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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

July Highlights

- ***7/2 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Kangi-e Obon / Hatsubon Service
- ***7/15 & 7/16, Sat & Sun***
  Obon Festival & Bazaar

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August Highlights

- ***8/27 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Sunday Service

Perspectives from High School Senior Graduates

We recognize and celebrate our high school Senior graduates by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to Matthew, Kevin, Cher and Michelle !

Looking Back at My Mistakes

By Matthew Aiu

Good morning, everyone.

Before getting into my speech I would like to congratulate my fellow seniors on graduating high school and to thank all of you for making this temple what it is.

With one part of my life ending and a new part of my life beginning, I have been reflecting upon my past. I have made many mistakes with varying consequences, some of these mistakes have hurt people I care about and some have just annoyed parents. As I began looking back I remembered hating myself for making these mistakes at the time. However when asked, "If I could go back in time to change anything?" The answer was always "No."

If you think about it, mistakes are the greatest lessons that we teach ourselves because they are intimate, humiliating, and scary. Each mistake exposes a flaw in our character, something that we are not proud of nor are we comfortable with showing people. However, I have never experienced more growth than when I made a mistake. No offense to Dharma School, but no classroom or teacher has taught me as much.

People tell us a very cliché concept "It's ok to make mistakes", however, they don't tell you that negative self talk is normal. Let me give you an example

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Unknowingly Followed the Golden Chain

By Kevin Furumasu

Good morning everyone, my name is Kevin. I graduated this past Thursday from Homestead High School. I will be attending San Francisco State University this coming fall to study kinesiology.

I would first off like to thank all my past Dharma School teachers for tolerating the kid who would only come every couple of months. And even though I would rarely ever come, you guys would still smile at me and make sure that I could get caught up with all the little projects that I had missed. I would also like to thank Reverend Mukojima for the countless lessons that I have learned during your Dharma talks. I would also like to thank all the friends that I have made because of attending Temple and the Sangha for always having a welcoming environment. And I would like to thank my family, my grandparents Aki and Toki Nakano, my cousins and aunt for supporting me my whole life. I would also like to thank my parents for supporting me through injury after injury and bill after bill. Last I want to thank my siblings Niko and Jess for always being there, even though you guys can get on my nerves, you have always been there to support me.

I want to tell you guys a little about me before I really start. I am not the greatest of students nor

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Religious Planning — July through September 2017

July 2, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Kangi-e Obon / Hatsubon Service

Kangi-e Obon: An annual memorial observance in honor of ones ancestors. Kangi-e, the Shin Buddhist Obon tradition, translates to a "Gathering of Joy" indicating we should celebrate the memories of our past ancestors.

Hatsubon: A special observance during the first Kangi-e Obon service following the passing of a loved one.

August 27, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Lunch following service

September 10, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September

Sunday Service and Dharma School resume

Dharma School Cabinet and YBA Cabinet Installations

Welcome Back Luncheon

11:00 am Japanese Language 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

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

Hironori Honda	*Mar 1, 2017 - May 12, 2017*
Tomoyuki Kanzaki	*Dec 14, 1918 –May 24, 2017*
Setsuko Starrett	*July 7, 1924 - May 24, 2017*
Kenneth Sakamoto	*Nov 16, 1955 - June 9,2017*

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

Looking Back at My Mistakes (cont'd)

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in middle school when I called my male math teacher "Mom" very loudly in front of the class. What followed me was a barrage of teasing and your mom jokes for the next few weeks. Eventually, it died down, but I still had thoughts like these "Stupid idiot" which is redundant, "I wish I didn't have a brain" which is bad because you need a brain to function, and "Someone kill me please". This was a small mistake, so you can imagine what I thought when I made mistakes that hurt people I care about. These thoughts are aggressive and harmful, but no one says that you don't need to dwell on these thoughts.

Buddhism teaches us that everyone should be met with compassion and empathy because everything is sacred. I love this aspect of Buddhism. I believe it's important for fostering love with one another, but it does not talk about how you should treat yourself.

