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October Highlights

- ***10/1 Sun, 10:00 am*** ***Shotsuki Hoyo Service*** ***11:00 am*** ***Japanese Language Service***
- ***10/2 Mon, 7:00 pm*** *Tannisho Study Class*
- ***10/11 Wed, 7:30 pm*** *Temple Board Meeting*
- ***10/15 Sun, 10:00 am*** ***Bishop's & ABA Memorial Service***
- ***10/29 Sun, 9 am - 3 pm*** ***Nembutsu Family Conference*** *at Buddhist Temple of Salinas*

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The Teaching of "The Four Views of Water"

Few days ago, a Bishop and an attendant minister from Brazil came to San Francisco to participate in the delegates meeting for the World Buddhist Women's Convention, which will be held in two years.

Although these travelers from South America had very busy schedules, I was able to meet them at the hotel where they were staying. We really enjoyed our reunion and had a nice, long talk about old times.

Before I came to the U.S., I served at the Sao Paulo Betsuin from 1999 to 2001 as an associate minister. Though only there two years, I had many meaningful and invaluable experiences at the Betsuin. I made lot of mistakes, but I learned a lot from my failures and these experiences continue to give me great encouragement in my current ministerial life.

Some ministers actually live at the Sao Paulo Betsuin as I once did. The Betsuin has a *toban* system, meaning the ministers must take turns being responsible for tasks like manning the phones all night and ringing the *bonsho* (big bell) every morning and evening. The bonsho should be struck 10 times during a 10-minute period at both 6:00 am and 6:00 pm daily.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

One day at the Betsuin office, someone called with a complaint. This person had recently moved into the neighborhood and was annoyed by the bell ringing that woke him early in the morning. So he asked us to stop ringing the bell so that his sleep wouldn't be disturbed. But the bell-ringing custom had been established some 50 years earlier when the Betsuin was first built, so we were able to persuade our new neighbor to accept our tradition just as the other local residents had.

A few weeks later, we had a farewell party for a minister who would be returning to Japan. The party started with dinner and we had a wonderful time. Even after the party, the young ministers remained and continued to drink, unwilling to part from our friend until late at night. It happened to be my turn to ring the bonsho the next morning, but unfortunately, I overslept and failed to do my duty at the usual time. At the morning assembly, I was severely reprimanded by the Vice Rinban.

That morning, we received some phone calls from people complaining, "I overslept this morning because your bell wasn't rung! What happened!" And, "I rely on your bell to wake me up each day. You should ring it on time!" and so on. I felt a deep regret for my carelessness that had caused the neighborhood trouble. But I was also very surprised to learn that even when people hear the exact same sound—the bonsho tolling—that some will complain, "It is too loud! Stop ringing it!" while others will declare, "We rely on that bell! Don't forget to ring it on time!" Don't you agree it's interesting that the same action or incident can be interpreted differently by neighbors living next door to one another?

Buddhism teaches us that our eyes cannot clearly see the truth. Because our mind is always confused by blind passions, we can only see things as perceived through our own convenience, knowledge, and judgment. Therefore, our eyes alone cannot see the unvarnished truth as it is.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	2 6pm - Girl Scout 6pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Tannisho Study	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
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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

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Religious Planning — October 2017

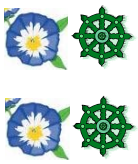
October 1, 2017, Sunday — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service

October 2, 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.

October 8, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Regular Sunday Service



October 15, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Bishop's and ABA Memorial Service

October 22, 2017, Sunday — 10:00 am — Regular Sunday Service

October 29, 2017, Sunday — 9:00 am - 3:00 pm — Nembutsu Family Conference

Nembutsu Family Conference at Buddhist Temple of Salinas
NO SERVICES at MVBT

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting) - 9:00 am

Study Class - 7:00 pm

Adult Discussion - 11:00 am

Dharma School - 11:00 am

Sasaki Golf Tournament

The Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, August 20, 2017. This was the 32nd annual tournament.

We would like to thank all the golfers and guests who came out to support the Sasaki Scholarship Fundraiser. Also, a special thank you to my wife Leslie and all the volunteers who prepared and cooked all the delicious food.

