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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, Kylie Mukoyama & Wendy Sakuma

Thank You to My Wonderful Family and Great Friends

By Kylie Mukoyama

Hi everyone!

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Kylie Mukoyama and I'm graduating from Santa Clara High School, and will be attending UC Davis in the fall. I've been anxiously anticipating this speech for the past twelve years that I've attended Temple, and now the time has finally come. If you know me, I am a bit of a crier and a bit of a nervous giggler, so please bear with me.

I would like to start off by expressing my appreciation to those who have been constant supporters in my life. To Reverend Mukojima, thank you for your insightful talks and your weekly high fives, you helped me develop so much as a Buddhist and I will carry the lessons you have taught me with me forever. // To my

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My Journey at the Temple

By Wendy Sakuma

Hello everyone and good morning or good afternoon, depending on when you are watching this video.

I wish I was at church today sharing this with you, but I am Wendy Sakuma and I am graduating from Gunn High School and I plan on attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa in the fall to study business. Some of you may not know me, but I have been in YBA and Dharma school for the past three years. I have also been in the Temple's Girl Scout troop since I was in kindergarten. Since I was in the Temple's Girl Scout troop, I have been attending the Obon and Bazaar every year and after seeing the whole church community come together, I knew I wanted to somehow be more involved in the Temple. My par-

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August Highlights

In August, ALL Sunday Services by the Mountain View Buddhist Temple are cancelled, both at the Temple and online.

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September Highlights

- ***9/6 Sun, No Services***
- ***9/13 Sun, Online Only***
  * *Shotsuki Hoyo*

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Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple services and activities

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Class of 2020 — Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's graduating High School Seniors. Best wishes for your next adventure! Always keep your golden link to MVBT. **Namo Amida Butsu**

Senior	High School	College Attending
Lauren Ho	Lynbrook High School	Bryn Mawr College
Stacey Kawabata	Homestead High School	University of California Santa Barbara
Kylie Mukoyama	Santa Clara High School	University of California Davis
Peridot Park	Menlo High School	University of California Berkeley
Wendy Sakuma	Gunn High School	University of Hawai'i Manoa
Kalyn Wong	Lincoln High School	University of California Los Angeles

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2:00 pm JD Taiko	7:30 pm RPC Meeting					

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Hiroji Kariya: "Lucky" Man May be BCA's Best Friend

This article was originally published in the Wheel of Dharma in 2010.

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Written by Russ Nakano

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As a novice Mountain View Buddhist Temple Board Member, I would marvel at the reduction of the general din of the meeting when Hiroji would entertain his opinion on the subject at hand. It was like the old TV commercial, "When E.F. Hutton speaks, people listen." What was it about this man that made other Board members stop and really listen? Sure, he was always soft spoken and gracious as are most of our Temple members, and he was most often humorous yet sincere in his style of speaking. However, he would unassumingly command the respect of all whenever he spoke. As I have learned, this was something he earned.

Hiroji has been a family friend since before I was born. He has, in fact, remarked to me that he still remembers that day. Although I, of course, do not, I remember my parents always speaking very kindly of the Kariyas even during my childhood. My father would say Hiroji was one of the "good guys" and coming from my dad, that meant something special. From listening to my parents, relatives, Hiroji's friends and other Mountain View Buddhist Temple members, I have learned why he is so respected by his generation. His efforts and accomplishments in the advancement of Buddhism should not go unnoticed by the next.

Early on Hiroji had been a long-time member of the Tri-City Association, a renowned post-war Bay Area community service organization. In 1963, Hiroji helped found the Tri-City Youth Group, a highly popular, youth oriented, instructional sports subsidiary that helps prepare our kids to adjust socially and athletically in a competitive world.

Hiroji originally belonged to the East Palo Alto Buddhist Church and helped organize their Young Adult Buddhist Association (YABA) group in the mid-1950's. In 1961, Hiroji joined the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and was soon elected to the Board of Directors. He served as their Temple President four different times between 1966 and 1971.

