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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

February Highlights

- **2/3 Sun, 10:00 am**
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- **2/4 Mon, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**
  Tannisho Study Class
- **2/9 Mon, 5:00 pm**
  YBA Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Fundraiser
- **2/17 Sun, 10:00 am**
  Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service
- **2/24 Sun, 10:00 am**
  Cub & Boy Scout Sunday

How Grateful for the Jusei-Ge

In our Jodo Shinshu practice, we have the *Shoshin-Ge* as well as many other gathas and sutras that are chanted at the services. There are long ones that have an intricate tune and melody and take over an hour to chant, and there are some short ones that have a monotonous rhythm and take only a few minutes to chant.

At our Temple, we rotate the gathas or sutras weekly and chant them during the Sunday Service. But interestingly, some members look forward to chanting the *Jusei-Ge*. Although I have asked why they like *Jusei-Ge* the most out of so many gathas and sutras, each of them gave the same reply: "It is because it is short."

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

From the Jodo Shinshu perspective, sutra chanting is an expression of our admiration for Amida Buddha's virtues. Because of this, we shouldn't even be concerned whether a sutra is long or short. Although I clearly understand why people prefer a shorter to a longer chanting, it is really sad that they like Jusei-Ge only because of its length.

Jusei-Ge is a gatha that comes from The Larger Sutra (or The Sutra on the Buddha of the Immeasurable Life), which is the principal sutra of Jodo Shinshu. It is also a summary of the 48 Vows

Jusei-Ge
GA GON CHO SE GAN
HIS-SHI MU JO DO
SHI GAN FU MAN ZOKU
SEI FU JO SHO GAKU
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Shinnen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu "A New Year has opened; Congratulations!"

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Out with the Old and In with the New!

By Sterling Makishima
MVBT President

Buddha once stated "The mind is like water. When it's turbulent, it's difficult to see. When it's calm, everything becomes clear." My tenure in 2017-2018 as MVBT President felt like "turbulent waters". Many times, it was difficult for me as President to make the best decisions (seeing clearly) for the Sangha.

My vision as President at the start of 2017, was to leave a positive lasting legacy as many of our forefathers did. I learned that this vision was self-centered thinking and lacked better judgement. As Sensei's stated, "We are constantly confounded by the three poisons - greed, anger, and ignorance." I was

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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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24 10:00 am Scout Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**25** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**26** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**27** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**28** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko		

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Religious Planning — February 2019

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

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

February 4, 2019, Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Monthly Study Class

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

February 10, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

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

Nirvana Day: Observe the passing of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Yugo Fujita**, resident minister of the Salinas Buddhist Temple

February 24, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Boy & Cub Scout Sunday 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**

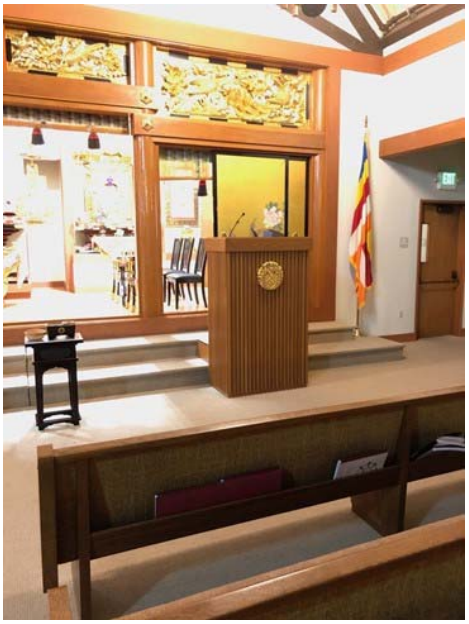
Photo taken on January 6

by a Temple Neighbor

Building MVBT: A Historical Look Back

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

Gold Wisteria on the Gejin Podium



Gold Wisteria on the Podium

Donated by: Yas and May Shimoguchi
Date: January 2003
In Memory of: Daughter, Linda Takahashi (1956 - 2003)

150 Club News

The January and February drawings will be held at the Moutain View Buddhist Temple's February Board of Director's meeting.

Good Luck to all participants!

