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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

March Highlights

- ***3/3, Sunday, 10:00 am, March Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid***
  - *11:00 am: Japanese Language Service*
  - *11:00 am: English Language Discussion*
- ***3/4, Monday, 7:00 pm, Hybrid Buddhist Study Class***
- ***3/10, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid***
- ***3/17 Sunday, 10:00 am, Spring Ohigan Service, Hybrid***
  - ***Guest Speaker: Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi***
- ***3/24, Sunday, 10:00 am, Girl Scout Sunday, Hybrid***
- ***3/31, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid***

Plant a Seed

Temple Car in Accident

Last month, the Temple car was struck by another car. This is how it happened.

When my wife took our son to the Japanese Language School, she parked the car on a street in the residential area near his school. After she walked our son to school, she went back to where the car was parked to find a man standing right next to the car. She felt uneasy about him there, but then he walked up to her to ask if she was the owner of the parked car. He suddenly bowed his head and apologized to her. He told her that because there was space in front of her car, he tried to park his car there. But unfortunately, he steered in the wrong direction and instead bumped the right rear side of his car into the front left of the temple car.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

My wife assumed it was not going to be a big deal because the accident happened while the man was trying to park. But she was quite surprised when she saw the front of the car because the front bumper and the headlight were damaged more than she anticipated. So, the man bowed his head to her again with a sorry look on his face. After they exchanged their license and car insurance information and so on, my wife got into the car to drive home. But because the front bumper was dragging on the ground and might have fallen off if she drove too fast, she avoided the highway and returned safely using the local roads. This is how she explained the car accident.

When my wife told me what had happened, I began complaining about this misfortune happening so early in the New Year. But after careful consideration, I began to

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Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Dharma School Classes on Sunday, February 25

There will be no Dharma School classes on Sunday, February 25, as the BCA Eitaikyo Service will be held online in conjunction with the National Council Meeting.

Seeking Parent Volunteers

An email was sent to Dharma School parents with opportunities to engage with our Dharma School activities and help bring back and maintain some of our pre-COVID activities.

Please consider volunteering!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**2**
3 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 12p-1p Miroku Meeting (YBA Hall\; Conference Room)	**4** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**5** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**6** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**7** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**8** Int'l. Women's Day 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) 7:30p-9p ABA General Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/ Main Hall/Kitchen)	**9**
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17 Saint Patrick's Day 10a-12p Spring Ohigan Service & Dharma School (Hybrid Service) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-3p CD YBL Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room)	**18**	**19** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**20** Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**21** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**22** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**23**
24 World Tuberculosis Day 10a-12p Girl Scout Sunday Service & Dharma School (Hybrid Service) 11:45a-2p Dharma School Teachers Meeting (Education Building\; Classrooms 2 and 3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**25** 1p-2p Senior Activities Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall) 7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting	**26** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**27** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**28** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**29** Good Friday 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**30**
31 Easter 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)						

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

Religious Planning — March 2024

March 3, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

11:00 am Japanese Languare Service
11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group

March 4, 2024, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Study Class, Online Meeting

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

March 10, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

March 17, 2024, 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: Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, BCA Minister Emertius

March 24, 2024, Sunday, 10:00am — Girl Scout Sunday, Hybrid Service

March 31, 2024, Sunday, 10:00am — Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

JOIN US

In-Person Sunday Dharma Messages are presented by Rev. Mukojima, Minister's Assistant John Arima & Rev. Devon Matsumoto.

These Services are also Hybrid to allow the Sangha to attend the service on Zoom. The Link to the Zoom Livestream can be found in Putra's Post that is emailed before the service.

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

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

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

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

2024 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: **Fay & Larry Matsumoto**

February: **Alec Matsumoto**

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 12 & 13	N / A	N / A
APR	Zones 2 & 3	Mar 15 (Fri)	Mar 20 (Wed)
MAY	Zones 4 & 5	Apr 12 (Fri)	Apr 17 (Wed)

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

Plant a Seed — cont'd

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think that we were saved because the man who had caused the accident was honest.

