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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

July Highlights

- ***7/4, Sun, No Service***
- ***7/11, Sun, 10:00 am, Service Online***
  - ** Urabon / Kangi-e / Obon Service*
  - ** Hatsubon Service*
  - ** Guest Speaker:* ***Rev. Ron Kobata***
- ***7/11, Sun, 11:00 am, Seminar, Online***
  - ** Following service*
- ***7/17 & 18, Sat & Sun***
  - ** OBON at HOME*
- ***7/25, Sun, No Service***

Dharma School News

Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all of our seniors who have overcome all of the obstacles of the last year and a half to become high school graduates:

Yumiko Bellon
Mia Fujitani
Vanessa Higa
Sara Ho
Kelli Kosakura
Chloe Lim
Megan Nakagawa
Tyler Sato
Katie Yasuda

We wish you all the best, and we

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BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

BWA extends their heartfelt and deepest sympathies to **Reverend Mukojima** and family for the loss of his beloved mother.

Our deepest sympathies also go out to the family of **Taye Kurashige**, who was a member of our BWA until she moved to Las Vegas several years ago.

It also saddens us to lose our friend **Irene Uchiyama**. Our hearts go out to her family. Irene was always there to help us for many years. We have fond memories of both ladies.

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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

Shin & Dolly Sawamura are the Super Seniors for this Echo. Their story starts on Page 5 of this issue.

This photo of Shin & Hideko is from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 50th Anniversary album dated October 2012.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**2** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**3**
4	**5** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**6** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**7**	**8** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**9** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	**10**
11 10:00 am Urabon-e Service & Seminar 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	**12** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**13** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**14** 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	**15** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**16** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**17** **Obon at Home**
18 **Obon at Home**	**19** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**20** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**21**	**22** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	**23** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**24**
25	**26** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**27** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**28**	**29** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**30** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**31**

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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 — July 2021

July 4, 2021, Sunday, No Services

July 11, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Urabon / Kangi-e / Obon Service & Hatsubon Service — Online

Kangi-e Obon: An annual memorial observance in honor of one's ancestors. Kangi-e, the Shin Buddhist Obon tradition, translates to a "Gathering of Joy" indicating we should celebrate the memories of our past ancestors.

Hatsubon: A special observance during the first Kangi-e Obon service following the passing of a loved one.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ron Kobata**, retired BCA minister

11:00 am Seminar following service with Rev. Ron Kobata

July 17 & 18, 2021, Saturday & Sunday, OBON at HOME

For more information, go to website: https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org

July 24, 2021, Sunday, No Services

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

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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

Hiromi Mukojima	*Oct 6, 1943*	*May 20, 2021*
Irene Uchiyama	*Dec 9, 1937*	*June 4, 2021*
Taye Kurashige	*Feb 26,1932*	*June 8, 2021*

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

Namo Amida Butsu — With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Dharma School News (cont'd)

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look forward to seeing you again soon!
がんばってください！

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dharma School Campout

The Dharma School held its "Campout at Home" activity on Saturday, June 5. A big arigato to Ricky Chu, Norm Higa, Cindy Hiroshige, Kim Tsuchida, and Julie Uyekubo for planning and coordinating the fun family activity!

DONATIONS

The following donation is gratefully acknowledged:

- **Jeff and Janice Lee**
  In celebration of Jillian's Birthday

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Kayley, Avery, and Riley enjoy roasting marshmallows at the Dharma School Campout at Home

BWA News (cont'd)

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OBON at HOME

We have videotaped our OBON at HOME segment and we are ready for the event. Our thanks to **Lorrie Kitasoe** for assembling the participants and **Shirley Matsumoto** for spending long hours going through many photos of BWA's activities and events from the past to the present. Also, many thanks to **Megan Matsumoto** (Shirley's daughter), who created the video presentation for BWA. We are truly grateful!

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

BROWNIE/JUNIORS

The Brownie/Junior group had a fun meeting learning how to make an origami box.

CADETTE/SENIORS

The Cadette/Senior group held their last meeting of the season. They started to work on badge activities that are a part of the Girl Scouts program inspired by Michelle Obama called the "Becoming Me" program. They will start up again in August.

