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April Highlights

- ***4/9 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Hanamatsuri
- ***4/12 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***4/16 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***4/16 Sun, 11 am - 2 pm***
  BWA Chirashi Fund-raiser
- ***4/17 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***4/21 Fri, 7:00 pm***
  Dharma School Family Fun Night
- ***4/23 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Regular Sunday Service with Sunday Sundaes following service

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Make of Yourself a Light; Make the Dharma Your Light

The very essence of all the Buddha's teaching: ***Make of yourself a light*** *and* ***Make the Dharma your light.***

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Last month, we invited Rev. Michael Endo to our Temple as our guest speaker and, together with many Sangha members, we observed Nirvana Day splendidly and brightly

Nirvana Day is one of the most important observances for all Buddhists. It is held in remembrance of Sakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, who passed away on February 15 about 2,500 years ago. At this service, we praise and express gratitude for his wonderful guidance through his lifetime of 80 years.

The word "Nirvana" is the transliteration of a word from Sanskrit, an ancient Indian language. Nirvana means a flame being extinguished or going out. In Buddhism, the blind passions rooted in our minds—among them greed, anger and ignorance—are often compared to flames of fire. Nirvana describes the state in which the flame of all blind passions is extinguished and the ultimate enlightenment is attained. In addition, the death of Sakyamuni Buddha – the flame of his life going out – is called "Complete Nirvana" or "Great Extinction" and it signifies eternal peace of mind.

The Buddha's last teaching says, **"Make yourself a light. Rely upon yourself; do not depend upon anyone else. Make the Dharma your light. Rely upon it; do not depend upon any other teaching."** By the Dharma, Sakyamuni Buddha means "the real state of things." All Buddhists must always keep this famous and important teaching in mind.

For example, all things in this world are constantly changing and there is nothing that exists forever. Even a flower in your back yard is in a continual state of change: all seasons of the year, without rest for even an instant, the flower is first a seed that puts out sprouts, shoots out leaves and stems, grows blossoms which go to seed and, finally, withers. Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us this truth with the phrase, ***"All things are impermanent."***

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Emergency Contact for Minister (March 27 - April 6)

Rev. Mukojima will be on the MVBT Japan Tour from March 27 through April 6. During his absence, if you have any Temple emergency requiring a minister, contact MVBT President Sterling Makishima by calling him at (408) 691-7377 or emailing him at smyoshiaki@gmail.com.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Dharma School 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 2pm - (No title) @	27 6pm - Girl Scouts @	28 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	29 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	30 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7:30pm - Dharma	31	1
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9 9am - Dharma School 10am - Hanamatsuri	10 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Facility Planning	11 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	12 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	13 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	14 9am - BWA @ Sangha 7pm - ABA General 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA	15 9am - BWA Meeting @ 12pm - Boy Scouts
16 5am - BWA @ Sangha 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 11am - BWA - Chirashi 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	17 11am - Senior Group 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Study Glass @	18 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	19 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	20 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	21 FDSTL Conference 7:30pm - Dharma	22 12pm - Cub Scouts @
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Religious Planning — April 2017

April 2, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Regular Sunday Service

Dharma Talk by YBA

April 9, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Service

Hanamatsuri: This service commemorate the birth of Prince Siddhartha, who later became the historical Sakyamuni Buddha

Hatsumairi: The ceremony introduces your child to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma

Hanamatsuri Luncheon and Program following service and Dharma School

April 16, 2017, Saturday — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service

April 17, 2017, Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Monthly Study Class

Rev. Mukojima's monthly study class and continuing through June. Class is based on the Tannisho written by Yuien, who was Shinran's disciple.

April 23, 2017, Sunday — 10:00 am — Regular Sunday Service

No Dharma School Classes

Dharma Talk by YBA. Sunday Sundaes following service

April 30, 2017, Sunday — 10:00 am — Regular Sunday Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting) - 8:30 am

Study Class - 7:00 pm

Adult Discussion - 11:00 am

Dharma School - 11:00 am

Komochi for Sale

$1 for 1-lb Komochi

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Make of Yourself a Light; Make the Dharma Your Light

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Also true is that all things in this world have no substance and are egoless, so they cannot exist in isolation without relation to others. They are like the elements that make up a house: the pillars keep the beams from falling and the beams keep the pillars from collapsing. All things exist supporting and dependent upon each other. Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us this truth as, ***"All things are interdependent."***

In these two truths, Dharma is the impermanence or time causality and the interdependence or spatial causality. Together they illustrate ***the law of causality*** that makes clear what the real state of things ultimately is. In his last message, the Buddha said, **"Those who see the causality truly see the Dharma. Those who see the Dharma truly see the causality."** The law of causality is a very important teaching because it is the essence of Buddhist doctrine.

