



August Highlights

- **8/27 Sun, 10:00 am**
- Sunday Service only
- Lunch after service

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September Highlights

- **9/3 Sun**
- No Services
- **9/10 Sun, 10:00 am**
- **Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September**
- Sunday Service
- Dharma School starts
- Welcome Back Lunch

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

- **9/17 Sun, 10:00 am**
- Fall Ohigan Service
- **Guest Speaker:**
Rev. Alan Sakamoto

- **9/24 Sun, 10:00 am**
- Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park
- Sunday Service at Park
- **NO SERVICE at Temple**

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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 Cayla, Erin, Hayley & Jordyn !

Golden Chain and Impermanence

The Golden Chain teaches us to “be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than ourselves.” Growing up, I always kept the Golden Chain in mind, and as naive as it is, I assumed that everyone followed this belief. The Golden Chain shaped me to be more aware of my actions because I cared that my actions would “result in not only my happiness and unhappiness, but also the happiness or unhappiness in others as well.” But at the be-

By Cayla Kita

ginning of my senior year, two of my closest friends decided to move on and become friends with the more popular crowd at school. Not only did they stop treating me like a good friend, they also thought it would be easier to lie to me about hanging out with new people and continue to pretend to be friends with me. With social media, it was inevitable for me to see their fun nights

out through our mutual friends. When I would ask my “toxic friends” about their weekends, they would lie to me because they thought I did not know anything. Yet they would still come and hang out with me because they wanted to be popular and be “friends” with everyone. I was extremely hurt by their actions because I had been good friends with them for over 6 years. It made me wonder if I had

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“We Didn’t Realize We Were Making Memories, We Just Knew We Were Having Fun”

Good morning, everyone. As stated before, my name is Jordyn and I graduated from Homestead High School at the beginning of this month. Unlike the majority of my Dharma School classmates, I didn’t join the Temple until about the 4th grade. The first time I came to this Temple for service was when I stayed over at the Hamasaki’s for a sleepover following a Tri-City Volleyball clinic. When I first came here, my first thought was, “Hey I’ve been here before, I come here

By Jordyn Sato

for the Tri-City activities.” Little did I know that this would not be one of the last Sundays I would spend at this Temple. One of the things I noticed immediately was how welcoming the Sangha was. I was nervous when I first arrived at the Temple as I wouldn’t know anyone. However, people welcomed me with open arms as well as attempt to teach me how to *oshoko* properly. I was glad to

hear that the resident minister at the time Reverend Dean Koyama wasn’t there to see me utterly fail. This also meant that there was no formal Dharma Talk. Instead, one of the Koyama sons created and hosted a “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” spin-off that asked questions about Buddhism. I don’t recall any of the questions, probably because I didn’t understand them, but I do remember the con-

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Sunday Service	28 6pm - Girl Scouts @	29 7pm - Cub Scouts @	30 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop	31 8am - Senior Activities	1 8am - Senior Activities	2 8am - Senior Activities
3 6pm - Girl Scouts @	4 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	5 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	6 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	7 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	8 7pm - ABA General 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA	9 9am - BWA Meeting @ 4pm - Boy Scouts - CDH
10 10am - Shotsuki Hoyō 12pm - Dharma School 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	11 6pm - Girl Scouts @	12 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	13 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	14 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	15 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	16 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @
17 10am - Fall Ohigan 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	18 11am - Senior Group 6pm - Girl Scouts @	19 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	20 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	21 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	22 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	23 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @
24 Sangha Day Picnic	25 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	26 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	27 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	28 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	29 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	30 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @

Religious Planning — August & September 2017

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

Lunch following service

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

Sunday Service and Dharma School resume

Dharma School Cabinet and YBA Cabinet Installations

Dharma School hosts Welcome Back Luncheon

11:00 am Japanese Language Service



September 11, 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.



September 17, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Fall Ohigan Service

Fall Ohigan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the fall on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramita is emphasized on this occasion.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Alan Sakamoto



September 24, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park

No services at the Temple



Shutsuki Hoyo Service



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



Study Class - 7:00 pm



Adult Discussion - 11:00 am



Dharma School - 11:00 am

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Golden Chain and Impermanence (cont'd)

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done anything wrong to make them want to leave me. I was so shocked that they had no empathy for me and had no guilt when lying to my face. I finally realized that not everyone believes in the importance of being kind to one another, even though these friends seemed to be nice when we first met. But I knew that I could not stay depressed by what is the past. Buddhism helped me understand that life is impermanent and things are constantly changing. I learned to appreciate the good times we had in the past, but I knew that I no longer wanted to be friends with them in the future. My past experience with these fake friends was definitely a low point in my life and, as much as, I initially wanted to get back at them, I never want to hurt people the way they do. This experience helped me become a stronger person and it taught me to adapt quickly to change in order to become a happier person.

