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# The ECHO

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## MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

### March Highlights

- ***3/5, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  ***March Shotsuki Hoyo***
  * *11:00 am*
    *Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am*
    *English Intro to Buddhism Workshop*
- ***3/6, Mon, 7:00 pm, Hybrid***
  ***Buddhist Discussion Group***
- ***3/12, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  ***Girl Scout Sunday Service***
- ***3/19, Sun, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  ***Spring Ohigan Service with Guest Speaker:***
  ***Sensei Koichi Mizushima***

## Throw Away Your Own Yo-Raku

The essence of Jodo Shinshu is to receive ***Shinjin*** or entrusting mind. Without ***Shinjin***, no matter how sincerely we lead a humble life and no matter how much we talk about peace, they have nothing to do with the essence of Jodo Shinshu.

Some of you might ask, "How can I gain ***Shinjin***?" It has been taught in Jodo Shinshu that one is able to receive it by listening to the Dharma. Then there might be many of you who wonder, "I have never achieved ***Shinjin*** even though I have listened to the Dharma for so many years!" Unfortunately, the reason we cannot attain ***Shinjin*** is because our wrong views and arrogance prevent us from simply receiving ***Shinjin***.

The wrong view is thought that runs counter to the truth and

***By Rev. Yushi Mukojima***

instead clings to one's beliefs. So even if someone with the wrong view listens to the Dharma, because he believes that he is always right, the Buddha's words will not resonate with that person. And arrogance refers to the conceited mind. The arrogant one is a person full of pride who believes that he can attain Buddhahood on his own. Such a person is simply listening without paying attention to the Buddha's wish.

There is an important scripture called "Contemplation Sutra" in which Queen ***Vaidehi*** appears. Her son Prince ***Ajatasatru*** was incited by his friend ***Devadatta*** to try to kill his own father, King ***Bimbisara***, and usurp the king's throne. ***Ajatasatru*** imprisoned his father, but because the Queen didn't want her son to kill the King, nor did she wish her husband to die, she secretly carried some food to the King in prison. A few weeks later, ***Ajatasatru***, who knew what the Queen had done, got mad and even tried to kill his mother. But be-

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## MVBT President's Message

**Dear Sangha Members:**

I'm honored and excited to begin my 2-year term as the Temple's Board President.

First of all, I'd like to thank Bob Matsumoto for his leadership. Always keeping the Sangha's safety and health as our #1 priority, he successfully guided us through the COVID pandemic working with the Healthy and Safety Committee and creating the Reopening Task Force. Thanks, Bob!

I'm looking forward to keeping MVBT on the road forward. As we open up the Temple, more and more Sangha members have been participating in in-person activities. It's great to see your smiling faces.

**With Gassho,**
**Jean Shimoguchi**
**2023-2024 MVBT Board President**

# March 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **26**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>BCA EITAIKYO SERVICE<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **27**<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm<br>RPC MEETING | **28**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **1** | **2**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **3** | **4** |
| **5**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SHOTSUKI HOYO SERVICE<br>11:45 am - 2:00 pm<br>YBA MEETING<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **6**<br>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm<br>BUDDHIST DISCUSSION GROUP | **7**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **8**<br>7:30 pm - 9:30 pm<br>MVBT BOARD MEETING | **9**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **10**<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm<br>ABA GENERAL MEETING | **11**<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am<br>BWA CHAPTER MEETING |
| **12**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>GIRL SCOUT SERVICE<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO<br>1:00 pm - 6:00 pm<br>CD YBL CONFERENCE PREP | **13** | **14**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **15** | **16**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **17**<br>CDYBL CONFERENCE | **18** |
| **19**<br>CDYBL CONFERENCE<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **20** | **21**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **22** | **23**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **24** | **25** |
| **26**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SUNDAY SERVICE<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **27**<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm<br>RPC MEETING | **28**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **29** | **30**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **31** | **1** |

## Support Your Temple

### Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

***Hoonko Service / Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial***

***Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi***

**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 — March 2023

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

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

11:00 am English Introduction to Buddhism Workshop

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

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

***March 12, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Girl Scout Service, Hybrid Service***

*Cadettes and Daisys to have a presentation about the Six Paramitas.*

***March 19, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Spring Ohigan Service, Hybrid Service***

**Spring Ohigan:** Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the spring on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion.