Toban & Echo Schedule

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

How Grateful for the Jusei-Ge (cont'd)

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after Bodhisattva Dharmakara established them. According to The Larger Sutra, Amida Buddha is depicted eons ago in the stage of Bodhisattva Dharmakara. There is a story in it as follows:

> *One day, Dharmakara implored his teacher Lokesvararaja Buddha: O Buddha, I sincerely would like to become a Buddha, too, in order to save and respond spiritually to all suffering people. Even if I throw myself into the sea of distress, I will endure everything and desperately strive until I achieve my wish. O Buddha, please preach the supreme teaching fully for my sake!*

Then, Lokesvararaja Buddha indicated to him the origins and conditions of various Buddhas' Pure Lands.

Amida Buddha, whom we sincerely respect, was first the Bodhisattva Dharmakara before he achieved the stage of Buddhahood. He achieved Buddhahood after five kalpas, which is an astoundingly long period of time, performing various practices in his sincere desire to save all sentient beings.

However, an important point to make here is that Dharmakara has a much different aspect from the universal Bodhisattva. Usually Bodhisattva is the one who performs various practices and rises to the stage of Bodhisattva by his or her own accumulated virtues. But essentially, Dharmakara is indeed the Bodhisattva to whom Amida Buddha demoted himself from the stage of Buddhahood of his own accord.

In Shinran's writing, "Notes on Once-Calling and Many-Calling," he said, "*From this treasure ocean of oneness, form was manifested, taking the name of Bodhisattva Dharmakara who, through establishing the unhindered Vow as the cause, became Amida Buddha.*"

We should understand through Shinran's unique interpretation that the whole process of Amida's purposeful self-demotion from Buddha to Bodhisattva and the various practices he performed as Dharmakara for an astoundingly long period of time – including his attainment of Buddhahood – is certainly an expression of Amida Buddha's great compassion for all sentient beings.

Amida Buddha's intent is stated as 48 Vows in the Large Sutra, and can be divided into three parts. They are the Great Vows: first, that the Pure Land, which Dharmakara establishes will surely be the most superior Buddha's Land; second, that people reborn in this Buddha's Land will surely attain the state of Enlightenment, which is the most precious; and third, as promised in the 18th Vow, no matter how ordinary and evil we might be, all people will surely be reborn in the Pure Land of Utmost Bliss by the inconceivable power of the Nembutsu.

It is clear that Dharmakara did not want Buddhahood just for himself. This is nothing less than the great and sincere wish to save all sentient beings.

Of course, each of us expresses all kinds of wishes and we often wish others to be as happy. However, if we look beyond the surface, these wishes are merely ripples spreading out from our own selfish wish, "I want to be happy." For this reason, when we serve others for their benefit, we naturally make a distinction between the people we love and those we dislike. Thus, it is absolutely impossible to claim that our personal wish is anywhere equal to Dharmakara's supreme wish.

Dharmakara's wish is for the sake of each one of us, a precious vow in which he sets aside his own interests. His promise derives from a noble spirit to save all who are suffering. Thus, he doesn't discriminate at all between saving the people he loves and not saving those he dislikes. He embraces all sentient beings just as they are. That is why we can call Dharmakara's vow the commendable Supreme Wish.

Often a wish is nothing but an idle hope: "I wish to do something," or "I hope to become like this." Had Dharmakara's wish been a mere hope, common ordinary people would never able to be born in the Pure Land. But Dharmakara's wish is a vow itself. I believe that a wish can only become action when there is a strong will behind it, such as: "I will surely accomplish this."

Dharmakara's wish is a supreme vow: "I will surely make all beings be born in my land." In the 18th Vow, he also clearly states, "If sentient beings should not be born in my land, may I not attain perfect enlightenment." After establishing the 48th Vow, he swore the same thing three times. It is this essence of Dharmakara's great vow which we like to chant in the Jusei-Ge.

When we listen to the vow of Dharmakara—wishing to save all sentient beings even if sacrificing himself—we cannot help but place our palms together in Gassho and recite the Nembutsu as an expression of our deepest feelings of gratitude for the great gift of Amida Buddha's vow.

I hope this explanation will make you hesitate before saying that *Jusei-Ge* is the best sutra because it is short! If we chant the *Jusei-Ge* in appreciation of the supreme vow meant for each one of us, our voices should naturally rise louder than before, so that the sutra and the Nembutsu of joy will surely resound throughout the Hondo. I am really looking forward to the next Sunday service.

