor. She told me that the bump in Oji's mouth was not a tumor, but an abscess. But it was still unusual that it did not go down for a long time, so he would need another round of antibiotics. When we heard that result, my wife and I were so glad and relieved from the bottom of our hearts that we could feel the tension and worry leave our bodies.

Although that was really a difficult and stressful time, now when I look back to the days I was waiting for the biopsy results, I realize that I chanted the sutras in front of *Obutsudan* more times than my normal daily routine. I think without realizing it, I projected upon the Nembutsu and sutras my fervent thought, "May Oji be all right."

I always tell the Sangha over and over again, "The Nembutsu is not a magic spell. *Namo Amida Butsu* is an expression of our gratitude. When you go to casino, don't pray for something by saying the Nembutsu!"

But I have to admit that probably the reason I placed my hands together and chanted the sutras more than I usually do was to pray for Oji's safety as I chanted, saying the Nembutsu without realizing it. It was like the practice of incantations.

At the age of 42, our founder Shinran Shoshin encountered the tragic scene in which many people were dying in agony because of a terrible famine. At that time, he decided to perform the practice of chanting the triple Pure Land sutras (Larger sutra, Contemplation sutra and Amida sutra) one thousand times as a vow and a petition to Amida Buddha to save all those people from their suffering and pain. However, no matter how much he felt pity for and sympathized with these suffering people,

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Exhibit on Japanese Temples in Hawaii

Exhibit on Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii (cont'd)

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which highlights architectural features, altar arrangements, Temple art and furnishings, and reveals the symbolic meanings embedded in these objects.

This traveling exhibit will be on display at MVBT for one day only, **Sunday, March 13**, beginning at Noon in the Sangha Hall. The **Tanabes** will be on hand at the temple for a presentation. MVBT members are encouraged to augment the traveling display by featuring objects from MVBT's own history.

The MVBT Dharma School is coordinating this exhibit and contacts are **Debby Inenaga** and **Joy Morimoto**. More information and details to come in the next Echo.

Oji Is Fine! (cont'd)

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it remained the fact that he could not save them from famine regardless of how many times he chanted the sutra. When he fully realized this, he quickly abandoned this practice and instead reflected deeply on his delusional mind.

Shinran became aware of his calculation (personal feeling) of Self Power at the bottom of his heart that tries to remove or allay misfortunes like disease and natural disasters by the merit and virtue of sutra chanting and reciting the Nembutsu. When he earnestly started chanting the triple Pure Land sutras one thousand times, he was not the Nembutsu follower of Other Power, but was the Nembutsu follower of Self Power who depends on the incantations to get the results he wants to see. It must have been deeply meaningful when Shinran fully understood how difficult it is to get rid of the calculating mind of one's personal feelings.

The Nembutsu is the fruit of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. It is also the calling voice of Amida Buddha, who made a vow directed toward each one of us which is to lead all beings to the world of enlightenment. And at the same time, when we say *Namo Amida Butsu*, because it is the supreme vow of Amida Buddha that we firmly received, our utterance of the Nembutsu is an expression of our deep gratitude for this great merit and virtue. And that which shows us Amida Buddha's precious teachings in great detail are these three major Pure Land sutras.

Although Oji's ordeal was difficult, I am ashamed that I used the precious sutras as a tool for beseeching, as if I were praying instead of expressing my gratitude. Because of this recent experience, I am able once again to deeply appreciate the Nembutsu teaching of Other Power.

In any case, I am so grateful to all the members who recently gave advice to us with their loving kindness. Oji has recovered quite well and we are greatly relieved that he is now back to his usual self!

In Gassho,

Dharma School News

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the Dharma School students and families that helped out with Mochitsuki and Osoji. Your help was greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS

Dharma School celebrated January Dharma School student birthdays for students in grades pre-K thru 6th grade on Sunday, January 3rd. We will be acknowledging birthdays every month during announcements at the Shotsuki Hoyo services.

POETRY CONTEST

The FDSTL (Federation of Dharma School Teachers League) is sponsoring a poetry contest on the theme of gratitude. The contest is open to middle school and high school Dharma School students. The poetry entry can be in any style or form and are due March 1 to **Debby Inenaga**. Entries should be submitted on 8.5" x 11" paper. There will be monetary prizes in addition to the winning entries being displayed at the annual FDSTL conference in April. Please see Debby Inenaga if you would like more details.

DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged.

Jason & Liane Detering

BWA

Eshinniko donation ($400)

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
DS Superintendent

FDSTL Poetry Contest

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一六年二月法話

― 晃司は無事でした！ ―

おうじ　ぶじ

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

二カ月前の話ですが、三歳になる晃司の口の中に小さな腫物を見つけました。数日様子を見ていたのですが、急激に大きくなって二日後には上顎の半分以上が瘤で腫れ上がり、物を食べたり、話すのが困難になりました。急いで歯医者に見せに行くと、まず抗生物質で様子を見るようにとのことでしたが、一週間経っても腫れが引かなかったので、歯を抜くことにしました。抜歯後は膿が出て腫れがすぐに消えていくそうなのですが、更に一週間、別の抗生物質を飲ませながら待っていても一向に改善が見られませんでした。

そこで、歯科医から口腔外科に行くように勧められ、紹介先の口腔外科医に見せに行くと、あまりにも稀な症例であることから腫瘍の疑いがあると言われ、急遽、スタンフォードの救急でCTスキャンを取るように言われました。

急激な展開に動揺しながらも、その足で午後二時頃に救急に入りました。しかし、専門医があまりにも多忙であったことから、晃司が見てもらえたのはその四時間後で、その結果、CTスキャンを取るのを止めて、急遽、生検を行うと専門医から告げられました。

更に一時間ほど待たされた後、医療スタッフが集まって、晃司に麻酔が打たれ、ベッドで意識がもうろうとしている彼の口を大きく開け、細胞を掻きだしました。幼い息子の口の中からおびただしい血が出てくるのを見て不憫に思い、思わず涙がこみ上げてきました。

その後、しばらく麻酔が切れるのを待って、ようやく医師から自宅に帰ることが許されたのは午後十一時過ぎでした。本当に途方もなく長く感じた一日でしたが、息子はよくがんばってくれました。

生検後、医師から結果が出るのに三日ほどかかると聞いていたので、その間、妻と私は「絶対に大丈夫」と、お互いに励まし合っていたのですが、不安と恐怖でまともに眠りにつくことができずにいました。仕事をしていても、気晴らしにテレビを見ていても、最悪の結果ばかりが頭をよぎりました。そして四日後、ようやく医師から電話が入り、晃司の口の中の瘤は腫瘍ではなく膿瘍だと告げられ、ただ腫れが引かないため、違う抗生物質を試す必要があると言われました。その結果を受けて、私と妻は心の底から喜び、全身の力が抜けるほど安心しました。

本当につらく苦しい期間ではありましたが、今、改めて生検結果を待っていた日の事を思い返してみますと、日課であるお勤めの回数がいつもより増えていました。無意識のうちに、お経とお念仏の中に、「どうか晃司が無事でありますように」という願いを込めていたように思います。ご門徒方には日々、「南無阿弥陀仏と称えることは願掛けのためではなく、あくまでも報恩感謝のためであるから、カジノに行っても決してお念仏に願いを込めないように！」と口を酸っぱくして言ってきました。

しかし、恥ずかしいことに、私自身、いつも以上にお仏壇の前で手を合わす回数が増えたのは、無意識のうちにお勤めやお念仏を加持祈祷のように自力のはからいを交えて称えていたからかもしれません。

親鸞聖人も四十二歳の頃、飢饉が広まり、多くの人が亡くなっていく悲惨な光景を見て、一人でも多くの人をこの苦しみから救いたいと願い、浄土三部経千部読誦の行を思いつかれました。しかし、どれほど憐んで不憫に思っても、読経によって飢饉に苦しむ人々を助けることはできません。その事実が、親鸞聖人の心に深い反省を促し、聖人が自ら思い立った三部経千部読誦の行を途中で捨てさせました。

自らの心の奥底に、読経やお念仏の功徳で天災や病を鎮めようとする自力のはからいが生じていることを厳しく見つめられたのです。親鸞聖人は、三部経読誦を始めた時、他力の念仏者ではなく、加持祈祷に頼った自力修行の念仏者になってしまっていたのです。そのことは、親鸞聖人にとって自力のはからい心を捨てることがいかに難しいことかを思い知る出来事であったに違いありません。

