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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks. In this issue, Neil Fujitani, Mitchell Kita and Evan Tsukahara

2019 Graduating High School Seniors

July Highlights

- ***7/7 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - *Kangi-e Obon & Hatsubon Service*
  - *Guest Speader:* ***Rev. William Masuda***
- ***7/20 & 21 Sat & Sun***
  - *67th Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar*
- ***7/21 Sun, 6:30 pm***
  - *Bon Odori Service*

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September Highlights

- ***9/8 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - *Dharma School resumes*
  - *Shotsuki Hoyo*

Class of 2019 - Congratulations!

Tyler Detering
Homestead High School

Neil Fujitani
Branham High School

Caitlen Furuichi
Mountain View High School

Lauren Hamasaki
Fremont High School

Caitlyn Higa
Mountain View High School

Nick Kikuta
Mountain View High School

Mitchell Kita
Los Altos High School

Aili Koga
Mountain View High School

Scott Morimoto
Woodside High School

Lara Nakamura
Palo Alto High School

Vicky Shinkawa
Homestead High School

Evan Tsukahara
Bellarmine College Preparatory

Kimberly Yamaguchi
Cupertino High School

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	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 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**3** **YBA (CYBA DANA Retreat)**	**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**
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Religious Planning — July through September 2019

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**

September 8, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September

Sunday Service and Dharma School resumes

Dharma School hosts Welcome Back Luncheon

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

September 15, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Fall Ohigan Service

Spring Ohigan: 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. Patti Oshita**

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:

Sumi Uyeda	*June 16, 1932 — May 21, 2019*
Gary Hirotsu	*July 19, 1927 — May 25, 2019*
Tad Sawamura	*March 13, 1927 — June 2, 2019*
Bernice Nakagawa	*July 16, 1928 — June 11, 2019*
Hannah Sato	*May 18, 1925 — June 13, 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

Sense of Community Through YBA and Temple Activities

NEIL FUJITANI

Branham High School 2019

Bound for West Valley Community College, then 4-year university to study engineering

By Neil Fujitani

Hello and Good Morning!

My name is Neil Fujitani and I will be graduating from Branham High School in San Jose this June. I plan on attending West Valley Community College and then transferring to a four year university majoring in engineering. By attending West Valley, it will allow me time to determine which engineering discipline I'm truly interested in.

It has been three years since I joined Dharma School and YBA. Unlike many peers that have attended Mountain View Buddhist Temple for many years, this was all new to me and unfamiliar. Honestly, I was a bit nervous because I have not had previous exposure to Buddhism. I decided to attend the Temple because my parents really wanted me to meet new people, learn more about my culture, and learn about Buddhism and how it applies to everyday life. They said, if there's one thing I hear or learn at service or Temple activities that can correlate with what's going on with my life at that moment, that could be helpful to me.

As graduation quickly approaches, I find that I'm experiencing one of the biggest challenges a high school student will ever face: that of transitioning to adulthood, to becoming more independent and responsible, and less reliant on my parents. This is one aspect of "impermanence" where everything is continuously changing, and nothing remaining the same. I realize I must be able to embrace this transition and change as I move forward.

Over the years, I have transitioned from having my parents be my Uber drivers to me actually driving on my own or driving my sisters to their destinations. I have earned some money by refereeing soccer games and hmm….selling food and clothing at school, so I don't have to constantly ask for money to get a boba drink and for hanging out with friends.

Within my limited time at the Temple and with YBA, I made new friends and participated in various events such as the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Keiro Kai, conferences, Mochitsuki, Mother's Day Brunch, and the Obon festival.

These events have taught me some aspects about Japanese culture. For example, Keiro Kai is a holiday with the meaning of showing appreciation for your elders. Obon festivals honor your ancestors through dancing and activities. Mochitsuki is a New Years tradition where people eat mochi in order to receive good fortune. In fact, when I go to my grandparents' home every year on New Year's Day, I have more of an appreciation of the day while eating mochi and ozoni with the families.

