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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

March Highlights

- ***3/3 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo Service
  11:00 am
  Japanese Language Service
- ***3/4 Mon, 7:00 - 8:30 pm***
  Tannisho Study Class
- ***3/17 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Ohigan Service
  Guest Speaker: Rev. Bob Oshita
- ***3/17 Sun, 1:00 - 3:00 pm***
  Ohigan Seminar *with* ***Rev. Bob Oshita*** & ***Rev. Patti Oshita***
- ***3/24 Sun, 10:00 am***
  Girl Scout Sunday

The Unique Fabric of Our Life

At the end of the year, while watching TV, my daughter was able to talk me into buying her something she saw advertised. It was a **Digiloom**, a small electric loom featured in a commercial. As its most interesting feature, once you select a design shown on your smartphone screen, the Digiloom automatically sets up the warp threads inside the loom and then guides you to create a bracelet using a tool that weaves the strings together using the steps shown on the smartphone screen.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

That night I ordered the loom on Amazon and a few days later gave it to Kurumi. She was so glad to get it and right away tried to make some bracelets with her mother's help. These days most kids like to spend hours playing video games. Yet here was my daughter learning the principles of weaving so she could make bracelets. This both pleased me and put my mind at ease. Although I haven't seen anyone weaving in a long time, I would like to have my daughter learn how to weave a fabric using a real loom at least once.

As many of you know, when weaving on a loom to make fabric,

Digiloom &
Kurumi-made bracelet on her wrist

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What Happened to Our Temple President … Who is this new guy?

By Doug Sawamura
MVBT President

MVBT Presidents sign up for a two-year term. Some longer, but most volunteer for two years. I want to take this opportunity to thank our past president, Sterling Makishima, for taking care of us the past two years.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President for the next two years. I've known many of you since childhood, but I realize there are many people who don't know me, so here's a short bio.

I was born in San Jose and raised in Mountain View on my parents' carnation nursery. My parents are MVBT members, Shin & Dolly Sawamura. I attended Sunday School at MVBT starting in preschool and was active in the Mountain View YBA and Palo Alto

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Religious Planning — March 2019

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

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

March 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.

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

March 17, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Spring Ohigan Service

Spring O-higan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the spring on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Bob Oshita**, retired minister of the Sacramento Buddhist Church, currently Chaplin of the California State Assembly

1:00 - 3:00 pm Spring O-higan Seminar with **Rev. Bob Oshita** and **Rev. Patti Oshita**

March 24, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Girl Scout Sunday Service

Dharma Talks by **Vicky Shinkawa** and **Stacey Kawabata**

Awards Presentation: The Girl Scout Padma awards presented during the Service

March 31 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — 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**

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

Kiyoshi Aoyagi	*April 14, 1925*	*Jan 11,2019*
Kazuko Okuno	*Feb 22, 1928*	*Jan 15, 2019*
Kiyoshi Bill Oto	*May 20, 1928*	*Jan 18, 2019*
Eico Ohara	*Feb 10, 1925*	*Jan 24, 2019*

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

Namo Amida Butsu

The Unique Fabric of Our Life (cont'd)

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the warp (vertical threads) needs to be stretched on the loom tightly. Next, you interweave the weft (horizontal threads) with the warp using a shuttle. Then, you use a reed to push the weft threads down firmly into place, creating the fabric.

Interestingly, in weaving, no matter how nice the wefts are, if the warps aren't stretched tightly, it is impossible to weave a nice fabric. So, stretching the warp tightly is the prerequisite. Every time the shuttle passes through, a new weft thread is added. The pattern then shows up in the fabric as the differences of color in the weft threads. However, the warp goes through the beginning to end of the fabric and keeps the weft threads firm. And although the warp is always hidden, the beautiful pattern is apparent because the warp threads are tightly stretched.

The ***Monto Shikisho***, which you wear is made using the same principle. That beautiful pattern is created by the weft threads. Although the warps never appear visible on the outside, that whole fabric is made possible by the firm warp threads.

