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New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani

New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live, and lives are being lost every day.

By Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani

Last September, I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts that include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district have their own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their

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January Highlights

- ***1/1/20 Wed, 10:00 am***
  Shusho-E Service -
  New Year's Day Service
- ***1/5 Sun, 10:00 am***
  * *Shotsuki Hoyo*
  * *11:00 am - Japanese Language Service*
- ***1/12 Sun, 10:00 am***
  * *Hoonko*
  * ***Guest Speaker:*** ***Rev. Ken Fujimoto***
- ***1/19 Sun, 10:00 am***
  * *BWA Memorial Service*
  * ***Guest Speaker:*** ***Rev. Don Castro***
- ***1/26 Sun, 10:00 am***
  * *Regular Sunday Service*
  * *Cabinet Installations for Temple, BWA & ABA*
- ***1/26 Sun, 11:00 am***
  * *MVBT General Meeting*

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Living In the Spirit of Harmony

Happy New Year!

Thank you very much for all that you have done for me and my family last year. My wife and I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all the Sangha members for your ongoing thoughtfulness. We will gratefully avail ourselves to your warm friendship again in the coming year.

At the end of last year, the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony took place in front of the Mountain View City Hall. The chorus group that my daughter belongs to at her middle school was invited to this ceremony and performed beautiful holidays songs there. My daughter entered middle school last year and has spent her fruitful life meeting challenging the new circumstances every day. She especially enjoys the chorus class. Although she had never participated in a chorus before, she was very impressed with the harmonious beauty that she and her classmates create while bringing their hearts together. Since then, she has strived to practice singing every day. It is heartwarming when I hear her singing in the shower, and at the same time, I am deeply moved by her musical growth.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Her choral group has already

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Shusho-e Service	**2** 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Stanford Dist., PacSky, BSA) 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**3**	**4**
5 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	**6** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	**7** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**8** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts - Junior Leaders/Parents' Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Mtg. 7:30 pm MVBT Choir 7:30 pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	**9** 8:00 am Senior Activities and Crafts 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm MVBT Adult Basketball 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**10** 7:30 pm ABA Meeting	**11** 9:00 am BWA Meeting
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Religious Planning — January 2020

December 31, 2020, Tuesday, 7:00 pm — Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service

Joya-E Service: Express our gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year
After the Service: Toshikoshi-soba served by Rev. & Mika Mukojima after service in YBA Hall

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January 1, 2020, Wednesday, 10:00 am — Shusho-e / New Year's Day Service

Shusho-E Service: Renew our resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

January 5, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Shotsuki Hoyo

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

January 6, 2020, Monday, No Discussion Group

January 12, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Hoonko Service / Shinran's Memorial Service

Hoonko: Means a gathering to repay the debt of gratitude. This service is in memory of our founder Shinran Shonin.
Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ken Fujimoto**, recently retired BCA minister, formerly of San Jose Betsuin

January 19, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — BWA Memorial Service

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Emeritus Don Castro,** retired BCA minster, formerly of Seattle Betsuin

January 19, 2020, Sunday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm — Seminar with Rev. Castro (TBD)

Please check MVBT website just prior to Januaary 19, 2020. MVBT apologizes for the uncertainly.

January 26, 2020, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service with Temple Installations

Installation of Temple, BWA & ABA Cabinets

January 26, 2020, Sunday, 11:00 am — MVBT General Meeting in Gejin

Everyone invited.

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

MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 26, 2020 @ 11:00 am

In the Hondo immediately following the Service

Lunch provided for everyone after the meeting

New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani (cont'd)

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descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminatively embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.