Honest Father

First, I was very impressed that the man had waited for the driver of the car that he had hit although he had no idea when they would be coming back. We would not have known who was responsible for the damage to our car had that man decided to drive off instead. If so, we would have been responsible for the repair costs.

My wife also told me that the man's little daughter was standing next to her father, waiting patiently even though she was probably worried about being late for school. When I pictured this father and daughter waiting together, my complaints about this man's carelessness gradually turned into a feeling of gratitude: **"Thank you for waiting!"** And although the Temple car was damaged, this incident reminded me how wonderful it is when someone is honest.

Honesty is the best policy

Honesty means free of deceit and lies. It means to be sincere and trustworthy. There are some familiar proverbs on this topic like,

"Honesty is a lifelong treasure" or
"Honesty is the best policy."

These proverbs tell us how important it is not to be deceitful when living in a world full of people. On the other hand, there is also an ironic proverb about being truthful:

"Honesty doesn't pay."

Certainly, there are also many instances where dishonest people gain something for themselves by being sly like a fox, while honest people who value order will often lose something. Every time that happens, I feel sad and disappointed at the social contradiction in which honest people are not rewarded.

Honesty is the Best Policy

Cause and Effect

As you know, the basic teaching of Buddhism is the law of the cause and effect. Cause and effect have the relationship where an effect always has a cause, but an effect without a cause doesn't exist. Furthermore, Buddhist teaching puts an emphasis on our deeds (karma) based on the Law of Causality:

> *The idea that good acts cause good effects and that bad acts cause bad effects.*

It teaches us the truth of this world that what goes around comes around.

Sakyamuni Buddha shows us this truth simply by using the following metaphor:

> *The seed doesn't sprout if you don't plant the seed. If you plant the seed, it will surely sprout. What you must reap is just all that you planted.*

And he also says,

> *Although the seed will surely sprout, its time is uncertain.*

For example, if you tell lies often (the cause), you will lose your friends' trust (the effect) sooner or later. On the other hand, if you always understand others and keep a promise (the cause), you will eventually gain respect and trust (the effect) from all those around you. In other words, your daily deeds will eventually bring you happiness or unhappiness.

With these examples, Buddhism teaches us that our lives as humans are determined by our deeds (karma). It is that, with our free will, we are able to choose our actions and decide our own future and freely create the world as we wish. The teachings of the law of causality and our deeds (karma) encourage us to strive toward the future in order to achieve the world of absolute freedom in which we will be able to eliminate our suffering.

What this means is that although the time when the seed sprouts is uncertain, your current effort will never be wasted. You will surely get result associated with your efforts. And if you neglect efforts, you will definitely get what you deserve someday. You should remember that whether you make your future happiness or unhappiness depends only on your daily behavior or ***karma*** (words, thoughts, deeds) and right effort.

"My Dad Is Honest and Trustworthy!"

When I think about it, although the man damaged the Temple car, his act of apologizing honestly without running away was something worthy of respect as a human. Unfortunately, for his little daughter, it must have been a tough day filled with anxiety over her father damaging another person's car, plus worrying whether she might be late for school. However, I believe that, sooner or later, the sincere act of this man owning up to his actions will surely make his daughter be proud of him, realizing, "My dad is honest and trustworthy!"

This has been a story about the man who, as a human and a father, planted a beautiful seed.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二四年三月法話

一種をまく一

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月、お寺の車をぶつけられてしまいました。事の発端はこうです。妻が息子を補習校に送りに行った際、校舎近くの住宅街の通りで車を駐車しました。そこから息子を歩いて学校まで送り届けた後、再び車のほうに戻ってくると、ある男性が車の横で立っていたそうです。妻がそれを見て不審に思っていると、その男性が妻に近寄ってきて妻がその車の所有者であることを確認すると、男性は急に頭を下げて謝ってこられました。男性が言うには、妻の車の前に駐車スペースがあったので、そこに自分の車を止めようとしたところ、ハンドル操作を誤って彼の車右後方の側面と妻の車の左前方が接触してしまったそうです。

