May 2017

The ECHO

Volume 56 Number 5

Volume 56 Number 5

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

May Highlights

- ***5/7 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***5/8 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***5/10 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***5/14 Sun, 10:00 am***
  **** Mother's Day Brunch***
  **** Gotan-e Service***
- ***5/21 Sunday***
  Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser
- ***5/28 Sun, 9:30 am***
  **** No service at Temple***
  **** Memorial Day Interfaith Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery***

Highlights In This Issue

Rev Mukojima's Msg	*1, 4 - 6*
BWA	*7*
Toban	*7*
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser	*11*
CPR / AED Training	*14*

Celebrating the Commemoration of Accession

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

On March 31, I made a pilgrimage to the Hongwanji (mother temple) in Kyoto with 34 members from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple to participate in the Commemoration of Accession. It was the very important and joyous occasion in which **Sennyo Shonin**, the twenty-fifth successor to our founder, **Shinran Shonin**, was inaugurated as our Monshu (head priest). One hundred eighty-eight people from BCA attended the ceremony. Also in attendance were people from other overseas districts of Hawaii, and Canada. Of course, many people from throughout Japan came to witness the moment when the Dharma Light is handed down to Sennyo Shonin by the former Monshu, **Sokunyo Shonin**. The service was conducted in both the Amida Hall and

Sennryo Shonin

(Continued on page 4)

Donation for Accession & Propagation of the Dharma

All MVBT members should have received a letter from the Buddhist Churches of America signed by Bishop Umezu and BCA President Ken Tanimoto. The letter was titled "Celebrating the Inauguration of Our New Gomonshu." Although the letter was addressed to "BCA Temple/Church Ministers and Presidents," Rev. Mukojima and MVBT President Sterling Makishima clarified that it should have been addressed to "BCA members."

This letter is requesting each BCA member to donate $25 (or $50 per family) as a celebratory gift for the accession of the new Monshu and towards the propagation of the Dharma by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji under the new Monshu.

Please consider a donation. You write a check to "MVBT"; please put a memo on the check as "Accession." Mail the check to the Temple or drop it off in the Temple office. You can also donate online at "Donate Now" from the MVBT website.

If you have any questions, please contact Sterling Makishima by calling him at (408) 691-7377 or emailing him at smyoshiaki@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 6am - Boy Scouts 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 5pm - Boy Scouts	1 6pm - Girl Scouts @	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 @ 7pm - Tannisho Study	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 6pm - YBA Volleyball 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 6pm - YBA Volleyball	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

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ❖ 575 N. Shoreline Blvd ❖ Mountain View, CA 94043 ❖ (650) 964-9426 ❖ www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

Volume 56 Number 5

Religious Planning — May 2017

May 7, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service with Shotsuki Hoyo

10:00 am Sunday Service including Graduating Senior Talks
11:00 am Japanese Language Service

May 8, 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.

May 14, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Gotan-e Service

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

8:45 am YBA Mother's Day Brunch
10:00 am Sunday Service including Graduating Senior Talks: **Erin Hamasaki**, **Cher Nishimoto** & **Michelle Tokutomi**

May 21, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Regular Sunday Service

Rev. Mukojima will be out of town.
10:00 am Dharma Talk will be by Erin Hamasaki

May 28, 2017, Sunday — 9:30 am, Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

NO SERVICES at Temple

May 29, 2017, Monday — 10:00 am — Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Cemetery

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**

Support Your Temple

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Gotan-e & Kangi-e / Obon / Hatsubon

The **Mountain View Buddhist Temple** would like to express its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of:

Tomoe Okada ***Mar 24, 1928 - Apr 4, 2017***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Celebrating the Commemoration of Accession

(Continued from page 1)

Founder's Hall, and both resounded with the Nembutsu being spoken with great solemnity and splendidness.

Those of us from overseas districts attended the service in the Amida Hall. After the Kansho (bell tolling), the hall resounded with the beautiful and powerful sound of ***Gagaku*** music as the Monshu came into the ***Naijin*** (altar area) of Amida Hall and the former Monshu came into the Naijin of the Founder's Hall. Because many monitors were attached to the pillars in Amida's Hall, we could see what was going on in the Founder's Hall. The service then proceeded under Monshu who led the chanting. Both halls were filled to capacity with people who became one, chanting the ***Shoshinge*** with a booming sound that moved all of us very much.

