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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

July Highlights

- **7/9, Sun, 10:00 am**
  - * *Kangi-e Obon Urabon & Hatsubon Service*
  - * *Guest Speaker:* ***Rev. Henry Adams***
- **7/15 & 16, Sat & Sun**
  - * *71st Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar*
- **7/16 Sun, 6:30 pm**
  - * *Bon Odori Service in Hondo*

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August Highlights

- **8/19 Sat, 10:00 am**
  - * *Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament*

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September Highlights

- **9/10 Sun, 10:00 am**
  - * *Dharma School resumes*
  - * *Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September*

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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating High School Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks. In this issue, Ko Kitani, Emi Kosakura & Jake Aquino. Next issue, Jarrett Wong & Ryan Mukoyama.

2023 Graduating High School Seniors

FROM LEFT: Teacher Cori Kumamoto, Jake Aquino, Emi Kosakura, Ryan Mukoyama, Jarrett Wong, Rev. Mukojima, Teacher Alex Muselman. Not pictured: Ko Kitani, Anne Kunze & Joey Lee

High School Class of 2023 - Congratulations!

Keep Your Golden Link to MVBT Bright & Shining!

Congratulations to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's graduating High School Seniors. Best wishes for your next adventure! Always keep your golden link to MVBT. **Namo Amida Butsu**

Jake Aquino
Mountain View High School

Emi Kosakura
Monta Vista High School

Ko Kitani
Mountain View High School

Anne Kunze
Wilcox High School

Joey Lee
Prospect High School

Ryan Mukoyama
Bellarmine College Preparatory

Jarrett Wong
Abraham Lincoln High School

July 2023

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Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Gotan-e

Obon - Kangi-e - Urabon / Hatsubon

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

These donations make up one-third of the Fund Income.

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or

(2) Send a check to the Temple office

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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — July & September 2023

July 2, 2023, Sunday, No Services

July 9, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Urabon / Kangi-e / Obon Service & Hatsubon Service — Hybrid Service

Kangi-e Obon: An annual memorial observance in honor of one's ancestors. Kangi-e, the Shin Buddhist Obon tradition, translates to a "Gathering of Joy" indicating we should celebrate the memories of our past ancestors.

Hatsubon: A special observance during the first Kangi-e Obon service following the passing of a loved one.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Henry Toryo Adams, Resident Minister of San Mateo Buddhist Temple and Supervising Minister for the Buddhist Church of San Francisco

July 15 - 16, 2023, Saturday & Sunday, Obon Festival & Bazaar

- In-Person event open to the public
- On Sunday, Obon Odori Service starting 30 minutes before Odori starts

July 23 & 30, 2023, Sunday, No Services

August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2023, Sunday, No Services

September 10, 2023, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September, Hybrid Service

- Sunday Service and Dharma School resume
- 11:00 am: Japanese Language Service
- 11:00 am: English Language Discussion

JOIN US

Sunday Services are on Zoom. These Hybrid Services allow the Sangha to attend the service in person or on Zoom.
The Link to the Zoom Livestream can be found on Putra's Post that is emailed before the service.
Sign up for Putra's Post at
https://tinyurl.com/Signup-for-PutrasPost

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai (aka Osaisen) 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

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

Class of 2023 8th Grade Graduates - Congratulations!

Kate Hojo
Tierra Linda Middle School

Jeremy Tao
Peterson Middle School

Damon Uyehhara
Cupertino Middle School

From Left: Teacher Haley Sawamura, Jeremy Tao, Kate Hojo, Teacher Kelsey Sawamura & Rev. Mukojima

Not pictured:
Damon Uyehara

Miroku

Dana Project

We talked about the generosity of our Sangha with our Dana project, where we raised $1,300 in cash donations plus donated items. We read a letter from the Palo Alto Humane Society thanking us for our hard work and explaining how the funds would be spent.

AED Check, etc

We also talked about our service to the Temple and checking the AEDs every month.

Obon Weekend

Next, we discussed the upcoming Obon weekend and chairing the Shooting Gallery booth.

New Advisors

Finally, we introduced our two new Miroku advisors, **Christine Hirabayahi** and **Kim Tsuchida**, who will be joining **Janell Tao** next year.

We ended our meeting with the monthly AED checks and wished everyone a Happy Summer!

In Gassho,
Kate Hojo
8th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Obon Activities

The Daisy, Junior and Cadette scouts made gift card holders to donate for the Obon crafts sale. The five scouts together made over 100 of these cute origami style cards.

We're looking forward to hosting the Obon Drinks booth once again this summer!

Bridging Ceremony

The Troop completed its year with a Bridging Ceremony celebrating three Scouts:

- Bridging from Daisy to Brownie: Keiko T.
- Bridging from Junior to Cadette: Sophie K. and Kelly T.

Following the ceremony, our Scout families enjoyed an end of year celebration with dinner, desserts and in-person time together.

In Gassho,
Debbie Ho
Girl Scout Troop #60736

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KO

KITANI

Mountain View High School 2023

Bound for Drexel University

Studying Civil Engineering

Sense of Appreciate and Value What We Already Have

By Ko Kitani

Good morning, everyone.

