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# The ECHO

## MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

### November Highlights

- ***11/4 Sun, 10:00 am***
  ***Shotsuki Hoyo Service***

  ***11:00 am*** *Japanese Language Service*
- ***11/5 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  *Tannisho Study Class*
- ***11/10 Sat, 3 - 5 pm***
  ***BWA Seminar with***
  ***Rev. Mutsumi Wondra***
- ***11/11 Sun, 10:00 am***
  ***BWA Memorial Service***
  ***Guest Speaker:***
  ***Rev. Mutsumi Wondra***
- ***11/18 Sun, 10:00 am***
  ***Eitaikyo Service***
  ***Guest Speaker:***
  ***Rick Stambul,***
  *BCA President*

  ***12:00 noon***
  ***Keiro Kai Luncheon***

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## *The Chinese Lion and The Peony*

As our Sangha knows, there are several lions carved in the Onaijin (altar area) of our Temple. These lions are imaginary creatures created by the ancient Chinese based on descriptions of the Indian lion. That is why these carvings in the Onaijin are called Chinese lions. Although rare nowadays, there once were many lions inhabiting ancient India. In Hinduism, there are many statues of the god who sits astride a lion. These lion statues and sculptures were introduced to China by way of the Silk Road. The Chinese lion resulted from the artful imagination of Chinese artists who had never seen an actual lion.

***By Rev. Yushi Mukojima***

The painted or carved Chinese lion is always depicted next to a peony flower. Interestingly, the adornment that combines the Chinese lion and the peony is the symbol of a Buddhist Temple.

**There is an interesting Buddhist tale about the origins of this pair that I would like to share with you.**

A long time ago, there were many lions inhabiting a forest in the Indian subcontinent. With its majestic looks and brave stature, the lion has been known as the king of the animal world from olden times. Even the Bengal tiger feared the lion, and lived in a marsh a far dis-

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## Upcoming Events

**December 2, 2018,** *Sunday*
Bodhi Day Service

**December 9, 2018, Sunday**
**Mochi Tsuki Fundraiser**
Komochi.....$4
Okasane.....$6
Noshimochi .....$16

**December 16, 2018, Sunday**
Osoji

**December 31, 2018, Monday**
Year-End / Joya-e Service

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

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

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## Religious Planning — November 2018

### November 4, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

**11:00 am** Japanese Language Service

### November 5, 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.

### November 11, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — BWA Memorial Service

Memorial Service for Esshinniko / Kakushinniko, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and past MVBT BWA Members

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Mutsumi Wondra,** minister at the Orange County Buddhist Church

### November 18, 2018, Sunday, 10:00 am — Eitaikyo Service

**Guest Speaker: Rick Stanbul,** BCA President

### November 25, 2018, Sunday — No Sunday Service

No services this Sunday

**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**

## Sangha Day Picnic

On a sunny, mild temperature day, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple held its annual Sangha Day Picnic. And, it was perfect. The weather, the friends and families, delicious food, and many activities made for a fun time for all. With a group of over 230, we all spent the entire day relaxing, eating, playing games and just sharing some good times. That's a good life!

None of this could have happened without the help and work of so many individuals. Zone 11 sincerely wishes to thank all involved in this event. We were truly overwhelmed with all the details, but as always with our affiliated organizations, when you say **HELP**, everyone shows up. Thank you to all for making the picnic a great time for everyone.

Our appreciation to:

- Rev. Mukojima
- Fuji Club
- ABA
- Dharma School
- YBA
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Bob Imai

In addition, thank you to all who volunteered to set up, cook, work the bingo, clean up and everyone from Zone 11.

Many thanks again.

**In Gassho,**
**Zone 11 Picnic Committee**

## The Chinese Lion and The Peony

Interestingly, the adornment that combines the Chinese lion and the peony is the symbol of a Buddhist Temple.

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tance from the lion's habitat. However, invincibility is not possible in the animal world. Even the lion had a terrible natural enemy.

