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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

December Highlights

- ***12/5 Sun, 10:00 am,* Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service, Online**
  * *9:30 am - Gatha Sing Along*
  * *11:00 am - Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am - English Language Discussion*
- ***12/6, Mon, 7:00 pm* Buddhist Discussion Group, Online**
- ***12/12, Sun. 10:00 am,* Sunday Service, Online**
  * *9:30 am - Gatha Sing Along*
- ***12/31, Fri. 7:00 pm,* Joya-e Service - New Year's Eve Service, Online**

Imagine the Western Pure Land

My family and I went to the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley during my summer break at the end of July. Although it was a long road trip of over 2,000 miles, we were able to heal our minds in the great nature created by Mother Earth as we thought of my own mother whom we lost last May.

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

The vastness of the Grand Canyon is magnificent and indescribably beautiful. We were moved by its long history as shown in its many layers of strata. We fully enjoyed the majesty of this natural treasure. It was as if we could feel the breath of Native Americans rising up from the red soil that covered the mysterious rocky mountains of Monument Valley.

The most memorable sight that will remain in my family's heart is the Grand Canyon valley itself, which in the setting sun appeared dyed red. The sunset seen from Yavapai Point was so beautiful that we lost track of the time. The bright red sun lowering into the magnificent valley gently wrapped around my heart because it reminded me of the sunsets I watched with my mother when I was kid. So for me, it was a very meaningful trip because I was able to cherish certain memories of my late mother and at the same time be healed by the magnificent scenery woven by nature.

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MVBT President's Message

By Bob Matsumoto
MVBT President

Despite the Pandemic challenges that we all have been going through for almost two years now, I am overwhelmed beyond doubt the strength and character of our Temple Sangha. We are inspired by the outpouring of support that the Temple has been able to offer, messages of gratitude and encouragement and dedication.

A lot has changed in a short amount of time - at the Temple, your homes, your work, neighborhoods and children's schools. As the Dharma teaches us, we must continue to adapt to these changes and center our energy on beating this pandemic. And, most importantly, making sure the health and safety of our Sangha is a top priority.

We must continue to adapt to these (pandemic) changes and center our energy on beating this pandemic.

Thank you to everyone for your commitment and everything you do for the Temple.

As the holidays are upon us, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. Please continue to stay safe and feel free to contact me if you ever need anything.

In Gassho and Gratitude,
Bob Matsumoto
MVBT President

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Sing-A-Long (Zoom)	**2** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**3** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**4** 12:30 pm Dharma School Taiko
5 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service 1:00 pm YBA Virtual Meeting	**6** 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**7** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**8** 7:00 pm MVBT Board Meeting	**9** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**10** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	**11** 12:30 pm Dharma School Taiko
12 10:00 am Mochitsuki @ Home 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	**13** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**14** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**15**	**16** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual	**17** 5:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	**18**
19	**20** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**21** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	**22**	**23**	**24** **Christmas Eve**	**25** **Christmas Day**
26	**27** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**28** 7:00 pm Young Buddhist Discussion	**29**	**30**	**31** **New Year's Eve** 7:00 pm New Year's Eve / Joya-e Service	

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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 — December 2021

December 5, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Bodhi Day, Online

9:30 am: Gatha Sing Along before Service
11:00 am: Japanese Language Service., Online
11:00 am: English Language Discussion, Online

December 6, 2021, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

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

December 12, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online

9:30 am: Gatha Sing Along before Service

December 19, 2021, Sunday, No Sunday Services

December 26, 2021, Sunday, No Sunday Services

December 31, 2021, Friday, 7:00 pm, Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service, Online

Joya-E Service: Express our gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

JOIN US

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

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai into the Dana Box
Go to MVBT website & Press "DONATE"

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

Mochitsuki @ Home

Date: ..... Sunday, December 12

Sunday Service: ..... 10:00 am, Online (see Putra's Post for link)

Followed by: **Scheduled** Mochi & Yokan pre-order pick-ups at MVBT from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

More information available

- Read Putra's Post
- Check the MVBT website for information.

