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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

February Highlights

- **2/5, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  February Shotsuki Hoyo
  * *11:00 am Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am English Intro to Buddhism Workshop*
- **2/6, Mon, 7:00 pm, Hybrid**
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- **2/12, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  Nirvana Day &
  Pet Memorial Service with Guest Speaker:
  Rev. Dean Koyama
- **2/19, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  Boy Scout Sunday Service

2/25, Sat, 5:00 pm
YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

- **2/26, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid**
  BCA Eitaikyo Service,
  * *Watch Party in Hondo*

What Does It Mean to be Human?

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima

According to scientific theory, our universe came into being some 13.8 billion years ago. And our solar system, including the Earth, appeared about 4.6 billion years ago. The most primitive forms of life appeared 2 billion years ago, and man himself made his debut about 2 million years ago.

In this incredibly long history of the universe, all forms of life evolved into higher forms and we were born into this world as human beings. Australopithecus is often considered ancestral to human beings. And Homo sapiens, to which we modern humans belong, appeared about 300,000 years ago. Since then, humans have ruled the earth as they built advanced cultures using their intelligence and language freely. Now when I contemplate human evolution, I cannot help but have a question: "What is the true definition of being a human?"

For those of us who are Nembutsu followers, this shouldn't be merely a question about the theory of evolution. That is because it is very important for us to consider that "One becomes a human when he encounters a true religion." To say it more deeply,

> "One becomes a true human when he presses his palms together and recites the Nembutsu in front of Amida Buddha's image."

What Do We See in the Mirror?

To place the hands together and recite the Nembutsu before Amida Buddha is nothing less than faith in the immortal truth. And by touching this truth, we are able to seriously face our greatest issues: "What is the significance of living?" and "Who am I?"

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YBA SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO FUNDRAISER

Sat, February 25
Dinner: 5 - 7 pm
BINGO: 6 - 8 pm
Bring the family & have fun!
**** Order form on Page 7 ****

BINGO Fundraiser

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Hoonko Service / BWA Memorial Service /

Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial / Spring 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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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 — February 2023

February 5, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

11:00 am English Introduction to Buddhism Workshop

February 6, 2023, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Hybrid Service

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

February 12, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service, Hybrid Service

Nirvana Day: Observe the passing of the historical Sakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana

Pet Memorial: Express our gratitude and gratefully remember the pets who provided us with love and companionship

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dean Koyama,** Palo Alto Buddhist Temple resident minister

February 19, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Cub & Boy Scout Service, Hybrid Service

Observe the contributions of the Cub & Boy Scouts to the Temple

February 26, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, BCA Eitaikyo Service, Hybrid Service

Eitaikyo: Means "perpetual chanting sutras." A memorial service that honors our family and friends who have lived before us. Without them, we would not exist.

Watch Party in Hondo

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

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

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

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*
Cynthia Zable	*Mar 20, 1932*	-	*Dec 15, 2022*
Itaru Kawano	*Mar 27,1950*	-	*Dec 21, 2022*
Haruo Tokuda	*Feb 7, 1936*	-	*Dec 26, 2022*
Frank Bunya	*Feb 9, 1926*	-	*Dec 28, 2022*

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

Namo Amida Butsu

What Does It Mean to be Human? (cont'd)

(Continued from page 1)

Let me share a poem written by Rev. Shosaku Asada, a Jodo Shinshu Ohtani-ha minister.

> *Every morning, every morning, standing*
> *before the mirror above the*
> *bathroom sink, what am I looking at?*

As this poem says, we stand in front of the mirror at least once every day. But what is it we are really seeing in its reflection?

We comb our hair, put on makeup and decide what to wear in front of the mirror. So we assume the mirror is what we must use to see ourselves. But if we only use the mirror to check our appearance before meeting others outside of house, the mirror is not the thing that looks at ourselves but is the thing that represents the eyes of others who will look at us. In other words, as we use the mirror, we only care what others will think of us. In that respect, we don't actually see ourselves in the mirror, but only the image we want other to see.

In contract, when we press our palms together before Amida Buddha, we are given the light of wisdom to see our true selves which we have never been able to do by looking at our reflection in the mirror each morning. And our true selves in this light of wisdom is nothing but the reflection of a foolish being full of blind passions.

The Three Poisons

Blind passions are created by the selfish mind that confuse and trouble us. They are the cause of human suffering. Although there are various blind passions, the most terrible ones are called "Three Poisons" or "GAS": Greed, Anger and Stupidity (ignorance). These three poisons disrupt our thinking, throw us off balance and make us suffer.

