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November Highlights

- ***11/5 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service

  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***11/6 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***11/8 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***11/19 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Eitaikyo Service -
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Dean Koyama

  12:00 noon
  Keiro Kai Luncheon
- ***11/26 Sun, 10:00 am***
  BWA Memorial Service -
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Kenji Akahoshi

Seek and Find Inner Peace

Last month, there was a terrible tragedy in Las Vegas. A lone gunman fired repeatedly into a crowd gathered in an outdoor concert arena below him, killing 58 people and injuring over 500 others. This horrible event became the worst mass murder in modern American history. How mournful we should all be?

This year, we have been faced with many serious problems: the discriminatory attitudes toward Muslims, immigrants and the LGBTQ community; terrorist attacks throughout the world; and the tense situation between the U.S. and North Korea, among them. Now the world seems filled with ever-growing stresses. In addition, there have been terribly destructive natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires that have also taken the lives of so many people. When I learn about these kinds of catastrophes, my heart really aches. Where is the world moving toward today?

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

We are now living in a world full of anxiety and despair which seems very far from the world of peace and tranquility we all long for.

If this is the case, how on earth can we find a reasonable way of living in such a chaotic world?

By nature, we all wish for and seek our own happiness. Our main goal in life is to realize this happiness. However, the happiness that I am referring to is definitely not the kind that comes from merely satisfying our self-interests. It is instead the happiness one achieves by cultivating peace of mind.

In facing various challenging situations every day, we suffer and worry. We may even get depressed and look at everything in a negative way. But in so doing, we cannot keep peace and tranquility in our minds.

For those who embrace the Nembutsu teaching, it is very important to face life's hardships simply by reciting the Nembutsu given us by Amida Buddha. By saying the Nembutsu, the light of wisdom pierces the darkness in our minds and makes our selfish way of thinking change naturally. The Nembutsu is the lamppost that shows the direction which we should take each day.

By reciting the Nembutsu, our way of thinking becomes positive. Even if it seems no one under-

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Mochi Tsuki Fundraiser

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Osoji

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

January 1, 2018, Monday
New Year's Day /
Shusho-e Service

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Nembutsu Family 12am - Cub Scouts @ 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	30 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	31 7pm - Cub Scouts @	1 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	2 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Dharma School	3 6pm - Dharma School	4
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Religious Planning — November 2017

November 5, 2017, Sunday — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service

November 6, 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.

November 12, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Regular Sunday Service

November 19, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — Eitaikyo Service

Eitaikyo means "perpetual chanting of the sutras" and is a service held in memory of deceased persons
Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dean Koyama**, minister at Palo Alto Buddhist Temple
12 noon: Keiro Kai Luncheon in Sangha Hall

November 26, 2017, Sunday, 10:00 am — BWA Memorial Service

Memorial Service for Esshinniko/Kakushinniko, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and past MVBT BWA Members
Guest Speaker: **Rev. Kenji Akahoshi**, minister at Buddhist Temple of San Diego

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**

What does O-asaji mean?

"O" - means "**honorific**"
"asa" - means "**morning**"
"ji" - means "**affair**"

So O-asaji refers to something done in the morning with respect and reverence…thus at our Temple, it implies a Buddhist service in the morning.

Oasaji is the opportunity to take time out of our busy lives to stop, calm down, reflect upon ourselves and show our gratitude for everything that allows us to live at this moment by chanting in the morning.

A typical Sunday morning schedule is:

8:30 - Group members take turns arranging the O-Naijin (altar). Other members arrive at 9:00.
9:00 - Chanting practice begins for 30 minutes.
9:30 - Refreshments and socializing.
10:00 - Service begins

In addition to chanting, the techniques of ringing the Kansho bell and arranging the O-naijin (altar) are learned. Also, chanting with the Reverend on the O-naijin during a Sunday service is another experience to encounter. (In the absence of the Reverend, the O-asaji Group conducts the chanting for Sunday services).

The current members are **Mitsue Fukuda**, **Ken Nakano**, **Kimi Nishimura**, **Marie Ochi-Jacobs**, **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**, **Miyo Takegami**, **Dennis Tsukagawa** and **Ed Tsumura**. Also, this year's Youth Minister Assistants (YMA) are **Mitchell Kita**, **Maddie Matsumoto** and **Vicky Shinkawa**. All previous YMA's are considered Oasaji Group members.