After the first chanting, Gagaku music was played again and the former Monshu came to the Amida Hall as the Monshu moved to the Founder's Hall. After the switch, they began chanting again. As I watched both Monshu and the former Monshu conducting the service, I expressed my sincere respect to the former Monshu for his great achievements and my deep gratitude for his lifetime efforts and longtime dedication. I also greatly rejoiced in the fact that Sennyo Shonin succeeded to the Dharma Light of Jodo Shinshu and that as our Monshu he walks the path of the Nembutsu together with us.

Founder's Hall on left/ Amida Hall on right

"Even if the next Accession Ceremony might be 30 years from now, let us come back here to attend it!"

The program called "Dharma Light Gathering" immediately followed the service. Monshu with his family and the former Monshu with his wife came down to stand before us. Monshu gave us his welcome message and his son Takashi-sama also spoke few words in both English and Japanese using sign language. The moment he spoke English, a great shout of joy arose from members of the overseas districts and everyone was deeply impressed. Although he was only five years old, he signed cheerfully in front of the huge crowd. Witnessing a boy with such promise, we couldn't help but picture him as a Monshu in the future. Members said things to one another like, "Even if the next Accession Ceremony might be 30 years from now, let us come back here to attend it!" It was a really wonderful, splendid Commemoration of Accession.

The next day, we went to Obama City in Fukui Prefecture to visit my family Temple. Renko-ji was built in 1471 by Rennyo Shoshin, the eighth head priest of Hongwanji. When he was returning by boat to Kyoto from Yoshizaki Temple in northern Fukui, Rennyo was caught in a storm, but went safely ashore at Obama. During his stay there, he used an area of a Temple where he shared the Nembutsu teaching with its local people. Soon the number of people who came to listen to his teaching increased day by day, and soon that space was too small. Because of this, Rennyo asked a feudal lord in that area to donate

(Continued on page 5)

Celebrating the Commemoration of Accession

(Continued from page 4)

some land for a Temple. He then built a Temple there and named it "Koto-zan Renko-ji."

After that, Rennyo entrusted this Temple to his disciple Myokan and returned to Kyoto. However, during the long history of Renjo-ji, by order of the feudal lord, Renjo-ji was transferred to another location and destroyed by fire several times. As a result, the current Hondo inside Renko-ji has a history of only about 100 years.

Renko-ji has such a unique history, but unlike Renko-ji of those earlier days, the current Temple grounds are not large and its membership is small. Because this was my first time to take members from the U.S. to my family Temple, I was worried whether they would enjoy their visit. But because my parents, my older brother and his wife, and Renko-ji members worked hard to carefully prepare a welcome for us, I hope that everyone enjoyed staying at my family Temple.

First, I introduced my family to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple members and together we chanted the ***Juseige***. During that time, I felt joy welling up in my heart because I was chanting with MVBT members in the Hondo of my family Temple. After the chanting, my father, the 19th resident minister, gave a welcome

Juseige

GA GON CHO SE GAN
HIS-SHI MU JO DO
SHI GAN FU MAN ZOKU
SEI FU JO SHO GAKU
...

address and expressed his deep gratitude to MVBT members for supporting my family in the U.S. Then, he showed us a scroll in Rennyo's own calligraphy of "Namo Amida Butsu," which has been handed down in our family Temple. I was glad to see members taking pictures of it joyfully.

The only thing I regret was that my mother was not able to walk around to greet the MVBT members because she had a surgery one month ago. She is a

Rev. Mukojima's Mother

really bright and friendly person who can talk to anybody, but she couldn't talk very much this time because she was tired. More than anyone else, my mom had really been looking forward to seeing members from Mountain View, so she especially felt regret that she was not able to do much for them. However, she later told me, "I was really glad to see everyone having such a good time and enjoying our local traditional food at lunch."

Though it was only a few hours meeting, I also was really glad to see my mom and felt greatly relieved that she is getting better. I would very much like to invite my parents to Mountain View and have them see you next time.

This Japan tour was a really fruitful Dharma opportunity for me to be able to participate in the wonderful Accession Ceremony and to take MVBT members to my family Temple.

