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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June Highlights

- ***6/6, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo, Online
  * *Japanese Language Service*
  * *English Language Discussion*
- ***6/7 Mon, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group, Online
- ***6/13, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Graduation Service, Online
  * *Graduating High School Senior Dharma Talks at Watch Party*
- ***6/20, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Father's Day Service, Online
  * *More Graduating Hig School Senior Dharma Talks at Watch Party*

Not By Birth Does One Become a Brahmin

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

MISS HATSUMAIRI

Last April, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple presented the Hanamatsuri Service in celebration of Sakyamuni Buddha's birth. Although it was offered only online, I believe that our Sangha members were pleased to see our beautiful Hanamido, the flower altar that enshrines the statue of the baby Buddha.

Although in our tradition, we usually combine Hatsumairi (Infant Presentation Ceremony) with Hanamatsuri, I was regretful that we have had to cancel it for two consecutive years. I really missed witnessing our new parents wishing for their baby's healthy growth as they stand before the image of Amida Buddha. I truly hope that we will be able to make this wonderful tradition available again next year.

ANIMAL WORLD

There are countless kinds of animals in this world. Even those most familiar to us—like dogs, cats, birds, squirrels, rabbits—exist in so many varieties. Interestingly, if one of these baby animals was to be raised by another type of animal, it would still grow up to be the animal that it had been born as.

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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

Ben Horita is the Super Seniors for this Echo. His story starts on Page 6 of this issue.

The photo of Ben was taken at the 2017 Keiro Kai.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
		6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting		4:00 pm Senior Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	
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10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service 3:00 pm Outdoor Odori Dancing	7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	4:00 pm Senior Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	5:00 pm Ukelele 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
10:00 am Father's Day Virtual Service	7:30 pm Tech Support	6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual		4:00 pm Taiko - Virtual 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	5:00 pm Ukelele	
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 7:30 pm Tech Support	6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual				

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While Sunday Services at the Temple are cancelled, Dharma Messages are available at 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 — June 2021

June 6, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Online Service

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

June 7, 2021, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

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

June 13, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Graduation Service, Online Service

11:00 am: Graduating High School Senior Dharma Talks, Online

June 20, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Father's Day Service, Online Service

11:00 am: More graduating High School Senior Dharma Talks, Online

June 27, 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 family and friends of:

Thomas Oku ***Nov 18, 1944 - May 2, 2021***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Not By Birth Does One Become a Brahmin (cont'd)

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For example, if a kitten were raised by dogs, years later it would still be a cat. And if a puppy were raised by chimpanzees, it would still grow up to be a dog. No matter how compatible, if the adoptive parent is not the same species as the baby it is trying to raise, that baby can never become like them. Therefore, puppies raised by humans can only become dogs. Furthermore, they will never turn into a human nor behave as humans do.

No matter how well we take care of them, puppies will grow up to be dogs, and kittens will always end up as cats. Even if raised by other animals, there are no exceptions to this fact. They might grow accustomed to our environment, but they cannot transcend the kind of animal they are.

However, humans are completely different from other animals in this respect: humans must always be raised by humans.

HUMAN WORLD

There is a famous story about two girls in India who a long time ago were raised by wolves. Apparently, they had been abandoned in a forest by their parents when they were very little. For some reason, they were accepted and protected by wolves and so they were able to survive. After several years passed, the girls were discovered and rescued from the forest.

But as a result of living only with wolves, they were not able to speak, write, nor even walk upright. They couldn't use utensils when they ate. Instead, they ate with their hands on the ground, just like a wolf does with its paws. They couldn't communicate like humans and were unable to change the behavior they had learned living with wolves. It was impossible for them to learn how to live as humans do. In the end, despite being born human, they had been raised as wolves, so to live their lives as humans was not possible. What a sad story.

NEMBUTSU WORLD

What we can learn from this is that, unlike other animals, humans must be raised by humans. And even though their parents are human, the children's development depends on how their parents raise them. For example, if parents don't teach their child the dignity of life, their child will surely neglect others' lives. If parents don't make their child realize the importance of racial equality, that child will discriminate against others without realizing it. If parents don't instill their child with patience and discipline, that child will easily become aggressive and injure others. And if parents don't show their child how to live harmoniously with those around them, that child will act selfishly without consideration of others. For these reasons, it is very important to build a family life that is filled with the Nembutsu so that our kids grow up as a complete being with a rich mind that shares the suffering, sadness, joy and happiness of others.