The law of causality shown by Sakyamuni Buddha is a universal truth that cannot be denied. But even if we believe that we understand this truth, and even when we reflect deeply on how we live each day, we still instinctively complain and get mad at others when things don't turn out as we desire.

We always look at the world from our self-centered way of thinking. But in a sense, our confusion cannot be helped. It is because we have our eyes in our own face. No one's eyes are in somebody else's face. To have our eyes in our own face means that when we look around at the world, each one of us is always at the center of that world. So from the day we were born, we have always looked at everything with our self-centered thoughts, as if the earth orbits around us.

This is why we tend to minimize our responsibilities when we fail in something and why we tend to blame others when they fail at something. And no matter how much we wish to extend loving kindness to others, we will willingly help those whom we love and often unintentionally ignore those whom we hate.

Sakyamuni Buddha really understands this human delusion created by our foolish viewpoint. That is why he encourages all those who seek the way of awakening to look at situations around us based on the truth of the Dharma. The Buddha shows us this path with the words, **"Make the Dharma your light."**

With these words, the Buddha urged all Buddhists to have confidence in our own way of living, using the Dharma as our mind's mirror so that we would not lose our way even after the passing of our spiritual leader.

This is why, although we are fooling beings who cannot see the truth just as it is, we were able to encounter the Buddha's teachings; and why the Nembutsu teaching always supports us as the foundation of our lives. Once we have encountered the true teaching, we will be able to shape ourselves as true beings and become independent as real Buddhists, making sure of what is true and seeing things just as they are according to the Dharma without depending upon others blindly. This is taught as, **"Make of yourself a light."** This is the very essence of all the Buddha's teaching: ***Make of yourself a light*** and ***Make the Dharma your light.***

Sakyamuni Buddha spread the precious teachings for 45 long years after he attained enlightenment. Because of his extraordinary efforts, we are able to encounter the Nembutsu teaching and take the way of the true awakening.

As we pay homage to Sakyamuni Buddha for his lifelong guidance up to the very moment of his death, I sincerely hope that each of us will live our lives with strength, joy, and gratitude, brilliantly illuminated by the immeasurable light. Let us make the Buddha Dharma a light of our life. Let us who embrace the Nembutsu teaching make of ourselves a light.

In Gassho,

"I sincerely hope that each of us will live our lives with strength, joy, and gratitude, brilliantly illuminated by the immeasurable light. Let us make the Buddha Dharma a light of our life. Let us who embrace the Nembutsu teaching make of ourselves a light."

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一七年四月法話

― 自灯明・法灯明の教え ―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

先の二月に、当仏教会に於いて、釈尊涅槃会法要が多くのご門徒さまご参詣のもと、盛大かつ華やかに厳修されました。涅槃会とは、今から約二五〇〇年前の二月十五日にご入滅された仏教の開祖であるお釈迦さまを偲び、その遺徳を称え感謝していく、全ての仏教徒にとって最も大切な法要の一つです。

涅槃という言葉はサンスクリット語の「ニルヴァーナ」を音訳したもので、「火の消えた状態」という意味です。仏教では、私達の心に根付いている貪欲（貪りの心）・瞋恚（怒りの心）・愚痴（無知の心）、つまり、煩悩を燃え盛る炎に譬える事がしばしばあります。ですから、涅槃とは、全ての煩悩の炎を消し去って究極の悟りを開いた状態のことをいいます。そして、お釈迦さまの生命の灯火が消えてしまった入滅の事を、完全な涅槃ということで「大般涅槃」と呼んで、永遠の安らぎを示しています。

