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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

May Highlights

- ***5/1, Sun, 10:00 am***
  Shotsuki Hoyo, Online
  * *Japanese Language Service*
  * *English Discussion Group*
- ***5/2, Mon, 7:00 pm,***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***5/8, Sun,10:00 am***
  Mother's Day Service, Online
- ***5/15, Sun,10:00 am***
  Gotan-e Service, Online
  Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Ken Fujimoto (BCA Minister Emeritus)
  * *Seminar following Service*
- ***5/29, Sun,9:30 am***
  Alta Mesa Memorial Service (Tentative)
  NO Service at Temple
- ***5/30 Mon,10:00 am***
  Oak Hill Memorial Service (Tentative)

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Argument for the Elimination of Violence

Almost certainly you are aware of an unfortunate incident that happened during the Academy Awards Ceremony's broadcast last March. As the live audience and TV viewers around the world watched, actor Will Smith walked up to and slapped comedian Chris Rock, who had been making amusing comments onstage. Mr. Smith's action was unexpected and shocking because it wasn't till afterwards it became clear that he attacked Mr. Rock because the comedian had made a joke about his wife Jada Pinkett Smith's unusual appearance: she suffers from alopecia, a disease that prevents hair growth, so she is bald. Rock's attempt to be funny caused Smith to physically attack him, and it was this act that triggered an immediate reaction around the world. It is certain Smith's surprising act of violence will forever be associated with the prestigious Academy Awards Ceremony.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Who is Wrong?

After this incident became well-known, there was a heated global argument as to who was in the wrong. Opinion is still divided on this issue: "The one who publicly insulted the victim is wrong" versus "No matter the reason, the one who used violence to respond is wrong." I think that both are to blame. But in American society where discrimination and violence are ongoing social issues, it is no wonder that Smith's physical assault was criticized by the public.

However, Rock's verbal violence should not be overlooked. His remark made fun of Smith's wife's appearance because of a health issue she cannot control and which causes hair loss. The joke made light of the embarrassment suffered by all women who lose

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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

Rev. LaVerne and Helen Sasaki are the Super Seniors for this Echo. Their story starts on Page 6 of this issue.

This photo of Rev. LaVerne & Helen Sasaki is from the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 2019 Keiro Kai Luncheon.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service 1:00 pm YBA Meeting	**2** 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**3** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**4** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	**5** **Cinco de Mayo** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**6** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**7** 12:00 pm Adult Taiko
8 **Mother's Day** 10:00 am Mothers' Day Service	**9** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**10** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**11** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm MVBT Board Meeting	**12** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**13** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club 7:30 pm ABA General Meeting	**14** 12:00 pm Jun Daiko Taiko
15 10:00 am Gotan-e Service & Seminar 12:30 pm MVBT Taiko	**16** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**17** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**18** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	**19** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**20** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**21** 12:00 pm Adult Taiko
22 10:00 am Sunday Service 12:30 pm MVBT Taiko	**23** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**24** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**25** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing Along 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	**26** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**27** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**28** 12:00 pm Jun Daiko Taiko
29 10:00 am Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service (TBD) 12:30 pm MVBT Taiko	**30** **Memorial Day** 9:30 am Oak Hill Memorial Service (TBD) 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**31** 7:00 pm Young Adult Buddhist Discussion 7:30 pm Ukelele Club				

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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 — May 2022

May 1, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Online Service

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

May 2, 2022, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group

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

May 8, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Mother's Day Service, Online Service

May 15, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Gotan-e Service, Online Service

Gotan-e: Observes the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. Born near Kyoto, Japan on May 21, 1173.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ken Fujimoto

11:00 am: Seminar following service with Rev. Ken Fujimoto

May 22, 2022, Sunday 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service

May 29, 2022, Sunday, 9:30 am, Alta Mesa Memorial Service, (TBD)

No Service at MVBT if Service at Alta Mesa

May 30, 2022, Monday 9:30 am, Oak Hill Memorial Service (TBD)

JOIN US

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

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

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

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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

Florence Kato ***July 7, 1933 - March 30, 2022***

Hideko Dolly Sawamura ***Jan 30, 1934 - March 27, 2022***

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Argument for the Elimination of Violence (cont'd)

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their hair for reasons beyond their control. So for many viewers, such remarks were absolutely unacceptable. There are people all over the world who suffer from the same disease, including children. When they heard Rock's words, I think that they were also hurt, as if the joke was aimed at them as well.

The Roles of Words

Words play a very important role in our lives because they are indispensable to us every day. There is nothing like words that touch people's minds. People can feel happy, joyful or healed by certain words. Then, there are words that make people cry, feel sad or upset. Some words can even make people commit suicide. We know that they can have a powerful impact on our minds and hearts.

