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October Highlights

- ***10/7 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am Japanese Language Service
- ***10/8 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***10/10 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***10/13 Sat, 7:30 pm***
  ABA Dance "Unforgettable"
- ***10/21 Sun, 10:00 am***
  BCA Bishops & ABA Memorial Service
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Kurt Rye,
  Placer Buddhist Church

The Loving Gaze

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

My family and I took our summer break in Japan and returned to the U.S. last month. Though we were reluctant to end our first visit in a year, we parted from my parents at the Nagoya airport. I know my mom was watching us go with tears in her eyes until she was not able to see us. Although the reunion with my parents is the greatest pleasure, it is always sad and unbearable to face this moment of parting. I cannot forget my mom's gaze filled with tears.

This year, so that our kids could go to Japanese school, I let my family leave for Japan about a month earlier than my own departure to Japan. Although it was just a brief separation, the moment that I saw them off at the airport made me feel really sad.

While standing at the gate, I became aware of a young mother who was also seeing her young children off. It seems her son and daughter were traveling to Japan by themselves to visit their grandparents during their summer break. She hugged them tightly and said, "Be safe and be nice to one another so that you don't give your grandma and grandpa any trouble. Give me a call as soon as you get there." However, the two kids tore themselves loose from her grasp, saying, "We have to go or we'll be late. Bye, Mom!" and went through the security gate with cheerful smiles, not aware at all about how worried their mother was. Although I was impressed by the kids' show of independence in parting from their mother, she herself seemed unwilling to leave the spot even after they were no

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MVBT Dharma School Taiko: "Taste of Taiko" on Sept 23

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LOOKING FOR NEW STUDENTS

The MVBT Dharma School Taiko group is looking for new students! Taiko classes are held on Sundays after Dharma School and are open to Dharma School students age 7 years and older. No previous taiko experience is necessary! We will be holding a "Taste of Taiko" event to introduce taiko to any interested students on Sunday, September 23, at 12:15 pm on the Sangha Hall stage. Please join us and try taiko - it's a lot of fun! If you have questions, please contact **Ashley Uyehara**, the MVBT Taiko Coordinator at taikocoord@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

In Gassho,
MVBT Dharma School Taiko

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

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Religious Planning — October 2018

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

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

October 8, 2018, Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Monthly Study Class

Rev. Mukojima's monthly study class. Class is based on the book Tannisho written by Yuien, who was Shinran's disciple.

October 14, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

October 21, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — BCA Bishops & MVBT ABA Memorial Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kurt Rye

October 28, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Dharma School Halloween parade at end of 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**

MVBT Picnic

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

The Loving Gaze (cont'd)

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longer in sight.

I imagine that those youngsters who left their Mom's tight embrace so easily already had their thoughts on Japan, and they were having a lively conversation about, "Where will we go?" "What will we buy?" "What will we play?" and so on. However, a parent's love and affection is always directed at the child regardless where that child is or when it is. Even if the child is unaware of it, the parent's warm and loving gaze will never leave it. I can still remember clearly that young mother's warm gaze, her eyes narrowed as if she were able to see through the security gate to where the kids had been.

Have you ever looked closely at the eyes in a depiction or statue of the Buddha? In Buddhism, we call the Buddha's eyes the "Eyes of Compassion" or "Compassionate Eyes." In this expression, his eyes are mere slits. I'm sure there are some who misinterpret this look, assuming that the Buddha's eyes are closed. But certainly, his eyes are open. He is not sleeping at all.

When opening the eyes wide, the outer world (others) can be seen clearly, but the inner world (oneself) cannot be seen at all. The other way around, with the eyes closed, the inner world can be seen clearly, but the outer world cannot be viewed. I have never seen a Buddha image that has its eyes completely open; nor have I seen one with eyes completely shut. The Buddha always keeps his eyes slightly open. In Buddhism, it is called "*hangan*" or "eyes half closed."

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Hangan means to see the unity of both the inside and outside view. It is to see both the inner world and outer world equally without prejudice. This means to see others warmly and compassionately as if seeing oneself. These are the "Eyes of Compassion."

Because compassion is wisdom working toward all living things, the working that is cast on each one of us with the light of wisdom are the eyes of Buddha's compassion. Although with our delusional mind, it is hard to always be aware that we have been lifted by Buddha's compassion and guided by the light of wisdom. Buddha's mind is always directed at each one of us, much like the warm sunlight that shines on even the nameless grass, or like a parent's smiling eyes that are lovingly fixed on a child.

