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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

April
Highlights

- ***4/6, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  April Shotsuki Hoyo
  * *11:00 am: Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am: English Language Discussion*
- ***4/7, Monday, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***4/13, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Services
- ***4/20, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  Sunday Service
- ***4/27, Sunday, 10:00 am,***
  Sunday Service Only
  No Dharma School

Are You Practicing "Anticipatory Driving" in Life?

Getting Your Driver's License

My daughter has turned 16, the age at which she can get a driver's license. A few years ago, she used to say, "When I turn 16, I want to drive," but now she doesn't seem as interested, and I haven't heard her mention wanting to go to the DMV yet.

I am surprised that she is already old enough to get a driver's license, but if she does obtain one and starts driving, I imagine I will have even more worries about the possibility of her getting into an accident. It is only natural for parents to be concerned when their child becomes a driver. When I first got my driver's license, my parents constantly reminded me to "drive safely," which at the time felt to me like nagging.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Well, it has been over 30 years since I got my driver's license in Japan. In the driver education class that I took at the DMV, an instructor posed an interesting question - one that I still vividly remember. It was: "What type of driving is most likely to cause an accident?" Students offered many answers: drunk driving, driving while sleepy, driving while distracted, and so on. However, we were told that all of these quite reasonable responses were wrong.

"Assumptive Driving"

Although any of those guesses could create a bad situation, the instructor told us that the most likely cause is "assumptive driving." For instance, when changing lanes

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MVBT President's Message - Caregivers Support Group

A Community is defined by how it is sustained and upheld by its members. We are very fortunate that **Doug Sawamura** formed the Caregivers Support Group in late 2023. **Craig Hamasaki** has also been helpful in hosting some of the meetings and providing resources. The mission of this group is to provide a forum for our Temple members to gather for the purposes of sharing and learning more about caregiving.

If you have not yet cared for a friend or relative in the past, you will likely do so in the future. Someone will need either short-term or long-term assistance.

We are honored to be able to provide this service to friends and family, but it can take a toll and we must keep in mind that taking

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6 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 11a-12:30p New Member Orientation and Welcome 11:30a-12:30p YBA Lunch 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 12p-1p Miroku Monthly Meeting 12:30p-2p YBA Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**7** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group	**8** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**9** 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting	**10** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**11** 6p-10p ABA General Meeting 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**12** 9a-12p BWA Meeting
13 10a-12p Hanamatsuri Service & Dharma School & Hatsumairi 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-5p CD YBA Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**14** 1p-3p Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**15** Tax Day (Taxes Due) 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**16** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**17** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**18** Good Friday 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**19** 10a-2p ABA Cemetary Clean Up & Luncheon
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Special Events in April

- April 13: .... Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi Services
- April 13: .... Dharma School's Hanamatsuri Performance and Displays

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

Religious Planning — April 2025

April 6, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo

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

April 7, 2025, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Online

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

April 13, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am — Hanamatsuri Service with Hatsumairi Service

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

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

April 20, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

April 26, 2025, Saturday, 9:00 am — Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League Conference

Theme: Acceptance, Understanding & Respect
Keynote Speaker: **Rev. Ko'e Umezu** from West LA Buddhist Temple
Where: Gardena Buddhist Church
In Person: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Zoom: 8:30 am to Noon

April 27, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

Sunday Service only. No Dharma School.

JOIN US

In-Person Sunday Dharma Messages are presented by Rev. 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

Upcoming Major Services

Mother's Day Service ..... **May 11**
Gotan-e Service ..... **May 11**
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service ..... **May 25**
Oak Hill Memorial Day Service ..... **May 26**
Graduation Service..... **June 8**
Father's Day Service ..... **June 15**
Obon / Hatsubon Service..... **July 13**

Fall Ohigan Service..... **Sept 14**
Bishops' Memorial & ..... **Oct 12**
ABA Memorial Service
Eitaikyo Service & ..... **Nov 16**
Keiro Kai Luncheon
Bodhi Day Service..... **Dec 7**
New Year's Eve Service ..... **Dec 31**

