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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

May Highlights

- ***5/2, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo, Online
  * *Japanese Language Service*
  * *Dementia Presentation*
- ***5/3 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group, Online
- ***5/9, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Mother's Day Service, Online
  * *YBA activities follow service (Tentative)*
- ***5/16, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Coast District Gotan-e Service, Online

Put Ourselves in Another's Situation

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Recent crimes against Asians and Pacific Islanders have been increasing throughout the United States. Unfortunately, news stories about Asians being attacked and even killed by racists has cast a dark shadow in many of these communities.

Last year, the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement attracted a great deal of attention in this country after George Floyd appeared to have been cruelly suffocated by a police officer. Although that BLM issue still has not been resolved, acts of hate against Asian Americans prevail and are a focus in the news. One example of this is the Asian Spa shooting in Atlanta that took the precious lives of eight innocent people.

Even as the Asian elderly have been targeted for violence, it breaks my heart to think how cruelly their lives and dignity were ignored. Our Temple has many senior members, which really concerns me about their safety in this threatening atmosphere.

In this time of hardship, good and decent people seek healing that results from the love and kindness we normally express in our daily interactions with others. But current headlines are about Americans

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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,
Senior Memories Committee

Ray & Reiko Murakami are the Super Seniors for this Echo. Their story is on Page 7 of this issue.

The photo of Ray and Reiko with daughter, Kari, was taken in 2018.

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2 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service & ABA Seminar	3 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group	4 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	5 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	6 4:00 pm Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	7 10:00 am Tech Support 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	8
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30 10:00 am Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service (TBD)	31 7:30 pm RPC 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 — May 2021

May 2, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Online Service

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service., Online

11:00 am: Dementia Presentation by **Dr. Bruce Morimoto**, Online

May 3, 2021, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

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

May 9, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Mother's Day Service, Online Service

YBA Activity after service (Tentative). See Putra's Post for latest information.

May 16, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Coast District Gotan-e Service, Online Service

May 23, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online Service

May 30, 2021, Sunday, 9:30 am, Memorial Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery (TBD)

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

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HAPPY HANAMATSURI!

Hanamatsurl @ Home was held on Sunday, April 11. The service was hosted by the YBA. The Sangha enjoyed a special service to commemorate the birth of Prince Siddhartha, who later became the historical Sakyamuni Buddha.

Put Ourselves in Another's Situation (cont'd)

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who are deliberately attacking innocent people out of ignorance and hatred. It is really far from the peace and tranquility we wish for. Whatever the reasons, the abuse and murder of people cannot be justified nor forgiven in Buddhism.

Reprehensible actions like these are not only limited to such cases. For many years racism and crimes against people of color are deeply rooted in our communities. Countless innocent people have been killed or their human rights repeatedly trampled upon throughout American history.

Looking back at World War II, both Japanese immigrants and Americans of Japanese ancestry living in the United States were considered enemies. They were removed by force from their homes and lived in isolated, concentration camps until the war ended. Due to ignorance and anti-Japanese sentiment, the United States government chose not to respect the civil rights of some 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast and instead imprisoned them for the duration of the war. This is why the Japanese American community that exists today sincerely wishes that such tragic treatment will never be repeated to anyone who rightfully calls the United States their home.

But now, since the first COVID-19 infection was linked to China, Asians in general are being targeted with violence and abuse by others who ignorantly associate the coronavirus with Asians. At present, many American children of color live in fear and anxiety even though the United States is their beloved home country.

There is a saying of Sakyamuni Buddha in the Dhammapada that states: "*All people are frightened by violence and all people are afraid of death. Life is beloved by all people. Therefore, we must put ourselves in the other person's place: we must not kill others and we must teach others not to kill.*"

Buddha teaches us the importance of putting ourselves in another person's situation. Buddha encourages us to reflect on how others were being attacked or killed, and sincerely imagine the fear of people whose lives are taken and the suffering of those whose human rights are disrespected. If all people can imagine themselves in another person's situation, they will never feel like hurting others out of hate or discrimination. As a result, all people will teach others how foolish and shameful it is to deny an individual's social identity or abuse their human rights and deeply understand how important it is to act on the side of racial justice.

In order to cope with this chaotic situation, we can stand together against hate crimes and share the tears of sadness, suffering, and indignity of the Asian community. In order to avoid having our neighbors in this country become isolated under adverse circumstances, we should not remain silent when we witness outright prejudice. In order to do this, we need to confide, listen to and support each other. Then, we can discuss with our families, and within our community, how foolish it is to have a feeling of hatred against a particular race caused by our ugly human selfish nature.

I believe that it is most important for us to educate children, cultivating their awareness of the universal value of our shared humanity, so that they can love and respect each other regardless of race, gender and religion.

