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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

April Highlights

- ***4/5 Sun, CANCELLED***
  - *Shotsuki Hoyo*
  - *11:00 am - Japanese Language Service*
- ***4/6 Mon, 7: CANCELLED***
  - *Buddhist Discussion Group*
- ***4/12, Sun, CANCELLED***
  - *Hanamatsuri Service with Hatsumairi*
  - *Hanamatsuri Program & Lunch following service*
- ***4/19 Sun, 10:00 am***
  - *Sunday Service & Dharma School*
- ***4/26 Sun, 10:45 - 11:45 am***
  - *Vision Workshops after Sunday Service*

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Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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Coronavirus & MVBT's Response

MVBT has cancelled ALL activities on the Temple grounds at least through April 12

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Board of Directors has decided to cancel all activities at the Temple at least through April 12, 2020. All activities on the Temple grounds, including all services, Dharma School, Temple affiliated organizational activities, outside organizational activities, rental activities, basketball, taiko, meetings, etc., have been cancelled. The Board of Directors will reconvene on April 8 to decide if the April 12 date needs to be extended.

During this time, the MVBT office will remain open, but entrance to the office is by appointment only (no drop-ins). The Nokotsudo will remain open as usual. Organization leaders should feel free to access facilities as needed to retrieve materials, etc., but no meetings during this time. If you need to visit the Temple, please enter through the main entrance on Shoreline Blvd gate near the parsonage because the Stierlin Road entrance will be closed until we resume activities at the Temple.

If you are ever at the Temple, please be vigilant. During these times of emergencies, it's an unfortunate fact that there will be people looking for opportunities to loot. Report anything that doesn't look right to the Temple President. Call the Temple office at (650) 964-9426 and press option 3 to contact the Temple President. If you see trespassers, call 911. Do not confront them yourselves.

Please check the Temple website for updated information:

https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
The Mountain View Buddhist Temple
Namo Amida Butsu:

"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES CANCELED THROUGH APRIL 12th DUE TO COVID-19 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	2 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Stanford Dist., PacSky, BSA) 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 7:30 pm VISION Committee Meeting 8:00 pm JD Taiko	3	4 5:00 pm CD YBL Activity
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While Sunday Services are cancelled, Dharma Messages will be available on the Temple website.

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Namo Amida Butsu – "Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words."

Religious Planning — April 2020

April 5, 2020, Sunday, Shotsuki Hoyo — CANCELLED

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

April 6, 2020, Monday, Buddhist Discussion Group — CANCELLED

April 12, 2020, Sunday, Hanamatsuri Service with Hatsumairi — CANCELLED

Hanamatsuri: This service commemorate the birth of Prince Siddhartha, who later became the historical Sakyamuni Buddha

Hatsumairi: The ceremony introduces your child to the Sangha and welcomes him/her to the Dharma

Hanamatsuri Luncheon and Program following service and Dharma School

April 19, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service

Regular Sunday Service & Dharma School

April 26, 2020, Sunday, 10:am — Sunday Service

Vision Committee's Workshops following Sunday Service

Check the Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Adult Discussion - 11:00 am

O-asaji (Morning Chanting) - 9:00 am

Dharma School - 11:00 am

Study Class - 7:00 pm

Discussion Group - 7:00 pm

What does O-asaji mean?

"O" - means "**honorific**"
"asa" - means "**morning**"
"ji" - means "**affair**"

So O-asaji refers to something done in the morning with respect and reverence…thus at our Temple, it implies a Buddhist service in the morning.

Oasaji is the opportunity to take time out of our busy lives to stop, calm down, reflect upon ourselves and show our gratitude for everything that allows us to live at this moment by chanting in the morning.