I would first like to apologize for being unable to attend service in person. But I would also like to thank Reverend Mukojima for the opportunity to speak online as a replacement. With that said, I am honored, excited, and just a little bit terrified to be speaking today. After years of Sunday Services, YBA meetings, and everything in between, I've finally reached the daunting task of giving a speech in front of the Sangha. I've learned a lot of lessons during my years at the Temple, ranging from how late I could sleep in before I would be late for the 10 am start to which service has the best refreshments. But as I've grown as a person, throughout my time at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, I have learned a plethora of life lessons that I hope to carry on with me as I embark on my next chapter in life.

The first lesson Buddhism has taught me is that finding myself where I am now was never my choice, but it happened for a reason. Life is all about reasons and results, so we need to accept what happened. Based on that, this idea gave me the motivation to progress with life and do what I was supposed to do. And if something went wrong in life, I trusted that it was because of a reason I could search for and fix as much as I could. But if that did not work, I trusted that there is a hidden reason that I cannot see. An example could be my parents deciding things for me at a young age, such as waking up before 10 am every Sunday to attend service. I might not have liked this decision at the moment, but overtime I appreciate this choice my parents made. Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there. They serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson, or help figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be; your friends, your peers, teacher, long lost friend, or even a complete stranger who when you lock eyes with, you know that they will affect your life in some profound way. Because I've joined this community, I've been able to meet so many amazing people and friends throughout the years, shaping me into the person I am today. So while Buddhism wasn't my first choice, I'm content with the outcome.

Another lesson I've learned is to live in peace. When the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, my life was flipped upside down. I lost family and close friends to the virus, and didn't know how to process the grief and loss at a young age. What I've come to realize after a few years is that it's normal to miss someone, but we can't lose ourselves when we lose them. We can miss them, but we can't let our lives be over when they are gone. Because we still have our lives to live. Buddhism has taught me I don't need a reason to have hope – I don't need evidence or logic as much as I think I do. I don't even need to fully understand or grasp what hope is. Instead, I have to bravely decide to give in and trust in the process, even when I can't see or understand it – even if I don't know it's there. When life is dark, I have to believe that something is out there that is worth living. And this belief is what helps me move forward. Anxiety and overthinking do not change the situation. Life does go on. Two years ago we were online doing Zoom services, today we are in person. Hopefully by next year, masks will be just by choice, and normalcy will continue to progress.

Finally, I've learned to just be grateful. As I am mere months away from moving across the country to pursue a higher education, there are countless life lessons and memories that take place on the Temple grounds that will stick with me no matter how far I go. Being grateful means expressing happiness and thanks. All of us have many things to be grateful for, many things we take for granted. However, I've realized that life is the most important thing to be grateful for. Life is precious, life is precious. I always hear my grandparents and my mom say these words, but I didn't really understand until this year. Earlier this year, I lost a friend. He was a senior just like me and he would have graduated this month. A week before his passing, we were playing video games like normal, talking about all the things we had coming up for us. Except he never got to live through those plans. Death is unavoidable but it is unfortunate that life has to end for those who still have a life to live. The future is important, but the present is most important. Why plan ten years ahead when you don't know if you will still be alive? I am not saying go be paranoid and I am not saying forget about the future. However, I am saying that every day is a new day, another chance to try something different or something we enjoy. Life has so much to offer and we need to take the opportunity. I'll admit, I still complain a lot about things I should be grateful for, but as I grow up, I am learning to become

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Sense of Appreciate and Value What We Already Have - Cont'd

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more and more grateful. As Buddha once said "Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have." Happiness is not something that can be obtained solely through the acquisition of external possessions or achievements. Instead, it emphasizes the importance of appreciating and valuing experiences that we've already lived in our life. By acknowledging and appreciating what we already possess, whether it's relationships, personal accomplishments, or simple pleasures, we can develop a greater sense of satisfaction and well-being. There are always things that are worthy to be thankful for, even though they're often taken for granted.

So as my speech draws to a close, I want to thank the Temple for the valuable lessons I've learned. Through the teachings of Buddhism, I've learned that everything happens for a reason, and while I may not always agree with the circumstances, I can make the best use of the opportunities presented to me. I have also learned the importance of living in peace, even in the face of adversity. And while world events like a global pandemic can bring immense loss and grief, through Buddhism, there is hope and the courage to move forward. Happiness is not found in external possessions or achievements; it lies in appreciating and valuing what we already have. And so as I embark on my next chapter in life, I carry these lessons to guide me through any challenges that come my way. Thank you all for being a part of my journey. I'm not good at goodbyes, so until next time.

Thank you!

Kitani Ko

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

ABA Activities

ABA supported the recent Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser with chicken cleaning, cooking, rice packing and cleanup.

Our next support will be the Obon Festival & Bazaar fundraiser on July 15-16 by being in charge of the Chicken Teriyaki and Spam Musubi sales booth.