Humans are full of greed. Of course, animals are also greedy, but that is because of their instinct to survive. Because their greed is instinctive, when animals are hungry, they eat other animals; but once full, they are satisfied. But humans take beyond what is needed to sustain life. For example, you will find spoiled and wasted food in grocery stores and restaurants all over the world. That is because if the food does not look or taste as we like, we won't hesitate to toss them out. We always want something more and never feel completely satisfied. We can see the ugly hungry ghosts in ourselves through our greed.

And when we see something we don't like, we always get angry. Even on the road, if something disturbs our driving rhythm - being tailgated by an impatient driver, or when the car ahead is going too slowly, or when someone in the next lane suddenly swerves in front of us - we instantly lose our temper. In this way, we get mad about something or at somebody, or complain about something at least once a day. We can see the fearsome demon in ourselves through our expressions of anger.

Stupidity (ignorance) means that we cannot see or judge things clearly using the right wisdom. Because we always tend to interpret reality in ways that are advantageous to us, the rain that comes when we need it becomes a welcome rain; but the rain that comes unexpectedly is a nuisance. For example, at the end of last year, I finally washed my car after leaving it dirty for a long time. Afterwards, I went for a drive in my shiny, clean car, but on the way home, I was caught in a shower. I immediately began muttering, "We haven't had rain for a while. So why does it rain right after I've just washed the car? What a waste of time!" Of course, if I had paused to consider the serious drought or water shortage problem around our area, it was really a welcome rain. Nonetheless, I saw the same rain as bad for me because of its inconvenience. This is how our dark ignorance makes us aware of the shameless beast within each of us.

Whatever the outcome is, we complain, get angry, suffer and worry. It is because we are wandering ceaselessly in the six realms of Samsara (hell, hungry ghosts, beasts, fighting spirits, humans, heavenly beings) because we are controlled by the blind passions of Three Poisons.

But when we encounter Amida Buddha, the blind passions of our true selves are brought out. And it makes us aware of the selfish lives we lead, causing us to reflect deeply on our foolishness and arrogance. With the guidance of the light of wisdom, our mind of greed, anger and stupidity (ignorance) naturally turns into the mind of knowing contentment, of rejoicing, and of seeing things as they are. Then in this clear state of mind, we will be able to simply accept anything with the deepest feeling of gratitude.

Nembutsu is Everything

When we are guided by the warmth of compassion, our deep gratitude softens our blind passions, bringing us great peace of mind, which allows us to overcome the life of suffering with strength. This mind and heart of gratitude for everything is the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu." And when the Nembutsu comes from our mouths naturally, it is the moment that we become true human beings. In this way, we Nembutsu followers can understand the definition of being a human being under the working of Amida Buddha.

The Nembutsu is the teaching of wisdom that tells us not to take things for granted and be thankful for everything we have now. It makes us fully aware that we are embraced just as we are by Amida Buddha's compassion. The Nembutsu leads us to a life which, with the deepest feelings of joy and gratitude, even someone like us at least would like to help for the sake of society and others as well as we can. I sincerely hope that we will walk the Nembutsu life of gratitude together as true humans.

In Gassho,

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二三年二月法話

ー人間の定義ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

宇宙の歴史が始まって、現在は百三十八億年ほど経っているそうです。そしてその宇宙に地球が誕生してから四十六億年ー。そしてこの地球上に生命らしきものができて二〇億年。更にやっと人間らしいものができてくるのが二〇〇万年前であると言われています。

この長い歴史の中で、様々な変化を遂げて今人としてこの地球に生を受けている私達ですが、人間の祖先はアウストラロピテクス(猿人)だと言われています。そして約三〇万年前に誕生したのが現代人の属するホモサピエンスです。その後、人類は知能と言葉を駆使して高度な文明を築き上げ地球を支配する存在となりましたが、では私達人間の定義とは一体何でしょうか。

念仏者である私達にとって、この問いは単なる進化論の話であってはいけません。なぜなら、人間になるということは、「真実なる宗教に出遇ったとき」、もっと言えば、「阿弥陀仏の前で手を合わせて、『南無阿弥陀仏』と念仏を称えることができたとき、真の人間になれるのだ」という味わいが大切だからです。阿弥陀仏の前で手を合わせて念仏を称えるということは、真実なるものに触れて「生きることの意味」、そして「自分は一体何者なのか」という大きな問題に人生を通して真剣に向き合うということなのです。