In order to get more recognition for the Temple in the community, Hiroji joined the Mountain View Rotary Club in 1973 and has served on their Board as Secretary. He has acted as the unofficial "liaison" to the Japanese community ever since by translating, educating and sharing the traditions and customs of not only Buddhists, but Japanese people in general to the various denominations and different cultures of other curious Rotarians. He had been asked on more than one occasion to serve as Rotary Club President, but had declined due to his commitments to the BCA at the time.

In 1974, Hiroji served as BCA President. He says that was a good year to be president because the entire year was mostly focused on the planning of the BCA's 75th Anniversary celebration. Hiroji served as the first Campaign BCA Chairman in 1983, continuing for ten years and raising a principal endowment that remains the same, even today. Fundraising seems to be among his greatest gifts

Hiroji Kariya is the only member of the Sanyo-Kai from outside of Japan

Hiroji helped raise funds even in the early 1960's, during the transformation of the Buddhist Studies Center in Berkeley into a graduate school and seminary known currently as the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS). By the mid-80's, the institute was accepted as an affiliate member of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, becoming the North American affiliate of Ryukoku University of Kyoto. The IBS propagates all the aspects of ministerial training that Hiroji endears. It teaches the Buddha Dharma to young students entering the ministry and is the only accredited educational institution outside of Japan recognized by Honpa Hongwanji as qualified to train Jodo Shinshu ministers.

Hiroji has been serving as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the IBS for the past ten years. It has become his

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Past Dharma Messages are available at the Temple website. Go to:

https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org or https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-YouTube

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

Religious Planning — August & September 2020

All August services at cancelled. This includes services at the Temple and online Dharma Messages.

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September 6, 2020, Sunday, No Services

September 13, 2020, Sunday, Shotsuki Hoyo — Online Only

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Sunday Dharma Messages by Rev. Mukojima and Minister's Assistant John Arima are available on the MVBT website.

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Hiroji Kariya: "Lucky" Man May be BCA's Best Friend (cont'd)

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primary focus and passion. He recently spoke to me reiterating the importance of the IBS to Buddhism in America. He said, "Jodo Shinshu is just one way of looking at Buddhism in America, but it might be the most important one."

In a recent publication by the Sanyo-Kai, Hiroji has expounded the values of the IBS as a big factor in strengthening the future of Jodo Shinshu as a major religious tradition in the United States. The Sanyo-Kai is an elite philanthropic organization in Japan. There are only about 200 prominent Japanese members in the Sanyo-Kai, including the Chairman of the Boards of Honda Motors and Matsushita Electric in the past. The only accepted member outside of Japan is Hiroji.

A chrysanthemum grower by trade, Hiroji has been happily married to his wife,Yasuko since 1949. They have four children, two boys and two girls, and his favorite hobby is golf.

When I asked Hiroji to describe himself to me in a word, he replied, "lucky." I thought of other words to describe him: generous, dedicated, energetic, responsible, gracious, modest and funny, among others. He recently revealed to me that, when he was fortunate to retire from flower growing in 1979 at the age of 56, he ever-so-briefly entertained the thought of becoming a Buddhist minister himself. He quickly changed his mind, however, deciding that he could better serve Buddhism through his leadership skills, generosity and general efforts as a lay person.

The many generations comprising the BCA and its members are the "lucky" ones to have the devotion, the support and the friendship of Hiroji Kariya.

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Editor Notes: Russ Nakano was the MVBT President in 2007 and 2008.

Hiroji Kariya was given an Honorary Doctorate from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in February 2009.