Are You Practicing "Anticipatory Driving" in Life? - cont'd

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or merging onto a highway, one might assume other cars will probably yield and then forcefully cut in. Or, while driving through a residential area, one might think no one will suddenly jump out and so continue to drive at high speed. Or, after drinking alcohol, one might believe, driving just a few miles to get home should be fine, and so end up getting behind the wheel. Our instructor taught us that this kind of driving - based on optimistic assumptions like it will probably be all right - is the most likely cause of serious, irreversible accidents.

It has been many decades since I got my driver's license. These days I drive effortlessly with a practiced hand. However, as I think back on this story, it feels as though my arrogant driving is being focused on. Because I have forgotten a beginner's mindset, it causes me deep self-reflection.

Tomorrow Will Surely Come

When we give this topic more thought, we might realize that "assumptive driving" describes not only driving a car, but also how we live our lives. Although we all understand that we must die someday, we nonetheless live each day optimistically without even realizing it. It is as if we are assuming, "It is unlikely I will lose my life today," or "It is unlikely I will be separated from my family tomorrow."

Before going to bed at night, don't we usually forget to feel grateful or to rejoice in the fact that we lived through the day? Rather, don't we tend to think only about the next day, as if it were a matter of course? That is because we believe that tomorrow will surely come, while forgetting that eventually each of us will surely die, and we don't know when that will be. Living like this is very much like assumptive driving. It follows, then, that if we continue to live with unreasonable optimism, it will surely result in a life filled with regret…and at our last moment, we will lament, "It was not supposed to go this way!" I believe that living assumptively, without facing reality, is an extremely dangerous way to go through life.

"Anticipatory Driving"

So, what do you suppose our driving instructor told us was the safest way to drive? He told us that it is "anticipatory driving." For example, even late at night, when you drive onto a narrow street, you start to slow down, thinking, "Someone might run out between the parked cars." Or, when you are driving behind another car, you keep a safe distance back, thinking, "The driver might have to stop suddenly." With this mindset, you are always driving cautiously in anticipation of an accident that might occur. This way, you learn to pay attention to pedestrians, keep your distance from other vehicles, and anticipate other drivers' actions - all to avoid possible accidents.

Each Day Can Be Fulfilling

We can also compare this kind of anticipatory driving to how we live our lives. If we live each day with the awareness that "My life might end today," or "This might be the last time I see this person," I believe we would be able to make each day a fulfilling one without regrets. Even when we argue with someone, if we realize that we might not have tomorrow, our anger will naturally subside. Instead, a thoughtful and apologetic mindset will surely be heard. Moreover, we will be able to live each day rejoicing in the fact that we are alive in this moment, feeling deep gratitude for everything that supports our lives.

Let us never forget that what allows us to embrace this sincere way of living is Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. When our life ends, through the working of the Nembutsu, we are assured of being born in the Pure Land where we will achieve true enlightenment and become Buddhas. Therefore, life is a journey toward the Pure Land during which we are filled with great peace of mind because the Pure Land itself nourishes our lives. Without the world of the Pure Land, we would have to live this fleeting life - whose end we do not know - recklessly, filled with anxiety. But because we have the Pure Land - our spiritual home, where our lives will return after death - we are able to live our fragile lives to the fullest, making each day bright as we are embraced by Amida Buddha's light of wisdom and compassion.