We had 57 golfers that played at a new venue this year at Shoreline Golf Links. Also, thank you to the many new Sangha members who came out to play. We hope you had a good time.

We were able to make over $3,500 this year that will be given to Sasaki Scholarship.

In Gassho,
Bob Imai and Rich Endo

The Teaching of "The Four Views of Water"

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There is a teaching called *Issui -Shiken* or "the four views of water." It means that something looks different when seen from different perspectives. For example, you and I may see water as something to drink; fish see it as their home; hungry ghosts see it as boiling water; and heavenly beings see it as precious lapis lazuli. So even though each of us is looking at the same body of water, we each have a different idea of what we are looking at.

This means, depending on our circumstance, we can see rain as a gloomy or welcome event. And even when you and I look at the same person, I may like him if his viewpoint matches mine and you might hate him if his disagrees with yours.

Buddhism teaches us that we can neither see nor think about anything without the glasses of our self-centered passions. Human nature is such that we cannot help but make a value judgment that things that are convenient for us are good, but things that are inconvenient for us are bad. In other words, our eyes always rate things as ugly or beautiful for personal reasons.

After all, we cannot even see with our own eyes that we are full of selfishness and arrogance. If we become aware of this delusion clearly, we are able to realize that we have no choice but to ask someone we trust to show us our true nature. This someone is Amida Buddha, who makes us become aware of this truth.

By encountering the light of wisdom—namely, Nembutsu teaching—we will be able to see our true selves clearly. Nembutsu teaching encourages those of us who always see the world through the glasses of self-centered passion to instead reflect deeply on our self-centered way of living and lead us to the awakened life where we can see all things as they truly are. By changing our way of thinking or seeing, we can change our life.

Even if you are now worried about your job or school, or even if you are having trouble in your relationships, by saying the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," its working nourishes our right way of seeing. The Nembutsu gives us the power to move forward and the power to overcome all difficulties. Because of the working of the Nembutsu, we are able to naturally live a fruitful life no matter what might happen in our lives.

At the reunion with the ministers from Brazil, I recalled my shameful *toban* story about failing to ring the bell and once again had a moment of deep self-reflection. Even as a person looking through my glasses of self-centered passions, I can still understand and be grateful for how precious the Nembutsu life is.

In Gassho,

6:00 am
&
6:00 pm
Daily

SENIOR HOME CRAFT

Home Craft Booth at Bazaar

WANTED for 2018 Bazaar: Old, torn or discolored "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,
Toshiko Uyehara
Home Craft

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一七年一〇月法話
―「一水四見」の教え―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

先日、ブラジルの開教総長と随行の開教使が二年後に開催される世界仏教婦人会大会の代表者会議出席のためにサンフランシスコに来られました。

忙しい日程を組まれていたのですが、幸いお二人が滞在されているホテルで会うことができ、久しぶりの再会を喜びながら、思い出話に花を咲かせました。

私は北米に来る前、ブラジルのサンパウロにある伯国別院で一九九九年から二〇〇一年までの二年間、開教使としてお世話になりました。二年という僅かな期間ではありましたが、ブラジルでの貴重な開教生活を通して多くのことを学ばせていただきました。その中には多くの失敗もありましたが、ブラジルでのさまざまな経験が現在の開教生活の糧となっています。

伯国別院では、数人の開教使が住み込みで働いています。そして、別院には毎日当番制があり、当番にあたると夜中の電話番と朝夕の梵鐘係をしなくてはなりません。梵鐘は毎日朝六時と夕方六時に一〇分かけて十回突きます。

私が従事しているときの話ですが、ある朝、事務所に一本の苦情の電話がありました。その方は、最近別院付近に引っ越してきたそうなのですが、毎日朝早くに梵鐘の音で起こされて困ると言うのです。梵鐘の音がうるさくてゆっくり眠れないから明日からやめてくれとお願いされました。しかし、梵鐘を鳴らすという習慣は別院が建立されて以来五〇年ほど続いていましたから、地域住民と同じように理解してほしいと何とか説得しました。