**Guest Speaker:** **Sensei Koichi Mizushima**, Minister's Assistant at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Betsuin

***March 26, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid Service***

### 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*

## 2023 150 Club News

Happy New Year! as we start with new 150 Club winners.

At the February Board meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the January and February winners were drawn.

January: Yuki Hata-Kita & Gene Kita

February: Jeremy & Garrett Tao

Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club.

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

**150 Club Committee**

## Toban & Echo Schedule

| | Toban | Echo Article Deadline | Echo Sent to Sangha |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAR | Zones 2 & 3 | N / A | N / A |
| APR | Zones 4 & 5 | Mar 10 (Fri) | Mar 15 (Thurs) |
| MAY | Zones 6 & 7 | Apr 14 (Fri) | Apr 19 (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 .

## *Throw Away Your Own Yo-Raku (cont'd)*

*(Continued from page 1)*

cause of the two ministers' persuasion, ***Ajatasatru*** gave up his intent to kill his mother.

Although the Queen was also imprisoned, Sakyamuni Buddha visited the Queen to comfort her. The moment ***Vaidehi*** saw Buddha, she tore off her ***Yo-raku***, prostrated herself on the ground and cried bitterly before the Buddha. Then she complained of her suffering and asked Buddha to teach her how to be reborn in the land of bliss, free of worries and pain. When Buddha taught her the way of the Nembutsu of Other-Power, which frees her from suffering by showing contemplative practices, the Queen was liberated from delusions and filled with joy and happiness. This story is written in scripture.

***Vaidehi*** had listened to the Buddha's teaching for many years. Nonetheless, when she was imprisoned, the teachings she had heard up till then weren't at all useful in helping her be free from suffering and sorrow. But when the Queen heard the Buddha's teaching in the prison, the Buddha's words resonated with her and sank into her mind as dry sand absorbs water. She was deeply moved and filled with a feeling of great joy and security. In other words, she finally received ***Shinjin***.

Then why wasn't ***Vaidehi*** able to gain ***Shinjin*** even though she had heard the Dharma over and over for many years? I think that the answer to this was her own ***Yo-raku***. ***Yo-raku*** is the gorgeous and luxurious ornaments or accessories worn by the nobility. Whenever ***Vaidehi*** visited the Buddha to hear the Dharma, she probably wore them. ***Yo-raku*** was a symbol of power and of wealth. But from the Buddhist perspective, it also symbolizes arrogance and wrong views. So when she wore ***Yo-raku*** in front of the Buddha, it meant that she always listened to the Dharma as the Queen, but not as an ordinary person. Because ***Yo-raku's*** conceited mind was filled with thoughts of power, wealth, status, honor, and knowledge, she must not have had a humble attitude of a foolish being who sincerely listens to the Buddha's teaching. We can understand that her ***Yo-raku*** expressed her arrogance that believes that she was always right and superior to everyone else.

However, when ***Vaidehi*** cried and tore the ***Yo-raku*** off her neck and threw it on the ground, she showed that she truly understood that power and wealth are worthless when facing fear of death. Of course, in society, power, wealth, status and honor are very attractive and there are countless people who strive for them. But when confronted with the problem of impending death, those things will never help us find a way to get over our suffering and sorrow. They are totally useless.

That is why when ***Vaidehi*** became aware of this, she threw away her ***Yo-raku*** and, as a foolish being, began sincerely listening to the Buddha's teaching. As a result, she finally encountered the Nembutsu teaching which embraces and saves foolish beings just as they are. When she was able to accept the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, her suffering and pain turned into a great joy just as it is and ***Shinjin*** arose in her mind.

Like Queen Vaidehi, we also wear our ***Yo-raku*** because our conceit controls us every day. The biased view and thoughts which prevent us from simply accepting the Primal Vow are really just wrong view, arrogance and foolishness.

