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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

August Highlights

In August, NO Sunday Services are scheduled at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, both at the Temple and Online

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September Highlights

- ***9/4, Sun, No Services***
- ***9/11, Sun, 10:00 am***
  August & September Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid
  * *11:00 am Dharma School Resumes*
  * *11:00 am Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am English Language Discussion*
- ***9/12, Monday, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***9/18, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Fall Ohigan Service, Hybrid
- ***9/25, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Sangha Day Picnic

Hybrid Urabon-e / Hatsubon Service

By John Arima
MVBT Minister's Assistant

Due to the COVID pandemic, our Urabon-e / Hatsubon Services were held virtually over Zoom in 2020 and 2021. When the Temple's Health & Safety Committee updated the MVBT guidelines to allow limited attendance, in-person services in the Hondo, the Religious Planning Committee decided to have the families of the Hatsubon honorees attend this year's service in-person. In order to do this, the Temple held its first Hybrid Service.

What we are calling a Hybrid Service, is when there are in-

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Buddhist Women's Association

Held In-Person Meeting

BWA had an in-person meeting on June 11, 2022. It was very nice to be able to see everyone and have some time to chat.

FBWA Conference

Among things discussed was the upcoming virtual Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) Conference on October 14, 15 and 16, 2022.

There will be eight workshops from Friday through Saturday.

The installation of the new FBWA Cabinet will be on October 16. From MVBT, **Reiko Murakami** will be installed as Vice President and **Marie Ochi-Jacobs** as Recording Secretary (English). The new cabinet will be composed from

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28	**29** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RPC MEETING	**30** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm YOUNG ADULT BUDDHIST DISCUSSION 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**31** 10:00 am - 11:00 am SENIOR ACTIVITIES SING ALONG 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BOY SCOUTS			

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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 — August & September 2022

August 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2022, Sundays, No Services

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September 4, 2022, Sunday, No Services

September 11, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, August & September Shotsuki Hoyo Service, Hybrid

Siunday Service & Dharma School resume

11:00 am Japanese Languare Service, Online

11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group, Online

September 12, 2022, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group

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

September 18, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Fall O-higan Service

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

September 25, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sangha Day Picnic

* *Outdoors at the Temple*

* *Details will be available soon*

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 or YouTube Channel

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

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Go to MVBT website & Press the Dona Box

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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

Hybrid Urabon-e / Hatsubon Service (cont'd)

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person and online attendees both participating in the service. For our 2022 Urabon-e & Hatsubon Service, we had attendees in-person in the Hondo, attendees participating via Zoom, and Rev. Mukojima officiating the service via Zoom from Japan.

The service was held live and officiated by Rev. Mukojima live from Renko-ji, his family temple in Obama City, Fukui Prefecture, starting at 2:00 am Monday, Japan Time (10:00 am, California Time). Sensei and Mika were in the Hondo of Renko-ji and joined us via Zoom. In our Hondo in Mountain View, the Hatsubon honorees' families attended in-person, following Temple COVID protocols, with Minister's Assistants John Arima and Devon Matsumoto supporting Rev. Mukojima. Temple President, Bob Matsumoto chaired our service and Ken Nakano assisted as part of our O-asaji group.

A projector screen was set up in the Mountain View Hondo so that the in-person attendees could see and hear Rev. Mukojima through Zoom. This screen showed the same view of the service that everyone participating via Zoom saw. Sensei gave an aspiration for the Hatsubon honorees, led sutra chanting of Amida-Kyo and gave his Dharma Message live via Zoom. In the Mountain View Hondo, the Minister's Assistants followed Rev. Mukojima during sutra chanting, while the Hatsubon families lit lanterns in honor of their loved ones. Included as part of the service were pre-recorded COVID style performances from 2020 by the MVBT Choir.

In Gassho,
John Arima, Miinster's Assistant

In MVBT Hondo
Minister's Assistants John Arima & Devon Matsumoto
and Chairperon Bob Matsumoto
along with Hatsubon families

In Renko-ji Hondo
Rev. Mukojima in front of O-naijin

In Renko-ji Hondo
Rev. Mukojima before Sutra Chanting

In MVBT Hondo
Hatsubon Lanterns

LEFT: In MVBT Hondo
2020 MVBT Choir singing "Nada Sou Sou"

Rev. Mukojima's Tour of Renko-ji Hondo

After the Urabon-e / Hatsubon Service, Rev. Mukojima and Mika gave the MVBT Sangha a tour of the inside of the Renko-ji Hondo. This was now Sunday, 11:15 am Mountain View time, but at Monday, 3:15 am, Obama City time.

