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September Highlights

- **9/5, Sun, No Services**
- **9/12, Sun, 10:00 am, August & September Shotsuki Hoyo, Online**
  * *11:00 am Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am English Language Discussion*
- **9/13, Mon, 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group, Online**
- **9/19, Sun. 10:00 am, Coast District Joint Fall Ohigan Service, Online**
  **** No MVBT service ****
  * *Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ko'e Umezu** of WLABT*
- **9/19, Sun. 11:00 am, Seminar, Online**
  * *Seminar following service with Rev. Umezu*

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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, Vanessa Higa & Tyler Sato

Thank You to Everyone

By Vanessa Higa

Hi everyone.!

First of all, Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there.

My name is Vanessa Higa. Yes, that Higa family, but don't worry I'm almost the last one.

Thank You

When I was trying to figure out what my speech would be about, multiple things popped up in my head. I figured I could easily talk about how growing up at the Temple has taught me about impermanence and how everything changes but it's okay cause that's life. I could also go on and on about how I never really noticed the role that the Temple and Buddhism has played in my life until now. But every time I thought "Wow! I got it. This is what I want to leave behind as my final speech," I always ended up writing

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Make What You Want Out of Change

By Tyler Sato

The great Winnie the Pooh once said, "We didn't realize we were making memories; we just knew we were just having fun." This is probably a quote you guys hear every year for these senior speeches, and it's probably because it is one of the most relatable quotes as a senior in high school. When I look back at my experience in YBA and Temple, I realize that all the great memories I made with my friends, family, and the Sangha were just fun times I had. It also helped me see that a lot has changed since the start of my freshman year to my last days as a senior in high school, and to be thankful for those fun times.

Everything Is Constantly Changing

As most of you have heard before

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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

Milton Hamasaki is the Super Senior for this Echo. His story starts on Page 7 of this issue.

This photo of Milton & Helen Hamasaki 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
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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 — September 2021

September 5, 2021, Sunday, No Service

September 12, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, August & September Shotsuki Hoyo Service, Online

Sunday Services and Dharma School resumes

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service., Online

11:00 am: English Language Discussion, Online

September 13, 2021, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

To join, send email request to staff@mvbuddhhisttemple.org

September 19, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Coast District Joint Fall Ohigan Sunday Service, Online

Fall Ohigan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the fall on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion.

Link to website to be provided soon.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ko'e Umezu**, Assistant Minister at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple

11:00 am: Seminar following the Service

September 26, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sangha Day Picnic or Sangha Day @Home

To be Determined. Please check the MVBT website for updates. Zone Chairpersons will also provide information and updates

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class**

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Sunday Dharma Messages by Rev. Mukojima and Minister's Assistants John Arima and Devon Matsumoto are available on the MVBT website.

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Thank You to Everyone (cont'd)

VANESSA HIGA

Mountain View High School 2021

Bound for University of Hawaii at Manoa

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out just what I needed to say with not enough time at the end to thank just everyone who has helped me become the person I am. So that's when I decided that between all the life lessons and memories that will last me a lifetime, my senior speech (which believe it or not, I haven't been dreading, but procrastinating) will be possibly be the first thank you I tell you or the 50th time I've voiced my appreciation for you.

Thank You to the Temple & Sangha

So, for as long as I've known and to my knowledge even before I knew it, I was welcomed whole heartedly into this amazing second family, which 50% of it was already made up of my immediate family. I remember going to Sunday Service and Dharma School making memories and friends that I didn't fully realize would end up changing my life. So for my first set of thank-yous, this one goes out to all my teachers, Reverend Koyama, and Reverend Mukojima. Because although I didn't always enjoy the car ride to Temple, you all certainly made it worth it with all of the fun stories, games, and grilled cheese. You have all become incredibly influential people in my life and I am so grateful for that.

Another fond memory I have from any sort of Temple event is the very confusing "Hellos" and introductions to people who seem to know me, but I have no idea who they are. I always have the slightly awkward "I've seen you on your mom's facebook" or "I'm friends with your grandpa" conversations, but even those small interactions have helped shape me. I like to believe I'm not talkative, simply social and brought up in a community where you talk to anyone and everyone, so thank you because whether you realize it or not, those little talks have made my days brighter and allowed me to help brighten someone else's day.

Now thank you to all my taiko instructors because I know you think I didn't need it, but you all have given me so much confidence not only in playing, but in general. I have laughed countless times at practice and performances that going through those 11 years only made me wish I had more time.