TODAY'S WORLD

At present, we are faced with the terrible issue of hate crimes between races. It is really hard to witness the world in such chaos. It seems to me that now is the time to give the highest priority to an education that cultivates people's awareness of our shared humanity that is the dignity of life. By acknowledging and sharing such a precious sense of value, all people can respect and accept one another regardless of whatever differences we may have in our race, gender, religion, and so on.

Sakyamuni Buddha said, "Not by birth does one become an outcast; not by birth does one become a Brahmin. By deeds one becomes an outcast; by deeds one becomes a Brahmin." In other words, our value is not determined by race, nationality, lineage, culture, nor religion. It is determined by what our actions are.

I know that Sakyamuni Buddha's words strike a chord in many people. But also, this teaching makes each one of us think deeply about being responsible for our behavior. In other words, a person who discriminates against others diminishes the value of his own existence and can make others despise him. Also, each one of us should recognize ourselves as a representative of our race. Although it is important to eliminate stereotyping among people in the world, I should also be aware that, if as an Asian man I always act selfishly and trouble those around me, my behavior is sure to affect the impression that non-Asians have of Asians. In other words, I need to be aware that, with my Asian face, my actions will inevitably reflect on the Asian community.

These observations are true for all easily-identifiable racial and ethnic communities as well. Inevitably, any group to which a person belongs will be praised or blamed for its members' actions. This is simply a fact of human nature. Although we should not be judged nor evaluated by race, it is undeniable that our actions do reflect the community we are part of. So we must take responsibility for our actions so that we neither disgrace nor devalue our community. In the long run, selfish and irresponsible behavior won't benefit our community nor keep it safe.

BE GUIDED BY AMIDA BUDDHA

Just as only human babies with human parents can grow up to be true humans, if all beings are raised with the guidance of Amida Buddha, the path to attain Buddhahood will surely be open to all of us. I sincerely hope that being guided by the Nembutsu teaching will help cultivate in each of us the Buddha's compassionate mind, which sees all beings as equals and urges each of us to take responsibility for our own actions.

In Gassho,
Rev. Yushi Mukojima

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二一年六月法話

ー 行為によってバラモンになる ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先の四月、オンラインで当仏教会の花まつり法要をお勤めしました。オンラインではありましたが、美しい花に彩られた花御堂を見て、多くのご門徒が喜ばれたことと思います。花まつりと一緒にお祝いする初参りは、パンデミックの影響を受けて二年連続で中止となってしまい残念でありましたが、来年こそは、ご本尊の前で子供の成長を願うこの素晴らしい伝統行事を仏教会で行えることを心から願っています。

さて、世の中には数えきれないほどのさまざまな種の動物がいます。身近なものでも、犬や猫、鳥、りす、うさぎ、と本当に様々です。しかし、興味深いことに、それらの動物は同じ種以外の親に育てられても、ちゃんと本来の動物として育つことができます。たとえば、猫が犬に育てられても猫に育ちますし、犬が猿に育てられても犬として育ちます。親の種類が違っていても、決して、その親のようになることはありません。ですから、犬が人に育てられても、犬にしかなりえませんし、もっと言えば、人間のような生き方はできないのです。

どれほど、人間が愛情をかけて育てても、犬は犬、猫は猫として育ちます。他の動物であっても、例外はありません。たとえ人間環境に慣れることはできても、動物は本来の姿を変えることはできえません。

しかし、人間は完全に他の動物とは違います。人は必ず人によって育てられなくてはいけません。昔、インドに狼少女と騒がれた二人の女の子がいました。悲しいことに、この少女らは幼くして両親に森の中で捨てられたそうです。その後、何らかの理由で狼に育てられ、生き残ることができたのですが、数年後、森深くでこの少女達が発見され、保護されました。

