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April & May Highlights

- ***4/24 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Graduating Senior Talks
  Alex Tsukahara & Michael Yamaguchi
- ***5/4 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***5/8 Sun, 8:45 am***
  YBA Mother's Day Brunch
- ***5/8 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Gotan-e &
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service

  Graduating Senior Talks
  Kristen Nagamatsu, Kelly Nishimura & Erika Yasuda

  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***5/15 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Graduating Senior Talks
  Lindsey Nishimoto & Evan Chu
- ***5/29 Sun, 9:30 am***
  Memorial Day Inter-faith Service at Alta Mesa Memorial Park

  NO SERVICE at Temple

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Who are Your Parents?

Last month, we held a *Hatsumairi* (Infant Presentation Ceremony) combined with our *Hanamatsuri* (Birthday Service for Siddhartha Gautama). Four families, witnessed by many Sangha members, brought their cute children before the image of the Buddha to celebrate their new life as Buddha's children.

Hatsumairi is a special Dharma opportunity for parents to wish their loving kids healthy growth so that no matter what might happen in life, the children can rejoice in their birth and live a fruitful life with strength and gratitude in the Nembutsu teaching. It was truly gratifying to see the parents put their hands together

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

standing next to their little kids and pledge to raise them to listen gratefully to the Nembutsu teaching. Their sincere posture was so precious that I was really moved. During this ceremony, I thought about the seriousness of each parent's responsibility.

There are countless kinds of animals in this world. Even those most familiar to us—like dogs, cats, birds, squirrels and rabbits—exist in so many varieties. Interestingly, if one of these animals were to be raised by another kind of animal, it would still grow up to be the animal that it had been born as. For example, if a kitten were raised by dogs, years later it would still be a cat. And if a puppy were raised by chimpanzees, it would still grow up to be a dog. No matter how compatible, if the adoptive parent is not

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FDSTL Poetry Contest: Alex Tsukahara's Poem Selected for FDSTL Conference

Alex Tsukahara's poem was one of three selected by the Coast District Dharma Schools to represent the Coast District in the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) Poetry Contest on the theme of "Gratitude."

Alex's poem will be displayed at the FDSTL Conference to be held by the Northern District in Sacramento on April 29 - May 1, 2016.

The Unspoken Thank You

By Alex Tsukahara

Gratitude is something that we all need
If we are grateful, we will all be freed
Freed from the chains of anxiety and stress
Stopping the pain and constant unrest
If we are grateful and thankful in the day
We will be cheerful, frolic, and play
Be grateful for our friends, there till the end
Be grateful for your family
Perfectly mixed, a beautiful blend

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 FDSTL Conference @ 10am - Sunday 12pm - Miroku 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko - 1pm - Girl Scout	2 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	3 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	4 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	5 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	6	7 8am - Boy Scouts @ 9am - BWA Meeting
8 8:45am - YBA 10am - Shotsuki 12:15pm - Taiko -	9 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 6:45pm - Girl Scouts	10 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	11 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	12 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	13 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	14 Chicken Teriyaki 6pm - Boy Scouts -
15 10am - Chicken 10am - Sunday 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 6:45pm - Girl Scouts	24 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	25 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Obon	26 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @	27	28
29 9:30am - Alta Mesa 12:15pm - Taiko -	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - RPC	31 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	1 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	2 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 6pm - Taiko @	3	4 Dharma School 9am - BWA Meeting

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Religious Planning — April and May 2016

April 24, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Graduating Senior Talks: **Alex Tsukahara** & **Michael Yamaguchi**

May 1, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Sunday Service

Rev. Mukojima will not be back from the FDSTL Conference

May 8, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Gotan-e & Shotsuki Hoyo Services

Gotan-e: Observes the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. Born near Kyoto, Japan on May 21, 1173.

Graduating Senior Talks: **Kristen Nagamatsu**, **Kelly Nishimura** & **Erika Yasuda**

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

May 15, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Graduating Senior Talks: **Lindsey Nishimoto** & **Evan Chu**

May 22, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Rev. Mukojima will be out of town

May 29, 2016, Sunday, 9:30 am, Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

NO SERVICES at Temple

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

150 Club News

Our special winner for the month of April is **Dennis Tsukagawa**.