To be able to realize a society free from hatred and violence, as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, with the Nembutsu as our mind's mirror, each one of us must be able to recognize and reflect deeply upon our own sense of discrimination that exists in ourselves and fight the deep-seated and systemic racial discrimination that exists in others within society.

Remembering the Buddha's teaching, "Put ourselves in another's situation," for the sake of all promising children, I sincerely hope that all people will strive to create a world filled with loving kindness where individuals will not be afraid of hatred, racism, and violence.

Our Mountain View Buddhist Temple is a sacred and safe place that shares the value of human equality and stands firmly together in the quest for equal treatment that Buddha wishes for everyone. We will continue our pledge of solidarity harmoniously with others who have this hope in their hearts to address this injustice so that all people can accept social identity, value human rights and enjoy the rich diversity among us.

In Gassho,
Rev. Yushi Mukojima

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二一年五月法話

ー 己が身にひきくらべて ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

最近、アジア系住民に対するヘイトクライムが全米で多発し深刻な問題となっています。アジア系住民の方が差別主義者に襲われ、さらにいのちまで奪われるという惨劇が連日のようにニュースで報道され、多くのアジア系コミュニティに暗い影を落としています。

昨年、ジョージ・フロイド氏が警察官の不適切な拘束方法によっていのちを奪われた事件を皮切りに、全米各地でアメリカの歴史に刻まれた潜在的な人種差別に抗議するBLM(黒人のいのちも大切)運動が活発となりました。この重大な問題を解決できていないにも関わらず、現在アジア系アメリカ人が憎悪の対象となり、暴力行為を受けています。その一例が、八人の尊いいのちを一瞬にして奪ったアトランタのアジア系SPA発砲事件です。

また、アジア系の高齢者まで暴力の標的となり、いのちの尊厳を無視された被害者の無念を考えますと胸が張り裂ける思いでいっぱいです。当仏教会には高齢者のご門徒がたくさんおられるので心配でなりません。

現在、この混沌とした日々が続く中で、多くの方が癒しを求めていますが、多くのマスメディアの報道は、無知な人々が無実の人々に憎悪でもって故意に暴力を振るうという悲しい事件についてばかりです。それは私達が願う安穏な世の中とは大きくかけ離れています。たとえどんな理由があろうとも、仏教において暴力は正当化されるものではなく、ましてや殺人は決して許されるものではありません。

残念ながら、このような行為は今回に限ったことではなく、長い間私達の社会では有色人種に対する差別や犯罪という憎悪が深く根付いています。それ故、アメリカの歴史の中で、数多くの有色人種の人達はいのちを奪われ、人権を繰り返し踏みにじられてきました。

第二次世界大戦を振り返ってみますと、アメリカに住む日系移民、そして日系アメリカ人は敵性外国人とみなされ、強制的に住まいから立ち退きを命じられ、終戦まで強制収容所での生活を余儀なくされました。反日感情だけで、アメリカ政府は西海岸に住む日系アメリカ人コミュニティは、アメリカを祖国と呼ぶ人達に対して二度と同じような悲劇を繰り返さないようにと声をあげています。

しかし、現在、コロナウイルスが中国から広がったことからアジア人をパンデミックの元凶だと見なし、世界中で心無い人達から何ら罪のないアジア人が暴力と差別の標的にされています。アメリカを母国とする多くの有色人種の子供達はこの理不尽な状況下で恐怖と不安に駆られながら生活しています。

『法句経』に、「すべての者は暴力におびえ、すべての者は死をおそれる。すべての者にとっていのちは愛おしい。己が身にひきくらべて、殺してはならぬ、殺さしめてはならぬ」というお釈迦さまのお言葉があります。暴力によって殺される側に自分自身を置き換えて、いのちを奪われる者の恐怖や人権を踏みにじられる者の苦しみを想像しなさいという教えです。相手の立場になって物事を考えることができれば、あまりの恐ろしさに他人を傷つけることなどできないはずです。そして、無差別に行われている憎悪犯罪が如何に愚かで恥ずべき行為であるかを周りに伝え、人種間の平等を尊重することの大切さを多くの人と認識できるはずです。

今、私達にできることは、憎悪犯罪に対して団結して立ち向かい、アジア系コミュニティの悲しみと苦しみ、更には屈辱の涙に共感することです。差別意識が蔓延する中、私達の隣人が孤立しないよう謂れのない暴力行為に沈黙を保つのではなく、互いに悩みを打ち明け、互いの苦しみに耳を傾け、互いに支え合うことが何よりも大切なのです。その中で、家庭内、そして、コミュニティ内で特定の人種に対して憎悪感情を抱く人間の醜い内面性について真剣に話し合うべきです。多くの子供達が人類共通の普遍的価値観についての認識を育む教育が最も大切だと私は信じています。その尊い価値感を学び、共有することによって、人種、性別、宗教等の壁を乗り越えて、お互いを敬うことができるのです。