Through many of the YBA and Temple events, I have had the opportunity to work and collaborate with my peers and exchange ideas to reach common goals, such as fundraising for YBA activities or supporting the Temple. This has carried over to my Project Lead The Way Engineering classes I've taken for the last 4 years. The last two years of those classes were project based requiring teamwork and successful execution. A project has many components and tasks that were performed by team members. I feel that the skills acquired through YBA and Temple events have helped me become a more effective team player, develop more confidence in speaking up, listen and understand different perspectives and look at the bigger picture and how that impacts the final delivery of the projects.

Although my attendance was not stellar, I'm deeply grateful for the opportunities I had experiencing a sense of community through YBA and Temple activities. It was nice to experience everyone coming together and me being part of that. It was impressive to see the adults take a significant role in the success of major events such as Obon Festival and other key events.

I really enjoyed helping out when I can at the various events. Going to Disneyland with our YBA group was such a blast. It was so much fun hanging out there and spending time with my sister, Mia!

I would like to truly thank the Temple community, my Dharma School teachers, and YBA advisors! With your continuous support, endless investment of your personal time, and encouragement, you have made all the experiences possible for me and my peers. I am ever grateful!

I wish the very best to all the seniors as they also embark on their personal journeys! Lastly, I would like to thank my parents for always believing in me and encouraging me to always try my best and not to give up. I am excited to start my new journey and looking forward to college. To Mia and Kristin, thank you for putting up with me all these years!

Thank You for listening!

The Best Way to Lead Is to Serve

By Mitchel Kita

Good Morning!

Now that I'm going to college across the country in Blacksburg, Virginia, I'm realizing how much I am going to miss this place and all of the people that have been a part of my life. Throughout my time with the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the adult leaders have guided me to give back, taught me life lessons, and inspired me to have a similar drive for the community to thrive; and I hope to be able to serve as a similar role model for younger generations. Seeing them give their time and effort makes me want to give back as well, whether it's moving boxes or volunteering in any social event. The leaders of this community have shown me that the best way to lead is to serve, and service itself - at Temple, in the community, or at college - can make life more fulfilling. For me, my Buddhist community has not just been a good place to find lifelong friends and socialize, but it has shaped me to appreciate others by putting them first and taking any sacrifice I can so they can be better off.

However, sometimes it's hard to appreciate those that are most important to me. It is so easy to be so comfortable with my family and friends that I take them for granted. Whether it's my dad working hard to provide me with everything I have, my mom driving to support me through everything I do, my grandparents constantly supporting me at my basketball games, my sister laughing at my awkward jokes, or my Dharma School friends always being there for me. Things like these can become so normal that I forget to appreciate it all. The amazing things that my parents do have become so consistent that I start forgetting how much they are really doing for me. It is only until the moments that I don't have any of this that I truly realize how selfish that I can become. Expecting my mom to cook food, do my laundry, wash dishes and do all these things seem so normal that it's easy to forget each and every time she does it. This then makes me a selfish being because I don't offer to help with any of it.

The one and only set chore that I do have is taking the garbage bins up our long driveway every Monday. This once a week expectation is such a small task that my parents ask me to do compared to all of the things that they do for me. However, I have the urge to complain about it being so far, to take the bins all the way up our driveway. I then make up excuses that I had a long day or that I'm too tired and I'll do it tomorrow. My dad will get mad at me for not doing it right away and all I say is "why does it have to be today." In the moment, I feel that doing it the next day really isn't a big deal, but that is not the point my parents are getting to. The point is that my parents asked me to do something at a specific time and I decided not to listen and be my selfish self to ignore the fact of the simple task they ask for.

But do they have any excuses that they make for me? No. Not once do they create an excuse to stop doing any of the things they do to support me. My dad rarely misses work even if he's not feeling 100% he still powers through the day and not once has my mom "forgotten dinner" or "pushed it back to a later time." Just out of pure love and selflessness, they do everything they can to make me happy without missing a beat. And even through this I still let them down to not do this small chore on the day they ask me to and push it back from Monday to Tuesday to even Wednesday.

This constant drive of love is something that I don't appreciate enough and I need to realize how fortunate I am to have such amazing parents. Though I do my best to be as selfless as possible and put others before me, I am not perfect, and to truly become a selfless being, I must do my best to be aware of my actions and how it affects others. It is not only just my physical actions that I need to control, but also my positive and negative attitude towards myself and others. Working to have a selfless mindset and positive attitude will help me be more appreciative for what I have so I can also be a good influence on others.