Congratulations Dennis!

The Temple is grateful to all those who participated in the 150 Club.

Thank You!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
May	Zones 1 & 2	N / A	N / A
June	Zones 3 & 4	May 13 (Fri)	May 18 (Wed)
July	Zones 5 & 6	June 10 (Fri)	June 15 (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

Who are Your Parents (cont'd)

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the same species as the baby it is trying to raise, that baby can never become like them. Puppies when raised by humans can only become dogs. They will never change into a human nor live as humans do.

No matter how well we take care of them, puppies will grow up to be dogs and kittens will always end up as cats. Even if they were to be raised by other animals, there are no exceptions to this fact. Even if they grow accustomed to our environment, they cannot transcend the kind of animal they are.

However, humans are completely different from other animals in this respect: humans must always be raised by humans.

There is a famous story about two girls a long time ago in India who were raised by wolves. Apparently they had been abandoned in a forest by their parents when they were very little. For some reason, they were accepted and protected by wolves and so they were able to survive. After several years passed, the girls were discovered and rescued from the forest.

But as a result of living only with wolves, they were not able to speak, write, or walk upright. They couldn't use utensils when they ate. Instead they ate with their hands on the ground, just like a wolf does with its paws. They couldn't communicate like humans and were unable to change the behavior they had learned living with wolves. It was impossible for them to learn how to live as humans do. In the end, despite being born human, they had been raised as wolves, so to live as humans was not possible. What a sad story.

How children develop depends on how their parents raise them. Because of this, we realize how important it is to build a wonderful family life that is filled with the Nembutsu. We must do this so that our kids grow up as a whole being with a rich mind that can share the suffering, sadness, joy and happiness of others because of this precious teaching.

In Jodo Shinshu, there is a saying: "*The parent and the child are the same age.*" This is because

"The parent and the child are the same age"

no matter how old a person is, if he doesn't have a child, he is not called a parent. Only a person who has a child can be called parent.

To explain more fully, when my daughter was born in 2008, my wife and I became parents. My daughter is now seven years old, which means that we as her parents are also seven years old. Our son was born in 2012 and now is three. Although we first became the parents seven years ago, we only became parents who have two kids when my son was born three years ago. In that respect, we can say that we are the same age as our son.

When we become a parent, an awareness begins to grow instinctively in our hearts and we learn to take care of our child, protect her, love her and grow with her. We gradually form a parent-child relationship through this experience. It is not important who she or he becomes. What is important is the process we go through together. Therefore, the environment in which the child is raised is the most important.

As parents, we want our child to have a wonderful life. However, it makes no sense if we only vacantly wish for their successful growth. In bringing up children, parents also experience learning and growth. Children are raised by their parents, but parents also grow by raising their children. This explains the saying that parents and the child are the same age. Please remember that we are learning and growing with each other every day.

I again offer my congratulations to the families who participated in the Hatsumairi. The ceremony was a precious Dharma opportunity in which your cute child provided you a new starting point as parents. Just as only humans who have human parents can grow up to be real humans, if all beings are raised with the teachings of Amida Buddha, the path to attain Buddhahood will surely open to all of us. This is like realizing children are raised by their

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Who are Your Parents (cont'd)

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parents, and parents grow by raising their children.

I sincerely hope that parents will work to build a wonderful family filled with the Nembutsu as we laugh together, cry together, love together, and learn together. Let us rejoice that we can live together with our children while accepting the growth of their little "life" and as we grow as parents!

In Gassho,

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 15

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser
575 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043
Temple Office (650) 964-9426 • Sangha Hall (650) 940-9719
PICK UP DATE SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016
PICK UP LOCATIONS & TIMES:
MVBT Sangha Hall Gym - Mtn View • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
4th Street Bowl - 1441 N. 4th Street San Jose (Front South Corner) • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center • 16450 Murphy Avenue, Morgan Hill • 10:00 am - 12 noon
Please pick up at location marked above during designated time only
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Donation: $10.00

Our 2016 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Tickets have already been distributed to the Zone Chairs.

