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April Highlights

- ***4/4, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo, Online
  * *Japanese Language Service*
  * *English Discussion Group*
- ***4/5 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group, Online
- ***4/11, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Hamatsuri Service, Online
  * *Hanamatsuri activities follow service*
- ***4/24, Sat, TBD Time,***
  FDSTL Conference, Online

Walk the White Path of Shinjin

On Sunday, March 14, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple observed the Spring Ohigan Service with our guest speaker, **Rev. Ron Miyamura**. It was a great Dharma opportunity to learn about the journey of life we make in the direction of the Pure Land or ***Higan***. Following the service, Rev. Miyamura introduced the parable of "Two Rivers and a White Path," which very simply describes the teaching of Jodo Shinshu. And with his seminar, we could also deeply appreciate the mind of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow.

"Two Rivers and a White Path" is a famous story from the commentaries on the Contemplation Sutra written by Shantao (613 –681), one of the seven Pure Land masters in the Shin Buddhist tradition. I would like to share this story with you again this month.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

The white path is the Nembutsu path.

There is a man traveling west on an endless road. Suddenly, bandits and vicious animals appear behind him out of nowhere to attack him. When he realizes they are rushing toward him, his first thought is, "I'm going to be killed!" and he starts running desperately westward though two huge rivers block his path. One of them is a river of water that extends north and the other one is a river of fire that extends south. But at the point where they meet, there is a white path, just five or six inches wide. On one side, great waves of water surge over this narrow path. From the other, huge flames of fire scorch it. These waves and flames

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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. These valued members of our Sangha have led interesting lives and greatly contributed to the growth and success of our Temple.

With Gassho,
The Senior Memories Committee

Shigeru & Kazuko Tashiro are the Super Seniors for this Echo. Their story is on Page 7 of this issue.

The photo was taken from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 50th Anniversary album dated October 2012.

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				7:45 am Tiger Team Meeting 10:00 am Senior Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual		
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10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service	10:00 am Exercise with Friends (via Zoom) 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group	6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	10:00 am Senior Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	
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While Sunday Services at the Temple are cancelled, Dharma Messages are available at Temple websites.

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 — April 2021

April 4, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Online Service

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service., Online
11:00 am: English Discussion Group, Online

April 5, 2021, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

To join, send email request to "staff@mvbuddhisttemple.org"

April 11, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hanamatsuri Service, Online Service

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

Hatsumairi: Rescheduled to April 2022

April 18, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online Service

April 24, 2021, Saturday, Time TBD, Federated Dharma School Teachers League Conference, Online Service

April 25, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class**

JOIN US

Sunday Dharma Messages by Rev. Mukojima and Minister's Assistants John Arima and Devon Matsumoto 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

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

Nori Kondo July 5, 1926 - Feb 21, 2021

Helen Hamasaki March 5, 1929 - March 1, 2021

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Walk the White Path of Shinjin (cont'd)

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rise and consume the path.

In the face of such an unexpected situation, the traveler realizes he has lost his escape route and is frozen with the fear of dying. Suddenly he hears **a voice from the eastern bank** urging him, "You must take this path immediately with firm resolve. There is no danger of death. But if you stay there, you will die." Then he hears **another voice from the western bank** calling to him, "Come at once and rely on me. There is no need to worry because I've got your back. Don't fear falling into the rivers of water and fire."

On hearing the voices urging him first from the east bank and then from the west, the man suddenly relaxed and followed their voices. **Without hesitation, he placed one foot firmly onto the white path.** It was a path that had never been disturbed by either the great waves of the water or the huge flames of fire. The traveler walked across the white path and **reached the western shore** where there is neither fear nor danger, but only peace and tranquility. There he was lovingly welcomed by his good friends who awaited him. This is the gist of the parable of "Two Rivers and a White Path."

The story describes ***Shinjin*** or **the entrusting mind** using a unique metaphor in Pure Land Buddhism. The eastern bank represents the world of delusion that quakes with fear and worry—namely, the world in which we are now living. The western bank represents the world of enlightenment of immeasurable life and inconceivable light—that is, Amida Buddha's Pure Land. The lone traveler represents each one of us. The bandits and vicious animals symbolize our ignorant minds that cannot see the truth just as it is, but distorts the way we see the world. The river of water symbolizes the greedy mind that causes lust for and attachment to our favorite things. The river of fire represents the angry mind which makes us express bottomless hatred. **The white path is the Nembutsu path.** Although this path doesn't remove the water nor the fire, it is still the dependable path that no one can interfere with.

The voice coming from the eastern bank is the Buddha in this world, namely, the teaching of Sakyamuni Buddha. And the voice calling from the western bank is the Buddha in the Pure Land, or the summons of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow.

It is important to note here is that the summons of the Primal Vow is not the calling voice beckoning from the Pure Land. It represents the working of the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," which is the white path before us which leads to the world of the truth.