TROOP

The Troop will postpone the Bridging Ceremony until September in hopes they can meet in person. We will have two Scouts bridging up:

- Kelly U. will bridge from Brownie to Junior
- Nitya K. will bridge from Senior to Ambassador

Congratulations to these two outstanding Scouts!

NEW DAISY TROOP IN THE FALL

When the program starts back up again in September, we will be welcoming a new Daisy Troop! If anyone is interested in joining this or any other level, please don't hesitate to contact any leader, or email us at:

gscouttroop736@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Super Seniors Shin & Dolly Sawamura

Written by Doug Sawamura

Shin & Dolly
at a family Christmas party.
December 2016

INTRODUCTION

Shin Sawamura was born in Torrance, California, in February 1933 to Kyoshi and Itoju (Miyasaki) Sawamura. He was the fifth and youngest child born in the family, having two older brothers, George and Tad, and two older sisters Miyo (Nagase) and Kayo (Nakahira). Kayo is the only sibling still living and resides in Kochi, Japan. Kochi Prefecture, on the island of Shikoku, is where the Sawamura family is originally from. During this time, the Sawamura family was farming vegetables in the Torrance area of southern California.

The Sawamura Siblings
L-R: George, Miyo, Kayo, Tad & Shin
(Photo taken at Doug & Phyllis's wedding.
June 1987.)

Hideko (Dolly) Sawamura was born in Salinas, California in January 1934 to James and Masako (Kuwada) Inokuchi. Dolly was the fifth child born in the family, having three older sisters: Matsuko (Tanaka), Michiko (Dooka) and Nancy (Mukai); one older brother Minoru; and younger siblings sister Edith (Matsumoto) and brother Donald. The Inokuchi family is originally from Hiroshima, Japan, with a small branch of the family landing in Honolulu, Hawaii. Story goes that one of Dolly's uncles was a chef to the last queen of Hawaii.

The Inokuchi Family
L-R: Akira Dooka (Michiko's husband), Michiko, James, Masako, Edith, Dolly, Nancy, Donald, and Minoru.
Not pictured: Matsuko, the eldest sister.
(Photo taken at family's property in San Jose. Early 1950s.)

SOWAN KOCHI KENJIN KAI

Shin's father, Kiyoshi, was one of the founders of the local Kochi Kenjin Kai. Kenjin Kai's are clubs formed to bring together families who came from the same prefecture in Japan. Each year, the club would hold a picnic during the summer and also host a New Year's dinner and memorial service. The club officially disbanded several years ago, but families still get together for a memorial service and lunch at the San Mateo Buddhist Temple.

WORLD WAR II

On December 8, 1941, the United States of America declared war on Japan in response to Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. Shin was 7 years old when his father sent him and his older sister back to Japan. Tad had returned to Japan a year earlier and his other sister Kayo was also already back in Japan. Now, all the children, except for oldest son George, were living in Japan because Shin's father knew things were going to get bad for Japanese families here in the states. Little did he know that things would only be worse for Shin in Japan. During the war, Shin lived with

Kochi Kenjin Kai picnic held at Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno. July 2010.

his grandmother and helped grow sugar cane in Kochi. During this time, all the rice was being sent to feed the Japanese army, so there was not a lot to eat. Shin remembers eating one potato a day. That potato would be smashed in with just a little rice to make the rice last longer. He ate so much potato that his skin began to turn yellow. He also remembers the US bombers flying overhead and so close that he could see the pilots in the cabin.

Life was not much better here in the US for the Inokuchi family for in the spring of 1942, they were forced to leave their home in Salinas only being allowed to take one suitcase. Dolly was 8 years old when her family was moved to the horse stables at the Salinas Race Track and Fair Grounds at the north end of Salinas. They were forced to live in the stables for almost three months while the various concentration camps were being constructed throughout the US. In the summer of 1942, the Inokuchis boarded a

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Super Senior Shin & Dolly Sawamura (cont'd)

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train for Poston, Arizona, where they were incarcerated in Poston Camp 3. Dolly doesn't remember a whole lot about the days in camp, but often times tells stories about having fun swimming in a big hole, her grandpa making sake, and having a short-wave radio.

