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  New Year's Day Service
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  January Shotsuki Hoyo
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    Japanese Language Service
  * *11:00 am*
    English Intro to Buddhism Workshop
- ***1/9, Mon, 7:00 pm, Hybrid***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***1/15, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
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  Rev. Ken Fujimoto
  * *Seminar following service*
- ***1/22, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  BWA Memorial Service with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Etsuko Mikame,
  San Jose Betsuin
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New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are

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Cultivating Right Wisdom

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Happy New Year!

Thank you all very much for everything you did for me and my family in the past year. We extend our sincere appreciation to all Sangha members and Dharma friends for your warm friendship and continued support. We wish every one of you a wonderful 2023 filled with happiness, health, peace, and the Nembutsu.

Love is Wonderful

As the New Year begins, I would like to talk about loving others. In our world, there are countless examples of self-expression such as movies, songs and books that have love as their theme. This fact alone shows how much people agree that to love

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"Gratitude"

By Bob Matsumoto
2021 - 2022 MVBT President

As my presidency comes to an end, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Sangha for your support, patience, and guidance. Together, we were able to return from the pandemic and start to regain a sense of normalcy. We were able to enjoy the return of our major activities such as Obon, Sangha Day Picnic,

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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** 10:00 am - 10:45 am SENIOR TAIKO	**6**	**7** 8:00 am - 8:00 pm CD YBL CONFERENCE PLANNING RETREAT
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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 — January 2023

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

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

January 8, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

11:00 am Japanese Language Service
11:00 am English Introduction to Buddhism Workshop

January 9, 2023, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Hybrid Service

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

January 15, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hoonko Service, Hybrid Service

Hoonko: Means a gathering to repay the debt of gratitude. This service is in memory of our founder Shinran Shonin.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Ken Fujimoto**

11:00 am: Seminar following service

January 22, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, BWA Memorial Service, Hybrid

Memorial Service for Esshinni-ko / Kakushinni-ko, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and past MVBT BWA Members

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Etsuko Mikame** from San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

11:00 am: Seminar following service (TBD)

January 29, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Service with Temple Installations, Hybrid Service

Installation of Temple, BWA & ABA Cabinets

11:00 am: MVBT Annual General Meetiing following Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Study Class

Dharma School - 11:00 am

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

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MVBT Annual General Meeting

January 29, 2023 @ 11:00 am

EVERYONE INVITED

Hybrid Meeting

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani (cont'd)

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undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practicers who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU!
Happy New Year!

Our Wish is for All to Stay Safe and Healthy!

Dana Youth Fund Drive

The Sangha again was most generous for our BWA Dana Youth Fund Drive. We will be able to give our MVBT Affiliated Youth Groups our gifts at our BWA Memorial Service. Our sincere thank you!

BWA Memorial Service and Seminar

On January 22, 2023, we will have our "Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and BWA Memorial Service and Seminar." We will honor past BWA members and dear members we lost in 2022. Reverend Etsuko Mikame of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin will be our guest speaker.

New Member

It is with great pleasure we welcome new members: Derek Ives and Diane Shinta Durst.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

New BWA Cabinet for 2023

President:	Reiko Murakami
Vice President:	Shirley Matsumoto
Recording Sec.:	Phyllis Chan
Corresponding Sec.:	Lois Okino
Treasurer:	Joan Aoki
Historian:	Amy Arakaki
Religious Planning Rep:	Lorrie Kitasoe
Official Delegates:	Reiko Murakami
	Joan Aoki

"Gratitude" (cont'd)

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Keiro Kai and Mochitsuki. We recently celebrated our Temple Board Bonenkai, which was a real treat.

As we continue into the new year, I know that the Temple will be in great hands with **Jean Shimoguchi** as President. Please give Jean the same support you have shown me during my term as President.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to **Rev. Mukojima** for all of his spiritual guidance these past two years; our Minister's Assistants, **John Arima** and **Devon Matsumoto**, for their hard work in bringing services online to our homes; and **Doug Sawamura** for his support and guidance. Lastly, I want to thank the **Temple Cabinet and Board** for their hard work this year and each and every year.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year! Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

With Gratitude.
In Gassho,
Bob Matsumoto
2021 – 2022 MVBT President

年頭の辞 — New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

まず、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦のウクライナ侵攻に対して、私たち念仏者は親鸞聖人がお示しくださった「世のなか安穏なれ」のお言葉を改めて深く心に刻み、武力による他国の主権の侵害を強く非難するとともに、一刻も早くウクライナに平和が訪れることを願ってやみません。