My mistakes left behind terrible ghosts that haunted me wherever I went and whatever I was doing and each new mistake left another ghost. It became too much for me to deal with, so I turned to Buddhism for help. However, it only talked about how you should treat others. This troubled me and I didn't know what to do, so I thought of myself as another person. I started treating myself with compassion and empathy. Things got better after meeting my ghosts with acceptance.

Buddhism taught me that living your life means that you have to live with the good and the bad things that you have done. That compassion is something everyone needs, especially yourself.

Please join me in Gassho.

Nec possum tecum vivere, nec sine te

I cannot live with you, nor without you

MATTHEW AIU

Palo Alto High School 2017

Bound for Williamette University

Majoring in Art Studio and English

Unknowingly Followed the Golden Chain (cont'd)

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the most motivated of them. So you can imagine how it was writing a talk right after getting out of school. As well as I am not the best when it comes to Temple attendance, you can ask Mr. Arima. Although I did not have the best of attendance at Temple, it taught me many lessons about how to be a part of a community. Seeing the Temple environment during the events helped me become a more involved and helpful person. Seeing many of the Temple members join together during events like Obon, Mochi Tsuki, and the Chicken Teriyaki fundraisers every year showed me how we come together to accomplish a huge job. Going to the events every year also showed me that it was okay to ask for help and that everyone in the Sangha are willing to help even if they are not asked to.

This past year in literature a main focus in our class was reflecting on who we are. In almost all my essays and speeches that I wrote involved the Golden Chain of Love. I never realized how much some of the teachings actually impacted my life. I never realized that I unknowingly followed the Golden Chain constantly and that not everyone has the same morals and ethics as the ones we have at the Temple. It never occurred to me that common manners that we learn at Temple are not always followed by everyone else. It surprised me how much different people are just because they were taught different morals and ethics. I am thankful to have been able to be apart of the Temple because it has taught me what I think are necessary morals to be able to be a part of a community.

One thing that helped me a lot was joining YBA because it helped me meet others with similar interests to me from different temples as well as build stronger bonds with other members from our Temple as well. Some of my favorite memories come from the conferences and volleyball events that are held during the year. This would not be possible without the help of the advisors who spend their time to make sure that we can meet new people and create memories and have a fun time.

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KEVIN FURUMASU

Homestead High School 2017

Bound for San Francisco State University

Majoring in Kinesioloy

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CHERILYN NISHIMOTO

Mountain View High School 2017

Bound for San Jose State University

Define Myself as Being a Buddhist

By Cherilyn Nishimoto

Before I start, I would like to wish all the Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. I know how much all the mothers do for this Temple and how large of a role they play in making the Temple the best it can be. Personally to my mom, I love you so much and I would literally be lost without you. From teaming up with my sister to make fun of me, to hugging and comforting me when I cry, words cannot describe how grateful I am to you. I love you Mom.

To begin, I remember listening to all the senior speeches in the past years and thinking how doomed I would be when my time came, and yet here I am... exactly where I thought I would be. Public speaking has never been one of my strengths, but I will try my best. I first joined the Mountain View Buddhist Temple when I was in 2nd grade. One of my favorite memories was always having fun with all my friends during Dharma School and eating all the delicious food after. To have grown up being a part of the Temple, I feel honored and privileged to have experienced such a warm and caring environment.