LIFE AFTER WORLD WAR II

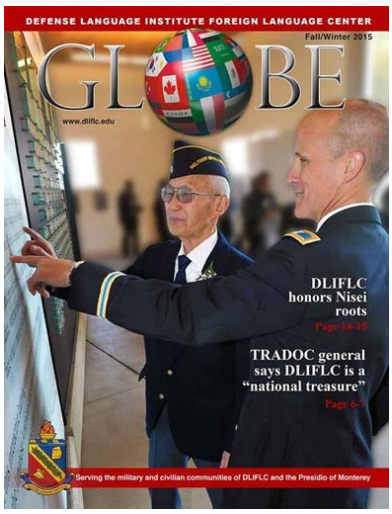
After the war, Shin and the Sawamura family settled in Redwood City where they worked for Mr. Kitagawa at what was called Horgan Ranch. During this time, Shin attended junior high and Sequoia High School. He also remembers going to Japanese school nearby in a building on the ranch. The family was able to save enough money to eventually purchase their own property at 2065 W. El Camino Real in Mountain View, the current site of KinderCare. The family decided to grow carnations and constructed greenhouses, a packing shed and two small homes on the property.

The Inokuchi family settled in Morgan Hill where they grew strawberries at the base of Anderson Dam. During this time, Dolly attended junior high and Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill. The Inokuchi family later purchased property at the corner of Snell Road and Monterey Highway where they owned a cut flower nursery. Dolly attended James Lick High School in San Jose, where she graduated in 1952. Dolly has always been very close with her younger sister Edith Matsumoto (Bob Matsumoto's mom) and the two families spent a lot of time together while the kids were growing up.

THE KOREAN WAR

On August 20, 1953, Shin was drafted into the US Army. He was trained as a Military Intelligence Specialist and was first stationed at Fort Ord, California, before being deployed to South Korea. In October 1954, Shin's mother passed away suddenly and he was called home for her funeral. He remembers the US Army treating him very well during this time and he had a private plane ride back from Korea to attend his mother's funeral. Since he was due to be discharged in less than a year, Shin served the rest of his time in the US Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Shin is very proud of his service in the US Army and most proud of his commendations as a marksman and special driver's license authorizing him to drive a jeep, 4x4 truck and 6x6 two-and-a-half-ton cargo truck. He was honorably discharged in the summer of 1955. Shin enjoyed his time in the Army and really wanted to reenlist, but he had to return to California to help with the family business.

Shin in Korea with his Jeep. Circa 1954.



Cover of The Globe Magazine, Fall/ Winter 2015
Shin and Col. Phillip J. Deppert, Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

INTRODUCTION TO MVBT

Sometime in 1957, Shin was encouraged to lead the Mountain View Buddhist Church YBA. Back then, the YBA was an older group, not a high school age group like it is today and the younger high school age group was called the Junior YBA. This encouragement came from the late Mr. Chiz Sakae, who was the current President of the YBA. Mr. Sakae basically told Shin "it's your age group's turn to take over the responsibilities from us" (the current group that included Mr. Sakae and Shin's older brother Tad). Somewhat hesitantly, Shin felt obligated to take over as Mr. Sakae was someone Shin highly respected. Shin took over as the YBA president in 1957. He remembers hanging out with Ray Murakami, Shiro Morita, Bob Suzuki and John Chikasuye.

Shin served on the MVBT Board as a member of Zone 3 and was a part of the late Mr. Alan Nara's "early" crew at Chicken Teriyaki for many years. During the Obon Festival & Bazaar, he helped with BINGO and later helped co-chair the famous Unagi Donburi booth with the late Mr. Muneo Masaki. Shin considered Muneo a dear friend and misses him greatly.

Shin and Dolly enjoyed attending the MVBT Senior Group sessions on Thursdays and particularly enjoyed the many trips to Reno with their friends in the Senior Group.

Although Shin didn't consider himself a leader at MVBT, he highly encouraged his children to get involved with the Temple. Sons, Doug and James, attended many years

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Super Senior Shin & Hideko Sawamura (cont'd)

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of Sunday School (now called Dharma School) and were active members of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA.

