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October Highlights

- ***10/3 Sun, 10:00 am, October Shotsuki Hoyo, Online***
  - * *11:00 am Japanese Language Service*
  - * *11:00 am English Language Discussion*
- ***10/4, Mon, 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group, Online***
- ***10/10, Sun. 10:00 am, Bishops & ABA Memorial Service, Online***
  - * *Guest Speaker* ***Rev. Elaine Donlin*** *of Buddhist Church of San Francisco*
  - * *Seminar following service with Rev. Donlin*
- ***10/17, Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online***
  - * *After service presentation by Kimochi*
- ***10/24, Sun. 10:00 am, Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference***
- ***10/31, Sun, 10:00 am, Sangha Day Picnic, Online***

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

ALL In-Person INDOOR Services Suspended

MVBT's COVID Protocol Voted by Board of Directors

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Sangha and friends are all feeling the disruption and challenges to our normal lives as the COVID-19 pandemic continues and case numbers are surging due to new variants. The Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Board of Directors has had extensive and thought-provoking conversations regarding this unprecedented situation.

As Rev. Mukojima is a vital member of our Sangha, the MVBT Board of Directors are responsible to ensure the health and safety of our Reverend and his family members. At the monthly Board of Directors' meeting held on September 8, 2021, **the MVBT Board of Directors voted to suspend ALL in-person INDOOR services conducted by Rev. Mukojima until further notice**.

Outdoor services that adhere to the MVBT Health and Safety Protocols as well as virtual services will continue to be offered.

Thank you for your support and understanding as the Temple works together to keep our Sangha safe and healthy.

Please email any questions and concerns to
staff@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

In Gassho,
Mountain View Buddhist Temple Board of Directors

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

Kimi Nishimura is the Super Senior for this Echo. Her story starts on Page 7 of this issue.

This photo of Kimi (right) with sister Jeanne (left) was taken at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 2019 Keiro Kai.

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3 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service 1:30 pm SVDSN Taiko Project	**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**	**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**
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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 — October 2021

October 3, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, October Shotsuki Hoyo Service, Online

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

October 4, 2021, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

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

October 10, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Bishops' & ABA Memorial Service, Online

Guest Speaker: Rev. Elaine Donlin, Minister Assistant at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco
11:00 am: Seminar with Rev. Donlin following the Service

October 17, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online

Dharma School Cabinet and YBA Cabinet installations
11:00 am: ABA sponsored presentation about Kimochi, a Bay Area organization providing Senior care and support in San Francisco & San Mateo. Live discussion on living facilities, aging, home care, caregivers and will/trust/estate planning

October 24, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference, Online

Guest Speaker: Rev. Harry Bridge, resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Oakland
Workshops following the service

October 31, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Virtual Sangha Day Picnic on Zoom

Please check the MVBT website and Putra's Post for details. Also check your mail and email.

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 "DONATE"

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class**

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

Reflecting on My Mom's Public Appearance and Private Thoughts

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

My beloved mother passed away earlier this year on May 20. She was 77 years old. I cannot thank you enough for your thoughtful gestures and heartfelt words of support during my deep sorrow after her loss. I am very grateful for your kind words of encouragement and generous ***Okoden***. Your kindness makes me realize that my spiritual home is the heart of our Sangha, guided by the Nembutsu. I am so grateful to have such wonderful Dharma friends here in the U.S.

Wonderful Mom

The past few years, my mother had been enduring problems with her liver, requiring surgery several times. She didn't want to make me and my family worry, so she always put on a brave face for us with her natural brightness. She needed a walker to get around. It must have been stressful and difficult for her, but she was a strong person who never complained.

However, I know she was really disappointed that my family and I were not able to go to Japan during our summer break last year because of the COVID pandemic. I could tell whenever we talked over the phone that she was bothered by this terrible situation when she said, "I really miss you."

Over time, she had become terribly weak and on Mother's Day was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Then 11 days after her hospitalization, she passed away peacefully. Although we were able to attend her funeral online and I could see her face on the monitor, I had difficulty accepting her death. I still cannot help but feel that my mother is still alive. I think that only when we are able to go to Japan sometime next year will I realize that she is really gone. That is when I will be able to confirm with my own eyes that my mother is no longer there.

