# The ECHO

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## MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

**April Highlights**

- ***4/7, Sunday, 10:00 am, April Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid***
  - *11:00 am: Japanese Language Service*
  - *11:00 am: English Language Discussion*
- ***4/8, Monday, 7:00 pm, Hybrid Buddhist Study Class***
- ***4/14, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Services, Hybrid***
- ***4/21, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid***
- ***4/28, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid Guest Speaker: Dr. Paula Arai***

## Are You Arrogant, Too?

March 2023 marked our 20th wedding anniversary. On our wedding day, Mika and I went out for dinner together and celebrated this major milestone with joy and happiness. It was a really lovely and enjoyable time.

Ever since our marriage, many members have often said to me, "Sensei, you sure married a nice woman," or "You're so lucky to have such a wonderful wife!" Of course, I am always pleased to hear words of praise about my wife. But I can't understand why no one has ever praised me. Nobody has ever said to my wife, "Mika-san, I am jealous that you have such a good husband!" I find this very embarrassing.

***Rev. Yushi Mukojima***

Certainly, when I look back over the past twenty years of our marriage, my wife has helped and supported me countless times. Sometimes we have argued because of our different values or way of thinking, but no matter what we argue about, in the end my wife has always respected my opinion and gone along with me.

But to be truthful, I have to admit I seldom listen to her opinion. Rather, I tend to live with the presumption that I am always right. A stubborn person like me might easily be forsaken by his wife. Instead, Mika has put up with her selfish husband with great patience without abandoning me. When I think about her great patience and tolerance, I have to reflect deeply on my arrogance. At these times, I am very grateful that my wife has not left me in spite of my conceit and lack of humility.

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## MVBT President's Message

Happy Hanamatsuri!! MVBT will celebrate the birth of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, who later became Shakyamuni Buddha, at our Hanamatsuri Service on Sunday, April 14.

The Hanamatsuri Service is a great time to join our Sangha and celebrate the holiday. During the service, Hatsumairi will be held, Dharma School will present a song and high school students will do a presentation.

You can make a donation through the MVBT website at

https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mvbt

or send a check to the Temple at 575 North Shoreline Blvd, Mountain. View, CA 94043.

We hope to see you on the 14th.

**With Gassho,**
**Jean Shimoguchi**
**MVBTBoard President**

# April 2023

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

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

## Religious Planning — April 2024

### April 7, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

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

### April 8, 2024, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Study Class, Online Meeting

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

### April 14, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am — Hanamatsuri Service with Hatsumairi, Hybrid Service

**Hanamatsuri:** This service commemorates the birth of Prince Siddhartha, who later became the historical Sakyamuni Buddha

**Hatsumairi:** In-Person "First Visit Ceremony" at which the parents present their child before the Amida Buddha and the Sangha. Children of all ages are welcome to participate.

### April 21, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

### April 27, 2024, Saturday, 10:00am — Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference

**Theme:** Nurturing Shinran's Seeds
FDSTL Conference location is Mountain View Buddhist Temple

### April 28, 2024, Sunday, 10:00am — Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

**Guest Speaker:** **Dr. Paula Arai,** the Eshinni and Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies

**No Dharma School**

## 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*

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

***Hideko Helen Matsumoto June 12, 1929 - February 23, 2024***

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

***Namo Amida Butsu***

## Are You Arrogant, Too - cont'd

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**Foolish Beings with "Wrong View"**

No matter what kind of person we think we are, we each have a self-serving, conceited side. It is awfully difficult to get rid of such thoughts completely. But if a person is able to fully realize how self-absorbed he is and reflect on his faults honestly, he will try to listen attentively to others' thoughts and even accept their opinions with respect.

Unfortunately, we foolish beings have an ugly, selfish and conceited side that always insists, "Only I am right," or "I am the reasonable one." In Buddhism, this mindset or self-centered way of looking at things is called "Wrong View."

Wrong View doesn't refer to the viewpoint of a selfish person. Actually, it refers to the viewpoint of those who would not even recognize their own selfish mind in spite of having one. In other words, if a person can sincerely acknowledge, "My mind is full of the wrong view," and is able to admit, "I feel ashamed," then that person no longer has wrong view, nor is he an arrogant person.