Namu Amida Butsu

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MITCHELL KITA

Los Altos High School 2019

Bound for Virginia Tech

To study Architecture

EVAN TSUKAHARA

Bellarmine College Preparatory
2019

Bound for
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

The Temple is an Amazing Place

By Evan Tsukahara

Of all the days, today we have a full house. They say we save the best for last, so I'm really glad there are more Seniors speaking next week.

Thank you, Mr. Morimoto for that heartfelt introduction.

Hello everyone, as Mr. Morimoto said, my name is Evan Tsukahara and I have been attending the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for what has seemed to be my entire life.

Whether or not you came here anticipating my speech, are here for another one of the senior speakers or are just here recovering from all the food eaten at the Hawaiian breakfast today, I would like to personally thank all of you for attending.

To Reverend Mukojima, thank you so much for everything you have done for me, the YBA, and this Temple the past several years whether that be providing guidance during difficult times, inviting me on the onaijin for o-asaji, or even your thoughtful high fives and handshakes we receive as we all process out of the Temple. I can say without a doubt I will miss it all.

To my past Dharma School teachers, thank you so much for teaching me about Buddhism and dealing with me and my high energy crew. To Elise, Brent and Mr. Morimoto, thank you for an incredible 4 years full of grilled cheese, hot chocolate, and discussions on what it means to be a Buddhist in the 21st century.

To Uncle Sterling, Auntie Joanne, cousins Coco, Awa, Lesley, Thai and Hai, as well as Shelby, Cameron, Zara, Logan and Jettie, thank you all for coming today and for always supporting me in everything I do and especially for always being there to make me smile and laugh.

To my YBA advisors, both past and present, thank you for driving day and night to conferences, beach trips and especially to In 'n Out. To Brent (or B-Diggs as he is known by the YBAers), thank you so much for all the late night karaoke of "I Want It That Way" in the Beemer or in layman's terms the BMW.

To my Dharma School class, thank you for making these past years so memorable. It has been a truly unforgettable experience especially with the OG squad of Scott Morimoto, Mitchell Kita, (and fallen brothers) Tyler Detering and Richard Fukuda. To my new "homies" I have made, Lara, Nick, Grant, Bailey, Brandon and every other Coast District person, thank you for making church and YBA so much fun.

And to Kylie, thank you for being my best friend! Cheering me up when I'm sad, dealing with my irritability and for all the other fantastic things you do to make me elate. Thank you for being with me this past two years. Church, YBA, Nakayoshi Gakko, and life, in general, wouldn't be the same without you.

Mr. Morimoto made me feel guilty during his introduction, so I decided to add this part to my speech at the last minute. To my brother Alex, who is not here today, you have been a terrible roommate, a mean brother, but a great friend! I will see you at Cal Poly!

While trying to craft what would be my final opportunity to impart what wisdom I've accumulated at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, I realized, like the many before me, this was a daunting task having had so many memorable experiences here. Whether that be Scotty and my legendary announcements consumed by laughter, Mitchell and my games of tag encompassing the entire Temple or even when Rossten and I drove our parents to madness in Preschool, I have had innumerable amount of great times at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. However, as I saw my time here coming to an end, and a new journey awaiting me, instead of focusing on my past experiences, I began to think more about my future at the Temple and what truly makes it such an amazing place. And after much thought, I decided The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein encapsulates my feelings on this topic as well as what I came to realize while writing this speech.

In The Giving Tree, there are two characters, a little boy and a tree. Throughout the beginning of the book, the boy and the tree are best friends that love each other, but as time goes on, the boy becomes preoccupied with other chapters of his life and ends up taking the tree for granted. Throughout the book, however, he comes back to the tree every so often and asks the tree for things, whether that be money, an escape, or just a place to rest.

