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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

The Debt of Gratitude I Owe

November Highlights

- ***11/3 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - * *Shotsuki Hoyo*

  11:00 am
  - * *Japanese Language Service*
- ***11/4 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  - * *Tannisho Class*
- ***11/17 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - * *Eitaikyo Service*
    Guest Speaker:
    Rev. Dennis Fujimoto,
    Buddhist Temple of Alameda

  Noon
  - * *Keiro Kai Luncheon*
- ***11/24 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - * *Shotsuki Hoyo for* ***December***

  11:00 am
  - * *Japanese Language Service*

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It soon will be November and I am surprised at how quickly time flies. November is a busy season for Jodo Shinshu temples in Japan because the Ho'onko (Shinran's Memorial) Service is held not only at each local temple, but also at each member's home. Because the date of Shinran's death is November 28th of the lunar calendar, and the Hongwanji (mother temple) observes Ho'onko in January, each temple conducts Ho'onko at their local temple in November and the ministers and members make a pilgrimage to the Hongwanji in Kyoto in January to observe Hoonko there together. It is a long-held tradition of our Nishi Hongwanji. Also, what each local temple holds in advance is called ***Otorikoshi***.

As you may know, ***Ho'on*** means repaying a debt of gratitude. The idea of ***on*** or debt of gratitude has been treasured as important in Jodo Shinshu tradition. Originally, the word ***on*** derives from ***katannu*** in Pali, the ancient Indian language. It was later translated to the Chinese character ***on***. ***Katan*** means "what has been done for me." And ***nu*** means to be aware or to know. Therefore, ***katannu*** means to be aware of what has been done for me. In addition, to owe or to feel a debt of gratitude means to contemplate, realize and feel grateful for the countless causes that made me

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

what I am; and for the innumerable causes that allow me to live at this moment.

I believe that what first comes to mind when you hear the word ***on*** (debt of gratitude) are the faces of your parents. Children grow up receiving countless favors and debts of gratitude from their parents. Parents constantly embrace and support their child, accepting their child's happiness as their own, and sharing that child's sadness and suffering with one another. This deep love of parents for their child overlaps with the Buddha's precious mind of compassion that embraces all sentient beings equally, without discrimination.

Nevertheless, no matter how deep a parent's love is, there is quite a difference between parents' love and Buddha's compassion. If you are a parent, you might understand. It is that parents have countless wishes for their children. For example, they wish for their child to become an adult who is loved by all; or will get a good job and earn a good living; or have a wonderful and unique life, and so on. Parents' wishes for their children are limitless. However, I am guessing that parents almost never wish that, as the mother or father, we become a certain kind of parent for our child.

For instance, we probably don't first consider becoming a good role model in order to raise our kids properly and sincerely. Or we don't consider that we should be a person whom our kids can be proud of. Nor do we consider how we should build a wonderful home environment in order to support our kids' education, and so on. Instead, we are ordinary parents who don't wish for ourselves to become great parents even for the sake of our children. A true parent is one who first wishes to be the kind of person who deserves to be a parent, long before indulging in wishes for one's child.

Actually, the best example for us of one who did become a wonderful parent is Amida Buddha. In Jodo Shinshu tradition, Amida Bud-

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Religious Planning — November 2019

November 3, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo for November

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

November 4, 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.

November 17, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Eitaikyo Service

The Eitaikyo Service is a time when we remembered all those whose contributions to our Temple in the past allow us to continue to hear the Dharma today.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**, resident minister at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

November 24, 2019, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo for December

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

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December 1, 2019, Sunday — No 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**

Keiro Kai Luncheon

HONOR

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Noon

All MVBT members, families and affiliated organizations are encouraged to attend and join us in thanking and honoring our MVBT Seniors

Entertainment provided by Jun Daiko

RSVP by Sunday, Nov 3, 2019

Questions? Contact Craig Hamasaki, chamasaki21@gmail.com

The Debt of Gratitude I Owe (cont'd)

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dha is often called ***Oyasama***, meaning true parent. It refers to one who embraces and raises their child while caring deeply for that child. Just as parents gently embrace their own child, so Amida Buddha become a compassionate Buddha who holds each one of us with a loving gaze. And because Amida Buddha has already opened the great path that leads to birth in the Pure Land to attain Buddhahood, we are led to the world of enlightenment with the light of wisdom even before we think to ask for it.

