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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

July Highlights

- ***7/8 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Kangi-e Obon / Hatsubon Service
- ***7/21 & 22 Sat & Sun***
  66th Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar

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August Highlights

- ***8/26 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Sunday Service
  Lunch after Service

Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.

YAC Retreat Was Life-Changing

By Maddie Matsumoto

Please join me in Gassho.

E.E. Cummings once said, "It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are".

Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu

Good morning! As Mr. Morimoto said, I will be attending the University of California, Davis in the Fall, majoring in Cinema & Digital Media with a focus in creative production. A lot of people don't know that I like to draw, but I also have a lot of interest in business as well. I really want to start my own business someday that has something to do with the creative arts, such as movies, game design, or maybe even fashion. I probably won't be getting a job over the summer (sorry Mom and Dad), but I will be working on designs for a future apparel line during the majority of my freetime (shameless plug).

Until a few years ago, I never really enjoyed coming to Sunday Service. None of my friends from school went to church, and I always thought it was unfair that I had to wake up at (Buddha forbid)

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Amazing Temple Community

By Rossten Nakamura

Good morning everyone and welcome to today's service. I'm here to give my senior Dharma Talk, but before I do I want to recognize the people who have supported me relentlessly and have helped me get to where I am today, my family. That would be my mom, dad, and older sister Rachel. I've been asked today to give my senior Dharma Talk like every high school senior who has come before me. And like many of them, they speak on all the fun they've had and what they have learned from the temple. I've also had so much fun at temple and have learned a lot from all of the Buddhist lessons taught here. Like how to treat others and to how rid oneself of the three poisons. However, I've found through my time at temple that the real reason why I and many others come, is not necessarily because of the religion being taught but the people that it brings together. I believe that the greatest gift that temple has given to me is the people that make up this special and unique community. And what I mean by that, is the people that come to this temple are why I choose to come back every Sunday. These

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Class of 2018 - Congratulations!

Congratulations to two Mountain View Buddhist Temple's graduating High School Seniors. Best wishes for your next adventure! Always keep your golden link to MVBT.

Maddie Matsumoto
Homestead High School

Rossten Nakamura
Mountain View High School

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1 YBA (CYBA Leaership 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**
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29 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	**30** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**31** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning 7:00 pm Cub Scouts				

Religious Planning — July through September 2018

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

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.

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

Lunch follows service

September 9, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September

Sunday Service and Dharma School resume

Dharma School hosts Welcome Back Luncheon

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

O-asaji (Morning Chanting) - 8:30 am

Study Class - 7:00 pm

Adult Discussion - 11:00 am

Dharma School - 11:00 am

Miroku

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, Miroku held its final monthly general meeting of the school year. In attendance besides regular Miroku members were a contingent of potential incoming 6th Graders for next fall. The hope was to give these students a taste of what a Miroku meeting is like and what we do.

The first order of business was a presentation by Jeff Sato of what his monthly check of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) machines entails. Jeff gave an extremely informative presentation of why an AED machine might be needed and how it works. He also let everyone know where the machines are located on the Temple grounds. Finally, he showed everyone what is included with the AED machines and how to complete the monthly checklist.

The decision was made to hold another fun activity, most likely a movie, sometime during the weekend of June 23. A message will be sent to members to decide what movie to see.

Finally, an invitation will be sent to outgoing 5th Graders to join the Miroku Google Hangout. We look forward to next fall when we hope these new 6th Graders will join.

This was a very successful year for Miroku. We were able to hold more monthly meetings with a variety of members, chaired a service, participate in a joint community service project with Dharma School, take on a new Temple responsibility, and enjoy two fun activities. Thank you very much to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha and organizations for all your support.

In Gassho,
Traci Inouye, Mike Inouye &
Randy Sato

MIROKU

middle school group

YAC Retreat Was Life-Changing (cont'd)

MADDIE MATSUMOTO

Homestead High School 2018

Bound for University of California at Davis

Studying Cinema and Digital Media with a Focus in Creative Production

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9 in the morning on a weekend. I remember one time holding a thermometer under hot water and showing it to my parents to prove that I was too sick to go to service. Luckily, they never believed me as I have since earned 13 years of perfect attendance. Regardless, I like to think that I was a pretty good Buddhist. At some point in my life, I told Reverend Dean Koyama that I was going to be YBA President one day. I always remembered to whisper "Namanda…namanda…namanda…" when I would flush a dead spider down the toilet. I would sing ear-piercing renditions of Ondokusan 2 in the shower. I even mastered the perfect mound of rice to place on the little stand thingy in our house's obutsudan. Normal parents would sing lullabies to their children to help them fall asleep. But here in the Matsumoto household, my mom would chant "GA GON CHO SEI GAN. HI SHI MU JO DO…" to me almost every night. Her genius attempt to step out of the mainstream completely backfired, as I often found myself falling asleep to the rhythmic sound of Ju-Sei-Ge on these very pews. As I got older, I found myself staring off into space, thinking about anything but Buddhism to pass the time. Especially with school becoming increasingly more difficult and the homework exponentially multiplying and the teenage drama unnecessarily escalating, my mind became focused on stressing over my responsibilities.