There is a Japanese saying: "Words are just like a knife." This means that words that we use to communicate with others are as useful and convenient as a knife. But if words are used in the wrong way, they can hurt others and sometimes even ourselves much as a knife **can**. Therefore, we should really be as careful about how we use our words as we are whenever we handle a knife.

Even if I never meant to hurt anyone, if what I say pains another person, it went beyond just a joke. In the majority of bullying cases, the bully claims not to grasp that his teasing remarks were harmful; claiming, "It was just a joke!" and even forgetting what he had said. But if the victim bullied is distressed by those words, he can suffer from the emotional trauma as well as physical violence. Currently, discriminatory remarks or hate speech against LGBTQ or certain racial groups have been a serious social issue in American society. Just as in the incident at the Oscars, words can be as painful as a knife, ignoring the victim's privacy and hurting him psychologically.

What are the Choices?

I have heard another opinion that Mr. Rock shouldn't be blamed because he made such a joke without realizing that Jada Smith had a disease. When I was a college student, a teacher posed questions to our class like, "In Buddhism, which do you think is worse? A bad deed that the person knew he was committing? Or something he did that he did not realize was harmful?" Most of the students thought that the bad deed that someone knew he was committing was worse than an action that someone did not realize was wrong. But our teacher told us that we were all wrong. Certainly, the punishment and moral responsibility might be heavier for the one who did the bad deed, knowing that it was bad. But if that person realizes what he did, he might have a greater awareness that what he did was not right. As a result, this awareness could eventually cause this person to feel regret or reflect upon his actions.

"Words are just like a knife."

On the other hand, the person simply unaware that what he did was wrong would never be able to reflect on his actions and apologize for them. Is there anything more terrible than the ignorant man who isn't aware of his own bad behavior? That is why Buddhism teaches us how problematic ignorance is.

We can all agree that Will Smith is a great actor with countless fans. For this reason, his rash behavior disappointed a lot of people. There must have been another way besides that violent slap to protest Rock's ignorant remarks. It was a shock to witness Smith unable to control his anger.

Thich Nhat Hanh, the Vietnamese Buddhist master, teaches us that when someone sets our house on fire, the first thing to do is to put out the fire quickly. This shows us if we are upset over something another person did and react angrily by using violence against him, it is as foolish as chasing after the arsonist before first putting out the fire in our house. In other words, we should avoid losing something important because of our anger.

Eliminate Some Type of Violence

It is also very important for each of us to recognize that Chris Rock's ignorant words about Jada Pinkett Smith's appearance were reprehensible even if he just wanted to make a joke. Not only physical violence, but words can also become painful weapons that can hurt people depending on how they are used. The result can even denigrate the speaker's own personality and dignity.

This memorable incident occurred during the Academy Awards Ceremony, which is the greatest annual celebration in the film world. I believe that what happened between Mr. Smith and Mr. Rock gave all of us an opportunity to consider the elimination of various types of violence. And, I also gratefully suggest that on Oscar Night 2022, these two men each served as precious ***Boddhisattvas***, who unknowingly played out such difficult roles with one another so that we who observed their interaction can become awake to the importance of non-violence as emphasized in Buddhism.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二二年五月法話

ー非暴力への願いー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先の三月に開かれたアカデミー賞授賞式でのある騒動が大変話題になっています。それは授賞式の際、ステージ上でプレゼンターを務めていたクリス・ロック氏に対してウィル・スミス氏が平手打ちをするというもので、この前代未聞の出来事は全世界に大きな衝撃を与えました。事の発端は、ロック氏がスミス氏の妻であるジェイダ夫人の脱毛症を揶揄う発言にあったのですが、権威あるアカデミー賞受賞式の歴史にこのような汚点を残してしまったことは残念でなりません。

そして、この事件をきっかけに世界中でどちらが悪いかという激しい議論が交わされています。「相手の大切な人を公共の面前で侮辱した方が悪い」という意見と「何があったとしても暴力に訴えた方が悪い」という意見に分かれてます。どちらにも非があったことは否めませんが、差別や暴力が深刻な社会問題として扱われているアメリカ社会において、怒りに任せて暴力を働いてしまったスミス氏の行動には世間からの風当たりが強くなることは当然のことだと思います。

しかし、それと同様、言葉の暴力も決して見過ごしてはなりません。ロック氏の発言は、ジェイダ夫人の脱毛症を揶揄したものであり、女性にとって髪を失うことのつらさを考えれば到底受け入れ難いものです。また世界中で脱毛症で苦しんでいる人も多く、子供達も決して少なくないと聞きます。その人達もこの発言を聞いて、自分のことのように傷ついたことだと思います。