しかし、幼少期に狼に育てられたことによって、言語を話したり、文字を書いたり、二本足で歩いたりすることができませんでした。更には、食事の時は、地べたに四つん這いになって、まさに狼のように食べあさったと言います。残念なことに、彼女達は狼としての生活から抜け出せずに、最後まで人間の生活に戻ることができなかったそうです。せっかく人として生まれながらも、狼を親として生活した結果、人間らしく生きる道を絶たれてしまったのです。何とも悲しいお話です。

この話から分かるように、人間世界では、育てる親は必ず人間でなければなりません。更に言えば、たとえ親が人間であっても、育てる親によって子供のありようは大きく変わります。例えば、もし子供にいのちの尊厳を教えなければ、子供は他のいのちを軽視しますし、人種間の平等を伝えなければ、子供は無意識に他人を差別してしまいます。また、子供に忍耐や自制心を植え付けなければ、攻撃的になり、いとも簡単に相手を傷つけます。そして、和をもって生きることの大切さを示さなければ、他人を思いやることなく自分勝手に行動してしまうような人間になってしまいます。だからこそ、お念仏に香る家庭を築き、その教えの中で、人の苦しみ、悲しみ、そして喜びを共に分かち合うことのできる心豊かな子に育てることが大切なのです。

現在、人種間での憎悪犯罪が大きな問題となっていますが、今こそいのちの尊厳という普遍的価値観を育む教育が最優先されるべきです。こ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、お互いを受け入れ敬うことができるのです。お釈迦さまは「生まれによって賤しい人となるのではない。生まれによってバラモンとなるのではない。行為によって賤しい人ともなり、行為によってバラモンとなる」という言葉を残しておられます。つまり、人の価値は人種や国籍、家柄、文化、宗教によって決まるものではなく、その人の行いによって決められるものであるということです。

この真実の言葉は多くの人の心に共感を与えることと思います。しかしその一方、私達一人ひとりの責任ある行動が問われています。つまり、他を差別する行為は、自ら己の存在価値を下げ、軽蔑される身となるということです。また、個々が人種の代表であるという認識を持たなくてはなりません。ステレオタイプをなくすことは大切ですが、もし、アジア系の私が自分勝手な行動ばかりとって他人に迷惑をかけるようなことがあれば、アジア人に対する印象が悪くなってしまうのが事実です。そういう意味で、私はアジア系の代表であり、私の行動で何の謂れもないアジア系コミュニティが迷惑を被るようなことがあってはいけません。これはアジア系にだけ言われることではなく、白人、黒人、ヒスパニック系であろうとも、その人の行動一つでその人の属するコミュニティーが称賛もされ、また、非難もされてしまうということです。私達は人種によって評価されるべきでは決してありませんが、コミュニティの中で生かされているのも事実です。ですから、この大切なコミュニティを決して汚すことのないよう自分の行動に責任を持たなくてはなりません。自分勝手で無責任な行動は決して許されないのです。

人が人を親として人に育てられるからこそ人となっていくように、私達生きとし生けるものが、阿弥陀さまのお育てにあずかったならば、私達も必ず仏となる道が開かれます。どうかお念仏の導きの中で、全てのものを平等に見ていく仏の心を養い、各々が常に責任ある行動を心がけていただきたいと切に願います。

Super Senior Ben Horita

Written by Sterling Makishima

BORN IN WASHINGTON STATE

Ben was born in Wapato, Washington, on November 9, 1930, to mother Kiyo Tsutsumiuchi and father Kumetarao Horita. Wapato in the Yakima Valley was American Indian owned land. Renting the land from them, Ben's family farmed the land with other Japanese families. Ben was the 6th of 7 children (3 girls & 4 boys), all delivered by a midwife (Mrs. Hayashi).

Farming this land was very hard work, so Ben, at a young age, learned many skills and lifelong experiences.

INTERNMENT AND AFTER

When the World War II broke out with Japan, all the Japanese families in the Wapato area were sent to Portland Stockyard Assembly Center. After traveling all night on the train with only a suitcase per person, they stayed at this assembly center for almost 4 months. In September 1942, the Horita family was interned at Heart Mountain, Wyoming, until July 1945.