The O-asaji Group welcomes MVBT members who are interested in chanting, understanding the Jodo Shinshu rituals or just observing. if you are interested, please contact the Temple office at 650-964-9426, **Reverend Yushi Mukojima** or an Oasaji Group member.

Seek and Find Inner Peace

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stands us, we cannot lose a sense of peace and tranquility. In a life without the Nembutsu, our minds become negative and delusional, so that fear, doubt and self-hatred makes us lose our balance. In such a state, even if we are surrounded by our loving family and friends, or when we are in a comfortable environment, we will never be able to feel happiness and joy. Therefore, the Nembutsu, which nourishes our right way of seeing, is very important.

Suppose that there is a mean or petty person in your life, one who seems to cause you trouble. When he causes you difficulties and makes you angry or nurture a hatred for him, you might lose appetite and not be able to sleep. This stress and lack of sleep might lead to the use of sleeping pills or tranquilizers. If your symptoms worsen, you may feel the need to take more medication so that both your physical condition and your way of thinking become unwholesome. This can cause your friends to avoid you and even your family to misunderstand you. As a result, you may fall victim to a serious mental or physical illness. If this happens, the person being nasty to you will be so glad.

But even if we are treated badly by someone, we can still live in peace and tranquility with the Nembutsu. Stress will never cause us illness and we will be able to live happily surrounded by our family and good friends. To be protected by the Nembutsu is a wise way of living that shows our mental strength to the person trying to belittle us. Even faced with unbearable situations, if we can practice the Nembutsu life, we can keep our minds calm and at peace without worrying about anything. We should remember that the tolerance and perseverance that we learn from the Nembutsu life is definitely not an expression of our weakness. Rather, it is an expression of Nembutsu followers' strength.

If we encounter a spiteful person, we should gratefully accept this meeting as a precious opportunity to learn tolerance and perseverance. Although it is very difficult to do so, when we change our way of seeing or thinking, even this unpleasant person becomes one who helps us color and deepen our lives. In that respect, apart from his thought, all people become precious and valuable to us. This shows how, even if we are struggling during a difficult period, we are able to improve our inner selves and keep our minds peaceful and tranquil while having a beneficial experience. This way of life is the Nembutsu life.

In Buddhism, it is said that true peace exists within us, and that world peace begins in the mind of each person. As long as we live, we will experience many hardships and suffering. But no matter how difficult the times we are in, I sincerely hope that each of us will pause to put our palms together and recite the Nembutsu. Through the Nembutsu, we can have a strong spirit, live positively, and nurture our peace of mind.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to all victims of the terrible tragedy in Las Vegas.

In Gassho,

BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting

BCA Ministers' Association and National Council Meeting

Together in Gassho

DoubleTree Inn by Hilton - Sacramento, CA

February 21-25, 2018

Registration Materials were sent to temples in October

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一七年十一月法話
― 心に安穏を ―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

先月、ラスベガスで銃による大変恐ろしい事件が起こりました。多くの人が集まるコンサート会場で無差別に銃が乱射され、五十九人もの人が亡くなり、五〇〇人以上の負傷者が出ました。犯人はその後自殺しましたが、アメリカにおける史上最悪の銃犯罪となりました。大変悲しむべきことです。

今、イスラム教徒をはじめ移民の方々や同性愛者などに対する差別行為、世界中で繰り広げられているテロリスト問題、更にはアメリカと北朝鮮における緊迫状態などといった数多くの問題で世界はこれまでにないほど緊張感に包まれています。更には最近では、ハリケーンや地震、または、山火事などといった自然災害が多くの人命を奪いました。このような悲惨なニュースを耳にするたびに、心がひどく痛みます。今、世界はどこに向かって歩もうとしているのでしょうか。私達の願う平和な世界とは大きくかけはなれた不安と絶望の内に今、私達は立たされています。

私達は、この混沌とした社会の中で一体どのような生き方を模索すればいいのでしょうか。私達はみんな生まれながらにして幸せでありたいと心から願っています。ですから私達の人生の目的は、まさにその幸せを実現することにあります。しかし、その幸せというのは、けっして私利私欲を満たす幸せではなく、心の安穏を育てることによって到達できる幸せ、そして喜びなのです。