Such a person can readily accept that Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is meant for none other than himself alone because it is the supreme vow established to save all beings suffering from wrong view and arrogance. And this person is also able to say the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," naturally and easily as an expression of his deep gratitude for Amida Buddha's great compassion. But if someone is unable to see his true self blinded by a mind of wrong view and arrogance, he will never be able to rejoice in accepting Amida Buddha's great wish that is always directed at him. Therefore, those who cannot even recognize themselves as foolish beings are unable to open their hearts to Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. For this reason, such a person will never experience Amida Buddha's great compassion.

In his writing, *Shoshin-Ge*, Shinran says:

> *For those who cannot see the truth holding the wrong views and arrogant mind, it is extremely difficult to obediently receive the Nembutsu that embodies Amida Buddha's Vow and rejoice in it. This is the most difficult of difficulties; nothing surpasses it.*

Certainly, when I reflect deeply on my true self, I am an arrogant husband who is unable even to hear the sincere and truthful opinions of the person who is closest to me—my wife—because I always assume that I am right. When I admit this, I cannot help but realize that there is no way that someone like me can simply accept Amida Buddha's Primal Vow.

Even when I argue with Mika and hurt her feelings, I usually have a "so what!" attitude with unfounded confidence, having thoughts like, "She would never walk out on me over something so trivial" or "She would never leave me." Such disdainful and selfish assumptions about my wife only make me more arrogant, further encouraging me to have the wrong kind of dependence on Amida Buddha's unconditional compassion.

The Primal Vow was originally established for the sake of foolish beings because Amida Buddha sees through and knows all about our selfish nature. For Amida Buddha, there is no right or wrong regarding how we should depend on the Primal Vow. But from my perspective, I cannot help but reflect deeply on my arrogance that takes for granted Amida Buddha's great compassion. The more I listen to the Nembutsu teaching, the more ashamed I am of my foolishness that has resulted in a totally self-centered way of thinking.

**Have a Wonderful Wife!**

Although Mika and I celebrated our milestone wedding anniversary, I will make a fresh resolve to appreciate her patience and tolerance and to set aside my unyielding self-righteous attitude before she becomes totally disgusted with me. It is clear to me how really fortunate I am to have such a wonderful wife!

Let's gratefully accept Amida Buddha's great compassion as the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu. And I sincerely hope that each of us will show our deep gratitude to the person who is closest to us— our husband, wife, parent, or those dear to us—as we reflect deeply upon our daily life using the Nembutsu teaching as our precious lifetime mirror. Then continue to take the path of the Nembutsu as we respect and support one another, and accept and value others' opinions in the spirit of harmony.

In Gassho,

# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
# 二〇二四年四月法話

## ー あなたは傲慢ですか？ ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

お陰さまで先月、結婚二〇周年を迎えました。その日は夫婦二人でディナーに出かけ、この大きな節目を迎えることのできた喜びを噛み締めながらお祝いをしました。とても素敵な時間でした。

結婚以来、多くのご門徒が、「先生はいい奥さんと結婚されましたね」、「先生は本当にラッキーですね」等と、ことあるごとにおっしゃって下さいます。勿論、妻へのお褒めの言葉は大変有難いのですが、妻には「奥さん、素敵なご主人をもって羨ましいわ」なんて言われた方は一人としておられないようで、誠に面目ない限りです。

確かに、私達の結婚生活を振り返ってみますと、この二〇年間、価値観の違いや考え方のずれ等が原因で多くの口喧嘩をしてきましたが、どんな原因があったにしろ、最後には必ず、妻が私の意見を尊重してくれました。

その一方、私はと言いますと、妻の意見を聞くどころか、常に自分が正しいという思い上がりだけで日々生活してきたような気がします。今の世の中、私のような夫であれば、すぐに「別居よ！」、「離婚よ！」と見放されてもおかしくはないのですが、妻はよくこんな傲慢でどこまでも自分勝手な私を見捨てることなく、忍耐強くついてきてくれました。その事を考えると、自らを恥じると共に、妻の寛容さにただただ頭が下がる思いでいっぱいです。