憎悪と暴力の連鎖から解き放たれた社会を実現するため、浄土真宗門徒として、常に念仏を心の鏡として、内なる差別に向き合うと同時に、社会や国に蔓延する人種差別と暴力に対し毅然とした態度で立ち向かわなければなりません。お釈迦さまの教え「己が身にひきくらべて」を胸に、誰もが暴力に晒されることのない安穏な社会の実現に努め、未来ある子や孫に心豊かな社会を手渡していきたいと願っています。

当仏教会は、お釈迦さまが願う人類平等の価値観を共有する神聖で安全な場所です。全ての人々が個々の社会的アイデンティティを受け入れ、相手の人権を尊重し、豊かな多様性を楽しめるように団結と調和を希求し続けていく所存です。

Super Seniors Ray & Reiko Murakami

Written by Jean Shimoguchi

Ray and Reiko Murakami have been active members of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for decades. Here's their story.

Ray & Reiko Murakami in 2020

RAY'S BIOGRAPHY

Ray was born with the birth name Akira Murakami in Guadalupe, CA, the fourth of five children. The Murakami family was interned in Gila River, AZ, during World War II. After WWII, they settled in Elk Grove, CA, and farmed the land. When Akira, enrolled in grammar school, many of Japanese kids didn't have English names at the time, so his sister named him Ray. He attended Rhoads School (founded in 1872), a one-room schoolhouse from first to eighth grade. He remembers carving his initials on the backside of the schoolhouse. The school building has been preserved and moved to a park in Elk Grove and is now a California Historical site. In 1948, the family moved to Mountain View to start a strawberry farm. He graduated from the old Mountain View High School, off of Castro Street, and, in 1964, he graduated from San Jose State with a BA in Fine Arts.

REIKO'S BIOGRAPHY

Reiko Terao was born in Seattle, WA. The Teraos were interned in Minedoka, ID. Upon leaving camp, Reiko's family went to Spokane, WA, and her father, Reverend Eiyu Terao, a BCA minister, established the Spokane Buddhist Church. She is the oldest of four children. Her sister, Karen is married to Reverend Ken Akahoshi with the San Diego Buddhist Temple. Reiko attended the University of Washington and moved to Alameda in 1962.

FAMOUS VISITORS WHILE IN SPOKANE

In 1951, Lord Abbot and Lady Ohtani came to tour the BCA churches. Bishop Shigefuji asked Reiko's mother to travel as Lady Ohtani's Lady-in-Waiting. The entourage visited all the churches in the Northwest – Washington, Oregon and Idaho. At that time, Reiko's mother was pregnant with Reiko's youngest sister, and, when she was born, she named her "Yoshiko" in honor of Lady Ohtani. It was a surprise to many people that a small community such as Spokane would have many Japanese celebrities come and entertain. The famous singer, Misora Hibari, came when she was about 13 years old. Actress/singer Rikoran (Shirley Yamaguchi) famous for recording the songs, "Shina No Yoru" and "Eiraishan" stayed in their home. Shirley just adored Reiko's younger brother, Dennis.

REIKO = JOYCE?

When Reiko was enrolled in grammar school, her mother listed her name as Joyce, which was her mother's name. Reiko didn't care for the name because one of the church members always called her "Joyce Jr.". Upon graduation from high school, Reiko had to fill out a form to write her name as shown on her birth certificate for her diploma. To her surprise, her mother said that her name was just Reiko Terao – not Joyce. Reiko was called down to the principal's office and scolded: "Can't you follow directions?" The family remained in Spokane until they moved to Alameda where her father served at the Alameda Buddhist Temple from 1960 until his retirement in 1978.

REIKO MEETS RAY

Ray was discharged from the Army in 1962 after serving in the Panama Canal Zone.

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Lady Ohtani (left) and Mrs. Joyce Terao (Reiko's mother)

Reiko (9), Misora Hibari (13) & sister Karen (6) in 1950

Reiko at Shinran Shonin Statue Dedication on May 11, 2014

Ray & Reiko at 2019 Keiro Kai

Super Seniors Ray & Reiko Murakami (cont'd)

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He returned in time to be a groomsman for his classmate, Jimmy Furuichi's (Ben's younger brother) wedding. Jimmy married Satoko Sugiyama, Reiko's friend from Alameda. Outside the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, prior to the wedding, Reiko was struggling to pin the corsage on her jacket. Reiko recalls that a "very tanned-skinned man in a white dinner jacket, with big black horned rim glasses" approached her and asked if she needed help. She didn't know if he was Japanese or not. That was their first meeting.