For foolish beings who are addicted to adorning themselves, it must be hard to give up their own ***Yo-raku***. But once you let go of it and hear the Nembutsu teaching, we can fully realize that the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha was established for the sake of each one of us alone so we could encounter Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion that embrace foolish beings like us and will never abandon us.

By repeated listening, Amida Buddha's calling will surely reach us. When we become fully aware of the Amida Buddha's Primal vow, our joy will cause us naturally to put our palms together and say the Nembutsu in deep gratitude. This is the very moment we receive ***Shinjin***.

And when we receive ***Shinjin***, our great joy and deep gratitude which meets the Nembutsu teaching reveals our daily actions. These actions will always reflect deeply on our wrong views and arrogance, to remember the spirit of repaying the debt of gratitude and of humility, and to do what we as Nembutsu followers can for the benefit of our society. That is the true lifestyle of the Nembutsu follower with true ***Shinjin*** who threw away one's own ***Yo-raku***.

In Gassho,

# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二三年三月法話

## ー瓔珞を捨てるー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

浄土真宗で一番大切なことは何かといいますと、信心をいただくことです。この信心をなくして、日頃の生活をつつしんで暮らそうとも、平和をどれだけ語ろうとも、浄土真宗の法義は成り立ちません。

どのようにして信心をいただくかといいますと、聴聞によって信心を獲得するといわれています。皆さんの中には、もう何十年も聴聞しているけれども、未だに信心をいただけていないという人がおられると思います。それは何故かと言いますと、邪見と驕慢の心が信心の目覚めを妨げているからです。邪見とは真理に背いた考え方のことで、自分の考えに固執して自分が一番正しいと信じてやまないことをいいます。ですから仏法を聞いていても、邪見の人には仏の願いが胸に響いてこないのです。また、驕慢とは驕り高ぶりの心をいいます。自尊心が強く、自分の力で悟りの道を切り開くことができると思い上がっている人です。そのような人は仏の願いをただ聞き流しているにすぎません。

『観無量寿経』という大切なお経があるのですが、その中に韋提希という王妃がでてきます。韋提希の息子である阿闍世は友人の提婆達多にそそのかされて自分の父親を殺して王座を奪おうと企てます。そして頻婆娑羅王を牢獄に閉じ込めますが、韋提希は我が子に父殺しをさせたくない、また夫である王も死んでほしくないと、幽閉中の王にこっそり食事を運びます。それを知った阿闍世は母である韋提希をも殺そうとしますが、それだけは大臣に諭され思いとどまりました。結果、韋提希も牢獄に閉じ込められてしまうのですが、お釈迦さまが慰問にかけつけてこられます。お釈迦さまの顔を見た瞬間、韋提希は胸につけていた瓔珞を引きちぎり大地に投げ捨て、体も大地になげうって声をあげて泣きました。そしてお釈迦さまに自身の苦しみを訴え、往生極楽の道を求めます。それに対し、お釈迦さまは苦悩から救われていく他力念仏の教えを説き、それを聞いた韋提希は歓喜の心に満ち溢れ救われていくという話が『観経』に説かれています。

この物語の主人公である韋提希は、これまでも長い間お釈迦さまの説法を聞いていた人物です。しかし、牢獄に閉じ込められてみると、今まで聞いていた教えが自分の苦しみを救う力になっていなかった。ところがこの度、お釈迦さまが説かれる法を聞いて、乾いた砂に水がしみこむかのように、韋提希の心に法がしみこんで大歓喜が起きました。すなわち信心をいただいたのです。では何故、これまで聴聞を重ねていたにもかかわらず韋提希は信心を得られなかったのか。その鍵は、瓔珞にあります。

瓔珞とは「飾り」のことです。これまで、お釈迦さまのところに聴聞に行くときは瓔珞をつけていたはずです。この瓔珞とは、権力の象徴であり、富の象徴です。さらに言えば、邪見と驕慢の極みです。その瓔珞を身に着けていたということは、一人の人間としてではなく王妃という立場で仏法を聞いていたのです。その瓔珞には、権力、財力、地位、名誉、知識などといった彼女の強い自尊心が満ち溢れていました。その為、韋提希の心には煩悩具足の凡夫として真摯に法を聞かせていただこうという謙虚な姿勢はなかったのです。常に自分が正しく、自分が優れているという邪見で驕慢な心が瓔珞という飾りに表れていたことがよくわかります。

