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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

December Highlights

- ***12/4, Sun, 10:00 am***
  December Shotsuki Hoyo, & Bodhi Day Service, Hybrid
  * *11:00 am*
    Japanese Language Service
  * *11:00 am*
    Adult Dharma School
- ***12/5, Monday, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***12/11, Sunday, No Services***
  * *Mochitsuki*
- ***12/18, Sunday, 9:45 am,***
  Short Sunday Service
  * *Osoji after Service*
- ***12/25, Sunday,***
  No Sunday Services
- ***12/31, Saturday, 7:00 pm,***
  Joya-e Service -
  New Year's Eve Service

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January Highlights

- ***1/1/23, Sunday, 10:00 am,***
  Shusho-E Service -
  New Year's Day Service

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"Let's Dust! Let's Wash Off the Dirt!"

We will have our annual Temple Clean-up on December 18. I am so excited that we are able to resume the year-end "big cleaning" of the Temple tradition for the first time in three years. Speaking of cleaning, what is your attitude towards it? Probably a lot of you think cleaning is bothersome, smelly, dirty, tiresome, and so on.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Cleaning Culture

One of my big surprises when I came to the U.S. is that students don't clean their classrooms or the school restroom that they use daily. I know that there must be exceptions, but most schools here hire cleaning staff to take care of this job.

In Japan, most schools set aside time each day for both students and teacher to clean the spaces they use. Growing up in Japan, I used to participate in cleaning with my classmates from elementary school through high school. In Japanese tradition, it is an important part of our education to sweep and clean our school building that we use each day with gratitude. The act of working together to clean and bring to order things that we or others used and dirtied, I believe helped to shape our minds and character. This cleaning culture makes Japanese kids' minds and spirits grow, and is very influential in the course of their development. That is why in Japan we say things like, "Cleaning cleans our minds, too," and "When your room is messy, it shows that you have a messy mind."

The cleaning culture came

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Year-End and New Year's Day Services

JOYA-E

Year-End Service

Sat, Dec 31, 2022 at 7:00 pm

The Sangha is invited to the final service of 2022, the ***Joya-E*** (Year-End) gathering on New Year's Eve.

This service is held to express gratitude for the countless blessings received throughout the year.

The service includes sutra chanting, meditation, a Dharma message from Sensei and each Sangha member ringing the Kansho (bell).

SHUSHO-E

New Year's Day Service

Sun, Jan 1, 2023 at 10:00 am

The new year is a new beginning. Attend the ***Shusho-E*** *(New Year's Day)* service to renew your resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

Rev. Mukojima looks forward to sharing his first Dharma Talk in 2023 with you, followed by a toast to the New Year.

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18 YBA HOLIDAY PARTY 9:45 am - 10:00 am SHORT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 am - 12:00 pm OSOJI	**19**	**20** 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**21** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BOY SCOUTS	**22**	**23**	**24**
25	**26** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RPC MEETING	**27** 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm YEAR END / JOYA-E SERVICE

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While Sunday Services at the Temple are Hybrid, 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 2022

December 4, 2022, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service

Bodhi Day Service: Siddhartha Gautama, as he meditated under the Bodhi Tree, attained Enlightenment and became the Sakyamuni Buddha

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

11:00 am Adult Dharma School

December 5, 2022, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group

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

December 11, 2022, Sunday, Mochitsuki

No Sunday Services

December 18, 2022, Sunday, 9:45 am, Short Service

10:00 am Osoji — Temple Cleanup

December 25, 2022, Sunday, No Sunday Services

December 31, 2022, Saturday, 7:00 pm, Joya-E / New Year's Eve Service

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

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January 1, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, , Shusho-E / New Year's Day Service

Shusho-E Service: Renew our resolution to live with Nembutsu gratitude

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

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

Shotsuki Hoyo Service **Study Class** **Dharma School - 11:00 am**

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 29, 2023 @ 11:00 am

In the Hondo immediately following the Service

Fraud and Faith: Developing Right View (cont'd)

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from the Buddhist idea that, when we get rid of the dirt and stains around us, we also wash away all troubling thoughts and keep our minds pure. I am sure that, after you've swept a room clean, you have felt happy and refreshed.