A reminder to all Temple members, affiliated organizations, friends, and non-affiliated organizations like Nakayoshi Gakko and Tri-City, we ask for your assistance once again this year to help make this Temple fundraiser a success. On behalf of everyone in Zone 3, we would like to thank the entire Sangha and our many friends for their kind support.

Please remember these key dates:

May 4, Wednesday….Preliminary count due
May 8, Sunday…… Final count due
May 11, Wednesday….6:00 pm
Chicken Cleaning &
Turn in all money & all tickets
May 13, Friday…….. 8:00 am
Make Tsukemomo
May 14, Saturday……..Chicken Cooking
May 15, Sunday…… Packing the bentos & Pick up

In Gassho,
Richard Endo – Zone 3
2016 Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson

CHICKEN TERIYAKI HELP NEEDED

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Wed, May 11
6:00 pm

Help needed to clean chicen

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Friday, May 13
8:00 am
Help needed to make Tsukemono

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

The Girl Scouts hosted their 3rd Annual BWA Appreciation Luncheon on March 19. The entire troop helped to plan, coordinate and cook for this important event. Before the luncheon, the Girl Scouts helped to make takuan with the BWA ladies, and everyone got to take their own jar home.

The Girl Scouts wanted to show their appreciation for the BWA, who are such good role models for the girls in their dedication and commitment to the Temple and the Sangha.

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一六年五月法話

―あなたの親は誰ですか？―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

先月、花まつり法要を兼ねて初参式をお勤めしました。五人のかわいい子供達がそれぞれの両親に連れられて、阿弥陀仏の御前で、仏の子としての新しい生命の歩みを多くの門徒さんからお祝いしてもらいました。初参式は、お念仏のみ教えと共に力強い人生を歩んでいってくれるようにと、愛する子供達の成長を願う大切な法要です。かわいい仏の子らの横で、お念仏のみ教えを聞く子に育てていこうと誓いながら手を合わす親御さんの姿が一段と輝いて見え、何とも有難い気持ちでいっぱいになりました。また、この初参式を通して、改めて子を持つ親としての責任の重さに気づかせてもらいました。

世の中には数えきれないほどのさまざまな種の動物がいます。身近なものでも、犬や猫、鳥、りす、うさぎ、と本当に様々です。しかし、興味深いことに、それらの動物は同じ種以外の親に育てられても、ちゃんと本来の動物として育つことができます。たとえば、猫が犬に育てられても猫に育ちますし、犬が猿に育てられても犬として育ちます。親の種類が違っていても、決して、その親のようになることはありません。ですから、犬が人に育てられても、犬にしかなりえませんし、もっと言えば、人間のような生き方はできないのです。

どれほど、人間が愛情をかけて育てても、犬は犬、猫は猫として育ちます。それがたとえほかの動物であっても、例外はありません。たとえ人間環境に慣れることはできても、動物は本来の姿を変えることはできえません。

しかし、人間は完全にほかの動物とは違います。人は必ず人によって育てられなくてはいけません。昔、インドに狼少女と騒がれた二人の少女がいたという有名な話があります。悲しいことに、この少女らは幼くして両親に森の中で捨てられたそうです。その後、何らかの理由で狼に育てられ、生き残ることができたのですが、数年後、森深くでこの少女達が発見され、保護されました。

しかし、人として生を受けたにもかかわらず、幼少期に狼に育てられたことによって、言語を話したり、文字を書いたり、二本足で歩いたりすることができませんでした。更には、食事の時は、地べたに四つん這いになって、まさに狼のように食べあさったと言います。残念なことに、彼女達は狼としての生活から抜け出せずに、最後まで人間の生活に戻ることができなかったそうです。せっかく人として生まれながらも、狼を親として生活した結果、人間らしく生きる道を絶たれてしまったのです。何とも悲しいお話です。

この話から分かるように、人間世界では、育てる親によって子供のありようは大きく変わります。だからこそ、お念仏に香る家庭を築き、その教えの中で、人の苦しみ、悲しみ、そして喜びを共に分かち合うことのできる心豊かな子に育てることが親として最も大切なことだと気づかされます。