A typical Sunday morning schedule is:

8:30 - Group members take turns arranging the O-Naijin (altar). Other members arrive at 9:00 am

9:00 - Chanting practice begins for 30 minutes

9:30 - Refreshments and socializing

10:00 - Service begins

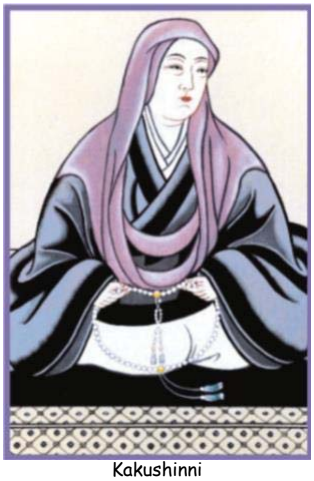
In addition to chanting, the techniques of ringing the Kansho bell and arranging the O-naijin (altar) are learned. Also, chanting with the Reverend on the O-naijin during a Sunday service is another experience to encounter. (In the absence of the Reverend, the O-asaji Group conducts the chanting for Sunday services).

The current members are **John Arima**, **Ken Nakano**, **Marie Ochi-Jacobs**, **Alec Matsumoto**, **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**, **Miyo Takegami**, and **Ed Tsumura**. Also, this year's Youth Minister Assistants (YMA) are **Stacey Kawabata** and **Megan Nakagawa**. All previous YMA's are considered Oasaji Group members.

The O-asaji Group welcomes MVBT members who are interested in chanting, understanding the Jodo Shinshu rituals or just observing. if you are interested, please contact the Temple office at 650-964-9426, **Reverend Yushi Mukojima** or an O-asaji Group member.

The Greatness of Women

Eshinni



Kakushinni

Lady Takeko Kujo

Rev. Patti Usuki

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

In a tradition of our Temple, March was Girl Scout Month when our Girl Scouts had the responsibility of chairing the Sunday Service, serving the refreshments and cleaning up the YBA Hall. This year, we have six graduating high school seniors from our Girl Scouts. And three of them have been with the MVBT troop since it was formed 13 years ago. I have witnessed their growth since I came to this Temple, and I am really glad that all of them have built their courage, confidence, responsibility and character through the successful Girl Scout program. They are all going to be wonderful women who will contribute their efforts, not only to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), but to the rest of society.

When I see young girls working hard with a great sense of responsibility and harmony for the benefit of our Temple and Sangha, and chairing the Sunday Services, I really wish that more women would play an active part in both our community and the world because I firmly believe women make the world better than one shaped by male dominance.

Buddhism has been practiced for over 2,500 years, and it is clearly true that the Buddha's teaching has been handed down to us today because of the great efforts of women as well as men. Throughout history, many great women dedicated their lives for the prosperity of Buddhism. For example, **Queen Maya**, Buddha's mother, who gave birth to **Siddhartha**. It was her sister, **Maha Prajapati**, who raised Siddhartha. Also, I respect a village girl, **Sujata**, who kindly gave rice porridge to Siddhartha. After six years of ascetic practice, Siddhartha's body and mind had weakened tremendously. At that point, Sujata approached Siddhartha and offered him milk and rice porridge. It is well known that because of her courage and generosity, Siddhartha was able to regain his health and have the strength to reach enlightenment after 49 days of sitting in meditation under the Bodhi Tree. When Siddhartha was exhausted in mind and body, it was Sujata who came forward to save his life. If she had not done so, Siddhartha would not have found enlightenment, and we today would not be able to encounter the Buddha Dharma.

Women also played a central role in Jodo Shinshu history. First, our founder Shinran's wife, **Eshinni**, deepened the marital bond with Shinran with independence and trust and supported him for 60 years as he spread his understanding of the Nembutsu teaching. From that time, Eshinni has been a role model of a minister's wife in Jodo Shinshu tradition. It was Shinran's daughter, **Kakushinni**, who determined the site of Shinran's remains that became the foundation of our Hongwanji, which would help hand down the Nembutsu teaching to the generations to come. Lastly, we should consider **Lady Takeko Kujo**, a daughter of Koson Otani, the 21st head priest of the Hongwanji. She founded the Fujinkai, or Buddhist Women's Association. And,d she insisted on the importance of female education, establishing Kyoto Women's University in hopes that women could play an active and equal part in society. She also gave medical support to many people who lost their homes or were injured in the huge Tokyo earthquake of 1923. During this period, she also established Ashoka Hospital. And finally, she rebuilt the Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo, which had been completely destroyed by the Kanto earthquake. Because of these great efforts, Tsukiji Hongwanji still serves as the center of the propagation of Jodo Shinshu teaching in Tokyo today.