For people seeking the Buddhist way, cleaning is one of the most important everyday practices to cultivate the heart and mind. There is a very famous story on this topic from the time of Sakyamuni Buddha that I would like to share with you.

Remove the "Three Poisons"

There were two brothers who were disciples of Sakyamuni Buddha. The older brother, Maha-pantaka, was very intelligent, and the younger one, Cūda-pantaka, was a fool who couldn't even memorize a short phrase spoken by the Buddha.

One day, when staying at the Jetavana Monastery, Sakyamuni Buddha heard Cūda's wailing cry from outside the front gate. Buddha felt sorry for him, so he went out and asked him, "Cūda, why are you crying so hard?"

Cūda answered with tears in his eyes, "Oh, Buddha, I was born a fool. I immediately forget even a short passage of your words. Because of this, my older brother abandoned me, saying, 'You are hopeless. You should give up being a monk and go back to our hometown because you have caused the other disciples so much trouble.' When I think that I am a fool who cannot become a Buddha, I am overwhelmed with grief!"

Buddha told him gently, "Cūda, don't cry. A person who knows his own foolishness is not foolish. You are much wiser than the person who believes that he is wise, but doesn't realize his own foolishness."

Then, Buddha held a broom out to Cūda and encouraged him to use it every day to clean up the monastery grounds while repeating, "Let's dust! Let's wash off the dirt!"

Cūda, who had great difficulty remembering even a few words for a short time, tried to clean every corner of the monastery thoroughly with the broom as he chanted, "Let's dust! Let's wash off the dirt!" in a loud voice. He did this without neglecting cleaning for even one day though he was ridiculed by other disciples.

> We should never rely on the lazy mind that assumes that somebody else will clean up after us.

After several years had passed and due to his own great efforts, Cūda actually came to realize what the Buddha was trying to teach him by making him concentrate on cleaning. That is, he saw that Buddha's teaching is to brush off the dust around himself and to wash off the dirt in his mind. The dust around oneself is the temptation that confuses one's mind. And the dirt in one's mind refers to the **"Three Poisons,"** such as greed, anger, and ignorance. The **greed** is the dirt that wants to possess everything; the **anger** is the dirt that causes loss of control when one cannot get his own way; and the **ignorance** is the dirt that cannot understand that it is the greed and anger which bring one unhappiness.

Cūda then became fully aware that in order to become a Buddha, one has to remove the "Three Poisons"—the dirt of greed, anger, and ignorance—from one's mind completely. As a result of his untiring efforts at cleaning, he was finally able to clear his mind and become an excellent disciple who was revered by all.

Buddha was really pleased to see Cūda's growth over time and told all his followers that Cūda had attained the Sagehood of Arhat‡. He told them, "My disciples, if you learned the many teachings of the Dharma only by memorizing them, they still won't make sense to you. If you thoroughly practice even one phrase of the teachings, you will be able to attain the way of the truth. Look at Cūda. I am really proud of him. Follow his good example!"

Cleanup After Sunday Service

This explains why cleaning is a very important daily Buddhist practice. This is because the mind is naturally purified when one cleans. Of course, it is very important to perform this practice in your home, but we should also constantly keep our Temple clean because it is our spiritual home. After the Sunday Service, we should return the service book we used back to its place. If we make trash, we shouldn't leave it in the pew, but discard it in a trash can. After a meeting, we should put the chairs in order, wipe the table clean, wash the coffee maker and coffee cups. We should make sure to clean the room we used carefully in gratitude so that next person can use it comfortably. It is important for us Buddhists to always have such a mental attitude. We should never rely on the lazy mind that assumes that somebody else will clean up after us.

Join Us at O-soji

Well, I really look forward to seeing many of you participating in our annual Temple Clean-up on Sunday, December 18. Why don't you sweep every corner of the Temple ground by chanting, "Let's dust! Let's wash off the dirt!" as we empty our minds, just as Cūda did. Maybe pushing the heavy vacuum cleaner will lead you to the Sagehood of Arhat.