Thank You to My Friends

I, of course, can't forget to thank my best friends, Sara, Megan, Kelli, Kaite, Tyler, and Chloe. I am forever grateful for everything you've done for me. We have made probably some of the best memories of my life. Most of you I have known for almost 13 years which is crazy to me. You all watched and helped me grow up, figuratively. I have learned what it truly means to have lifelong friendships because of you, so thank you.

Thank You to My Family

And now for my family. So to all my aunts and uncles who always made sure I knew just how proud my family was of me and ensured that I would always have some of the biggest spectator groups I thank you. And to all my cousins who made me laugh until tears were forming or took me drives till the sun came down, I thank you. And to my grandparents who made it very apparent just who their granddaughter was, thank you for being my biggest cheerleader.

And to Jillian, my little sister, we may have our fights, but we're sisters regardless, so thank you for teaching me to be silly, live my life to fullest, and be someone I'm proud of because you never know who's looking up to you. I loved our car rides home from school and our mini-Minecraft parties. You are going to absolutely kill it in high school, so even though I am an ocean away, I can always help with a simple phone call. And to Caitlyn, my big sister, you will probably never understand just how grateful I am for you. Whether it was picking me up Chick-fil-A or making me laugh at 2 am, I will never be able to repay you for everything you have done for me. And I know you're crying on the couch right now but don't worry I will always be your little sister. Thank you to my built-in best friends. I really couldn't have asked for better sisters.

And to my dad you were always the one to run to Safeway at 11 pm because I forgot about a school project or picked me up a different dinner because I was a picky eater. No matter what, you are always there for me and so I know I don't say it enough, but thank you. Mom, everyone says that my personality is a spitting image of yours and that could not be a bigger compliment. We have definitely had our differences, but I am truly grateful for all the car drives to cheer and chances you've made me take because you only wanted what was best for me.

Thank You to All

So thank you to my friends, teachers, family, and the Temple for making me into someone I am proud of.

Please join me in Gassho,

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members"

Namo Amida Butsu

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Make What You Want Out of Change (cont'd)

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SATO

Homestead High School 2021

Bound for California State Univeristy at Fullerton

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sometime during Temple, impermanence is the idea that everything is constantly changing. In all of our lives, things are changing whether it is you as an individual or the world around us. For example, I've gotten taller since my freshman year, I feel like I've matured as a person, I even have a girlfriend now, and other things like that. And for the world, obviously, COVID-19, people fighting against police brutality and racial injustice, the Israel and Palestine situation currently, all of it is changing. For the purpose of keeping this speech concise, I will focus on the pandemic and how Buddhism helped me learn from it.

So when the pandemic hit and everyone was put in quarantine and self-isolated, I realized that there were a lot of things about interacting with others I missed and lost. I lost a real junior and senior prom, I lost experiencing a real senior year of high school, I lost contact with some of my friends I used to talk with everyday at school, I lost the opportunity to make new friends, and I lost the opportunity to make new memories with friends from school and at Temple. Although I lost a lot in the past 15 months and am really sad and disappointed about it, Buddhism helped me come out with a very valuable lesson. I learned to appreciate those things and fun times when they happen because the opportunity might not rise again, and you make what you want out of change.

Now, when I'm with my family and we're having our funny conversations during dinner or whenever, I remember to just live in that moment and try to be grateful. I'm going off to college in the fall, so these last 2 ½ months I have with my family will be some of the last for a while. Speaking of going off to college, all of my friends are going to college, which means some of my high school friends will also be leaving for their schools elsewhere. I'm not sure how many times I will be able to see them again before the fall, but I'll do my best to appreciate them for the last couple of times in person.

I briefly mentioned making what you want out of change, which is something I did during this time in quarantine. For example, I gained a little bit of weight the past year because I didn't go out much (this represents change) which means I have the luxury of trying to work it off (this represents the good I try to make out of the change). A more serious but also slightly depressing example is having a fallout with a lot of my school friends over quarantine, but that means the friends I can trust are the ones that I stuck with through quarantine and the ones I lost contact with were just ones that weren't meant to be. Basically, it's just a fancy way of saying try to find the good from the bad.

