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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June Highlights

- ***6/2, Sunday, 10:00 am, June Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid***
  - ***11:00 am: Japanese Language Service***
  - ***11:00 am: English Language Discussion***
- ***6/3, Monday, 7:00 pm, Hybrid***
  - ***Buddhist Study Class***
- ***6/9, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  - ***Graduation Service***
  - ***Dharma Talk by Graduating Seniors***
- ***6/16, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  - ***Father's Day Service***
- ***6/23, Sunday, 10:00 am, Hybrid***
  - ***Regular Sunday Service***
- ***6/30, Sunday, No Service***

Living in the World of the Five Defilements

Almost every day, we hear the sad news that many lives have been lost throughout the world. It has already been over two years since Russia invaded Ukraine. The beautiful cities of Ukraine were destroyed by many types of Russian missiles and many civilians have been killed.

In addition, starting with the Hamas cross-border attack that occurred in October of last year, Israel's military has attacked Gaza in retaliation and struck a devastating blow to Palestine. It is said that the number of the victims including women and children reached over 30,000. It is painful and sad to witness innocent blood being shed. Currently, protests against Israel's war and the genocide in Gaza are taking place on college campuses across the United States.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Although it is not exaggeration to say that civil war and wars and disputes between countries are the history of human kind itself, how much blood must we spill in the name of peace and justice before all shameful battles come to an end? With a sigh of grief, Sakyamuni Buddha calls this world without peace of mind "the polluted world."

At the same time, we should also become aware that we are driving Mother Earth into ruin. Although the destruction of the environment is a global problem, pollution of the Earth has continued to expand day after day. Our cities, rivers, ocean and even the sky have all been polluted. We are aware of who is responsible and severely criticized the source of this pollution. Of course, those

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

Religious Planning — June 2024

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Graduating High School Senior Speeches

11:00 am Japanese Languare Service

11:00 am Engliish Language Discussion Group

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

June 9, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am — Graduation Service, Hybrid Service

Graduating High School Senior Speeches

Mukojima Family serving Somen after service

June 16, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Father's Day Service, Hybrid Service

June 23, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service, Hybrid Service

June 30, 2024, Sunday, No Sunday Service

JOIN US

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

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

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

Living in the World of the Five Defilements - cont'd

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responsible for destroying the environment must accept the consequences for doing so.

However, have we looked at ourselves with the same critical eye we use on others? Although we are very critical of others, we are much too lenient on ourselves. This is our grave weakness and foolishness. When we truly see ourselves with the same severity as we see others, we will clearly be able to see the polluted world that Sakyamuni Buddha described.

Sakyamuni Buddha called our polluted world, "the evil world with the five defilements" and detailed these five parts as follows:

1. Defiled Age,
2. Defiled View,
3. Defiled Passion,
4. Defiled Beings, and
5. Defiled Life.

First, "defiled age" refers to the defilements of social environment caused by famine, epidemic, pandemic, natural disasters, war, and so on. In the history of humankind, civilization has continued to develop without cease. However, social evils and issues have also grown in parallel with the development of civilization in both quality and quantity. It is a sad reality that, at the forefront of science and technology in any age, they have been weapons of war that kill people and destroy the environment. It is the very state of defiled age.

Second, "defiled views" refers to the corruption of ideas and thoughts by the spread of twisted thinking and stereotypes. We always see and consider things with wrong view because we cannot see nor think about anything without the glasses of self-centered passions. We always make a value judgment that things that are convenient for us are good, and things that are inconvenient for us are bad. In other words, all we care about is ourselves. Therefore, such a way of thinking defiles society.

Third, "defiled passions" refers to the corruption of our actions caused by blind passions. Sakyamuni Buddha says things like,

> *Your whole body is burning. You are wrapped in flames of greed, anger, and ignorance. You must extinguish these flames.*

As Buddha saw, our minds are always controlled by greed, anger and ignorance, and these terrible flames of selfishness drive us to injure and abuse each other. So, we can certainly say that we are engulfed in the flames of blind passions.