In Gassho,

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‡ Arhat. Monk who has gained insight into the true nature of existence.

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二二年十二月法話

ー 塵を払おう。垢を除こう ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

今月末、三年ぶりとなる年末の大掃除がありますが、皆さんは掃除に対してどのような印象をお持ちでしょうか。正直、「面倒臭い、汚い、疲れる」等といった印象をお持ちの方が多いのではないかと思います。

私がアメリカに来て驚いたことは、学校で生徒達が自分の教室やトイレなどを掃除するのではなく、全て業者に任せていたということです。日本では昼食後必ず、生徒や教師達に掃除の時間が設けられています。私も学生の頃は小学校から高校まで当たり前のように皆と一緒に掃除をしていました。これは、日頃から使わせていただいている校舎に感謝の意を込めて自分達で掃除をするという大切な教育の一環です。また、自分が汚したものは自分で片付け、他人が汚したものでも、お互いに協力し合って綺麗にしていくという豊かな心を養っていく。この日本の掃除文化が子供達の心と精神を磨き上げ、人間形成の上に大きく役立っています。ですから、日本では「掃除をすると心が洗われる」と言います。身の回りの埃や汚れを掃除することで、心の中の雑念を綺麗に洗い流し、清い心を保とうという、正に仏教思想から生まれた掃除文化なのです。皆さんも部屋を綺麗に掃除した後、心が清々しくなって幸せな気分になった経験があると思います。

清掃は仏道を求める者にとって日頃から己の心を磨く方法として最も大切な修行の一つとなっています。お釈迦さまご在世の頃のお話で大変有名なエピソードがあるのでここに紹介したいと思います。

お釈迦さまのお弟子さんに、マハー・パンタカとチューダ・パンタカという兄弟がいました。兄のマハー・パンタカは聡明であるのに対して、弟のチューダ・パンタカは短い法語さえ覚えられないほどの愚か者でした。ある日、祇園精舎の門前でチューダが大きな声を出して泣いているのをお釈迦さまが気づかれました。気の毒に思ったお釈迦さまは、チューダに歩み寄り「何故それほど泣いている」と尋ねられました。するとチューダは「私は生まれつきの愚か者で世尊の教えをすぐに忘れてしまいます。ですから、私のような者がいると他の仏弟子に迷惑をかけてしまうから、今すぐ僧侶を辞めて実家に帰れと兄から見捨てられました。私のような愚か者では、仏になれないと思うとつらくてたまりません」と大粒の涙を流してその悲しみを訴えました。

そこでお釈迦さまは、「チューダよ、泣かないでよい。お前のように自分の愚かさを知る者は決して愚者ではない。お前は、自分の愚かさに気づかずに知恵があると思い込んでいる者よりよほど賢者である」と優しくお説きになりました。そして、チューダに一本の箒を差し出して、この箒で「塵を払おう。垢を除こう」と称えながら、毎日掃除をするように勧められました。

このような短い言葉ですら忘れるほどのチューダですが、他の仏弟子から笑われながらも、お釈迦さまの言われた通りに、一日も怠ることなく箒を持って「塵を払おう！垢を除こう！」と大きな声で称えながら祇園精舎の隅々まで心を込めて掃除をしました。

数年後、そんな絶え間ない努力の甲斐あって、チューダはお釈迦さまのみ教えが、自分の周りの塵を払い、自分の心の垢を除く法であることに気づきました。自分の周りの塵というのは、私達の心を惑わす誘惑であり、自分の心の垢というのは、何でも欲しがる貪欲の心と、それらが手に入らないと自分を取り乱してしまう怒りの心。そして、この欲と怒りが人間を不幸にすると気づかない愚痴の心。チューダは、仏になるには、この煩悩の三毒と呼ばれる「貪欲、瞋恚、愚痴」の垢を完全に取り除かなくてはならないと悟ったのです。そして遂に、チューダは掃除を通じて心の垢が見事に洗われ、誰からも慕われる優秀な仏弟子となりました。

