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July Highlights

- **7/14, Sun, 10:00 am**
  - Urabon & Hatsubon Service
  - Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**
- **7/20 & 21, Sat & Sun**
  - 72nd Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar
- **7/21 Sun, 6:30 pm**
  - Bon Odori Service in Hondo

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August Highlights

- **8/17 Sat, 10:00 am**
  - Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

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September Highlights

- **9/8 Sun, 10:00 am**
  - Dharma School resumes
  - Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating High School Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks. In this issue, Allyson Itow, Connor Sato & Chris Hojo. Next issue, Mason Inouye & Kiera Nishimoto.

2024 Graduating High School Seniors

FROM LEFT: Chris Hojo, Teacher Cori Kumamoto, Connor Sato, Mason Inouye, Allyson Itow, Teacher Alex Muselman & Rev. Mukojima, . Not pictured: Kiera Nishimoto

High School Class of 2024 - Congratulations!

Keep Your Golden Link to MVBT Bright & Shining!

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

Christoper Hojo
Carlmont High School

Mason Inouye
Mountain View High School

Allyson Itow
Willow Glen High School

Kiera Nishimoto
Lynbrook High School

Connor Sato
Homestead High School

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	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** 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**6**
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — July, August & September 2024

July 7, 2024, Sunday, No Services

July 14, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Urabon Service
& Hatsubon Service — Hybrid Service

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

Hatsubon: A special observance during the first Urabon service following the passing of a loved one.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dennis Fujimoto**, Resident Minister of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

July 20 - 21, 2024, Saturday & Sunday, Obon Festival & Bazaar

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

July 28, 2024, Sunday, No Services

August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2024, Sunday, No Services

September 8, 2024, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September, Hybrid Service

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

JOIN US

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

JOZAI: SUNDAY SERVICE DONATION

Put your Jozai (aka Osaisen) into the Dana Box.
Go to MVBT website & Press the Donate Button.

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

Buddhist Discussion Group

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

Class of 2024 8th Grade Graduates - Congratulations!

Kimi Aquino
Blach Middle School

Kiyomi Selaya
Castilleja School

Ryan Yoshimoto
Crittenden Middle School

From Left: Teacher Carol Yonemura, Teacher Debby Inenaga, Kimi, & Rev. Mukojima

Not pictured:
Kiyomi and Ryan

MVBT YBA News

2024-2025 Coast District Cabinet

Elections for the Coast District cabinet took place during the May meeting. Congrats to the incoming cabinet.

President: ..... Miya Fujikawa

Vice President..... Miya Kosakura

Treasurer..... Kathryn Tanaka

Secretary ..... Jillian Aochi

Religious Chair..... Jacqueline Aochi

Activities Chair..... Brad Aquino

YBA Camping Trip

Our YBA had a fun time at the annual camping trip that took place from June 21 - 23 at the New Brighton State Beach. We had a weekend full of going to the beach, cooking, and doing other activities. Additionally, we welcomed some of the incoming freshmen and said goodbye to the graduating seniors before they go off.

Obon

Our YBA will be running the Polish Dog Booth at Obon. Additionally, many of our members are planning to help with setup/cleanup for Obon as well as crafting the paper lanterns that will be sold. Lastly, some of our cabinet members will be representing YBA by dancing on the yagura during odori on Sunday.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

YBA and Miroku Joint Activity

Our YBA is planning to do a joint activity with Miroku sometime in the summer. We are planning to do a scavenger hunt at the Temple to introduce current YBA members to future YBA members. It will be a good way to connect two Temple organizations through a fun activity.

In Gassho,
Allyson Itow
2023-2024 YBA President

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Now More Independent and More Aware off Myself

ALLYSON ITOW

Willow Glen High School 2024

Bound for UC Davis

By Allyson Itow

Hello everyone, my name is Allyson and I've been going to the Temple since preschool.

Sometimes I complain about the commute to the Temple because I have to wake up earlier than everyone else and then I get home later than everyone else. However, in all honesty, I enjoy going to the Temple because it helps me calm down from the stress from school. I wanted to talk about some of my struggles throughout high school and about the line of continuity within the Temple.

To begin, I think everyone has a tendency caught up in the midst of things. For me, I think I get lost within the shuffle when it comes to my self-esteem. For the longest time, I've had a problem with comparing myself to my older brother, Evan. I viewed him as a guide since he always went through these life events before me. While this might seem beneficial, it led me to constantly compare myself to him, thinking that if I did similar things, I would be just as good. These comparisons lead me down a path of self-doubt.

I found it hard to become satisfied with my accomplishments because I thought they fell short of my brother's success. I would put a lot of pressure on myself when it came to school and while it really motivated me to always do my best in everything and keep on track with my assignments, it made me feel very dejected and all I could really think about was doing as good as he did. However, through my senior year, I learned how to accept myself. I know that everyone says that each individual is unique and that you shouldn't have to compare yourself to others and it can be hard to believe. Personally, I still struggle with this as I still fall back on comparison when times get rough, but am proud about my self-improvement even if it is short.

