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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

May Highlights

- ***5/5, Sunday, 10:00 am, May Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid***
  - ***11:00 am: Japanese Language Service***
  - ***11:00 am: English Language Discussion***
- ***5/6, Monday, 7:00 pm, Hybrid***
  - ***Buddhist Study Class***
- ***5/12, Sunday, 8:45 am,***
  - ***Mother's Day Brunch by YBA***
- ***5/12, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  - ***Mother's Day Service***
- ***5/19, Sunday, 10:30 am,***
  - ***Coast District Joint Gotan-e Service at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin***
- ***5/26, Sunday, 9:30 am,***
  - ***Memorial Day Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery***
  - ***No service at Temple***
- ***5/27, Monday, 10:00 am,***
  - ***Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Cemetery***

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The Origin of Chigo Kids

Coast District Gotan'e and BCA 125th Anniversary Celebration

On September 1, 2024, the Buddhist Churches of America will mark the 125th Anniversary of its founding. On that day, all BCA Kaikyoshi ministers will gather at the Buddhist Church of San Fransisco to participate in this milestone ceremony. Prior to this event on May 19, the Coast District will also host the Joint Gotan-E Service combined with the BCA 125th Anniversary Celebration at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin sponsored by the Coast District Ministers' Association. For this ceremony, with Bishop Marvin Harada as the officiant, all Coast District Kaikyoshi ministers, Tokudo Minister's Assistants, and

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Minister's Assistants at the district level will gather as one body to celebrate. Rev. Dennis Shinseki, who plans to retire from the BCA this summer, will be a guest speaker. We are also planning to have an Ochigo processional. For these and other special activities, I sincerely hope that many Sangha members and Dharma friends will join us to grandly celebrate this historic ceremony at the Betsuin.

Hanamatsuri 2023 Had Chigo Procession

Regarding the Chigo procession that will begin this celebration, our Temple also had a Chigo procession when we celebrated Hanamatsuri last year. Fourteen Dharma School kids participated in the procession as Ochigos and they all brightened our Hondo after the pandemic. I believe that many Sangha members felt a sense of peace when they saw mothers and

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MVBT President's Message - Thank You, Frances

On behalf of the entire MVBT Sangha, I want to congratulate and thank Frances Sawamura for her 60 years of service as a Dharma School teacher. She has encouraged generations of children to learn and understand the Dharma, express their thoughts and feelings through creative outlets, and bring smiles to everyone.

We all have fond memories of working, learning and socializing with Frances over the decades and are grateful for all that she does for MVBT.

THANK YOU, FRANCES!!

With Gassho,
Jean Shimoguchi
MVBTBoard President

Frances Sawamura getting Special Presentation during 2024 Hanamatsuri Service

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**2** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**3** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**4**
5 Cinco De Mayo 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) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**6** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**7** 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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**8** 3p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/ Kitchen)	**9** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**10** 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)	**11** 10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen)
12 Mother's Day 8:30-10:00a Mother's Day Brunch 10a-12p Mothers' Day Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 11:45a-2p Dharma School Teachers Meeting (Education Building\; Classrooms 2 and 3) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**13**	**14** 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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**15** 3p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**16** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**17** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**18** Armed Forces Day
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26 9:30-10:30a Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service (Alta Mesa Memorial Park) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**27** Memorial Day 10a-10:30a Oak Hill Memorial Day Service (Oak Hill Cementary) 1p-2p Senior Activities Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall) 7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting	**28** 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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**29** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**30** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**31** 9a-12p BWA Chicken Teriyaki Prep (Sangha Hall\; Kitchen/Game Room/Pancake Room) 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	

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

Religious Planning — May 2024

May 5, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid Service

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

May 6, 2024, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Study Class, Online Meeting

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

May 12, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am — Mother's Day Service, Hybrid Service

8:45—9:45am Mother's Day Brunch by YBA

May 19, 2024, Sunday, 10:30 am, Coast District Gotan-e Service at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

Gotan-e: Observes the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. Born near Kyoto, Japan on May 21, 1173.