In Gassho,

Shinnen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu
"A New Year has opened; Congratulations!" (cont'd)

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no different in my thinking. Instead, I should have been more fitting of this teaching. In Pure Land Buddhism - it applies "jiri-rita" which means "By helping others, I help myself." Through Sensei's Dharma messages, I'm beginning to see, "our sincere and deep reflection in the Nembutsu leads us to a way of living that accepts, respects and is considerate of others."

Reflecting on the past two years, we will all remember two years of almost not having Bazaars, but instead, we had those Bazaars, especially the retooled 2018 Bazaar — great job by co-chairpersons, Randy Sato & Craig Hamasaki -- domo arigato gozaimasu.

2018 also resulted in fixing many critical Mountain View city violations. A BIG Thank You to Bob Matsumoto and his maintenance crew for fixing these violations And, the year ended with great strides on the back lot development by the Facilities Planning Committee -- great job!.

With Doug Sawamura as our in-coming President, he will come in with a calm (clear) mind. I have the utmost confidence in Doug and his supporting cabinet to have an unclouded vision in leading us towards a bright and positive future. Doug will bring a fresh, new perspective to the Temple's direction and its unlimited potential. This is the perfect segue to the new leadership at our temple.

I would like to express my indebtedness and gratitude to the MVBT Sangha for their heartfelt and sincere support during my presidency. And, I am forever grateful to the sacrifices that my wife, Joanne, and my daughters made in supporting me during my presidency. My words can't begin to express my appreciation and love to them all.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mukojima Sensei for all the guidance he has provided me. Even though a young minister, Sensei is steeped in a long tradition of Buddhism. This will be a perfect balance with Doug, our new young leader, in paving a bright and enlightening future for MVBT.

In Gassho, Compassion & Harmony
Sterling Makishima
2017-2018 MVBT President

Senior Activities & Crafts

Seniors Activity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21, Thursday. We have planned another exciting afternoon of Bingo. Come enjoy the day with lunch and Bingo. Lunch at 11:30 am and Bingo following. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

March 20, Wednesday. We have day trip scheduled to Cache Creek Casino. Price is $40 per person with tip included. Plan to be at the Temple ground at 6:30 am and will depart at 7:00 am. Call **Chuck Uyeda** to 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.

9:15 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

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇一九年二月法話

―重誓偈って有難い―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

浄土真宗では、『正信偈』を始め、さまざまなお経をお勤めします。複雑な節がついて一時間以上かかる長いものもあれば、単調なリズムで三分ぐらいで終わる短いものもあります。

当仏教会の日曜礼拝では、週ごとにお経を変えてお勤めしているのですが、ご門徒のほとんどは『重誓偈』を楽しみにしています。数多くあるお経の中で、何故、『重誓偈』を好まれているのか数人のご門徒に聞いてみたことがあるのですが、その理由は、やはり皆同じで、その「短さ」にありました。仏徳讃嘆であるお勤めに長いも短いもないのですが、お勤めの短い『重誓偈』に親しみを持つご門徒の気持ちはよく分かります。しかし、一番短いお経という理由だけで好まれるのであれば、それはあまりにも悲しすぎます。

実は『重誓偈』は、浄土真宗の根本聖典、『仏説無量寿経』の中に出てくる偈文で、法蔵菩薩が四十八願を説かれた後に、その願いを要約したものです。大経によると、はるか遠い昔、阿弥陀仏は法蔵菩薩という位におられ、ある日、師と崇めていた世自在王仏に向かって「私も仏となって、迷える人々をことごとく救い、大きな安らぎを与えたいと思います。この願いが成就するまでは、たとえ身を厳しい苦難に沈めても、忍び励んで悔いないでありましょう。師よ、どうか私のために広く教えをお説き下さい」と懇願しました。すると、世自在王仏は 快く法蔵菩薩の為に、あらゆる仏の浄土の成り立ちや、その仏土の相を説き示されたと記されています。

私達のご本尊である阿弥陀仏は、お悟りを開かれる前は、法蔵という菩薩であって、この法蔵菩薩があまねく衆生を救いたいという大いなる願いをもって、五劫という長い年月をかけて修行を積んで仏の位に達せられたのです。