Fond Memories

I have hundreds of fond memories of the times that I have shared with her since my birth. Among these, I still remember vividly what she said to me when I first left home for the U.S. as a ***Kaikyoshi*** minister.

My mom often said to me, "Don't cause others trouble." And when receiving a notice from the Hongwanji of my assignment to the BCA, my mother rejoiced in that news and at the same time, she tried to influence my attitude about joining the BCA. She said things like, "I won't allow you to give up and come back to Japan even if you're not able to get accustomed to the life and culture there. There are so many people who made it possible for you to go to live abroad to serve the BCA; and many members of the temple you're assigned to who have worked hard to welcome you and make it possible to live there comfortably. You should never forget these facts. So even if you face difficulties there, you must carry out your duties to meet the members' expectations. Just do your best." This is how my mother showed me the right way to meet the challenges of my new life in the U.S.

On the day I was to leave, my parents took me to the airport to see me off. But the moment we parted at the security gate, tears formed in my mother's eyes. She squeezed my hand and said, "If you have a hard time in

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Sensei's Mom
with Dad (in back) at Renko-ji,
the Mukojima family home temple

Sensei's Mom & Dad

Sensei' with Mom and Dad luncheon held
at Hotel Urban Port in Obama City

All photos above were taken during
the 2017 Japan Trip
by MVBT members

Reflecting on My Mom's Public Appearance and Private Thoughts (cont'd)

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America, come back to us any time."

Just a few minutes earlier she had said, "You cannot come back to Japan!" But at the very moment we were parting, she said, "You can come back anytime!" Her words were contradictory, but because of them, I was able to witness both her outward appearance, but also sense her private thoughts. That day, I was very grateful for these words expressing her love and sincerity. Even now, the more I think about it, the more tearful I become.

My Mother's Heart

As a mother sending her child off to new endeavors, her outward expression and words – "Cannot come back to Japan!" – were meant to show me how important it was to carry out the duties of a ***Kaikyoshi*** Minister no matter what might happen. But her private thoughts – "You can come back anytime" – were to assure me that I always have a home I can return to. With these words, I sensed the deep sincerity of my mother's heart.

Parents sometime need to put on a stern public face to point their child in the right direction. But because they are parents, their private thoughts confirm they will never abandon their child no matter what might happen. At the time, I understood that both of these feelings were my mother's true intention. Her deep love for me embraced me gently and gave me strength to meet the challenges of propagating the Dharma so far from home.

Use Right Wisdom to Find the Right Path

In this way, parents are very similar to the working of Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Because we are frequently blinded by passion, Amida's wisdom is a precious light, which brightly illumines the path we should take. When our thinking is clouded or blocked, we may lose sight of or choose the wrong path. That is why sometimes we need the severe precepts based on the right wisdom so that we can find the right path. Also, as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we should always remember a proviso described in Amida Buddha's 18th Vow. He declares that those who commit the five grave offenses and slander the Buddha Dharma will be rejected from his workings. From the perspective of Jodo Shinshu tradition, we regard this proviso as Amida Buddha's public appearance. It makes us realize that as a Buddha who guides all beings, Amida Buddha must sometimes be strict with fools.

And "Even if you stray down the way of enlightenment, I will never abandon you," such an unconditional vow towards all beings is Amida Buddha's great compassion or his private thought. Because Amida Buddha established the Primal Vow based on seeing through the true nature of foolish beings, his sacred vow always embraces all beings without exception whatever might happen.

Without exception, we are all selfish beings. In order to get our own way, we can easily cause others trouble. So in order to lead such foolish beings to enlightenment, Amida Buddha shines the light of wisdom so that it plainly lights the path (public appearance) and shines the warmth of compassion that embraces all beings as they are regardless of what might happen (private thought). Being guided and supported by Amida Buddha's great workings, we are able to live our lives with strength, gratitude, and peace of mind.

True Appreciation for Mom

I truly appreciate why my mother was so concerned about me leaving home for the U.S. and I understand why her public appearance and private thoughts at the airport overlapped with Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Her thoughts are still vivid in my mind as great motivation in my life.