Consider a mother and her baby. The reason the baby can eventually say "Mommy" is because the baby has repeatedly heard his/her mother's voice saying it countless times. When thinking back on my kids, I am sure that the reason my kids are able to call "Mommy" naturally is because my wife affectionately repeated to them, "It is Mommy, it is Mommy." from the time she knew she had new life in her womb. Thus a child is raised by his or her parent's love and affection. In the same way, the reason we are able to place our palms together and recite the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," is because we have been lifted by the loving gaze of Amida Buddha. The great benefit that we have received from Amida Buddha is immeasurable.

The Nembutsu is "Amida Buddha's name" and also "Amida Buddha's calling voice." We each have a tendency to believe that we recite the Nembutsu on our own power, but in fact, it is Amida Buddha's guidance that makes us call his name. Amida Buddha's sincere mind of compassion, which cannot help but embrace us, became "Namo Amida Butsu," and it has been given to the heart and mind of each one of us.

The light of Amida Buddha always shines equally upon us and lifts us up without tiring. Therefore, we should be aware of and grateful for how precious it is to be embraced by Amida Buddha's warm compassion and to receive his loving look that is like a parent whose gaze cannot leave a child abandoned.

It may be difficult for those of us who lead busy lives to be aware of Amida Buddha's compassionate eyes, much like the two young kids at the airport who were unaware of the loving gaze their mom directed at them. But whenever we utter the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," let us gratefully listen to Amida Buddha's calling voice assuring, "I will never abandon you," and rejoice in the fact that it reaches our minds and hearts.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一八年一〇月法話

― 暖かい眼差し ―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

先月、夏休みを終えて、家族と一緒に日本から帰ってきました。一年ぶりに過ごした日本の家族との時間を惜しみつつ、名古屋空港で両親と別れたのですが、母親は涙を浮かべながら私達が見えなくなるまでずっと見送っていました。両親との再会は最高にうれしいのですが、この瞬間を迎えなくてはならないのがいつもつらく耐えがたいものです。涙で潤んだ母親の眼差しは忘れられません。

実は今年、二人の子供を日本の学校に行かせるために、妻と子供達を私より一カ月ほど早く日本に帰らせたのですが、空港で別れを告げて妻子の後姿を見送る瞬間は、しばしの別れといえど、とても悲しく感じました。

ちょうどその時、私の隣でも同じように幼い兄妹二人を見送る若いお母さんがいました。幼い二人は夏休みを利用して日本で暮らす祖父母の家に遊びに行くようで、お母さんから「気をつけて行くのよ。日本に着いたらすぐ電話してちょうだいよ」と言いながら二人を強く抱き締めていました。しかし、そんな母親の心配をよそに、幼い兄妹はお母さんの手を振り払って「もう遅れるから行くよ。じゃあね、ママ！」と笑顔で元気よくセキュリティゲートを通っていきました。

子供の潔い別れに感心していたのですが、別れを惜しむお母さんの方は子供の姿が見えなくなるまで、また見えなくなっても、その場から離れようとはしませんでした。母親と別れた子供達の心は既に日本へ向いていて、どこへ行こうか、何を買おうか、何して遊ぼうか、そんな楽しい会話で大いに盛り上がっていたことだと思います。しかし、子を想う親心、愛情というのは、どこであろうとも、どんな時であろうとも、常に子供に向けられていて、たとえ子供達が見えなくなっても、なお親の暖かい眼差しは子供の上から決して離れることはありません。子供達が見えなくなっても、なお子供の後姿を追いかけるようにゲート先を目を細めて見つめていたあの若いお母さんの暖かい眼差しを今でもはっきりと覚えています。

皆さんは、仏さまの目をはっきりと見られたことがあるでしょうか。仏教では、仏さまの眼を慈眼、もしくわ、慈悲の眼と呼んでいますが、かなり細い眼をされておられます。皆さんの中には仏さまは眼を閉じておられるのではないかと勘違いをしている方がおられると思いますが、確かに眼は開いておられます。決して眠ってなどおられません。