THE SAWAMURA BROTHERS WHOLESALE FLORAL COMPANY

Both Shin's family and his older brother Tad's family worked together growing carnations for many years. Life on the nursery was fun for the kids, but it was hard work for the adults. They worked 6-days a week, sunrise to sunset, and never really took a vacation. The Sawamura Brothers' carnations were well known and high quality. Most of their carnations were shipped to the East Coast where they were sold in the local florists in New York City.

Going fishing at the beach in Santa Cruz was a big treat during the summer. Another was going to the Royal Buffet on El Camino Real. Doug remembers going there with his uncle's family and taking their nursery workers sometimes. He also remembers having contests for the most servings eaten.

Shin & Tad Sawamura Families
Back L-R: Shin, Dolly w/James, Frances and Tad. Front sitting L-R: Doug, Jaimie, Kiyoshi, Bachan (Kiyoshi's wife), Jackie and Steve.
Circa 1966.

For birthday parties and major holidays like the 4th of July, the family's packing shed was turned into a large dining hall. Family and friends would gather regularly at the nursery and it was a lot of fun for everyone. Shin designed pieces of lumber that would bolt onto the packing tables and this turned the packing tables into picnic benches. There were no fancy Weber barbeque grills back then and the steaks and hot dogs were cooked on a homemade charcoal pit, made simply with a few bricks and leftover wire fencing material.

For a while, the Sawamura brothers ran nurseries at two sites. One in Mountain View (behind the old Camino Bowl) and another in San Jose across the street from what's now Yerba Buena High School. Eventually, they sold the property in Mountain View and focused their efforts on the larger nursery in San Jose. During this time, Shin and Dolly purchased their current home on Sylvan Avenue in Mountain View.

After retiring from the nursery business, both Shin and Dolly got part-time jobs just to keep busy. Shin worked as a delivery driver for Vision Color Labs. He loved his job because it allowed him to meet many different people at the various high-tech companies in the valley.

Dolly worked for 10 years in the deli at the local Lucky Supermarket. The late Mrs. Amy Imai encouraged and helped Dolly get a job at Lucky. Dolly had many regular customers who would wait in line at the deli until she was free because she had the reputation of making the best (and biggest) sandwiches.

FAMILY LIFE

Shin and Dolly were married at the San Jose Buddhist Church on October 12, 1958. Doug was born in 1960 followed by James in 1965. They are very proud of their two sons, although Dolly still says "she wished she had a girl".

A highlight of their lives was welcoming their five granddaughters into this world. Since Dolly always wanted a daughter, the birth of five granddaughters gave her the chance to get her share of "girl-time" and

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Shin & Dolly's wedding day at the San Jose Buddhist Church.
October 1958.

Getting ready to tour the Kochi Castle.
April 2006

Gathering at the Sawamura family ***ohaka***.
Back L-R: Megan, Phyllis, Haley, Kelsey and Dolly.
Front L-R: Shin's sister Kayo, Kayo's daughter Emi, Shin, Doug and Masao (Emi's husband).
April 2006.

Super Senior Shin & Hideko Sawamura (cont'd)

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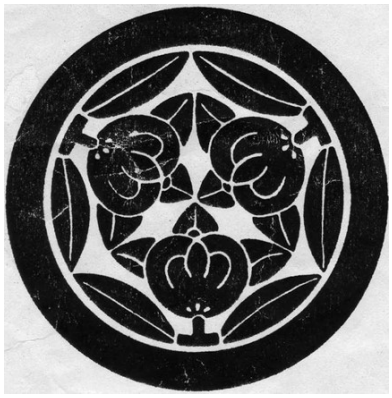
spoil her granddaughters as they both had the opportunity to babysit on a regular basis.

Shin & Dolly's Family
Back L-R: James, Shari, Dolly, Shin, Phyllis and Doug.
Front L-R: Maren, Kara, Kelsey, Haley and Megan.
Dec 2018.

Shin and Dolly enjoyed their trip to Japan in 2006 because it was Dolly's first trip to Japan and they got to travel with Doug, Phyllis, Megan, Kelsey and Haley. During this trip they visited Tokyo and Kochi. While in Kochi, it was very important to visit the Sawamura family cemetery and spend time with Shin's older sister Kayo. While in Tokyo, Dolly got to see one of her cousins (Aiko) who she hadn't seen in many, many years.



