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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

How Cute Chigo Kids Are!

We celebrated the 55th Anniversary of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple this past September. We invited Rev. and Mrs. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America and had a splendid service.

After becoming independent from San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin in 1961, our Mountain View Buddhist Temple has developed into a great temple in its own right. This was due to the generous support of countless members and their extraordinary efforts and enthusiasm. I deeply appreciate the great achievement of all of our predecessors.

The anniversary began ceremoniously with the ***chigo*** procession. In anticipation of this memorable event, our Dharma School made a $5,000 donation to purchase the new ***chigo*** outfits from Japan. Eighteen ***chigo*** children wore these beautiful and colorful outfits and walked in the procession, smiling proudly to the cheers of their parents. I think that all who attended felt great satisfaction when they witnessed the cute ***chigo*** procession, a longstanding Buddhist tradition. I was a little nervous before the service, but I couldn't help but smile when I saw those charming children leading us confidently into the Hondo, and I was able to start the service calmly. I think ***chigo*** have a special power to brighten the service and make everyone who witness them feel happy.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

According to a Buddhist historical source, the origin of the ***chigo*** goes back 2,500 years to the time of Sakyamuni Buddha, Buddhism's founder. The Buddha and his followers would travel throughout India to spread the Dharma,

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November Highlights

- ***11/6 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service

  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***11/9 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***11/20 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Eitaikyo Service
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. LaVerne Sasaki

  12:00 Noon
  Keiro Kai Luncheon
- ***11/27 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Eshin-ni-ko / Kakushin-ni-ko / Lady Ohtani Memorial Service
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Yuki Sugahara

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Mountain View Buddhist Temple Anniversary Observances

In 1956, two years after the Mountain View Buddhist Association was incorporated, our Buddhist Women's Association was first formed. Five years later in 1961, the Mountain View Buddhist Church became an independent Temple of the Buddhist Churches of America. On September 18, we observed our Temple's 55th Anniversary and the 60th Anniversary of our Mountain View Buddhist Women's Association in conjunction with our Fall Ohigan service. For this special service, BCA Bishop Kodo Umezu was the officiant and guest speaker. The service included an Ochigo procession of our Dharma School students, offerings presented by all of our Temple affiliated organizations and participation of our Temple Choir.

Following the Anniversary and Ohigan service, Bishop Umezu officiated a Kieshiki service conducted by our Rev. Mukojima and assisted by Minister Emeritus Rev. Ensei Nekoda. Forty-four of our

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 12am - Cub Scouts - 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	31 6pm - Girl Scouts @	1 6:30pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	2 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	3 8am - Senior Activities 6:30pm - Adult Taiko @	4 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA	5
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27 10am - Eshinni- 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	28 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	29 6:30pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	30 6pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	1 6:30pm - Adult Taiko @	2 9am - BWA Udon Prep	3 8am - Mochitsuki Prep

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Religious Planning — November 2016

November 6, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service

November 13, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Sunday Service

November 20, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Eitaikyo Service

Guest speaker is **Rev. LaVerne Sasaki**

12 noon: Keiro Kai Luncheon

November 27, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko & Lady Ohtani Memorial Service

Guest speaker is **Rev. Yuki Sugahara**, head minister at Buddhist Church of Florin

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM

Adult Discussion—11:00 AM

Dharma School—11:00 AM

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Eitaikyo, Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Service and Bodhi Day

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

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

How Cute Chigo Kids Are! (cont'd)

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but in fact, there were very few people who welcomed them warmly. On the contrary, there were many who disliked the group's ragged appearance as they came into their neighborhoods asking for alms.

Sometimes when Sakyamuni Buddha and his followers were making their rounds as usual, people would actually lock their doors to avoid meeting them because they regarded the Buddha and his followers as a bunch of bad-smelling beggars.

But compared to those of a suspicious adult, the pure eyes of a child see people completely differently. Even though his looks were poor, children knew by intuition that Sakyamuni Buddha was a very gentle and noble person. They simply said, "He's a Buddha," and approached him without hesitation.