その数週間後、仲の良かった開教使が日本に帰国するということで、別院で送別会がありました。夕食時間に開かれた送別会は大いに盛り上がり、その後も、若い者だけが集まって、帰国する開教使との別れを惜しみながら深夜遅くまで杯を交わしました。しかし、次の朝、梵鐘を突く当番だった私はうっかり寝過ごしてしまい、梵鐘を打ち損ねるという失態を演じてしまいました。その日の朝礼では、副輪番からきつくお咎めを受けました。

更には、事務所に数本の電話が入り、「梵鐘がならなかったから、寝過ごしたじゃないか！」、「いつも目覚まし代わりにしていたのに！毎日定時に鳴らしてもらわないと困る！」という厳しい苦情がありました。私の不注意で近隣住民の方々に迷惑をかけたことを心から反省すると同時に、同じ梵鐘の音でも「うるさい！もう鳴らすな！」と言う人もいれば、「鳴らしてもらわないと困る！」という人もいるというこの事実に大変驚くとともに大変面白くも感じました。

人間の目は真実を見ることができないと仏教では教えています。煩悩に苛まれた私達の心はつねに、自分の都合や自分の知識はからいでしかものを見ることができないのです。ですから、もはや私達の目ではありのままのものを、ありのままには見ることができないといわれています。

仏教には「一水四見」という教えがあります。同じ水を見ても、見るものによって、それぞれ見方が違うという意味です。例えば、同じ水であっても、人間には飲み水、魚には住処、餓鬼には膿汁、天人には水が瑠璃に見えるというのです。

もっと言えば、同じ雨でも、憂鬱な雨と思う自分もいれば、恵みの雨と思う自分がいる。また、同じ人であっても、自分と意見があえば好意的に思う自分と、自分の意見と違えば敵意を感じる自分がいます。

私達人間は、自己中心という眼鏡をかけてしかものを見ることも考えることもできません。そして、自分に都合の良いものを善とし、自分に都合の悪いものを悪として価値判断をしているのです。つまり、美しく見えるのも、醜く見えるのも、全て自分の目の都合で判断してしまっているのです。畢竟、人間は自分さえも見えないのです。この真の自分を見ることができないと分かると、自分の姿や心を、他の人から教えてもらう以外に道がないということに気づかされます。これを教えて下さるお方が阿弥陀仏なのです。

智慧の光であるお念仏に遇うことによって、本当の自分がはっきりと見えてきます。お念仏は、世の中を色眼鏡で見ていた自分中心の生き方に深い反省を促し、全てをありのままに見ていく生き方へと導いて下さいます。私達のもののとらえ方ひとつで人生は大きく変わってきます。学校や仕事に悩んでいる人であっても、人間関係に悩んでいる人であっても、つねにお念仏を申していく中で、正しいものの見方が養われ、あらゆる局面をも乗り越え、前進する力が備わり、実り豊かな人生を自ずと歩むことができるのです。

ブラジル開教使との再会で思い出した何とも恥ずかしい失敗談ではありますが、改めて、色眼鏡で一喜一憂している日々の自分を猛省するとともに、念仏生活の尊さに気づかせていた次第です。

YBA News

Join Us at the Sangha Day Picnic & Enter the 50/50 Raffle

CENTRAL CAL JR. YBA VOLLEYBALL MIXER

Over the Labor Day weekend, 12 YBA members attended this year's Central Cal Jr. YBA Volleyball Mixer in Fresno. Everyone had a wonderful time meeting new people and playing volleyball together at the mixer!

MIDORI KAI BOUTIQUE FUNDRAISER

YBA held our first fundraiser of the 2017-2018 school year at the Midori Kai Boutique. We baked both butter mochi and furikake snack mix to sell. The fundraiser was a huge success: YBA sold out before the end of the event. We would like to thank Midori Kai and everyone who attended the boutique for all of their support!

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

YBA will be holding a 50/50 raffle once again at the Temple's annual Sangha Day Picnic. We hope you will be able to support our YBA by participating in the raffle. Our Activities Chair, **Lauren Hamasaki**, has organized a variety of fun games for the children at the park. We hope everyone has a great time at the picnic and enjoys our activities!

DONATION

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to **Mr. Eugene Kita** and **Mrs. Yuki Hata-Kita** for their donation to YBA on behalf of their daughter, Cayla's, graduation.

