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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June Highlights

- **6/1-2 Sat-Sun**
  - *Dharma School Campout*
- **6/2 Sun, 10:00 am**
  - *YBA Hawaiian Breakfast*
  - *Shotsuki Hoyo - June & July*
  - *Graduating Senior Talks:* ***Evan Tsukahara, Neil Fujitani & Mitchell Kita***

  11:00 am
  - *Japanese Language Service*
- **6/9 Sun, 10:00 am**
  - *Graduation Service*
  - *Graduating Senior Talks* ***Aili Koga, Vicky Shinkawa, & Caitlen Furuichi***
- **6/10 Mon, 7:00 pm**
  - *Tannisho Class*
- **6/16 Sun**

  No Services

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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks

Life Lessons Learned at Temple

By Lauren Hamasaki

Hello and good morning to everyone here today. My name is Lauren Hamasaki.

As Mr. Morimoto mentioned not long ago, I have decided to attend San Jose State University Class of 2023, with a major in Interior Design. Before I begin my senior speech, I will say that I will try my best to speak as clearly as possible because I am really nervous and I do have trouble speaking clearly.

Prior to the beginning of this school year, was when I realized that this was the year I needed to start applying to colleges. It really stressed me out as soon as I saw the application form since, before applications even came out, I had never really known what an application form looked like. Even before applications came out, I had already planned on only applying to Cal State Universities. While I was only applying to California State

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Enjoy the Moment

By Caitlyn Higa

Please join me in Gassho,

"Learn to be thankful for what you already have, while you pursue all that you want."

Namo ami da butsu
Namo ami da butsu
Namo ami da butsu

Good morning everyone. Thank you, Mr. Morimoto, for the introduction, my name is Caitlyn Higa and, as Mr. Morimoto said, I am graduating from Mountain View High School and will be attending Cal State Fullerton in the fall. As a senior, I have gone through the whole application, admission, and acceptance process for college. There were countless trips to colleges, essays written, questions answered, and decisions made in order to get to the place I am today. And it's crazy to look at the senior class now and imagine that just in a few months we all go our separate ways and begin a new chapter in our life.

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Lifelong Friends Made in YBA & Nakayoshi Gakko

By Kimberly Yamaguchi

Hello and good morning. As Mr. Morimoto said, my name is Kimberly Yamaguchi and I'll be graduating from Cupertino High School in June.

Every year we hear the senior speeches and thinking we'll have a bunch of time before it's my turn. Well, that day is today. I'm not the best public speaker, but here goes.

Most of my friends have been going to church since they can remember, but I didn't start until I was a freshman in high school. I decided to join YBA after my friends convinced me to join, even though they have been trying to convince me for a couple of years since we were in middle school. My first Sunday Service, I knew nothing about Buddhism. I would dread going to church on Sundays because I didn't understand what was going on and because I didn't really know what to do during service. I remember when they would call high school for oshoko, I

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 12:30 pm Dharma School Campout 6:00 pm YBA Hawaiian Breakfast Prep
2 **Dharma School Campout** 7:00 am YBA Hawaiian Breakfast (Serving 8:30-9:45 am) 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 1:00 pm ABA CPR Training 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**3** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**4** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**5** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:00 pm FPC Meeting 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**6** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**7**	**8** **In Joyful Nembutsu Choir Festival (1:30-4:30 pm)** 8:30 am Building Maintenance
9 10:00 am Graduation Service 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:30 pm Fishing Club Meeting 12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko 4:00 pm Maui Style Dance	**10** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**11** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**12** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	**13** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**14** 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**15** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
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30 **YBA (CYBA DANA Retreat)** 10:00 am Taiko - Kids / All class rehearsal 2:00 pm JD Taiko 4:00 pm Maui Style Dance Practice						

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Religious Planning — June and July 2019

June 1-2, 2019, Saturday - Sunday — Dharma School Campout

June 2, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July

Graduating Senior Talks: **Evan Tsukahara, Mitchell Kita & Neil Fujitani**

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

June 9, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Graduation Service

Graduating Senior Talks: **Aili Koga, Vicky Shinkawa, & Caitlen Furuichi**

Refreshments after Service: Somen provided by Rev. Mukojima & Mika as a token of their gratitude for the continued support and friendship of the MVBT Sangha. Everyone is welcome.