In our BCA, many women have played a very important and remarkable role. **Rev. Patti Usuki** served as Chair of the BCA Ministers Association for two years. She was the first female minister to serve as the chairperson of our Ministers Association. At the ministers' meeting held in Seattle this past February, there were four ministers seated at the head table including Rev. Usuki, **Rev. Diana Thompson** and **Rev. Candice Shibata**, recording secretary. The sole male minister at the table was Bishop Umezu. It was unprecedented and great evi-

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Rev. Diana Thompton, left;
Rev. Carol O'Dowd, right

Rev. Candice Shibata

Margaret Abe-Koga, left;
Ellen Kamei, right

The Greatness of Women (cont'd)

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dence that women provide great leadership in the Ministers Association.

It is also noteworthy that from this coming April, the BCA president-elect will be **Terri Omori** from the Vista Buddhist Temple. In 2022, she will become the BCA's first female president. It will be a significant and historical event in the BCA's 123 years and a great stride forward as a Buddhist organization in America.

There was also an amazing local event this past January. Our friends, **Margaret Abe-Koga** and **Ellen Kamei**, both accomplished a special achievement: Margaret was inaugurated as mayor and Ellen took office as vice-mayor of the city of Mountain View. Margaret is a longtime supporter of our Temple and Ellen is a Temple member. They are the first female Japanese Americans to hold these important positions on the Mountain View City Council. I went to the City Council Reorganization meeting with my daughter last January to see them being sworn in as Major and Vice-Major, respectively. It was a proud and historic event when I fully realized the bright world where women can play an important role with gusto as well as men. It is exciting to see what leadership roles that successful women can play in our community

These examples show the importance of women's power. For those of us who live the Nembutsu, it is very important to practice the teaching of gender equality and more respect women's human rights as we rejoice in the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, which embraces all beings equally and without exception. Just as Buddhism has been supported by countless wonderful women, I strongly believe that the best way to create a better world is to make sure our community includes many more women leaders to serve alongside the men.

As we are guided by Amida Buddha's light of wisdom that shines on each one of us equally, I sincerely hope that we can realize a wonderful world where all women will be proud and confident of their talents and abilities, so they will not be afraid to become leaders who contribute to the well-being of their community and the world.

In Gassho,

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Support Your Temple

Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e / Kangi-e (Obon)

Your donations go to the General Fund supporting day-to-day operations

(1) Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW,"
(2) Send a check to the Temple office, or
(3) Drop off the donation at the Temple office

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二〇年四月法話

―女性は偉大―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

当仏教会の伝統として、毎年三月はガールスカウトが日曜礼拝の司会を担当し、礼拝後の軽食の用意や後片付けをすることになっています。今年は、当仏教会のガールスカウトから六名の子供達が高校を卒業することになっていますが、その内の三名は当仏教会のガールスカウトが十三年前に設立された当初から所属していて長いこと活躍してくれています。私が七年前に当仏教会に赴任して以来、彼女達の成長を見守ってきましたが、ガールスカウトのプログラムを通して、責任感や行動する勇気、そして、課題を克服する自信を身につけ、さらに豊かな個性を伸ばして一人ひとりが立派に成長している姿に接し深く感動させられています。

彼女達が責任を持ってお寺の行事や日曜礼拝の司会を一生懸命こなしている姿を見ていますと、より多くの女性が地域社会のみならず、世界でもっと活躍できるような環境を整えていかなければならないと強く感じました。

仏教は二五〇〇年前に説かれた教えですが、今日まで絶えることなく伝えられてきたのは、男性の努力のみならず、女性のさまざまな貢献があったからだというのは紛れもない事実です。その長い歴史から見ても、多くの偉大な女性が仏教を広めるために多大な尽力をされました。例えば、仏陀の母親であるマーヤ夫人を始め、仏陀を育てたマーヤ夫人の妹、マハープラジャパティ。そして、仏陀に乳粥を供養した村娘のスジャータ。六年間の苦行で力尽きた仏陀がスジャータに差し出された乳粥によって心身共に回復し、その後、菩提樹の下で瞑想に入った仏陀は四十九日後に悟りを開かれたというのは大変有名な話です。もしスジャータの施しがなければ、仏陀は悟りを開くこともなく、私達は仏の教えに出遇えなかったかもしれません。