お釈迦さまの最後の説法に「自らを灯火とし、自らをたよりとして、他をたよりとせず、法を灯火とし、法をたよりとして、他のものをよりどころとせずにあれ」というお言葉がでてきます。これは、「自灯明、法灯明」として知られる大変有名な教えなのですが、ここで言われているお釈迦さまの「法」とは、物事のあり方をいいます。例えば、世の中の全てのものは絶え間なく変化し、永遠に存在し続けるものは何一つとしてありません。庭先の花にしても、春夏秋冬しばしの休みもなく、根をはり、芽を出し、花を咲かせ、実を結ばせて変化し続けています。お釈迦さまはこの事を「諸行無常」と教えて下さいました。

また、世の中の全てのものは実体がなく、他と無関係に孤立して存在することはありません。建物でいえば、柱のお陰で梁が落ちないのであり、梁があるお陰で柱が倒れないのです。ですから、存在する全てのものは、依り合って成り立っているということなのです。この事実を「諸法無我」と教えておられます。

ですから、法とは、諸行無常（時間的縁起）と諸法無我（空間的縁起）、つまり、物事のあり方を究極に説いた「縁起の法」をさしているのです。また、お釈迦さまは、最後の説法で、「縁起を見るものは法を見る。法を見るものは縁起を見る」とおっしゃっておられます。それほど縁起は大切な教えであり、仏教の根本をなすものであります。

お釈迦さまの説かれた縁起の法は、疑いようのない普遍的真理であり、誰一人として否定することはできません。しかし、凡夫である私達はこの真理を分かっているようでも、日々の生活を振り返ってみますと、儚い人生を全うするわけでもなく、物事が自分の思い通りにならないと、すぐ愚痴を言って、怒りを周りにぶちまけて生きています。

このように、私達は常に自分中心的な考え方で世の中を見ていますが、それはある意味仕方がないことなのです。なぜなら、私達は生まれた時から自分の目を各々の顔にもっているからです。他人の顔に自分の目がついている人などどこにもいません。目が自分の顔にあるということは、世の中を自分を中心にして見て生きているということであり、常に自己中心的な考え方でしか物事を見れないのです。

ですから、自分が何か失敗したときは言い訳をして誤魔化そうとしますが、他人の失敗は見逃さずとことん非難します。また、どんなに慈悲深い行いを心がけようとも、自分の好きな人は助けますが、自分の嫌いな人は助けようとはしません。

お釈迦さま、そんな私達凡夫の迷いを見抜いて、自分が亡くなった後も、法を心の鏡として、自己中心的な考え方を深く反省し、法の真理に基づいた考え方に根を下ろす努力をするよう促しておられます。この事を「法を灯火とせよ」という言葉で教えられたのです。

また、お釈迦さまは、自分の亡き後、残されたものが心の拠り所を失って、道に迷うことがないように法を鏡とした自己の生き方に誇りを持つよう勧められました。煩悩によって真理をありのままに見ることのできない私達ですが、今、幸いにして仏法に出遇うことができ、お念仏が人生の羅針盤として私達を常に支えて下さっています。その真の教えに出遇えた私達は、盲目的に他人に頼ることなく、法にてらして自分で物事のありようをしっかりと見定め、真の人間として自己を確立し、真の仏教徒として自立していくことができると教えて下さっています。この事をお釈迦さまは「自らを灯火とせよ」とおっしゃっておられるのです。これこそが、お釈迦さまの伝道布教の集大成である「自灯明、法灯明」の教えです。

お釈迦さまは、お悟りを開かれてから四十五年もの長きに渡って、尊いみ教えを説いてこられました。そのお陰で、私達はお念仏のみ教えに出遇い、真実の道を歩むことができるのです。亡くなるその瞬間まで心血注いで説いて下さったお釈迦さまの仏法真理を私達の人生の灯火とし、念仏を頂く自らを灯火として、無量光に照らされた輝かしい人生を、感謝と喜びをもって力強く歩ませて頂きたいと思います。

MVBT Library:

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Mountain View Buddhist Temple Library

Your child(ren) are grown and the picture books you lovingly read to them are just so numerous they get in the way of your interior design plans. What to do (what to do) with that collection of CHILDREN's books they don't even want (have their Kindle)?

Books that take up space on your shelves, your storage, the (ahem) "back" room; collecting dust, neglected, unused, unread. Here's an idea: donate them to the MVBT library!!! Stop by the library after service, or contact Marie at uarimmarie@gmail.com and let's talk!

