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## MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

### August Highlights

- ***8/26, Sun***
  - *No Sunday Service*
  - *No Dharma School*

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### September Highlights

- ***9/9, Sun 10:00 am***
  - *Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September*
  - *Sunday Service*
  - *Dharma School Starts*

  ***11:00 am*** *Japanese Language Service*

- ***9/16, Sun, 10:00 am***
  - *Fall Ohigan*
  - ***Guest Speaker:***
    ***Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka***

- ***9/16 Sun, 1:00 pm***
  - *Fall Ohigan Seminar with* ***Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka***

- ***9/30 Sun, 10 am***
  *Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park*

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# 2018 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple 2018 Obon is over. After nearly a year of meetings and discussions with both the City of Mountain View and our own committees, we did it. When we say "we," we mean the entire Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha. We knew the Temple was behind us. Everyone we spoke to about the challenges we faced would tell us if we needed any help to let them know. In the end, all the encouragement and patience paid off. We held our Obon just like any other year, and despite a few hiccups (running out of sushi and spam musubi too soon) some would say it was business as usual.

**Craig and I** would like to thank everyone for their unending support this past year. We could not have pulled it off without the aid of so many people. Briefly, a huge **THANK YOU** to the MVBT 2018 Obon Committee: **Bob Matsumoto**, **Bryan Nishimoto**, **Doug Sawamura**, **Jeff Sato** and **Sterling Makishima**. Without their endless energy and guidance, we would not have been able to remedy all the problems we faced. A huge thank-you to the **MVBT Maintenance Crew** who gave up countless Saturdays (among so many other days) to fix all the issues that needed fixing. Also, thank you to Zone 8's own **Rob Shinkawa** for heading up donations this year. He successfully got the word out and garnered the most donations in MVBT history. There are countless others who helped in every way possible and we can't thank you enough.

At the outset, we really didn't know what to expect, but this Temple community made it happen. The endless feeling of "gambatte" permeated all aspects of our efforts and we found a way to keep moving forward. We are truly gratified that we were able to hold our Obon this summer, and we are incredibly thankful to all of you: friends, family, volunteers, donors and most of all the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha.

In Gassho,

**Randy Sato and**
**Craig Hamasaki**
(Outgoing 2018 Obon Co-Chairpersons)

P.S. Please don't forget that Zone 9 will be chairing the 67th Annual MVBT Obon next year and would appreciate your continued support!

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| **2** | **3**<br>6:30 pm Girl Scouts | **4**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **5**<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **6**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball<br>7:30 pm Dharma School Cabinet Meeting | **7** | **8**<br>9:00 am Midori Kai |
| **9**<br>9:45 am Dharma School Welcome Back Lunch<br>10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School<br>12:00 pm Miroku<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids | **10** | **11**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **12**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **13**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball | **14**<br>7:00 pm ABA General Meeting<br>7:30 pm Fuji Club | **15**<br>9:00 am BWA Meeting<br>4:00 pm Boy Scouts - Dinner/COH |
| **16**<br>10:00 am Fall Ohigan Service & Dharma School<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids<br>1:00 pm Fall Ohigan Seminar<br>1:30 pm English Pronunciation for Japanese | **17**<br>11:00 am Senior Group Meeting<br>6:30 pm Girl Scouts | **18**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **19**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **20**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball | **21** | **22** |
| **23**<br>10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids | **24**<br>7:30 pm RPC Meeting | **25**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **26**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **27**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball | **28** | **29** |
| **30**<br>10:00 am Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids | | | | | | |

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## *Religious Planning — August & September 2018*