Imagine the Western Pure Land (cont'd)

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Describing the Pure Land

Since ancient times, it has been a custom for Buddhists to watch the sun setting in the west, and to aspire to be born in the Pure Land while thinking about our loved ones who have gone before us. It is because the Three Pure Land Sutras say that a Pure Land of Utmost Bliss built by Amida Buddha exists beyond a hundred thousand ***kotis*** of Buddha-lands west of the world we live in. Thus, the sunset marks both the end of a day and the end of our lives, and we envision Amida Buddha and the Pure Land where we will return as Buddhas in the afterlife.

However, I wonder if the description of the Pure Land existing far off in the west as an actual place and Amida Buddha regarded as an actual being makes all of this sound more like a fairy tale to those of us living in today's world.

Originally, the Pure Land was described as "Dharma Body as Suchness"—that is, as enlightenment itself. It is a world without color and form and refers to the working of wisdom and compassion. So certainly, the Pure Land is not a world we can actually see. But because we ordinary people live in a world of delusion, it's impossible for us to even comprehend a world of enlightenment without color and form. But with words using concrete colors, forms and direction, Sakyamuni Buddha described the Pure Land in the Amida Sutra in such detail that we could easily recognize it. Using what he called "Dharma Body as compassionate means," Sakyamuni Buddha assured those of us who cannot recognize it by ourselves that we can still envision the Pure Land in our hearts and wish for rebirth without suffering and pain in a true world of enlightenment. Even so, there are still people who don't take this interpretation seriously and choose to deny the existence of the Western Pure Land. Nonetheless, we should try to accept that it is impossible for an ordinary person to experience the working of enlightenment without the Dharma Body as compassionate means.

Finger Pointing to the Moon

Nagarjuna, one of the Seven Pure Land Masters, described a way of looking at things with just one finger. He described a person using his forefinger to point at the moon and the people who followed with their eyes the direction he was pointing in to see the beautiful moon for themselves. But even when someone uses his forefinger to point at the moon, a number of us will unfortunately focus only on his pointing finger without looking in the direction he is pointing. Thus we will not get to see the moon's beauty. That means the unfortunate among us will not experience the beauty of the moon because instead we attach too much importance to the color and shape of the pointing person's forefinger.

This shows us that the moon represents the truth or enlightenment, and the finger pointing at the moon represents Sakyamuni Buddha's teachings, and the world of enlightenment cannot simply be expressed in words. However, by making full use of even our imperfect words, Sakyamuni Buddha shows we can still open our eyes to the world of enlightenment.

Twelve years ago, when my daughter was a year old, I took my family to Disneyland where I happened to spot Mickey Mouse walking across the street from us. I immediately pointed at Mickey Mouse and said to my daughter, "Hey! Look over there! Mickey is walking right over there!" But my daughter only looked at my pointing finger. No matter how much I repeated, "There's Mickey, right where my finger is pointing!" she didn't turn around, but just kept looking at my finger. So she missed seeing Mickey Mouse.

In the same way, if people cannot open their eyes to the real intention of Sakyamuni Buddha because the description sounds like a fairy tale, they are like my daughter who only looked at my finger and never saw Mickey Mouse.

Western Pure Land

The Pure Land, which has no color or form and is vast and without boundaries, is the world that can only be seen through the eyes of the Buddha's wisdom. It is a world beyond our ordinary perception and imagination. But the Western Pure Land is revealed through Buddha's calculation or compassion so that even people like ourselves can touch the world of enlightenment where we aspire to be born as Buddhas.

In the long history of our tradition, Jodo Shinshu has valued equally both **"Dharma Body of Suchness"** – the world of enlightenment that has no colors and forms and is vast and without boundaries; and **"Dharma Body as compassionate means"** – the world of enlightenment that is expressed using forms and direction. It is because they are an inseparable relationship like the two sides of a same coin. Rather, Shinran rejoiced with Amida Buddha and the Pure Land which have colors and forms, namely, "Dharma Body of compassionate means" as expressed by Buddha's calculation.