This became a regular pattern for me, until the summer before my junior year of high school. The Youth Advocacy Committee organized an annual leadership retreat for high schoolers at the Sacramento Betsuin. The committee would spend the year planning for the retreat, the YAC Summit, the Young Leaders Today Conference, and Advanced Training program. My brothers completed the YAC retreat years before me, and my parents expected me to do the same. This was also the year that Reverend Bob and Patti Oshita retired, and thus my parents persistent even more to apply. They always said that my brothers came back as changed men, so they hoped whatever magic happened at the retreat would change my mind about Buddhism as well. I wasn't too hyped about the idea. You might not believe me, but I get a surge of social anxiety when meeting new people. I know, doesn't that just blow your mind? Also, you were required to surrender your phone for the entire retreat. Can you imagine not being able to look at your phone for one week? Tragedy. Nevertheless, just saying that the YAC retreat was life-changing is a severe understatement. I could go on for days about every component of the retreat and how meaningful the entire experience was for me, but in brief summary, I can sincerely say that I would not be the person I am today without YAC. I gained confidence. Encouraging others to be more involved became my goal, whether it was with YBA or group projects for school. I kind of got stuck being the point guard on a basketball team for pretty much my entire life, but I finally began to take tremendous pride in my role as a leader on the court. The disbandment of the Youth Advocacy Committee was my very first reality check, as well as the first time I truly appreciated Buddhism. Nothing lasts forever, and the discontinuation of the YAC program brought forth feelings of disbelief, distrust, and disappointment. But the leaders of the committee made it a priority to remember the legacy they left behind as well as the purpose they continue to advocate for: building young leaders. My brothers have already dedicated many months to help plan a leadership and life skills conference for high school students at the temple this summer, something I believe is necessary for the youth to take part in. During my time at Davis, myself and a few others will be working towards building our own leadership retreat as well. None of this would have been possible if had I not sent in my YAC retreat application. And I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the temple and the Sangha for supporting myself, my brothers, and the 15 other Mountain View Buddhist Temple Youth Ministers Assistants.

I spent the first 16 years of my life pondering the significance

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of coming to temple every Sunday. Never could I have imagined just how meaningful you all would have been to me as my time in high school comes to an end. As a Youth Minister's Assistant, you see a lot of the behind the scenes work that goes on to make every service possible. The Oasaji squad arrives very early in the morning to practice chanting and to make the onaijin look beautiful for everyone to admire. Thank you for always greeting me with your adorable smiles, even though I always showed up to practice half an hour late. Thank you Sensei for all of your spiritual guidance. Sensei is always helping out at every event, and I would just like to thank you and your family for all you have done for our Sangha. However, you're the only teacher who has never given me a 100% grade on anything, so I will continue to practice my chanting in my dorm room until I can one day earn that A+. Thank you to all of my Dharma school teachers for all of the arts and craft projects. I still have the purple onenju we made many years ago (purple because it's my mom's favorite color so I made it my favorite color too). I wasn't the brightest student, but I'll always remember the Eightfold Path yarn octopus and VTSCLEMM. A huge shoutout to my high school teachers especially. I remember having a lot of fun learning to play taiko with Elise, and now learning even more about current events and our response as Buddhists and millenials. One of the most important lessons I learned in class was Mr. Bruce's secret ingredients for the perfect grilled cheese. Even when I try to make it at home, they never turn out as great as his. And of course, thank you to the legend Brent Diggity. From high school teacher to YBA advisor, I'll never forget your fire roasts, snazzy suits, or your futuristic BMWs. It took me many years, but I have finally climbed to ranks to be given shotgun during YBA trips. Thank you to all the YBA advisors for your wisdom every meeting and encouraging us to strive for our ambitions. We definitely have a ton of fun in YBA, and it would not have been possible without you. My parents would like to express their deepest gratitude to those advisors who wrote my scholarship letters of recommendations. Thank you to all of the temple organizations for your continuous support for YBA and our youth, especially to our very hardworking BWA. I'll always come back for some of your delicious udon. Thank you to my Girl Scout leaders for giving me many opportunities to challenge myself and to take on responsibilities that I learned to grow from. Thank you to my friends for always being the number one reason I love coming to temple. Jordyn, I'll always remember our late night boba runs and complaining about our life problems in my car until 12 AM. Vicky, Erin, and Brianna, I still don't regret spending all of our money on stationary and milk tea from the vending machines on our trip to Japan. Thank you Rossten for not abandoning me after 13 years of Dharma school. We're like the last two people on Survivor, except neither of us gets kicked off the show because we can still somewhat tolerate each other. And last but not least, thank you to my family. To my puppers Miso, who is definitely the clumsiest dogs I have ever met. I'm really going to miss your cheeky grins and constant need to sit on me. I hope our family remembers to give you all the snuggles and treats you want. You're the true queen of the house, so make sure no one forgets that. To my grandparents, the bravest people I have ever met who continue to inspire me everyday. As the youngest grandchild on both sides, I know you have always been proud of your grandchildren's accomplishments and it is the greatest honor to carry your name and your legacy. To my aunts and uncles, thank you for always being my emergency contact on my field trip forms. I know I can always count on Auntie Cheryl and Auntie Joy to run full background checks and stalk the Facebook pages of the guys I date. Thank you Auntie Jayne for taking me out hiking during the summer because otherwise the only shape I would be in would be a potato. Thank you to Uncle Jack and Auntie Tsu Huei for letting me be the flower girl at their wedding after I begged them to in an email 10 years ago. Also thank you to all of my honorary aunties and uncles for letting our family come over to your parties because our house was always too messy by my parents' standards to host our own. As for my brothers: Mom said this was my time to roast you both so I should take advantage of the microphone while I have the chance. Alec, you used to be too quiet, and Devon, you would always team up with Alec to shoot me with the Nerf guns