In Gassho,
Maddie Matsumoto
2017 - 2018 YBA President

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BWA Actiities

The Coast District Representative had a meeting on September 28 and the MVBT BWA served their "special udon dinner" to the attendees. It is always a pleasure for us to serve our udon dinner to this group.

Toshiko Uyehara and **Reiko Murakami** will be attending the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association Delegates meeting in Fresno, CA on October 14, 2017.

Special donation made by **Jeanette Arakawa**, gratefully accepted.

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. October 21, 2017, at 9:00 am in YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association

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

Hiro Tsukimura ***Nov 9, 1933 - Sept 1, 2017***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

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150 Club News

We have three winners. The July winner is **Namie Takatsuka**. The August **winner** is **Margaret Abe**. And, the September winner is **Teri Hirota**.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all our participants!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
OCT	Zones 5 & 6	N / A	N / A
NOV	Zones 7 & 8	Oct 13 (Fri)	Oct 18 (Wed)
DEC	Zones 9 & 10	Nov 10 (Fri)	Nov 15 (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

Dharma School News

Greetings,

Dharma School is off to the start of a new year. Here are the classes and the assigned teachers.

DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES

Preschool: ..... Tracey Mukoyama & Joann Yamani
Kindergarten & 1st grade: ..... Esther Bunya, Reiko Tsuchida, Frances Sawamura & Debbie Ho
2nd & 3rd grade: ..... Toshiko Uyehara, Diane Umemoto
4th grade: ..... Joan Aoki, Sharon Tsukahara & Gail Satake-Nakamura
5th & 6th grade: ..... Carol Harbin & Debby Inenaga
7th & 8th grade: ..... John Arima & Jill Fajardo
High School: ..... Bruce Morimoto, Brent Izutsu & Elise Fujimoto

We'd also like to acknowledge our librarians Jeanne Ohara & Marie Ochi-Jacobs.

DHARMA SCHOOL CABINET

In addition to our teachers, we have several parents and Dharma School teachers who volunteer their time and energy on the Dharma School cabinet. The MVBT Dharma School Cabinet for 2017 - 2018 is:

Superintendent: ..... Curt Fukuda
Assistant Superintendent: ..... TBD
Dharma Education Coordinator: ..... Brent Izutsu
Secretary: ..... Katie Tamaru-Itow
Treasurer: ..... Karen Bunya
Registrar: ..... Janice Lee
Parent Volunteer Coordinators: ..... Tricia Hojo & TBD
Dharma School Communications: ..... Randy Sato
Taiko Coordinator: ..... Ashley Uyehara

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

As always, it takes a Sangha to raise a Dharma School student. We ask that all of our Dharma School families help with the various activities that Dharma School sponsors throughout the year. If you didn't get to sign up for an activity at the Dharma School Parents Meeting on September 10, please contact Tricia Hojo.

On September 1, 2017, the couches in the High School Dharma School classroom were hauled away. For the moment, the high school students will use chairs and tables in their class. Since they now have a clean slate, the students will decide on how they want this classroom to be furnished. That being said, Dharma School will no longer accept couch or sofa chair donations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to Tricia Hojo for coordinating the Welcome Back Luncheon on September 10. And, thank you to everyone who volunteered in the set up, kitchen, and clean up to make the event a great success.

DONATIONS

Donations are gratefully acknowledged

Todd & Ashley Uyehara
Damon's birthday

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

ABA

ABA News

The ABA group has several activities scheduled for the next few months.

October 13 – Our monthly meeting will begin at 7:00 pm as it's "Movie Night". The title of the movie to be shown is under discussion -- so stay tuned.

October 15 – The annual ABA/Bishop's Memorial Service, honoring ABA members and Bishops who have passed away, will be held. **Rev. Marvin Harada** from Orange County Buddhist Temple will be the guest speaker. Rev. Harada is a graduate of the University of Oregon, Institute of Buddhist Studies and Ryukoku University and has served at Orange County for the past 30 years. He became the Co-Director of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education in 2012.