お釈迦さまは、チューダの見違えるほどの成長を大いに喜ばれ、多くの仏弟子の前で、チューダが阿羅漢の悟りを得たことをお告げになられました。そしてお釈迦さまは、「弟子達よ、たとえたくさんの経文を覚えたとしても、ただそれだけでは何にもならない。たとえ短い教えでも、それを我が身の上に行えば、道を得ることができる。私は、チューダ・パンタカを誇りに思う。彼を見習いなさい」と、お説きになりました。

このように、身の回りを綺麗にすることによって、心もおのずと洗われてくることから、掃除は日常生活において大切な仏道修行の一つとなっています。ご家庭をはじめ仏教会は心の拠り所となる特別な場所ですから、常に清潔でなければいけません。日曜礼拝の後、使った経本は経本入れに戻す。出したごみは長椅子の上に置いたままにせず、ゴミ箱に捨てる。会議後は、テーブルや椅子を整頓する。使ったコーヒーメーカーやコーヒーカップは綺麗に洗う。このように自分が使わせていただいた部屋は感謝の意を込めて丁寧に掃除をして、次の人が気持ちよく使えるようにしておく。このことを常に意識する心構えが、仏教徒としてとても大切なことなのです。決して、他の誰かが掃除をするだろうというような横着な心を持ってはいけません。

では、年末の大掃除に多くのご門徒がお越しになるのを楽しみにしています。たまには頭を空にして「塵を払おう！垢を除こう！」と仏教会をいつも以上に綺麗にしてみませんか。もしかしたら、重い掃除機が阿羅漢の悟りへと導いてくれるかもしれませんよ。

MVBT VISION Committee

VISION sponsors Community Fair at Sangha Day Picnic

In conjunction with Zone 3, who chaired the Sangha Day Picnic, the VISION Committee was happy to sponsor a Community Fair at the last Sangha Day Picnic. The goal of the Community Fair was to give the Sangha an opportunity to see and talk with the various clubs, groups and affiliated organizations that we have at our Temple.

Several organizations participated including the Vision Committee –

- Wine Bar (featuring two GEM wines made by Megan Sawamura, who is a former Dharma School student, past YBA president and Youth Ministers Assistant)
- Fishing Club
- Ukulele Club
- Dharma School
- Choir
- Boy Scouts
- Taiko
- Tech Committee
- A special President's table, where MVBT President Bob Matsumoto answered questions about the Temple's reopening.

In Gassho,
MVBT VISION Committee

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BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

Federation of Buddhist Women's Association Conference

The Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) held their virtual Conference and representatives meeting October 14 - 16, 2022. The virtual conference entitled "Winds of Change" was held via Zoom and hosted by the Northern California District in Sacramento.

The conference was very organized and inspirational. There were several presentations focusing on the future of BWA and our Temples, and a panel discussions of young female BCA Ministers and Minister's Assistants and interviews with college age Temple members.

A variety of workshops including card making, a Japanese cooking demonstration, and a talk on Global Citizenship Education "Compassion in Action" in making our Shin teaching relevant to our youth.

Dr. Paula Arai, Professor of the Women and Buddhist Studies, in her lecture gave perspectives on Eshinni and Kakusinni about early Jodo Shinshu women pioneers with responses by three other female Buddhist Scholars.

There was also the presentation of the new Gatha "With Gassho from the Heart" that was composed by Donna Sasaki and the BCA Music Committee. It was sponsored by the BCA FBWA for the 2023 World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto.

MVBT BWA Dana Youth Fund Drive

In keeping our tradition with our Dana Youth Fund Drive, MVBT BWA will be sending out our letters this month.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

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2022 Mochitsuki — Sunday, December 11

We know you are excited about our upcoming Mochitsuki event! After three long years, we will finally have delicious mochi, freshly made by our Sangha.

Order Mochi Online

Instead of tickets, ordering will be done online. Simply click on the link below -- it's quick and easy!

https://form.jotform.com/222928311814959

Paper forms were mailed to those without an email. Feel free to help family members who may not have computer access. The deadline for ordering is Monday, November 28.