Unaffected by an adult's prejudices, the children approached the Buddha and his followers, giving them water, flowers or nuts and so on, and offered the best hospitality they could.

Observing their children's actions, the adults gradually lowered their wariness towards Sakyamuni Buddha. When the two groups began speaking, the villagers were able to hear the teaching of the Buddha. Through the example of the children, many adults were able to encounter the Buddha Dharma and be led to the way of the truth by the Buddha's guidance. This is the origin of ***chigo***.

There is a big difference between the rigid view of an adult judging a person and seeing only a figure and form, and that of a child with a pure mind. Our Dharma School kids are often called "A Child of Buddha" because they are like the Buddha himself – able to see a person truthfully without being prejudiced by his or her appearance. I can't help thinking that what many pure and gentle kids bring to the Temple is this kind of truth.

It seems to me that little kids teach us that the true Buddhist way is to see things without preconceptions.

However, we adults always judge everything based on our limited sense of values. That is how prejudice caused by self-centered thoughts easily cloud our minds. Compared with the innocent mind of a child, ours are veiled with the darkness of ignorance.

But fortunately, just as candlelight can pierce the darkness, the prejudice and doubt in our minds can only be removed by Amida Buddha's light of wisdom. But there is a big difference between normal light and Amida Buddha's light of wisdom. Tan-Luan, one of the Seven Pure Land Masters, explained, "This light is wisdom, and when wisdom illumines the whole world, nothing can disturb it. It gets rid of the darkness of ignorance in all living things. This is why the light of wisdom is profoundly different from normal light which simply brightens the room."

Amida Buddha's light of wisdom is the wisdom in accordance with "the law of causality," so no selfishness is attached. In Buddhism, we call this Ku or Emptiness. Amida Buddha with his precious light can always shine on all living beings equally without exception because Amida Buddha fully realized the real state of Emptiness. Those who encounter this light of wisdom cannot help but reflect on the foolishness of making judgments based on figure and form. Instead they live each day with the deep gratitude of Nembutsu.

To receive the Nembutsu is to awaken to our darkness of doubt and attachment. At the same time, it is also the encounter with Amida Buddha who knows the depth of darkness in our minds and shows us the path of truth that we should take.

I sincerely hope that all of us will try to do our best to realize the foolishness of our attachments and see all things just as they are, basking in Amida Buddha's light of wisdom, unclouded by self-centered thoughts. I am sure that such a way of life is the precious Nembutsu life of gratitude guided by the working of Amida Buddha.

I am grateful for the unique and colorful 55th Anniversary Procession led by our cute little ***chigo*** kids that reminded us of something very important.

In Gassho,

MVBT Anniversary Observances (cont'd)

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Temple members received their Buddhist names as disciples of the Buddha, expressing their determination to follow the Nembutsu path as their spiritual guide.

To cap this wonderful day of celebration, our BWA hosted a luncheon with entertainment from the San Jose Chidori Band and gifts to all who attended including some delicious handmade chocolates with "60" hand swirled on the tops.

We would like to thank Rev. Mukojima, Bishop Umezu and Rev. Nekoda for their roles in planning and officiating these special services, all of the Temple organizations for their support and participation in the services, and the BWA for hosting a special luncheon.

In Gassho,
The MVBT Religious Planning Committee

Kieshiki Ceremony
Mountain View Buddhist Temple
September 18, 2016

First row, left to right: Emi Hirabayashi, Ko Hirabayashi, Anna Kunze, Rebbeca Kunze, Mary Kato, Kiyoko Sato, Rev. Ensei Nekoda, Bishop Kodo Umezu, Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Chiharu Nishimura, Shizue Ogata, Kendall Inouye

Second row, left to right: Christine Hirabayashi, John Arima, Conner Sato, Tyler Sato, Jordyn Sato, Tayeko Kurashige, Lois Okino, Carolyn Sakae, Miyoko Takegami, Mitsue Fukuda, Marie Jacobs (Ochi), Mason Inouye, Mike Inouye