眼を大きく見開けば外の世界はよく見えますが、内の世界、つまり、自分の内面的な世界は全く見えません。逆に、眼を閉じると内の世界はよく見えますが、外の世界は見えません。眼を大きく見開いた仏さまや眼を閉じておられる仏さまのお顔は拝見したことがありません。いつも目を細めておられます。これを仏教では「半眼」と呼んでいます。

これは内外一如を見るという意味で、内だけを見るのではなく、内の世界と外の世界を同じように隔たりなく見つめるということなのです。これを、慈眼、慈悲の眼というのです。智慧がものに流れていくはたらきが慈悲でありますから、私達の上にありったけの智慧を注いで下さっているおはたらきが仏さまの慈悲の眼なのです。その眼によって、知らず知らずのうちに私達が育てられ、その光明によって、私達は導かれているのです。名もない草に暖かい陽があたるように、子供一人ひとりの上に平等に愛情に満ちた暖かい親の眼が注がれているのです。

これを母親と赤ん坊にたとえて言えば、赤ん坊が「マミー」と言えたのは、「マミー」と呼べるまで数え切れないほどの母親の呼びかけがあったからなのです。今思い返してみれば、私の子供達が「マミー」と呼べるようになったのも、新しいのちがお腹の中に宿った頃からずっと妻の愛情に満ちた呼びかけがあったからこそ、今の子供達があるのだと思います。つまり、親の愛情によって子は育つのです。ですから、私達が阿弥陀仏の前で手を合わすことも、「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏を申すことも、どれほどのお育てがあったかはかりしることはできません。

お念仏は阿弥陀仏の「お名前」であり、「お呼び声」です。あたかもお念仏を私自ら称えていると思いがちですが、実は阿弥陀仏の導きとお育てによって、この私が称えさせられていたのです。救わずにはおれないという阿弥陀仏の大悲の心が、今ここに「南無阿弥陀仏」となって私達一人ひとりの心に至り届けられているのです。

阿弥陀仏の光明は常に私達一人ひとりを平等に照らし、決して絶えることなくいつまでも導いて下さっています。親なればこそ我が子を放っておくことができない、見捨てることができないという阿弥陀仏の暖かなお慈悲と眼差しに私達のいのちはやさしく包まれているのです。

日々忙しく生活している私達には、空港での幼い兄妹のように親の愛情に満ちた眼差しに気づくことは難しいかもしれません。しかし、ふと「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏が口からこぼれる時、「決して見捨てはしない」という阿弥陀仏のお呼び声に耳を傾け、お呼び声が私の心に届いて下さっていることを喜ばせていただきましょう。

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Activities

CENTRAL CAL JR. YBA VOLLEYBALL MIXER

Fifteen YBA members attended this year's CC Jr. YBA Volleyball Mixer in Fresno. It was an enjoyable day for all. Playing volleyball and socializing with delegates from various chapters throughout California was the highlight of our trip to Fresno!

MIDORI KAI BOUTIQUE FUNDRAISER

YBA had our first fundraiser of the year at the Midori Kai Boutique on September 8. We sold Deluxe Furikake Mix and 'Hurricane' Chips. We sold out of our snack items by early afternoon. We would like to thank those who supported the YBA. A special thank you to Midori Kai for allowing us to participate again this year.

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

A variety of fun games, relays and face painting will be organized for the children by our YBA Activities Chair, Lara Nakamura. YBA will be holding a 50/50 raffle again at the Temple's annual Sangha Day picnic. Your continued support of our YBA is sincerely appreciated.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY

The YBA is beginning to set up for our annual Halloween Activity, which is planned to take place the weekend before Halloween. We will have activities, pizza as well as a few movie showings.

CDYBL CONFERENCE PLANNING

Our YBA is continuing its planning efforts for the upcoming Coast District YBA Conference on March 16, 2019. The conference theme will be based on the Disney film Moana and the question, "Who are you meant to be?" Mountain View YBA will be leading two of the workshops. Mountain View, San Jose and Salinas YBAs will be hosting this conference at the San Jose Betsuin.

DONATION

We would like to thank **Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and Joy Morimoto** for their generous donation to YBA for our recent trip to Disneyland.

In Gassho,
Evan Tsukahara
2018 - 2019 YBA President

Quiz

1. Who is the oldest, living female member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple? How old is she?
2. Who is the oldest, living male member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple? How old is he?
3. Who is the youngest Temple family member?