しかし、ここで注目すべきは、法蔵菩薩には、一般の菩薩と大きく異なっている点があるということです。一般に菩薩は、衆生が修行を積んで菩薩という位に上がるのですが、法蔵菩薩はその逆で、仏の領域から位を下げて菩薩になったということです。親鸞聖人は、このことを『一念多念文意』の中で「この一如宝海よりかたちをあらわして、法蔵菩薩と名のりたまひて、無得の智いをおこしたまふ」と述べられています。それは、本来仏でありながら、わざわざ菩薩の位へと降りられ、衆生を救う為に厳しい修行を成就させた阿弥陀仏の大悲心の表れなのです。

また、法蔵菩薩は、四十八の願を建てられましたが、この願いは大きく分けて次の三つになります。一つに、法蔵菩薩の建立される浄土が、最も勝れた仏土であるように、一つに、この仏土に往生した者が、実に尊い悟りを得られるように、そして三つ目が、第十八願に誓われているように、たとえどんな凡夫、悪人であっても、念仏によって必ず極楽浄土に往生できるように、という壮大な願いです。

このことは、法蔵菩薩が単に仏になりたいためではなく、ひたすら衆生を救いたいという「私達の為の願い」にほかなりません。私達もたくさんの願いを持ち、菩薩のように他の人々の幸せを願うこともあります。しかし、よくよく考えて見ますと、これらの願いは、私達が幸せでありたいという所から広がった波紋でしかありません。ですから、他の人に何か奉仕する場合も、自分が気に入った人と気に入らない人の間には自然に区別や差別ができてしまうのです。

法蔵菩薩の願いは、ひたすら私達衆生の為の願いであって、そこには自分を捨て去った尊い姿があります。この姿から湧き出た願いは、ただ苦悩する全ての衆生を救いたいという心があるだけで、気に入る人は救うけど、気に入らない奴は救わない等といった差別の心は全くありません。その願いは、平等に一切衆生におよんでいます。ですから、法蔵菩薩の誓いは、無上の殊勝の願いだといえるのです。

願いとは普通には、「何々がしたい」「こうありたい」といった希望にしか過ぎません。もし、法蔵菩薩の願いが単なる希望であるとしたら、私達凡夫の極楽往生は決してかなわないことだろうと思います。しかし、法蔵菩薩の願いは「誓い」そのものといえます。誓いとは、「必ず何々をする」「必ずこうあらしめる」というふうに、その願いの中に強い意志があってはじめていえる言葉なのです。

法蔵菩薩の願いは「全ての者を必ず浄土に往生させる」という強い誓いです。第十八願に、「もし衆生が往生できないことがあるようなら、私は決して仏にはならない」と力強く述べられ、四十八願を建てられた後に重ねて、三回もこのことを誓われました。これこそ、私達が親しんでお勤めしている『重誓偈』で述べられている法蔵菩薩の壮大なる願いなのです。

自分の全てを犠牲にしてでも全ての衆生を救いたいという法蔵菩薩の誓いを聞くとき、私達の為に興して下さった仏の誓いに、ただ有難うございますと合掌して念仏を称えるほかにありません。

私達一人ひとりに向けられたこの無上の誓いに感謝しながら『重誓偈』をお勤めさせて頂くと、今まで以上に声が出て、本堂全体に喜びのお経とお念仏が響き渡るのではないでしょうか。次の日曜礼拝が楽しみです。

MVBT Young Buddhist Association

February 9, 2019

Dinner: 5:00-7:00 pm

Bingo: 6:00-8:00 pm

MVBT Sangha Hall

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from our Spaghetti Dinner funds religious and social activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for YBA members to experience the Dharma together. We appreciate any and all support you can give, including donated goods or services and monetary donations. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening! (Take-out also available.)

Please pre-order if possible as this allows us to plan and give you the best Spaghetti Dinner possible. If you have any questions please contact Stacey Kawabata at (510) 541-5276 or staceymkawabata@gmail.com
Thank you for supporting the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

To Pre-Order Dinners **(Deadline February 1, 2019):**
-Fill out the order form below
-Submit payment and pre-order form in the self-addressed envelope or drop off in the MVBT office
*Checks should be made out to the: MVBT YBA
**We follow a ticketless system, so no tickets will be distributed

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Name: _____

Phone Number:_____ Email: _____

Please Check One: **Eat In: [ ]** **Take Out: [ ]**

	Quantity	Total
Adult Dinners:	_____ x $10.00	$_____
Child (10 and under) Dinners:	_____ x $6.00	$_____
Bingo Cards:	_____ x $5.00	$_____
Additional Donation:		$_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		$_____

