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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

January Highlights

- ***12/31/17 Sun, 7:00 pm***
  Joya-e Service -
  New Year's Eve Service followed by Toshikoshi-soba in YBA Hall

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- ***1/1/18 Mon, 10:00 am***
  Shusho-e Service -
  New Year's Day Service
- ***1/7 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***1/8 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  NO *Tannisho Study Class*
- ***1/10 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***1/14 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Hoonko Service with Guest Speaker:
  Brian Nagata
- ***1/28 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Regular Service *with Temple Installation s*
  11:00 am
  Annual General Meeting

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Letting Go of Grudges

Happy New Year!

My family is really appreciative of all the great kindness, help and support you have given us in the past year. We humbly hope to avail ourselves of your warm friendship and continued support again in the coming year.

Everyone knows the famous saying, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." This teaching from the Code of Hammurabi means that if someone does something wrong, that person should be punished by having the same thing done to him/her. It is said that this law of retaliation originates from a nomadic society in the deserts of

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Israel during a time when those nomadic people were trying to survive conflict with other ethnic groups in a severe environment. When the enemy gouged out an eye, they gouged out an eye in retaliation; and when they had a tooth knocked out, they responded by doing the same thing in return. Perhaps this kind of behavior was necessary in those days in order to survive. But unfortunately, this kind of vengeful thinking remains today even when that civilization thrived and the region has become economically rich.

When terrorists attacked the Twin Towers in New York City in 2001, the U.S. ordered retaliatory bombing in Afghanistan and inter-

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Hoonko Service – Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 am

Hoonko means gathering (ko) of repaying (ho) indebtedness (on). It is held in remembrance of Shinran, the founder of Jodo Shinshu, who passed away on January 16, 1262. At this service, we praise and express gratitude for his virtue and lifetime efforts.

For this special service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will have as the guest speaker **Brian Nagata**.

Mr. Nagata was born and raised in Fowler, CA. He is now a member of the Buddhist Church of Oakland currently serving as a

Brian Nagata

director of education for Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai America (Society for the Promotion of Buddhism). He serves on the Advisory Councils for the University of Chicago Divinity School and the Ho Center for Buddhist Studies at the University of Toronto. He is serving a second appointment as the Managing Editor of the BCA's Wheel of Dharma newspaper, and volunteers at Jodo Shinshu Center and Center for Buddhist Education in his free time.

Please join the Sangha at this special service.

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

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Religious Planning — January 2018

December 31, 2017 Sunday, 7:00 pm — Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service

Joya-E Service: Express our gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year

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January 1, 2018, Monday, 10:00 am — Shusho-e / New Year's Day Service

Shusho-E: Renew our resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

January 7, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

January 14, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Hoonko Service / Shinran's Memorial Service

Hoonko: Means a gathering to repay the debt of gratitude. This service is in memory of our founder Shinran Shonin.

Guest Speaker: **Brian Nagata**

January 21, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

January 28, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service with Temple Installation

Installation of Temple, BWA & ABA Cabinets

11:00 am Temple Annual General Meeting

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

MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 28, 2018 @ 11:00 am

In the Hondo immediately following the Service.

Lunch provided for everyone after the meeting.

All Temple members are invited and welcome to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, January 28, 2018, at 11:00 am. Hear reports from all Temple organizations about their 2017 activities and 2018 plans. Also, see your Temple's financial statements for 2017 and the budget for 2018. **Find out what we are, why we are and how we are.**

DUE DATE FOR REPORTS

Organizational reports are DUE before or on **Sunday, January 14**. Send your report to Doug Sawamura.

Correction: Printed Echo has incorrect due date of Sunday, January 21.

Letting Go of Grudges (cont'd)

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vened militarily in Iraq and Syria. Then those groups that opposed the countries trying to defeat them have made frequent terrorist attacks throughout the world. Because countless innocent people have lost their precious lives due to these retaliatory attacks called "justice," the entire world mourns this tragic loss of life.

Even at present, North Korea's escalation of its nuclear and missile tests has provoked a tense situation between the U.S. and North Korea. If either side veers out of control, a terrible war could be triggered in retaliation. And because we are experiencing a growing sense of anxiety and fear every day, we should once again contemplate the best way to achieve world peace while remembering the words of Shinran Shonin: "May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world!"

