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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June Highlights

- ***6/2 Sat, 3:00 pm***
  Dharma School Campout
- ***6/3 Sun, 8:30 am***
  YBA Hawaiian Breakfast Fundraiser
- ***6/3 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service for June & July

  Graduating Senior Talks:
  Maddie Matsumoto, & Rossten Nakamura

  11:00 am Japanese Language Service
- ***6/4 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***6/10 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Graduation Service
- ***6/13 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***6/17 Sun***
  No Services

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The Weight Of One Life

The basic idea of Buddhism is that all beings are equal. This means that we should regard not only humans but all living beings as equals.

There is an interesting story about this and I will share it with you.

A long time ago in India, there was a king named Sibi, who was known for his generosity. One day, an injured pigeon, quivering with fear, appeared before the king. When the king saw the pigeon, he felt really sorry for it and wanted to help. The pigeon beseeched the king, "I am being chased by a hawk. Please help me!"

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Just then, the hawk flew up to the king, looked around sharply and said, "Hey, you! I know you saw the pigeon fly here. I have eaten nothing for three whole days. If I cannot have that pigeon, I'll die. I see it hiding behind you, so give it to me right now!"

King Sibi suggested to the hawk, "You should look for the carcass of a dead animal instead of this pigeon." But the hawk rejected this idea. "No! Only the meat and blood of a living animal can sustain my life."

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Maui-Style Dance Practices

Sun, June 3	2:00 pm
Sun, June 10	2:00 pm
Sun, June 17	2:00 pm
Sun, July 1	2:00 pm
Sun, July 8	2:00 pm
Tues, July 10	8:45 pm
Thurs, July 12	8:45 pm
Tues, July 17	8:45 pm
Sun, July 19	8:45 pm

Obon Dance Practices

Tues, July 10	7:30 pm
Thurs, July 12	7:30 pm
Tues, July 17	7:30 pm
Sun, July 19	7:30 pm

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Religious Planning — June Through August 2018

June 2, 2018, Saturday, 3:00 pm — Dharma School Campout

June 3, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July

Graduating Senior Talks: **Maddie Matsumoto, & Rossten Nakamura**

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

June 4, 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.

June 10, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Graduation Service

Refreshments after Service: Somen provided by Rev. Mukojima & Mika as a token of their gratitude for the continued support and friendship of the MVBT Sangha. Everyone is welcome.

July 8, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Kangi-e Obon Service & Hatsubon

Kangi-e Obon: An annual memorial observance in honor of ones ancestors. Kangi-e, the Shin Buddhist Obon tradition, translates to a "Gathering of Joy" indicating we should celebrate the memories of our past ancestors.

Hatsubon: A special observance during the first Kangi-e Obon service following the passing of a loved one.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Hiroshi Abiko**

August 26, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Sunday Service only. Not Shotsuki Hoyo 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

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Kangi-e (Obon) / Fall Ohigan

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"

send a check to the Temple office, or donate at the Service

The Weight Of One Life (cont'd)

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The king said, "I can't just hand over this pigeon who came to me for my protection!" To this, the hawk answered, "You may think that if you protect the pigeon, you are full of compassion. But you must understand that to save the pigeon means to kill me!"

King Sibi worried over this dilemma for a while, and then said to the hawk, "I understand. All right, what if I give you a part of my body that is equal in weight to this pigeon?"

When the hawk agreed to his proposal, the king ordered his followers to bring a big balance scale. Then he resolutely cut off one of his arms.

The king then placed the pigeon on one side of the scale and his arm on the other. But the pigeon's side of the balance hung far below the side holding his arm. For some reason, the pigeon was heavier than his arm. So the king cut off one of his feet and placed it on the scale next to the arm. Again, there was no indication that the sides were equal. The king was puzzled why the scale hadn't moved at all.

He was lost in thought for a while, but suddenly he had a realization. He quickly put his entire body onto the scale. Finally, the pigeon's side of the balance started to rise till it was at the same height as the king's, indicating that both sides were equal in weight.

This is the story of how King Sibi saved the lives of both the pigeon and the hawk by giving his own body. Soon after when King Sibi was reborn, he was born as Siddhartha, who later attained enlightenment and became Sakyamuni Buddha. This story, "A Balance Scale Measuring the Weight of Life," is one of the famous Jataka Tales.