また、浄土真宗では、親と子は同い年だということをよく言われます。それは、どれだけ年をとっても子のない人を親とは言わないように、人は子を持って初めて親となるのだということです。

もっと言いますと、私の娘は二〇〇八年に生まれ、その時、初めて私と妻は親になりました。娘は今、七歳ですから、私達も彼女の親として七年目です。息子は二〇一二年に生まれ、今、三歳です。私達が親になったのは七年前ですが、二人の子を持つ親になったのは三年前ですから、私達と息子はその意味で同い年と言えます。

人は、子を持つことで、親としての自覚が芽生え、その子の成長を願いながら子供と共に生きようとする親の姿が形成されていきます。子供の人生にとって大切なものは結果ではく、その過程であると言います。それだけに子供が育ちゆく環境が何よりも大切なのだということです。

親である以上、私達は常に子供の成長を願います。しかし、ただ我が子の成長を漠然と願うだけでは意味がありません。子を育てるとは、親がその子と共に生きて成長することをいうのです。子は親によって育てられ、親もまた子を通して育っていくのです。ここに、親子は同い年であるといわれる所以があります。

この度の初参式に出席して下さったご家族に今一度、心からお祝い申し上げます。この初参式は親御さんの一人ひとりの新たな出発点であり、皆さんのお子さんによって与えられた尊い仏縁です。人が人を親として人に育てられるからこそ人となっていくように、生きとし生けるものが、阿弥陀さまのお育てにあずかったならば、私達も必ず仏となる道が開かれきます。どうかお念仏に香る家庭を目指して、共に泣き、共に笑い、共に学びながら、幼い「いのち」の成長を親としての成長と受け止めて、共に生かされる喜びをしっかりと味わっていただきたいと切に願っております。

MVBT Boy Scoout Troop 87

ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDEAL

In the month of April, nominated Boy Scout Troop Members Participate in the biannual Order of the Arrow Ordeal. It is the first step of a Boy Scout's journey to becoming an Arrowman. This event took place from the 1st to the 3rd. It's a great way to find new members for the BSA National Honor Society! It uses American Indian-styled traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on Scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of Scouting. You get to meet new friends or people you already know! Order of the Arrow is the honor society of Boy Scouts, and its primary function is Community Service.

WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER

Introducing an all new sport coming to us from the Wizarding World of Harry Potter! The troop's very own Assistant Senior Patrol Leader will be hosting the game of Quidditch! Unfortunately, we don't have flying broomsticks, but it still has the Golden Snitch played by another Troop member! It will be lots of fun, and there's going to be a lot of running! This game is flying in to our next troop meeting on April 20th!

BROOMBALL

Broomball is coming! This is just like hockey, but without skates and instead of hockey sticks, you have brooms! This is coming to the troop April 27!

BOY SCOUTS HELP WITH THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL!

And, last but far from least, this year's Cherry Blossom Festival is at Memorial Park, Cupertino. This is the single largest fundraiser of the year! We will be selling mochi, spam musubi, and making Yaki-soba on-site! So don't miss out! This event wouldn't be possible without the use of Temple facilities. We use the Temple Facilities for prepping and making mochi, spam musubi, and vegetables for the Yaki-soba, and for that, Troop 87 thanks you.

Troop 87 Scribe,
Nick Peterson

CPR/AED Training Class

Sunday, June 5 in the YBA Hall, 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Registration required by Sunday, May 22

RSVP: Eileen Fujikawa, 408-996-0845, fujikawabachan@gmail.com

Open to Temple members and members of affiliated organizations on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you were trained in 2014 or earlier, you need to get recertified. If you were trained last year, but you can't remember anything, you should take another class. You can never be "over-trained"!

The training fee is $68/person and class size is limited to 12. Make checks payable to "MVBT-ABA" with a note "CPR/AED class."

ABA will provide a light lunch, so that you can attend the morning Sunday Service and stay for the class.