January 1, 2020
OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も日本をはじめ世界各地で多くの自然災害が起こりました。災害によってお亡くなりになられた方に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された方に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、これら以外にも紛争やテロ・飢餓などによって、日々多くの方が犠牲となり、困難な生活を送っておられることも忘れてはいけません。

さて、昨年9月に、門主として初めて北米開教区を訪問させていただきましたが、これによって、カナダ・ハワイ・南米・北米の全開教区を門主としてお参りさせていただいたことになります。各開教区、また各お寺によって、その歴史や現在の状況は異なりますが、多くのお寺が日本から移住された日本人の方とその子孫によって建立され、護持されてきました。第二次世界大戦をはじめとする様々な困難な状況にあっても、み教えを依りどころとして、お寺を大切に護ってこられた先人の方々に思いを致すとき、今日の私たちにまで浄土真宗のみ教えが受け継がれてきたことの尊く、また不思議なご縁をとても有り難く思います。

一方で日本人の方が最初に海外へ移住されてから相当の年数がたち、日系人の方々の生活も大きく変化し、また、時代状況も大きく変わりました。そのような中で、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えは、日本人や日系人だけではなく、世界中の多くの方に伝わり、各開教区においても、様々な方がお寺へ来られるようになってきました。それは、浄土真宗のみ教えが、時代や場所を越えた普遍的な教えであるからです。すなわち、様々な悩みや苦しみを抱えるすべての人々を包み込み、摂め取ってくださる阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが普遍的であるということです。

本年も自分のこととしてみ教えを聞くとともに、多くの方にみ教えが伝わるよう努めて参りましょう。

2020 年 1 月1 日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主　大谷光淳

Living In the Spirit of Harmony (cont'd)

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given three concerts and, whenever I enjoy their beautiful harmony, I cannot help but think that the ray of light illumines the chaos of the world today.

As we are all aware, there were far too many tragedies experienced throughout the world last year: the mass shooting at the mosque in New Zealand; the series of bombs that ripped through the churches and hotels in Sri Lanka, and so on. In the past years, these kinds of tragedy have happened repeatedly and so many people all over the world mourn this sad reality. All of these acts were committed by racists and terrorists who expressed their intolerance of certain racial groups, immigrants and religious beliefs. Whatever the reasons, this type of willful killing of innocent people cannot be justified, glorified nor forgiven.

Whenever such a sad tragedy occurs, it makes me worry about the direction which the world is moving in today. We are living in a time full of anxiety and despair that seems impossibly far from the world of peace and tranquility we all long for. As you are aware, these terrible actions are the result of a self-centered way of thinking. The self-centered mind will not even acknowledge another's objections nor even accept another's existence. Such an ugly mind focuses solely on its own wants and needs, but completely ignores the happiness of others.

But we must remember that there is such a great mix of people living together on this planet. Of course, we have many differences among us, including our skin color, language, race, culture, religious beliefs, and so on. Each one of us is different because of our own identity and uniqueness. However, there is a famous saying of Sakyamuni Buddha: ***In the Heavens above and on the Earth below, I alone am the World-Honored One.*** By this, he means that each one of us is an invaluable human being, uniquely existing in this world. There is no other in this world who can substitute for any one of us. With these words, Buddha defines our life values clearly.

There is also an expression in the Amida Sutra, which goes, *"Blue flower shines blue, yellow flower shines yellow, red flower shines red, white flower shines white."* This phrase teaches us that each blue, yellow, red and white flower is very beautiful, just as it is. All of life is precious and every person in the world, irrespective of age, gender, nationality, or handicap, is shining brightly as can be. You cannot give out "my light," nor can I give out "your light." Each one of us has an irreplaceable, precious life. That is why Buddhism always teaches us how important it is to stand together while respecting one another and accepting each other's existence. Buddha sincerely wants us to be generous in our thoughts, words and deeds to those of any race or religion or color.

Sakyamuni Buddha said,

"In the Heavens above and on the Earth below, I alone am the World-Honored One."

By this, he means that each one of us is an invaluable human being, uniquely existing in this world.

For me, this teaching has something in common with a choir. Fortunately, our Temple also has a choir that expresses its beautiful singing voice at our major services. Each time I enjoy my daughter's choir, and whenever I hear our Temple Choir, I am reminded of the significance of the harmonious spirit.