妻は駐車時の接触だから大したことないだろうと思って車前方に目をやると、予想以上にフロントバンパーとヘッドライトが損傷していて結構驚いたそうです。それを見ていた男性も何とも申し訳なさそうな顔で再度妻に頭を下げられたそうです。その後、運転免許証や自動車保険など必要な情報を互いに交換し、妻は車を運転して帰宅しました。しかし、その道中スピードを出すと損傷したフロントバンパーが路面に擦れて今にも外れそうだったので、高速道路に乗らずゆっくりと下道で帰ってきたということでした。

その話を妻から聞いた私は年始早々に起きたこの災難に愚痴を漏らしていたのですが、よくよく考えてみますと、相手方の男性が正直であったことに救われたように思いました。まず、いつ戻ってくるか分からないにもかかわらず、私の妻を現場で待っていたことにとても感心しました。もしそのまま逃げていても誰も彼が車をぶつけたとは分からなかったはずです。そうなると修理代を相手方に請求できなかったでしょう。また、男性の隣には幼い娘さんが立っていて、学校に遅れるのを不安になりながらもお父さんと一緒に辛抱強く待っていたそうです。そんな話を聞いたうえで、その親子の姿を想像すると、ぶつけられたという文句よりも、待ってくれて有難うという感謝の気持ちが次第に強くなってきました。車をぶつけられましたが、人として正直であることの素晴らしさを改めて気づかされました。

「正直」とは、嘘やごまかしのないこと、素直で正しいことを意味します。この言葉には、「正直は一生の宝」などといったことわざがあり、人の世を生きる上で正直であることが如何に大切なことであるかを説いています。しかしその反面、「正直者は馬鹿を見る」などといったことわざもあり、正直な人を皮肉ることもあります。確かに、不誠実な者がずる賢く立ち回って得をし、秩序を大切にする正直者が損をするということが多々あります。その度に、正直者が報われない矛盾した社会を悲しく残念に思います。

皆さんもご存じのように、仏教の根幹となる教えに「因果の道理」があります。因果とは、原因と結果を意味するもので、どんな結果にも必ず原因があり、原因のない結果は存在しないというのが原因と結果の関係です。更に仏教には、私達人間の行為(カルマ)に重きを置いて説く、「善因善果」・「悪因悪果」・「自因自果」ということの世の真理を教えています。つまり、善い行いも悪い行いも全て自分に返ってくるということです。

そのことをお釈迦様は「まかぬ種は生えぬ。まいた種は必ず生える。刈り取らねばならぬ全ては自分のまいたものばかり」と分かりやすく伝えておられます。また、「まいた種は必ず生えるが、生えてくる時期には、前後がある」とも教えられています。

例えば、嘘ばかりつく(原因)ことで友人から信用を失う(結果)のは早かれ遅かれ自分に必ず返ってきます。また反対に、相手をつねに理解し約束を守る(原因)ことで周りの人から尊敬と信頼を勝ち取る(結果)ことができます。これは自分の日々の行いが、全て自分の幸・不幸となって最終的に現れてくるということです。

このように仏教では、人間の生きるいとなみは行為(カルマ)によると教えています。それは、私達の自由意志によって自己の未来を選び、決断し、自由に自らの世界をきり開いていくことができるということを説いています。この因果の道理や私達の行為(カルマ)の教えは、未来に向かって苦を滅する絶対自由の世界を目指して、人間が努力することを促しているのです。

ですから、まいた種が生えてくる時期には前後がありますが、今の努力に決して無駄はありません。必ずそれにともなう結果が現れてきます。逆に、努力をしないでいるとその報いが必ず自分に返ってきます。自分の未来を幸せなものにするか不幸なものにするかは私達の日々の行為(言葉・思考・行動)、そして努力一つにかかっているということなのです。

