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March Highlights

- ***3/4 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***3/5 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***3/11 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Girl Scout Sunday Service
- ***3/14 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***3/18 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Spring O-higan Service
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Kurt Rye,
  Placer Buddhist Church
- ***3/18 Sun, 1:00 pm***
  Spring O-higan Seminar

Living Like A Pure White Lotus

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

As you may know, the lotus flower appears in many Buddhist scriptures. Above all, it is described in the "Sutra of Contemplation on the Buddha of Infinite Life," an important work in Jodo Shinshu. In this Sutra, Sakyamuni Buddha says, *"Know that those who are mindful of the Buddha (recite the Nembutsu) are like a pure white lotus flower among people; Bodhisattvas Avalokiteśvara and Mahāsthāmaprāpta will become their good friends. They will sit in the place of enlightenment and be born in the Pure Land of Amida Buddha, the house of all Buddhas."*

Shinran Shonin also praises the Nembutsu follower in his writing, "Shoshin-Ge": *"All foolish beings, whether good or evil, on hearing and entrusting to Amida's universal Vow, are praised by the Buddha as people of vast and excellent understanding. Such a person is called a pure white lotus."*

As everyone knows, the lotus is the symbol of Buddhism. In many statues or portraits, the Buddha and Bodhisattva are depicted standing or seated on a dais in the shape of a lotus.

Do you know why the lotus symbolizes Buddhism? Actually, the lotus cannot grow in a clear stream. It pushes its buds up out of the stagnant mud. The buds

grow, spreading large, green, wheel-like leaves among which the beautiful flower elegantly blooms. Re-

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ALL TEMPLE ACTIVITIES ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, ARE CANCELLED

FOR YOUR SAFETY, STAY AWAY FROM THE TEMPLE

All MVBT activities during the day and evening are cancelled.
This includes the Temple office.

Ann Coulter is scheduled to speak at the Liberty Forum of Silicon Valley at the IFES Portuguese Hall located on Stierlin Road across the street from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm. Because of possible protests and for your safety, all day and evening activities on this day at the Temple are cancelled.

The Mountain View Police Department will use the Temple grounds as their command post.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**2**	**3** 8:00 am Boy Scouts - JLTC Training 3:00 pm Girl Scouts Father Daughter Dance
4 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor and BBQ 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids (Cancelled) 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting	**5** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**6** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**7** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**8** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Padma class 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**9** 7:00 pm ABA General Meeting 7:30 pm Fuji Club	**10** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
11 10:00 am Girl Scout Sunday & Dharma School 11:00 am YBA Parent Meeting 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**12**	**13** OFFICE CLOSED All activities cancelled	**14** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**15** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**16** CDBWL Conference Prep 5:00 pm Girl Scouts	**17** CDBWL Conference 3:00 pm YBA 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
18 7:30 am Girl Scouts (Seniors) 10:00 am Spring O-higan Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Spring Ohigan Seminar (1:00 - 3:00 pm) 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 3:00 pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	**19** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**20** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**21** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**22** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Padma class 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**23**	**24**
25 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Dharma School Teacher's Meeting 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**26** 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**27** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**28** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**29** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**30** 9:00 am BWA Chirashi Prep	**31** 12:00 pm Boy Scouts ECH

Religious Planning — March 2018

March 4, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am **Japanese Language Service**

March 5, 2018, 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.

March 11, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Girl Scout Sunday Service

Dharma Talk by the Girl Scouts

March 18, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Spring O-higan Service

Spring O-higan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the spring on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Kurt Rye,** resident minister of the Placer Buddhist Temple

Awards Presentation: The Girl Scout Padma awards presented during the Service

1:00 - 4:00 pm **Spring O-higan Seminar**

March 25, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

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**

Spring Ohigan Service – Sunday, March 18 at 10:00 am

Higan-e is a service held twice a year, at the spring and fall equinox. The equinox is when the weather is mild, not too hot and not too cold, and when nature is in harmony. Thus it is a time for reflection and meditation on this harmony in one's own spiritual life.