Ever since I was a kid, I never truly understood the story of the boy and the tree. Raised in a Japanese household where manners were a necessity, just the idea of not expressing gratitude with a simple "thank you" baffled me, however, it was the tree that was truly an abnormality. Although ashamed to admit it, I am a very materialistic person, so when the tree gave away everything and was still happy, it seemed ludicrous, until viewing it from a Buddhist perspective. Giving without receiving, or Dana, was the action taken by the giving tree and more importantly by the Temple. Since my first day attending the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, it has been something I've taken for granted. But now that I am finally

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leaving, it pains me to go. The Temple has been such an integral part of my life that leaving it behind is almost like leaving a piece of me behind with it, however, like the boy, I will have taken things from the Temple with me throughout my life and know I will continue to come back to the Temple not only to gain more from the Dharma, but to give back all I have received to the next generation.

Finally, to my Dad and Mom.

Dad, or the Giving Tree, as he likes to refer to himself, thank you so incredibly much for all that you do for our family. For teaching me the tools (both literally and metaphorically) I can use throughout my life, for showing me the hundreds of ways to dig a ditch and for being the best role model I could ask for. Although there is an endless stream of yelling and disappointment, my life would not be the same without you.

And to my Mom, I will miss you so incredibly much when I go off to college. For the past 18 years of my life, both you and Dad have been my giving tree providing without expectation of reparation. Throughout times when you were mad, stressed or even dealing with cancer, you still found a way to care for me and Alex, so for that, I hope you know I love you now and forever, I am eternally grateful. Thank you for all the meals, the wake-ups, all the bedtime stories and all the love you both have gifted. I love you both so much.

Please join me in Gassho,

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Thank You

Evan Tsukahara

2019 Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Recipients

2019 RECIPIENTS

The Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki Memorial Scholarship was awarded at the Sunday Service on June 9 to three Dharma School, high school graduating seniors. Congratulations to **Mitchell Kita**, **Evan Tsukahara** and **Vicky Shinkawa**.

BACKGROUND

After the passing of both Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki, a scholarship in their name was established at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple in 1985 with a donation from the families of their children. Now, the Sasaki Memorial Scholarship is funded by the proceeds of the Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament.

The first scholarship was awarded to **Terri Hirotsu** in 1986.

The first Rev. and Mrs. Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament was held at the Shoreline Golf Course on August 17, 1986. The handicap tournament winner was **Sam Sugimoto** with a net 57.

PLAY GOLF WITH US THIS YEAR

Join us at this year's golf tournament to be held on August 25 at the Shoreline Golf Course. A signup form can be found in this issue of the Echo on Page 17.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Activities

SENIOR SPEECHES

Thank you to the following seniors who shared their Dharma talk with us in June: **Mitchell Kita**, **Neil Fujitani**, **Evan Tsukahara**, **Vicky Shinkawa**, **Caitlen Furuichi** and **Aili Koga**.

BAY DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On Memorial Day weekend, members of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA shared in a 1st place victory at the annual Bay District Volleyball Tournament. Congratulations to all who participated!!

YBA'S HAWAIIAN BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Thank you to our friends, families and Temple members for joining us at our Hawaiian Breakfast Fundraiser. Our hats off to the "sister co-chairs" Caitlyn and Vanessa Higa! Great job!

YBA CAMP-OUT

June 21 - 23, 2019 - The annual YBA camp-out will take place at Sunset Beach. Invitations have been extended to all current YBA members and the incoming Freshman class. Please contact the YBA Advisors if you know of any incoming Freshman who might be interested in joining our YBA.

COLLEGE YBA DANA LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS RETREAT

This retreat will be held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple from June 29 thru July 5. Registration is open to high school students. Vicky Shinkawa, Tyler Sato, Chloe Lim and Sara Ho will be representing our YBA at this retreat.

BCA SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT

The BCA-CBE will host this retreat from June 30 thru July 6 at the Jodo Shinshu Center for high school students. Megan Nakagawa will be representing our YBA at this retreat.

YBA OBON HOT DOG BOOTH

The planning has begun for our Obon Hot Dog booth this year! SAVE THE DATE: July 20 & 21. All YBA members and their parents will be asked to work at our Obon.

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. Evan Tsukahara has applied to attend this retreat.