Practice "Anticipatory Driving"

I would like to ask each of you to practice "anticipatory driving" whenever you get behind the wheel of your car. Above all, I hope that all of us can begin to live each day by firmly accepting the reality that we will never know what will happen to us in the next moment. It is within this way of life that the Nembutsu - the calling voice of Amida Buddha saying to us, "Rely upon me. I will surely guide you to the Pure Land" - will resonate even more deeply within our hearts.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二五年四月法話

ー かもしれない運転 ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

娘が十六歳になって運転免許が取得できる年になりました。数年前まで「十六歳になったら車を運転したい」と娘はよく口にしていたのですが、今はそれほど興味がないようで教習所に行きたいという話はまだ聞いていません。

娘が運転免許を取れる年齢になったというのも驚きですが、娘が免許を取得してひとたび運転するとなると事故を起こしはしないかと心配事が増えそうです。親であれば当然のことで、私も運転免許を取りたての頃は両親から、「安全運転を心掛けなさい」と口うるさく言われたものです。

さて、私が運転免許を取ったのは約三十年前になりますが、私が教習所で講習を受けている時、ある教官がとても興味深い質問をされたのを今でも鮮明に覚えています。それは、「事故を起しやすい一番危険な運転は何か」というものでした。受講生から、「飲酒運転」、「居眠り運転」、「わき見運転」などとたくさんの答えがでてきましたが、全部不正解でした。

確かにどれも危険な運転には違いないのですが、その中でも最も危ない運転は、「だろう運転」だとその教官は言うのです。例えば、車線変更する時や、高速道路に入る時に、「ほかの車が道を譲ってくれるだろう」と強引に割り込んだり、住宅街を走っている時に、「誰も飛び出してこないだろう」と思ってスピードをだしたまま走ったり、また、お酒を飲んだ後に、「ちょっとぐらいの運転なら大丈夫だろう」と、つい運転してしまうというように、「たぶん大丈夫だろう」という楽観的予測に基づく運転が、取り返しのつかない大きな事故につながっていくのだと教えてくれました。

運転免許を取得して何十年も経ち、今では慣れたハンドルさばきで思うがままに運転している私ですが、今改めてこの話を思い出してみますと、まるで、初心を忘れた私の傲慢な運転を指摘されているようで深く反省させられます。

よくよく考えて見ますと、この「だろう運転」は、車の運転に限ったことではなく、私達の人生、つまり、生き方にも同じことが言えるのではないでしょうか。私達はいつかは亡くなる存在だと十分承知をしてはいますが、無意識のうちに「まさか明日いのちを落とすことはないだろう」や、「明日、家族と死に別れることはないだろう」というように毎日を楽観的に生きているのようにに思えてなりません

私達は、夜眠りにつく前に、今日一日生かされたいのちを喜び感謝することを忘れ、当たり前のように次の日のことばかりを考えています。明日が必ず来ると思い込み、死ぬということを忘れて過ごす人生は、まさに「だろう運転」と言えます。このような生き方では、人生の最後で「こんなはずではなかったのに・・・」と後悔しか残らないいのちの大事故につながりかねません。これは極めて危険な生き方です。

では、その反対に、一番安全な運転は何かといいますと、「かもしれない運転」だと教官が教えてくれました。例えば、深夜であっても「もしかしたら歩行者が突然道路に飛び出してくるかもしれない」、「前の車が突然急ブレーキを踏むかもしれない」などと常に起こりうることを予測して注意深く運転するということです。そうすれば、歩行者を意識して運転したり、前の車と車間距離をあけて運転することができ、危険を回避することができます。

この「かもしれない運転」も私達の人生に置き換えることができます。日々の生活の中で、「このいのちは今日で最後かもしれない」とか、「この人と会うのは最後かもしれない」などといった意識をもって過ごすことができたなら、一日一日を悔いのないよう精一杯全力で生き抜くことができるのではないでしょうか。たとえ仲違いしていようとも、明日がないと思えば、怒りは自然と消えて、互いに思いやる心と謝り合える心がうまれてくるはずです。そして更には、今生かされているこのいのちを心から喜び、このいのちを支えてくれている全てのものに感謝いっぱいの心で生きていけるのです。