When considering this problem, I cannot help but remember the life of Shinran's teacher, Honen Shonin. Honen was born of Samurai stock in Okayama Prefecture in 1133. One terrible night when he was just nine years old, his father was attacked right before his eyes. On his deathbed, struggling for every breath, his father told his crying son, "Don't hold a grudge against the enemy. If you kill my enemy in revenge, his child will surely come to kill you. Revenge only causes more revenge and will never end. So I want you to give up such sorrowful acts and seek a way both enemy and friend will be saved."

The idea of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" was absent from his father's last words. The Buddhist idea of equality – in which both the attacker and the one who is attacked experience the same suffering – lives in his message. Honen deeply understood his father's heartrending thought: "Simply killing each other doesn't solve anything and is only the repetition of tragedy." That is when Honen became a monk, wishing for world peace.

It is human nature that, if a family member is attacked by someone else, we all want to get even with him and make him suffer the way our loved one suffered. It is natural for bereaved family members to react like that. But were we to be attacked like Honen's father was, we might also say to our child, as he had, "Do not hold a grudge against the enemy." If I put myself in the same situation, I might realize that should my child kill my enemy in revenge, then my enemy's child will surely come to kill my son. Realizing this, I could never ask my child to avenge me. Instead I might wish my child to set aside the grudge so that the repetition of the tragedy would come to an end, so instead, my child could live peacefully and calmly. This shows a very sincere wish of parents for their children. It is also the practice of compassion. For these reasons, it is very important for us to become aware of the loving wish directed at each one of us by the dying.

It is said that Honen led a life of hardship full of obstacles including Nembutsu oppression and persecution by the powerful. But Honen simply said, "If you are forbidden to recite the Nembutsu, recite it in your mind. Nobody can control the Nembutsu in our minds." Thus, he embraced the Nembutsu teaching even more devoutly than anybody else. In following the will of his father and without holding a grudge against anybody, he practiced a calm way of life until his last moment.

Genza, who is respected among Jodo Shinshu followers as a Myokonin (superior Nembutsu person), said, "I have caused others to endure." The spirit that says, "I always endure," shows an arrogant way of living, blaming others and quite capable of taking others lives. However, the spirit that says, "I have caused others to endure, I am forgiven by others," shows the way of living without a reason to fight. I believe that this is the position of the Nembutsu person living for the true teaching. This spirit is the true way of Nembutsu, which doesn't justify one's misdeeds, nor does one blame others for them.

I believe that the first step towards the true way of peace is realizing our foolishness in always blaming others. Instead, reflect upon ourselves through the light of Amida Buddha's wisdom.

In the Dharma-phrase Sutra, there is a saying by Sakyamuni Buddha: "Grudges will never be suppressed by grudges. Only letting go of grudges will suppress them." Although it is extremely difficult for us to let go of grudges, I sincerely hope that with the Nembutsu as our mind's mirror, we will have a New Year filled with the mind of compassion that accepts one another and wishes for the other's happiness. I believe that, by going beyond grudges, we can create an ultimate world of peace and tranquility in which all people can respect and love each other.

In Gassho,

BWA Actiities

SHINNEN AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ESHINNIKO SERVICE

BWA extends their gratitude to **Rev. Kenji Akahoshi** of San Diego Buddhist Temple for being our guest speaker at our Eshinniko Service.

THANK YOU

It is with deep gratitude that we thank the Sangha for all your support. We thank you for your support and generosity for our Dana request to support our Temple youth groups and our Udon Fundraiser.

UDON FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the BWA members for their hard work, who gave their time to prepare the food for the Udon Fundraiser. A special thank you to Brad Takasuka, Bob Imai and Jeff Sato for cooking the udon. We appreciate and like to thank **Lorrie Kitasoe**, **Shirley Matsumoto**, **Tom Tamaru** and **Paul Nakagawa** for helping on both days of preparation, even coming in at 5:00 am on Sunday!