By showing us that the Pure Land which exists westward beyond a hundred thousand **kotis** of Buddha-lands, the Buddha's guidance enables us ordinary people to wish for birth in the real Pure Land. When we imagine the Pure Land in the west, we are embraced just as we are by Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. It is all due to Amida Buddha's Primal Vow that will never abandon us ordinary beings.

Carrying within me the Western Pure Land as my spiritual support, I will continue to lead my life in joy and strength with the Nembutsu of gratitude. Then when my time to leave this world comes, I will immediately be born in the same Pure Land where Shinran and my late mother wait for me.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二一年十二月法話

ー 西方浄土を想う ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

七月下旬に夏休みを利用して家族と一緒にグランドキャニオンとモニュメントバレーに行ってきました。全行程二〇〇〇マイルを超す車での長旅となりましたが、先の五月に亡くなった母に思いを馳せながら、母なる大地が生み出した大自然の中で心を整えることができました。

グランドキャニオンのどこまでも続く大峡谷は壮大で筆舌に尽くし難いほど美しく、幾層にも重なった地層から伝わってくる長い地球の歴史に思わず感動しました。また、モニュメントバレーの神秘的な岩山が立ち並ぶ赤土の大地にネイティブアメリカンの息吹を感じながら、雄大な自然を思いっきり満喫しました。

その中でも私達家族の心の中に一番印象に残っている光景は何と言っても、夕日に赤く染め上げられたグランドキャニオンの渓谷で、ヤバパイポイントから見た夕日は時間が経つのを忘れてしまうほど大変美しいものでした。壮大な渓谷に沈みゆく真っ赤に輝く太陽が幼き日に母と見た夕日と重なって私の心を優しく包み込んでくれました。自然が織り成す壮大な景色に癒されながら、亡き母とのさまざまな思い出を懐かしむことのできた大変有意義な旅行でした。

思えば、仏教徒には古来より西に沈みゆく夕日を眺め、亡き人に思いを馳せながら浄土に往生を願うという風習があります。これは「浄土三部経」に、阿弥陀仏が築かれた極楽浄土は西方へ十万億の仏国土を過ぎたところにあると説かれていることから、一日の終わりを告げる日没を私達の人生の終焉と重ね合わせ、いのちの終わりに仏として帰らせていただく極楽浄土の世界と阿弥陀仏を心に思い描くというものです。

しかし、浄土が西方の遥か彼方に存在するということや、浄土や阿弥陀仏の具体的な形を思い描くという表現は、現代に生きる人達にとって、おとぎの国の話をしているように聞こえているかもしれません。

浄土は本来、「法性法身」、つまり、悟りそのものをいいます。それは色や形のない世界で、智慧と慈悲のはたらきを指します。ですから確かに、浄土とは目に見えるような世界ではありません。しかし、そのような色や形のない悟りの世界を迷いの世界に生きる凡夫の私達には到底理解できないことから、お釈迦さまは具体的な色や形、そして方角を用いて私達凡夫が阿弥陀仏や浄土を認識し易いように『阿弥陀経』の中で表現して下さいました。これを「方便法身」というのですが、そのお陰で、悟りの世界を認識できない私達が形ある浄土を心に思い描き、苦しみのない真実なる世界に生まれたいと願うことができるのです。それでも方便だからと言って西方浄土の存在を軽んじて否定される人達がおられると思いますが、方便なくして真実の世界に触れることは凡夫には不可能なことなのです。

龍樹菩薩は、これを指と月に譬えておられます。月を指差す人がいて、その指に導かれて月の美しさを知る。しかし、月を指差す人に折角出遇うことができても、その人の指を見ているだけで肝心の月に目を向けない人がいます。そのような人達はその人の指の色や形にとらわれ、頭上にある月の美しさに気づくことのできない残念な人達といえます。

これは、月を真実の悟りを表し、指をお釈迦さまの言葉、教えを表しています。悟りの世界は言葉で表すことのできない仏の境地です。ですが、その不完全な言葉を駆使してお釈迦さまは、凡夫の私達が悟りの世界に目を向けることができるように具体的な表現で教えを説いて下さっているのです。

