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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

September Highlights

- ***9/6 Sunday***
  * *No Services*
- ***9/13 Sun, Online***
  * *Shotsuki Hoyo*
- ***9/14 Mon, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Study Class, Online***
- ***9/20 Sun, Online***
  * *Fall Ohigan*
- ***9/27 Sun, Online***
  * *Sangha Day at Home, Virtual*

2020 OBON at HOME

Obon is more than a summer festival; it's a community endeavor. Each year, MVBT comes together to remember our ancestors, share our culture, meet with friends (both old and new), and pass on our traditions. We build booths, cook food, order prizes, organize volunteer shifts, prepare dressing rooms, arrange entertainment, set up the yagura and lighting, teach and practice odori, and so much more.

By OBON at HOME Co-Chairs

This year, with the effects of COVID-19 on public gatherings, it was clear we needed a new solution. Would we simply cancel Obon? What would a socially distant Obon look like? Could we play Bingo online? What would happen if we canceled the Temple's biggest fundraiser? We needed answers, which meant re-imagining Obon in a way that captured the spirit of the event while keeping our Sangha safe and healthy.

With about a month to prepare, the Sangha came together to plan an event to honor our ancestors and most importantly – involve and engage our community. Over 250 members came together and spent countless hours to create an Obon experience that was purely MVBT style. Our members invited us into their living rooms, back yards, kitchens, and lives.

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Super Senior Highlights

MVBT's Super Seniors are those members who are over the age of 80 and have been the pillars of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Some of our newer Sangha members and Dharma School students may recognize the Super Seniors sitting in the pews during Dharma Service, but not know their names, backgrounds or experiences. These valued members of our Sangha have led interesting lives and greatly contributed to the growth and success of our Temple.

The ECHO will begin highlighting a Super Senior in each Echo issue. If you are a Super Senior or know someone we should highlight, please contact Jean Shimoguchi, email jean.shimoguchi@yahoo.com or call 408-802-8954.

With Gassho,
The Senior Memories Committee

The first **Super Senior** is **Ed Tsumura**. His story is on Page 11 of this issue.

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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						
		6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)		11:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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		6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)	7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Virtual Meeting	11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)	7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service	7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group	6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)		11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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10:00 am Fall Ohigan Virtual Service		6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)		11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)		
27	28	29	30			
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Sangha Day @ Home 10:00 am Virtual Event	7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting	6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)				

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While Sunday Services at the Temple are cancelled, Dharma Messages are available at the Temple website.

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

Current and Past Dharma Messages are available.

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

Religious Planning — September 2020

September 6, 2020, Sunday, No Sunday Services

September 13, 2020, Sunday, August & September Shotsuki Hoyo, Online Service

Ohigan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the fall on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion.

September 14, 2020, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Study Class

Virtual Class

September 20, 2020, Sunday, Fall Ohigan, Online Service

September 27, 2020, Sunday, Sangha Day @ Home, Online

10 am - 1pm: ***Virtual Sangha Day on Zoom.*** Details to be available soon..
Look on Temple website and next Echo

JOIN US

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

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai into the Dana Box
Go to MVBT website & Press the Dona Box

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

DIAL THE DHARMA

Call the toll free number - 800-817-7918 to hear Bishop Harada's message

Push "1" for English and "2" for Japanese

Please share this phone number with friends, family, and those Sangha members who may not use computers or the internet, to be able to listen to a short Dharma message during this time of sheltering at home.

Wishing for a World Without Nuclear Weapons

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

The Year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These bombings killed over 200,000 people with hundreds of thousands more who died of acute radiation syndrome. Although it has been 75 years since that tragedy, even today there are still many individuals who suffer from the radiation aftereffects. It is estimated about half a million people died as a result of the two historic bombings. How dreadful it is.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during 75th anniversary service at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

In looking back on world history and contemplating this significant milestone, humankind has always wished for peace, yet not a day passes without war and conflict somewhere in the world. There are many people who have lost their precious lives, and there are countless people who have lost their parents or children and are aggrieved by war.