お念仏は阿弥陀仏のご本願の結晶であり、全ての者を必ず悟りへと導くと誓われた阿弥陀仏の私達に向けられた導い呼び声です。それと同時に、阿弥陀仏の誓いが向けられた私達一人ひとりが称える「南無阿弥陀仏」は、その大いなる功徳に対する報恩感謝のお念仏になります。そして、阿弥陀仏の教えが説かれているのが浄土三部経（大経、観経、小経）なのです。

いくら苦しい時とはいえ、その尊いお経やお念仏を加持祈祷の道具にして、祈祷師の真似事をしていた自分を恥ずかしく思うと同時に、改めて、他力念仏の教えを深く味わせていただきました。

何はともあれ、この一件で、親身に相談に乗って下さったご門徒の皆様に心から御礼申し上げます。息子はすっかり良くなりました。本当に無事で何よりでした。

Hatsumairi Infant Presentation—April 10, 2016

Register for Hatsumairi by Thursday, March 31, 2016

ATTENTION NEW PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** (Infant Presentation) held during the Hanamatsuri Service. This special service will be held on **Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

The ceremony introduces your child to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma. The Naijin (or altar) symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister

At this time, all infants up to the age of one year are brought before the Temple altar.

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their newborn infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name_____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name_____

Address _____

City_____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone_____

Email _____

Please return this form by Thursday, March 31, 2016 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukjima@gmail.com)

YBA
Spaghetti Dinner
$10 per adult
$6 per child

BINGO
$5.00 per card

YBA Spaghetti Dinner -- Saturday Feb 13, 2016

On January 29, the Mountain View YBA will send three representatives to the Youth Advocacy Committee Summit to be held at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley.

Please save the date for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on February 13. We will start to serve dinner at 5 p.m. We hope that everyone will be able to join us for a night full of good food and lots of fun in our Bingo game! Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Bingo will be played from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The YBA will also be sending delegates to the Bay District conference on March 19 at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple.

Lastly, the YBA has been working hard to begin the planning process for the 2017 Coast District conference that will be held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

In Gassho,
Devon Matsumoto
YBA President

ABA Chaired January Services

ABA News

Happy New Year and ***akemashite omedetou gozaimasu*** from the MVBT ABA.

Mochitsuki

A big thank you to all of the ABA members who helped out at the December 2015 Mochitsuki fundraiser. Assistance from all Temple members and organizations helped to make this another successful event. Great job!

January Services

Another shout out to the ABA members who participated in the January Dharma Services especially Dennis Tsukagawa, ABA VP, for organizing the volunteers.

New Year's Dinner

The annual ABA New Year's Dinner and Dance was held on Saturday, January 23. Thanks to Kathy Fujii and her committee for organizing another evening of eat-

150 Club News

The January and February drawings will be held at the Moutain View Buddhist Temple's February Board of Directors meeting.

Good Luck to all participants!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
FEB	Zones 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
MAR	Zones 10 & 11	Feb 12 (Fri)	Feb 17 (Wed)
APR	Zones 12 & 13	Mar 11 (Fri)	Mar 16 (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 Brownie/Junior troop has been working on "Manners" related badges. They've learned how to make table decorations for the holidays and have already made decorations for our upcoming luncheon with the BWA.

CADETTES

The Cadettes hosted a troop campfire in December where they taught the Juniors how to properly build and extinguish a campfire. The girls had an overnight outing to San Francisco, touring Ghirardelli Square, Fisherman's Wharf and the Ferry Building. Currently, the Cadettes are working on the internet-based badges "On-line Comparison Shopping" and "Netiquette".

SENIORS & AMBASSADORS

The Senior/Ambassador troop continues to work to raise funds for their Japan 2017 trip.

PADMA

Using brocade material from Kyoto, the Padma Scouts sewed their own *okesa* case.

BWA Activities

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season!

THANK YOU

BWA is pleased to welcome as new members **Joan Aoki**, **Naomi Ariyama**, **Alice Ikenaga**, **Junko Ikuno** and **Keiko Morita**. These ladies bring many talents to our group.

PAST EVENTS

Because to the generosity of our Sangha's response to our Dana letters, we were able to give our Temple Youth Groups our annual Dana gift at our Hoonko Service on January 10.

The Coast District Council Meeting was held at our Temple on January 20. BWA served udon dinner to the attendees.

On January 23, 2016, BWA had a New Year and Welcome New Members luncheon with a special prepared bento. We had a very good turnout and enjoyable time.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues now being accepted.