しかし、牢獄の中で韋提希がこの瓔珞を引きちぎって投げ捨てたということは、人生の一大事に権力や富が何の役にも立たないことを韋提希本人が悟ったということを意味します。もちろん、権力、富、地位、名誉というのは私達の社会生活をおくる上で大変魅力のあるもので、それらを懸命に求める人は多くいますが、生死という問題に直面したとき、それらは私達の苦悩を解決することはできません。全く役に立たないのです。

ですから、それに目覚めた韋提希は瓔珞を捨て、一人の凡夫としてお釈迦さまの話に耳を傾けたのです。その結果、凡夫がそのまま救われていく念仏のみ教えに出遇い、韋提希の苦悩は大歓喜心となって信心を得ることができたのです。

私達も韋提希のように常日頃自尊心に囚われながらこの瓔珞で自分を飾ったり取り繕って生きています。阿弥陀仏の本願を素直に受け入れる心を妨げている私達の隔たった知識や価値観はまさに邪見・驕慢であり、虚仮の瓔珞でしかありません。

自分を飾ることに執着している凡夫にとって、この瓔珞を捨てることは至難の業でしょう。しかし、思い切ってその飾りを手放して仏法を聞かせていただくと、阿弥陀仏の本願は私一人の為であったと気づかされ、煩悩具足の私をそのままおさめとって捨てないという念仏の光に出遇わせていただきます。聴聞によって阿弥陀仏の呼び声が私の心に至り届いたとき、その喜びと感動が私達を手を合わせ、念仏せずにはおれない身とならせて下さいます。この瞬間を信心をいただいたというのです。

信心をいただくとお念仏のみ教えと出遇えた感動が行動となってあらわれます。それは邪見・驕慢の身を深く反省しながら、謙虚と報恩謝徳を忘れず、凡夫の身でありながらも、つねに世のため人のために尽くしていこうという行動です。これこそ瓔珞を捨てた真実信心の念仏者の生き方です。

## 2023 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Board of Directors

**2023 MVBT BOARD of DIRECTORS**

Congratulations to the 2023 MVBT Board of Directors, who were installed during the Sunday Service on January 29.

***President***
**Jean Shimoguchi**

***President-Elect***
**Julie Satake-Ryu**

***1st Vice President***
**Julie Satake-Ryu**

***2nd Vice President***
**John Arima**

***Treasurer***
**John Arao**

***Assistant Treasurer***
**Bob Imai**

***Recording Secretary***
**Don Fukuma**

***Corresponding Secretary***
**Debbie Ho**

***Auditor***
**Kevin Arakaki**

***Assistant Auditor***
**Peter Matsumoto**

***Membership Co-Chairpersons***
**Bob Yamanaga**
**Leslie Imai**

***Historian***
**Eric Arakaki**

***Echo Editor***
**Steve Tsuchida**

2023 MVBT Board of Directors

## Presentation to Bob Matsumoto - MVBT President 2021-2022

**Bob Matsumoto** served as the President of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple in 2021 and 2022.

On Sunday, January 29, 2023, past presidents **Sterling Makishima** and **Doug Sawamura** presented Bob with a Commemorative Plaque with a 2022 cabinet photo and a framed calligraphy saying "Na Mo A Mi Da Butsu." The gifts symbolize the Nembutsu and the gratitude and appreciation Bob will remember of his presidency. And, how the Sangha appreciated his dedication to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Sterling and Doug thanked Bob for his two-year term through which he dealt with COVID-19 pandemic. They said that they know all Temple members and friends appreciate the work of all Temple volunteers, but past presidents truly understand what a Temple President goes through since they lived it. Having past presidents make the presentation truly puts meaning to the presentation.

"Thank You, Bob, for being a great leader."

A truly GREAT LEADER is HARD to find, DIFFICULT to part with, and IMPOSSIBLE to forget.