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully accepted:

Rev. and Mrs. Laverne Sasaki
Mrs. Joyce Terao
Ms. Lenni Terao

In memory of ***Mother,***
Mrs. Tatsuko Adachi
Janie Adachi-Yamaguma
Larry and Barbara Utsurogi
Jeff Adachi

In memory of ***Mother,***
Mrs. Frances Tsukagawa
Dennis & Rumbo Tsukagawa

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. January 13, 2018, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall Board Room

Buddhist Women's Association

Miroku

SUNDAY SERVICE

On Sunday, December 3, 2017, Miroku chaired the service in observance of Shotsuki Hoyo and Bodhi Day.

GENERAL MEETING

After the Dharma School that same day, a general meeting was held. During the meeting members finalized the Miroku Google Hangouts communication platform, so they could more easily communicate and share with one another.

The members continued their discussion on what type of community service project they would like to take part in. They are considering participation in a "Downtown Streets" Donation Drive or a local clean-up event, and are continuing to look into other organizations that need help after the holidays.

The members continued discussions about what kind of fun activity the members would like to do. Possible activities included seeing a movie (Star Wars Last Jedi, Thor Ragnarok, Avengers Infinity War, etc.), going to an amusement park (when it gets warmer), or attending a judo competition or diving competition that fellow members participate in.

PARENT ADVISORS

The parent advisors are continuing to collect membership forms. While no other parent has formally signed on to be an advisor, there are several parents who attend the meetings with their kids and help out. Finally, the duty of taking meeting minutes has been handed down to one of the attending members (with the assistance of a parent).

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

MIROKU

middle school group

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一八年一月法話
― 怨みからはなれる ―

駐在開教使 向嶋諦史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。旧年中はご門徒の皆様には本当に温かいご厚情を寄せて頂き、ご支援ご協力を賜りました事、誠に有難く心から厚く御礼申し上げます。本年も宜しくお願いいたします。

さて、皆さんご存知のように、「目には目を、歯には歯を」という有名な言葉があります。これは、ハンムラビ法典の教えで、誰かを傷つけた場合、加害者への罰は同程度のものでなければならないという意味です。もともとこの報復法は、イスラエル地方の砂漠で遊牧生活を送っていた人々が、厳しい生活環境の中で、他民族との争いに勝ち残る為に、目をくりぬかれたら報復に相手の目をくりぬき、歯を抜かれたら相手の歯を抜くといった遊牧民社会の伝統に拠るものであると言われています。当時、この報復法は、過酷な環境の中で生き残るために必要な教えだったと言えます。しかし、残念ながら、こうした報復主義的行為は、文化が発達し、経済的にも豊かになった今日でもなお色濃く残っています。

二〇〇一年に同時多発テロが発生して以来、アフガニスタンへの報復攻撃をはじめ、アメリカはイラクやシリアに軍事介入し、それに対抗する勢力が世界各国で報復テロを頻発させています。正義という名の復讐攻撃で、何の罪のない数多くの尊い生命が奪われ、世界中が悲嘆にくれています。更に、現在、北朝鮮の核開発とミサイル発射実験などの挑発行為からアメリカと今までにないほどの緊張状態が続いています。どちらかが暴走すれば、報復攻撃として悲惨な戦争が始まってしまいます。落ち着かない日が続きますが、今一度、「世の中安穏なれ」という親鸞聖人のお言葉を思い出して、真の世界平和について深く考えていかなくてはなりません。

私は、その事について考える度に、親鸞聖人の師である、法然上人のご生涯を思い出さずにはいられません。法然上人がわずか九歳の頃、目の前で父親が夜討ちを受けて殺されてしまいました。父親は息を引き取る前に、泣き叫ぶ上人に対して苦しい息の下から「敵を恨むな、そなたが、この父の敵を打てば、その子は、そなたを仇とねらうであろう。このようにして仇は仇をよび、絶える事はあるまい。そなたはどうぞ、この悲しい人間の業を経ち切ってくれ。そして、敵も味方も共に救われていく道を求めてくれ」と言い残して世を去られました。

法然上人の父親が残された言葉には、「目には目を」という思想も、仇討ちという思想もありません。討つ方も、討たれる方も、共に人間としての苦悩を背負ったもの同士であるという、仏教の平等の思想が生きています。「殺し合う事だけでは何の解決にもならない。悲しみを繰り返すだけだ」という父親の悲痛な想いを悟った上人は争いのない平和な世界を願い出家されました。