After leaving Heart Mountain, the family moved to Midvale, Utah, for a short farming life. By September of 1946, the Horita family settled in San Jose. Here they were able to farm in different cities of Santa Clara Valley.

Ben joined the Army in 1952 and was stationed in Germany with an Occupation assignment until his discharge in 1954.

MARRIED KAY KAWAMOTO

Ben met his wife, Kay Kawamoto through a mutual friend and were married in June 1958. They had three girls - Gayle, Lori and Carole. Ben has two grandchildren, Katie and Patrick, Gayle's children.

WORKING CAREER AT NASA

In 1960, Ben started his career at NASA. This was where Ben assisted in testing small-scale model space capsules in a wind tunnel,

Ben & Kay Horita in October 2012

taking many photos of these models to ensure the safety of the real space capsules. After 15 years of this testing, Ben transferred his skill set to flying as a crew member in the NASA-714 aircraft, a modified Lockheed C-141A Starlifter jet transport aircraft. Many of us from Mountain View remember this aircraft flying out of Moffett Field to take infrared astronomy photos of outer space.

NASA-714

This NASA position required being stationed in different parts of the world. Ben recalled the time being located in Hawaii, where Kay was allowed to join him. While he worked, Kay would enjoy sightseeing with the other ladies (spouses) of the flight crew.

During our interview, Ben shared with me his wind tunnel drawings and scale model space capsules while explaining his role in the testing. He sounded very proud of his testing role in the NASA space program.

In the early 1970s, Ben started working part-time at a Gulf gas station, while still working at NASA. The gas station was owned by the Ikeda family of Palo Alto. Bill Kaku was the manager of this station, who hired Ben as a part time evening worker. This was where I first met Ben. Ben was my supervisor, and we closed the gas station together on the night shift. Ben taught me many auto mechanic skills. He taught me how to lift my GTO on the rack to change the oil and lubricate my car on a regular basis. Thank you, Ben!

HOW DID BEN GET CONNECTED WITH MVBT?

Ben was born and raised a Methodist and was married at the San Jose Wesley Methodist Church. But Kay was Buddhist and was involved in the YBA at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. Ben and Kay settled in Sunnyvale. Once the girls got of age, Kay began taking them to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

HELPING AT FUNDRAISERS

We all know how the word gets out at the MVBT when there is a new family around at the Temple. Before Ben knew it, Ben was washing rice for Mochitsuki when asked by Hiroji Kariya.

But it wasn't long before Ben started to get assigned to the Bazaar booths. His first

1993 Obon Festival & Bazaar:
Booth Construction
Front standing:
George Sato (left) and Dan Iwata
Back on ladders:
Ben Horita (left) and Jeff Sato

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Super Senior Ben Horita (cont'd)

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booth was the Nickel Pitch and then moved to Animal Pitch. In 1993, Ben & George Sato were co-chairs of the Obon Festival and Bazaar.

1993 Obon Festival & Bazaar
Back row: George Sato (left), Jeff Sato, Christine Endo Hirabayashi & Ben Horita
Front row: TJ Sugimoto, Mako Matsuki, Chelsea Sugimoto and Dan Iwata

MAINTENANCE CREW

Soon after, Ben helped out at the Temple on Wednesdays under the direction of Alan Nara, the beginnings of the "Maintenance Crew." Some of the original crew members were Dan Iwata, Aki Nakano, Ed Chikasuye, Alan Nara and Ben.

Ben recalls that Dan started to cook lunch for the crew every Wednesday. Soon after Miki Nishimoto and Ruth Kamei, who helped out in the Temple office on Thursdays, suggested that they switch to working on Thursdays, so the Maintenance switched its workday to Thursday. Ben said that he thinks Miki & Ruth enjoyed socializing with everyone, but Ben thinks it was Dan cooking lunch for everyone that was the big attraction.