And on August 19, we will help with the Sasaki Golf Tournament dinner with the cooking and kitchen assistance.

At the end of August, ABA will be attending the San Jose Giants game (and fireworks show) on August 25 for the 11th consecutive year!

BREAKING NEWS!

Phyllis and Doug Sawamura have officially joined the MVBT ABA! Our membership welcomes the Sawamura's to our ABA family!

Join ABA

If you are interested in joining ABA or have any questions, please contact **Reiko Tsuchida** (Membership Chairperson), **Mieko Nakano** (Assistant Membership Chairperson) or any ABA member.

Next Meeting

The next ABA meeting will be on Friday, July 7 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

EMI

KOSAKURA

Monta Vista
High School
2023

Bound for
University of Washington

Studying
Informatics

The Temple Gave My Life Stability and Guidance

By Emi Kosakura

Good Morning!

My name is Emi Kosakura and I am so grateful that I got to grow up here at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Ever since I started attending Dharma School in preschool, I never would have imagined myself standing here in front of you all having it be my turn to give a Senior Speech.

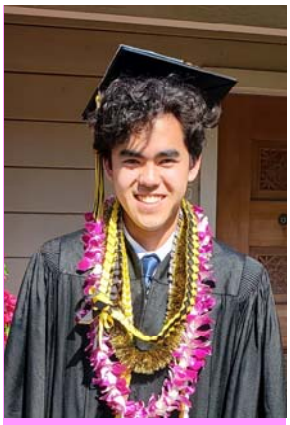
I vividly remember back in 2013 when my mom first made me write in this notebook each Sunday after church because I often couldn't recall what was talked about. In this book, I would write down something I learned at church, ranging from important dates and special services to remember to important takeaways from the insightful Dharma Talks. Looking through my notes from 10 years ago, one specific message stood out to me that I would like to touch upon and little did I know that what I wrote that day would continue to be something I reflect upon in my everyday life to this day.

As I reflect on my time here at the Temple, I have grown to appreciate all the little moments that are easily overlooked. Buddhism is about learning to accept and embrace our suffering, and I have gained a new perspective that has allowed me to live life with more peace and happiness. Having to experience great suffering means that I have also experienced the other end of the spectrum of great happiness and joy. I often find myself suppressing my feelings and emotions because I don't want my suffering to rub off on others and affect their happiness. However, over the years I have learned that life is about suffering. These past few years have been emotionally and mentally difficult for me, as I feel like I have worked so hard, but the end results are not what I expected. While these feelings should not be ignored, the teachings of the Buddha have helped me learn to accept my suffering and support others through their suffering. In the moment, it may feel like suffering, but looking down the road at the larger picture, everything happens for a reason and allows you to enjoy the happy moments to a greater extent. I never would've imagined where I'd be today, but I believe that this is where I'm meant to be at this part of my life and I will make the most out of all the opportunities given to me.

The welcoming environment that the MVBT community provides is something I deeply admire. Although I didn't build close relationships until recently, I have always felt the love and support from everyone in the tight knit community. From Dharma School to Obon to taiko to Nakayoshi Gakko, I have been able to find my place at the Temple and form meaningful friendships that I know will last a lifetime. Not only has the community provided me with lifelong friendships, it has also provided me with a safe place that lets me escape from the chaos that exists in everyday life. I have grown to look forward to going to church because it gives my life stability and the guidance that I need to succeed in life.

I wouldn't be the person I am today without the love, support, and guidance I have received from the wonderful Mountain View Buddhist Temple community. Thank you for being a place I can turn to and feel comfortable and just be myself. I am forever grateful for everything that the church and all of you have done for me. I will cherish the memories and carry on all the life lessons as I enter the next chapter of my life. Thank you for everything!

Thank you!



JAKE

AQUINO

Mountain View High School 2023

Bound for Cal State University at Long Beach

Studying Economics

Forever Grateful

By Jake Aquino

Hello everyone.

I am Jake Aquino. I am graduating from Mountain View High School and will be attending Cal State University at Long Beach in the fall to study economics. Thank you all for being here to listen to my speech. So I'm not gonna lie, I didn't really know what to write for this. After some brainstorming, I remembered what everyone talks about, impermanence. So obviously I'm not gonna talk about that. After some thinking, I remembered that the Temple's theme for this year was Kansha, or gratitude, and I thought that that would be the perfect topic for my speech. After all, I have a lot of things to be grateful for.

I've been attending this temple for as long as I can remember. Every week we would attend services and then go to Dharma School to learn about the many different Buddhist teachings. I am thankful for the Temple because of the opportunities it has given me and the friendships it has provided me along the way. I have learned many useful life lessons from the many services that I attended. The many Dharma Talks I have listened to throughout my childhood have been very helpful in teaching me how to treat others and live my life.

I am very grateful that we are back in the Temple for in-person services. Having two full years of Zoom services was quite the experience. It was very different to witness everything through the screen from home. And also football was on in the mornings so how was I even supposed to pay attention? But yeah, it was definitely a different experience compared to what I was used to. I think this experience was very useful though because it helped me become more appreciative of in-person services. I took for granted being able to see others, read from the service books, and actually go up to Oshoko.