And for that, I am so grateful for the Temple community, which helped me through my difficult

social life at school. Thank you Mukojima Sensei for your inspirational Dharma Talks and guidance. Also, to all of my Dharma School Teachers and YBA advisers, thank you for your dedication and dealing with my bad habit of being “fashionably late.” I also want to thank all of my Dharma school friends for creating a safe space for me every Sunday. I truly appreciate all of you guys for accepting me for who I am and how we can connect with our shared values. I also want to thank the entire Sangha because without everyone’s help, Temple events like the annual Obon Festival could not exist. All of your hard work and commitment has inspired me to become more selfless and to help out wherever I can.

And last, but not least, I want to thank my family. Mom, thank you for patiently listening to my problems and always supporting me no matter what. I don’t know what I would do without you and being away from you this fall will be really difficult. Thank you Dad for all of the important life lessons that you share through your ani-

mated stories at the dinner table. Mitchell, thanks for always making me laugh, even when I’m upset. I know I don’t express this to you as much as I should, but I’m going to miss you so much in college. And to my grandparents, thank you for passing down our family’s culture to me and for always supporting me with everything. Grandma, I know that you’re not thrilled that I will be so far away from home, but I will definitely call and FaceTime you.

Buddhist teachings have taught me many important values that I will be taking with me to college, especially the teachings of the Golden Chain and impermanence. I look forward to the new lessons and experiences that I will have in college, especially since moving to the Midwest will be way out of my comfort zone. I am so fortunate to have grown up with the Buddhist Temple community that provided me with both life-long friendships and guidance to be the best version of myself.

Thank you!

GOLDEN CHAIN

I am a link in the Buddha’s Golden Chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong.

I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself.

I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that my actions will result in not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also the happiness and unhappiness of others as well.

May every link in the Buddha’s Golden Chain of love be bright and strong and may we all attain perfect peace.

“We Didn’t Realize We Were Making Memories, We Just Knew We Were Having Fun” (cont’d)

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testant was some spiky haired kid named Evan Tsukahara. I remember coming home to my parents where they asked me questions about what was it like, who was there, and if I enjoyed myself. I came a few more times with the Hamasaki’s and one day I came home and asked my dad, “Why don’t we go to church?” My dad responded, being the thoughtful and intelligent person he is, with “I don’t know.” It was the following year that we joined the Temple. It was different having to get up in the morning on a Sunday, when I normally didn’t do anything, and going to a service I didn’t quite fully understand. However, I am glad that I came to Temple to learn about Buddhism, and on a deeper level, about myself. The Temple has given me a safe environment to learn about my morals and to meet people within my age range outside of a stereotypical classroom setting. For example, YBA. YBA has to be one of the highlights of my high school career. YBA has given me opportunities to go outside of my comfort zone and to learn from my mistakes. Whether it be monthly meetings, conferences, or volleyball mixers, I have always learned more about myself and how I can improve myself to be more com-

passionate and understanding, all the while having fun. My senior class quote was, “We didn’t realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.” This quote is from Winnie the Pooh, a story about a stuffed bear. Despite the childish source, I think this perfectly exemplifies what my time at the Temple has been like. I’ve learned so much from the Sangha and I will be forever grateful. A special thank you to the YBA advisors for their guidance and support throughout the years. Without them, I wouldn’t have the confidence or leadership skills I have today. Also, thank you to Sensei for being a great role model and for giving me my Cadette Padma award. I know when you were first assigned here, one of your first jobs was to do the interviews for the Padma Award and I think it was just as stressful for you as for me. Especially when your friend comes out and say, by the way, everything that we studied before this, none of it matters because the panel didn’t ask about it. In addition, I know they aren’t here as they are visiting Japan, but thank you to the Girl Scout leaders for their guidance and teaching me lessons I will take with me the rest of my life. I would also like to thank the Sangha for their guidance and support throughout

my time at the Temple. My past Dharma School teachers for teaching me there are different ways to interpret Buddhism and that there is no one “right” way. Also to my friends for all that they have done to make my experience at the Temple a fun and positive one. Finally, I want to thank my family. My grandparents who are here from San Francisco and my uncle, aunt, and cousin from San Mateo who are all here today. Thank you for coming and for all of your support. My brothers for teaching me to be okay with being an absolute goofball and my parents for giving me all their love and support and dealing with me in general. I am excited to be attending Cal Poly Pomona in the fall and study computer science. I will also attend the Kellogg’s Honors College, which is the same Kellogg as the cereal brand. I will take everything I’ve learned from Temple with me and apply it in my daily life.