2019-2020 YBA CABINET

Elections for the 2019-2020 YBA Cabinet took place on June 9, 2019. CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected YBA cabinet members:

President:
Stacey Kawabata

Vice President:
Megan Nakagawa

Treasurer:
Kylie Mukoyama

Recording Secretary:
Wendy Sakuma

Corresponding Secretary:
Katie Yasuda

Religious Chairperson:
Tyler Sato

Coast District Representative:
Evan Itow

Activities Chairperson:
Kelli Kosakura

Historian:
Vanessa Higa

THANK YOU

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Temple Board and to our Temple members for their continued support throughout my term as YBA President.

In Gassho,
Evan Tsukahara
2018 - 2019 YBA President

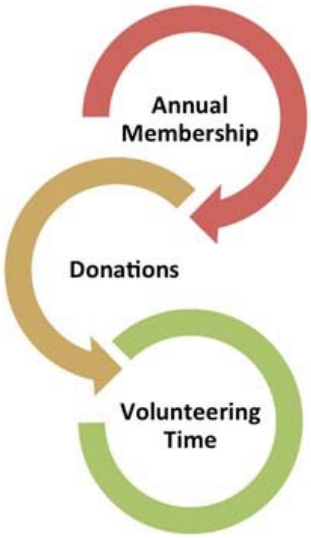
Second Sake Social — Sat, Sept 21

The **Dues and Donations Committee** is sponsoring its second Sake Social. The Sake Social will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 in Sangha Hall at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

The socials offer opportunities for friends to gather and have fun. They also create opportunities to make new friends and networks.

Join us. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact **Susan Yuen**, **Glenn Kitasoe** or **Steve Tsuchda**



Seniors Activity Program

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

June 13 was our last day of the Senior Activities and Crafts before the summer break. Please have a safe and healthy summer break. We will start again on Thursday, September 5.

On Wednesday, October 16, a day trip is planned to Black Oak Casino. Mark this date on your calendar. **Chuck Uyeda** will be taking signups August 1. More information will be provided.

DONATION

In memory of her husband **John Matsumoto**, we are grateful and thankful to **Edith Matsumoto** for her generous donation. *Arigato*, Edith

SENIOR CRAFT:

The scheduled hours for our craft session is from 9:00 am to 12 noon, every Thursday, starting again on Thursday, September 5.

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

On Summer Break.

Resume Thurs, Sept 5

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku

REFLECTING ON THE PAST YEAR

On Sunday, June 2, in its last meeting of the school year, Miroku reflected on what it accomplished. This year Miroku was able to chair a Sunday service in December, complete monthly AED checks, help serve desserts at Keiro Kai, assemble health kits with Dharma School for Community Services Agency and Stand Up For Kids, participate in a Community Service Project with Save The Bay, and enjoy a fun outing at ComedySportz in San Jose.

OBON BAZAAR

On Saturday, July 13, Miroku will help sort and arrange prizes for the MVBT Obon Shooting Gallery. Once construction of the booth has been completed students will help with set-up and prize displays. At the conclusion of Obon, they will provide comments for potential improvements.

NEW MEMBERS & PARENTS

If your student is an in-coming 6th, 7th, or 8th Grader please consider becoming a Miroku Parent Advisor. This is a tremendous opportunity for any parent to help nurture these amazing kids who are at a wonderful age where they're eager to learn and help in any way they can.

THANK YOU

Finally, we would like to thank all the Miroku families for making this year so successful. If it wasn't for your endless support, we would not have been able to accomplish nearly as much.

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors

Namo Amida Butsu: "With kindness and gratitude beyond words."

Japanese Heritage Night

Sunday, August 18 at 5:00 pm

Everyone Invited to San Jose Giants Ballgame

ABA will be having its annual outing to a San Jose Giants game on **Sunday, August 18, at 5:00 pm**, which is also **Japanese Heritage Night**. We reserve an area on the 3rd base side and enjoy a BBQ meal along with a bar and personal servers.

The $55 ticket includes a BBQ meal and two alcoholic beverages. Children's tickets are $30. There will also be a Japanese Heritage giveaway to the first 1,000 fans, and kids can run the bases after the game. The cost of parking is separate.

This invitation is open to all Temple members and friends. If you would like to join us for a fun evening of baseball and socializing, please contact **Joanne Makishima** at jcmakishima@gmail.com by August 4.