A chorus consists of four vocal types—soprano, alto, tenor and bass—and the blend of these distinct voices is beautiful. But, if each of these voices only cares about or asserts its own part, the choir cannot be realized at all. It is only by harmonizing these distinct voices that the choir can create the beautiful and unique sounds that can deeply move people. Even if each part is beautiful, if sung without regard to the other parts, a resounding, harmonious sound will not be the result. Rather, it will be a dissonant.

If we ignore another's personality or sense of value, and deny their different part from us, we are creating a terrible world where only our existence is justified and all others are expendable. Such a way of thinking can only lead to discrimination and war fueled by hatred.

That's why such a beautiful and moving choir is the perfect example to teach us how important it is to live in harmony with others. By enjoying their beautiful voices in harmony, we will fully realize that we should think of others around us so that we can create a peaceful world with acceptance, respect and trust. We should learn to assure that each of our precious and unique lives can shine brilliantly only by making beautiful harmony.

Imagine if all of humanity were to treat others with respect and loving kindness as singers do when they come together in a choir, blending their voices in harmony. Living in such a way is the only path to create a world of peace and tranquility. A spirit of harmony is the way of true awakening that leads us to such an ultimate spiritually rich world.

Although we hailed in the New Year, it is really sad that, at this moment somewhere in the world, there is conflict. Please remember that a choir is a wonderful example of how people can join together to create something beautiful by working together with acceptance, respect and trust. Let each of us make 2020 a precious and peaceful year by living together brilliantly in the spirit of harmony.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二〇年一月法話

―ハーモニーを奏でよう―

駐在開教使　向嶋裕史

昨年末、マウンテンビュー市役所前でクリスマスツリーの点灯式が行われました。その式典に私の娘が所属している中学校のコーラス隊が招待され、素敵な歌声を披露しました。娘は昨年、中学校に入学し、新しい環境の中で日々充実した生活を送っているのですが、その中でも、コーラスの授業をいつも楽しみにしています。娘はこれまでコーラス経験は一度もなかったのですが、仲間と心を一つにしてハーモニーを奏でる美しさに目覚めて、中学校に入って以降毎日練習に励んでいます。時折、風呂場から娘の歌声が聞こえてくると微笑ましく感じると同時に、娘の成長に感慨深いものを覚えています。

娘のコーラス隊は、すでに二度もコンサートを開催しているのですが、その美しいハーモニーを聞く度に、この混沌とした世の中に一筋の光を照らしてくれているように思えてなりません。

皆さんご存知のように、昨年はニュージーランドのモスクで起きた銃撃事件、スリランカのキリスト教会やホテルで起きた爆発事件など、数多くの無差別テロが世界中で起こりました。ここ数年、このような惨劇が繰り返され、その度に、多くの人々が悲しみの坩堝に放り込まれています。そして、これらの多くが、特定の移民や宗教に対して増悪を募らせた差別主義者やテロリストによって引き起こされているようですが、たとえどのような理由があろうとも、このような行いは決して許されるものではなく、看過できるものではありません。

悲しい事件が起きる度に、私達の人間世界はいったいどこに向かって進んでいこうとしているのか不安が増す一方です。今、私達が生きている世界は、平和で安穏な世界からは遠くかけ離れた不安と絶望に満ちた世界ではないでしょうか。残念ながら、これらの惨劇は全て人間の自己中心的な考え方から生まれています。利己的な心は相手の異議を否定するだけではなく、相手の存在を認めようとさえしません。その心は、自分の利益や欲求だけにしか焦点を当てず、他人の幸せなどといったものは完全に無視し、背を向けています。