We can imagine the heartrending cries of soldiers during wartime, including Buddhists whose religious beliefs are not to kill another being, fighting in the frontlines in the name of one cause or another.

We must constantly remind ourselves that our comfortable lives today are due to the ultimate sacrifice of those who died in past wars, and to those dying today on our behalf. In their memory and with deep feelings of gratitude to them, we should try to realize true world peace.

It is very important to realize what a precious gift it is in this world to share our lives with others.

It is true that most of our current generation does not know the true terror of war and too often takes the gift of life lightly. In commemorating those who have died cruelly in conflicts, we must mark this anniversary with a fresh determination to do our best to reject the awful misery of war.

Fortunately, we were born into this world as human beings. Buddhism teaches us how rare is it to receive life in human form, yet now we have received it. Once we understand this truth clearly, we must try to carry out our lives with gratitude. Accepting the existence of and respecting others, and helping one other is the way we should live our lives. It is very important to realize what a precious gift it is in this world to share our lives with others.

However, as I mentioned, humanity has waged war continuously for as long as there have been people. War is an outgrowth of human greed and fear. The emotions of greed and fear also find justification for war to the exclusion of those on the other side. To make things worse, we now face a growing crisis as the very planet we inhabit is threatened by the nuclear weapons we have created.

Once while reading a book, I was struck by the following words: "If the earth is compared to a living thing, humanity is like a cancer cell." These are shocking words, but in reality, people not only kill others out of self-interest, but also destroy the environment and drive the earth to ruin for the same reason. The moment I first realized this, I was forced to agree that humanity is like a cancer to the earth and all its living things. As a human being, I felt deep shame.

In Buddhism, there is a teaching to repay a debt of gratitude. In the great blessing of nature in this world, our lives depend upon the sacrifice of many others. We must repay this precious favor throughout our lives. I believe the way to best repay these debts of gratitude is to acknowledge others' existence through our respect and support.

All living beings are precious in this world, but only humans have the special ability to be considerate of others. We alone have a wonderful mind capable of empathy to put ourselves in another's shoes. We have beautiful minds that share our sadness, happiness, and joy with one another. Above all, we have precious minds capable of self-reflection.

It is human nature to make the same mistakes over and over. However, we should realize how important it is to accept our faults and be mindful of how we can correct and atone for them. It requires courage and patience. Although one person attempting this alone may seem weak, but coming together as a community and Sangha to support one another helps to make up for our

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individual shortcomings.

As for the abolishment of nuclear weapons to preserve world peace and help maintain the integrity of the earth, we alone have an urgent responsibility to do so for all other creatures.

Even under the label "humanity," we have separate personalities, values and culture, and therefore are individuals who are different from one another. Because of gender, nationality, skin color and abilities, we each are different. However, it is undeniable each life is linked to many other lives and, ultimately, to all other lives. Therefore, we should never forget this truth: "The way we destroy others is the same way we destroy ourselves. The way we allow others to live is exactly the same way we ourselves live."

Lanterns on Motoyasu River beside Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima to mark anniversary

Buddhism is a teaching of wisdom that shows we should try to respect and understand one another so that we realize that a life where all people living harmoniously in the world is truly possible.

The phrase, "There is no need to use soldiers and weapons," appears in the Larger Sutra, the most important scripture in Jodo Shinshu. In other words, Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us that if the Buddha Dharma spreads correctly throughout the world, there is no need to wage war against others because people who have the mindset of consideration for others are able live in peace and tranquility.

In conclusion, while appreciating deeply Shinran's sincere wish, "***May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world, and may the Buddha's teaching spread!"*** I would like to express my deep gratitude for those who strive for the destruction of nuclear weapons and the realization of world peace. At the same time, I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the victims of the atomic bomb and to all who have died in the world's many conflicts.

In Gassho,

MVBT VISION COMMITTEE

FINAL VISION WORKSHOP HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

Thank you to everyone who attended our VISION workshop on Saturday, August 8, as well as those who participated in our initial May workshops.