November 10 – Annual "Meet and Mingle" will be held in the Sangha Hall starting at 6:00 pm. Always a fun event, there will be dinner and entertainment (including the very competitive Battle of the Sexes). Anyone interested in joining ABA should contact **Reiko Tsuchida** at reiko@tsuchidafamily.com.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Dharma School Taiko — Starting Up

The Dharma School Taiko program is starting up again for the new school year! Dharma School students age 7 and older are eligible to participate. Regular classes will be held on Sundays after Dharma School in Sangha Hall. Interested students are invited to learn more about taiko at the "Taste of Taiko" event to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Please contact **Ashley Uyehara** at taikocoord@mvbuddhisttemple.org if you would like more details or are interested in participating in the program.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday

DECEMBER 10, 2017

MVBT MOCHI TSUKI FUNDRAISER

Enjoy the Fun. Be a VOLUNTEER.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Seniors Activity Group

Senior Activities & Crafts

Thank you to all our Seniors and friends that came out to help with our major fundraising project making Manju on Thursday, preparing for the Midori Kai Boutique held on Saturday, September 10. We are grateful for all the support we received, as we sold out early. We are truly happy to donate $500 to our Temple.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12, Thursday. We are planning a day trip to Angel Island/ Tiburon. We will have a bus pick us up on the Temple grounds at 7:30 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. He will 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 you're interested, please inform any of the committee members. Please sign up by calling **Chuck Uyeda**. More information will be provided.

November 16, Thursday. A fun, free Bingo event is planned with prizes to be won. A special lunch at 11:30 am will be provided. This will be our last gathering due to the holiday soon approaching. Please mark this date on your calendar.

December 3, Sunday. Toshiko Uyehara is requesting home made craft for our Senior Craft Boutique to be held on Sunday, December 3. Please support our Boutique.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18

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

SENIOR HOURS

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

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

SENIOR CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

SENIOR CRAFTS: 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.

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

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

SING ALONG plus EXERCISE: 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.

SUGGESTION FOR NEW ACTIVITIES

We try to have activities for everyone to enjoy. If you can think of anything else to add to our program, please contact any of our committee members: **Allan Nara, Chuck Uyeda, Rich Endo, Dennis Tsukagawa, Carolyn Sakae, Kimi Nishimura, Miyo Takegami** or **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto.**

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Support Your Temple

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Eitaikyo Service / Esshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Memorial Service / Bodhi Day Service

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

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736 began their new year on Sept 18.

On October 2 we will hold our Investiture/Rededication Ceremony. This ceremony is to welcome girls and leaders new to Girl Scouts, and also a time for current Scouts and Leaders to re-dedicate themselves to the Girl Scout program. This year we will recognize Scouts for bridging up to the next level: 1 to Juniors, 3 to Cadettes, and 1 to Seniors.

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

GIVING BACK

Three Scouts volunteered their time at the Family Giving Tree. Thank you to **Stacey**, **Kalyn** and **Nitya** for helping at their Back-to-School Drive.

JOURNEYS

Four Cadettes will be attending an overnight Journey workshop in October.

SENIORS

The Senior girls planned, coordinated and managed the making and selling of spam musubi at the Midori Kai Boutique. The girls learned a lot about project management, and had fun in the process.

LEADERS THIS YEAR

Juniors – **Evelyn Hori**

Cadettes – **Joy Watanabe**

Seniors – **Joan Aoki** & **Patty Sakuma**

Troop Coordinators – **Debbie Ho** & **Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto**

If you know of a girl between the grades of Kindergarten and High School who would like to be a Girl Scout, please contact us!

BECOME A GIRL SCOUT LEADER

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a Girl Scout leader for Daisy (K/1st) or Brownie (2nd/3rd), please contact us!

We look forward to a new year of fun activities, learning and growth.

Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference

The Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference will be hosted by and held at the Buddhist Temple of Salinas. It will be on Sunday, October 29, 2017, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Families from all Coast District temples are welcome to attend. The deadline for registration is Friday, October 6, 2017. See registration form on next page of this Echo.

Since the conference is a few days before Halloween, the theme of the Conference is "Together with the Buddha at Halloween." Everyone is encouraged to come dressed up for Halloween.