Come to Keiro Kai to hear the answers.

150 Club News

We have multiple winners this time.

July ..... **Stacy Kawabata**

August..... **Margaret Abe**

September..... **Jim Thoni**

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
OCT	Zones 1 & 2	N / A	N / A
NOV	Zones 3 & 4	Oct 12 (Fri)	Oct 17 (Wed)
DEC	Zones 5 & 6	Nov 16 (Fri)	Nov 21 (Wed)

Please note the revised article deadline and printing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof and finalize the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.*

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

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Dharma School News

Dharma School started its new year on September 9. We were happy to see all the faces of our new and current students! If you know of any family who might be interested in joining our Dharma School, please encourage them to come and experience one of our classes — it's not too late!

Dharma School

DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES

There is a change to the Dharma School class combinations this year. Here are the classes and teachers:

Preschool .....Curt Fukuda, Tracey Mukoyama, and Joann Yamani
Kindergarten and 1st Grade.....Esther Bunya, Debbie Ho, Frances Sawamura, and Reiko Tsuchida
2nd Grade .....Diane Umemoto and Toshiko Uyehara
3rd and 4th Grade.....Joan Aoki, Gail Satake-Nakamura, and Sharon Tsukahara
5th and 6th Grade.....Carol Harbin and Debby Inenaga
7th and 8th Grade.....John Arima and Jill Fajardo
High School.....Elise Fujimoto, Brent Izutsu, and Bruce Morimoto

We would also like to acknowledge our librarians, **Marie Ochi-Jacobs** and **Jeanne Ohara**.

DHARMA SCHOOL CABINET

Several parents and Dharma School teachers also volunteer their time and energy serving on the Dharma School Cabinet. The MVBT Dharma School Cabinet for 2018-19 is:

Superintendent.....Brent Izutsu
Dharma Education Coordinator.....Debby Inenaga
Secretary.....Katie Tamaru-Itow
Treasurer.....Karen Bunya
Registrar.....Janice Lee
Dharma School Communications.....Randy Sato
Taiko Coordinator .....Ashley Uyehara

We were unfortunately unable to recruit an assistant superintendent and parent volunteer coordinator for this year. We will see how this year goes without parent volunteer coordinators, but **Ashley Uyehara** and **Tricia Hojo** have been graciously recruiting parent volunteers and structuring the new approach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It takes a Sangha to create a strong community and rich, rewarding, and indelible experiences for our Dharma School students. We ask that all of our Dharma School families help coordinate and run one of the various activities that Dharma School sponsors throughout the year. If you didn't get to sign up for an activity at the Dharma School Parents' Meeting on September 9, please contact Tricia Hojo or Ashley Uyehara. Extra copies of the information packet are also available from Brent Izutsu for parents who were unable to attend the meeting.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 23:
5th and 6th Grade Class Chairs Service

Sunday, September 30:
Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park

We hope that all Dharma School families will attend this fun event. If you are not a Temple member and are interested in joining in the festivities, please contact Brent Izutsu, so that we can get an accurate headcount for food and activity planning purposes.

Sunday, October 7:
7th and 8th Grade Class Chairs Service

Sunday, October 14:
3rd and 4th Grade Class Chairs Service

Sunday, October 28:
2nd Grade Class Chairs Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to Joy Morimoto, Liane Detering and Hiroto Yamada for coordinating the Welcome Back Luncheon on September 9 as well as all of the parents who volunteered in the set up, serving, and clean up. It was a fantastic start to the new school year!

DONATIONS

Gratefully *acknowledged.*

Todd & Ashley Uyehara
Damon's Birthday

Edith Matsumoto
In Memory of John Matsumoto

Toshiko Uyehara
Jeremy Tao's birthday

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

ABA News

HELLO KITTY AND BASEBALL

Several ABA members enjoyed a big win by the San Jose Giants on Japanese Heritage Day. It was also Hello Kitty day and we all received a baseball cap with the famous kitty. Don't we look great?

The group also made our annual trek to a San Francisco Giants game and, in keeping with our tradition, the Giants lost. (We've seen them lose almost every game we attend.) At some point, the SF Giants may ban us from attending games as a group.