私の娘が一歳の頃、ディズニーランドでミッキーマウスが娘の後ろを歩いていたので、娘に「ほら、向こうを見てごらん。あそこにミッキーがいるよ」とミッキーを指差した時、娘は私の指をじっと見るだけで私が指差すミッキーを見ることはありませんでした。

このように、具体的な表現がおとぎ話に聞こえるからといって、お釈迦さまが伝えようとしている真意に目を向けようとしない人は、私の指にとらわれてミッキーマウスを見逃した幼い娘と何ら変わりないのです。

浄土は色や形がなく広大無辺であるというのは仏の智慧の目だからこそ認識できる世界であり、凡夫の私達には想像を超えた世界です。しかし、そんな凡夫でも悟りの世界に触れられるようにと「仏のはからい」によって表されたのが西方浄土であり、私達が仏として生まれゆく世界なのです。

浄土真宗では、広大無辺で形を持たない本来の悟り（法性法身）と形と方角で表した悟り（方便法身）を硬貨の裏表のように不可分の関係として大切にしています。むしろ親鸞聖人は、仏の「はからい」によって表された形ある方便法身の阿弥陀仏と浄土の方を喜ばれました。

西方十万億の仏土を過ぎたところに浄土があると示されたのは、ひとえに私達凡夫に浄土往生を願わせるための仏の導きであり、私達は西に浄土を思い浮かべるがまま、阿弥陀仏の摂取不捨の救いの中に収め取られていくのです。

報恩感謝のお念仏と共に『阿弥陀経』に示された西方浄土を心の拠り所として力強い人生を歩み、そしてこのいのちが終えた時、親鸞聖人や母が待つ同じ悟りの世界へと生まれさせていただきます。

MVBT Super Seniors

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.

We have told their stories in past issues of the Echo — see below. Many more Super Seniors will be highlighted in future Echos. If you see any Super Seniors, please say "Thank You" / "Arigato Gozaimasu."

Namo Amida Butsu: "Let us live with kindness and gratitude beyond words..."

Super Senior Echo Issue		Super Senior Echo Issue	
Hiroji Kariya August 2020		Shigeru & Kazuko Tashiro April 2021	
Ed Tsumura September 2020		Ray & Reiko Murakami May 2021	
Jits & Jean Higa October 2020		Ben Horita June 2021	
Rev. Ensei Nekoda November 2020		Dolly & Shin Sawamura July 2021	
Frances Sawamura December 2020		Chuck Uyeda August 2021	
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto January 2021		Milton Hamasaki September 2021	
George Makishima February 2021		Kimi Nishimura (right) October 2021	
Jim Shidawara March 2021		Toshiko Masaki November 2021	

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

DANA YOUTH FUND DRIVE

The BWA will continue our tradition with our MVBT BWA Dana Youth Fund Drive. The Dana letters have been sent out to the Sangha. Please donate to the drive.

Your donations will be presented to our Temple's youth organizations at the Eshinni-ko / BWA Memorial Service on January 23, 2022.

Eshinni - Wife of Shinran

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The BWA extends our Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season.

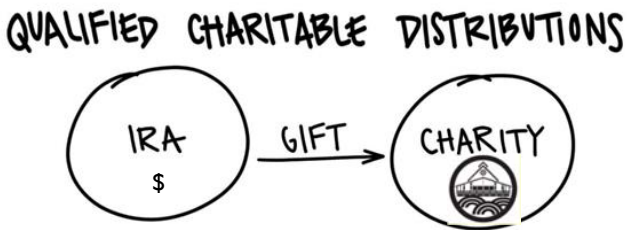
In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

MVBT Youth Organizations for Dana Youth Fund

Dharma School | Miroku | Girl Scouts | YBA | Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts

READ ONLY IF YOU'RE OVER 70 ½ YEARS OLD

Donate from Your IRA using a QCD Directly to the Temple and Save on Your Taxes



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

Miroku

MIROKU

MEET OUTDOOR AT THE TEMPLE

November's Miroku meeting noted that the MVBT is allowing outdoor activities on-site at the Temple.