Sensei used his laptop's camera to show some features on Hondo interior. This included the O-naijin, incense burner that was on the tatami, scroll of the Seven Patriarchs and the Hondo seating area.

One very notable O-naijin item is a scroll written by Rennyo Shonin in the late 1400's. The scroll says "Namo Amida Butsu."

Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu

Sensei giving tour of O-naijin

Mika and Sensei greeting MVBT Sangha before Service

Seven Patriarchs

Original Namo Amida Butsu scroll handwritten by Rennyo Shonin hangs in Renko-ji O-naijin

Sign & Photo of MVBT visit to Renko-ji in 2017

Renko-Ji Fun Facts:

Street View of Renko-ji

Entrance to Renko-ji

- Rev. Mukojima's family temple
- 80-something members
  - ◊ Have the spirit and hospitality of 100s
- Renko-ji is located in Obama City, Fukui Prefecture
  - ◊ Obama City's mascot is a cat who loves mackerel
- Founded in 1475 by Rennyo Shonin
- Sensei's father is current minister
  - ◊ 19th generation minister

Front of Hondo

Garden

Monuments

BWA News (cont'd)

Buddhist Women's Association

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the Coast District as we will be hosting the next FBWA Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose on October 4, 5 and 6, 2024. Many tasks have already been assigned and in the works.

JOIN BWA (Men, too)

Join our BWA (Men are welcome) to continue our work for the betterment of our Temple.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami

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Mountain View Buddhist Temple Membership Drive

佛 Buddha
法 Dharma
僧 Sangha

Updated Member Directory Now Available

Thank you for your providing updates to your member information for the MVBT Database and Directory. We will be printing a new Member Directory and distributing it to all members before the end of July. If you don't receive it, please check with your Zone Chair.

Note we will not be updating the Member Handbook at this time. We will have a full update of the MVBT Handbook and Directory in the beginning of the new year.

If you have any questions, please contact us at "membership @mvbuddhisttemple.org."

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

Dharma School News

DHARMA SCHOOL SUMMER KICKOFF

We are so grateful to have been able to host the Dharma School Summer Kickoff in the Temple's parking lot.

Students and families enjoyed an ono BBQ and hot dog dinner, the high school and younger students came together for an impromptu water balloon fight, and then everyone tucked in for "How to Train Your Dragon" under the stars. S'mores around the firepit and warm nachos made the perfect snack!

Special thank you to **Ricky Chu, Kelsey Nakano, and family** for coordinating the activity, **Ken Nakano** for being the grillmaster, **Deb and Randy Sato** for helping to set up the audio and video equipment, and the YBA for all of the heavy lifting. It was the perfect way to start the summer!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT YBA News

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YBA

YBA BEACH TRIP

The YBA advisors planned for a day at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk instead of a camping trip. It was held on June 25.

YBA TRIP PLANNING

The YBA Trip Planning Committee has finished developing an itinerary for our YBA Trip to Disneyland/LA this summer. The trip will be July 22-25. Twelve members will be going on the trip.

YBA TRIP FUNDRAISER

The YBA is still selling Buy-One-Get-One Card fundraiser at Jamba Juice to help subsidize our YBA trip to Disneyland/LA. Contact a YBA member to buy the cards which we will be selling for $10.

COAST DISTRICT SUMMER ACTIVITY

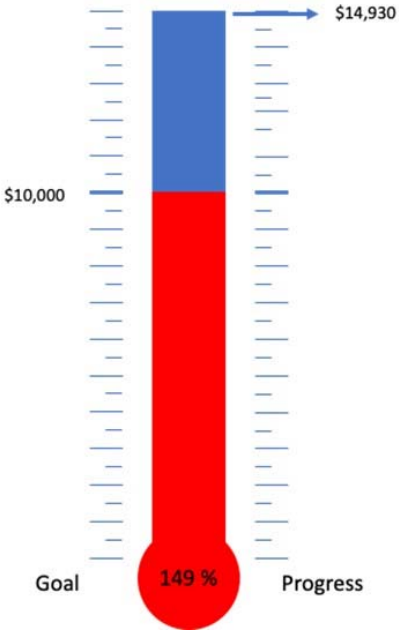
Salinas YBA will be hosting the Coast District Summer Activity. It will likely be held at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk at the beginning of August.

FIRST-YEAR WELCOME EVENT

In August, we will likely have a welcome event to introduce and welcome all of the incoming YBA members. We would usually do this during the camping trip, but we will not have one this year.