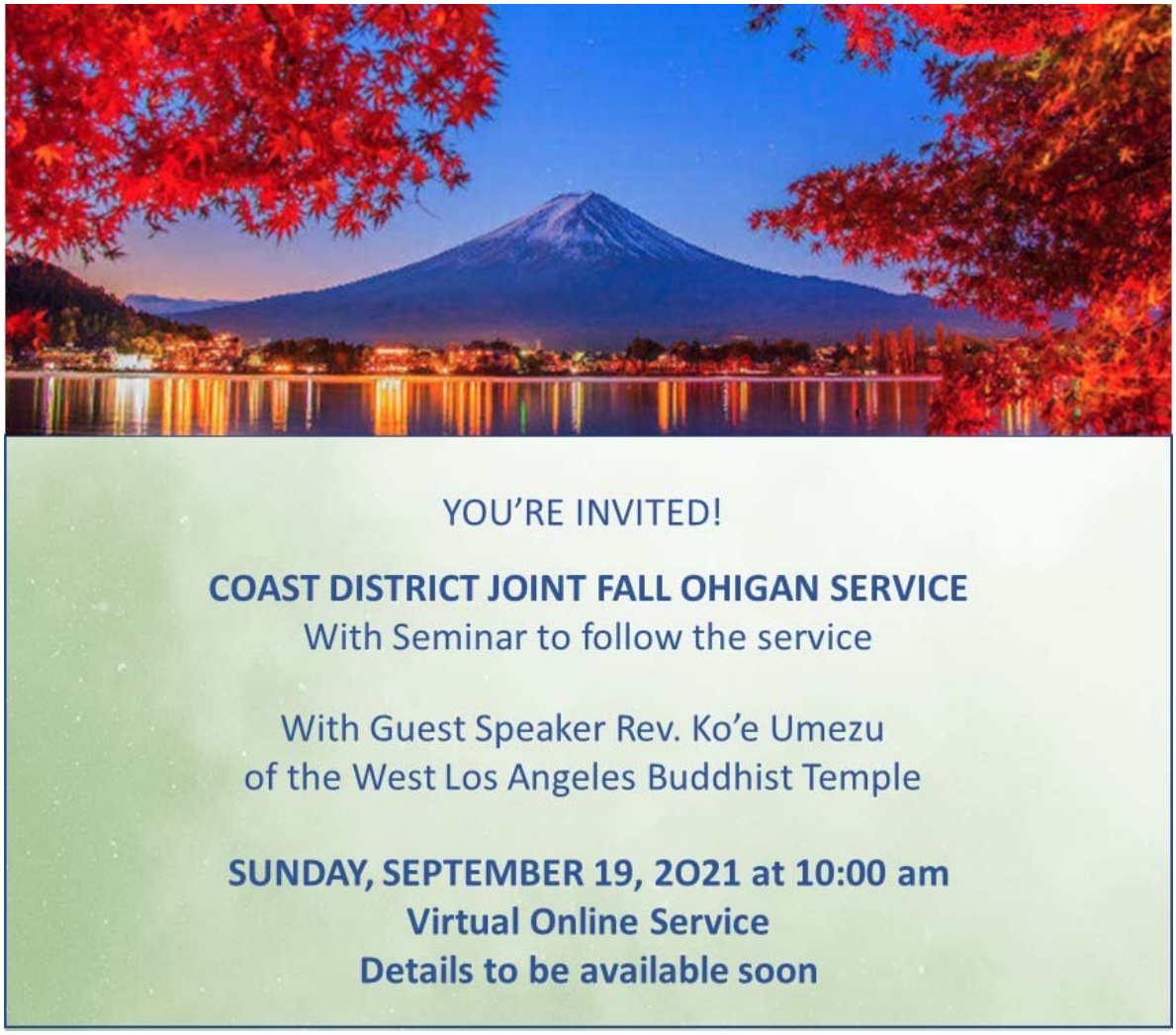
Be Grateful for What You Have

I believe if you keep living your life without giving your thanks or being grateful for what you have in the moment, you'll have regrets later when you lose those things. In the movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off, the character Ferris Bueller says, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." In the song "Let Her Go" by Passenger, the opening lyrics say you only miss something when it is gone, and in the show "The Office" Andy Bernard says, "I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them." These are all good quotes that summarize what Buddhism has taught me during quarantine the past 15 months.

Shoutouts and Thank-Yous

Before I end my speech, I want to give some shoutouts and thank-yous to those who helped and supported me through my times at Temple. Thank you to the Sangha for always being supportive and welcoming ever since I started coming to the Temple in 2010. I know that all of your support will be there when I need it the most. Thank you to all of my Dharma School teachers and Reverend Mukojima for teaching me all that you know through all my years at the Temple. Shoutout to Itow, I've had a lot of great memories with you since the 2nd grade and I wish the best of luck to you next year as president of YBA. Thank you to Chloe, I don't even know if you'll be watching this, but you've been one of the biggest highlights of my life, and I look forward to what the future may have for us.