私達は、日常生活におけるさまざまな事態に直面する中で悩んだり、苦しんだりしています。そのようなときは、気持ちが落ち込み何事も否定的に考えてしまいがちですが、それでは心を安穏に保つことはできません。

念仏に生きるものは、行き詰ったときにこそ、阿弥陀仏から賜ったお念仏を称えていく生活が何よりも大切なことなのです。なぜなら、お念仏によって、闇に閉ざされた心の中に智慧の光が差し込み、固執した考え方が自然と変わっていくからです。お念仏は人生の進むべき道を照らして下さる道しるべなのです。

そして、お念仏を申す中で、私達の物の考え方が前向きになり、たとえ自分を理解してくれる人が周りにいなくても心の安穏を失うことはありません。しかし、お念仏のない生活は考え方が後ろ向きになり、恐怖や疑念、そして自己嫌悪などといった迷いの心が邪魔をして、たとえ分かり合える家族や友人に囲まれていても、また、暖かい環境にあっても、心に幸せを感じることができないのです。ですから、私達に正しいものの見方を育てて下さるお念仏はとても大切なのです。

たとえば、私達のまわりに意地悪な人がいて、その人がいつも私達に何かと問題を起こしてくるとします。その都度、腹を立てて相手に憎しみを募らせてしまうと、食欲がなくなり、眠れなくなり、しまいには精神安定剤や睡眠薬を必要とする生活に追い込まれます。それが悪化してしまうと、服用量が増え、身体はもちろんのこと、考え方まで病んできて、その結果、親しい友人が私達から遠ざかってしまいます。さらには、家族までもが理解をしてくれなくなり、最後には心身共に深刻な病に倒れてしまいます。もしそうなってしまったら、私達に意地悪をはたらいた人は大いに喜ぶことでしょう。

たとえ、誰かから不当な仕打ちがあったとしても、お念仏と共に、心豊かに安穏に暮らせていたら、私達はストレスで健康を害することもなく、いつも良き家族、そして、友人に囲まれながら幸せに暮らすことができるのです。これこそ、私達を陥れようとしている人に、お念仏に守られた私達の心の強さを示すことができる賢明な生き方なのです。たとえ、どんなに辛く耐えがたい状況であっても、お念仏の生活が実践できたなら、何物をも恐れることなく、穏やかなままに心の安穏を保つことができます。念仏生活から学ぶ寛容や忍耐はけっして弱さのあらわれではありません。むしろ寛容と忍耐は念仏者の強さのあらわれなのです。

日々の生活の中で、意地悪な人に出会ったら、それを忍耐や寛容を学ぶ尊いご縁だと有難く受け入れましょう。大変難しいことではありますが、そう考えれば、意地悪な人までもが私達の師となり、私達の人生に彩りと深みを増すお手伝いをして下さっているということになります。その人達の思惑は別として、この点から見れば、全ての方が私達の人生にとって有り難い存在となるのです。このように、人生の苦しい時期であっても、有益な経験を得ながら、人として内面を強くし、心の安穏を保つ生き方こそが念仏生活なのです。

仏教では真の平和は己の中にあるといわれています。そして、世界平和は、私自身の安穏から始まるといわれています。私達は生きていく上で、数多くの苦しみ悩みに遭遇いたしますが、どれほど苦しい立場にいても、強い精神を持って、前向きに人生を歩み、常に心の安穏と幸せを合掌とお念仏申す中で育んでいけるよう共に精進させていただきましょう。

最後に、ラスベガスの銃乱射事件で犠牲になられた全ての方々へ哀悼の誠を捧げます。

YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at this year's Sangha Day Picnic! YBA hosted the children's games and 50/50 raffle, as well as assisted with the BINGO and raffle prizes. Thank you for supporting YBA!

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY

We will be having our annual Halloween Activity on Friday, October 27, in the YBA hall. After dinner, the members will practice and make props for the Central Cal Jr. YBA Conference Talent Show. We will also be watching a scary and normal movie together.