This story teaches us that no matter what the life form, all lives are equal in weight and each life is precious, irreplaceable and unique.

The one who had such a perspective was Sakyamuni Buddha and it is indeed the state of the Buddha's enlightenment. Buddha is the one who reached the state of peaceful and tranquil Nirvana where the flame of all blind passions is extinguished. Although the virtue that Buddha has is called Buddha-nature, there is a famous saying in the Nirvana Sutra as follows; ***All sentient beings without exception possess Buddha-nature***. That is to say, all living beings have a seed that enables them to become a Buddha.

Therefore, it is most important for those of us who are Buddhists to treat all beings with the same respectful mind we do Buddha because all beings have the same seed to become a Buddha.

One more important thing is that each being has only the precious life it was born with as wished by Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha, in whom we take refuge, makes a vow that all living beings will attain enlightenment equally without exception. The working that makes us realize his inconceivable wisdom and compassion is the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu." Shinran Shonin said, "The life that cannot see the true value of all lives is a life lived in vain." That is why it is very important to encounter Amida Buddha's light of wisdom, for it always leads us to the way of awakening.

The Nembutsu is the calling voice of Amida Buddha and it is directed at all living beings. Through his noble calling voice, we will realize that the lives of all living beings are embraced gently by his warm compassion and illumined brightly with his light of wisdom. When we begin to awake to his true calling voice, we will be able to understand that all lives are precious and equal to our own. This is how we can create an ultimate world where we acknowledge one another by placing our hands together in Gassho, openly respecting and accepting one another. This is the state of enlightenment where nobody can take or waste any lives, and where all living beings shine together equally.

Although we are bound to our selfish way of living, I sincerely hope that each of us will nonetheless train our eyes to see all beings as equal, to say the Nembutsu as our mind's mirror, and to accept as precious all existence which has Buddha-nature.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一八年六月法話
― いのちの重さ ―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

生きとし生けるものはみな平等だというものの見方は、仏教の基本思想です。それは人間だけに限らず、いのちあるもの全てを平等に見るということです。

そのことについて大変興味深いお話があるので、紹介したいと思います。

遠い昔、インドに戸毘王という慈悲深い王がいました。ある日、王のところに一羽の傷ついた鳩が舞い込んできたので、かわいそうに思って治療をしようとすると、鳩は震えながら「鷹に追われています。どうか私のいのちをお助け下さい」と王にお願いしました。

すると、すかさず一羽の鷹が飛んで来て、王を睨みつけながら「今、鳩が飛んできただろう。それは俺が見つけた鳩だ。丸三日間、何も食べていない。これを逃したら俺は死んでしまう。今すぐ、お前の後ろに隠れている鳩をよこせ！」と言うのです。

王は「この鳩ではなく、死んだ動物の肉でも探したらどうか」と提案するのですが、鷹は「生きた肉と生きた血でないと俺のいのちはもたないのだ」と言って断ります。

王が「私を頼ってきた鳩を死なせるわけにはいかない」と言うと、鷹は「お前は、自分のことを慈悲深いと思っているかもしれないが、鳩を助けるということは、俺を殺すということだ！」と言い返します。

戸毘王は、しばらく悩んだ挙句、「よろしい。それでは、この鳩の重さと同じ分、私の身体の一部を差し上げよう」と言いました。鷹も「それなら問題ない」と言って承知したので、王は家来に天秤を持ってくるよう命じ、次の瞬間、王は意を決して自分の片腕を切り落としました。

そして、王は片方の皿の上に鳩を乗せ、もう片方の皿の上に自分の片腕を乗せました。しかし、天秤は鳩を乗せた皿を下に傾けたまま少しも動きません。どうしたことか鳩の方が重いのです。それではと、今度は片足を切り落として片腕と並べて同じ皿の上に乗せてみました。しかし、それでも全く動く気配がありません。

その瞬間、戸毘王は「はっ！」と重要なことに気づきました。もしやと思い、王は身体全体で皿の上に乗ってみせると、天秤はゆっくりと動き出し、ぴったり水平になって、ようやく鳩と釣り合いがとれたのです。