I think that in our lives, the relation between the warp and the weft is very important. The warp of life refers to "a thing carried through life," namely, it is a true teaching that never changes throughout eternity. Therefore, we write "warp" using the Chinese character "経" which means Sutra.

On the other hand, the weft of life refers to "life's various experiences." This means matters we experience every day, like human relations, work, love, heartbreak, dreams, hope, challenge, setback, and so on. We encounter these matters daily as we weave the precious fabric of our life with our own hands, regarding our various experienc-

Monto Shikisho

es as many colorful kinds of weft thread. Also, we live working hard to pursue experiences such as riches, health, convenience, comfort, luxury, honor, and so on.

However, even if we achieve these desires to some extent and we have satisfying experiences, if we don't have a definite "thing carried through life," it can ruin life for us. When we live carelessly, the warp becomes loose and the fabric of our life gets a big hole. We shouldn't let our life become just an empty existence.

Although we always have our eyes glued on brilliant experiences (weft), we have to embrace and treasure the Sutra (warp), which supports our lives firmly all the time though it doesn't appear outside. Namely, it is indeed the Buddha Dharma, which exists within us.

Sakyamuni Buddha admonished us strictly, *"Even if human beings lived for 100 years, a person who could not encounter the Buddha Dharma would be worse off than a person who was able to encounter the Buddha Dharma and live just one day."* He meant that in life, quality matters more than quantity. Of course, it is very important to live colorfully through various experiences and knowledge (weft). Unfortunately, though, when we have more experiences and increase our knowledge, we foolish beings become overconfident and don't listen to others' opinions and advice. Worse, we force our sense of values on others. Therefore, even if we live long, if we don't mend our selfish way of thinking, our life is surely weakened where the warp is cut.

When we receive the warp called true teaching, namely, "Amida Buddha's Primal Vow" securely, being guided by the working of Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion, we are able to have the mind of gratitude and humility that enables us to live in harmony with others as we reflect deeply on our selfish way of living. Also, even if we encounter adverse circumstances, we will be able to overcome any difficulties so that we can spend our life richly and fully without any regrets. **What a valuable and meaningful life it is!**

In his writing, "The Hymns of the Pure Land Masters," Shinran Shonin says, *"Of those who encounter the Power of the Primal Vow, not one passes by in vain."* If the warp called "Encounter the Primal Vow" is stretched tightly over our life, our eventful life (or weft) will never be vain because we are able to open up to a world where we gratefully accept all events as precious life experiences which Amida Buddha has given us.

I sincerely hope that while firmly receiving the Primal Vow (warp) from Amida Buddha and growing and developing from our various experiences (weft), we will weave together the unique and clear fabric of our own life.

As I watched my daughter skillfully making a cute bracelet with the Digiloom, I wanted to try it myself next time.

In Gassho,

What Happened to Our Temple President … Who is this new guy? (cont'd)

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Buddhist Temple Sr. YBA. I attended Bubb and Castro Elementary Schools, Graham Jr. High School, Los Altos High School (back then we were the Knights), San Jose State University for undergraduate and Golden Gate University for graduate school. I've been in high-tech my entire career and currently work at Tenable, a cyber security company. I've been married to my lovely wife, Phyllis, for +30 years and the proud father of three wonderful daughters: Megan, Kelsey and Haley. Please come up to me and say "Hi." I'd love to get to know each and every one of you!

With Gratitude Forever,
Doug Sawamura
2019 MVBT President

Seniors Activity Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20, Wednesday. We have day trip scheduled to Cache Creek Casino. The price is $40. You will receive $10 free play and $5 food credit. Meet at the Temple grounds and 6:30 am to depart at 7:00 am. Back at the Temple at 4:00pm. Call **Chuck Uyeda** to sign up.

April 18, Thursday. We are fortunate to get **Joy Nakamura** do a presentation on "Self Massage." It will be interesting to learn to benefit one self and have Joy educate us on this subject. Please also join us for lunch at 11:30 am. The lesson will be at 12:15 pm.