Its natural enemy was a tiny parasite that lurked in the lion's fur. The bugs would multiply in the fur then enter the lion's body through the skin and eat all its internal organs. Even though the lion was regarded as the king of beasts, once the bugs entered its body, it could do nothing to avoid its terrible fate.

However, there was one way that the lion could be saved. When the lion sensed a change in its physical condition, it set out on a journey in search of a peony garden. Then, when it found a peaceful place where peonies grow in multitudes, it lay down among the flowers and rested quietly. It turns out that this peony is actually an herb that can save the lion. Something in the peony's scent had a deadly effect on the bug that eats away at the lion's organs. I can imagine the lion nuzzling its cheek against the peony as if expressing its joy and gratitude for the great blessings of nature. The peony garden was a special place where the lion could be at peace.

**This Buddhist tale of the lion and the peony expresses well the relationship between us humans and the Buddhist Temple.**

In this world, it is only human beings that create high civilization and culture, and tend to dominate this world. It seems that there are no other creatures that can challenge our intelligence and imagination. So we, like the lion, are the king of our domain. However, like lions, even intelligent humans have a terrible natural enemy. It is not a foreign enemy, but exists in our mind. Buddhism teaches us that it is the mind of selfishness or ego.

Selfishness is the workings of the foolish mind concerned only with benefits for oneself without considering benefits for others. Sakyamuni Buddha, who became fully aware of "non-self," taught us not to get attached to "oneself." It is because attachment to one's own thoughts and self-assertion will surely cause conflict.

I believe that if you reflect upon your daily life, you will understand what the Buddha means. When we try to reflect on the cause of our arguments or conflicts with others, we will realize that it is nothing else but the mind of selfishness or ego that each one of us possesses. We cannot afford to listen to another's objections because we only want to assert our own beliefs. Unfortunately, when things don't turn out as we desire, we become easily irritated, build up complaints, and sometimes take terrible action. That is the terror of the selfish mind. Buddha teaches us that this mind of selfishness is indeed the root cause which obstructs our reasonable Right View, breaks up our relationships, and creates the suffering and sorrow which we experience.

We can say the same when we turn our eyes to the world. Unfortunately, although there are always conflicts and wars somewhere in the world, the cause of these terrible actions is also the mind of selfishness. It is in conflicts and war that, because both sides claim stubbornly that they alone are justified, so many precious lives are taken in the name of justice. It is human folly that, because of our attachment to justice, we think only of our self-assertion. So if we are too attached to justice, it is no longer justice. Sadly, the conflict between two groups, each claiming justice is on its side, kills so many people, sacrificing blameless women and children. Furthermore, if worse comes to worse, we may even destroy the earth itself with nuclear weapons. Because of this, our so-called justice is unjustifiable. For this reason, we can truthfully say that our greatest natural enemy is self-centeredness or ego.

That is why there is a need for us to come to the Temple so that we may truly listen to the Nembutsu teaching, much like the lion sought the help of a garden of peonies. Our Temple is a precious place where we can encounter the true light of Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion.

When, through the light of wisdom, we truly realize that we are completely confused by our selfish mind, we will feel a deep regret for our foolishness that always blames, criticizes and judges others. Only then, the mind of shame and self-reproach will

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begin to grow in our heart. The mind of shame and self-reproach is like a precious medicine which holds back our ego and self-centeredness.

Those who deeply awaken to the mind of shame and self-reproach will be able to share the precious world where they see their own faults and shortcomings, apologize to one other, accept one other, respect one other, and then make the other's life shine. This is how we should live a life as truly human, transcending the mind of selfishness and ego. It is completely due to the working of the Buddhist Temple which allows us to encounter the light of Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion.

Each adornment in the Onaijin has a wonderful and meaningful symbolism that teaches us precious lessons. Now that you truly understand that the combination of **the Chinese lion and the peony symbolizes the relationship between us humans and the Buddhist Temple**, I hope all of you will continue to come to the services so that you can appreciate Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion, which make our minds pure, calm, and at peace, like the lion healed in the peony garden.