私達はどんな人であろうとも、多かれ少なかれ、うぬぼれや思い上がりの心を持っていますし、また、そうした心を消し去ることもできることではありません。しかし、こうしたおごり高ぶる心が自分の中に巣食っていることに気づき、深く反省している人は、努めて他人の声に耳を傾ける努力をしますし、相手の意見を素直に受け入れようとします。

畢竟、煩悩具足の凡夫である私達の心の中には、どこまでいっても「自分は正しい」、「自分は道理をわきまえた人間だ」という自己中心の強いうぬぼれがあり、仏教では、こうした物の見方を「邪見」といいます。

「邪見」ということは、「醜い心」があるということではなく、「醜い心」があってもその心に全く気づかない人の見方を言っているのです。ですから、「邪見の心が自分の中にあります」と正直に認め、「お恥ずかしい」と言える人は、もはや邪見驕慢の凡夫ではありません。

そういう人は、邪見で驕慢である衆生を救わんとする阿弥陀仏のご本願が、「この私目当てであった」と、有難く受け入れることができます。そして、阿弥陀仏の大悲に対する報恩謝徳のお念仏「南無阿弥陀仏」が自然と口からこぼれてくるのです。しかし、自分を邪見とも驕慢とも思わない悪衆生には、残念ながら、阿弥陀仏の大いなる願いを聞き喜ぶ心は一切起きません。ですから、自分を悪人、凡夫と気づけない者は阿弥陀仏のご本願に心を開くことができないために、せっかくの大悲心もその人のものとなりません。

親鸞聖人は『正信偈』の中で、「よこしまな考えを持ち、おごり高ぶる自力の人にとって、阿弥陀仏のご本願によって示されたお念仏のみ教えを素直に受け止め、喜ぶことは実に難しい。難しい中でもこれほど難しいものはない」とおっしゃっておられます。

確かに、私自身を深く省みますと、一番身近な存在である妻の意見ですら素直に聞くことができず、常に自己中心で「我正し」の私が、阿弥陀仏のご本願を素直に受け入れることができるはずもありません。

たとえ妻と喧嘩して、彼女の心を傷つけたとしても、「こんなことぐらいで妻は私を見捨てない」、「妻は決して私と別れない」と、知らず知らずのうちに根拠のない自信を持って居直ってしまっている私がいます。妻に対するこうした醜い甘えが、今の自分をそのままで良しとする私をさらに傲慢にして、阿弥陀仏の大悲にまで間違った甘え方を覚えてしまっているようです。

本来、そんな私を見透かしてこそ誓われたご本願ですから、阿弥陀仏にとって私の甘えに正しいも間違いもないのですが、お念仏のみ教えを聞けば聞くほど、私の思いとして、いつも大悲の上に胡坐をかいてすまし顔をしている我が身の姿にあきれるばかりで、そんな利己的で思い上がりの心を持つ生き方に慚愧の念を禁じえません。

妻と結婚して今年で何とか二〇年目を迎えさせていただきましたが、「もうここまで！」と、妻に愛想を尽かされる前に、今一度、妻の忍耐と寛容さに感謝し、勝手で傲慢な私の態度を正していこうと心を新たにしています。

皆さんも、私目当ての大悲である「阿弥陀仏のお心」を「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏として有難く頂戴し、常に自らの日常を省みながら、一番身近な存在であるご主人、奥さん、ご家族、または大切な方に対する感謝の気持ちを忘れずに、互いに敬い、支え合い、互いの意見を素直に受け入れ尊重しつつ、報恩謝徳の念仏道を歩み続けていただきたいと切に願うばかりです。

## FBWA Panda Express Fundraiser

The **Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA)** is having a fundraiser for its in-person National FBWA Conference in San Jose in October 2024. Everyone can participate. The fundraiser is all day at **Panda Express** on **Friday, April 12, 2024.**

This fundraiser applies to **all Panda Express locations nationwide** when orders are placed online using the **code 920186** in the Coupon Code box during online checkout. Go to

https://www.pandaexpress.com

and place your order.