May 16, Thursday. We will have **Matt Mukoyama** as our guest speaker giving us information on "Senior Care." Many of us may want to ask questions about Senior Care and now you can get first hand answers from Matt Mukoyama. Lunch will be provided.

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.

11:15am to 11:45am. We truly are fortunate to have **Sue Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi** volunteer their precious time instructing our Senior group TAIKO. This is a great program for all our seniors. It helps our balance, to remember the sequence given, timing, and for us seniors, this is all important. Do yourself a favor and join the group. Anyone is welcome to join. Thank you Sue and Linda.

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

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇一九年三月法話

― 人生の織物 ―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

昨年の暮れのことですが、テレビを見ていた娘から、突然あるものが欲しいとねだられました。それは、あるコマーシャルで紹介していた「ディジルーム」という、小さい機織り機のようなものでした。面白いことに、スマートフォンの画面内でデザインを決めた後、たて糸をその小型機織り機に設置して、スマートフォンの画面に従いながら、道具を使って、よこ糸をたて糸に織り込んでプレスレットをつくるというものです。

後日、アマゾンでディジルームを購入して、娘にプレゼントすると、とても喜んで、妻に手伝ってもらいながら器用にかわいらしいプレスレットをつくっていました。最近はテレビゲームなどに没頭する子供が多い中で、機織りの原理を学びながら、プレスレットをつくっている娘の姿を見て心が和みました。最近、すっかり機織り機を見ることがなくなりましたが、一度、娘に機織り体験をさせてあげたいと思いました。

皆さんご存知のように、布を織る際、まず機織り機にたて糸(経)をしっかりと張り、杼でよこ糸(緯)をたて糸に通しながら、筬を上下させて、たて糸とよこ糸を織り込んでいきます。この時、よこ糸がどんなに立派な糸であっても、たて糸がしっかり張っていないと、絶対にまともな布を織ることができないそうです。たて糸をたるまないように張ることが、最も大切なことなのです。また、よこ糸は、織るたびに新しく加えられる糸であって、その糸の色の違いで織物としての模様が現れます。しかし、たて糸は始めから終わりまでを貫いて、よこ糸をしっかりと支えています。常に隠れて表には現れませんが、たて糸がしっかりしているからこそ、模様がそこに表れることができるのだそうです。皆さんがお持ちの門徒式章もそうですが、あの鮮やかな模様は実はよこ糸でできています。たて糸は決して表には現れませんが、強い垂直なたて糸の存在が織物全体を成り立たせているのです。

私達の人生のありようも、このたて糸とよこ糸の関係に譬えることができます。人生のたて糸とは、「人生を貫くもの」、つまり、永遠に変わらない真理の教えをいいます。ですから、たて糸をお経の「経」(スートラ)と漢字で書くことができます。

一方、よこ糸とは「人生におけるさまざまな経験」です。「人生におけるさまざまな経験」とは、私達の日常で経験する事柄で、人間関係や仕事、恋愛、失恋、夢、希望、挫折などといったもので、それらを「よこ糸」として、私達は自身の手で、かけがえのない人生の織物を日々彩りながら織っています。また私達は、豊かさ、健康、便利さ、快適、贅沢、名誉等といった経験を追い求めて、毎日あくせくと働き続けて生きています。

しかし、たとえその願望がある程度達成され、満足のいく経験ができたとしても、「人生を貫くもの」がしっかりしていないと、「たて糸」がゆるんでしまい織物全体が台無しになってしまいます。うっかりすると、たて糸がほつれて人生の織物に大きな穴が開いてしまうような、むなしい人生になってしまいます。

私達は色とりどりの経験(よこ糸)ばかりに目を奪われて日々生活をしていますが、目に見えないけれども人生をしっかりと支えてくれる真理の教え(たて糸)、つまり、私達門徒にとっては仏法を大切にしなくてはなりません。

