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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

The World that We Come Home To

October Highlights

- ***10/6 Sun, 10:00 am***
  * *Shotsuki Hoyo*

  11:00 am
  * *Japanese Language Service*
- ***10/7 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  * *Tannisho Class*
- ***10/13 Sun, 10:00 am***
  * *ABA & BCA Biishops' Memorial Service*
    Guest Speaker:
    Rev. Harry Bridge,
    Buddhist Church of Oakland

Last month, we observed the Fall Ohigan splendidly at our Temple with many of our members present. As you probably know, ***Higan*** means "the other shore" and refers to the world of enlightenment, the Pure Land. In contrast, ***Shigan*** means "this shore" and refers to the world of delusion, the physical world we live in. ***Ohigan*** is Japanese for the Sanskrit word ***par amita***, namely because it is translated as ***Tohigan***, which refers to the transition from "this shore" to "the other shore." Thus, Ohigan means that we are all urged to board Amida Buddha's great vessel that will take us from this world of delusion to the world of enlightenment.

My family and I went back to Japan during our summer vacation. The joy of seeing my parents once a year is always a great feeling. The thought of their great pleasure at seeing the growth of their grandkids each year always makes me happy. Of course, before our annual visit, we always search out many nice gifts to make our parents smile. But when we arrive, they welcome us home unconditionally, saying, "You don't have to worry about anything. Whenever you return home, you should come with your hands empty." Every time we hear these words, we feel embraced in a world of their unconditional love. It is deeply gratifying to have a home where we are welcomed just as we are.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

In our lives, each of us has two worlds. One of them is the world we go out into and the other is the world we come home to. For example, "the world we go out into" means we may leave home to go to school, work, the Buddhist temple, and so on. For these worlds, we have to prepare something that meets their requirements. For example, when we go to school or work, if we have homework or an assignment, we must prepare and finish it beforehand. And although our Temple always welcomes anybody, we also assume people who come through its doors will dress appropriately. Without clothes, we'd never be accepted there.

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November Shotsuki Service
Sunday, November 3, 2019

December Shotsuki Service
Sunday, November 24, 2019

Eitaikyo Service & Keiro Kai Luncheon
Sunday, November 17, 2019

Mochi Tsuki Fundraiser
Sunday, December 8, 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**2** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**3** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 7:30 pm MVBT Calendar Planning Meeting 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**4**	**5**
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Religious Planning — October 2019

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

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

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

Rev. Mukojima's monthly study class. Continues through June 2020. Class is based on the Tannisho written by Yuien, who was Shinran's disciple.

October 13, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — ABA & Bishops' Memorial Service

We take this opportunity to remember the BCA Bishops and past MVBT ABA members who have crossed into the Pure Land.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Harry Bridge**, resident minister at the Buddhist Church of Oakland

October 13, 2019, Sunday, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm— Seminar with Rev. Harry Bridge

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Harry Bridge**, resident minister at the Buddhist Church of Oakland

October 20, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

October 27, 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**

Quiz

This year, when is the December Shotsuki Hoyo Service?

Answer: Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 10 am

150 Club News

We have multiple winners this time.

August ..... **Russ Nakano**

September ... **Cheryl & Mike Shay**

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for participating in 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
OCT	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
NOV	Zones 12 & 13	Oct 11 (Fri)	Oct 16 (Wed)
DEC	Zones 1 & 12	Nov 15 (Fri)	Nov 20 (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 World that We Come Home To (cont'd)

"the world we go out into"

and

"the world we come home to"

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In my case, I have to prepare my Dharma Talk for the Sunday Service. If I appeared at the lectern without having prepared a Dharma Talk, I would surely be looked at oddly and criticized afterwards by our members. And if this happened too often, there would be no place for me at this Temple. In other words, if we cannot meet the requirements of a group, we may not be successful in being accepted in that group's world. Therefore, we can truthfully say that "the world we go out into" is a harsh world.

On the other hand, the world that we can return to without much preparation or concern is very much "the world we come home to." This is a place of unconditional acceptance. It is where we are always welcome even if we go empty-handed, and where we can return without worry just as we are. In this sense, we can say that our home is "the world we come back to."