The requirements are:

- Must be OUTDOORS
- Less than 30 people
- Full vaccinated attendees only
- Completion of Health Attestation Form on the day of the activity

VACCINE AVAILABILITY

We had brief discussion around the knowledge that vaccines are now open to our 6th Graders (and everyone 5 to 12 years old) so that could likely mean more changes to our ability to get together on the MVBT campus over the next few months.

MIROKU OBJECTIVES

We recapped keys of the club

- Service to the Temple,
- Service to the community, and
- Fun

Service to the Temple

We thanked the group for chairing the Sangha Day Service! We noted upcoming opportunities to acknowledge and thank the community through Keiro Kai Kizuna and a possible New Year's greeting.

Service to Community

We discussed service projects for this year and noted projects may still me more limited due to COVID protocol.

Fun

We ended with an online game called Gartic Phone (a more modern online version of "telephone").

In Gassho,
Mike Inouye
Parent Advisor, Miroku

MVBT YBA NEWS

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YBA

YBA CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The YBA convened a Constitution Review Committee made up of six members and an advisor to do the quadrennial review of the YBA Constitution. In total, the committee added two new sections to our constitution and updated language throughout to make it easier to read and more inclusive. At our recent YBA meeting, we voted to accept the revisions.

YBA TRIP PLANNING

2022 will be the year that our YBA goes on a big trip. The YBA assembled a YBA Trip Planning Committee made up of five members with representatives from each year and an advisor to plan for our quadrennial YBA trip. The committee came up with a slate of places and a rough itinerary for each option to bring to our recent YBA meeting.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The YBA holiday party is currently being planned for late December. This event is being organized by the YBA advisors.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COAST DISTRICT WINTER ACTIVITY

We are currently brainstorming ideas for the Mountain View Coast District Winter Activity that will take place sometime in February-March of next year.

In Gassho,
Evan Itow
2021 - 2022 YBA President

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

Shoko Hirabayashi Oct 30, 1942 - Sept 26, 2021

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Cabinet Installation

The Dharma School Cabinet installation was held on Sunday, October 17.

I am happy to announce that the Dharma School Cabinet for the 2021-22 academic year is as follows:

Dharma School Education Coordinator:
Carol Yonemura

Communications Coordinator:
Randy Sato

Secretary:
Norman Paris

Taiko Coordinator:
Ashley Uyehara

Treasurer:
Kim Tsuchida

DS Superintendent:
Brent Izutsu

Registrar:
Donna Weeks

I am thrilled to have new volunteers join this year! I am also grateful to the outgoing members of our cabinet who have served for many (many) years. A big mahalo goes to **Katie Tamaru-Itow**, **Karen Bunya**, and **Janice Lee**!

Dharma School Registration Forms Due

If you have not already done so, please complete the online registration form for your Dharma School student(s):

https://forms.gle/GSHRjYGvdXjKKpK46

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

Although, the Senior Activities and Craft has few news to report, we wish mostly to stay in touch with all of you. We hope we can once again join into our once-a-week Thursday meeting. For our safety in mind, the Temple has decided not to open the Temple activities no sooner than first of the 2022. In the meantime, stay well and maintain your good health. You are all missed.

Wednesday: Sing Along

Every other Wednesday, we will bring back Sing-Along. Not every week. Here's the proposed schedule:

- December 1 and 15

Thank you to **Susan Yuen** for programming this event with assistance from **Sterling Makishima**, **Teri Hirotsu** and **Amy Arakaki**.

Wish to acknowledge **Kinji Ushiba** for starting this Sing-Along during our Thursday Senior Activities. Mark the dates on your calendar and please join us and sing together. A good way to stay in touch.

Thursday: 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 the Taiko lessons via Zoom. Please join us for it is never too late to enjoy Taiko. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**.

Cookbook for Sale

The Senior Activities Cook Book 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

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

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

Daisy Scout

Our Daisy will earn her "Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout" petal by making bead bracelets for her three Girl Scout sisters. And will complete requirements to earn the "Outdoor Art Maker" badge by learning how to look at nature like an artist and make her own outdoor art.