CENTRAL CAL JR. YBA CONFERENCE

YBA was invited to the 2017 CC Jr. YBA Conference, which will be hosted at the Fresno Buddhist Temple on November 11. The theme this year is "Let's Stick Together Like Gohan", and Mountain View is currently holding practices for the talent show. Good luck to all the participants!

DONATION

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Sangha Day Picnic 50/50 raffle winner, **Mr. Randy Sato**, for donating a part of his winnings to YBA.

In Gassho,
Maddie Matsumoto
2017 - 2018 YBA President

Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, November 19, 2017, Noon

花言葉

"Hana Kotoba"
Language of Flowers

All Temple members, their families, and all affiliated organizations are encouraged to attend and join us in thanking and honoring our seniors.

RSVP by Sunday, November 5, 2017

Questions - Contact Shirley Matsumoto, spmatsumoto@gmail.com, 408 504-9034 or Kathy Fujii, kathyfujii@comcast.net, 408 390-9537

BWA Actiities

Buddhist Women's Association

COAST DISTRICT BWL

The Coast District Buddhist Women's League Cabinet, made up from the MVBT BWA Cabinet, held a CD Delegates meeting and luncheon on Monday, October 9, 2017. Delegates and Ministers from San Jose, Salinas, Monterey and San Luis Obispo/Guadalupe were in attendance. It was a very nice gathering and we were able to get better acquainted.

We announced that the CD BWL Conference would be held in Mountain View on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Our English guest speaker will be **Rev. Candice Shibata**, currently of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. Our own **Rev. Yushi Mukojima** will be the Japanese speaker.

Carolyn Sakae, our MVBT BWA Social Chairperson, had prepared assorted pastry, fruit and snacks for early arrivals. The session ended with everyone enjoying a very tasty, specially prepared bento from Nijiya.

BCA FEDERATION OF BWA (BCA FBWA)

Toshiko Uyehara (MVBT BWA Delegate) and **Reiko Murakami** (MVBT BWA and CD BWL Delegate) attended the BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Association Delegates Meeting in Fresno on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The BCA FBWA is gearing up for the FBWA Conference in September 2018.

Sunday, November 26, 2017 will be our BWA Memorial Service for Esshinniko/Kakushinniko, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and past MVBT BWA Members. **Rev. Kenji Akahoshi** of the San Diego Buddhist Temple will be our guest speaker.

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. November 11, 2017, at 9:00 am in YBA Hall.

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

Kazuko Eidmann ***Mar 20, 1932 – June 20, 2017***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

150 Club News

Our October winner is **Alyson and Cris Olivera!**

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

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
NOV	Zones 7 & 8	N / A	N / A
DEC	Zones 9 & 10	Nov 10 (Fri)	Nov 15 (Wed)
JAN	Zones 11 & 12	Dec 15 (Fri)	Dec 20 (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

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

For the Sangha Day Picnic, Dharma School provided donuts, juice, and hot water carafes. Thank you to **Toshiko Uyehara**, **Diane Umemoto**, and **Debby Inenaga** for bringing the hot water carafes. And, a big thank you to all the Dharma School families who contributed salads, desserts and rice dishes.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Help Dharma School! There are two opportunities to keep our Dharma School strong and successful. The Dharma School cabinet needs a Vice Superintendent and Parent Volunteer Coordinator. The Vice Superintendent job is to shadow and help the current Superintendent. The Superintendent is a two-year position and Curt Fukuda will be stepping down at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Also, **Ashley Uyehara** is currently filling both the Taiko Coordinator and the Parent Volunteer Coordinator positions. We are looking for someone to relieve her of the Parent Volunteer position, so she can focus on the duties of Taiko Coordinator.

HALLOWEEN

This year, the Halloween parade and celebration will not held at MVBT. Instead, it is shifted to the Nembutsu Family Conference on October 29 at the Salinas Buddhist Temple.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Don't forget to save Friday, November 3, for the next Family Fun Night! It's sure to be a blast, so please try and make it if you can. More details to follow.

KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

Dharma School will prepare and serve (along with YBA) tea, coffee, and other beverages at the Keiro Kai Luncheon on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

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

Ricky Chu & Kelsey Nakano
Stuart & Jane Fujitani

Rob & Pauline Shinkawa
Alex's Graduation

John & Chau Arima
Hayley's Graduation

Eugene Kita & Yuki Hata-Kita
Cayla's Graduation

Toshiko Uyehara
Jeremy Tao's Birthday

Haruye Hoshi
Dharma School Lunch

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

Support Your Temple

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Eitaikyo Service / BWA Memorial Service / Bodhi Day Service

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

ABA News

September 20 – Several ABA members attended the SF Giants/Rockies baseball game on September 20. They must have brought their good luck charms, because the Giants won 4-0.

October 15 – Thanks to everyone who attended the annual ABA/Bishop's Memorial Service, honoring ABA members and Bishops who have passed away. **Rev. Marvin Harada** from the Orange County Buddhist Church shared his guidance and inspiration.

November 10 – Are you interested in joining ABA? If so, the Annual "Meet and Mingle" will be held in the Sangha Hall on Friday, November 10. Always a fun event, there will be dinner and entertainment. Contact **Reiko Tsuchida** at reiko@tsuchidafamily.com.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

ABA Members at SF Giants game. Giants won 4-0.

ABA Memorial Service
In Memory of MVABA Members

George Abey	Yoshio Nishimoto
Sue Abey	George Okashima
Robert Ariyama	Sam Okimura
Helen Fukuma	Lou Osato
Amy Imai	HarrySakae
Robert Imai	Karen Sakae
Yasuko Kariya	Kinuko Sasaki
Katsuko Kechi	Jim Satake
Dave Kawamoto	Betty Shidawara
Jim Kawaye	May Shimoguchi
Sets Kuboyama	Yas Shimoguchi
George Kunimoto	Sam Sugimoto
Muneo Masaki	Amy Suzuki
Keiko Mizuhara	Dave Takegami
Akira Morishima	Seiko Tsumura
Emi Morishima	Roy Uyehata
Jim Nakayama	Akio Yamamoto
Miki Nishimoto	Henry Yusa

Seniors Activity Group

CANCELLED: ANGEL ISLAND TRIP

Due to a lack of interest for our planned Angel Island trip, we are sorry that we had to cancel. We apologize to those who were interested in this trip that didn't plan out on October 12. We will try for another trip.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Let's enjoy breakfast with our friends 2nd Friday of every month. Since Vallco had been closed, we do not walk, but want to gather for breakfast. Meet around 9:00 am at the Country Inn located at 998 S. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino, 408-244-2798. The cross street is Bollinger Rd and across from the Home Depot. For more information call **Julie Ushiba**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

SENIOR HOURS

Every Thursday,
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

People are welcome to drop–in and participate in the activities and crafts. 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.

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

Senior Activities & Crafts

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

INVESTITURE / REDEDICATION CEREMONY

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736 held their Investiture/ Rededication Ceremony on October 2. In addition to our 15 girls rededicating themselves to Girl Scouts, we also welcomed three new girls to the troop at the Daisy level and one new Daisy leader.

CADETTES

Three Cadettes joined 30 other Cadettes from the MV SU to earn their Breathe Journey Badges. The girls learned how air pollution is created and measured from Dr. Laura Iraci of NASA Ames Research Center. The girls became more aware of their breathing through a yoga session. They experimented with the power of air pressure, ate many foods which utilized air as an ingredient, and discussed noise pollution. The girls also spent time discussing ways to reduce air pollution, and as their take action project, they made flower pots with air-friendly plants. The group delivered one plant to the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, while others were to be delivered to middle schools within Mountain View.

LEADERS THIS YEAR

Daisy..... **Jill Nishimoto** & **Debbie Ho**

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

We are still accepting new Daisy level girls! If you know of a girl in Kindergarten or 1st grade that would love to be a Girl Scout, please contact us!

Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

Cadettes at NASA Ames Research Center

Miroku

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku is a youth group at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for middle school students enrolled in Dharma School.

On Sunday, October 1, 2017, Miroku held its first general meeting in over a year. Parent Advisors **Traci Inouye**, **Mike Inouye**, and **Randy Sato** invited 16 Middle School students, 6th through 8th Grades, to see what Miroku is all about. Of the 16 invited students, seven were able to attend.