Maddie Matsumoto

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whenever we played Cops and Robbers. Now after you've both gone to college, Alec doesn't stop talking to me and Devon is too overprotective. You're both really annoying and you guys take up too much room on the couch now that you're back, but I guess I still love you. And finally, most importantly, thank you Mom and Dad. I didn't have to do as many chores as Alec and Devon and you've always said I was your most expensive child. But even though I hardly express it, I'll always be thankful and honored to be your baby girl. Dad, thank you for still making me lunch to take to school even on the last day of senior year. I'll always cringe at your dad jokes or roadrunner laugh for many years to come. You never fail to make me laugh, and I'll miss the days you used to carry me on my shoulders when I didn't want to walk on the ground. And even though I was embarrassed every time I could hear you angrily yelling my name from the stands whenever I would miss a layup or commit a turnover, I know all you wanted was for me to do my best and to have fun in the game we all love. Mom, you don't understand basketball very well and you spend way too much money decorating our house for Christian holidays, but you are the best at being the greatest support I'll ever have. We fight a lot, but you're always the first person I go to when something is bothering me. You always make my favorite foods, and I'll never forget the time you bought three cakes and marathoned Barbie movies with me the night of my first heartbreak. You'll always be my best friend, and I can't wait to come back during the holidays so we can watch Hallmark Channel together again.

If you have been attending service frequently over the past 18 years, you might have heard my voice plenty of times already: from the loud baby kicking and screaming her way to the timeout corner in the back over there, to the toddler who would cling to her mother's arm as she came to make announcements, to the drama kid who had to sing Ganjin's Journey louder than everyone else, to the Dharma school student who saved her dad many times by agreeing to do the Buddhist reading for the service he was chairing at the last minute, to the Youth Minister's Assistant who finally had the courage to chant in front of the entire Sangha, to the YBA President who fulfilled her promise to Reverend Dean many years ago. Since I am the last Matsumoto for a while, and as this may be the last time I speak to the entire Sangha directly, I would like to conclude our legacy with one final thought: "Be brave". At the YAC retreat, we received our Buddhist names, or "homyo", and although I had already received mine when I was little, I decided to modify one of the two kanji characters. My official Buddhist name is "Shaka Myomu": "Shaka" being the prefix to most Buddhist names (and no, not the "hang loose" hand symbol tourists use in Hawaii), and "Myomu" meaning "wondrous dream". I like to plan things ahead WAY in advance and I like to believe that I have a lot of ambition, but it takes a lot of perseverance to reach those goals. Growing up, I had little willingness to step out of my comfort zone, whether it was another extracurricular activity or even a new culture's food. However, over the years I have come to realize that it is just as important to not give up on the passions you already have as it is to try new and exciting things. I have many fears I know I will never get over that I'm sure many of you Dharma school kids and adults have as well: fear of falling, fear of the dark, fear of being called on by the teacher, fear of being without mobile phone coverage (Nomophobia is a real thing. Look it up!). However, going to the YAC retreat was a huge leap of courage, and I have never been more thankful for taking the opportunity while I had the chance. I highly encourage you all, young and not as young, to have a little faith in yourself and your abilities to take on challenges that may come your way. No matter the outcome, everyone still has the potential to learn, to reflect, and to grow. By the way, this was a last second thought, but I wanted to remind you all that I am the last kid born in the 20th century to graduate. Just letting you know.