In Gassho,

## YBA Activities

**Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA**

### YBA CABINET INSTALLATION

The YBA cabinet installation was Sunday, September 23, during Sunday Service. The 2018-2019 Cabinet members are:

**President:**
**Evan Tsukahara**

**Vice President:**
**Stacey Kawabata**

**Treasurer:**
**Nicholas Kikuta**

**Recording Secretary:**
**Kylie Mukoyama**

**Corresponding Secretary:**
**Vanessa Higa**

**Religious Chair:**
**Vicky Shinkawa**

**Coast District Representative:**
**Tyler Sato**

**Historian:**
**Mitchell Kita**

**Activities Chair:**
**Lara Nakamura**

### HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY

The YBA will gather for our annual Halloween party on Saturday, October 20. We will have L&L Hawaiian barbeque for dinner. Practicing our skit for the CC Jr. YBA conference talent show will be the first activity of the night. The evening's festivities will continue with an "Iron Chef" competition. At the conclusion of our activities, we will relax and watch a scary movie (for the brave members) and a comedy film (for the not-so brave)! Thank you to our Activities Chair, **Lara Nakamura**, for being our party event planner!

### CENTRAL CAL JR. YBA CONFERENCE

On November 10, eighteen MVBT YBA members and four Advisors will attend this year's CC Jr. YBA Conference at the Fresno Betsuin Family Dharma Center. The conference theme this year is "The Lion King: The Wheel of Life." The chapters representing Coast District will be San Jose, Salinas and Mountain View.

### KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

YBA members will be serving refreshments at our Temple's annual Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, November 18. This year's theme, " Okage sama de - Thanks to you" is a wonderful way to honor our Keiros and their dedication to our Temple.

### DONATION

Our sincere gratitude to **Mrs. Edith Matsumoto** for her generous donation to our YBA.

**In Gassho,**
**Evan Tsukahara**
**2018 - 2019 YBA President**

# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇一八年一一月法話

## ― 唐獅子牡丹 ―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

皆さんもご存知のように、当仏教会の内陣では、唐獅子の彫刻を何体も見ることができます。「唐獅子」とは、昔の中国人がインドライオンをもとに形象化した想像上の動物ですが、この唐獅子には必ず「牡丹」の花も一緒に描かれています。興味深いことに、この「唐獅子」と「牡丹」を組み合わた装飾は、そこが仏教寺院であることを示す象徴であるといわれています。

ある仏教説話にこんな話があります。その昔、インドの森林を中心に数多くのライオンが生息していました。ライオンは昔から百獣の王として動物世界に君臨していましたが、ライオンにも恐るべき天敵が存在しました。それは、ライオンの体毛に潜む小さな虫です。体毛の中で繁殖したその小さな虫は、やがて皮膚から体内に入り、内臓を全て食い尽くします。一度その虫が体内に入ってしまうと、たとえ百獣の王といえども、ひとたまりもありません。「獅子身中の虫」という諺はここからきています。

しかし、たった一つ、ライオンの助かる道があるのです。体調の変化を感じたライオンは、牡丹の花園を追い求めて旅に出ます。やがて、牡丹が咲いている穏やかな場所を見つけると、花の下でゆっくりと横になって静養します。そう、この牡丹こそが唯一、ライオンのいのちを救うことのできる薬草なのです。牡丹の香りに含まれるある成分が、ライオンの内臓を食らう何とも恐ろしい天敵を駆除する効果を持っていました。いのちを救われたライオンは、大自然の恵みに感謝するかのように、牡丹の花にやさしく頬擦りをしていたということです。まさに、牡丹の花園はライオンとって、安心して身を寄せられる場所、つまり「安住の地」だったという話です。