Everyone had creative ideas as to how we can engage and make MVBT a welcoming and inclusive place for all interested in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Some great ideas from these workshops include:

- Diversity sensitivity training,
- Mentor or buddy system for new members,
- Developing other special interest groups or activities,
- Providing a support system for members,
- A senior day care center,
- A Buddhist pre-school,
- An outdoor amphitheater,
- Indoor practice and performing spaces,
- Indoor recording studios,
- And MORE!

We will be looking at all of these ideas, and moving forward with the 'low hanging fruit' to help keep our Sangha alive and thriving. More information will be provided as these ideas are developed.

NEXT STEP for VISION

While we review the ideas that we can more easily implement, we are also going to engage affiliate organizations, committees, groups, special activity chairs, and all ongoing committees and groups in the Temple to ask for feedback on what types of facilities could enhance that group's activities. This process will continue for a few months, so you will see questions and VISION Committee members reach out to encourage you to think about what types of facility changes your group would like to be considered.

We deeply appreciate the Sangha's continued involvement to shape MVBT's future.

Submitted with Gratitude,
Julie Satake Ryu &
Debbie Sato

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二〇年九月法話

ー核なき世界を願うー

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

今年で広島と長崎に原子爆弾を投下されてから七十五年目を迎えました。この原爆投下によって、二〇万人以上の方が犠牲になり、更に数多くの方々が被爆され原爆症に苦しめられました。七十五年経った今でも後遺症を患っておられる方がおられ、原爆による死者数は約五〇万人を超えると言われています。何とも恐ろしい限りです。

この大切な節目の日を迎えるに当たり、今一度、私達人類の歴史を振り返ってみますと、平和を願う一方で、世界では争いの絶える日は一日としてありませんでした。これまでの戦争で、幾千万の人々が尊いいのちを失い、親を亡くし、子を奪われ、気も狂わんばかりの悲嘆にくれた人は枚挙にいとまがありません。また、仏教徒に限らず、「殺すなかれ」という教えに背いて、聖戦の名の下に、武器を取って戦地に赴かなければならなかった方々の心の苦しみには想像を絶するものがあります。

今日の私達の快適な暮らしは、先の大戦で亡くなった多くの方々のいのちの犠牲の上にもたらされているということを今一度思い起して、感謝の気持ちと共に真の平和の実現に努めていかなければなりません。

今、世界の多くは、戦争の恐ろしさを知らない世代が多数を占め、いのちを軽視する問題も増えています。七十五年目を迎えた今こそ、戦争で無残にも尊いのちを絶たれた方々の為にも、残された私達が力の限り戦争の悲惨さとその罪の深さを訴えていくことが必要です。

幸いに私達は、この世に人として生まれてくることは大変稀なことであると説いています。この真実に気付くとき、私達はこのいのちを全うして生きなければなりません。互いの存在を認め合い、敬い合い、支え合っていくことこそが人としての真の生き方なのです。この世で互いの人生を分かち合っていく尊さに気付くことが何よりも大切なのです。

しかし、先ほど述べましたように、人類は長年に渡り戦争の歴史を繰り返してきました。戦争の原因は、人間のさまざまな欲望や恐怖心から生まれてきます。人類は互いに自己を正当化し、他を排除し、挙句にいのちを奪う戦争を続けてきました。そして、今まさに、人類が作り出した核兵器によって、この母なる地球をも破滅の危機に追いやろうとしています。

数年前、私はある本を読んでいて次の言葉に出会い、思わず粛然と襟を正したことでした。それは、「地球を一つの生き物に例えると、人間は地球にとって癌細胞である」という言葉です。大変厳しい言葉であると思いますが、事実、人は私利私欲の為に他のいのちを奪うだけでなく、環境を破壊し、地球そのものを破滅に追いやろうとしています。地球にとって、また全ての生物にとって、私達人類が癌細胞であるということの事実に、思わず頷かざるをえないと同時に、人としての恥ずかしい思いが込み上げてまいりました。