May 26, 2024, Sunday, 9:30 am — Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery

NO SERVICE at MVBT

Memorial Day Interfaith Service at Alta Mesa Memorial Cemetery Park

May 27, 2024, Monday, 10:00 am — Service at Oak Hill Cemetery

Memorial Day Interfaith Service at Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery Park

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:

Toshiko Betty Masaki Sept 14,1924 - April 2, 2024

Jane Yayano Kanzaki July 26, 1926 - April 5, 2024

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

Namo Amida Butsu

Origin of Chigo Kids - cont'd

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fathers smiling and giving enthusiastic encouragement to their cute Chigos as they took photos of them. Because it was to be the first in-person Hanamatsuri in four years, I had been feeling a little nervousness before the service. However, I couldn't help but smile when I saw the cute Chigo procession begin from the back, and I was able to start the service in joy and happiness. It made me wonder if Chigo has a special power to make all people who are watching it feel happy and at peace.

"He is an Honored One! He is Buddha!"

According to Buddhist history, the origin of the Chigo seems to go back 2,500 years. It was during the time of Sakyamuni Buddha, who was traveling with his disciples all over India to spread the Dharma. In those days, Sakyamuni Buddha and his disciples wore robes called ***funzo-e***, made from discarded rags or pieces of cloth used to wipe off excrement. Because they were asking for alms (money or food given to poor people) as they traveled, there were very few people who welcomed them with pleasure. Instead, there were many more people who disliked seeing the group's poor appearance.

One typical day, as Sakyamuni Buddha and his followers made the rounds in a certain village to share the Dharma, many people locked their doors to avoid meeting the group of bad-smelling beggars. But compared to those of the suspicious adults, the pure eyes of the children of this village were completely different. Even though Buddha's looks were ragged, they realized by intuition that Sakyamuni Buddha was a very gentle and noble person. At that moment, they simply said, "He is an Honored One! He is Buddha!" and went right up to him without hesitation.

In spite of their parents' prejudices, the children surrounded the Buddha and his disciples and offered them water, flowers or nuts and so on, offering the best service they could. Thus, a harmonious and peaceful atmosphere was created around this gathering.

Observing their children, adults gradually forgot their wariness towards Sakyamuni Buddha and came out of their houses, one after another. They were willing to talk to the Buddha and his disciples. Fortunately, as they talked with the Buddha, the villagers were able to hear the Buddha Dharma. By following the children's example, many adults were led to the path of the Buddha and were saved. These are the historical origins of Chigo.

See Things Without Prejudice or Bias

Certainly, there is a big difference between an adult's bias and fixed ideas, judging a person after seeing only a figure and shape; and a child's way of seeing things without prejudice. I think that the reason children are called "Buddha's Child" is because they are just like the Buddha himself - able to see a person without being affected by that person's outward appearance. I can't help but think that pure kids bring to the Temple such eyes that see the truth. It seems to me that we are taught by kids that the Buddhist way is to see things without preconceptions.

However, as adults, we are accustomed to judging everything with our trivial limited sense of values. Because our minds are controlled by such prejudice and bias, we always judge other people selfishly. Compared to the open mind of children, our minds are always in the dark.

Fortunately, like candlelight brightens the dark, the prejudice and doubt hidden within us disappear with Amida Buddha's light of wisdom. But we should understand that there is a big difference between normal light and Amida Buddha's light. **Tan-luan**, one of the Seven Pure Land Masters, said:

> *This light is wisdom and when the light illumines the whole world, nothing can disturb it. It gets rid of the darkness of all living things. It is completely different from the light that brightens the room.*

Because Amida Buddha's light is wisdom in accordance with the "Dharma of Dependent Origination," selfishness is not a part of this light. And because this light is based on the right wisdom, it can shine equally on all living beings without discrimination. Now that we have encountered Amida Buddha's light of wisdom, we should live the Nembutsu life of gratitude each day while realizing our foolishness that judges everything with prejudice.

Right View Sees Each Thing as It Really Is

To listen to the Nembutsu teaching is to fully realize the darkness of our doubt and selfishness. And at the same time, it is the encounter with Amida Buddha, who knows the depth of the darkness of our minds, and instead shows us the path of the truth that we should take.

I sincerely hope that we will try to get rid of our doubt and prejudice so that we can use the right view to see each thing as it really is in all its aspects. If we try this, we, too, may have "Buddha's eyes."