Higan is a word that means "the other shore" of Enlightenment. The Higan season should be used to reflect on the path of understanding the Six Paramitas (Perfections). The **Six Paramitas** are:

Rev. Kurt Rye

Dana (giving)

Sila (behavior or discipline)

Kisanti (patience)

Virya (endeavor)

Dhyana (meditation), and

Prajna (wisdom)

For this special service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will have as the guest speaker **Rev. Kurt Rye**, the resident minister of

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Living Like A Pure White Lotus (cont'd)

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markably, the blossom is not stained with a single speck of mud. **Though rooted in muck, the flower blooms beautifully without being dirty. Such a noble pose encourages us who are covered with the mud of blind passions to seek the way to enlightenment.** That is why Buddhists apply significance to the lotus and why we have made this precious flower a Buddhist symbol.

We, human beings live in "the world of defilement" filled with the mud of selfishness. There are some people who justify their muddy state and neglect their own life as if to say, "Because we are all foolish beings full of blind passions, there is no sense in whatever we do!" Unfortunately, these people are like lotus flowers covered with mud.

Then there are some who might think, "We must not have a greedy, angry mind. If we don't rid ourselves of all our blind passions, the world of enlightenment will never open to us." I think that they believe a lotus flower can only bloom in a clear stream.

However, if we were to remove all selfishness, we couldn't survive even for one day. Nobody can live unless rooted in the mud. Shinran Shonin never said, "You must give up your self-centered passions!" On the contrary, he said, "You should accept your polluted mind just as it is because we cannot eliminate it." **He teaches us a way to live even with the burden of our blind passions.**

There are two aspects of thinking in Buddhism. They are Buddhism of Elimination and Buddhism of Transformation.

The greedy or angry mind sullies our lives, so in order to attain Buddhahood, we have to give up all evil passions. This way of thinking is called Buddhism of Elimination.

Buddhism of Transformation is symbolized by the lotus flower in the mud. It is natural for a plant grown in the mud to emerge muddy but the lotus accepts its circumstances and blooms elegantly. When we closely observe its beautiful flower, we realize that mud is essential for its existence. It cannot bloom in clear, spring water. It is an amazing world in which the lotus blooms so beautifully because of the mud. Therefore, the mud that should be removed becomes the mud that we must not remove. Buddhism of Transformation encourages us to transform our delusional mind to attain Buddhahood. This concept goes beyond the Buddhism of Elimination.

Although we live in a world polluted with blind passions, if we sincerely want to make a flower bloom in this mud, we must sincerely embrace the great compassion of Amida Buddha.

Certainly, as Nembutsu followers we are just ordinary people who are continually confused by our own selfish motivations. However, we have a true awareness and deep reflection that we are standing in deep mud. Therefore, we are neither drowning in the mud nor are we stained by it. Although our thoughts may be muddied, we awake and rejoice in the fact that the lotus flower – namely, Amida Buddha's great compassion – can take root in our minds precisely because of this mud. This is the Buddhism of Transformation taught by Shinran Shonin.

We shouldn't be dismissive, saying, "Oh, well, this is the world of defilements." As a positive action for our imperfect selves and our polluted world, it is most important as a Nembutsu follower to choose the way of life that never forgets our innate modesty and always extends our respect, loving kindness, and gratitude to others.

Although we live in mud, when we truly entrust ourselves to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha and truly rejoice at his compassion, we are just like the pure white lotus that Sakyamuni Buddha and Shinran praised. I sincerely hope each one of us will view ourselves as a pure white lotus and live a fruitful life with the deepest feeling of gratitude, reciting the Nembutsu.

In Gassho,

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"You must give up your self-centered passions!"

On the contrary, he said,

"You should accept your polluted mind just as it is because we cannot eliminate it."

2018 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Board of Directors

2017 MVBT Board of Directors

Congratulations to the 2018 MVBT Board of Directors, who were installed during the Sunday Service on January 29.

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Sterling Makishima

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MVBT 2018 Board of Directors:

Spring Ohigan Service (cont'd)

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the Placer Buddhist Church.