そのことを考えた時、車をぶつけた男性が逃げることなく正直に謝罪された行為は人として尊敬に値します。また幼い娘にとって、お父さんが人さまの車をぶつけてしまったという不安と学校に遅れるという心配で大変な思いをした一日だったと思いますが、彼女の父親のこの行動が必ず、彼女の心の中で「誠実で正直な私のお父さん」と胸を張って自慢する日が来ると確信しています。車をぶつけはしましたが、人として父親として素晴らしい種をまかれた方のお話しです。

2024 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Cabinet Installations at January 28 Sunday Service

Temple, BWA and ABA

Congratulations to the 2024 cabinets for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) and the Adult Buddhist Association (ABA). The cabinets were installed during the Sunday Service on January 28. The Temple cabinet is below. The BWA and ABA cabinets are on Pages 7 and 8, respectively.

2024 TEMPLE CABINET

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	Rotating Zone Rep.
Corresponding Secretary	Debbie Ho
Auditor:	Kevin Arakaki
Membership Co-Chairpersons	Bob Yamanaga
	Leslie Imai
Historian	Eric Arakaki
Echo Editor	Steve Tsuchida
Immediate Past President	Bob Matsumoto

MVBT President's Message

To the MVBT Sangha

A big thanks to the 2024 MVBT Board Cabinet. Their names and positions are listed above with the photo of their installment.

The Cabinet and entire Board spend hours and hours of volunteer time to the Temple. They are the behind-the-scenes people dedicated to MVBT's past, present and future.

Thanks to the whole Sangha for their dedication to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Your enthusiasm, ideas and actions are all appreciated.

In Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
MVBT Board President

Upcoming Major Services

Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi	April 14
Gotan-e Service	May 19
Graduation Service	June 9
Father's Day Service	June 16
Obon / Hatsubon Service	July 14
Fall Ohigan Service	Sept 14
Bishops' Memorial & ABA Memorial Service	Oct 20
Eitaikyo Service & Keiro Kai Luncheon	Nov 17
Bodhi Day Service	Dec 1
New Year's Eve Service	Dec 31

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA Memorial Service

On Sunday, January 21, 2024, BWA held our Eshinniko/BWA Memorial Service. The service was highlighted with an outstanding talk by our guest speaker **Mrs. Karen Akahoshi**. She was chosen to be our guest speaker because she was the guest speaker for BCA at the World Buddhist Women's Conference in Kyoto, Japan, in May 2023.

We had a wonderful luncheon after our service at Ristorante Don Giovanni in downtown Mountain View with 25 attendees. All enjoyed terrific food and conversations.

47th BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Association Conference

Our BWA has been preparing for the National FBWA Conference, which will be in person, in October 2024 at the Double Tree Hotel in San Jose. There are still many more hours of hard work and planning ahead of us.

Membership Dues

We are accepting 2024 dues of $20.

Next Meeting

The next BWA meeting will be on March 15, 2024 at 10:00 am, in YBA Hall.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Karen Akahoshi on podium

Fom Left: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, Reiko Murakami, Karen Akahoshi & Rev. Mukojima

Fom Left: Glenn Kitasoe, Lois Okino & Will Dea with other attendees for lunch at Ristorante Don Giovanni

2024 BWA CABINET

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

2024 BWA Cabinet was installed during the Sunday Service on January 28

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

2024 ABA CABINET

President	**Ken Nakano**
Vice President	**Russ Nakano**
Treasurer	**Sterling Makishima**
Auditor	**Steve Tsuchida**
Recording Secretary	**Lois Okino**
Asst Recording Secretary	**Shirley Matsumoto**
Corresponding Secretary	**Joyce Okumura-Lee**
Asst Corresponding Secretary:	**Marilyn Ozawa**
Co-Social Chairperson	**Alice Ishida**
Co-Social Chairperson	**Judy Nakano**
Historian	**Toshiko Uyehara**
Asst Historian	**Lois Okino**
Membership Chairperson	**Reiko Tsuchida**
Asst Membership Chairperson	**Mieko Nakano**
Hospitality Chairperson	**Joanne Makishima**
Advisor	**Jean Shimoguchi**
Ministerial Advisor	**Rev. Yushi Mukojima**

2024 ABA Cabinet was installed during the Sunday Service held on Sunday, January 28

2024 New Year's Dinner

On January 27, ABA celebrated their annual New Year's Dinner at the China Stix restaurant with about 50 members having a relaxing and fun evening to bring in 2024. This event was organized by **Teri Hirota** and **Kathy Fujii**.