この仏教説話は、ライオンと牡丹の関係を通して、私達人間と仏教会の関係を上手に表しています。この地球上で、高度な文明と文化を築きあげた人間は、正に動物世界を君臨する王様です。人間のずば抜けた知能や想像力に匹敵できるほどの生物はほかにはいません。ですから、人間こそがライオンに取って代わる百獣の王なのです。しかし、残念ながら、私達人間にも、無敵と思われたライオンと同じように、恐ろしい天敵が存在します。それは、外敵ではなく、私達の心の中にあります。仏教では、その天敵のことを「我執」であると説いています。

我執とは、己の利益だけを考えて、相手のことなど一切考えない愚かな心の働きです。「無我」を悟られたお釈迦さまは「我」に執着することの危険性を説かれました。なぜなら、自己主張に執着すると、それが争いのもととなるからです。

私達の日常を振り返ってみてもらえれば良くお分かり頂けると思います。日々の言い争い、衝突の原因は一体どこにあるのかと冷静になって考えてみます時、それは私達一人ひとりが抱える我執の心にほかならないということに気づかされます。互いに自分の立場だけを主張するが故に、相手の言い分を聞き入れる余裕がないのです。物事が思い通りにならないことを不快に感じ、不満を募らせ、挙句の果てには、とんでもない行動をとってしまう。これが我執の恐ろしさです。この我執の心が、縁起の道理を見る正見を侵し、人間関係を壊し、そして、人生で味わう全ての苦しみ、悲しみを生み出す根本の原因であると仏教では教えています。

世界に目を向けても、同じことが言えます。残念ながら、今も尚、世界のどこかで紛争が繰り返されていますが、その原因もやはり人間の我執です。双方とも我こそが正義だと頑なに主張し、その正義の名の下に尊いのちが奪われるのが戦争であり、紛争です。そこには正義を立てるが故に、自己の主張しか見えない人間の愚かさがあります。ですから、正義も執らわれると、もう正義ではなくなってしまうということなのです。正義と正義の戦いが人を殺し、罪のない女性や子供を犠牲にし、最悪の場合、原子爆弾を使って地球そのものを破壊へと追いやってしまうのです。正に我執は人類最大の天敵なのです。

ライオンが牡丹の花園に救いを求めたように、私達も仏教会にお参りして、真剣にお念仏のみ教えを聞かせていただく必要があります。仏教会は阿弥陀仏の真実のみ光に出遇わせていただく特別な場所です。そのみ光に照らされて、我執の心に振り回されていた我が身の姿に気づかされた時、常に他を批判し、他を責めてやまないという己の愚かさに頭を垂れて、深い慚愧の心が芽生えてきます。この慚愧の心こそが、私達の我執を打ち負かす尊い薬なのです。

阿弥陀仏のみ光に照らされ、慚愧の心に目覚めた者は、己の欠点や過失を見出し、互いに謝り合い、互いに尊重し合い、そして互いのいのちを輝かせ合う究極の世界を分かち合うことができます。そこには我執の心を超えた真の人間としての生き方があります。

唐獅子と牡丹の組み合わせが、私達人間と仏教会の関係を示す象徴となっているということをお分かりいただいた今、ぜひ、今一度、仏教会の内陣をご覧いただきたいと思います。お浄土の世界を表現した内陣の装飾一つひとつが、私達一人ひとりに尊い教えを語りかけて下さっています。

## Fuji Club

On September 15, the Fuji Club kicked off another year of fun and friendship with a joint event with the BWA making Japanese dolls. Fuji Club provided the craft supplies, the BWA ladies provided the snacks….and both groups enjoyed much glue and giggles.

On September 30, the Fuji Club girls also chaired the annual Sangha Day picnic service. This year, we took the opportunity to honor **Mrs. Jean Higa**, who retired this year after **over four decades** of Fuji Club (and Fuji 4-H) leadership. She has given so generously of her time and care to generations of girls. The photo below captures some of the Fuji Club and Fuji 4-H girls….present and past. Thank you, Mrs. Higa!