Rev. Kurt Rye was born in Anchorage, Alaska, but his early years were spent in the Washington, D.C. metro area. He moved to Washington state in high school and graduated with a B.A. in psychology from Evergreen State College in 1985. He started his career working with the chronically mentally ill population in Seattle. He then moved to Japan and for four years, taught English in Tokyo, where he was exposed to Buddhism. He attended the English Buddhist Academy in Tokyo and had the opportunity to take several courses on Japanese Buddhism at Taisho University.

Upon his return to Seattle, he became an active member of the Seattle Betsuin under the guidance of Rev. Don Castro. During this period, he managed a housing program for homeless clients with mental illness to help them become stable and move on to more permanent housing.

In the fall of 2003, he received his Tokudo ordination and started attending the Institute for Buddhist Studies (IBS) in January of 2004. He graduated in the fall of 2007, received his Kyoshi certification in December 2007, and his Kaikyoshi certification in April 2009. He joined the Fresno Betsuin as an associate minister in April 2008. In January 2013, he transferred to the Ekoji Temple. In September 2015, he became the resident minister at the Placer Buddhist Church.

Please join the Sangha at this special service.

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一八年三月法話
― 白蓮華のように ―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

皆さんもご存知の通り、蓮の花は仏教経典の中に数多くでてまいります。その中でも、浄土真宗で大切にしている『仏説観無量寿経』の中で、お釈迦さまは次のようにおっしゃっておられます。「もし、ここに念仏するものがあるならば、その人こそ、まことに人々の中で白蓮華ともたたえられる尊い人であると知るがよい。それゆえ、観音、勢至の二菩薩は、その人の為にすぐれた友となってくださる。そこで、その人は、諸仏の家である阿弥陀仏の浄土に生まれて、かならず成仏するのである」と。また、親鸞聖人も『正信偈』の中で、「善人も、悪人も、どのような人達であっても、阿弥陀仏の本願を信じれば、その人はすぐれた智慧を得たものであり、汚れのない白い蓮の華のようである」と念仏者を讃えておられます。

言うまでもなく、蓮の花は仏教の象徴の花とされ、仏さまや菩薩さまのほとんどは、この蓮台の上におられます。では何故、この蓮の花を仏教ではシンボルの花とするのか皆さんはご存知でしょうか？

実は、蓮は清流の中では育ちません。よどんだ泥沼の中、汚い泥の中から芽を出します。芽は伸び、大きな青い葉を広げ、そうして、優雅な花を咲かせます。そこには一点の泥も染まっていません。泥土の中に育ちながら、しかも泥土に染まらず美しい花を咲かせる。そのような尊い生き方は、煩悩の泥にまみれた私達人間に、悟りの道を歩もうと願う心を駆り立ててくれます。ですから、私達は、この蓮華の美しさの中に仏教の象徴的意義を見出して、仏教の代表的な尊い華とするのです。

私達は、煩悩という泥にまみれた「濁りの世界」を生きていますが、「どうせ死ぬまで煩悩具足の凡夫なのだから、何をやっても意味がない」と、自己の泥（煩悩）を肯定し、仕方がないと投げやりな人生を歩むようであれば、その人は泥の中にあって泥に染まってしまった人といえるでしょう。

また、「欲や怒りの心を起こしてはならない。全ての泥をなくさないことには悟りの世界は開かれない」という人がいますが、こうした人達は、清流の中にこそ、蓮の花が育つと思っている人といえます。

しかし、あらゆる我欲を離れたら、私のいのちは一日として保つことはできません。泥の中でないと、私達は一人として生きていけないのです。ですから親鸞聖人は「煩悩を捨てよ！絶て！」と教えられるどころか、「絶てないものはそのまま引き受けよ」と、煩悩をしょって立つ生き方を教えて下さっているのです。ここに「断の仏教」と「転の仏教」があるのです。

欲や怒りなどといった心は私達の人生そのものを汚すものであるから、迷いの根源である煩悩を断とうとする考え方―これを「断の仏教」、つまり、煩悩を断って助かる仏教をいいます。