June 10, 2019, Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Monthly Study Class

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

July 7, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Kangi-e Obon Service & Hatsubon

Kangi-e Obon: An annual memorial observance in honor of ones ancestors. Kangi-e, the Shin Buddhist Obon tradition, translates to a "Gathering of Joy" indicating we should celebrate the memories of our past ancestors.

Hatsubon: A special observance during the first Kangi-e Obon service following the passing of a loved one.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. William Masuda**

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

On May 12, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple celebrated **Shinran Shonin's 846th birthday** at the Gotan-e Service. The onaijin was exquisite with beautiful flowers and osonae.

Thank you to the Oasaji Group, the Flower Committee and the Toban Zones.

Namo Amida Butsu —
With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words

Our Pledge by the Gomoshu Kojun Ohtani

On November 23, 2018, His Eminence Monshu Kojun Ohtani delivered a Dharma message at the Hongwanji's annual Perpetual Memorial and Autumn Service. In his message, Gomonshu-sama summarized his thoughts in a four verse piece titled "Our Pledge." It is Gomonshu-sama's hope that these verses will be read and shared at various services and gatherings, especially among young and new members, so that we may bring religion closer to our everyday lives.

Our Pledge

Breaking out of my shell
I will share a warm smile and speak gentle words
Just like the kind Buddha.

Not becoming lost in my greed, anger, and ignorance
I shall think and act with an open-mind
Just like the calm and peaceful Buddha

Not putting myself first
I will share in the joy and sadness of others
Just like the compassionate Buddha

Realizing the gift of life I have received
I shall strive to live each day to its fullest
Like the Buddha who tirelessly works to liberate all.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Activities

SENIOR SPEECHES

Please join us at the following Sunday services to hear these graduating seniors give their Dharma Talk:

June 2

Mitchell Kita, Neil Fujitani & Evan Tsukahara

June 9

Vicky Shinkawa, Aili Koga & Caitlen Furuichi.

HAWAIIAN BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE: Please join us for our annual Hawaiian Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday June 2, 2019, before the Sunday Service. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Tickets are still available for sale: Adults: $8 and Children (10 and under): $6. Thank you to our co-chairs **Caitlyn and Vanessa Higa** for planning this event!

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Thank you to those who attended our Mother's Day Brunch on May 12. We truly appreciate the "moms" of our Temple! We hope you enjoyed your Mother's Day!

COLLEGE YBA DANA LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS RETREAT

This retreat will be held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple from June 29 through July 5. **Vicky Shinkawa** will represent our YBA at this retreat.

BCA SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT

Megan Nakagawa will be representing our YBA at the BCA-CBE Summer Youth Retreat from June 30 - July 6 at the Jodo Shinshu Center.

BCA CBE MINI YOUTH RETREAT

The BCA Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) is hosting a mini youth retreat at the Denver Buddhist Temple on August 2 - 4, 2019. This event is for high school age youth who are interested in learning more about the Dharma. All past Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) and Buddhist Youth Retreat (BYR) Summer Retreat graduates will be invited to participate and help with services. Any YBA members interested in attending this retreat should contact our YBA Advisors for registration information.

In Gassho,
Evan Tsukahara
2018 - 2019 YBA President

Life Lessons Learned at Temple (cont'd)

LAUREN HAMASAKI

Fremont High School 2019

Bound for San Jose State University

Studying Interior Design

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Universities, others I knew were applying to UCs and Privates and Out of State schools. Even though I knew that there were other people who also had the same plan as me, it somehow felt like I wasn't doing enough. I know people always say to not compare yourself to others, but I've always done that. I've always had that feeling though I never really realized it until freshman year of high school when I was put into a special education class because I had a learning disability. And honestly, until I found out that I had this disability, I really didn't know what it was and how it affected me and my learning. I felt somewhat like I had less intelligence when I was with others because a lot of the time it was hard for me to completely understand what they were talking about because it takes me a long time for me to process and comprehend what people are saying.