150 Club News

Our winner for June is **Tad Nakagawa**. Congratulations to Tad!

Thank you to everyone who is participating in 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article	Echo
JULY	Zones 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
AUG	No Toban	No Echo	N / A
SEPT	Zones 8 & 9	Aug 16 (Fri)	Aug 21 (Wed)

Please note the article deadline and printing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof and finalize the issue.

Thank you. *Domo Arigato*. The Echo Staff

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance Awards

The following Dharma School students were presented with certificates to acknowledge their superior attendance over the school year:

Preschool:

Avery Chu (1 Year)
Yumi Paris (1 Year)

Kindergarten:

Kayley Chu (3 Years)

1st Grade:

Oji Mukojima (2 Years)
Yoshi Paris (1 Year)

5th Grade:

Eileen Fukuda (5 Years)
Kurumi Mukojima (6 Years)

High School:

Stacey Kawabata (15 Years)
Victoria Shinkawa (4 Years)
Tyler Sato (7 Years)

Congratulations Graduates

A fond "a hui hou" and heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduating seniors:

Tyler Detering
Neil Fujitani
Caitlen Furuichi
Lauren Hamasaki
Caitlyn Higa
Nicholas Kikuta
Mitchell Kita
Aili Koga
Scott Morimoto
Lara Nakamura
Victoria Shinkawa
Evan Tsukahara
Kimberly Yamaguchi

Good luck at college, and we look forward to seeing you when you return!

がんばってください！

Obon Volunteers Needed

The Dharma School is in charge of the Duck Pond, Grab Bag and Shooting Gallery game booths at Obon. All Dharma School families are required to volunteer at our Obon Festival. Please volunteer and sign up for one work shift per Dharma School student. Please note that a parent and child work shift counts as two shifts (for Grab Bag and Duck Pond). If you are not available for any of the remaining open shifts, please contact the booth chair or activity coordinator listed below, and we will identify an additional time over Obon weekend or activity (e.g. Classroom Clean-up) for you to help in. The Dharma School will need help with the following activities:

Obon Game Booths

Saturday, July 20 - Sunday, July 21:

Duck Pond & Grab Bag
Parent Volunteer Booth Chair:
Janell Tao

Shooting Gallery
Parent Volunteer Booth Chair:
Tricia Hojo

Post-Obon Dharma School Classroom Clean-up

Volunteer Coordinator:
Ashley Uyehara

Tuesday, July 23:

Parents are needed to help clear all of the furniture from the Dharma School classrooms so that the floors can be refinished,

Please be on the lookout for an email with the sign-ups for the shifts.

We Need You!

There is a critical need for a Parent Coordinator for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Please consider signing up for this essential role. The Dharma School Cabinet is also in need of an Assistant Superintendent and is beginning the search for new Cabinet members. Please contact **Brent Izutsu** <brent.izutsu@gmail.com> if you are interested in learning more.

Summer Break

Dharma School is on break for the summer. We will look forward to seeing everyone when we resume on Sunday, September 8. Have a fun-filled summer!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chicken Teriyaki Luncheon

Thank you to our parent coordinators, **Pauline Shinkawa**, **Betty Hamasaki**, **Kim Tsuchida** and **Wendy Kawamoto**, who provided an "ono-licious" lunch for the Chicken Teriyaki crew on May 18. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped by bringing salads, serving the crews and cleaning up after lunch.

Dharma School Campout

The Dharma School held its annual campout on Saturday, June 1. A big "mahalo" to **Bryan Matsumoto**, **Anthony Bellon**, **Ricky Chu** and **Derek Puleston** for planning and coordinating a fun-filled event for the Dharma School students...and the young at heart. The kids enjoyed an obstacle course, a video game truck, laser tag, basketball, whiffle ball, karaoke, movies, an arts and crafts project, and making s'mores by the fire pit. There was good attendance, and it was nice to see so many young families enjoying themselves!

Dharma School

Donations

The following donation is gratefully acknowledged:

Sharon and Ken Tsukahara
In Honor of Evan's High School Graduation

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School Presentations

Dharma School

May, June & July Birthdays

Attendance Award Recipients

Middle School Graduates

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Activities

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to **Chuck Uyeda and Family** for the loss of his wife, **Sumi**. We will miss her!