Amida Buddha is a Buddha full of compassion who promises to "save you just as you are" because Amida Buddha represents unconditional compassion. However, please don't assume that because Amida Buddha vowed to save all beings without exception, just as we are, that we should forget the debt of gratitude. If we come to have the idea that we can do anything we like, that is a really terrible and serious misinterpretation.

For example, suppose that you are invited to your friend's house for dinner. After enjoying dinner, your friend begins to clear the table. When this happens, most of you would try to help out, right? But when your friend sees you reaching for the dirty dishes, what he will probably say to you is, "It's okay, just leave them there," right? Then you would accept his kindness and go home saying, "Thank you for such a nice dinner."

But the next day, should you visit your friend again, do you think that the dirty dishes and teacups will still be on the table? Of course not. Your friend has cleared, washed and put away the dishes that you used, all with no help from you. So, by saying to you, "Leave them there as they are," he means, "Don't worry, I will accept all of your troubles."

In other words, to say, "Leave things just as they are," means trouble and extra labor for those who say it. Amida Buddha's working is exactly the same as this. There were so many hardships that Amida Buddha had to endure to accomplish his supreme vow and be able to assure each one of us, "Don't worry. It is all right just as you are."

However, we really don't know what Amida Buddha had to go through to enable us to be born in the Pure Land as a Buddha just as we are. Taking an astounding period of time, Amida Buddha took on the burden of all the ascetic trials to attain Buddhahood, which we would have had to carry out by our own efforts, and completely accomplished all of them by himself for the sake of each one of us. I could never imagine how many hardships Amida Buddha had to assume. If we were able to fully comprehend Amida Buddha's incredible efforts to save each of us without exception, we might truly understand that for us to assume, "So now I can do anything I like," is remarkably selfish. Instead when we become deeply aware of the profound favor from Amida Buddha, we can live our lives with the Nembutsu each day to pay our debt of gratitude for Amida Buddha's vow to each of us.

So, it is that a true parent always embraces their child with an unconditional love, even if they must sacrifice their own life. This is why Amida Buddha is called a true parent. And this also refers to one who takes good care of his or her own child. Although it is extremely difficult for us to raise even one child, Amida Buddha always leads all beings equally, without exception, to the world of enlightenment, as if he were embracing his own child with a loving look.

Therefore, each of us should express our deep gratitude to what Amida Buddha had to go through to save each one of us. I sincerely hope that each of us will understand the debt of gratitude we owe for all the troubles and hardships Amida Buddha had to go through in order to assure that each of us attains birth as Buddhas in the Pure Land just as we are. Let us rejoice in this wonderful promise and live each moment in gratitude for the Nembutsu.

In Gassho,

Sangha Day Picnic — Thank You to the Sangha

Zone 12 would like to thank all MVBT affiliated organizations who helped to have a fun and successful Sangha Day Picnic. Also, thank you to all the participants for bringing gobs of delicious food and helping with the clean up.

It was a new experience for all of us since this is the first time that the Temple has held its picnic on Temple property. This year, we had about 250 attendees. Based on all the feedback, the change in location was welcomed for many reasons like: close parking, seniors had a short distance to walk, clean bathrooms, indoor seating, kids bounce house, refrigeration, opening service in the Hondo, use of the BINGO board, and many more very complimentary comments. We hope everyone had a great time!