Thank You to My Wonderful Family and Great Friends (cont'd)

KYLIE MUKOYAMA

Santa Clara High School 2020

Bound for UC Davis

Studying Sociology

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dad, thank you for always pushing me to do my best; you never let me quit at anything even if I was near wit's end. I will never forget when you were my soccer coach and let me play goalie for one game with barely any practice; I let probably twenty goals go past me until I broke down on the field sobbing. You walked right over to me and told me to get up and keep trying. Although we ended up having to call the game because we were losing by so much, you sparked the drive I still carry with me to never give up, and to put my best effort into everything I do. // To my mom, thank you for being such a huge supporter and amazing role model for me. You were there for me during some of the hardest times in my life, and I don't know where I'd be today if you hadn't been by my side to help me get through them. I'm going to miss staying up and watching Friends together until I am almost every night, and listening to the radio on the way to school every morning. // To my brother Ryan, despite saying all the time that our dog is my favorite sibling, I really do appreciate you being in my life and thank you for always knowing how to put a smile on my face. The little things you do, such as waking me up from naps to show me TikToks you know will make me laugh, or warming up pop tarts for us to share for breakfast in the morning, really do mean a lot to me. I know we will miss each other when I go to college, despite the tough front we are both putting up currently. // To my grandparents, thank you for coming to every soccer game, school performance, and track meet, and for picking me up from school every day since when I was in preschool until my senior year, due to the fact that I am still too scared to start driving.

Special shout out to the first friend I ever made through church - Stacey Kawabata. Thank you for being my best friend for the past 10 years and for putting up with all my craziness. I hope we keep our promise to be members of this Temple forever, and to one day become co-presidents of BWA. // Thank you to Wendy Sakuma for being my travel buddy and for being someone I consider a sister. I'm so glad you joined YBA, and I'm going to miss you so much when you go to Hawaii for college. Be prepared for lots of unexpected visits! // Thank you to Kalyn Wong for being my first real friend at Nakayoshi Gakko, and for always keeping me in check. // To Chloe Lim, I'm going to miss you so much, you're basically like my little sister and I know you're going to do great things for next year's YBA. // Last, but certainly not least, thank you to my boyfriend of three years, Evan Tsukahara. You've taught me what it feels like to have someone who loves and cares about you despite what you believe are your flaws, and I am so grateful to have someone who compliments me so well. I'm really going to miss our late night drives to McDonald's, teaching you that it's okay to lose in games such as speed and Mario Kart, and being around someone as delightful and hilarious you are. // Most importantly, I'd like to thank the Sangha for creating such a loving and accepting environment that allowed me to grow and prosper as not only a Buddhist, but as a person as well.

Now onto the message that I would like to share with you all today, which is based on a quote said by the Buddha: "You, yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserves your love and affection." Self love and inner confidence is something that I started struggling with in the beginning of high school. I entered my freshman year with the hope that I would make the next four years of my life perfect and just how it was portrayed in my favorite childhood movie, High School Musical. However, due to factors such as bullying and toxic friendships, I quickly realized that my experience was going to be on the opposite side of the spectrum. The girl I once was: strong, independent, and ready to take on anything that came her way, was quickly knocked down to a girl that was quiet and sad, and didn't have much to say. School became something I dreaded going to, and attending Temple every week soon became my escape from reality. The feelings of acceptance and comfortability that welcomed me every Sunday was something I looked forward to, and helped me to forget any troubles of the difficult school week. By confiding in

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Thank You to My Wonderful Family and Great Friends (cont'd)

Kylie Mukoyama

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the Sangha and surrounding myself with good-hearted people, I realized that I deserved to feel that kind of love at school as well. I took it upon myself to find a new group of friends and tried to set loving myself as a priority, instead of putting it behind pleasing others. I was able to completely turn my life around by following the Buddha's teachings, and for that I will be forever grateful. Please join me in Gassho:

"You, yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserves your love and affection."

Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu

Thank you!

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Dancing Bon Odori at the MVBT Obon 2019

BCA BON ODORI

Although we are still sheltering-in-place, several of our Scouts will still participate in the BCA Bon Odori program. To earn this year's special edition patch, girls will learn more about the meaning of Obon, the theme or meaning of the dances, how to care for and use the Obon dance accessories, and they will participate virtually in a Temple's Obon dancing.