### *August 26, 2018, Sunday — No Sunday Service*

No Dharma School classes

### *September 2, 2018, Sunday — No Sunday Service*

No Dharma School classes

### *September 9, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September*

Sunday Services and Dharma School's first day of new school year

Welcome Back Luncheon sponsored by Dharma School

**11:00 am Japanese Language Service**

### *September 16, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Fall Ohigan Service*

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka**

Dharma School Cabinet and YBA Cabinet Installations

### *September 16, 2018, Sunday, 1:00 pm—5:00 pm — Fall Ohigan Seminar*

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka**

### *September 23, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service*

Dharma School Cabinet and YBA Cabinet Installations

### *September 30, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park*

**No services at the Temple**

**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**

**O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM**

**Adult Discussion—11:00 AM**

**Dharma School—11:00 AM**

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

***Bruce Okuno***

***John Matsumoto***

***Mae Higaki***

***Lily Omokawa***

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

***Namo Amida Butsu***

## Does Your Mirror Reflect Your Mind?

***By Rev. Yushi Mukojima***

I read *Aesop's Fables* with my son a few days ago. There was a very interesting story in it entitled, "The Dog and Its Reflection."

The story is about a dog carrying a piece of meat while crossing a bridge. When it looked down at the stream below, it saw its own reflection. Mistaking its reflection for another dog holding a piece of meat, it began to bark to surprise the other dog and snatch away its food: "Bow!" But the very moment it opened its mouth to bark, what it held in its mouth fell into the water. In the end, the dog was close to tears because it had lost its food.

This is a famous story that everyone is familiar with. There are wonderful lessons in any of Aesop's tales. When I read the explanation of "The Dog and Its Reflection," it said, "This fable applies to those who are greedy." So after we finished reading, I told my son, "Oh, poor dog! It lost its food because it was so greedy. This story teaches us not to become greedy."

But after reading this fable again such a long time since my childhood, I realized that there is a more important lesson in it. It is the teaching, "Look at our true selves."

It is said that when a dog sees its reflection in water or a mirror, it cannot recognize that it is seeing its own image. Even if intelligent animals such as chimpanzees or orangutans can recognize their reflections as themselves, they lack the ability to do anything with that knowledge. However, humans use mirror reflections to aid in grooming or applying makeup. So we regularly use mirrors to look at ourselves.

Using a mirror allows us to see our face and body, but unfortunately, it cannot show what we have inside. Here is the extremely big problem.

When I argue with my wife and am given advice, I occasionally leave her with a parting shot: "You don't need to tell me anything because I know myself best!" But to be honest, this is really just sour grapes. I cannot see myself as I truly am – with my faults and ugly character traits – in the same way that we cannot see our face or back without using a mirror.

Current medical science allows us to see our internal organs using a CT scan and a monitor. Because of this, doctors can give a precise diagnosis of our medical condition. However, even if we use the latest medical equipment, it's impossible to see our inner thoughts or know our state of mind.

However, just as a mirror shows us parts of our bodies, there is a way that enables us to see our true selves. It is to encounter the Buddha Dharma. What you can see in the mirror of the Dharma is your true mind and heart. It's most important to live knowing that we have a way of seeing deeply into our truest nature using the mirror of the Dharma, namely, the teaching of the Nembutsu.

"Dharma" means the real state of things. For example, everything is constantly changing and there is nothing that exists in the exact same state for even an instant. That is why Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us that all things in this

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## Does Your Mirror Reflect Your Mind? (cont'd)

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world are impermanent and all things exist dependent on other things. This truth is the law known as "Causes and Conditions." Although it is a universal truth that everyone knows, when it comes to our own situation, we won't accept this distinct truth. For instance, even when our loved one passes away, we find it difficult to accept that death will someday happen to us. Because of this, we forget the mind of gratitude that enables us to live at this moment. Also, if things don't turn out as we desire or when things occur which are inconvenient for us, we live our lives in vain, complaining and feeling resentful.

This brings to mind the foolish dog in Aesop's Fable. The dog looking at its reflection and mistaking it for another dog is a metaphor for us, looking at our fleeting lives in the reality of impermanence as if we were seeing others' lives. The moment that the dog foolishly barked, "Bow!" it lost its piece of meat. Life is also fleeting and we do not know when it will be lost.