Do you remember the tragedy of Air Florida Flight 90 that crashed into the Potomac River near Washington, D.C., in January of 1982? Most of the passengers were killed instantly. Only a few people were thrown into the frozen river, desperate to be rescued.

Rescuers on a helicopter threw a lifebuoy down to a woman who was clinging weakly to the frozen ice. Although she wanted desperately to grab the lifebuoy, she no longer had the strength to hold onto it, so she let go and began sinking. At that very moment, a man on the riverbank dove into the river and swam quickly to her, grabbing her tightly and swimming back to the shore. Although the plane crash was a terrible tragedy, this man's bravery became known throughout the world and he was praised for his selfless act. At the time, I was only 10 years old, but, when I saw this scene on TV, I was deeply impressed by the man's disregard of his own safety. Decades later, I still clearly remember his brave act.

To dive into the river from the shore, swim in freezing water to a woman who no longer had the strength to cling to a lifebuoy, then swim back to the shore while holding her above water – I am sure that this description expresses the very concept of rescue.

But this also describes precisely the working of Amida Buddha. It is not simply lowering down a lifebuoy. It is the working of Amida Buddha that immediately embraces and saves all people who are so helpless that they lack even the power to grasp a float. In this way, Amida Buddha comes to us foolish beings drowning in the ocean of blind passions and holds us tightly in his arms to lead us to the world of enlightenment, the eternal Pure Land represented by the white path that is the Primal Vow of the Nembutsu.

Even if plagued every day by the water of greed and the fire of anger, it is so important to entrust ourselves completely to the guidance of Shakyamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha and just step onto the white path without fear and doubt. This is called the white path of ***Shinjin***.

The parable of "Two Rivers and the White Path" shows the steadfast way that leads to the world of the truth, so that with a profound feeling of security and strength in the Nembutsu, those of us who are being consumed by the flames of blind passions in this world of delusion can overcome any hardship and suffering.

"Take the path without hesitation!" "Come forward with confidence!" Now that we hear the calling voices of Shakyamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha through the Ohigan Service, let us walk the white path of Shinjin, the Nembutsu path, resolutely together without being afraid!

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二一年四月法話

ー信心の白道を歩むー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月、ご講師に宮村ロン先生をお迎えして、春の彼岸会法要をお勤めしました。多くのご門徒と共に彼岸を意味する極楽浄土を目指して歩む人生の旅路について改めて学ばせていただく大変素晴らしいご法縁でありました。また、法要後のセミナーでは、宮村先生から、浄土真宗のみ教えを分かり易く譬えた「二河白道」のお話しを紹介していただき、阿弥陀仏のご本願のお心を深く味わわせていただきました。

「二河白道」とは、七高僧の一人である善導大師（六一三年～六八一年）が説かれた『観無量寿経疏』の中にでてくる大変有名なお話しですが、今月は、このお話しを、今一度味わってみたいと思います。

ある旅人が荒野を西に向かって一人で旅をしています。すると、旅人の背後に盗賊や猛獣がどこからともなく現れ一斉に襲いかかってきます。旅人は「殺される！」と覚り、必死に西へと走り出します。すると二つの河が行く手をさえぎります。一つは、激しく荒れ狂う水の河、もう一つは激しく燃え盛る火の河です。そして、二つの河の間には白い道が向こう岸に向かって続いていますが、幅はわずか十五センチ程しかないうえ、激しい波と炎につつまれてとても渡れそうにありません。

逃げ道を失った旅人は、ただ死の恐怖に怯えています。すると、東岸から「汝、まっすぐこの道を進んでゆくがよい。決して死ぬことはない。もしそこにいたなら死を免れることはない」という白道を勧める声が聞こえ、同時に西岸から「汝、安心して、わき目を振らず、ためらわず、まっすぐに進んできなさい。私がついている。何の心配もない」という喚び声が聞こえてきます。

その二つの声に導かれて無心で歩いてみると、その細い道は、実は激しい波にも燃え盛る炎にも妨げられない大道でありました。そして旅人はその白道を無事に渡りきり、待ち受けていた良き友人と限りない安らぎを得たのです。以上が、「二河白道」のあらましです。

このお話は、浄土教の信心を譬喩を用いて明らかにされたものです。まず、東の岸とは、恐れと不安に満ちた迷いの世界、即ち、今私達が住んでいる世界。一方、西の岸とは、光といのち極みなき悟りの世界、お浄土を表しています。また、旅人は迷いの世界に生きる私自身を表し、襲い来る盗賊などは真実を捻じ曲げてしか物事を見ることしかできない愚痴（愚かな心）を表しています。更に、水の河は、貪欲（貪りの心）、そして、火の河は瞋恚（怒りの心）を表しています。白道とはお念仏の道であり、水と火を取り去っていく道ではありませんが、何ものにも妨げられることのない確かな道です。そして、背後から響く東の声は、この世の仏、お釈迦さまのみ教えであり、西岸から聞こえる声は、お浄土の仏、阿弥陀仏のご本願のお喚び声なのです。