In Gassho,

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

Ray Yokoyama ***Dec. 19, 1942 - Aug. 28, 2021***

Kazuko Tashiro ***Dec. 11, 1940 - September 5, 2021***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二一年十月法話
ー 母の本音と建前 ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

去る五月二〇日、母が往生の素懐を遂げました。七十七歳でありました。愛別離苦の深い悲しみの中、多くの皆さまから温かい励ましのお言葉と過分な御香典を賜りましたこと衷心より厚く御礼申し上げます。

母は数年前に肝臓を患ってから手術のため入退院を繰り返していましたが、アメリカにいる私達家族に心配をかけまいと持ち前の明るさで気丈に振舞っていました。足も不自由であったことから、かなりストレスのある生活を強いられていたと思うのですが、弱音を吐かない本当に強い母親でした。ただ、昨年、新型コロナ感染拡大によって私達が夏の休暇で帰国できなかったことが大変残念だったそうで、電話をする度に、「会えないのが寂しい」と言ってこの現状を悲しんでいました。

そんな中、母の日に容体が急変し救急車で病院に運ばれ、その十一日後に息を引き取りました。葬儀はオンラインで参列することができたのですが、画面越しで母の顔を見ただけでは現実のこととして受け入れるのに大変難しいものがありました。未だ母が生きているように思えてならないのですが、来年あたり日本に帰って母のいないことを目の当たりにしてそこでようやく母の死を実感できるのではないかと思います。

母との思い出は数えきれないほどあるのですが、その中でも、私が開教使としてアメリカに渡る前に聞いた母の言葉が今でも心に焼き付いています。

「人様に迷惑をかけないように」というのが母の口癖で幼少の頃からよく聞かされていたのですが、本山から私のアメリカ赴任が告げられると、母は大変喜んでくれると同時に、次のことを私に述べました。それは「たとえアメリカの環境や文化に馴染めないからといって、音を上げて帰ってくることは許しません。あなたが北米開教区に開教使として渡れるように尽力して下さった方々がたくさんいることを忘れてはいけません。そして、あなたを受け入れてくれる北米開教区、また、あなたを駐在開教使として快く迎える準備をして下さっている仏教会のご門徒方のご苦労を思えば、決して皆さんの期待を裏切るようなことはできないはずです。ベストを尽くしなさい」というものでした。

そして出国の日を迎え、両親が空港まで見送りに来てくれたのですが、別れの際、母親は大粒の涙を流しながら、私の手をギュッと握りしめて「辛いことがあったらいつでも帰ってきてもいいんだよ」と何とも有り難い言葉をかけてくれました。

出発前までは「帰ってくるな」、そして出発の際には「いつでも帰ってきてもいいんだよ」と何とも矛盾しているように聞こえた母の言葉でしたが、我が子を想う母の本音と建前が滲み出た言葉に涙が出るほど嬉しかったのを覚えています。

新天地に息子を送り出す母親として、開教使の責務を全うすることの大切さを「日本に帰ってきてはいけない」と厳しい言葉で導こうとする母の建前と、そうは言っても、「もし耐えられなかったら帰ってきなさい」と帰る場所をいつでも用意してくれている母の本音を垣間見ることができました。親であれば、我が子を正しい道へと導くために時にはあえて厳しい態度で示さなければならない建前と、親だからこそ、何があっても我が子を見捨てることはできないという本音はどちらも母の本心であり、この母の想いが私の心を優しく包み込み、更に開教に赴く私の心を奮い立たせてくれました。

これは、阿弥陀仏の智慧と慈悲の在り方によく似ています。阿弥陀仏の智慧は、無明煩悩に苛まれた私達に本当の人間として進むべき道を示す尊い光です。無明であるが故に、悟りへの道を踏み外したり、道に迷ってしまうのが私達凡夫ですから、凡夫が正しく道を歩めるよう正しい智慧によって厳しい戒律が示されています。また、智慧の光は、凡夫の心を照らし、三毒に犯されている我が身の醜さをはっきりと容赦なく見せつける厳しい光でもあります。更には、阿弥陀仏の第十八願に「たとえ念仏を申すものでも、五逆・誹謗正法を犯す者は救えない」という厳しい但し書きがあります。実は、このような厳しさこそが正しい智慧に基づいた阿弥陀仏の建前であり、何が何でも必ず救うという大悲の裏返しとして味わえます。仏なればこそ、時として厳しくならざる負えないということです。