But, a good thing to know is that progress, even if it's just a little or it takes a long time to take the first step, is always better than sitting around procrastinating. By taking the first step, I was able to live my life more confidently and it wasn't until he moved away for college where this happened and I knew I would have to forge my own path. I started to become more independent and more aware of myself, including my strengths and weaknesses. By understanding these things, I became a bit easier on myself. I went through a lot of things that were unique to only myself. For example, the Spaghetti Dinner, which was the first since the pandemic was very intimidating and daunting. I thought I wouldn't be able to do it at first. When I was first handed the big Spaghetti Dinner binder and even the bowl that came with the bag, I was immediately intimidated. There were a lot of parts that were a lot of notes that were out-of-date, and sorting through the huge Spaghetti Dinner Google Drive was not easy, but I persevered and kept going. While it was stressful, I know that I gained something from these events. I learned valuable lessons such as responsibility and time management that have helped me become a better person. Overall, I am very proud of my self-improvement and trying new things I've never done before.

Next, I want to transition into talking about the Sangha. I really enjoy being a part of a Sangha that is this welcoming. Personally, I really like helping out at various Temple events such as the Mochitsuki, Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser, and Obon. Yes, I complain about waking up early, but I end up having a lot of fun. These events highlight the interdependence of the Temple and you can see the continuity between different age groups. Whenever I go to these events, I don't just see the YBA kids. I see people from many generations. For example, I enjoy seeing the kids from Nakayoshi Gakko and I can even say "Hi" to my mom's friends or my bachan's friends at the Temple. Since everyone is so nice, you can say "Hi" to basically everyone and you'll probably get a response back. You can see how friendly the community is through different age groups and it's one of the many highlights of the Temple.

I would like to finish this off by saying "thank you" to my family for always supporting me. Thank you to my parents for dealing with always being stressed out, my brother for pushing me to do my best in everything, and my grandparents (grandma/grandpa Itow and bachan/jichan Tamaru) for being fun to talk to and for giving me snacks. Additionally, I would like to say thank you to Sensei for giving me guidance and the Sangha for being welcoming. Lastly, thank you to the YBA Advisors for everything you do and the YBA members for making YBA memorable.

Please, join me in Gassho,

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

CONNOR SATO

Homestead High School 2024

Bound for San Diego State University

Like Miles Morales, I Found My Own Path

By Connor Sato

Please join me in Gassho.

"If Spiderman was real, my guess would be that Connor Sato is under that mask."

Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu,
Namo Amida Butsu.

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Good Morning, Everyone!

Thank you Alex and Cori for the introduction. So, the quote I opened with today was made by one of the greatest Coast District or CD presidents in history, Jarrett Wong. It was from his own speech last year and could never be more true.

Another quote I want to bring up is from one of my favorite movies, *Spiderman Across the Spiderverse*. How many of you have seen it?

Well, if you haven't seen it, the basic gist is that the main character, Miles Morales, is a new Spiderman and finds out that there are others like him. The others believe all Spidermen must go through the same experiences to be one, however, Miles wants to change that. He finds his own path and says: "Everyone tells me how my story is supposed to go. Nah. Imma do my own thing."

Throughout my experience at the Temple, I always felt like there were high expectations for me. My dad is known for being one of the go-to Temple facilities and maintenance guys and is forklift-certified now. My mom is a YBA advisor, and VISION Committee member and is always willing to help anyone. My sister, Jordyn, was YBA President and assisted at services with running Zooms. And my brother, Tyler, well, he's good at basketball, I guess. In all seriousness, he co-chaired a YBA CD conference and always helped at YBA activities and Obon.

Considering all of these high achievers, I felt that I always had to step up and do more. I always volunteered during service or went to every event and helped as much as I possibly could. However, this slowly started to take the fun out of things. I started to dread what embarrassing thing I say next or what I must do at the next event.

When COVID hit and everything stopped, it gave me time to reflect. I wondered why I wasn't enjoying my time at the Temple as much. I never found my answer till the first year back. My first year in YBA taught me that, here, the Temple, is a welcoming place. I went in not knowing anyone, but came out with the greatest group of friends I could ever ask for. I didn't need to tell Sensei that I had pet shrimp or to take bigger leadership roles in YBA to be like the rest of my family, the Temple accepted me for who I was and what I could do.

Just like Miles Morales, I was able to find my own path.