Fourth, "defilement of beings" refers to the defilements of human nature. It shows the corruption of humanity that loses sight of the unchanging truth that, as a net is made up of a series of knots, so everything in this world exists only by connecting and supporting each other. By ignoring this undeniable truth, humans easily fall into a selfish and arrogant mind, and lose the warmth and emotion of human nature.

Fifth, "defiled life" refers to the corruption of the dignity of life that makes light of the value of life. Because of this, we lose sight of the meaning of life, no longer feel the value of being alive, and our daily lives become empty and unfulfilling. Originally, "defiled life" was interpreted as a shortening of human lifespans. However, we can also take it as a loss of spiritual richness rather than a shortening of the number of years of life.

Once again, when we observe how we live each day, we are unable to deny the "World of the Five Defilements" described by Sakyamuni Buddha at all. We cannot help but respect and follow the Buddha who saw through our human nature over 2,500 years ago.

Our founder Shinran says in his writing **Shoshin-Ge** as follows:

> *People, an ocean of beings in an evil age of five defilements, should entrust yourselves to the Tathagata's words of truth.*

Under the guidance of Shinran, we should depend on the great compassion of Amida Buddha so that we can make a beautiful lotus flower bloom in the mud of the five defilements.

We shouldn't neglect our daily lives by saying, "Anyhow, this is the world of five defilements." As a positive action for our defiled selves and our defiled world, it is most important for us not to forget our innate modesty and to practice the spirit of service in consideration of others in order to live a life full of gratitude as a Nembutsu follower.

Being guided by the Nembutsu teaching, I sincerely hope that all of us will keep the spirit of loving kindness and consideration so that we can make our lotus bloom beautifully together in this World of Five Defilements.

In Gassho,

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マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」二〇二四年六月法話

ー 五濁の世に生きる ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

連日、世界のいたる所で数多くの人命が奪われている悲しいニュースを目にします。ロシアがウクライナを侵攻して早二年の月日が経ちました。ウクライナの美しい街はミサイルで破壊され、多くの一般市民が犠牲になっています。更には昨年一〇月に起こったハマスによるイスラエルへの越境攻撃を皮切りにイスラエル軍によるガザ地区への報復攻撃が続いており、これまで罪のない女性や子供を含む犠牲者が三万人に達したと言われています。何とも痛ましく、悲しい限りです。現在、アメリカ各地の大学に於いて、ガザに攻撃を続けるイスラエルへの抗議デモが盛んに行われています。

国家間の衝突や紛争、内戦そのものを人類の歴史と言っても過言ではありませんが、私達人類は平和と正義の名のもとにどれだけ多くの血を流せば醜い争いは終わるのでしょうか。お釈迦さまは、そんな安らぎのない世界を「濁りの世界」と言って嘆いておられます。更に私達は母なる地球をも破滅へと追い込んでいます。環境破壊は全人類の課題になっていますが、地球の汚染は日増しに拡大し、街や川、空や海が汚されています。そして私達は、その汚染源に対して、厳しい目を向け厳しい批判をしています。環境を汚染し破壊した当事者は当然その責任を取らねばならないことはいうまでもありません。

しかし、他人を批判したその厳しい目で私達は自分自身をこれまで真剣に見つめたことがあったでしょうか。人は他人に対しては大変厳しいのですが、自分に対しては何とも甘い傾向にあります。これこそ、私達人間の弱さであり愚かさであると思います。他人を批判した厳しい目で本当の自分を知った時、お釈迦さまのおっしゃった「濁りきった世界」がはっきりと見えてくるのではないでしょうか。

お釈迦さまは、この「濁りの世界」を『五濁悪世』と呼んで、劫濁、見濁、煩悩濁、衆生濁、命濁の五つに分けて詳しく述べられています。

一つに「劫濁」とは、飢饉や疫病、戦争などによる社会環境の穢れをいいます。人類はつねに文明の進歩を続けてきましたが、その発達と平行して社会悪も増大の一途を辿っています。悲しきことに、いつの時代でも科学の最先端は人殺しの兵器であるという現実です。まさに時代そのものが穢れている状態です。