Please join me in Gassho.

"Bravery is being afraid of something, and you being the only person who knows you are afraid. Take chances. Take risks. And maybe one day, you won't be afraid at all."

Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu

Thank you!

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ROSSTEN NAKAMURA

Mountain View High School 2018

Bound for Loyola Marymount University

Studying Business Administration & Finance.

are people who come from different places, backgrounds, sexual orientations, and races. If it wasn't for this temple, I wouldn't have had the privilege of knowing all these amazing people.

I've been coming to temple for as long as I can remember. For me, temple started out as a place where my mom would drag me and my sister every Sunday morning. However, I didn't mind much. I was just a chunky short little boy who got to come to a strange looking place every seven days to play with my friend Evan. I would say that we honestly would have too much fun, if one could even say that. Every Sunday at 10am sharp we would meet in the front row and each take a gallon zip lock bag full of toys out of our mom's purses and dump all of our cars and action figures onto the pews. So as you can probably tell, Buddhism really wasn't on my minds when I first started coming to church. It seemed more like a weekly scheduled play date between two goofy small children wearing outrageous hawaiian shirts.

As I got a little older like around 3rd or 4th grade, I began to start paying more attention in service because of this one equally goofy man that came into my life, named Reverend Dean Koyama. For those of you who don't know, Reverend Dean Koyama was the previous serving minister here at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, prior to being transferred to the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. I can only describe him as a caring and compassionate man, who somehow had the ability to gain the full attention of all the squirmy Dharma School children for the course of his messages. And through the captivating Dharma Talks that Reverend Dean gave, I began to learn a little bit more about the teachings of Buddhism. Yet, it wasn't his ability to provide deep insights into the buddhist teachings but, rather him as a person. He always took the time out of his busy schedule to talk to every single person he saw at Sunday service. And these wouldn't just be short greetings but rather actual conversations. He would make a point to come into the Dharma School classes to speak to them. He did so to make sure that everyone felt like they were part of the community. He was there to console me in times of grief and to cheer me on in my better moments. And once he left our temple, he never lost touch with this community. He came to my basketball games and other events I had. And I think that it's largely because the community we have here is so unique and special.

For most Dharma School students that come through this temple, a large portion of their community at the temple consists of their fellow peers in their class. However, my situation was much different. My class started out with probably around 8 kids but as each year went by the numbers of children decreased. I would say one or two kids would drop out every few years. And once I got to my freshman year of high school, there were only two left, including me. Yes, it maybe safe to say that Maddie and I scared the other kids into leaving the temple. But honestly, I probably am the one to blame. I am deeply sorry for being such an unbearable child. Although, I found that my antics to be a blessing in disguise, as cheesy as it sounds. I got to get to know Maddie well over the years and not only gained a friend but an older sister as well. It has been great to have someone who would beat me in everything. And it is safe to say that I became pretty accustomed to second place over the years. But seriously, it has been great to have a role model for me and someone that I have grown to look up to. I would like to thank you for putting up with me and for all else you've done for me over the years.

As I mentioned previously, entering into high school there were a grand total of two people in my grade. So I began to feel sort of lost entering into high school at temple because the Dharma School class and YBA were so new and different to me. Not to mention, I didn't know many people that well in either groups. Yet, I remember when all of this changed and where I once again realized how amazing this temple community really is. It was my first ever YBA camp out. I clearly remember when I showed up at the temple to help pack up and leave to the campsite. I just got dropped off by my parents and I was just standing around with the other YBA kids. I didn't really know any of them that well. Most of them were much older than me and sort of ignored me while I stood there. I stood

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their thinking, "wow this is going to be one very long weekend." However to my surprise, someone started to come over to where I was standing. He was one of the older kids. At the time I could only describe him as a short ripped hawaiian looking guy.. He greeted me and we started talking. This person was Niko Furumasu. Even though it was just simple small talk, like if I was excited about YBA or my first camp out. It really meant a lot to me that he took it upon himself to reach out to a new person. I felt so welcomed by him and ended up having a blast that weekend with all the new people he helped me meet. Without him reaching out to me on that summer day, I would have never gotten to meet some of my closest friends. Niko helped me open up and become more outgoing which lead me to meet my life long friends in Alex, Devon, Chu, Michael, Kevin and many more. Niko's actions truly represented and embodied what this special community stands for.