I would like to thank the Sangha for everything they've done for me. You've made the Temple feel like a second home. Thank you to Sensei and all of my past and present Dharma school teachers for guiding me through life. I would also like to thank all the friends I've made along the way. Thank you, Brent, for being Brent and supporting me through my time in YBA, Jake for driving me everywhere, Ryan for being a great group leader and always getting boba with me, Jarrett for calling me Spiderman, Lacey for being a great wing-woman, Jillian for always bringing people together and a great person to talk to, Emi for being the kindest and most positive person I've met and Brad for sending me TikToks and Reels and being the greatest friend in my final year. Lastly, to my day one, Mason. You've always been a great person to talk to and inspired me to get through the lockdown. I'll always cherish the memories we made together since preschool

The last people I'd like to thank are my family. Dad, thank you for yelling me into the person I am today and introducing me to all of my interests. Thank you, Mom, for always supporting me in everything I do and sharing your elite basketball knowledge. Thank you, Jordyn, for always paying for food and boba and mentoring me throughout my life. Thank you, Tyler, for always being a role model in my life and playing basketball with me.

Please join me in Gassho

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

CHRISTOPHER HOJO

Carlmont High School 2024

Bound for California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo

"What does Buddhism mean to me?"

By Christopher Hojo

Good Morning, Everyone.

I hope you are all doing well today. As Alex and Cori said, I am Chris Hojo and I have been a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple since I was 5 years old. For the past 13 years of my life, I have been hearing these senior speeches and always thought the day would never actually come when I would have to give my own. Well clearly, I was wrong.

When I sat down and began trying to write my senior speech, I had no idea what to say or what I wanted to talk about. I sat around for a while thinking about if I should talk about any specific memories I have at the Temple or any Buddhist teachings I had learned like the Golden Chain.

But, one night at dinner my parents were talking about the upcoming speech and asked me "What does Buddhism mean to you?" I sat there for a second and thought about it.

For years, Buddhism has asked me to reflect on the consequences of my actions, my obligations to my community, and the importance of helping others, but now you're asking me to reflect on the entire religion! "I mean c'mon man how am I supposed to do that."

But even for someone who has practiced Buddhism their entire life, how are you supposed to respond to that question? How are you supposed to sum up and quantify something so immense into just one simple sentence?

However, after letting the question sit for a little, I think I have found my answer within three stories from my childhood. For me, these three stories embody what it means to practice Buddhism and have had a profound effect on my development into a young adult.

My first story is about my Mom. One day when I was in the 3rd grade, I went to the park with my friends to ride bikes. We decided that we wanted to race each other across the park to see who was the fastest. However, me being the smaller, skinny boy that I was, I was not very fast on the bike. So as the race started and our bikes darted across the blacktop, I began to slip behind and tried pedaling faster and faster to catch up. I was so determined to try to catch up to my friends that I did not notice that one of them had swerved into my path and was on the ground in front of me. When I finally noticed, it was too late and our bikes collided and I tumbled to the ground hitting the hot asphalt.

Instantly, I felt a weird tingle in the front of my mouth. I looked around and saw that half of my front tooth was lying on the ground. At first, I thought it was kind of cool that I had chipped my tooth. However, that feeling faded in about 30 seconds when the weird tingle in the front of my mouth turned into an increasingly sharper pain.

I realized that I had to walk home and tell my parents what had happened. However, this only got me worried about how my mom would react. I was scared that she would be upset and not let me hang out with my friends if I was out chipping teeth with them.

Nevertheless, I slowly walked my way home and crept through my wooden back gate. I grabbed the handle of my back door and hesitated a second before opening it. "Maybe my mom won't freak out" I thought to myself. I entered through the door and instantly saw my mom standing in the garage. Reluctantly, I opened my mouth to speak and before I could even get a word out my mom screamed "Oh my god Christopher your tooth!" as she ran over to bring me inside.

Despite my mom's initial reaction, she immediately drove me over to the dentist and waited patiently for two hours as they checked out my tooth. When I eventually had to go see an Endodontist to try to help repair the tooth, she drove me to every appointment. And when I eventually had to get a root canal due to the tooth decaying further, she was right by my side throughout the whole procedure. Instead of scolding me or expressing disappointment, my mom comforted me and focused entirely on my well-being.

Overall, this experience exemplified a core principle of Buddhism that my mom embodies every day: compassion. Her actions in those moments and throughout my life have taught me the importance of being present for others, especially in times of need. By practicing compassion, my mom not only helped ease my pain when I hurt my tooth but has also inspired me to become someone that strives to approach life with the same empathy and

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"What does Buddhism mean to me?" - Cont'd

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Christopher Hojo

understanding.

I would like to take a moment right now to thank my mom for all that she has done for me. For my entire life, she has always been my Number #1 supporter. She woke up early every day to make me a school lunch, so that I felt good for class. She has always dedicated herself to being present in me and my sister's lives whether it be by becoming my Elementary School PTA President or one of my current YBA Advisors. And when I mess up or chip one of my teeth, she is always there to show her motherly love. Even though she likes to nag me a lot, I know that she only does it because she wants what is best for me and although I do not say it a lot, I love you mom and thank you so much for everything. Also sorry for not picking up after myself at home. I will try to be better.