My parents have asked me to tell our MVBT members, "We apologize that we couldn't do much for you. We also would like to express our deep gratitude to you for your heartwarming gifts and generous donation to Renko-ji."

Again, I also thank you very much for your kindness.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇一七年五月法話

― 伝灯奉告法要を迎えて ―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

先月三月三十一日に本山で開かれた伝灯奉告法要に参拝してまいりました。親鸞聖人から数えて二十五代目となる專如さまがご門主に就任されるという大変重要でおめでたい法要にマウンテンビュー仏教会から私を含め三十五名、米国仏教団からは百八十八名が参拝致しました。その日の法要は、北米のみならず、ハワイ、カナダといった海外開教区を始め、日本各地から大勢のご門徒方が、前ご門主である即如上人から專如上人へ法灯が伝承される瞬間を一目見るため、本願寺へ駆けつけられ、阿弥陀堂と御影堂がお念仏の声で溢れる中、厳粛かつ盛大に行われました。

私達、海外教区の参拝者は、阿弥陀堂での法要に参加したのですが、唄鐘後、美しくも迫力のある雅楽の音色が響き渡る中、ご門主が阿弥陀堂に入堂され、それと同時に、前ご門主が御影堂に出座されるご様子が柱に設けられたモニターで見ることができました。そして、ご門主導師のもと、法要が進められ、満堂となった両堂からは正信偈をあげる大勢の声が一つとなって私達、参拝者の心を大きな感動で包みました。

また、前半の読経が終わると、再び雅楽が鳴り響き、前ご門主が阿弥陀堂、ご門主が御影堂に移られ、お二人が入れ代わる形で再度お勤めが始まりました。ご門主と前ご門主のお二人が出座されるお姿を拝見しながら、前ご門主の長年に渡るご苦労と多大なご功績に思いを馳せると共に、專如さまが新しく浄土真宗の伝灯を受け継がれ、私達のご門主として共にお念仏の道を歩んで下さる喜びを噛みしめました。

法要後は、伝灯の集いがあり、ご門主とご家族、そして前ご門主と前お裏方が私達の前にお立ちになり、ご門主のご挨拶と、ご子息の敬さまの手話を交えた日英両語の挨拶がありました。敬さまが英語で話しだされた瞬間、海外教区の門徒の間で歓声が上がるほどみんな感激いたしました。まだ五歳にもかかわらず、大勢の参拝者の前で、手話も交え、元気よく話される頼もしいお姿に、将来のご門主を思い浮かべ、「次の伝灯奉告法要は三〇年後ぐらいになるかもしれないが、また参拝したいものだ」と門徒の間で話しておりました。本当に、素晴らしく華やかな伝灯奉告法要でありました。

その翌日、門徒さんを連れて、私の自坊がある福井県の小浜市へと向かいました。自坊は蓮興寺といって、一四七一年に本願寺第八代門主であった蓮如上人によって建てられたお寺ですが、蓮如上人が吉崎御坊から船で京都に帰省される途中で大しけに遭われ、安全の為に寄港されたのが小浜でした。小浜での滞在中、あるお寺の一角を借りて、お念仏のみ教えを広められていたのですが、蓮如上人のお話を聞きに来る人の数が日に日に増え、その場所では手狭になったことから、守護大名に依頼し、寺領の寄進を受けて、向島山蓮興寺を建てられました。その後、弟子の妙覚に蓮興寺を託して京都へ帰省されたといいます。しかし、時代を経て、時の大名の命による移転や度重なる火災等によって現在の蓮興寺の本堂は一〇〇年ほどの歴史となっています。

そのような歴史を持った蓮興寺ですが、今では往時と違って、寺の規模は小さく、更には、初めての海外教区のご門徒さん達の自坊訪問であることから、少々不安ではありましたが、両親を始め、兄夫婦、そして、蓮興寺の門徒さんが歓迎の準備を入念にしていてくれたお陰で、一応恙なく自坊を訪問することができました。