In Gassho,
Zone 12 Picnic Committee

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇一九年十一月法話
―― 恩を知る ――

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

月日が経つのは早いもので、十一月を迎えます。十一月といいますと、日本では、「お取越」といって末寺や真宗門徒の家庭において報恩講が執り行われる忙しい時期に当たります。旧暦では十一月二十八日が親鸞聖人のご命日ですが、本山では新暦一月に御正忌報恩講がお勤めされることから、十一月に末寺で報恩講を執り行い、一月の報恩講に本山へ参拝するというのが西本願寺の伝統となっています。

皆さんもご存知のように、報恩とは、恩に報いるという意味ですが、浄土真宗では恩という思想をとても大切にしています。恩という言葉は、もともと古代インドのパーリ語の「カタンニュー」という言葉を漢字で翻訳したものです。カタンとは、「私のためにしてくれたこと」、そして、ニューという言葉は、「知る」という意味です。ですから、カタンニューとは「私のためにしてくれたことを知る」という意味になります。恩を知る、恩を感じるということは、私を私にして下さった原因、また、私を今ここに成りたたせてくれている原因が何であったかを、深く考え、よく知り、そして感謝していくということなのです。

恩という言葉を聞いてまず皆さんの頭に浮かぶのはご両親の顔ではないでしょうか。子は親から数えきれないほどの恩恵を受けて育ちます。親は子の喜びを自分のこととして共に喜び、子の悲しみや苦しみを共に分かち合っていつもそばで支えます。そんな深い愛情で子を育てる親の子を想う心は、一切の衆生に等しく慈しみの眼差しを向ける仏さまの尊いお心と重なります。

しかし、そんな愛情深い親であっても阿弥陀仏のお心と決定的に違うところがあります。それは、皆さんも親であれば分かるように、親は子供に数え切れないほどの願いをもっています。例えば、「将来、皆から愛される大人になって欲しい」、「給料のいい職業について欲しい」、「素敵な人生を歩んで欲しい」などと子供にかける願いは尽きることがありません。しかし、私達親は「親」である自らに願いをかけることはあまりしません。例えば、「我が子が誠実に育つよう、自らが手本となる親になりたい」、「この子が皆に胸を張れるような親になりたい」、「我が子が勉学に励めるような家庭環境を築いていきたい」というような願いが親である自分に向けられることはなかなかありません。しかし、本当の親とは、子供への願いをもつ前に、自らが我が子にふさわしい親であることを願うものなのです。

それをして下さったのが、阿弥陀仏です。浄土真宗では阿弥陀仏のことを「真実の親」というふうに呼んでいますが、阿弥陀仏は、親が我が子をやさしく胸に抱くように、私達一人ひとりを慈しむ仏さまとなって、私達がお願いする前から、「浄土に生まれて仏となる道」を示し、智慧の光で常に私達を導いて下さっています。また、慈悲の仏である阿弥陀仏は全ての衆生に「そのまんま救う」と呼びかけて下さっています。しかし、ここで間違えてならないのは、ご恩を忘れて、「そのまんまだから何をしてもいいのだ」という発想です。これは大きな間違いであって、そういう考え方は大変困ります。

例えば、皆さんが友人の家に夕食を招かれたとします。おいしい食事を頂いた後、友人が食器を片付けだしたら、少しでも手伝おうとします。しかし、それを見た友人は、たいてい「そのままでいいですよ」って言われます。そして、その言葉に甘えて、「それでは失礼します」と皆さん帰られます。また次の日、同じ家におじゃましたとします。昨晩、皆さんが使ったお茶碗などは昨日のままの状態でテーブルの上に放置されているでしょうか。それは違います。友人が皆さんの食べ汚したお皿を全て片付けて下さっているのです。ですから、「そのままでいいですよ」って言うのは、「心配しなくても、あなたの苦労を全て私が引き受けますよ」ということなのです。