もし、自分の家族が誰かに襲われたならば、相手に復讐して同じような苦しみを味わわせてやりたいと思う気持ちは誰にでもあります。それは、ごく自然であり、残された家族の悲痛な感情だと思います。しかし、もし私達が法然上人のお父様の立場であったならば、私達も同じように、我が子に対して「敵を恨むな」という言葉を残すのではないでしょうか。我が子が敵を打てば、今度は敵の子が、我が子のいのちを狙いに来ると知っていれば、我が子に仇討ちを頼む事など決してできません。また、それ以上に、恨みを乗り越えることによって、報復という悲劇の繰り返しに終止符を打ち、平穏で豊かな生活を送ってもらいたいというのが残していく家族や子供に対する切なる願いではないでしょうか。これこそが、我が子に対する真の親の願いであり、慈悲の実践だと思います。ですから、私達一人ひとりに向けられている亡き人の願いに気づくことが何よりも大切なことなのです。

法然上人のご生涯は、権力者からの念仏弾圧や迫害などといった多くの障害を抱えた苦難の道でありました。しかし、上人は「口で念仏を称えることを禁じられれば、心で称えよ、心の念仏までとりしまることはできまい」と言われるほど、誰よりも深い信仰の生活を送られ、父親の遺言通り、恨みの念を抱くことなく最期まで穏やかな生き方を実践されました。

妙好人として有名な源左さんは、「世間さまにこらえてもろうてます」と言われたそうです。「こらえてやる」というのは、他を責め、他のいのちまで奪いかねない傲慢な生き方です。しかし、「こらえてもろうてます」という生き方は、争いようがありません。この言葉にこそ、自己を正義化せず、相手を責めないという真の教えに生きる念仏者の姿があるのです。

阿弥陀仏の智慧に照らされ、他を責めてやまないという己の愚かさに頭を垂れて、罪を作りつづける己であったことに慚愧することが、真の世界平和への第一歩なのではないでしょうか。

『法句経』に、「怨みは怨みによっては決して鎮まらない。怨みをはなれてこそ鎮まるのである」というお釈迦さまの教えがあります。怨みを捨てることは至難の業ですが、お念仏を心の鏡として、互いの存在を認め合い、互いの幸せを願っていける慈悲の心に満ちた年にしたいものです。怨みを乗り越えたところに互いに敬い合える究極の安穏の世界があると信じています。

YBA Activities

SPAGHETTI DINNER

YBA's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo fundraiser is right around the corner! Please save the date for **Saturday, February 10**. We hope to see everyone there, and thank you in advance for all of your support!

CENTRAL CAL JR. YBA CONFERENCE

YBA attended the Central Cal Jr. YBA Conference at the Fresno Buddhist Temple (Family Dharma Center) on November 11. All of the attendees, especially our freshman, had an amazing time, from the workshops all the way to the dance. Mountain View was awarded second place in the talent show for our skit to the opening theme song of the hit TV sitcom, Friends. Congratulations YBA!

HOLIDAY PARTY

With the stress of finals off our shoulders, YBA had a super fun and festive party on December 15 to kick off the holidays. The attendees exchanged white elephant gifts, made their own holiday renditions of gathas, and watched a movie while enjoying Chinese takeout.

In Gassho,
Maddie Matsumoto
2017 - 2018 YBA President

MVYBA at CC Jr. YBA Conference

150 Club News

Our December Winners!

Our month of December winner is **Miyo Takegami**.

Our 2017 Grand Prize winners are **Bob and Ida Fujii**.

Congratulations to our winners and wishing you the very best New Year!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
JAN	Zones 11 & 12	N/A	N/A
FEB	Zones 13 & 1	Jan 12 (Fri)	Jan 17 (Wed)
MAR	Zones 2 & 3	Feb 16 (Fri)	Feb 21 (Wed)

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This will provide time to layout and production. Thank you.