浄土真宗の歴史においても偉大な女性がたくさんおられます。まず、宗祖親鸞聖人の妻であった恵信尼公は、互いに自立と信頼で夫婦の絆を深め、六〇年もの長きに渡って親鸞聖人の伝道活動を支えてこられ、その後の浄土真宗における住職の妻の手本ともされてきました。また、親鸞の娘である覚信尼公は、親鸞聖人の他力念仏の教えを守るために親鸞聖人の遺骨を納めた廟堂を建立し、それが後の本願寺の礎となりました。また、第二十一代門主の娘である九条武子夫人は、仏教婦人会を設立し、また、女性が社会で平等に活躍できるよう女子教育の重要性を唱えて京都女子大学を創立されました。そして、一九二三年に起きた関東大震災による被災者に対し医療支援を行い多くの人命を救済し、その後、この活動があそか病院開設のきっかけになりました。更には、震災によって完全に倒壊した築地本願寺を再建され、今なお首都圏における浄土真宗の教義を広める拠点として大きな役割を担っています。

北米開教区に於いても、女性の活躍が著しく、宇宿パトリシア先生が開教使会の議長を二年間勤め、シアトルで開かれた先の開教使会会議では、ヘッドテーブルに四名の開教使が座っていましたが、一人は梅津広道総長で、他の三名は女性開教使、宇宿議長と書記のトンプソン・ダイアナ先生、そして、柴田キャンディス先生が会議を進められました。このように開教使会では過去に例を見ないほど女性開教使が新しい見解と強いリーダーシップを持って大きな役割を果たしてくれています。

更に、北米開教区の次期会長に大森テリー夫人が選出され、二〇二〇年には教団の百二十三年の歴史の中で初めての女性会長が誕生します。これはアメリカにおける仏教教団として大変意義深く歴史的な出来事です。

また、私達のコミュニティーに目を向けても今年の一月に大変素晴らしいことがありました。それは、私達の友人である阿部・古賀マーガレット夫人がマウンテンビュー市の市長、そして、亀井エレン婦人が副市長に就任したという快挙です。マーガレット夫人は長年に渡って当仏教会を支援して下っている友人であり、エレン婦人は浄土真宗の門徒であります。マウンテンビュー市の長い歴史の中で日系女性が同時に市議会の中でこのような大きな役職に就くのは初めてのことです。先の一月に市役所で開かれた就任式に娘と一緒にこの歴史的瞬間を目にするために参加したのですが、何とも誇らしく感じると同時に、女性が男性と同じように思う存分活躍できる輝かしい社会を実感しました。

念仏に生きる私達は、全ての衆生を分け隔てなく救うと誓われた阿弥陀仏のご本願を深く慶ばせていただく中で、男女平等の教えを実践し、女性の人権をより尊重していくことが大切です。仏教が今日まで数多くの女性に護られてきたように、私達の社会も男性と同じようにより多くの女性指導者を生み出すことが、よりよい社会を構築する最善の道だと強く信じています。

平等に降り注がれる阿弥陀仏の智慧の光の下、全ての女性が何ものをも恐れることなく自身の才能と能力に誇りと自信を持って、社会福祉に貢献できる指導者となれる素晴らしい世界を皆さんと共に築いていきたいと切に願っています。

南無阿弥陀仏

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2020 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Cabinet Installations at February 16 Sunday Service

Temple Board, BWA & ABA

Congratulations to the 2020 cabinets for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the Buddhist Women's Association and the Adult Buddhist Association. The cabinets were installed at the Sunday Service on February 16.