さて、昨年も、世界では新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行が続きました。新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられたすべての方々に、謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆様、後遺症を患われている皆様に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、医師や看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行は、科学技術が発達し、医療も進歩した世の中にあっても、私たちの予想できない事柄が現実に起こるということを知らしめました。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、この世を諸行無常であると示されました。約**2500**年たってもそのことに変わりはありません。そして、この真理をそのままに受け入れることができず、悩み苦しむ私たちの姿も変わることはありません。

それ故にこそ、新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行以前も以後も変わることなく、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えが、日々悩み苦しむ私たちの生きる支えとなります。阿弥陀如来を中心とするお寺の集まりは、み教えを聞く場であると同時に、同じみ教えを依りどころとする私たちがお互いに支え合い助け合って、安心して集うことのできる場でもあります。

皆さまには、今後も様々な工夫を凝らして、広くみ教えを伝えられることで、お寺に多くの方が集まり、その誰もが心穏やかに過ごせる場所となりますことを願っております。そして、引き続きお寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2023年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主　大谷光淳

Cultivating Right Wisdom (cont'd)

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others is wonderful. Love is truly a universal given.

When someone we are fond of tells us, "I love you," we feel so happy. It is because a desire to be loved exists unconditionally in our minds because it fulfills a sincere wish. The famous American psychologist Erik Erikson calls this simple wish, "Basic Trust." This Basic Trust can be developed in babies from birth to 12 months and is the most fundamental stage of human life. Whether the baby develops Basic Trust or not depends on the quality of its relationship with its mother. When the mother consistently cares for and loves her baby, that baby's development is greatly affected and enriched. Even before it can speak, the baby begins to experience thinking positively about its existence in this world, learning that the world is trustworthy, discovering that life is worth living and has a deep meaning, and so on. In this way, the baby will develop trust that can transition into relations beyond that with its parents. This is how the baby develops trust in others and in the world around it.

By developing this sense of Basic Trust thanks to the parent's deep love, even if that baby faces hardships in the future, it can try to do its best to overcome any difficulties. In other words, Basic Trust becomes the source of mental energy for humans to survive. Those who are sustained by this mental energy will not become discouraged easily, but will continue to move forward with strength. Unfortunately, those who lack this mental energy will tend to give up hope when they face some obstacles.

What makes the baby develop this Basic Trust is unconditional maternal love. By receiving unconditional love, the baby grows with a profound sense of security. It begins to unconsciously understand, "Wow, I am being accepted by everyone just as I am! This world is so wonderful! I want to live with everyone in it!" These kinds of emotions naturally spring from the mind of the baby who is enveloped in a sense of happiness nurtured by its parent's love.

As babies grow, their environment will inevitably change because their parents will gradually become stricter with them. But even when they can no longer enjoy their parents' unconditional love, they will never lose or forget the feeling of Basic Trust. They will always have that sense of happiness that they first experienced as the unconditional love of their parents. That basic sense creates the mental energy that makes people lead hopeful lives. So when these babies mature and become adults, if they find someone who tells them, "I love you," they are able to have reawakened in themselves the happiest memories of being embraced by their parents' unconditional love.

Let's make 2023 a wonderful and peaceful year filled with our love supported by the Nembutsu.

Just As We Are

Everyone has the basic desire to be loved and accepted by others just as we are. In Buddhism, what can fulfill this sincere wish is the Buddha's compassion. And what embodies the Buddha's compassion is the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha. Our founder Shinran mentions the Primal Vow in the book of Tannisho which describes the essence of Jodo Shinshu. Shinran says things like, Amida Buddha's Primal Vow doesn't discriminate between young and old, good and evil.

In other words, Shinran teaches us that Amida's Primal Vow is truly the great compassion that embraces all beings equally without discrimination. So when we become fully aware of Amida Buddha's Vow, which focuses on each one of us, our basic desire to be loved just as we are is fulfilled, and we feel happy and at peace. So in a religious sense, the parent's love that accepts their own child unconditionally has the same elements as salvation.