Now, most of the people I have mentioned thus far have been part of the MVBT community for a long time. However, the older members are not the only ones who contribute to the success of our community, the newer members who gravitate to our community contribute in more ways than one. One of the newer members I would like to discuss, is a guy who I met about 3 years ago. It was the 2016 CC YBA conference. Or to be exact, it was the ride up to the conference that I met this new member and YBA advisor. We always carpool to the various yba events like conferences, and I was put in a car with my two friends Evan and Mitchell. I was super excited to be riding up with them to the conference. Yet, when I looked at the spreadsheet for car assignments I didn't recognize the name of the advisor that would be driving us. When I arrived to leave for the conference at 4:00am on a Saturday morning at the temple. I see this black BMW sedan pull into the roundabout. A man with glasses and dressed in very fancy clothes steps out of the car. I honestly thought that this was some sort of luxury Uber service that accidentally arrived at the temple. He came up to us three and introduced himself. This sophisticated looking individual was Brent Izutsu. At first the ride consisted of very little conversation. But as it went along the conversations started to pick up. I found that we instantly gelled with Brent. However his name wasn't Brent to me for very long. Somehow over the course of the 3 hour ride we got to a level where we felt the need to give Brent a nickname. Some of you may have heard this name around the temple from time to time. The nickname stuck and I honestly rarely call Brent by his actual name. We re-named him Brent-diggity or if you're really close to Brent, like me you call him b-diggs. I guess you could say that this instant clicking of us three and Brent, just showed me once again how amazing our temple community is, if a new comer can come in and within one car ride develop not only a relationship but one that will last for an eternity.

Some of you may be wondering why I still have yet to talk about one of the most notable members in our community. He wears a black robe and is probably the greatest puppeteer known to mankind. Yes, I'm talking about Reverend Mukojima. And honestly, at first I was super bummed when Reverend Dean was transferred. I don't think I was alone in feeling this way either. But our community never failed to show gratitude towards our new minister, and welcomed him and his family with open arms. Without Reverend Mukojima I would not have learned so much about life. He has taught me so many life lessons and has taught me not only how to be a good buddhist but a good person. This community that we have and share here can only be described as incredible. It has brought people from different backgrounds, races, and ages together. It's crazy to think that a young dashing man from Obama, Japan could be so influential on me. He has helped turn the chunky kid with a bowl haircut dressed in hawaiian shirts into a mature young man. Well, at least that's how I like to think of myself. I feel that I have grown so much in large part of Sensei and our temple community. I can't thank all the people at this temple enough. Everyone here has impacted me in some way or fashion. Some of you in more ways than one could even imagine. And I am extremely grateful to have experienced something like none other. I will never forget what this temple has done for me and I hope that I have or do the same for the temple. Thank you for listening to me, and Rossten out!

Rossten Nakamura

ABA NEWS

ABA News

It is summertime and ABA activities are in full swing.

COLOR PURPLE

Several ABA members attended a performance of "The Color Purple" in San Francisco. Joanne Makishima reports that "everyone

enjoyed the stirring story and especially the outstanding singing."

JAMSJ

In late June, members experienced some history and delicious eats – always a good combination -- with a tour of the Japanese American Museum in San Jose and lunch in Japantown.

ABA members attending Color Purple

BAZAAR

This year, ABA will be responsible for the Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Booth at the Bazaar. We look forward to selling the delicious chicken and greeting friends.

DONATIONS

Thanks for the following donations:

Rich and Emi Mori
Birth of their grandson, Yuji $50

BWA
For assistance with the CD Conference $100

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BRIDGING

On Friday, June 1, 2018, MVBT Girl Scout Troop 60736 held their Bridging Ceremony for scouts bridging to the next level of scouting. There were two Daisys bridging to Brownies, one Junior bridging to Cadettes, and six Seniors bridging to Ambassadors. Our multi-level troop is comprised of Daisys, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Ambassadors. The scouts were recognized for their years of scouting and badges/ awards earned this past year.

TEMPLE CAMPOUT

After the ceremony, the Girl Scouts held their annual Temple Campout. This was the third consecutive year that San Mateo Buddhist Temple Girl Scouts joined our troop for this event. In attendance were 11 scouts from MVBT and four scouts from SMBT. The scouts and leaders had fun teaching/learning how to pitch a tent, building a campfire, making s'mores and just having fun with friends.