As I was writing my senior speech, I felt disappointed, in myself, and the decisions that I've made in the past. Those decisions include personal decisions and academic decisions. There are definitely mistakes and decisions that I regret making, but it's hard, for a lot of people I'm sure, to make choices that you know you have to make, but decide to choose the other options, which might not always be the better one. I'm sure we've all been in those situations. Through the past couple years, I have relied a lot on other people, which I hope as I go more into the future, that I rely less on other people and to have more trust and confidence in myself. Since I have made many mistakes in the past, I will try harder to make fewer mistakes and better choices in the future, ones that I will actually benefit from, although not making mistakes is very difficult.

Relating to Buddhism and temple, YBA:

Because it takes me a long time to completely understand what I was learning, there are a lot of things I'm still trying to understand here at the Temple. I remember coming to service every Sunday when I was younger because my parents pushed me to come to the services to learn about Buddhism and the daily teaching, but whenever I had to come, I would always question my parents on why I had to come in the first place, because at least for me at such a young age, I was rarely able to relate or know what the speaker was talking about. And to be completely honest, there are times even as my last year of Dharma School, where I'd still have trouble understanding the message of the Dharma talks or when we would meet for Dharma School. I've always had trouble understanding what people are talking about. I may have not learned as much as I'd hoped or as much as expected considering I have been coming to these services since I was in preschool, but I have gotten other things out of coming here to this Temple.

Joining the youth groups here at the Temple, including Miroku and YBA, and doing all the activities here, allowed me to take my mind off of comparison and allowed me to have fun without having to worry about who's better than who, although at times, it can get pretty competitive. For all of us currently in YBA, there have been so many opportunities for all of us to stay close to one another. From competitive card games at YBA campouts to YBA volleyball tournaments to fundraisers to Obon, and everything else that we all do together, it has been so much fun to meet and see the people that I have known for a very long time. And honestly, I don't know if I'd be as close to the people here as I am if I hadn't come to service every Sunday or come to the occasional events that happen here at the Temple every year. Some of my personal favorite events that go on here at the Temple include Obon, Nakayoshi Gakko, YBA Holiday parties and the Spaghetti Dinner. The people here and the things that we do together are what I am the most thankful for because without what I have experienced here, good and bad, I'm pretty sure my life wouldn't be like it is and I wouldn't be where I am today, even if I have made some pretty bad decisions. I wouldn't have been able to reconnect with those that before, I'd only seen during certain occasions. After being a true member of this Temple for over at least 15 years and learning from the people around me, from being an elementary Dharma school student all the way through my last day of high school, I have learned quite a lot of life lessons that will help lead me out of high school and into the future.

I have appreciated all the times that everyone here at the Temple has put into my learning and every other Dharma School student. After all these years, I would like to thank Reverend Mukojima, all my Dharma School teachers, my Miroku and YBA Advisors, every single person that I have met here at the Temple, and most importantly, my parents, for constantly putting up with the many problems I have day after day. I know I am a lot to deal with, so I am thankful for all your patience.

Enjoy the Moment (cont'd)

CAITLYN HIGA

Mountain View High School 2019

Bound for Cal State Fullerton

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But for now, I want to talk about our past, everything that led us to where we are now and who we have become. Personally, I grew up right here in Mountain View, I went to Huff Elementary School, Graham Middle School, and now Mountain View High School. Throughout those 13 years of schooling, there was very little time to stop and appreciate and thank those who made it possible to even get that far.

Elementary school was the beginning of those many years, this is where our friends were the ones we played tag with and laughed in the back of the class with. This is the place where nothing outside of that very moment mattered and there was no extra stress, from finals, or colleges, or money, the only thing that mattered is who was going to be "it" on the playground and who was going to share their snacks with me. These were much simpler times, not only because of the lack of tests but also we got chauffeured everywhere, had our laundry done for us, and had food on the table whenever we wanted. However, I somehow wasn't fully happy with this lifestyle. I saw my older cousins grow up and get things that I wanted. As middle schoolers, they were trusted with money, and given a phone, and had friends over all the time. I couldn't wait to grow up and go to middle school and get all that.