Right Wisdom

However, we also need to acknowledge that humans loving one another has a limitation. We must accept that we are in essence foolish beings, so if our love for someone can grow stronger, surely our hatred for them can also grow if we feel betrayed by that person. Likewise, if the person we love doesn't return our feelings, we can get frustrated and angry over this, even to the point of wanting revenge. In Buddhism, we call it the Oneness of Love and Hate. Sakyamuni Buddha teaches us that love and hate are just like a sheet of paper that has both a front and a back side.

But in comparison to a human's love, Buddha's compassion will never waver. It is because the Buddha's compassion is supported by Right Wisdom. In the Tannisho, Shinran explains:

All this Buddha already knew and called us foolish beings filled with blind passions. Thus, when we realize that the compassionate Vow of Other Power is for beings like ourselves, the Vow becomes even more reliable and dependable.

Amida Buddha Accepts Us Unconditionally

As you can see, Shinran clearly explains that, because Amida Buddha truly understands our foolish nature full of selfishness and attachment, he couldn't help but establish the Primal Vow to allow us to attain Buddhahood just as we are. Amida Buddha embraces us unconditionally, not because he loves humans

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or expects people to become better in the future, but only because Amida Buddha deeply understands our deeply self-centered nature.

Because of the great compassion based on such right wisdom, even if we turn our back to Amida Buddha's calling voice, Amida Buddha accepts us unconditionally without abandoning or disappointing any one of us. Unfortunately, human love doesn't include such right wisdom. So, when we are betrayed by someone we love, we can get angry and hateful, declaring, "I never realized that you were like that!"

We are able to feel happy and at peace when we fully become aware of Amida Buddha's great compassion that accepts and receives us unconditionally just as we are. Although our love is limited, when we are steadfastly encouraged by Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, we should love, respect, understand and accept everyone around us. I believe that to do our best to love all those around us and bring peace of mind to one another is our way of living led by Amida Buddha's compassion. It is also an expression of our deepest feelings of gratitude for Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. So as we cultivate right wisdom, let's make 2023 a wonderful and peaceful year filled with our love supported by the Nembutsu.

In Gassho,

ただいま

Tadaima / Okaeri

おかえり

We are Back! Welcome Back!

MVBT Keiro-kai 2022

HELD **Sunday, November 20, 2022, 12:00-2:00pm**

We did it! Our Keiro Kai was so much fun! It was so good to see everyone gather in the gym and visit and sing! Friends and Family together, that is our Sangha. It was truly a good, good feeling!

Zone 11 extends our sincere appreciation to **ALL** of the many, many organizations and individuals who made this event possible. Girls Scouts, Boys Scouts, YBA, Dharma School, ABA and Miroku made this happen!!

Thank you, Mike Inouye, for guiding us through the program and Reverend Mukojima for always being our support.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu.

ども ありがと ございます

In Gassho,
Marilyn Ozawa and Bryan Nishimoto
Zone 11

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二三年一月法話

ー正しい智慧ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。旧年中はご門徒の皆さまに大変お世話になりましたこと、誠に有難く心から厚く御礼申し上げます。

さて、年頭にあたり、人を愛するということについて少し味わってまいりたいと思います。私達の世界は、愛をテーマにした映画や音楽、そして小説などといった多くの作品で溢れています。それだけ、人を愛するということの素晴らしさは世界共通の認識であるということを示しているのだと思います。

私達は好きな人ができて、その人から「愛している」と言ってもらうとすごく幸せな気持ちになります。それは、愛されたいという願望が私達の心に存在し、その願いを満たしてくれるからだそうです。アメリカの心理学者であるエリク・エリクソンは、その根源的な願いを「基本的信頼」と呼んでいます。

この「基本的信頼」は赤ん坊が生まれてから一歳までの間に獲得されると言われています。「基本的信頼」とは、生まれてきた赤ん坊が両親の愛情を受けて身につけていくもので、自分がこの世に存在することを肯定的に捉え、人生には生きる意味や生存する価値があり、世界は信頼するに足るものだという感覚を持つことをいいます。この感覚によって、赤ん坊は信頼という眼差しで外の世界とつながっていくことができるのです。

また、この「基本的信頼」をしっかり育てられることによって、たとえ大人になって困難な状況に追い込まれても、人生の荒波を乗り越えていこうとする努力が湧いてきます。つまり、この「基本的信頼」は、人間が生きていくための心のエネルギー源ともいえます。この心のエネルギーが溢れている人は、力強く前向きに生きていこうとします。しかし、そうでない人は、少々のことでも簡単に諦めてしまいます。