Also, our condolences to **Aggie Hirotsu and Family** for the passing of her husband, **Gary**.

WBWC

The 16th World Buddhist Women's Conference in San Francisco is coming up very soon. Our BWA will be completing the lotus center pieces for the banquet.

OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

The MVBT Obon-Bazaar is just around the corner and BWA will again be manning the sales of udon and sushi's in the dining hall.

DONATION

Donations gratefully accepted:

Nakao Family
In Memory of Iwao Nakao

Tracey Mukoyama
In Memory of Grandmother, Mrs. Yutaka Yao

MEMBERSHIP

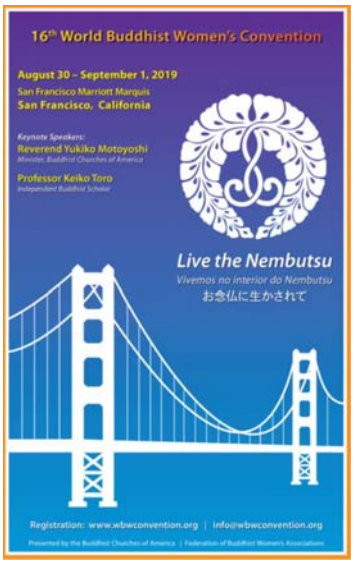
We are now accepting 2019 membership dues of $20.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, July 13, 2019, at 9:00 am in the YBA Hall.

NEXT TOBAN

Zones 6



MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BRIDGING CEREMORY & YEAR-END CELELBRATION

We held our annual Bridging Ceremony and Year-End Celebration on June 7, 2019. Five girls bridged this year:

Kelly T to Brownies
Kurumi M to Cadette
Nitya K to Senior
Yumiko B to Ambassador

And, **Victoria Shinkawa** bridged from Ambassador to Adult. Vicky has been in the troop for 12 years, starting as a Brownie when the troop was first formed. She participated in all four levels of the Padma Program; earned both the Bronze and Silver Awards, and is currently working on her Gold Award. We all wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

TRIP TO NEW YORK

Six Ambassadors are currently on a trip to New York, staying at the New York Buddhist Church. The girls started fundraising and planning for this trip over two years ago.

OTHER SCOUT ACTIVITIES

The Cadettes had a fun May and June painting, doing ceramics and cooking.

One of our Cadettes, **Kendall**, with the help of the other Junior and Cadette girl scouts, completed her Ribbon Lei fundraiser, and proceeds will go towards her junior Silver award project. Thank you to everyone who supported Kendall!

The Daisy/Brownie level girls finished their year learning how to sew on a button, make a dreamcatcher, and paint with watercolors.

OBON

The Troop will be participating in the Obon this year by once again running the Drinks booth.

Bridging Ceremony and Year-End Celebration

Ambassadors with Rev. Ikeda at NYBC

ABA News

DHARMA SCHOOL CAMPOUT

ABA members enjoyed participating in the Dharma School Campout, which was another multi-generational activity. Thanks to the Dharma School for including us in this event.

BAZAAR

Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Booth. ABA will once again staff the Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Booth. We will also sell spam musubi courtesy of the MVBT Boy Scouts. The link to the on-line shift registration site will be sent to all members.

CONDOLENCES

ABA sends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of current and former members who recently passed away. We will miss them.

Sumi Uyeda
Gary Hirotsu
Tad Sawamura

With Kindness and Gratitude Beyond Words,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Adult Buddhist Association

LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2019 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

All chairpersons are highly encouraged to attend

FINAL Meeting Date: YBA Hall Board Room, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

In Gassho,

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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

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2019 Donation Chair
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Phone: (408) 749-0657