Highlights of the conference are:

- Continental Breakfast at 9:00 am
- Morning Service at 10:00 am
- Workshop #1:
  - * Dharma Talks for adults
  - * English: Rev. David Matsumoto from IBS
  - * Japanese: Rev. Yushi Mukojima
  - * Dharma Talk for youths
  - * Halloween Party for kids with games
- Japanese Bento lunch
- Workshop #2:
  - * Pumpkin decorating for kids and youth
  - * Halloween theme face masking project for adults
- Closing Service

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting

Save the Date: February 21-25, 2018

BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting

Together in Gassho

DoubleTree Inn by Hilton - Sacramento, CA

Registration Materials will be sent to Temples in October

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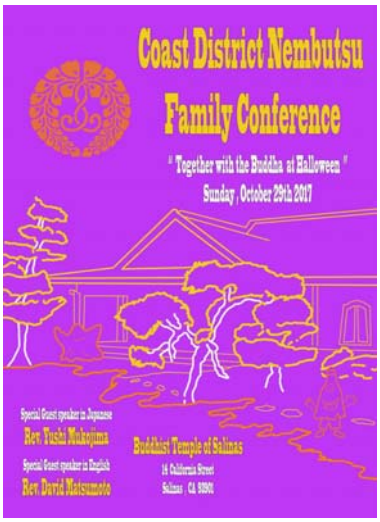

COAST DISTRICT FAMILY CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION FORM

"Together with the Buddha at Halloween"

Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Buddhist Temple of Salinas

Registration Fee:
Includes conference material and lunch

Adults.....$40
Students/Military.....$20
Children (12 & under)..... Free

Name of Temple _____	Dharma Talk Circle One	Bento Circle One	Fee
Name _____	Jpn / Eng	Reg / Veg	_____
Name _____	Jpn /Eng	Reg / Veg	_____
Name _____	Jpn /Eng	Reg / Veg	_____
Family Youth & Children			
_____	age _____	Reg / Veg	_____
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			_____
		Total	_____

Return this form with checks payable to:
Buddhist Temple of Salinas, 14 California Street, Salinas, CA 93901

Deadline: October 6, 2017

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 19

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 19. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Dean Koyama**, the resident minister at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. After the service, the MVBT will host the annual Keiro Kai Luncheon.

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

永代読経

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

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

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

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

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

The Eitaikyo Registry

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

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

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

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

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Buddhist Name

English: _____ Japanese: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

MVBT Office Record Use Only

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

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

October 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 **October** Shotsuki loved ones are:

October

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

October 1, 2017

10:00 am

Junko Abe	**Ihei Kawamoto**	**Shigeto Okimoto**
Sumako (Sue) Abey	**Mamoru Kawamoto**	**Kayoko Okubo**
Sachi Adachi	**Takeru Kawamoto**	**Jerry Okumura**
Evelyn Arakaki	**Masakatsu Kito**	**Tsui Sakai**
Irene Hatsue Furuta	**Shozo Mayeda**	**Hagiyo Sato**
Mary Hayamizu	**Yachi Miyake**	**Itoju Sawamura**
Ted Hayashida	**Yoshiaki Murakami**	**Yas Shimoguchi**
Saburo Higa	**Lily Nakamura**	**Drew Sugimoto**
Tad Iimura	**Aiko Nakano**	**Takie Sugimoto**
Masako Inokuchi	**Takeno Nara**	**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**
Fred Inouye	**Mikiyo Nishimoto**	**Masayo Yokoyama**
George Ishikawa	**Hiroshi Obuchi**	**Yukiko Yonemoto**
Hoichi Kato	**Toemon Ogino**	**Mollie Yoshizumi**

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**

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

Another Way to Donate to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Donate Your IRA Minimum Distribution Directly to the Temple and Avoid Taxes

If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and receive tax benefits in return.

Benefits of an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to $100,000 from your IRA to Mountain View Buddhist Temple
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of Mountain View Buddhist Temple

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the Temple (Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the Temple).
2. Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to Mountain View Buddhist Temple to help continue our important work.
3. Please note that IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
4. Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions, please contact us at treasurer@mvbuddhisttemple.org. We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

The above information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please contact your attorney or tax advisor for further details on making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

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

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Upcoming Events

November 19, 2017, Sunday
Eitaikyo Service

November 26, 2017, Sunday
Eshinni-ko, Kakushinni-ko &
Lady Ohtani Memorial Service

December 3, 2017, Sunday
Bohdi Day Service

December 31, 2017, Sunday
Year End / Joya-e Service

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