お釈迦さまは「人もし生きること百年ならんとも、無上の法を見ることなくば、無上の法を見る人の一日生くるにも及ばざるものなり」(意訳・人間、百年生きたとしても、仏法に遇えない者は、一日生きて、仏法に遇えた者に劣る)と仰せになられています。「いのち」は量ではなくて、質が大切なのだということです。経験や知識(よこ糸)で彩る人生は大切ですが、残念ながら、私達凡夫は経験を重ね知識が増えると、自信過剰になってしまい、人の意見を聞くこともせず、自分の価値観だけを他人に押し付けてしまいます。いくら長生きしても、自己中心的な考え方を改められなければ、その人生はたて糸の切れたお粗末な人生と言わねばなりません。

「真実の教え」、つまり「如来の本願」という、たて糸をしっかりといただいておれば、阿弥陀仏の智慧と慈悲のおはたらきに導かれながら、常に感謝と謙虚な心を持って、自己中心的な生き方を反省しつつ、他人との和を大切にし、日々の生活を有意義にすることができます。更に、人生いかなる逆風に遭おうとも、それを無駄にしない、心豊かな一生を悔いなく精一杯送ることができると思います。

更に、親鸞聖人は『高僧和讃』の中で、「本願力に遇いぬれば、空しく過ぐる人ぞなき」と仰せられています。「本願力に遇う」という、たて糸がしっかりしていれば、この波乱万丈の人生(よこ糸)も、空しいものではなく、阿弥陀仏から賜った尊い人生の経験として受け取っていく究極の世界が開かれてくるのです。

阿弥陀仏の切なる願い、ご本願(たて糸)をしっかりといただきながら、日々のさまざまな経験(よこ糸)を織にして、唯一無二の鮮やかな人生の織物を一人ひとりが連綿と織り続けていければと念じています。

娘が器用にディジルームを使って見事なプレスレットをつくる姿を見て、今度借りてみたくなりました。

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

SENIOR/AMBASSADOR

Senior/Ambassador Scouts continue to do their monthly Temple First Aid Box checks, and completed their mural in the pre-School classroom.

JUNIOR/CADETTE

The Junior/Cadette Scouts had a great time doing the decorations for the Service Unit He & Me Dance at the Temple on January 26.

The Mountain View Service Unit is very grateful that the Temple has allowed the dance to be held in our MVBT gym.

DAISY/BROWNIE

The Daisy/Brownie Scouts earned their Space Science Explorer and First Aid Badges. Some of the girls attended the He & Me Dance and had a fun time.

GIRL SCOUT MONTH

March is Girl Scout Month at the Temple. The Troop is looking forward to chairing services on March 3, 24 and 31. Girl Scout Sunday will be on March 24.

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

It's still Girl Scout Cookie Time! Cookies can be purchased from any Temple Girl Scout through March 3rd. Cookies are $5 per box ($6 for Toffee-tastic and Girl Scout S'mores).

Thank you to the Sangha for supporting our cookie booth on February 3!

Thank You to Girl Scout Ambassadors

THANK YOU to the **MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736 Ambassadors** who took on the project of adding some colorful fun to the walls of the Preschool classroom last month. Together they planned, sketched and painted the walls to make them warm and inviting to anyone who enters the room.

Thanks to these talented young ladies !

In Gassho,
The Pre-School Class

2019 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Board of Directors

2019 MVBT BOARD of DIRECTORS

Congratulations to the 2019 MVBT Board of Directors, who were installed during the Sunday Service on January 27.

President
Doug Sawamura

President-Elect
Bob Matsumoto

1st Vice President
Bob Matsumoto

2nd Vice President
John Arima

Recording Secretary
Don Fukuma

Corresponding Secretary
Jean Higa

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Assistant Auditor
Peter Matsumoto

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Eric Arakaki

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Bob Yamanaga
Steve Tsuchida

Echo Co-Editors
Haruye Hoshi
Steve Tsuchida

2019 MVBT Board of Directors

MVBT Annual General Meeting & Lunch

MVBT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the installation service for the Temple, Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) and Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) on Sunday, January 27, the Annual General Meeting for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple was held in the Hondo.