This kind of ignorance in the darkness actually causes delusion and suffering. Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us that in order to recognize our selfish way of thinking and be free of this delusion – the belief that I alone am an exception – we must strive to rely on a way of thinking based on the truth of the Dharma.

That is why it is most important for us to acknowledge ourselves as true beings and become independent as real Buddhists, making sure that what we see is just as they are according to the Buddha Dharma. We should always try to look steadily at our true selves using the mirror of the Dharma—that is, the teaching of the Nembutsu, for deep self-reflection.

"Look at your true self" is the lesson I took from "The Dog and Its Reflection." I understood the importance of always acknowledging our reflection and taking the right path with the mirror of the Nembutsu as our spiritual support, much like we see our reflection in the mirror every day. It was a fruitful reading time with my loving son which made me realize this important lesson.

In Gassho,

## Miroku - First Meeting, Sunday, Sept 9

Welcome to the new school year! Miroku would like to invite all incoming 6th Graders and returning Middle Schoolers to our first meeting, Sunday, September 9, from noon to 1 pm in the YBA Hall Conference Room following the Dharma School "Welcome Back Lunch."

This meeting will primarily be an introduction to Miroku and what we plan on accomplishing this year. We already have a couple of Sunday Services we plan to chair on the calendar, and we'd like to get an idea what community service projects everyone's interested in. Also, we need to get ideas on what fun activities everyone wants to do.

So, remember to check out Miroku's first meeting on the first Sunday service on September 9th. Hope to see you there!

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

**MIROKU**

*middle school group*

# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇一八年九月法話

## ―心の鏡をもっていますか？―

駐在開教使　向嶋諦史

先日、息子とイソップ寓話集を読んでいたのですが、その中に「犬と肉」という面白いお話がありました。

「ある日、肉をくわえた犬が橋を渡っていました。その犬が何気なく水面に目をやると、そこに肉をくわえた自分が映っていました。しかし、犬はそれを別の犬だと思い込み、いきなり驚かしてその肉を奪い取ろうと吠えかかりました。「ワンッ！」その瞬間、くわえていた肉が川に落ちてしまい、結局自分の肉を失ってしまい泣きべそをかいた」というお話です。

イソップの作品はどれも素晴らしい教訓が盛り込まれていて、この「犬と肉」のお話の説明文を読んでみますと「この寓話は、欲張りの人に当てはまります」と書いてありました。

しかし、数十年ぶりに改めてこの寓話を読んでみますと、欲張りな人にならないようにという戒めは勿論の事、それ以上に、もっと大切な教えがこの寓話の中に存在していたということに気づかせていただきました。それは、「本当の自分を見る」ということです。

犬は、水面や鏡に映る自分の姿を見ても、それが自分であるとは認識できないとされています。たとえチンパンジーやオランウータン等といった知能の高い動物が自己を認識できるということがあっても、それ以上の行動を起こすことはありません。しかし、人間は鏡に映っている自分を見て、身なりを整えたり、身を飾ったりすることができます。ですから、私達は自分の姿を見る為に常に鏡を意識して生活しているのです。

しかし、鏡というのは私達の顔や身体を見る事はできますが、残念ながら、私達の心まで見通すことはできません。ここに極めて大きな問題があるのです。私は妻と喧嘩して何か注意されると、「自分の事は自分が一番良く分かっている！」という捨て台詞を吐くことがあります。しかし、残念ながら、この言い分は単なる負け惜しみです。なぜなら、鏡がないと自分の目で直接自分の顔や背中を見ることができないのと同じように、私には本来自分が持っている性格の悪さや欠点というものが正しく見えていないからです。

現代医学では、科学の発展によって内臓まで映し出すCTスキャン等といった受像機を通して的確な診断を下すことができるようになりました。ですが、そんな最先端の機械を使ったとしても人の心の状態を見る事はできません。