それに対して、「転の仏教」というのは、煩悩を断つという発想を超えています。これがまさに「蓮」と「泥」で表現されているのです。泥の中で育つ蓮の花は、泥色に染まって当然なのですが、あらゆる条件を受け入れながらも泥に染まらないように真摯にひたむきに生きてきた結果、あのような美しい蓮の花が咲くのです。けれど美しい蓮の花を咲かせてみたら、あの泥はなくてはならないものだったのです。清流では決して咲かせることのできない、あの泥があってこその世界なのです。ですから、捨てるべき泥が決して捨ててはならない泥になるのです。この発想を煩悩を転じて助かる仏教といいます。

私達は煩悩の渦巻く濁りの世界に身を沈めていますが、この泥中から、美しい蓮の花を咲かせるためには、阿弥陀仏の大いなるご本願を仰ぐ身とならねばなりません。

念仏者は確かに煩悩具足の凡夫であり、深い泥の中にいます。しかし、念仏者は、泥の中に生きているという深い自覚と反省があります。それは決して、泥の中に溺れ染まっているのではありません。泥の中にありながら、泥だらけの私の中にこそ、蓮の花（阿弥陀仏の慈悲）は根をおろして下さっているという喜びがあるのです。これこそ、親鸞聖人がおっしゃる「転の仏教」なのです。

そして、どうせこの世は、濁りの世であるからと、投げやりになるのではなく、「濁りの身、濁りの世」への積極的な働きとして、内においては慎みの心を忘れず、他に向かっては、敬いの心、慈しみの心、感謝の心を大切にするという念仏者としての人生を歩むことが最も大切なことなのです。

泥の中にあって阿弥陀仏のご本願を仰ぎ、そのおはたらきの中で生かされている我が身を喜ばせて頂く念仏者として、私達一人ひとりが、お釈迦さまや親鸞聖人が讃えられた「白蓮華」であることを誇りに、報恩感謝のお念仏と共に豊かな人生を歩ませて頂きたいと切に願っております。

BWA Actiities

BWA gave Dana gifts to all the Temple Youth Groups during the Sunday Service on January 21, 2018. Because of the generosity of the Sangha, we were able to give more to the groups. Our heartfelt "Thank you to all!"

At the Sunday Service on January 28, our 2018 BWA Cabinet was installed. The cabinet members are:

President
Reiko Murakami

Vice President
Mitsue Fukuda

Recording Secretary
Marie Ochi-Jacobs

Corresponding Secretaries
Taye Kurashige
Miyo Takegami

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Joan Aoki

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Carolyn Sakae

Historian
Kimi Nishimura

Official Delegates
Reiko Murakami
Toshiko Uyehara

CD BWL CONFERENCE

We are very busy and working hard preparing for the 58th Coast District Buddhist Women's League Conference to be held here at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple on Saturday, March 17, 2018. We are truly thankful and fortunate that the ABA and Temple members are providing us with manpower.

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. March 10, 2018, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

MVBT BWA 2018 Cabinet:

Buddhist Women's Association

150 Club News

Our winner for the month of February is **Tad Nakagawa**.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
MAR	Zones 2 & 3	N / A	N / A
APR	Zones 4 & 5	Mar 16 (Fri)	Mar 21 (Wed)
MAY	Zones 6 & 7	Apr 13 (Fri)	Apr 18 (Wed)

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

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

ABA News

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NEW YEAR'S DINNER

On February 3, ABA held our annual New Year's Dinner at Michael's Restaurant to welcome the Year of the Dog. As always, the evening was full of fun, but we missed Sensei and his family who were home ill. Entertainment included line dancing, a sing-along and "create a cheer" where groups were assigned a sports team or musical and asked to craft a cheer. A male leader for each group was given a decorative outer costume to wear while leading the cheer. **Rah, rah, rah!!** Thanks to **Kathy Fujii** and **Eileen Fujikawa** for organizing another successful evening.

2018 CABINET

At the Sunday Service on January 28, the 2018 ABA Cabinet was installed. A special thanks to these dedicated people who continue to lead the ABA as we support MVBT and the Dharma.