OBON-AT-HOME

As an MVBT affiliated organization, the Girl Scouts created an informational video as part of OBON at HOME.

BRIDGING CEREMONY

While we were not able to hold our Bridging Ceremony, we would still like to recognize the girls that will (eventually) be able to Bridge to the next level of Scouting. They are listed below.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Brownie to Junior

Kelsey D.
Hayden S.
Sloane N.

Cadette to Senior

Kendall H.
Kiera N.
Tabitha S.

Ambassador to Adult

Julianne H.
Lauren H.
Stacey K.
Kylie M.
Wendy S.
Kalyn W.

My Journey at the Temple (cont'd)

WENDY SAKUMA

Gunn High School 2020

Bound for University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Studying Business

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ents definitely aren't Buddhist so it took a bit of convincing but they always encouraged me to try new things. Now looking back it was the best decision I've made.

I remember, when I was a freshman, I always heard my two friends, Kylie and Stacey, talk about activities and events they attended in YBA and after hearing about it so much I wanted to join. Although I was definitely very intimidated and scared since everyone else had been attending Dharma school or had known each other for forever I was scared I wouldn't fit in. However, after attending the first couple of YBA events like the meetings and the conference hosted by Mountain View, I felt more comfortable in YBA knew I wanted to be part of this loving community.

I gotta be honest, I was struggling writing this speech even though the idea of writing it has been taunting me ever since I joined YBA. But when I started to think of what I wanted to say, I thought about what YBA meant to me and what I learned in Dharma School.

One of the most important things I've realized while in Dharma school but also in YBA was that it's okay to press pause on what you're doing and to just re-evaluate. I made this realization in Dharma School when either Mr. Morimoto, Elise or Brent had each of us talk about our pits and peaks or the bad and good things that happened to us that previous week. It reminded me that it's good to take a pause from all the stress and all the busy-ness. Before joining YBA, I would always think about what's happening next and what is in the future, but I never thought about what was happening now or what had just happened or how I was feeling because of recent events. This has really helped me with my mental health since I was always extremely stressed or antsy about something going on at school or after school. I will especially remember to do this in college when I am too busy caught up staying up all night doing homework.

I would like to thank the Dharma School teachers, the Sangha and Reverend Mukojima for the continuous support throughout the years and for all the important lessons that Sensei has taught me which I will remember and bring to college. I would also like to thank the YBA advisors for always driving us super early to all the conferences and mixers and for enduring my loud and witty personality.

Second, I would like to thank my two best friends, Kylie and Stacey, for always being there for me and for always making me laugh every day. To Kylie, thank you for being like a sister … or twin and just understanding me the most. To Stacey, thank you for literally helping me graduate high school, whether it was staying up late helping me with homework or giving me advice. I will miss you guys so much in college.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents, Patty and Paul, for all the love and support you have given me over the past 17 years. I don't think I have said thank you enough. You have taught me to continuously try your best even if you don't succeed and to NEVER give up. Thank you for driving me everywhere, waking me up every day and soo much more. Mom - I'll miss your jokes and witty comebacks. Dad - I will miss your selflessness. I can't wait to start my next journey of life.

Please join me in Gassho,

Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu

Thank you for listening.

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

Certificate of Scholarship

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Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarhip Recipients

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Stacey Kawabata, Kylie Mukoyama and Wendy Sakuma

The recipients for the 35th Annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship are **Stacey Kawabata**, **Kylie Mukoyama** and **Wendy Sakuma**. With the closure of the Temple, we were not able to present them with their scholarships at the Graduation Service that was scheduled on June 14. The Temple congratulates the recipients and wishes them continued success in their college life.