Today I would like to read you a part of one of my college application essays. The question on the application asked, "How you would define yourself?" And without even noticing I typed, "I would define myself as being a Buddhist." One main way I would define myself is being a Buddhist. I am part of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. There I was taught the teachings in which I value today. For example, I value compassion and empathy. Ever since I was young, my favorite teaching I've learned was the Golden Chain. Reflecting on myself now, I now realize how much those words created the person I am today. I find that I often put others before myself. I am sensitive to other people's feelings and value compassion and empathy. I tend to avoid conflict and confrontation and try to seek serenity. I take pride in the way I am, and would never want to change me or what I believe in. However, I haven't always thought that way. I have been bullied and hurt many times before due to my selflessness. Putting others before myself, lead people to perceive me as weak and voiceless. At first, this did hurt and slowly started to break me down, brick by brick until they knocked me over. Their words and actions destroyed my sense of definition and made me question so many parts of why I am me. However, looking back on this time period now, I have learned that this experience is part of how I define myself. This obstacle gave me reasoning on who I am because I have now experienced what it was like to need a friend like me, by their side. It made me more proud of how I perceive myself. This made me truly realize how much my values mean to me and how they define who I am.

In closing, I would like to thank Reverend Mukojima, all of my Dharma School teachers and students, all the YBA advisers and members, my parents and the whole congregation for helping me define myself and shaping me into the person I am today.

Thank you.

Kevin Furumasu

Unknowingly Followed the Golden Chain (cont'd)

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YBA also helped me feel more like a part of the Temple because of the events that we hold like Spaghetti Dinner and Mother's Day Brunch.

I am going to miss Temple when I go to college, but I know when I come back, I will be welcomed and fit right back into the Sangha. The atmosphere of the Sangha has changed my life and caused me to also be more of an accepting and patient person. This Temple has helped shape me into the person I am today because of the endless amounts of kindness that can be found in everyone at the Temple. I would like to close with a quote from the current speaker of the house, Paul Ryan.

Please join me in Gassho, " Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together."

Thank you.

MICHELLE TOKUTOMI

Homestead High School 2017

Bound for De Anza College

Interdependence and Impermanence

By Michelle Tokutomi

"Nothing is absolute. Everything changes, everything moves, everything revolves, everything flies and goes away…"

Frida Kahlo

Many people here have been coming to Temple for as long as they can remember, I am not one of those people. Now, I can't remember why I first came to Temple, but what I can remember is on one sunny day my grandma came to pick me up from my home to take me to Temple. At first, I was a very shy child and I didn't even go to class, given that I didn't know that there was class, had I known, I still probably wouldn't have gone. Fast forward a few years and I'm finally going to class and I have some friends and I hope to have these friends for many years to come. Through Dharma School and YBA, I've made some fantastic friends, who are like family to me. I was having so much fun with all my friends from Temple and YBA I didn't realize that at the exact same time I was growing up and getting older. Not only is Temple a second home to me, but also a second school and one I actually wanted to go to. I learned about interdependence and how we all need one another to exist and how everything is impermanent and the only constant is change. These were two things that have always been taught to me at Dharma School.

Last year, in my American studies class, there was a group project I had to do called "dive." For "dive," each group member had to write a research paper and then as a group we had to give a lesson that pertained to all of our research paper topics. All throughout "dive" I was experiencing impermanence and interdependence. My group members and I were constantly changing our individual theses and also changing the way we are presenting and how we were going to present. My group members and I were always asking each other for help whether it's for peer review or for an idea on what our specific skit should be. It was an extremely stressful process. We were the last group to go, so we had all this pressure on us because we were expected to have one of the best, if not the best presentation in the class. Long story short is we did a really good job and a lot of people liked our lesson, we even got an A on the project.

The thing that brought it all together was a poem I wrote for the lesson. I won't read it to you because it's rather sad, and truthfully kind of dark, but I will read a different one, that I wrote soon after. Now reading the poem forward, it's kind of sad poem, but when I read in reverse, it's a fairly happy poem.

The world is a great place.
Beautiful plants, blooming with such vivid colors.
And
Smiling people, living their lives to the fullest
But sometimes the sky changes,
The plants will wilt because it's too cold to exist.
And
Storms will wash away the smiles.
The world is a terrible place.
But when you read it in reverse, it sounds like this:
The world is a terrible place.
Storms will wash away the smiles.
And
The plants will wilt because it's too cold to exist.
But sometimes the sky changes,
Smiling people, living their lives to the fullest
And
Beautiful plants, blooming with such vivid colors.
The world is a great place.