まず、家族を紹介した後、みんなで重誓偈をお勤めしたのですが、蓮興寺の本堂にマウンテンビューの門徒さん達が一緒に読経をしていることに何とも言えない喜びが込み上げてきました。読経後、第十九代である父から歓迎の辞と、私達家族をアメリカで支えて下さっているご門徒の方々へ感謝の言葉が述べられました。そして、蓮興寺で代々受け継がれている蓮如上人が書かれたお名号の掛け軸を披露して、みなさんに写真を撮っていただきました。

一つ残念だったのは、母が一カ月前に手術を終えたばかりで、門徒さん一人ひとりに挨拶をして回れなかったことです。母はいつも明るく、話好きの気さくな人柄なのですが、疲れていたこともあって、口数もあまり多くありませんでした。母自身、マウンテンビューの門徒さんに会えることを人一倍楽しみにしていただけに、本当に残念だったことと思います。それでも、「昼食で、門徒さんが郷土料理を楽しんで下さるお姿を見ることができて、とても嬉しかった」と言っていました。私も、わずか二時間ほどでしたが、順調に回復してくれている母の姿を見ることができて大変安心いたしました。今度は、両親をマウンテンビューに呼んでみなさんに紹介できたらと願っています。

この度の日本旅行では、華やかな伝灯奉告法要に参拝できたうえ、自坊に門徒さんをお連れすることができて大変実りのあるご法縁でした。最後に、両親より、「十分なおもてなしができなかったことへのお詫びと、心温まる数々のお土産に、多額のご懇志をそなえて下さったマウンテンビューのご門徒の皆さまにくれぐれも感謝の意を伝えてほしい」とのことでした。改めて御礼申し上げます。

BWA Actiities

CHIRASHI FUNDRAISER

BWA would like to thank the Sangha for supporting our Chirashi Fundraiser. Because of your support we sold out early!

We thank Dennis Tsukagawa, Paul Nakagawa, Don Fukuma, Dave Maruyama, Candice Maruyama, Shaun Maruyama and Ray Murakami for their muscle power . Their rice cooking and cooling of the rice was truly appreciated.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Haruye Hoshi, Peter and Shirley Matsumoto, Lorrie Kitasoe, Irene Uchiyama and Derek Ives who came out to help us with our chirashi making. BWA is truly thankful for their kind help.

And, a big THANK YOU to all the BWA members who supported the Chirashi Fundraiser. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Tomoe Okada. She was a long time member of BWA.

CHICKEN TERIYAKI

Our next project will be making otsukemono for the Temple's Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser.

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. May 13, 2017 at 9:00 am in YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association

SUPPORT YOUR TEMPLE

Shop at Amazon via MVBT

Earn income for MVBT!

Use the Amazon link on the MVBT home page to get to the Amazon site and your **Amazon purchases will help MVBT earn income – at no additional cost to you**

&

amazon.com

150 Club News

We have our March winner for 2017, **Irene Nunn.**

.Congratulations and thank you to all the 150 club participants.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
MAY	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
JUNE	Zones 12 & 13	May 12 (Fri)	May 17 (Wed)
JULY	Zones 1 & 2	June 16 (Fri)	June 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

Dharma School News

Dharma School

Hanamatsui Luncheon: Thanks

Hanamatsuri Service was held on Sunday, April 9. Dharma School was in charge of the Hanamatsuri luncheon and provided entertainment as part of the program. A great many thanks to the families who provided salads for the lunch and helped with set-up and cleanup.

Family Fun Night

Everyone (not only Dharma School families) is invited to the next Family Fun Night. The event will take place in the Sangha Hall on **Friday, April 21, 2017**. The fun starts at 7 pm.

Sunday Sundaes

There will be no Dharma School class on Sunday, April 23, as the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League conference is being held that weekend in Fresno. However, the MVBT Dharma School will be hosting "Sunday Sundaes" on April 23 for anyone who comes to MVBT for service that day.

SUNDAY SUNDAE
APRIL 23

PLEASE HELP

Dharma School needs adults to supervise the Shooting Gallery Booth. The booth is a popular attraction at Obon and the participants have lots of fun. If you can help, please contact **Ashley Uyehara** or **Tricia Hojo** at dsparentassoc@mvbuddhisttemple.org. Thank you!

DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged.