Thank you for your support,

**In Gassho,**
**MVBT Buddhist Women's Association**

## 2024 150 Club News

At the March Board meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the March winner was **Macallan Goodstein**, grandson of MVBT members **Mieko and Ken Nakano**.

Congratulations! **Macallan**

Over the years, numerous members' grandkids have been winners. It's a lucky donation.

Congratulations! And thank you for participating in 150 club!

Stay Safe!

**150 Club Committee**

## Toban & Echo Schedule

| | Toban | Echo Article Deadline | Echo Sent to Sangha |
|---|---|---|---|
| APR | Zones 2 & 3 | N / A | N / A |
| MAY | Zones 4 & 5 | Apr 12 (Fri) | Apr 17 (Wed) |
| JUNE | Zones 6 & 7 | May 10 (Fri) | May 15 (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 .

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# Dharma School News

**MVBT Dharma School**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### New Students

After a three-year hiatus, we introduced our new Dharma School students and presented them with *onenjus* on Sunday, March 3.

### March Birthdays

We celebrated our Dharma School March birthdays on Sunday, March 3.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Hanamatsuri

The Dharma School will be part of the Hanamatsuri service on Sunday, April 14, which commemorates the birth of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, who later became Shakyamuni Buddha. There will be special sutra chanting, a gatha presentation by lower -grade students, and a presentation by the high school class.

After service, the Dharma School will be hosting lunch for the Sangha. The Dharma School is asking those who are available to contribute a salad, side dish or jello. We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup and clean up. An email from Cheryl Shay, this year's Hanamatsuri luncheon coordinator, was sent to all Dharma School parents on March 5 with links to the RSVP and sign-up forms.

### FDSTL Conference

The Coast District Dharma School Teachers' League is hosting this year's Federation of Dharma School Teachers' Leagues Conference, which will be held on Saturday, April 27, at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Teachers from BCA temples across the country and from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i will be attending.

### No Dharma School on April 28

While there will be no Dharma School classes on Sunday, April 28, due to the FDSTL Conference, everyone is encouraged to attend for a special Dharma Talk by this year's FDSTL Conference keynote speaker, **Dr. Paula Arai**, the Eshinni and Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

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

LEFT: New Students introduced at March 3 Service

ABOVE: Students with Birthdays in March

## Upcoming Major Services

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| Mother's Day Service | May 12 |
| 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 |

## MVBT Membership Committee News

**JOIN OR RENEW**

**YOUR MVBT MEMBERSHIP NOW!** **71% have renewed as of March 14**

### 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 your contact information in our database will be updated.

### 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 501(c)(3) 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

***Spring Ohigan /***

***Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi***

***Gotan-e***

***(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or***

***(2) (2) Send a check to the Temple office***

**Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA**

# YBA News

## 2024 Bay District Conference

Our YBA attended the Bay District Conference on March 16 that was held at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Members went through the workshops during the day. There was also a dinner and dance at night. Everyone had a fun time going through the workshops and ending with the dance.

## Mother's Day Brunch

Our YBA is excited to host the Mother's Day Brunch for the first time since the pandemic. It will be held on Mother's Day before the service on May 12. Additionally, along with the brunch, we are planning to make corsages for all of the mothers and a video.

**In Gassho,**
**Allyson Itow**
**2023-2024 YBA President**

MVBT at the Bay District Conference at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

# Boy Scout Troop 87's 50th Anniversary

Join us for the celebration of Boy Scout Troop 87's 50th Anniversary in Sangha Hall on Saturday June 8, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

## Planned Activities

- We will provide the traditional T87 fare: yakisoba, spam musubi, chicken salad, and mochi at no cost (though donations will be accepted)
- There will also be commemorative patches, neckerchiefs, and shirts for sale
- We will be dedicating a new perpetual Eagle Scout plaque since the old one is full!

## Sign Up

Please sign up at the following link:

https://tinyurl.com/Troop50ReunionSignup

and visit us at:

https://tinyurl.com/T87Facebook

to see our plans and get updates.

## Spread the Word

Please inform other MVBT scouts who may not get the Echo.

## Contact Information

For more information, please contact

- **Jeff Sato** at jksato@me.com or
- **Khara Hines** at khara.hines@gmail.com. See you on June 8 in Sangha Hall!