My second story is about my Dad. Throughout my childhood, I practiced Judo and competed in a lot of Judo tournaments. About 7 years ago when I was in 6th grade, I went to a Judo tournament in LA.

However, this tournament was unlike other tournaments I had been to before. For starters, this was the Winter National tournament and hundreds of kids from across the state came to compete. This meant that my bracket would be 32 people instead of the usual 8-10. Additionally, the rules on overtime were different in this tournament. In previous matches I had competed in, if the score was tied and it went to overtime, the match would only continue for one more minute and then a decision on who won the bout would be decided by the judges. But, in this tournament there was no restriction to overtime meaning that a match would go on until someone scores. This means that a match could theoretically continue for more than 30 minutes if no one was scoring, which is much greater than the usual 4 minute match time that I was accustomed to.

At the beginning of the day, I nervously wandered into the large arena taking in the amount of people there and the amount of matches I could potentially have. I turned to my dad and he encouragingly stated "You got this Christopher" while handing me a bottle of yellow Gatorade he had bought for me that morning. As he walked to the bleachers to get a spot to watch me, I marched up to the mat preparing myself for the long tournament.

Throughout the day, I ended up competing in multiple 10-minute matches and by the end of my last match, I was completely exhausted. My sore muscles ached, I was completely drenched in sweat, and I could feel myself starting to accept defeat. However, as the stadium lights blared through my eyes I looked up into the stands and there I saw my Dad.

For a second, I thought about how he had taken off work to accompany me to this tournament. How he had driven me to almost every judo practice and stayed at each one to watch me improve. How he had never missed a single game or match that I had my entire life and always cheered me on and encouraged me to do my best.

I realized that he did not have to do all these things but, that is just the type of man my father is. He is someone who is willing to wake up at 3 am every morning so that he can go to work and provide for his family. Someone who will stay up just as late as me to help me get through my math homework or whatever I need support with. Someone who truly exemplifies the Buddhist idea of being committed to those around you and is willing to sacrifice his time to lend a hand to anyone who needs it.

So, after seeing my dad cheering me on in the stands, I forced myself to continue on with the match not for myself, but for the person who has been in my corner my entire life. I ended up outlasting my opponent, winning the match, and placing 4th overall in the tournament which could not have been possible without my Dad.

I would like to take a chance now to thank you Dad for all that you have done for me. Throughout elementary, middle, and high school, my teachers and friends often asked if I had a role model. Most of the time I would joke around and respond by saying that my role model is Homer or Bart Simpson. But you have really been my role model my entire life. You have inspired me to not only be dedicated in school, but be dedicated in everything that I do. To never give up on something important and push through difficult times in life. To always remain optimistic and always try my hardest to be collected and kind to those around me. I love you Dad and once again, thank you for everything.

My final story is shorter and it is about my sister Kate. One night when I was in middle school, I was quietly doing homework when suddenly the house erupted and my mom and sister got into an argument. I do not remember what it was about ,but I do re-

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"What does Buddhism mean to me?"- Cont'd

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member it left my sister crying in her room.

Now normally I would never want to step between my mom and my sister getting into a fight. That's just a bad idea. Also being the young boy that I was, I felt uncomfortable showing a lot of care to my sister. But, in that moment I remembered the compassion that my mom had shown me throughout my childhood, I remembered how my dad always dedicated himself to my family, and I realized that I had a duty as an older brother to help out my little sister. So, understanding that I needed to apply what my parents had taught me, I walked down the hall, creaked the door to my sister's room open, and gave her a big hug.

I would like to take an opportunity now to thank you Kate. Thank you for putting up with my bad driving that sometimes makes you carsick. Thank you for always supporting me and going to all of my Judo matches and Wrestling meets. And thank you for always being a fun and friendly presence. As you continue through high school, I hope you know that you have the potential to do so much and truly have the ability to accomplish whatever you want.

Now, I would like to give a huge thanks to everyone else who has helped me throughout my life. Thank you so much to the Sangha, my Dharma School teachers, my Miroku and YBA advisors, Reverend Mukojima, and my fellow YBA members for all helping me. Furthermore, thank you so much to the rest of my family: Uncle Jeff Auntie Jan and Auntie Diane, Grammi and Grandpa, Uncle Todd, and my cousins Derek and Mitchel.

To wrap up my senior speech I would like to go back to that question my parents asked me at the dinner table: "What does Buddhism mean to you?"

Although I have just spent the last 10 minutes trying to solve that question, I still find it difficult to answer. It's like I'm a pirate trying to find buried treasure. Just as a pirate must face waves and storms on their journey to get to their destination, I must confront life's hardships and challenges to discover what Buddhism truly means to me. I may have the map and clues, but the exact location of what I am looking for remains elusive, just like a treasure chest hidden beneath layers of sand and time. However, similar to a pirate that does not mean I am going to give up looking for what I am searching for.