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE
MAJOR EVENTS AND GATHERINGS FOR THE YEAR 2019*

January 1 .....New Year's Day/Shusho-e
January 6.....Shotsuki Hoyo Service
January 20 .....Hoonko Service
January 27 .....Temple, BWA & ABA Installation
January 27 .....Temple Annual Meeting
February 3 .....Shotsuki Hoyo Service
February 9 .....YBA Spaghetti Dinner
February 17.....Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial Service
February 24.....Boy Scout Sunday Service
March 3.....Shotsuki Hoyo
March 8-10.....BCA National Council Meeting
March 10.....Girl Scout Sunday Service
March 17.....Spring Ohigan Service
April 7.....Shotsuki Hoyo Service
April 14.....Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Service
April 26-28 .....FDSTL Conference
May 12 .....Shotsuki Hoyo & Gotan-e Services
May 19 .....Chicken Teriyaki
May 26 .....Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service
June 2 .....Shotuski Hoyo Service-June & July
June 9 .....Graduation Service
July 7 .....Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service
July 20-21 .....Obon Bazaar Festival
July 21 .....Obon Odori Service
August 25.....Sasaki Golf Tournament
September 8 .....Shotsuki Hoyo Service-Aug & Sep
September 15 .....Fall Ohigan Service
September 22 .....DS Cabinet & YBA Installation
September 29 .....Sangha Day Picnic
October 6.....Shotsuki Hoyo Service
October 13 .....Bishops' Memorial & ABA Memorial Service
November 3 .....Shotsuki Hoyo Service
November 10 .....Eshini-ko/Kakushinni-ko/Lady Ohtani Service
November 17 .....Etaikyo Service & Keiro Kai Luncheon
December 1 .....Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service
December 8 .....Mochitsuki
December 15 .....Osoji (clean-up)
December 31 .....Joya-e Year End Service

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Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference

"I am a link... Heal ourselves, Heal the world" is the theme of this year's Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference hosted by the Coast District Dharma School Teachers' League at the Holiday Inn, San Jose - Silicon Valley on April 26, 27 and 28.

During times of confusion, grief, and chaos, we can also experience times of beauty, regeneration and love in today's world. The committee is excited to bring Gregg Krech from the ToDo Institute to share Naikan, a psychotherapy based on Jodo Shinshu. Mr. Krech will address how we can utilize our Jodo-Shinshu teachings amidst the chaos of the world today.

This conference is not only for Dharma School teachers, but for anyone who feels called to expand on their journey of healing and walking in a path that transforms our world. For more information on the conference, please contact FDSTL2019conference@gmail.com and conference website. For more information on Naikan, visit http://www.todoinstitute.org/naikan.html.

Dharma School

Dharma School News

新年 明けましておめでとうございます! Happy New Year to you all! I would like to start the year by thanking the Mountain View Buddhist Temple community for supporting the Dharma School, especially the teachers who have dedicated many hours to prepare lessons and teach our students about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, the parents who have served on our Cabinet and volunteered in our various activities, and all of our Temple members who have supported us throughout the year. I appreciate all of your contributions and look forward to your continued support, guidance, and fellowship in 2019!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mochitsuki And Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School students and parents who came and helped with Mochitsuki and Osoji! Activities like these highlight the interconnectedness that we share as the Temple community and truly demonstrates the idea of "from many, one."

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

2019 Membership Dues

MVBT Membership Dues for 2019

2019 membership invoices and 2018 donation listings were sent out in early January.

Prompt payment of your dues is appreciated. The dues for 2019 are $300 for individuals and $600 for families.

Boy Scout Troop #87

COURT OF HONOR

On December 8, our Boy Scouts were recognized for all the time and effort they spent working

on merit badges, various projects and rank advancements at the Court of Honor. The Court of Honor was followed by a Holiday Dinner jointly hosted by **Jean Higa**.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

B.S.A. Troop 87 is proud to announce that **Shivansh Rustagi** and **Carson Englehart** have officially reached the rank of Eagle. They were honored at their Eagle Court of Honor on December 16.

