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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

May Highlights

- ***5/4, Sunday, 10:00 am, May Shotsuki Hoyo***
  - ***11:00 am: Japanese Language Service***
  - ***11:00 am: English Language Discussion***
- ***5/5, Monday, 7:00 pm, Zoom***
  - ***Buddhist Discussion Group***
- ***5/11, Sunday, 8:30 am,***
  - ***Mother's Day Brunch by YBA***
- ***5/11, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  - ***Gotan-e & Mother's Day Service***
- ***5/18, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service***
- ***5/25, Sunday, 9:30 am,***
  - ***Memorial Day Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery***
  - ***No service at Temple***
- ***5/26, Monday, 9:00 am,***
  - ***Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Cemetery***

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I Do Not Have a Single Disciple

Following Hanamatsuri in April, which celebrates the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, May marks the observance of Gotan-E, a celebration of the birth of Shinran, the founder of Jodo Shinshu, who was born on May 21, 1173. This celebration brings together millions of people each year — not only in the U.S. and Japan, but all over the world — who deeply respect and appreciate Shinran's great guidance.

Of course, Shinran is Japanese. And while there are countless noteworthy figures in Japan's long history, to this day, there is no Japanese individual anywhere else in the world who has the respect of countless Nembutsu followers that Shinran does.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Gotan-E Service is a wonderful opportunity to honor our great teacher, Shinran, for his extraordinary efforts and to rejoice in having encountered the Nembutsu teaching. It is a chance to express our respect and gratitude for his great achievements in opening the Nembutsu Path wide, so that all of us may attain Buddhahood. As we celebrate his birthday with sincere reverence, let us reflect with gratitude on the countless causes and conditions that have allowed us to encounter this teaching.

When I think deeply about Shinran's life, I can't help but realize that there are few like Shinran who have fascinated so many, and who have continued to be reflected in people's minds. Although nowadays, he, as a founder of Jodo Shinshu, is respected and adored by many people all over the world. One reason is that he was gifted

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MVBT's Young Adult Minister's Assistants

Kevin Kujiraoka

Kevin & Allison

Allison Tanaka

Welcome to Allison and Kevin!

Since the 2024 Joya-e / New Year's Eve Service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has had two Young Adult Minister's Assistants helping **Rev. Mukojima**, **Rev. Devon Matsumoto**

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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-1p Dharma School Teacher's Meeting 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**
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — May 2025

May 4, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo

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

May 5, 2025, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Zoom Meeting

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

May 11, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am — Gotan-e & Mother's Day Service,

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

May 18, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Regular Sunday Service

May 25, 2025, Sunday, 9:30 am — Service at Alta Mesa Cemetery

NO SERVICE at MVBT

Memorial Day Interfaith Service at Alta Mesa Memorial Cemetery Park

May 26, 2025, Monday, 9:00 am — Service at Oak Hill Cemetery

Memorial Day Interfaith Service at Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery Park

JOIN US

In-Person Sunday Dharma Messages are presented by Rev. Mukojima, 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

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

James Yutaka Shidawara April 23, 1929 - March 13, 2025

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

Namo Amida Butsu

I Do Not Have a Single Disciple - Cont'd

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with a great personality. His rare humility, born of deep self-reflection, attracted a great deal of confidence and reverence because many people felt sympathetic to his way of living.

There is a famous saying by Shinran which goes:

> *As for myself, Shinran, I do not have a single disciple.*

Although he had founded a revolutionary new way of thinking about and practicing Buddhism, he claimed, "I don't have a single disciple." These words of truth were uttered in response to a particular disturbance caused by his disciples of that time.

In those days, the Nembutsu leaders in the Kanto area would senselessly divide the people being converted to the Nembutsu teaching into "my disciples" or "someone else's disciples." They were busily engaged in a power struggle to gain even one disciple for their own self-interest. As their attachment to the disciples deepened, eventually they distorted the original meaning of the Nembutsu by claiming, "If one goes against his own teacher and says the Nembutsu under another, that person cannot attain birth in the Pure Land." This situation confused many Nembutsu followers.