MARRIAGE IN 1964

Reiko and Ray were married by Reverend Sensho Sasaki in 1964. Prior to their wedding, they had to go through the old ritual of having a "Baishakunin" ("go-between") from both families. When Ray's parents visited with their Baishakunin, Mr. and Mrs. Tomizo Furuichi, Reiko had to serve the tea and then leave the room. From the kitchen, she could listen in on the conversation. It was exciting as Reiko's cousin went through the ritual the prior year. The groom's parents would come bearing a tray with Japanese

Marriage of Ray and Reiko in 1964.
Performed by Rev. Sensho Sasaki in the
Hondo at the Mountain View
Buddhist Church
(The Hondo is now the current YBA Hall)

envelopes tied with "Mizuhiki" ceremonial paper cord in "Kyukyodo" inextricable knots. A dowry in reverse. Ray and Reiko were married in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, which is now the YBA Hall. They received an ***Obutsudan*** and ***Onenjus*** from the Temple as gifts.

RAY'S & REIKO'S CAREERS

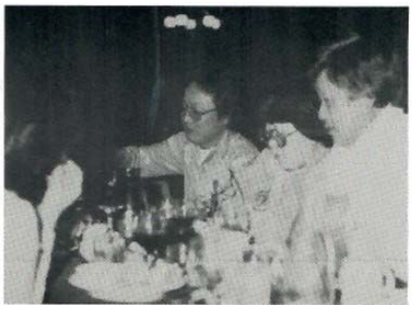
After Ray graduated from San Jose State, his first job was as a commercial artist with an ad agency in Reno, NV. While in Reno, they welcomed the birth of their daughter, Kari Mieko, in 1965. In 1967, the family moved back to the Bay Area.

After Kari started school, Reiko worked part-time for State Farm Insurance and Min Uyehara was her last boss. Reiko then went into business designing and sewing evening clothes. She did a number of fashion shows for Yu-Ai Kai, CHIAM and Pola, and retired at age 50. One day Ray told her that San Jose Airport were looking for Japanese speakers. She didn't want to go, but he said, "just go see what it's about." Reiko came home with a job with American Airlines for the new Tokyo flight with American's Special Services. She went on to a management position dealing with the daily Tokyo and domestic flights with First Class and VIP passengers. She retired in 2005.

RAY'S DEVOTION TO MVBT

Ray had a long career as a graphic and commercial artist having worked for advertising and electronic companies. In 1982, he started his own freelance business. He shared his talents with MVBT with several projects. In 1990, he helped George Abey produce and design the MVBT 25th Anniversary album, Echo I. He was very impressed at George's talents, as a writer, artist and his woodcuts for the album. In 2009, Amy Imai asked Ray to be co-editor and design and produce the MVBT 50th Anniversary album, Echo II, for publication in 2012. He says that "without the support of co-editor Richard Fujikawa, the album staff, and contributions from all the Temple organization, this project could not have been done." Ray's artwork is highlighted on the cover of the first Mountain View Buddhist Temple Cookbook. Reiko's illustrations are also in the cookbook. After a few revisions to the cover art, the Temple is now using it as the Temple logo. Ray was also the layout consultant for the Senior Activities Cookbook with Reiko as the illustrator.

With the encouragement from Yas Shimoguchi, Ray started the YABA-ABA in 1972. He served as its first President and Yas was Vice President. Prior to committing to join the ABA national organization, Ray and Reiko went on a scouting trip to attend an ABA conference in Fresno. Most of the attendees were their parents' age. After reporting back to the group, the name was changed to "Young Adult Buddhist Association-Adult Buddhist Association" (YABA-ABA). One of the big events that year was the Hawaiian luau. The YABA crew had to dig a large pit behind the Sangha Hall patio to cook the pig underground with lava rocks. Approximately 130 guests enjoyed the Hawaiian feast, with lomilomi salmon and all the trimmings. Intended to be a one-time event, the Luau became an annual MVBT fundraiser for many



Lf to Rt, Ray, 1st YABA-ABA President
with Reiko

Since 1972, the YABA-ABA has had the following leaders:

May 1972 - July 1973	Ray Murakami
Aug. 1973 - July 1975	Isamu Higa
Aug. 1975 - Dec. 1977	Roy Matsuzaki
Jan. 1978 - June 1979	Frank Bunya
July 1979 - Dec. 1979	Yuki Yamamoto
Jan. 1980 - Dec. 1981	Milton Hamasaki
Jan. 1982 - Dec. 1984	Sets Kuboyama
Jan. 1985 - Dec. 1988	Harry Sakae

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Super Seniors Ray & Reiko Murakami (cont'd)

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years. In 1972 the YABA-ABA held the first Reverend Sensho Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament, organized by Ted Abe, who also ended up winning the tournament.

REIKO'S DEVOTION TO MVBT

Reiko taught third grade Dharma School at MVBT for one year. Her biggest challenge was "trying to keep the kids engaged. Third grade was difficult, and the class included three mouthy boys!" They insisted on calling her "Teach." She knew teaching was not her thing.