二つに「見濁」とは、邪見な目でものを見たり考えたりすることです。残念なことに、私達人間は自己中心という眼鏡をかけてしかものを見ることも考えることもできません。そして、自分に都合の良いものを善とし、自分に都合の悪いものを悪として価値判断をしています。したがって自分さえ良ければいいという考え方が社会を穢しているのです。

三つに「煩悩濁」とは、人の行いが濁れているということです。お釈迦さまは衆生に対し「汝らは、体全体が燃えている。貪りの炎に燃えている。愚かさの炎に燃えている。汝らは、その炎を消さねばならぬ」と言われています。この貪瞋痴の我執に心を支配され、つねに互いを傷つけ合い、罵り合う私達は、正に煩悩の炎に侵されているといえます。

四つに「衆生濁」とは、人間の資質が穢れていることをいいます。これは、網の目が互いにつながりあって網を作っているように、この世のすべてのものは互いにつながり、支え合うことによってのみ存在するという永遠不変の真理を見失った人間の堕落を意味します。この否定できない真実を見逃すことによって人は利己的で傲慢な心に陥り、人間本来の温かさや感情を失ってしまいます。

五つに「命濁」とは、いのちそのものの尊さを大切にする心が失われ、いのちの価値が軽視されていることをいいます。そのため、生きていくことの意義が見失われ、生きていることの有難さが実感できなくなり、日々の生活が充実しない虚しいものになってしまいます。もともと「命濁」とは、人間の寿命が短くなることと解釈されていましたが、それはいのちの年数が短くなるというよりも、精神の豊かさが消え失せていると受け取ることもできます。

改めて私達の日常を真摯に振り返ってみますと、お釈迦さまの「五濁悪世」という言葉に何一つとして否定できるものはないのではないでしょうか。今から二五〇〇年も前に私達人間の本質を見事に見抜かれたお釈迦さまには頭が下がります。

親鸞聖人は、ご自身が記された『正信偈』の中で、「濁りの世に生きる人々よ、急いでお釈迦さまがお示し下さった阿弥陀仏の本願を聞き、素直にその真実のお言葉を信じなさい」と私達に呼びかけておられます。

私達が、この五濁の泥中から美しい蓮の花を咲かせるためには、阿弥陀仏の大いなる慈悲を仰ぐ身とならねばなりません。

どうせこの世は五濁の世であるからと、投げやりになるのではなく、「濁りの身」、「濁りの世」への積極的な働きとして、内においては「慎み」を忘れず、他に向かっては「奉仕」を実践する念仏者としての報恩謝徳の日暮らしを送ることが最も大切なことなのです。

五濁の世において、お念仏のみ教えをもと、他人を思いやり、いたわる心を持ち続け、皆さんと共に美しい蓮の花をぜひ咲かせてみせたいと切に願っています。

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LET'S GET READY FOR OBON!

2024 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

SATURDAY JULY 20: 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
SUNDAY, JULY 21: Noon - 8:00 pm

MVBT Obon 2024 is coming on July 20 and 21. Our Obon Festival & Bazaar will be open to the public and we expect an even bigger crowd than last year.

We are pleased to announce the return of our delicious Corn Dog and French Fries booth and the addition of Chicken Curry.

The hours will be Saturday: 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Sunday from Noon to 8:00 pm.

It takes a Sangha (village) to make the Obon Festival & Bazaar a success. So, mark your calendars **AND** please volunteer!

More information to follow in future posts.

Thank You,
Yumi Higa and Carol Yonemura
Zone 2

Photos of 2023 Obon

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA News

Mother's Day Brunch

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

Big thank you to **Emi Hirabayshi** and **Kylie Uyekubo** for organizing the whole brunch, **Kendall Inouye** for planning the corsage making, and **Yamani Huang and Kurumi Mukojima** for setting up the decorations. We hope that everyone who joined us for the brunch enjoyed it.