そして、「たとえ悟りの道を踏み外そうとも、決して見捨てることはしない」と無条件の救いを全ての衆生に向けられているのが阿弥陀仏の慈悲の温もり、本音なのです。凡夫の本性を見抜いてお建てになられたご本願は、何があろうとも誰一人決して見捨てることはありません。私達人間は、自己中心の生き物です。自分の我儘を通すためであれば平気で人様に迷惑をかけることもします。そんな煩悩具足の凡夫を悟りに導くために、厳しくならざる負えない智慧（建前）と、何があってもそのまま救うという慈悲（本音）を備えておられるのが阿弥陀仏なのです。そしてそのお働きに支えられて私達は不動の安らぎをいただきながら感謝を胸に力強い人生を歩むことができるのです。

アメリカに旅立つ私を案じて現れた母の本音と建前が阿弥陀仏の智慧と慈悲の働きと重なって、母亡き後も私の人生の原動力として私の心の中で今なお確実に生き続けています。

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Super Senior Kimi Nishimura

Written by Marie Ochi-Jacobs

Henry & Kimi Nishimura
Touring Japan in 2000.

San Jose Japantown in the 1930s was a thriving community serving the growing Japanese-American population in Santa Clara County. Carrying on traditions from Japan, families enrolled their nisei sons and daughters in classes for ***nihongo***, kendo, karate, koto and odori. Social occasions were often through ***kenjinkas***, which were groups of Issei immigrants based on Japan prefectures. In December, families prepared mochi (rice cakes) and enjoyed bowls of ***ozone*** (a traditional broth prepared for the New Year). As the new year approached, families would busily prepare refreshments and open their homes to receive guests, most often men, for ***oshogatsu***, wishing all well for the upcoming year. For many, the Methodist and Buddhist churches were key centers that contributed to their regard of "***Nihonmachi***".

Miyakusu Family

By 1944, the Sukeichiro and Osai Miyakusu family, which included seven children – Harry, Toshiko, Hideko, Kimiyo, Kenji, Jeanne and Bob – had established a vegetable and berry farm in San Jose. The children attended San Jose High School (on San Fernando Road) and were members of the North YBA. Sadly, Sukeichiro's wife passed away in 1950 when Kimiyo was just 20 years old.

YBA Days

Growing up in the San Jose community of Japanese-Americans, Kimiyo Miyakusu enjoyed sports, such as basketball, baseball and volleyball. While attending drafting and design classes at Heald College, she helped on the family farm. As often happened with Japanese names, friends and family called her "Kimi." She especially enjoyed socials like dances organized by the Young Buddhists Association (YBA). It was at one of these where she met Henry Minoru Nishimura. They both attended dances held at Peter Burnett Junior High School (renamed to Ohlone Middle School in 2019) and group parties at the beach.

Kimi remembers that "We had a lot of dances…we had north YBA, south YBA, west YBA, San Jose YBA, Mountain View YBA, we had tons of YBA's, in those days."

Nishimura Family

At the young age of 23, Kimi married Henry in 1954. While Kimi took care of their home, Henry worked as a machinist. Soon, children filled their home with eldest daughter Lori (Rene) Cramer, daughter Lois (John) Arao and son Craig (Diane Nomura) Nishimura. Having had training as a seamstress, Kimi sewed dresses for her daughters. Today, the family has expanded to include grandchildren—Scott (Sally) Cramer, Jeff Cramer, Erin Nishimura, Kelly Nishimura and Jenna Kumamaru.

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Nishimura Family, circa 2005

Front (L to R): Jenna Kumamaru, Kimi with Kelly Nishimura on lap, Henry Nishimura, Erin Nishimura and Rene Cramer
Back (L to R): John Arao, Lois Arao, Diane Nishimura, Craig Nishimura, Lori Cramer, Jeffrey Cramer and Scott Cramer

Super Senior Kimi Nishimura (cont'd)

Three Word Carvings
by Sukeichiro Nishimuara
while in Internment Camp

Showing Wood Carving at local schools.
Circa 2010

L to R: Kimi Nishimura, Kay Tachibana, friend of Amy, Ami Imai, Masae Okuno, Toshiko Kawamoto, another friend of Amy & Allan Nara

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Kimiyo and Henry Nishimura Wedding
at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin
on October 3, 1954

Reminiscing about Heart Mountain

It wasn't until after they met that Kimi and Henry discovered that they were both at Heart Mountain Incarceration Camp during World War II. Interned Japanese-American families mustered up the courage to persevere and worked to "normalize" life there. Sukeichiro and Osai Miyakusu were assigned to the mess hall where Sukeichiro washed dishes and Osai worked as a waitress. As a larger family, the Miyakusu family was given two rooms.