DONATIONS

With gratitude, donations received:

In memory of brother and friend: Mr. Kanji Omokawa

Itsuko Ota
Takako Murashige
Michiko Iwamoto
Keiko Abe

Special

Mary Mayeda

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. February 13, 2016,
9:00 a.m. in YBA Hall Board Room

Buddhist Women's Association

2015 Mochitsuki – Pounded & Made over 2,800 Pounds

Thanks to everyone who participated in this annual event. With the support of Temple members, members of affiliated organizations and friends, we produced 2,853 pounds of mochi.

We still have frozen mochi for sale in the Temple office.

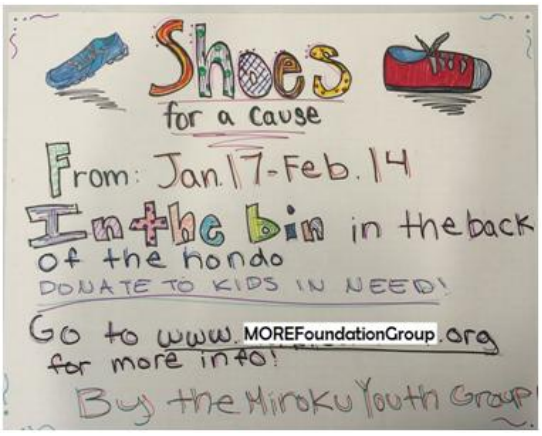
In Gashho,
Zone 7 Mochi-Tsuki Committee

MVBT Miroku

MVBT Miroku

The Miroku Youth Group is holding a shoe drive to benefit the MORE Foundation, which funds programs to fight hunger and poverty in Africa. We will be accepting new and gently used athletic shoes from January 17 through February 14. There will be collection bins at the back of the Hondo and in the YBA Hall.

Thank you for supporting our service project.



February 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 **February** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada	**Rev. Ryumei Iguchi**	**Edward Okamura**
Tom Fukuda	**Tatsuhiko Ikebe**	**Kimi Okubo**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**Francis Ikenaga**	**Jane Okumura**
Ben Furuichi	**George Tadashi Ishimaru**	**Frank Sakino**
Thomas Gishi	**Kay Hisako Ishizawa**	**Kiyoshi Sawamura**
Yusaku Haruta	**Jiro Iwata**	**Zensaku Shishido**
Chiyo Higuchi	**Jack Kawamoto**	**Mary Somen**
Tomiuemon Hiramoto	**Chiyeko Matsumoto**	**Rodney Togashi**
Chiyoko Hirohata	**Frank Matsumoto**	**Ruth Yamatoda**
Jeanette Hirota	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Haruo Yamaji**
Shuichi Hori	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.	**Shigeki Murai**	**Mildred Yamanaga**
Henry Hideo Hoshi	**Akiko Nakagawa**	**Tsutomu Yamanaga**
Clara Hoshida	**Niro Nishimoto**	**Kenneth Yasuda**
Matsuyo Idehara	**Tsuneo Nishimura**	

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**

February

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

February 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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.

2016 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2015	3rd Year Memorial	2014	7th Year Memorial	2010
13th Year Memorial	2004	17th Year Memorial	2000	25th Year Memorial	1992
27th Year Memorial	1990	33rd Year Memorial	1984	50th Year Memorial	1967

Seniors Activity Group Activities

Senior Activities & Crafts

A **Happy Healthy New Year** to you all from the **Senior Activities Committee**!!!

SENIOR HOURS

Every Thursday,
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

February 18, Thursday: We have a special project lined up our Senior Activities. **Reverend Nekoda** wishes to share his expertise on origami, showing all of us his technique in folding origami paper, a doll standing up right. What a treat to make your own origami doll, a real keepsake. We will also provide lunch at 11:30 am; plan to join us.

March 17, Thursday : A planned Bingo game is in store for our Senior Activities. We know everyone enjoys Bingo, so what better way to spend an afternoon with your friends and enjoy lunch and Bingo. Prizes to be won also. Please plan to enjoy the day with us. Lunch is at 11:30 am.

April 20, Wednesay: A day trip is planned to visit the Disney Museum, have lunch at the Presidio Café and visit the Military Intelligence Service Historic Site. Temple members and non-Temple member can sign up. Temple members have first choice for the month of February, then it is opened to non-Temple members. The price is $90.00 including tip. The Senior Activities is subsidizing some of the cost. Limited capacity. Please sign up by calling Chuck Uyeda. More information will be available.