President
Jean Shimoguchi

Vice President
Ken Nakano

Recording Secretary
Lois Okino

Asst Recording Secretary
Shirley Matsumoto

Corresponding Secretary
Ann Uyehara

Asst Corresponding Secretary
Marilyn Ozawa

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Toshiko Uyehara

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Alice Ishida &
Judy Nakano

Membership Chairperson
Reiko Tsuchida

Asst Membership Chairperson
Mieko Nakano

Hospitality Chairperson
Joanne Makishima

Advisors
Rev. Yushi Mukojima &
Sterling Makishima

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With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

2018 ABA CABINET

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

Robert Takashi Hoshi ***Nov 16, 1935 – Jan 9, 2018***

George Haruo Nakano ***Feb 8, 1931 – Jan 16, 2018***

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

Dharma School News

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Taiko Group and Jun Taiko jointly purchased a new Odaiko (a large drum), that will be used by both groups. The beautiful new instrument will be making its public debut in the near future.

The MVBT Taiko Group performed at the Mountain View Sister City Event on February 11.

We also held a take-out lunch fundraiser on February 4 with Island Grinds. Thank you to all for your great support!

Dharma School will be chairing the March 25 service, which was originally scheduled for the MVBT Girls Scouts. The Parent Volunteer Coordinators are checking to see if the Dharma School parents can provide refreshments on that day.

Dharma School will be sponsoring Taiko Masters Johnny Mori and George Abe for the Hanamatsuri program on April 15.

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

DONATIONS

Dharma School gratefully acknowledges a donation from:

BWA
Eshinni-ko Donation

The MVBT Taiko Group gratefully acknowledges donations from:

Mountain View Sister City Affiliation
Irving & Marilyn Ozawa
Doug & Phyllis Sawamura
Sterling & Joanne Makishima

January Birthdays

Dharma School

YBA Activities

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thank you to all who came out to support YBA at our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo fundraiser on February 10! Congratulations to our committees, especially our chairperson, **Evan Tsukahara**, on a very successful event!

YOUTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE SUMMIT

Maddie Matsumoto, **Victoria Shinkawa**, and two members from the San Jose Jr. YBA represented Coast District at the YAC Summit from January 26-28 at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

DONATIONS

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our Spaghetti Dinner 50/50 raffle grand prize winner, **Mr. Randy Sato**, for his incredibly generous donation to YBA.

YBA would also like to thank **Ms. Jean Shimoguchi** for her incredibly generous donation to our Disneyland trip.

In Gassho,
Maddie Matsumoto
2017 - 2018 YBA President

Girl Scout Fundraiser

MVBT Girl Scout Senior scouts will be having a takeout lunch fundraiser for the Sangha on Sunday, March 18. This is a great opportunity for Ohigan seminar participants to have lunch before-hand. Enjoy delicious homemade Kalua Pork or Curry Rice. Each lunch is $7, and is by preorder only. Forms are in the back of the Hondo and can be turned into Joan Aoki or the Girl Scout mail slot in the office by March 4. Thank you for your support.

MVBT Girl Scout Troop 60736 Seniors

Kahlua Pork and Curry Rice
Takeout Fundraiser
March 18, 2018

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Kahlua Pork Lunches: ____ x $7.00
Curry Rice Lunches: ____ x $7.00
Total: _____

Please turn in this form with payment (cash or check payable to GS Troop 60736) to Joan Aoki or the Girl Scout mail slot by **March 4th**.
Thank you for your support!

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

Spring O-higan / Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi
Gotan-e / Kangi-e (Obon)

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

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

GIRL SCOUT MONTH

The Troop is looking forward to celebrating the founding of Girl Scouts in March.

MARCH SUNDAY SERVICES

Girl Scouts will be chairing the Sunday Services on March 4, 11 and 18. We will observe Girl Scout Sunday on March 11, and will recognize Padma Award recipients on March 18.

COOKIE TIME

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! Cookies can be purchased from any Temple Girl Scout. Sales started on January 29 and will end on March 4. Cookies are $5 per box, except $6 each for Toffee-tastic and Girl Scout S'mores.

Seniors Activity Group

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Let's get together for breakfast on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:00 am at Bell Tower Restaurant (old Brian's) located at 680 Fremont Ave, Los Altos – Near the corner of Foothill Expressway and Springer Road in the Rancho Shopping Center. For more information, contact **Julie Ushiba**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 15: We will show a movie titled "Twenty Four Eyes." This movie is a highly acclaimed classic Japanese movie with subtitles. A very moving film you can enjoy with your friends. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and the movie will start at 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome.