Middle school came around and, at Graham, there was a combination of numerous elementary schools coming together, which gave the perfect opportunity to expand the friends I already have. When making friends, it became a more personal process as now I was finding more common ground and connections that made middle school really enjoyable. This was also the grades where we all knew each other, it was such a small and united community and everyone was friends. 6th grade was also the time I got a phone! This was a very exciting new thing and made me feel older and more responsible which I really enjoyed. I was now able to text and call people whenever I wanted, along with the phone and new friends, came school sports. For those who didn't know I played three years of both volleyball and basketball in middle school, and let's just say I played for fun and not to win. Middle school had a lot more freedom than elementary school, I was given a phone, played sports, made some personal connections with friends, and had more than one class. Seems like a pretty nice life… but I still wanted more. I saw all the high school kids in Dharma School and on social media driving around together and going out Friday nights after school. That's the next thing I wanted. The freedom that driving and high school came with.

Now it's high school…. Looking back on high school I went through a lot… I had a much better basketball season, I tried out lacrosse for the first time, I made some of my closest friends from different middle schools, I was involved in endless drama, and I finally got my license. I've been driving around for almost two years now and the freedom is exactly how I imagined. Besides going to the store and driving around my sisters, I've been able to rely on myself for rides and go off on my own. I can drive myself to and from practices, games, school, or friend's houses, which has not only made it easier on my parents, but give me a sense of freedom I was not able to have before. I also met so many new people in high school. Some of these people I was able to become super close with and can't imagine living my life without them. As well as new friends, and driving, I had plenty of new experiences like winning flag football, trying out new sports, and I was able to get that freedom I wanted. However, as high school is coming to an end and I saw those around me go off to college, I was starting to have a want for college and a different type of freedom. I wanted to live on my own, make my own rules, and not have classes on Friday or before 9 in the morning. This sounded like the new lifestyle I wanted to live.

During the college application process, I began to realize that over the course of my schooling, I have always looked forward to the next chapter and the next step in life. Not necessarily a bad thing to look towards the future, but I realized that I was taking away from the experience and that moment. While stressing and trying to figure out my plan for the rest of my life, I wanted to go back to the beginning of high school, or middle school, or elementary school. I wanted to enjoy playing tag on the playground, or creating connections with others, or getting my license all over again. However, it was too late, I have grown up and gotten to the point in which I thought I wanted to be, but I realize now that there was no better place to be than each of those individual moments. I just wish I could have realized this sooner, and during each of those moments

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whether it be stressing for finals, playing tag, meeting someone new, or coming to a Sunday service, rather than looking to the future and wanting more, I needed to appreciate and enjoy the moment I was living because there was no way I was going to be able to get it back.

Along with the new discovery of becoming grateful for the moment, I realized the people and community that has constantly supported me throughout my journey has created the person I am today.

For that, I would like to thank the Sangha and Sensei for becoming a second family to me. I have been coming here for as long as I can remember and, even the days where I am forced to come, I know that I will be surrounded by love and support and enjoy the time I spend here.

Next, I would like to congratulate and thank my senior class. No matter the fact that we all go to different high schools and we very rarely have everyone in attendance at one time, I have created amazing friendships and connections that I know will last forever. I wish the best for whatever you have planned next in life, but enjoy the last moments we have here with our families and friends.

I would like to thank my grandparents and extended family. It has been 17 years of love and support and I can't thank you all enough. From our family dinners to the yelling on the basketball court, I know it has all been out of love and you have all just wanted to the best for me. I will miss seeing everyone every Monday night, listening to papa's jokes, Bachan telling me to shoot the ball more, Jichan making us mac n cheese after school, and grandma telling me to run faster during the game. Thank you for supporting me and helping create the person I am today.