Reiko prepared hot lunches for the Wednesday Maintenance Group once a month. She remembers them as very special people: soft spoken and very kind who always laughed about themselves. As time went on, the morning coffee breaks started earlier and lasted longer. Donuts were supplied by Arlene Tahara, the Temple secretary. Reiko still misses the men of the Wednesday Group.

From 2007 to 2010, Reiko chaired the MVBT White Elephant fundraiser. For weeks before the sale, Jeanne Ohara and Haruye Hoshi worked with her every day in the YBA Hall, cleaning and pricing donated items from our Temple members.

Reiko became the BWA President in 2011 and continues to this day. It was a big learning curve for her. Reverend Mukojima would always mentions "that the BWA was the backbone of the Temple." Reiko noticed that MVBT didn't have a statue of Shinran Shonin on the grounds and thought that this would be a great project for the BWA. Reiko spent long hours corresponding with the people in Japan to manufacture and purchase the statue. Kiki Yonemoto installed the statue with the help of Jeff Sato, Bob Imai and Harry Ohara. It was a joyous day on May 11, 2014, when the statue was dedicated in memory of past BWA members. Reiko views the BWA as an energizing and profoundly dedicated group.

Long-time friend, Miyo Takegami says that "Reiko is a dedicated, competent leader who has led the BWA thru tumultuous years of declining membership due to the advancing age of our members. She has successfully encouraged many younger members to join and they have infused our group with new ideas, advice, support and diversity."

Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki (Reverend Sensho's wife) talked to Reiko "like a grandmother and gave her many hints for everyday little things." The Sasaki and Terao families have known each other since Reverend Sensho Sasaki was the minister at Stockton. Reiko's mother even babysat Reverend LaVerne when he was a child. Reiko says that "as a PK (preacher's kid)," the things that impressed me as a child had a big influence as an adult."

The Murakamis appreciate their time at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. They hope that MVBT continues to thrive, and founding member Hiroji Kariya said it best at the 50th Anniversary, "keep doing what we have been, only more so." Miyo learned "that from observing Reiko's enthusiastic devotion to our Temple and organization – diligence will reap many rewards in life!"

THANK YOU

The Sangha thanks the Murakamis for their dedication and support of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and hope they will continue to reap many rewards in life.

2020 BWA Cabinet at
2020 Installation Service
(Reiko, 4th from left)

BWA & MVBT members who attended 16th World BWA
Conference in San Francisco in 2019
(Reiko, front row, 3rd from right)

Chicken @ Home Fundraiser

For this year's MVBT Chicken Teriyaki event, we will be hosting a dine-out fundraiser at Panda Express on **Sunday, May 23**. This fundraiser applies to all **Panda Express locations nationwide** when orders are placed online using the **code 903257** in the Coupon Code box during online checkout.

Enjoy some of Panda Express' famous Orange Chicken and raise money for MVBT at the same time! More information can be found at the below link. Please pass this on to all of your family and friends!

tinyurl.com/ChickenAtHome

And please look out for more details on our virtual Chicken @ Home event in Putra's Post.

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Make your purchase. Thank you for your help.

Dementia Presentation Hosted by ABA

UPCOMING EVENT

On Sunday, May 2, after the Sunday Service, ABA will be hosting a presentation titled, "Aging, Memory Loss, and Dementia". **Dr. Bruce Morimoto**, known to many of us as one of our High School Dharma School teachers, will be sharing

Presentation on "Aging, Memory Loss and Dementia"

his expertise in this field by covering a range of topics related to

Dr. Bruce Morimoto

these areas. He brings to us an impressive list of credentials and background in treatment development and project management. His topics will include causes, signs and symptoms, current treatments, patient-caregiver perspectives, and future research and development.

Dementia is a syndrome, not a disease, that describes symptoms of impairment in memory, communication, and thinking. There are more than 3 million U.S. cases a year, affecting 5-8% of the general population over 60 years old, although it can occur in younger people as well. Please join us after service to learn more and understand the implications of this far-reaching condition.

YU-AI KAI DISCUSSION HELD

A big "Arigatoo" to **Jane Kawasaki**, Board President of Yu-Ai Kai, for her highly informative presentation to the Sangha last month. Over 30 people listened in to learn about the many support services, resources, and classes available through the agency. And our heartfelt gratitude to ABA's own **Teri Hirota** for candidly sharing her personal experiences with Yu-Ai Kai while caring for her mother. Her first-hand account of the support they both received showed how genuinely valuable an asset Yu-Ai Kai is to the community. By hosting this presentation, it is our hope that others in our Sangha will now have a place to turn to should the need arise.

In Gassho,
Joanne Makishima
ABA Activities Committee

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

VIRTUAL SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Mondays: Exercise

CANCELLED. Nothing is permanent as we learn in our Buddhist teaching. We have cancelled the Monday morning exercise. We are hopeful you will continue to exercise on your own. With the weather turning nice, walking is a good source of exercise. Continue to stay well. You are all missed during this pandemic.