The evening started with an ice breaker game and with Jan Ken Po won by **Reiko Tsuchida**! **Mel Inouye** served as our Master of Ceremonies and smoothly kept the evening on schedule.

Also, thanks to **Toshiko Uyehara** and **Lois Okino**, who took photos of our activities throughout 2023 and for **Ron Murata**, who created a slideshow of the 2023 activities that was shown during dinner.

The festivities ended with a few Sing-A-Long songs and an unscheduled demonstration of the "Temptation Walk" to the song of "My Girl" that morphed into the "Tanko Bushi" led by **Marilyn Ozawa**.

Thanks Teri, **Kathy** and **Mel** for a great evening!

Life Skills

ABA continued the Life Skills joint activity with the YBA on February 4 with the demonstration of hemming techniques by **Teri Hirota**. Assisting Teri were **Lorrie Kitasoe**, **Mieko Nakano** and **Joanne Makishima**.

Monthly Meeting Held

On Friday, February 9, our monthly hybrid meeting was conducted.

Upcoming Activities

- **Golden State Warriors vs. Denver Nuggets**
  Sunday, February 25, 2024
  at 4:00 pm
  Chase Center, San Francisco

To 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 is Friday, March 8, at 7:30 pm (Hybrid)

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

MVBT Membership Committee News

JOIN OR RENEW

YOUR MVBT MEMBERSHIP NOW!

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION IN THE MAIL?

Have you had a chance to update your membership information? 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. Changes are due by February 29 to be included in the 2024 MVBT Directory.

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

If you haven't already, please JOIN or RENEW your MVBT Membership, by going to the MVBT website main page under "MEMBERSHIP INFO."

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

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.

BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF 2023 MVBT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued Dharma education in-person and online services. Held workshops, seminars, etc.
- Reverend Mukojima's monthly Buddhist Discussions for the Sangha and community
- Successful in-person MVBT Obon & Bazaar
- Facilities maintenance included replacing electrical receptacles, lights, filters, window screens and repairs to various heaters, doors, fences, gates, leaks and much more.
- Ongoing improvements to our video and audio equipment enabled better live streaming services, activities,and meetings.
- Ongoing support for our Senior members.
- The Vision Committee continued planning the future of the Temple.

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

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.

YOUR MVBT COMMUNITY

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 and in 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 that is connected with groups of friends and a vibrant Buddhist community.

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

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Nirvana Day Service / Pet Memorial / Spring Ohigan

Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or (2) Send a check to the Temple office

Miroku News

Miroku Activities

Thank you to BWA. At our Miroku meeting this month, we started by making cards for the BWA due to their generous donation to our organization.

Other Activities. We voted on the final color of the Miroku T-shirts. We discussed fun venues for an upcoming social and discussed potential community activities.

AED Check. To close the class, we checked the AEDs.

Next Meeting

Our next Miroku meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 12 pm.

In Gassho,
Odin Sasaki Vignola

MIROKU

middle school group

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser

YBA Spaghetti Dinner

This year's Spaghetti Dinner took place on Saturday, February 10. We were excited to return to the Temple for our fundraiser this year.

The fundraiser supports YBA activities such as conferences, activities, and enables us to do our one quadrennial trip. Additionally, we had BINGO and a raffle during the event. $500 of the profit earned through the raffle was donated to the Maui Wildfire Relief Fund.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the hard work from this year's Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson **Jillian Higa**, YBA members and advisors. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and flexibility during these past few months.