In Buddhism, we often compare life to a journey. In general, a journey for which we temporarily leave our regular routine behind is fun. It is because there are many benefits associated with taking a trip, such as seeing beautiful scenery, staying at hotels, befriending strangers, tasting local food, and so on. Sure, there are many reasons a journey is fun, but one thing is clear. The reason why we can readily enjoy a trip is because we have our own home to which we can return eventually. No matter how carefully we plan a wonderful trip, if we don't have a home, we will not be able to enjoy ourselves with a sense of ease.

Do you know the reason children can go off to school every morning without a fuss? It's because they know when they return home, their parents will be warmly waiting. Their parents' love accepts them unconditionally and heals their children whose healthy minds create their energy. This is why children can go off to school with peace of mind.

As you know, this past June, 12 members of our YBA graduated from high school and went off to college. Each now lives in an apartment or dorm away from their families. Nonetheless, the reason why they can go to their campus each day with the spirit of challenge is because they know they will be lovingly received by their parents whenever they return home. That is why they strive to study while looking forward to seeing their parents again, making hope and joy their energy that can overcome all difficulties. These are examples of ways we are able to fulfill our lives because of the assurance we have a home.

But when we turn our eyes to the impermanence of our world, we realize that our home is not actually a real "world we come home to" and is only temporary. Even if we believe that it is our true home, it is quite possible that divorce or domestic trouble will cause disruption there and it could suddenly take our home from us. We are now living in a world of delusion: "birth, sickness, old age and death." Even if our home is harmonious and seldom has any troubles, when we lose beloved family members, our home will no longer be "the world we come home to" with its profound sense of security.

Fortunately, we have been walking together along the path of the Nembutsu. The Nembutsu path that Amida Buddha showed us is the path to the Pure Land where our predecessors who became Buddhas wait for each one of us. Yes, this Pure Land is the very world where our lives come home to, that allows us to attain Buddhahood and welcomes us unconditionally, just like my parents' unconditional love awaits me whenever I return home. It is our true spiritual home—namely, Higan or the other shore.

Now we who sincerely embrace the Nembutsu teaching have entered "the stage of the truly settled," thanks to the great workings of Amida Buddha. It means that our birth in the Pure Land to attain Buddhahood is assured and promised by the virtues of Amida Buddha's great vow. Therefore, we don't need to wait for the moment of death. Because our journey of life also includes the "world where we come home to" called the Pure Land, even if we face adverse circumstances in life, we will surely be able to get over all difficulties with strength, guided by the Nembutsu teaching. Because we understand where our lives will return in our afterlife, we are able to live our lives at this moment just as we are, fully and happily with the deepest feelings of gratitude. I believe that as true Nembutsu followers, this is the way to live.

After the Fall Ohigan Service, contemplating the Land of Utmost Bliss where all our lives will surely return because of the Primal Vow, let us relish the joy and gratitude of having our true and real spiritual home in Amida Buddha's Pure Land.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一九年一〇月法話
― 帰る世界 ―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

先日、当仏教会において、多くのご門徒出席のもと、秋季彼岸会が盛大に勤修されました。皆さんもご存知の通り、彼岸とは「向こうの岸」という意味で、悟りの国であるお浄土を表します。それに対し、此岸というのは「こちらの岸」、迷いの国である私達の生きている世界を表しています。ですから、「お彼岸」とは、サンスクリット語の「パラミータ」、つまり「到彼岸」と訳されることから、阿弥陀仏の大船に乗って、迷いの世界である此岸から、悟りの世界である彼岸へ、皆で渡ろうという意味なのです。

さて、今年も夏休みを利用して家族と一緒に日本に帰省しました。年に一度、両親と会える喜びは格別なもので、特に孫の成長ぶりを見て喜ぶ両親の姿は、私の心をいつも幸せな気持ちにさせてくれます。また、両親に喜んでもらおうと、たくさんのお土産を用意して持って帰るのですが、実家に着くなり、両親は口癖のように、「家に戻って来る時ぐらいは何の心配もしないで手ぶらで帰ってきなさい」と言って私達を無条件に迎えてくれます。この言葉を聞く度に、何とも表現できない温かい世界に包まれます。ありのままで迎え入れてもらえる我が家は本当にありがたいものです。