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

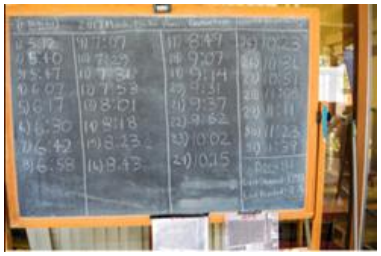
2017 Mochi Tsuki — Pounded & Made Over 2,300 lbs

Domo Arigato to everyone who supported the annual event by making and buying Mochi. Because of all of you helping out for this important cultural event, we were able to finish early and yet still produced almost 2,300 lbs of Mochi.

Zone 9 is indebted to you and want to give you are heart felt gratitude for all your efforts. Thank you!

For those that miss ordering or need more Mochi, you can purchase it through the Temple Office. Have a Very Happy New Year!

In Gassho
Zone 9
Mochi Tsuki Committee



Dharma School News

NEW 2017-2018 DHARMA SCHOOL STUDENTS

This month, Dharma School introduced its new students at the December 3 service.

They are …

Preschool
- Avery Chu
- Ella Colin
- Sydney Eng

Kindergarten
- Andrew Parkison

First Grade
- Sophia Eng

2nd Grade
- Kiyomi Selaya

High School
- Elise Corwin
- Olivia Corwin
- Chloe Lim
- Katie Yasuda

MOCHI TSUKI

Finally, a big thank you to all the Dharma School parents and students who helped out at the December 10th Mochi Tsuki and the December 17th Osoji (Temple clean-up).

TAIKO FUNDRAISER

MVBT Taiko will be coordinating a take-out lunch fundraiser with Island Grinds on Sunday, February 4. Enjoy hot ramen or a delicious poke bowl after service! Lunches will be pre-order and take-out only, and pick-up will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in Sangha Hall. Please mark your calendar! Order forms will be distributed at Sunday Service on January 7.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season! See you in the new year!

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

DONATIONS

Donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Steve and Reiko Tsuchida
Sydney Eng's Birthday

New 2017—2018 Students

November Birthday

Dharma School

Komochi for Sale

$4 per 1-lb pkg

Contact the Temple Office
M-F, 10 AM – 2 PM

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

MOTHER-DAUGHTER ICE SKATING

Several of our members attended a "Mother-Daughter Ice Skating" event on December 1 and 2 at the Winter Lodge Ice Rink in Palo Alto. Attendees brought essential items that were donated to a women's charity group. The girls all had an amazing time.

CRAFTAPALOOZA

The four Cadettes spent many meetings making necklaces, soaps and bath bombs to sell at the NorCal Girl Scouts Craftapalooza event in December. The Cadettes also supported a free activity booth where they taught other girl scouts how to make yarn monsters. Both the sales and activity booth were highly popular and busy all day.

By participating in Craftapalooza, the girls gain experience running a small business: deciding what to make, pricing products, and selling to customers.

Mother-Daughter Ice Skating

Craftapalooza

Dues & Donations Committee

Welcome the New Year at MVBT's first-ever

SAKE SOCIAL

Come join us for 12 different sake tastings chosen by our very own sake sommelier, Loreen Ellsbury (Japanese Sake Service Institute Certified). Learn about the different types of sake and simple food parings. Sake will be served by members of Jun Daiko.

Friday, January 19, 2018
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA Hall
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

COST:
$30 for MVBT Members
$40 for Non-members
FREE for New Members joining in 2018
(all guests must be age 21 or over)

Purchase tickets online at: tinyurl.com/mvbtsake Deadline: Monday January 15th
Sponsored by the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dues & Donations Committee

ABA News

ABA News

MOCHI TSUKI

Thanks to the ABA members who helped with the Mochi Tsuki. Congratulations to ABA member, Glenn Kitasoe, for chairing another successful fundraising event.

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

ABA will host the Dharma services on January 7 and 21.

ABA CABINET

The 2018 ABA cabinet will be installed at the January 28 Sunday Service. Thanks to the cabinet for their assistance and continued support of MVBT.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

ABA will welcome the Year of the Dog at our annual New Year's Dinner at Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline on Saturday, February 3. Dinner, games, line dancing and karaoke! If you're interested in attending, please contact Kathy Fujii at kathyfujii@comcast.net. The deadline is January 20.