しかし、鏡で自分の姿を見るように、本当の自分を正しく見る方法が一つあります。それは仏法に出遇うことです。仏法の鏡で見えるのは私達の本当の心の姿です。人生を歩む上で大切なことは、自分の心の在り様を法の鏡、つまり、お念仏のみ教えを通して正しく見るということなのです。

「法」とは、ものの本当の在り方のことです。例えば、全てのものは時々刻々と変化し、永遠に続くものは何一つとしてありません。ですから、お釈迦さまは「世の中の全てのものは無常であり、全てのものは依り合って成り立っている」と説いておられます。

この事実が「縁起」という法です。これは普遍的真理なのですが、私達はこの明確な事実でも、自分のこととなると、これを認めることはありません。なぜなら、他人は死んでも、自分はいつまでも大丈夫だと思っているから、生かされていることへの感謝の心を忘れ、物事が思い通りにならなくなったり、都合が悪くなったりするとすぐに腹を立て愚痴を吐いて無駄に人生を送っているのです。

それは正に、イソップ寓話に出てくる愚かな犬と何ら変わりありません。水面に映っている姿が自分であるにもかかわらず、別の犬と間違いして見ている愚かな姿は、無常という　理　の中で生かされている儚いのちを、他人事のように眺めている私達の姿そのものなのです。「ワンッ！」と吠えた瞬間、肉ではなく己のいのちを落としかねない儚い人生なのです。

この無明で無知なる考え方が迷いの原因なのです。お釈迦さまは、自分だけは例外とする自己中心的な考え方に目覚め、この迷いの世界から脱するには、法の真理に基づいた考え方に根を下ろす努力が何よりも大切だということを教えて下さっています。

ですから、自分の大切な人生を「法という鏡」、つまり、「お念仏」を通して常に深い内省の中から本当の自分を正しく見つめ、物事のありようをしっかりと見定め、真の人間として自己を確立し、真の仏教徒として自立していかなくてはなりません。

これこそ、私がイソップ寓話の「犬と肉」の中から教わった「本当の自分を見る」ということです。毎日、鏡で自分の姿を見ているように、お念仏の鏡を人生の拠り所として本当の自分に出遇い、正しい道を歩むことの大切さを改めて気づかせていただいた愛息との有意義な読書の時間でありました。

# Seniors Activity Group — Resumes Thursday, August 30

**SENIOR HOURS**

***Every Thursdays,***
***9:00 am - 12:00 noon***

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

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

***August 30, Thursday.*** This will be the start up of the Senior Activities and Craft program.

***September 6, Thursday.*** We will make manju and we ask for your generous support again. We will get ready for the Midori Kai Boutique to be held on Saturday, September 8. We will start at 8:30 am. Thanking you all in advance for your time and energy.

***September 19, Wednesday.*** 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** to sign up. The price is $57, tip included. We still have space available, so please invite a friend who may want to enjoy a day trip.

***October 18, Thursday.*** A much-needed program is planned. "Preventative Falling" is the presentation planned for us Seniors or anyone that may need information on this subject. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and the presentation at 12:15 pm. Please plan to join us

**COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE**

***Only $18.00***

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

**In Gassho,**
**Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**

**Senior Activities & Crafts**

## SANGHA DAY PICNIC

Sunday, September 30

All Temple members and friends and their families are invited.
Come on board and join the fun games, great food,
and best of all the amazing people who have
worked so hard this year to make our
Temple work so successfully!

10:00 am ..... Sunday Service
11:00 am ..... Children's Activities
12:00 noon ..... Barbecue Lunch
1:30 pm ..... Bingo
2:30 pm ..... Raffle

A representative from your zone or affiliated organization will contact you
for a head count and for a potluck selection:
salad, rice or dessert.

If you have not been contacted by September 22, please email or call
Bryan Nishimoto at fishhawkent@earthlink.net or 650-302-5287

Dharma School

# Dharma School News

Hope everyone had a fun summer.