ここで注目すべきところは、阿弥陀仏のご本願の喚び声というのは、極楽浄土の世界から手招きしながらの喚び声ではなく、私の眼前に白道となって真実の世界へ導いて下さっている「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏を表しているということです。

一九八二年、エア・フロリダ九〇便がワシントンDC郊外のポトマック川に墜落した事故を覚えていらっしゃいますか？多くの乗客は一瞬にして犠牲になりましたが、ほんの数人は凍りついた川に投げ出されて救助を待っていました。その時、凍てつく氷の上で憔悴している一人の女性に、ヘリコプターから浮き輪が投げ下ろされました。その女性は無我夢中で浮き輪を手にするのですが、しがみつく力は既に残っておらず、すぐに浮き輪から手を放してしまい溺れ始めました。その時、一人の男性が川岸から飛び込んで泳いでいき、彼女をしっかり抱きかかえて岸に運んで救助しました。事故の惨事もさることながら、彼の勇気ある行為は新聞やテレビを通して世界中に広まり賞賛されました。当時、私は一〇歳でしたが、その光景をテレビで見て大変感動したのを今でも鮮明に覚えています。

浮き輪を投げてもそれにしがみつく気力も体力もない人に、岸から本人のところへ泳いで近づき、抱きかかえて助けるー、ここに本当の救いの姿があると思います。それは、まさに、阿弥陀仏の救いそのものです。それは、決して浮き輪を与えるようなものではありません。浮き輪にすがりつく力もない、全くの無力のものところまでいって抱きかかえて救うのです。煩悩の海に沈んでいる凡夫の私を浄土の悟りへ導く為に、阿弥陀仏が私のところまで来て、私をしっかり抱きかかえて救って下さるはたらきが本願念仏の白道となって表されているのです。

ですから、たとえ、毎日が貪りと怒りの水と火に覆われる私であっても、恐れることなく、逆らうことなく、良き人の仰せのままに白道、お念仏の道を歩ませていただくことが何よりも大切なのです。これを信心の白道と言います。

「二河白道」の譬えは、迷いの世界で煩悩の炎に身を焦がす私が、お念仏と共に人生の不安や苦悩を乗り越えながら、真実の世界へ向かって安らかに力強く生き抜いていく道が説かれているのです。

この度の彼岸会法要を通して、「ためらわず進めよ」、「安心して来なさい」という二尊の仰せを聞かせていただいた今、何ものをも恐れることなく、信心の白道ーお念仏の道を共に歩ませていただきましょう！

Introducing the Senior Outreach Committee

At the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, several volunteers gathered together looking to provide support to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's senior population. Over the last year, we've learned that our Seniors greatly miss seeing and conversing with each other. They have enough food, essential supplies, and are able to generally get along fine. However, like most of us, they really miss spending time with their friends and loved ones.

The Senior Outreach Committee is focused on connecting and engaging our Temple Seniors through the four main programs listed below.

SUPER SENIOR ECHO ARTICLES TEAM

The Super Senior Echo Articles Team is headed by Jean Shimoguchi. This team conducts in-depth interviews with our Temple Seniors for inclusion in our monthly newsletter aimed at telling stories about the elders of our Temple. This month, we are featuring an article about Shigeru and Kazuko Tashiro, and we can look forward to more articles in the coming months as well. Super Senior authors are **Sterling Makishima**, **Ricky Chu**, **Joan Aoki**, **Marie Ochi-Jacobs** and **Jean Shimoguchi**.

SENIOR CARE PACKAGE TEAM

The Senior Care Package Team compiles and sends quarterly care packages to our Temple Seniors consisting of puzzles, snacks, activities and small gifts that aim to engage and delight. Depending on our standing with COVID-19, the team delivers packages through contactless in-person drop-offs or via postal mail. Our Seniors can look forward to their next package arriving around Hanamatsuri. The Senior Care Package Team is led by **Leslie Imai** and a team of dedicated volunteers including **Debbie Ho**, **Tracey Mukoyama**, **Sharon Tsukahara**, **Kia Yamamoto** and **Linda Uyechi**.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES SUPPORT TEAM

One of the most active Senior Teams has been our Senior Activities Support Team. Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, our Seniors would meet weekly on Thursdays to spend time together doing different activities from crafts and games to music and exercise classes. With the onset of the pandemic, this was no longer an option. **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi** started hosting meetings on Zoom and creating space for Seniors to continue their activities, first with weekly taiko, then with Sing Along and an Exercise class and most recently, they've added monthly Bingo to the mix. The Senior Activities Support Team, which has expanded to include **Sterling Makishima**, **Teri Hirota** and **Amy Arakaki**, runs each of these Zoom sessions.