When Shinran went back to Kyoto and learned of such terrible trouble caused by the leaders, he lamented their way of thinking which was born of egotism. Especially in Buddhism, one should be careful about being obsessed with selfishness and pride. Shinran's view on the situation is expressed in Chapter 6 in the ***Tannisho*** as follows:

> *I don't have a single disciple. If I could make others say the Nembutsu through my own devices, they would be my disciples. But how arrogant it is to claim as disciples those who live the Nembutsu through the sole working of Amida Buddha's compassion. If the karmic condition is to come together, we shall be together; if the karmic condition is to be separated, we shall be separated. How absurd that some people assert that if one goes against his own teacher and says the Nembutsu under another, they cannot attain birth in the Pure Land. Are they saying that they will take back the true entrusting heart and mind which is a gift from Amida Buddha as if it belonged to them? It is impossible for such a thing should happen.*

Shinran severely admonished the Nembutsu leaders for their shameful attachment to claiming disciples. He made it clear that because a person encounters the Nembutsu teaching and recites the Nembutsu due to Amida Buddha's guidance; therefore, all who embrace and rejoice in the Nembutsu teaching are Amida Buddha's disciples, not of any other person.

Although when Shinran lived, he was revered by many enlightened Nembutsu followers as their spiritual teacher, Shinran's statement, "I do not have a single disciple," relates to his humble attitude that chides even himself for his arrogant, selfish mind. So, he never regarded himself as a master who had disciples. He acknowledged himself to be a Buddha's disciple, and accepted that the ones who can be called a master are Sakyamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha. His genuine and humble personality — acknowledging that in a world of equality, all people are Amida Buddha's disciples regardless of age, gender, and race—naturally attracted many people. As a result of his great personality, there were many Nembutsu followers who revered him as their lifelong teacher.

There is an interesting story about Shinran's claim that he didn't have a single disciple in the book ***Kudensho***, written by Shinran's great-grandson, Kakunyo, third head priest of the Hongwanji-ha.

When Shinran was in Hitachi province, there was a Nembutsu follower named Shingyo-bo. However, he often raised doctrinal objections to Shinran and criticized Shinran's interpretation of the sutras, and finally, he left Shinran. At that time, another follower, Ren'i-bo, pleaded with Shinran saying, "My teacher, please get back the Nembutsu scroll and the sutra books that you gave to Shingyo-bo because he went against you." However, Shinran objected to this request, saying, "It is impossible to consider getting the Nembutsu scroll and the sutra books back because I don't have a single disciple. How can I call him my disciple? All of us are Dharma friends because we are all just Buddha's disciples."

And furthermore, Shinran said, "As the scroll of the Nembutsu and the sutra are the clue for all living beings to be saved, even if he leaves me and says the Nembutsu under another, we will never be allowed to get them back, for they are not our possessions. Even if he throws them away on the mountain, countless beings which live there may be saved by them." In this way, Shinran admonished Ren'i-bo for his concern over "a wayward disciple," Shingyo-bo. Even towards Shigyo-bo, who criticized and left him, Shinran showed a compassionate and caring attitude, never abandoning him.

Although Shinran was revered and adored by many followers as their lifelong teacher, he was always aware of his own arrogant mind. He treasured the spirit of ***Ondobo-Ondogyo***, which can be interpreted as "Dharma friends…along the

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I Do Not Have a Single Disciple - Cont'd

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same Dharma path" because the Nembutsu is presented to all people regardless of their status.

Although this month we have examined the words of Shinran, "I don't have a single disciple," I don't mean that I deny having a teacher. In life, it is very important for us to have a teacher who observes what we are doing when we are learning something. It is important for us to have teachers who guide us to the path we should take.

Although Shinran said that he didn't have any disciples, he himself revered Honen Shonin as his trusted teacher throughout his life. Shinran said, "I have nothing to regret, even if I were deceived by my teacher and, saying the Nembutsu, fall into hell." As we hear his words, we truly understand how much he respected and trusted his teacher.

I believe that the true way of Nembutsu followers is to have the spirit of ***Ondobo-Ondogyo*** — of walking the Dharma path with Dharma friends who respect one another — while at the same time, revering our teacher.

I look forward to observing Gotan-E and celebrating the birth of Shinran together with many Dharma friends. Let us deeply reflect on the great achievements of Shinran, and, as we inherit his spirit, walk together on the path of the Nembutsu—respecting and supporting one another as fellow disciples of the Buddha, whether we are ministers, members, or non-members, united in our gathering at the temple.

In Gassho,

Miroku News

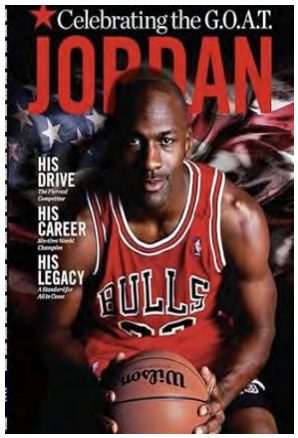
During the April meeting, we started with the usual opening Gassho.