I've really been into poetry since then, and I feel like Buddhism has really influenced how I write my poems. Buddhism gives me hope and lets me know that I always have all these friends and family here to support me no matter what. From Dharma School teachers to some of the best friends I've ever had, I am so glad that I've had the chance to grow with everyone and experience a life that has Buddhism and all of you in it. I'd like to conclude my speech today with another poem I wrote.

Please join me In Gassho:

I say, "goodbye"
Because
I don't know if I will ever see anyone again.
But
I say "nice to see you again"
Because
I am happy to know you are alive

High School Graduates

Congratulations to the recent high school graduates.

Matthew Aiu
Hayley Arima
Koji Flynn-Do
Kevin Furumasu
Erin Hamasaki
Cayla Kita
Brianna Lee
Cherilyn Nishimoto
Jimmy Sato
Jordyn Sato
Alexander Shinkawa
Michelle Tokutomi

Pictured (left to right): Front row: Elise Fujimoto, Jordyn Sato, Hayley Arima, Cayla Kita & Michelle Tokutomi. Back Row: Bruce Morimoto, Alex Shinkawa, Matthew Aiu, Koji Flynn-Do, Kevin Furumasu & Rev. Mukojima Not pictured: Erin Hamasaki, Brianna Lee, Cherilynn Nishimoto & Jimmy Sato.

8th Graders Graduates

Congratulations to the recent 8th grade graduates.

Yumi Bellon
Mia Fujitani
Vanessa Higa
Sara Ho
Evan Itow
Akemi Kitani
Kelli Kosakura
Megan Nakagawa
Tyler Sato

Pictured (left to right): John Arima, Tyler Sato, Mia Fujitani, Vanessa Higa & Sara Ho. Not pictured: Yumi Bellon, Evan Itow, Akemi Kitani, Kelli Kosakura & Megan Nakagawa.

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarhip

Congratulations to the recipients of the Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki scholarship.

Hayley Arima
Erin Hamasaki
Jordyn Sato
Alex Shinkawa

Pictured (left to right): Don Fukima, Jordyn Sato, Alex Shinkawa, Hayley Arima & Rev. Mukojima. Not pictured: Erin Hamasaki.

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BRIDGING

The Girl Scouts held their Bridging Ceremony on Friday, May 26. We had nine girls bridge to the next level in Girl Scouts:

Brownies to Juniors
Kurumi Mukojima and **Lila Flambures**

Juniors to Cadettes
Kendall Ho, **Kiera Nishimoto** and **Tabitha Smith**

Cadettes to Seniors
Yumiko Bellon

Seniors to Ambassadors
Victoria Shinkawa

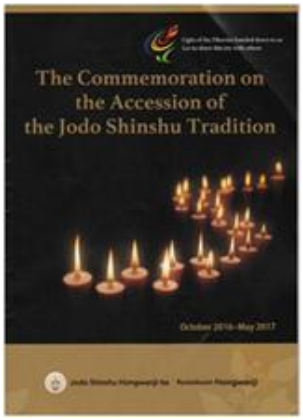
Ambassadors to Girl Scout Adults!
Erin Hamasaki and **Brianna Lee**

CAMPOUT

For the third year, we were joined by the San Mateo Buddhist Temple Girl Scouts at our annual "backyard" campout on June 2 - 3. The Juniors did a great job planning activities keeping everyone active and entertained. The Seniors taught the younger girls campfire safety and how to build a campfire. Many thanks to the parents for helping to prepare meals and with clean up.

AMBASSADOR JAPAN TRIP

After almost three years of planning and fundraising, the Ambassadors left for a 2-week visit to Japan. They placed origami cranes at the Hiroshima Peace Park. The girls also visited with a Girl Scout Troop at a Jodo Shinshu Temple in Hiroshima. There were about 30 Japanese troop girls from Brownies to Seniors who presented the MVBT Girl Scouts with tea, taught them how to make an origami flower, how to write kanji on a fan, and how to make a futomaki roll. Everyone sang songs and played games and had a great time getting to know each other.