SUNSET BEACH CAMPOUT

Our Boy Scouts went to Sunset Beach (next to Moss Landing in Monterey Bay), where they enjoyed playing by the beach, geocaching, cooking (and eating, of course) and a five-mile hike. We were treated by Scouts working on their Cooking Merit Badge, whose meals included both Japanese udon and South African potjie (pronounced "poit-kee" one pot stew). We also enjoyed a wonderful Upside-Down Cake with peaches.

Carson Englehart (left) and Shivansh Rustagi (right)

By going to this campout, the boys gained knowledge of many skills, including: identifying wild animals, adapting to cold-weather camping, cooking and using a map and compass.

Identifying animals at the beach

Upside-Down Cake

Potjie, a South African one pot stew

YBA Activities

SPAGHETTI DINNER

YBA's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo fundraiser is approaching very soon! Please save the date for Saturday, February 9. We hope to see everyone there, and thank you in advance for all of your support! If you have not received your order form, please contact our Spaghetti Dinner Chair, **Stacey Kawabata** at staceymkawabata@gmail.com

CDYBL WINTER ACTIVITY

Twenty members from the Coast District YBL chapters attended the CD Winter Activity on January 12-13 at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Everyone had a great time playing volleyball and participating in competitive games. For our community service project, the YBA members packed boxes of toiletries and first-aid items for the victims of the California fires. Many members and advisors slept overnight in the gym and joined us for service in the morning.

In Gassho,
Evan Tsukahara
2018 - 2019 YBA President

YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO

Sat, Feb 9

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

SENIOR/AMBASSADOR

The Senior/Ambassador Scouts continue to do their monthly Temple First Aid Box checks. They also painted a mural in the Pre-School classroom on January 19.

JUNIOR/CADETTE

The Junior/Cadette Scouts helped plan for the Service Unit "He & Me Dance" (previously "Father-Daughter Dance") to be held at the Temple on January 26. They have also been working on some fun sewing projects.

DAISY/BROWNIE

The Daisy/Brownie Scouts have been learning more about Money Management and Making Sales in preparation for upcoming Girl Scout Cookie Sales.

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

Cookies can be purchased from any Temple Girl Scout. Sales will be held from January 28 through March 3. Cookies are $5 per box, except for Toffee-tastic and Girl Scout S'mores selling for $6.

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

JANUARY DHARMA SERVICES

ABA was honored to chair the Dharma Services in January. Thanks to everyone who participated in the services. Special thanks to the ABA guest speaker, **Irving Ozawa**, for sharing his thoughts and perspectives at the Sunday Service held on January 13 .

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

ABA members will celebrate

the Year of the Pig at its 2019 New Year's Dinner on Saturday, February 2 at the newly remodeled Michael's at Shoreline 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 mail box in the Temple office.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

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BWA Actiities

WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will host the 16th World Buddhist Women's Conference in San Francisco on August 30 - September 1, 2019. It will be held at the San Francisco Marriott Grand Marquis Hotel.

There will be young and old men and women from Hawaii, Japan, South America, Canada and the United States attending. The BCA is encouraging NON-BWA members to attend. There are many workshops available from fun to the more serious.

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 either the conference or purchasing the Monto Shikisho, please contact **Reiko Murakami** at 408-257-0687 or email: reikomurakami@comcast.net.

DONATION

Donation gratefully accepted:

Tomiko Maruyama - Special

MEMBERSHIP

We are now accepting 2019 membership dues of $20.