2024-2025 YBA Cabinet

Elections for our 2024-2025 cabinet took place at our May meeting. Congratulations to the incoming cabinet:

2024-2025 YBA CABINET

President	**Jillian Higa**
Vice President	**Emi Hirabayashi**
Treasurer	**Jason Lai**
Recording Secretary	**Lacey Armistead**
Corresponding Secretary	**Kylie Uyekubo**
Religious Chairs	**Kurumi Mukojima and Ella Weeks**
Activities Chair	**Danica Lim**
Coast District Representative	**Brad Aquino**
Historian	**Kendall Inouye**

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

Our YBA is helping at the Chicken Teriyaki Temple Fundraiser on Sunday, June 2. We will help pack the chicken into bento boxes before service.

YBA Camping Trip

Our YBA will be going on our annual camping trip again this summer from June 21-23. The trip will consist of welcoming the incoming freshman, saying goodbye to the seniors, going to the beach, and participating in The Iron Chef Cooking Challenge. The trip is a great way to bond with the members, so everyone is very excited for it.

Class of 2024 Seniors

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 Senior Class (Chris Hojo, Mason Inouye, Allyson Itow, Kiera Nishimoto, and Connor Sato) and good luck in the future.

In Gassho,
Allyson Itow
2023-2024 YBA President

YBA Members at Mother's Day Brunch on May 12

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Annual Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser - Sunday, June 2

THANK YOU!

Thank you for everyone who ordered dinners! We greatly appreciate your support!

PICK UP INFO

Dinners will be available to pick up at the Temple on Sunday, June 2, from 11 am to 3 pm.

HELP NEEDED

If you can help, please sign-up to volunteer for the various jobs needed to make this fundraiser happen! Go to:

https://tinyurl.com/ChickenTeriyakiVolunteerSignup

The link is also in Putra's Post.

We appreciate all your help! If you have any questions, please contact Alex Muselman at:

alex.muselman3@gmail.com

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 May are **Phyllis Chan**.

Congratulations! Phyllis

And, thank you to everyone for participating in 150 Club!

Stay Safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

Toban & Echo	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
JUNE	Zones 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
JULY	Zones 8 & 9	June 14 (Fri)	June 19 (Wed)
AUG	No Toban	No Aug Echo	N / A

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Year-End Activity

Please save the date! This year's Dharma School Year-End Activity will be held on Saturday, June 1. We will have a special magic show with Dante the Magician followed by dinner from a mobile taco stand and a movie screening in the Sangha Hall. Additional details and an RSVP form will be emailed out as they become available.

Frances Sawamura's 60th Teaching Anniversary

For those of you who could not join us at the Hanamatsuri Luncheon and our celebration of Frances Sawamura's 60th anniversary of being a Dharma School teacher at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, you may view the surprise tribute video at:

https://tinyurl.com/mvbtdssawamura60th

Thank you to **Carol Yonemura** for coordinating all of the submissions and interviews and to **Curt Fukuda** for editing the video!

BCA 125th Anniversary and Dharma School Monto Shikisho

If you did not get a chance to purchase a BCA 125th Anniversary/FDSTL Monto Shikisho, there are still some children-sized ones available for purchase. While adult sizes are currently sold out, a second order will be placed this fall and pre-orders are currently being accepted.

FDSTL Conference

This year's Federation of Dharma School Teachers' Leagues (FDSTL) Conference was hosted by the Coast District Dharma School Teachers' League (CDSSTL) on Saturday, April 27, and was held at the Mountain Buddhist Temple. The theme for this year's conference was "Nurturing Shinran's Seeds," with **Dr. Paula Arai**, the Eshinni and Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies, delivering the keynote speech.

Kay Fukumoto, one of the founders of Maui Taiko, presented ***Great-Grandfather's Drum***, a documentary that traces her family's heritage and celebrates Japanese-American culture and history in Hawai'i.