そして、この生き方を実現できるのは、ひとえに、阿弥陀仏のご本願のお陰であることを忘れてはなりません。私達は、この人生を終えた後、必ず浄土に生まれ、究極の悟りを開いて仏になるということがお念仏によって約束されています。ですから、私達の人生は浄土に向かってゆく大安心の旅路であり、浄土は生きていくうえでの大切な糧となります。もし、浄土という世界がなければ、いつ終わるか分からないこのはかない人生を不安の中でなげやりに生きていくことしかできません。しかし、帰りゆくいのちのふるさとがあるからこそ、明日をも分からぬいのちを阿弥陀仏の智慧と慈悲のみ光に包まれながら一日一日を感謝のうちに輝かすことができるのです。

皆さんもぜひ、車を運転の際は、この「かもしれない運転」を心掛けて下さい。そして何よりも、この私のいのちが明日終える「かもしれない」という現実をしっかり受け入れた生き方を実践していきましょう。この生き方の中にこそ「安心せよ。必ず救う」という阿弥陀仏のお呼び声、「南無阿弥陀仏」が私達の心によりいっそう響いてくるのです。

MVBT President's Message - Caregivers Support Group - Cont'd

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care of ourselves is important to continue with the care of others. This group has formed to give caregivers past, present and future an opportunity to share experiences, learn something new and network with others in a similar situation.

Topics covered in the once monthly meetings include:

- Caregiver resources / agencies / people
- Living trusts / legal ramifications
- Taxes / how California Proposition 19 has or will affect us all

If caregiving is occupying some of your time, I hope you will join this group and find the discussions helpful. Meetings are once monthly on the third Monday of the month at 730 pm. Information is also available via Putra's Post and you can email

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

We are fortunate to have members of our Community working to help us navigate this critical task of caregiving.

In deepest appreciation for all the efforts of our Sangha,

Julie Satake Ryu
2025 MVBT Board President

MVBT Class for CPR and AED Certification

CERTIFICATION

Date: ..... Sunday, May 18

Time: ..... 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Where: ..... YBA Hall

Cost: ..... $85/person (includes lunch at noon)

Deadline to Sign Up:..... April 11

Ever wonder what you would do if you were faced with an emergency? Do you have a loved one that has health challenges? Look no further! MVBT is providing members an opportunity to get a 2-year certification in CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

The format will be classroom-based with an instructor and video, with hands on skills practice throughout the session. There will be group interaction and feedback from the instructor. Students will receive links to additional CPR and AED information.

Class size is limited to 12 people. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to sign up is April 11. Registration will be available on Putra's Post. Paper registration forms will also be available in the Hondo and the YBA Hall.

You may pay for this class with either check or credit card (preferred). Please note that a 4% transaction charge will be added on credit card payments. A class confirmation will be sent when registration closes.

Questions? Contact **Carol Yonemura** at:

carolyonemura72@gmail.com

Hope to see in the Class!

MVBT Chicken Teriyaki Order Form

Pickup: Sunday May 4th, 12pm - 3pm

MVBT Sangha Hall Gym

575 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043

NOTE: We prefer you order online at:

https://tinyurl.com/2025ChickenTeriyaki

Orders must be received in the MVBT Office by Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Complete the order form below if you are not able to order online.

Make checks payable to: Mountain View Buddhist Temple, note: Chicken Teriyaki

Send form & check to MVBT or drop off in the MVBT office

If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Kitasoe at gkitasoe@gmail.com

CONTACT INFO:

First name:_____ **Last name:**_____

Email address:_____

Phone: (_____) _____

Area code **Phone number**

CHICKEN TERIYAKI BENTO

The Chicken Teriyaki Bento includes half a chicken (breast & thigh), rice, tsukemono, half orange, fortune cookie. Bentos are $20.00 each.

CHICKEN SALAD

Chicken salad will be sold this year by pre-order only. One order is enough for one full meal or can be shared amongst 2-3 people as a side dish. Cost is $10.00 each.

ADDITIONAL DONATION

The general fund could use your help so please consider a little extra. Enter the amount below.