And a huge thank you to my family. Thanks, Connor, for being a great younger brother who happened to be one of my best friends too. Thanks, Jordyn, for not only setting unrealistically high expectations for me, but also for being an outlet of wisdom and help when I need it. Thanks, dad, for always helping me in anything when I needed it, and being supportive throughout my whole life. Thank you, mom for everything. You've always been there for me, helped me through all the low points in my life and cheered for me during the high points. Even though I said I will do my best to be thankful for all the great memories and times we had as a family, it'll still be difficult moving out and not being with you all anymore.



Rev. Ko'e A. Umezu (pronouns she/her/hers) has been the part-time assistant minister and community outreach coordinator of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple since August 2020.

She received her first level ordination in July 2019 from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha tradition in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Ko'e is currently enrolled in the Institute of Buddhist Studies in the Masters of Arts in Buddhist Studies program.

Since shelter-in-place has started, she has discovered that she also enjoys baking desserts to share with friends and relatives.

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Super Senior Milton Hamasaki

Written by Jean Shimoguchi

Milton & Helen Hamasaki
Milton is 94 years old. Helen entered the Pure Land on March 1, 2021, at the age of 92 years.

Milton Hamasaki and his late wife, Helen, have been strong supporters and active members of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha for decades.

BACKGROUND

Milton was born in Gardena, CA, and grew up in Compton, Gila River Internment Camp, Palo Alto, San Francisco and Sunnyvale. He had three sisters: Alice Adachi, Masako Hamasaki and Margaret Honbo.

He and Helen met in San Francisco in 1956 and were married in 1960. They have three children -- Craig (Betty) Hamasaki, Lori (Scott) Leonard and Karen (Danny) Kuniyoshi; and seven grandchildren -- Erin and Lauren Hamasaki; Max and Maia Leonard; and Alyssa, Ty and Lia Kuniyoshi

HAMASAKI FAMILY

Milton worked at United Airlines for 38 years from 1954 to 1993, first in the Maintenance Department, and then in the Inspection Department. While at United, the family took several trips, flying around the continental United States, mostly on the East Coast, where they were all able to learn about the early history of the United States. He also purchased a 16 ft. trailer and the family explored the West Coast.

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Milton and Helen enjoyed their activities with the Temple Sangha. The annual Obon Bazaar has always been a highlight of the year although his biggest challenge was serving as chairman in 1985. He also started the Corn Dog Booth with Yuki Yamamoto and Aggie Hirotsu. After chairing the Obon, he managed the Cultural Exhibit in the YBA Hall, which he subsequently passed to Peter Matsumoto.

Rev. LaVerne Sasaki and Hiroji Kariya asked Milton and Helen to join the Temple in 1972 and both remained strong influencers in the Hamasaki's lives.

Milton and Helen enjoyed ABA activities and maintained strong friendships with the membership. During his ABA times, Milton coordinated the Angel Island and the annual Bay Meadows Horse Racing trips. Fellow ABA members, Bill and Joan Nishimoto said, "During early ABA days, Milton was our 'dance master', teaching us Western line dancing (Elvira) and the fox trot. Milton also loved karaoke singing and belting out Frank Sinatra's 'My Way'. At one of ABA's installation parties, Milton and several of the guys dressed in Hawaiian grass skirts and performed a hula routine, calling themselves "The Dancing Oheso's (belly buttons)."

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Hamasaki Family

Left to Right: Max Leonard, Maia Leonard, Scott Leonard, Lori Leonard, Milton, Ty Kuniyoshi, Craig Hamasaki, Helen Hamasaki, Lia Kuniyoshi, Karen Kuniyoshi, Betty Hamasaki, Danny Kuniyoshi, Lauren Hamasaki, Alyssa Kuniyoshi & Erin Hamasaki

Super Senior Milton Hamasaki (cont'd)

1986 Keiro Kai

"Dancing Ohesos" with Hats On

"Dancing Ohesos" with Hats Off

Lt to Rt: Don Fukuma, Jim Kawaye, Frank Bunya, Ken Hoshi, Harry Sakae, Milton Hamasaki & Richard Miyashiro

"Milton getting painted

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HANDYMAN

In his early years, Milton was very handy. He has his own workshop and made many items that are still in use today. When autos were easy to work on, he did all the maintenance himself. His son, Craig said, "I learned so much about auto maintenance and being handy around the house from my dad."

MORE TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Milton and Helen enjoyed ballroom dancing and going to class with many of their friends.

After retirement, Milton played the ukulele on Tuesday nights at the Yu-Ai-Kai in San Jose. He eventually started bringing his grandchildren, Erin and Lauren, to the classes with him.