そして、戸毘王が自分の身体を与えることによって、鳩と鷹の両方を救うことができたというお話です。その後、この王が生まれ変わったとき、お釈迦さまとなってお悟りを開かれたということです。

これは、ジャータカ物語の一つ、「いのちの天秤」という大変有名なお話ですが、この説話が教えるところは、どんないのちであっても、全てのいのちは同じ重さ、つまり、平等であって、それぞれがたった一つしかない大切な尊いいのちだということです。この眼差しをもっておられたのがお釈迦さまであり、これこそが悟りの領域なのです。

仏さまとは、燃え盛る煩悩の炎を完全に消し去った極めてこころ安らかな涅槃という領域におられるお方です。このお方が持つお徳を「仏性」というのですが、『涅槃経』に「一切衆生悉有仏性（一切の衆生にことごとく仏性あり）」という有名な一節があるように、生きとし生けるものには、仏に成ってゆく種として、この仏性が内在していると説かれています。

つまり、誰もが内に仏となる等しい種を持っているのであるから、あらゆるいのちを仏さまのいのちと同様に敬いの心をもって接していくことが仏教徒としてもっとも大切なことだということです。

もう一つ大切なことは、あらゆる衆生が阿弥陀仏に願われて生まれてきた尊いいのちだということです。私達が帰依する阿弥陀仏は、あらゆるいのちを例外なく平等に必ず悟りの世界へと至らしめると誓われておられます。それを気づかせて下さるおはたらきが「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏なのです。

親鸞聖人はいのちの真の価値を見出せない人生は空しいものだとおっしゃっています。だからこそ、常に私達の歩むべき方向を示して下さる阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に出遇うことが何よりも大切なことなのです。

お念仏は、生きとし生けるものに向けられた阿弥陀仏の呼び声です。慈悲の温もりと智慧の光が「南無阿弥陀仏」の呼び声となって全てのいのちを優しく包んで下さっています。その真実の呼び声に目覚めることができた時、私のいのちも他のいのちもかけがえのない大切ないのち、平等のいのちであったと互いに拝み合える究極の世界が開かれてくるのだと思います。そこは、誰にも犯すことのできない尊いいのちが共に平等に輝き合う悟りの境地です。

自己中心的な生き方しかできない私達ですが、常にお念仏を申すなかで、全ての衆生が仏性を持つ尊い存在であることを念頭に置きながら、全てのいのちを平等に見ていく目を養っていきたいものです。

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Activities

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

YBA'a annual Mother's Day Brunch was held on Sunday, May 13, before the Sunday Service from 8:30-9:45 am in the YBA Hall. Thank you very much to everyone who came out!

COLLEGE YBA

MV YBA will be sponsoring the College YBA YouAreCool Conference from June 29 to July 2. The conference will focus on leadership and developing life skills. The conference theme is "Inclusiveness" and is open to all high schoolers in YBA. The conference will be held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

DONATIONS

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to **Mr. and Mrs. Dan & Karen Nitta** for their generous donation to YBA!

In Gassho,
Maddie Matsumoto
2017 - 2018 YBA President

150 Club News

Our winner for the month of **May** is **Gail Lee.** **Congratulations!**

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
JUNE	Zones 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
JULY	Zones 10 & 11	June 15 (Fri)	June 20 (Wed)
AUG	N / A	No Echo	N / A

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 News

HANAMATSURI PROGRAM

This year's Hanamatsuri luncheon was memorable. Thanks to **Elise Fujimoto** for organizing the program and arranging for **Johnny Mori** and **George Abe** to perform. Thanks to **Debby Inenaga** and **Carol Harbin** and their 5th-6th grade class for presenting an entertaining version of Family Feud. And, thanks to the Mountain View Choir for their wonderful performance. Thanks to all the parents and volunteers. And a big thank you to **Yuki Hata-Kita**, **Sandy Furuichi**, **Jane Fujitani**, **Shirley Puleston** and **Masako Yasuda** for coordinating the delightful luncheon.

HANAMATSURI SERVICE

Thank you to the Fourth Grade Dharma School students and their teachers: **Gail Satake-Nakamura**, **Sharon Tsukahara**, and **Joan Aoki** for assisting **Reverend Mukojima** in the tossing of the petals during the Hanamatsuri chanting.