つまり、「そのままでいいですよ」と言うのは、そう言って下さった方のご苦労があるということなのです。阿弥陀仏も同じことで、「そのまま救うぞ」と言われるためには、それ相当なご苦労があったということなのです。兆載永劫という気の遠くなる年月をかけて私達一人ひとりの為に仏の道へ至る厳しい修行を阿弥陀仏が一人で全て背負い込んで、私達の代わりに全て成就して下さいました。そこには計り知れない大変なご苦労と努力があったということなのです。この事を聞かされると、「何をしてもいい」と言う利己的な考え方が何とも浅はかなものであったかと反省すると同時に、このご恩に報いる感謝の生活をお念仏と共に歩んでいくことがどれほど大切なことであるのか気づかされます。

このように、我が子の為にはどんな犠牲をもいとわない親の姿が、阿弥陀仏を「真実の親」と呼ぶ所以ではなかろうかと思います。一人の子を育てるだけでも相当な苦労がある中で、生きとし生ける全ての者を分け隔てることなく一人子を愛するように慈悲に満ちた眼差しを注ぎながら悟りの道へと導いて下さる阿弥陀仏の親心の深さに改めて頭が下がります。

私達がこのいのちを終えた後、必ず浄土に生まれ仏とならせていただけるのは、偏に阿弥陀仏のご苦労のお陰に他なりません。このご恩に深く感謝しながら、報恩謝徳のお念仏を称えさせていただきましょう。

Dharma School

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Registration Forms Due

If you have not turned in your Dharma School student registration form, please email it to the Dharma School Registrar, **Janice Lee**, at dsregistration@mvbuddhisttemple.org or place the form in the Dharma School mailbox in the temple office.

MVBT Taiko

MVBT Taiko held a "Taste of Taiko" event on September 22 to give interested Dharma School students and adults the opportunity to try taiko. Regular taiko classes are now underway!

Halloween

Please wear your Halloween costumes to temple on Sunday, October 27! We would like to see all of our students dress up for the annual Halloween parade immediately following service in the Hondo before the students are excused for class.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

After Service Refreshments

Thank you to all the families who brought snacks and helped with set up, serving, and clean up after the Sunday services on September 15th and 22nd.

Sangha Day Picnic

It was great to see all of the Dharma School families enjoying the event!

Donations

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

- **Martha Okamura**
- **Toshiko Uyehara**
- **Frances Sawamura**
  In Memory of Tad Sawamura

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Officers of the Dharma School Cabinet were installed on September 22

(Left to Right) Randy Sato (Communications), Ashley Uyehara (Taiko Coordinator), Katie Tamaru-Itow (Secretary), Brent Izutsu (Superintendent), Janice Lee (Registrar), Reverend Mukojima

Not pictured: Debby Inenaga (Dharma Education Coordinator) and Karen Bunya (Treasurer)

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku

On Sunday, October 6, we had our second Miroku meeting of the school year with 14 people.

The meeting started off with an Ice Breaker where members got to know each other. We talked about who was available to help at Keiro Kai and ideas about our community service project as well. We decided on going to the Escape Room this year and are going to pick a date soon to go together. We saw the new designs that we might use for our new Miroku shirts. Finally, we talked about our monthly AED checks, learned about how the AEDs now have alarms, and then checked them.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov 3.

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In Gassho,
Mason Inouye
8th Grade Miroku Member

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

Mochi Tsuki — Sunday, December 8

December brings many thing,s but most important comes our annual **Mochi Tsuki**. A time for one and all to get together and prepare our traditional and ever delicious MOCHI. This is an opportunity to share a timeless tradition and let our children experience a very special event.

Tickets have been distributed to each zone, **all orders are due MONDAY, December 2, 2019**. Tickets are also available at the MVBT office or through your Zone Chairperson.