私達は人生に於いて、二つの世界を持っています。「行く世界」と「帰る世界」です。例えば、「行く世界」とは、学校に行く、仕事に行く、仏教会に行く等ですが、このような世界は、必ず行く先の条件に合うように整えなければなりません。例えば、私達が学校や仕事に行く時、宿題や与えられた仕事を必ず用意をして行きます。また、仏教会はどなたでも歓迎されますが、最低限の服装規定を設けていますから、それなりの服装が必要です。裸では決して受け入れられません。もし、法話ができなければ、「先生、仏教会をおやめ下さい」とご門徒から見放されてしまいます。これは仕方のないことですが、ある条件が満たされなければ、受け入れてもらえない厳しい世界、それが「行く世界」なのです。

その一方、何も用意しないで、安心して門をくぐれる世界、これが「帰る世界」です。私がお土産の一つも持たなくても無条件で受け入れてくれる世界。肩の力を抜いて、ありのままの自分で帰れる世界。その意味で「我が家」はいつでも「帰る世界」と言えます。

仏教では、人生をよく旅に譬えることがあります。日常生活から乖離できる旅とは本来楽しいものです。美しい景色を見たり、旅館に泊まったり、見知らぬ人と仲良くなったり、その土地のおいしい料理を堪能したり、旅が楽しい理由は数え切れないほどあります。しかし、いろんな理由がある中で、ただ一つ明確に言える事は、旅が旅として楽しめるのは、やがて帰れる我が家が待っているということなのです。どれほど素晴らしい旅を予定しても、もし帰る家がなければ、その旅は不安一杯で楽しむことなどできません。

更に言えば、子供達が毎朝元気良く学校に行くことができるのも、親が家で子供の帰りを待っていてくれるからなのです。無条件で迎えてくれる親の愛情が子供の心を癒し、その癒しが子供の活力となるのです。ですから、子供は安心して学校へ行けるのです。また、先の六月、仏青の生徒十二名が高校を卒業して各々の大学に入学しましたが、親元を離れて見知らぬ土地でがんばっていけるのも、無条件に受け入れてくれる親の待つ家があるからこそ、両親との再会を楽しみにしながら、その楽しみを活力に変えて、日々精進していけるのです。ですから、人生は我が家があってこそ成り立つものというべきでしょう。

しかし、私達の無常の世界に目を向けますと、この「我が家」も、実は本当に「帰る世界」ではなく、一時的なものでしかないということに気づかされます。この世界で、いくら「我が家」と言えども、離婚や揉め事が、帰るべき「我が家」を奪い去ることもしばしばあります。私達は「生・老・病・死」の迷いの世界を生きていますから、たとえ和やかで、揉め事のない家庭でも、ひとたび愛する家族を失えば、「我が家」はもう安んじて帰る世界ではなくなってしまうのです。

しかし、幸いにも、私達は今、お念仏の道を歩ませていただいています。阿弥陀仏が示して下さったお念仏の道は、今は仏となられた亡き先人達が待つ極楽浄土に向かう道であります。そう、このお浄土こそ、私達のいのちが仏となって、無条件で「おかえり」と迎え入れて下さる本当の「帰る世界」、つまり、彼岸なのです。

今、お念仏を喜ばせていただいている私達は、阿弥陀仏のおはたらきによって、正定聚の位に入らせていただいています。臨終を待たずとも、私達のいのちは必ず仏としてお浄土に生まれることが定まっているということです。私達の人生という旅も、お浄土という帰る世界があるからこそ、たとえ人生の苦境に立たされてもあらゆる困難をお念仏の教えと共に乗り越えていくことができるのです。帰る世界が定まったいのちだからこそ、ありのままの人生を感謝のうちに精一杯燃やし尽くして生き抜くことができるのです。これこそ、真の念仏者の生き方なのではないでしょうか。

秋季彼岸会を終えた今、ご本願によって全てのいのちが必ず帰らせていただく浄土の世界、「帰る世界」を持つことのできた喜びを今一度深く噛み締めています。

Victoria Shinkawa: Recipient of Girl Scout Gold Award

Victoria Shinkawa recently received the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award (and the most difficult to earn) from The Girl Scouts of Northern California Highest Awards Team. To earn the Gold Award, you choose challenging problems of the world that are important to you.