Tossing of Pedals at Hanamaturi Service

FDSTL CONFERENCE

The 2018 Federation of Dharma School Teachers League conference took place in Foster City on April 27 - 29. Seven representatives from MVBT attended.

Mountain View will be one of the hosts for the 2019 FDSTL Conference at the Holiday Inn in San Jose.

PARENT COORDINATORS NEEDED

Dharma School needs two Parent Volunteer Coordinators to serve on next year's cabinet. These positions are essential for the success of our Dharma School. Please contact **Curt Fukuda** or **Brent Izutsu**.

DONATIONS

Dharma School gratefully acknowledges donations from:

Johnny Mori
Hanamatsuri

Irving & Marilyn Ozawa
Hanamatsuri

Ed Tsumura
Onenju repair

Jeff & Janice Lee
Jillian's Birthday

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

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Quiz #1

What do these people have in common? Answer on next page.

Zoey Millard	Evan Tsukahara	Gregg Uyekubo
Kiley Millard	Stacey Kawabata	Curt Kawabata
JeremyTao	Janell Tao	Steve Tsuchida

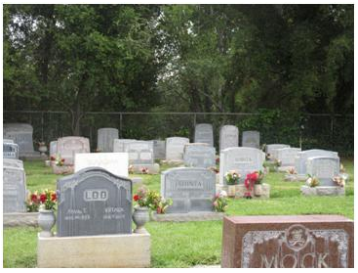
Final resting place of many Temple members and friends. Also, Steve Jobs, David Packard & Tennessee Ernie Ford

ABA News

CEMETERY CLEANUP

The annual cleaning of the headstones in the Japanese section of Alta Mesa Cemetery was held on Saturday, April 28. We trimmed the grass, washed the headstones and placed flowers in the vases. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially Joanne Makishima for organizing the activity and Mel Inouye for securing the donation of flowers.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President



Near the area where the annual Alta Mesa Community Memorial Day Service is held

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2018 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

All chairpersons are highly encouraged to attend

Meeting Dates: YBA Hall Board Room @ 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Wednesday, June 27, 2018

In Gassho,

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Quiz #1 Answer

All of these people ran the 2018 Nihonmachi Fun Run, they all placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their age group, and they all attend the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Miroku

DANA PROJECT

On Sunday, May 6, 2018, Miroku held its monthly general meeting in the YBA Hall. One topic of discussion included assessment of the joint Miroku/Dharma School community service project that benefitted **Stand Up for Kids**, which provides resources and support for homeless youth in Silicon Valley, and how Miroku might be able to take on this service project on its own next year.

TEMPLE'S AED MAINTENANCE

Miroku also voted to take on the monthly Temple job of monitoring the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) machines. Members will learn how to check the status of these machines to ensure they are in proper working order. It is Miroku's hope that this responsibility will enable younger temple members to understand what the AED machines do and how they work so they can pass this information along.

NEXT ACTIVITY

Members discussed having another fun activity. Options included watching a movie, laser tag, visiting KNTV studios, taking in a Comedy Sportz show in San Jose, or having a sleepover. Years ago, Miroku had a sleepover activity during Thanksgiving break, so it was decided to consider restarting that activity this coming school year.

NEXT MEETNG

Our final meeting of the school year is scheduled for Sunday, June 3.

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

MIROKU

middle school group

Seniors Activity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14, Thursday: Reverend Nekoda has volunteered to show us his expertise on Origami. Sensei has a way of making folding paper look very simple. Please join us and learn from the expert. We will provide lunch at 11:30 am and the presentation will be at 12:15 pm.

LAST MEETING UNTIL AUGUST

June 14 will be our last gathering before the summer break. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Start up date will be Thursday, August 30. We will plan another year to make manju and the date set is September 6, as we get ready for Midori Kai on Saturday, September 8. Asking for your generous support again. More information will be provided.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 19, Wednesday: A day trip is being planned to the Black Oak Casino with an added tour to Cover's Apple Farm. Mark this date on your calendar.

COOKBOOK FOR SALE: $18

The Senior Cookbook is still available at the Temple office or from any of the committee member. A perfect gift. Price $18.