For information, contact Eileen Fujikawa

YBA News

On May 8, the YBA will be hosting the annual Mother's Day Brunch. Doors will open at 8:45 am and go until 9:45 am. We hope to see all the Mountain View families there!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

The YBA will be sending 11 members to the Bay District Volleyball Tournament to be held Memorial Day weekend at Cal State Hayward.

SPORTS MIXER

The Mountain View YBA has decided to sponsor the College YBA's sports mixer to be held August 5 - 7. Many of our current high school seniors are planning to attend.

In Gassho,
Devon Matsumoto
YBA President

Pioneers Memorial Monument
at
Alta Mesa Memorial Park.

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The memorial was built in 1939 to honor those Japanese who died here with no family left to remember them and to manage their graves.

ABA News

FUN OUTINGS

ABA members welcomed in the spring with a visit to the De Young Museum's the Bouquet to Arts floral exhibit. Thank you to **Kay and Go Sasaki** for organizing the trip.

We also enjoyed the play "Tokyo Fish Story" from TheatreWorks in Palo Alto. Thanks to **Jean Shimoguchi** for purchasing and distributing the tickets.

To express our appreciation for our ancestors, 25 members participated in a clean up at Alta Mesa Cemetery on April 16.

BASEBALL FANS

There are still tickets available for the San Francisco Giants vs. San Diego Padres on September 14 and the San Jose Giants game on June 17 (fireworks night). Contact **Joanne Makishima** if you're interested. Play ball!!

ABA Members at Alta Mesa Cemetery Clean Up

CHICKEN TERIYAKI

Members are asked to assist with the Chicken Teriyaki on Saturday, May 14. ABA is responsible for the afternoon cooking shift. Contact **Dennis Tsukagawa** to sign up to help. This is a major fundraiser for the Temple.

AED / CPR CLASS

The AED/CPR training class will be held on Sunday, June 5 from 1:30 pm-5:30 pm in YBA Hall. Lunch will be provided. Contact **Eileen Fujikawa** to sign up at fujikawabachan@gmail.com or 408-996-0845. See more details on Page 7.

In Gassho,
Sterling Makishima
ABA President

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BWA Activities

CHIRASHI FUNDRAISER

BWA had their Annual Chirashi Fundraiser on April 3, 2016. Everyone arrived at 5:00 am to start the making of the Chirashi. We thank **Dave and Shaun Maruyama**, **Don Fukuma**, **Dennis Tsukagawa**, **Paul Nakagawa**, **Ray and Kari Murakami**. Without the men helping us with the heavy equipment, rice cooking, cooling and cleaning, we would not have been able to have our fundraiser.

The BWA ladies spent countless hours preparing all the ingredients and packing of the Chirashi without any complaints and always in good humor. Thank you ladies for all your hard work. Thank you Sangha for your support, we had a successful event.

CHICKEN TERIYAKI

BWA's next project is making otsukemono for our Temple Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser. We will make the *otsukemono* on Friday, May 13 at 8:00 am.

DONATIONS

With gratitude, donations received:

In Memory of Husband, Tom Fukuda
Mrs. Mitsue Fukuda

Special
Allan Nara

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. May 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m. in YBA Hall

Buddhist Women's Association

MVBT New Members and Welcome Luncheon

New members to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple were introduced during the Sunday Service on April 17.

We welcomed six new families or individuals. Pictured with **Rev. Mukojima** are **Sadao and Yemi Yamanoto** with son, **Tom**; **Jean Omokawa** with mother, **Lily Omokawa;** and **Paul Harada and Michelle Nishina** with daughter, **Ellie**;.

New members not pictured are **Lily Kawafuchi** and **Jill Fajardo.**

A luncheon for the new members was held after the Sunday Service at the Su Hong Restaurant in Palo Alto. Joining the new members for the luncheon were 18 Temple members and friends.