Finally, to my family. Vanessa and Jillian, we have had our fair shares of ups and downs from the fights to the uncontrollable laughter, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Thank you, Vanessa, for being my car ride buddy in the morning, being my outlet for all my frustrations, and my best friend. I'm so happy you've found your passion in cheer and are all ready to start your career, I can't wait to see everything you do, I know it'll be great. Jillian, thank you for letting me coach you and see you grow not only as a basketball player but as an individual. I've seen your confidence and ability grow, and you're turning into an amazing person. I'm so proud to call you both my sisters. To my dad, the only boy of the family, thank you for your support, love, and approval all these years. From basketball to choosing a college, you have always reassured me that I am doing the right thing for myself. I only hope to make you proud of all my decisions and the person I become. We are alike in more ways than one, but I couldn't ask to be compared to a better person. Lastly, to my mom. You've seen me through my highs and lows, and I couldn't thank you enough for everything you've done. Whether it be helping me grow my confidence or making me press submit on that deposit, I wouldn't be half the person I am today without you. And, I know I don't say it, but I am truly thankful for everything. There aren't enough words to thank all of you, but know I am forever grateful for everything you have done for me and I love you.

Please join me in Gassho

"Learn to be thankful for what you already have, while you pursue all that you want."

Namo amida butsu
Namo amida butsu
Namo amida butsu

Thank you.

Caitlyn Higa

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Lifelong Friends Made in YBA & Nakayoshi Gakko (cont'd)

KIMBERLY YAMAGUCHI

Cupertino High School 2019

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would get a little nervous because everyone knew what to do except me. I would always ask my friends how to oshoko, what pages all the chants were on, or which chants were next, but I started to get it. After going a couple of times, I started to understand a little and kind of got the hang of things.

YBA has helped me become more open to new people when it came to the volleyball tournaments and the conferences. I've met a lot of new friends through YBA, that I wouldn't have met if I didn't do YBA. If it wasn't for all these conferences and volleyball tournaments, I wouldn't have met the people from the other districts. I would still be the shy girl who was comfortable where she was and didn't want to leave her bubble.

I joined Nakayoshi Gakko when my class first started out at Panda. If you were to tell me when I was 6 years old that I would be lifelong friends with the kids I saw for two weeks each summer for eight years, I would think you were joking. I wouldn't have thought that I was going to know Caitlyn, Lauren, Lara, Mitchell, Scott, and Evan for 12 years from Nakayoshi Gakko. I wouldn't have made these strong relationships with these people. All these fun memories at church before I even went to church.

Church has also given me some valuable life lessons from the Dharma Talks like at the last conference at San Jose, the reverend said in his lesson to "change me to we." I remember people would say there is no "I" in team, and that stuck with me. Every time we had a competition, I was always very competitive and wanted to win, but I remember that in somethings like Iron Chef, volleyball, and basketball, you needed to work with other people to succeed. There wasn't just one person doing it all, it was a collective effort. If it wasn't for lessons like this one, I might have been a competitive person trying to do everything by myself.

I would like to thank Brent for coming up with all the creative activities that we did like the Escape Room for Halloween or the Iron Chef competitions we did at the YBA campouts. If it weren't for moments like these, I don't know if I'd enjoyed YBA as much as I do. Next, I would like to thank the YBA advisors that help with all the conferences, spaghetti dinners, and the Mother's Day Brunches. If it wasn't for them, none of these events would be possible.

Looking back on the last couple of years, I have made some great friends that I will remember for a long time. There were also a lot of great memories that we made on trips from the camping trips to conferences to Disneyland. These experiences will be life long memories that I could never forget.

Lastly, I would like to thank my parents, Glenn and Sandy Yamaguchi, who have helped shaped me to be the young adult I am today. Thank you for helping me along my journey of these past 18 years. If it wasn't for you guys, I wouldn't be the person I am today.

Thank you

ABA News

Adult Buddhist Association

CHICKEN TERIYAKI FUNDRAISER

ABA members supported the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser by cleaning, cooking, cooling and packing the chicken and selling the delicious meal. Congratulations to Peter Matsumoto, ABA member and fund raiser chair, for another successful MVBT event.

DHARMA SCHOOL CAMP OUT

ABA members will assist with the Dharma School Camp Out on June 1. We look forward to participating in the fun and games with the students and their families.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

BWA Activities

CONDOLENCES

BWA extends our sincere condolences to the Nagatoishi Family. **Mrs. Haruye Nagatoishi** was a longtime member of our BWA. She was 104 years old when she passed away.