「毎朝毎朝 洗面台の鏡に向かって 私は自分の何を見ていたのだろうか」ー これは、東本願寺の僧侶である浅田正作師が書かれた詩ですが、この詩のように私達は毎日欠かさず鏡の前に立っています。しかし、私達は一体鏡の中の何を見ているのでしょうか。

私達は鏡の前で髪を整えたり、化粧をしたり、洋服を選んだりしています。ですから、鏡は自分の姿を見るものだと思っていますが、自分の外見を確認することで他人に恥ずかしくない自分を取り繕うためであるとするならば、鏡は自分自身ではなく「他人の目を見ている」ことになるのではないでしょうか。

阿弥陀仏の前で手を合わすということは、阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされてその鏡には映らない本当の自分の姿に気づかせていただくということなのです。そして本当の自分の姿とは、煩悩にまみれた凡夫の姿に他なりません。

煩悩とは、人の心を惑わせたり、悩ませたりする醜い心のはたらきで、人間の苦しみを作り出す大本です。様々な煩悩がありますが、特に大きな煩悩を「三毒」と呼んで、貪欲と瞋恚と愚痴が挙げられます。この三毒が人々の心を乱し、安定を失わせ、苦しめているのです。

私達人間は欲の塊です。勿論、動物にも欲はありますが、それは本能欲といって、腹が減れば、他のいのちを喰らいますが、腹さえ膨れればそれで満足します。それに比べて人間は、必要以上に他のいのちを奪って、スーパーに並べて腐らすこともありますし、おいしくなければ捨てることさえあります。この醜い姿は餓鬼そのものだと言えます。

また、気に入らないことをがあると無性に腹が立ちます。車を運転していても、後ろから速い車が煽ってきたり、前の車がびどく遅かったり、横の車がいきなり前に割り込んできたりして、自分の運転ペースを乱されるとついカッとなってしまいます。つねに怒りや不満を感じて生きている私達の姿は修羅そのものです。

愚痴とは、正しい智慧をもって明らかに物事を見たり判断することができないことを意味します。つねに自分中心に物事を見ているので、自分にとって都合の良い時の雨は恵みの雨で、都合の悪い時に降った雨は、憎い雨と見なします。例えば、昨年久しぶりに洗車をして綺麗になった車でドライブしていた時、にわか雨に遭ってしまいました。昨今の水不足問題を考えれば恵みの雨と喜ぶべきところを自分にとって都合が悪いからといって憎い雨とつい腹を立てて不平不満をもらしてしまいました。このように道理をわきまえない無知な姿は、恥知らずの畜生そのものだといえます。

このように、どっちに転んでも文句を言って、怒り、苦しみ、悩んでいるのは、これら三毒の煩悩によって、毎日飽きることなく六道の世界(地獄・餓鬼・畜生・修羅・人間・天人)をさ迷っているからに他なりません。

しかし、阿弥陀仏に出遇わせていただくことによって、そうした煩悩にまみれた本当の自分の姿が浮き彫りとなり、自己中心でしか物事を見れない傲慢さに気づかされ、その愚かな生き方を反省させられます。そして智慧の光に導かれて、貪り、怒り、愚痴の心が、足る心、慶びの心、物事を正しく見る心に変わり、全てのご縁を感謝一杯の心でいただけるようになります。阿弥陀仏の慈悲の温もりに導かれて、一切感謝の心が煩悩のはたらきを和らげ、大きな安らぎとなって、人生の苦悩を力強く乗り超えさせていただくのです。

この一切感謝の心こそが「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏です。そしてこのお念仏が自ずと口からこぼれた時、真の人間になれるその時なのです。

お念仏の教えは、これまで当たり前と思っていたものが当たり前でなかったことに気づき、煩悩具足のお粗末な私が、そのまま阿弥陀仏に抱かれているという慶びの中で、こんな私でもせめてできることを精一杯させていただこうと、社会の為、人の為に尽くす生き方へと導いて下さいます。真の人間として、感謝の念仏生活を皆さんと共に歩んでまいりたいと願っています。

YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Hello everyone, unlike the past two years, we will be holding our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in person on February 25 from 5 - 8 pm. As usual, we will be having BINGO from 7 - 8 pm and our 50/50 raffle.