Thank You, MVBT Sangha

I am deeply grateful for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Sangha for providing so much support to make our conference a success! We truly could not have accomplished it without your dedication and generosity! Special thank you to **the Tsukahara, Matsumoto, Sato, Makishima,** and **Nakano families** for spending the day with us and assisting in so many ways!

本当に ありがとう ございました。

(Honto ni arigato gozaimasu)

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

LEFT: (From Left) Jackie, Frances, Jaimie & Rob

RIGHT: Frances next to banner at Hanamatsuri Luncheon

Arigato

from Frances Sawamura

First, the Hanamido for Hanamatsuri was beautiful as we poured sweet tea over the baby Buddha, Prince Siddhartha Gautama, celebrating his birth.

Second, with palms together in Gassho, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the Dharma School and the Sangha for the surprise honor that I received the Hanamatsuri Service for my many years teaching in the Dharma School. The years fly by so quickly that one loses all sense of time.

Thank you to Carol Yonemura for plotting the surprise and **to Curt Fu**kuda for coordinating and producing the celebratory video. I really thought the video was for the FDSTL conference.

To Brent Izutsu, thank you for the gift from Dharma School and for the beautiful Hawaiian lei made by your mother.

To Rev. Yushi Mukojima for your kind words and for presenting me the certificate of appreciation from the BCA Bishop Rev. Marvin Harada.

And, **thank you to all the participants in the video.** I feel most humbled. And yes, Eileen, I will join the BWA!

With Gratitude and In Gassho,
Frances Sawamura
Namo Amida Butsu

Brent, Frances & Rev. Mukojima

Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)

HONGWANJI YOUTH EXCHANGE

The **Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange** (YBICSE) program is starting up again after a several-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

This is a program sponsored by Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto that brings together Buddhist youth from around the world — including young adults from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i and the South America Hongwanji Mission — to visit and participate in activities at our mother temple for a week.

This year, the program is only open to 18- to 24-year-olds — so only high school seniors and college-aged youth are eligible.

DATES

Dates are from July 4 to 12, 2024. Applications must be received by May 20, 2024.

ONLINE INFORMATION

YBICSE Cover Letter:

https://tinyurl.com/YBICSECoverLetter

YBICSE Application:

https://tinyurl.com/YBICSEApplication

For more information, please contact **Brent Izutsu**.

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA

Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup

ABA's community service was held at Alta Mesa Cemetery on April 20. This year we had over 40 participants and enjoyed the Miroku and Girl Scout members and parents who joined us in tidying an area of the cemetery. Thank you's to **Mel Inouye** who coordinated the donation of flowers from the San Francisco Flower Market, to **Joyce Okumura-Lee** and **Sharon Tsukahara** for arriving early to organize the flowers and to the "whacko's", to **David Kariya**, Sterling Makishima, Peter Matsumoto and Ken Tsukahara ,who brought their weed whackers to trim the headstones.

Also, to **Judy Nakano** who provided a delicious and filling lunch with assistance from **Alice Ishida**, **Mieko Nakano** and **Emi and Rich Mori**.

Special thanks to the Miroku and Girl Scout members who attended:

Janell/ Garrett/Jeremy Tao,
Kim Tsuchida/Sophia Ng,
Marilyn/Blake Armistead,
Jadine/James/Gavin/Everett Cary,
Debbie/Tom Ho,
Patty/Paul Sakuma,
Keiko Tao/Mari Ueda-Tao and
Kendall/Michael/Grace Ho

FDSTL Conference Support

The following ABA members helped with providing salads for lunch at the Federation of Dharma School League Conference and for dinner on April 27…**Joyce Okumura**, **Janis Hiramoto**, **Mieko Nakano**, **Emi Mori**, **Alice Ishida** and **Judy Nakano**.

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

ABA will be supporting the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser on June 1 - 2 with barbecuing and rice packing.

Join ABA

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

Next Meeting

The next ABA meeting will be held on Friday, June 14, at 7:30 pm (Hybrid).

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

ABA, Girl Scouts and Miroku at
Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup in the Asian Area

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MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup

The Girl Scouts and their families participated at the ABA annual Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup on Saturday, April 20.