Also, it is with sadness that we offer our condolences to **Mrs. Kyoko Nakao**, our longtime BWA member, and her family for the loss of her husband, Iwao Nakao.

CHICKEN TERIYAKI FUNDRAISER

We made our special cabbage *otsukemono* for the Temple's Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser. It was much easier and more enjoyable with our new members and husbands.

DONATION

Donations gratefully accepted:
Mrs. Tomiko Maruyama - Special
Mrs. Toshiko Masaki – Special

MEMBERSHIP

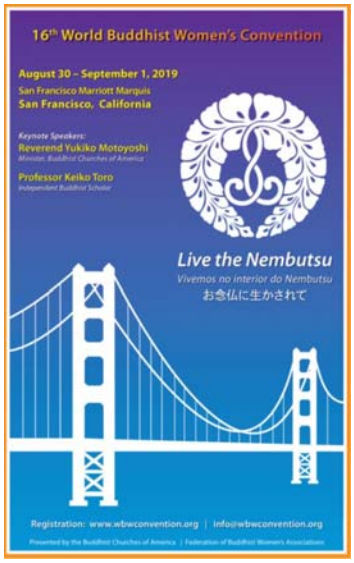
We are now accepting 2019 membership dues of $20.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

NEXT TOBAN

Zones 4 and 5



Buddhist Women's Association

Seniors Activity Program

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 13, Thursday: We plan another fun day of Bingo, with lunch and Bingo prizes to be won. What better way to spend a afternoon enjoying lunch with friends and a fun day of Bingo. Everyone is welcome.

LAST DAY BEFORE SUMMER

June 13 will be our last day before the summer break. Please mark this date on your calendar. Have a safe and healthy summer break.

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. **Julie Ushiba** helps us start the day with a chair exercise. What better way to start your day.

11:15 am to 11:45 am. 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 so 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

MVBT Seniors Activities and Craft

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Last Day before Summer Break June 13

NEW

Young Adult Buddhist Association

YABA - Join the new organization

We are very grateful that the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Board of Directors voted to re-charter the Young Adult Buddhist Association ("YABA"). We are excited for the opportunity to begin a community for young adults here at the Temple. If you are interested in being a part of YABA, please fill out our interest list by following this link:

https://bit.ly/2HfR0DR

or by following the QR code in the Ice Cream Social announcement.

Alec Matsumoto

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

Donations go to the General Fund

supporting day-to-day operations

Kangi-e (Obon) & Hatsubon

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"
send a check to the Temple office, or
donate at the Service

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

Kathleen Kobata	*July 18, 1944 - April 20, 2019*
Haruye Nagatoishi	*Jan 29, 1915 - April 21, 2019*
Iwao Nakao	*Feb 6, 1926 - April 25, 2019*

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

Namo Amida Butsu — With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Campout

This year's Dharma School Campout will be held on June 1 and 2 in the Sangha Hall. Come and spend time with your Dharma School friends at this family event with fun activities for kids of all ages including an obstacle course, outdoor laser tag, a video game truck, and arts and crafts. Pizza and salad will be served for dinner, followed by ice cream, while watching a movie!

Please RSVP by Friday, May 24 by sending an email to dsparentassoc@mvbuddhisttemple.org and providing the following information:

- How many adults and how many children will attend?
- Will you be staying overnight? If yes, will you be tent camping or camping in the gym?

Additional details were emailed to all of the Dharma School families. If you would like to learn more about the event or receive a copy of the Campout flier, please email dsparentassoc@mvbuddhisttemple.org or brent.izutsu@gmail.com.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FDSTL Conference

Thank you to all of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple members, groups and Dharma School teachers for your generous support of the Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference in San Jose.

Of special note, thank you to:

Reverend Mukojima for his guidance and contributions to the committee,

John Arima for coordinating and chairing the services and workshops,

Bob Matsumoto for managing all of the facilities details at the Holiday Inn,

Sharon Tsukahara for the impressive (and much appreciated) spread in the hospitality suite, and

Doug Sawamura and **Alec Matsumoto** for their tremendous day-of support with all of the audio-visual logistics.