But for right now, through all of these experiences, I have learned these three things about Buddhism:

Christopher Hojo

Buddhism is a promise to show compassion.

Buddhism is an expression of unwavering dedication.

Buddhism is a way for me to become the best version of myself.

Thank you!

2024 150 Club News

Our winners for June are **Damon & Trevor Uyehara**.

Congratulations to Damon & Trevor!

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
JULY	Zones 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
AUG	No Toban	No Aug Echo	N / A
SEPT	Toban 10 & 11	Aug 16 (Fri)	Aug 21 (Thurs)

Please note the article deadline and mailing dates. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue.

Thank you. ***Arigato Gozimasu***. ありがとう ございます。

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org .

2023 - 2024 Hatsubon Families

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has 12 families that have lost a loved one since the 2023 Hatsubon Service. To remember those who have passed away before us, the Mountain View BuddhistTemple has the Hatsubon Service. All of the Hatsubon loved ones have and will continue to influence our lives and the future of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

The Hatsubon loved ones are listed below.

Loved One	Date of Death	Buddhist Name	Homyo
Ryo Shishido	June 17, 2023	Shaku Ryo-Nin	釋良忍
Victor Nishimoto	July 8, 2023	No Buddhist Name	…
Tokiko Nakano	Aug 21, /2023	Shaku Ji-En	釋時縁
Isamu Higa	Sept 2, 2023	Shaku Do-Yu	釋道勇
Kenneth Kenji Yoshikawa	Sept 2, 2023	Shaku Ken-Shin	釋健心
Rosie Setsuko Yamaji	Sept 12, 2023	Shaku Setsu-Rei	釋節礼
Rev. Ensei Hitoshi Nekoda	Oct 3, 2023	Ho-Kyo In Shaku En-Sei	法教院釋圓整
Rick Eiji Tanimoto	Nov 15, 2023	Shaku Ei-Sho	釋英證
Patty Toshiko Ogino	Nov 26, 2023	Shaku Shun-To	釋俊藤
Hideko Helen Matsumoto	Feb 23, 2024	Shaku Shu-Sei	釋秀誓
Toshiko Betty Masaki	April 2, 2024	Shaku Ri-On	釋利恩
Jane Yayako Kanzaki	April 5, 2024	Shaku Myo-Shin	釋明心

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Bridging Ceremony

The Troop held their Bridging Ceremony in May. Congratulations to Kurumi M. for bridging from Senior to Ambassador level, and to all our girls for completing another year of Scouting.

Troop #60736 Scouts

Congratulations to High School Graduates!

We also saw three of our Scouts graduate from high school:

Kendall H. - Westmont High School

Kiera N. - Lynbrook High School

Tabitha S. - Mountain View High School

Congratulations to these three girls who have all been with our Girl Scout Troop since they were Daisies! We wish them well in their next adventure.

Kiera, Tabitha & Kendall as Brownies in 2013

Kiera, Tabitha & Kendall as high school graduates in 2024

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Miroku

Miroku Activities

At our June Miroku meeting, we discussed our upcoming activities.

Shooting Gallery. This included our annual Obon duties that consist of running the Shooting Gallery booth.

Joint YBA Event. We are also hoping to plan a joint event with YBA this summer, though the nature of the activity as well as the date and location have yet to be confirmed.

Omescape Escape Room. After completing our monthly AED checks, we headed out to our group social event at the Omescape Escape Room! It was a relatively fast paced, adrenaline filled game, with two teams, sixth graders versus seventh graders, racing head-to-head to finish solving the puzzles first. **The Dragon Gang, the sixth graders,** pulled a win in the first round, but we were surprised with a second round, which ended in the defeat of the Dragons and **the Tigers, the seventh graders,** managing to prevail in the end. It was no doubt an exciting game that all those who participated in would agree that it is a great activity that they would be willing to do again, next year.

In Gassho,
Sophia Eng
7th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

2024 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser - Thank You for Your Support

Thank you to everyone who ordered dinners and volunteered! We hope that you enjoyed the chicken and other items in the dinner boxes! We could not have done it without all of your support and help!

If you have any questions or feedback for next year, please let me know at

alex.muselman3@gmail.com.

Thank you!
Zone 10

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

ABA ACTIVITIES

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

ABA supported the Chicken Teriyaki fundraiser on June 1 - 2 with the barbeque cleanup and rice packing. Thanks to Russ Nakano for coordinating the signups for both shifts and the many ABA members who volunteered their time.

Obon Festival & Bazaar

Looking ahead, ABA will be selling Chicken Teriyaki and Spam

Musubi at the Obon on July 20 - 21.

San Jose Giants

On August 16, we will be attending the San Jose Giants game with fireworks following the game. This will be the 12th consecutive year attending a game!