仏教には恩に報いるという教えがあります。大自然の恵みの中で、多くのいのちの犠牲の上に私達のいのちは成り立っています。この尊いご恩に私達人類は人生をかけて報いなければなりません。恩に報いる生き方とは、互いの存在を認め合い、敬い合い、支え合って生きることではないでしょうか。

人には他の動物にはない優しさや相手を労わる特別な心があります。相手の立場に立って考えることができる素晴らしい力があります。また、共に悲しみ、共に泣き、共に喜び、共に笑うことのできる美しい心を持っています。そして何よりも人間は、反省するという尊い心を持っています。

私達人類は遠い過去から様々な過ちを繰り返してきました。しかし、その犯した過ちをどう受け止め、どう修正し、どう償っていくかがとても大切なことなのです。それには大変な勇気と根気が必要になってきます。人間一人ひとりの力は大変弱いものですが、その弱さを支え合い、補い、助け合って生きることが本当の人間の素晴らしさだと私は信じています。

核兵器を廃絶して、世界の平和を確立し、地球環境を整えていくことは、正に私達人類の全ての生物に対する緊急の責務であると思います。

人類と一口に言っても、性別、性格、国籍、文化、能力、価値観、肌の色等、全てが異なります。しかし、私達の「いのち」は、多くのいのちとの繋がりをもって生かされているのです。ですから、他を滅ぼす道は己を滅ぼす道であって、他を生かす道こそが己の生かされる道である事を決して忘れてはなりません。仏教は、私達に他を敬い、互いの存在を理解するよう努めることで、全ての者と共存する尊い世界があるということを気付かせて下さる智慧の教えです。

仏説無量寿経に「兵戈無用」ー武力も武器も用いる必要がないーという言葉があります。つまり、釈尊は、仏法が正しく広まれば、人々は思いやりの心を大切にし、平穏な暮らしをすることができるので、武器をとって争うことはなくなると教えて下さっています。

最後に、「世の中安穏なれ・仏法ひろまれ」という親鸞聖人の切なる願いを今一度深く味わいながら、核兵器廃絶と世界平和の実現に向けて、長年ご尽力下さっている全ての方々に心より感謝を申し上げ、原爆犠牲者並びに、先の大戦で亡くなられた全ての犠牲者に哀悼の誠を奉げます。

2020 OBON at HOME (cont'd)

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They shared MVBT Cookbook recipes, yukata tips and tricks, Obon memories, and family stories. Temple members recorded reflections, produced videos, served as tech support, shared Facebook posts, created logos and art, and authored a coloring book. In true community spirit, other Sangha members wore masks, drove safely, and arrived on time to pick up OBON in a BOX or Bingo and Pull-Tab prizes. Others took care of themselves and the community by staying safely at home and participating in the live broadcast. In a time where all of us are feeling so separate, these members' efforts brought joy and a sense of togetherness to our Sangha Community as a whole. Despite being apart, we were able to dance together, play together, eat together, celebrate milestones, learn new things, watch musical performances, and pass on important traditions.

In addition to re-creating the cultural and community aspects of Obon, we also had to re-imagine our donation structure. Led by our desire to honor our beloved ancestors, we developed the idea of 'digital dedication lanterns'. These lanterns were offered in a variety of designs depending on the sponsorship level of the donor. This truly struck a chord within our Sangha and in our community and we ultimately received sponsorship for over 530 lanterns to honor our loved ones, which will remain on our website until next year's Obon. This lantern concept inspired several other temples to adopt this idea and design their own lanterns in the spirit of Obon.

As we approach the upcoming year of Temple activities, inspired by the resilience of our Sangha, we are opening our minds to new ways of gathering for services, Dharma school classes, meetings, events, and fundraisers. How can we redesign our activities to continue dancing, playing, eating, and celebrating together? How can we stay connected as we shelter apart?

We are both proud and humbled by the outpouring of support from within our community to embrace this entirely new concept, while honoring our Obon traditions. The positive energy of everyone involved in OBON at HOME was a huge inspiration. We at MVBT are deeply grateful to our ancestors and founders to set the stage for a strong and lasting community. The energy and effort required to create OBON at HOME proves that our Sangha is interconnected, energetic, talented, resilient, and ready for any future challenges.