**Boy Scout Troop 87**

## 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**

During the monthly meetings, attendees are offered a place to discuss various caregiving topics and share caregiving life experiences. We also invite guest speakers based upon the group's interests.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on **Monday, April 15, at 7:30pm**. Zoom link for the April meeting only:

https://tinyurl.com/Caregiver-April-Zoom

**March Meeting**

During our March meeting, we had guest speakers from "1+1 Cares". 1+1 Cares is a senior referral agency based in San Jose and was founded by a MVBT member. More information can be found on their website:

https://1plus1cares.com/

**Questions?**

Please email:

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

**In Gassho,**
**MVBT Caregivers**

## Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

**Life Skills**

ABA continued the Life Skills joint activity with the YBA on March 3 with the demonstration of ironing techniques by Sterling Makishima. Assisting Sterling were **Marie Ochi-Jacobs**, **Mieko Nakano**, **Joanne Makishima**, **Alice Ishida**, **Lorrie Kitasoe**, **Emi Mori**, **Teri Hirota**, **SharonTsukahara** and **Lois Okino**.

**Knife Sharpening**

On March 8, our monthly hybrid meeting was conducted. After the meeting in YBA Hall, **Scott Hirotsu** was kind enough to bring his knife sharpening equipment and hone our members kitchen knives. Thank you, Scott, for sharpening our knives and showing us your technique.

**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.

**Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA**

**Next Meeting**

Friday, April 12, 7:30 pm in YBA Hall (Hybrid)

**In Gassho,**
**Ken Nakano**
**ABA President**

## MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

**Girl Scout Sunday**

The Troop Girl Scouts will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday on March 24. The Brownie/Cadette group is preparing to give a Dharma Talk during this service.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to the Sangha for your support of our Girl Scout Troop cookie sales. We appreciate you!

**In Gassho,**
**Girl Scout Troop #60736**

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# *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**

## Miroku News

**Miroku Activities**

**T-Shirts.** At our Miroku meeting in March, we started by finalizing our Miroku T-shirts to wear for upcoming events. We chose black T-shirts and a white Miroku symbol. :)

**Other Activities**. We discussed upcoming events and celebrated Girls Day, and played a game called Flying Sushi Kitchen. :)

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

**Next Meeting**

Our next Miroku meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, at 12 pm.

**In Gassho,**
**Yoshi Paris**
**6th Grade Miroku Student**

**MIROKU**

*middle school group*

## Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

**MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts**

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**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 at 12:30 pm, following lunch. Everyone is invited.

**Thursday, June 13:** This will be our last session before the summer break. We have BINGO planned for you and lunch to be provided prior to the BINGO game. Mark this date on your calendar. Everyone is invited. Please plan to join in on the fun with your friends.

**2024 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR**

The Obon Flower Shop is requesting help from the Senior Activities group and its friends. If you have some plastic pots that are 3", 4", 5" and 6" in size, the Flower Shop can use them.

You can drop them off at the Thursday Senior Activities gathering from 9 am to 12 noon. For more information, you can contact Haruye Hoshi. Thank you in advance.

**SENIOR COOKBOOKS**

The Senior Cookbook is still available. You can purchase a cookbook from a committee member or at the Temple office. The price is $10, which makes for a nice gift.

**SENIOR CRAFTS:**

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

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

## Upcoming Religious Services

**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

**June 9, 2024, Sunday**
Graduation Service

**June 16, 2024, Sunday**
Father's Day Service

**July 14, 2024, Sunday**
Obon / Urabon-e Service
Hatsubon Service

**September 1, 2024, Sunday**
BCA 125th Anniversary Serivce at
Buddhist Church of San Francisco
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April

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***Shotsuki Hoyo for April to be held on Sunday, April 7***