Old & New Business

This then led to the old business that was the Alma Bonita Animal Rescue (ABAR) presentation and work on cards to sell. With the old business out of the way, we transitioned to the new business. This included the Hanamatsuri service, the Alta Mesa cleanup with ABA, the ABAR presentation, and the bake sale after Mother's Day service.

Guest Appearances: Michael Jordon & Gordan Ramsay

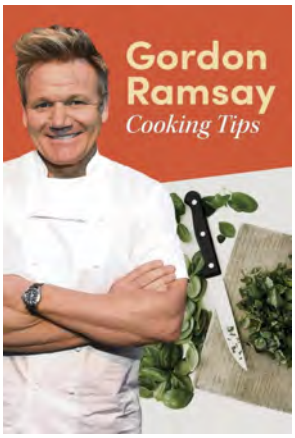
Those last two are very important, you see. Not only will there be a talk from Miroku and the middle school class, but **Michael Jordan** himself may or may not make a guest appearance. This will happen on Sunday, April 20.



Not only this, but on May 11, there will be a Mother's Day Bake Sale to raise money for ABAR. This will highlight baked goods with a guest appearance of **Gordan Ramsay** himself, may or may not happen. The only way to find out if these rumors are true, is if you attend these services and buy something.

Meeting Almost Ending

After discussing these exciting, breathtaking, and exhilarating



topics, it was just hitting 12:30 pm. Which implied it was time for HOUSE KEEPING. There was another thrilling discussion about the May Echo article. And the man who will be writing the Nobel Prize winning article is, Garrett.

With the usual business out of the way, it was time to give attention to the AEDs. The AEDs were checked with precision.

With everything wrapped up, and a final Gassho, the meeting ended until the next one on May 4 in the YBA Conference Room.

In Gassho,
Garrett Tao
8th Grade Miroku Member

MVBT's Young Adult Minister's Assistants - cont'd

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and **Sensei John Arima**. The Sangha sees Allison and Kevin on the Onaijin almost every Sunday.

Sometimes **Ken Nakano** from the Oasaji group is also on the Onaijin.

Seeing six MVBT religious leaders on the Onaijin is wonderful.

In Gassho,
Mountain View Buddhist Temple

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Kevin Kujiraoka

My name is Kevin Kujiraoka. I grew up in Ventura County, attending the Oxnard Buddhist Temple. At the Temple, I earned the Boy Scout Sangha Award with the guidance of Rev. Henry Adams. I also became a Minister's Assistant under Rev. Masanori Watanabe. Because of their guidance at the Oxnard Buddhist Temple, I attended the Youth Activities Committee (YAC) 13 Retreat in 2017, which solidified my personal investment into Shin Buddhism.

For this reason, after attending the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) during college, I came to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple after moving to NorCal for my current job as an instructor for troubled youth.

I involve myself heavily into the Mountain View Buddhist Temple hoping to further my Buddhist education and internalize the lessons that my previous Minister's Assistant mentors taught me. I am benefiting from my Buddhist experience at MVBT, and now I'm making new friends locally.

Allison Tanaka:

My name is Allison Tanaka. I was born and raised in Sacramento where I grew up attending the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. I now reside in Sunnyvale, CA.

I am a graduate student at University of California of Santa Cruz who is attending classes at the Silicon Valley Campus located in Santa Clara.

I completed the Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) program and received my Youth Minister's Assistant (YMA) certificate in summer 2016.

I first attended the Mountain View Buddhist Temple (MVBT) while participating in the Jr. YBA Coast District and Sr. YBA Coast District conferences hosted by MVBT. I decided to support MVBT Sunday services because I enjoyed the responsibilities and learnings while being a young adult minister's assistant in Seattle.

MVBT President's Message - Senior Care Packages

Started Because of COVID Pandemic

The guiding principles for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple include several closely held values that include Interdependence, Compassion and Community. With these values in mind, a Senior Care Package (SCP) program was initiated during the COVID pandemic to reach out to our seniors, 80 years young and above. These were the members of our Sangha Community who were most affected by the pandemic restrictions and potentially least able to connect with our 'virtual' community.

Senior Care Packages contain snacks, drinks, a letter from Rev. Mukojima, crossword puzzles, word searches, Sudoku and more.