In addition, I have also been able to make many relationships thanks to the Temple. Specifically through Dharma School and YBA. My parents met people through YBA and these are people that they are still friends with to this day. Even though I think my dad just joined YBA to be the ringer for their basketball tournaments. I have had the chance to meet many people during my time at the Temple. I am glad to have been given the same opportunity to make the same everlasting friendships as my parents have had.

So obviously, I am grateful for everyone who came out to support me. I am grateful for the Sangha that has always provided an amazing sense of community for me. I'd like to thank Reverend Mukojima and all my Dharma school teachers for teaching me many lessons about Buddhism. Thanks to all my friends who are always there for me. Special shoutout to Ryan, Jarrett, Connor, Lacey, Jillian, Ko, and Kendall, y'all are the best. Of course, I'd like to thank my family, Mom, Dad, Brad, and Kimi, for always supporting me, even though Brad didn't even come today. Just kidding, he has lacrosse practice right now.

Thank you to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, I will be forever grateful for the impact you have had on my life.

Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Graduates!

At the Dharma School Graduation Service on Sunday, June 11, the Dharma School recognized the 8th Grade Class and the High School Seniors.

8th Grade Class

8th Grade Class
From Left: Teacher Haley Sawamura, Jeremy Tao, Kate Hojo, Teacher Kelsey Sawamura & Rev. Mukojima

8th Grade Graduates & High School Attending

Congratulations to our middle school graduates:

Kate Hojo
Carlmont High School

Jeremy Tao
Wilcox High School

Damon Uyehara
Fremont High School

High School Graduates & College or University Attending

おめでとう to our high school graduates:

Jake Aquino
California State University at Long Beach

Ko Kitani
Drexel University

Emi Kosakura
University of Washington

Anna Kunze
Loyola Marymount University

High School Class
FROM LEFT: Teacher Cori Kumamoto, Jake Aquino, Emi Kosakura, Ryan Mukoyama, Jarrett Wong, Rev. Mukojima & Teacher Alex Muselman

Joey Lee
Yale University

Ryan Mukoyama
Loyola Marymount University

Jarrett Wong
University of California at Santa Barbara

Best wishes at college, and we look forward to seeing you when you return!

Dharma School Attendance Awards

On Sunday, June 11, the Dharma School recognized students who had stellar attendance records throughout the year:

Pre-School: **Riley Chu** and **Yuji Paris**

2nd Grade: **Yumi Paris**

Attendance Awards
FRONT ROW FROM LEFT: Yumi, Yushi, Kurumi, Jeremy & Oji

BACK ROW FROM LEFT: Brent, Jake, Ryan, Mason, Connor, Sensei & Jarrett

Dharma School

3rd Grade: **Avery Chu**

4th Grade: **Kayley Chu**

5th Grade: **Oji Mukojima** and **Yoshi Paris**

8th Grade: **Jeremy Tao**

High School: **Jacob Aquino**, **Mason Inouye**, **Kurumi Mukojima**, **Ryan Mukoyama**, **Connor Sato**, **Ella Weeks** and **Jarrett Wong**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dharma School Movie Night

The Dharma School hosted its end-of-the-year movie night on Saturday, June 10. Over thirty Dharma School students from Pre-K through high school (and their families) enjoyed a bounce house obstacle course, street tacos, a fire pit with s'mores, and the Super Mario Bros movie under the stars.

Dharma School News

Thank you to **Ricky Chu** and **Bryan Matsumoto** for planning the fun activity!

Dharma School Birthdays

A special thank you to **Donna Weeks**, **Traci Inouye**, and **Kendall Inouye** for your assistance with the Dharma School birthday books this year!

Donations

Gratefully Acknowledged:

Ken & Mieko Nakano

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT YBA News

YBA End of Year Social Activity

On Sunday June 11, we held our first end-of-year social activity. During this activity, we watched the movie "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" and then went to dinner at Armadillo Willy's.

YBA Camping Trip

The YBA advisors have begun planning for a two-night campout that will be held June 23-25. This will be the first campout since before the pandemic. We plan to have it at the beach, where we will hang out, play games, and bring back our Iron Chef Cooking competition.

2023-2024 Coast District Cabinet

Elections for the 2023-2024 Coast District Cabinet took place during the May Coast District meeting. Congratulations to the incoming cabinet:

President: ..... **Chris Hojo** (MV)

Vice President: ..... **Michael Ho (SJ)**

Secretary: ..... **Miya Fujikawa** (SJ)

Treasurer: ..... **Kendall Ho** (SJ)

Religious Chair: ..... **Allyson Itow** (MV)

Activities Chair: ..... **Aaron Oshidari** (SJ)

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

2023-2024 YBA Cabinet

Elections for the 2023-2024 YBA Cabinet took place during our June meeting. Congratulations to the incoming cabinet:

President: .....**Allyson Itow**

Vice President: .....**Jillian Higa**

Treasurer: .....**Lacey Armistead**

Recording Secretary: .....**Kiera Nishimoto**

Corresponding Secretary: .....**Emi Hirabayashi**

Religious Chair: .....**Bradley Aquino**

Activities Chair: .....**Connor Sato**

Coast District Representative: **Chris Hojo**

Historian: **Kendall Inouye** & **Danica Lim**

In Gassho,
Jake Aquino
2022-2023 YBA President

BWA Activities

Buddhist Women's Association

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

BWA made *otsukemono* for the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser held in June. We had a fantastic group of workers.