The Hamasaki children, spouses and grandchildren continue Milton and Helen's legacy at the Temple. All of the children attended Dharma School and were active in YBA where Milton would drive them to basketball tournaments and conferences.

ABOVE: On the USS Antietam, a guided missile cruiser.
Milton was in the Navy. Was a 3rd Class Electrician Mate in 1946 and 1947.

RIGHT: Milton sitting in the pilot's seat of a United Airlines aircraft. Milton was a mechanic for United Airlines for 38 years.

ABA Luau Group

Standing: Richard Miyashiro, Jane Miyashiro, Toshiko Uyehara, Roy Matsuzaki, Diane Umemoto, May Matsuzaki, Jits Higa & Jean Higa
Sitting: Wally Hironaka, Nancy Hironaka, Helen Hamasaki & Milton Hamasaki

The local grandchildren were also Dharma School students and YBA members. Erin said, "I grew up going to YBA and Dharma School and it was great being surrounded by the warm faces who knew my *Jichan* and Grandma."

When the Temple started Boy Scout Troop 87, Craig was one of the first mem-

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ABOVE: Lf to Rt: Milton with his mother - Fumi Hamasaki, sister - Alice Adachi and sister - Margaret Honbo.

Super Senior Milton Hamasaki (cont'd)

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bers and Milton supported the Scouts by volunteering to drive them to their activities.

THANK YOU FROM THE TEMPLE

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple thanks the Hamasaki's for their continued support of the Temple. Sadly, Helen passed away earlier this year but she will be remembered for her smiling face, friendship and commitment to MVBT. Once the COVID restrictions are lifted, we look forward to seeing Milton in person, reminiscing about Mountain View Buddhist Temple activities and looking toward the future.

Namo Amida Butsu —
With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

October 2012
Milton & Helen in Happi Coats

April 2018
Milton & Helen near Wisteria Tree

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Planning for Fall

With the surging COVID-19 delta variant, we have decided to keep remote instruction for Dharma School through the end of the calendar year. If the situation improves, we may resume in-person instruction in January 2022. A schedule of Dharma School class meetings will be provided in September.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank You To Dharma School Families

Thank you to the Dharma School students and families for sticking with us through the pandemic. The Dharma School teachers and cabinet are exceptionally thankful for a post-Obon surprise delivery of MREs (Meals Ready-to-Eat) on their doorsteps. ***Arigato*** to **Ricky Chu**, **Marcy Mamiya**, **Wendy Kawamoto**, and their families for their thoughtfulness and beautiful artwork!

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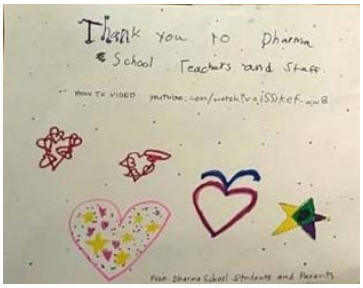
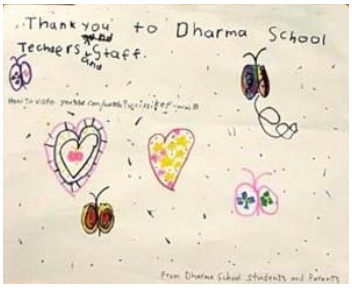
- Randy and Deb Sato
  Tyler's Graduation (Homestead High School) & Jordyn's Graduation (Cal Poly Pomona)
- Jadine Yee and James Cary
- Todd and Ashley Uyehara
  Damon's Birthday
- Barry Tao and Mari Ueda-Tao
  In appreciation for the Dharma School Campout & "In Honor of our Wonderful Dharma School Teachers"

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent





Dharma School Teacher and Cabinet appreciation gift bag artwork by Dharma School students.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

MVBT YBA NEWS

COAST DISTRICT SUMMER ACTIVITY

Salinas YBA hosted the Coast District Summer Activity on August 7 at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. We did a scavenger hunt, reconnected with members from the San Jose and Salinas chapters, and hung out at the beach and the boardwalk. Thank you to Salinas YBA for hosting this event and providing lunch!

IN-PERSON MEET UP

We had our first Mountain View in-person meet up on August 8 at Cuesta Park! We welcomed our incoming freshmen and celebrated our graduating seniors. The incoming and outgoing cabinet met to discuss responsibilities. Thank you to the advisors for planning this fun event!

THANK YOU

As my term as President comes to an end, I'd like to thank the YBA members, YBA advisors, the Temple Board, and the Sangha for their support throughout the past year. I appreciate all of the hard work that everyone has done to make virtual YBA such a success. Best of luck to next year's YBA President, Evan Itow, as well as the incoming cabinet!