THIRTEEN YEARS

FYI on May 5 2005, we started our Craft Program. This brings us to 13 great years of making new friends and renewing old through this program. Let us continue to be strong and keep this wonderful program going. We also had new members join our Temple and other organizations.

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

Buddhist Taiko Gathering

On Saturday April 14, 100 taiko players, instructors, volunteers and supporters convened at Mountain View Buddhist Temple for the first Bay Area Buddhist Taiko Gathering (BTG). The event attracted a diverse array of taiko players from near and far, with attendees from as far away as San Diego, Placerville and Chicago. Thanks to a grant from the Taiko Community Alliance, BTG featured keynote speaker Rev. Masao Kodani and instructors Johnny Mori and George Abe from Kinnara Taiko based at the Senshin Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles. The photos below showcase some of the highlights of that weekend.

We would like to thank the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha for their support of this event and for continuing the tradition of Buddhist Taiko in the Bay Area

Feel the rhythm! The first workshop of BTG was an 80 person session in MVBT's Sangha Hall. BTG keynote workshop leaders, Rev. Masao Kodani, Johnny Mori, and George Abe led all attendees in a workshop to learn ASHURA, the signature piece of Kinnara Taiko

Johnny Mori keeps the base beat during the morning Ashura workshop at Sangha Hall

Sydney Shiroyama of Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Taiko enjoys the morning Ashura workshop with 80 of her closest Buddhist Taiko friends

John Arima of Mountain View Buddhist Temple leads a "Creativity Machine" as part of the Lyrical Listening workshop led by Galen Rogers of Jiten Daiko, based at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Eileen Fujikawa of Mountain View Buddhist Temple enjoys a laugh as members of the San Jose Taiko Adult Recreation Class look on

Brandon Yanari (Left) from Palo Alto Buddhist Temple and Bobby Koga (Right) from Buddhist Temple of San Diego play inverse and converse rhythms as part of Jun Daiko's workshop

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

SENIOR & JUNIOR SCOUTS

The Senior and Junior Scout troop painted the High School classroom as their Temple service project.

CAMPOUT

Our annual joint Backyard Campout with the San Mateo Buddhist Temple Girl Scouts will take place Friday June 1. We will hold our Bridging Ceremony on the Friday of the Campout.

RIBBON LEI FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who have supported our Senior Troop lei making fundraiser.

BWA Actiities

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to the families of Fumie Takahashi and Aiko Taniguchi. Both were long time members of our BWA.

GRADUATION SERVICE

BWA will help Mika-san prepare somen for the Graduation Service refreshment on Sunday, June 10, 2018. BWA will furnish the cake dessert.

BAZAAR

BWA unfortunately will not be making sushi or udon this year for the Obon Festival & Bazaar due to unforeseen circumstances.

JOINT PROJECT WITH FUJI CLUB

In the near future, BWA will have a joint craft project with the Fuji Club. We are looking forward to working with the young ladies.

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully accepted:

In Memory of Husband's 33-Year Memorial

Mrs. Shizue Hiroshige

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. June 16, 2018, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association

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

Toshihiro Tanaka ***Nov 23, 1961 - Apr 24, 2018***

Fumiye Takahashi ***Jan 18, 1925 - Apr 29,2018***

Aiko Taniguchi ***Sep 8, 1935 - May10, 2018***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

Wanted: Plant and Flower Donations

Attention Home Gardeners. The 2018 Obon Festival Flower Shop would appreciate and welcome any plants and/or flowers you would be willing to donate. If you are able to contribute, please contact Leslie Imai at (650) 303-3001 or leslie.imai@gmail.com, so that your gift can be properly acknowledged.

We would appreciate it if you could drop the plants off at the Flower Booth before the Obon Festival opens on Saturday, July 20. If you need your donations to be picked up, please contact Leslie Imai at the above phone number or email address.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Become an "Obon Sponsor"

OBON SPONSOR

The 2018 annual Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival & Bazaar is coming up the weekend of July 20 and 21 where thousands of folks will be attending this two-day event from near and far. Each year, we look to our friends and Sangha members for their support making contributions to this festive event.