Vicky developed a workbook on "The Fundamental Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism" and also coordinated a High School Youth Interfaith Forum conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Vicky's workbook goal was to educate Buddhist youths and the non-Buddhist population to have a better understanding of the Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism. The Forum was not to persuade one another with their religion, but to better understand each other's religion.

Vicky will receive an official letter and certificate from the Girl Scout Council President and CEO. Recognition will also be acknowledged from The Offices of the President of the United States, the Governor of California, the Lieutenant Governor of California and the California State Senators.

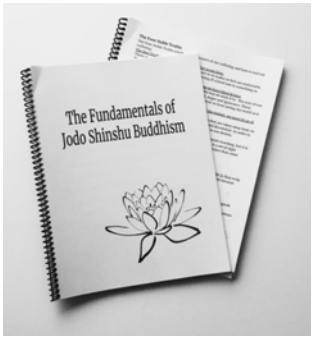
You can view Vicky's workbook at the following website:

https://tinyurl.com/VickyGoldAward

Pauline and Robert Shinkawa are the proud parents of Vicky.

Congratulations!

In Gassho,
The Mountain View Buddhist Temple



Vicky describes her workbook titled "The Fundamentals of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism" for her Girl Scout Gold Award in the September 2019 Echo. She explains what it is, why it was done and who should look at it

2019 Sasaki Scholarship Golf Fundraiser

Scholarship Recipents
Left to right: Mitchell Kita, Evan Tsukahara and Vicky Shinkawa

The 34th Annual Sasaki Scholarship Golf Fundraiser was held on Sunday, August 25, at the Shoreline Golf Links in Mountain View. The purpose of this fundraiser is to support the annual Mountain View Buddhist Temples scholarship program for graduating High School seniors. To date we've given out 58 scholarships to deserving student(s). This year's recipients were **Mitchell Kita**, **Evan Tsukahara** and **Vicky Shinkawa**.

The MVBT Golf Committee would like to thank all the golfers (25), dinner guests, raffle and tee prize donors, Shoreline Golf Links Staff and the many volunteers for a successful event. We were able to raise just over $2,000 for the scholarship program.

The results of this year's Golf Tournament are:

Men's 1st place
Mark Ichikawa – net 64

Women's 1st place
Terry Wong – net 72

Our success depends on golfer participation and donations. Hope to see you all again next year. If you missed participating in this year's event, please consider joining us next year. Next year's tournament will be held at the Sunnyvale Golf Course.

In Gassho,
The MVBT Golf Committee

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

Donations go to the General Fund supporting day-to-day operations

ABA & Bishops' Memorial Service / Eitaikyo / Bodhi Day

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

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Dharma School News

Dharma School started its new year on Sunday, September 8. We were happy to see all of the familiar and new faces of our students! If you know of any family who might be interested in joining our Dharma School, please encourage them to come and experience one of our classes — it's not too late!

Dharma School

DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES

The Dharma School classes for 2019-20 are as follows:

Preschool .....Curt Fukuda, Tracey Mukoyama and Joann Yamani
Kindergarten and 1st Grade.....Esther Bunya, Traci Inouye, Frances Sawamura and Reiko Tsuchida
2nd Grade .....Diane Umemoto and Toshiko Uyehara
3rd and 4th Grade.....Joan Aoki, Gail Satake-Nakamura and Sharon Tsukahara
5th and 6th Grade.....Carol Harbin and Debby Inenaga
7th and 8th Grade.....John Arima and Jill Fajardo
High School.....Elise Fujimoto, Brent Izutsu and Bruce Morimoto

We would also like to acknowledge our librarians, **Marie Ochi-Jacobs** and **Jeanne Ohara**.

DHARMA SCHOOL CABINET

Several parents and Dharma School teachers also volunteer their time and energy serving on the Dharma School Cabinet. The MVBT Dharma School Cabinet for 2019 - 20 is:

Superintendent.....Brent Izutsu
Dharma Education Coordinator.....Debby Inenaga
Secretary.....Katie Tamaru-Itow
Treasurer.....Karen Bunya
Registrar..... Janice Lee
Dharma School Communications ..... Randy Sato
Taiko Coordinator ..... Ashley Uyehara
Parent Coordinator ..... *THIS COULD BE YOU!*