2020 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Cabinet

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2020 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Cabinet

2020 MVBT Buddhist Women's Association Cabinet

2020 MVBT Buddhist Women's Association Cabinet

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Historian:
Kimi Nishimura

Official Delegates:
Toshiko Uyehara
Reiko Murakami

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2020 Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA Cabinet

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Vice President
Ken Nakano

Recording Secretary
Lois Okino

Asst Recording Secretary
Shirley Matsumoto

Corresponding Secretary
Ann Uyehara

Asst Corresponding Secretary
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Advisor
Rev. Yushi Mukojima

2020 Adult Buddhist Association Cabinet

Dharma School

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Services and Dharma School Classes Cancelled Through April 12

As communicated in an email to all Dharma School families, Sunday Services and Dharma School classes will be cancelled through April 12 in response to the rapidly developing COVID-19 situation in the Bay Area. Our Hanamatsuri Service and Luncheon on April 12 has also been cancelled. An update will be sent to Dharma School families when Temple activities resume.

In times like these, we are immediately reminded of how truly small our world is and how interconnected we are as a society. Until we can once again hear and experience the Buddha's teachings at our Temple, please take care of yourselves and each other, and live the Dharma in your daily lives as we navigate these challenging and disruptive times. I hope we'll see you all healthy, safe and happy when the Temple reopens. We are in this together.

FDSTL Conference

The Federation of Dharma School Teachers Leagues Conference that was supposed to be held at the end of April will be rescheduled to a new date in the fall.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5th and 6th Grade "Dharbucks" Fundraiser

Thank you for your generous support of the "Dharbucks" fundraiser.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT YBA

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

BAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

This year's conference was to be held on March 21 at SACBC. It was cancelled as a precautionary measure in response to the developing COVID-19 situation.

BAY DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Any members interested in playing volleyball on May 23-24 2020 should contact our Advisors.

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
2019-2020 YBA President

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser — Sunday, May 17

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 17

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Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

All Hands Needed

The MVBT 2020 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 17. All Temple members, friends, affiliated organizations and non-affiliated organizations will be asked to help during the week of our annual fundraiser. Tickets will soon be distributed by your zone chairpersons.

On behalf of Zone 7, thank you in advance,

Don Fukuma and Bob Yamanaga, Zone 7
2020 Chicken Teriyaki Chairpersons

Sunnyvale Golf

Save the Date

Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

at

Sunnyvale Golf Course

Sunday, August 23

ABA Activities

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

WENT TO SANTA CRUZ WARRIOR'S GAME

On a perfect weather day in late February, a dozen ABA members witnessed a most exciting game between the Santa Cruz Warriors and the Stockton Kings for first place in the Western Division of the basketball G League. We had outstanding seats to a sold-out game in a small arena that was a seesaw battle to the very end, but alas the Warriors succumbed to some clutch three-point shooting by the Kings in the final two minutes. Although the Warriors lost , ABA was happy to be able to watch **Kyle Nishimoto**, son of **Dave and Margie Nishimoto** and grandson of **Jits and Jean Higa** and **Bill and Joan Nishimoto**, as assistant coach of the Stockton Kings. For many of us, this was our first visit to a live G League game, but the super exciting game was actually the culmination of a most relaxing afternoon of earlier spirits and culinary delights.

It all started in Santa Cruz with a complimentary wine tasting at the Sones Cellars Winery, owned by good friends of Jean Shimoguchi. Their wines were so delicious that each of us purchased multiple bottles. We stayed there until closing!

We then proceeded to "dry out" for a pre-game dinner at the lively and popular Woodstock Pizza. After that relaxing yet filling meal, we had a healthy walk to the Kaiser Permanente Arena for the ill-fated, but most exciting game.

All in all, it was yet another well planned, fun ABA outing!

With Gassho,
Russ and Judy Nakano
ABA Members

Kaiser Permanente Arena

Santa Cruz Warriorss playing Stockton Kings

Kyle Nishimoto on the Stockton Kings bench

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku

ACTIVITIES

Miroku started March with a brief and productive meeting on the March 1. Eight people were in attendance.

Due to basketball obligations, many members were unable to attend the entire meeting. Miroku simplified the meeting to address monthly tasks that included monthly AED checks and taking down the "Fuzzy Feelings" Sock Drive signs.

We also signed a get-well card for **Mrs. Kunze**.