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二四年五月法話

ー お稚児の由来 ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

今年九月一日、北米仏教団は北米開教百二十五周年を迎えます。その日はサンフランシスコ仏教会に全開教使が一堂を会して慶讃法要を行う予定になっています。それに先立ち、沿岸教区開教使会主催のもと、五月十九日にサンノゼ別院に於いて宗祖降誕会並びに北米開教百二十五周年慶讃法要をお勤めいたします。この式典には導師を務められる原田マービン総長筆頭に沿岸教区の開教使、得度僧侶、開教使アシスタントが一斉に集い法要を執り行います。さらに、今夏に引退される新関デニス先生にご講師としてご参加いただき、稚児行列も計画していますので、沿岸教区から一人でも多くのご門徒にお越しいただいてこの歴史的な式典を盛大にお祝いしたいと願っております。

この法要の初めに行われる稚児行列ですが、当仏教会では昨年の花まつりの際、十四名の子供達が稚児となって参加し、パンデミック明けの本堂を華やかに彩ってくれました。幼いお稚児達にお父さんお母さんが満面の笑みで声援を送り写真を撮っている姿を見て心が和んだ方もたくさんおられたことと思います。パンデミック後初、対面での花まつりということもあり少し緊張したところもあったのですが、稚児達が歩いている姿を後ろから眺めていると思わず笑みがこぼれ心穏やかに法要を始めることができました。稚児達には皆を幸せにする特別な力があるのでしょうか。

この稚児ですが、その由来は仏教の故事によりますと、二千五百年前にもさかのぼるそうです。仏教の開祖であるお釈迦さまがご在世の頃、インド各地を布教して回っている時のことでした。当時、お釈迦さまやお弟子さん達は糞掃衣といって赤子のおむつに使われた布切れや不要になった汚い布を縫い合わせて仕上げた衣を着ていました。そして托鉢しながらの旅ですから、喜んでお迎えする人は少なく、逆にお釈迦さまのみすぼらしい姿を嫌う人が大変多かったそうです。

ある日、お釈迦さまご一行がいつものように布教に回られている時、ある村では臭い物真いとして一行を避けるように家を閉ざしてしまいました。しかし、疑い深い大人に対して、その村の子供達の純粋な目は全く違っていました。子供達には、たとえ格好が汚く見えていても、お釈迦さまは大変優しく尊いお方であるという直感が働き、その瞬間子供達は一斉に「このお方は仏さまだ！世尊だ！」と言ってお釈迦さまに何のためらいもなく近寄っていきました。

大人達が嫌うのをよそに、子供達はお釈迦さまを囲んで、水や花、または木の実等といった子供達ができる最高の御もてなしをしました。すると子供達の周りに穏やかで安らかな空間が生まれました。

そんな子供達の姿を見て、大人達もようやく警戒心を解き、家から続々と姿を現しました。そしてお釈迦さまやお弟子さん達と一緒に話すようになり、幸いにして仏さまの説法を聞くことができました。このように子供達を通して、村の大人達は仏の道へと導かれすくわれていかれたのです。以上が稚児の由来です。

確かに、姿や形を見て人を判断してしまう固定観念や思い込みに縛られた大人の見方と、純粋な心を持つ子供の見方ではかなり違いが見られます。子供達が「仏の子」といわれるのは姿や形にこだわらない見方ができる「仏」そのものだからではないでしょうか。

純粋な心を持つ子供達が仏教会にもたらしてくれるものは、この真実を見る目だと思います。先入観を持たずに物事を見ることが真の仏道だと子供達から改めて教えてもらっているような気がします。

しかし、私達大人達は相も変わらず各々のつまらないこだわりの中で物事を判断しています。その為、心の中で自己中心的な偏見が生じ、他人を簡単に価値付けています。子供達の澄み切った心に対して、私達大人の心の底には無明の闇が覆いかぶさっているのです。

しかし、蝋燭一本の光が、闇を追い払うように、私達の心の底にある偏見や疑心の闇は阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされてはじめて取り払われます。ただし、阿弥陀仏の智慧の光と普通の光の間には大きな違いがあります。七高僧の一人である曇鸞大師は「この光明は智慧の相であり、全世界を照らすときに妨げるものはない。すべての生きとし生けるものの無明の暗闇を除き去るのである。光が部屋の中の闇を破るのとは訳が違うのである」とおっしゃっておられます。

阿弥陀仏の光明は「縁起の法」にかなった智慧であるがゆえに執着されるべき「我」はありません。また正しい智慧に裏付けられた光明であるからこそ、全ての人々を平等に照らすことができるのです。この智慧の光に出遇わせていただいた私達は、つねに姿や形だけで判断してしまう自分の愚かさを省みつつ、智慧の光にかなったお念仏の日暮を感謝のうちに送らせていただかなくてはなりません。