言葉は私達が生きていくうえで欠かせない大きな役割を果たします。言葉ほど人の心に深く響くものはありません。例えば、ある言葉で人は幸せになり、喜び、癒されます。人を泣かせたり、悲しませたり、怒らせる言葉もあります。更には、ある言葉で人を自殺に追い込むことさえあります。それほど言葉というのは人の心に大きな影響を与えるものなのです。

日本では「言葉は刃物」だと言われています。人とコミュニケーションをとることのできる言葉は大変便利で生きていくうえで欠かせないものですが、言葉の使い方を間違えてしまうと刃物のように人を傷つけてしまう恐れがあります。それ故、刃物を扱う時と同じように、言葉には十分気を付けなくてはならないのです。

たとえ自分の発した言葉が悪気がなく冗談だったとしても、言われた相手が傷つけば冗談では済まされません。いじめの大半は、いじめた側は相手を揶揄ったことを冗談で済ますことが多く、何を言ったかも忘れてしまいがちですが、いじめられた方は相手の心ない言葉に心は傷つき、身体的暴力と同じようにトラウマとなって苦しみます。現在、LGBTQやある特定の人種に対する差別的発言が大きな社会問題になっているように、刃物という言葉が、相手の尊厳や価値を否定し、相手の心の奥底まで傷つけるのです。

今回のロック氏はジェイダ氏の病気を知らないで発言したので悪くはないという意見も耳にします。昔、大学の授業で先生から「仏教では、悪いと分かっていながらする悪いことと、知らずにする悪いこととどちらが罪が重いと思うか」という質問をされたことがありました。私は、悪いと知っていてすることの方がより悪いことだと思っていましたが、その答えは逆でした。確かに悪いと分かっていながら行うことの方が刑罰や道義上の責任は重いかもしれません。しかし、悪いと分かっていれば、悪いことをしたという意識が少なからずどこかに残っています。それは結果的に後悔や反省の心を促すきっかけとなります。しかし、自分が知らないでしてしまった悪いことには、悪いことをしたという意識がないため、反省することもなければ、謝ることもできません。悪い行為を自覚できていないことほど恐ろしいことはありません。ですから仏教では、無知ということが如何に重い罪であるかということ教えています。

スミス氏は誰もが認める偉大な俳優であるだけに、彼がとった軽率な行動に多くの人が失望しました。ロック氏の発言に抗議する方法は暴力以外にあったはずです。怒りの感情によって自分を見失ってしまったスミス氏の行動は非常に残念であり、悲しいものでした。

ティク・ナット・ハン師の教えの中に、「誰かが自分の家に火をつけたら、最初にすべきことはその火を真っ先に消すことだ」とあります。これは、今回のスミス氏のように、相手の言動が感情を害したからといって、怒りに任せて暴力を振るうことは、家に燃え盛る火を消すのを忘れて放火魔を追いかけているのと同じぐらい愚かな行為だということを教えています。怒りの炎で大切なものを失うようなことがあってはいけないのです。

また、相手の病気に対するロック氏の軽率な発言は、たとえ冗談であったとしても罪深い行為であるということを皆で認識することが大切です。身体的暴力だけではなく、言葉も使い方次第で他人を傷つける凶器にもなり、自身の人格や尊厳を傷つける結果を招いてしまうことを私達は学ぶべきです。

この度の騒動は、映画界の最高峰であるアカデミー賞授賞式を通じて、スミス氏とロック氏が私達に、暴力根絶について今一度考える機会を与えてくれました。そう考えると、仏教が教える非暴力の大切さを気づかせるために、お二人が敢えてあのような難しい役を演じて下さった尊い菩薩さま(権化の仁)であったといただかずにはいれません。

Super Seniors Rev. LaVerne & Helen Sasaki

By Jean Shimoguichi

Rev. LaVerne & Helen Sasaki
at 2017 Keiro Kai Luncheon

This is the first of two Super Senior articles on Rev. LaVerne Sasaki and his family. This article will focus on his tenure as Mountain View Buddhist Temple's resident minister. The June article will focus on their family life while at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Rev. LaVerne Sasaki was MVBT's resident minister from 1971 to 1990 providing guidance to the Sangha and their families. He was the 26th generation minister in the Sasaki family. He and his wife, Helen, raised their five children on the MVBT grounds during that time. In 1990, Rev. LaVerne was transferred to become the resident minister at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. He retired from the BCA in 2000.

Sangha Members

Rev. LaVerne and Helen have fond memories of the MVBT Sangha members, many of whom were big influencers on their lives. Hiroji Kariya was the most active leader, nationally, in Coast District and locally. He was a hard worker, good thinker and good planner with helpful experiences.

At Rev. LaVerne's suggestion, Hiroji joined the Rotary Club. Many of the Rotarians would attend and support the Hawaiian Luau Temple fundraiser and the annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournaments.