Gratefully submitted by;
The MVBT OBON at HOME Co-Chairs / First Team

Elise Fujimoto, Brent Izutsu, Sterling Makishima, Donna Okubo, Julie Satake Ryu, Linda Uyechi & Susan Yuen

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Thank You, Marilyn Ozawa — Sanjo Kanyoshi

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to congratulate and thank Marilyn Ozawa, also known professionally as Sanjo Kanyoshi, for her 50 dedicated years of leading us in Odori Dancing at the Obon Festival & Bazaar. In 2020, her children from across the country were planning to come and celebrate and dance to commemorate this milestone. Well, we know that the coronavirus got a bit in the way of that celebration. Nonetheless, the MVBT OBON-at-HOME First Team honored Marilyn with a surprise and special video that included sentiments from her family and Yagura friends. A short version of this was shown during the Broadcast and a longer version has been created to give to Marilyn and her family to let her know how much we deeply appreciate her dedication to leading us with her bubbling personality and encouraging smile.

Thank you Sanjo Kanyoshi! Let's keep Dancing!

Submitted by Julie Satake Ryu on behalf of the OBON at HOME First Team

Thank You to the 2020 OBON at HOME Committee

The Board of Directors of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and the Sangha thanks the OBON at HOME Committee for conceptualizing, coordinating and conducting a simply awesome OBON at HOME event. ***Arigato Gozaimasu!*** The event created an Obon Festival and Bazaar experience that was enjoyed by all.

Also, a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped the committee before, during and after the OBON at HOME weekend.

The Sangha enjoyed every aspect of the OBON at HOME. The two-day event will forever be remembered by the MVBT Sangha, our friends in the Bay Area and our friends who saw the event from different parts of the globe.

In Gassho,

MVBT Board of Directors & MVBT Sangha

JOIN US

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

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MVBT Membership Update

The Temple welcomes the following new members:

Zone 3:	**Noreen Ikeuye** **Gregg and Julie Uyekubo**
Zone 4:	**Elise Fujimoto**
Zone 5:	**Shirlee and Tom Cunningham** **Jaimie Holzknecht**
Zone 7:	**Denise Ohara**
Zone 9:	**Hiroshi and Marla Yonamine**
Zone 10:	**Susan Ikebe** **Courtney Makishima** **Alex Muselman** **Daniel Ryu**
Zone 12:	**Marilyn Armistead**

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee

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Super Senior Ed Tsumura

Long-Serving, Active MVBT member; former Dharma School teacher; and current O-asaji member

*As a member of the Temple's O-asaji group, **Ed Tsumura** often provides clarification about Japanese phrases or pronunciations. Professionally, Ed Tsumura was an engineer during the early start of Silicon Valley, contributing to developments of semiconductor chips. His background and skill with Japanese also provided a path toward a second career as a technical translator. In July, Ed graciously agreed to be interviewed by the Senior Outreach Group's senior memories project.*

My father was a Shin Buddhist priest. He decided to come to America as a Nishi Hongwanji-sponsored, overseas propagation minister and brought the whole family in 1925. (Note that the U.S. Immigration Act restricting immigration from Japan had been enacted in 1924). His first assignment was with White River Church in the state of Washington. After that, he was assigned to Hanford Buddhist Church in Central California, where I was born in November 1929.

World War II started in Europe in 1939 and the tension was escalating between the U.S. and Japan, too. My dad wanted to unite his family in Japan (I had one older sister and one older brother, both born in Japan and in Japan at the time. After the war, my brother came to the U.S. as a BCA minister) and he decided to take the next-to-the-last boat back to Japan in late July 1941. So, I was in Yokohama in August 1941. Taxi cabs and buses were running on steamed wood chips because of the U.S. oil embargo. Nevertheless, my sister and brother came to greet us and we all travelled by train to Nikko for sightseeing before going back to Osaka-Wakayama region.