**In Gassho,**
**The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha**

Past President Presentation

Stering Makishima (left), Bob Matsumoto & Doug Sawamura (right)

# BWA Actiities

## NEW MEMBERS

It's a great start for BWA 2023 as we welcome new members: **Diane Shinta-Durst**; **Teri Hirota**; **Derek Ives**; **Joanne Makishima**; **Emi Mori**; **Judy Nakano**; **Mieko Nakano**; **June Oto** and **Reiko Tsuchida**. They are a wonderful additions to the BWA.

## BWA MEMORIAL SERVICE

On January 29, BWA held our Eshinni-ko / Kakushinni-ko / BWA Memorial and Seminar when we honored and remembered our members who have passed away during 2020, 2021 and 2022. Rev. Etsuko Mikame of San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin was our guest minister who was well received.

## Youth Dana Gifts

During the BWA Memorial service, we gave the MVBT Youth Groups our Dana Gifts, which is our most rewarding event. We are grateful to our Sangha for their generosity during our Dana Youth Fund Drive.

## Luncheon

Following the Service/Seminar, a group of 18 honored Rev. Mikame at a luncheon at Don Giovanni Ristorante in Mountain View. We all enjoyed delicious food and good conversations.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

$20 membership dues for 2023 are now being accepted.

## 2023 BWA CABINET

At the Sunday Service on January 29, the 2023 BWA Cabinet was installed. The cabinet members are:

***President***
**Reiko Murakami**

***Vice President***
**Shirley Matsumoto**

***Recording Secretary***
**Phyllis Chan**

***Corresponding Secretary***
**Lois Okino**

***Treasurer***
**Joan Aoki**

***Historian***
**Amy Arakaki**

***Religious Planning Rep.***
**Lorrie Kitasoe**

***Official Delegates***
**Reiko Murakami**
**Joan Aoki**

**In Gassho,**
**Reiko Murakami**
**BWA President**

**Buddhist Women's Association**

2023 Youth Groups receiving Dana Gift

2023 MVBT BWA Cabinet

**MVBT**

**Adult Buddhist Association**

## *ABA News*

**Thank You Jean!**

On behalf of the ABA membership, I would like to thank Jean **Shimoguchi** for her leadership as President of the MVBT ABA for the past six years! She will remain on the ABA cabinet as Advisor. We wish Jean the best as she now becomes the 2nd female Temple President at Mountain View Buddhist Temple!

**Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup**

ABA has scheduled the cleanup for Saturday, April 15, at Alta Mesa Cemetery beginning at 10:00 am and concluding with a pizza lunch at YBA Hall.

**2023 ABA Cabinet installation**

The ABA cabinet was officially installed at the Sunday Service on January 29, 2023.

***President***
**Ken Nakano**

***Vice President***
**Russ Nakano**

***Recording Secretary***
**Lois Okino**

***Asst Recording Secretary***
**Shirley Matsumoto**

2023 MVBT ABA Cabinet

***Corresponding Secretary***
**Joyce Okumura-Lee**

***Asst Corresponding Secretary***
**Marilyn Ozawa**

***Treasurer***
**Don Fukuma**

***Auditor***
**Steve Tsuchida**

***Historian***
**Toshiko Uyehara**

***Co-Social Chairpersons***
**Alice Ishida &**
**Judy Nakano**

***Membership Chairperson***
**Reiko Tsuchida**

***Asst Membership Chairperson***
**Mieko Nakano**

***Hospitality Chairperson***
**Joanne Makishima**

***Advisors***
**Rev. Yushi Mukojima &**
**Jean Shimoguchi**

**With Gassho,**
**Ken Nakano**
**ABA President**

# YABA News

**2023 /2024 YABA CABINET**

Congratulations to the 2023 MVBT YABA Cabinet! They were installed during the Sunday Service on January 29.

***President***

**Alec Matsumoto**

***Vice President***

**Alex Muselman**

***Treasurer***

**Eric Jong**

***Secretary***

**Ashley Andrews**

**JOIN YABA**

Anyone interested in YABA, please contact Alec Matsumoto.