Rotary Club n 1987.
Rev. Sasaki in the middle.

2011 Sasaki Golf Tournament
(l to r) Dave Maruyama, John Maruyama, Richard Endo & Rev. Sasaki

Helen remembers several women who supported the Temple. Amy Imai was exceptional in many organizations, even outside the Temple, including the Sister City program and public schools in her children's educational boundaries. Amy was willing to help people in the Mountain View and Tri-City areas, whether members or not! Sumi Uyeda and Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto were really kind and active in many different capacities.

Bob Imai, Amy's son, remembers that "The Sasakis were huge supporters of the Mountain View Sister City program. My mom, who was born in the Year of the Horse, enjoyed going on special trips with the Sasaki's and others to celebrate the Year of the Horse. The traits of those born on the Year of the Horse are warm-hearted, enthusiastic and positivity – which fits their personalities."

Others include Sets Kuboyama, who was a dedicated Boy Scout leader. Yas Shimoguchi did much for the Temple, a leader in Dharma School and a "very friendly guy." Richard Endo was often at the Temple. He had interest in black and white photo processing, so he used one of the Dharma School rooms to make a darkroom to process black and white photos. Aggie Hirotsu and Fred Yonemoto also had a big impact on the Temple. Jean Higa was a leader, especially during fundraisers and for starting the Fuji 4-H Club.

Life Lessons

While at MVBT, the Sasakis were able to meet people from many different walks of life. They learned how to live by observing the Sangha members: their generosity and hard work, and the skills that they shared.

Helen remembers that "so many people would be in the kitchen, working in the back and their humility always impressed me. They didn't have to be in the front, they'd just showed up and did everything that needed to be done. Hiroji Kariya and his wife, Yasuko, who died too young, were mentors to us. They were involved in the financial support of MVBT and BCA."

BWA ladies in kitchen in 1980.
Helen is 5th from right.

The Sasakis had several Buddhist moments in their lives. For Rev. LaVerne, it was the loss of his parents and going to Japan to study Buddhism. He made his decision to

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Super Seniors Rev. LaVerne & Helen Sasaki (cont'd)

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become a Buddhist minister while in Japan, after contact with many Buddhist scholars

Rev. Sensho Sasaki's funeral in March 1972

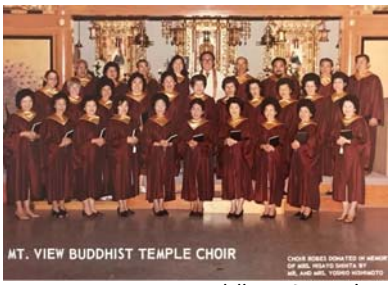
and contacts.

Helen enjoyed going to seminars and lectures and appreciated Buddhism from a scholarly aspect. She believes that Buddhism is really a way of life. She said "I'm confident that this is the only way for me. I'm humbled by that. I'm so happy that I found my way in this one and only life. When I was young, as a teenager, I would question it, but there's absolutely no question any more. I'm ready to die any time, with the knowledge that I am 'saved'. I have no fear or regrets. During my life, I never had any questions. If I was born of another religion, I may have wondered 'gee, it doesn't work for me', so I might have had to scramble to find something. But I've never felt that way about my path."

Traditions at MVBT

The Sasakis believe that MVBT should continue its traditions: good Temple services, scouting programs, choir, community involvement and support of ministers and their families. Rev. LaVerne says "MVBT has supported all its ministers. Because of this, I haven't heard about any problems. Minister visitations to families are important. Optimally, the contact should not be directly between the minister and the family, but through the zone chairpersons who can ask the family if they'd like the minister to visit. It's easier to say 'no' to the zone chairperson than to the minister."

March 1978
Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dedication



Mountain View Buddhist Temple in 1974.
Choir with New Robes

Helen believes the Memorial Service program is very important to maintain, not only financially, but to honor our ancestors. She says "It's karmic. We're here because of our ancestors and Memorial Services remind us of that. I think Buddhist families should have a focused place to gather and remember their ancestors like an ***Obutsudan***. We have an Obutsudan with photos of our parents, grandparents, special aunts and uncles, and good friends that we miss. It's a very nice tradition."

The ***toban*** system, where different groups of people help to do extra work to keep the Temple grounds as clean and beautiful as possible, makes them feel they have ownership of the Temple.

Sasaki Family at Farewell Party in Sangha Hall in 1990

In 1990, Rev. LaVerne was transferred to the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. MVBT threw a big party to thank the family for their years of guidance and wished them well in the future.

Future of MVBT

Based on MVBT's tradition and the Sangha, the Sasakis see a bright future for the Temple. Rev. LaVerne says "MVBT is a relatively young Temple with a shorter history, but has produced wonderful Buddhist ministers: Reverends Ken Tanaka, Jay Shinseki, Lee Rosenthal and Bill Briones. I hope we can continue to produce more ministers and scholars from the young members of the MVBT Sangha."