**OBON TEAMWORK**

Although the Obon Festival was altered this year, Dharma School worked the Grab Bag, Duck Pond and Shooting Gallery booths as usual. These booths remained some of the favorite attractions of the festival. Thanks to **Janell Tao** and **Cheryl Shay** for coordinating the Grab Bag and Duck Pond booths. And, thanks to **Dave & Tricia Hojo** for coordinating the Shooting Gallery.

A big round of applause for all the families that helped out in the Obon booths! They were a great success.

Thank-you's go out to Julie **Uyekubo**, who coordinated the Obon booth volunteers, and April **Kabasinskas**, who was in-charge of the Dharma School Obon display.

MVBT Taiko performed on Saturday and Sunday at Obon. The Kohai class performed "*Hanabi*", the Sempai class performed "*Omiyage*", and the adults performed "*Hotokesama-Matsuri*". Obon is our final performance and the highlight of our year!

Following Obon, Ashley **Uyehara** coordinated the classroom prep for the annual floor cleaning. A big thank you to all the volunteers who cleared out the classrooms, Sangha Hall and YBA Hall. The task was accomplished in record time.

**HELP MVBT DHARMA SCHOOL REMAIN STRONG!**

The Dharma School Board needs an Assistant Superintendent for the coming 2018 - 2019 year. Also, Dharma School needs two Parent Volunteer Coordinators. These positions are essential for the success of Dharma School. Now is the time for you to help our children. Please contact dssuperintendent@mvbuddhisttemple.org if you can help or for more information.

**DONATIONS**

**Gratefully acknowledged**

**Edith Matsumoto & the Matsumoto Family**

**In Memory of John Matsumoto**

**In Gassho,**
**Curt Fukuda**
**Dharma School Superintendent**

## 150 Club News

No MVBT Boards of Directors meetings were held in July and August. The 150 Club winners will be drawn at the September MVBT Board meeting on Wednesday, September 12. You have a chance to win two drawings in a row. A third if you are picked for September, too.

## Toban & Echo Schedule

| | Toban | Echo Article Deadline | Echo Print & Mail |
|---|---|---|---|
| SEPT | Zones 12 & 13 | N / A | N / A |
| OCT | Zones 1 & 2 | Sept 14 (Fri) | Sept 19 (Wed) |
| NOV | Zones 3 & 4 | Oct 12 (Fri) | Oct 17 (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

## Fall Ohigan Seminar at MVBT

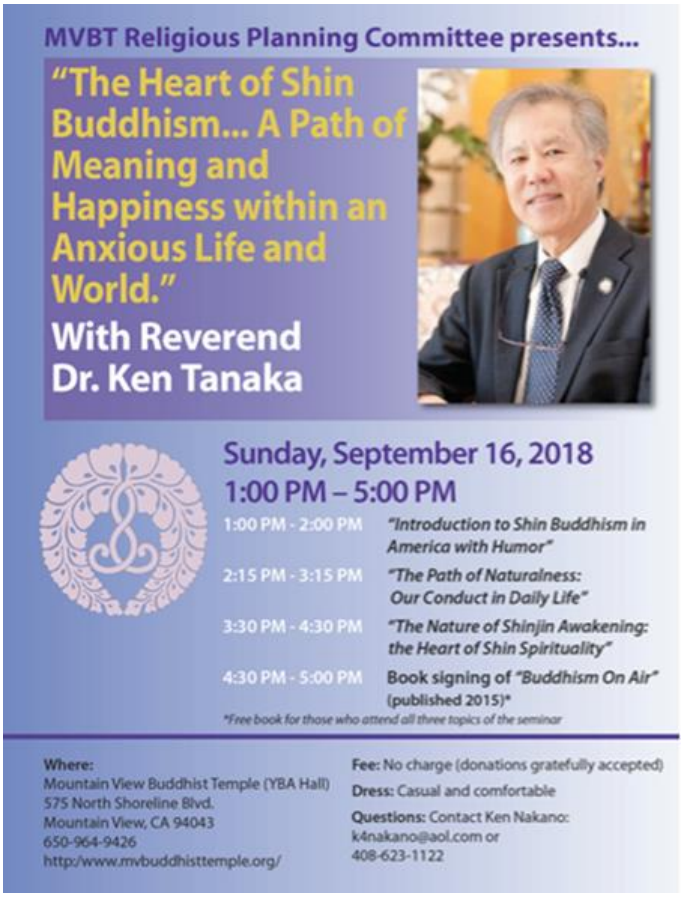
Ken Tanaka grew up in Mountain View, CA, and attended the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. He was an active member of the Young Buddhist Association at the local, district and national levels. After attending the 1969 Summer Session at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), he made the decision to pursue a career in Buddhism.