In Gassho,
Evan Itow
2021 - 2022 YBA President

SANGHA CONNECT DONATION DRIVE



As of July 12, 2022

Thank you to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha for your unending, selfless generosity. To date, you have donated over **$14,930** in both monetary support and personal protection equipment! We were able to subsidize the purchase of much needed adaptations and upgrades due to the ongoing pandemic. Your contribution has ensured the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will continue to connect with the Sangha and the community at large.

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

https://sangha.mvbuddhisttemple.org/

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

https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mvbt

As always, a check written out to "MVBT" with "Sangha Connect" in the note section can be mailed to the Temple 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 June 7, 2022 through July 11, 2022. These donors are:

Alice Ishida
Judith McCoy
Nishita Family

The Temple again thanks our donors who supported this effort prior to June 7.

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

In Gassho,
Sangha Connect Committee

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Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

It has been over two years since we had to discontinue our Senior Program. When we all get back together at the Temple, we hope it will continue to be a popular Senior Activities and Craft program as before, and we can add more activities.

Reopening Plans

For now, we plan to reopen on Thursday, September 15, with the Taiko class, both in person and on Zoom. Hopefully, we will add other activities later.

Any Senior Activities at the Temple will require that attendees are vaccinated. You must fill out an Attestation Form before entering Sangha Hall. This is for everyone's safety.

Thursday Taiko

Taiko will take a break until Thursday, September 15. This is the only program we have continued in our Senior program every Thursday from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. We are grateful to our instructors, **Susan Yuen**, **Linda Uyechi**, and **Trish Kume**, for their patience in giving our Taiko lessons via Zoom.

Please join in and practice with us for it is never too late to enjoy and learn Taiko. We are looking for interested Taiko members and a new session is a great time to join. For more information, contact **Reiko Tsuchida**.

Cookbook Sale

The Senior Cook Book is still available. Contact the Temple Office. Price is $15.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2022 Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

The 2022 Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. The Entry Form is in this Echo, on Putra's Post and MVBT Website.

SASAKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Golf Tournament funds the Sasaki Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to college-bound, high school seniors who attended the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dharma School and participated in other Buddhist activities. Sixty-three deserving high school graduates have received scholarships.

DEDICATED TO RICHARD ENDO & MATT CUSIMANO

This year's golf tournament is dedicated to Richard Endo and Matt Cusimano. Richard and Matt were dedicated to the success of the golf tournament for decades. They were involved since the 1st Sasaki Golf Tournament held on August 17, 1986.

See you on the Golf Course

In Gassho,
MVBT Golf Committee and
Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Committee

Richard Endo

Matt Cusimano

2022 150 Club News

Our **July** winner is **Arleen Tahara.**

Congratulations to Arleen!

Thank you to everyone 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
AUG	No Toban	N / A	N / A
SEPT	No Toban	Aug 12 (Fri)	Aug 18 (Thurs)
OCT	No Toban	Sept 16 (Fri)	Sept 22 (Thurs)

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 .

Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 35th Annual
Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

When:	**Saturday, August 27, 2022**
Course:	**Sunnyvale Golf Course** **605 Macara Lane** **Sunnyvale, CA 94085**
Time:	**First tee time at 9:30 am** **All Golfers must check in <u>45 Minutes Before</u> your tee time.** **Tee times will be emailed to golfers on Wednesday, August 24.**
Fee:	**$150 per golfer (Includes green fees, bag lunch & refreshment provided at check in, prizes & appreciable contributions toward the Scholarship Fund)** **Carts are NOT included.** **<u>No banquet after golf</u>, but lunch bag provided at check in.**
Entry Fee Deadline:	**Wednesday, August 17, 2022.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.
Make checks payable to:	"Mountain View Buddhist Temple," with Memo "*Sasaki Scholarship"*
Mail all entries to:	Steve Tsuchida 7618 Hollanderry Place Cupertino, CA 95014
Questions:	Email to mvbt.sasaki.golf@gmail.com or call Steve at 408-316-8319.

---------- Please mail this portion with your check ----------

<u>35th Annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament</u>

NAME	**GHIN Number** **----------** **(Enter "0" if none. Callaway Handicap will be assigned)**
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Golfers - $150 x number of golfers	#	$
Donation	**Thank You**	$
	Total Amount Due	$

Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

e-mail address: _____

August & September Monthly Memorial Service

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No Services in August at the Temple

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Hybrid Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September to be held on Sunday, September 11

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details

August & September Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The **August & September** Shotsuki loved ones are:

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

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

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Upcoming Events

All Sundays in August
No Services

September 11, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo Service
Dharma School Starts

September 18, Sunday
Fall Ohigan Service

September 25, Sunday
Sangha Day Picnic, in-person at the Temple

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Gotan-e

Urabon-e / Kangi-e / Obon

Hatsubon

Fall Ohigan

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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