Helen believes that "MVBT is a thriving temple. At one time, we used to have these Obon festivals where everybody would come and it looked like it was thriving, at least financially, but it's more than that. It's a beautiful Temple that draws people. The Echo newsletter lets people know what's going on with MVBT activities. I know that financially it's difficult to support a temple and the BCA movement. I don't think MVBT will have problems in the near future, but I don't know

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Super Seniors Rev. LaVerne & Helen Sasaki (cont'd)

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about 50 years from now."

They would like to see the Temple open its doors to let the entire community and surrounding area know about the Jodo Shinshu teachings by welcoming all to services, events and all activities.

Thank You

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha thank Rev. LaVerne, Helen and their family for their many years of support even after they moved to San Francisco and later retired. The MVBT Sangha will always be grateful to them and have fond memories of their years at MVBT.

Next Month

Next month, the second part of the Super Senior Article on the Sasakis will focus on their family's lives at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Namo Amida Butsu —
With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

BWA in 1979

Temple Cabinet in 1980

MVBT VISION Committee

MVBT Vision Survey Respondents

We had a total of 120 respondents to the survey with more women than men responding. Age tended towards more respondents in the 55+ category and we found that many of our participants live geographically close to the Temple.

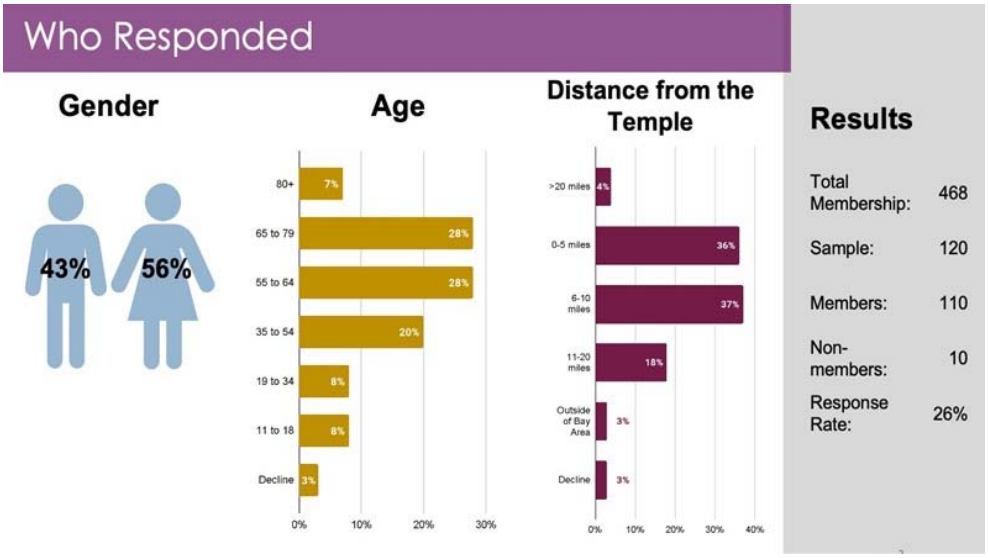
MVBT Vision Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Vision Survey! Your feedback will be instrumental in our planning on future of Temple programs and help to create a plan for maintaining, upgrading and expanding the Temple facilities.

Watch Party Held

We hope you were able to join the post Watch-Party presentation after the Temple's Sunday Service on April 17 for a fuller discussion of survey results.

In Gassho,
VISION Committee



2022 MVBT Chicken Teriyaki Dinner - Pick up or Dine-in

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

This is a MVBT Member-only event and limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please be cognizant of the fact we are limited to 500 total meals and is first come, first serve by pre-order only.

Dine-in seating will be outdoors on the Sangha Hall Patio. Note, if it rains, this will be a pick up only event. Dine-in is limited to the first 100 people who sign up via the pre-order form. Water, tea and rice will be available for dine-in patrons. Feel free to bring your own beverage of choice.

Pre-order deadline is Wednesday, May 25, 2022, unless the dinner limit is reached before this date.

Questions? chamasaki21@gmail.com

----------ORDER FORM----------

Member's Name:_____ Zone #:_____

Email Address:_____

Phone #:_____

	Quantity	Total $
Chicken Dinner Teriyaki - (1) Breast, (1)Thigh & Tsukemono - $10.00 each		$
Additional donation		$
Grand Total		$

Pick up

Will you be picking up or dining in? Please circle one: Pick up or Dine-in

If dining in, how many people will be dining?_____

If picking up, who will be picking up your order?_____

Pick up times will be emailed to you a few days before the event.