Junior

The Junior girls earned their "Outdoor Art Explorer" badge by letting nature be their inspiration as they explored, created, and designed different kinds of art.

Cadette /Senior/Ambassador

This group is working on the "Women's Health" badge. They are working on a presentation about Breast Cancer, which they plan to present to the Sangha during a future Sunday Service.

Fall Sales!

For those that purchased Girl Scout nuts and chose home delivery, products will soon be ready for delivery. Be on the

lookout for a call from your Girl Scout nuts contact!

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

ABA News

Kimochi Home San Francisco

Kimochi San Mateo

KIMOCHI — JAPANESE TRADITION OF CARE AND SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

On Sunday, October 17, ABA hosted a presentation about Kimochi by Shawne O'Connell, Director of Programs. She explained that Kimochi has two locations – San Francisco and San Mateo – that offer residential and day care services for the senior community.

The San Francisco location was founded in 1983 and offers residential programs with single and double rooms for non-ambulatory patients. The day care services include a lunch program of Japanese food and classes in tai chi for arthritis and fall prevention, origami and technology.

In 2016, Kimochi purchased a former hospice care site in San Mateo and worked for two years to retrofit the building to meet their needs. Their residential care is for non-ambulatory patients.

For more information, contact Shawne O'Connell at SOConnell@kimochi-inc.org.

DONATIONS

Donations gratefully accepted and acknowledged:

ABA Memorial Service

* **Ron and Carolyn Murata**
* **Irving and Marilyn Ozawa**

  In Memory of Yoshio and Mikiyo Nishimoto

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Kimochi Senior Center Programs & Services

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Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Sangha Day @ Home event! We had a fun Trick or Treat event for kids to get candy and toys with creative socially distanced stations.

We would like to thank the **YBA** and **Dharma School** teachers who helped. We were also able to create a costume photo slide show thanks to the talents of photographer **Curt Fukuda**, **Anna Yong** and **Marcy Mamiya**.

We received several positive comments from the parents who told us our event was a highlight for their children.

Here are the winners from our Pumpkin Carving Contest:

Scariest Pumpkin

- Teen: Dylan Ishida
- Adult: Norman & Yuji Paris

Funniest Pumpkin

- Kid: Yumi Paris
- Teen: Ko Kitani
- Adult: Ian Chase and Bob Imai

Most Creative Pumpkin

- Kid: Yoshi Paris
- Teen: Danica Lim
- Adult: Alyssa Imai

Special Prize

- Frances "Kabocha" Sawamura

Sunday included a service chaired by the Miroku group, a presentation by the Vision Committee, Bingo and a Virtual Escape room activity. It was a successful weekend despite the pandemic!

In Gassho,
Sangha Day @ Home Committee
Zone 2

SAVE THE DATE

American Flag Signing

At MVBT

Saturday, December 18

A 48-star American Flag signing will be held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. All MVBT members who were incarcerated in a World War II internment camp will be invited to sign the flag. The signing will be by appointment only. You will be contacted by a BWA member.

The Flag Signing event is contingent on being approved by the MVBT Health & Safety Committee.

Sangha Connect

Sangha Connect Fundraiser

*** Help Defray Costs to Re-Open Your Temple ***

Keeping in Touch and Staying Connected

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has always tried to preserve connections with the community at large, the immediate neighborhood, and our very own Sangha. Unfortunately, COVID-19 curtailed the Temple's ability to maintain these connections and has probably changed the way we will connect in the future. However, with the help of some very dedicated and talented Sangha members, the MVBT was able to create new pathways for keeping in touch and staying connected while sheltering-in-place.

Plans to Safely Reopen

As COVID infections and hospitalizations continue to decline, we are preparing to reopen the Temple. In order to ensure the safety of those who wish to attend Sunday Service, organizational meetings, or any on campus activity, certain precautions must be taken. Touchless restroom fixtures, routine disinfection of public spaces, air purification, and sanitizing stations are just the beginning of the ongoing safety measures the Temple will institute.