We could not have had such a successful conference without all of you!

Dana Project

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this year's Dharma School Dana Project supporting Community Services Agency (just down the street from the Temple) and Stand Up for Kids, both of which provide resources and support for the homeless and others in need in Silicon Valley. Thank you to Lisa Kunze and Terra Colin for coordinating it!

After-Service Refreshments

Thank you to all of the Dharma School families who pitched in and helped with the after-service refreshments on May 5.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku

SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday, May 4, Miroku participated in a community service project with the Save The Bay organization. Members met in Redwood City at the Bair Island Restoration Site to help remove weeds, while, at the same time, supporting native plant species in the area. All told, 12 Miroku members, advisors, parents and siblings along with

about 40 other volunteers successfully removed nearly 1,000 pounds of invasive plant life. We also placed mulch around plants that are native to the area to preserve and foster further growth.

HYGIENE KITS ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, May 12, Miroku helped Dharma School assemble hygiene kits that will be donated to Community Services Agency

and Stand Up For Kids. Both agencies provide support and services for homeless and others in need in Silicon Valley.

VOLUNTEER & HAVE FUN !

Do you like having fun? Do you want to do something fulfilling and meaningful? Finally, do you want to laugh? All of these things can be had by volunteering as a Miroku Parent Advisor. The Mountain View Buddhist Temple is one of the few temples with a youth group aimed specifically at middle school youth. This vibrant group of kids always bring their A-Game to meetings, service projects, and fun events. If interested in volunteering for this important and yet equally fun experience, please contact either **Traci Inouye**, **Mike Inouye**, or **Randy Sato**.

FINAL MEETING

Our final meeting of the school year is scheduled for Sunday, June 2.

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors

150 Club News

Our winner for May is **Bruce Imai**.

Congrats and thank you for participating in 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
JUNE	Zones 4 & 5	N / A	N / A
JULY	Zones 6 & 7	June 14 (Fri)	June 19 (Wed)
AUG	No Toban	No Echo	N / A

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

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LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2019 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

All chairpersons are highly encouraged to attend

Remaining Meeting Dates: YBA Hall Board Room, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

In Gassho,

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(650) 465-3366
satoj@comcast.net

Glenn Kitasoe
(408) 242-4062
gkitasoe@gmail.com

Gary Tahara
(408) 470-0262
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Don't Miss Your Chance to Become an "Obon Bazaar Sponsor"

Obon Bazaar Sponsor

OBON BAZAAR SPONSOR

The 2019 annual Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival & Bazaar is coming up the weekend of July 20 and 21 where thousands of folks will be attending this two-day event from near and far. Each year, we look to our friends and Sangha members for their support making contributions to this festive event.

Your donations will be acknowledged with your names on our "Donation Board" in Sangha Hall and other locations. We will be very happy to put your name, your business name, or if you would like to have a donation in memory of a friend or family member, just let us know.

HOW DONATIONS USED

Your donations to the Obon Festival & Bazaar are directed to the Temple's Building Renovation Fund (aka Expansion Fund), which currently pays for major repairs to our buildings and facilities and builds up the financial foundation for future Temple building projects.

HOW TO DONATE:

Please make checks payable to Mountain View Buddhist Temple (or MVBT) with a check memo note "Obon Bazaar Sponsor." If you received a blue return envelope, please use it to send the check; otherwise, mail it to:

Mountain View Buddhist Temple
c/o Phyllis Chan
Obon Bazaar Sponsor
575 N. Shoreline Blvd
Mountain View, CA 94043

You may also donate through our website by clicking on the "DONATE NOW" button located on the right-hand side of the Home page. Put your sponsor donation amount in "Obon Bazaar Sponsor" donation box.

Thank you for being an Obon Bazaar Sponsor.