「基本的信頼」は、親から無条件の愛情を身にいっぱい受けることによって育てられます。愛情を受けた赤ん坊は「ありのままの自分がみんなから大切にされている。素晴らしい世界だ。この世でみんなと一緒に生きていきたい」という感情が自然と芽生えてくるのです。

また、子供は大きくなるにつれて、親の躾が厳しくなり、赤ん坊の頃のような無条件の愛情は受けられなくなりますが、「基本的信頼」が子供の心から消えることはありません。子供の意識の底には、親から受けた深い愛情が心の支えとしていつまでも存在し、それが心のエネルギーとなって希望に満ちた人生を送ることができるのです。そして、その子供が成長し、好きな人ができて「愛しているよ」と言われた時、幼少の頃に両親の愛情のもとで経験したもっとも幸せな時間が呼び覚まされ、何とも幸せな気持ちになるのです。

ありのままの自分を無条件に受け入れて欲しいという願いは全ての人が持っています。仏教において、その願いを満たすものとして「仏の慈悲」が説かれています。そして、この慈悲を具体化したものを「本願」といいます。『歎異抄』に本願の説明として「弥陀の本願には老少善悪のひとをえらばず」とあります。つまり、全ての人をありのままに無条件で救い取られるのが阿弥陀仏の本願であり、その本願を身に受けるとき、私達の心の奥底にある願いが満たされて、喜びに包まれます。ですから、無条件で我が子を受け入れる親の愛情は、宗教における救いと同じ構造を持っているのです。

しかし、人を愛する点において人の愛には限界があります。私達凡夫の愛とは、愛する度合いが強いほど、愛する人から裏切られた時、憎しみが強くなります。また相手が自分の愛に応えてくれないと腹が立ち、仕返しをしてやろうという気さえ起きます。これを「愛憎一如」と仏教ではいいますが、愛と憎しみは、まさに紙の裏表のようなものだとお釈迦さまは言われています。

しかし、仏の慈悲は決してそのようなことはありません。なぜなら、仏の慈悲は正しい智慧に裏付けられているからです。『歎異抄』に、「仏かねてしろしめて、煩悩具足の凡夫とおおせられたることなれば、他力の悲願は、かくのごときのわれらがためなりけりとしられて、いよいよたのもしくおぼゆるなり」とあります。

つまり、全ての衆生を無条件で救われる仏の慈悲は、人間がどうしようもない煩悩具足の凡夫であるということを十分承知の上で救われるのです。人間が好きだから無条件で摂取するというのではなく、将来良くなる見込みがあるというのでもなく、どうしようもない凡夫だと初めから分かった上で救われるのです。

この正しい智慧に裏付けられた大悲だからこそ、私達が阿弥陀仏のお呼び声に背を向けるようなことがあっても、決して見捨てることなく、呆れることもなく、無条件に凡夫を摂取されるのです。人間の愛にはこのような智慧がないので、愛する人から裏切られると「こんな人だとは思わなかった」と腹を立て、憎むのです。

私達は「ありのままの自分」を、阿弥陀仏の大悲に摂取されることによって、大いなる安らぎを感じることができます。人間の愛には限界がありますが、常に本願に励まされて、私達は周りの人々を愛し、理解し、受け入れていかねばなりません。このように、自分の周りの人を愛そうと努力し、お互いの心に安らぎをもたらそうとすることが、仏の慈悲に生かされるということだと思います。正しい智慧のもと、新しい年が愛に満ち溢れた平和な年となることを切に願っています。

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

Hello everyone, I am **Allyson Itow**, and I am this year's YBA Spaghetti DInner Chair.

Unlike the past two years, we will be holding our fundraiser in person on February 25 from 5 pm to 8 pm. As usual, we will be having BINGO from 7 to 8 pm and our 50/50 Raffle.

ORDER FORMS

Online order forms will be out soon, so please look forward to announcements at Sunday Services and in Putra's Post for further information. Additionally, paper forms will be available in the back of the Hondo soon. **it is also below.**

Please come out and support our YBA at this year's Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks,
In Gassho,
Allyson
YBA Spaghetti DInner Chair

MVBT Young Buddhist Association

February 25, 2023

Dinner: 5:00-7:00 pm

Bingo: 6:00-8:00 pm

MVBT Sangha Hall

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA (Young Buddhist Association) will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from our Spaghetti Dinner funds religious and social activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for YBA members to experience the Dharma together. We appreciate any and all support you can give, including donated goods or services and monetary donations. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful evening!
(Take-out is also available.)