April 18, Wednesday. A day trip to Cache Creek Casino is planned. Mark this date on your calendar and don't be left out. Call **Chuck Uyeda** to sign up.

May 16, Wednesday. We have rescheduled the Angel Island Trip with **Doug McConnell** as our guide.

Please mark these dates on your calendar to enjoy these fun activities planned for you. Sign up by calling **Chuck Uyeda**. 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 . Price: $18.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Activities & Crafts

Register for Hatsumairi by Friday, April 6, 2018

Hatsumairi Infant Presentation — Sunday, April 15, 2018

ATTENTION NEW PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** (Infant Presentation) held during the Hanamatsuri Service. This special service will be held on **Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

The ceremony introduces your child to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma. The Naijin (or altar) symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple by **Friday, April 6, 2018**.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

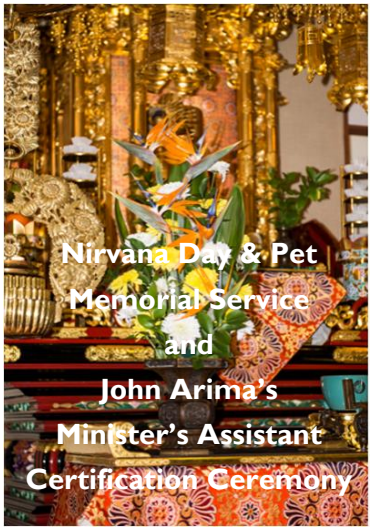
Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form by Friday, April 6, 2018 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukjima@gmail.com)

Nirvana Day, Pet Memorial & John Arima's Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony

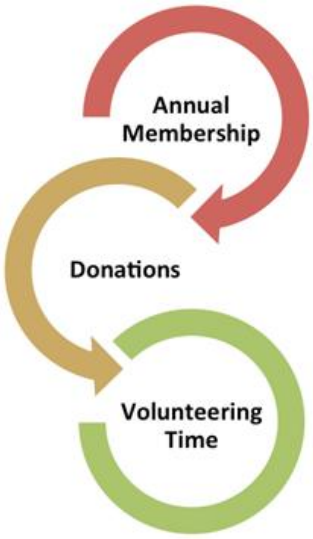
May all beings be happy.
May they be joyous and live in safety.
All living beings, whether weak or strong,
in high or middle, or low realms of existence,
small or great, visible or invisible, near or far,
born or to be born,
May all beings be happy



Sign Language: "I Love You"

Pet Memorial:
Buswell, Cheddar Cheese, Cubby,
Shadow, Chan Chan, BotChan,
Cody, Kobie, Kuzco & Tiffany
(All pets not in photo)

John Arima's Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony



Dues & Donation Committee

The Dues and Donations Committee is sponsoring two **FREE** social events: a Natto Workshop and a Sake Social.

The socials offer opportunities for friends to gather and have fun. They also create opportunities to make new friends and networks.

Join us. Everyone is welcome.

NATTO WORKSHOP

A Natto workshop will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018 in the YBA Hall at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This is a FREE event for Everyone. Just need to signup. Go to the online site **tinyurl.com/mvbtnatto**.

SAKE SOCIAL

It is FREE for new Temple members who join in 2018.

The Sake Social will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018 in the YBA Hall at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

To purchase tickets, go to the online site **tinyurl.com/mvbtsake**. The cost is $30 for each current MVBT member and $40 per each non-MVBT member. And, FREE for New Members joining in 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact **Susan Yuen**, **Glenn Kitasoe** or **Steve Tsuchida**.

NATTO TIME!
FREE
For Everyone!
March 23

SAKE SOCIAL
FREE
to New
Members
joining in 2018

Mountain View Buddhist Temple invites you to a FREE workshop:

NATTO TIME!

with Eien Hunter-Ishikawa

Join us to learn about natto, the fascinating, delicious, and nutritious fermented soybeans from Japan. This demonstration will feature samples of fresh natto and offer ideas for traditional and non-traditional preparations.