After graduating from Stanford University with a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology, he specialized in the study of Buddhism at various institutions that included a stint as a Theravada monk in Thailand, then as a graduate student at the IBS (M.A.), the Tokyo University (M.A.), and the University of California at Berkeley (Ph.D.). He taught at IBS for 11 years (1984-95) and served as minister at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church for three years (1995-98).

In 1998 Rev. Dr. Tanaka became Professor of Buddhist Studies at Musashino University in Tokyo (a Jodo-Shinshu based institution of about 10,000 students) and retired this year as Musashino University's Professor and Director of the Institute of Buddhist Culture. He currently serves as President of two academic associations, the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies and the Japanese Association for the Study of Buddhism and Psychology.

His publications include The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine, Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America, The Faces of Buddhism in America, and Amerika Bukkyo (in Japanese, meaning "American Buddhism"). His books have been translated into Japanese, Chinese and Portuguese.

Dr. Tanaka is married to Kimie Carrie Tanaka. They have three adult children, Aaron (Boston), Nathan (El Cerrito), and Serena (San Francisco). His interests include walking, feeding the neighborhood stray cats, looking for humor in Buddhism, and watching the news!




## Join ABA at a San Francisco Giants Game - Sept 12

**SF GIANTS GAME TICKETS**

MVBT ABA will be attending a SF Giants game on Wednesday, September 12, versus the Atlanta Braves. Game time is 12:45 pm. We have several tickets still available to anyone who would like to join us, ABA member or not. The seats are in the Club Level Section 231 and are $61 each. If interested, please contact **Joanne Makishima** ASAP at jcmakishima@gmail.com.

Braves @ GIANTS

Wed, Sept 12 at AT&T Park

## ABA News

### OBON BAZAAR

Big thanks to everyone who assisted with the Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Booth. It was the first time that ABA was responsible for the booth and everything went well. Thanks to the committee: Steve Tsuchida, Reiko Tsuchida, Russ Nakano, Lois Okino and Shirley Matsumoto for their guidance and support.

### ABA DANCE

Get out your dancing shoes, "Unforgettable," the 2018 ABA dance will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 8:00 pm – 11:30 pm at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, featuring favorite music from the 60's – 90's ... give or take a few decades.

Everyone over the age of 21 is encouraged to attend and reconnect with old friends from near and far, and dance or listen to the music from our youth.

While our immediate objective is an evening of fun across the ages, our long-term goal is to raise funds to upgrade/add new audio & visual equipment and technology for the Temple.

Admission is $30 per person online or $40 at the door. A no-host bar will offer a variety of top-grade alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and light refreshments will be served. A Silent Auction will include such incredible prizes as tickets for the Warriors, 49ers and SF Giants; jewelry; and gift cards from local restaurants and stores.