しかし、この地球上にはさまざまな人間が一緒に暮らしていることを忘れてはなりません。私達は、肌の色をはじめ、言語、民族、文化、宗教などといった数多くの違いをもって共に生きています。私達は各々異なりますが、お釈迦さまは「天上天下唯我独尊」というお言葉で、「この世では私達一人ひとりが尊い存在であり、自分自身に代わる者はいない」と、私達一人ひとりの存在価値を明白にお示し下さっています。また阿弥陀経の中に、「青色青光・黄色黄光・赤色赤光・白色白光」とあるように、青い花は青いままで、黄色い花は黄色いままで、それぞれ一つ一つが、それぞれのままで美しいとも教えて下さっています。老若男女・人種・民族・障害の有無、いかなる者であっても全てのいのちはそのままに光り輝いているからこそ尊いのだということなのです。だからこそ、互いの存在を理解し合い、敬いの心を持って共に支え合っていくことが何よりも大切なのだということを仏教では教えています。

そして、その教えこそがコーラスに通ずるものがあるのです。当仏教会では聖歌隊が大法要で美しい歌声を披露するのですが、娘のコーラス同様、そのハーモニーを聞かせていただく度に、和の心の重要性を思い起こさせてくれます。

コーラスは、ソプラノ、アルト、テノール、バスの四つのパートで構成されており、これらの声が調和するとても美しい歌声となって響きます。しかし、各パートが自分の声だけを主張してしまっては、コーラスは決して成立することはありません。各パートが他のパートと調和することによってはじめて人々の心を動かす美しい歌声が編みだされるのです。たとえ各パートがどれほど優れていても、他のパートを無視して歌うようなことがあれば、調和のとれた美しい歌声を聞くことはできません。むしろ、耳障りなコーラスになってしまいます。

もし、私達が相手の個性や価値観を無視し、自分と異なる部分を否定するようなことがあれば、それは自己の存在だけを正当化し、他の価値観やいのちを排除するというおぞましい世界をつくることになってしまいます。そして、そのような思考形態が、増悪に満ちた差別や紛争へとつながっていくのです。

だからこそ、美しく感動的なコーラスは、私達が心豊かな社会生活を築いていくうえでの完璧な手本となりえます。美しいハーモニーの歌声を聞くことによって、平和な世界を築くためには、互いを受け入れ合う心、敬い合う心、そして信頼し合える心を持つことがどれほど大切なことであるかということを教え、学ばせてくれます。私達一人ひとりの尊いのちは、美しいハーモニーを奏でることによってのみ輝かせることができるということを決して忘れてはなりません。

コーラスの歌い手一人ひとりがハーモニーによって周りの声を輝かせるように、私達人間一人ひとりが敬いの心と慈しみの心で周りのいのちを輝かせている姿を想像してみて下さい。この生き方こそが、平和で安穏な世界を築くことのできる唯一の道であり、ハーモニーの心はその究極の世界へと導いてくれる目覚めの道なのです。

新年を迎えても今なお、世界のどこかで争いが続いていることに深い悲しみを拭え切れませんが、世の人々がハーモニーの心を胸に刻んで、互いのいのちを輝かせ合える尊い一年にしていただきたいと心から切に願わずにはいられません。

MVBT Safety & Security - The Role of Our Safety Ambassadors (Part 2)

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has worked hard to build a safe and nurturing environment for our Sangha to hear, learn and share the Dharma. But in today's world with increasing acts of violence in our schools and at places of worship, it's a sad reality that we must be proactive about preparing for the worst and can no longer be bystanders waiting for something to happen.

SUNDAY SERVICE PROCEDURES

MVBT has taken several steps to educate our Sangha in the importance of Safety & Security. The recent Run/Hide/Defend workshop was one step in keeping our Sangha safe. We have also recently trained about a dozen Safety Ambassadors, who will be monitoring the doors and keeping a watchful eye out during our services. For the safety of our Sangha and guests, all the doors to the Hondo are now being locked at 10:00 am. The Safety Ambassadors will let welcomed guests enter after the doors are locked and will be watching for anything (or anyone) out of the ordinary. The Safety Ambassadors will also monitor our parking lot and surrounding buildings during service.