DONATIONS

Big Thank-Yous to the following ABA members who have donated to the organization in 2017. (Beginning in the February ECHO, donations will be acknowledged on a monthly basis.)

Don Fukuma
ABA Memorial.....
Meet and Greet.....

Mel and Audrey Inouye
Recovery from Surgery .
ABA Memorial .....
Special Donation .....

Sterling and Joanne Makishima
Granddaughter's 1st Birthday .....
New Year's Dinner Donation .....

Marie Ochi Jacobs
Thank You Donation .....

Irving and Marilyn Ozawa
Recovery from Surgery ....

Norm and Adele Sato
Birth of Grandson.....

Jean Shimoguchi
ABA Memorial Service .....

Tom and Joyce Tamura
ABA Memorial Service .....

Steve and Reiko Tsuchida
ABA Memorial Service .....
Birth of Grandson.....

Min and Ann Uyehara
Recovery from Surgery ....

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

ABA members helping at Mochi Tsuki

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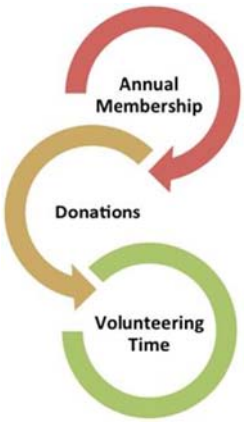

2018 MVBT Dues Increase

The 2018 MVBT membership dues will increase to $300 per member and $600 per family. This increase is needed to cover the Buddhist Churches of America's (BCA's) assessment increase for each MVBT member for 2018. In October 2017, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Board of Directors approved this increase.

Why must our MVBT dues increase?

The 2018 BCA Assessment increased for MVBT and all BCA Temples. In 2018, the MVBT will be paying the BCA $20 more per member. Since 2014 – the last MVBT dues increase – the BCA assessment has increased a total of $28 per member. Additional information will be included in your 2018 Dues Notice.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

In Gassho,
Dues & Donations Committee

Senior Activities & Crafts

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Resumes Thursday, January 11

Seniors Activity Group

LOST & FOUND

A silver grey down Jacket was taken from the Sangha Hall kitchen closet between November 16 and November 19. If it was taken by mistake, please return it to the Sangha Hall kitchen closet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11, Thursday. The Senior Program will resume on this date. This will give you all extra time for the recuperation after the busy holidays. Again mark this date.

January 18, Thursday. We will have **Sandy Wong** demonstrating hands-on about Reiki. She will educate us on Universal Life Energy. Please join us for lunch and learn about Reiki. Lunch at 11:30 am and the presentation at 12:30 pm.

February 15, Thursday. We will have **Sterling Makishima**, our Temple President, speak to our Senior Group about "scam." We can't have enough information given to the many different scams going on. They seem to attack the seniors and make them the victim. Let us be aware. Please plan to join us, with lunch included. Mark this date on your calendar.

March 15, Thursday. We will have movie time.

April 18, Wednesday. A day trip to Cache Creek Casino is planned. Mark this date on your calendar and don't be left out. More information will be provided. Sign up begins on February 1.

May 16, Wednesday. We have rescheduled the Angel Island Trip with **Doug McConnell**. Please mark these dates on your calendar to enjoy these fun activities planned for you. Sign up begin on March 1. More information will be provided.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Senior Cook Book is still available in the Temple office or from any of the committee member. A perfect gift for the coming holiday, the person that has everything. Price: $18.

SENIOR CRAFTS

December 3, Sunday. We had a very successful Senior Boutique on December 3. Thank you to **Toshiko Uyehara** for chairing this event and her many helpers. Thank you also goes to many that donated their time and energy that supported this program by making many crafts and projects. All the many donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you all for supporting our Senior Boutique.

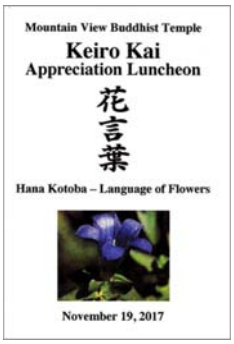
SENIOR HOURS

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

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2017 Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon



Our MVBT Keiros enjoyed being honored at this year's Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon with delicious bentos, beautiful flower cupcakes, a fun Sing-Along and a special Taiko performance by Jun Daiko.