Each June, the Sasaki scholarship is awarded to a college-bound high school student in the Temple. The recipient must enroll in a college, express a strong interest in the Buddhist religion, have an excellent attendance record in Dharma School, and have been participating in other Buddhist activities. The scholarship committee also considers YBA participation, Buddhist education activities and an essay. Sometimes the committee awards multiple scholarships, depending on the qualifications of the applicants.

The scholarship is funded by the Annual Sasaki Scholarship Golf Fundraiser usually held at the end of August. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the golf tournament was cancelled for this year. Hopefully, the golf tournament can resume in 2021.

To date, the scholarship has given out 61 scholarships to deserving Dharma School students.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Scholarhip Committee and
MVBT Golf Committee

History of Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

The first Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship was awarded in 1986. This year – and in every year – we have outstanding recipients. The total number of recipients through 2020 totals 60 high school graduates. They are listed below.

1986 Terri Hirotsu
1987 Audrey Kawaye
1988 Rina Sasaki and Jan Tashiro
1989 Traci Endo
1990 Janell Uyehara
1991 No record of a recipient
1992 Ashley Ozawa and Todd Uyehara
1993 Lisa Nishimoto, Kimberly Tsuchida and Cheryl Uyehara
1994 Stephanie Nitta and Christine Yoshinaka
1995 Robin Arita
1996 Terra Briones
1997 Ryan Arita and Chieko Otsuka
1998 Nicole Nishimoto and Chip Yamanaga
1999 Stephanie Mori
2000 Austin Ozawa and Lauren Sasaki
2001 Ashley Sasaki and Sarah Sasaki
2002 Casey Harbin and Brandon McCoy
2003 No applicants
2004 Scott Takasuka
2005 Michelle Imai and Chelsea Sugimoto
2006 Stephanie Kitasoe
2007 Robert Imai and Justin Koyama
2008 Megan Sawamura
2009 Kacyn Fujii and Leslie Hamachi
2010 Alyssa Imai, Curtis Koyama and Scott Tahara
2011 Ashley Andrews, Kelsey Sawamura and Haley Sugimoto
2012 Thomas Koyama
2013 Jennifer Adachi and Kevin Schindler
2014 Alec Matsumoto and Haley Sawamura
2015 Kaylyn Arima and Meiko Flynn-Do
2016 Devon Matsumoto
2017 Hayley Arima, Erin Hamasaki, Jordyn Sato and Alex Shinkawa
2018 Maddie Matsumoto
2019 Mitchell Kita, Vicky Shinkawa and Evan Tsukahara
2020 Stacey Kawabata, Kylie Mukoyama and Wendy Sakuma

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MVBT Care Package Committee

The MVBT Care Package Committee is connecting with our senior members.

Everyone likes to stay in touch with their friends and families by enjoying a visit, sharing a meal, laughing at bad jokes, or simply chatting on the phone. During these current times, it can be difficult to maintain contact, especially with the valued senior members of our Temple.

In July, the Care Package committee delivered packages to our most senior members and were greeted with a friendly smile and very appreciative of the treats they received in the care package. Each month the Care Package committee will be providing monthly messages from our leaders, updates on what's happening at the Temple, Buddhist and Japanese stories and quotes, snacks, and puzzles and delivering them to the Temple's senior members.

YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to support the Care Package committee's efforts, please donate to the care package committee. There are two ways to donate.

1. You can donate at the Temple website. Look in "Donate Now."
2. You can send a check to the Temple office made out to "MVBT" with a note "Care Package."

In Gassho,
Care Package Committee

150 Club News

Our July winners are **Tony and Gail Lee**.

Congratulations to Tony and Gail. And, thank you to all for participating in 150 Club!

Everyone, please stay healthy and well!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
AUG	No Toban	N / A	N / A
SEPT	No Toban	Aug 14 (Fri)	Aug 24 (Mon)
OCT	No Toban	Sept 11 (Fri)	Sept 21 (Mon)

Please note the article deadline and printing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof and finalize the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.*
Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Donate to Past Major Services

Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e / Kangi-e Obon

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

(1) Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW"
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MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

OBON-AT-HOME

We hope you were all able to enjoy the Obon-at-Home. All this was put together by our hard working and caring leaders with committees at our Mountain View Temple. At the start of this Coronavirus, they started a committee to make homemade face masks for your protection. If interested, for more information, call Julie Ryu.