Currently, we serve approximately 110 Seniors whose packages are either hand-delivered by our MVBT volunteers or in some cases sent through the mail. Often our Temple seniors look forward to a short chat and in-person communication with the Sangha Volunteers that deliver the package.

Senior Care Package Example

Funding for SCP

Initially, the Care Package Program was funded by donations from the Sangha Community. The Temple has been able to continue this outreach program even in the post-pandemic era.

Deliveries per Year

While originally the program was able to sponsor four deliveries a year, we are currently planning on two deliveries this year due to rising costs and fewer volunteers available to gather the items, put together the packages and deliver to our Senior community.

Thank You

Many thanks to Sharon Tsukahara, who has led the way on this project, as well as her procurement and packaging volunteers that include **Leslie Imai**, **Debbie Ho**, **Tracey Mukoyama**, **Kia Yamamoto** and **Tami Fumoto**.

And, thanks also go out to the roughly 30 volunteers who deliver these packages to our beloved seniors.

In deep appreciation for all the wonderful efforts of our Sangha,

Julie Satake Ryu
2025 MVBT President

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan

Hanamatsuri / Hatsumairi

Gotan-e / Obon

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or

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

Hondo Repair & Improvements: April 14 Through June 1

The MVBT Board approved a project for campus repair and improvement around the Hondo. The vertical posts that support the deck in the front of the Hondo, the ADA ramp hand railing, fascia boards and siding all require repair due to age and weather.

This project will be completed by Vance Brown ***commencing April 14 through approximately June 1***.

The improvements are being funded by the Expansion Fund (our Obon proceeds), so no additional fundraising is required.

Limited Access to Nokotsudo

Hondo Wheelchair and Nokotsudo access will be limited to Sunday Service times ONLY. A limited number of appointments can be scheduled by calling the office at 650-964-9426 with a minimum of 48 hours notice.

Thank You for Your Patience

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we address this area of deferred maintenance.

In Appreciation,
MVBT Temple Board of Directors

MVBT Membership Committee News

75% of our Members have Renewed their Membership for 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to everyone for their continued investment in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple! Without your support, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple would not be able to continuously provide our Sangha with valuable benefits and actively develop our programs. Put simply, you make what we do possible.

JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE

JOIN or RENEW your Membership TODAY by going to the MVBT website main page. In the pulldown "JOIN & SUPPORT," select "BECOME A MEMBER."

If you have questions, please email us at:
membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

YOUR MVBT COMMUNITY

Remember, Membership at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple is not just about saying you belong to a community. It is about investing in the place you love, a community that feels like home both physically and spiritually. As a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, you are a part of a supportive family, connected group of friends, and vibrant Buddhist community.

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee
Bob, Steve, Jean, Leslie, & Casey

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MVBT 2025 Obon Festival & Bazaar Coming on July 19 & 20!

This year, Obon is under the combined leadership of Zones 3 and 11.

We are actively in the planning process and are grateful for everyone's help and support in the coming months. We've engaged different leaders within our zones to handle different aspects of planning and execution, but folks can reach out to

Traci Inouye (traciinouye@gmail.com) or

Bryan Nishimoto (fishhawkent@earthlink.net)

as your main points of contact.

ABOVE PHOTOS: 2024 Obon Festival & Bazaar

ABOVE PHOTOS: Flower Shop at 2019 Obon Festival & Bazaar

WANTED PLANT & FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2025 Obon Festival Flower Shop would welcome any plant or flower donations from our home growers.

If you are able to contribute, please contact Leslie Imai at (650) 303-3001 or leslie.imai@gmail.com.

Please drop the plants off at the Flower Shop on Friday evening, July18, or Saturday morning, July 19.

Thank you

Hatsumairi: Held Sunday, April 13

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple held its Hatsumairi Service combined with our Hanamatsuri Service on April 13. Five children were presented in front of the Onaijin to the Amida Buddha.

The children's 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

Families at Hatsumairi Service
From Left: Yuzuriha, Murashige, Takeuchi & Ogleby

Child	Birthday	Parents
Ayden Isamu Yoshi Murashige	Feb 19, 2019	Lynn Harada & Ryan Murashige
Kaiya Hiroko Yumi Murashige	Apr 12, 2023	Lynn Harada & Ryan Murashige
Kai Hitoshi Jun Oglesby	Feb 12, 2024	Megan Matsumoto & Harrison Oglesby
Mariko Rose Takeuchi	Mar 6, 2024	Ellen Kamei & Chris Takeuchi
Andrew Leon Yuzuriha	Aug 29, 2024	Alison Fong Yuzuriha & Ken Yuzuriha

Dharma School News

MVBT Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Dharma School on April 27

There will be no Dharma School classes on Sunday, April 27 due to the Federation of Dharma School Teachers' Leagues (FDSTL) Conference at Gardena Buddhist Church in Los Angeles.