ITEM	ORDER QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	SUBTOTAL
Chicken Teriyaki Bento		$20.00	$
Chicken Salad		$10.00	$
Additional donation			$
		GRAND TOTAL	$

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

Girl Scout Troup #60736 Luncheon for BWA

On Sunday, March 9, twelve of our BWA members were special guests of honors at a luncheon hosted by our Girl Scout Troup #60736. The Girl Scouts (**Kurumi Mukojima**, **Keiko Tao**, **Kelly Tao**, **Hayden Smith** and **Ava Yamamoto**) with support from their Girl Scout Leaders (**Joan Aoki**, **Patty Sakuma**, **Debbie Ho**, **Jill Nishimoto** and **Mari Ueda -Tao**) planned and prepared a lovely event.

The Girl Scouts served a delicious lunch of *somen* noodles, chicken cabbage salad, fruit cup, butter mochi and tea. All attendees received a fancy *hashi* in a decorative folded holder and an origami box filled with chocolate kisses.

Our BWA ladies enjoyed conversing with the Girl Scouts during lunch. In addition, three lucky attendees with a special dot underneath their origami box received a bottle of soap. *Domo arigato gozaimasu* to all the Girl Scouts and their Leaders for treating our BWA to such a wonderful event and for making us feel so special.

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
2025 BWA President

Girl Scouts in Front: From Left: Kurumi , Keiko, Kelly, Hayden and Ava

Behind Girl Scouts: BWA members with Girl Scout Leaders & Parents

Photo taken BWA Member Sandy Furuichi

Delicious lunch planned and prepared by the Girl Scouts

BWA members enjoying lunch with the Girl Scouts

MVBT's Family Fun Night!

Come join us for MVBT's Family Fun Night!

This potluck event will be held on:

Saturday, April 5, from 5 pm – 8 pm,
in Sangha Hall

This year we will have a basketball court size bounce house, Spring craft project for all generations, games, festive music and delicious food!

RSVP to this link*:

https://tinyurl.com/2025FamilyFunNight

*** Please don't forget to click the link in the Evite to share what potluck item you plan to bring.**

If you have any questions regarding this event, contact **Kim Tsuchida** at:

kimtsuchida@mvbuddhisttemple.org

See you at the Family Fun Night!

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

HIGHLIGHTS

Boy Scout Sunday Service

Zara Olivera led the singing of "A Special Place at the Boy Scout Sunday Service on February 16.

New Students

Onenjus were presented to two of our ten new students for this academic year as part of the Shotsuki Hoyo service on Sunday, March 9.

March Birthdays

The Sangha wished a happy birthday to **Jett Nguyen** on Sunday, March 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanamatsuri

The Dharma School will be part of the Hanamatsuri Service on Sunday, April 13, that commemorates the birth of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, who later became Shakyamuni Buddha.

After the service, the Dharma School will be hosting lunch in the Sangha Hall. An email was sent to Dharma School families on Friday, March 14, with a link to sign up for a salad, a side dish,or jello and for volunteers to help with set up and clean up.

FDSTL Conference

This year's Federation of Dharma School Teachers' Leagues (FDSTL) Conference will be held at Gardena Buddhist Church on Saturday, April 26. All Dharma School teachers are encouraged to attend.

No Dharma School on April 27

There will be no Dharma School classes on Sunday, April 27, due to the FDSTL Conference.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Donations

We gratefully acknowledged the following donation:

The Sawamura Family
In Memory of Frances Sawamura

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Zara at the podium singing "A Special Place" at the Boy Scout Sunday Service

New Students:
From Left: Brent Izutsu, new students Ayden, Reina and Rev. Mukojima

March Burthdays:
From Left: Brent Izutsu, Jett and Rev. Mukojima

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan /

Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi

Gotan-e

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or

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

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

YBA News

MVBT YBA members at YBA Spaghetti Dinner

YBA Spaghetti Dinner

This year's Spaghetti Dinner took place on March 1. The fundraiser supports YBA activities such as conferences and activities, and enables us to go on our Maui trip this summer. Additionally, we had BINGO and a lucky draw during the event.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the hard work from this year's Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson **Emi Hirabayashi**, YBA members and advisors. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and flexibility during these past few months. We would also like to thank the Sangha for supporting the YBA by attending the Spaghetti Dinner .