Thank you,
Jeanne Ohara and
Marie Ochi-Jacobs

2017 Annual CPR/AED Training Class

Sunday, June 11 in the YBA Hall
1:30 - 5:30 pm

Registration <u>Required</u> by Friday, May 26

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 2015 or earlier, you need to get recertified. If you were trained last year, but you can't remember anything, you should also take this 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

BWA Actiities

COAST DISTRICT BWL CONFERENCE

On March 11, 2017, twenty-one members from MVBT BWA attended the Coast District Buddhist Women's League (CDBWL) Conference held at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple in Monterey. The following ladies from Mountain View were installed as the new CDBWL cabinet for 2017

President
Reiko Murakami

Vice President
Mitsue Fukuda

Recording Secretary
Marie Ochi-Jacobs

Corresponding Secretaries
Miyo Takegami

Treasurer
Kimi Nishimura

Auditor
Julie Ushiba

At the conference, there were two workshops offered. One was on how to make an Onenju and the other was a music workshop led by **Rev. Peter Hata** from Higashi Honganji of Los Angeles. Rev. Hata was a member (guitarist) of the music group, Hiroshima. All our members had an enjoyable time!

CHIRASHI FUNDRAISER

Our Chirashi Fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 16, 2017. Tickets will go on sale March 19, 2017. Pick-up only will be in the Sangha Hall from 11 am to 2 pm.

JOIN BWA

Anyone interested in joining the MVBT BWA, contact **Reiko Murakami** at 408-257-0687 or at reikomurakami@comcast.net.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. April 15, 2017 at 9:00 am in YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association

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150 Club News

We have our March winner for 2017, **Chuck Uyeda**.

Congratulations and thank you to all the 150 club participants.

Another successful start to 2017!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
APR	Zones 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
MAY	Zones 10 & 11	April 14 (Fri)	April 19 (Wed)
JUNE	Zones 12 & 13	May 12 (Fri)	May 17 (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

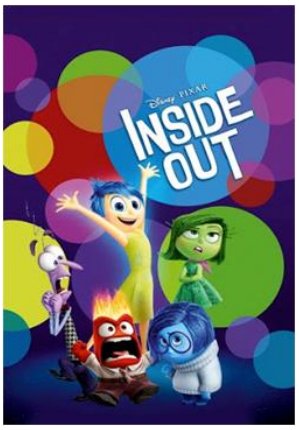
Hawaiian Breakfast Fundraiser

CANCELLED

YBA News

COAST DISTRICT YBL CONFERENCE

Coast District YBL hosted its biannual conference in Mountain View on March 18, titled "Inside Out: What Could Happen?". The conference focused on the Disney Pixar movie "Inside Out" and how it relates to Buddhism. The conference was also dedicated to former Watsonville Reverend Shousei Hanayama.



BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

YBA is no longer hosting a Hawaiian breakfast fundraiser. We apologize for any mix-ups and thank everyone for their support.

In Gassho,
Jordyn Sato
2016-2017 YBA President

ABA

ABA News

ABA continues to be busy with several activities planned, but I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize our members' contribution to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple (MVBT), Coast District Council and the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).

The annual BCA National Council Meeting was held in San Jose from February 28 to March 5. Ken Nakano co-chaired the massive meeting, volunteering hours and hours of his time to ensure it was a success. Other ABA and MVBT members organized and/or assisted with the golf tournament and dinner, registration, banquet and other activities. Thanks to all of their hard work, the meeting was a success. Congrats and arigato to everyone.

ABA members have a long history of contributing to MVBT, Coast District and BCA by serving on Boards, committees and affiliated organizations. The current ABA membership has 16 past MVBT Board Presidents plus the current one. Nine of the 13 current Temple Cabinet are ABA members. And almost half of MVBT's Board of Directors are ABA members. They've also served and have been cabinet members of Coast District Council and BCA organizations. Thanks to all for their dedication.