Your donations will be acknowledged with your names on our "Donation Board" in Sangha Hall and other locations. We will be very happy to put your name, your business name, or if you would like to have a donation in memory of a friend or family member, just let us know.

HOW TO DONATE:

Please make checks payable to Mountain View Buddhist Temple or MVBT with a check memo note "Obon Sponsor" and mail it to:

Mountain View Buddhist Temple
c/o Rob Shinkawa /
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575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
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Please note on both the check and the envelope that it is for the Obon Festival & Bazaar with "Obon Sponsor."

Donations to the Obon Festival & Bazaar are directed to the Temple's Building Renovation Fund (aka Expansion Fund), which currently pays for major repairs to our buildings and facilities and builds up the financial foundation for future Temple building projects.

You may also donate through our website by clicking on the "DONATE NOW" button located on the right-hand side of the Home page. Put your sponsor donation amount in "Obon Sponsor" donation box.

Thank your for being an Obon Sponsor.

QUESTIONS & CONTACT

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

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Benefits of an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to $100,000 from your IRA to Mountain View Buddhist Temple
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- 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.

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

June 3, 2018

10:00 am

June & July 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 **June & July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Shiro Abe	**Yotsu Iwata**	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**
Spencer Cowap	**Kenzo Kamei**	**Jim Nakayama**
Robyn Delgado	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Kiyo Ogata**
Kazuo Domoto	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Takara Ogawa**
Frank Fujii	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Mika Okita**
Kotome Fujii	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Ichitaro Okumura**
Masakazu Fujii	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Nobu Fukuda	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
George Furuichi	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Ken Sakamoto**
Mike Furusho	**Norma Kochi**	**Mishi Sako**
James Furuta	**Albert Kosakura**	**Nizo Sako**
Tomoye Goto	**Mitsue Koto**	**Suye Shimamoto**
Shizue Haruta	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Mary Shimizu**
Ben Hayamizu	**Erin Maruyama**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Masako Hayamizu	**George Masuda**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Grace Hayano	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Joe Hayano	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Bessie Hayashida	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Ted Tokunaga**
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Asa Hori	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Genzo Horino	**Helen Miyake**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Chizuko Murai**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Akie Idota	**Kazuko Nagatani**	**Eiko Yamamoto**
Kou Imai	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Kenji Yamane**
Yukishige Imai	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Naoko Yamashita**
Takao Ishikawa	**Megumi Nakano**	**Imi Yasu**
John Ishizaka	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Goichi Yonemoto**

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**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 YBA (CYBA Leadership Workshop) 10:00 am Taiko - All Classes 2:00 pm Maui Bon Odori Dance Practice	**2** YBA (CYBA Leadership Conference) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**3** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults	**4** 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**5** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**6**	**7**
8 10:00 am Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service 12:00 pm Taiko - All Classes 2:00 pm Maui Bon Dance Practice	**9**	**10** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**11** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	**12** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**13** 7:00 pm ABA General Meeting 7:30 pm Fuji Club	**14** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
15 12:00 pm Taiko - All Classes	**16** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**17** 6:00 pm Bazaar Construction 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Traditional Dance Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**18** 6:00 pm Bazaar Construction 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**19** 6:00 pm Bazaar Construction 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 7:30 pm Traditional Dance Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**20** 6:00 pm Bazaar Construction	**21** Obon Festival & Bazaar
22 Obon Festival & Bazaar	**23** 8:00 am Bazaar De-Construction	**24** 6:00 pm Bazaar De-Construction 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**25** 6:00 pm Bazaar De-Construction 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**26** 6:00 pm Bazaar De-Construction 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**27** Regular Office Hours – ALL Facilities Closed for Cleaning	**28** Regular Office Hours – ALL Facilities Closed for Cleaning
29 Regular Office Hours – ALL Facilities Closed for Cleaning	**30** Regular Office Hours – ALL Facilities Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**31** Regular Office Hours – ALL Facilities Closed for Cleaning 7:00 pm Cub Scouts				

Upcoming Events

July 8, Sunday, 10:00 am
Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service

July 21 - 22, Saturday & Sunday
Obon Festival & Bazaar

August 26, Sunday, 10:00 am
Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service

September 9, Sunday, 10:00 am
Sunday Service & Dharma School resume

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