ABA/Bishop's Memorial Service

Our ABA/Bishop's Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, October 20, with guest speaker **Rev. Dennis J Shinseki**.

Join ABA

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

Next Meeting

The next ABA meeting will be on Friday, July 12 at 7:30 pm (Hybrid). Zoom.

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

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Dharma School News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Graduates!

At the Dharma School Graduation Service on Sunday, June 9, the Dharma School recognized the 8th Grade Class and the High School Seniors.

8th Grade Class
From Left: Carol Yonemura and Debby Inenaga, 6th – 8th Grade Teachers, Kimi Aquino and Rev. Mukojima.

High School Class
FROM LEFT: Chris, Teacher Cori Kumamoto, Connor, Mason, Allyson, Teacher Alex Muselman & Rev. Mukojima

8th Grade Graduates & High School Attending

Congratulations to our middle school graduates:

Kimiko Aquino
Mountain View High School

Kiyomi Selaya
Castilleja School

Ryan Yoshimoto
Los Altos High School

High School Graduates & College or University Attending

Congratulations to our high school graduates:

Chris Hojo
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Mason Inouye
De Anza College

Allison Itow
University of California at Davis

Kiera Nishimoto
Santa Clara University

Connor Sato
San Diego State University

Best wishes at college, and we look forward to seeing you at future Temple events and activities!

Dharma School Attendance Awards

On Sunday, June 9, the Dharma School recognized students who had stellar attendance records throughout the year:

Attendance Awards
FRONT ROW from LEFT: Yumi, Yuji, Riley & Yoshi

MIDDLE ROW from LEFT: Kendall, Connor, Kayley, Avery, Kurumi & Oji

BACK ROW from LEFT: Carol, Rev. Devon, Rev. Mukojima & Sensei John

Kindergarten:	**Riley Chu** and **Yuji Paris**
3rd Grade:	**Yumi Paris** and **Avery Chu**
5th Grade:	**Kayley Chu**
6th Grade:	**Oji Mukojima** and **Yoshi Paris**
High School:	**Kendall Inouye**, **Kurumi Mukojima** and **Connor Sato**

Dharma School

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dharma School Magic & Movie Night

The Dharma School hosted its end-of-the-year movie night on Saturday, June 1. **Dante the Magician** was the featured guest who amazed the attendees with his wit and magic. Street tacos and ice cream sundaes were served before a screening of the movie Kung Fu Panda 4.

Thank you to **Ricky Chu**, **Bryan Matsumoto**, **Jennifer Mori**, and **Miki Paris** for planning and coordinating this fun activity!

Dharma School Birthdays

A special thank you to **Traci Inouye** and **Loreen Toji** for your assistance with the Dharma School birthday books this year!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

BWA Activities

Buddhist Women's Association

Happy 100th Birthday Misao Tanouye!

After our June 8 meeting, we had a Bento Birthday Luncheon for Misao-san. We are truly grateful to Misao-san for all the years of service and leadership given to our BWA.

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

Our BWA members and BWA friends enjoyed making tsukemono for the Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and thank you to Zone 10 for a successful fundraiser.

Obon Tsukemono

For Obon, our BWA ladies will be making our delicious tsukemono. Everyone is welcome to join us.

- Thursday, July 18: Making tsukemono – 8 am to 2 pm
- Friday, July 19: Packing tsukemono - 9 am to noon

BWA Tsukemono Crew on Friday for Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

Donations Gratefully Accepted:

- Family of Hideko Matsumoto
- Peter and Shirley Matsumoto
- Family of Toshiko Masaki from Gayle Masaki Alcones

47th BCA FBWA CONFERENCE

Please join us at the 47th BCA FBWA Conference on October 4 - 6, 2024, at the San Jose DoubleTree. BWA and non-BWA members are welcome to attend.

Full registration includes:

- Two keynote speakers:
  - **Former Hawaii Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa** and
  - **Reverend Yukiko Moyotoshi**
- Fun and meaningful workshops and
- The Saturday night banquet.

You can also attend just the Saturday night banquet. Specially arranged by Bishop Marvin Harada, the highlight of the banquet will be entertainment by the **Grateful Crane Ensemble**. For more information on the ensemble, go to:

www.gratefulcrane.com.

See the conference web site https://www.fbwaconference.org for more information and the registration packet. Hard-copy packets are available at the MVBT Temple Office or contact mvbt.bwa@gmail.com

If you would like to register using the paper form, please submit your forms and payment to the MVBT Temple Office addressed to FBWA Conference Registration Committee.

We request that MVBT registrations and payments be submitted by July 14 for us to process.

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

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

Please contact BWA at email mvbt.bwa@gmail.comfor any questions regarding the conference.

Next Meeting

The next BWA meeting will be on Saturday, July 13, at 10 am in YBA Hall.