DONATION

Donation gratefully acknowledged:

- **Bryan and Kelly Matsumoto**

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
6th Grade Miroku Member

BWA Activities

CHIRASHI FUNDRAISER

Thank you everyone for your support of our BWA Chirashi Fundraiser.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Mrs. Haruko Nakano**. She passed away on February 26 at the age of 101 years. Mrs. Nakano was a long time BWA Honorary Member.

COOKING CLASS

BWA's cooking class for March 14 was cancelled as well as our monthly meeting. We will not have any meetings until further notice. All BWA activities are on hold due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are complying with the Santa Clara County's Health Department recommendation to postpone or cancel non-essential gatherings. Also, we are following our MVBT Board of Directors' mandates.

DIRECTORY REQUESTED

If you have not completed and sent in the important BWA Directory information request sent out to all our members, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues of $20 for 2020 are now being accepted.

FINALLY

Everyone, please take care of yourselves and stay healthy!

In Gassho
The MVBT BWA

Buddhist Women's Association

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

Haruko Nakano ***Jan 4, 1919 - Feb 26, 2020***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

150 Club News

Please stay healthy and well.

Our March winner was the **Shinkawa Family**. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
APR	Toban Not Required	N / A	N / A
MAY	Zones 9 & 10	Apr 10 (Fri)	Apr 15 (Wed)
JUNE	Zones 11 & 12	May 15 (Fri)	May 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.*

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

DAY TRIP CANCELLED

Due to the unfortunate crisis of the Coronavirus, the Senior Activities Committee has chosen to cancel the April 15th day trip to the Cache Creek Casino. Those that have paid will receive their money back. We will provide further information on when we can feel safe to provide and plan another trip. We apologize for this cancellation.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 21. Julie Nakatani, a Temple member and a professional Ikebana sensei, has agreed to show us a simple way to do flower arrangement. Please join us as we will also provide lunch.

Thursday, June 11. Reverend Nekoda has graciously accepted to share his good health and educate us on Shiatsu (finger pressure) Acupressure = Pressure Point. Shiatsu continues to help health problems says Rev. Nekoda. Mark this date on your calendar.

Thursday, June 11. Please Note: This will be the last Senior Activities day before we take a summer break. We will provide lunch. We will start up again Thursday, September 10, after Labor Day.

COOKBOOKS

Our Senior cook book will make an ideal gift. The price is $15. You can get it at the Temple office or from a committee member.

SENIOR CRAFTS & 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 instructed by **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**. This is great mentally, for timing and rhythm, and also for balance. So much 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 and make a special friend. We are always looking for new ideas if you can share them with us.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Upcoming Events

April 24 - 26, Thursday - Sunday
- Federation of Dharma School Teachers Leagues Conference **POSTPONED until the fall**

April 26, Sunday
- Vision Workshop

May 10, Sunday
- Gotan-e Service
- YBA's Mother's Day Brunch

May 17, Sunday
- Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

May 24, Sunday
- Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

May 25, Monday
- Oak Hill Memorial Day Service

June 14, Sunday
Graduation Service

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIES

The Brownie girls had a joint session with the Cadettes and learned how to make mochi waffles. At their next meeting they learned about recycling and made tissue paper flowers using tissue from presents they've received.

CADETTES

The Cadette girls have been busy preparing to host a Camping Skills event for the Brownies. They are also doing some painting and drawing and learning how to create material designs.

AMBASSADORS

The theme of the Girl Scouts 2020 World Thinking Day is "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" and calls attention to the ways that girls can work to make their world a more equitable and inclusive place. To that end, the Ambassador girls will be holding a fundraising drive to collect toiletries and feminine products and donating to a local women's shelter. Donation bins will be in the Hondo and YBA Hall, and items will gladly be accepted through the end of April.

PADMA PROGRAM

Our Padma program has started up again, with five girls starting or continuing to work on earning the BCA's Buddhist Padma Award. For their first meeting the girls were given a tour of the onaijin by Reverend Mukojima, and the Brownie Padma students made nenju.

COOKIE SALES

Thank you to the Sangha for supporting our Girl Scout Cookie Sales!