MVBT Maintenance Crew in 2004
Back row (L to R): : Iwao Nakao, Shozo Mayeda, Kenzo Kamei & Dan Iwata
3rd row (L to R): Yosh Umemoto, Kay Ikeuye & John Matsumoto
2nd row (L to R): Richard Endo, Muneo Masaki, Ben Horita & George Sato
Front row (L to R): Alan Nara, Aki Nakano, Ruth Kamei, Yasuko Kariya & Rev. Dean Koyama

As more and more members retired from their jobs, the Maintenance Crew grew in number, even more ladies began helping in the office. The word got out that Thursdays were a big social event with a great lunch. As a result, the lunches were longer and more food had to be bought. Ben recalls Hiroji Kariya donating money to buy all the food for lunch. Wow!, what fun times this was for everyone as Temple upkeep was being completed. Ben was and still is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to Temple maintenance.

Some of the bigger projects Ben remembers were the building of the roof on the reefers and the construction of the large shed next to the parsonage, which they nicknamed "Rev's Dog House!"

Rev's Dog House

BEN'S FAMILY

In his younger years, Ben enjoyed fishing for trout at Davis Lake, as well as traveling north to the Klamath River to fish for salmon. One other hobby of Ben's was taking pictures. I must have seen 50 photo albums on his bookshelf. Ben was able to create two beautiful bound manuals of the history of the Horita & Kawamoto Families. He hopes that he can share these two documents with others that might be interested in the history of his and Kay's families. The old photos of his grandparents & parents as well as Kay's side are a family treasure.

Ben Horita (right) with Alan Nara at the 2017 Keiro Kai

After the passing of Kay in 2012, Ben took his three daughters on a wonderful trip to Japan.

Now Ben relaxes at home and enjoys his talks with his daughters who check on him on a regular basis. His Japanese friend who lives across the street helps Ben with the yard and checks on Ben daily. He now has his own maintenance crew of two. Good for you, Ben!

THANK YOU FROM MVBT

On behalf of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, we thank you for the many years of dedication and hard work at the Temple. We are all grateful and appreciative of your continued friendship and support.

In Gassho,
Sterling Makishima

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

MVBT YBA NEWS

2021-2022 YBA CABINET ELECTIONS

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

COAST DISTRICT SPRING ACTIVITY

The CD Spring Activity was hosted virtually by San Jose YBA. We enjoyed playing virtual games and interacting with people from other chapters.

MVBT OBON AT HOME VIDEO

For this year's Obon at Home, YBA recorded a video on how to make a bento. Join us for OBON at HOME! We'd love for you to check out our video!

CONGRATS TO OUR SENIORS!

Congratulations to our graduating YBA seniors: **Vanessa Higa**, **Sara Ho**, **Kelli Kosakura**, **Chloe Lim**, **Megan Nakagawa**, **Tyler Sato**, and **Katie Yasuda**. Thank you for your contributions to the YBA and good luck in the future!

In Gassho,
Megan Nakagawa
2020 - 2021 YBA President

May YBA Meeting

YBA Graduating High School Seniors — Congratulations!

Keep Your Golden Link to MVBT Bright & Shining!

Congratulations to the YBA members at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple who are graduating High School Seniors. Best wishes for your next adventure! Always keep your golden link to MVBT.

Namo Amida Butsu

Senior	High School	College Attending
Vanessa Higa	Mountain View High School	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Sara Ho	Lynbrook High School	University of Washington
Kelli Kosakura	Monta Vista High School	University of California at Los Angeles
Chloe Lim	Homestead High School	California State University at Chico
Megan Nakagawa	Branham High School	California State University at San Jose
Tyler Sato	Homestead High School	California State University at Fullerton
Katie Yasuda	Homestead High School	University of California at Davis

MVBT Membership News

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has not welcomed new members to the Temple at a Sunday Service since March 31, 2019.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE 2019

New members who joined the Temple between April 1 and December 31, 2019 are:

Larry Bradley
Ellen Kamei
Minae Nishimura
Don and Lori Parkison
Brian Shoda
Hiro Shoda
Hiroto Yamada
Wayne Yoshimoto and Anna Yong

New members who joined the Temple in 2020:

Warren Abey
Marilyn Armistead
James Cary and Jadine Yee
Shirlee Cunningham
Curt Fukuda and Monica Smith
Elise Fujimoto
Jaimie Holzknecht
David Hori
Susan Ikebe
Noreen Ikeuye
Darren and Shawn Imai
Susan Imai
Robin Lai
Courtney Makishima
Alex Muselman
Rev. Ensei Nekoda
Denise Ohara
Daniel Ryu
Gregg and Julie Uyekubo
Hiroshi and Marla Yonamine