**Fuji Club**

Japanese dolls made by Fuji Club girls & BWA ladies

## 150 Club News

Our winner for the month of **October** is

**Tom Miyamoto**

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

## Toban & Echo Schedule

| | Toban | Echo Article Deadline | Echo Print & Mail |
|---|---|---|---|
| NOV | Zones 3 & 4 | N / A | N / A |
| DEC | Zones 5 & 6 | Nov 16 (Fri) | Nov 21 (Wed) |
| JAN | Zones 7 & 8 | Dec 14 (Fri) | Dec 19 (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

**MVBT**

**Adult Buddhist Association**

## ABA News

### HAKONE GARDENS

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in September, several ABA members took a tour of Hakone Gardens. According to **Mieko Nakano**, "We were pleasantly surprised that MVBT's own Dharma School teacher, **JoAnn Yamani**, was our docent tour guide. She shared with us the history of the park, as well as pointing out all the hidden treasures found throughout the Gardens. Following our tour, we enjoyed a tea ceremony demonstration and concluded our day with lunch in downtown Saratoga."

ABA at Hakone Gardens

ABA at Fall Ohigan Seminar with Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka

### SEMINAR WITH DR. REV. KEN TANAKA

Several ABA members attended the seminar with **Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka** on "The Heart of Shin Buddhism: The Path of Meaning and Happiness in an Anxious Life and World." Thanks to Rev. Tanaka for sharing his insights into Buddhism.

### MEET AND MINGLE

Our annual dinner to meet new members will be held on Friday, November 9, at the Sangha Hall. If you're interested in joining ABA and participating in our social and religious activities, please contact **Reiko Tsuchida** at reiko@tsuchidafamily.com.

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

## 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

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# Dharma School News

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Registration Forms Due.** If you have not turned in your Dharma School student registration form, please email it to the Dharma School Registrar, **Janice Lee**, at dsregistration@mvbuddhisttemple.org or place the form in the Dharma School mailbox in the Temple office.

**MVBT Taiko.** MVBT Taiko held a "Taste of Taiko" event on September 23 to give interested Dharma School students the opportunity to try taiko. Regular taiko classes are now underway!

**Halloween.** Please wear your Halloween costumes to Temple on Sunday, October 28. We would like to see students — from pre-K through high school — dress up for our annual Halloween parade immediately following service in the Hondo before the students are excused for class.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, October 14:** 3rd and 4th Grade Class chairs service

**Sunday, October 28:** 2nd Grade Class chairs service and Halloween parade

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**After Service Refreshments.** Thank you to all the families who brought snacks and helped with set up, serving and clean up after the services on September 16 and 23.

**Sangha Day Picnic.** Thank you to **Traci Endo**, **Tracey Mukoyama** and **Toshiko Uyehara** for bringing their hot water carafes, **Sharon Tsukahara** for providing coffee from Starbucks, and **Janice Lee** for bringing juice for refreshments at the Sangha Day Picnic. Additional thanks goes out to all of the Dharma School families that attended this fun event!

## DONATIONS

Gratefully acknowledged.

**Stuart & Jane Fujitani**
**For "Neil, Mia, Kristin" joining Dharma School**

**Rinban Kenneth & Miyuki Fujimoto**
**For Retirement from San Jose Betsuin**

**Ryan & Janell Tao**
**Jeremy's Birthday**

**Irving & Marilyn Ozawa**
**Thank you for welcome lunch**

**Mountain View Buddhist Temple**
**Annual support**

**In Gassho,**
**Brent Izutsu**
**Dharma School Superintendent**

**Dharma School**

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

***Michiko Takehara*** ***Feb 25, 1941 - Sept 25, 2018***

***Stanley Okamura*** ***Oct 29, 1941 - Sept 19, 2018***

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

***Namo Amida Butsu***

**MIROKU**

*middle school group*

## Miroku

### OCTOBER MEETING

Miroku had its second meeting of the school year on Sunday, October 7. This meeting had the most members in attendance in quite some time. The meeting began with an icebreaker when current members and first time attendees introduced themselves and related some of their favorite Japanese food, movies, outdoor sports or super hero.

Members then continued discussions on participation for community service and fun activities. Potential community service projects included helping at an animal shelter, providing or helping to prepare food for the needy, and doing a beach clean-up to be followed by a fun beach activity.

Fun activity ideas included sleepover at the Temple (movies, open gym, board games, etc.), Go Kart racing, and ziplining.

As part of Miroku's commitment to Temple service, Miroku has reached out to **Janell Uyehara** for information on how we can help during the Keiro Kai Luncheon. Possible duties include unloading plants before lunch or serving dessert.

At the end of the meeting, members completed the monthly AED checks.

### MEMBERSHIP

Registration forms continue to arrive and we are hopeful for a large membership this year. We are also asking for more parent advisors to help with what looks to be a surge in membership in the next few years

### DONATIONS

Donations gratefully acknowledged:

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

**Matsumoto Family**
**In Recognition of Maddie Matsumoto's High School Graduation**

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

## MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

### SANGHA DAY PICNIC

The Girl Scouts ran the Sangha Day Picnic guessing jar game. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone that participated.

Winner of the 2-11 age range with **Ambassador Scout Kylie Mukoyama**.

### NUTS & CHOCOLATE SALE

Everyone knows we sell cookies in the winter, but did you know we also sell nuts and chocolate in the fall? The Fall Product program emphasizes 5 key skills for girls to learn: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. If you would like to purchase any nuts, chocolates or magazines, ask any Temple Girl Scout!

## 2018 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

"Better Late Then Never!" Zone 5 would like to give thanks to both our Temple Sangha and Extended Sangha for making our 2018 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser a Successful Event. We had a few bumps to try to deal with and overcome, but with everyone's help we still got through it seamlessly.

Please let us continue to give our support and hard work to

Zone 6, the 2019 Chicken Teriyaki Zone.

***Yoroshiku Onegaishimasu!***

**Derek Ives**
**Zone 5 2018 Chairman"**

## Seniors Activity Group

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

***Thursday, November 15.*** We will have a fun day of BINGO. Prizes to be won and lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and Bingo will start soon after lunch. It will be our final gathering for the year. Everyone is invited.

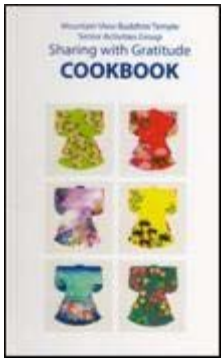
***Sunday, December 2.*** Another year of our Senior Boutique. A great time to stock up for the holiday from our Senior Craft programs and the many donated items from our Temple friends and relatives. It will to be on Sunday December 2, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm, in the Sangha Hall foyer. Don't miss out. We thank you all in advance.

***2019 Senior Programs.*** The committee is planning another eventful program for next year. Keep reading the Echo for the updates.

**COOKBOOK SALE - $15**

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

We will have a one-day HOLIDAY SPECIAL at the Senior Boutique on Sunday, December 2, and offer the cookbook for $15. A great opportunity to purchase this cookbook for someone that has everything and be a good cook.




**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**

**Senior Activities & Crafts**

## BWA Actiities

### BWA SEMINAR & ESSHINNI-KO MEMORIAL SERVICE

BWA will be hosting guest Minister Rev. Mutsumi Wondra from Orange County Buddhist Church for our Esshinniko, BWA Seminar and Service. The Seminar will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Service will be on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 10:00 am. We encourage the Sangha to attend both events.

### UDON FUNDRAISER

We will be having our annual Udon Fundraiser on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Tickets will be $8.00 each and will go on sale November 4, 2018. Tickets can be purchased from any BWA member.

### DONATION

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation from Rev. and Mrs. Ken Fujimoto on their retirement.

### JOIN BWA

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

### NEXT MEETING

Saturday, November 17, 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 / BWA Memorial Service***

***Eitaikyo Service***

***Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"***

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

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**MVBT MOCHI**

**TSUKI FUNDRAISER**

Enjoy the Fun. Be a VOLUNTEER.

# November Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial

November

Monthly

Memorial

Service

***Sunday***

***November 4, 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 **November** Shotsuki loved ones are:

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| **Tatsuko Adachi** | **Shigeaki Kihara** | **Kanji Omokawa** |
| **Tsutomu Akizuki** | **Eugene Kono** | **Roy Ozawa** |
| **Tomoye Aoki-Johnson** | **Kinuyo Kunimoto** | **Tom Ozawa** |
| **Takiko Fukushima** | **Shigeko Masaki** | **Ichiro Sakae** |
| **Frank Furuichi** | **Gregory Matsumoto** | **Kosue Sakae** |
| **Sunao Furusho** | **Rose Morimoto** | **Akira Sasaki** |
| **Hana Furuto** | **Haruko Nakamura** | **Masako Alice Sato** |
| **Eddie Higuchi** | **Miyuki Nakano** | **Seikichi Shimoguchi** |
| **George Hirota** | **Tsuruye Nakano** | **Sei Tachibana** |
| **Fred Hoshi** | **Yutaka Nakano** | **Alice Takagi** |
| **Akira Hoshiko** | **Ayako Nakashima** | **Masaru Takahashi** |
| **Tom Ichikawa** | **Teiichi Naritomi** | **Mildred Takegami** |
| **Keiji Haruta** | **Yoshio Nishimoto** | **Kay Tanouye** |
| **Kiyoko Kay Horita** | **Nobuo Oda** | **Chieko Umeda** |
| **Frank Ikebe** | **Walter Okino** | |
| **Hideo Kato** | **Nuiko Okuno** | |

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

**E-mail** **ymukojima@gmail.com**

**Phone (Temple office)** **(650) 964-9426**

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

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

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| 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 |

## 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: _____

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | **1**<br>8:00 am Mochi Tsuki Preparation |
| **2**<br>5:00 am BWA Udon Fundraiser<br>10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School<br>11:00 am Senior Group Boutique<br>12:00 pm Miroku General | **3**<br>6:30 pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class | **4**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **5**<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Troop/Parent Meeting<br>7:00 pm Facility Planning Meeting<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **6**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **7**<br>8:00 am Mochitsuki Preparation | **8**<br>8:00 am Mochi Tsuki Preparation<br>4:00 pm Boy Scouts - Court of Honor<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts - Fuji Dinner |
| **9**<br>Mochi Tsuki<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids<br>12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting | **10**<br>6:30 pm Girl Scouts | **11**<br>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **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>6:00 pm Taiko - Adults<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **14**<br>7:00 pm ABA General Meeting<br>7:30 pm Fuji Club | **15**<br>9:00 am BWA Meeting |
| **16**<br>10:00 am Osoji<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids<br>2:00 pm CDYBL Meeting<br>2:00 pm JD Taiko | **17**<br>11:00 am Senior Group Meeting<br>6:30 pm Girl Scouts | **18**<br>7:00 pm Cub Scouts<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **19**<br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.<br>7:30 pm Temple Choir | **20**<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **21** | **22** |
| **23**<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids<br>2:00 pm JD Taiko | **24** | **25**<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **26** | **27**<br>7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball<br>8:00 pm JD Taiko | **28** | **29** |
| **30**<br>12:00 pm Taiko - Kids<br>2:00 pm JD Taiko | **31**<br>7:00 pm Joya-e Service | | | | | |

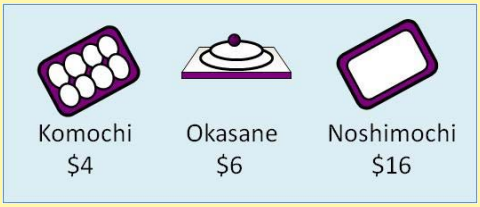
## MVBT MOCHI-TSUKI FUNDRAISER

**Sunday**

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

JOIN US

ENJOY THE FUN, BE A VOLUNTEER

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