We were unable to recruit a Parent Coordinator again this year. It is an important position that has been vacant for the last year. A big thank you to Ashley Uyehara for stepping in to recruit and coordinate the parent volunteers while we continue to search for a replacement. Additionally, several cabinet positions will be available in the coming years. This is a great opportunity for parents to form a deeper connection to our Dharma School program and help shape it for our current and future generations of students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Dharma School relies upon everyone working together to keep our program strong and vibrant so that we can create valuable and memorable experiences for our students. We ask that all of our Dharma School families help coordinate and run one of the various activities that Dharma School sponsors throughout the year. If you didn't get to sign up for an activity at the Dharma School Parents' Meeting on September 8, please contact **Ashley Uyehara**. Extra copies of the information packet are also available from Brent Izutsu for parents who were unable to attend the meeting.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 22:
7th and 8th Grade Class chairs Service Service and Dharma School families to provide refreshments

Sunday, September 29:
Sangha Day Picnic at Mountain View Buddhist Temple

We hope that all Dharma School families will attend this fun event. If you are not a Temple member and are interested in joining in the festivities, please contact **Brent Izutsu** <dssuperintendent@mvbuddhisttemple.org> so that we can get an accurate headcount for food and activity planning purposes.

Sunday, October 6:
5th and 6th Grade Class chairs Service

Sunday, October 20:
3rd and 4th Grade Class chairs Service and Dharma School families to provide refreshments

Sunday, October 27:
2nd Grade Class chairs Service, Dharma School Halloween Parade, and Dharma School families to provide refreshments

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

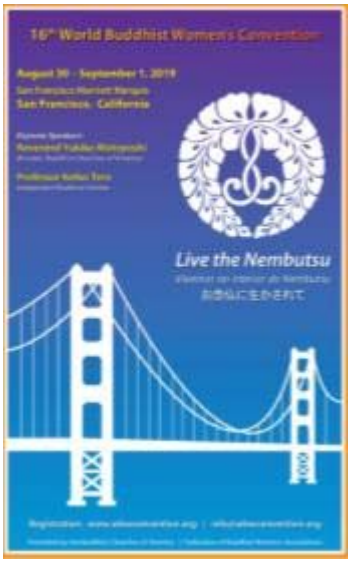
Thank you to **Stephanie Mori** and **Monica Smith** for coordinating the Welcome Back Luncheon on September 8 as well as all of the parents who volunteered in the setup, serving, and clean up. It was a great way to begin the new school year!

DONATIONS

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

- **Mike & Traci Inouye**
- **Irving & Marilyn Ozawa** for Damon's Birthday
- **Todd & Ashley Uyehara** for Damon's Birthday

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent



World Buddhist Women's Convention – San Francisco

The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention was held in San Francisco on August 30 through September 1, 2019. It was a very successful event. The Mountain View Buddhist Temple members worked tirelessly making the paper Lotus Flower Centerpieces for the banquet. Thank you to the BWA members and husbands with setting up the centerpieces. They worked efficiently and cleaned up happily.

The MVBT Choir was part of the mass choir at the closing service and sang "Welcome to San Francisco" and "Arigato" and both sounded beautiful.

The members from MVBT that attended had an enjoyable experience. It was very special with the Gomonshu in attendance. The chanting by 1,700 plus people at the opening and closing services as one voice was awesome.

The next WBWC will be held on May 11-12, 2023, in Kyoto, Japan, in conjunction with the 850th Anniversary of Shiran Shonin's birthday. Hopefully, many MVBT members will attend.

In Gassho,
The Mountain View Buddhist Temple BWA

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MVBT Members attending convention

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday

DECEMBER 8, 2019

MVBT MOCHI TSUKI FUNDRAISER

Enjoy the Fun. Be a VOLUNTEER.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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Photos from the 2018 Keiro Kai Luncheon

YBA Activities

CENTRAL CAL JR. YBA VOLLEYBALL MIXER

Eleven YBA members attended this year's CC Jr. YBA Volleyball Mixer in Fresno. It was an enjoyable day for all. Playing volleyball and socializing with delegates from various chapters throughout California was the highlight of our trip to Fresno!

MIDORI KAI BOUTIQUE FUNDRAISER

YBA had our first fundraiser of the year at the Midori Kai Boutique on September 14. We sold Deluxe Furikake Mix and 'Hurricane' Chips, which YABA prepared. We would like to thank those who supported the YBA. A special thank you to Midori Kai for allowing us to participate again this year.