ORDER FORMS

You can fill out the online form which is linked below.:

https://tinyurl.com/YBA-SpaghettiDinner

Additionally, you can find order forms that are available in the back of the Hondo and on the following page. Mail your payment and pre-order form to the Temple office addressed to "MVBT c/o YBA" or drop them off at the Temple office.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the order forms is February 11.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

Please come out and support our YBA at this year's Spaghetti Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you,
In Gassho,
Allyson Itow
YBA Spaghetti DInner Chair

Happy New Year 2023!

CRAB DINNER FUNDRAISER

Held on Saturday, January 7, 2023

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

Thank You to all who purchased dinners

As a fundraiser, MVBT split the profits of its sales with PABT

MVBT **Y**oung **B**uddhist **A**ssociation

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
-Mail your payment and pre-order form to the Temple office addressed to "MVBT c/o YBA" or drop them off at the Temple 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:		$_____

MVBT Membership Committee News: Membership Drive

It is Time for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Membership Drive!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

First and foremost, the MVBT Membership Committee wants to thank everyone for their continued investment in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Without your support, the Temple would not be able to continuously provide the Sangha with valuable benefits and actively develop its programs. Put simply, you make what we do possible.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple member dues support the maintenance of the Temple, our minister, office staff, facilities, organizations, and all the wonderful programs that benefit the MVBT Sangha.

COMING SOON IN YOUR MAILBOX, EMAIL, & PUTRA'S POST

- Package with Membership Information
- Annual Donation Summary (members only)
- New online forms for **JOINING** or **RENEWING** your membership will be available on January 27, 2023

When you join or renew your membership, you will be asked to update your contact information if it has changed and to fill out a Volunteer Talents & Skills survey to help us provide meaningful ways for you to get involved.

If you have questions, please email us at membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org

YOUR MVBT COMMUNITY

Membership at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple is not just about saying you belong to a community. It's about investing in the place you love, a community that feels like home both physically and spiritually. As a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, you are a part of a supportive family, connected group of friends, and vibrant Buddhist community.

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

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

2023 Cabinet

We are pleased to announce the ABA Cabinet for 2023.

Come & Join ABA — With Your Friends

Do as much or as little as you want? We have many activities planned in 2023.

- Alta Mesa Cemetery cleanup
- San Jose Giants game
- Pickleball Demo
- Chicken Teriyaki booth at Bazaar
- Community service projects
- Joint activities with MVBT affiliated organizations
- And more

Contact Reiko Tsuchida at mvbt.aba.575@gmail.com.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
ABA President

2023 ABA Cabinet

President	Ken Nakano
Vice President	Russ Nakano
Recording Secretary	Lois Okino
Asst Recording Secretary	Shirley Matsumoto
Treasurer	Don Fukuma
Corresponding Secretary	Joyce Okumura-Lee
Asst Recording Secretary	Marilyn Ozawa
Historian	Toshiko Uyehara
Auditor	Steve Tsuchida
Membership Chairperson	Reiko Tsuchida
Asst. Membership Chairperson	Mieko Nakano
Social Chairpersons	Alice Ishida, Judy Nakano
Hospitality Chairperson	Joanne Makishima
Advisor	Jean Shimoguchi

Miroku

MIROKU

middle school group

January Meeting

We started the January Miroku meeting by discussing our activities over Winter break and talked about our favorite Christmas gift.

For old business, Miroku members agreed to donate socks to Hope Services from a prior service project. Members then signed up for writing the monthly Echo articles.

For new business, we narrowed down ideas for our next "service to the community project." Members decided to collect food and toys for animals. We also discussed having our social activity outside in the Spring.

We went around the Temple grounds to complete the AED checks and ended the meeting with a snack. Before leaving, we helped clean and sanitize the YBA Hall Conference Room.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, February 5 after Dharma School (approximately 12 pm) in the YBA conference room.

In Gassho,
Ko Hirabayashi
6th Grade Miroku Member

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

Coast District Conference Minister's Retreat

On January 7, we had our winter retreat for the Coast District Conference happening this March. During the retreat, we ran through the workshops that we will have at the conference and practiced the opening and closing services.

Mountain View Coast District Winter Activity

Also taking place on January 7 was the Coast District Winter Activity, which was hosted at MVBT. At the activity, which Danica Lim and Chris Hojo planned, we played basketball and sang karaoke.

There was also the option for members to sleep over which around 15 people did.

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022-2023 YBA President

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Dharma School News

Dharma School

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 明けまして おめでとう ございます!