Payment

Payment type: Check or Credit Card at https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-2022-Chicken-Teriyaki

- Check #_____. Make your checks payable to MVBT, and please note 'Chicken Teriyaki' on the check. Please mail in your form and check to the "Mountain View Buddhist Temple, % Chicken Teriyaki."
- **If paid by credit card, attach a copy of the email receipt to your order form.** And then, **please mail the form with your email receipt copy attached** to the "Mountain View Buddhist Temple, % Chicken Teriyaki."

ABA & YABA's Community Service Project

ABA, in collaboration with YABA, completed a community service project for LifeMoves of Mountain View, a provider of interim housing and services to the unhoused in Silicon Valley. As clients transition to more stable housing, they are provided with "Welcome Baskets" filled with basic cleaning supplies for their new surroundings.

Together, ABA and YABA assembled 15 "baskets" in 5-gallon buckets containing Swiffers, disinfectants, sponges, gloves, and other essentials. Thank-you to YABA President **Alex Muselman** for co-leading the project, and to **Ken and Mieko Nakano**, **Marilyn Ozawa**, **Toshiko Uyehara**, **Alice Ishida**, **Lauren Muselman**, **Ashley Andrews** and **Sterling Makishima** for their support and assistance.

It was a very satisfying experience that hopefully will steer the way for other Temple groups to become involved with additional LifeMoves projects in the future.

In Gassho,
Joanne Makishima
Coordinator for Community Service Project with LifeMoves

LifeMoves Team

(From Left): Alice Ishida, Marilyn Ozawa, Toshiko Uyehara, Ken Nakano, Ashley Andrews, Lauren Muselman, Alex Muselman & Mieko Nakano.
Not pictured: Sterling Makishima

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Membership Drive

仏 Buddha
法 Dharma
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Did you receive your membership information in the mail? Have you had a chance to update your membership?

Remember, Mountain View Buddhist Temple members are the lifeblood of our organization, and your dues support the maintenance of the Temple, our minister, facilities, organizations, and all the wonderful programs that benefit our Sangha. Without your support, we would not be who we are today.

If you have already sent in your membership information, thank you! If not, remember, we offer several different payment options and methods.

JOIN or **RENEW** your Membership **NOW**, by either

- Mailing in your membership information, or
- Going online to the MVBT website main page under JOIN & SUPPORT and BECOME A MEMBER.

Note, we are still delayed in sending out the Membership Information to update the Temple database. As soon as we are ready, we will let you know.

If you have questions or updates, please email us at

membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee
Bob, Leslie, Jean, Elise & Steve

Miroku

Service Project

Miroku members are grateful for our 32 donations from our generous Sangha. We were able to raise a total of $1800 (including Miroku's initial donation of $310). We can now help 30 foster youths.

Later this month, Miroku will be assembling the bags and delivering them to a local foster care agency.

Thank you again for the generous donations to our 2022 Miroku service project to help the non-profit organization called "Together We Rise."

In Gassho,
Ryan Yoshimoto
6th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

MVBT YBA News

YBA TRIP PLANNING

The YBA Trip Planning Committee has begun developing an itinerary for our YBA Trip to Disneyland/LA this summer. The trip will be July 22-25. A parent meeting for potential travelers was held on Sunday, April 10.

YBA TRIP FUNDRAISER

The YBA is planning a series of fundraisers to help subsidize the summer trip. The first will be a Buy-One-Get-One Card fundraiser at Jamba Juice. Contact a YBA member to buy the cards which we will be selling for $10.

YBA CAMPOUT PLANNING

The YBA advisors have begun planning for a two-night campout at New Brighton State Beach. It will be held June 24-26. Due to the limited number of available campsites, a poll has been sent to YBA members to get an initial headcount before determining whether there is enough capacity for incoming freshmen.

2022 MOUNTAIN VIEW AAPI CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The YBA is planning to set up a table and corresponding activity at the Mountain View AAPI Cultural Festival on May 14 to showcase our background and our organization.

2023 CD CONFERENCE

Planning has begun for the 2023 Coast District YBL Conference. Ryan Mukoyama will be Mountain View YBA's conference co-chair.

In Gassho,
Evan Itow
2021-2022 YBA President

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Our troop chaired the Girl Scout Sunday Service held on March 27. During the service, three Girl Scouts presented their Padma Award writeups that interviewed BCA women reverends.

- Cadette Scout Kurumi Mukojima presented Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi

- Senior Scout Kendall Ho presented Rev. Etsuko Mikami

- Senior Scout Kiera Nishimoto presented Rev. Candice Shibata

COOKIE SALES

Girl Scout Cookie Sales ended at the end of March. Cookies sales were successful. Thank you to the Sangha for their support in our cookie sales each year. We are very grateful!