The committee has also provided information on the use of Zoom for your convenience to enjoy Temple activities. They provide many activities via Zoom. Hope you were able to get entertained.

NO SENIOR ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS

For the Senior Activities and Craft Program, the Temple has not informed us if they will open our Thursday session.

Most important concern is to keep you all safe and well. Please all take care and stay well. You are all missed. Hoping to see you all very soon.

In Gassho
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

JOIN US

Contact Bob Yamanaga or Jean Shimoguchi to become a part of the MVBT Sangha

Or, go to

https://tinyurl.com/mvbt-membership

MVBT Membership Update

MVBT DUES PAYMENT

Approximately 86% of the Temple members have paid their 2020 dues.

Membership dues provide one portion of the operating and administrative funds for the Temple. If you not yet paid your dues, prompt payment is appreciated.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS

The Temple welcomes the following new members in Zone 11.

Jadine Yee and James Cary

OBON at HOME: NEW MEMBERS JOINED

As of July 11, the Temple has also added ten new members who signed up through Putra's OBON at HOME.

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee

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Dharma School News

Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Speeches

Senior speeches by **Stacey Kawabata**, **Kylie Mukoyama**, **Wendy Sakuma** and **Kalyn Wong** are now available.

Website Address: https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org/seniorspeeches/2020speeches.html

A login is required to view the videos. Please contact your Zone Chairs if you have not received the username and password. For Dharma School families, please refer to the email that included this issue of the Echo for the login information.

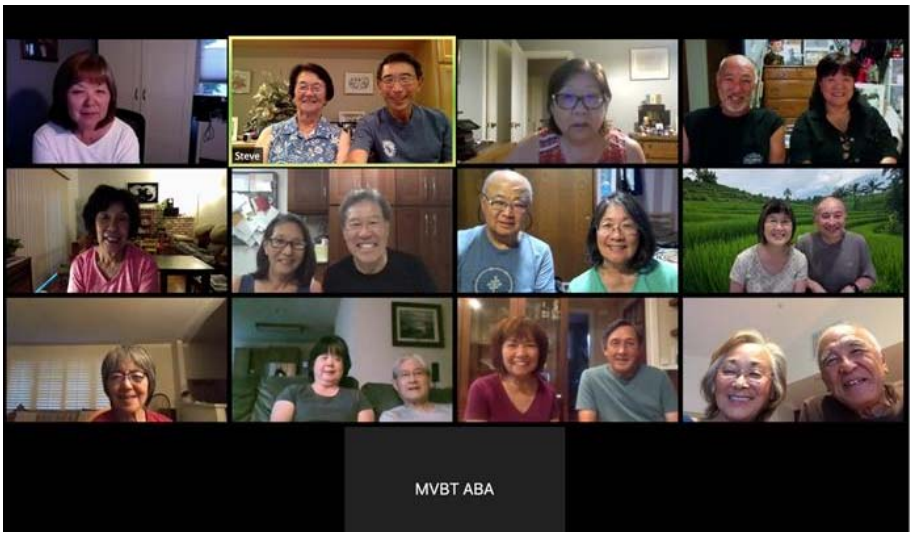
Dharma School Remote Instruction in The Fall

The Dharma School teachers are preparing for remote instruction in the fall (pending an extension into the winter and beyond) while COVID-19 continues to threaten our community's safety, health and wellbeing. More details will be provided towards the end of summer.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT Adult Buddhist Association

MVBT Adult Buddhist Association



ABA members continue to support the Temple by participating in several committees. Members are active in the organization and preparation for "OBONatHOME," creating and distributing the goodie bags for our valued senior members, editing the ECHO, attending Board meetings and working to maintain the grounds around the Temple.