Mrs. Ryo Shishido was also recognized for celebrating her 100th birthday.

We would like to thank all the Temple affiliated organizations for all of their help and support. And, thank you for the many donations. An extra special thank you to our Master of Ceremony, Mike Inouye; Cupcake Artisan, Rob Imai; and Taiko Artists Extraordinaire, Jun Daiko.

In Gassho,
Zone 6
Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon Committee

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JANUARY

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

January 7, 2018

10:00 am

January Shotsuki Hoyo

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 **January** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Ronald Asada	**Tamaye Ishikawa**	**Tsuyako Osaki**
Tsuyuko Virginia Asada	**Shirlee Ishimaru**	**John Saito**
Ichiro Endo	**Ronald Iyemura**	**Karen Sakae**
Shigeko Betty Fujii	**Itsuyo Kato**	**Doris Sakai**
Tomizo Furuichi	**Katsuko Kochi**	**Shinajiro Satake**
Yoshiye Furuichi	**Muneo Masaki**	**Larry Shimamoto**
Yasuko Betty Furusho	**BettyJane Masukawa**	**Tomoye Shimamoto**
Hidemi Furuzawa	**Joe Matsumoto**	**Tom Sugimoto**
Mary Hiramoto	**Tsuya Nagasaki**	**Shig Tachibana**
Kiyoye Hirano	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Linda Takahashi**
Tom Hirano	**Misao Nakano**	**Shinsaburo Togashi**
Frank Hirohata	**Yashichi Nakano**	**Yoshimitsu Tokutomi**
Alan Hoshi	**Sylvia Nara**	**Thomas Tsukamoto**
Masaburo Hoshi	**Kisaye Nishimoto**	**Yoshio Yamaguchi**
Kiyoko Inamori	**Katsumi Nishimura**	**Yumi Yoneda**
Setsuko Sara Ikeuye	**June Okino**	**James Yoshino**
Grace Ishii	**Brad Okuno**	**Ben Yoshizumi**
Minoru Ishii	**Satoru Okuno**	**Henry Yusa**

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.

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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.

2018 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2017	3rd Year Memorial	2016	7th Year Memorial	2012
13th Year Memorial	2006	17th Year Memorial	2002	25th Year Memorial	1994
27th Year Memorial	1992	33rd Year Memorial	1986	50th Year Memorial	1969

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10am - Sunday Service 11am - Temple General 12pm - Dharma School 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	29 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	30 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	31 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	1 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	2	3
4 10am - Dharma School 10am - Shotsuki Hoyo 12pm - Miroku @ YBA 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 12pm - YBA General	5 6:30pm - Girl Scouts @ 7pm - Tannisho Study	6 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	7 6pm - Boy Scouts - 7:30pm - Temple Choir	8 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 6:30pm - Girl Scouts - 7pm - Dharma School	9 6pm - YBA Spaghetti 7pm - ABA General 7:30pm - Fuji Club @	10 YBA Spaghetti Dinner
11 10am - Nirvana Day/Pet 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	12 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	13 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	14 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Board 7:30pm - Temple Choir	15 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	16	17 9am - BWA Meeting @
18 10am - Scout Sunday 12pm - Taiko - Kids @	19 11am - Senior Group 6:30pm - Girl Scouts @	20 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	21 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	22 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 6:30pm - Girl Scouts -	23 BCA National Council Meeting	24
25 BCA National Council 10am - Sunday Service 12pm - Taiko - Kids @ 1pm - CDYBL Meeting	26 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:30pm - RPC Meeting	27 6pm - Taiko - Adults @ 7pm - Cub Scouts @	28 7pm - Boy Scouts Troop 7:30pm - Temple Choir	1 8am - Senior Activities 6pm - Taiko - Adults @	2	3 8am - Boy Scouts - JLTC 3pm - Girl Scouts

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Upcoming Events

February 4, 2018, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

February 10, 2018, Saturday
YBA Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Fundraiser

February 11, 2018, Sunday
Nirvana Day

February 18, 2018, Sunday
Boy & Cub Scout Sunday

February 23-25, 2018, Sunday
BCA National Council Meeeting

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