Please pre-order if possible as this allows us to plan and give you the best Spaghetti Dinner possible. If you have any questions please contact Allyson Itow at 408-772-6485 or allysonitow@gmail.com.
Thank you for supporting the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,
Allyson Itow, Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

To Pre-Order Dinners **(Deadline February 11, 2023):**
-Fill out the order form below
-Submit payment and pre-order form in the self-addressed envelope or drop off in the MVBT office
*Checks should be made out to: MVBT YBA
**We follow a ticketless system, so no tickets will be distributed

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Name: _____

Phone Number:_____ Email: _____

Please Check One: **Eat In: [ ]** **Take Out: [ ]**

	Quantity	Total
Adult Dinners:	_____ x $15.00	$_____
Child (10 and under) Dinners:	_____ x $10.00	$_____
Bingo Cards:	_____ x $5.00	$_____
Additional Donation:		$_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		$_____

Mochitsuki — Pounded & Made 1,700 lbs

Thanks to everyone who came out to help make mochi! We had over 170 volunteers and we finished in record time. We made about 1,700 pounds of mochi before lunchtime! We could not have done it without our wonderful Sangha members + volunteers from Cupertino High School's Japanese Honor Society.

We have extra mochi available for sale. Please contact the Temple office to arrange a time. Office hours are Monday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please note the office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. The phone number is 650-964-9426 or email staff@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

どう　もありがとう
ございます

Dōmo Arigatō Gozaimasu!

Happy Holidays!
Zone 2
Mochitsuki Committee

Mochitsuki — More Photos

ABOVE: Usu made by Furuichi in 1968.
Left: Name on top of stand.
Right: Date and name in Japanese on side.

Miroku

December Meeting

On December 4, we chaired the Shotsuki Hoyo and Bodhi Day Service.

During our December Miroku meeting, we had a fun white elephant gift exchange with cool and fun gifts. We also discussed our ideas for our service project with helping animals. We then did our monthly AED checks and finished by cleaning the YBA Hall Conference Room.

Next Meeting

Our next Miroku meeting will be Sunday, January 8, in the YBA conference room.

In Gassho,
Kimi Aquino
7th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

Keiros in ABA

Congratulations to the ABA members who were honored at the Keiro Kai luncheon. There are too many names to list. We thank them for all that they do for the Temple.

Mochitsuki Helpers

Several ABA members also helped with Mochitsuki participating in all aspects of the process. Fun was had by all.

Donations

Thank you for the following donations.

- In Memory of Yoshio, Mikiyo and Audrey
  - Irving and Marilyn Ozawa.....$150
- For ABA/Bishop's Memorial
  - Russ and Judy Nakano $25
  - Doug and Julie Nakatani $50
  - Min and Ann Uyehara $30
  - Harold and Kathy Fujii $25
  - In Memory of Audrey Mel Inouye $500

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

Dharma School News

Dharma School

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mochitsuki And Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School families who helped out at Mochitsuki on December 11 and Osoji on December 18! It was so nice to reconnect with our Temple traditions and with each other!

REFLECTING ON 2022

As 2022 comes to a close, let us pause to reflect upon the highs (and lows) of the year in a quiet moment of gratitude. May you all have a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous start to the new year!

See you in 2023!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Upcoming Events

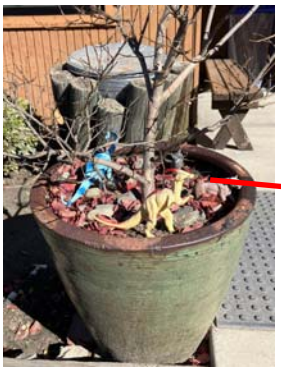
February 5, 2023, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

February 12, 2023, Sunday
Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial

February 19, 2023, Sunday
Boy Scout Sunday

February 26, 2023, Sunday
BCA Eitaikyo Service, Online

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



MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Daisy/Junior/Cadette

The Scouts had their monthly Zoom meeting and had a good discussion about community and giving back to others.

Keiro Kai

Our Scouts participated in the Flag Ceremony at the Temple's Keiro Kai luncheon held on December 20.

City of Mountain View Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Girl Scouts were represented in our Temple booth at the ceremony, where we demonstrated and taught people how to fold origami cranes.