PANDEMIC PALS TEAM

While some of our Seniors feel very comfortable on Zoom, there are still many who prefer to stay away from technology. The Pandemic Pals Team, led by **Elise Fujimoto**, matches Temple members with Seniors to provide connection and engagement on a monthly basis through postal mail and phone calls.

QUESTIONS OR CAN HELP

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, or have any questions, please reach out by sending email to

sangha@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
Senior Outreach Committee

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Super Seniors Shigeru & Kazuko Tashiro: MVBT Members for Over 55 Years

Written by Marie Ochi-Jacobs & Joan Aoki

Shigeru and Kazuko Tashiro are long-time members of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and are familiar faces to the Sangha.

EARLY YEARS

Shigeru was born October 5, 1935, in Satsuma, Sendai-shi, Kagoshima-ken, Japan. His father was a Japanese roof tiles craftsman ("shakan"), and the family did some farming. Shigeru emigrated to California in 1961, sponsored by the Kitayama Nursery in Union City. He later became a landscape gardener.

Kazuko (Harada) was born on December 12, 1940, in San Francisco. Her parents ran a coffee shop in San Francisco J-town. The family was interned at Tule Lake Internment Camp during World War II. After the war, they returned to Fukuoka, Japan, to be with relatives. At age 20, Kazuko returned by herself to California and lived with her aunt and uncle in Oakland.

MARRIED 58 YEARS

While onboard the SS President Wilson passenger ship traveling from Japan to California, Shigeru and Kazuko met and became friends. They arrived in San Francisco on March 24, 1961, and married on January 10, 1963, in Reno, NV. In January 2021, they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary! They have three children: Margaret, John and Steven.

BY COINCIDENCE

Shigeru's home temple in Japan is Jodoshinshu. One year during Obon, he had a conversation with retired Rev. Zukei Taniguchi of the Alameda Buddhist Temple. Much to his surprise, Shigeru learned that the resident minister in his hometown was a student of Rev. Taniguchi.

LONG TIME MVBT MEMBERS

The Tashiros had several friends from Japan who had joined the MVBT, so they soon followed suit. They recall Kenichi Nakano (Ken Nakano's father) who was a "shigin" (Japanese poetry singing) instructor. Mr. Nakano talked to them about the Temple ("otera no koto oshietekureta") and invited them to join. That was over 55 years ago.

JAPANESE CULTURAL LIFE

Like many Japanese immigrants in America, they found fellowship through cultural interests such as shigin, bonsai, "suiseki" (stone appreciation viewing), and joined the Kagoshima "Kenjinkai" (association of immigrants and their descendants sharing roots in the same prefecture in Japan). They were active leaders of the Northern California Shodokai Shigin and represented the MVBT chapter for many years with Shigeru as an instructor.

With their rich singing voices, Shigeru and Kazuko are well known around the Bay Area Japanese music scene. Shigeru has been a lead singer for the San Jose Chidori Band for many years. He has performed with them at events and annual Obon Odori in the greater Bay Area for almost 60 years. What would

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Shigeru (in middle) at Chidori Band 46th Anniversary Performance in May 1999

Shigeru at Shigin Performance in January 2003

Kazuko at Shigin Performance in January 2003

Shigeru performing with the Chidori Band at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda's Obon, circa 2010

Kazuko in Chidori Happi coat at the San Jose Betsuin Obon, circa 2015

Super Seniors Shigeru & Kazuko Tashiro (cont'd)

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MVBT Obon be without a performance of the Chidori Band with Shigeru-san?

The Tashiros recall with fondness their times at MVBT, including witnessing the building of the Hondo ("hondo dekita") and Sangha Hall.

A supportive member of BWA, Kazuko was often consulted for traditional Japanese food recipes and enjoyed attending conferences. They are encouraged that Obon Odori continues to be a popular feature of the Temple's Annual Bazaar, stating this is "hitsuyo, yamete ikenai" (invaluable, should not be stopped).

THANK YOU

MVBT thanks the Tashiros for their years of support.

Miroku

During our February meeting, we discussed our service project. We hope to use the Echo to introduce ourselves, Miroku members, to the Sangha. Our first article is included below. Miroku also voted on a virtual social event, chocolate making, that Ms. Traci Inouye will help with organizing.