New members who joined the Temple in 2021 up through April are:

Kristin Block
Barbara Bonini
Loreen Ellsbury
Christopher Fajardo
Rome Hamner
Barbara Heninger
Caitlyn Higa
Karen Hirano
Irene Hirota
Scott Hirotsu
Patricia Holzknecht
Judy Inouye
Yumi Ishihara
John Kariya
Tom Lee
Lesley Makishima
Marcy Mamiya
Leanne Maru
June Matsueda
Megan Matsumoto
Stanley Murai
Lon Nakayama
Alyson Olivera
Kiyoshi Shikuma
Chris Takeuchi
Barry Tao and Mari Ueda-Tao
Emily Terada
Jesse Unick
Raymond Yuen

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Many new members were introduced at the virtual Sunday Service held on April 25.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

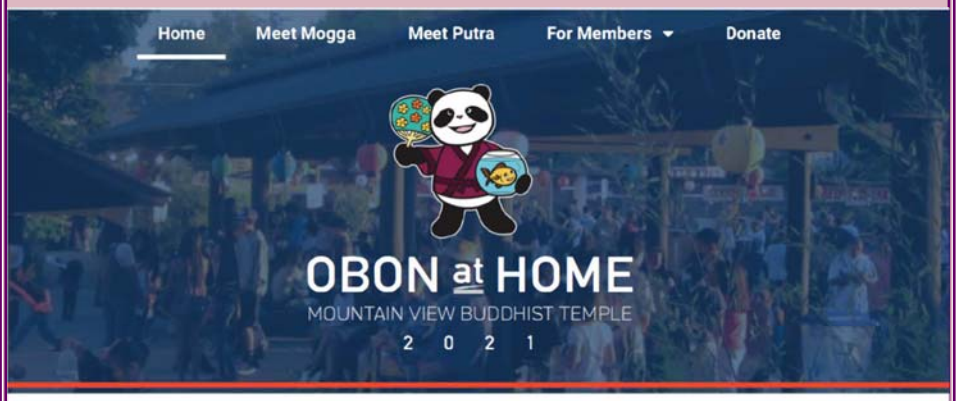
The 2021 Membership Drive is now at 277 households as of May 14 with a goal of 367 households.

The 2021 Temple Handbook and Directory is now ready for distribution. Distribution will be through Zone Chairs and by mail.

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee

New Members who were introduced at the Sunday Service held on April 25, 2021

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org



July 17 - 18, 2021

Welcome to our second Mountain View Buddhist Temple Obon at Home!

Our Sangha is so excited to celebrate Obon with joy and gratitude. It has been a long year, but that hasn't taken away the energy and enthusiasm of our community to accept change and adapt.

We will make this year's Obon a true gathering of joy and remembrance. Browse our website to see what we have in store for 2021.

OBON at HOME

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

July 17 & 18, 2021

We are planning a variety of online activities for your enjoyment and pleasure.
Here's a portion of what we have planned:

- Dharma Message by Rev. Mukojima
- Greetings by dignitaries including our own MV Mayor (and member) Ellen Kamei
- New Videos
- Virtual Lanterns to honor your ancestors
- Members ONLY Content & items such as:

  Bingo (win some new prizes)
  Obon in a Box - make your own Obon delicacies
  AND some sides to add: Manju, Sushi & more
  New Special T-Shirt design for 2021

All volunteer information, schedules, and purchases can be found on our new Obon website:

obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org

Let's celebrate to remember our members and loved ones of the past and also remember our past year. Let's be grateful of all things, living and non-living, who have made our lives both manageable and enriching. Obon, a celebration with oneness and gratitude.

Sign up to join the fun and volunteer on our website, much help is needed!

In Gassho,

Marilyn Ozawa
Bryan Nishimoto

Miroku

At our April meeting, MVBT President Bob Matsumoto joined us to give updates and answer questions about the Temple.

We ended April with a virtual chocolate truffle making party. Everyone enjoyed decorating and eating the chocolates.