Hanamatsuri

The High School Class hosted "JeoparDharma trivia" during Sunday Service.

Following service during the Hanamatsuri luncheon in the Sangha Hall, the younger classes shared a special presentation of "Buddha Loves You" and "Happy Birthday To You, Dear Buddha". The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dharma School taiko group also gave a lively performance.

A special thank you to **Aly Olivera** and **JoAnn Yamani** for coordinating the Dharma School displays, **Cheryl Shay** for coordinating the luncheon, and **Mari Ueda-Tao** for coordinating the entertainment!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Family Fun Night

Thank you to **Christine Hirabayashi**, **Kim Tsuchida**, and **Ricky Chu** for planning and hosting this year's Family Fun Night on Saturday, April 5.

HIGHLIGHTS

April Birthday

The Sangha wished a happy birthday to **Yumi Paris** on Sunday, April 6.

April Birthday Celebrations
FROM LEFT: Curt Fukuda, Yumi & Rev. Mukojima

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Join Us in Welcoming Our New Members!
Introduced at the April 6 Sunday Service

New members to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple were introduced at April 6 Sunday Service. An Orientation presentation was held afterwards.

We are so lucky to have had 28 new members join our Sangha. We. encourage everyone to get to know our newest members and help them navigate the Temple organizations, activities, and volunteer opportunities.

New members who joined from May 2024 and April 2025 are as follows.

Zone 2: Christopher Muta
Nana Vorlick

Zone 3: Ashley Jones
Helen Sasaki

Zone 4: Stephanie Mori and
Norman Paris

Zone 6: Roy Sasaki

Zone 8: Gary Bernard
Kevin Kuriraoka
Cori Kuramoto
Allison Tanaka

Zone 10: Emily Go
Kai Ito and
Candace Murata
Ethan Li
Betty Matsumoto-Schuch
and Clifford Schuch
Alex Tsukahara

Zone 11: Gregory Savage and
Dominque Savage

Zone 12: Kelsey Nakano and
Ricky Chu

Zone 13: Emily Terada

Community:
Helen Aiu
Mark Elton
Linda Morimoto Joo
Yasuko Masaki
Arlene Mori

In Gassho,
MVBT Membership Committee

From Left:
Julie Satake Ryu (MVBT President),
Emily Terada, Ashley Jones, Allison Tanaka,
Ethan Li, Alex Tsukahara,
Paris Family, Chu Family,
Bob Yamanaga (Membership Committee),
Rev. Mukojima & Rev. Matsumoto

2025 150 Club News

At the April Board meeting, the April drawing was postponed.

The 150 Club drawing for April will be at the May MVBT Board meeting.

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
MAY	Zones 2 & 3	N / A	N / A
JUNE	Zones 4 & 5	May 16 (Fri)	May 21 (Wed)
JULY	Zones 6 & 7	June 13 (Fri)	June 18 (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 .

MVBT's Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night was on Saturday, April 5, and was truly a fun night for all!

We had over 70 adults and kids attend the event. Everyone enjoyed a delicious pot-luck dinner and various activities for all ages. The huge basketball court length inflatable was full of kids all night. We had a flower craft activity, s'mores roasting, and root beer floats.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the event!

BWA News

Buddhist Women's Association

Special Donations

Thank you to **Reiko Murakami** and the **Frances Sawamura Family** for their special donations to BWA.

Chicken Teriyaki Fundraiser

Our BWA will be making our delicious cabbage *tsukemono* for the chicken teriyaki bentos.

- Make tsukemono
  Friday, May 2, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am
- Pack tsukemono
  Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 am – 10:30 am

MVBT BWA Membership

Welcome to our newest member, Dennis Tsukagawa.

New members are welcome at any time. Membership dues are $20. Contact mvbt.bwa@gmail.com for more information.

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
BWA President

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA

2025 Coast District Conference

The MVBT YBA as well as San Jose YBA hosted the Coast District Conference on March 22 at the San Jose Betsuin. Members took the role of workshop leaders, group leaders, and many other responsibilities to prepare for the conference that hosted 16 different chapters. Attendees got to enjoy various workshops, dinner and dance.