I hope 2023 is off to an auspicious start, and I would like to thank you for supporting our Dharma School and continuing to make it a strong and vibrant program for our youth. I appreciate all of your contributions and look forward to your continued support, guidance, and fellowship in 2023!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mochitsuki and Osoji

Thank you to all of the Dharma School students and parents who came and helped with Mochitsuki and Osoji! It was so nice to see so many people come together after so long to share in our Temple's traditions and ensure that they are kept alive.

Dharma School Theme

Congratulations to **Jeremy Tao** for submitting the winning theme for this year of "*Kansha*," which has a literal translation as appreciation or gratitude in noun form, but in practice, is an action of cultivating a sincere feeling and practice of heartfelt gratitude. Thank you to all of the students who submitted entries!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Daisy-Cadette

The Scouts dropped in to a BWA meeting, they passed out goodie bags and their handmade cards to the members. They also had their first in-person meeting and had fun seeing each other again!

They talked about some possible activities for the upcoming year, as well as troop and individual goals for 2023, and then made and enjoyed eating "moffles" (mochi waffles)!

Senior-Ambassador

The Senior & Ambassador Scouts also had an in-person meeting to discuss future projects, and to finalize their service project.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

The Cookie Sales have been pushed back a month this year and will take place in early March through late April.

Happy New Year!

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

LEFT: Scouts at BWA Meeting

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Senior Activities:

February 16, Thursday: We will have an Attorney and Notary Public guest speaker from San Jose. **Mitoshi Fujio-White** will be doing a presentation on Estate Planning. She will educate us on the basics about Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney and Advance Health Care Directives.

Please join us for lunch at 11:30 am. The presentation starts at 12:30 pm.

April 19, Thursday: Looking ahead, a day trip to Cache Creek is planned. Mark this date on your calendar.

Senior Craft:

At every Senior Activities Day, the craft program is scheduled from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Instructors are **Jeanne Ohara**, **Toshiko Uyehara** and **Emi Fukushima**.

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.

During the day, light refreshments are provided with coffee and tea.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2023 150 Club News

Wishing you the very best for the New Year!

The January and February winners will be chosen at the February MVBT Board Meeting.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club for 2023!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

Have a Happy New Year!!
150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
FEB	Zones 12 & 13	N / A	N / A
MAR	Zones 2 & 3	Feb 10 (Fri)	Feb 16 (Thurs)
APR	Zones 4 & 5	Mar 10 (Fri)	Mar 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 .

February

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for February to be held on Sunday, February 5

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

February 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 **February** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Bill Ichiro Asada	**Francis Ikenaga**	**Niro Nishimoto**
Tom Fukuda	**James J. Inokuchi**	**Tsuneo Nishimura**
Hatsugoro Fukushima	**George Tadashi Ishimaru**	**Edward Okamura**
Ben Furuichi	**Kay Hisako Ishizawa**	**Kimi Okubo**
Thomas Gishi	**Jiro Iwata**	**Jane Okumura**
Yusaku Haruta	**Kazuo Kato**	**Frank Sakino**
Nabei Higa	**Jack Kawamoto**	**Mary Sasaki**
Chiyo Higuchi	**Nori Kondo**	**Kiyoshi Sawamura**
Tomiuemon Hiramoto	**Chiyeko Matsumoto**	**Zensaku Shishido**
Chiyoko Hirohata	**Frank Matsumoto**	**Mary Somen**
Jeanette Hirota	**Matsutaro Matsumoto**	**Rodney Togashi**
Maureen Hojo	**David Toshio Matsuo**	**Ruth Yamatoda**
Shuichi Hori	**Yosuke Mizuhara**	**Haruo Yamaji**
Henry Isamu Hoshi Jr.	**Richard Miyashiro**	**Toshio Yamaji**
Henry Hideo Hoshi	**Shigeki Murai**	**Tracy Takeichi Yamamoto**
Clara Hoshida	**Akiko Nakagawa**	**Mildred Yamanaga**
Matsuyo Idehara	**Haruko Nakano**	**Tsutomu Yamanaga**
Rev. Ryumei Iguchi	**Sally Tokiko Nakayama**	**Kenneth Yasuda**
Tatsuhiko Ikebe	**Tsuneko Nakayama**	

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**

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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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Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Hoonko Service / BWA Memorial Service /

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Your donations go to the General Fund supporting day-to-day operations

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Upcoming Events

March 5, 2023, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

March 6, 2023, Monday
Buddhist Discussion Group

March 12, 2023, Sunday
Girl Scout Sunday Service

March 19, 2023, Sunday
Spring Ohigan Service

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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