Girl Scouts attending Bridging Ceremony

YBA NEWS

YBA News

2017 - 2018 YBA CABINET

On June 3, the YBA members elected their 2018-2019 cabinet, which is as follows:

President:
Evan Tsukahara
Vice President:
Stacey Kawabata
Treasurer:
Nick Kikuta
Recording Secretary:
Kylie Mukoyama
Corresponding Secretary:
Vanessa Higa

Activities Chair:
Lara Nakamura
Religious Chair:
Vicky Shinkawa
Coast District Representative:
Tyler Sato
Historian:
Mitchell Kita

ADVISORS

YBA members and advisors recognized Bob Matsumoto and Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, two long-term "retiring" YBA advisors, at the June 10 Sunday Service.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

YBA's annual Mother's Day Brunch was on May 13 before the Sunday Service from 8:30-9:45 am in the YBA Hall. They made corsages and pinned them on all the mothers in attendance.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

YBA participated in the annual Bay District Volleyball Tournament. The theme for the tournament was Board Games, and the MVYBA members formed three combo teams with the San Jose Jr. YBA to compete. The team names were based on the childhood favorite board game, "Candyland."

YBA is currently planning an end-of-the-year trip. The destination is Disneyland, and the confirmed dates of the trip are July 28 -31. We thank the Sangha for their continuous support to ensure our members have enough funds to enjoy their trip.

FUNDRAISERS

YBA had their Hawaiian Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday. June 3. from 8:30 - 9:45 am before Sunday Service. The cost was $8 for adults and $6 for kids. The breakfast was held the morning before our two seniors, Maddie Matsumoto and Rossten Nakamura, delivered their senior speeches.

YBA voted to sell furikake chex mix at Midori Kai in September.

BCA SUMMER RETREAT

With the disbandment of the Youth Advocacy Committee, the BCA is planning its first ever summer retreat at the Jodo Shinshu Center from July 1-7. Evan Tsukahara, Lara Nakamura and Stacey Kawabata will be attending.

COLLEGE YBA

MVYBA 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.

OBON

YBA will be selling different styles of hotdogs at this year's Obon festival. The names for the different hotdogs are still tentative.

COAST DISTRICT YOUNG BUDDHIST LEAGUE

The decided theme for the 2019 CDYBL Conference is "Moana: Who Are You Meant to Be." The conference will focus on self-discovery and will be hosted at the San Jose Betsuin on March 16, 2019.

In Gassho,
Maddie Matsumoto
2017-2018 YBA President

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Dharma School News

Dharma School

APRIL WAS A BUSY MONTH

Dharma School provided lunch for the Chicken Teriyaki Crew. A big thank you to the organizers: **Pauline Shinkawa**, **Betty Hamasaki**, **Glenn Yamaguchi** and **Kim Tsuchida**.

FAMILY CAMPOUT

The Dharma School Family Campout took place on June 2 and 3. The children enjoyed games and videos. Instead of serving breakfast, this year's Campout participants attended the YBA Hawaiian Breakfast Fundraiser. Thank you to **Bryan Matsumoto** and **Tony Bellon** for coordinating the activity.

OBON / BAZAAR

Dharma School Hanamatsuri displays will be displayed during Obon. Thanks to **April Kabasinskas** for coordinating the displays.

This year's Dharma School Game booths will be the same as usual: Grab Bag, Duck Pond and Shooting Gallery.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This year's Dharma School Attendance Award recipients are:

1-year:
Avery Chu, **Oji Mukojima**, **Mason Inouye** and **Lauren Hamasaki**

2-years:
Kayley Chu, **Kendall Inouye** and **Kylie Mukoyama**

3-years:
Victoria Shinkawa

5-years:
Kurumi Mukojima

6-years:
Tyler Sato and **Evan Tsukahara**

12-years:
Caitlen Furuichi

14-years:
Maddie Matsumoto and Stacey Kawabata

PARENT COORDINATORS NEEDED

Dharma School needs two Parent Volunteer Coordinators. **Ashley Uyehara** and **Tricia Hojo**, the Dharma School Parent Volunteer Coordinators, will be resigning in the coming year. Ashley will be focusing on her role as the Dharma School Taiko Coordinator. The Parent Volunteer Coordinators are essential for the success of Dharma School. Now is the time for you to help our children. Please contact **Curt Fukuda** or **Brent Izutsu**.

DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged.