It will be an "Unforgettable" evening!! To register, please visit our website at

www.aba-dance.com

### DONATIONS

Thanks for the following donations:

**Russ and Judy Nakano**

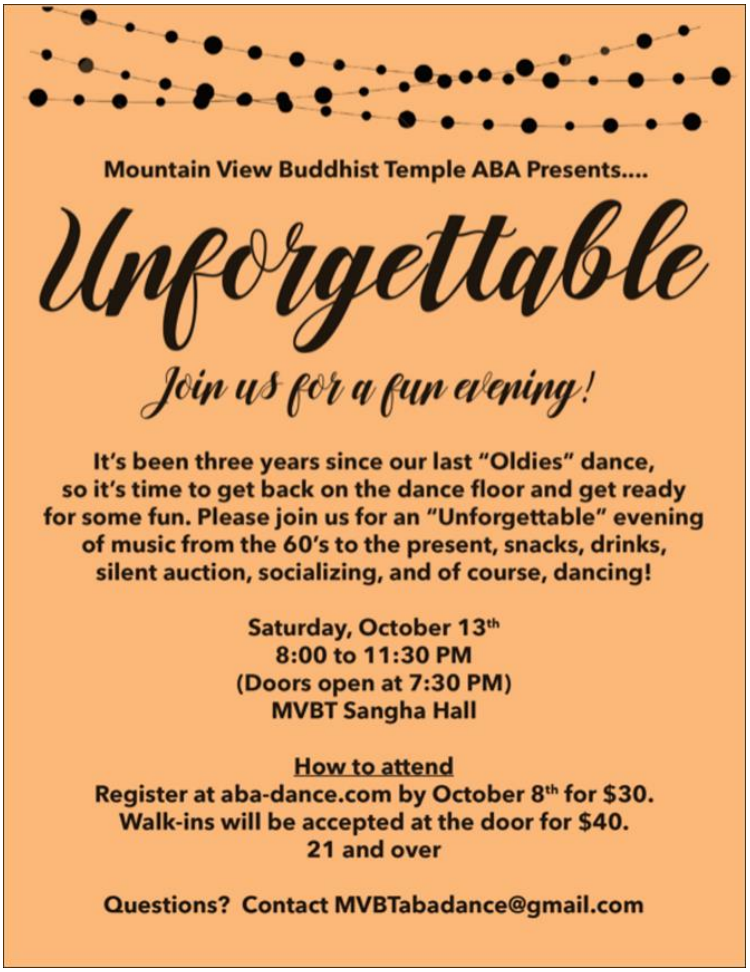
Recovery from injury .....$500

**With Gassho,**
**Jean Shimoguchi**
**ABA President**

**Save the Date:**

**Saturday,**

**October 13, 2018**



## YBA News

**YBA NEWS**

### OBON

YBA sold a variety of delicious hot dogs at Obon this year. Thank you very much for all those who came out to support the Temple!

### CYBA CONFERENCE

**Evan Tsukahara**, **Maddie Matsumoto**, **Mitchell Kita** and **Victoria Shinkawa** attended the CYBA Conference from June 29 to July 2 at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. The theme of the conference was "Inclusiveness" and the participants enjoyed many entertaining workshops and delicious food.

### DISNEYLAND

Many members flew to the magical world of Disneyland from July 28 - 31. We made many fun memories together. Thank you to all those who helped support the YBA's wonderful trip!

### BCA BUDDHIST YOUTH RETREAT

**Evan Tsukahara** and **Stacey Kawabata** attended the first BCA Summer Youth Retreat from July 1-7. We hope they had an enjoyable time with their new Dharma friends!

### The NEW AND OLD

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We cannot wait to see what you accomplish in the future. We welcome the freshman class of 2022 to YBA!

### CC VOLLEYBALL MIXER

YBA will be sending members to the annual CC Volleyball Mixer. Best of luck to all the participants!

**In Gassho,**
**Maddie Matsumoto**
**2017-2018 Outgoing YBA President**

## BWA Actiities

**Buddhist Women's Association**

### CONDOLENCES

BWA extends their sincere condolences to the family of **Mrs. Lily Omokawa**. She was a longtime member and sadly passed away in July.

### DONATIONS

The BWA gratefully acknowledges the generous donation from:

**Mrs. Edith Matsumoto**
**In Memory of Husband,**
**John Matsumoto**

### BAZAAR

We were truly fortunate to have **Randy Sato** and **Craig Hamasaki** as Co-Chairmen for the Bazaar. With all the challenges and changes the Temple had to undergo, they did a superb job!