Third row, left to right: Hideki Hirabayashi, Eric Kunze, Randal Sato, Debra Sato, Natalie Ives, Alice Ishida, Toshiko Uyehara, Kimiyo Nishimura, Joanne Makishima, Carol Harbin, Shizue Hiroshige, Traci Inouye

Fourth row, left to right: Russell Nakano, Judy Nakano, Derek Ives, Lorrie Kitasoe, Glenn Kitasoe, Toshihiro Michihara, Joyce Okumura-Lee, Jeff Sato, Junko Ikuno, Allan Jacobs

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Dear Mr. Peter Matsumoto,

I would like to thank you very much for the honor of officiating your memorable 35th anniversary service and the Kieshiki.

It was so gratifying to see so many people receiving their Buddhist names at the Kieshiki. And it was so nice to see the smiling sangha with many "minister's assistants." Everyone really appreciates the temple history and the Dharma passed onto them.

Let us continue to walk together and make the sangha flourish.

In gassho,

Kodo Umezu

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇一六年十一月法話

― かわいいお稚児さん ―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

先の九月、マウンテンビュー仏教会創立五十五周年を迎えさせていただきました。梅津伝道北米開教総長と奥様をお招きして、記念法要を盛大に行いました。当仏教会は千九百六十一年にサンノゼ別院から独立して以来、マウンテンビュー仏教会として今日まで数多くのご門徒の多大な努力と熱意によって支えられ大きな寺院へと発展しました。先人方の偉大な功績に頭の下がる思いでいっぱいです。

この度の記念法要は、稚児行列を初めに行ったのですが、当日雨天学校の五〇〇〇ドルの寄付で新調した色鮮やかな衣装をまとった十八名の稚児達が、お父さんとお母さんの声援を受けて、にこやかに歩みを進めました。参加者全員が仏教古来の伝統行事である稚児行列を見て心が和んだことと思います。正直、少々緊張気味だった私も、かわいいお稚児達が堂々と私達を先導している姿を見て、思わず笑みがこぼれ、心穏やかに法要を始めることができました。法要を華やかに彩ってくれたお稚児には皆を幸せにする特別な力があるようです。

このお稚児ですが、その由来は、仏教の故事によりますと、二五〇〇年前にもさかのぼるそうです。

仏教の開祖であるお釈迦さまがご在世の頃、インド各地をご巡教されている時のことでした。托鉢しながら各地を回っておられたので、喜んでお迎えする人は少なく、逆にお釈迦さまのみすぼらしい姿を嫌う人が大変多かったそうです。

ある日、お釈迦さまご一行がいつものように巡回されている時、ある村では臭くて厄介な物貰いとして一行を避けるように家を閉ざしてしまいました。

しかし、疑い深い大人に対して、子供達の純粋な目は全く違っていて、姿は汚くても、このお方は大変優しく、尊いお方であると直感が働いたのでしょう、「このお方は仏さまだ！」と言ってお釈迦さまのほうに駆け寄っていきました。

大人達が、嫌うのをよそに、お釈迦さまに近づいて水や花、または木の実等といった子供達ができる最高のおもてなしをしました。

そのような子供達の姿を見て、大人達も次第に警戒心を解き、一緒に話すようになり、仏さまのお話を聞くことができました。子供達を通して、多くの大人達は仏道へと導かれ救われていかれたのです。以上が稚児の由来です。

姿や形を見て人を判断してしまう大人の固定的な見方と、純粋な心を持つ子供達の見方ではかなり違いが見られます。子供達が「仏の子」といわれるのは姿や形にこだわらない見方ができる仏そのものだからなのです。素直な心、やさしい心を持つ子供達が仏教会にお参りするのはこの事が起因しているように思えてなりません。