Sawamura Family *Mon*

THE SAWAMURA FAMILY MON

The Sawamura family crest, or Mon, is made of three orange blossoms (Tachibana). The term "Kamon" or "Mon" refers to a crest used in Japan to indicate one's origins; that is, one's family lineage, bloodline, ancestry and status from ancient times.

CONCLUSION

Shin and Dolly have many fond memories of their activities with the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and hope that the Temple's rich traditions and events will be preserved by the Sangha for years and years. Thank you for allowing Shin and Dolly to share their family's story with you.

Namo Amida Butsu —
With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words,

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

VIRTUAL SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Senior Activities Committee is disappointed and sad that the news for our Senior Activities is getting lesser and shorter, not being able to report any exciting news. Let us be hopeful that soon we can all get together again. In the meantime, stay well and maintain your good health. You are all missed.

Thursdays: Taiko

Thank you to our instructors, **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**, for giving us our Taiko lesson via Zoom every Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. We will continue with our practice, 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

2021 Hatsubon Families

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has 22 families that have lost a loved one since the 2020 Hatsubon Service. To remember those who have passed away before us, the Temple has the Hatsubon Service. All of the Hatsubon loved ones have and will continue to influence our lives and the future of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

The Hatsubon loved ones are listed below.

Loved One	Date of Death	Buddhist Name	Homyo
Florence Ozawa	6/12/2020	No Buddhist Name	
Masataka Hirabayashi	7/31/2020	Shaku Sho-ryu	釋正隆
Edna Ozawa	8/6/2020	Shaku Ryo-Sho	釋良清
Fumie Satake	8/6/2020	No Buddhist Name	
Doris Kuboyama	8/27/2020	Shaku Ki-Ju	釋喜寿
Matt Cusimano	9/3/2020	No Buddhist Name	
Allan Nara	9/4/2020	Ryo-Mon In Shaku Jo-Ka	良聞院釋常嘉
Masako Okazaki	11/15/2020	No Buddhist Name	
Amy Osugi	11/24/2020	Shaku E-On	釋恵隠
Yoshio Sato	12/5/2020	Shaku Kei-Go	釋圭悟
Frank Hoshida	12/12/2020	Shaku Ei-Ryu	釋英龍
Mae Kawaguchi	12/13/2020	Shaku Bi-Ko	釋美幸
June Furuichi	12/17/2020	No Buddhist Name	
Setsuko Hirano	12/25/2020	No Buddhist Name	
Kaichi Okazaki	1/18/2021	No Buddhist Name	
Mary Sasaki	2/7/2021	Shaku Ga-On	釋雅音
Richard Miyashiro	2/7/2021	Shaku Shin-Ko	釋心光
Yosuke Mizuhara	2/7/2021	Shaku Yo-Ku	釋洋空
Nori Kondo	2/21/2021	Shaku Myo-Ho	釋妙法
Helen Hamasaki	3/1/2021	Shaku Setsu-Ri	釋節理
Ruth Fukuda	4/15/2021	No Buddhist Name	
Thomas Oku	5/2/2021	Shaku Dai-Chi	釋大智

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

MVBT YBA NEWS

2021-2022 YBA CABINET

Elections for the 2021-2022 YBA Cabinet took place during our June meeting. Congratulations to the incoming cabinet:

President:
Evan Itow

Vice President:
Jake Aquino

Treasurer:
Ryan Mukoyama

Recording Secretary:
Kiera Nishimoto

Corresponding Secretary:
Allyson Itow

Religious Chair:
Mason Inouye

Activities Chair:
Jarrett Wong

Coast District Representative:
Ko Kitani

Historian:
Connor Sato

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!

In Gassho,
Megan Nakagawa
2020 - 2021 YBA President

June YBA Meeting

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

OBON at HOME

Several ABA members are actively working on MVBT's OBON at HOME including co-chair, **Marilyn Ozawa**. Other members are volunteering in other capacities.

CONDOLENCES

We were sad to learn that long-time ABA member, **Irene Uchiyama** had entered the Pure Land on June 4, 2021. We will miss her smiling face and happy disposition. Our deepest sympathies to her husband, Leo, and family.