Interview with Sawamura Sisters at Accession Ceremony

The following picture and article appeared in the Hongwanji Newsletter about the three daughters of Doug and Phyllis Sawamura, who were interviewed at the Hongwanji in Kyoto, on March 31. Translated by Rev. Yushi Mukojima.

3姉妹「歴史的瞬間にあえた！」

マウンテンビュー仏教会の(写真右から)メーガン・サワムラさん(26)、ケルシィー・サワムラさん(24)、ヘイリー・サワムラさん(21)3姉妹は日系4世、両親と一緒に参拝した。「雅楽の演奏が素晴らしく心に残った。み教えが受け継がれている歴史的瞬間にあうことができ、感動している」と語った。

3人は、幼い頃から同仏教会に通い、現在は開教使を補佐するミニスターズアシスタントを務めている。「お寺は第2のファミリー。メンバーたちは親戚のような存在。帰ったら、この感動を伝えていきたい」とニッコリ。

Three sisters, "We were a part of a historical event!"

Three sisters, Megan (26), Kelsey (24), and Haley Sawamura (21), who are fourth generation Japanese-Americans, made a pilgrimage from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple to the Hongwanji with their parents, to participate in the Accession Ceremony. "Gagaku music was so beautiful! We were so moved that we were able to be a part of this historical event!," they said.

They have attended the Temple since their childhood, and currently they are youth minister's assistants. They smiled, and said, "MVBT is our second home. All members are like our relatives. We want to tell them that we had a great time at the Accession Ceremony."

Dharma School

Dharma School News

CHICKEN TERIYAKI LUNCH

Dharma School provided lunch for the Chicken Teriyaki Crew on May 20. Thank you to **Pauline Shinkawa** and **Betty Hamasaki** for coordinating. And a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped by bringing salads, serving the Teriyaki crews, and cleaning up after the lunch.

FAMILY CAMPOUT

The Dharma School Family Campout took place on June 3 with breakfast on June 4. This fun event included an obstacle course, laser tag, a video game truck, plus arts and crafts. Pizza and salad were served for dinner, accompanied by a movie. And, there was breakfast the next morning. Thank you to **Bryan Matsumoto** and **Tony Bellon** for coordinating the event. And, many thanks to the parents who helped at the event.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

At the May and June services, graduating Dharma School seniors gave speeches about their experiences and reflections on coming to the Temple. Congratulations to: **Matthew Aiu**, **Hayley Arima**, **Koji Flynn-Do**, **Kevin Furumasu**, **Erin Hamasaki**, **Cayla Kita**, **Brianna Lee**, **Cherilyn Nishimoto**, **Jimmy Sato**, **Jordyn Sato**, **Alex Shinkawa**, and **Michelle Tokutomi**.

This year, we had exceptional candidates for the Sasaki Scholarship Awards. The recipients of the scholarship were: **Hayley Arima**,

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Erin Hamasaki, **Jordyn Sato** and **Alex Shinkawa**.

HELP MVBT DHARMA SCHOOL REMAIN STRONG!

The Dharma School board needs an Assistant Superintendent for the coming 2017 - 2018 year. If no one fills this position, Dharma School will be faced with no Superintendent two years from now. Please don't let that happen! Contact dssuperintendent@mvbuddhisttemple.org if you'd like to help.

SHOOTING GALLERY SETUP

Dharma School needs adults to help set up the Shooting Gallery Booth on Saturday and Sunday mornings during the Obon. The booth is a very 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.

Toshiko Uyehara
Garrett Tao's birthday

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

YBA Activities

YBA NEWS

BAY DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Mountain View YBA teamed up with the rest of Coast District YBL to form four district teams that competed at the Bay District Volleyball Tournament on May 27 and 28. Mountain View sent 13 members to the tournament.