お念仏をいただくということは、自分のこだわりや疑心の闇への出遇いでもあり、同時にその闇の深さを見通し、私達の歩みだすべき真実の道をも示して下さった阿弥陀仏との出遇いでもあるのです。

こだわりを捨てたうえで、いよいよ正しい理解のもとに物事を慎重に見極めていきたいものです。そうすれば、仏さまの目線に少し近づけるかもしれません。

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA News

Coast District Spring Activity

Some of our YBA members are going to the Coast District Spring Activity that will be held in the Valley Fair Mall on April 28 in which everyone will participate in a scavenger hunt around the mall. Everyone expects to have a fun time getting to know other members from other chapters.

Mother's Day Brunch

Our YBA is excited to host the Mother's Day Brunch for the first time since a long hiatus from the pandemic on May 12.

We are preparing a brunch in YBA Hall before the service starting at 8:30 and ending before service starts. Corsages will be pinned onto the mothers, and a video will be shared during the service. We hope that all of the mothers will enjoy their day.

Bay District Volleyball Mixer

Some YBA members will participate in the Bay District Volleyball Mixer, which will take place on May 25 at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Members will be split into teams based on skill level and play in a tournament style bracket. Everyone plans to have a good time meeting people from other chapters.

In Gassho,
Allyson Itow
2023-2024 YBA President

Boy Scout Troop 87's 50th Anniversary Celebration

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 jksafo@me.com or
- **Khara Hines** at khara.hines@gmail.com

See you on June 8 in Sangha Hall!

In Gassho,
Boy Scout Troop 87

Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser - Sunday, June 2

Dinner for Sale!

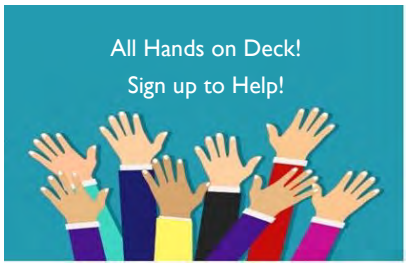
Dinners are $20 each. Pickup is on Sunday, June 2, at MVBT only.

Order Forms—Putra's Post or Paper Form

We encourage you to order online with the link provided in Putra's Post. There will also be paper order forms in the Temple office and Hondo.

Volunteers Needed

Also, be on the lookout for the volunteer sign-up sheet soon! All Hands needed



Order Deadline — May 13

The first count deadline is Monday, May 13. Any orders after May 13 are subject to availability, so make sure to order early!

Thank you!
Zone 10

Putra says "Join us for a Chicken Teriyaki Dinner" on Sunday, June 2

Chicken Salad at Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser - Sunday, June 2

Chicken Salad for Sale!

The Boy Scout 87 will be selling chicken salad at the MVBT Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser on Sunday, June 2.

Tickets will be sold in advance at Sunday Services.

The Chicken Salads will also be available for sale at curbside pick.

Thank you!
Boy Scout Troop 87

2024 150 Club News

Our winners for the month of April are **Jody Chikasuye Low** and **Walter Low**.

Congratulations! And thank you to everyone for participating in 150 cCub!

Stay Safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

Toban & Echo	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
MAY	Zones 4 & 5	N / A	N / A
JUNE	Zones 6 & 7	May 10 (Fri)	May 15 (Wed)
JULY	Zones 8 & 9	June 14 (Fri)	June 19 (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 .

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENT

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 Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Teachers from BCA temples across the country and from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i will be attending.

We are still seeking volunteers to help set up on Friday, April 26, from 7 pm to 9 pm, and for meal service volunteers on Saturday. Please sign up if you are able:

https://tinyurl.com/fdstl24help

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 conference keynote speaker, Dr. Paula Arai, the Eshinni and Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

The Hongwanji Place Bookstore will also be set up in the Sangha Hall foyer with an array of items for sale.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Hanamatsuri

Thank you to the Dharma School students, teachers, and families for making this year's Hanamatsuri so special! A huge thank you to **Cheryl Shay** for coordinating this year's luncheon and special presentation of "A Special Place" and "Time for Dharma School" by the younger Dharma School classes.

The trivia game hosted by the High School Class was a lot of fun as well!

Finally, thank you to the **BWA** for donating the yummy cakes – they were a special treat!

Congratulations to Frances Sawamura!