May 11 & 12, Wednesday & Thursday: Reno Trip is scheduled for these days. Sign ups will be taken starting March 1. Mark this date on your calendar.

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. to 12:00 noon

Debbie Kitani has been very helpful with the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies many new ideas in knitting.

LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 9:15 AM-10:00 a.m.

Line dancing with **Naomi Ariyama** instructing.

SING ALONG plus EXERCISE

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Join **Kinji Ushiba** with the "Sing Along Group."

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

With the Sing Along, an upper body exercise is included lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light exercise.

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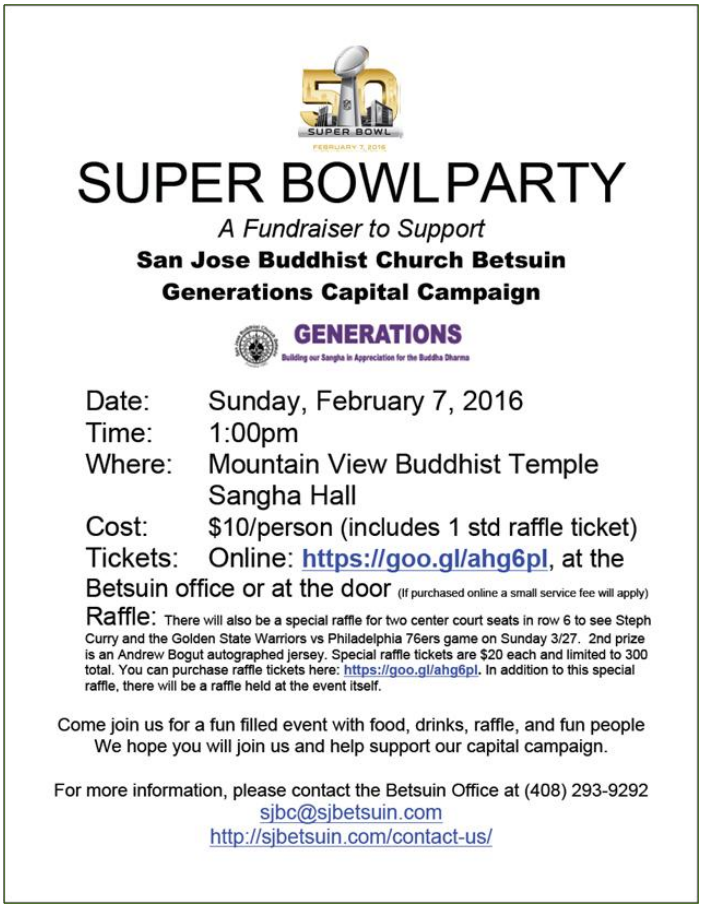
San Jose Betsuin Usage of MVBT Facilities

The San Jose Betsuin is currently renovating their Annex Building. During their renovation, they will be using some MVBT buildings for some of their activities. Below is a list of San Jose Betsuin activities scheduled in January and February 2016 at MVBT and the building being used.

Date	San Jose Betsuin Organization	MVBT Building	Purpose
Jan 22-23	Boy Scouts	Sangha Hall	Boy Scout Event
Feb 5	Jr. YBA	Sangha Hall	Fundraiser Dinner Prep
Feb 6	Jr. YBA	Sangha Hall	Fundraiser Dinner See flyer below
Feb 7	Temple	Sangha Hall	Super Bowl Fundraiser See flyer below
Feb 20	Scouts	Sangha Hall	Activity
Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28	Temple Adults	Sangha Hall Gym	Basketball Night



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Mountain View Buddhist Temple Calendar — **Mar 2016 (Pacific Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	29 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
6 10am - Sunday 12pm - Miroku 12pm - Miroku Mtg. 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	7 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	8 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	9 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	10 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	11 9am - BWA Chirashi 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	12
13 5am - BWA - 10am - Shotsuki 12:15pm - Taiko -	14 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	15 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	16 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	17 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	18	19 8am - Girl Scouts @ 9am - BWA Meeting
20 10am - Spring 12:15pm - Taiko -	21 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	22 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	23 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	24 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	25	26 12pm - Boy Scouts
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	31 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	1	2

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Upcoming Services

March 13, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

March 20, Sunday
Spring Ohigan

April 10, Sunday
Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi

May 8, Sunday
Gotan-e

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