All Temple organizations and all Temple committees presented their reports about their activities during 2018. Also, your Temple's financial statements for 2018 were presented along with the budget for 2019.

LUNCH

After the meeting, the current and past presidents wives prepared and served a delicious lunch.

In Gassho

Wives of MVBT Presidents who prepared and served lunch after the Annual General Meeting

BWA Actiities

Buddhist Women's Association

DANA GIFTS

BWA extends our deep gratitude to our Sangha for their generous donations in response to our Dana letter. Because of your generosity, we were able to give our Dana Gifts on January 20, 2019, to the MVBT's youth groups. Thank you very much for your support!

Youth Groups receiving Dana Gift

2019 BWA Cabinet

At the Sunday Service on January 27, our 2018 BWA Cabinet was installed. The cabinet members are:

President
Reiko Murakami

Recording Secretary
Marie Ochi-Jacobs

Corresponding Secretary
Miyo Takegami

Treasurer
Joan Aoki

Religious Chairperson
Marie Ochi-Jacobs

Historian
Kimi Nishimura

Official Delegates
Reiko Murakami
Toshiko Uyehara

2019 MVBT BWA Cabinet

SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure to announce that we have seven new members. We welcome them and we are sure they will add new energy to an already lively group.

WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Is anyone interested in attending the 16th World Buddhist Women's Conference on August 30 to September 1, 2019, in San Francisco?

The conference is very special and held every four years as it rotates between Japan, Hawaii, South America, Canada and the United States. It will not be held in the United States for another 20 years – and not in the Bay Area. It is truly a special world gathering, especially with the **Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani** in attendance. The MVBT Choir will also be part of the mass choir at the Sunday closing service. The signup deadline for MVBT is March 31, to ensure that the attendees get the workshops that they have chosen. Also, there are just a few seats available on the luxurious bus we have chartered.

Please contact **Reiko Murakami** by email: reikomurakami @comcast.net or phone: 408-257-0687.

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

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

2019 ABA BOARD

Congratulations and thanks to the 2019 ABA Board Members who were installed on January 27.

President
Jean Shimoguchi

Vice President
Ken Nakano

Recording Secretary
Lois Okino

Asst Recording Secretary
Shirley Matsumoto

Corresponding Secretary
Ann Uyehara

Asst Corresponding Secretary
Marilyn Ozawa

Treasurer
Don Fukuma

Auditor
Steve Tsuchida

Historian
Carolyn Murata

Asst Historian
Toshiko Uyehara

Co-Social Chairpersons
Alice Ishida &
Judy Nakano

Membership Chairperson
Reiko Tsuchida

Asst Membership Chairperson
Mieko Nakano

Hospitality Chairperson
Joanne Makishima

Advisors
Rev. Yushi Mukojima &
Sterling Makishima

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

ABA celebrated The Year of the Boar at our annual New Year's Dinner on February 2 at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View. View. It was an evening of delicious food and fun entertainment, including a sing-a-long led by Rev. Mukojima and his family. Line dancing was directed by Eileen and Richard Fujikawa.

Thanks to **Kathy Fujii**, **Eileen Fujikawa**, **Ken Nakano** and **Mel Inouye** for organizing the event.

SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE

MVBT's Spring Ohigan service will be hosted by ABA on March 17, 2019. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Bob Oshita**.

After the service, **Revs. Bob and Patti Oshita** will host a seminar regarding their experience as the chaplains for the California State Assembly. Bento lunches will be available for those staying for the seminar. If you're interested in purchasing a bento lunch, please contact **Russ Nakano** at (408) 733-7289.