ABA at San Jose Giants Game

ABA going to San Franciscoo Giants Game on CalTrain

ABA DANCE

Get out your dancing shoes. "Unforgettable" the 2018 ABA dance will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 8:00 pm to 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.

The funds raised from the dance will help 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 such as tickets for the Warriors, 49ers and SF Giants games; jewellery; and gift cards from local restaurants, hotels and stores.

It will be an "Unforgettable" evening!! To register, please visit our website at www.aba--dance.com

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi

Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, November 18, 2018, 12:00 pm

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Okage sama de
"Thanks to you"

All MVBT members, their families, and affiliated organizations are encouraged to attend and join us in thanking and honoring our MVBT seniors.

RSVP by Sunday, November 4, 2018
Invitations will be mailed out to all MVBT Temple members

Questions? Contact Janell Tao janellu@yahoo.com
or Cheryl Shay cuyehara@hotmail.com

Miroku

MIROKU

middle school group

FIRST MEETING

Miroku held its first meeting of the new school year on Sunday, September 9. There was a really nice mix of new and old members attending along with a number of parents. At the meeting, members discussed what potential Temple service projects, community service projects, and fun activities they'd like to participate in this year. Discussions were lively and spirited with many wonderful ideas provided. At the conclusion of the general meeting, members conducted the monthly AED (Automated External Defibrillator) checks in both YBA Hall and Sangha Hall.

JOIN MIROKU

Finally, to all the middle schoolers out there, Miroku is the youth group aimed especially for your age group! Please consider joining to be a part of a really great community of students. There are fun activities, worthwhile community service projects, and opportunities to give back to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Don't worry if you can't make all the meetings or activities. We understand everyone is busy. Just fill out a registration form so when you can attend and you're covered. Contact any Miroku Parent Advisor for help with registration.

NEXT MEETNG

The next Miroku meeting is Sunday, October 7, in the YBA Hall Conference Room at noon.

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

Seniors Activity Group

Senior Activities & Crafts

MIDORI KAI BOUTIQUE

We want to thank all the members and friends who came out to help make *manju* for the annual Midori Kai Boutique held in September. Through all your unselfish time and effort, we were able to make delicious *manju*. This is our major fundraiser event, so we thank you all for your support. From our sales from Midori Kai, we will donate $300 to the Temple. Again, thank you for supporting our Senior Activities program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 18: A much needed program is planned. "Preventative Falling" is the presentation planned for us Seniors or anyone that may need information on this subject. We have **Ellen Corman** from Stanford Healthcare, who will handle the presentation. Thank you to **Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto** for her support. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and the presentation at 12:15 pm. Please plan to join us and get information on this subject

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Senior Cook Book is still available in the Temple office or from any of the committee member. A perfect gift . Price: $18.

SENIOR CRAFTS

Thank you to **Keiko Morita** for donating many dish towels to our Temple kitchen. Greatly appreciated.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

10:45 am to 11:00 am. Following the Sing Along, a chair exercise lead by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light chair exercise.

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

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

OBON

Over the summer, the Girl Scouts and their families ran the Drinks Booth once again at the Obon. Seven of our MVBT Troop Scouts participated in the 2018 National Scouting Obon Odori patch program.

SENIORS / AMBASSADORS SCOUTS

The Senior & Ambassador girls held their first meeting in August. They took inventory of the Temple first aid boxes, removed outdated items and restocked supplies. They plan to check these boxes every month.

The girls also held a *spam musubi* fundraiser at the Midori Kai Arts & Crafts Boutique. Monies

LEADERS THIS YEAR

Daisy/Brownies .....**Debbie Ho** & **Jill Nishimoto**
Juniors/Cadettes.....**Joy Watanabe**
Seniors/Ambassadors .....**Joan Aoki** & **Patty Sakuma**

We look forward to a new year of fun activities, learning and growth

2018 Sasaki Scholarship Golf Fundraiser

The 33rd Annual Sasaki Scholarship Golf Fundraiser was held on Sunday, August 19 at the Shoreline Golf Links in Mountain View. The purpose of this fundraiser is to support the annual scholarship of a Mountain View Buddhist Temple graduating High School senior. To date, the MVBT has given out 55 scholarships to deserving students.

This year's scholarship recipient was **Maddie Matsumoto**. Her parents are **Bob Matsumoto** and **Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto**. Maddie graduated from Homestead High School and will be attending the University of California in Davis.