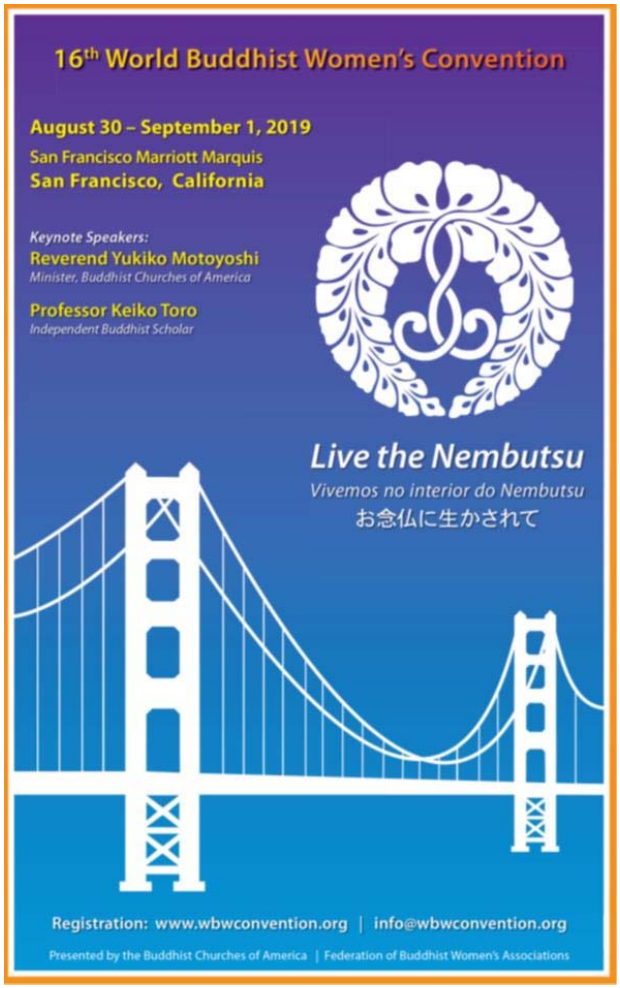
JOIN BWA

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday. February 16, 2019, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

Buddhist Women's Association



Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial

Spring O-higan / Hanamatsuri

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"

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

Register for Hatsumairi by Friday, April 5, 2019

Hatsumairi Infant Presentation — Sunday, April 14, 2019

ATTENTION NEW PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** ("First Visit Ceremony") to be held during the Hanamatsuri Service. This special service will be held on **Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 10:00 am.**

During the ceremony, parents present their child before Amida Buddha and the Sangha and welcome him/her to the Dharma. The Naijin (or altar) symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple or email it to Rev. Mukojima by **Friday, April 5, 2019**.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister
ymukjima@gmail.com

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Gender ___ **Boy** ___ **Girl**

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form by Friday, April 5, 2019 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukjima@gmail.com)

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February Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

February

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

February 3, 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 **February** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada	**Rev. Ryumei Iguchi**	**Tsuneo Nishimura**
Tom Fukuda	**Tatsuhiko Ikebe**	**Edward Okamura**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**Francis Ikenaga**	**Kimi Okubo**
Ben Furuichi	**George Tadashi Ishimaru**	**Jane Okumura**
Thomas Gishi	**Kay Hisako Ishizawa**	**Frank Sakino**
Yusaku Haruta	**Jiro Iwata**	**Kiyoshi Sawamura**
Nabei Higa	**Kazuo Kato**	**Zensaku Shishido**
Chiyo Higuchi	**Jack Kawamoto**	**Mary Somen**
Tomiuemon Hiramoto	**Chiyeko Matsumoto**	**Rodney Togashi**
Chiyoko Hirohata	**Frank Matsumoto**	**Ruth Yamatoda**
Jeanette Hirota	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Haruo Yamaji**
Maureen Hojo	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Shuichi Hori	**Shigeki Murai**	**Mildred Yamanaga**
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.	**Akiko Nakagawa**	**Tsutomu Yamanaga**
Henry Hideo Hoshi	**Sally Tokoko Nakayama**	**Kenneth Yasuda**
Clara Hoshida	**Tsuneko Nakayama**	
Matsuyo Idehara	**Niro Nishimoto**	

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**

Upcoming Shotsuki Hoyo Services

March 3, 2019
Sunday, 10:00 am

April 7, 2019
Sunday, 10:00 am

May 12, 2019
Sunday, 10:00 am
NOTE: This is the second Sunday in May

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

march 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	**2** 8:00 am Boy Scouts Junior Leader Training
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** **Ministers' Association Meeting** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**6** **Ministers' Association Meeting** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**7** **Ministers' Association Meeting** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**8** **BCA National Council Meeting** 3:00 pm Boy Scouts - Stanford District Recognition Dinner 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**9** **BCA National Council Meeting**
10 **BCA National Council Meeting** 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	**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
17 10:00 am Spring Ohigan Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**18** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**19** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**20** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**21** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**22**	**23**
24 10:00 am Girl Scout Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**25** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	**26** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**27** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**28** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**29**	**30**

Upcoming Events

March 3, 2019, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

March 17, 2019, Sunday
Ohigan Service

March 24, 2019, Sunday
Girl Scout Sunday Service

April 14, 2019, Sunday
Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Services

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