Mukojima Familu leading sing-a-long

Link dancing at New Year's Donner

DONATION

Donation greatly appreciated:
Doug and Phyllis Sawamura
ABA New Year's Dinner

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

2019 MVBT ABA Cabinet

YBA Activities

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thank you to the MVBT members, families and friends who supported our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo fundraiser! The Sangha Hall was filled to capacity! This event could not have taken place without the leadership from our Spaghetti Dinner Chair, **Stacey Kawabata**….Thank You Stacey!

BCA JYBA LEADERS WORKSHOP

Three of our members: **Stacey Kawabata**, **Vicky Shinkawa** and **Evan Tsukahara** attended a leadership workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center on February 23-24, 2019. Thank you to our Advisor, Mr. **Craig Hamasaki**, who accompanied us to this event.

DONATION:

Our YBA would like to gratefully acknowledge the generous donation we received from the BWA.

In Gassho,
Evan Tsukahara
2018 - 2019 YBA President

YBA Members Helping at Spaghetti Dinner

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

The Dharma School celebrated December, January, and February birthdays for students in grades Pre-K through sixth grade on Sunday, February 3.

Birthdays for December, January & February

FDSTL Conference

The Coast District is hosting the annual Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League (FDSTL) conference at the Holiday Inn San Jose on April 26 through 28. The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dharma School teachers and cabinet members will be leading several activities – from the hospitality room to evening activities – and ask that parents and Temple organizations assist in them. A sign-up will be forthcoming for specific requests in early March as activities and hospitality needs are clarified. I f you cannot attend, we do have other volunteer opportunities available for our Dharma School at large. Please do contribute back to our community. We would greatly appreciate it!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Donations

Gratefully acknowledged:

BWA

Eshinni-ko Donation

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

DANA Project by 5th and 6th Grade Dharma School Class

Most of you know the meaning of DANA. For those who don't, it means to give unselfishly to others. For the past two years, the 5th & 6th Grade Dharma School class has done a DANA project. Last year, we made blankets for the fire victims in Santa Rosa. This year, we adopted a class at Paradise Intermediate School who lost so much during the devastating Camp Fire.

Here are some sobering facts about the Camp Fire:

- The fires burned 153,336 acres in 17 days
- 18,421 structures were destroyed. In just two weeks, the Camp Fire destroyed more structures than our state's seven other worst wildfires combined.
- Total damage was $16.5 billion

Of the nine schools in the Paradise Unified School District, four burned down, three were badly damaged and the two remaining were expanded from K thru 6 to K thru 8.

Since the school was badly damaged by the fire, Paradise Intermediate School created new classroom space in an old Orchard Supply Hardware Store. They have many needs to fill and we want to help them.

Teacher Erin Suttles and her family

First day of school in the OSH building

Our class started small by making cards for Mrs. Suttles' special needs class. We sent photos to share and they sent photos back. Her class loved the cards and were very touched by our messages of support.

Above two photos: Sharing Cards between Classes

Some of the students are having to travel 40 miles one way to get to school.

The other day Mrs. Suttles received a text message from her student's mother saying that her son couldn't come to school because they have to move their RV. They were staying in a park along the river and it was expected to crest and flood. They are all trying to stay strong, keep the students together, safe and learning but it has been very hard.

Mrs. Suttles, her students and others from Paradise Intermediate school are thankful for our support.

The teacher laptop, student Chromebooks, mice and headphones that Mrs. Suttles used for teaching were taken/stolen after the fire and the TV that Mrs. Suttles used for instruction is still hanging on the wall of what was her classroom at Paradise Intermediate School, but will need to be professionally cleaned so that it is cleared of toxins and smoke damage. They have many, many needs and haven't had the funds to replace everything yet.

Mrs. Suttles class and others from Paradise Intermediate School

We heard from Mrs. Suttles that her class is going to be moved again, this time up to Magalia to Pine Ridge School. This is the third move for her class and now she'll be commuting 40 minutes each way to get to her students. There has been more snow up there this year than they have had in a long time and thus they have to deal with icy road conditions. The school is nestled back in a neighborhood and only a house here and there in the neighborhood remain. Everything else is destroyed with burned out cars everywhere. Mrs. Suttles is worried about the students and staff having to drive through this devastation every day. The rest of the Intermedi-

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DANA Project by 5th and 6th Grade Dharma School Class (tont'd)

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ate School is staying at the Orchard Supply Hardware store until June.