Bridging Ceremony

The Troop is planning to hold their Bridging Ceremony and YearEend celebration at the end of May.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Girl Scouts and families at Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup with ABA & Miroku

Miroku News

Miroku Activities

At our May Miroku meeting, we discussed many upcoming activities we plan to do.

Escape Room. We plan to go to an Escape Room for a fun last meeting of the year.

Joint Activity with YBA. We are also hoping to plan a joint event with the YBA this summer.

Apples to Apples. At the end, we played Apples to Apples.

AED Check. And, finally we concluded our monthly meeting checking the AED like normal.

Thank you to ABA for hosting us for lunch after the Alta Mesa Cemetery clean-up in April.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 2, after Dharma School.

In Gassho,
Trevor Uyehara
6th Grade Miroku Student

Miroku and families at Alta Mesa Cemetery Cleanup with ABA & Girl Scouts (on left)

MIROKU

middle school group

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

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

MVBT CHICKEN TERIYAKI FUNDRAISER

BWA will be making our *otsukemono* for MVBT's Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser on June 2, 2024. We invite anyone interested in how we make it to come join us. Here is our schedule:

Preparation: Friday, May 31 @ 8:00 am

Pack: Saturday, June 1 @ 9:00 am

47th BCA FBWA CONFERENCE

We hope you will join us at the 47th BCA Federated Buddhist Women's Association Conference on October 4-6, 2024, at the San Jose DoubleTree. Please see the conference web site:

https://fbwaconference.org

for information on the keynote speakers and workshops and the registration packet.

If you are interested in attending, please contact BWA at email:

mvbt.bwa@gmail.com.

BWA and non-BWA members are welcome to attend for the entire conference or for the Saturday night banquet only.

As one of the hosting Coast District BWA chapters, our MVBT BWA members have been working diligently on registration, a community service project workshop and hospitality.

Conference sponsorship opportunities are available and the flyer can be seen at:

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

BWA NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2024, at 10:00 am in the YBA Hall.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA 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: 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!

In Gassho,
Boy Scout Troop 87

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Hatsumairi: Held Sunday, April 14

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple held its Hatsumairi Service combined with our Hanamatsuri Service on April 14. Four families, witnessed by many Sangha members, brought their young children before the image of the Buddha to celebrate their new life as Buddha's children.

In Gassho,
The Mountain View Buddhist Temple
Membership Committee

Families at Hatsumairi Service: From Left: Serrano, Parsons/Kawafuchi, Sasaki/Kretch & Harbin/Katayama

Child	Birthday	Parents
Amy Masami Katayama	2019	Casey Harbin & Steve Katayama
Lucas Allen Kretsch	2019	Lauren Sasaki & William Kretsch
Rylee Joy Kawafuchi	2023	Casandra Parsons & Kyle Kawafuchi
Elle Rae Serrano	2023	Elaine & Enrique Serrano

Upcoming Religious Services

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

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MVBT New Members

New members to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple were introduced at the Sunday Service on May 5. The Sangha warmly welcomed the new members who joined the Temple between April 2023 and April 2024.

Members introduced at the May 5 Sunday Service.
From left: Bob Yamanaga, Membership Co-chair,;Shirley Chen & Clete Kushida with sons Caelus and Aetius; Rina Vignola with son Odin; and Rev. Mukojima

Family Members

Rina & Eric Sasaki Vignola
Russell & Gwendolyn Doi
Karen Itow & Matthew Vosburg
Clete Kushida & Shirley Chen
Kuniko Shimoguchi (Osamu deceased)

Individual Members

Yvonne Gallop
Arlyne Kawamoto
Rosemary Chen
Sachiyo Sasaki
Nicole Wang
Casey Harbin Katayama

Associate Individual Members

Michelle Imai
Drew Shetty
Rachael Nakamura
Haley Sugimoto
Emily Terada

Young Adult Members

Mike Dao
Ruth Feng
Kimberly Yamaguchi

Community Members

Donna Grandor
David Ishimaru
Keith Jones
Pauline Jones
Ravi Nandan
Mary Neinast
Jane Takagi

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee

Join the MVBT Sangha

- **Five membership categories — One will fit you**
- **Build & Support your Sangha, so that we can learn & live the teachings of the Dharma**
- **Impermanence & Interdependence — we are in this together**

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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 with lunch 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. Lunch is at 11:30 am.