The meeting opened with a history of Miroku and then transitioned to what Miroku is trying to accomplish. Later, we discussed what types of community service, "Temple help", and fun projects we would like to do this Dharma School year. The next Miroku meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017.

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors
Traci Inouye
Mike Inouye
Randy Sato

Mochi-Tsuki — Sunday, December 10

Mochi-Tsuki time is here again and we look forward to seeing everyone at this annual get-together. Come and have fun helping and participating in the activities that make this cultural event and fundraiser a success.

Tickets have been distributed to each zone and **the final count is due Monday, December 4, 2017**. Tickets are also available at the MVBT office or through your zone chairperson.

WORK SCHEDULE IS:

SAT, Dec 2	8:00 am	Pre-preparation, test equipment & hang plastic
FRI, Dec 8	8:00 am	Wash barrels & rinse rice
SAT, Dec 9	8:00 am	Final setup, clean area & move equipment
SUN, Dec 10	**Mochi-Tsuki Day**	
	5:00 am.	Start steamers
	5:30 am	Start cooking rice
	6:00 am	Start pounding
	6:30 am	Start shaping mochi
	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Mochi Pickup
	~ 3:00 pm	Clean up
WED, Dec. 13	8:00 am	Final clean up

If you have any questions, please contact **Glenn Kitasoe** at 408-749-9925 or email at gkitasoe@gmail.com.

Mochi Prices

Komochi
$ 4
(1-pound pkg)

Okasane
$ 6
(Kagami)
(1-pound pkg)

Noshimochi
$ 16
(4-pound pkg)

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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: _____

November 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 **Nvember** Shotsuki loved ones are:

NOVEMBER

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

November 5, 2017

10:00 am

Tsutomu Akizuki	**Eugene Kono**	**Kanji Omokawa**
Tomoye Aoki-Johnson	**Kinuyo Kunimoto**	**Roy Ozawa**
Takiko Fukushima	**Shigeko Masaki**	**Tom Ozawa**
Frank Furuichi	**Gregory Matsumoto**	**Ichiro Sakae**
Sunao Furusho	**Rose Morimoto**	**Kosue Sakae**
Hana Furuto	**Haruko Nakamura**	**Akira Sasaki**
Eddie Higuchi	**Miyuki Nakano**	**Masako Alice Sato**
George Hirota	**Tsuruye Nakano**	**Seikichi Shimoguchi**
Fred Hoshi	**Yutaka Nakano**	**Sei Tachibana**
Akira Hoshiko	**Ayako Nakashima**	**Alice Takagi**
Tom Ichikawa	**Teiichi Naritomi**	**Masaru Takahashi**
Kiyoko Kay Horita	**Yoshio Nishimoto**	**Mildred Takegami**
Frank Ikebe	**Nobuo Oda**	**Kay Tanouye**
Hideo Kato	**Walter Okino**	**Chieko Umeda**
Shigeaki Kihara	**Nuiko Okuno**	

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
26 10am - Eshinni- 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	27 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	28 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	29 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	30 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	1 9am - BWA @ Sangha	2
3 5am - BWA @ Sangha 10am - Shotsuki 11am - Senior Group 12pm - Miroku @ YBA 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	4 6:30pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Tannisho Study	5 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	6 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	7 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	8 7pm - Fuji Club @ YBA **7:30 pm - ABA Meeting**	9 4pm - Boy Scouts - CoH
10 Mochitsuki	11 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	12 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	13 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	14 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	15 5pm - YBA Holiday	16 12am - YBA Holiday 9am - BWA Meeting @
17 10am - Osoji	18 Office Closed 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts @	19 7pm - Cub Scouts @	20 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop	21	22	23
24	25 Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 7pm - Joya-e Service	1 10am - Shusho-e	2 7pm - Cub Scouts @	3 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7:30pm - Temple Choir	4	5	6

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Sunday

DECEMBER 10, 2017

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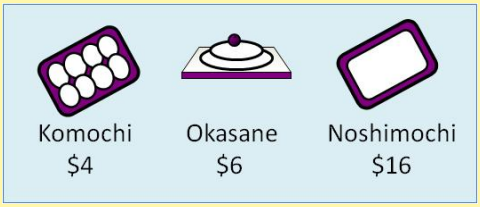

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