Miyo Takegami
In appreciation of the Hanamatsuri lunch

Kimi Nishimura
In appreciation of the Hanamatsuri lunch

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

ABA News

MVBT JAPAN TOUR

Several ABA members joined Rev. Mukojima and toured Japan. Highlights include the Accession Ceremony for the Gomonshu, visiting Sensei's family Temple, partaking in fabulous meals and viewing beautiful cherry and plum blossom trees. Great group of people on a great trip!

CEMETERY CLEANUP

To remember and show our appreciation for those who have passed away, on Saturday, April 15, ABA members went to the Japanese area of the Alta Mesa Cemetery and cleaned up headstones, trimmed the grass, and added flowers and incense. Thanks to **Joanne Makishima** for organizing the event and to **Mel Inouye** and **Sterling Makishima** for obtaining flowers.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Pioneers Memorial Monument
at
Alta Mesa Memorial Park.

* * *

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.

YBA News

ARMADILLO WILLY'S FUNDRAISER

On behalf of YBA, I would like to thank the Sangha for attending our Armadillo Willy's fundraiser. We truly appreciate everyone's support. A special thank-you to the co-chairs **Rossten Nakamura** and **Evan Tsukahara** for organizing the event.

BAY DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Mountain View YBA will be teaming up with the rest of the Coast District YBL to form four district teams that will compete at the Bay District Volleyball Tournament on May 27 and 28. Mountain View YBA will send 13 members to the tournament.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Please join us for brunch before service on Sunday, May 14, to celebrate Mother's Day.

In Gassho,
Jordyn Sato
2016-2017 YBA President

YBA Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14

Welcome New MVBT Members!

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple warmly welcomes the following new members who joined over the past 12 months:

Zone 5	Zone 10	Zone 13
Ken Ozawa	Kim Kawamura	Junko Ikuno

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

The MVBT Girl Scouts held their Girl Scout Sunday service on March 26. Three of our Silver Award recipients presented a condensed version of their project as the Dharma Talk that day. Their project involved a video documentary of the entire 2016 Obon Festival, from planning, to setup and finally tear down. The full video was shown to those interested after the service.

Also, as part of the Sunday service, several Girl Scouts were presented with awards.

- **Prada Award**

The purpose of the Padma Award is to give the participant the opportunity to learn about Buddhism, Buddhist teachings and the Buddhist way of life from the perspective of Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scouts earning the Padma award this year are Stacey Kawabata, Kylie Mukoyama and Julianne Ho

- **Silver Award**

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. It 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.

The recipients of the Girl Scout Silver Award this year are Kalyn Wong, Lauren Ho, Kylie Mukoyama, Stacey Kawabata and Wendy Sakuma.

Padma Award: (L to R): Sterling Makishima, Stacey Kawabata, Kylie Mukoyama, Julianne Ho and Rev. Mukojima

Silver Award: (L to R): Kalyn Wong, Lauren Ho, Kylie Mukoyama, Stacey Kawabata and Wendy Sakuma.

MVBT Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 21

Major Activities Schedule

Help where you can

May 16, Tuesday

9 am Bring down barrels from stage (Boy Scouts)
Receive chicken & vegetables (Don Fukuma & Zone 4)

May 17, Wednesday

8 am Wash chicken & tsukemono barrels, (Zone 4)
Set up chicken cleaning area in patio (Zone 4)
9 am Make teriyaki sauce (Jean Higa)
6 pm Clean Chicken All affiliated organizations & members
ALL HANDS NEEDED. Dinner will be served.

May 18, Thursday

Receive Imahara Produce (Zone 4)

May 19, Friday

8 am Make Tsukemono (BWA)
Turn chicken & add sauce (Jean Higa & Zone 4)
Set up tables on gym floor, foyer & game room (Boy Scouts)
7 pm Bag Fortune Cookies (YBA)

May 20, Saturday

6 am **1st Chicken cooking crew** starts cooking chicken
8 am Provide breakfast for cooking crew (Zone 4)
9 am Pack tsukemono and clean & cut oranges, repack (Zone 4)
Dharma School prepare lunch
12 pm **2nd Chicken cooking crew** starts

May 21, Sunday

4 am Rice cooking & cooling (Glenn & Candice)
6 am Clean-up crew starts
Start packing rice
7 am Start packing Chicken Bento (YBA)
9 am Ready for pickup