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

A variety of fun games, relays and face painting will be organized for the children by our YBA Activities Chair, Kelli Kosakura. YBA will be holding a 50/50 Raffle again at the Temple's annual Sangha Day Picnic. Your continued support of our YBA is sincerely appreciated.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY

The YBA is beginning to set up for our annual Halloween Activity. We will have activities and pizza as well as a few movie showings.

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
2019 - 2020 YBA President

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

MVBT YBA at Central Cal Volleyball Mixer

16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

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More Photos from 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

On September 3, the Senior Committee had lunch at Chelokababi Persian Cuisine in Sunnyvale. It was a much enjoyed lunch with all eight of us together, which seemed like a long time coming. You can count on the Committee members for information, and please share your ideas with us.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Senior Board
Left to right: Richard Endo, Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto, Kimi Nishimura, Miyo Takegami, Reiko Tsuchida, Carolyn Sakae, Allan Nara and Chuck Uyeda

October 16, Wednesday:
This is a day trip planned to Black Oak Casino. Call **Chuck Uyeda** to sign up for the Day trip. Cost is $40. Ask your friends to join us and don't be left out. Sign up as soon as possible.

November 21, Thursday:
This will be our last session due to the coming holidays. We will all enjoy a special lunch and 10 games of Bingo. Prizes to be won and what better way to enjoy the day with lunch and Bingo with your friends. Lunch at 11:30 am and Bingo to start 12:15 pm. Please join us.

COOKBOOKS
We will be selling our Senior Cook Book at a Special price of $15. A special and perfect gift you will not want to miss with the coming holidays. They are available at the Temple office or from any of the committee members.

DONATIONS:
Our Heartfelt Sympathy to Sumi Uyeda's family, Hannah Sato's family and Dorothy Chikasuye's family. We are truly grateful for your most generous donation to our Senior Activities and Craft Program. We want to express our sincere appreciation. *Domo Arigato.*

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. Learn line dancing instructed by **Reiko Kameda, Reiko Tsuchida** and **Toshiko Uyehara**. A fun thing to do to start your day

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 as

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MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku

On Sunday, September 8, we had our first Miroku meeting of the school year. The meeting started off with an ice breaker where members talked about their favorite foods, favorite thing about school, or what they did over the Summer. Next, we talked about the history of Miroku - 2019 marks Miroku's 10th Anniversary. We also discussed the three core elements of Miroku – service to the Temple, service to the community, and fun!

This year, we plan on helping the Temple with Keiro Kai on November 17, chairing service with BWA on November 24, and completing our monthly AED checks. We are discussing various community service activities.

We already decided on an Escape the Room as a fun activity possibly in the next month or two. Membership also voted to take on monthly reports to the MVBT Board of Directors and monthly Echo article responsibilities. We ended the meeting with the monthly AED checks. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 6.

In Gassho,
Connor Sato
8th Grade Miroku Member

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

BWA Activities

Thank you to all BWA Members who made the paper Lotus Flower Centerpieces for the World Buddhis Women's Convention in San Francisco. Many compliments were received! Your hard work was much appreciated.

UDON FUNDRAISER

BWA will have their Udon Fundraiser on November 24. Tickets will go on sale on October 13. The cost will be $8 and will be pick-up only.

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully accepted:

Rod and Nancy Sugimoto
In memory of mother, Doe Sugimoto

Nancy Hironaka
Special

John Arima
Special

Frances Sawamura
In Memory of Tad Sawamura

NEXT MEETING

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

Buddhist Women's Association

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program (cont'd)

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you sing along, led by **Julie Ushiba**. What better way to start your day, with a light chair exercise.

11:15 am to 11:45 am. Taiko Drums. This is great mentally for rhythm, timing, and balance; and, it's fun doing the Taiko drums with friends. Join the group and enjoy.

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

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CONTACT US

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

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

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

SJ GIANTS JAPANESE HERITAGE NIGHT

ABA members attended the San Jose Giants Japanese Heritage game on Sunday, August 18. Adult sons and daughters, grandchildren and friends from the San Jose Betsuin joined the group as the Giants beat the Island Empire 66 by the score of 4-0. The grandkids participated in the activities between the innings as the adults cheered them on and some of the players tossed baseballs to them. The Giants pitcher almost threw a perfect game – no hitter, only 1 walk. Of course, most of us were socializing so didn't even notice the near milestone.