Toshiko Uyehara
Garrett Tao's Birthday

Miyo Takegami
"Thank you" for Hanamatsuri lunch

July Birthdays

In Gassho,
Curt Fukuda
Dharma School Superintendent

BWA Actiities

Buddhist Women's Association

CONDOLENCES

BWA extends their sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Margaret Tsuchida, a long-time member, who passed away on May 3, 2018.

HELPED SERVE SOBA SNACK

Thank you to Rev. Mukojima and Mika-san for treating everyone to cold somen for the last Dharma School Sunday on June 10. BWA helped Mika-san with the somen and provided homemade *otsukemono* and cakes for dessert.

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully acknowledged:

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Tsuchida
In Memory of Mother, Mrs. Margaret Tsuchida

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. July 14, 2018 at 9:00 am in YBA Hall

Senior Activities & Crafts

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August 30:

First gathering after summer break

Seniors Activity Group

PAST EVENT

A group of 36 enjoyed a day trip to Angel Island on May 16. We were fortunate to get Doug McConnell of Bay Area Backroads, Mac & Mutley and OpenRoad TV, as a professional guide to guide us through Angel Island and Tiburon. We learned the poignant history of the Islands Immigration Station, explored the historic main street and waterfront of Tiburon. The day was completed with a outdoor lunch.

LAST GATHERING

Our last gathering before the summer break was held on June 14. Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer break.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 30: Please mark this date on your calendar. Start up date after the summer break will be August 30.

Thursday, September 6: We plan to make manju another year and the date is September 6. We will get ready for the Midori Kai Boutique on Saturday, September 8. Asking for your generous support again. More information will be provided.

Wednesday, September 19: Looking ahead. On September 19, a day trip is being planned to the Black Oak Casino and following an added tour to Cover's Apple Farm. Presentation on apple pie making and also a miniature train ride will be available. Call Chuck Uyeda for sign up. The price is $57.00, tip included. Mark this date on your calendar.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Only $18

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

On Angel Island with Doug McConnell

150 Club News

Our June winner for 2018, **Lorrie Kitasoe.**

Congratulations and thank you to all the 150 Club participants.

Toban & Echo Schedule

Month	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print Date
JULY	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
AUG	N / A	No Echo	N / A
SEPT	Zones 12 & 13	Aug 10 (Fri)	Aug 15 (Wed)

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

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

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High School Graduates

Congratulations to the recent high school graduates, **Maddie Matsumoto** and **Rossten Nakamura**

Dharma School Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the Dharma School students who received Attendance Awards.

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarhip

Congratulations to **Maddie Matsumoto**, the recipient of the Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki scholarship.

Hatsumairi Service

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple held its Hatsumairi Service combined with the Hanamatsuri Service on April 15. Six families, witnessed by many Sangha members, brought their young children before the image of the Buddha to celebrate their new life as Buddha's children.

The children presented at the Hatsumairi service were:

Riley Sayuri Chu

Nicholas Yoshiro Harada

Jett Mikiye Nguyen

Yuji Finn Paris

Ellie Luna Prasad

Bryce Ng Tsuchida

2018 Obon Festival & Bazaar
July 21 - 22
Key Dates & Times

Kan-gi E Obon / Hatsubon Service: Sunday, July 8 at 10:00 am

Bon Odori Practice: July 10, 12, & 17 at 7:30 pm in Sangha Hall
July 19 at 7:30 pm Outdoors

Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice: June 3, 10, & 17; July 1 & 8 at 2:00 pm,
July 10, 12, & 17 at 8:45 pm in Sangha Hall
July 19 at 8:45 pm Outdoors

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, June 3	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Sunday, June 10	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Sunday, June 17	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Sunday, July 1	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Sunday, July 8	10:00 am	Kangi-E Obon/Hatsubon Service
	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Tuesday, July 10	7:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Odori Practice
	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Thursday, July 12	7:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Odori Practice
	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Sunday, July 15	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Manju Prep (Sangha Hall Kitchen, G ame Room, and Pancake Room)
Tuesday, July 17	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Special Events set-up
	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Manju Prep (Sangha Hall Kitchen, G ame Room, and Pancake Room)
	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Chicken arrival
	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bazaar Prep
	7:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Odori Practice
	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Wednesday, July 18	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Manju Prep (Sangha Hall Kitchen, G ame Room, and Pancake Room)
	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Refrigeration Truck arrives
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Clean and Prepare Chicken
	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bazaar Prep w/volunteers
	6:30 pm	Set-up Dinner (Yakisoba)
	7:00 pm	Scouts to stripe parking lot
Thursday, July 19	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Yakisoba Prep (YBA Hall Kitchen and Main Hall)
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Tsukemono Prep (Sangha Hall Kitchen and Pancake Room)
	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bazaar Prep
	7:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Odori Practice
	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dance Practice
Friday, July 20	6:30 pm	Beef Teriyaki Skewering
Saturday, July 21	**2:00 pm - 8:00 pm**	**Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close**
	8:30 pm	Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) parking lot
Sunday, July 22	**12:00 pm - 8:00 pm**	**Obon Festival & Bazaar Open-Close**
	8:00 pm	Store all booth washing station equi pment on stage
	8:30 pm	Pick-up trash Bailey Park (Safeway) parking lot
Monday, July 23	7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Booth Clean up Begins
	9:00 am	Take down signs and put away
Tuesday, July 24	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bazaar Clean-up w/volunteers
Wednesday, July 25	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bazaar Clean-up