The golf committee would like to thank all the golfers (45), dinner guests, raffle and tee prize donors, Shoreline Golf Links Staff and the many volunteers for a successful event. And, a special thanks to the dinner crew volunteers for their hard work to prepare a delicious dinner.

Maddie Matsumoto

The winners of this year Golf Tournament are:

Men's 1st place
Wayne Scimeca.....net 68

Women's 1st place
Grace Wada.....net 83

Thank you again for everyone's spirit of friendship, having some fun (even though a ground squirrel stole my yellow ball on Hole #2, LOL) and support of the annual Sasaki Scholarship program. Hope to see you all again next year. If you missed participating in this year event, please consider joining us next year.

In Gassho,
The Sasaki Golf Tournament Committee

2018 Bazaar Home Craft Booth

The Home Craft Booth would like to thank all the Temple members for their generous donations to the Home Craft booth. We had a successful year with your donations!

In Gassho,
Bazaar Home Craft Committee

Bazaar Home Craft Tables

BWA Actiities

JOINT PROJECT WITH FUJI CLUB

BWA and the Fuji Club had a fun joint project making dolls using wooden forms and Japanese paper. The finished product looks like Kokeshi Dolls and are very cute. It was very enjoyable interacting with the young ladies. We look forward to working with them again.

Dolls made with wooden forms & Japanese paper

BWA and Fuji Club

DONATION

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation from **Jean A. Omokawa** and **Peggy O. Mayeda** in memory of their mother **Toyoko Lily Omokawa**.

JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. October 13, 2018, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

Esshinni-ko / Kakushinni-ko / Lady Ohtani Memorial Service

Eitaikyo Service

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"

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

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 18

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 18. The guest speaker will be **Mr. Rick Stambul**, President of the Buddhist Churches of America. After the service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will host the annual Keiro Kai Luncheon.

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

永代読経

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo (永代読経).**

Ei means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. ***Tai*** means generations. ***Kyo*** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. ***Doku*** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious purposes such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of $500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Ministers' spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years. No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Buddhist Name

English: _____ Japanese: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

MVBT Office Record Use Only

Amount of Donation: _____ Date of Eitaikyo (Initial) Service: _____

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

October Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

October

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

October 7, 2018

10:00 am

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 **October** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Junko Abe	**Mamoru Kawamoto**	**Jerry Okumura**
Sumako (Sue) Abey	**Takeru Kawamoto**	**Tsui Sakai**
Sachi Adachi	**Masakatsu Kito**	**Hagiyo Sato**
Evelyn Arakaki	**Shozo Mayeda**	**Itoju Sawamura**
Irene Hatsue Furuta	**Yachi Miyake**	**Yas Shimoguchi**
Mary Hayamizu	**Yoshiaki Murakami**	**Drew Sugimoto**
Ted Hayashida	**Lily Nakamura**	**Takie Sugimoto**
Saburo Higa	**Aiko Nakano**	**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**
Tad Iimura	**Takeno Nara**	**Masayo Yokoyama**
Masako Inokuchi	**Mikiyo Nishimoto**	**Yukiko Yonemoto**
Fred Inouye	**Hiroshi Obuchi**	**Mollie Yoshizumi**
George Ishikawa	**Toemon Ogino**	
Hoichi Kato	**Shigeto Okimoto**	
Ihei Kawamoto	**Kayoko Okubo**	

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**

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**2**	**3**
4 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Miroku General Meeting 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting	**5** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**6** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**7** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**8** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**9** 3:00 pm ABA Meet-and-Greet (6 pm) 7:30 pm Fuji Club	**10** 3:00 pm BWA Seminar
11 10:00 am Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Lady Ohtani Memorial Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**12**	**13** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**14** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**15** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**16**	**17** 9:00 am BWA Meeting 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
18 Boy Scouts 10:00 am Eitaikyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Keiro Kai Lunch & Program 2:00 pm CDYBL Meeting	**19** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**20** 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**21** 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**22** 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**23**	**24** 12:00 pm Boy Scouts ECH
25 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids	**26**	**27** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**28** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Choir	**29** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball	**30** 9:00 am BWA Udon Prep	

Upcoming Events

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

November 18, 2018, Sunday, noon
Keiro Kai Luncheon

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