The Sangha celebrated Frances Sawamura's **60th year of teaching Dharma School** on Sunday, April 14, during the Hanamatsuri luncheon. What a wonderful milestone! On behalf of the generations of young Buddhists whose lives she has touched, we thank Frances for her warm energy and many years of dedication to our Dharma School!

And, thank you to **Carol Yonemura** and **Curt Fukuda** who coordinated and produced the celebratory video.

Thank You to ABA

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to ABA whose members generously volunteered to bring salads for the FDSTL Conference!

DONATIONS

Gratefully accepted

Ricky Chu and **Kelsey Nakano** – Dharma School Campout

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

ABOVE LEFT: Certificate Presentation to Frances Sawamura

ABOVE MIDDLE: Frances

ABOVE RIGHT: (From Left) Jackie, Frances, Jaimie & Rob

RIGHT: Attendees at Thank You Celebration at Hanamatsuri Luncheon

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024

Rummage Sale

If you would like to donate your New and Gently Used items (No Furniture), donations can be dropped off at the Sangha Hall Foyer, Saturday May 18th, from 11am to 1pm. Or e-mail Derek Ives @ mvbt_craftandrummage@outlook.com to setup a donation time.

A little of this, a lot of that, and a whole bunch more of what you might have missed last year!

We will have: Japanese Dishes, Japanese Dolls, Kimono/Yukata & Accessories, General Housewares, Antiques, Gently Used Clothing, Cassettes, VHS, DVD, Books, Crafts, Paintings and much much more!

CASH AND CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

When: Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 9am to 3pm
Where: Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Gym
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043

If you have questions, please contact Derek Ives:
mvbt_craftandrummage@outlook.com

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2024 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

SAT & SUN, JULY 20 & 21

MVBT Obon 2024 is coming on July 20 and 21.
Our Temple will be hosting the Obon this year that will be open to the public again.
We will need everyone's help to make it a success. Please save the dates AND please volunteer.
More information to follow in future posts.

Thank You,
Zone 2, 2024 Obon Festival & Bazaar Committee

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, May 20, at 7:30pm**. Please email:

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

For Zoom login information.

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.

Questions?

Please email:

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
MVBT Caregivers

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA

April Monthly Meeting

Our monthly meeting was held on Friday, April 12 in person and via Zoom.

We discussed our upcoming support activities for the Temple's Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser and Obon Festival & Bazaar. We will be supplying "personpower" on the 2nd shift of barbecuing and rice packing for Chicken Teriyaki and will be selling Chicken Teriyaki and Spam Musubi at the Obon.

Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup

Our ABA community service activity is the cleanup of the Asian Area at the Alta Mesa Cemetery on Saturday, April 20. We are looking forward to the MVBT Miroku Group and Girl Scouts, who will be joining us this year.

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

Friday, May 10, 7:30 pm in YBA HaLL(Hybrid)

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

Pioneers Memorial Monument at Alta Mesa Memorial Park.

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The memorial was built in 1939 to honor those Japanese who died here with no family left to remember them and to manage their graves.

Asian area after 2023 cleaning

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

March Was Girl Scout Month

March was Girl Scout Month and the Scouts chaired the March Temple services.

They celebrated Girl Scout Sunday on the March 24, with the Brownie/Cadette girls giving a Dharma Talk on their views of the similarities between the Golden Chain and the Girl Scout Law. They also gave a demonstration of the Girl Scout Friendship Circle.

Girl Scouts at March 24 Service

Thank You, BWA

The Scouts would like to extend their gratitude to the BWA for chairing the last Sunday in March!

Thank You, Sangha

The Brownie/Cadette Scouts would also like to thank the Sangha for their donations of used crayons for their service project, benefitting the Crayon Initiative, which sends remanufactured crayons to children in hospitals all over the country.

With your help, we were able to donate over 51 pounds!

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Miroku News

Miroku Activities

At our Miroku meeting this month, we organized the plan about our upcoming activities.

Joint Activity with ABA. On April 20, we will have a joint event with the ABA where we will clean the Alta Mesa cemetery and then have lunch with ABA members.

Joint Activity with YBA. We were also planning ahead about our activity with the YBA this summer. This will be a good chance for us to get to know each other and know what the YBA does.

AED Check. To close the monthly meeting, we checked the AEDs.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5, after Dharma School in the YBA Hall Conference Room.