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 **Kinji Ushiba**, **Sterling Makishima**, **Susan Yuen** and **Teri Hirota** 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 Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**, for giving us our Taiko lesson via Zoom every Thursday at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm (Temporary Time Change - Check Putra's Post or send email to seniors@mvbuddhisttemple.org). 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

Choir Director / Leader Needed

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Choir is in need of a Director, Leader.

We would like a patient, approachable, understanding and Volunteer Music person to teach and lead a small Temple Choir, who are happy to work with our leader to prepare song presentations for the Temple audience. We sing songs in both English and Japanese, Buddhist and Popular.

Practices are once a week for 1 ½ hours. Singing presentations occur about nine times a year. We have Festival presentations once every two years.

During the COVID pandemic, we are meeting virtually. If you would like further information, please contact **Marilyn Ozawa** at email address:

choir@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho
Mountain View Buddhist Temple Choir

PS
We are a small group, but welcome all who like to sing. Please contact Marilyn Ozawa.

MVBT YBA NEWS

MVBT HANAMATSURI SERVICE

YBA chaired the MVBT Hanamatsuri Service on April 11. Thank you to **Jake Aquino** and **Mason Inouye** for hosting the Hanamatsuri program, and **Evan Itow** and **Ryan Mukoyama** for chairing the service. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

2021-2022 YBA CABINET NOMINATIONS

YBA will hold nominations for the 2021-2022 YBA Cabinet during our May meeting. Elections will take place during our June meeting.

In Gassho,
Megan Nakagawa
2020 - 2021 YBA President

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

April YBA Meeting

Get Ready for OBON at HOME — July 17 & 18

Reminder: Videos are due June 1, 2021

No Contacts! No Gatherings! Temple Closed! No OBON!

NO WAY!

Obon at Home is on the way. We will have Videos, Demostrations, Games, Bingo, Odori and FOOD. Obon in a Box will make a return and we look forward to another fun weekend for all. As always save the third weekend of July 17 and 18, 2021.

We are planning for the new Obon website to be launched during the first week of May. The website will have options for purchasing the Obon in a Box, Bingo cards, Games and other add-on foods. Including additional Polish Sausage! Also available will be the new 2021 Obon at Home T-Shirt!

Volunteers Needed!

Also on the new website will be volunteer opportunities. We will need help in Obon in a Box assembly and distribution. Distribution of additional food options, T-shirts and traffic control.

Marilyn Ozawa
Bryan Nishimoto
Zone 11

CHICKEN @ HOME FUNDRAISER

Sunday
MAY 23, 2021

Go to
tinyurl.com/ChickenAtHome

Use Code 903257

Miroku

At our last meeting, Miroku members decided to do a virtual chocolate truffle making event and agreed to use some of our funds to cover some of the costs. We also got volunteers for the next "Meet the Miroku Members" article for the Echo (Emi and me, see our articles about each other below!).

My dad gave us an update on what is going on at the Temple and said that we could help with Putra's Projects if we want.

We are also going to start thinking about a video for Obon at Home.

In Gassho,
Kendall Inouye

MIROKU
middle school group

Meet the Miroku Members

Kendall Inouye is in 7th grade and goes to Graham Middle School. She is 12 years old (turning 13 on May 29), and her family includes her mom Traci (Endo), her dad Mike, her older brother Mason, and her doggie Kazu. She also shares a home with her grandparents, Mel and Audrey Inouye. Ko, Emi, Kendall, and Mason are all grandchildren of Richard and Emilie Endo.

Kendall loves reading online, playing Minecraft, and doing crafts. She started going to MVBT ever since she was a little baby, since both of her parents grew up there. One of Kendall's favorite events at Temple is Obon since she gets to hang out with her friends and eat tons of delicious food. One of the biggest things that Kendall misses about Temple is being able to talk and hang out with her friends, and she hopes that we can go back soon.

Emi Hirabayashi is a 13-year-old, seventh grader attending Sunnyvale Middle School. She lives with her mom, Christine (Endo), her dad, Hideki, her brother, Ko, and her dog Pepper. Her cousins Kendall and Mason are also grandchildren of Richard and Emilie Endo.

She has been attending Mountain View Buddhist Temple for as long as she can remember. She is an excellent baker and artist, and enjoys spending her time playing video games or practicing basketball. When asked what her favorite Temple event was, she said "All the events at the Temple are really fun! I can't choose just one," but later mentioned that if she had to choose one she would choose Obon. She really misses seeing all her friends and is excited for when things can get back to normal.