In Gassho,
Megan Nakagawa
2020 - 2021 YBA President

Coast District Summer Activity

In-Person Meet Up

ABA News

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Adult Buddhist Association

SAN JOSE GIANTS GAME

ABA will sponsor our annual trip to see the San Jose Giants on Friday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. Always a fun evening, there will be a fireworks extravaganza that night. Tickets are $60/adults and $30/kids that include the game, a BBQ dinner and seating in the VIP section along the 3rd baseline. We're inviting all Sangha members to join us this year. If you're interested in attending, please send an email to Joanne Makishima at jcmakishima@gmail.com.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

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2021 OBON at HOME

It's time to build booths, order prizes, make the supply list, rent the booths, schedule the odori practices! WAIT! NO, CAN'T DO! WHAT?? Oh no, Covid 19 again? YES. And again, our Mountain View Buddhist Temple must plan a way to come together to remember our ancestors of the past and say thank you to all our friends and family with Obon. What to do? Fortunately, a strong foundation was created by the last year's 2020 Obon Team. With this plan and with the guidance and help from the previous team, another virtual Obon had a strong base to work from. Starting on February 21, we had our first brainstorming meeting and then met every Sunday from March to discuss what activities, videos, foods, and presentations to share with our Sangha and Community. More importantly, how would all the different segments be produced? Who would be willing to work again to make videos? Who would be available to research information for presentations? How could we make group videos when we could not gather in groups? Who would be willing to put all these elements together? Wow! So many questions and so many objects to resolve. But the MVBT family never lets you down. No one said "NO" when asked to help and everyone helped selflessly. Over 250 members worked together and spent countless hours to create an encore of last year's event, MVBT style.

Although we were apart, our community shared recipes, reflections, games, demonstrations, singing and instrumentals, and commentary comments and jokes, all virtually. We could view our family and friends playing bingo and wave and smile and cheer for the winners. Plus, we could share our Obon in a Box with many of our Obon foods and treats.

We are MVBT and

We are strong!

In addition, we were given an opportunity to honor our loved ones with a beautiful lantern. With 495 remembrances, our lantern presentation was truly heartfelt and impressive, demonstrating our feelings of interconnectedness to not only the future but also the past.

We are so proud of everyone for their outpouring of support and so grateful and humbled by your kindness. Our Sangha, our Community, and our Families are amazing to work with. The energy and perseverance of all only shows how positive we all feel and strong we are for the future of our community and church. Our Sangha is a true representation of Buddhism in progress. Let us continue to remain positive and stay safe and well. Let us continue to stay connected virtually until we pass through this stressful time. By staying interconnected, positive, and resilient, we will get through this difficult time. We are MVBT and we are strong.

In Gassho

in Gratitude and Appreciation,

The MVBT Obon at Home

Co-Chairs / Obon Team

Eric Arakaki, Elise Fujimoto, Brent Izutsu, Sterling Makishima, Bryan Nishimoto, Donna Okubo, Marilyn Ozawa, Julie Satake Ryu, Linda Uyechi, Hiro Yamada, and Susan Yuen

Let's hope for an in-person Obon Festival & Bazaar in 2022!

Thank you, OBON at HOME Donors!

The **Mountain View Buddhist Temple**, **Putra** and **Mogga** thank all of our donors who donated to the 2021 OBON at HOME. With your support, we make a better place.

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Arigato Gozaimashita!

Thank You to the 2021 OBON at HOME

The Board of Directors of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and the Sangha thanks the OBON at HOME Committee for conceptualizing, coordinating and conducting a simply awesome OBON at HOME event. ***Arigato Gozaimasu!*** The event created an Obon Festival and Bazaar experience that was enjoyed by all.

Also, a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped the committee before, during and after the OBON at HOME weekend.

The Sangha enjoyed every aspect of the OBON at HOME. The two-day event will forever be remembered by the MVBT Sangha, our friends in the Bay Area and our friends who saw the event from different parts of the globe.

In Gassho,
MVBT Board of Directors &
MVBT Sangha

High School Class of 2021 — Congratulations!

Keep Your Golden Link to MVBT Bright & Shining!

Congratulations to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 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
Yumiko Bellon	Homestead High School	Sonoma State
Mia Fujitani	Branham High School	West Valley College
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

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

2021 Community Champion: Certificate of Recognition to MVBT

In May 2021 , **California State Senator, Josh Becker** (13th District) recognized the Mountain View Buddhist Temple with a "COVID Community Champion" Certificate of Recognition.