Here is a message from Jillian:

> "Thank you everyone who attended and supported this year's Spaghetti dinner. The dinner was a huge success and I loved seeing everyone again. None of this would be possible without all the YBA members, parents, and advisors, so big thanks to them as well."

Coast District Conference

Our YBA will be attending the Bay District Conference on March 16 that will take place at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Everyone is excited for the workshops, dinner, dance, and meeting members from other chapters.

In Gassho,
Allyson Itow
2023-2024 YBA President

Yakisoba Noodle Sale!

Boy Scout Troop 87 has leftover packages of yakisoba that have been frozen from their May 2023 fundraiser.

We have tried the noodles and they are fine. We are selling them for $2.00 per package (3 servings per package, $4.29 retail) with all proceeds going to the Temple.

The noodles are in the YBA Hall freezer. Help yourself and please leave a cash or check donation to "MVBT" in the Temple office.

Boy Scout Troop 87

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MVBT Caregiver News

MVBT Caregivers Mission

Provide a forum for our members and friends to gather for the purpose of sharing and learning more about caregiving.

Meet on the 3rd Monday of Each Month

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, March 18, at 7:30pm. Please email:

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

for Zoom login information.

During our monthly meetings, attendees can discuss whatever they'd like to share. We will also invite guest speakers based upon the group's interests.

February Meeting

During our February meeting, we had a guest speaker, John Arao. John is a CPA and MVBT's Treasurer. John led a Q&A session where we discussed Inherited IRAs and RMDs.

Questions?

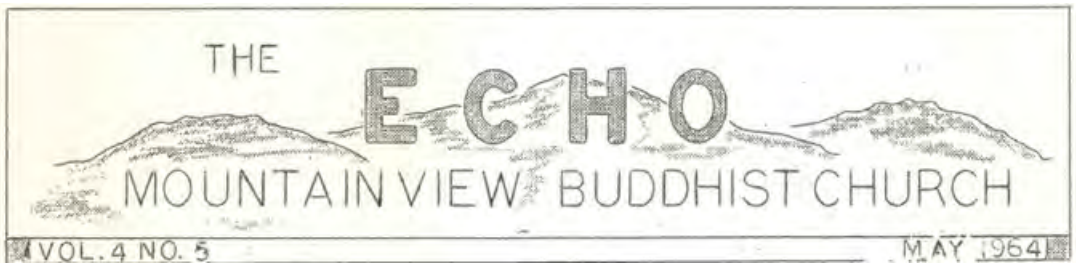
Please email

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
MVBT Caregivers

This Lookback first appeared in the Apirl 2019 Echo.

Cook's Pine Tree in Parking Lot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LORD and LADY OHTANI to visit mtn. View

Lord Abbot and Lady Ohtani, visiting the States on their way to South America, will make a short stopover at the local church on Friday, May 15th. at 11 A. M. A luncheon honoring the couple will be held during the noon hour. All those wishing to attend the luncheon please call Rev. Sasaki, Tom Furuichi or Fred Yonemoto for reservations by May 13th. No service or sermon will be given due to a busy itinerary.

May 15, 1964, is a date to be remembered by the members of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. The **Lord Abbot Kosho Ohtani** and **Lady Ohtani** of the Kyoto Nishi Hongwanji visited our Temple. A Cook's pine tree was planted by the Lord Abbot to commemorate the visit. The tree has since taken firm hold in the ground and the branches have extended high and wide into the sky as if to encourage us to earnestly follow the Nembutsu Path.

Hatsumairi Child Presentation - In-Person
Sunday, April 14, 2023

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child(ren) to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** ("First Visit Ceremony") to be held during the **Hanamatsuri Service** on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 10:00 am.

During the ceremony, parents present their child(ren) before Amida Buddha and the MVBT 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.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony.

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple or email it to Rev. Mukojima by Sunday, April 7, 2024.

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 7, 2024, to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple office or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukojima@gmail.com)

Register for Hatsumairi by Sunday, April 7, 2024

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Collecting Used Crayons

The Girl Scouts continue to collect used crayons for their service project. February is the last month to make donations.