With that, I would like to close once again with the senior class quote, if everyone could please join me in Gassho.

“We didn’t realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.”



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My Future Self and My Future Endeavors

Hello, good morning everybody.

I would like to wish all the Mothers in here a Happy Mother's day! Thank you Mr. Morimoto for the introduction. I'm not completely comfortable nor confident when it comes to public speaking, but I can definitely tell you that coming to Temple has helped me with that. I have had my fair share of standing up here and funny enough, I am also doing the Dharma Talk next week, so please look forward to it.

You might remember that I gave a Dharma Talk back in October, where I discussed my experience attending the BCA Youth Advocacy Retreat and I also used the Japanese folktale, *Tsuru No Ongaeshi* or the Grateful Crane, to express my gratitude for the Temple and its impact on my life. After I talked, I received a lot of compliments for which I am grateful, but I also received this specific comment quite a few times: "Wow, that would've been a great Senior talk!" and I just remember thinking to myself, "Shoot, well now what I am supposed to talk about?". Obviously, I can't give the same Dharma talk twice. So I thought long and hard about what exactly it is that I should talk about that I still have yet to mention. So I did this big brainstorm and to be honest, there are quite a few things that I am grateful for here at the Temple that are still unrecognized. However, all of these things are events or ideas that has led me to become my current self up until this moment. None of these

By Erin Hamasaki

things were things that have influenced my future self and my future endeavors. So that is what I am going to discuss today. And believe it or not, I will be doing it via Japanese folktale.

So, I am attending Chapman University, which is a private university in Orange County. I am currently undeclared, but am looking into their Digital Arts major. And I know what some of you are thinking. Arts is definitely a difficult industry to pursue. The opportunities are scarce and competition is extremely high. Not to mention that it is not the most ideal industry to work in regarding earning a stable income in our economy. Although art is one of my passions, choosing to pursue it is a huge risk that I am considering taking because it sets a path for what I can pursue for the rest of my life. I have questioned myself so many times, and have compared and contrasted the pros and cons. Is it okay for me to ask my parents to support my education to earn a degree that might not get me a job? Will I be able to support myself once I graduate? Am I good enough to make it in the industry?

Growing up, I was not a risk taker. I would always be curled up and protected by my comfort zone, which I did not dare step out of. I considered the cons over the pros, and didn't think that the possibility that things might end up well was worth risking the possibility that it could

end up worse.

But coming to Temple changed that for me. Cue the Japanese folktale. So I am sure that many of you are familiar with the story, Momotaro or Peach Boy, but I will tell it for those of you who are not.

Many hundreds of years ago there lived an honest old woodcutter and his wife. One fine morning the old man went off to the hills with his billhook, to gather sticks, while his wife went down to the river to wash the dirty clothes. When she came to the river, she saw a peach floating down the stream; so she picked it up, and carried it home with her, thinking to give it to her husband to eat when he should come in.

The old man soon came down from the hills, and the good wife set the peach before him, when, just as she was inviting him in to eat it, the fruit split in two, and a little baby was born into the world. So the old couple took the baby, and brought it up as their own; and, because it had been born in a peach, they called it *Momotaro*, or Little Peachling.

Momotaro grew up to be strong and brave, and at last one day, he said to his old foster parents: "I am going to the ogres' island to carry off the riches that they have stored up there. Please make me some dumplings for my journey."

So the old folks made the dumplings for him, and Momotaro,

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after taking an affectionate leave of them, cheerfully set out on his travels.

As he was journeying on, he met a monkey, who gibbered at him, and said: "Where are you off to, Momotaro?"

"I'm going to the ogres' island, to carry off their treasure," answered Momotaro.

"What are you carrying at your girdle?"

"I'm carrying the very best dumplings in all Japan."

"If you'll give me one, I will go with you," said the monkey.

So Momotaro gave one of his dumplings to the monkey, who received it and followed him. When he had gone a little further, he heard a pheasant calling: "Where are you off to, Master Momotaro?"

Momotaro answered as before; and the pheasant, having begged and obtained a dumpling, entered his service, and followed him.