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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 21. 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 21 and 22 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 /Obon Sponsor
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

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 you for being an Obon Sponsor.

QUESTIONS & CONTACT

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2018 Donation Chair
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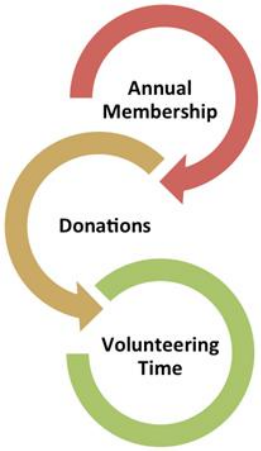
Phone: (650) 691-8590



Dues & Donation Committee

The Dues & Donations Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Sake Social held on May 25. Over 60 people attended and had a great time.

We all learned about sake from Loreen Toji Ellsbury, our sake sommelier (in Japanese, kikizake shi).

And, thank you to Jun Daiko for providing a professional touch to the pouring of the 12 different sake available for tasting.

In Gassho,
Dues & Donation Committee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 21

2:00 pm ....Festival Opens
2:30 pm ....MVBT Taiko Performance ..... Yagura Area
3:15 pm ....Jazz Ensemble ..... Roka Awning
4:30 pm.....Jun Daiko Performance ..... Yagura Area
6:30 pm ....“Maui Style” Bon Odori ..... Yagura Area
8:00 pm ....Festival Closes

Sunday, July 22

12:00 pm...Festival Opens
12:30 pm MVBT Taiko Performance ..... Yagura Area
Hands-On Taiko Demonstration ..... Yagura Area
2:30 pm ....Jun Daiko Performance ..... Yagura Area
5:30 pm ....Chidori Band Performance ..... Yagura Area
6:30 pm ....Bon Odori Dancing & ..... Yagura Area
Raffle Draw
8:00 pm.....Festival Closes

All Day, Both Days

Cultural Displays ..... YBA Hall
Flower Shop ..... Sangha Hall
Home Crafts ..... Sangha Hall
Sit Down Dining ..... Sangha Hall
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Outdoor Game Booths & Bingo

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Mountain View Buddhist Temple 33rd Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

When: **Sunday, August 19, 2018**

Course: **Shoreline Golf Links** (650) 903-6135
2940 North Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Time: **First tee-off at 10:00 am**
ALL GOLFERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE 9:30 am

Fee: **$125** (Includes green fees, barbecue dinner, prizes & appreciable contribution toward the Scholarship Fund).
Cart and Range Balls included.

Entry Fee Deadline: **Friday, August 10, 2018.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for $25 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 4:30 pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by August 10, 2018.

Make checks payable to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple, with footnote *Sasaki Scholarship*.

Mail all entries and dinner reservations to: Richard Endo
1158 Crespi Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086 / (408) 839-0051

----------Please mail this portion with your check:----------

33rd Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament

NAME	NCGA/GHIN Handicap	GHIN # Number	All others = Callaway
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2.			
3.			
4.			

** Maximum Handicap: Men – 36 Women – 36*

Golfers - $125 x number of golfers	#	$
Dinner Only - $25 x number of people	#	$
Total Amount Due		$

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

e-mail address: _____

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			1 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting	**2** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**3** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	**4** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning
5 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	**6** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**7** 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**8** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**9** 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**10** 7:00 pm ABA General Meeting 7:30 pm Fuji Club	**11** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
12	**13**	**14** 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**15** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**16** 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**17**	**18**
19 Sasaki Golf Tournament	**20** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**21** 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**22** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**23** 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**24**	**25** 8:00 am Boy Scouts - JLTC Training
26 10:00 am Sunday Service	**27** 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**28** 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**29** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**30** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**31**	

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