2019 Obon Festival & Bazaar
July 20 - 21
Key Dates & Times

DATE	TIMES	ACTIVITY
Sunday, June 30	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice
Sunday July 7	10:00 am 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm	**Kangi-E Obon/Hatsubon Service** Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice
Tuesday July 9	7.30 pm - 8.45 pm 8.45 pm - 10:00 pm	Odori Practice Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice
Thursday July 11	7.30 pm - 8.45 pm 8.45 pm - 10:00 pm	Odori Practice Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice
Sunday July 14	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice
Tuesday July 16	9:00 am - 2:00 pm 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8.30 pm	Special Events Set Up Chicken Delivery Manju Prep in Sangha Hall Bazaar Prep
Tuesday July 16	7.30 pm - 8.45 pm 8.45 pm -10:00 pm	Odori Practice Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice
Wednesday July 17	9:00 am - 4:00 pm 9:00 am - 5 pm 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8.30 pm 7:00 pm	Manju Prep in Sangha Hall Refrigeration Truck arrives Clean Chicken on Sangha Hall Patio Bazaar Prep w/volunteers Scouts stripe parking lot
Thursday July 18	8:00 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm 6:00 pm - 8.30 pm 7.30 pm	Chicken Salad Prep in Sangha Hall Tsukemono Prep in Sangha Hall Yakisoba Prep in YBA Hall Shaved Ice Prep in YBA Hall Bazaar Prep Spam Rice Washing YBA Hall
Thursday July 18	7.30 pm - 8.45 pm 8.45 pm - 10:00 pm	Odori Practice (Outdoors) Maui Style Bon Dancing Practice
Friday July 19	9:00 am - 3:00 pm 5.30 pm 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 8:00 pm -10:00 pm	Tsukemono Prep Sangha Hall Hot Dog Booth Prep YBA Hall Beef Teriyaki Prep Sangha Hall Shaved Ice Prep YBA Hall Spam Prep YBA Hall
Saturday July 20	9:00 am-12:00 pm 4:00 pm-10:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	Corn Shucking at Corn Booth **Obon Festival & Bazaar** **Maui Style Bon Dancing** Pick up trash Safeway
Sunday July 21	12:00 pm - 9:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	**Obon Festival and Bazaar** **Odori Dancing** Pick up trash Safeway
Monday July 22	7.30 - 12:00 pm 9:00 am	Booth Clean up Take down signs
Tuesday July 23	6:00 pm - 8.30 pm	Bazaar clean up w/volunteers
Wednesday July 24	6:00 pm - 8.30 pm	Bazaar clean up

Donate to the Upcoming Services

These donations go to the General Fund

to support day-to-day operations of your Temple

Kangi-e (Obon) & Hatsubon

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"

send a check to the Temple office, or

donate at the Service

Mountain View Buddhist Temple 34rd Annual
Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

When: **Sunday, August 25, 2019**

Course: **Shoreline Golf Links** (650) 903-6135
2940 North Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Time: **First tee-off at 10:00 am**
ALL GOLFERS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE 9:30 am

Fee: **$125** (Includes green fees, barbecue dinner, prizes & appreciable contribution toward the Scholarship Fund).
Cart and Range Balls included.

Entry Fee Deadline: **Friday, August 16, 2019.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for $25 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 4:30 pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by August 16, 2019.

Make checks payable to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple, with footnote *Sasaki Scholarship*.

Mail all entries and dinner reservations to: Richard Endo
1158 Crespi Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086 / (408) 839-0051

----------Please mail this portion with your check:----------

34rd Annual Reverend and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

NAME	NCGA/GHIN Handicap	GHIN # Number	All others = Callaway
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

** Maximum Handicap: Men – 36 Women – 36*

Golfers - $125 x number of golfers	#	$
Dinner Only - $25 x number of people	#	$
Total Amount Due		$

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

e-mail address: _____

august 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	2 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	3 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning
4 Regular Office Hours - Facilities Closed for Cleaning	5 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	6 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	8 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	9 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	10
11 12:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	12 11:00 am Senior Group Meeting 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	13 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	14 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	15 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	16	17 9:00 am BWA Meeting
18 2:00 pm JD Taiko	19 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	20 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	21 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Vision Committee Meeting	22 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	23	24
25 Sasaki Golf Tournament	26 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm RPC Meeting	27 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	28 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg.	29 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	30	31 8:00 am Boy Scouts Junior Leader Training

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

September 15, 2019, Sunday
Fall Ohigan Service

September 29, 2019, Sunday
Sangha Day Picnic at MVBT

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