A little while after this, they met a dog, who cried: "Whither away, Master Momotaro?"

"I'm going off to the ogres' island, to carry off their treasure."

"If you will give me one of those nice dumplings of yours, I will go with you," said the dog.

"With all my heart," said Momotaro. So he went on his way,

with the monkey, the pheasant, and the dog following after him.

When they got to the ogres' island, the pheasant flew over the castle gate, and the monkey clambered over the castle wall, while Momotaro, leading the dog, forced in the gate, and got into the castle. Then they did battle with the ogres, and put them to flight, and took their king prisoner. So all the ogres did homage to Momotaro, and brought out the treasures which they had laid up. There were caps and coats that made their wearers invisible, jewels which governed the ebb and flow of the tide, coral, musk, emeralds, amber, and tortoise shell, besides gold and silver. All these were laid before Momotaro by the conquered ogres.

So Momotaro went home laden with riches, and maintained his foster parents in peace and plenty for the remainder of their lives.

So, how does this all relate back to me? This represents me in that, I am Momotaro, the foster parents are the Temple, and the monkey, pheasant, and dog are those who have supported me along the way.

The Temple is the ultimate reason why I have decided to take this risk. Being a member of the Temple for so long has helped me overcome some of my fears and even gain the confidence that I need to finally step out of my comfort zone. Being a member of the Temple has forced me to face

some of my fears and risk the possibility that it might just become worse. Some of these things include, public speaking, holding a cabinet position, hosting large fundraisers, fundraising a trip to Japan, and even attending YAC and earning my Youth Ministers certification. All of which have resulted in positive results. Being a member of Temple organizations such as YBA and Girl Scouts have also allowed me to meet so many new friends and an overwhelming amount of support that has allowed me to achieve all of these things.

The monkey, pheasant and dog, are all of you and more who have supported me along the way. All of my teachers, mentors, peers, and friends have provided me with an amazing amount of support that has helped me to develop the courage to take this risk.

I know that my results and success are only a matter of my own efforts and the time that I invest into it. However, I definitely cannot keep all the credit to myself because the Temple and all of your support has been a large factor regarding my future decisions and what I have decided to pursue. I want to thank all of you for all the years of encouragement and support that I have received from the Temple.

Thank you.

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Beautiful Means to Live with a Pure Heart of Gratitude

By Hayley Arima

“Without Buddhism, we might fail to discover a meaning in our life that goes beyond the material, external things that we all seek after, but through the Dharma, we have the opportunity to discover a meaning of life that will remain with us for the rest of our lives...and even beyond.”

To be honest, I've been dreading this senior talk. I didn't just start dreading it when I got the email from Mr. Morimoto saying that we had to plan senior talks, but I've actually been dreading it every single year when I sit in the pews and listen to seniors speak to the Sangha. Somehow, this senior talk feels a lot different from a normal Dharma talk that I might have been asked to prepare before as a YMA, because every year as I'm listening to the seniors give their talks I just think, “I have no idea what I want to say when it's my turn.” I think a starting point, though, is to say thank you to Reverend Mukojima, the Sangha, my Dharma School Teachers, Mrs. Higa from Fuji Club, my YBA advisors, the Oasaji group, my taiko teachers, my friends and peers, and my sister, mom, and dad. Thank you for all your guidance and support throughout the years. But here is where I always got stuck.

However, when I really got down to writing this senior talk, I came to realize why I get stuck, why I just don't know what to say. It's because “thank you” is not enough to adequately express how happy I am to have been raised at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. And this leads me to what retired minister Reverend Bob

Oshita from Sacramento taught me: “Namo Amida Butsu is when ‘thank you’ just isn't enough.”

That's something I personally like about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. It tells us that what we have might already be enough, that sometimes our expression of “thank you” can even be inadequate, and so we turn to Nembutsu. Other religions might tell people to pray and put faith in an all-powerful being to grant them their desires. Though when I was a toddler, I didn't really understand this distinction between other religions and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. I actually went to a Christian preschool a few blocks from my house. On weekdays, I went to preschool and learned about Jesus, and on Sunday, I went to Dharma School and learned about Buddha. (The reason I ended up at a Christian preschool is that it's the only preschool where I didn't cry everyday when my dad dropped me off in the morning.)