Signup for Work Shift

One of the best parts of Mochitsuki is coming together to make mochi. To ensure we have enough help throughout the day, we are setting up two work shifts: 6:00 am - 11:00 am and 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please sign up with the link below to save your spot. Don't miss out on the fun!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48aaa62da31-mochitsuki

In Gassho,
Zone 2
2022 Mochitsuki Chair

Upcoming Events

December 18, 2022, Sunday
O-soji

December 31, 2022, Saturday
Year-End / Joya-e Service

January 1, 2023, Sunday
New Year's Day / Shusho-e Service

January 15, 2023, Sunday
Hoonko Service

January 22, 2023, Sunday
BWA Memorial Service

Thank You to All of the "Sangha Connect Donors"

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

On the one-year anniversary of the Sangha Connect Fundraiser that kicked off on Nov. 30, 2021 (Giving Tuesday), the Sangha Connect Committee wishes to honor and give thanks to all who selflessly donated.

With your help, we adapted the Mountain View Buddhist Temple to make it safer to congregate again, and our technology infrastructure was improved to provide hybrid services and meetings. Modifications included UV light filters added to the Hondo furnaces, touchless restroom fixtures in the YBA Hall and Hondo restrooms, air purifiers in all common areas, electrostatic sprayers with disinfectant available for sanitizing, hand sanitizing stations in the Hondo, and cameras. And, a large screen monitor to facilitate Sunday Services and meetings.

It is with great humility we thank you the Sangha for your generosity and unending support.

Nathan Aquino & Cindy Hiroshige
John Arao & Lois Nishimoto
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Wayne Yoshimoto & Anna Yong
Edna Yoshino
Susan & Raymond Yuen
Edna Yukawa

In Gassho,
Sangha Connect Committee

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

MVBT's Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) promotes the ideal qualities of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through social, cultural, community, and religious activities among adult Buddhists.

And, We Are Looking for New Members.

ABA participates in all of the Temple's religious and fundraising activities. We also organize our own activities such as trips to local attractions, partnerships with community organizations, attending sporting and theater events, and wine tasting.

If you're interested in joining our amazing organization, please contact: **Reiko Tsuchida** at reiko@tsuchidafamily.com

Donation

Thank you to **Jane Miyashiro** for her donation for the ABA and BCA Bishop's Memorial Service.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Miroku

"Hey Frank, you hear that?"

"Nope. Probably because the AED just got checked by Miroku. That alarm made me deaf."

November Meeting

During the November Miroku meeting, we were reminded that the Shutterfly site is our main form of communication.

We decided our fun activity for the December meeting will be a white elephant gift exchange for $15 or less.

Then, we discussed our service project. We decided to focus the project around helping animals in the spring.

We ended our meeting with the monthly AED checks.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 4, at 12 noon in the YBA conference room.

In Gassho,
Garrett Tao
6th Grade Miroku member

MIROKU

middle school group

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Dharma School News

Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Registration Forms Due

If you have not yet submitted your Dharma School student registration form for this year, please do so. It will help us get an accurate headcount for this year's Dharma School classes that allow us to determine class groupings and funding for classroom activities.

Keiro Kai Placemats

Thank you to all of our Dharma School students for making such colorful and creative placemats in appreciation of our *keiros*. It was nice to resume such a special tradition!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Halloween Parade

It was fun to see all of the creative costumes of the Dharma School students and teachers. Thank you to the Mukojima family for providing Halloween treats!

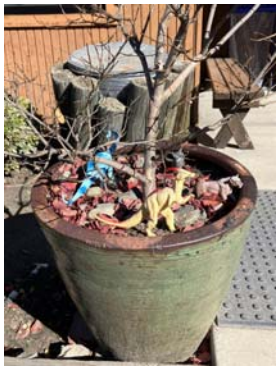
Keiro Kai Luncheon

Dharma School organized and served coffee, tea, punch, and dessert during the Keiro Kai Luncheon on November 20. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

All above photos from Halloween Parade

Where Are We? Can you find us at the Temple?



MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

The Troop hosted the Guessing Jar game at the Sangha Day Picnic on September 25.