Former ABA member, **Taye Kurashige** also passed away on June 8, 2021. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

DONATION

Thank you to **Bruce Morimoto** for his donation of $100 to ABA.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Miroku

Miroku is continuing to benefit from a cohort of active middle schoolers!

At our May meeting, we reflected on the year, secured volunteers for various activities, as well as worked out a plan for our OBON at HOME video. We agreed to hold a last meeting in June to do something fun to celebrate our departing 8th graders.

In Gassho,
Parent Advisors

MIROKU

Meet the Miroku Members

Hi Sangha,

My name is **Jeremy Tao** and I am 12 years old. In the middle of August I will start seventh grade at Peterson Middle School. My parents are Janell and Ryan Tao and my brother, Garrett, will be in 5th grade.

I like to build with Legos and play video games, basketball and baseball. I play shortstop and second base for the Sunnyvale Metro Little League. My family also just got a ping-pong table and so far, I'm the champion of the family.

I started attending Sunday Service when I was 18 months old, but didn't start preschool until I was 3 years old. My favorite Temple event is Mochitsuki because the turkey curry is the best. The thing I miss the most about the Temple is the french fries at Obon.

Hi Sangha,

My name is **Bradley Aquino**. I am in 8th grade, I am 14 years old, and I live with my Mom, Dad, Younger Sister, Older Brother, Dog and Obachan. Some of my interests include lacrosse, football, video games, talking to friends and Lego. I've been going to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple ever since I was born. My favorite event at Mountain View Buddhist Temple would be Obon, I would always look forward to when July rolled around because that would mean that Obon would be just around the corner. One thing that I miss about not going to the Temple in person is that I don't get to see all my family friends, and hang out with them after Dharma School.

2021 150 Club News

It's going to be a better year!

Our winner for the month of June is is **Miyo Takegami**!

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

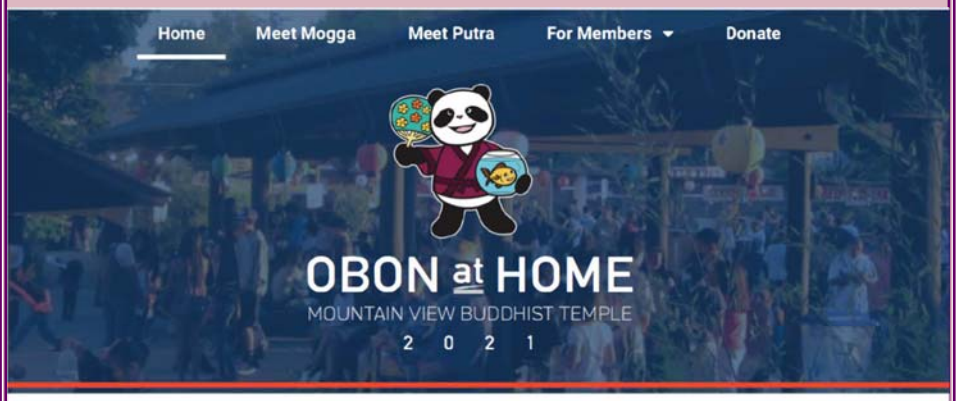
Stay safe!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
JULY	No Toban	N / A	N / A
AUG	No Toban	July 16 (Fri)	July 26 (Mon)
SEPT	No Toban	Aug 13 (Fri)	Aug 23 (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 .

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
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Landscaping Committee

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The **Landscape Maintenance Committee** is accepting volunteers to help tend the grounds at the Temple. We meet on Fridays from 8 am to noon. Come out for some fresh air and a little exercise! COVID-19 safety protocols are observed.

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See you at the 2022 Tournment

august 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	**2** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**3** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**4** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	**5** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	**6** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**7**
8 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	**9** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**10** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**11** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	**12** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**13** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	**14**
15	**16** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**17** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**18** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	**19** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	**20** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**21**
22	**23** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**24** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**25** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	**26** 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**27** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**28**
29	**30** 12:00 pm Senior Bingo! (TBD) 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**31** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual				

Upcoming Events

All Sundays in August
No Services

September 12, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service
Dharma School Starts

September 19, Sunday
Fall O-higan Service

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- **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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