Komochi
$ 4
(1-pound pkg)

Okasane
$ 6
(Kagami)
(1-pound pkg)

WORK SCHEDULE IS:

SAT, Nov 30	8:00 am	.....Pre-preparation, test equipment & hang plastic
FRI, Dec 6	8:00 am	.....Wash barrels & soak rice
SAT, Dec 7	8:00 am	.....Final setup, clean area & move equipment
SUN, Dec 8	**Mochi-Tsuki Day**	
	5:00 am.	.....Start steamers
	5:30 am	.....Start cooking rice
	6:00 am	.....Start pounding
	6:30 am	.....Start shaping mochi
	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	.....Mochi Pickup
	3:00 pm	.....Clean up
WED, Dec. 11	8:00 am	.....Final clean up

If you have any questions, please contact **Bryan Nishimoto** (650)967-9290 or fishhawkent@earthlink.net.

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If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and receive tax benefits for yourself.

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- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Help further the work and mission of Mountain View Buddhist Temple

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the Temple (Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the Temple).
2. Please note that IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions do not qualify for a charitable deduction.

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

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

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. .

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

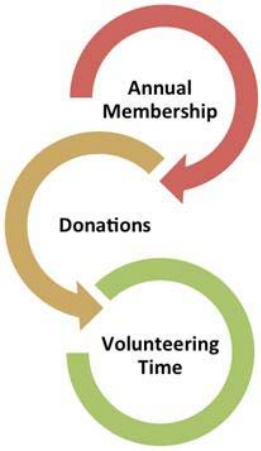
10:00 am to 10:45 am. Join **Kinji Ushiba** with the "Sing Along Group."

10:45 am to 11:00 am. Following the Sing Along, a chair exercise as 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



Dues & Donation Committee

The Dues & Donations Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Sake Social held on September 21. Over 70 people attended and had a great time.

We all learned about sake from Loreen Toji Ellsbury, our sake sommelier (in Japanese, *kiki-zake shi*).

Child care was provided so more parents could attend.

And, thank you to Temple members and Jun Daiko for providing a professional touch to the pouring of the 12 different sake available for tasting. And, a thank you to many others who helped setup the venue, pick up and prepare the food, and, of course, clean up.

In Gassho,
MVBT Dues & Donations Committee

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

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

Bodhi Day / New Year's Eve / New Year's Day

Hoonko

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

MVBT YBA

YBA CABINET INSTALLATION

The YBA cabinet installation was held at the Sunday Service on September 22. The 2019-2020 Cabinet members are:

YBA Cabinet Installation on September 22

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

Historian:
Vanessa Higa

Activities Chairperson:
Kelli Kosakura

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY

The YBA will gather for our annual Halloween Party on October 18. We will compete in an "Iron Chef" competition and carve pumpkins. We will also practice our skit for the CC Jr. YBA conference talent show, and watch a fun movie! Thank you to our Activities Chair, Kelli Kosakura, for being our party event planner!

CENTRAL CAL JR. YBA CONFERENCE

On November 9, seventeen MVBT YBA members and four Advisors will attend this year's CC Jr. YBA Conference at the Fresno Betsuin Family Dharma Center. The conference theme this year is based off the movie Monster's Inc., "Buddhist University: It's What's Inside That Counts!". The chapters representing Coast District will be San Jose, Salinas and Mountain View.

KEIRO KAI LUNCHEON

YBA members will be serving refreshments at our Temple's annual Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon on November 17. This year's theme, Honor, is a wonderful way to appreciate our Keiros and their dedication to our Temple.

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
2019-2020 YBA President

BWA Activities

BWA welcomes new member, **Audrey Inouye**!

UDON FUNDRAISER

We will have our Udon Fundraiser on November 24. Take-out only. Cost is $8. Thank you, Sangha, for your support!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our Eshinni-ko and BWA Memorial Service date has been changed to January 19, 2020. Our special guest speaker will be **Rinban Emeritus Don Castro** of the Seattle Betsuin. Please mark your calendar.

COOKING CLASS

BWA will also be resuming our cooking classes in 2020. **Mika Mukojima** will be our first Chef/Instructor. Watch for more detail information in the next issue of the Echo.