In Gassho,
Reiko Murakami
BWA President

Misao Tanouye

Misao with BWA Members

Misao & Rev. Mukojima

VISIONING the Future of MVBT

It has been a while since MVBT's VISION committee has given an update to our Sangha! This article is intended to be the first in a series of conversations with all of you about what we have been up to and where we as a Temple community are headed.

The Vision committee was formed in 2019 with the charge of helping to engage the Sangha in envisioning our future MVBT programming and campus. Some of our early activities included rooting ourselves in a core set of values (included below) and engaging in widespread surveying and focus groups of Temple members and affiliated organizations to capture your vision for what the Temple could and should be going into the future. Since then, we have been actively taking those ideas and working with an architect to put together a "conceptual blueprint" of a campus update and remodel. We look forward to sharing this with the Sangha later this fall!

As we now begin to look toward turning this conceptual blueprint into reality, the pressing question facing us is *funding* necessary campus improvements and bringing to fruition the Sangha's vision for the Temple community that will last into the next 50 years… particularly given our annual operating expenses shortfall that we face each year.

This is a solvable puzzle. But, if there's anything that our elders and founders of the Temple have taught us, these long-term endeavors require a close partnership with our membership, those who care most deeply about ensuring that the Dharma-centered community remains vibrant for today but also for future generations.

Thus, the coming series of Echo articles. We continue to hear feedback that MVBT's finances can be confusing—we have a lot of different funds, income streams, and fundraising efforts that have been created over time. To engage you all in some of the discussions and decisions ahead, it feels important to educate folks about how we are organized financially to support and sustain MVBT and our activities.

We have some ideas for topics to cover in the series, but if you have specific questions that would be helpful to cover, please contact j.satake.ryu@gmail.com. Beyond this Echo "conversation," we are also thinking through other ways to further the conversation in-person as well. Looking forward to the engagement with our Sangha.

In Gassho,
The VISION Committee

Dharma-Centered	Interdependence	Tradition	Impermanence	Compassion	Community

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Ochigo Participants

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

Certificate of Scholarship

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Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarhip Recipients

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Christopher Hojo,

Allyson Itow &

Connor Sato

The Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki Scholarship was awarded at the Sunday Service on June 9 to three Dharma School, high school graduating seniors. Congratulations to **Christopher Hojo, Allyson Itow** and **Connor Sato**.

Background

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

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

To date, the Scholarship Committee has given 69 scholarships to deserving Dharma School high school graduates.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Scholarship Committee

FRONT ROW from left:
Christopher Hojo, Allyson Itow & Connor Sat

BACK ROW from left:
Rev. Devon Matsumto, Steve Tsuchida, Rev. Yushi Mukojima & Sensei John Arima

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Golf Tournament

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

Arigato Gozaimasu!

Play Golf with Us This Year

Join us at this year's golf tournament to be held on August 17 at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. A signup sheet can be found in this issue of the Echo, also available on MVBT Website and Putra's Post.

Sunnyvale Golf

A signup sheet can also be found at:

https://tinyurl.com/2024SasakiGolfSignup

You may pay by credit card or check.

Donations Accepted

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

In Gassho,
Sasaki Memorial Golf Committee

Mountain View Buddhist Temple's 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**.

To Sign up Online & Pay by Credit Card: Go to https://tinyurl.com/2024SasakiGolfSignup

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

Mail entry 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.		
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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: _____

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

Senior Activities:

Resume Thursday Seniors After Summer Break: To our Senior Members and Friends, continue to stay well during the summer months. We will start up again on Thursday, September 12. We are looking forward for another great year. Mark this date on your calendar.

Thursday, September 19: Julie Ushiba will do 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 give a presentation on Lung Health Disease. Sharmin is a Senior Health Program Manager from Breathe California, a non-profit Organization. Information on keeping our lungs healthy. Subject will be: Physical and Mental Benefit of Exercise.

Senior Cookbooks

The Senior Cook Book is still available. It can be purchased from any 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 and ends at 12:00 pm. Please join in on the craft program when we resume on Thursday, September 12. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Got SPAM?

We can help you!

We hope it's the good kind, you know, for Spam Musubi and not the kind in your inbox.

Every day we are bombarded with fake calls and emails. With calls, we can ignore the number if we don't recognize it, but with emails, it can be difficult. So to help you, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Tech Committee has set up an inbox where you can forward any suspicious emails and we will review it! We'll get back to you.

If you believe you have received a SPAM email, just forward the email to

SPAM@MVBuddhistTemple.ORG

We will review it and let you know if it is safe or not. Please do not open any links or files contained within; they could be harmful to your device and data.

In Gassho,
Technology & Website Committee
Alec Matsumoto

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Gotan-e

Urabon Service / Hatsubon

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

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

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

2024 Odori Practice Schedule

Get ready for Obon 2024 by practicing odori dances with our team of instructors:

Julie Satake Ryu,
Yumi Higa, and
Gail Satake.