We are still going strong with our "Meet the Miroku Members" article for the Echo—this month Kylie and Kaila volunteered to introduce themselves.

We have several ideas for our Obon at Home video.

In Gassho,
Jeremy Tao
6th Grade Miroku member

MIROKU

Meet the Miroku Members

Hi! My name is **Kylie Uyekubo**. I am 13 years old and in the 7th grade attending Borel Middle School. I live with my mom (Julie), dad (Gregg), little brother Tyler, who is 10, and my Grandma (May).

I like to play basketball, hangout with my friends, and I love to read.

I first started attending Mountain View Buddhist Temple when I was in kindergarten so about the age of 5. My favorite event at Mountain View Buddhist Temple is Obon. I love running around with my friends in the parking lot and helping at the booths.

The thing I miss most is seeing all the members and my friends at Temple on Sundays and I can't wait until everything is back to "normal" so we can all meet in person.

My name is **Kaila Matsumoto**. I am currently 12 years old and a seventh grader at Blach Intermediate School. I live with my mom, dad, grandma, grandpa and my brother (I also used to have a leopard gecko named Spark, who recently passed away).

In my free time, I enjoy playing basketball, creative writing, reading manga and dystopian fiction, as well as watching anime.

Since I was in preschool, I've been attending the MVBT. My favorite event is Obon as I can hang out with friends, eat food, play games and win prizes.

I mostly miss the social aspect of the MVBT, especially seeing and talking to my friends.

Obon Festival & Bazaar: Meet Mogga

- Mogga is pronounced "moh-ga"
- He is Putra's Special Volunteer for OBON at HOME 2021.
- Putra and Mogga sleep next to each other every night.
- Mogga's name comes from Moggallana, the great Buddhist monk who helped save his mother from the realm of hungry ghosts and danced with joy at Obon to celebrate her release.
- Mogga's favorite Obon food: Whatever he can share with Putra.
- Mogga's favorite Odori (Japanese dance): Arigato (because he likes to say "thank you!")
- Mogga's favorite Obon game: grab bag ("It has the best prizes.")

Dementia Presentation Hosted by ABA

DEMENTIA PRESENTATION

Domo Arigato to our high school Dharma School teacher, **Dr. Bruce Morimoto**, for his outstanding presentation on Dementia after the Sunday Service on May 2. He shared his expertise on a range of topics most relevant to the more than 50 Sangha members who participated by listening in or submitting questions. Everyone came away with a clearer perspective of dementia conditions and points of reference for further understanding. For those who missed the live presentation, it was recorded and the link will be in Putra's Post.

Dr. Bruce Morimoto

Presentation on "Aging, Memory Loss and Dementia"

DONATION

Thank you to Dennis Tsukagawa for his donation of $100 to ABA.

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

In Gassho,
Joanne Makishima
ABA Activities Committee

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

VIRTUAL SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays: Sing Along.

The summer is soon approaching us and like all good things, the last Sing Along will be on May 26. Our gratitude to **Kinji Ushiba** for starting this program. It is heartwarming to have the support from **Sterling Makishima**, **Susan Yuen**, **Teri Hirota** and **Amy Arakaki** for stepping up to run the show. A special heartfelt acknowledgement to our youngest supporter, **Alex Shinkawa**, who has shared his time with us.

Thank you all for your time and efforts supporting our Seniors. This program was enjoyed by many.

Thursdays: Taiko

Thank you to our instructors, **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**, for giving us our Taiko lesson via Zoom every Thursday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm, a temporary schedule. We may continue after our OBON at HOME program -- it will be a group decision. Please join us for it is never too late to 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

MVBT DIAL-THE-DHARMA

Weekly Dharma Messages available by Phone!

Dial 650-964-9426, Option 4

Please share this phone number with friends, family and those Sangha members who may not use computers or the Internet. They will be able to listen to a short Dharma Message while not being able to attend services in the Hondo.

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIE/JUNIORS

The Brownie/Junior group celebrated Earth Day and made a notebook by reusing a Girl Scout Cookie box.

CADETTE/SENIORS

The Cadette/Senior group would like to thank those who supported their Graduation Lei fundraiser.