BECOME A SAFETY AMBASSADOR

If you are interested in helping to serve as a Safety Ambassador, please contact **Doug Sawamura** or **Jeff Sato**.

Namo Amida Butsu:
"*With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.*"

BWA Activities

Akemashita Omedeto Gozaimasu, Happy New Year Everyone! BWA extends our Very Best Wishes for a year filled with Happiness and Good Health!

SANGHA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

With deep gratitude we thank you for your support in our endeavors in 2019. Because of your kind support, we had a successful Udon Fundraiser and Dana Youth Fund Drive.

ESHINNI-KO / BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE

We will be observing our Eshinni-ko / BWA Memorial Service on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Rev Don Castro, the Rinban Emeritus of the Seattle Betsuin, will be our guest minister.

Because of the generosity of the Sangha, we will be giving our Dana gifts to the MVBT Youth Groups at this service.

BWA LADIES, THANK YOU

Thank you BWA ladies for your support and hard work, with smiles in 2019.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

$20 membership dues for 2020 are now being accepted.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 9:00 am in the YBA

Buddhist Women's Association

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

November 21, Thursday:

November 21 was our last session due to the coming holidays. Enjoy the Holidays and maintain good health.

January 9, Thursday:

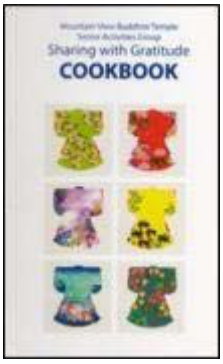
We will resume on Thursday, January 9, 2020. Mark this date on your calendar.

Thursday, January 16, 2020:

We are fortunate to get a professional guest speaker educating us on a topic that some of us are faced with. The presentation will be "The Basic, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia." Everyone is welcome to listen and learn first-hand about Alzheimer with question that you may have and to help you understand the problem. We will also provide lunch at 11:30 am and presentation at 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome.

COOKBOOK SALE

With the coming Holidays, what better gift to receive is a good



cookbook. Our Senior cookbook will be an ideal gift. The price now is a great deal for $15. Can get it at the Temple office or a committee member.

SENIOR CRAFT

Along with the Senior Activities Program, the Craft Program will also resume January 9.

The scheduled hours for our craft session are from 9:00 am to 12 noon, every Thursday. 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

MIROKU

middle school group

Miroku

The months of November and December were busy for Miroku. On Sunday, November 17, membership served nearly 200 cupcakes and sugar-free brownies to everyone eating lunch at the Keiro Kai Luncheon. The following Sunday on November 24, we, along with the BWA, chaired the annual Bodhi Day service. Later that same day, we held our monthly general meeting where Mr. Jeff Sato gave a very informative presentation on what the City of Mountain View considers recyclable, CRV, compost and trash.

On December 8 at the Temple's Mochi Tsuki Fundraiser, we helped the MVBT VISION Committee write out name tags for volunteers. These name tags listed the newly adopted Temple values on them, and enabled volunteers to see who they were working with.

Our next general meeting is Sunday, January 5, 2020.

In Gassho,
Miroku Parent Advisors

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

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New 2019-20 Dharma School Students

New Dharma School students were introduced at the November 24 Sunday Service. Please welcome the following students:

Pre-K: **Allison Kim** and **Logan Nguyen**

Grade 1: **Eric Yoshimoto**

Grade 3: **Samantha Kim** and **Dylan Lai**

Grade 4: **Ryan Yoshimoto**

Grade 6: **Jason Lai**

High School: **Peridot Park**, **Jarrett Wong** and **Kalyn Wong**

Hanamatsuri Luncheon

Volunteers are needed for the Hanamatsuri Luncheon on April 12, 2020. If you are available or have any questions, please email **Ashley Uyehara** (ashley.uyehara@gmail.com).