QUESTIONS & CONTACT

Phyllis Chan
2019 Donation Chair
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Maui-Style Dance Practices

Sun, June 9	4:00 pm
Sun, June 30	4:00 pm
Sun, July 7	4:00 pm
Sun, July 14	4:00 pm
Tues, July 9	8:45 pm
Thurs, July 11	8:45 pm
Tues, July 16	8:45 pm
Thurs, July 18	8:45 pm

Obon Dance Practices

Tues, July 9	7:30 pm
Thurs, July 11	7:30 pm
Tues, July 16	7:30 pm
Thurs, July 18	7:30 pm

WANTED PLANT & FLOWER DONATIONS

Attention home gardeners. The 2019 Obon Festival Flower Shop would appreciate and welcome any plants and/or flowers you would be willing to donate. If you are able to contribute, please contact Leslie or Bob Imai at (650) 303-3001 or leslie.imai@gmail.com, so that your gift can be properly acknowledged.

We would appreciate it if you could drop the plants off at the Flower Booth before the Obon Festival opens on Saturday, July 20th.

If you need your donations to be picked up, please contact Bob or Leslie Imai

June & July Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

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 **June & July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Shiro Abe	**Yotsu Iwata**	**Jim Nakayama**
Spencer Cowap	**Kenzo Kamei**	**Kiyo Ogata**
Robyn Delgado	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Takara Ogawa**
Kazuo Domoto	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Mika Okita**
Kazuko Eidmann	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Ichitaro Okumura**
Frank Fujii	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Bruce Okuno**
Kotome Fujii	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Masakazu Fujii	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
Nobu Fukuda	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Ken Sakamoto**
George Furuichi	**Norma Kochi**	**Mishi Sako**
Mike Furusho	**Albert Kosakura**	**Nizo Sako**
James Furuta	**Mitsue Koto**	**Suye Shimamoto**
Tomoye Goto	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Mary Shimizu**
Shizue Haruta	**Erin Maruyama**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Ben Hayamizu	**George Masuda**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Masako Hayamizu	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Grace Hayano	**John Matsumoto**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Joe Hayano	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Ted Tokunaga**
Bessie Hayashida	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Ito Tsukagawa**
Mae Higaki	**Shizuko Mayeda**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Sidney Hiramoto	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Asa Hori	**Helen Miyake**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Genzo Horino	**Chizuko Murai**	**Eiko Yamamoto**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Kazuko Nagatani**	**Ichiji Yanaba**
Akie Idota	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Kenji Yamane**
Kou Imai	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Naoko Yamashita**
Yukishige Imai	**Megumi Nakano**	**Imi Yasuda**
Takao Ishikawa	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Goichi Yonemoto**
John Ishizaka	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**	

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

June 2, 2019

10:00 am

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**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 YBA (CYBA DANA Retreat) 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**2** YBA (CYBA DANA Retreat) 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**3** YBA (CYBA DANA Retreat) 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**4** YBA (CYBA DANA Retreat) 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**5** YBA (CYBA DANA Retreat)	**6**
7 10:00 am Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service 12:00 pm Taiko - All class rehearsal 2:00 pm JD Taiko 4:00 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**8** 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**9** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**10** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	**11** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**12** 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**13** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
14 12:00 pm Taiko - All class rehearsal 12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko 4:00 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**15** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**16** Bazaar Construction (6:00 pm - 8:30 pm) 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**17** Bazaar Construction (6:00 pm - 8:30 pm) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**18** Bazaar Construction (6:00 pm - 8:30 pm) 5:00 pm Taiko - All class rehearsal 7:30 pm Traditional Odori Practice 8:45 pm Maui Style Dance Practice	**19** Bazaar Construction (6:00 pm - 8:30 pm)	**20** Obon Festival & Bazaar
21 Obon Festival & Bazaar	**22** Bazaar Booth De-construction and Clean Up (8:00 am - 1:00 pm)	**23** Bazaar De-Construction 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**24** Bazaar De-Construction 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	**25** Bazaar De-Construction	**26** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	**27** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning
28 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	**29** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**30** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**31** Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.			

Upcoming Events

July 7, 2019, Sunday

Kangi-e Obon Hatsubon Service

July 20 - 21, 2019, Saturday & Sunday

Obon Festival & Bazaar

September 8, 2019, Sunday

Sunday Service & Dharma School resume

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