At the time, my dad told my mom, “But what if she gets confused because of going to both preschool and Dharma School?” But my mom wasn't worried because she believes that ultimately, every religion should teach kindness, no matter the different specific beliefs, and I agree with that sentiment. Though, I might have gotten a bit confused, since my parents have told me that when I was in preschool, I told Reverend Koyama that “Jesus and Buddha are best friends.” I don't recall telling him this, and I can't even imagine how he might have re-

sponded to that. But I think I was able to somewhat redeem myself later when I was in first grade, and during one Sunday Service, Reverend Koyama asked the Sangha, “What does it mean to be beautiful?” To which I replied, “It means to have a pure heart.” Looking back, Reverend Koyama probably meant it as a rhetorical question, but I still raised my hand to answer, and at least I didn't tell him anything about Jesus that time.

Reflecting back on my reply, I think my first grade self might have been onto something, but now that I'm older I want to revisit my idea of what it means to be beautiful. I think Jodo Shinshu Buddhism teaches us that to be beautiful means to live with a pure heart of gratitude. Over the years, I have interacted with many people here at the Temple who have shown me their hearts of gratitude, and that has helped me to cultivate my own.

One of the most apparent ways that we can see others' hearts of gratitude here at MVBT is during Obon season. It always amazes me how each year, so many people come together to make the festival a success. There are so many things happening all at once during the preparation for Obon weekend, and no matter how tired people get, I don't hear much complaining throughout the week of preparation. Sometimes, I find that for most people, with age comes a greater capacity to hold back complaints, despite the back-breaking work of Obon prep. It's

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humbling to see so many people together work tirelessly, all for the benefit of the Temple, and it especially amazes me that age does not stop anyone from contributing to the effort.

However, I don't only look to my elders to see pure hearts of gratitude. Being a sempai for Nakayoshi Gakko (the Japanese cultural summer camp held here at MVBT every summer) has been a rewarding experience for me these past three years. I know I'm the one who's supposed to be the role model for the kids, but the irony of this is that oftentimes, I find that the kids teach me more than I could ever teach them. My heart grows more and more whenever they tell me silly jokes or give me little origami gifts, and I only hope that I have done some-

thing to help theirs grow as well.

Of course, I also look to my friends' and peers' hearts of gratitude. I am so happy to have grown up alongside this group of about a dozen classmates; they make it easy to wake up early on Sunday for the 30-minute drive from Fremont to Mountain View, and for that I'm grateful. To my fellow seniors, we've always heard about "living a life of gratitude" all throughout our lives growing up at this Temple. So, let's remember all the hearts of gratitude that we've met at MVBT when we go off to college, and let's keep striving to grow and cultivate our own hearts as we enter the adult world. Though we may be parting with our Temple friends and family, we can always take the Nembutsu with us wherever we go.

This is paraphrased from

Reverend Harada's book *Discovering Buddhism in Everyday Life*. "Rather than trying to explain what is Namo Amida Butsu, I think it is better to find its meaning by seeing it manifest in people's lives. At the temple, we have met numerous people who live with this deep and profound truth as an integral part of their being. We see how the Nembutsu illuminates their lives. We see how much listening to the Dharma means to them. We sense their warmth, their sincerity, their honesty, their depth. And when we least expect it, we find that Namo Amida Butsu flows from our mouths, and we know what it means."

Arima
Hayley

Home Craft Booth at Bazaar

We would like to thank the Sangha for all the generous donations that we received in the Home Craft Booth.

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"uchiwa" (round fan). They will be restored and sold in the Home Craft Booth at the 2018 Bazaar. Please drop them off at the Temple office, and mark them for Home Craft.

In Gassho,
Jeanne Ohara & Toshiko Uyehara
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MVBT Girl Scouts in Japan

The following two articles appeared in the Hongwanji Journal in the June 20, 2017 issue. The two articles are about five girl scouts from MVBT Troop #60736 who visited the Nishi Hongwanji to interact with girl scouts of Cho'onji Girl Scouts and Shiga Prefecture Girl Scouts Troop #44.

「念願の日本、念願の本願寺」 米国のガールスカウト5人「ルーツを」と来日

米カリフォルニア州から来日したマウンテンビュー仏教会ガールスカウト（GS）が6月10日、本山に参拝し、滋賀県栗東市・圓超寺のGS滋賀県第44団と交流会を開いた（写真）。

来日したGSは15歳から18歳の5人で、同仏教会GS発足当初から在籍する中心メンバー。彼女たちは4年前、「日本と西本願寺は、日系人が多い私たちのコミュニティと仏教会のルーツ。高校を卒業するまでに、みんなで日本に行こう」と日本旅行を企画。仏教会のバザーへの出品、ダンス大会主催などで資金を貯め、旅行日程すべてを自分たちで調整して、4年越しの念願を実現させた。