NEXT MEETING

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

Buddhist Women's Association

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

The Girl Scouts ran a Guessing Jar game at the Temple's Sangha Day Picnic. The winners in each age group were:

2-11 years: **Rebecca Kunze**

12-20 years: **Wendy Sakuma**

21-40 years: **David Pham**

41-60 years: **Sharon Tsukahara**

60+ years: **Haruye Hoshi** (who guessed the exact number)

Each winner received a $5 gift card from the Temple GS Troop.

CEREMONY & DINNER

The Girl Scout Troop held their Rededication Ceremony and

Welcome Back Dinner on Monday Oct 7. The Brownies helped with their first Flag Ceremony, aided by the Cadettes.

JOIN THE GIRL SCOUTS

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

We look forward to a new year of fun activities, learning and growth.

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Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

MEET AND MINGLE

On November 15, we will host our annual fun get together called Meet and Mingle. We look forward to our new guests who will be joining this year's dinner. The Battle of the Sexes games are always a highlight of the evening. Anyone interested in learning about ABA and attending this dinner and social event, please contact Reiko Tsuchida (reiko@tsuchidafamily.com).

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully accepted:

Irv & Marilyn Ozawa
In celebration of the 1st birthday of their grandson Quentin

With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

150 Club News

Our winner for October is

June Yusa

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

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
OCT	Zones 12 & 13	N / A	N / A
NOV	Zones 1 & 2	Nov 15 (Fri)	Nov 20 (Wed)
DEC	Zones 3 & 4	Dec 13 (Fri)	Dec 18 (Wed)

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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November 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 **November** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Tatsuko Adachi	**Hideo Kato**	**Nuiko Okuno**
Tsutomu Akizuki	**Shigeaki Kihara**	**Kanji Omokawa**
Tomoye Aoki-Johnson	**Eugene Kono**	**Roy Ozawa**
Takiko Fukushima	**Kinuyo Kunimoto**	**Tom Ozawa**
Frank Furuichi	**Shigeko Masaki**	**Ichiro Sakae**
Fred Furuichi	**Gregory Matsumoto**	**Kosue Sakae**
Sunao Furusho	**Rose Morimoto**	**Akira Sasaki**
Hana Furuto	**Haruko Nakamura**	**Masako Alice Sato**
Eddie Higuchi	**Miyuki Nakano**	**Seikichi Shimoguchi**
George Hirota	**Tsuruye Nakano**	**Sei Tachibana**
Fred Hoshi	**Yutaka Nakano**	**Alice Takagi**
Akira Hoshiko	**Ayako Nakashima**	**Masaru Takahashi**
Tom Ichikawa	**Teiichi Naritomi**	**Mildred Takegami**
Keiji Haruta	**Yoshio Nishimoto**	**Kay Tanouye**
Kiyoko Kay Horita	**Nobuo Oda**	**Chieko Umeda**
Frank Ikebe	**Walter Okino**	**Kaz Yanaba**

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

November Monthly Memorial Service

Sunday

November 3, 2019

10:00 am

Upcoming Shotsuki Hoyo Service

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: _____

MVBT Office Record Use Only

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
1 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**2** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Tannisho Study Class	**3** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**4** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm YABA	**5** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**6** 6:00 pm YABA	**7** 4:00 pm Boy Scouts - Court of Honor 6:00 pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts - Fuji Dinner
8 Mochitsuki 1:00 pm Girl Scout Ambassadors Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**9**	**10** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**11** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	**12** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**13** 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**14** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
15 10:00 am Osoji 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**16**	**17** 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**18** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	**19** 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**20** 6:00 pm YBA Holiday Party	**21** **YBA Holiday Party** **YBA**
22 1:00 pm Girl Scout Ambassador's 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**23**	**24** 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**25**	**26** 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**27**	**28**
29 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**30**	**31** 7:00 pm Joya-e Service 8:00 pm JD Taiko				

Upcoming Events

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

January 1, 2020, Wednesday
New Year's Day / Shusho-e Service

January 20, 2020, Sunday
Hoonko Service

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