Coast District Conference

Our YBA will be co-hosting with San Jose YBA to put on this year's Coast District Conference on March 22 at the San Jose Betsuin. Our own YBA member, **Bradley Aquino**, and **Miya Kosakura** from San Jose, have been working very hard to make sure this event goes smoothly for all attendees.

Babysitting Fundraiser

We introduced our newest fundraiser on February 15. The YBA provided games, food, and other activities to 14 kids who attended. The purpose of this fundraiser was to give parents and guardians a break for a night, while we watched over and entertained their children. It was a complete success and we are already in the process of organizing our next babysitting fundraiser, sometime in April.

In Gassho,
Jillian Higa
2024-2025 YBA President

MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2025 OBON FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

Sat & Sun, July 19 & 20

See you There!

Zones 3 & 11

SAVE THE DATE

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

DATE: ..... Sunday, September 28
LOCATION: .. Sangha Hall and Patio, MVBT

All Temple members & their families are invited.

COME JOIN THE FUN !!!

Zones 6 & 7

SAVE THE DATE

Keiro Kai Luncheon
Sunday, November 16

Come join us in celebrating and honoring our Seniors

Zones 2 & 10

MOCHI TSUKI
December 14

Komochi

Okasane

Zones 5 & 13

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA

Career Planning Presentation

A big "Arigato" to Gail Satake for giving a career planning presentation to the Dharma School High School Class on behalf of ABA. Gail is a counselor and instructor at Ohlone College where she teaches a course on Career Planning. She asked the students to share what college majors and careers interest them and had each complete an inventory to determine their strengths and interests.

Gail will return in May with the findings based on their answers and help further direct them toward potential career paths. The students left with much to think about as they look toward their futures!

Join ABA

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

Next Meeting

Friday, April 11, at 7:30 pm in YBA Hall (Hybrid).

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday Service

The Troop celebrated Girl Scout Sunday by chairing the Sunday Service on March 9.

BWA Luncheon

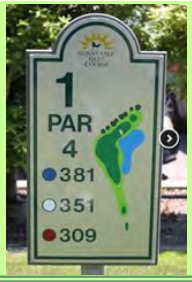
After the service, the Girl Scouts hosted a luncheon for members of the BWA. They prepared *somen* - with lots of toppings, green salad, fruit cup and custard mochi. They also folded origami favors and chopstick sleeves. The Scouts enjoyed mingling with the BWA members!

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Girl Scouts at Girl Scout Sunday

Girl Scouts with BWA Members at Luncheon

Sunnyvale Golf



Save the Date

Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

at

Sunnyvale Golf Course

Saturday, August 23

Fundraiser for Sasaki Memorial Scholarship

Miroku News

Dana Project

In order to prepare for our Dana project that is raising funds for the **Alma Bonita Animal Rescue** in Morgan Hill, we are working on our presentation for our Dharma Talk in April. We hope many of you will attend our talk since it will be the kick off for our service project.

Next Meeting

For our members, our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 6, at noon in the YBA Hall Conference Room.

In Gassho,
Sophia Eng
8th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 17: We have BINGO planned for you and lunch to be provided prior to the BINGO game. Join us to win BINGO prizes and have lunch with your friends. Lunch is served at 11:30 am and BINGO starts at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun.

Thursday, May17: Join us for a day at the movie. **Scott Hirotsu**, one of the committee members, has volunteered to pick a great movie for your enjoyment. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am and the movie starts at 12:30 pm. Please join in and enjoy the movie.

Thursday, June 12: We will have another day playing BINGO with your friends. Lunch is served at 11:30 am and BINGO starts at 12:30 pm.

