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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

March Highlights

- ***3/9 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***3/13 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***3/20 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Girl Scout Sunday Service &
  Spring Ohigan
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi

Awaken to the Preciousness of Life

A couple of days ago while watching the news, I was really surprised to learn that there are over 40,000 people in the U.S. who commit suicide every year. I was also surprised to hear that among the many causes of death like cancer, brain disease, car accident, and so on, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S. To make sense of that number—40,000—it means over 110 people die every day by their own hand. Now you can see what a large number of people committeed suicide in this country. How sad it is.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

People end their lives for any number of reasons, but mainly because they are in despair over their job, their family or society. Of course, this societal problem is not restricted to the U.S. In Japan, for instance, over 20,000 people commit suicide every year.

The most regrettable among these deaths are the many children who commit suicide because they have been bullied.

Why do so many children so full of promise resort to killing themselves? My heart nearly breaks when I think about young children who couldn't share their problems and worry, who suffered alone in distress and loneli-

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MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

We are looking forward to celebrating the founding of Girl Scouts in March. Girl Scouts will be chairing the Sunday Services on March 13, 20 and 27, and will observe Girl Scout Sunday on March 20.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! Cookies can be purchased from any Temple Girl Scout. Sales will be held from **February 1 through March 13**. Cookies are $5 per box ($6 for Toffee-tastic).

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Religious Planning — March 2016

March 6, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Sunday Service

March 13, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 a.m. Japanese Language Service

March 20, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Spring Ohigan & Girl Scouts Sunday Service

Spring Ohigan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the spring on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramita is emphasized on this occasion.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi**

March 20, 2016, Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm — Spring Ohigan Seminar

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Shoyo Taniguchi**

March 27, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

150 Club News

It's a brand new year and we have winners for January and February. For the month of January, the winner is **Trevor Uyehara**. For February, the winner is **Dola Tanaka**.

Congratulations to our first two winners of 2016!

Thank you to everyone for making the 150 Club so successful.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
MAR	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
APR	Zones 12 & 13	Mar 11 (Fri)	Mar 16 (Wed)
May	Zones 1 & 2	Apr 8 (Fri)	Apr 13 (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

Awaken to the Preciousness of Life (cont'd)

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ness, then made the decision to end their own lives. As Buddhists, how should we face this serious social problem?

First, I believe that it is most important that both those who are the victims of bullying and those who are their tormentors comprehend the preciousness of the life that they have received. The gift of life that we receive from our parents has the magnificent history of the universe wrapped in our parents' own boundless wishes for each one of us. This life is a great favor that, no matter how hard we try, we cannot repay. We must realize how rare it is that we are able to be born into this world as human and that we are alive at this moment.

The historical Buddha, Sakyamuni, addresses the difficulty of receiving human life in this world in a sutra called *Zo-Agon* or *Samyukta Āgama*. In this sutra, there is a famous fable called, "A Blind Turtle and a Floating Board."

One day, Sakyamuni Buddha posed the following question to his disciple, Anan: "Now suppose there is a blind turtle at the bottom of the boundless ocean. This turtle will be able to show its face at the sea's surface only once in a hundred years. A board is floating on the ocean's surface and there is a small hole in the middle of it that turtle can fit its face into. When this turtle—which surfaces only once every hundred years—comes to the surface, can he put his face into the hole in that board even one time?"

Anan answered, "It's impossible! Even if the turtle had hundreds of millions of years or even millions of millions of years to put its face in that hole, it would be very hard to do."

Then Buddha said, "I know everyone thinks that it's impossible! But are you sure? To be born into this world as a human is infinitely more difficult than a blind turtle putting its face into the hole in a board!"