Thank you to **Mr. Randy Sato** for checking the AEDs at the Temple for Miroku during COVID -19

In Gassho,
Kylie Uyekubo
7th grade Miroku Member

MIROKU
middle school group

Meet the Miroku Members

Jill Lee is in the 7th grade at Easterbrook Discovery Middle School in San Jose. She is 13 years old and her family includes her dad (Jeff), mom (Janice), and sister (Joey - Sophomore at Prospect High School). She loves doing judo and reading. She also plays the piano and, once in a while, you can hear her play during oshoko when her Dharma School class or Miroku youth group chairs the meeting. Jill started attending MVBT when she was a baby because her mom grew up at the Temple. Jill's favorite Temple event is Obon because of the food. And, she likes dressing up and odori dancing with her friends and family. Jill misses seeing her Temple friends and eating refreshments after Dharma School.

Jill (on left) and Kate 2014

Kate Hojo is in the 6th grade at Tierra Linda Middle School in San Carlos. She is 11 years old and her family includes her dad (Dave), mom (Tricia), and brother (Christopher - Freshman at Carlmont High School). She likes to participate and compete in gymnastics, her favorite subject at school is math, and she also enjoys hanging out with friends. Kate began attending Temple when she was two years old. Kate's favorite event at Temple is Obon because she gets to eat with and hang out with friends all weekend. Also, she likes odori dancing and preparing for it by going to practices. Then when Obon arrives, she enjoys odori dancing with friends and family in beautiful kimonos. Kate misses seeing her friends at Temple and eating refreshments after service.

Jill (on left) and Kate 2019

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIE/JUNIORS

The Brownie/Junior group participated in World Thinking Day, a Girl Scout holiday celebrated by Girl Scouts around the world. They talked about traditions in Girl Scouting and within their own families, and learned how they can be "peace builders."

CADETTE/SENIORS

The Cadette/Seniors group earned their Game Visionary badge. With this badge, they'll be able to design and organize games that will bring people together for a fun time. The Scouts also participated in World Thinking Day. They shared differences and similarities about their family values and traditions. They also discovered their personal conflict style and how that plays a role in peace building.

The Cadette/Senior group is holding a Ribbon Lei Fundraiser. See flyer below.

PADMA PROGRAM

The Padma Award is presented by the Temple to the **Buddhist Girl Scout** in recognition of her spiritual growth as shown by her fulfilling the award requirements.

This year we are pleased to announce that **Kelsey Dalbec** and **Kelly Tao** have been awarded the **Brownie Girl Scout Padma Award**, which required six hours of supervised Buddhist study. And earlier this month, **Kendall Ho** and **Kiera Nishimoto** completed studies for the Cadette level of the Padma program, which involved 70 hours of supervised Buddhist study.

Padma Award

COOKIES

Thank you to the Sangha for supporting our Girl Scout Cookie Sales! We continue to sell through the end of March. You can contact us at

gscouttroop736@gmail.com

if you would like to order.

Do you know someone graduating? How about gifting them a handmade ribbon lei?! Our Cadette/Senior group is holding a fundraiser as they learn all about trip planning.

To place an order look for the link in Putra's Post, or enter this link into your browser:

https://forms.gle/CoijtHdqv6TSSF57A

Got SPAM?

We hope it's the good kind, you know, for Spam Musubi and not the kind in your inbox.

Every day we are bombarded with fake calls and emails. With calls, we can ignore the number if we don't recognize it, but with emails, it can be difficult. So to help you, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Tech Committee has set up an inbox where you can forward any suspicious emails and we will review it!

SPAM@MVBuddhistTemple.ORG

If you believe you have received a SPAM email, just forward the email to the above address and we will review it and let you know if it is safe or not. Please do not open any links or files contained within; they could be harmful to your device and data.

SOME QUICK TIPS

1. Look at the email address. Oftentimes, SPAMers use fake email addresses that look like the real thing. Most business emails will be ___@businessname.com and not @ a gmail or hotmail account name. It also could be a minor misspelling in the business name as well. Netflix.com versus Netfilx.com. At a glance they both look the same – **do you see the difference?**

2. Look at the content of the email. Think about it. Would Mr. or Mrs. "so and so" really ask you to send them an Amazon gift card or ask you to wire money to them? Probably not! These types of emails CAN come from their legitimate email address if the account is hacked. It can also come from fake addresses that look legitimate (alec.matsumoto33@gmail.com is my real email address, but a SPAM could send an email from alec.matsumoto@gmail.com or something similar). The safest thing you can do is ignore that email and contact them directly by calling or texting them to verify.

3. Change your passwords on a regular basis OR make your passwords more secure. About every 90 days (3 months) is a good time frame to change your password. But if that is too much, make it more secure. Don't use the same password across different logins, don't use words that are common or easily associated with you, and make your passwords long. As an example, I like to fly fish, so a good password may be "nymphfishingIsBobberFishing!." Obviously throwing in numbers, mix of capital and lowercase letters, and other characters such as !,#,$, etc. are good too. All of this is good, but how can we remember long passwords or more than one password! Well, there are secure apps out there that can store this information for you and you'll only have to remember the one master password for that app! Alternatively, writing this information down in a notebook is good too.