Mochitsuki

We had a few Scouts come out to help at Mochitsuki. They had fun flipping the mochi cakes!

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Scouts flipping Mochi

Scouts participating in Keiiro Kai Flag Ceremony

Scouts at City of Mountain View's Tree Lighting Ceremony

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Senior Activities:

January 12, 2023, Thursday: We will start up, after the New Year. We hope you enjoyed your Holiday Season.

February 16, Thursday: We will have a guest speaker from San Jose. **Mitoshi Fujio-White** will be doing a presentation on Estate Planning. More information will be available.

Senior Craft:

The craft program will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Instructors are **Jeanne Ohara**, **Toshiko Uyehara** and **Emi Fukushima**.

Refreshments

Light refreshments are provided with coffee and tea.

Cookbooks Now $10

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

Join Us

Everyone is invited to join our program.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

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

Richiko Obuchi Jan 12, 1937 - Dec 2, 2022

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

Namo Amida Butsu

2022 150 Club News

Our December winner is **Macallan Goodstein**, grandson of **Mieko and Ken Nakano**.

And, our Grand Prize winner for 2022 is **Cher Nishimoto**.

Congratulations! Macallan and Cher!

Thank you all for participating in 150 Club!

The 150 Club tickets for 2023 are available now from your Zone Representative.

Have a Happy New Year!!
150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
JAN	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
FEB	Zones 12 & 13	Jan 13 (Fri)	Jan 19 (Thurs)
MAR	Zones 2 & 3	Feb 10 (Fri)	Feb 16 (Thurs)

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

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 started on November 26.
  - ♦ Go to : www.tinyurl.com/BuddhistTemplesCrabDinner
  - ♦ Or, call the MVBT Office at (650) 964-9426
- ⇒ **Deadline for orders: Monday, January 2, 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

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Make your purchase. Thank you for your help.

January

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for January to be held on Sunday, January 8

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See MVBT website or Putra's Post for details of the Service

January 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 **January** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Nobuko Akahoshi	**Tamaye Ishikawa**	**Satoru Okuno**
Kiyoshi Aoyagi	**Shirlee Ishimaru**	**Tsuyako Osaki**
Ronald Asada	**Ronald Iyemura**	**Kiyoshi Oto**
Tsuyuko Virginia Asada	**Itsuyo Kato**	**John Saito**
Ichiro Endo	**Eiko Kihara**	**Karen Sakae**
Shigeko Betty Fujii	**Katsuko Kochi**	**Doris Sakai**
Tomizo Furuichi	**Muneo Masaki**	**Shinajiro Satake**
Yoshiye Furuichi	**BettyJane Masukawa**	**Larry Shimamoto**
Yasuko Betty Furusho	**Joe Matsumoto**	**Tomoye Shimamoto**
Hidemi Furuzawa	**Tsuya Nagasaki**	**Tom Sugimoto**
Mary Hiramoto	**George Nakano**	**Shig Tachibana**
Kiyoye Hirano	**Haruyo Nakano**	**Linda Takahashi**
Tom Hirano	**Misao Nakano**	**Shinsaburo Togashi**
Frank Hirohata	**Yashichi Nakano**	**Yoshimitsu Tokutomi**
Alan Hoshi	**Sylvia Nara**	**Thomas Tsukamoto**
Robert Hoshi	**Kisaye Nishimoto**	**Yoshio Yamaguchi**
Masaburo Hoshi	**Katsumi Nishimura**	**Yumi Yoneda**
Kiyoko Inamori	**Kaichi Okazaki**	**James Yoshino**
Setsuko Sara Ikeuye	**June Okino**	**Ben Yoshizumi**
Grace Ishii	**Brad Okuno**	**Henry Yusa**
Minoru Ishii	**Kazuko Okuno**	

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.

2023 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2022	3rd Year Memorial	2021	7th Year Memorial	2017
13th Year Memorial	2011	17th Year Memorial	2007	25th Year Memorial	1999
27th Year Memorial	1997	33rd Year Memorial	1991	50th Year Memorial	1974

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KOMOCHI
For Sale

Contact the Temple office to arrange a time.
Office hours are Monday - Friday
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Join MVBT Sangha

- **Five membership categories — One will fit you**
- **Build & Support your Sangha, so that we can learn & live the teachings of the Dharma**
- **Impermanence & Interdependence — we are in this together**

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