DAISY / JUNIOR Girl Scout Badges

On April 9, 2022, our Daisy earned a Financial Leaf Badges (Making Choices & Money Counts), while our Juniors earned a Savvy Shopper Badge.

Stroke Awareness

B E F A S T

On May 22, 2022, our Juniors will be hosting a special presentation on Zoom on Stroke Awareness immediately following our MVBT Sunday Service. This presentation is for the Junior's Bronze Award. We hope all of our Sangha can join us for this important and informative presentation that our girls have worked so hard on.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

ABA News

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Adult Buddhist Association

CONDOLENCES

ABA members were deeply saddened by the passing of Audrey Inouye. She was a great friend and long-time ABA member serving as Recording Secretary for many years. Audrey was always a ray of sunshine and lived by the teaching of the Dharma. Our deepest condolences to Mel and the Inouye and Nishimoto families.

ACTIVITIES Donations

Because ABA has curtailed activities for 2022 due to COVID-19, the organization donated its annual dues to three organizations: the BCA Ministerial Koromo Fund, LIfeMoves, and the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

- **Koromo Fund**. Provides monetary support to new BCA ministers.
- **LifeMoves.** Provides solutions to homelessness in Silicon Valley.
- **MVBT.** Provides funds to the MVBT General Fund.

LifeMoves

ABA teamed with YABA to assemble 15 baskets that were delivered to LifeMoves in mid-April.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FDSTL Conference

The Northern California District is hosting the annual Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League (FDSTL) conference online on Saturday, April 23. The theme for this year's conference is "Cheers to Finding a New Norm." This year, Mountain View Buddhist Temple will have six attendees.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Hanamatsuri

Thank you to the Dharma School students, teachers, and families for sharing your activities with the Sangha after the Hanamatsuri service on Sunday, April 10! And a special thank you to John Arima for hosting the presentation on Zoom! It was so nice to see how all of the classes have continued to share the Dharma even as we look forward to a return to in-person instruction for all grade levels (hopefully this fall).

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

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We hope it's the good kind, you know, for Spam Musubi and not the kind in your inbox.

Every day we are bombarded with fake calls and emails. With calls, we can ignore the number if we don't recognize it, but with emails, it can be difficult. So to help you, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Tech Committee has set up an inbox where you can forward any suspicious emails and we will review it! We'll get back to you.

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SPAM@MVBuddhistTemple.ORG

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In Gassho,
Technology & Website Committee
Alec Matsumoto

2022 150 Club News

The new year is looking better!

Our April winner is **Ron Sakino.**

Congratulations to Ron.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

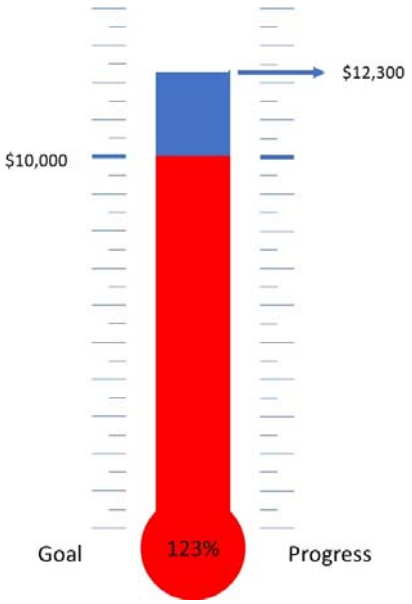
150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
MAY	No Toban	N / A	N / A
JUNE	No Toban	May 13 (Fri)	May 23 (Mon)
JULY	No Toban	June 10 (Fri)	June 20 (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 .

SANGHA CONNECT DONATION DRIVE



As of April 11, 2022

The MVBT Reopening Task continues to receive donations and we can't thank the Sangha enough for its generosity! At nearly **$12,300**, this fundraiser has already paid for a live streaming camera, 12 air purifiers, three electrostatic sprayers, four gallons of disinfectant, touchless restroom fixtures, etc. Not to mention, several families have donated automatic hand sanitizing stations!

Finally, the Sangha Connect Donation Drive has recently agreed that installation costs for Salesforce software should be funded by this campaign as it perfectly aligns with keeping the Sangha connected.

Thank you for supporting the Sangha Connect Fundraiser and maintaining our connections!

A Donation Link and a Wish List can be found on the Sangha Connect Page:

https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-SanghaConnect

Donations can also be made on the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's donation page:

https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-DonateToday

As always, a check written out to MVBT with "Sangha Connect" in the note section can be mailed to the office too!

In Gassho
MVBT Reopening Task Force

Thank You to All of the "Sangha Connect Donors"

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple thanks all of our donors who have supported this effort from March 10, 2022 through April 10, 2022. These donors are:

Nathan Aquino & Cindy Hiroshige
Norman & Ann Higa
Alice Ishida
Jennifer Sahara, Kelsey Dalbec & Tim Dalbec
Ryan & Janell Tao
Linda Uyechi
Wayne Yoshimoto & Anna Yong

The Temple again thanks our donors who supported this effort prior to March 10.