Please contemplate this. One blind turtle drifts about at the mercy of the waves in the vast expanse of the sea for a hundred years, or even one thousand years, in order to look for the floating board. When he finally encounters it, he thinks he will be able to put his face in the hole. But quite unexpectedly a breeze comes up, disturbing the water's surface and

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Three Treasures

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"Rare is it to receive life in human form; yet, now I have received it"

Facilities Planning Committee News

Status of Vacant Land Development

In 2015, the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) endeavored to move forward with finding the optimal utilization of the Temple's open land. With the authorization of the Board of Directors, the FPC engaged Colliers International to assist in the process of locating a qualified development partner with the goal of entering in a long-term ground lease (never a sale) for the vacant land. It was important to the Board and the FPC that any agreement we consider optimizes income and minimizes land devoted to the development.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) process was created with the guidance of the FPC through Colliers and approximately ten developers responded. The FPC then worked through the details of each proposal to narrow the field to a few final qualified and quality candidates. As part of the process of negotiating the ultimate ground lease, the Board approved the FPC request to engage a real estate attorney with the highly respected firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati to assist us with the related legal work.

The FPC is working toward finalization of the selection of the developer partner and execution of the ground lease in 2016.

Any Temple member or affiliated Temple organization member is invited to ask questions of the Committee by emailing fpc@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

In Gassho,
Facilities Planning Committee

Awaken to the Preciousness of Life (cont'd)

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makes the board move and the turtle fails.

Another hundred years pass and again the turtle rises to the surface and happens upon the drifting board. This time, ripples make the board move away and again the turtle fails. So it is extremely difficult for a blind turtle, dependent on wind and wave, to find the drifting board and to put its face in that opening even if a chance of once a hundred years comes.

Through this astounding fable, Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us the wonder of receiving life in human form in this world, a nearly impossible probability. The words at the beginning of the Three Treasures, "Rare is it to receive life in human form; yet, now I have received it," sink deep into my mind again.

Each one of us has a unique opportunity that is ours alone. We can only live once, so Sakyamuni Buddha points us in the direction of a way of living that makes each life shine; that is, understanding one another and respecting and supporting one another, which is the way those of us fortunate enough to have received human life should live.

Consider again these familiar words: "Rare is it to receive life in human form; yet, now I have received it." I believe if we truly rejoice in and appreciate our own life, we will come to understand how precious and valuable each life is and how we must treasure all lives as if they were our own. Bullying, which can threaten and wear a child down till he or she will even consider suicide to escape it, is a truly shameful act, and an unforgivable act as a Buddhist because it is counter to the vow of Amida Buddha. We must always keep this in mind and neither commit nor should we tolerate any act of cruelty upon another person, especially a child.

During our lifetime, each of us will have to endure hardship and stress. However, no matter how painful a position we are in, I sincerely hope each of us can strive to be a true Nembutsu follower, grateful and joyful to have received life in human form as we embrace the light of the Nembutsu.

In Gassho,

Dharma School News

BIRTHDAYS

Dharma School celebrated February student birthdays for students in grades Pre-K thru 6th grade on Sunday, February 7.

POETRY CONTEST

The Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) is sponsoring a poetry contest with the theme of "What is Gratitude." The contest is open to middle school and high school Dharma School students (6th grade & older) and compliments the art contest held last year for Dharma School students grades Preschool thru 5th grade. The Coast District Council will be providing a monetary prize and the winning entries will be displayed at the annual FDSTL conference in April. Poetry entries can be in any style or form and just need to be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper to **Debby Inenaga** by March 1.

EXHIBIT ON HAWAII TEMPLES

On Sunday, March 13, the MVBT Dharma School will be sponsoring a photographic exhibit "Approaching the Sacred: Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii." (**see flyer on Page 10 in this newsletter**). If you have any artifacts related to the history of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple that could be displayed, please contact **Joy Morimoto** (joy@morimoto.org) or **Debby Inenaga** (inenagad@gmail.com)

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
DS Superintendent

FDSTL Poetry Contest

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Deadline: March 1

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一六年三月法話
― 生命に目覚める ―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

先日、あるニュースを見ていて驚いたのですが、アメリカでは毎年四万人を超える人達が自分の生命を絶っているそうです。そして更に、癌や脳疾患、交通事故等といった数多くある死亡原因の中で、自殺がアメリカ国内で十番目に多いというのです。年間四万人が亡くなるということは、これを日に換算しますと、一日に百十人ほどの方が自分の生命を絶っているということです。如何に自殺で亡くなる方がアメリカで多いかということが分かります。大変悲しむべきことです。

残念ながら、仕事や家庭、そして社会に絶望して亡くなっていく人が後を絶ちません。これは決してアメリカだけの問題ではなく、日本に於いても大きな社会問題となっています。なぜなら日本でも、毎年、二万人以上の方が自ら生命を絶っているからです。