Service Unit Event

Two of Troop #60736 Scouts attended the Service Unit Ice Skating event and had a great time.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Girl Scout Cookie sales have begun! Please see any Girl Scout or leader if you would like to order. We will also have a sales booth before and after Sunday Services on March 3, 10 and 17.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Boxes to collect crayons

Cookies for Sale!

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

PAST ACTIVITY

On Thursday, January 18, we all enjoyed Joyce Okumura-Lee's presentation on succulents. We were also able to take home some of her many samples she shared with us. Again, Thank You, Joyce.

TOP: Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto introducing Joyce Okumura-Lee

Bottom: Succulent called Aeonium-Variegated

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 27: We have a day trip planned to Sky River Casino. We are currently taking sign up and can be done by any committee member. The price of trip is $45 per person and includes tip. The casino offers first timers a $20 Free Play, a promotional $10 and $5 meal voucher. Sign up with any committee member, and don't be left out. Bus is filling up. Please make checks payable to "MVBT Seniors" before the deadline on March 10.

Thursday, April 18: A movie is planned and will be selected by Scott Hirotsu. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am. Please join in and enjoy the movie with us, following lunch. Everyone is invited.

SENIOR COOKBOOKS

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

SENIOR CRAFTS:

The Craft program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Upcoming Religious Services

April 7, 2024, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

April 14, 2024, Sunday
Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi

April 27 - 28, 2024, Sat & Sun
Federated Dharma School Teachers League Conference

April 28, 2024, Sunday
Regular Sunday Service

May 5, 2024, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

May 12, 2024, Sunday
Mother's Day Service

May 19, 2024, Sunday
Coast District Joint Gotan-e & BCA 125th Anniversary Service

May 26, 2024, Sunday
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

May 27, 2024, Monday
Oak Hill Memorial Day Service

March

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for March to be held on Sunday, March 3

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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:

Theodore Abe	**Shinobu Maruyama**	**Fumio Okayama**
Robert Arima	**Helen Matsumoto**	**Kinuko Sasaki**
Mine Chikasuye	**Shizuko Matsumoto**	**Rev. Sensho Sasaki**
Alice Asaka Fujii	**Tom Matsumoto**	**Rev. LaVerne Senyo 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**	**Eddy Gijo Tsumura**
Ronald Hoshiko	**Kenichi Nakano**	**Shimoye Yamaji**
Audrey Akie Inouye	**Rokuro Nakano**	**Yoshikichi Yamaji**
Koriyu Kariya	**Hidemi Nakashima**	**Kazuo Yanase**
Milton Tetsuya Hamasaki	**Komao Nara**	**Torao Yokoyama**
Florence Hisano Kato	**Robert Nishimura**	**Kiriye Yoshida**
Ruth Kawaguchi	**Shizuko Nishimura**	
Miya Kawamoto	**George Tetsuo Noguchi**	
Hakobu Koyano	**Shigeru Okamoto**	

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.

2024 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2023	3rd Year Memorial	2022	7th Year Memorial	2018
13th Year Memorial	2012	17th Year Memorial	2008	25th Year Memorial	2000
27th Year Memorial	1998	33rd Year Memorial	1992	50th Year Memorial	1975

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	**2** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**3** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**4** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**5** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**6**
7 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 12p-1p Miroku Meeting (YBA Hall\; Conference Room)	**8** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**9** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**10** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/Kitchen)	**11** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**12** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) 7:30p-9p ABA General Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/Kitchen)	**13** 10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen)
14 10a-12p Hanamatsuri Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**15** Tax Day (Taxes Due)	**16** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**17** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**18** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**19** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**20**
21 World Immunization Week 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**22** Earth Day	**23** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)	**24** Administrative Professionals 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**25** World Malaria Day 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**26** Arbor Day 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**27** Federation of Dharma School Teacher's Conference (All Facilities)
28 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**29** 1p-2p Senior Activities Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall) 7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting	**30** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid) 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio) 7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid) 8:30p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room/Hybrid)				

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