Tuesday, July 9 (Sangha Hall Gym)

- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Odori Dance
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Maui Dance

Thursday, July 11 (Sangha Hall Gym)

- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Odori Dance
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Maui Dance

Tuesday, July 16 (Sangha Hall Gym)

- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Odori Dance
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Maui Dance

Thursday, July 18 (Outside around Yagura)

- 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Odori Dance
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Maui Dance

Obon Festival Donations/Lantern Sponsorships

SUPPORT MVBT OBON

The 2024 annual Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival & Bazaar is coming up the weekend of July 20 and 21 where many loyal festival attendees will enjoy this two-day event from near and far. Each year, we look to our friends and Sangha members for their support making contributions to this festive event. Obon is our largest fundraiser and a primary source of income for the Temple. During the **2020 OBON at HOME**, digital lanterns were created to honor our beloved ancestors. We are continuing this new tradition; you may purchase a digital dedication lantern starting from $25 or an Obon Sponsorship starting at $100. Lanterns and sponsor names will be prominently featured on the website and in the Sangha Hall during Obon.

HOW TO DONATE

Please look for information on how to donate in an upcoming "Putra's Post", our MVBT website, or your residential mailbox. A form is also available in this Echo; see Page 21 and 22. Thank you for your support!

QUESTIONS & CONTACT

Please contact:

Leslie Imai at
leslieimai@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,
Zone 2
Obon Festival & Bazaar Committee

ABOVE PHOTOS: Flower Shop at 2019 Obon Festival & Bazaar

WANTED PLANT & FLOWER DONATIONS

Attention Home Gardeners. The 2024 Obon Festival Flower Shop will be open, and we would welcome any plants and/or flowers you might be willing to donate.

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

We would appreciate it if you could drop the plants off at the Flower Shop on Friday (7/19) evening or Saturday (7/20) morning. If you need your donations to be picked up, please let us know so we can help.

MVBT Obon Festival Lantern Donation Order Form

Please use this form to make any donations to MVBT and commemorate the memory of your loved ones. Donations received by July 17 will be prominently featured on the Temple's Obon website and at the Festival. Donations received from July 17th to 28th will be posted on our website for the remainder of the year.

Please return this form with your check to the temple: MVBT 575 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043 You may also go online to the Temple's donation website at obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/donate to make your donation online.

First Name_____Last Name_____
Email_____Phone_____
Street Address_____City_____
State_____ Zip Code_____ Zone or Organization_____

Donation Amount $_____
How would you like your donation to be recognized? (ex. Individual name, family name, organization/business name, anonymous)
_____

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

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

STANDARD DIGITAL DEDICATION LANTERN
($25 each)

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS BELOW

LOTUS ($100-499)

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

SAKURA ($500-999)

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

WISTERIA ($1000-2499)

Wisteria-decorated lanterns (unlimited) Small logo on website

CHRYSANTHEMUM ($2500+)

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

2024 Obon Festival & Bazaar

Calling All Volunteers!

It takes an entire Sangha to put on our Obon Festival. Please volunteer your time to make this event the best ever! It's hard work and lots of fun! Please go to our Obon Volunteer Recruitment site at:

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

Sign up early to get the best time slots!

Questions? Contact Sue Yuen at susan.kanagawa@gmail.com

In Gassho,
Zone 2
Obon Festival & Bazaar Committee

MVBT Obon Festival Donation Form

If you are not interested in a memorial lantern but would like to donate to the Obon Festival to help the temple continue to offer services to the community, please use this form or go online to obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/donate to make your donation online.

Please return this form with your check to the Temple:

Mountain View Buddhist Temple
575 N. Shoreline Blvd,
Mountain View, CA 94043

First Name _____ Last Name_____

Email_____ Phone_____

Street Address_____ City_____

State_____ Zip Code_____. Zone or Organization_____

Donation Amount $_____

How would you like your donation to be recognized? (ex. Individual name, family name, organization/business name, anonymous)

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June & July

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July was held on Sunday, June 2

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The next Shotsuki Hoyo will be held on September 8 for loved ones who passed away in August and September.

June & July Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

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

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

If a name has been inadvertently left off or you would like to add a family member to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple list of Shotsuki names, please contact Rev. Mukojima.

E-mail **reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org**

Phone (Temple office) **(650) 964-9426**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**2** 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom)	**3**
4 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class (Sangha Hall\; Gym) 2p-4p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Gym)	**5** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group (Zoom)	**6** 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)	**7** 6p-9p Boy Scouts (Sangha Hall\; All)	**8** 8p-10p Jun Daiko (Sangha Hall\; Game Room)	**9** 7p-8p Ukulele Club (Zoom) 7:30p-9p ABA General Meeting (YBA Hall\; Board Room/Main Hall/ Kitchen)	**10**
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