World Buddhist Women's Convention

In May, several BWA members, spouses and Rev Mukojima attended the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto Japan at the Kyoto International Conference Center. In addition, they visited the Nishi Hongwanji and attended the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching.

Other highlights of the trip were visiting Sensei's family temple in Obama, as well as the Otani Hombyo, Kurobe Gorge, Eshi no Sato Museum (gravesite for Eshinniko), sake tasting and Tokyo.

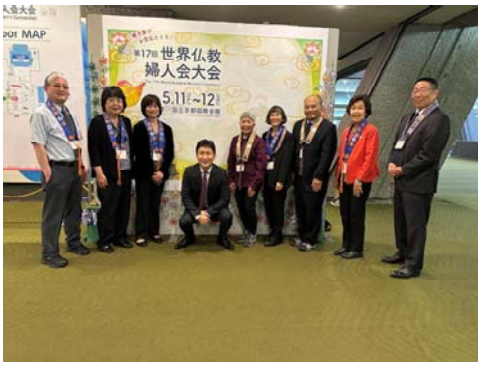
Obon Festival & Bazaar

BWA will be making the otsukemono for MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar. We will be preparing it on Thursday, July 13. from 8 am to 1 pm. And, packing of the it will be on Friday, July 14, from 9 am to noon.

Next Meeting

There will not be a BWA meeting in July and August. The next meeting will be in September.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President



All photos taken at the Kyoto International Conference Center at the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

Senior Activities:.

June 8 was our last Senior Activities session before the summer break. We will resume on Thursday, September 7. Please mark this date on your calendar.

When we return in September, this program is for you from 9 am to 12 noon. Please join in on some of the fun activities provided for your entertainment and health. There is line dancing, card games, sing along, chair exercise and taiko or just relax and socialize with friends. Light refreshments are provided with coffee and tea.

Senior Crafts

The craft program starts at 9:00 am to 12 noon.

Senior Cookbooks

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.

Continue to stay safe and well. Enjoy the summer break.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

Certificate of Scholarship

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Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarhip Recipients

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Jake Aquino,

Ryan Mukoyama *and*

Jarrett Wong

The Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki Scholarship was awarded at the Sunday Service on Jun11 to three Dharma School, high school graduating seniors. Congratulations to **Jake Acquino**, **Ryan Mukoyama** and **Jarrett Wong**.

Background

After the passing of both Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki, a scholarship in their name was established at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple in 1985 with a donation from the families of their children. Now, the Sasaki Scholarship is funded by the proceeds of the Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship Memorial Golf Tournament.

Each June, the Sasaki scholarship is awarded to a college-bound high school student in the Temple. The recipient must enroll in a college, express a strong interest in the Buddhist religion, have an excellent attendance record in Dharma School, and have been participating in other Buddhist activities. The scholarship committee also considers YBA participation, Buddhist education activities and an essay. Sometimes the committee awards multiple scholarships, depending on the qualifications of the applicants.

To date, the Scholarship Committee has given 66 scholarships to deserving Dharma School high school graduates.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Scholarship Committee

FRONT ROW from left:
Jake Aquino, Ryan Mukoyama &
Jarrett Wong

BACK ROW from left:
Steve Tsuchida &
Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Golf Tournament

The Sasaki Golf Tournament provides income for the scholarship fund. Please play or donate to the scholarhip fund.

Arigato Gozaimasu!

Play Golf with Us This Year

Join us at this year's golf tournament to be held on August 19 at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. A signup sheet can be found in this issue of the Echo, also available on MVBT Website and Putra's Post.

Sunnyvale Golf

Donations Accepted

If you are not able to play in the tournament, donations are gladly accepted. See signup sheet for donating information.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Memorial Golf Committee

Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 36th Annual
Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

When: **Saturday, August 19, 2023**

Course: **Sunnyvale Golf Course**
605 Macara Lane
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Entry Deadline: **Wednesday, August 9, 2023.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.

Time: **First tee time at 10:00 am**
All Golfers must check in **45 Minutes Before** your tee time.
Tee times will be emailed to golfers on Monday, August 14.

Fee: **$150 per golfer** (Includes green fees, barbeque dinner, prizes & appreciable contributions toward the Sasaki Scholarship Fund)

Carts are NOT included. Pay at Pro-Shop: $16 if shared; $20 if single.

Temple members, friends, and non-golfers are invited to attend the barbecue dinner for $25 to support the scholarship fund. The dinner is scheduled for 5:00 pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many door prizes will be presented. Dinner reservations must be made by **August 9, 2023**.