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Gotan-e & Obon (Kangi-e)

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

Sarana Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony

On Sunday, September 18, 2016, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will sponsor a special Kieshiki (Sarana Affirmation) Ceremony. The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Temple's 55th Anniversary.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? The Kieshiki is an individual's affirmation to follow the Buddha's Path. There is no age restriction for the ceremony. Socho Kodo Umezu (Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America) will have the privilege of conducting this meaningful Kieshiki ceremony for our Sangha.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF KIESHIKI AND THE CEREMONY? At the time of the Kieshiki, each participant takes refuge and affirms (Kie) the Three Treasures: the Buddha, the Dharma (Teachings), and the Sangha (Community). The Buddhist name, or more correctly the Dharma Name (Homyo), is then presented. If one has not received a Buddhist name during one's life, then one is given at the time of one's funeral.

WHAT IS THE BUDDHIST NAME OR DHARMA NAME? For the Kieshiki, Socho Umezu has extended an invitation to have you consult with me on the selection of a Buddhist name.

The Buddhist name is composed of three kanji (Chinese characters): Shaku 釋and two Buddhist terms. The word "Shaku" is used as an abbreviation for Shakyamuni, in reference to the historical Buddha and is given to you as the title that represents the Buddha's disciple. For the second character, the applicant picks one character (kanji). Example characters are provided. The third character will be chosen by Rev. Mukojima.

APPLICATION. There is a registration fee of $50 per person for MVBT members. The fee for non-MVBT members is $75. The registration deadline is August 15. Please find the form on the MVBT website (www.mvbuddhisttemple.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Temple at (650) 964-9426.

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

TAIKO ANYONE?

April 21, Thursday: Starting April 21, the Seniors are starting a Taiko program. Our instructor Susan Yuen says that it will be easy to learn. We can learn by sitting or standing. Taiko will be good for the mind and body. We will schedule the starting time at 11:00 am and this may change. We thank Susan for volunteering her time and John Arima for suggesting this program for the Seniors.

RENO TRIP

May 11 & 12, Wednesday & Thursday: This is the scheduled Reno Trip. Sign up March 1 by calling **Chuck Uyeda**. The cost is $87 including tip.

PRESSURE POINT

June 9 Thursday: Reverend Nekoda is an expert on pressure point and has graciously accepted to teach us on *Self Help, Reflexology and Acupuncture* (Shiatsu finger pressure), on June 9, our last day of our Senior Activities and Craft before the summer break. We will also provide lunch. More information will be provided, so please mark this date on your calendar.

GETTING READY FOR BAZAAR: TALL VASES WANTED

Don't know what to do with your tall vases? With the soon approaching Bazaar, the Seniors can use the vases. **Haruye Hoshi** is asking if anyone wanting to get rid of tall vases that may be in your garage or will not be used, to let Haruye know or inform any of our Senior committee members. Thank you.

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Join us in a celebration of music as we come

Together in Harmony & Gassho

2016 Choir Festival

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha Hall
June 11, 2016 Admission is FREE

Participating Temples

- Berkeley Buddhist Temple
- Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple
- Palo Alto Buddhist Temple
- Buddhist Temple of Salinas
- San Francisco Buddhist Temple
- San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin
- S. Alameda County Buddhist Church
- Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Doors Open at 12:30 pm

Performances Begin at 1:00 pm

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group Activities (cont'd)

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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

May 1

SUNDAY

SUNDAE'S

Congratulation!

Alex

Tsukahara

Dharma School News

Hello everyone!

HANAMATSURI

Thank you to everyone that came, participated and enjoyed our Hanamatsuri service and program. We were thankful to have our 4th/5th/6th grade students be part of the service and also congratulate all of the children that participated in the Hatsumairi portion of the service.

Thank you to parent volunteers **Patty Chow**, **Sandy Furuichi**, **Debbie Aiu**, **Grace Lee**, **Yuki Hata-Kita** and **Margie Nishimoto** for coordinating the Hanamatsuri luncheon for the Sangha and to all of those that contributed to the luncheon by bringing salads. Also thank you to **Yumi Higa** for organizing the Hanamatsuri program and to all of our Dharma School students, teachers and Taiko groups for their performances.

SUNDAY SUNDAE

Just a reminder that on Sunday, May 1, we will not be having Dharma School classes due to the Federated Dharma School Teachers League(FDSTL) conference to be held April 29 through May 1 in Sacramento, but we will be having our annual Sunday sundae's after service that day.