In Gassho,
Oji Mukojima
6th Grade Miroku Student

MIROKU

middle school group

Wanted: Old iPads - Donate Your Old iPads to the MVBT Obon / Bazaar

MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar Looking for Unwanted iPads

The Obon Festival and Bazaar Committee is looking for iPads (2019 or newer). If you have one of these iPads that you don't need anymore, consider donating it to the Temple. If you are considering upgrading your current iPad, you can donate your old one to the Temple.

We can use the iPads to do credit card and cash transactions in the food booths and other major booths. It's a great way to sell more and reduce the need for cash.

Questions. Please send them to:

Treasurer @mvbuddhisttemple.org

Thank you
Treasurer
MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar

Wanted iPads - 2019 or newer

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

FBWA Conference

Our MVBT BWA has been working for months preparing for the 47th BCA Federated Buddhist Women's Association Conference, hosted by Coast District BWA Chapters, to be held on October 4-6, 2024, at the DoubleTree Hotel in San Jose. This is an in-person conference.

BWA members from all over the United States are expected to attend. It is with deep gratitude that I thank the Mountain View BWA ladies for their hard work to ensure that we have a successful conference.

Passing of Long Time Members

We are saddened by the passing of **Hideko Matsumoto** and **Toshiko Masaki**. They were wonderful friends and long-time members of our BWA. Both ladies will be remembered for their kindness and warm smiles. Our heartfelt condolences to the Matsumoto and Masaki families.

Donation

Gratefully accepted

- **Mitsue Fukuda** (Hawaii) for your most generous donation.

Next meeting

Next meeting is Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 10 am in the YBA Hall.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Upcoming Religious Services

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
1899 - 2024

September 15, 2024, Sunday
Fall Ohigan Service

September 29, 2024, Sunday
Sangha Day Picnic

October 4 - 6, 2024, Friday -Sunday
FBWA Conference

October 20, 2024, Sunday
Bishops' & ABA Memorial Service

November 17, 2024, Sunday
Eitaikyo Service & Keiro Kai Luncheon

47th BCA FBWA CONFERENCE

The BWA chapters of the Coast District will host the 47th BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Conference on October 4 - 6, 2024, at the San Jose DoubleTree Hotel. It has been six years since this conference was held in person.

JOIN US!

We invite you to join us! The conference is open to everyone and all BWA and non-BWA members are encouraged and welcome to attend. The Coast District (CD) BWA Chapters (Mountain View BWA, San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin BWA and San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple BWA) are working hard to present a wonderful and meaningful experience for our attendees.

The theme of the conference is "Ichi Go Ichi E" meaning "Each precious moment, a precious treasure." The conference includes two keynote speakers: former Hawaii Congresswoman **Colleen Hanabusa** and **Reverend Yukiko Moyotoshi**. The conference will have a variety of fun and meaningful workshops and a Saturday night banquet. Attendees can attend the entire conference, or attend the Saturday night banquet only.

Conference information can be found at website

https://www.fbwaconference.org.

Anyone interested in attending the conference, please contact BWA at email:

mvbt.bwa@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The 2024 FBWA conference committee would be very grateful for your support of the 47th BCA FBWA Conference. The conference theme is "Ichi go Ichi e" ("Each precious moment, a precious treasure"). Your Precious Treasure donation may be made "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one with whom you have shared a precious moment.

Please see the FBWA Sponsorship Opportunities flyer on the **Page 14** for more information, or go to:

https://tinyurl.com/FBWA-Sponsorhip-Info

All donations received by July 25, 2024, will be included in the printed conference program.

Thank you for your consideration on becoming a sponsor. In the long history of the BCA, the BWA has provided the essential support for each temple's long existence and success. Your donation will be an acknowledgment of your appreciation of the contributions of the Federation of Buddhist Women's Association.

In Gassho,
MVBT BWA

Join the MVBT Sangha

- **Seven 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**

FBWA Sponsorship Opportunities

FBWA Sponsorship Opportunities

Join us in support of the 47th BCA FBWA Conference

Thank you so much for the enthusiastic response to sponsorships for the BCA FBWA Conference in 2024.
Workshop funding is now fully supported but general conference sponsorships are still in need and are vital to our efforts.
We would appreciate your consideration at any level.

Conference Sponsor: $5,000

Conference Supporter: $2,000+

Patron: $1,000+

Friend: $500+

Ichi go Ichi e Donor: $100 minimum

Sponsorships may be made ***In Honor Of*** or ***In Memory Of*** to acknowledge an individual or organization.
Donations at all levels will be recognized in the printed program.