PICKUP TIMES and LOCATIONS

9 am to 3 pm..... MVBT Pickup: Sangha Hall
10 am to 12 Noon ..... Morgan Hill Pickup: Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Avenue, Morgan Hill
10 am to 2 pm..... San Jose Pickup: 4th Street Bowl, San Jose

2017 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

All Hands Needed at the following

Wed, May 17
6 pm—Clean chicken

Fri, May 19
8 am—Turn chicken

Sat, May 20
6 am or noon—Cook chicken

Sun, May 21
6 am—Pack rice
7 am—Pack chicken

For further information, please contace

Rich Mori
(408) 470-0744
richmori8@gmail.com

2017 MVBT Japan Tour: Accession Ceremony

2017

MVBT Japan Tour:

March 27 - April 9

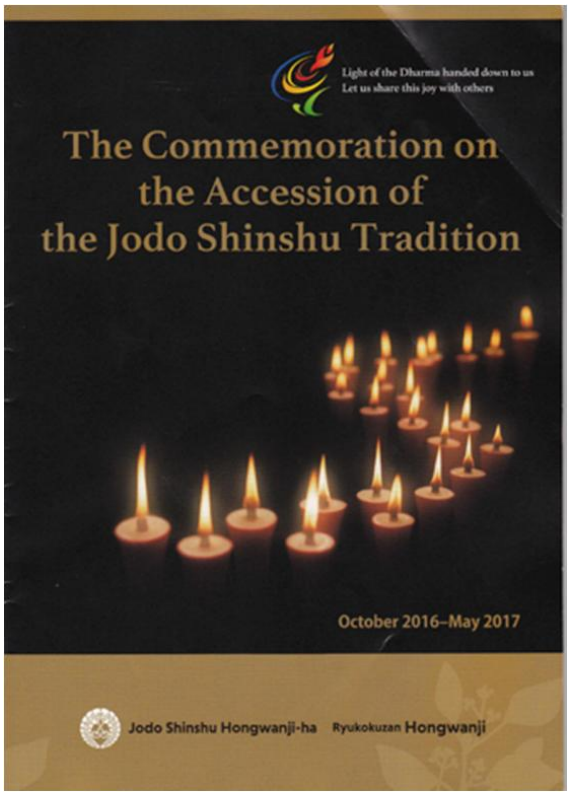
* * *

Hightlights

Attend Accession Ceremony

&

Visit to Mukokjima Family Temple



Thirty-four Mountain View Buddhist Temple members plus Rev. Mukojima traveled to Japan to attend the Accession Ceremony of the 25th Head Priest, Sennyo Monshu, and to visit Rev. Mukojima's family in Obama, a city in Fukui Prefecture. The trip was an unforgettable experience with memories for a lifetime. We made new friends and enhanced friendships with old friends.

The group left on March 27 and returned on April 9. The Accession Ceremony was on March 31 at the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Temple. The visit to Rev. Mukojima's family was on April 1.

ACCESSION SERVICE

The MVBT members attended the 6th session (of 10 sessions) of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition to the 25th Monshu Sennyo.

On the morning of the Accession service, guests from overseas Temples from Canada, Hawaii and the Buddhist Churches of America met the Gomonshu at a special morning ceremony. Each visiting Temple had a representative give a short talk to the Monshu and present him with gifts. Rev. Mukojima gave the talk for the MVBT and gave gifts that were articles from Apple and Google. The MVBT members were the largest Temple group at this special service.

After a bento lunch, the MVBT members attended the Accession Service. About 2,000 guests attended the 6th Accession service. We filled two halls – and luckily both halls were arranged with chairs for the 1½ hour service. We could not have tolerated sitting on a tatami floor for this service, as we did for the morning service.

MET REV. MUKOJIMA'S PARENTS

The other highlight of the trip was a visit to "Renko Ji," the Mukojima Family Temple in Obama, a city in the Fukui Prefecture. The current Mukojima Family is the 19th generation of ministers at a Temple founded by Rennyo Shonin,

We had as short service with sutra chanting of "Ju Sei Ge" and a sermon by Rev. Mukojima's father in Japanese and translated by our Rev. Mukojima.

After the service, the MVBT members met Rev. Mukojima's parents along with his older brother and his wife and daughter (two sons were attending school in Kyoto, so they could not attend the service). After the service, we met members of the Mukojima Temple, had light refreshments and took pictures.