Make checks payable to: "Mountain View Buddhist Temple" with Memo "*Sasaki Scholarship*"

Mail all entries to: Steve Tsuchida
7618 Hollanderry Place
Cupertino, CA 95014

Questions: Email to mvbt.sasaki.golf@gmail.com or call Steve at 408-316-8319.

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

36th Annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

NAME	GHIN Number ---------- (Enter "0" if none. Callaway Handicap will be assigned)	Email Address
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Golfers - $150 x number of golfers	#	$
Dinner Only - $25 x number of people	#	$
Donation	**Thank You**	$
Total Amount Due		$

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

e-mail address: _____

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 24

MVBT SANGHA DAY PICNIC

DATE: Sunday, September 24

LOCATION: At the Temple

MORE DETAILS: Look in Putra's Post, Temple Website and Next Echo

- All Temple members and their families are invited.
- Please join us for a day of camaraderie, great food and fun games.

Picnic at MVBT Sangha Hall

German International School Students Visit MVBT

On June 16, six 9th Grade students and two teachers from the German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV) in Mountain View visited the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. GISSV provides an outstanding academic program for students from preschool to high school and prides themselves on their international outlook and welcome families from all cultural and language backgrounds.

During their visit to MVBT, Rev. Mukojima provided an overview of the principles of Shin Buddhism, the history of the founding by Shinran Shonin, the aspects of the onaijin and answered questions from the students.

They were invited to attend our Obon Festival and Bazaar in July.

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
MVBT Board President

2022 - 2023 Hatsubon Families

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has 13 families that have lost a loved one since the 2022 Hatsubon Service. To remember those who have passed away before us, the Temple has the Hatsubon Service. All of the Hatsubon loved ones have and will continue to influence our lives and the future of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

The Hatsubon loved ones are listed below.

Loved One	Date of Death	Buddhist Name	Homyo
George Akira Makishima	6/12/2022	Shaku Nin-Sho	釋忍彰
Shizue Hiroshige	8/18/2022	Shaku Myo-Jo	釋妙静
John Hiro Kariya	8/22/2022	Shaku Sho-Shin	釋正心
Shizue Ogata	9/20/2022	Shaku Jo-Kyo	釋浄響
Richiko Obuchi	12/2/2022	Shaku Chi-Sho	釋智清
Itaru Kawano	12/21/2022	Shaku Shi-Kaku	釋至覚
Frank Nobuo Bunya	12/28/2022	Shaku Shin-Do	釋信導
Sandra Aiko Enomoto	12/29/2022	Shaku A-Non	釋愛穏
Eddy Giro Tsumura	3/4/2023	Shaku Gi-Jo	釋義誠
Milton Tetsuya Hamasaki	3/9/2023	Shaku Tetsu-E	釋哲慧
Rev. LaVerne Sasaki	3/31/2023	Yo-Mon In Shaku Sen-Yo	要聞院釋千洋
Ann Hisako Smith	4/26/2023	No Buddhist Name	...
Minoru Terada	5/13/2023	Shaku Jitsu-En	釋実圓

Putra says,

"Join us on

July 15 & 16

for the

2023 Obon Festival & Bazaar"

MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar is back open to the public and in person on Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, 2023. We're looking forward to seeing old and new friends, playing games, eating lots of good food and dancing.

Please join us and celebrate the return of this wonderful event. If you have not already done so, please consider supporting this event and sign-up to help where you can at

https://sangha.mvbuddhisttemple.org/obon/

If you have any questions, please email us at mvbt.zone13@gmail.com.

In Gassho,

Zone 13 MVBT Obon 2023 Committee.

2023 Obon Festival & Bazaar
July 15 - 16
Key Dates & Times

DATE	TIMES	ACTIVITY
Thursday, July 6	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Odori Dance Practice
	8:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Maui Dance Practice
Sunday, July 9	**10:00 am - 11:00 am**	**Kan-gi E Obon/ Hatsubon Service**
Tuesday, July 11	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	16' Refrigeration Truck arrives
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Odori Dance Practice
	8:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Maui Dance Practice
Wednesday, July 12	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Manju making
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Special Events set-up
	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Chicken delivery
	10:00 am	Prepare Sangha Hall for chicken cleaning
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Clean & Prepare Chicken
	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Bazaar Prep w/volunteers
	7:00 pm	Scouts stripe parking lots
Thursday, July 13	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Chicken Salad prep & Manju Dough Cookie baking
	8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Tsukemono Prep (making)
	All Day	Bazaar Prep w/volunteers
	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Taiko Practice
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Odori Dance Practice
	8:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Maui Dance Practice
	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Shave Ice Prep
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Beef Teriyaki Booth & Pit Set-up
Friday, July 14	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Turn Chicken
	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	26' Refrigeration Truck arrives
	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Tsukemono Prep (packing)
	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Yakisoba prep
	3:00 pm to 8 pm	Beef prep, Skewering
	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Shave Ice Prep
Saturday, July 15	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Corn shucking at Corn booth
	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Spam Musubi delivery/prep
	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**Obon Festival & Bazaar**
	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	MVBT Taiko
	5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Hondo tour
	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Hondo tour
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Jun Daiko
	8:00 pm	**Maui Dancing**
	10:00 pm	Pick up trash from Obon parking lots
Sunday, July 16	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Spam Musubi delivery/prep
	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	**Obon Festival & Bazaar**
	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	MVBT Taiko
	2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Hondo tour
	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Jun Daiko
	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Hondo tour
	4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Dressing classrooms Open
	6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Chidori band plays
	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Bon Odori Service in Hondo
	7:00 pm	**Odori Dancing**
	8:00 pm	Pick up trash from Obon parking lots
Monday, July 17	7:30 am - 8:30 pm	Clear Special Events tents/booths
	All Day	Post Obon Clean Up w/ volunteers
	9:00 am	Take down signs & put away
Tuesday, July 18	All Day	Post Obon Clean Up w/ volunteers
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Special Events tents picked up