こだわりを無くすことが真の仏道であると改めて子供達から教えられているようです。

しかし、私達大人は相変わらず各々のつまらないこだわりの中で物事を判断してしまいます。その為、心の中で自己中心的な偏見が生じてくるのです。残念ながら、子供達の美しく澄み切った心に対して、私達大人の心には常に無明の闇が覆いかぶさっているのです。

しかし、蠟燭一本の光が闇を追い払うように、私達の心の底にある偏見や疑心の闇は、阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされてはじめて取り払われます。ただし、阿弥陀仏の智慧の光と普通の光の間には大きな違いがあります。七高僧の一人である曇鸞大師は「この光明は智慧の相であり、全世界を照らすときに妨げるものは何一つない。生きとし生けるものの無明の暗闇を除き去るのである。光が部屋の中の闇を破るのとは違うのである」と示されております。

阿弥陀仏の智慧の光明は「縁起の法」にかなった智慧であって、その光には何一つ執着されるべき「我」がないのです。これを仏教では「空」というのですが、阿弥陀仏自身が空のあり方を完成させているからこそ、その尊い光で全てのものを例外なく平等に照らすことができるのです。この智慧の光明に出遇ったものは、常に姿や形だけで判断してしまう自分の愚かさを省みつつ、智慧の光にかなったお念仏の日暮しを送らずにはおれません。

お念仏をいただくとは、私のこだわりや疑心の闇への目覚めであり、同時に、その闇の深さを見通し、私達の歩みだすべき真実の道を示して下さる阿弥陀仏との出遇いでもあるのです。

深い反省のもとに執着心の愚かさに目覚め、阿弥陀仏の智慧の光明に照らされながら、少しでも私をなくして（無我）、物事をありのままに見させていただきたいものです。その生き方こそが、阿弥陀仏のお働きにかなった尊い報恩感謝の日暮しなのです。かわいいお稚児さんに改めて大切なことを教えられた五十五周年でした。

YBA News

CC CONFERENCE

YBA was invited to attend the Central Cal Jr. YBA Conference, "Star Wars: Balance," on November 12 in Fresno. Fifteen members are registered to attend the conference.

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

YBA organized the children's activities at the Sangha Day picnic on September 25 at Cuesta Park. We hope that all the children enjoyed the activities that Mitchell Kita organized.

YBA also held a 50/50 Raffle and raised a total of $643. Thank you to everyone who supported the YBA.

YBA SECOND MEETING AND HALLOWEEN PARTY

YBA had its second meeting on October 2 and decided to organize a Halloween party on October 29 in the YBA Hall. Activities will include a scary movie, escape the room, and dinner.

DONATION

Thank you to **Mr. Jim Shidawara**, the 50/50 Raffle winner, for his generous donation. We truly appreciate your support.

In Gassho,
Jordyn Sato
2016-2017 YBA President

Pictures of MVBT Anniversary Observances

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Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Actiities

It is with great pleasure to announce three new BWA Members: Mariko Nomura, Kari Murakami and Natalie Ives. Thank you for joining us to help continue our work for the Temple and its youth.

FBWA CONFERENCE

Twelve of our BWA ladies and Rev. Mukojima attended the National Federation of Buddhist Women's Association Conference in Bellevue, Washington on October 7, 8 and 9. On Friday, we went on a tour of Seattle's International Area, formerly the Nihon Machi, and had lunch at the Nagomi Tea House. We browsed and, of course, purchased at their mini craft fair and nearby Asian shops. We then went on a tour of the Chihuly Glass Museum (amazing!) and our final stop being Pike Place with their fresh fish markets, vegetables, fruits and flowers. There were many arts and crafts and food stalls. Rev. Mukojima always counted heads to make sure we were all together. Sensei is so caring and always watching over us on our trips.

The many workshops to choose from were informative as well as fun. We learned new gathas and obon odori's. The meeting of old friends and making new ones was a plus. The Northwest District did an outstanding job. Everyone had a great time!

UDON FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar the BWA's Udon Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Tickets can now be purchased from any BWA member.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. November 12, 2016, 9:00 am in YBA Hall.