その中でも一番受け入れ難いことは、いじめが原因で亡くなる子供達が非常に多いということです。未来ある子供達が何故若くして自ら生命を絶たなければならなかったのか。まだ幼い子供達が誰にも相談できずに、孤独の中で一人悩み苦しみ、涙の果てに死を選んだことを考えると、胸が張り裂ける思いでいっぱいです。私達は仏教徒として、この深刻な社会問題にどう立ち向かうべきでしょうか。

まず、いじめる側もいじめられる側も、自分の授かった生命の尊さに気付くことが何よりも大切だと思います。両親から頂いたこの生命には壮大な宇宙の歴史があり、計り知れない親の願いがあり、そして報じきれない多大な恩恵があるのです。私達が人としてこの世に生まれ、今という時間を生かされている尊さに気付かなければなりません。

この世に生を受けることの難しさを、お釈迦さまは『雑阿含経』に「盲亀浮木の譬え」で教えて下さっております。

ある時、お釈迦さまはお弟子さんである阿難尊者に、次のように尋ねられました。

「果てしなく広がる海の底に、目の見えない一匹の亀がいたとする。その亀は百年に一度だけ、海面に顔を出すのだ。また、大海には一枚の板が浮いていて、その真ん中にはちょうど亀の頭が入る小さな穴が開いている。百年に一度、浮かび上がるこの亀が、海面に顔を出した時に、板の穴に頭を入れることが一度でもできるだろうか？」と。

弟子の阿難は、「そんなことは考えられません。もしかして、何億年、何兆年かけて頭を入れることができることがあったとしても、大変難しいことです」と答えられました。

するとお釈迦さまは、「誰もがそんなことはありえないと考えるだろう。しかし、果たしてどうだろうか？私達が人間に生まれるという事は、この亀が板の穴に頭を入れること以上に難しいことなのだ」と教えて下さっています。

皆さん想像してみて下さい。目の見えない一匹の亀が一本の浮木を探し求めて、百年も千年も大海原を漂っています。百年目に浮木と出会って穴に頭が入るのかと思いきや、一瞬の風で浮木が動き、不成功に終わってしまう。離れ離れになってからまた百年。今度は波に邪魔をされて失敗に終わる。このように、百年に一度のチャンスが来ても目の見えない亀にとって、波や風にまかせて浮かぶ板との巡り合わせ、更に浮木の穴に頭を入れるということは至難の業です。何とも気が遠くなるお話です。

しかし、お釈迦さまが教えて下さっているように、私達が人としてこの世に生を受けたことはそれ以上に有り難いことなのです。三帰依文にある「人身受け難し、今已に受く」のお言葉が今改めて、心にしみじみと伝わってまいります。

私達一人ひとりが何者にも犯すことのできない尊い生命を授かっているのです。一度しかない人生で、互いの生命を輝かせ合い、互いに敬っていく生き方こそが、人として生を受けた者の歩むべき道だとお釈迦さまは、私達に生命の方向を示して下さっています。

今一度、個々の生命の存在について深く考えて頂きたいと思います。受け難い人としての生命を頂いて、今、生かされて生きている。自分の生命の存在に心から喜び、感謝することができたなら、自分の生命同様、他の生命がどれほど尊く、どれほど大切にしなくてはならないかという事に目覚めて頂けると信じています。そして、その尊い生命を脅かすようないじめが人として如何に醜い行為、仏教徒として許されざる行為、そして、私達の真の親、阿弥陀仏の願いに背いた恥ずべき行為であるかを私達一人ひとりが肝に銘じていかなくてはなりません。

私達は生きていく上で、数多くの悩みや苦しみに遭遇します。しかし、どれほど苦しい立場にいようとも、常にお念仏の光を仰ぎながら、生かされている今を、感謝し喜べる一念仏者でありたいと願っています。

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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)

SAVE THE DATE

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Sun, April 3
YBA Breakfast Fundraiser

YBA News

On January 29 to January 31, the Mountain View YBA sent three representatives to the Youth Advocacy Committee Summit held at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley.