If you're interested in joining the ABA, please contact Reiko Tsuchida at email reiko @tsuchidafamily.com.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

ABA Members at BCA National Council Meeting Held in San Jose

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Dharma School News

Dharma School

PAST EVENTS

New Students

On February 28, new Dharma School students for 2016-2017 were introduced to the Sangha. The new students include:

Preschool
- **Kayley Chu**
- **Oji Mukojima**
- **Camryn Nguyen**
- **Shelby Nguyen**

Kindergarten
- **Deanna Yamada**
- **Emilia Yamada**

1st Grade
- **Sidney Puleston**

6th Grade
- **Kristin Fujitani**

8th Grade
- **Mia Fujitani**

9th Grade
- **Wendy Sakuma**

10th Grade
- **Neil Fujitani**

Take-Out Fundraiser

Dharma School had a Take-Out Fundraiser with Island Grinds catering on Sunday, March 12, 2017. A big thank-you to **Debby Inenaga** for organizing this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hanamatsuri & Luncheon

Dharma School is organizing the Hanamatsuri luncheon and program to be held on **April 9, 2017**. The Dharma School Students will be providing entertainment as part of the program.

Family Fun Night

Our next Family Fun Night will be held on **Friday, April 21, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 pm** in Sangha Hall. We encourage families to join us for an evening of fun!

DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged.

Curt Fukuda and Monica Smith
Eileen's birthday

Stacy Nakamura & Gail Satake-Nakamura
Rossten's birthday

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 21

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

All Hands Needed

Wed, May 17

Sat, May 20

Sun, May 21

Our 2017 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017. 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 Youth Group, we ask for your assistance once again this year to help make this Temple fundraiser a success.

Please remember these key dates:

May 2, Tuesday..... Preliminary count due

May 10, Wednesday .... Final count due

May 17, Wednesday .... Chicken cleaning 6:00 pm

May 19, Friday..... Tsukemono making 8:00 am

May 20, Saturday..... Chicken cooking. Turn in money & tickets

May 21, Sunday..... Packing the bentos. Pick up bentos

On behalf of everyone in Zone 4, I would like to thank the entire Sangha and our many friends for their kind support.

Rich Mori – Zone 4
2017 Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

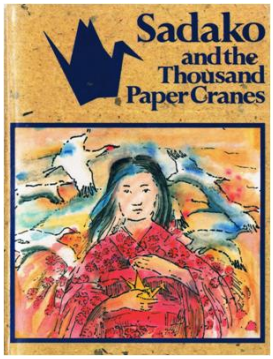
The MVBT Girl Scouts are looking forward to celebrating the founding of Girl Scouts in March. We will be chairing the Sunday Services on March 12, 19 and 26, and will observe Girl Scout Sunday on March 26.

JUNIORS

The Juniors are working on a Financial Literacy Badge as related to cookie sales. They also learned how to fold an origami *tsuru* and are busy folding cranes as part of a World Thinking Day project.

AMBASSADORS/SENIORS

The Ambassadors partnered with Troop 61513 Cadettes and hosted a Thinking Day event for the Mountain View service unit. Thinking Day is when girls around the world "think about" and celebrate their global sisters and the world. Our theme was



Peace and we told the scouts the story of *Sadako* and her wish for peace and taught them how to make origami cranes. We also

Girl Scouts Learning about Sadako & Making Cranes

told the scouts about Tibetan Peace Flags and how they are a wish for peace and good will in the world and helped them make peace flags.

Tibetan Peace Flags

The Ambassadors/Seniors continue to work on their plan for their June trip to Japan. They will be collecting 1,000 cranes for a peace project to take with them to the Peace Park in Hiroshima.

PADMA PROGRAM

The Padma Scouts made *onenjus* with the assistance of Mrs. Esther Bunya at a recent meeting.

TROOP

Our Troop was invited by the San Mateo Buddhist Temple Girl Scout Troop to attend a Dharma School Service and special Hina Matsuri Program presented by the San Mateo Buddhist

San Mateo & MVBT Girl Scouts

Women's Association, followed by a lunch provided by the San Mateo Girl Scout Troop. The Temple's heirloom set of Hina Matsuri – Girl's Day Festival dolls - were on display. The program included *odori* by the Dharma School students and Girl Scouts, various musical performances by the Girl Scouts, craft activities sponsored by both the MVBT and San Mateo Girl Scouts, and beautiful Ikebana and Bonsai displays. Special Girls Day tri-color mocha made by the BWA was served and enjoyed by all.

THANK YOU!

A special "Thank You" to all the MVBT members for supporting our Girl Scout Cookie Sales!