あこがれの本願寺では、職員の案内で書院と飛雲閣を見学した後、国際センターに移動。滋賀県第44団のGS3人と一緒にクラフト作りなどを行い、片言の日本語と片言の英語でコミュニケーションを取りながら親ぼくを深めた。昼食後は、白洲の石畳を竹ぼうきで清掃し、引率のウエダ・トリシアさん(49)が帰敬式を受ける様子を御影堂の外陣で見守った。

マツモト・マリさん(17)は「本願寺はただ大きいだけ



じゃなく、壮大。帰敬式の厳かな雰囲気は印象的だった。滋賀県第44団の初岡知世さん(高1)は「海外の子たちと話すのは少し緊張したけど、たくさん話せてよかった。4年も前から日本に来ることを楽しみにしていたと聞いてうれしかった」と感想を寄せ、ともに「今日をきっかけに交流が続けば」と話していた。

同仏教会GSは12日間日本に滞在し、広島でも日本のGSと交流した。また、東京では福祉施設や生活困窮者に食事を届けるNPOのボランティア活動に参加した。

Five American Girl Scouts Visit Japan to Find Their Roots

Five members of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Girl Scouts (California, USA) visited Hongwanji on June 10 and interacted with members of the Cho'onji Girl Scouts (Ritto, Shiga) and Shiga Prefecture Girl Scouts Troop 44.

The girls between the ages 15 to 18 have been the core members of the MVBT Girl Scouts since the group was established. Considering Japan and Hongwanji as the roots of their community

and temple, they decided to visit Japan before graduating from high school and had been planning the trip for four years. Participating in the Temple bazaar and hosting dances, the girls saved up for the trip and also arranged their own itinerary, making their long-cherished dream come true.

Guided by Hongwanji staff, they visited the Shoin and Hiunkaku before gathering at the Hongwanji International Center, where they met with members of

Troop 44 and together made handicrafts as they cultivated their friendship. Following lunch, they cleaned the Hongwanji courtyard using bamboo brooms and observed the confirmation ceremony in the Founder's Hall during which their chaperon, Tricia Uyeda (49) received her Dharma name.

MVBT scout, Maddie Matsumoto (17) commented,

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Five American Girl Scouts Visit Japan to Find Their Roots (cont'd)

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"Hongwanji isn't just big. It's magnificent. The solemn atmosphere of the confirmation ceremony was impressive." Tomoyo Hatsuoka (high school freshman) of Troop 44 shared, "I was nervous talking to the foreign girls, but I am glad we were able to talk a lot. Hearing that they had been planning this trip for the past four years, I was very happy." With this as a beginning, the girls hope to build a lasting friendship.

During their 12-day trip, the girls also met with scouts in Hiroshima, and also took part in NPO volunteer activities in Tokyo delivering meals to welfare facilities and individuals needing special support.



Visitation to Hongwanji from the US

ハマサキ・エリン さん

米国カリフォルニアから
来日し本願寺に参拝

ガールスカウトの仲間と本山参拝した日系4世。幼い頃から通うマウンテンビュー仏教会のブディストユース(青年会)活動に参加し、ミニスターズ・アシスタントとして僧侶をサポートする。

「私たちのルーツ、日本へ」と立てた計画をコツコツと積み上げ、4年がかりで実現。「挫けそうになった時もあった」と笑う。「日本に来られて、たくさんの出会いがあって、とてもエキサイティング!」。アニメなどのポップカルチャーにひかれて学んだ日本語で簡単な通訳もこなし、「こんなに日本語が話せたの?」と引率の大人たちを驚かせた。

「私の日曜日は、礼拝の準備、おつとめの漏声、ミニスターズ・アシスタントの勉強会もあって、朝から夕方までずっとお寺。私の根底にあるのは仏教とお寺」と話す。大学進学を機にふるさとを離れるが、お寺を探して通い続けたいと考えている。17歳。

Erin Hamasaki (17)

A *nikkei yonsei* (4th generation Japanese American), visited Hongwanji with fellow Girl Scout members. Through Buddhist youth activities at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple where she has been attending as a child, she now serves as a youth minister's assistant.

After four years of planning and their motto being "To Japan, our roots!", Hamasaki fondly recalls there being times when they almost gave up on the trip. "It was really exciting to be able to come to Japan and meet so many people!" shared Hamasaki. Learning Japanese through their interest in animation and other Japanese pop culture, the girls' chaperones were surprised by the girls' translation ability.