Thank you to all those who came to our Spaghetti dinner. It was a great success and we hope everyone had fun.

Please save the date for our YBA Breakfast Fundraiser that will be happening on Sunday, April 3.

Lastly, the YBA is working hard on out talent show skit that we will perform at the Bay District Conference this coming March.

In Gassho,
Devon Matsumoto
YBA President

ABA Activities

ABA News

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

ABA has been very busy and there are lots of plans for the upcoming months. The annual New Year's dinner was held at Michael's Restaurant. The food was delicious, people were joyous and musical talents were uncovered – beautiful singing voices and fancy footwork on the dance floor. Thanks to **Kathy Fujii**, **Eileen Fujikawa** and their committee for organizing another fun event.

Sensei & Mika singing "Sekai ni Hitotsu dake no Hana" (means "Only Flower in the World")

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

We have a busy spring scheduled for the organization. In March, the group will see a play entitled "Tokyo Fish Story" in Palo Alto. **Kay Sasaki** is organizing a trip to see the Bouquet of Arts at the de Young Fine Arts Museum on April 7. **Joanne Makishima** is coordinating trips to see the musical "Beautiful" on September 4, the San Francisco Giants game on Sept 14 and the San Jose Giants on June 17.

With Gassho,
Sterling Makishima
ABA President

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BWA Activities

Buddhist Women's Association

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences to long-time member **Toshiko Masaki and Family** for the loss of her husband **Muneo**. We also feel great sadness with the passing of **Sylvia Nara** a long-time and very active member. BWA extends our sincere condolences to **Allan Nara** and Family.

2016 CABINET

BWA's new cabinet for 2016 was installed on January 31, 2016. The cabinet members are:

President
Reiko Murakami

Vice President
Mitsue Fukuda

Recording Secretary & Religious Chairperson
Marie Ochi-Jacobs

Treasurer
Joan Aoki

Corresponding Secretaries
Taye Kurashige &
Miyo Takegami

Social Chairperson
Carolyn Sakae

CD CONFERENCE

On March 12, 2016 we will be attending the Coast District Buddhist Women's League Conference in Salinas.

DONATIONS

With gratitude, donations received:

In Memory of Wife, Sylvia Nara
Allan Nara

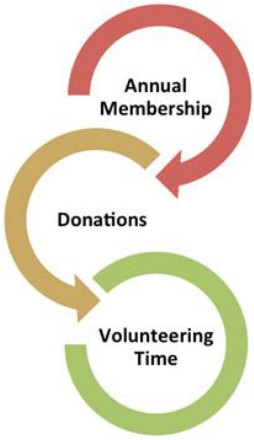
Special
June Yusa

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. March 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m. in YBA Hall

Dues and Donations Committee

What Can I do?



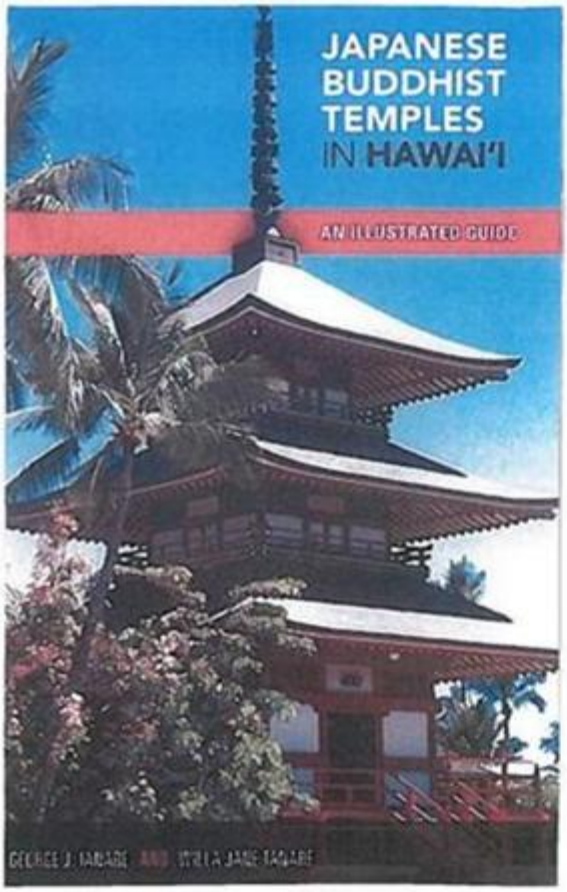
Your Zone Town Hall Upcoming Soon

- **Mingle with other members in your zone**
- **Learn about the Temple's General Fund**
  — Both Expenses & Income
- **Ask your questions about your Temple & get answers**
- **Your Zone Chairperson will be contacting you soon**
- **Please come!**