BWA at Chihuly Glass Museum Glass Garden with Chihuly yellow glass tree in background

Dharma School News

The Dharma School students participated in the Chigo Procession for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple 55th Anniversary. Special thanks go to the following people for organizing, outfitting and coordinating the children: **Debbie Kitani**, **Joan Aoki**, **Debby Inenaga**, **Traci Inouye**, **Mika Mukojima** and **Sharon Tsukahara**. And, a big thank-you to all the children and their helpful parents.

Thank you to **Debby Inenaga** for providing the donuts, juice and hot water for the Sangha Day Picnic. And, to all the Dharma School families who contributed salads, desserts and rice dishes.

During the announcement portion of the October 8 service, **John Arima** announced the nenju sale to the MVBT congregation. As a result, **Richard Endo** collected over $100 and turned the money over to the Dharma School treasurer. A big thank-you to John and Richard.

What's happening at the October 30 service? It's the annual Halloween parade in the Hondo. All students are encouraged to come to the Temple in costume. Also, the 7th/8th grade class will be handing out Halloween bags to the pre-K through 5th/6th grade classes. These bags will contain items to help the kids keep safe when trick-or-treating (i.e. glow sticks so they will be more visible at night). A big thank-you to new Dharma School teacher **Jill Fajardo** for coming up with the idea.

DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged

Janell & Ryan Tao
Jeremy's birthday

Jane & Stuart Fujitani

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

Seniors Activity Group

Thank you all for supporting the preparation for our Manju sale during the Midori-Kai Boutique event and most of all the time and effort that we received to make this all possible. Thank you again as we can continue to grow.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Friday, November 11: On the second Friday of each month, rain or shine, let's get together for a healthy walk. Meeting place is Denny's at 311 South Mathilda Ave., Sunnyvale at 10:00 am. Let us focus on walking with friends to 840 W. Washington Park, Sunnyvale, and complete your walk back to Denny's Restaurant to reward yourself to a nice lunch around 11:00 am. If you choose not to walk, let's meet for lunch at Denny's at 11:00 am for a nice gathering with your Senior friends. For more information, call **Julie Ushiba**.

Thursday, November 17: This will be our last Senior gathering for the year due to the Holiday Season soon approaching. We will have a fun and free game of Bingo for our Seniors Activities Day. We will also provide lunch at 11:30 am. Please join us and invite your friends.

Thursday, January 19, 2017: Looking ahead, we will have a guest speaker, **Peining Chang**. She will educate us all about Alzheimer. Thank you **Bruce Morimoto** for getting our guest speaker. Mark the date on your calendar.

SENIOR HOURS

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

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Senior Activities & Crafts

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736 began their new year on September 19. On October 3, we held our Investiture/Rededication Ceremony. This ceremony is to welcome girls and leaders new to Girl Scouts, and also a time for current Scouts and Leaders to re-dedicate themselves to the Girl Scout program. This year we invested one new Brownie Scout. We also recognized Scouts for bridging up to the next level: one to Juniors, one to Cadettes, and six to Seniors.

Over the summer the Girl Scouts and their families ran the Drinks Booth again at the Obon. Many of the Scouts earned their Obon patch. And the Troop also coordinated the Guessing Game for the Sangha Day Picnic.

GIRL SCOUTS SILVER AWARD

Five Cadettes worked tirelessly to submit their projects for the Girl Scout Silver Award – the highest award a Cadette can earn. The Silver Award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and in her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. Congratulations to Lauren Ho, Stacey Kawabata, Kylie Mukoyama, Wendy Sakuma and Kalyn Wong for completing and submitting their projects to the Girl Scout Council.

PADMA PROGRAM

We had three Cadettes who worked very hard to complete the requirements for the Padma Award. Thank you to members of the Religious Planning Committee (Reverend Mukojima, Sterling Makishima, Brent Izutsu and Alex Shinkawa) for assisting with the panel interviews. Stacey Kawabata, Kylie Mukoyama and Julianne Ho will be presented their award at a future service.