Since the onset of the pandemic, the MVBT adapted to a new reality to keep our Sangha engaged and most importantly safe. Online services and programming for us became a way of life. Our Safety Committee quickly became the Health and Safety Committee to monitor COVID-19. A Senior Outreach Group was formed to check up on our many seniors to offer assistance with shopping for groceries, doing errands, finding resources, etc. Care packages were assembled and delivered to them. The Tech Team has put in many hours of time and labor to build, maintain and support the infrastructure and programming for our remote activities. The Temple also donated large amounts of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, dish soap, gloves, hand soap and food containers to the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, who was coordinating support to the non-profit community providing first line and essential services.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Senate

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Presented to

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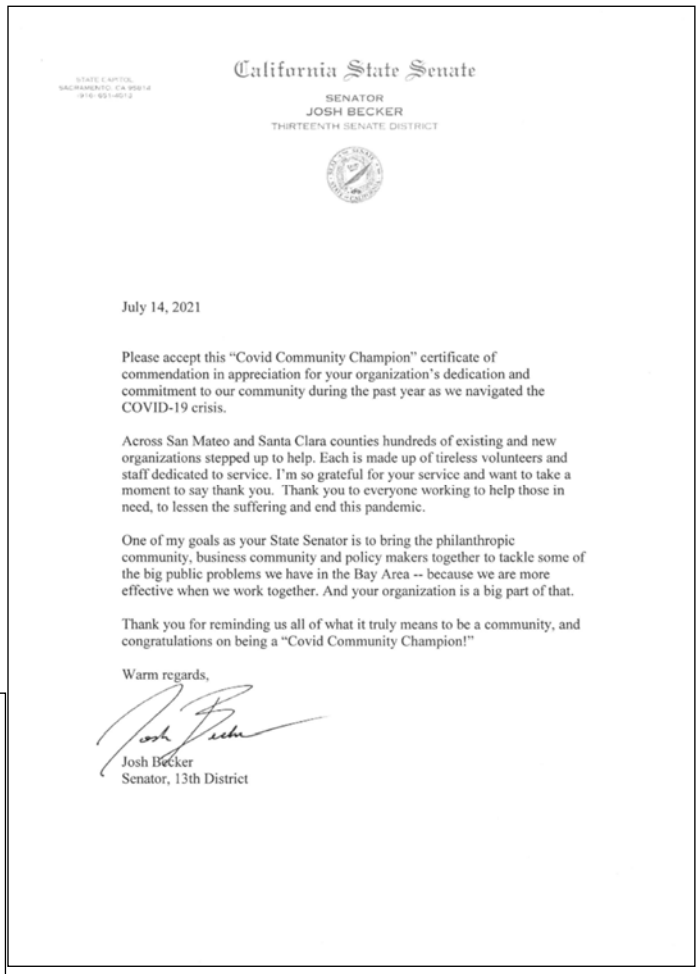
2021 Community Champion

In appreciation for your efforts to support the members of our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I am proud to name you a Senate District 13 Community Champion. Your contributions and services have been invaluable during this difficult time.

On behalf of the people of the State of California's 13th Senate District, please accept our gratitude for your good work. Best wishes for your continued success.

On this 5th day of May, 2021

Josh Becker
Senator, 13th District



California State Senate

SENATOR
JOSH BECKER
THIRTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT

July 14, 2021

Please accept this "Covid Community Champion" certificate of commendation in appreciation for your organization's dedication and commitment to our community during the past year as we navigated the COVID-19 crisis.

Across San Mateo and Santa Clara counties hundreds of existing and new organizations stepped up to help. Each is made up of tireless volunteers and staff dedicated to service. I'm so grateful for your service and want to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you to everyone working to help those in need, to lessen the suffering and end this pandemic.

One of my goals as your State Senator is to bring the philanthropic community, business community and policy makers together to tackle some of the big public problems we have in the Bay Area -- because we are more effective when we work together. And your organization is a big part of that.

Thank you for reminding us all of what it truly means to be a community, and congratulations on being a "Covid Community Champion!"

Warm regards,

Josh Becker
Senator, 13th District

Thank you to **Mountain View City Councilmember Margaret Abe-Koga** and **Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto** who recognized the efforts of the Temple and nominated the MVBT to State Senator Josh Becker as a candidate for his 2021 Community Champion Certificate. Thank you to Senator Becker for this recognition and honor. Most importantly, arigato gozaimasu to the MVBT Sangha for all that you do to support our Temple community and larger community.

As devastating as the pandemic has been, it has provided opportunities to learn and understand the meaning of impermanence, interdependence and dana.