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reno Overnight:

We are taking signups for our **May 17 - 18 (Wednesday - Thursday)** overnight Reno trip. We have changed our program to first stop at Thunder Valley, and then move on to Silver Legacy, where we will spend the night. The next morning will be to Boomtown. We have changed to three casinos hoping we will be home close to 5:00 pm. Hope you will enjoy this new schedule and know we will be home earlier. The cost is $97 with tip included. Please call Chuck Uyeda to sign up and for more information.

Thursday, April 20:

We will have another fun game of Bingo. Enjoy the lunch provided at 11:30 am, with Bingo following at 12:15 pm to enhance your afternoon enjoyment. We will also have prizes to be won. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18

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

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.

MONTHLY EVENTS

2nd Friday of each month: Let's meet at Vallco near Sears at 10:00 am, and enjoy the walk with your friends. Lunch following the walk is around 11:00 am - 11:30 am and the location will be determined at the walk site.

For more information, call **Julie Ushiba**.

SENIOR CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

We try to have activities for everyone to enjoy. If you can think of anything else to add to our program, please contact any of our committee members.

9:00 am to 12:00 noon: Knitting and different crafts with **Debbie Kitani** showing the ladies many new ideas.

9:15 am to 10:00 am: Line Dancing with **Naomi Ariyama** leading line dancing with help from **Reiko Tsuchida** and **Toshiko Uyehara**.

10:00 am to 10:30 am: "Sing Along Group" lead by **Kinji Ushiba**.

10:45 am to 11:15 am: Chair Exercise as you sing along lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light exercise.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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April 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 **April** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Fujiko Abe
Harry Fujii
Shigeru Fujii
Ichihei Furusho
Juzaburo Furuzawa
Rev. Russell Hamada
Tanejiro Hirano
Dorothy Horino
Robert Hoshida
Hiromichi Hoshino
June Ichikawa
Toshiko Ikebe
Tojiro Ishimaru
Eric Ives
Shizuko Iwata
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Akira Kato
Hatsuye Kato
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Tokiyo Maruyama
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George Matsuba
Kiwa Matsuba
Ryuichi Miyamoto
Emi Morishima
Fuji Nakano
Jishichiro Nakano
Kenjiro Nakashima
Henry Nishimura
George Okashima
George Omori
Ochiyo Omori
Junpei Ozawa
Henry Ryu
Margaret Sakino
James Sakuragi
Akiko Satake
Hiram Sera
George Shimamoto
John Shimizu
Tom Shimoguchi
John Shinseki
Taichiro Sugimoto
Jeffrey Swartwood
Ko Tachibana
Amy Takaki
David Takegami
Heidi Terada
Megan Yang
Koichi Yamashita
Tsune Yonemoto
Tsuneno Yoshida

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**

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

April 16, 2017

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.

2017 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2016	3rd Year Memorial	2015	7th Year Memorial	2011
13th Year Memorial	2005	17th Year Memorial	2001	25th Year Memorial	1993
27th Year Memorial	1991	33rd Year Memorial	1985	50th Year Memorial	1968

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 6am - Boy Scouts 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 5pm - Boy Scouts	1 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Study Glass @	2 6pm - Taiko - Adults - 7pm - Cub Scouts @	3 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	4 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	5	6 9am - Boy Scouts -
7 7am - Boy Scouts @ 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	8 6pm - Girl Scouts @	9 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	10 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	11 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	12 7pm - ABA General 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA	13 9am - BWA Meeting @
14 8:45am - YBA Mother's 10am - Gotan-e Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	15 11am - Senior Group 6pm - Girl Scouts @	16 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	17 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	18 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	19 8am - BWA @ Sangha	20 Chicken Teriyaki
21 Chicken Teriyaki 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Dharma School 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	22 6pm - Girl Scouts @	23 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	24 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Obon Bazaar 7:30pm - Temple Choir	25 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7:30pm - Dharma	26	27
28 9:30am - Alta Mesa 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	29 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	30 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	31 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	1 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	2	3 1pm - Dharma School

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Upcoming Events

May 7, 2017 Sunday
High School Senior Dharma Talk

May 14, 2017, Sunday
YBA Mother's Day Brunch
Gotan-e Service
High School Senior Dharma Talk

May 21, 2017, Friday—Sunday
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

May 28, 2017, Sunday
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

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