Obon Festival Donation

SUPPORT MVBT OBON

The 2023 annual Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival & Bazaar is coming up the weekend of July 15 and 16 where thousands of folks will be attending this two-day event from near and far. Each year, we look to our friends and Sangha members for their support making contributions to this festive event. Obon is our largest fundraiser and a primary source of income for the Temple.

During the 2020 OBON at HOME, digital lanterns were created to honor our beloved ancestors and we would like to continue this tradition. You may purchase a digital dedication lantern starting from $25. Lanterns and sponsor names will be prominently featured on the MVBT website.

HOW DONATIONS WILL BE USED

Your donations to the Obon Festival & Bazaar are directed to the Temple's Building Renovation Fund (aka Expansion Fund), which currently pays for major repairs to our buildings and facilities and builds up the financial foundation for future Temple building projects. In recent years, due to ever-growing expenses for the normal operation of the Temple, we have had to turn to the Expansion Fund to fix leaks in the Hondo roof and to fill shortfalls in the annual daily operating budget.

HOW TO DONATE

Go online to the Temple's donation website at

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/

to make your donation.

If paying by check, please make checks payable to "Mountain View Buddhist Temple" (or "MVBT") with a check memo note "Obon Bazaar Sponsor." Mail your donation form (that is in this Echo) and check to:

Mountain View Buddhist Temple
c/o Obon Bazaar Sponsor
575 North Shoreline Blvd
Mountain View, CA 94043

Thank you for your support!

QUESTIONS & CONTACT

Please contact Janell Tao or Kim Tsuchida, 2023 Donation Co-chairs, at janellu@yahoo.com / (408) 655-8106 or kim_tsuchida@yahoo.com / (310) 259-7388.

ABOVE PHOTOS: Flower Shop at 2019 Obon Festival & Bazaar

WANTED PLANT & FLOWER DONATIONS

Attention home gardeners. The 2023 Obon Festival Flower Shop will be open, and we would welcome any plants and/or flowers you might be willing to donate.

If you are able to contribute, please contact Leslie Imai at leslie.imai@gmail.com or (650) 303-3001 so that your gift can be properly acknowledged.

We would appreciate it if you could drop the plants off at the Flower Shop on Friday (7/14) evening or Saturday (7/15) morning. If you need your donations to be picked up, please let us know so we can help.

MVBT Obon Festival Donations and Lantern Order Form

Please use this form to make any donations to MVBT and commemorate the memory of your loved ones. Donations can be received until July 23rd. Donations received by July 12 will be prominently featured on the Temple's Obon website and in the Sangha Hall Main Dining area during the Festival. Donations received from July 12 to 23rd will be posted on our website for the remainder of the year.

Please return this form with your check. You may also go online to the Temple's donation website at obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/donate to make your donation.

First Name_____ Last Name_____
Email_____Phone_____
Street Address_____ City_____
State_____ Zip Code_____ Zone or Organization_____
Donation Amount $_____
How would you like your donation to be recognized? (ex. Individual name, family name, organization/business name, anonymous)

_____

Names for Lanterns:
Please list the name(s) that you would like to honor on your digital lanterns, **separated by commas** (40 characters max per lantern). For Lotus and Sakura level sponsors, you may submit one name for every $25 donated). Wisteria and Chrysanthemum have no limit. If you do not have all of your names at this time, you will receive instructions on how to do so later in your confirmation email.

Lantern Names (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary)
In Memory Of _____
In Memory Of _____
In Memory Of _____
In Memory Of _____

STANDARD DIGITAL DEDICATION LANTERN
($25 each)

LOTUS
($100-499)

Lotus-decorated lanterns
(one per $25 donated)
Recognition on website

SAKURA
($500-999)

Sakura-decorated lanterns
(one per $25 donated)
Recognition on website

WISTERIA
($1000-2499)

Wisteria-decorated lanterns
(unlimited)
Small logo on website

CHRYSANTHEMUM
($2500+)

Custom photo/logo lanterns
(unlimited)
Large logo on website

Handicrafts and Asian Treasures Booth

Mountain View Buddhist Temple's
"Handicraft and Asian Treasures" Booth
is looking for *YOUR DONATIONS*!