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan, Hanamatsuri & Obon (Kangi-e)

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



Mountain View Buddhist Temple is proud to host

APPROACHING THE SACRED:

A photographic display on Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawaii

Date: **Sunday, March 13th**

Time: **11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Presentations by
Drs George & Willa Tanabe:
11:30 am & 2:00 pm

Location:
Mountain View Buddhist Temple
575 North Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View 94043

Cost: **no charge**

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. This display was made possible with the generous support of a grant from The Hiroaki, Elaine & Lawrence Kono Foundation, and with the cooperation of the Hawai'i Buddhist Council, Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i.

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," 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.** The Tanabes will be on hand at the temple for a presentation.

For more information, please contact Debby Inenaga at inenagad@gmail.com

March 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 **March** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Theodore Abe	**Shizuko Matsumoto**	**Kinuko Sasaki**
Mine Chikasuye	**Tom Matsumoto**	**Rev. Sensho Sasaki**
Alice Asaka Fujii	**Akira Morishima**	**Frank Sato**
Satoru Fujikawa	**Cynthia Muranaka**	**Kanesuke Sato**
Kazuo Furusho	**Haruko Muranaka**	**Brett Sugimoto**
Harriet Hamamoto	**Linda Nakagawa**	**Patricia Yukie Togashi**
Sekitaro Hananouchi	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Thomas Takegami**
Masao Hayashi	**Harry Nakano**	**Shimoye Yamaji**
Itsuyo Hori	**Ken'ichi Nakano**	**Tora Tamaji**
Ronald Hoshiko	**Rokuro Nakano**	**Yoshikichi Yamaji**
Koriyu Kariya	**Komao Nara**	**Kazuo Yanase**
Miya Kawamoto	**Shizuko Nishimura**	**Torao Yokoyama**
Hakobu Koyano	**George Tetsuo Noguchi**	**Kiriye Yoshida**
Shinobu Maruyama	**Shigeru Okamoto**	
Helen Matsumoto	**Fumio Okayama**	

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

March 13, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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**

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

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group Activities

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

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 will be provided at 11:30 am.

April 20, Wednesday: A day trip is planned to the Disney Museum, the Presidio Café with lunch, and the Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center. Temple members and non-Temple members can sign up. Temple members have first choice during the month of February, and then it is open to non-Temple members. The price is $90.00 including tip. The Senior Activities is subsidizing some of the cost. Please sign up by calling **Chuck Uyeda**. More information will be available.

May 11 & 12, Wednesday & Thursday: This is the scheduled Reno Trip. Sign ups will be taken starting March 1 by calling **Chuck Uyeda**. Price $87.00 including tip.

THANK YOU TO STAN

We want to acknowledge and thank **Stan Okamura** for always keeping our Temple knives sharp and also for doing our Senior member's personal knives. It is a pleasure to work in the kitchen with sharp knives. Thank you, Stan, for it is greatly appreciated by all.

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 and Reiko Tsuchida and Toshiko Uyehara assisting.

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 as you sing along is lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light exercise.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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

BettyJane Michiko Masukawa	***Sept 29, 1933 - Jan 2, 2016***
Muneo Masaki	***Feb 16, 2016 - Jan 21, 2016***
Sylvia Sadako Nara	***July 31, 1929 - Jan 24, 2016***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
3 10am - Shotsuki 12pm - Miroku 12pm - New 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko -	4 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - Religious	5 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	6 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	7 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	8 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	9 9am - BWA Meeting
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Upcoming Events

April 3, Sunday
YBA Breakfast Fundraiser

April 10, Sunday
Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Services

May 8, Sunday
YBA Mother's Day Brunch
Gotan-e Service

May 15, Sunday
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

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In Gassho,
The Echo Staff

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