***Print Deadline:* For inclusion in the program, sponsorship form must be received by July 25, 2024.**

Thank you very much for your sponsorship. We appreciate your support of the BCA FBWA Conference

Donor: _____
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Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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List title of sponsorship/donation here

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☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of: _____

Total sponsorship/donation amount: _____

Please return this form with checks payable to **BCA FBWA**. Note 'FBWA Sponsor' on the memo line.

***Note:* Print Deadline is July 25, 2024. Must receive confirmation by this date for inclusion in the printed program.**

Mail to: FBWA Sponsor Chair, San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112
For questions or more information, contact Reiko Iwanaga at atyrequest@gmail.com

FBWA is a registered 501 (c) (3) exempt, non-profit organization, # 46-0552639

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

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.

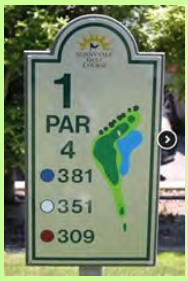
We are looking for more craft volunteers. Please join in on the craft program.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, June 2
- Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser
- *All Hands On Deck!*

Sunnyvale Golf



Save the Date

Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament
at
Sunnyvale Golf Course
Sunday, August 17

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Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan
Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi
Gotan-e / Obon

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

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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

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

May 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 **May** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Robert Ariyama	**June Kusumoto**	**Koji Sakai**
Naka Chikasuye	**Roy Matsumoto**	**George Sato**
Rev. Philipp Eidmann	**Edward Morimoto**	**Shigemi Sato**
Judy Jean Furusho	**Hiromi Mukojima**	**Betty Shidawara**
Ruth Goto	**Hana Nagao**	**Frank Shimizu**
Levan Gray	**Charles Nagatoshi**	**May Shimoguchi**
Isano Hamada	**Minako Nakamoto**	**Kazuko Springer**
Gary Hirotsu	**Clark Nakamura**	**Aiko Taniguchi**
Hironori Honda	**Yoshito Nakamura**	**Minoru Terada**
Dr. Yuta Hongo	**Harry Nakano**	**Mitsuye Togashi**
Kay Ikeuye	**Naoko Nakashima**	**Fusako Tokuda**
Robert Imai	**June Naritomi**	**Sumiye Tomota**
Nancy Ishii	**Chiharu Nishimura**	**Lucia Towne**
Ishino Ishikawa	**Herbert Nishimura**	**George Tsukagawa**
Nobukichi Ishikawa	**Hajime Ogata**	**Seiko Tsumura**
Caroline Izumi	**Momoyo Ogino**	**Sumi Uyeda**
Tomoyuki Kanzaki	**Yoshihiro Okasaki**	**Aleric Uyehara**
Yasuko Kariya	**Iko Oku**	**Torao Watanabe**
Joe Masao Kawaguchi	**Leonard Oku**	**John Wittlesey**
Makoto Joseph Kawaguchi	**Thomas Oku**	**Peggy Yamaguchi**
Shigeko Kawamoto	**John Okumura**	**Frances Yamaji**
Kiyono Kawano	**Joe Okuno**	**John Yamaji**
Hideo M. Kumamaru	**Chizuo Sakae**	

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30a-12p BWA Chicken Teriyaki Prep (Sangha Hall\; Kitchen/Pancake Room) 12p-10p Dharma School Campout (Sangha Hall\; Gym/Foyer)
2 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School (Hybrid) 11:45a-2p YBA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Kitchen/Main Hall / Education Bldg.\; 2/3) 12p-1p Miroku Meeting (YBA Hall\; Conference Room)	**3** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**4** 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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**5** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**6** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts (Sangha Hall\; All) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**7** 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**8** 10a-12p BWA Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall / Kitchen) 12p-7p Troop/Pack 50th Anniversary (Sangha Hall\; All)
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16 Father's Day 10a-11a Fathers' Day Service (Hybrid) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**17** 7:30p-8:30p Care-giver Meeting	**18** 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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**19** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**20** 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**21** Summer Solstice 6p-8p MVBT Pickleball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**22**
23 10a-11a Sunday Service (Hybrid) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**24** 7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting	**25** 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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**26** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**27** 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**28** 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**29**
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Upcoming Events

May 5, 2024, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

May 12, 2024, Sunday
Mother's Day Service

May 19, 2024, Sunday
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
Obon – Kangi-e

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

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

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