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.

ENJOY THE SUMMER

Continue to stay well during the summer months. We will start up again Thursday, September 12. We are looking forward for another great year. Mark this date on your calendar.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, September 19: Julie Ushiba will be doing a presentation on "15 Minute Every Day Tips." Let us learn how we can make life easier and enjoyable with these tips.

Thursday, October 17: A guest speaker, Sharmin Sultana, will do a presentation on "Lung Health Disease." Sharmin is a Senior Health Program Manager at Breathe California of the Bay Area, a non-profit Organization. Her subject will be: Physical and Mental Benefit of Exercise, which will include information on keeping our lungs healthy.

SENIOR COOKBOOK

The Senior Cook Book is still available. You can purchase it from a committee member or at the Temple office.

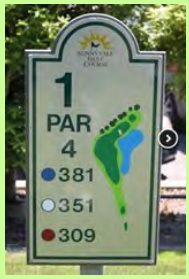
The price is $10, which makes for a nice gift.

Senior Craft

The Craft program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm. Please join in on the craft program. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Sunnyvale Golf



Save the Date

Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

at

Sunnyvale Golf Course

Sunday, August 17

Fundraiser for Sasaki Memorial Scholarship

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Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 37th Annual
Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

When:	**Saturday, August 17, 2024**
Course:	**Sunnyvale Golf Course** **605 Macara Lane** **Sunnyvale, CA 94085**
Entry Deadline:	**Wednesday, August 7, 2024.** You may make up your own foursome. Only the first 60 entries will be accepted. First come, first served.
Time:	**First tee time at 10:00 am** All Golfers must check in **45 Minutes Before** your tee time. Tee times will be emailed to golfers on Monday, August 12.
Fee:	**$170 per golfer** (Includes green fees & cart, dinner, prizes & appreciable contributions toward the Sasaki Scholarship Fund **Carts are included this year.**
BBQ Dinner:	The dinner is scheduled for 5:00 pm at the MVBT Sangha Hall. Many golf and door prizes will be presented. **Non-golfers are invited** to attend the dinner for $25. Dinner reservations must be made by **August 7, 2024**.
Make checks payable to:	"Mountain View Buddhist Temple" with Memo "*Sasaki Scholarship*"
Mail all entries to:	Steve Tsuchida 7618 Hollanderry Place Cupertino, CA 95014
Questions:	Email to mvbt.sasaki.golf@gmail.com or call Steve at 408-316-8319.

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

37th Annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

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

Golfers - $170 x number of golfers (includes dinner)	#	$
Dinner Only - $25 x number of people	#	$
Donation	**Thank You**	$
	Total Amount Due	$

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

e-mail address: _____

June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July to be held on Sunday, June 2

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

June & July Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the Temple in memory of the past members and their family members who have passed away during a given month. It is not meant to be a substitute for families to observe their Family Memorial Service for their loved ones. The **June & July** Shotsuki loved ones are:

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

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**

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	1 Canada Day 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**3**	**4** Independence Day 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**5** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**6**
7 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**8**	**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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**10** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All) 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/Kitchen)	**11** 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**12** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball (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-11a Urabon-e/Hatsubon Service (Hondo) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**15**	**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) 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**17** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**18** 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**19** 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**20** Obon Festival & Bazzar
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28 World Hepatitis Day 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**29** 1p-2p Senior Activities Meeting (YBA Hall\; Main Hall) 7:30p-9p RPC Virtual Meeting	**30** Int'l. Friendship Day 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)	**31** 7p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)			

Upcoming Events

June 2, 2024, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

June 9, 2024, Sunday
Graduation Service

June 16, 2024, Sunday
Father's Day Service

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

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