We've held monthly Zoom meetings and enjoy the camaraderie of our members.

We hope the Sangha remains healthy and safe, and look forward to the day when we can all be together to recite the Nembutsu.

DONATION

Thank you to Aggie and Scott Hirotsu for their donation in memory of Gary Hirotsu.

With Kindness and Gratitude
beyond words,
Jean Shimoguchi (she/her/hers)
ABA President

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Step 1

Step 2

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Questions? Please contact **Steve Tsuchida**

MVBT YBA

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

63rd JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION

Megan Nakagawa recently attended this virtual convention hosted by United of Maui and the Hawai'i Federation of Jr. YBAs. She says, "I was able to gain insight about how their YBAs are structured and how they run their meetings. I also enjoyed learning about their events throughout the year and meeting high schoolers from other YBA groups. We learned several Maui Minyo Kai Obon dances and heard from guest speaker Rep. Troy Hashimoto".

COLLEGE YBA AND SENIOR YBA COMMUNICATION AND CONNECTION CONFERENCE

I recently attended this virtual conference and enjoyed being able to meet and reconnect with other Buddhist youth through fun workshops and icebreakers.

MVBT OBON-at-HOME - YBA SPAM MUSUBI VIDEO

Our YBA members filmed themselves at home completing various steps of making Spam Musubi for the OBON-at-HOME video!

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
2019-2020 YBA President

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Florence Ozawa**, who passed away on June 12, 2020. Florence was a very long-time member of BWA.

DEALING WITH COVID-19

Because of COVID-19, we have been staying at home for many months and probably more months to come. Many have lost their lives due to the Covid-19 virus and our hearts go out to the families for their loss.

At this time, we bow our heads in Gassho with gratitude that our Temple provides us spiritual health, guidance and outreach to the elders of our Sangha. Our deep gratitude goes out to the essential workers and care givers keeping us healthy and safe.

Please continue to stay healthy, safe and strong in the Nembutsu. We look forward to the day when we can meet again and see all of your smiling faces.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

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

MVBT Sewing Group

Fabric Face Masks

The MVBT Sewing Group is continuing to lovingly produce face masks for the MVBT Community.

We have plenty of face masks available! Fabric face masks are NOT sterile and DO NOT provide complete protection from the coronavirus. Anyone in the Temple may order face masks. These are designed to cover the mouth and nose. They are in addition to social distancing and hand-washing that can slow the spread of the coronavirus, according to the CDC. When we are able to gather at the Temple again, face coverings may be required in order to participate.

If you are interested in receiving a fabric face mask (designs variable), please go to the online form in the link below or use the order form at the bottom of this page.

Sewing Group

Amy Arakaki
Teri Hirota
Lorrie Kitasoe
Shirley Matsumoto
Judy Nakano
Lois Okino
Julie Satake Ryu
Phyllis Sawamura
Pauline Shinkawa

https://tinyurl.com/mvbtmasks

We are usually able to send out masks within a week of ordering. Please put a note in the comment area for either sizing (male, female, young adult, etc.) or preference for elastic or tieback style. If you have already ordered and would like another set of masks, please send in your order!

We are working with the Senior Outreach-Care Package group to see if our Seniors would like any additional masks and likely will not ask for any donation to subsidize delivery. We would be happy to provide these masks for our valuable elders.

Call **Julie Satake Ryu** at (650)-787-9133 or email julie@satakenursery.com for any questions. If you or someone you know would like to join our MVBT Sewing Group OR you have non-woven interfacing or a supply of 1/4-inch or 3/8-inch elastic, please let me know.