Not only are new safety measures on the horizon, but acquisition of new equipment to broadcast and communicate with the Sangha and community are necessary to maintain connections. The use of paid software that allows online meetings and gatherings to take place also must continue. All of these new safety measures and hardware/software upgrades will take funding that hasn't been budgeted.

Donate to Defray Costs

In order to help defray costs and relieve the financial burden, we will humbly request donations for the **Sangha Connect Fundraiser.** These funds will help the Mountain View Buddhist Temple in its ongoing effort to stay connected with the community and Sangha.

More information will be forthcoming in future issues of Putra's Post.

In Gassho
MVBT Reopening Task Force

Donate to Support
Your Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Help ongoing efforts to stay connected with the community and Sangha

2021 150 Club News

Our winner for month of November is

Lily Kawafuchi.

Congratulations to Lily!

And, thank you to everyone who participated in the 150 Club!

2022 150 Club tickets are available. Ask your Zone Chair.

Stay safe!
150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
DEC	No Toban	N / A	N / A
JAN	No Toban	Dec 10 (Fri)	Dec 20 (Mon)
FEB	No Toban	Jan 14 (Fri)	Jan 24 (Mon)

December 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 **December** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Yoshiko Akizuki	**IJ Iwamoto**	**Masazo Nakamura**
Edward Chikasuye	**Muriel Izumi**	**Miyuki Nakano**
Ichiro Chikasuye	**Shogo Kaku**	**Shunsuke Nakano**
Richard Endo	**Mae Kawaguchi**	**Leo Nakayama**
Emiko Fujikawa	**David Kawamoto**	**Frank Okimoto**
Mamoru Fukuma	**Junso Kawamoto**	**Kelly Sakae**
June Furuichi	**Tsue Kawamoto**	**Jiro Sakano**
Emiko Furuta	**Toshiko Kawamoto**	**Hatsue Sako**
James Furuta	**James Ichiro Kawaye**	**Yoshio Sato**
Eigoro Hashimoto	**Tomiko Kosakura**	**Chiyo Shimoguchi**
Myrna Hayashi	**Alice Koyano**	**Yasuki Shinke**
Sato Hiroshige	**Tomoe Kumamaru**	**Laurie Takasugi**
Dorothy Horiuchi	**George Kunimoto**	**Robert Taniguchi**
June Hoshi	**Yoshio Kusaba**	**Kiyomi Tanouye**
Frank Hoshida	**Nobuichi Masaki**	**Florence Tsukagawa**
Teruko Ikeda	**Toshiko Mori**	**Hiro Uyehara**
Amy Imai	**Kiyoko Murakami**	**Edward Yonemura**
Suyeno Imamura	**Tamae Nagatsuyu**	**Teruo Yukawa**
Hana Inouye	**Paul Nakagawa**	
Harry Ishii	**Jane Nakamura**	

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**

December

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple Cancelled

Virtual Shotsuki Hoyo for December to be held on Sunday, December 5

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **New Year's Day** 10:00 am New Year;s Day / Shusho-e Service
2	**3** 7:00 pm Buddhist Virtual Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**4** 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**5**	**6**	**7** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**8**
9 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service	**10** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**11**	**12** 7:00 pm MVBT Board Meeting	**13**	**14** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**15**
16 10:00 am Hoonko Service	**17** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**22**
23 10:00 am Esshinni-ko / BWA Memorial Service	**24** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**25** 7:00 pm Young Buddhist Discussion	**26**	**27**	**28** 5:00 pm Ukelele	**29**
30	**31** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support					

Upcoming Events

January 1, Saturday
New Year's Eve / Shusho-e Service

January 9, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service

January 16, Sunday
Hoonko Service

January 23, Sunday
Eshinni-ko / BWA Memorial Service

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Sangha Day Picnic @ Home / Eitaikyo Memorial / Keiro Kai / Bodhi Day / Mochi Tsuki @ Home / New Year's Eve / New Year's Day

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

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Building Closed

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
The Nokotsudo & Hondo will be **CLOSED** from November 26 through December 1.
Critical building maintenance is scheduled. **NO ACCESS**.

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