With all of these needs in mind, our 5th & 6th Grade class decided to do a fundraiser. After Sunday Services on February 3 and 10, we served coffee, hot chocolate, hot cider and orange juice. Our students made the menus, provided table service and served as baristas and cashiers for the events. We also accepted many donations to help with the cause.

MVBT 5th & 6th Grade Dharma School Class

Thanks to the Sangha's generosity we were able to raise $1,793, which we have now sent to Paradise Intermediate School for Mrs. Suttles' class. In addition, some of our Sangha wrote words of encouragement and we sent along those notes to Mrs. Suttles as well. In times like these, sometimes just a word of support helps uplift her, her staff and students so that they can keep going.

Our class will be continuing to support Mrs. Suttles' class and will continue accepting donations to help out her class and the students of Paradise.

If you would like to make a check donation, please make your check out to "Paradise Intermediate School" and give it to Ms. Carol Harbin or Ms. Debby Inenaga. Every little bit helps!

Please watch this documentary for more information on the rebuilding of Paradise Intermediate School: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyheeyX-dZg&t=35s

Thank you for your support to help rebuild Paradise. We want them to know that they are not forgotten and that we are here to help!

In Gassho,
The MVBT 5th & 6th Grade Dharma School Class

Miroku

MONTHLY MEETING

At the January Miroku meeting, members brainstormed what type of community service project they would like to participate in. They narrowed it down to either helping animals or doing some kind of clean-up activity to help the environment. After researching both topics, the students decided at the February meeting to hold a clean-up event. This community service project will take place in either March or April and might be immediately followed by a fun activity. It was also suggested by the membership to include current 5th Graders, so invitations will be sent once a date has been finalized.

REPORT ON TEMPLE'S ANNUAL MEETING

During the February meeting, Miroku Parent Advisor Randy Sato gave an update about the MVBT General Meeting that took place on Sunday, Jan. 27. He related how Miroku has been able to hold regularly scheduled monthly meetings with a membership that continues to grow. He also made a point to let the Sangha know that Miroku had taken on the responsibility to conduct the monthly temple AED checks.

DONATION

Miroku would like to gratefully acknowledge the MVBT BWA for their generous Eshinni-ko donation.

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

MIROKU

middle school group

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)

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 19

The MVBT 2019 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 19. All Temple members, friends, affiliated organizations and non-affiliated organizations will be asked to help during the week of our annual fundraiser. Tickets will soon be distributed by your zone chairpersons.

On behalf of Zone 6, thank you in advance,

Peter Matsumoto, Zone 6
2019 Chicken Teriyaki Chairperson

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 19

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Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

All Hands Needed

2019 Annual CPR/AED Training Class

Sunday, June 2 in the YBA Hall

1:30 - 5:30 pm

Registration Required by Monday, May 20

RSVP: Eileen Fujikawa, 408-996-0845, fujikawabachan@gmail.com

Open to Temple members and members of all affiliated organizations.

We cancelled the 2018 training class due to low interest, so now, if you were trained in 2017 or earlier, you need to be retrained and recertified!

The training fee is still $68 with FREE lunch! Class size is limited to 12 on first-come, first-served basis. Please make your check payable to "MVBT- ABA" with a note "CPR/AED class."

ABA will provide lunch, so you can attend the morning Sunday Service, enjoy lunch and refreshments, and then stay for the class.

For information, contact Eileen Fujikawa

150 Club News

Happy New Year as we start new 150 Club winners.

We had two winners, the January winner was the **Shinkawa family** and the February winners were **Tony and Gail Lee**.

Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you for participating in 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
MAR	Zones 11 & 12	N / A	N / A
APR	Zones 13 & 1	Mar 15 (Fri)	Mar 20 (Wed)
MAY	Zones 2 & 3	Apr 12 (Fri)	Apr 17 (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.*

March Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

March 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 **March** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Theodore Abe	**Shinobu Maruyama**	**Shigeru Okamoto**
Robert Arima	**Helen Matsumoto**	**Fumio Okayama**
Mine Chikasuye	**Shizuko Matsumoto**	**Kinuko Sasaki**
Alice Asaka Fujii	**Tom Matsumoto**	**Rev. Sensho Sasaki**
Satoru Fujikawa	**Akira Morishima**	**Frank Sato**
Kazuo Furusho	**Cynthia Muranaka**	**Kanesuke Sato**
Harriet Hamamoto	**Haruko Muranaka**	**Brett Sugimoto**
Yutaka Hamamoto	**Roy Nagatani**	**Tora Tamaji**
Sekitaro Hananouchi	**Linda Nakagawa**	**Patricia Yukie Togashi**
Masao Hayashi	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Thomas Takegami**
Itsuyo Hori	**Harry Nakano**	**Shimoye Yamaji**
Ronald Hoshiko	**Ken'ichi Nakano**	**Yoshikichi Yamaji**
Koriyu Kariya	**Rokuro Nakano**	**Kazuo Yanase**
Ruth Kawaguchi	**Komao Nara**	**Torao Yokoyama**
Miya Kawamoto	**Shizuko Nishimura**	**Kiriye Yoshida**
Hakobu Koyano	**George Tetsuo Noguchi**	

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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**2** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**3** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:00 pm Facilities Planning Meeting 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**4** 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	**5** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice	**6** 12:00 pm Boy Scouts ECH
7 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Miroku General Meeting 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**8** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**9** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**10** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:00 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**11** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**12** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**13** 9:00 am BWA Meeting 4:00 pm Dharma School Hanamatsuri Lunch Setup
14 9:45 am Dharma School Hanamatsuri Lunch 10:00 am Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Service & Dharma School 12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**15** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**16** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**17** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**18** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**19** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice	**20** 10:00 am ABA Cemetery Clean up and lunch 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Overnighter
21 **Boy Scouts Overnighter** 10:00 am Sunday Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm CDYBL Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**22** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**23** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**24** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**25** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 4:00 pm Boy Scouts Mochi Making 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 7:30 pm CD Council Meeting 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**26** **FDSTL Conference** 6:00 pm YBA Volleyball Practice 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Cherry Blossom Prep	**27** **FDSTL Conference** 7:00 am Boy Scouts Cherry Blossom Spam Making
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Upcoming Events

April 7, 2019, Sunday

Shotsuki Hoyo

April 14, 2019, Sunday

Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Services

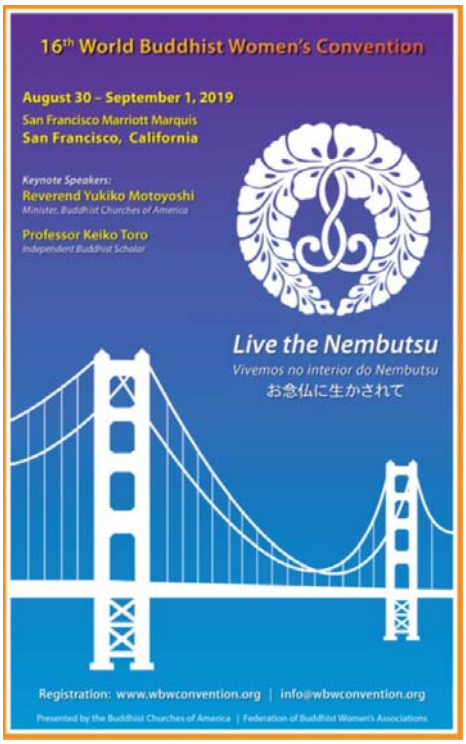
May 12, 2019, Sunday

Shotsuki Hoyo

Gotan-e Service

May 26, 2019, Sunday

Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service



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