**In Gassho,**
**Alec Matsumoto**
**President, YABA**

2023 / 2024 MVBT YABA Cabinet

Rev. Mukojima and Alec Matsumoto
Not in photo, Alex Muselman, Eric Jong & Ashley Andrews

# MVBT Fishing Club

The MVBT Fishing Club held a fishing derby in 2022. Prizes went to the largest fish caught in each category.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Fishing Derby. See names and photos on right.

If you are interested in participating in this year's derby or want more information, please contact Alec Matsumoto (you don't need to be a member to participate).

If you are interested in joining the Fishing Club or have any questions, please contact Alec.

**In Gassho,**
**Alec Matsumoto**
**alec.matsumoto33 @gmail.com**

Trout: Rob Shinkawa

Panfish: Alec Matsumoto

Largest Fish: Gordon Vallandigham

Bass: Michael Yamaguchi

Surf Perch: Michael Yamaguchi

## Dharma School News

**Dharma School**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BCA Eitaikyo Service**

On Sunday, February 26, the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) will be hosting an online Eitaikyo Service. Dharma School classes will not meet after the watch party in the Hondo.

**Parent Volunteers Needed**

We are hoping to bring back our birthday book tradition for the Dharma School students from Pre-K to 6th Grade. The Dharma School is looking for a parent volunteer to fill this special role.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Donations**

Gratefully Acknowledged:

**BWA**

Eshinni-ko Donation

**In Gassho,**
**Brent Izutsu**
**Dharma School Superintendent**

## Upcoming Events

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Shotsuki Hoyo

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Hanamatsuri Service
Hatsumairi Ceremony

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FDSTL Conference

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Shotsuki Hoyo

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Buddhist Discussion Group

**May 14, 2023, Sunday**
Mother's Day Service

**May 21, 2023, Sunday**
Gotan-e Service

**May 28, 2023, Sunday**
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

**May 29, 2023, Monday**
Oak Hill Memorial Day Service

## Miroku

**MIROKU**

*middle school group*

**BWA Dana Gift**

We began our February Miroku meeting by writing a thank-you card to the BWA for their amazing gift and constant support. This was given to Miroku during the Eshinni/BWA Memorial Service.

**Activities**

Miroku members decided to make posters for our Dana project. We will be donating dog and cat food and toys for the animals to the Palo Alto Humane Society. We learned about Yo! Camp, a Japanese American summer culture camp in Los Angeles. Miroku members were asked to talk to their parents if they were interested in Yo! Camp.

**AED Check, etc**

We ended our monthly meeting with AED checks, a snack, and sanitizing the conference room.

**Next Meeting**

Our next Miroku meeting will be held Sunday, March 5, in the YBA Hall conference room.

**In Gassho,**
**Tyler Uyekubo**
**6th Grade Miroku Member**

## MVBT YBA News

**Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA**

**YBA Spaghetti Dinner**

This year's Spaghetti Dinner took place on February 25. We were delighted to return to the Temple for our fundraiser this year. In addition to spaghetti, we also had BINGO and a 50/50 Raffle during the event. This event wouldn't have been possible without the hard work from this year's Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson **Allyson Itow**, YBA members, and advisors. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and flexibility during these past few months. The fundraiser supports YBA activities such as conferences and enables us to do our one quadrennial trip.

Here is a message from Allyson:

*Hello everyone, my name is Allyson Itow, this year's Spaghetti Dinner Chair. I would like to give a huge thanks to the Temple members and everyone who has supported our fundraiser for the past two months. Your support helps our YBA go on trips, conferences, and do activities. Additionally, I would like to thank all the YBA members, advisors, and parents who have worked very hard to make this fundraiser possible. Thank you for all of your support and we hope to see everyone next year.*

**Coast District Conference**

Our YBA, along with the San Jose and Salinas YBAs, are currently preparing for the CD Conference, which will be at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple on March 18. We have many workshop leaders who are planning their workshops to run at the conference. There will also be a dinner and dance at the Delta Hotels in Santa Clara.