YAC RETREAT

YBA is proud to have members **Mitchell Kita** and **Vicky Shinkawa** attend the Youth Advocacy Committee program this upcoming summer. We hope they learn more about Buddhism and have fun!

2017 - 2018 YBA CABINET

YBA held elections for the 2017-2018 school year cabinet at the June meeting.

President:
Maddie Matsumoto

Vice President:
Evan Tsukahara

Treasurer:
Mitchell Kita

Recording Secretary:
Wendy Sakuma

Corresponding Secretary:
Caitlyn Higa

Coast District Representative:
Stacey Kawabata

Activities Chair:
Lauren Hamasaki

Religious Chair:
Vicky Shinkawa

Historian:
Rossten Nakamura

Congratulations to next year's cabinet!

DONATIONS

Thank you to **Ms. Naomi Ariyama**, **Mr. Hein Do and Mrs. Akemi Flynn-Do**, **Mr. & Mrs. Carl and Joni Furumasu**, **Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Leslie Imai**, **Mr. & Mrs. Ray and Reiko Murakami**, **Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Martha Okamura**, **Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Patty Sakuma**, **Mrs. Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**, **Ms. Miyo Takegami**, and **Ms. Toshiko Uyehara** for your generous donations. We appreciate your support!

In Gassho,
Jordyn Sato
2016-2017 YBA President

ABA News

ABA NEWS

Thanks to the ABA members who helped with the annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser. ABA members staffed the afternoon cooking shift. Nice aprons!!

Play Ball!! ABA members enjoyed an exciting San Jose Giants game on Friday, June 2.

Thanks to Eileen Fujikawa for organizing the annual CPR / AED class. Participants learned life-saving procedures that could benefit others in the future.

Go Dubs!! The June ABA meeting was held on the same evening of Game 4 of the NBA finals. To ensure that people would attend the meeting, the game was shown in the Board Room. A quick meeting was held at half-time. The raucous cheering could be heard in Cleveland.

ABA members will be staffing the French Fries and Corn Dog booths at the Obon Bazaar. **Alice Ishida** will coordinate shift dates/ times.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

ABA Chicken Teriyaki Crew

ABA at SJ Giants Game

ABA cheering for the Dub!

BWA Actiities

Buddhist Women's Association

CONGRATULATION 2017 GRADUATES!

GRADUATION SERVICE

On Sunday, June 11, 2017, Rev. and Mrs. Mukojima treated all who attended the Graduation Service with delicious cold somen. BWA and ABA ladies helped with the preparation and serving of the noodles. BWA also donated a graduation cake for dessert.

COAST DISTRICT BWL

The new Coast District Buddhist Women League Cabinet (this year which is MVBT BWA) had their first meeting on June 10, 2017. We are preparing for the Coast District Buddhist Women's League (CD BWL) delegates meeting set for August 30, 2017 and the CD BWL Conference in March of 2018.

NEW FREEZER

BWA has donated a new energy efficient upright freezer for the Pancake Room in the Sangha Hall. The new freezer will be installed the week of June 11, 2017. Thank you to the men who moved the old freezer out.

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

NO MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST

Saturday. September 16, 2017 at 9:00 am in YBA Hall.

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group — Resumes August 31

June 15 was our last gathering before the summer break. On Thursday, August 31, we will resume the Senior Activities and Craft meetings. Please mark this date on your calendar. Have a safe and healthy summer break.

SENIOR HOURS

Every Thursday,
9:00 am - 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 7: We will be making *manju* to sell at the Midori Kai on September 9. We will again ask for your continued support. This is our major fund-raising event. Thank you in advance.

Wednesday & Thursday, September 20 - 21: Our September Reno Trip. We will be taking signups starting July 1. Our Temple members have priority, so, if you're planning to go, please sign up by calling **Chuck Uyeda**.