FINALLY

At the end of the day, we have to try to stay one step ahead of the bad guys and take it upon ourselves to secure our data as much as possible. By creating this new Temple inbox (SPAM@MVBuddhistTemple.ORG), we hope to provide some assistance in helping to identify fake emails and updating the rest of the Sangha.

If you have any experience in Cybersecurity and would like to help us, please feel free to reach out to our team through the above email address.

In Gassho,
Technology & Website Committee
Alec Matsumoto

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e / Kangi-e Obon /Hatsubon

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

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE NOW,"
(2) Send a check to the Temple office

MVBT YBA NEWS

COAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The virtual Coast District Conference was held on March 20. The theme was "You've Got a Friend in Me" from *Toy Story movies*. The focus of the workshops was on interdependence and impermanence. Many delegates attended the pre-conference Q&A session with ***Toy Story 4*** star Ally Maki.

The conference began with an opening service and a Dharma message by **Rev. Candice Shibata** from the Buddhist Church of Stockton. We then participated in workshops that consisted of a virtual escape room and a drawing activity. The conference ended with a Closing Service. Thank you to conference co-chair **Tyler Sato** and workshop leaders **Kelli Kosakura**, **Sara Ho**, **Chloe Lim** and **Megan Nakagawa** for their hard work this past year to make this a fun and interactive conference!

In Gassho,
Megan Nakagawa
2020 - 2021 YBA President

SPAGHETTI DINNER WINNERS

50/50 Raffle Winner:
Sterling Makishima

Some of our Bingo winners:

Scott Hirotsu & Mrs. Hirotsu

The Tanaka Family

March YBA Meeting

MVBT Boy Scout Troop #87

TROOP ACTIVITIES

Scout Sunday was held online on Siunday, February 21. Rev. Mukojima had a talk on Buddhist beliefs to scouts, their parents and the MVBT Sangha.

We also had scout elections on the February 24.

Ms. Khara Hines is also doing online Personal Fitness Merit Badge meetings every week.

We plan on going to Northern Tier High Adventure Canoe Base in Minnesota in June.

Anselmo Loh
Troop Chaplain's Aid

Centralizing Temple Information

For the last five months, a small team of volunteers has been working behind the scenes to create a comprehensive central repository of information about the Mountain View Buddhist Temple community in a software package called Salesforce.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

For years, MVBT and its affiliate organizations have collected and stored information in a number of ways: paper forms, binders, word of mouth, postal mail, Google forms and email, to name a few. With the creation of a centralized database, the Temple has the opportunity to keep information in one secure and organized place.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME NOW?

It really doesn't affect the larger Sangha. However, we wanted to let everyone know that this is a big transition in the way the MVBT does business. This means that certain aspects of Temple processes that involve Salesforce may be delayed , or need additional planning and scoping. For example, the Salesforce Team has been working with the Membership Committee on the 2021 Membership Drive. While progress has been made by offering an online membership process, certain functions such as the Temple Directory have been delayed due to the transition.

This Salesforce migration is not a quick and easy transition. The system is being configured so that it best meets the MVBT community's needs. Over this coming year, the team will be populating the database with membership information to support other projects and processes at the MVBT.

If you have questions about this transition, or if you have any experience as a Salesforce user or administrator and would like to contribute to this project, please send an email to

sangha@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
Salesforce Committee

SAVE THE DATE

CHICKEN TERIYAKI @ HOME

Virtual Event

Sunday
MAY 23, 2021

Details to follow in the next Echo and Putra's Post.

MVBT GARDENS

HELP WANTED

Jobs Available
Every Friday Morning

Contact David Kariya,
dkariya@newsguy.com

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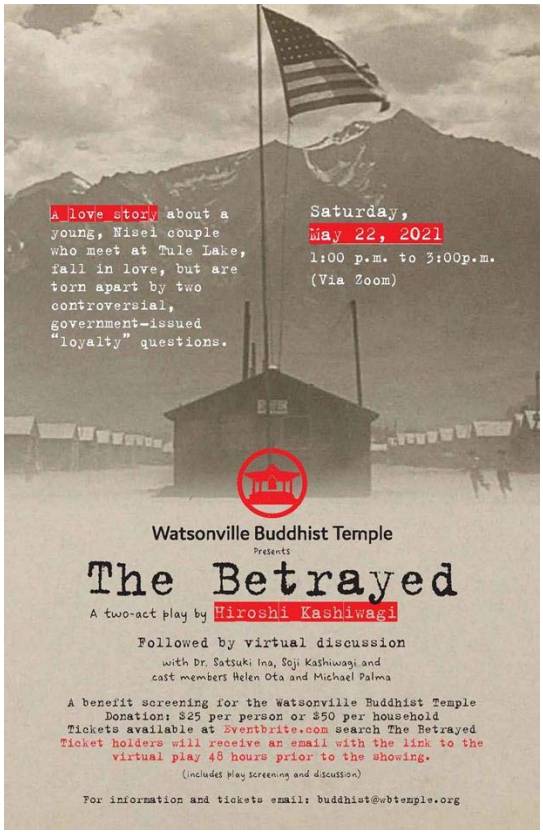
Invitation: to all affiliated organizations to submit videos for Obon at Home 2021. We have had many brainstorming sessions to get ideas for another Virtual Obon for this July. Several possible topics for videos have been suggested:

- Favorite Obon memories from the past,
- Games from the past (Chuck-a-Luck, Roll-a-Ball)
- Foods from the past (Sushi Bar, Ice Cream, Corn Dogs)
- Favorite Recipes
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Any/All other ideas are welcome

All videos must be submitted by June 1, 2021
June 1 may seen a long way off but will get here quick!
Get started now!
We will help with editing if needed.

Any Questions contact:
Marilyn Ozawa: Kanyoshisan@gmail.com
Bryan Nishimoto: bynishimoto@gmail.com



The Betrayed

The two-act play is a love story about a young, Nisei couple who meet at Tule Lake, fall in love, but are torn apart by two controversial, government-issued "loyalty" questions. Forty years later, they meet again and discover their answers to these questions had consequences that affected them for the rest of their lives.

During the post-screening discussion, supporters will have a chance to meet the cast members Helen Ota and Michael Palma, and discuss the long-term aftereffects of the loyalty controversy with Dr. Satsuki Ina and Soji Kashiwagi (Executive Director of Grateful Crane and son of Hiroshi Kashiwagi, who passed away in 2019).

"As a 'No-No Boy,' my dad felt bad about the terrible split these questions caused within our Japanese American community," said Soji Kashiwagi. "By writing this play, his hope was for reconciliation and a community healing."

As an internee at the Tule Lake Segregation Concentration Camp, Mr. Kashiwagi experienced firsthand the tension felt between the generations brought on the by loyalty questions posed by the government. Through his work he wished for the decade old rifts to find "reconciliation and a community healing."

Hiroshi Kashiwagi is true Japanese-American treasure. He was a poet, playwright and actor. As a pioneer figure in the Asian American art and literature movement, he inspired many younger artists along the way. He attended UCLA and USC and appeared in the documentary Rabbit in the Moon and Infinity and Chasu Ramen.

His book, Swimming in the American: A memoir and Selected Writings won an American Book Award in 2005.

Celebrate Hanamatsuri with Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

Special Hanamatsuri Bento MVBT Members, Pre Order Now

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Deadline to order : April 1

JOIN US

In cooperation with our friends at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple is excited to bring you an opportunity to order gourmet bentos prepared by Chef Royce Mori. Bentos will be available for contactless pickup in the MVBT or the PABT parking lot on Saturday, April 10.

Menu and contact information are on the flyer.

When you place your order with Janice Syles, specify pickup at the PABT or MVBT. After you place your order and before April 10, you will be contacted with a specific pick time at the PABT or MVBT.

SUPER SENIOR HOME DELIVERY

If you are an 80+ Super Senior and require home delivery (i.e. You are unable to drive to MVBT to pick up), here's what you do:

1. Place your order by calling PABT. Make sure you specify MVBT as the pickup location.
2. Contact Doug Sawamura to coordinate contactless delivery. Doug's number is in the directory.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the Hanamatsuri Bento, please feel free to contact Doug Sawamura (MVBT coordinator). Doug's number is in the directory.

Remember the deadline to order is April 1.

2021 150 Club News

It's going to be a better year!

Our winners for the month of March are **Reiko and Ray Murakami**!

Congratulations and thank you for participating in 150 Club!

Stay safe!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
APR	No Toban	N / A	N / A
MAY	No Toban	Apr 16 (Fri)	Apr 26 (Mon)
JUNE	No Toban	May 14 (Fri)	May 24 (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

2021 MVBT Membership Drive!

Thanks to you, we are more than half-way to our membership goal! Remember, membership isn't just about saying you belong to a community. It's about investing in the place you love, a community that feels like home both physically and spiritually. As a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, you will be a part of a supportive family, connected group of friends, and vibrant Buddhist community.

So, if you haven't had a chance to apply online or send in your form, do it today!

Learn more about membership at
https://mvbuddhisttemple.org/01c-membership.html

Join or Renew Today at
https://mvbuddhisttemple.or

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee

223 Memberships
as of March 13

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Visit **www.smile.amazon.com**. In your account, pick "Mountain View Buddhist Temple" as your charitable organization.

Make your purchase. Thank you for your help.

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanamatsuri @ Home

As announced at the Putra's Projects Open House, Hanamatsuri @ Home will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2021. Interactive service elements include creating your own flower petals for the recitation of Sanbujo and pouring sweet tea over a homemade baby Buddha as part of the GREAT HANAMIDO CHALLENGE. Following service, the Dharma School will be hosting a short program.