Wood Carvings

Whenever possible Sukeichiro passed the time carving wood. Many years later, Kimi shared these artifacts with school children when her friend Amy Imai recruited her on special visits to local schools to inform the students about their internment under Executive Order 9066.

It was at Heart Mountain that Kimi Miyakusu met a lively young girl named Amy (Kunimoto) Imai forging a bond for life. Together they played various sports and simply spent time with the other teens. When the war ended, the Miyakusu family emigrated back to the San Jose area and reconnected with friends of the San Jose Japanese-American community. Although Kimi had lost touch with Amy during this time of resettlement, they were later able to rekindle their friendship through the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Post War Time in Mountain View

By 1957, the Nishimura family of five settled into Mountain View. While there, a visit by Mr. Asada (Virginia Asada's father) got them to join a group meeting for Sunday worship at the Tri-City Association building located in the City of Mountain View. Reuniting with her good friend Amy, Kimi helped where she could. Along with Amy, Kimi taught the 3rd grade class on Sundays, during which time the Nishimura children attended Dharma School at the Mountain View Buddhist Church.

Miyakusu Siblings
Sitting (L to R): Hideko and Harry
Standing (L to R): Jeanne, Bob & Kimi.
Photo circa 1998.

Henry came down with Parkinson's disease and the situation took a heavy toll on the family. Kimi provided the primary care and support for her best friend, husband and life-long partner. In 2008, Henry passed away peacefully. Kimi and Henry were married for 53 years.

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Super Senior Kimi Nishimura (cont'd)

MVBT BWA at
National Federation of Buddhist Women's Association Conference.
Held in Seattle in 2011

Athabasca Glacier at Banff, Canada.
World Buddhist Women's Association
in Calgary, Alberta, Canada,
in June 2015

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To keep busy, Kimi agreed to help staff the MVBT office. Soon after, she also joined the ***oasaji*** group to chant and assist with setting up the *onaijin* in the Hondo.

BWA Life

Around 2008, along with friends Amy Imai, Aiko Sugimoto, Keiko Morita, Miyo Takegami and others, Kimi became a member of MVBT Buddhist Women's Association (BWA). She recalled that when they were many years younger, the elder Mrs. Sasaki had tried to recruit them, but they were not ready to settle into "fujinkai" status. Instead, they would assist the ***fujinkai*** as needed and focused on volunteering with the Dharma School. In 2011 Kimi became president of BWA and currently serves as its historian.

Thank You

Ultimately, the success of functions at the Temple depends on the goodwill and skills of individuals like Kimi. Without such persons, activities such as MVBT Dharma School, staffing the Temple office, various Temple fund-raisers including the annual Obon Bazaar, the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2011, a variety of BWA activities, participation in Oasaji, and helping with Thursday Senior Activities Group would not be possible without their practice of dana for the benefit of the Sangha.

Kimi Nishimura stays well in her home during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. Her children communicate with her daily. After 16 months, California state's pandemic infection rate has improved enough for the lifting of some restrictions. Twice a month, Kimi sets aside her sudoku booklets at home to venture out and join Julie Ushiba and other friends for lunch at The Bell Tower restaurant in Los Altos.

In appreciation of her dedication to family and friends and for the MVBT Sangha, we are thankful to know Kimi Nishimura.

Namo Amida Butsu —

With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

For our safety in mind, the Temple has decided not to open Temple activities until the end of the year. The Senior Activities Group news is getting where there is no information to report, although, we still want to stay in touch. Let us hope that it will be soon that we can all join together. In the meantime, stay well and maintain your good health. You are all missed.

Thursdays: Taiko

We will continue the Taiko program every Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. We thank our instructors, **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**, for their patience, in giving our Taiko lesson via Zoom. Please join us for it is never too late to enjoy Taiko. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**.

COOKBOOK

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

SADLY LOST ANOTHER MEMBER

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Kazuko Tashiro, who passed away on September 5, 2021. Kazuko was a long-time member of BWA. She was a fun loving and outgoing person who always had a smile for everyone.