JOURNEYS

Two Cadettes are working towards their Cadette Journey Award, and four Seniors attended a Senior Journey workshop. All six girls will now be working to complete a "take action" project to complete the requirements for these awards. All of our Juniors will be attending a Junior Journey workshop in November.

AMBASSADORS

The Ambassador girls are hosting the Girl Scout Father-Daughter Dance on October 22. This fabulous event is for all the Mountain View Girl Scout fathers and their daughters and a great learning opportunity for the MVBT Ambassador Scouts, who host this event. It is also a fundraiser in support of the Ambassador trip to Japan in June 2017.

LEADERS THIS YEAR

Brownie
Evelyn Hori

Juniors
Joan Aoki

Cadettes
Joan Aoki, Joy Watanabe & Patty Sakuma

Seniors
Joy Watanabe & Patty Sakuma

Ambassadors
Leslie Imai & Tricia Uyeda

Troop Coordinators
Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto & Debbie Ho

150 Club News

Our October winner for the 150 Club is **Allen and Linda Sasaki**. Congratulations!

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

Don't miss your chance to be the next winner. See your Zone Chairperson for the 2017 150 Club tickets.

Thank You!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print
NOV	Zones 11 & 12	N / A	N / A
DEC	Zones 13 & 1	Nov 11 (Fri)	Nov 16 (Wed)
JAN	Zones 2 & 3	Dec 16 (Fri)	Dec 21 (Wed)

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

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

ABA News

On Sunday October 16, ABA hosted MVBT's Bishop and ABA Memorial Service with guest speaker **Sensei Koichi Mizushima** of Sacramento Betsuin. Thanks to everyone who assisted and attended.

ABA is hosting its annual Meet & Mingle dinner and entertainment on November 11, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Sangha Hall. Come and join the annual "Battle of the Sexes" game (no physical activity required). Anyone interested in becoming a new member is welcome to join the festivities; contact **Sterling Makishima** at smyoshiaki@gmail.com or call him at 408.691.7377.

In Gassho,
Sterling Makishima
ABA President

Worst Day Ever? by Chanie Gorkin

This poem was read by Sensei Koichi Mizushima and discussed during his Dharma Talk.

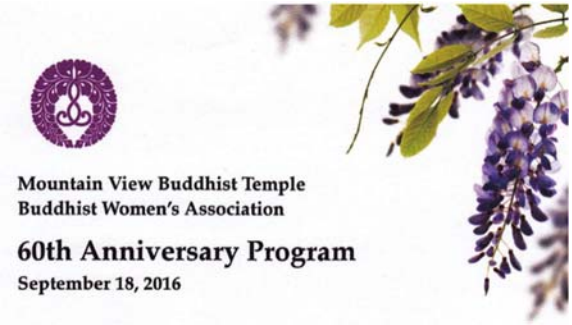
Worst Day Ever?
by Chanie Gorkin

Today was the absolute worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
And it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be attained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say
Today was a very good day

Now read it from bottom to top, the other way,
And see what I really feel about my day

Chanie Gorkin, a 17-year-old about to enter the 12th grade (July 2015) at the Lubavitch High School Beth Rivkah, originally wrote the poem entitled "Worst Day Ever?" for an assignment at school.

BWA 60th Anniversary Celebration



For sixty years the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Buddhist Women's Association has contributed greatly to the many needs of the affiliated organizations and Temple activities. The BWA are a hardworking group of women who work diligently and tirelessly for the betterment of the Temple, Youth and Dharma School. We are most fortunate that our Issei and older Nisei members left us with a legacy that we are proud to continue.

This is the first time that the BWA took time to celebrate any anniversary during its 60 years of dedication to the Temple. All Temple members were invited and it was wonderful that so many attended.

BWA would like to thank all who attended our 60th Anniversary luncheon. We hope that everyone enjoyed the special bento and entertainment provided by the Chidori Band and their singers. Our Master of Ceremony was **Glenn Kitasoe**. Many Thanks Glenn!