Dharma School Birthdays

On Sunday, November 24, the Dharma School celebrated the birthdays of students whose birthdays were between August and November.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mochitsuki And Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School families who helped out at Mochitsuki on December 8 and Osoji on December 15! Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Donations

The following donation is gratefully acknowledged:

- **Eugene Kita and Yuki Hata-Kita**
  For Mitchell's Graduation

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

As 2019 comes to a close, let us humbly reflect upon the gifts small and large that have been received and appreciated throughout the year through a lens of gratitude and be sure to express our thankfulness to the many people who have made our year a little brighter. May you all have a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year! See you in 2020!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Dharma School

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

Kiyoshi Yoshinaka ***Sept 21, 1930 - Nov 18, 2019***

Robert Furusho ***July 26, 1954 - Nov 19, 2019***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

MVBT YBA

BYR(BUDDHIST YOUTH RETREAT) & FRIENDS REUNION

Megan Nakagawa and **Stacey Kawabata** attended this event from November 30 - December 1 at the Jodo Shinshu Center. They really enjoyed learning more about Buddhism through fun workshops.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Our annual holiday activity was held on December 20 - 21. Our families joined us for a Pasta Bar dinner. The evening's festivities for the YBA members included a White Elephant gift exchange, open gym and Iron Chef competition! Thank you to our advisors for planning this event for our YBA members!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Megan Nakagawa, our Vice President and Chair of this year's YBA Spaghetti Dinner, is currently planning our largest fundraiser of the year that will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Order forms have been mailed to Temple members and are also included in this issue of the Echo. We appreciate the continued support from all of you for this event, and we hope that you will join us!

In Gassho,
Stacey Kawabata
2019-2020 YBA President

MVBT Young Buddhist Association

Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Fundraiser

February 8, 2020

Dinner: 5:00-7:00 pm

Bingo: 6:00-8:00 pm

MVBT Sangha Hall

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from our Spaghetti Dinner funds religious and social activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for YBA members to experience the Dharma together. We appreciate any and all support you can give, including donated goods or services and monetary donations. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening! (Take-out also available.)

Please pre-order if possible as this allows us to plan and give you the best Spaghetti Dinner possible. If you have any questions please contact Megan Nakagawa at 408-888-1279 or megan.nakagawa@gmail.com
Thank you for supporting the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,
Megan Nakagawa
Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

To Pre-Order Dinners **(Deadline February 1, 2020):**
-Fill out the order form below
-Submit payment and pre-order form in the self-addressed envelope or drop off in the MVBT office
*Checks should be made out to the: MVBT YBA
**We follow a ticketless system, so no tickets will be distributed

****

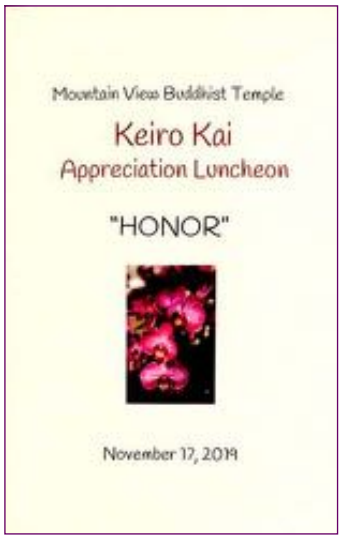
Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please Check One: Eat In: [ ] Take Out: [ ]

	Quantity	Total
Adult Dinners:	_____ x $10.00	$_____
Child (10 and under) Dinners:	_____ x $6.00	$_____
Bingo Cards:	_____ x $5.00	$_____
Additional Donation:		$_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		$_____

2019 Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon



EITAIKYO SERVICE

On Sunday, November 17, 2019, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple held their annual Eitaikyo Service and Keiro Kai Luncheon. The Eitaikyo guest speaker this year was **Rev. Dennis Fujimoto** from the Buddhist Temple of Alameda. He had a nice Dharma talk for the Dharma School students, followed by an Adult Dharma talk.