TROOP

Some of our girls and leaders attended an online event with guest speaker Michelle Obama. They all agreed that it was an amazing experience!

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

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Campout at Home

This year, the Dharma School will be offering "Campout at Home" on Saturday, June 5. Dharma School families were asked to reserve their activity kits by Wednesday, May 12, which will be distributed on Saturday, June 5. The Campout Kits will include a neat origami activity, campfire friendly snacks, and ramen for the entire family to enjoy. We invite you to set up a tent in your backyard and sleep under the stars. More details to follow.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

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

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.

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

Fishing Club News: Fishing Derby

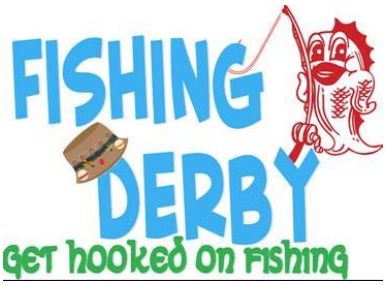
The MVBT Fishing Club is holding a **Fishing Derby** that will last from June 1 to November 30 of this year. There are four species you can fish for: Bass, Striped Bass, Surf Perch and Trout. There is a $5 entry fee per species. Please contact **Alec Matsumoto** at alec.matsumoto33@gmail.com if you would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



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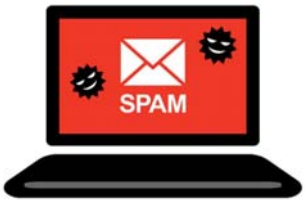
Earn Income for MVBT!

At no cost to you, Amazon will donate a % of your purchase to MVBT.

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.



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!

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

2021 150 Club News

It's going to be a better year!

Our winner for the month of May is is **Jody Chikasuye Low**!

Congratulations Jody. And, thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Stay safe!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
JUNE	No Toban	N / A	N / A
JULY	No Toban	June 11 (Fri)	June 21 (Mon)
AUG	No Toban	July 16 (Fri)	July 26 (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 .

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple Cancelled

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Online service to be held on Sunday, June 6

Details on MVBT website or Putra's Post

June & July 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 **June & July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Shiro Abe	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Ichitaro Okumura**
Dorothy Chikasuye	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Bruce Okuno**
Spencer Cowap	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Lily Omokawa**
Robyn Delgado	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Florence Ozawa**
Kazuo Domoto	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Kazuko Eidmann	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
Frank Fujii	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Ken Sakamoto**
Kotome Fujii	**Norma Kochi**	**Hannah Sato**
Masakazu Fujii	**Albert Kosakura**	**Mishi Sako**
Nobu Fukuda	**Mitsue Koto**	**Nizo Sako**
George Furuichi	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Tad Sawamura**
Mike Furusho	**Erin Maruyama**	**Suye Shimamoto**
James Furuta	**George Masuda**	**Mary Shimizu**
Tomoye Goto	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Shizue Haruta	**John Matsumoto**	**Dora Sugimoto**
Ben Hayamizu	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Masako Hayamizu	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Grace Hayano	**Shizuko Mayeda**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Joe Hayano	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Ted Tokunaga**
Bessie Hayashida	**Helen Miyake**	**Ito Tsukagawa**
Mae Higaki	**Chizuko Murai**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Sidney Hiramoto	**Kazuko Nagatani**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Asa Hori	**Bernice Nakagawa**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Genzo Horino	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Eiko Yamamoto**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Ichiji Yanaba**
Akie Idota	**Megumi Nakano**	**Kenji Yamane**
Kou Imai	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Naoko Yamashita**
Yukishige Imai	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**	**Imi Yasuda**
Takao Ishikawa	**Jim Nakayama**	**Goichi Yonemoto**
John Ishizaka	**Kiyo Ogata**	
Yotsu Iwata	**Takara Ogawa**	
Kenzo Kamei	**Mika Okita**	

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**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ALL MVBT SERVICES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19						
				6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Upcoming Events

July 11, Sunday
Kangi-e / Obon Service
Hatsubon Service
Juiy 17 & 18, Saturday & Sunday
OBON at HOME

August
No Services

September 12, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

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 & Interdependence — we are in this together**

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