Padma class with Rev. Mukojima

Onenju made durng Padma class

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Questions? Please contact **Steve Tsuchida**

MVBT's Spring VISION Workshop — Rescheduled to Sunday, April 26

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This is your opportunity to have your voice shape the future of MVBT

The **SPRING VISION WORKSHOP** will now be held on Sunday, April 26.

WORKSHOP activities will allow everyone in our Sangha Community to thoughtfully consider various profiles of sample community members and how our shared Values can lead to new and improved MVBT activities, programs and services.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR VOICE SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MVBT.

This workshop is the first step to develop ideas and get feedback on programs, services, resources and facilities to help us with Master Planning.

Lunch will be provided for all! Children younger than Middle School age will have entertainment scheduled during the Breakout Groups.

WE NEED YOUR VALUABLE FEEDBACK, IDEAS AND COMMENTS. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

10:00 am .....Sunday Service

10:45 - 11:45 am.....Rotating Breakout Groups

12 Noon.....Pizza!

In Gassho,
MVBT Vision Committee

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2020 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

All chairpersons, PLEASE attend the meetings

Meeting Dates: YBA Hall Board Room @ 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 22, 2020
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

In Gassho,
Obon Festival & Bazaar Co-Chairs
Julie Satake Ryu
Sterling Makishima
Ed Ryu

April 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 **Apri** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Fujiko Abe	**Kathleen Miki Kobata**	**James Sakuragi**
Harry Fujii	**Setsuo Kuboyama**	**Akiko Satake**
Shigeru Fujii	**Kazuko Makishima**	**Hiram Sera**
Naoye Fukuma	**Tokiyo Maruyama**	**George Shimamoto**
Ichihei Furusho	**Ryu Masaki**	**John Shimizu**
Juzaburo Furuzawa	**George Matsuba**	**Tom Shimoguchi**
Rev. Russell Hamada	**Kiwa Matsuba**	**John Shinseki**
Osamu Hirano	**Ryuichi Miyamoto**	**Taichiro Sugimoto**
Tanejiro Hirano	**Emi Morishima**	**Jeffrey Swartwood**
Dorothy Horino	**Fuji Nakano**	**Ko Tachibana**
Robert Hoshida	**Haruye Nagatoishi**	**Fumiye Takahashi**
Hiromichi Hoshino	**Jishichiro Nakano**	**Amy Takaki**
June Ichikawa	**Iwao Nakao**	**David Takegami**
Toshiko Ikebe	**Kenjiro Nakashima**	**Toshihiro Tanaka**
Tojiro Ishimaru	**Henry Nishimura**	**Heidi Terada**
Eric Ives	**Tomoe Okada**	**Megan Yang**
Shizuko Iwata	**George Okashima**	**Koichi Yamashita**
Toshiko Juda	**George Omori**	**Fred Yonemoto**
Yotsuo Juda	**Ochiyo Omori**	**Tsune Yonemoto**
Shigehito Kashima	**Junpei Ozawa**	**Tsuneno Yoshida**
Akira Kato	**Henry Ryu**	
Hatsuye Kato	**Margaret Sakino**	

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**

CANCELLED

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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.

2020 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2019	3rd Year Memorial	2018	7th Year Memorial	2014
13th Year Memorial	2008	17th Year Memorial	2004	25th Year Memorial	1996
27th Year Memorial	1994	33rd Year Memorial	1988	50th Year Memorial	1971

may 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00 pm YBA volleyball practice	**2**
3 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 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 Buddhist Discussion Group	**5** 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	**6** 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	**7** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Stanford Dist., PacSky, BSA) 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**8** 6:00 pm YBA volleyball practice 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**9** 9:00 am BWA Meeting 7:00 pm YBA Mother's Day Corsage Making
10 8:00 am YBA Mother's Day Brunch (Serving 8:45 - 9:45 am) 10:00 am Gotan-e Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting 1:00 pm Girl Scout Ambassadors Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	**11** 1:00 pm Senior Group 7:00 pm FPC Meeting	**12** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**13** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	**14** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**15** **Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Prep** 6:00 pm YBA volleyball practice	**16** **Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser Prep**
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