Thank you to everyone that helped the BWA with the sushi, udon, spam musubi, rice and otsukemono at the Bazaar. Also, thank you BWA ladies for always giving your all.

### JOIN BWA

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

### NEXT MEETING

Saturday. September 15, 2018, 9:00 am in YBA Hall.

# THANK YOU!
# 2018 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR COMMITTEE

A BIG
THANK YOU

The **Obon Flower Shop** would like to thank the local nurseries and all of the home growers for the wide variety of flower and plant donations. The bedding plants donated by the nurseries were beautiful and enjoyed by everyone. The variety of home grown plants were fabulous and a big hit. Thank you for all your contributions and making the flower shop so successful. Your time and effort are sincerely appreciated and we are very grateful for your support.

The Flower Shop Staff

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Keiro Kai Luncheon

## Sunday, November 18, 2018

*Come join us in celebrating and honoring our Seniors*

Invitations will be mailed out to all MVBT Temple members

## THANK YOU!
## 2018 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR COMMITTEE

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Arigato Gozaimasu!

August & September

Monthly

Memorial

Service

***Sunday***

***September 9, 2018***

***10:00 a.m.***

## *August & September 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 **August and September** Shotsuki loved ones are:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Kent Abe** | **Shigeo Kashima** | **Albert Okuno** |
| **George Abey** | **Itsume Kawamoto** | **Kin'ichi Okuno** |
| **Jean Abey** | **Shina Kinaga** | **Toshiko Okuno** |
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| **Dorothy Furuichi** | **Kazuo Kurashige** | **Kitao Sakai** |
| **Masuo Hamada** | **Chiyomi Masuda** | **Miyuki Sakano** |
| **Hiroshi Haruta** | **Helen Matsuba** | **James Satake** |
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If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

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## Contact Us

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# october 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | **1**<br>6:30 pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class | **2**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **3**<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **4**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball | **5** | **6** |
| **7**<br>10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids<br>12:00 pm YBA General Meeting<br>12:30 pm Miroku General Meeting | **8** | **9**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **10**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **11**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball | **12**<br>4:00 pm ABA Dance Prep<br>7:00 pm ABA General Meeting<br>7:30 pm Fuji Club | **13**<br>9:00 am ABA Dance<br>9:00 am BWA Meeting |
| **14**<br>10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids | **15**<br>11:00 am Senior Group Meeting<br>6:30 pm Girl Scouts | **16**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **17**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **18**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball | **19** | **20** |
| **21**<br>6:00 am Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast<br>10:00 am Bishop's & ABA Memorial Service & Dharma School<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids | **22** | **23**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **24**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **25**<br>8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball | **26** | **27**<br>4:00 pm Cub Scouts |
| **28**<br>12:00 am Cub Scouts<br>10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids | **29**<br>7:30 pm RPC Meeting | **30**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts | **31**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | | | |

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The donations for June, July and August will be acknowledged in the October issue of the Echo. The Mountain View Buddhist Temple apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Upcoming Services

**September 9, Sunday, 10:00 am**
Shotsuki Hoyo

**September 16, Sunday, 10:00 am & 1:00 pm**
Fall Ohigan and Fall Ohigan Seminar

**October 7, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am**
Shotsuki Hoyo

**October 21, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am**
BCA Bishops and MVBT ABA Memorial Service

**November 4, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am**
Shotsuki Hoyo

**November 11, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am**
Esshinno-ko / Kakushinni-ko / Lady Ohtani Memorial Service

**November 18, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am**
Eitaikyo Service

**December 2, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am**
Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service

**December 31, 2018, Monday, 7:00 pm**
Year-End / Joya-e Service

**January 1, 2019, Tuesday, 10:00 am**
New Year's Day / Shusho-e Service

## 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:**

| | | | | | |
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| 1st Year Memorial | 2017 | 3rd Year Memorial | 2016 | 7th Year Memorial | 2012 |
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