Hamasaki spends her Sundays preparing for the weekly service, occasionally leading the chanting

Dharma School



Dharma School News

Hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer.

Dharma School worked the Grab Bag, Duck Pond, and Shooting Gallery booths for Obon. These booths remained one of the favorite attractions of the festival. Thanks to **Janell Tao** and **Cheryl Shay** for coordinating the Grab Bag and Duck Pond booths. And, thanks to **Ashley Uyehara** for being one of the coordinators of the Shooting Gallery.

A big round of applause for all the families that helped out in the Obon booths! They were a great success.

Thank-you's go out to **Julie Uyekubo**, who coordinated the Obon booth volunteers, and **Debby Inenaga**, who was in charge of the Dharma School Obon display.

Following Obon, **Janell Tao** and **Cindy Hiroshige** coordinated the Obon Clean-up dinner. Great job! And, thank you to all the Dharma School parents who helped with the dinner and classroom prep for the annual floor cleaning.

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 have no Superintendent a year from now. Please don't let that happen! Contact dssuperintendent@mvbuddhisttemple.org if you can help or for more information.

**In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent**

**MVBT Library:
Please Donate
Books for
Pre-school to
Age 13**

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**



YBA Activities

YBA BEACH TRIP

In July, YBA went on their annual summer trip to New Brighton Beach. We said goodbye to the seniors and welcomed the incoming freshman.

OBON

YBA was happy to participate in this year's Obon Festival and Bazaar. Spam Musubi and Chili Over Rice/Fritos was a huge success and we would like to thank all the YBA members and parents who came out for their help and support. A special thank you to **Mrs. Betty Hamasaki, Mrs. Debbie Sato, and Mrs. Pauline Shinkawa** for organizing the kitchen this year.

YAC RETREAT

YBA is proud to have had members **Mitchell Kita** and **Vicky Shinkawa** attend the Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) program this past summer. We hope they learned more about Buddhism and had fun!

VOLLEYBALL MIXER

YBA will be attending the annual Central Coast Volleyball Mixer over Labor Day weekend. We hope the members have fun and make new friends!

2017 - 2018 YBA CABINET

YBA held elections for the 2017-2018 school year cabinet at the June meeting. They will be installed at the Sunday Service on September 10.

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 this year's cabinet!

YBA MEETING

The first YBA meeting for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Sunday, September 10 after Dharma School in the YBA Hall Board Room.

DONATIONS

The YBA would like to acknowledge donations from the following:

Ms. Jean Shimoguchi

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Nitta

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Sato

Mr. & Mrs. John Arima

**In Gassho,
Jordyn Sato
2016-2017 YBA President**



150 Club News

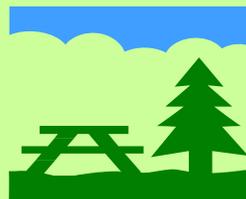
No MVBT Board of Directors meetings were held in July and August. The 150 Club winners will be drawn at the September MVBT Board meeting on Wednesday, September 13. You have a chance to win two drawings in a row. A third if you are picked for September, too.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
SEPT	Zones 3 & 4	N / A	N / A
OCT	Zones 5 & 6	Sept 15 (Fri)	Sept 20 (Wed)
NOV	Zones 7 & 8	Oct 13 (Fri)	Oct 18 (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



SANGHA DAY PICNIC

Sunday, September 24
Cuesta Park, Mountain View

All Temple members and friends and their families are invited.
Please join us for a day of camaraderie, great food and fun games.

- 10:00 am Sunday Service
- 11:00 am Children's Races
- 12:00 noon Barbecue Lunch
- 1:30 pm Bingo
- 2:30 pm Raffle
- 3:00 pm Clean up

A representative of your zone or affiliated organization will be calling you for a head count and for a potluck contribution of either a salad, rice or dessert.

If you wish to attend but have not been contacted by September 17, please email or call Allan Jacobs at jacobsallanster@gmail.com or 650-799-1301.



**Buddhist
Women's
Association**

BWA Actiities

Our Temple had another successful Obon Bazaar. Thank you BWA ladies and those that helped us with the sushi making and udon preparation. We extend our gratitude for your dedication, long hours, and hard work.

BWA will prepare and serve udon dinner for the Coast District

Representative Meeting on September 28, 2017.