DONATION

Donation gratefully accepted:

in Memory of Tayeko Kurashige
The Kurashige Family

Everyone, please continue to stay safe and healthy!

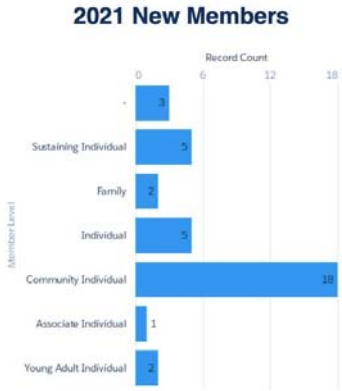
In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

MVBT Membership Update

Five new membership categories were introduced this year to encourage new members and also to provide more funds for the Temple. The five new categories were Sustaining Family, Sustaining Individual, Associate Individual, Young Adult Individual and Community Individual. These new categories were added to the existing categories of Family and Individual for a total of seven membership categories.

Current progress is shown below.

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee



Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Fall Ohigan / Bishops' & ABA Memorial / Eitaikyo Memorial

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

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

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

We welcome our girls back for a new year of MVBT Girl Scouts!

We will continue to hold our regular troop meetings virtually, and our first all-troop celebration will be our Bridging (previously postponed) and Investiture Ceremony on September 19. We will be celebrating two Scouts who will bridge to new levels, and welcome one new Daisy!

We will also be welcoming a new Troop Leader, Mari Ueda-Tao, who will be leading our new Daisy level. We are very excited to have the youngest level back again, and we are actively looking for new Kindergarten and 1st grade girls to join us.

Over the summer we had two Scouts participate in the BCA National Scouting Committee's Obon Odori Program. We also had two Scouts earn Service Unit badges by participating in the B.O.R.E.D. Challenge.

The new Scout year means we will also start up again with the Padma program. Two Scouts will start the Junior level program, one Scout is continuing with the Cadette level, and two Scouts will continue with their Senior/Ambassador level studies.

Want more information? Interested in the Padma Program?

Girl Scouts from any troop are welcome to join our Padma Program. For more information about the program or about our Troop, please don't hesitate to contact any leader, or email us at

gscouttroop736@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

SAN JOSE GIANTS GAME

On Friday, September 10, several Sangha members and some grandchildren attended the Stockton Ports vs. San Jose Giants baseball game. It was great to see each other in-person as everyone wore their masks and cheered on the Giants to a 6-0 victory. The fireworks after the game were spectacular. Thanks to the **Makishimas**: **Joanne** for organizing the event and **Sterling** for serving as our Health and Safety Advisor.

KIMOCHI SENIOR SERVICES

Following the Sunday October 17 webcast service, ABA will host a presentation from a representative of Kimochi, a Bay Area organization that provides services to Bay Area seniors and their families.

The services include aging home care, caregivers and will/trust/estate planning.

Everyone is invited to attend.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

ABA Memorial on Sunday, October 10 - In Memory of MVBT ABA Members

George Abey
Sue Abey
Robert Ariyama
Dorothy Chikasuye
Ed Chikasuye
Richard Endo
Helen Fukurna
Helen Hamasaki
Gary Hirotsu
Amy Imai
Robert Imai
Yasuko Kariya
Katsuko Kochi
Dave Kawamoto
Toshiko Kawamoto
Jim Kawaye
Doris Kuboyama
Sets Kuboyama
George Kunimoto
Muneo Masaki
Keiko Mizuhara
Akira Morishima
Emi Morishima
George Nakano
Iwao Nakao
Sally Nakayama
Jim Nakayama
Miki Nishimoto
Yoshio Nishimoto
Stanley Okamura
George Okashima
Sam Okimura
Lou Osato
Amy Osugi
Bill Oto
Harry Sakae
Karen Sakae
Kinuko Sasaki
Fumie Satake
Jim Satake
Tad Sawamura
Betty Shidawara
May Shimoguchi
Yas Shimoguchi
Sam Sugimoto
Dave Takegami
Kazuko Tashiro
Seiko Tsumura
Irene Uchiyama
Sumi Uyeda
Roy Uyehata
Akio Yamamoto
Kiyoshi Yoshinaka
Henry Yusa

Bishops' & ABA Memorial Service

On Sunday, October 10, ABA will host the annual Bishops' and ABA Memorial Service. **Rev. Elaine Donlin**, Minister Assistant from the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, will give a sermon during the service and will lead a seminar following the webcast.