Thursday, October 19: Trip to Angels Island. Looking ahead, we are planning a day trip to Angels Island. We will have a bus pick us up on the Temple grounds. The itinerary is a ferry will be provided and also a tram to require less walking. We will have a special guide to direct and inform us on the history of Angels Island. Entrance and lunch will also be included in the tour price. Price is $130, tip included. We will need a minimum, so if interested, please inform any of the committee members. We will take sign up starting August 1. Please call **Chuck Uyeda.** More information will be provided.

THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to Stan Okamura for always keeping our kitchen knives sharp, especially before the Bazaar. The Senior members are also truly grateful to Stan for sharpening their knives. Arigato!

BAZAAR

Bazaar is soon to be upon us. Thank you to **Jeanne Ohara** and **Toshiko Uyehara** for taking charge of the Home Craft booth. They are requesting from our Temple members and friends to help make this another successful year and donate anything that can help support the booth. Please drop any craft or donated items at the Temple office with your name on the items identifying it for the Bazaar. Thank you all in advance.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

150 Club News

We have our June winners for 2017, **Jim Shidawara.**

Congratulations, Jim! And thank you to all of the 150 Club participants.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
JULY	Zones 1 & 2	N / A	N / A
AUG	No Toban	No Echo	N / A
SEPT	Zones 3 & 4	Aug 11 (Fri)	Aug 16 (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

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LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

Help Wanted for 2017 Obon & Bazaar

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Bazaar Committee invites all friends of the Temple to become involved in the Obon festivities

No experience necessary — just an interest in creating a good time

CONTACT:

Don Fukuma, (408) 739-2260, fukuma1489@comcast.net
Min Uyehara, (408) 749-1038, minuyehara@yahoo.com
Ron Murata for online signups, remurata.sv@gmail.com

Wanted: Plant and Flower Donations

Attention Home Gardeners. The **2017 Obon Festival Flower Shop** would appreciate and welcome any plants and/or flowers you would be willing to donate.

If you are able to contribute, please **contact Leslie Imai** at (650) 303-3001or leslie.imai@gmail.com, so that your gift can be properly acknowledged.

We would appreciate it if you could drop the plants off at the Flower Booth before the Obon Festival opens on Saturday, July 15. If you need your donations to be picked up, please contact Leslie Imai at the number or email above.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Become an "Obon Sponsor"

OBON SPONSOR

The 2017 annual Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival & Bazaar is coming up the weekend of July 15 and 16 where thousands of folks will be attending this two-day event from near and far. Each year, we look to our friends and Sangha members for their support making contributions to this festive event.

Your donations will be acknowledged with your names on our "Donation Board" in Sangha Hall and other locations. We will be very happy to put your name, your business name, or if you would like to have a donation in memory of a friend or family member, just let us know.

HOW TO DONATE:

Please make checks payable to Mountain View Buddhist Temple or MVBT with a check memo note "Obon Sponsor" and mail it to:

Mountain View Buddhist Temple
c/o Dennis Tsukagawa /
Obon Sponsor
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Please note on both the check and the envelope that it is for the Obon Festival & Bazaar with "Obon Sponsor."

Donations to the Obon Festival & Bazaar are directed to the Temple's Building Renovation Fund (aka Expansion Fund), which currently pays for major repairs to our buildings and facilities and builds up the financial foundation for future Temple building projects.

You may also donate through our website by clicking on the "DONATE NOW" button located on the right hand side of the Home page. There is an entry for "Obon Sponsor." Entry your amount. If you would like to donate "In Memory of" someone, put their name in the "Additional Information" section in Donation Notes.

Thank your for being an Obon Sponsor.