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

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

Seniors Activity Group — Resumes August 31

On Thursday, August 31, we will resume the Senior Activities and Craft meetings. Please mark this date on your calendar. Hope you all had a safe and healthy summer break.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 7: We will be making manju for the Midori Kai to be held on Saturday, September 9. We will start manju making at 8:30 am. Thank you again for your continued support. This is our major fund raising event, so we appreciate any help you can offer.

Wednesday & Thursday, September 20 - 21: Our September Reno Trip. We are still taking sign ups. Temple members and non-Temple are welcome to sign up. Please sign up by calling **Chuck Uyeda**.

Thursday, October 19: We are planning a day trip to Angel Island/Tiburon. We will have a bus pick us up on the Temple grounds at 1030 am. We will have a special guide, **Doug McConnell** of the Bay Backroad, Mac & Mutley and Open Road TV guiding us through Angel Island and Tiburon and inform us on the history of the island's immigration station. Entrance and lunch will also be included in the tour price. Price is \$125, tip included with our Senior Activities subsidizing some of the cost.. We will need a minimum count, so if interested, please inform any of the committee members. Please sign up by calling

Chuck Uyeda. More information will be provided.

SENIOR CRAFT

We want to thank **Jeanne Ohara** for her great contribution to our Senior Activities and Craft in the past. She was a real backbone to our group with keeping the craft so organized and in place. We also want to thank **Toshiko Ueyehara** who has been working alongside Jeanne. We are hopeful Toshiko will take over and continue to support our senior group and lead our senior group with new ideas alongside with **Debbie Kitani**. Jeanne, continue to share your ideas on Thursday, when not traveling, and share ideas. Again, arigato Jeanne for your support.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

9:00 am to 12:00 noon. **Debbie Kitani** has been very helpful with the Senior Craft Class every Thursday morning, showing the ladies many new ideas in knitting and different crafts. Please support Debbie with any ideas in craft for our upcoming Boutique in December.

9:15 am to 10:00 am. Line dancing with **Naomi Ariyama** instructing with **Reiko Tsuchida** and **Toshiko Ueyehara** assisting.

10:00 am to 10:45 am. Join **Kinji Ushiba** with the "Sing Along Group."

10:45 am to 11:15 am. Following the Sing Along, a chair exercise as you sing along, lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to

start your day, with a light exercise.

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: **Allan Nara, Chuck Uyeda, Rich Endo, Carolyn Sakae, Kimi Nishimura, Miyo Takegami** or **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**.

The scheduled hours for our craft session is from 9:00 am to 12 noon, every Thursday. Light refreshment of coffee, tea and desserts are always provided. Everyone is welcome to join us to share new ideas and to make new friends.

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**

**Senior
Activities
&
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August & September 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 **August and September** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Kent Abe	Shigeo Kashima	Albert Okuno
George Abey	Itsume Kawamoto	Kin'ichi Okuno
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Thomas Arakaki	Sumiye Kito	Chiyo Ozawa
Masataro Fujii	Albert Kobayashi	Haruno Saito
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Minoru Hiroshige	Kiyoko Muranaka	Nancy Irene Smith
Takeshi Hori	Kakuemon Nagasaki	Susan Haruta Stokes
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Edith Hoshi	Toshio Nakagawa	Sam Sugimoto
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George Izumi	Alfred Okubo	Totaro Yoshida
Kimiko Kashima	Tsuyo Okumura	

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

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August &
September

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

September 10,
2017

10:00 a.m.

The ECHO

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**Fall Ohigan, Eitaikyo,
Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko Service & Lady Ohtani Memorial Service**

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October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	2 6pm - Girl Scouts @	3 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	4 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	5 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	6	7
8 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	9 6pm - Girl Scouts @	10 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	11 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	12 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	13 7pm - ABA General 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA	14 9am - BWA Meeting @
15 10am - Bishops' & ABA 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	16 11am - Senior Group 6pm - Girl Scouts @	17 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	18 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	19 8am - Senior Activities 7pm - Boy Scouts - 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	20	21
22 6am - Boy Scouts - 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	23 6pm - Girl Scouts @	24 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	25 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	26 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	27	28 4pm - Cub Scouts @
29 Nembutsu Family 12am - Cub Scouts @ 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	30 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	31 7pm - Cub Scouts @	1 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	2 8am - Senior Activities 8pm - Taiko - Adults @	3	4

Upcoming Events

October 15, 2017, Sunday

Bishops' & MVBT ABA Memorial Service

October 29, 2017, Sunday

Nembutsu Family Convention @ Salinas

November 19, 2017, Sunday

Eitaikyo Service

November 26, 2017, Sunday

Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko &
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