ABA at San Jose Giants Game

ABA AND BISHOP'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual ABA and Bishop's Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, October 13. Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge from the Buddhist Church of Oakland will be our guest speaker. As a multiracial person of both Anglo-American and Japanese heritage, he tries to live up to his family name by participating in the development of "American Buddhism," while honoring the history and traditions of the Japanese who brought Jodo Shinshu to the United States. After the service, he will host a seminar from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the YBA Hall. Everyone is invited.

Rev. Harry Bridge

MEET AND MINGLE

On November 15, we will host our annual Meet and Mingle. If you're interested in learning about ABA, please contact Reiko Tsuchida (reiko@tsuchidafamily.com or myself (jean.shimoguchi@yahoo.com).

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully accepted:

Jean and Jits Higa
For Jean's recovery from a recent illness

Frances Sawamura
For the passing of Tad Sawamura

With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736 will hold their first meeting of the year on September 16, followed by a Rededication Ceremony/ Welcome Back party in October. This year we welcome back 15 girls to our Troop.

The Cadette girls will be teaching the Brownies how to perform a Flag Ceremony, and both will be helping to lead it at the Keiro Kai luncheon in November.

The Cadette, Senior and Ambassador girls held a Spam Musubi Sale at the Midori Kai Boutique on September 14.

We hold our meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month. If interested in joining or learning more about our Troop, please contact us at GScoutTroop736@gmail.com, or talk to any of the leaders listed below.

LEADERS THIS YEAR

Brownies:
Debbie Ho &
Jill Nishimoto

Cadettes:
Joy Watanabe

Seniors/Ambassadors :
Joan Aoki &
Patty Sakuma

October 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 **October** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Sumako (Sue) Abey	**Takeru Kawamoto**	**Tsui Sakai**
Sachi Adachi	**Masakatsu Kito**	**Hagiyo Sato**
Evelyn Arakaki	**Shozo Mayeda**	**Itoju Sawamura**
Kikue Fujii	**Yachi Miyake**	**Yas Shimoguchi**
Irene Hatsue Furuta	**Yoshiaki Murakami**	**Drew Sugimoto**
Mary Hayamizu	**Lily Nakamura**	**Takie Sugimoto**
Ted Hayashida	**Aiko Nakano**	**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**
Saburo Higa	**Takeno Nara**	**Fumiko Yanaba**
Tad Iimura	**Mikiyo Nishimoto**	**Masayo Yokoyama**
Masako Inokuchi	**Hiroshi Obuchi**	**Yukiko Yonemoto**
Fred Inouye	**George Ogino**	**Mollie Yoshizumi**
George Ishikawa	**Toemon Ogino**	
Hoichi Kato	**Shigeto Okimoto**	
Ihei Kawamoto	**Kayoko Okubo**	
Mamoru Kawamoto	**Jerry Okumura**	

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

E-mail **ymukojima@gmail.com**
Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

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

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

October Monthly Memorial Service

Sunday

October 6, 2019

10:00 am

Upcoming Shotsuki Hoyo Services

November
November 3, 2019

December
November 24, 2019
NOTE: This is one week early

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 17

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 17. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto**, resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda. After the service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will host its annual Keiro Kai Luncheon.

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

永代読経

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo (永代読経).**

Ei means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. ***Tai*** means generations. ***Kyo*** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. ***Doku*** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious purposes such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of $500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Ministers' spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years. No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

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EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Buddhist Name

English: _____ Japanese: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

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Amount of Donation: _____ Date of Eitaikyo (Initial) Service: _____

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 am November Shotsuki Hoyo & Dharma School Service 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	4 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	5 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	6 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	7 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	8	9
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Upcoming Events

November 3, 2019, Sunday
November Shotsuki Hoyo Service

November 24, 2019, Sunday
December Shotsuki Hoyo &
Bohdi Day Services

December 1, 2019, Sunday
NO SERVICE

December 8, 2019, Sunday
Mochi Tsuki

December 15, 2019, Sunday
Osoji

December 31, 2019, Tuesday
Year End / Joya-e Service

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