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

## *April 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 **April** Shotsuki loved ones are:

**Fujiko Abe**
**Harry Fujii**
**Shigeru Fujii**
**Ruth Fukuda**
**Naoye Fukuma**
**Ichihei Furusho**
**Juzaburo Furuzawa**
**Rev. Russell Hamada**
**Osamu Hirano**
**Tanejiro Hirano**
**Dorothy Horino**
**Robert Hoshida**
**Hiromichi Hoshino**
**June Ichikawa**
**Toshiko Ikebe**
**Tojiro Ishimaru**
**Eric Ives**
**Shizuko Iwata**
**Toshiko Juda**
**Yotsuo Juda**
**Shigehito Kashima**
**Akira Kato**
**Hatsuye Kato**
**Kathleen Miki Kobata**
**Setsuo Kuboyama**
**Kazuko Makishima**
**Tokiyo Maruyama**
**Ryu Masaki**
**George Matsuba**
**Kiwa Matsuba**
**Ryuichi Miyamoto**
**Shigeki Mori**
**Emi Morishima**
**Fuji Nakano**
**Haruye Nagatoishi**
**Jishichiro Nakano**
**Iwao Nakao**
**Kenjiro Nakashima**
**Henry Nishimura**
**Tomoe Okada**
**George Okashima**
**George Omori**
**Ochiyo Omori**
**Junpei Ozawa**
**Henry Ryu**
**Margaret Sakino**
**James Sakuragi**
**Akiko Satake**
**Hiram Sera**
**George Shimamoto**
**John Shimizu**
**Tom Shimoguchi**
**John Shinseki**
**Ann Hisako Smith**
**Taichiro Sugimoto**
**Jeffrey Swartwood**
**Ko Tachibana**
**Fumiye Takahashi**
**Amy Takaki**
**David Takegami**
**Toshihiro Tanaka**
**Heidi Terada**
**Megan Yang**
**Koichi Yamashita**
**Fred Yonemoto**
**Tsune Yonemoto**
**Tsuneno Yoshida**

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:**

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| 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 |

# May 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | **1**<br>6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) | **2**<br>9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **3**<br>6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) | **4** |
| **5** Cinco De Mayo<br>10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School (Hybrid)<br>11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3)<br>12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>12p-1p Miroku Meeting (YBA Hall\; Conference Room)<br>2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym) | **6**<br>7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom) | **7**<br>5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio)<br>7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **8**<br>7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)<br>7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/Kitchen) | **9**<br>9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **10**<br>6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)<br>7:30p-9p ABA General Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/Kitchen) | **11**<br>10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen) |
| **12** Mother's Day<br>10a-12p Mothers' Day Service & Dharma School (Hybrid)<br>11:45a-2p Dharma School Teachers Meeting (Education Building\; Classrooms 2 and 3)<br>12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym) | **13** | **14**<br>5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio)<br>7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **15**<br>7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) | **16**<br>9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **17**<br>6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) | **18** Armed Forces Day |
| **19**<br>10:30a-11:30a CD Joint Gotan-e/ BCA 125th Anniversary Service (San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin)<br>12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>2p-3p CD YBL Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room)<br>2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym) | **20** | **21**<br>5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio)<br>7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **22**<br>7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) | **23**<br>9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **24**<br>6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) | **25**<br>10a-3p Rummage Sale (Sangha Hall) |
| **26**<br>10a-10:30a Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service (Alta Mesa Memorial Park)<br>12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym) | **27** Memorial Day<br>10a-10:30a Oak Hill Memorial Day Service (Time TBD) (Oak Hill Cementary)<br>1p-2p Senior Activities Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall)<br>7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting | **28**<br>5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Hybrid)<br>7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall/Kitchen & Sangha Hall\; Patio)<br>7:30p-8:30p Ukulele Club (Sangha Hall\; Pancake Room/Hybrid)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **29**<br>7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) | **30**<br>9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All)<br>8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room) | **31**<br>9a-12p BWA Chicken Teriyaki Prep (Sangha Hall\; Kitchen/Game Room/ Pancake Room)<br>6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym)<br>7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) | |

## Upcoming Events

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Shotsuki Hoyo

**May 12, 2024, Sunday**
Mother's Day Service

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Coast District Joint Gotan-e Service
& BCA 125thj Anniversary Service
at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

**May 26, 2024, Sunday**
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

**May 27, 2024, Monday**
Oak Hill Memorial Day Service

## Support Your Temple

## Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

***Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e***

**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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