**In Gassho,**
**Jake Aquino**
**2022-2023 YBA President**

## Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

**MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts**

**Thank You, Carolyn & Chuck**

With heartfelt gratitude to **Chuck Uyeda** and **Carolyn Sakae**, we want to give our sincere **THANK YOU** for their unselfish time and energy they have given to Senior Group, for sadly to say they are retiring from our Senior Activities Committee. They have been a valuable asset to our group. We will truly miss them at our meetings.

**Senior Activities:**

**Thursday, March 16:** We will have a guest speaker **Peining Chang** speaking to us on the Alzheimer and Dementia.

Please join us for lunch at 11:30 am. The presentation to start at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Wednesday, April 19:** A day trip to Cache Creek Casino is planned. Mark this date on your calendar.

The price is $44 per person, payable to MVBT Senior. Meet at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and join together in the YBA Hall to sign in, receive a goody bag and water. Sign up early and don't be left out. Bring a friend.

If you are interested, sign up with one of our committee members or call **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**.

**Senior Craft:**

**Jeanne Ohara** is requesting anyone that may have possibly an old Yukata or Japanese material, for she can use it for an ongoing project. Contact Jeanne or any committee member.

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

**Cookbooks Now $10**

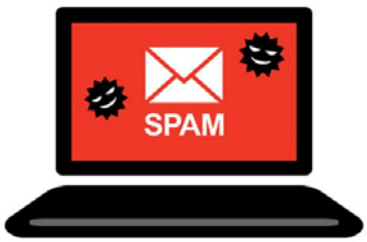
Our Senior Cookbooks are still available at the office or can be purchased through any committee member. The price is $10, which makes for a nice gift.

**Join Us**

Everyone is invited to join our program.

Light refreshments are provided with coffee and tea.

**In Gassho,**
**Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto**




## Got SPAM?

### We can help you!

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

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

If you believe you have received a SPAM email, just forward the email to

SPAM@MVBuddhistTemple.ORG

We will review it and let you know if it is safe or not. Please do not open any links or files contained within; they could be harmful to your device and data.

**In Gassho,**
**Technology & Website Committee**
**Alec Matsumoto**

## *MVBT Membership Committee News: Membership Drive*

佛 Buddha
法 Dharma
僧 Sangha

**It is time to Join or Renew your Membership with the Mountain View Buddhist Temple!**

Did you receive your membership information in the mail? Have you had a chance to update your membership? If you have changes to your address, phone, emergency contacts, etc., please be sure to let the membership committee know and we will update your contact information in our database.

**JOIN** or **RENEW** your Membership **NOW**, by going to the MVBT website main page and select the button under "MEMBERSHIP INFO."

Remember charitable organization dues are donations per the rules of our 501c3 status.

If the cost of membership is difficult for you or your family, we will help you to cover the cost of your membership. Please contact **Reverend Mukojima** at reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

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

**2022 Temple Accomplishments:**

- Maintain engagement with the Sangha and affiliated organizations throughout the pandemic
- Continue Dharma education online through services, Dharma School, workshops, seminars, etc
- Japanese American Internee 48-Star American Flag Signing at MVBT
- In-person Chicken Teriyaki, Obon, Sangha Day Picnic, Keiro Kai, and Mochitsuki
- Successful re-opening of the Temple in September
- Upgrades in our buildings improving virus safety with touchless faucets, air purifiers, electrostatic sprayers with disinfectant, and sanitizing stations
- Upgrades to our video and audio equipment enabling better live streaming of services
- Fumigation of the Hondo and Nokotsudo for termites
- Ongoing support for our Senior members
- Vision Committee continues planning on the future of the Temple

If you have questions, please email us at

membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Membership at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple isn't 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, Debby, & Leslie**

## THANK YOU!
## FOR SUPPORTING YOUR TEMPLE

AmazonSmile ended on February 20, 2023. Thank you to everyone who made purchases where a small percentage of your purchase was given to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

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

## *Hatsumairi Child Presentation - In-Person*
## *Sunday, April 9, 2023*

**ATTENTION PARENTS**

Hatsumairi ("First Visit Ceremony") is a ceremony at which the parents present their child before the Amida Buddha and the Sangha. This special ceremony will be held during with the Hanamatsuri Service to be held on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 10:00 am.