Rev. Elaine Donlin is a Minister Assistant at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco (BCSF). She received her Todudo in 2013.

In addition to leading Sunday services at BCSF, she also leads monthly Metta Services for the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, the Enmanji Buddhist Temple and Buddhist Temple of Marin.

She has been teaching the Essentials of Buddhism since 2008, serves as Buddhist Community Clergy for several SF Hospitals, and partners with the San Francisco Zen Center to provide Meditation and Buddhism in the San Francisco County Men's and Women's Jails. She's passionate about social justice and leads the BCSF's annual participation in the San Francisco Interfaith Council Winter Shelter Meal Program for the Unhoused.

She is honored to be serving her 2nd term on the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Interfaith Council and is equally honored to be a founding member of the BCSF LGBTQ+ group.

READ ONLY IF YOU'RE OVER 70 ½ YEARS OLD

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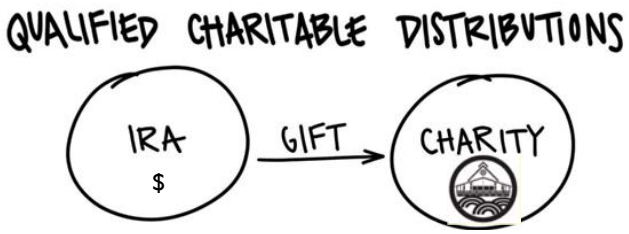

If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and receive tax benefits for yourself.

Benefits of an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

- Satisfies part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduces your taxable income, even if you are using the standard deduction
- Helps further the work and mission of Mountain View Buddhist Temple

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the Temple. Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the Temple.
2. Please note that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions does not qualify for a charitable deduction.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution, please contact us at treasurer@mvbuddhisttemple.org. We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

The above information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please contact your attorney or tax advisor for further details on making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

Welcome to a new year of Dharma School! With the delta variant of the coronavirus surging at the present moment, we are postponing an in-person return to Dharma School classes until January 2022 at the earliest.

If you know of any family who might be interested in joining our Dharma School, please encourage them to come and experience one of our classes — it's not too late!

DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES

The Dharma School classes for 2021-22 are as follows:

Pre-K: **Curt Fukuda, Tracey Mukoyama and JoAnn Yamani**
Producing monthly videos with storytime and other fun activities and mailing supplies monthly for projects.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: **Traci Inouye, Frances Sawamura and Reiko Tsuchida**
Meeting the third Sunday of each month on Zoom starting in September; sending lessons to students and would like parent involvement.

2nd & 3rd Grade: **Diane Umemoto and Toshiko Uyehara**
Meeting the second Sunday of each month on Zoom starting in October; distributing materials to students.

4th Grade: **Joan Aoki, Gail Satake-Nakamura and Sharon Tsukahara**
Meeting the first Sunday of each month on Zoom starting in October.

5th & 6th Grade: **Carol Harbin** and **Debby Inenaga**
Meeting the third Sunday of each month on Zoom starting in September.

7th & 8th Grade: **Kelsey Sawamura and Haley Sawamura**
Meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays of each month on Zoom.

High School: **Bruce Morimoto**
Meeting weekly starting September 19 for a short discussion with the third Sunday of each month involving a 45-minute lesson on Zoom.

TEACHERS RETIRING FROM MVBT

We would also like to acknowledge two teachers who will not be returning this year:

- **Mrs. Esther Bunya** for her many (many, many) years of service to our Dharma School and
- **Elise Fujimoto** for her thought-provoking lessons for high school students

Thank you so much for your countless valuable contributions to our program – you will be missed!

DHARMA SCHOOL PARENTS' MEETING: Sunday, September 12

A Dharma School Parents' Meeting was held immediately following service on Sunday, September 12. If you were unable to attend, please email Brent Izutsu <brent.izutsu@gmail.com> for a copy of the slides.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Sunday, October 24: **Coast District Virtual Nembutsu Family Conference**
Dharma School families are encouraged to sign up and participate in this year's Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference hosted virtually by the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. The deadline to sign up is October 10.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

SAVE THE DATE

Virtual Sangha Day Picnic

Sunday, October 31

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

On Zoom

Dress up and join us for a Halloween Picnic!