Above: Emi (on left) & Kendall at 2013 Obon

Left: Emi (left), Pepper, Kazu & Kendall in 2020

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

Ruth Tokiko Fukuda June 15, 1926 - April 15, 2021

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

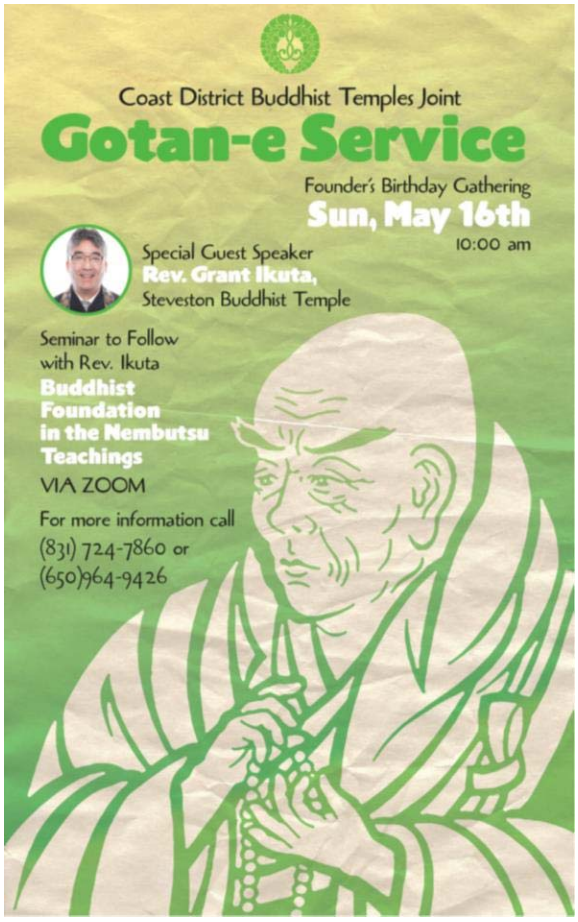
Namo Amida Butsu

RIBBON LEI SALE

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



Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FDSTL Conference

The Southern District is hosting the annual Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League (FDSTL) conference online on Saturday, April 24. The theme for this year's conference is "Meeting the Challenges of Today's Dharma School." **Reverend Mukojima** and seven teachers will be attending virtually.

Hanamatsuri @ Home

Dharma School coordinated the "Hanamatsuri at Home" program on Sunday, April 11. Thank you to our masters of ceremonies, **Jake Aquino** and **Mason Inouye** for hosting the program, **the Dharma School teachers, students, and families** for their wonderful photos, videos and presentations, **Curt Fukuda** for his reading of "Buddha at Bedtime," **Carol Harbin** for coordinating the Hanamatsuri service activities, and **Kristi Matsumoto** for creating "Hanamatsuri Putra" and putting together instructions for the Great Hanamido Challenge!

Thank you to the Hanamatsuri at Home Program Coordinators: **Kim Tsuchida**, **Elise Fujimoto**, and **Brent Izutsu**.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

BWA News

With the COVID-19 vaccinations in full swing, the reopening of our Temple isn't too far in the future. For this, we are truly grateful.

STAYING ACTIVE

Our MVBT BWA is staying strong in the Nembutsu and continue our work virtually, such as our Temples "Obon@Home" for 2021. We thank Shirley Matsumoto and Lorrie Kitasoe for their hard work.

NEMBUTSU FAMILY CONFERENCE

The Coast District will have a virtual Nembutsu Family Conference on October 24, 2021, hosted by the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. Our Temple member, Ellen Kamei who is also the Mayor of Mountain View, will take part in the BWA segment as a panelist. The key feature will be on Buddhist Women in Leadership Roles. There will be a question-and-answer period during this time. We will have more information at a later date. Please mark your calendar for this important event.

MEMBERSHIP

$20 membership dues for 2021 are now being accepted.

Please stay strong in the Nembutsu!

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Buddhist Women's Association

Fishing Club News: Fishing Derby

The MVBT Fishing Club is holding a **Fishing Derby** that will last from June 1 to November 30 of this year. There are four species you can fish for: Bass, Striped Bass, Surf Perch and Trout. There is a $5 entry fee per species. Please contact **Alec Matsumoto** at alec.matsumoto33@gmail.com if you would like to register or have any questions/want more details. The deadline to register is May 31.

Everyone is welcome to participate. You do not need to be a Fishing Club member!

Link to the derby rules:

https://tinyurl.com/MVBTDerbyRules

In Gassho,
MVBT Fishing Club

2021 150 Club News

It's going to be a better year!

Our winner for the month of April is **Shin Sawamura**!

Congratulations and thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

Stay safe!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
MAY	No Toban	N / A	N / A
JUNE	No Toban	May 14 (Fri)	May 24 (Mon)
JULY	No Toban	June 11 (Fri)	June 21 (Mon)

Please note the article deadline and printing dates. The mailing date has been adjusted to accommodate the Temple's COVID-19 requirements. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue. Thank you. *Domo Arigato.* Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org .