Eien Hunter-Ishikawa is a musician and educator based in Portland, Oregon specializing in drumset, taiko, percussion, and shinobue (Japanese bamboo flute). In addition to music, he has cultivated expertise in natto, kim chee, bread, beer and Japanese knife sharpening. He will be in town to give taiko workshops to Jun Daiko, and has offered to share his natto expertise with the MVBT community.

Friday, March 23, 2018, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA Hall
575 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043

RSVP at: tinyurl.com/mvbtnatto

Please RSVP by March 18th so that we know how many samples to make.
Sponsored by the Mountain View Buddhist Temple 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 pairings. Sake will be served by members of Jun Daiko.

Friday, May 25, 2018
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA Hall
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Suggested Donation:
$30 for MVBT Members
$40 for Non-members
FREE for New Members joining in 2018

All guests must be age 21 or over. This is a private event for MVBT Members and their guests.

Reserve tickets online at: tinyurl.com/mvbtsake Deadline: Friday May 11th
Sponsored by the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dues & Donations Committee

March 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 **March** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Theodore Abe	**Shinobu Maruyama**	**Fumio Okayama**
Robert Arima	**Helen Matsumoto**	**Kinuko Sasaki**
Mine Chikasuye	**Shizuko Matsumoto**	**Rev. Sensho Sasaki**
Alice Asaka Fujii	**Tom Matsumoto**	**Frank Sato**
Satoru Fujikawa	**Akira Morishima**	**Kanesuke Sato**
Kazuo Furusho	**Cynthia Muranaka**	**Brett Sugimoto**
Harriet Hamamoto	**Haruko Muranaka**	**Tora Tamaji**
Yutaka Hamamoto	**Linda Nakagawa**	**Patricia Yukie Togashi**
Sekitaro Hananouchi	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Thomas Takegami**
Masao Hayashi	**Harry Nakano**	**Shimoye Yamaji**
Itsuyo Hori	**Ken'ichi Nakano**	**Yoshikichi Yamaji**
Ronald Hoshiko	**Rokuro Nakano**	**Kazuo Yanase**
Koriyu Kariya	**Komao Nara**	**Torao Yokoyama**
Ruth Kawaguchi	**Shizuko Nishimura**	**Kiriye Yoshida**
Miya Kawamoto	**George Tetsuo Noguchi**	
Hakobu Koyano	**Shigeru Okamoto**	

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

March 4, 2018

10:00 am

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.

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

april 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5:00 am BWA - Chirashi Fundraiser 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting	**2** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**3** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**4** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**5** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**6**	**7**
8 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**9**	**10** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**11** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**12** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Padma class 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**13** 5:00 pm MVBT DS Taiko 7:00 pm ABA General Meeting 7:30 pm Fuji Club	**14** Dharma School Taiko Workshop MVBT DS Taiko 9:00 am BWA Meeting 12:00 pm MVBT Taiko Workshop 4:00 pm Dharma School Hanamatsuri Set-Up
15 9:00 am Dharma School Hanamatsuri Lunch 10:00 am Hanamatsuri Lunch Program 10:00 am Hanamatsuri Service & Dharma School	**16** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**17** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**18** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**19** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**20** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice	**21** 4:00 pm Cub Scouts
22 Cub Scouts 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**23**	**24** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**25** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Bazaar Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**26** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 4:00 pm Boy Scouts - Cherry Blossom Prep 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Padma class 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**27** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice 7:00 pm Boy Scouts - Cherry Blossom Prep	**28** FDSTL Conference 7:00 am Boy Scouts - Cherry Blossom Prep
29 FDSTL Conference 7:00 am Boy Scouts - Cherry Blossom Prep 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**30** 7:30 pm RPC Meeting					

Komochi for Sale

$1 for 1-lb pkg

Contact the Temple Office
M-F, 10 am – 2 pm
650-964-9426

Upcoming Events

April 1, 2018, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

April 15, 2018, Sunday
Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Services

April 28-29, 2018, Saturday
Federated Dharma School Teacher's League Conference

May 13, Sunday
Gotan-e Service: Shinran Shonin's birthday

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