FDSTL Conference

The Southern District Dharma School Teachers' League will be hosting the Federation of Dharma School Teachers Leagues Conference for teachers and ministers on Saturday, April 24, 2021, virtually. The theme for this year's conference is "Meeting the Challenges of Today's Dharma School." Pieper Toyama, the former head of school for the Pacific Buddhist Academy and former president of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i will be the keynote speaker. Registration with a $35 fee is due on March 31, 2021.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Donations

Gratefully acknowledged:

- **MVBT BWA**
  Eshinniko Donation
- **Grace Ho**

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

Yu-Ai Kai Discussion Hosted by ABA

In support of MVBT's Vision Committee, ABA will be hosting a presentation by Yu-Ai Kai Board President, **Jane Kawasaki**, after Sunday Service on March 28. Yu-Ai Kai is a Japanese American Community Senior Service organization based in San Jose, which offers a wealth of resources, services, and classes to the community. Jane will give an overview of what is available as well as address any inquiries in the Q&A session that will follow. Participants are encouraged to submit questions and areas of interest beforehand, so that they can be incorporated into the presentation. Please send them to **Joanne Makishima** at jcmakishima@gmail.com.

Incidentally, Yu-Ai Kai serves anyone who is 55 years and over, so although you may not consider yourself a "senior," you could still find the information valuable. Did you know that you can take classes in yoga, hula, or Japanese? Or receive caregiver support or referrals for legal assistance? So, as a future participant or current or potential caregiver, please join us on March 28 to learn more.

In Gassho,
Joanne Makishima
ABA Activities Committee

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

Please stay in touch through the programs we have started for your entertainment and also a chance to visit your friends via Zoom. You are all truly missed. Stay well.

VIRTUAL SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Mondays: Exercise. What a wonderful way to start the week to have exercise held every Monday morning. With the instruction lead by **Julie Ushiba** and supported by **Sterling Makishima**, an answer to stay well from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Also have included Taichi as part of the program to keep your whole body well and to practice balance.

Wednesdays: Sing Along. Every Wednesday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, enjoy Sing Along and visit your young and senior friends via Zoom. Again we thank **Sterling**, **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi** for their time and support. For more info, call Susan Yuen, for she can help and show you the way to Zoom.

Thursdays: Taiko. Thank you to our instructors, Susan and Linda, for giving us our Taiko lesson via Zoom every Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. It is so mindful, keeping you to stay alert on memory, balance and timing. A real brain teaser. Please join and enjoy Taiko with us. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**

COOKBOOK

The Senior Activities Cookbook is still available and can be purchased at the Temple office or through our Senior Committee members. The sale price is still at $15.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Made by Lois

Made by Shirley

Fabric Face Masks Available

The talented MVBT Sewing Group has PLENTY of fabric face masks available for you to order. We have a variety of masks to offer that include adult & children sizes, ear loop or around the head, options for insertion of a paper mask or other filter, in the style of the KN95 and MORE.

If you have questions about what might be the best choice for you, please call Julie Satake Ryu at 650-787-9133 OR email julie@satakenursery.com. Only a small donation for shipping & handling is requested. Our artisans are making these masks for the health and safety of you and your loved ones. Order several for you, your family and/or caregivers.

Masks can be ordered online at the link below.

Face Mask Online form: https://tinyurl.com/mvbtmasks

April Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The **April** Shotsuki loved ones are:

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

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

E-mail **reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org**

Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple Cancelled

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Online service to be held on Sunday, April 4

Go to MVBT website or Putra's Post

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.

2021 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2020	3rd Year Memorial	2019	7th Year Memorial	2015
13th Year Memorial	2009	17th Year Memorial	2005	25th Year Memorial	1997
27th Year Memorial	1995	33rd Year Memorial	1989	50th Year Memorial	1972

may 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service	10:00 am Exercise with Friends (via Zoom) 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group	6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	10:00 am Senior Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	
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10:00 am Mother's Day Virtual Service 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	10:00 am Exercise with Friends (via Zoom)	6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	7:45 am Tiger Team Meeting 10:00 am Senior Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	
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10:00 am Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service (TBD)	10:00 am Exercise with Friends (via Zoom) 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting					

Upcoming Events

May 9, Sunday, Mother's Day Service
Shotsuki Hoyo
May 16, Sunday
Coast District Gotan-e Service
May 23, Sunday
Chicken @ Home
June 6, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo
June 13, Sunday
Graduation Service
June 20, Sunday
Father's Day Service

Join MVBT Sangha

- **Five membership categories — One will fit you**
- **Build & Support your Sangha, so that we can learn & live the teachings of the Dharma**
- **Impermanence & Interdependance — we are in this together**

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