We have re-scheduled the Sangha Day Picnic to the end of October. Join us for BINGO, a raffle and entertainment. Registration for the picnic will be available at the beginning of October. You will need to register to attend so we can send you BINGO cards and other possible goodies.

Please keep an eye out for registration information in the Putra's Post, in the mail, in your email and on the MVBT website in October.

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YBA

MVBT YBA NEWS

Hello, my name is Evan Itow, and I will be the Mountain View YBA President for 2021-2022. I am very excited for this year to get underway in a safe and fun manner with all of the virtual and socially-distanced events that we have planned for this year and am looking forward to meeting all of the new members of YBA.

YBA CABINET MEETING

YBA held its first cabinet meeting of the year on September 10 to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the cabinet and to plan for the upcoming year.

FIRST YBA GENERAL MEETING FOR 2021-2022

YBA recently held its first General Meeting of the year on September 12 via Zoom. We welcomed new members and had a virtual icebreaker activity to get to know each other better.

In Gassho,
Evan Itow
2021 - 2022 YBA President

YBA Cabinet Meeting

YBA First Meeting on September 12

2021 150 Club News

It's going to be a better year!

We have two winners to announce:

August..... Kimi Nishimura

September ..... Aggie Hirotsu

Congratulations to our winners.

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Stay healthy and safe!

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
OCT	No Toban	N / A	N / A
NOV	No Toban	Oct 15 (Fri)	Oct 25 (Mon)
DEC	No Toban	Oct 12 (Fri)	Oct 22 (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

Circle one **Fee**

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Deadline: October 10, 2021 **Total $** _____

Return this form with check payable to:
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October 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 **October** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Sumako (Sue) Abey	**Shozo Mayeda**	**Yas Shimoguchi**
Sachi Adachi	**Yachi Miyake**	**Drew Sugimoto**
Evelyn Arakaki	**Yoshiaki Murakami**	**Takie Sugimoto**
Kikue Fujii	**Lily Nakamura**	**Dr. Ray Uchiyama**
Irene Hatsue Furuta	**Aiko Nakano**	**Tiny Yamaji**
Mary Hayamizu	**Takeno Nara**	**Fumiko Yanaba**
Ted Hayashida	**Mikiyo Nishimoto**	**Masayo Yokoyama**
Saburo Higa	**Mary Nishita**	**Yukiko Yonemoto**
Tad Iimura	**Hiroshi Obuchi**	**Mollie Yoshizumi**
Masako Inokuchi	**George Ogino**	
Fred Inouye	**Toemon Ogino**	
George Ishikawa	**Shigeto Okimoto**	
Hoichi Kato	**Kayoko Okubo**	
Ihei Kawamoto	**Jerry Okumura**	
Mamoru Kawamoto	**Tsui Sakai**	
Takeru Kawamoto	**Hagiyo Sato**	
Masakatsu Kito	**Itoju Sawamura**	

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**

October

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple Cancelled

Virtual Shotsuki Hoyo for October to be held on Sunday, October 3

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See MVBT website for details

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

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 21, Online

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 21. Usually a Keiro Kai Luncheon follows this service, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the luncheon at the Temple is cancelled. The Keiro Kai Committee is planning an event to honor the Keiros. More information will be available soon.

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

永代読経

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo (永代読経).**

Ei means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. ***Tai*** means generations. ***Kyo*** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. ***Doku*** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious purposes such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of $500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Ministers' spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years. No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

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EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Buddhist Name

English: _____ Japanese: _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Japanese Name: _____

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Amount of Donation: _____ Date of Eitaikyo (Initial) Service: _____

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 **First Day of American Indian Heritage Month** :00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**2** **Election Day** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**3**	**4** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**5** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**6**
7 **Daylight Saving Time ends** 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service	**8** 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**9** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**10** 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	**11** **Veterans Day** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**12** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	**13**
14 10:00 am Sunday Virtual Service 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	**15** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**16** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**17**	**18** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**19** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**20**
21 10:00 am Eitaikyo Virtual Service & Keiro Kai @ Home	**22** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**23** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**24**	**25** **Thanksgiving Day** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	**26** **Native American Heritage Day** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**27**
28	**29** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**30** 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual				

Upcoming Events

November 7, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service

November 21, Sunday
Eitaikyo Service
Keiro Kai @ Home

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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