At school in Japan, they knew I was American born and I had no problem maintaining top grades in all of my English classes. In the fall of 1944, I was 15 years old and, as a 9th grader, ordered to work at a local shipyard as part of national mobilization effort by the wartime government of Japan. One day, during a break period, I came across a small detail of American POWs. Since I was wearing blue jean pants, one recognized right away that I was American-raised and introduced me to a fellow POW from Sacramento. He would pose questions like, "What do you think about this war? Where do you think it is going?" Obviously, Japan was losing rapidly by that time, so all I could do was to nod in agreement with his implied answer.

Any Nisei around my age and above who went to Japan right before the war started, probably shared similar experiences. So, in a nutshell, my self-identity is not as a "Kibei." There are all varieties of Nisei who were sent to Japan before the war to be raised and educated, but the length of such period varied depending on individual circumstances, so one shouldn't generalize.

1969 7th & 8th Grade Sunday School Class
Ed Tsumura (front row left)
Yas Shimoguchi (fron row right)

Post War Return to US

Since I had no immediate relatives residing in the U.S., I had to wait until some of my parents' close friends got settled down after returning from the Internment Camps. In those days right after the war, the yen could not be converted to the dollar. Luckily, the Nakatani family (Henry) agreed to sponsor me and sent me the money for boat fare, passport fee and a small amount of spending money for personal uses. Thus, I was able to board an ocean liner, the President Wilson, and arrived at San Francisco in early April 1950.

I soon found a job at a Nikkei nursery (R. S. Yamane) in East Palo Alto growing chrysanthemums. After 4 months of work, I earned enough to repay the money I owed for the boat fare, etc. and went to San Jose to enter San Jose High School as a senior. Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Grace Akahoshi (Reiko Iwanaga and Rev. Ken Akahoshi's parents) were my guardians. San Jose Betsuin Church's resident minister, Rev. Aso, found me a part-time job teaching in the church-affiliated, Japanese language school and a private room in the church-run hostel.

After Graduation from UC Berkeley

I attended and graduated from UC Berkeley using the GI Bill benefit that was granted to those who served during the Korean War. Afterwards, I moved to Southern California for an engineering job.

While there, a couple of BCA ministers introduced me to a Sansei girl, Seiko Kawahara, living in Petaluma. After several months of a long-distance courtship, I proposed to her at the

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Building MVBT: A Historical Look Back

This is the fifth of many look backs into the artifacts of your Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Face of the Buddha in the Circle

Donated by: Dr. George and Fumi Nakano

Donated in: May 2005

In Thanks for: The Successful Open-Heart Surgery for George Nakano

Created by: Deborah Bridges and her son, Casey, of Studio Bridges

Steve Nakano, George's son, said: My dad was an astro-physicist who studied the stars while he worked for Lockheed Missiles and Space. He was also a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist and he told his friends and family that Buddhism will not conflict with science. *"Karmic cause and effect are the basis of Buddhist cosmology as it is with science."*

Super Senior Ed Tsumura (cont'd)

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Lawrence Welk Ballroom on the Santa Monica Pier. We were married at the Enmanji Temple in Sebastopol. Seiko was a very fine person, but she had some health issues and passed away rather young in 2001. **Gassho**.

Individuals Who Have Influenced Me

I'd put senior Rev. Sensho Sasaki and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki first. I had known them from the pre-war days in Walnut Grove when they were serving at Sacramento Buddhist Church. Next to them, I would name Kei Hayame. He was the Zone Chairperson at the time I joined the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and having served as Sunday School Superintendent not long ago, he asked me to join the Sunday School teaching staff, which I agreed to do. After a while, Yas Shimoguchi (Jean Shimoguchi's father) and I joined together to "team teach" the 7th and 8th Grade class. Later, Rich Endo and Richard Fujikawa came aboard.

I have a deep respect for older Nisei members of our Temple. Without the collective sustained efforts by them, we wouldn't have a magnificent Temple complex and the vibrant Sangha organizations we have now. MVBT has been blessed with leadership caliber members, too many to list here. Perhaps, Hiroji Kariya would be one of the most prominent ones that are still alive and well. I also admire the leadership quality and skills that the current generation of Temple Board of Directors exhibit.