Accepted Items:

***Handmade Crafts**
(Aprons, Dish Towels, Crocheted Items, Misc. Craft/Decorative)

***Asian Items**

(Dishes, Serving Items, Yukata, Kimono, Uchiwa, Sensu, Tenugui, Scrolls, Paintings, Dolls/Figurines, Japanese Music (Cd/Cassette/Records))

***New/Gently Used Aloha Shirts**

Donations can be dropped off at
Mountain View Buddhist Temple Office.
Monday – Friday, 10am to 2pm.

LAST DAY TO DONATE IS FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023

For Questions please e-mail Derek Ives:
mvbt_craftandrummage@outlook.com

2023 150 Club News

Our winners for June are **Traci and Mike Inouye**.

Congratulations to Traci and Mike!

Thank you to everyone for participating in 150 Club!

Stay safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
JULY	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
AUG	No Toban	No Aug Echo	N / A
SEPT	Toban 12 & 13	Aug 11 (Fri)	Aug 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 .

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July was held on Sunday, June 4

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The next Shotsuki Hoyo will be held on September10 for loved ones who passed away in August and September.

June & July 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 **June & July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Shiro Abe	**Kisa Ruth Kamei**	**Mika Okita**
Dorothy Chikasuye	**Kevin Kamimoto**	**Ichitaro Okumura**
Spencer Cowap	**Koyuki Kamimoto**	**Bruce Okuno**
Robyn Delgado	**Yasuto Kamimoto**	**Lily Omokawa**
Kazuo Domoto	**Iris Kawamoto**	**Florence Ozawa**
Kazuko Eidmann	**Kojuro Kawamoto**	**Ryu Ozawa**
Frank Fujii	**Yasu Kawamoto**	**Yoshio Ozawa**
Kotome Fujii	**Norma Kochi**	**Ken Sakamoto**
Masakazu Fujii	**Albert Kosakura**	**Hannah Sato**
Nobu Fukuda	**Mitsue Koto**	**Mishi Sako**
George Furuichi	**Tayeko Kurashige**	**Nizo Sako**
Mike Furusho	**George Akira Makishima**	**Tad Sawamura**
James Furuta	**Kiyoshi Makishima**	**Suye Shimamoto**
Tomoye Goto	**Erin Maruyama**	**Mary Shimizu**
Shizue Haruta	**George Masuda**	**Margaret Shinseki**
Ben Hayamizu	**Jimmy Matsuba**	**Dora Sugimoto**
Masako Hayamizu	**John Matsumoto**	**Trevor Sugimoto**
Grace Hayano	**Frank M. Matsumoto**	**Yuki Taniguchi**
Joe Hayano	**Jimmy Matsumoto**	**Barry Tokunaga**
Bessie Hayashida	**Shizuko Mayeda**	**Ted Tokunaga**
Mae Higaki	**Natsumi Michihira**	**Ito Tsukagawa**
Sidney Hiramoto	**Helen Miyake**	**Toshie Tsukamoto**
Masataka Hirabayashi	**Chizuko Murai**	**Irene Uchiyama**
Asa Hori	**Kazuko Nagatani**	**Kiyoshi Umeda**
Genzo Horino	**Bernice Nakagawa**	**Kazuko Watanabe**
Josephine Hoshiko	**Katsuki Nakagawa**	**Eiko Yamamoto**
Akie Idota	**Shigeo Nakanishi**	**Ichiji Yanaba**
Kou Imai	**Megumi Nakano**	**Kenji Yamane**
Yukishige Imai	**Kuni Nakagawa**	**Naoko Yamashita**
Takao Ishikawa	**Tsuyoshi Nakashima**	**Imi Yasuda**
John Ishizaka	**Jim Nakayama**	**Goichi Yonemoto**
Yotsu Iwata	**Kiyo Ogata**	
Kenzo Kamei	**Takara Ogawa**	

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**

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30	31 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm TECH SUPPORT OFFICE HOURS 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RPC MEETING	1 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	2	3 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm TIGER TEAM MEETING	4	5
6	7 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm TECH SUPPORT OFFICE HOURS	8 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	9	10	11 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm YABA SOCIAL HANGOUT 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ABA GENERAL MEETING	12
13	14 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm TECH SUPPORT OFFICE HOURS	15 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	16	17 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm TIGER TEAM MEETING	18	19
20	21 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm TECH SUPPORT OFFICE HOURS	22 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	23	24	25 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm YABA SOCIAL HANGOUT	26
27	28 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm TECH SUPPORT OFFICE HOURS 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RPC MEETING	29 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm UKULELE CLUB	30	31 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm TIGER TEAM MEETING	1	2

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Gotan-e

Obon - Kangi-e - Urabon / Hatsubon

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

Upcoming Events

August 19, 2023, Saturday

- Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament & Banquet

Sept 10, 2023, Sunday

- Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September
- Dharma School Resumes

Join MVBT Sangha

- **JOIN or RENEW your Membership**
- **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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