The last Hatsumairi ceremony held at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple was in April 2019. This year's Hatsumairi will be a combined ceremony for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. However, children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony.

During the ceremony, parents present their child before Amida Buddha and the Sangha and welcome him/her to the Dharma. The child is presented in front of the O-naijin (or altar), which symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple or email it to Rev. Mukojima by Sunday, April 2, 2023.

**Rev. Yushi Mukojima**
**Resident Minister**
**ymukojima@gmail.com**

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

**Child's Last Name** _____

**Child's First and Middle Name(s)** _____

**Child's Gender** ___ **Boy** ___ **Girl**

**Child's Birth Date** _____

**Mother's Name** _____

**Father's Name** _____

**Address** _____

**City** _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

**Phone** _____

**Email** _____

***Please return this form by Sunday, April 2, 2023 to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukojima@gmail.com)***

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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***Shotsuki Hoyo for March to be held on Sunday, March 5***

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

## *March 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 **March** Shotsuki loved ones are:

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| **Theodore Abe** | **Shinobu Maruyama** | **Shigeru Okamoto** |
| **Robert Arima** | **Helen Matsumoto** | **Fumio Okayama** |
| **Mine Chikasuye** | **Shizuko Matsumoto** | **Kinuko Sasaki** |
| **Alice Asaka Fujii** | **Tom Matsumoto** | **Rev. Sensho Sasaki** |
| **Satoru Fujikawa** | **Mary Mayeda** | **Frank Sato** |
| **Kazuo Furusho** | **Akira Morishima** | **Kanesuke Sato** |
| **Harriet Hamamoto** | **Cynthia Muranaka** | **Hideko Dolly Sawamura** |
| **Yutaka Hamamoto** | **Haruko Muranaka** | **Brett Sugimoto** |
| **Sekitaro Hananouchi** | **Roy Nagatani** | **Tora Tamaji** |
| **Helen Hamasaki** | **Linda Nakagawa** | **Patricia Yukie Togashi** |
| **Masao Hayashi** | **Haruyo Nakano** | **Thomas Takegami** |
| **Itsuyo Hori** | **Harry Nakano** | **Shimoye Yamaji** |
| **Ronald Hoshiko** | **Kenichi Nakano** | **Yoshikichi Yamaji** |
| **Audrey Akie Inouye** | **Rokuro Nakano** | **Kazuo Yanase** |
| **Koriyu Kariya** | **Hidemi Nakashima** | **Torao Yokoyama** |
| **Florence Hisano Kato** | **Komao Nara** | **Kiriye Yoshida** |
| **Ruth Kawaguchi** | **Robert Nishimura** | |
| **Miya Kawamoto** | **Shizuko Nishimura** | |
| **Hakobu Koyano** | **George Tetsuo Noguchi** | |

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:**

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| 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 |

# April 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| **26**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SUNDAY SERVICE<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **27**<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm<br>RPC MEETING | **28**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **29** | **30**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **31** | **1** |
| **2**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SHOTSUKI HOYO SERVICE<br>11:45 am - 2:00 pm<br>YBA MEETING<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **3**<br>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm<br>BUDDHIST DISCUSSION GROUP | **4**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **5** | **6**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **7** | **8** |
| **9**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SUNDAY SERVICE<br>HANAMATSURI & HATSUMAIRI SERVICE | **10** | **11**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **12**<br>7:30 pm - 9:30 pm<br>MVBT BOARD MEETING | **13**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **14**<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm<br>ABA GENERAL MEETING | **15**<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am<br>BWA CHAPTER MEETING |
| **16**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SUNDAY SERVICE<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **17** | **18**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **19** | **20**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **21** | **22** |
| **23**<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am<br>SUNDAY SERVICE<br>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm<br>KIDS TAIKO | **24**<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm<br>RPC MEETING | **25**<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm<br>ADULTS TAIKO<br>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm<br>UKULELE CLUB | **26** | **27**<br>8:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS<br>10:00 am - 10:45 am<br>SENIOR TAIKO | **28** | **29** |
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## Support Your Temple

### Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

***Hoonko Service / Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial***

***Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi***

**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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## 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**

***Highlights in March Issue***


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