Daisy/Junior/Cadette

The Scouts met Saturday, November 12, to learn about good sportsmanship. Our Daisy will earn the Honest & Fair petal, the Juniors will earn the Practice with Purpose badge, and the Cadettes will earn the Good Sportsmanship badge.

Keiro Kai

Several of our Scouts will be participating in the Flag Ceremony at the Temple's Keiro Kai luncheon to be held on Sunday, November 20.

Breast Cancer Awareness

The Senior and Ambassador Scouts gave their presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness and would like to share the link for anyone who may be interested. The video can be found on the MVBT YouTube channel, at the following link:

https://youtu.be/jpID2flqn4k

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Breast Camcer Awarness
Senior and Ambassador Scouts with Rev. Mukojima
Scouts (from left): Nitya, Tabby, Kiera, Kendall & Kurumi

Happy New Year 2023!

CRAB DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Tri-Temple Fundraiser
for
Palo Alto Buddhist Temple,
Mountain View Buddhist Temple and
San Mateo Buddhist Temple

Crab Dinner on Saturday, January 7, 2023

PRE-ORDER ONLY

- ⇒ $65 per person. Ordering starts on November 26.
  - ♦ Go to : www.tinyurl.com/BuddhistTemplesCrabDinner
  - ♦ Or, call the MVBT Office at (650) 964-9426
- ⇒ Deadline for orders: Wednesday, January 4, 2023
- ⇒ Check Putra's Post for latest information
- ⇒ Questions: Contact Bob Matsumoto at robertmats@gmail.com or (408) 802-3886

Dine-in or Takeout

- ⇒ 4:00 pm.... Takeout Opens. MVBT Members pickup at MVBT
- ⇒ 5:00 pm.... PABT Dining Room Opens

- Enjoy a whole fresh cooked, cleaned and cracked dungeness crab, pasta marinara, salad, bread and dessert.
- PABT dining room guests will enjoy fresh cooked dungeness crab and all-you-can-eat pasta marinara, salad and bread, as well as LIVE Hawaiian style entertainment -- wear your favorite Hawaiian aloha attire!
- PABT Dining Room will have **250 Total Seats** available on first-come, first-sold basis until sold-out. Note that all dine-in tickets MAY be changed to take-out due to pandemic or other unforeseen health circumstances

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Central California Conference

Our YBA attended the Central California Conference on November 12. The conference was held at the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple and 22 of our members were able to attend. At the conference, we went through multiple workshops about Buddhism and, at night, attended dinner and a dance.

Coast District Winter Activity

Mountain View YBA is in-charge of planning and hosting the CD Winter Activity, which will take place in early January 2023. Our lead planners Danica Lim and Chris Hojo are brainstorming ideas for the activity.

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022-2023 YBA President

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Every Thursday

We are finally getting our plans back in order after we reopened on Thursday, September 29, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Every Thursday, the plans are the same with Line Dancing, Taiko, Sing Along and Exercise. We have two groups that plays cards: Hana, a Japanese card game, Keo Hirota in charge and a special Rummy game.

Every Thursday, we ask everyone to sign in, include your phone number, and wear a mask.

Thursday Schedule

This is to inform you of the time of your favorite activities and the instructors, in case you missed the last Echo:

9:15 am - 9:45 am..... Line Dancing
Reiko Kameda and & Reiko Tsuchida

10:00 am - 10:45 am ..... Taiko
Susan Yuen, Linda Uyechi & Trish Kume

10:00 am - 10:30 am..... Sing Along
Kinji Ushiba & Bill Nishimoto

10:30 am - 11:00 am ..... Exercise (TBD)
Julie Ushiba

We want to Thank You all for your time and energy, supporting our Senior program, for it is truly appreciated.

New Committee Member

We are glad to introduce our newest committee member. Please welcome **Kay Tachibana**. She graciously agreed to join our committee.

Schedule

November 17 was our last Senior Activities program for 2022, for the holidays are soon approaching. We provided lunch and BINGO afterwards. With each game, we had prizes for the winners.

Once again, we welcome everyone to join our Senior Activities program. Bring a friend and make many new friends.