The Mukojima Family and Temple provided a fantastic lunch at a nearby restaurant. We expected a bento lunch, but enjoyed a wonderful lunch of local fishes and other local food.

THE REST OF THE TRIP

The next eight days were spent sightseeing. Five days were spent traveling in the mountainside

(Continued on page 13)

2017 MVBT Japan Tour: Accession Ceremony (cont'd)

(Continued from page 12)

cities of Fukui, Kanazawa and Takayama. The final three days were spent in different parts of the city of Tokyo.

During our free time in Tokyo, many of us went in small groups and visited the Tsukiji Hongwanji, a Jodo Shinshu Temple. Their Hanamatsuri celebration was coming up on Sunday, so a Hanamido was set up in the Hondo. The MVBT members took the opportunity to pour tea over the statue of the Buddha since we would be missing the Hanamatsuri service at MVBT.

HOME

We were all glad to be home, but grateful for an experience to last a lifetime.

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Sterling Makishima, who organized, planned and coordinated the Japan trip for over 1½ years.

スターリング, どうもありがとうございました

In Gassho,

Morning Service with Gomonshu: Gomonshu is front row center

Mukojima Temple: Mukojima family is in middle row, six on left (sister-in-law, brother, mother, father, Sensei & niece)

Mukojima Family: (L to R): sister-in-law, brother, mother, father, niece & Sensei. Not pictured: two nephews

Rennyo Shonin Scrool: "Namu Amida Butsu" written by Rennyo Shonin. Located on left side of alter.

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reno Overnight Trip:

May 17 - 18 (Wed - Thurs)

We have changed our program to make our first stop at Thunder Valley, then on to Silver Legacy where we will spend the night. The next morning is to Boomtown. We have changed to three casinos to be home earlier. The cost is $97 per person, tip included. Please call **Chuck Uyeda** for sign up and for more information.

Thursday, June 15: Last get together before the summer break.

We have another fun game of Bingo planned. Enjoy the lunch provided at 11:30 am, followed by Bingo 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.

September Reno Trip

Looking ahead, we will be taking signups starting July 1 for our Reno trip on September 20 and 21. Members have priority, so if you are planning to go, please sign up early. Non-members, too, can sign up and get your name down.

BAZAAR

Bazaar is soon to be upon us. Thank you to Jeanne Ohara and Toshiko Uyehara for taking charge of the Home Craft booth. Again, they are requesting from our talented Temple members and friends to help make this another successful year and donate anything that can help support the booth. Thank you all in advance.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2017 Annual CPR/AED Training Class

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

Registration Required 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

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**

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

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

May 7, 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

june 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
4 12am - Dharma School 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	5 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Study Glass @	6 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	7 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	8 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	9 7pm - ABA General	10
11 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 1pm - CPR/AED	12 6pm - Girl Scouts @	13 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	14 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	15 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	16	17 9am - BWA Meeting @
18 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	19 11am - Senior Group 6pm - Girl Scouts @	20 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	21 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Obon Bazaar 7:30pm - Temple Choir	22 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	23	24
25 10am - Taiko - Kids @	26 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	27 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	28 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	29 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	30	1

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ❖ 575 N. Shoreline Blvd ❖ Mountain View, CA 94043 ❖ (650) 964-9426 ❖ www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

Upcoming Events

June 3, 2017, Saturday
Dharma School Campout

June 4, 2017, Sunday
High School Senior Dharma Talks

June 11, 2017, Sunday
Graduation Service
High School Senior Dharma Talks
CPR / AED Training Class

July 2, 2017, Friday—Sunday
Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service

Echo Available by Email

What Happens

- ***Get the Echo as a PDF attachment in an email***
- ***Get a color version***
- ***Same information as US mail version***
- ***Save the Temple the cost of assembly, supplies and postage***

How to Do It

- ***Send an email to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org containing your name and email address***

Highlights in This Issue

Rev Mukojima's Msg	*1, 4 - 6*
BWA	*7*
Toban	*7*
Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser	*11*
CPR / AED Training	*14*

TIME DATED MATERIAL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

575 North Shoreline Boulevard
Mountain View, CA 94043
www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #225
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA