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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

January Highlights

- ***12/31/18 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Joya-e Service -
  New Year's Eve Service followed by Toshikoshi-soba in YBA Hall

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- ***1/1/19 Tues, 10:00 am***
  Shusho-e Service -
  New Year's Day Service
- ***1/6 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***1/7 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  NO *Tannisho Study Class*
- ***1/9 Wed, 7:30 pm***
  Temple Board Meeting
- ***1/20 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Hoonko Service with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Candice Shibata
- ***1/27 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Regular Service *with Temple Installations*
  11:00 am
  Annual General Meeting

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Depending On Our Own Thinking

Happy New Year!

My family is really appreciative of all the great kindness, generosity and support you have given us in the past year. We humbly hope to avail ourselves once again of your warm friendship and continued support in the coming year.

What kind of year do you want to see in 2019? Of course, each one of us has our own personal hopes for the coming year, I believe that we all share the same wish for a peaceful world without conflicts.

That is why for my Dharma Message of the New Year, I would like to share a very meaningful Buddhist tale called, ***A Fable of the Three-Shaku Chopsticks.*** (*Three shaku* is a Japanese measurement of about one yard.)

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Long ago during Sakyamuni Buddha's lifetime, a man questioned one of his disciples: "In Buddhism, you talk about the existence of Hell and the Pure Land. But do they really exist? Because if they do, I don't want to fall into Hell, so I will listen to the Buddha's teachings. But if they do not, then it is a waste of time to listen." The disciple quickly replied, "Yes, Hell and the Pure Land do exist." The man then insisted, "Then, show them to me." The disciple replied, "All right. First, I will show you Hell," and took him into a room with a window.

Through the window, the man could see a luxurious room next door. In the center of the room, there was a fine table with ten chairs around it. The table was covered with large platters heaped with all kinds of delicious-looking food.

"Wow, Hell is not altogether bad after all," the man thought. He watched as several men and women came into the room and sat down at the table. However, there was one rule there: that they could only use the yard-long chopsticks to eat.

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Hoonko Service – Sunday, January 20 at 10:00 am

Hoonko means gathering (ko) of repaying (ho) indebtedness (on). It is held in remembrance of Shinran, the founder of Jodo Shinshu, who passed away on January 16, 1263. At this service, we praise and express gratitude for his virtue and lifetime efforts.

Rev. Candice Shibata

For this special service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will have as the guest speaker **Rev. Candice Shibata**, who is the resident minister at the Buddhist Church of Florin.

Please join the Sangha at this special service.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 am Shusho-e Service 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**2** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**3** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**4**	**5**
6 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 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**7** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**8** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**9** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:00 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**10** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**11** 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**12** 9:00 am BWA Meeting 2:00 pm YBA (CDYBL Activity)
13 **YBA (CDYBL Activity)** 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**14** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**15** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**16** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**17** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**18**	**19**
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27 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 11:00 am Temple General Meeting and Past Presidents' Luncheon 11:45 am Dharma School Teachers' Meeting 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**28** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**29** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**30** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**31** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 7:15 pm Dharma School Cabinet Meeting 8:00 pm JD Taiko		

Religious Planning — January 2019

December 31, 2018, Monday, 7:00 pm — Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service

Joya-E Service: Express our gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year

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

Shusho-E: Renew our resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

January 6, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

January 13, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

January 20, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Hoonko Service / Shinran's Memorial Service

Hoonko: Means a gathering to repay the debt of gratitude. This service is in memory of our founder Shinran Shonin.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Candice Shibata,** the resident minister at the Buddhist Church of Florin

January 27, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service with Temple Installations

Installation of Temple, BWA & ABA Cabinets

11:00 am Temple Annual General Meeting

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 Annual General Meeting

January 27, 2019 @ 11:00 am

In the Hondo immediately following the Service

Lunch provided for everyone after the meeting

DUE DATE FOR REPORTS

Organizational reports are DUE before or on **Sunday, January 13**. Send your report to Doug Sawamura.

All Temple members are invited and welcome to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, January 27 2019, at 11:00 am. Hear reports from all Temple organizations about their 2018 activities and 2019 plans. Also, see your Temple's financial statements for 2018 and the budget for 2019.

Find out what we are, why we are and how we are.

Building MVBT: A Historical Look Back

This is the second of many look backs into the artifacts of your Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Incense Burners in the Hondo

The center incense burner and two side incense burners were donated by Temple members

Inscription on the back of the center incense burner

Donated by: Taichiro Sugimoto

Date: October 1961

Inscription on the back of the left and right incense burners

Donated by: Kinuko Sasaki

Date: March 7, 1978

Dedication: In Memory of Rev. Sensho Sasaki, 7th Year Memorial. Rev. Sasaki was the first minister of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

150 Club News

Our December Winners!

Our month of December winners are **Jenelle and Stephanie Kitasoe.**

Our 2018 Grand Prize winners are **Doug & Phyllis Sawamura.**

Congratulations to our winners and wishing you the very best New Year!

Make sure you buy your winning ticket for next year.

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
JAN	Zones 7 & 8	N / A	N / A
FEB	Zones 9 & 10	Jan 11 (Fri)	Jan 16 (Wed)
MAR	Zones 11 & 12	Feb 15 (Fri)	Feb 20 (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

Depending On Our Own Thinking (cont'd)

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As soon as everyone was seated, their calm expressions suddenly changed. All of them jumped up and began scrambling to get at the food. However, their chopsticks hit against others chopsticks that became so entangled no one could eat as he desired. Worse, the chopsticks were so long that no one succeeded in bringing a morsel to his mouth.

As the man watched, the irritated faces of the hungry men and women resembled angry ogres. Before long, they were fighting and grabbing at one another. Then one person left, two people left, and eventually all left, yelling and screaming. So not a single person was able to eat a bite of the delicious food. At the end, it was scattered on the floor and smeared all over the walls. The once luxurious room was left a horrible mess. "This is Hell," the disciple told the stunned man. "Next, let's go to the Pure Land," and took him to another room.

The room appeared to be exactly the same as the one in Hell. A bountiful feast was displayed on a fine table with ten people seated around it. The same rule that one had to use the one-yard-long chopsticks to eat was still in place. However, the scene was quite different from Hell. Everyone was eating harmoniously in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Looking more carefully, the man could see that when one person picked up food with his pair of long chopsticks, he offered it to someone who was seated across the table. They were asking one other, "What would you like to eat?" Taking advantage of the long chopsticks, they were allowing those across the table to eat what they liked. They were considerate of others at the table and helped one another, saying, "Thank you very much. It is so delicious. Won't you have this, too?"

And when they were finished eating in this orderly manner, they thanked one another and left the room, talking and laughing. This is how the story ended.

It is a very interesting story with an important lesson. What this tale tells us is that the environment for the people who lived in Hell or the Pure Land is exactly the same. The rule about using only the one-yard-long chopsticks while having a meal is also the same. The difference is that only those in the Pure Land were actually able to eat happily and harmoniously.

Unfortunately, those who live in Hell will, without hesitation, act selfishly trying to satisfy their own desires. Because all of them think only of themselves, they will always be in conflict with others. As a result, nobody in hell will never be able to get any nourishment - forever.

In contrast, those who live in the Pure Land respect and understand the existence of others and have a mind of harmony. For this reason, all of them are able to enjoy their delicious meal because they are helping and supporting one another. From this precious tale, I would like you to fully comprehend that that our world can be Hell or Pure Land depending on our own way of thinking and acting.

Because he always looked into the Nembutsu as a Dharma Mirror, our founder Shinran was aware that Hell existed in his self-centered, arrogant mind. He lamented the possibility of Hell existing within himself because he understood that his ugly mind was not much different from that of someone who actually lives in Hell.

Unfortunately, we are so foolish and self-centered that we really don't know what we would do if faced with terrible causes and conditions. We are constantly confounded by the three poisons – greed, anger and ignorance – that make us lack better judgment because we only see the world through our own merits or demerits. The more we look deep into our selfish nature, the more we are able to see ourselves as shameful and terrible.

Because we are following the Nembutsu teaching handed down by Shinran Shonin, we should also assume the existence of Hell in ourselves as he did. The Nembutsu teaching does not show us Hell after one's death. Because the Nembutsu is the teaching of wisdom, it tells us not to create our own Hell in this world.

It is impossible for us to completely rid ourselves of our self-centered and arrogant views during our lifetime. But our sincere and deep reflection in the Nembutsu leads us to a way of living that accepts, respects and is considerate of others. With the light of the Nembutsu, we will surely be guided to become true Nembutsu followers, full of compassion and harmony, and capable of regarding and understanding others because we are able to put ourselves into another's shoes.

Whether we make 2019 Hell or the Pure Land truly depends on our way of thinking and acting. It is all up to us to decide. For the coming New Year, I sincerely hope that, as we embrace the Nembutsu teaching, we will together create a world of peace, filled with smiling faces, the Pure Land of Utmost Bliss.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一九年一月法話

― 心持ち一つ ―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。旧年中はご門徒の皆様には温かいご厚情を寄せて頂き、ご支援ご協力を賜りました事、誠に有難く心から厚く御礼申し上げます。

さて、皆さんは今年をどのような一年にしていきたいでしょうか？各々他人と違った抱負があるでしょうが、争いのない平和な世界を願う心は皆同じだと思います。

そこで、新年を迎えるにあたり、「三尺箸の譬え」という大変興味深いお話を紹介したいと思います。お釈迦さまご在世の頃、ある男が、仏弟子に、「仏教では地獄と極楽の存在を説いているが、本当にあるのか？あるのなら、地獄へ落ちたくないから仏法を聞くが、もし無いのなら、仏法を聞くのは時間の無駄だ」と言いました。即座に「あります」と仏弟子が答えると、男はしめたという様子で「それでは見せてくれ」と言い寄りました。すると仏弟子は、「よろしい。それでは、初めに地獄をお見せしましょう」と言って、その男をある部屋へと案内しました。

そこには大きな窯があり、隣の豪華な部屋が見渡せる場所でした。隣の部屋の真ん中には立派なテーブルが置いてあり、見るからにおいしそうなご馳走が大きなお皿に盛られていて、その周囲には椅子が十脚並べられていました。

「ほお、地獄もまんざらではないな」と思って眺めていると、十人の男女が部屋に入ってきて席に着き始めました。しかし、そこには一つ規則があり、それは、必ず三尺の箸（約一ヤード）を使わなければならないというものです。やがて全員が席に着くと、これまで和やかだった空気が一変し、十人の男女が一斉にご馳走めがけて我先にと群がりました。しかし、互いの箸と箸とがぶつかり、もつれ合って、箸を思うように動かせません。ましてや、三尺の箸は長すぎて誰一人として食べ物を自分の口に運ぶことができません。腹をすかせている男女の苛立つ顔はまさに鬼の形相です。その内つかみ合いの喧嘩になり、罵声を浴びせ合いながら一人去り、二人去って、結局誰一人としてご馳走を口にすることなく全員退室してしまいました。そして後に残ったのは、壁や床一面に無残にも飛び散ったご馳走だけでした。

唖然としている男に、仏弟子は、「これが地獄です。次は極楽に行きましょう」と、別の部屋へと連れて行きました。その部屋の様子は、地獄と全く同じで、テーブルの上にご馳走が用意され、十人の男女が席に着いていました。極楽もやはり三尺の箸で食べる規則があるのですが、ここからが違います。皆が和気藹々と楽しそうに食事をしているのです。よく見ると、一人がご馳走を長箸でつまむと向かいに座っている人の口に運んでいます。お互いが向かい側の人に「あなたは何を召し上がりますか？」と尋ね、長い箸を利用して相手の好きな物を食べさせていたのです。

「とても美味しいです。あなたも如何ですか？」と、互いに相手を思いやり助け合っているのです。そして、綺麗に食事を済ませた後、お互いに礼を言って、談笑しながら帰って行ったということです。

この話から伺えることは、地獄と極楽に住んでいる人の環境は全く同じで、食事の際に三尺の箸を使うという規則も何ら変わりませんが、決定的に異なるところは、極楽の住民だけが豪華な食事にありつけたということです。

地獄に住んでいる者は、自らの欲望を満たす為であれば、何の躊躇いもなく他人を害します。その結果、自分の事しか考えていない者同士が衝突してしまい、一生食事にありつくことができません。一方、極楽に住んでいる者は、常に相手の存在を大切にし、和の心を持っているので、互いに助け合いながらご馳走を頂くことができます。即ち、この説話が語っているところは、私達の心持ち一つ、行動一つで、この世界が地獄にもなれば極楽にもなるということです。

親鸞聖人は、常にお念仏という法の鏡と向き合いながら、自己の中に地獄を見つけられ、地獄に住む者の心と全く変わらない利己的で浅ましい心に毎日振り回されている我が身を大変悲しんでおられました。

私達凡夫は自己中心で、ひとたび縁がもよおせば何を仕出かすかわからない存在です。私の心の奥底に広がる暗闇の世界には、貪りの心（貪欲）、怒りや嫉みの心（瞋恚）、そして、自分の損得だけで物事を判断してしまう愚かな心（愚痴）が深く根付いています。心の闇を覗けば覗くほど、浅ましくも恐ろしい、我が身である事に気づかされます。

念仏に生きる私達は、親鸞聖人のように、地獄を自己の中に見ていかなくてはなりません。お念仏の教えは、死後の地獄を説くものではなく、私達の住むこの世界に地獄を作ってはならないという智慧の教えです。

自己中心的な考えを完全に捨て去ることはできませんが、お念仏による深い内省が、他を受け入れ、敬い、思いやる生き方へと導いて下さいます。そして相手の立場になって物事を考え、理解していくという慈悲の心に満ちた真の念仏者とならせていただくのです。

今年一年を地獄にするか極楽にするかは私達の心持ち一つです。笑顔で満ち溢れる平和な世界、極楽浄土を皆さんと実現したいと切に願っています。

Mochi Tsuki — Pounded & Made over 2,000 lbs

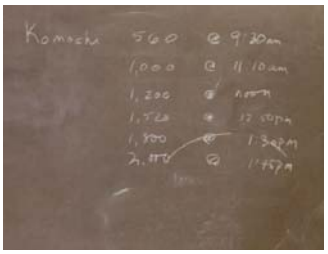
Domo Arigato to everyone who participated and supported our annual Mochi Tsuki tradition. Due to the great turnout of many hands to steam, grind, pound, cut, shape, cool and package, we were able to produce over 2,000 lbs of mochi. With all of YOU helping out for this important cultural event, we were able to finish at just after noon and do much of the cleanup that day. That is even on a very cold day with a new system for cooking. **Great job by all!**

An extra shout out to those of you whose skills keep our specialized equipment running to keep our tradition going. Zone 10 is indebted to you and all of those who came out to make this a wonderful event and want to express our heart felt gratitude for all your efforts. Thank you!

If you have not yet picked up your mochi OR you would like to purchase some more komochi, please contact the Temple office directly.

Have a Very Happy New Year!

In Gassho
Zone 10
Mochi Tsuki Committee



Dharma School

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New 2018-19 Dharma School Students

New Dharma School students were introduced at the December 2 Sunday Service. Please welcome the following students:

Pre-K:
Yumi Paris and
Toshiya Tanaka

Grade 1:
Yoshi Paris

Grade 2:
Kosuke Tanaka

High School (Grade 12):
Aili Koga

2018 - 2019 New Students with Brent Izutsu & Rev. Mukojima

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mochitsuki And Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School families who helped out at Mochitsuki on December 9 and Osoji on December 16! Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS

Gratefuly acknowledged.

Todd and Ashley Uyehara
For Trevor's Birthday

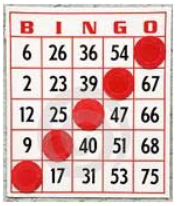
Jeff and Janice Lee
For Joey's Birthday

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Bring the famiy & have fun!



2018 Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon

On Sunday, November 18, our MVBT Sangha honored our Keiro at this year's Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon. We celebrated with a bento lunch, beautiful (and delicious!) flower cupcakes, and a special taiko performance by Jun Daiko.

We would like to thank all the Temple affiliate organizations for all of their help and support, as well as for the many donations received. An extra special 'arigato' goes out to our amazing Master of Ceremony - Mike Inouye; Cupcake Artisan - Rob Imai; and Taiko Artists Extraordinaire - Jun Daiko.

Our MVBT Sangha is so fortunate to have so many incredible Keiros to honor!

In Gassho,
Zone 7 Keiro Kai Luncheon Committee

Seated above:
Mrs. Ryo Shishido,
oldest Temple member

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

Fred Osamu Furuichi	***Jan 17,1929***	***- Nov 9, 2018***
Rosie Furuichi	***Apr 1, 1925***	***- Nov 30, 2018***
Edward Isamu Chikasuye	***June 30, 1930***	***- Dec 8, 2018***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Thank You for the Keiro Kai Luncheon

The MVBT Keiros would like to thank the Zone 7 Keiro Kai Luncheon Committee for the delicious Kubota bentos and wonderful entertainment. And, thank you for the gifts, the cupcake dessert and attentive service given to us by all of the Temple youth organizations.

Thank you! You gave us a day to remember.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu!

In Gassho,
MVBT Keiros

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

ABA was honored to assist with the registration at the Keiro Kai Luncheon honoring our senior Temple members – several of whom are ABA members. Thanks to **Glenn Kitasoe** for his thoughtful and eloquent words of appreciation.

MOCHI TSUKI

Members participated in all aspects of the Mochi Tsuki event – from steaming and pounding the rice, to cutting, shaping, cooling and selling the mochi. They were also behind the scenes, preparing the snacks and meals. Thanks to all who helped out.

Helping at Mochi Tsuki

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

ABA members will celebrate the Year of the Pig at the 2019 New Year's dinner on Saturday, February 2 at the newly remodeled Michael's Restaurant in Mountain View. Members will enjoy a buffet dinner, games, entertainment and line dancing. The cost is $43 per person (includes tax and tip). ABA members who wish to attend should make their check out to "MVBT ABA" and drop it off in the ABA mailbox at the Temple office. Deadline to register is Sunday, January 20, 2019.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

2019 Membership Dues

MVBT Membership Dues for 2019

2019 membership invoices and donation listings will be sent out in early January.

Prompt payment of your dues is appreciated.

YBA Activities

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We concluded 2018 with our:

Holiday Activity

Our annual holiday activity was held on December 21 - 22. Our families joined us for a Pasta Bar dinner catered by Maggiano's. The evening's festivities continued for the YBA members with a White Elephant gift exchange, open gym, an 'escape the room' activity planned by our very own **Mr. Brent** and staying up all night! Thank you to our Advisors for planning a great night for all of us!!

Looking forward to 2019:

Spaghetti Dinner:

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 9, 2019 = YBA's Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

The YBA has sent out the Spaghetti Dinner order forms. If you have not received your order form, please contact our Spaghetti Dinner Chair, **Stacey Kawabata**: staceymkawabata@gmail.com

Coast District Young Buddhist League Conference

The MVYBA is currently planning for the upcoming CDYBL conference, which will be held at the San Jose Betsuin on March 16, 2019. Our chapter's CD Conference chair is **Victoria Shinkawa**.

In Gassho,
Evan Tsukahara
2018 - 2019 YBA President

Seniors Activity Group

Senior Activities & Crafts

The Senior Activities Committee, members and friends want to extend to you all a **Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season**. Continue to stay well though out the coming years.

SENIOR BOUTIQUE

On December 2, our Senior Boutique that was held in the Sangha Hall Foyer was very successful. We thank **Reiko Tsuchida** for her leadership and along with her supporting group, **Toshiko Uyehara**, **Debbie Kitani**, **Jeanne Ohara, Irene Uchiyama**, and also to our many members and friends for their time supporting our Senior Program. We thank you all that came and supported our fundraiser. Arigato

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 10, 2019. We will resume our Senior Activities and Craft program after a short break during the holidays. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Tuesday January 17. We will have our own Temple member **Jeff Sato** instruct and educate us on CPR and the use of the AED equipment. For CPR, we will learn important lessons with current procedures. And, AED equipment is equally important to be learned along with their locations on the Temple grounds in case of an emergency. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to listen to this presentation.

Tuesday, February 21. Another exciting fun afternoon playing Bingo. We will also provide lunch, so please come and enjoy the fun.

Wednesday, March 20. We have planned a day trip to Cache Creek Casino. More information will be provided. Mark this date on your calendar. Call **Chuck Uyeda** for sign up.

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 instructors **Reiko Tsuchida** and **Reiko Kameda** with **Toshiko Uyehara** assisting. Come join in the fun learning new steps in line dancing.

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

TROOP LEVEL ACTIVITIES

The Daisy/Brownie troop has begun learning about Financial Literacy and Philanthropy. They will continue to do activities for the next several meetings and find out about Needs vs. Wants, Giving Back and Working with (cookie) Customers.

The Junior/Cadette troop will be co-hosting the Service Unit's annual Father-Daughter dance, to be held in January 2019.

The Senior/Ambassador troop had to reschedule their painting project due to the air quality. They will now be painting the mural in the Preschool classroom in January.

KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

Four of our Girl Scouts participated in the opening and closing flag ceremonies at the Keiro-Kai luncheon.

Miroku

MIROKU

middle school group

CHAIRED SUNDAY SERVICE

Miroku chaired the Shotsuki Hoyo and Bodhi Day service on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Miroku at Sunday Service

GENERAL MEETING

Following Dharma School on that same day, we held our 4th General Meeting of the school year. During the meeting discussions included finalizing a community service project and scheduling another fun activity. At the end of the meeting, we completed our monthly AED check.

Miroku at Helping at Keiro Kai Luncheon

KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

Back on November 18, despite preseason basketball and bad air quality, a small contingent of Miroku members helped pass out dessert at the Keiro Kai Luncheon. We look forward to helping out again next year.

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

BWA Actiities

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu –
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

UDON FUNDRAISER

BWA's Udon Fundraiser on December 2, 2018 was a very successful event and we thank you for your support.

WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

We will now start preparing for the World Buddhist Women's Conference on August 30 to September 1, 2019, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco. BCA is encouraging non-BWA members including men to attend this special event. The Gomonshu will be in attendance.

A special Monto Shikisho was designed for this conference. It was designed specifically for Northern California with California Poppies and Golden Gate Bridge.

Anyone interested in attending the conference and/or in purchasing the Monto Shikisho, please contact Reiko Murakami at 408-257-0687 or email: reikomurakami@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIP

We are now accepting 2019 membership dues of $20.

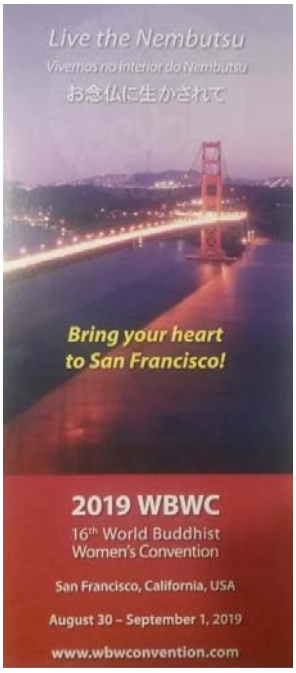
JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. January 12, 2019, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association



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January Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

January

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

January 6, 2019

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 **January** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Ronald Asada	**Tamaye Ishikawa**	**Tsuyako Osaki**
Tsuyuko Virginia Asada	**Shirlee Ishimaru**	**John Saito**
Ichiro Endo	**Ronald Iyemura**	**Karen Sakae**
Shigeko Betty Fujii	**Itsuyo Kato**	**Doris Sakai**
Tomizo Furuichi	**Katsuko Kochi**	**Shinajiro Satake**
Yoshiye Furuichi	**Muneo Masaki**	**Larry Shimamoto**
Yasuko Betty Furusho	**BettyJane Masukawa**	**Tomoye Shimamoto**
Hidemi Furuzawa	**Joe Matsumoto**	**Tom Sugimoto**
Mary Hiramoto	**Tsuya Nagasaki**	**Shig Tachibana**
Kiyoye Hirano	**George Nakano**	**Linda Takahashi**
Tom Hirano	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Shinsaburo Togashi**
Frank Hirohata	**Misao Nakano**	**Yoshimitsu Tokutomi**
Alan Hoshi	**Yashichi Nakano**	**Thomas Tsukamoto**
Robert Hoshi	**Sylvia Nara**	**Yoshio Yamaguchi**
Masaburo Hoshi	**Kisaye Nishimoto**	**Yumi Yoneda**
Kiyoko Inamori	**Katsumi Nishimura**	**James Yoshino**
Setsuko Sara Ikeuye	**June Okino**	**Ben Yoshizumi**
Grace Ishii	**Brad Okuno**	**Henry Yusa**
Minoru Ishii	**Satoru 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.

2019 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2018	3rd Year Memorial	2017	7th Year Memorial	2013
13th Year Memorial	2007	17th Year Memorial	2003	25th Year Memorial	1995
27th Year Memorial	1993	33rd Year Memorial	1987	50th Year Memorial	1970

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Contact Us

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions, please contact us at treasurer@mvbuddhisttemple.org. We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

The above information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please contact your attorney or tax advisor for further details on making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 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 2:00 pm JD Taiko	4 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	5 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	6 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:00 pm Facility Planning Meeting 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	7 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	8 6:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner Prep 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	9 12:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner Prep 3:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner (5:00-7:00 Dinner, 6:00-8:00 Bingo)
10 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	11 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	12 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	13 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:00 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	14 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	15	16 9:00 am BWA Meeting
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Upcoming Events

February 3, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am
Shotsuki Hoyo

February 9, 2019, Saturday, 5:00 pm
YBA Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Fundraiser

February 17, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am
Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service

February 24, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am
Boy Scout Sunday

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