DONATION

We gratefully acknowledge the following donation:

The Sawamura Families

- In Memory of Frances Sawamura

SENIOR COOKBOOKS

The Senior Cookbook is still available. It can be purchased at the Temple office or through a committee member. The price is $10. It makes a wonderful gift.

SENIOR CRAFT and ALL ACTIVITIES

The Senior Craft and all Activities starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12 noon.

DURING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

A light refreshment is provided, also coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

2025 150 Club News

At the March Board meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the March winner was **Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto.**

Congratulations! **Aiko**

Thank you for participating in 150 club for 2025!

Everyone, please stay safe and healthy!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
APR	Zones 12 & 13	N / A	N / A
MAY	Zones 2 & 3	April 11 (Fri)	April 16 (Wed)
JUNE	Zones 4 & 5	May 16 (Fri)	May 21 (Wed)

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

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Hatsumairi Child Presentation - In-Person
Sunday, April 13, 2025

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple would like to invite you and your child(ren) to the annual **Hatsumairi Service** ("First Visit Ceremony") to be held during the **Hanamatsuri Service** on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 10:00 am.

During the ceremony, parents present their child(ren) before Amida Buddha and the MVBT Sangha and welcome him/her to the Dharma. The child is presented in front of the O-naijin (or altar), which symbolizes the truth that is embodied within the human experience.

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

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the Temple or email it to Rev. Mukojima by Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima
Resident Minister
ymukojima@gmail.com

The ceremony includes a pledge by all parents to raise their child according to the Buddhist Teachings, as the first step in establishing a world of stability and peace of mind for their infant. It is a time to share (with your child) the true hopes and aspirations manifested in your hearts and minds.

Child's Last Name _____

Child's First and Middle Name(s) _____

Child's Gender ___ **Boy** ___ **Girl**

Child's Birth Date _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** ___ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form by Sunday, April 6, 2025, to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple office or email the information to Rev. Mukojima (ymukojima@gmail.com)

Register for Hatsumairi by Sunday, April 6, 2025

April

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for April to be held on Sunday, April 6

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

April Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

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

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

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

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

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2025 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2024	3rd Year Memorial	2023	7th Year Memorial	2019
13th Year Memorial	2013	17th Year Memorial	2009	25th Year Memorial	2001
27th Year Memorial	1999	33rd Year Memorial	1993	50th Year Memorial	1976

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**2** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**3**
4 Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 11:30a-12:30p YBA Lunch 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 12p-1p Miroku Monthly Meeting 12:30p-2p YBA Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**5** Cinco De Mayo 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group	**6** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**7** 6p-9p Boy Scouts	**8** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**9** 6p-10p ABA General Meeting 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**10**
11 Mother's Day 10a-12p Gotan-e & Mothers' Day Service and Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**12** 1p-3p Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**13** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**14** 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting	**15** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**16** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**17** Armed Forces Day 9a-12p BWA Meeting
18 10a-12p Sunday Service & Dharma School 12p-1p Dharma School Teacher's Meeting 12p-6p First Aid Training (1:00pm - 5:00pm) 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**19**	**20** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**21** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**22** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**23** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**24**
25 9:30a-10:30a Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**26** Memorial Day 9a-10a Oak Hill Memorial Day Service 7:30p-8:30p RPC Meeting	**27** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 6:30p-7:30p Adult Continuing Taiko 7p-8p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30p-8:30p MVBT Ukulele Club 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**28** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**29** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**30** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**31**

Special Services in May

- May 11:..... Gotan-e and Mother's Day Service
- May 25: ..... Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service
- May 26: ..... Oak Hil Memorial Day Service

Upcoming Events

May 4, 2025, Sunday
Shotsuki Hoyo

May 11, 2025, Sunday
Gotan-e Service &
Mother's Day Service

May 25, 2025, Sunday
Alta Mesa Memorial Day Service

May 26, 2025, Monday
Oak Hill Memorial Day Service

June 8, 2025, Sunday
Graduation Service

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e

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

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

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

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