QUESTIONS & CONTACT

Dennis Tsukagawa
2017 Donation Chair
Email: alfansot@gmail.com
Phone: 650-766-8811

2017 Obon Festival & Bazaar
July 15 - 16

Kan-gi E Obon / Hatsubon Service: Sunday, July 2 at 10:00 am
Bon Odori Practice: July 5, 6 & 11 at 7:30 pm in Sangha Hall;
July 13 at 7:30 pm Outdoors

Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice May 29 at 2:00 pm, June 4 at 2:00 pm,
June 18 at 2:00 pm, July 4 at 2:00 pm;
July 5, July 6, July 11 and July 13 after Odori practice

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, July 2	**10:00 am**	**Kangi-e Obon / Hatsubon Service**
Wednesday, July 5	7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Odori Practice
Thursday, July 6	8:30 am 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Take out Items for Construction Odori Practice
Tuesday, July 11	8:30 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Lay Out Booth Materials Construction Begins (Dinner served by MVBT Board) Electrical crew organize wire for booth Odori Practice
Wednesday, July 12	9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Make Yaki Manju Clean & Prepare Chicken Construction (Dinner served by YBA) Electrical crew prep
Thursday, July 13	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Prepare Kanpyo Prepare (squeeze) Inari Tempura veggie preparation Construction (Dinner served by ABA) Electrical crew prep Final Odori Practice (outdoors)
Friday, July 14	8:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Wash rice Continue prep for Tempura Beef Teriyaki skewering Construction/Booth Furnishing/decoration Electrical crew final check out of layout
Saturday, July 15	5:00 am 9:00 am **4:00 pm – 10:00 pm** 10:30 pm	Rice cooking Make Sushi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close** Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) & IFES Hall parking lots
Sunday, July 16	4:00 am 6:00 am **12:00 pm – 9:00 pm** 9:00 pm 9:30 pm	Rice cooking Make Sushi **Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close** Store all booth washing station equipment on stage Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) & IFES Hall parking lots
Monday, July 17	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Booth clean up Begins Take down signs and put away Take down electrical, netting, etc. and put away Lunch served by BWA
Tuesday, July 18	6:30 pm	Booth disassembly begins (Dinner served by Dharma School)
Wednesday, July 19	8:30 am 6:30 pm	Return all materials to warehouse Finish Clean Up (Dinner served by BWA)

Mountain View Buddhist Temple 32nd Annual
Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

When: **Sunday, August 20, 2017**

Course: **NEW VENUE**

Shoreline Golf Links (650) 903-6135
2940 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043

Time: **First tee-off at 10:00 am**
ALL GOLFERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE 9:30 am

Fee: **$125.00** (Includes green fees, barbecue dinner, prizes & appreciable contribution toward the Scholarship Fund).
Cart and Range Balls included.

Entry Fee Deadline: **Friday, August 11, 2017.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for $25.00 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 4:30 pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by August 11, 2017.

Make checks payable to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple, with footnote *Sasaki Scholarship*.

Mail all entries and dinner reservations to: Richard Endo
1158 Crespi Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086 / (408) 839-0051

----------Please mail this portion with your check:----------

32nd Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

NAME	NCGA/GHIN Handicap	GHIN # Number	All others = Callaway
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

** Maximum Handicap: Men – 36 Women – 36*

Golfers - $125 x number of golfers	#	$
Dinner Only - $25 x number of people	#	$
Total Amount Due		$

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

e-mail address: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Regular Office Hours	31 6pm - Girl Scouts @	1 7pm - Cub Scouts @	2 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts	3	4	5
6	7 6pm - Girl Scouts @	8 7pm - Cub Scouts @	9 7pm - Boy Scouts	10	11 7pm - ABA General	12 9am - BWA Meeting
13	14 6pm - Girl Scouts @	15 7pm - Cub Scouts @	16 7pm - Boy Scouts	17	18	19 12pm - Boy Scouts
20 Sasaki Golf	21 11am - Senior Group 6pm - Girl Scouts @	22 7pm - Cub Scouts @	23 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Obon	24	25	26 8am - Boy Scouts -
27 10am - Sunday	28 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC	29 7pm - Cub Scouts @	30 7pm - Boy Scouts	31 8am - Senior	1	2

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