LUNCHEON

Immediately following the service was our annual Keiro Kai Luncheon held to honor our members 70 years and older. The theme this year was "Honor." We had a nice turnout of 97 Keiro members, but we have lost 14 Keiros this past year, so it is very important that we recognize them each year, as they are the reason we are here today. Both the annual Eitaikyo Service and Keiro Kai Luncheon are very important events that we have annually each year.

This year's luncheon was opened by our Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Mike Inouye, followed by the Opening Flag ceremony. After a welcome address to the Keiros by **Craig Hamasaki**, opening Gassho by **Rev. Yushi Mukojima** and a Toast to the Keiros by **Mr. Glenn Kitasoe**, lunch was served to all. Words of Appreciation to the Keiro's was given by **Stacey Kawabata** our Mountain View YBA President following lunch.

Rev. Fujimoto (left) & Rev. Mukojima at Eitaikyo Service

Rev. Nekoda (second from right)

100 Years Old

This year, in addition to honoring our Temple Keiro members, we were able to recognize three individuals who turned 100 years old: Mr**. Clark Nakamura**, **Mrs. Haruko Nakano** and **Rev. Ensei Nekoda**. Unfortunately, Mr. Nakamura and Mrs. Nakano were unable to attend. The Temple presented each of three members with Onenju as a token of the Temples appreciation. The Dharma School students,

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Congratulations to Rev. Nekoda from the BCA

Keiros at Mountain View Buddhsit Temple Keiro Kai Luncheon

2019 Keiro Kai Appreciation Luncheon (cnt'd)

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Girl Scouts and BWA also presented Rev. Nekoda with birthday cards and gifts to help celebrate his birthday. In addition, we presented a certificate from the Buddhist Churches of America to recognize Rev. Nekoda on his 100th birthday. Also, in attendance, was Mrs. Ryo Shishido, who is 102 years old.

TANKO BUSHI

After these special recognitions, we were entertained by the Temple Taiko Group, Jun Daiko, this was a great performance enjoyed by all. We ended the luncheon with "Tanko Bushi" led by the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Senior Group, the colors were retired and we had closing Gassho by Rev. Mukojima. It was a nice opportunity to again hold our Annual Eitaikyo Service and Keiro Kai luncheon and to be able to honor our Keiros along with the special recognition of our 100 year old Keiros.

In Gassho,
Keiro Kai Committee
Zone 8

Rev. Nekoda receiving gifts from MVBT affiliated organizations. Craig Hamasaki chairing presentations

Rev. & Mrs. Fujimoto

Rev. & Mrs. Mukojima

Rev. & Mrs Sasaki

150 Club News

December Winners

- Our month of December winners are **Traci and Mike Inouye**.
- Our 2019 Grand Prize winner is **Kimi Nishimura**!

Congratulations to all of the 2019 winners.

Wishing you the very best for the New Year!

Thank you for participating in the 2019 150 Club!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Print & Mail
JAN	Zones 3 & 4	N / A	N / A
FEB	Zones 5 & 6	Jan 10 (Fri)	Jan 15 (Wed)
MAR	Zones 7 & 8	Feb 14 (Fri)	Feb 19 (Wed)

Please note the article deadline and printing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof and finalize the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.*

Thank You for the Keiro Kai Luncheon

Tanko Bushi around the Gym

The MVBT Keiros would like to thank Zone 8's Keiro Kai Luncheon Committee for the delicious Kubota bentos and wonderful entertainment. And, thank you for the gifts, the cupcake and brownie desserts and attentive service given to us by all of the Temple youth organizations.

Thank you! You gave us a day to remember.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu!

In Gassho,
MVBT Keiros

Tad Horino (left) - 96 years

Ryo Shishido (middle) - 102 years

Hiroji Kariya (left) - 96 years

Upcoming Events

February 2
Shotsuki Hoyo

Februaruy 9, Sunday
Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial

February 16, 2020, Sunday
Scout Sunday

February 20 - 23, Thursday - Sunday
BCA National Council Meeting

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

MOCHI TSUKI

Several of our Scouts and Leaders helped at the Temple Mochi Tsuki.