BWA welcomes anyone regardless of age to join us to continue our work for our Temple and its youth.

60th ANNIVERSARY DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED:

Abe, Margaret
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Yusa, June
Zable, Cynthia

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 11

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 5, 2016**. Tickets are also available at the MVBT office or through your zone chairperson.

Work schedule is as follows:

SAT, Dec 3	8:00 am	Pre-preparation, test equipment and hang plastic
FRI, Dec 9	8:00 am	Wash barrels & rinse rice
SAT, Dec 10	8:00 am	Final setup, clean area and move equipment
SUN, Dec 11	**Mochi-Tsuki Day**	
	5:00 a.m.	Start steamers
	5:30 am	Start cooking rice
	6:00 am	Start pounding
	6:30 am	Start shaping mochi
	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Mochi Pickup
	~ 3:00 pm	Clean up
TUES, Dec. 13	8:00 am	Final clean up

If you have any questions, please contact **Rob Shinkawa**, Zone 8 (408) 736-8792.

Keiro Kai Luncheon

Noon, Sunday November 20, 2016

In gratitude to those who paved the way for future generations

All Temple members, their families and all affiliated organizations are encouraged to come join us in honoring our Temple seniors.

Details will be in an invitation sent to all Temple members and to representatives of affiliated organizations.

RSVP will be Sunday, November 5

November

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

November 6, 2016

10:00 am

November 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 **November** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Tsutomu Akizuki	**Eugene Kono**	**Kanji Omokawa**
Tomoye Aoki-Johnson	**Kinuyo Kunimoto**	**Roy Ozawa**
Takiko Fukushima	**Shigeko Masaki**	**Tom Ozawa**
Frank Furuichi	**Gregory Matsumoto**	**Ichiro Sakae**
Sunao Furusho	**Rose Morimoto**	**Kosue Sakae**
Hana Furuto	**Haruko Nakamura**	**Akira Sasaki**
Eddie Higuchi	**Miyuki Nakano**	**Masako Alice Sato**
George Hirota	**Tsuruye Nakano**	**Seikichi Shimoguchi**
Fred Hoshi	**Yutaka Nakano**	**Sei Tachibana**
Akira Hoshiko	**Ayako Nakashima**	**Alice Takagi**
Tom Ichikawa	**Teiichi Naritomi**	**Masaru Takahashi**
Kiyoko Kay Horita	**Yoshio Nishimoto**	**Mildred Takegami**
Frank Ikebe	**Nobuo Oda**	**Kay Tanouye**
Hideo Kato	**Walter Okino**	**Chieko Umeda**
Shigeaki Kihara	**Nuiko Okuno**	

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

E-mail **ymukojima@gmail.com**

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

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

Sumako (Sue) Abey Dec 15, 1932 - Oct 11, 2016

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

Namo Amida Butsu

永代読経

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

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

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

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

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

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

The Eitaikyo Registry

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

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

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

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

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EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Buddhist Name

English: _____ Japanese: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

MVBT Office Record Use Only

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

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Eshinni- 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	28 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	29 6:30pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	30 6pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	1 6:30pm - Adult Taiko @	2 9am - BWA Udon Prep	3 8am - Mochitsuki Prep
4 5am - BWA Udon 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 11am - Senior Group 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	5 6pm - Girl Scouts @	6 6:30pm - Taiko - Adults 7pm - Cub Scouts @	7 6pm - Boy Scouts - 6pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	8 6:30pm - Adult Taiko @	9 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA 7:30pm - ABA Meeting	10 8am - Mochitsuki Prep 5pm - Fuji Club/Scouts
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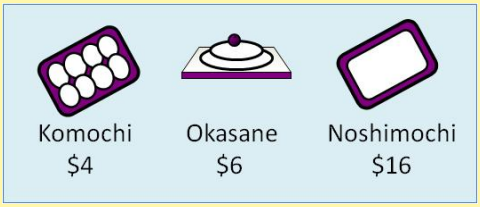

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