O-asaji Group in October 2019
Ed Tsumura (back row , 2nd from right)

BWA Activities

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to the families of Edna Ozawa and Fumi Satake, who both passed away on August 6, 2020. Edna and Fumi were both longtime members of the BWA, and both will be missed.

OBON at HOME

I hope that those of you who were able to watch/participate in the "OBON at HOME" enjoyed it. The Sangha members who worked on the program did a superb job.

DEALING WITH COVID-19

The BWA ladies are doing well with the COVID-19 situation, staying at home and being safe. We keep in touch with each other by phone and email.

Our Temple will be closed for some time, because of the COVID -19 crisis. I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Buddhist Women's Association

MVBT YBA NEWS

YBA SPAM MUSUBI VIDEO FOR OBON AT HOME

Thank you to all of our YBA members who took part in our Obon Spam Musubi video this year!

BEST WISHES TO OUR YBA CABINET 2020-2021

Please join me in congratulating and supporting our new YBA President, Megan Nakagawa, and her 2020-2021 cabinet. I wish Megan and her cabinet the very best during their upcoming term as leaders of our youth group.

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

Since this will be my last Echo article as YBA President, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the YBA Advisors, Temple Board, and our Temple members for their continued support and guidance!

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
2019-2020 YBA President

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

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

Edna Yoshiko Ozawa Aug 18, 1926 – Aug 6, 2020

Fumie Keikoan Satake Sept 16, 1923 – Aug 6, 2020

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

Namo Amida Butsu

SAVE THE DATE

Zoom Sangha Day @ Home
Sunday, September 27
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Supported by: ABA, BWA, YABA, YBA, Miroku, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Fuji Club
Event Lead: Donna Okubo

As part of the series of re-imagined Temple events, this year, we will be hosting a "Zoom Sangha Day @ Home" (aka Sangha Day Picnic). Due to the Santa Clara County COVID-19 restrictions, the MVBT Safety Committee has recommended for everyone's safety that we do not distribute any picnic food. So, since we can't provide a picnic lunch, we will have a GRAND prize and a few extra NEW prizes for BINGO!

We will begin with the Sunday morning Service followed by:

- Fun games and activity breakout rooms for the kids and adults,
- Updates by the VISION and Facility Planning Committees,
- And BINGO!

Stay tuned for more details about these activities as we work with all the affiliate Temple organizations.

So save that date for great fellowship and fun.

In Gassho,
Donna, Sandy & Yuki
Zone 13

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Kangi-e Obon, Fall Ohigan,
Bishops' & ABA Memorial Service, Eitaikyo

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Miroku

MIROKU

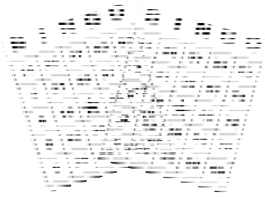
middle school group

September is here and that means Miroku will resume monthly meetings soon! However, due to the COVID-19 situation, meeting at the Temple like we normally would will not be possible. Please keep an eye out for meeting times and instructions coming soon.

Miroku Advisors are currently in discussions with the "Sangha Day at Home" Committee to help with Bingo on Sunday, September 27. More details to follow.

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors

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



Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FDSTL Remote Teaching Workshops

On July 25, **Reiko Tsuchida**, **Toshiko Uyehara**, **Sharon Tsukahara**, and **Carol Harbin** attended a Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League (FDSTL) workshop on remote teaching. Debby Inenaga and Brent Izutsu were facilitators and presenters.

A second workshop focusing on educational technology tools including Zoom, Kahoot!, and Poll Everywhere was held on Saturday, August 15.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OBON at HOME

Thank you to the Dharma School teachers and families who shared their pictures and videos, volunteered to help with OBON-IN-A-BOX packing and pickup, participated in Bingo, and watched our OBON at HOME broadcast. Everyone coming together helped to make the event a success in strengthening our community and keeping us connected even while we are all staying at home.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

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2. Press the Amazon logo
3. Find your item and place it into the cart. Checkout

Questions? Please contact **Steve Tsuchida**

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. BOTH the CDC and WHO RECOMMEND face masks be worn during this pandemic. These are designed to cover the mouth and nose. They are to be used in addition to social distancing and hand-washing, which has been shown to slow the spread of the coronavirus according to the CDC. Anyone in the Temple may order face masks. 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
Donna Takasuka

https://tinyurl.com/mvbtmasks

We are usually able to send out masks within two weeks of ordering. We appreciate your patience. If you have particular sizing (ex: large, male, female, young adult or children, etc) or preference for elastic or tieback style, please indicate this in the notes portion of the online order or the request form. We will try to fill the order as best as we can. If you have already ordered and would like another set of masks, please send in your order!

The MVBT Sewing Group meets approximately once a month to discuss how we can improve on our mask designs and also provide this valuable service to our Sangha. Currently, we are improving our adjustable ear loops with a bead/elastic or bead/t-shirt material.

Call **Julie Satake Ryu** at (650)787-9133 or email julie@satakenursery.com for any questions. If you or someone you know has sewing skills and would like to join our MVBT Sewing group OR you have non-woven interfacing or a supply of 1/8 inch or ¼ 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 .

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

AMBASSADORS

Before taking off for college, our Ambassadors who recently graduated, held a "virtual activity and dinner" via Zoom. They discussed their final service projects and how to give service to others by using the skills learned from earning the College Knowledge Badge. They used their fundraising proceeds from the past year to hold a "First Day of College Fashion Show."

Ambassadors at Virtual Activity & Dinner

BCA OBON PATCH PROGRAM

Scouts at all of our levels participated in this program where they learned more about the meaning of "Obon." They also learned the dances and the equipment used, and participated in one or more Temple Obon Festivals.

BCA Obon Patch Activity

ABA News

ABA members continue to Shelter-in-Place during these challenging times. We hold monthly Zoom meetings and enjoy the camaraderie after the meeting as we share our stories about life in quarantine.

We want to thank and congratulate the OBON at HOME Committee for hosting an exciting and entertaining event under unprecedented conditions. Great job!! Special thanks to ABA member **Sterling Makishima** for his participation and guidance on the OBON at HOME Committee.

We hope that the Sangha remains healthy and safe.

With Kindness and Gratitude
Beyond Words,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

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 Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

We are sorry that we have nothing to report new for the Senior Activities and Craft Program.

The Temple has not informed us when they will re-open our Thursday session.

Most important concern is to keep you all safe and well. Please everyone, take care and stay well. You are all truly missed and am hopeful to see you all very soon.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Upcoming Events

October 11, Sunday
Bishops' & ABA Memorial Services

November 15, Sunday
Eitaikyo & Keiro Kai Luncheon

December 6, Sunday
Bodhi Day

December 31, Thursday
Joya-e Year End Service

January 1, Friday
Shusho-e New Years Day Service

150 Club News

Our August winner is **Bryan Matsumoto**.

Congratulations to Bryan.

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
SEPT	No Toban	N / A	N / A
OCT	No Toban	Sept 11 (Fri)	Sept 21 (Mon)
NOV	No Toban	Oct 16 (Fri)	Oct 26 (Mon)

Please note the article deadline and printing dates. The printing date has been adjusted to accommodate the shelter-in-place requirements. This will provide time to layout, proof and finalize the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.*
Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

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**
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Minoru Hiroshige	**John Nagatoishi**	**Sam Sugimoto**
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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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service	7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group	6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)		11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)	7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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10:00 am Bishops' & MVBT Virtual Memorial Service 12:00 pm ABA Memorial Guest Speaker		6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)	7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Virtual Meeting	11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Nembutsu Family Conference		6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)		11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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10:00 am Sunday Virtual Service	7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting	6:30 pm Adult Taiko (Virtual) 7:30 pm Ukelele Club (Virtual)		11:00 am Senior Taiko (Virtual) 6:30 pm Taiko Talks (Virtual)		

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