Arigato. Sumimasen. Okagesama de.
In gratitude. In humility. In openness of heart.

In Gassho,
Bob Matsumoto - MVBT President
On behalf of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

2021 150 Club News

It's going to be a better year!

The August and September winners will be chosen at the September MVBT Board Meeting.

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Stay healthy and safe!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
SEPT	No Toban	N / A	N / A
OCT	No Toban	Sept 10 (Fri)	Sept 20 (Mon)
NOV	No Toban	Oct 15 (Fri)	Oct 25 (Mon)

Please note the article deadline and mailing 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 .

COAST DISTRICT VIRTUAL NEMBUTSU FAMILY CONFERENCE

"KANSHA (Gratitude)"

Sunday, October 24, 2021 Watsonville Buddhist Temple
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
(A zoom link will be emailed to all attendees prior to the conference)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Harry Bridge from Oakland Buddhist Temple

Reg. fee: **Adults $20 Family rate $50**
Students $ 10 (age 12 – 18)
Children (Under 12) Free

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August & September 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 **August & September** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Kent Abe	**Shina Kinaga**	**Toshiko Okuno**
George Abey	**Sumiye Kito**	**Chiyo Ozawa**
Jean Abey	**Albert Kobayashi**	**Edna Ozawa**
Kazuo Abey	**Toshio Kochi**	**Haruno Saito**
Thomas Arakaki	**John Kondo**	**Harry Sakae**
Masataro Fujii	**Doris Kuboyama**	**Warren Sakae**
Helen Fukuma	**Kazuo Kurashige**	**Kitao Sakai**
Masao Fukumoto	**Chiyomi Masuda**	**Miyuki Sakano**
Dorothy Furuichi	**Helen Matsuba**	**Fumie Satake**
Masuo Hamada	**Haru Matsuzaki**	**James Satake**
Hiroshi Haruta	**Kazuo Mayeda**	**Shimano Satake**
Mary Haruta	**Yoshino Miyamoto**	**George M. Sato**
Ronald Higaki	**Keiko Mizuhara**	**Koma Shinke**
Akira Hiroshige	**Kiyoko Muranaka**	**Hisayo Shinta**
Matsujiro Hiroshige	**Kakuemon Nagasaki**	**Nancy Irene Smith**
Minoru Hiroshige	**John Nagatoishi**	**Susan Haruta Stokes**
Takeshi Hori	**Toshio Nakagawa**	**Hiroshi Sugimoto**
Minoru Horino	**Edward Nakano**	**Sam Sugimoto**
Edith Hoshi	**Janice Nakashima**	**Dora Suzuki**
Aya Ichinaga	**Magoji Nakashima**	**George Takaki**
Misaye Ikebe	**Allan Nara**	**Michiko Takehara**
George Ikemiya	**Alice Nishimura**	**June Tokunaga**
Akira Inamori	**Tomisaburo Oda**	**Jack Tsuchida**
Atsushi Inouye	**Frank Ogata**	**Nobuko Tsuchida**
Gregory Inamori	**Iyano Ogawa**	**Hiro Tsukimura**
Kiyoye Inouye	**Chieko Okamoto**	**Yukiye Watanabe**
Asa Ishimaru	**Mineko Okamoto**	**Tom Yamaji**
Satoshi Ishimaru	**Stanley Okamura**	**Noriko Yanaba**
George Izumi	**Alfred Okubo**	**Akio Yamamoto**
Kimiko Kashima	**Tsuyo Okumura**	**Yumi Yokoo**
Shigeo Kashima	**Albert Okuno**	**Totaro Yoshida**
Itsume Kawamoto	**Kin'ichi Okuno**	**Reiko Yoshimoto**

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

E-mail **ymukojima@gmail.com**

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

August & September

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple Cancelled

Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September to be held on Sunday, September 12

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See service on MVBT website

october 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:00 pm Ukelele	**2**
3 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service	**4** 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**5** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**6** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	**7** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**8** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	**9**
10 10:00 am Bishops & ABA Memorial Service 11:00 am Seminar following service 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	**11** **Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**12** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**13** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	**14** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	**15** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**16**
17	**18** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**19** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**20** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	**21** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**22** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**23**
24 **Coast District Family Conference (hosted by Watsonville)**	**25** 12:00 pm Senior Bingo! 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**26** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**27** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	**28** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	**29** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**30**
31 **Halloween**						

Upcoming Events

October 3, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service

October 10, Sunday
Bishops & ABA Memorial Service
Seminar following service

October 24, Sunday
Coast District Family Conference

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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