MOTHER-DAUGHER ICE SKATING

Two of our Scouts were able to participate in the Service Unit Mother-Daughter Ice Skating event. They had loads of fun even though it rained on them!

SAN FRANCISCO TRIPS

Both our Cadette and Ambassador Scouts are looking forward to their planned overnight trips to San Francisco.

SILVER AWARD

Nitya Kupireddy, Senior Scout, has earned her Silver Award for a project she did with Nuru International, which is an organization that fights to end extreme poverty in remote, rural areas.

NUT & MAGAZAINE SALES

We would like to thank the Sangha for supporting our Fall Nut and Magazine Sales!

Mother-Daughter Ice Skating

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

MEET-AND-MINGLE

On Friday, Nov. 15, ABA held our annual Meet-and-Mingle event at the Sangha Hall. We welcomed several new and potential ABA members who attended. Entertainment included the Battle-of-the-Sexes, and for the first time in many, many years, the men won. Congratulations!! Thanks to the committee for organizing another successful event.

Jean Higa is Winner of Left-Right-Center Dice Game

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Our Annual New Year's Party will be held on January 18 at the China Stix Restaurant in Santa Clara.

ABA member interested in attending should contact Kathy Fujii at kathyfujii@comcast.net.

With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words,

Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

January 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 **January** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Nobuko Akahoshi	**Tamaye Ishikawa**	**Kiyoshi Oto**
Ronald Asada	**Shirlee Ishimaru**	**John Saito**
Tsuyuko Virginia Asada	**Ronald Iyemura**	**Karen Sakae**
Ichiro Endo	**Itsuyo Kato**	**Doris Sakai**
Shigeko Betty Fujii	**Katsuko Kochi**	**Shinajiro Satake**
Tomizo Furuichi	**Muneo Masaki**	**Larry Shimamoto**
Yoshiye Furuichi	**BettyJane Masukawa**	**Tomoye Shimamoto**
Yasuko Betty Furusho	**Joe Matsumoto**	**Tom Sugimoto**
Hidemi Furuzawa	**Tsuya Nagasaki**	**Shig Tachibana**
Mary Hiramoto	**George Nakano**	**Linda Takahashi**
Kiyoye Hirano	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Shinsaburo Togashi**
Tom Hirano	**Misao Nakano**	**Yoshimitsu Tokutomi**
Frank Hirohata	**Yashichi Nakano**	**Thomas Tsukamoto**
Alan Hoshi	**Sylvia Nara**	**Yoshio Yamaguchi**
Robert Hoshi	**Kisaye Nishimoto**	**Yumi Yoneda**
Masaburo Hoshi	**Katsumi Nishimura**	**James Yoshino**
Kiyoko Inamori	**June Okino**	**Ben Yoshizumi**
Setsuko Sara Ikeuye	**Brad Okuno**	**Henry Yusa**
Grace Ishii	**Satoru Okuno**	
Minoru Ishii	**Tsuyako Osaki**	

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**

January

Monthly

Memorial

Service

Sunday

January 5, 2020

10:00 am

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

Read if you are over 70 1/2 years old

Another Way to Donate to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Donate Your IRA Minimum Distribution Directly to the Temple and Avoid Taxes

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

Benefits of an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to $100,000 from your IRA to Mountain View Buddhist Temple
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of Mountain View Buddhist Temple

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the Temple (Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the Temple).
2. Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to Mountain View Buddhist Temple to help continue our important work.
3. Please note that IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
4. Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

Contact Us

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

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

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2 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	**3** 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group	**4** 6:00 pm Taiko - Adults 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm YABA 8:00 pm JD Taiko	**5** 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	**6** 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	**7** 6:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner Prep	**8** 12:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner Prep 3:00 pm YBA Spaghetti Dinner (5:00-7:00 Dinner, 6:00-8:00 Bingo)
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