"With your support, the MVBT Reopening Task Force is able to maintain the connections the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has nurtured over the years"

In Gassho,
Sangha Connect Committee

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Wednesday Monthly Sing Along

Missed many of you at our monthly Sing Along. We have started the Sing Along program again. It is scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month. Please mark the date on your calendar. Great fun and a chance to see and visit your friends singing together, via Zoom. Wish to thank **Susan Yuen**, **Sterling Makishima**, **Teri Hirota** and **Amy Arakaki** for getting our music together. Don't forget, we meet 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Every 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 our Taiko lesson via Zoom. Please join in the fun with us, for it is never too late to enjoy and learn Taiko. We are looking for interested taiko members. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**.

Cookbook Sale

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

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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May

Monthly

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Service

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Virtual Shotsuki Hoyo for May to be held on Sunday, May 1

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details

May 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 **May** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Robert Ariyama	**June Kusumoto**	**Koji Sakai**
Naka Chikasuye	**Roy Matsumoto**	**George Sato**
Rev. Philipp Eidmann	**Edward Morimoto**	**Shigemi Sato**
Judy Jean Furusho	**Hiromi Mukojima**	**Betty Shidawara**
Ruth Goto	**Hana Nagao**	**Frank Shimizu**
Levan Gray	**Charles Nagatoshi**	**May Shimoguchi**
Isano Hamada	**Minako Nakamoto**	**Kazuko Springer**
Gary Hirotsu	**Clark Nakamura**	**Aiko Taniguchi**
Hironori Honda	**Yoshito Nakamura**	**Mitsuye Togashi**
Dr. Yuta Hongo	**Harry Nakano**	**Fusako Tokuda**
Kay Ikeuye	**Naoko Nakashima**	**Sumiye Tomota**
Robert Imai	**June Naritomi**	**Lucia Towne**
Nancy Ishii	**Chiharu Nishimura**	**George Tsukagawa**
Ishino Ishikawa	**Herbert Nishimura**	**Seiko Tsumura**
Nobukichi Ishikawa	**Hajime Ogata**	**Sumi Uyeda**
Caroline Izumi	**Momoyo Ogino**	**Aleric Uyehara**
Tomoyuki Kanzaki	**Yoshihiro Okasaki**	**Torao Watanabe**
Yasuko Kariya	**Iko Oku**	**John Wittlesey**
Joe Masao Kawaguchi	**Leonard Oku**	**Peggy Yamaguchi**
Makoto Joseph Kawaguchi	**Thomas Oku**	**Frances Yamaji**
Shigeko Kawamoto	**John Okumura**	**John Yamaji**
Kiyono Kawano	**Joe Okuno**	
Hideo M. Kumamaru	**Chizuo Sakae**	

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

E-mail **reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org**

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

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.

2022 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2021	3rd Year Memorial	2020	7th Year Memorial	2016
13th Year Memorial	2010	17th Year Memorial	2006	25th Year Memorial	1998
27th Year Memorial	1996	33rd Year Memorial	1990	50th Year Memorial	1973

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			1 **First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month**	**2** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**3** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**4** **Chicken Teriyaki Event** 12:00 pm Adult Taiko 6:00 pm Chicken Teriyaki Pickup & Dine-in
5 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service 1:00 pm YBA Meeting	**6** 7:00 pm Buddhist Discussion Group 7:30 pm Tech Support	**7** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	**8** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm MVBT Board Meeting	**9** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**10** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club 7:30 pm ABA General Meeting	**11** 12:00 pm Jun Daiko Taiko
12 10:00 am Graduation Service 12:30 pm MVBT Taiko	**13** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**14** **Flag Day** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**15** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	**16** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**17** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**18** 12:00 pm Adult Taiko
19 **Father's Day & Juneteenth** 10:00 am Fathers' Day Service 12:30 pm MVBT Taiko	**20** 7:30 pm Tech Support	**21** 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**22** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	**23** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko	**24** 6:00 pm Ukelele Club	**25** 12:00 pm Jun Daiko Taiko
26 10:00 am Sunday Service 12:30 pm MVBT Taiko	**27** 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	**28** 7:00 pm Young Adult Buddhist Discussion 7:30 pm Ukelele Club	**29** 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing Along 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	**30** 10:00 am Senior Taiko 6:30 pm Adult Taiko		

Upcoming Events

June 5, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service

June 6, Monday
Buddhist Discussion Group

June 12, Sunday
Graduation Service - Online

June 19, Sunday
Father's Day Service

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