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

TROOP

The Troop celebrated Girl Scout Sunday by chairing services on March 28. Three of our Cadette Level Padma Scouts gave the Dharma Talk. The Scouts showed how the movie Wreck-It-Ralph tied in the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Noble Path throughout the film.

BROWNIE/JUNIORS

The Brownie/Junior group held a meeting and were led once again by our Junior Scout Kelsey. She gave a lesson on jewelry making and each Scout that participated earned their Jewelry Badge. Kelsey did a great job and is learning leadership skills while having fun too.

CADETTE/SENIORS

The Cadette/Senior group continues to brainstorm fundraising and travel ideas. Currently, they are holding a Graduation Lei Fundraiser. See below for information and to order.

COOKIES

Another HUGE Thank You to the Sangha for supporting our Girl Scout Cookie Sales! We truly appreciate the support we've been given throughout the years and especially during this year-long pandemic.

INTERESTED IN JOINING? QUESTIONS ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS?

As this Scout year winds down, we are looking to the future and are always looking for new girls and families to join us. We will be starting up a new Daisy Troop for Kindergarten and 1st Grade girls in the Fall! If you know of any girl that may be interested in this level, or any of our other levels, please let us know! Contact any current Scout or Leader, or email us at

gscouttroop736@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

MVBT Boy Scout Troop #87

TROOP ACTIVITIES

We had a Northern Tier meeting on the March 10 for people who are going to Northern Tier High Adventure Canoe Base in Minnesota. Training hikes for Northern Tier were on the March 28 and April 10.

We had a Pinnacles campout from March 19 to March 21.

We also had another Home Repair merit badge session on April 21 as well.

Anselmo Loh
Troop Chaplain's Aid

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

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" or (2) Send a check to the Temple office

Got SPAM?

We can help you!

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!

If you believe you have received a SPAM email, just forward the email to

SPAM@MVBuddhistTemple.ORG

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.

In Gassho,
Technology & Website Committee
Alec Matsumoto

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Earn Income for MVBT!

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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.

Fabric Face Masks Available

Made by Lois

Made by Shirley

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

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple Cancelled

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Online service to be held on Sunday, May 2

Details on MVBT website or Putra's Post

May 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 **May** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Robert Ariyama	**Hideo M. Kumamaru**	**Koji Sakai**
Naka Chikasuye	**June Kusumoto**	**George Sato**
Rev. Philipp Eidmann	**Roy Matsumoto**	**Shigemi Sato**
Judy Jean Furusho	**Edward Morimoto**	**Betty Shidawara**
Ruth Goto	**Hana Nagao**	**Frank Shimizu**
Levan Gray	**Charles Nagatoshi**	**May Shimoguchi**
Isano Hamada	**Minako Nakamoto**	**Kazuko Springer**
Gary Hirotsu	**Clark Nakamura**	**Aiko Taniguchi**
Hironori Honda	**Yoshito Nakamura**	**Mitsuye Togashi**
Dr. Yuta Hongo	**Harry Nakano**	**Fusako Tokuda**
Kay Ikeuye	**Naoko Nakashima**	**Sumiye Tomota**
Robert Imai	**June Naritomi**	**Lucia Towne**
Nancy Ishii	**Chiharu Nishimura**	**George Tsukagawa**
Ishino Ishikawa	**Herbert Nishimura**	**Seiko Tsumura**
Nobukichi Ishikawa	**Hajime Ogata**	**Sumi Uyeda**
Caroline Izumi	**Momoyo Ogino**	**Aleric Uyehara**
Tomoyuki Kanzaki	**Yoshihiro Okasaki**	**Torao Watanabe**
Yasuko Kariya	**Iko Oku**	**John Wittlesey**
Joe Masao Kawaguchi	**Leonard Oku**	**Peggy Yamaguchi**
Makoto Joseph Kawaguchi	**John Okumura**	**Frances Yamaji**
Shigeko Kawamoto	**Joe Okuno**	**John Yamaji**
Kiyono Kawano	**Chizuo Sakae**	

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**

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
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		6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	4:00 pm Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	10:00 am Tech Support 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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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	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	4:00 pm Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks – Virtual 7:45 pm Tiger Team Meeting	10:00 am Tech Support 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
10:00 am Graduation Virtual Service 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting		6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	4:00 pm Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	10:00 am Tech Support 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
10:00 am Father's Day Virtual Service		6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	4:00 pm Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks – Virtual 7:45 pm Tiger Team Meeting	10:00 am Tech Support	
27	28	29	30			
ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
10:00 am Sunday Virtual Service	7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting	6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along			

Upcoming Events

June 6, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo
June 13, Sunday
Graduation Service
June 20, Sunday
Father's Day Service
July 11, Sunday
Kangi-e / Obon Service
Hatsubon Service
Juiy 17 & 18, Saturday & Sunday
OBON at HOME

CHICKEN @ HOME

Sunday
MAY 23, 2021

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