The New Year

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, we will start up, after the New Year.

Senior Craft:

The craft will start at the opening of the Senior program, Thursday, 9:00 am to 12 noon. **Jeanne Ohara**,**Toshiko Uyehara** and **Emi Fukushima** are in charge of the Craft area. We are hopeful **Debbie Kitani** will also find time to offer her expertise in knitting and crocheting, when she finds time to join us.

Cookbook Now $10

Our Senior Cookbooks are still available at the office or can be purchased through our committee members. The price is now $10, which makes for a nice gift.

Thanks

We thank you all in advance for your support.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2022 150 Club News

The November winner is **Cheryl Okuno**.
Congratulations to Cheryl!

And, Thank You to everyone who participated in the 150 Club!

2023 150 Club tickets are available.
Ask your Zone Chair.

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

Namo Amida Butsu – "*Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words*"

150 Club Committee

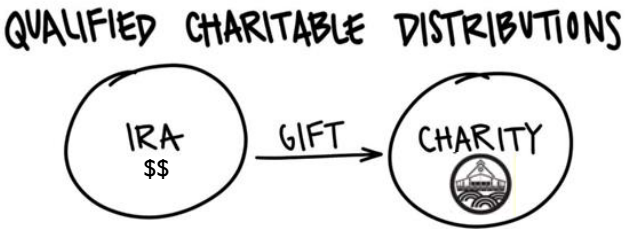
Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
DEC	Zones 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
JAN	Zones 10 & 11	Dec 16 (Fri)	Dec 22 (Thurs)
FEB	Zones 12 & 13	Jan 13(Fri)	Jan 19 (Thurs)

Please note the article deadline and mailing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue.
Thank you. ***Domo Arigato***. ありがとう ございます。
Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org .

Read if you are 70 1/2 years old or older

Another Way to Donate to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple



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

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to $100,000 from your IRA to Mountain View Buddhist Temple
- Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help 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. Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to Mountain View Buddhist Temple to help continue our important work.
3. Please note that IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution does not qualify for a charitable deduction.
4. Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions, please contact 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.

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December Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial

December

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for December to be held on Sunday, December 4

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

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

january 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am - 11:00 am NEW YEAR'S DAY SHOSHU-E SERVICE	**2** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BUDDHIST DISCUSSION GROUP	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7** 8:00 am - 8:00 pm CD YBL CONFERENCE PLANNING RETREAT 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Crab Dinner Fundraiser
8 10:00 am - 11:00 am SHOTSUKI HOYO SERVICE 11:45 am - 2:00 pm YBA MEETING	**9**	**10** 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm BEGINNING ADULTS TAIKO 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CONTINUING ADULTS TAIKO	**11** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm MVBT BOARD MEETING	**12** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS	**13** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ABA GENERAL MEETING	**14**
15 10:00 am - 11:00 am HOONKO SERVICE 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm CD YBL MEETING	**16**	**17** 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm BEGINNING ADULTS TAIKO 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CONTINUING ADULTS TAIKO	**18**	**19** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS	**20**	**21** CD YBL WINTER ACTI...
22 CD YBL WINTER ACTI... 10:00 am - 11:00 am BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE	**23**	**24** 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm BEGINNING ADULTS TAIKO 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CONTINUING ADULTS TAIKO	**25**	**26** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS	**27**	**28**
29 10:00 am - 11:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 am - 12:00 pm TEMPLE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	**30** 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RPC MEETING	**31** 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm BEGINNING ADULTS TAIKO 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CONTINUING ADULTS TAIKO	**1**	**2** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS	**3**	**4**

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Eitaikyo Service / Bodhi Day /

Joya-e (New Year's Ever) / Shusho-e (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

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

MOCHITSUKI
December 11

Komochi
$6 each/1 LB Package

Okasane
$4 each
Kagami Half Pound Package

See Page 7
for more information.

Temple Clean-up

- **Sunday, December 18**
  10:00 am
  after short service at 9:45 am
- **Last Osoji was December 2019**
- **"Let's Dust! Let's Wash Off the Dirt!"**

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