HELP at CHICKEN TERIYAKI

Also, on Saturday, May 14, Dharma School will be coordinating the lunch for the Chicken Teriyaki cooking crew, so please be on the lookout for a notice asking for Dharma School parents to provide a salad or dessert for the lunch. Your help is greatly appreciated in supporting the Temple's annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser.

CONGRATULATIONS! ALEX

Congratulations to **Alex Tsukahara** for his poetry entry on the theme "What is Gratitude." His entry, entitled "The Unspoken Thank You", along with two others, were selected out of 17 entries to represent the Coast District at the FDSTL conference. Well done! Alex!

CAMPOUT

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our annual Dharma School family campout that will be Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5. Lots of fun activities are being planned for all ages, so be sure to come out and join in! We'll be sending out more details on this later.

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
DS Superintendent

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

Kazuo Kato	***Dec 12, 1919 - Feb 9, 2016***
Ruth Kawaguchi	***Apr 2,1933 - Mar 7, 2016***
Yutaka Hamamoto	***Sep 12,1922 - Mar 23, 2016***
Robert Arima	***Jul 16, 1968 - Mar 25, 2016***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

May 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 **May** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Robert Ariyama	**June Kusumoto**	**George Sato**
Naka Chikasuye	**Roy Matsumoto**	**Shigemi Sato**
Rev Philipp Eidmann	**Edward Morimoto**	**Betty Shidawara**
Judy Jean Furusho	**Hana Nagao**	**Frank Shimizu**
Ruth Goto	**Charles Nagatoshi**	**May Shimoguchi**
Levan Gray	**Minako Nakamoto**	**Kazuko Springer**
Isano Hamada	**Yoshito Nakamura**	**Mitsuye Togashi**
Dr. Yuta Hongo	**Harry Nakano**	**Fusako Tokuda**
Kay Ikeuye	**Naoko Nakashima**	**Sumiye Tomota**
Robert Imai	**June Naritomi**	**Lucia Towne**
Nancy Ishii	**Herbert Nishimura**	**George Tsukagawa**
Ishino Ishikawa	**Hajime Ogata**	**Seiko Tsumura**
Nobukichi Ishikawa	**Momoyo Ogino**	**Aleric Uyehara**
Caroline Izumi	**Yoshihiro Okasaki**	**Torao Watanabe**
Yasuko Kariya	**Iko Oku**	**John Wittlesey**
Joe Masao Kawaguchi	**Leonard Oku**	**Peggy Yamaguchi**
Makoto Joseph Kawaguchi	**John Okumura**	**Frances Yamaji**
Shigeko Kawamoto	**Joe Okuno**	**John Yamaji**
Kiyono Kawano	**Chizuo Sakae**	
Hideo M. Kumamaru	**Koji Sakai**	

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**

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SECOND SUNDAY of May

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

May 8, 2016

10:00 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.

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

june 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am - Alta Mesa 12:15pm - Taiko -	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - RPC	31 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	1 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	2 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 6pm - Taiko @	3	4 Dharma School 9am - BWA Meeting
5 10am - Shotsuki 12pm - Miroku 12pm - YBA General 12:15pm - Taiko - 1pm - ABA CPR/AED 1pm - Girl Scout	6 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	7 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	8 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Temple	9 8am - Senior 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 6pm - Taiko @	10 7pm - Fuji Club @ 7:30pm - ABA	11 Choir Festival @ All
12 10am - Sunday 12:15pm - Taiko -	13 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	14 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	15 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	16 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 6pm - Taiko @	17	18
19 12:15pm - Taiko -	20 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	21 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	22 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir	23 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 6pm - Taiko @	24	25
26 9am - Taiko - Kids @	27 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 6:45pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - RPC	28 6pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	29 6pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Temple Choir 7:30pm - Obon	30 6pm - Adult Taiko @ 6pm - Taiko @	1	2

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Upcoming Events

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

May 15, Sunday
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

May 29, Sunday
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

June 11, Saturday
Choir Festival

June 12, Sunday
Last Dharma School

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