YBA Members at CD Conference

Babysitting Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 19, the YBA will host our second babysitting fundraiser. We will provide dinner, games, and other activities for children of all ages.

COMING UP

Mother's Day Brunch

YBA is excited to host the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday May 11.

Hawaiian Breakfast

YBA has begun planning to bring back our Hawaiian Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday June 1. More details will come out soon.

In Gassho,
Jillian HIga
2024-2025 YBA President

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple ABA

Wine Tasting & Music

On March 29, ABA hosted a wine tasting with music for ABA members who enjoyed a fun and relaxing evening. This event was the creative energy of **Doug Sawamura**, who taught a "class" on the techniques of wine tasting. Also, a hearty arigato to **Sheila and Rick Watanabe** and **Jean Shimoguchi** for their generous donations to the activity.

"Exercise and Aging"

After our monthly meeting on April 11, we welcomed **Ryan Tao**, an MVBT member and Personal Trainer, who educated us on "Exercise and Aging." Ryan emphasized to be realistic about what you are capable of completing and to follow the "3 Keys to Exercise Success," which requires having

- Motivation,
- Consistency and
- Progression.

We thank Ryan for his enthusiastic presentation and informative suggestions to better our bodies and health!

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 is Friday, May 9, at 7:30 pm.

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May15: Join us for a day at the movie. **Scott Hirotsu**, one of the committee members, has volunteered to select a great movie for your enjoyment. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am and the movie will start at 12:30 pm. Please join us and enjoy the movie time with friends.

Thursday, June 12: We will have another day that you can play BINGO with your friends. Lunch is served at 11:30 am and BINGO starts at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS HISTORY

Twenty years ago on May 5, 2005, the Senior Activities and Craft started as a weekly Temple Program. Everyone is proud that it continues to be a popular program where you can meet friends weekly and make new friends.

This program is set for any age. Please join in on our weekly activities of:

- Line dancing
- Taiko
- Two different card games,
- Sing along, and
- Rhythm exercise.

Thank you for your continued support. We are hopeful to continue for many more years to come. We are open for new ideas - let us hear from you.

DONATION

We gratefully acknowledge a generous donation from **June Matsueda**. Thank you.

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

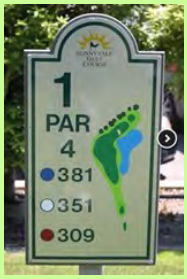
A light refreshment is provided, also coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Join the MVBT Sangha

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

Sunnyvale Golf



Save the Date

Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

at

Sunnyvale Golf Course

Saturday, August 23

Fundraiser for Sasaki Memorial Scholarship

May

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for May to be held on Sunday, May 4

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

May Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

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

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

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

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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

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10a-12p Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School 11:30a-12:30p YBA Lunch 12p-2p Kids Taiko 12p-1p Miroku Monthly Meeting 12:30p-2p YBA Meeting 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**2** 7p-8:30p Buddhist Discussion Group	**3** 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	**4** 6p-9p Boy Scouts	**5** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**6** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**7**
8 10a-12p Graduation Service & Dharma School 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**9** 1p-3p Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**10** 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	**11** 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7:30p-9:30p MVBT Board Meeting	**12** 9a-12p Senior Activities and Crafts 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**13** 6p-10p ABA General Meeting 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**14** Flag Day 9a-12p BWA Meeting
15 Father's Day 10a-11a Fathers' Day Service 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**16**	**17** 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	**18** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**19** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**20** 6p-8p MVBT Pickle Ball	**21** Summer Solstice
22 10a-11a Sunday Service 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**23**	**24** 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	**25** 7p-9p Boy Scouts	**26** 5:30p-7:30p MVBT Adult Taiko 7:30p-9:30p Thursday Night Basketball 8p-10p Jun Daiko	**27**	**28**
29 12p-2p Kids Taiko Class 2p-4p Jun Daiko	**30** 7:30p-8:30p RPC Meeting					

Upcoming Events

June 8, 2025, Sunday
Graduation Service

June 15, 2025, Sunday
Father's Day Service

July 13, 2025, Sunday
Obon / Urabon-e Service

September 14, 2025, Sunday
Fall Ohigan Service

September 28, 2025, Sunday
Sangha Day Picnic

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Spring Ohigan / Hanamatsuri / Gotan-e

Obon – Kangi-e

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

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