Stay safe & healthy!
Julie Satake Ryu

MVBT (Fabric) Face Mask Request Form

Name:_____ Zone #: _____
First Name Last Name

Delivery Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip : _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Number of Masks Requested: _____

Any latex allergies (we will send a mask that does not include latex) Yes _____ No _____

Does anyone needing a mask wear a hearing aid or glasses? (Tie back style will be sent.) Yes _____ No _____

Comments/Specific Requests: _____

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Would you like to contribute $5 toward postage for this order? Yes _____ No _____

Please make check payable to: MVBT with Memo Note: Face Mask .

Please mail this form and check to:

Julie Satake Ryu
1094 Marilyn Drive
Mountain View, CA. 94040

August & September 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 **August & September** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Kent Abe	**Itsume Kawamoto**	**Toshiko Okuno**
George Abey	**Shina Kinaga**	**Chiyo Ozawa**
Jean Abey	**Sumiye Kito**	**Haruno Saito**
Kazuo Abey	**Albert Kobayashi**	**Harry Sakae**
Thomas Arakaki	**Toshio Kochi**	**Warren Sakae**
Masataro Fujii	**John Kondo**	**Kitao Sakai**
Helen Fukuma	**Kazuo Kurashige**	**Miyuki Sakano**
Masao Fukumoto	**Chiyomi Masuda**	**James Satake**
Dorothy Furuichi	**Helen Matsuba**	**Shimano Satake**
Masuo Hamada	**Haru Matsuzaki**	**George M. Sato**
Hiroshi Haruta	**Kazuo Mayeda**	**Koma Shinke**
Mary Haruta	**Yoshino Miyamoto**	**Hisayo Shinta**
Ronald Higaki	**Keiko Mizuhara**	**Nancy Irene Smith**
Akira Hiroshige	**Kiyoko Muranaka**	**Susan Haruta Stokes**
Matsujiro Hiroshige	**Kakuemon Nagasaki**	**Hiroshi Sugimoto**
Minoru Hiroshige	**John Nagatoishi**	**Sam Sugimoto**
Takeshi Hori	**Toshio Nakagawa**	**Dora Suzuki**
Minoru Horino	**Edward Nakano**	**George Takaki**
Edith Hoshi	**Janice Nakashima**	**Michiko Takehara**
Aya Ichinaga	**Magoji Nakashima**	**June Tokunaga**
Misaye Ikebe	**Alice Nishimura**	**Jack Tsuchida**
George Ikemiya	**Tomisaburo Oda**	**Nobuko Tsuchida**
Akira Inamori	**Frank Ogata**	**Hiro Tsukimura**
Atsushi Inouye	**Iyano Ogawa**	**Yukiye Watanabe**
Gregory Inamori	**Chieko Okamoto**	**Tom Yamaji**
Kiyoye Inouye	**Mineko Okamoto**	**Noriko Yanaba**
Asa Ishimaru	**Stanley Okamura**	**Akio Yamamoto**
Satoshi Ishimaru	**Alfred Okubo**	**Yumi Yokoo**
George Izumi	**Tsuyo Okumura**	**Totaro Yoshida**
Kimiko Kashima	**Albert Okuno**	**Reiko Yoshimoto**
Shigeo Kashima	**Kin'ichi Okuno**	

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**

August & September

Monthly

Memorial

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See service on MVBT website

september 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
		7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	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	8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Stanford Dist., PacSky, BSA) 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
2:00 pm JD Taiko	6:30 pm Girl Scouts	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	9:00 am BWA Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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9:45 am Dharma School Welcome Back Lunch 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 10:30 am Dharma School Parents' Meeting 12:00 pm Miroku 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting 12:00 pm YBA General Meeting 2:00 pm JD Taiko	1:00 pm Senior Group 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm VISION Meeting	8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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10:00 am Fall Ohigan Service & Dharma School 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 1:00 pm Ohigan Seminar 2:00 pm JD Taiko	6:30 pm Girl Scouts	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir	8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko		
27	28	29	30			
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Sangha Day Picnic 12:00 pm Taiko - Kids 2:00 pm JD Taiko	7:30 pm RPC Meeting	6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir			

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